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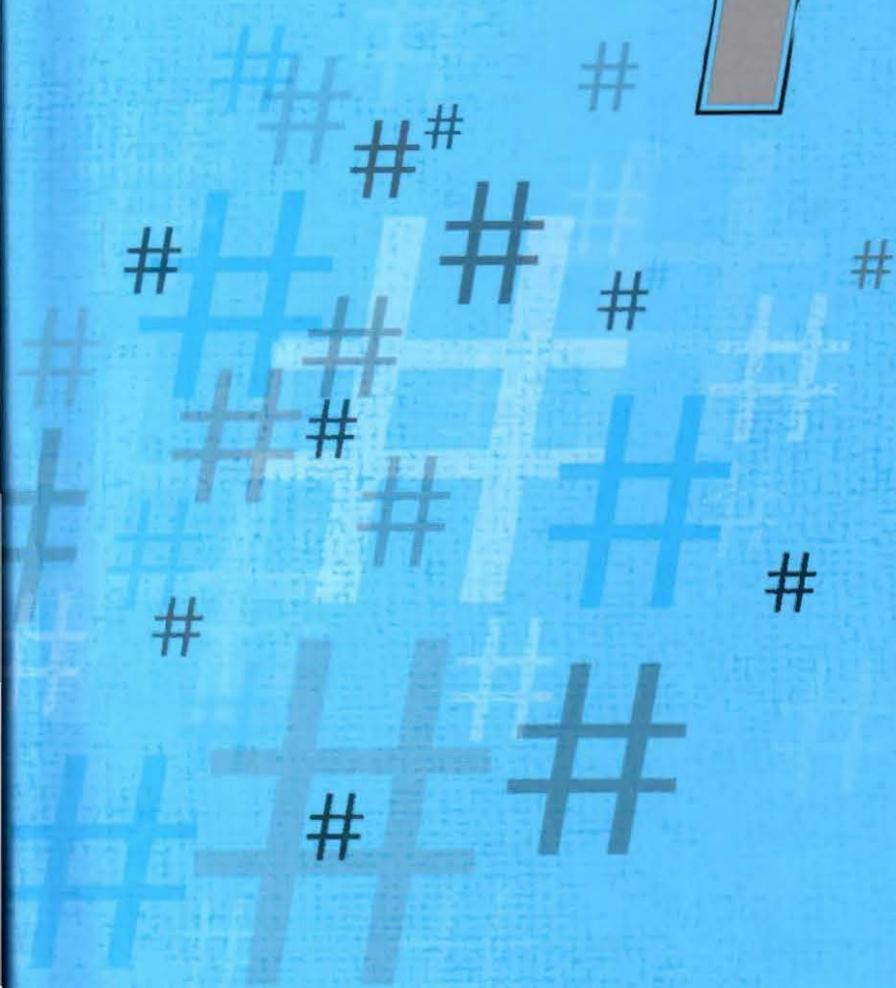
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#SPEAK

Free speech is protected by the First Amendment in the United States Constitution. It is no wonder that speaking is a foundational act of the human being. This is true all over the world and especially at Ouachita Baptist University. Students at Ouachita are young people who strive in every way possible to speak, whether that be through word or deed. Through words, students voted for a presidential candidate and let their voice be heard through a ballot. For many students, this was their first experience voting. Students were also challenged to use their words to convey the gospel, something deep in their roots and foundational for this Christian institution. Through deeds, students spoke through actions by participating in volunteer projects such as Tiger Serve Day, Meals on Wheels, HeadStart, America Counts, Group Living, ElderServe and many more. Expressing oneself was evident in all facets of Ouachita life from the athletic field to the classroom and beyond. Service, one of the three pillars on the Ouachita seal, was one of the many ways students were able to speak about Christ's love.

Immediate. Instantaneous. Present. The word “now” doesn’t bring up memories of the past or thrust us into the world of the unknown that is the future. Now is simply the present time. But it isn’t simple, is it? The present can be stressful, especially with the busyness of school and social life. Students at Ouachita know the present time is important, and we have to make an impact in the lives of others before it’s too late. Whether teaching business skills in third world countries or spreading the Gospel at home and abroad, we were reminded of the importance of now. From national tragedies to personal losses, we learned that we have to make a change for the better and we cannot wait for someone else to pick up the slack in the future. We were challenged to live in the present by serving the community and reaching out to unknown cultures. Students decided now was the time to go outside their comfort zones, because they might not get another chance like this again. One way was by studying abroad in other countries, including France, Austria, United Kingdom, Scotland and many more. Students who took a semester to go to an unfamiliar country knew the importance of experience and knew they had to do it now. Whether through academics, sports, the year-round events held on campus and off, whatever we did with our time here, we chose to live our lives for the here and now.



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Students on campus were able to use a newly renovated student center to converse with friends, hear live music, sip coffee from Dr. Jacks or eat at the new flatbread store, Sandellas. The remodeled Evans gave students a chance to show off their talents from the stage near the new coffee shop. But social life on campus was more than just hanging out with friends. From participation in Tiger Serve Day and mission outreach to Los Angeles, from voting for a president to voting for Homecoming Queen, students expressed themselves through a multitude of events and activities. They lived out what it meant to

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Tiger Tunes hosts and hostesses sing on the new stage in Dr. Jacks, across from Chick-fil-a, Sandellas and Tiger Grill, in the newly remodeled Evans Student Center. The new stage displayed a tiger backdrop and was available for students to perform live music on Fridays during lunch.

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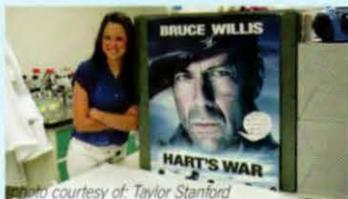
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“I really felt led to work at a camp, and Kanakuk is where God called me. I love kids, I love summer camp and I love sharing about Jesus, so it seemed perfect. Some of the best parts of camp were early mornings where we were cold, the long days full of laughter and the even longer nights filled with dancing. I met so many awesome, godly people and built friendships that will last a lifetime. Also, dancing with your kids at midnight to the 'Tangled' soundtrack is pretty great, too.”

Micale Kocke, a sophomore biology major from Cabot



Senior Meredith Reeves and sophomore Emily Reeves test out the new underwater lifeproof case for the iPhone.

Senior Taylor Stanford stands beside a poster in the lab where she worked this summer. Stanford did microbiology research for Dr. Hart at the National Center for Toxicological Research.

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Sophomore Kaley Thompson plays with a little girl in a Belize village. Thompson spent two weeks of her summer in Belize on a mission trip with her church group.

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Kaley Thompson

Junior Rachel Williams tutors a girl in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic.

Williams worked with the Kids Alive ministry.

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Rachel Williams



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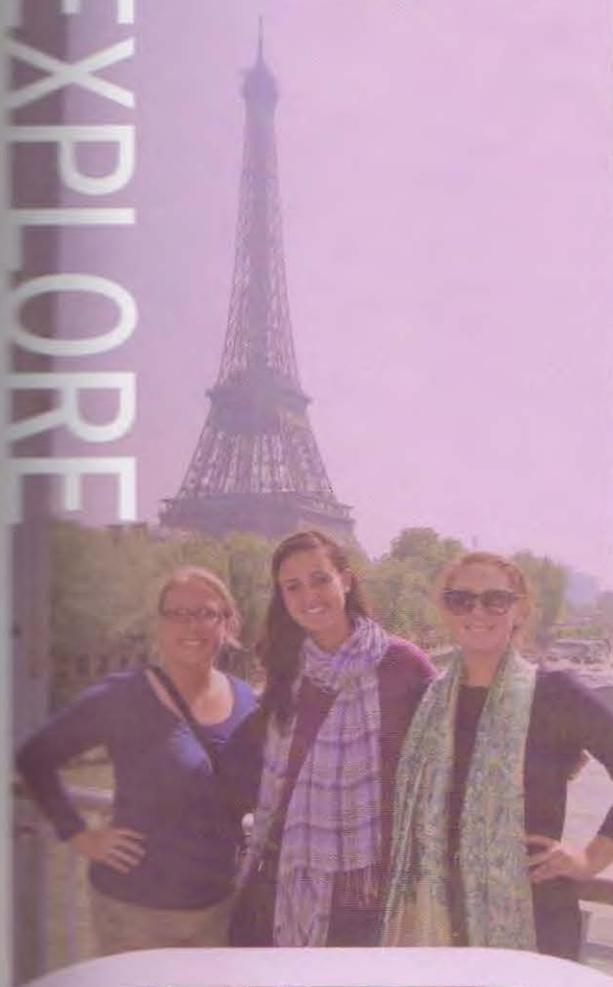


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Sophomore Morgan Morehead skydives at Sky Ranch in Dallas, Texas. Several Ouachita students chose to work at Sky Ranch camps.

Junior Kathleen Post spends a night in Hong Kong with some of her students. Post spent her summer teaching English to students in Hong Kong, China.



photo courtesy of: Kathleen Post

Summer Schedules

#Aly Smith

After the last final was turned in and the car was packed, students raced to the interstate to head home for summer break. While some students spent their coveted break relaxing and enjoying the much needed rest, others found their summer filled with new opportunities, exciting adventures, and sometimes an even busier schedule than during the school semester.

Kathleen Post, a junior speech communications major from Grand Prairie, Texas, was one these students. Post spent a month of her summer in Hong Kong, China, teaching English to middle school students. Post made this trip with the English Institute of China, and was very thankful for the support she received from her fellow teachers. "I was on an awesome team of teachers and we spent all our time together. They were an amazing source of encouragement for me," said Post. While working with the institute, Post was able to teach conversational

English to children ranging 12-15 years of age. Post did not know the language coming in, but was able to learn from her students. Even though it was very strange not being able to understand those around her, it was well worth it. "I loved being able to spend time with my students and getting to talk about what was going on in their lives," said Post.

Another OBU student who found her summer break a little full was Taylor Stanford. Stanford, a senior chemistry major from While Hall, Ark., spent her summer conducting microbiology research at the National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR) in Jefferson, Ark. Stanford did her research under Dr. Mark Hart, an OBU alumnus and her NCTR mentor.

While Stanford had conducted plenty of lab work at Ouachita, which helped her prepare for this research, this experience was like a whole new world to her. "I was no longer in an OBU lab, which seemed foreign to me. Also, I was not very familiar with microbiology research. So this past summer I was definitely stretched and challenged, but learned so much from my experience," said Stanford.

Not only did her time this summer make her grateful for the experience she gained, but it also made her thankful for Ouachita. **"My research made me appreciate Ouachita even more, because not only am I being prepared for my career, but also how to live my life outside of the Ouachita bubble.**" This summer, I

got to work for a Ouachita difference maker, and I am so thankful for that," said Stanford.

Kaley Thompson, a sophomore accounting major from Hensley, Ark., also got to spend her break making a difference. Thompson spent two weeks in June in Belmopan, Belize, serving through missions with her home church. Thompson said she had felt called to serve in missions, but this experience definitely exceeded her expectations.

According to Thompson, being in Belize was a huge culture shock. "The kids we got to work with did not care about the things kids in America tend to spend their time investing in. They really just wanted to climb all over us and hug us constantly," said Thompson.

The diversity of the country was also an adjustment for the group. "If there ever was a country the Bible School song 'Red & Yellow, Black & White' was written about, it was Belize for sure. One day we got to do ministries with some of the Hispanics in the area, while other times we were with the people in Belmopan who spoke Creole," said Thompson. This created a language barrier for the group, but the Lord provided and they were able to share the gospel with both villages.

These students are just a few examples of the many who spent their break gaining skills, going on adventures and spreading the word. Students like these continue to show that Ouachita is definitely a home for difference makers.



A group of freshmen huddle during Mini Traks at NSR. Mini Traks gave new students a taste of Arkansas' Most Exciting College Weekend, Tiger Traks.

photo courtesy of Wesley Kluck

New Faces

#Faith Ledbetter

After prospective students apply to Ouachita, gain acceptance, find a roommate, and pack up everything they own into just a few boxes, a troubling idea may start to overcome them: What if I don't make any friends?

New Student Retreat, or more commonly known as "NSR," was an opportunity for new students to visit and become familiar with the campus, possibly meet their roommate for the first time, and participate in many social events that allow them to bond with their future classmates. At NSR, students participated in group-building activities such as a mini "tiger-traks," an amazing race around Arkadelphia, painted spirit banners, and attended the Purple and Gold Party where they got dressed up in their craziest purple and gold outfits to show their tiger spirit.

By attending these events, students branched out of their comfort zones in order to meet other people they may not otherwise have the opportunity to interact with. Many upperclassmen and alumni agreed that NSR had a huge effect on them. Amy Wentz, an admissions counselor for South Arkansas, Tennessee, and the Memphis area, said, "When I went to NSR before my freshman year, I made so many friends that I'm still friends with to this day." Wentz mentioned how it made the first week of school less awkward by saying, "It also gave me the opportunity to know people before actually starting up classes, so I wouldn't walk around campus friendless or lost."

Since NSR was such a huge and important event for new students, it took an extensive amount of planning. Ashlee Giles, an admissions counselor for South Arkansas, East Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, said that the key to making NSR a success was to "plan, plan, plan, because it was a university-wide effort." The planning committee had to schedule many meetings in order to plan the events that took place over the weekend. Giles said that they relied on many different parts of the campus, such as current students who volunteered as group leaders, Student Services and Campus Activities who reserved space for events and sorted out housing

for the incoming students, and Sodexo which coordinated the meals on campus. Even though the admissions counselors are in charge of the individual events at NSR, Giles said, "We could not do it without the cooperation of the entire university."

Current students agreed that NSR had a huge impact on solidifying their decision to attend Ouachita. Anna Pounders, a freshman early childhood education major from Arkadelphia, Ark., said "I was nervous at first about meeting my new classmates, but attending NSR eliminated that fear by providing me with an easy and fun way to get to know people."

Since many students unknowingly had the same fears coming into their college experience, it was easier for them to find a common ground while trying to communicate with new-found friends. Pounders also said, "I had no idea that the friends I met that weekend would become some of my closest friends over the school year." Many students, especially freshmen, agreed that some of their strongest relationships were formed while bonding over the events at NSR. The planning committee and other faculty members definitely accomplished their goal of bringing students closer throughout the unforgettable weekend of New Student Retreat.



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Freshman Sam Beary races the trike during Mini Traks. The trike races were a long standing Ouachita tradition during Tiger Traks.

ANSR group spells out OBU during the Amazing Race. At each stop in the Amazing Race students met a staff member and had to perform a task.



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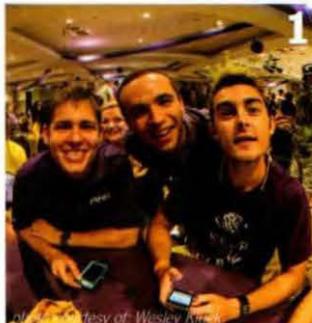


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- #1 NSR leaders, juniors Buck Schroeder and Connor Goad and freshman Drew Farris, take a break from the festivities at the purple and gold party.
- #2 Sophomore Barkley Legens and freshman Jordan Sharp perform kareoke at the purple and gold party.
- #3 A group of incoming freshmen enjoy the photo booth at the purple and gold party.

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“My experience at NSR was so amazing. I truly enjoyed everything. I loved my leaders, my group, and all the wonderful activities. My group, Yellow Three, even placed second in the Amazing Race. I enjoyed meeting so many wonderful new friends. I am so grateful for that wonderful experience at NSR.”

Brooke Murray, a freshman early childhood education major from El Dorado



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Dr. Kevin Motl leads the closing ceremony of NSR. During this session, incoming freshmen received their tiger tail and learned about Tiger Nation.

The admission staff checks in incoming freshmen for NSR. Students stayed in Gosser Hall and East Village over during the retreat.

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“WOW was a really great experience. It gave me an opportunity to meet older students who otherwise I would have never known. Also, it kind of gave me an idea for what campus life was like. I really enjoyed the nice meal at the professor’s house. A great meal is always a treasure, and it was neat to get to talk with a professor! It also gave us a week to do all the stupid things before school started! All in all, it was a great week meeting all the new freshmen.”

Connor Van Hemert, a freshman business administration and management major from Little Rock



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The Class of 2016 listens during the Tigers and Torches ceremony. Students received their beanies during this session of WOW.

WOW leaders perform a skit for the incoming freshmen. The WOW skit told the story of the different stages of adjusting to college life.

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A group of upperclassmen serving as WOW leaders takes a break from moving in the new freshmen. The relationships WOW leaders formed with freshmen allowed leaders to mentor the new student throughout their first year.



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Left Top: Andy Davis performs a concert for WOW students. The concert took place in JPAC and closed out the WOW weekend.
photo by: Kristen Barnard

Left Middle: Seniors Hollyn McCarty and Lacey McCarty unload a car during move-in. Freshman cars were unloaded by WOW leaders at move-in.
photo by: Nicole McPhate

Left Bottom: Freshmen sign up for the Big Brother program at the CM Mixer.
photo by: Nicole McPhate

Right: Students mill about Heflin Plaza during Spotlight on Arkadelphia. This event gave local business owners an opportunity to interact with students.
photo by: Nicole McPhate



FRIENDS

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Freshman Daniel Williams signs up for one of the various programs CM and other organizations offer at the CM Mixer. The CM Mixer gave students a chance to learn about the many ways they could get involved on campus.

Freshmen stand with their newly lit candles during the Tigers and Torches ceremony. At the ceremony, incoming freshmen were officially inducted into Tiger Nation.



photo by: Nicole McPhate

Goodbye, Hello

#Ben Cline

As August came around, incoming freshmen couldn't wait to begin their lives as OBU tigers. They had been waiting all summer to start their college career. With their bags packed, they anxiously waited for the days of August to tick by. Finally, move-in day arrived, and students from all over rushed to Arkadelphia to start their new lives as Ouachitians. The new students were welcomed with open arms by volunteer upperclassmen, arms that were quickly filled with boxes to be carried off to dorm rooms. The new freshmen were quickly absorbed into the Ouachita "bubble," and WOW - Welcome to Ouachita's World - had begun.

WOW kicked off with volunteer upperclassmen helping the freshmen move into their dorms. These upperclassmen completely unpacked the fresh-

men's cars and carried all their belongings up to their new rooms. However, move-in day proved to be difficult as inclement weather plagued the move-in process. "We were drenched; the rain was really coming down," said Blaine Surber, a sophomore musical theatre major from Sulphur Springs, Texas. "I was helping move freshmen into Francis Crawford, and as I went to pick up a box to carry it inside, what seemed like a waterfall came crashing down on me. **Even though it rained, it was a blessing to be able to help the freshmen move in, just like I was helped when I first came to Ouachita.**"

After the freshmen got settled in, they attended New Beginnings, a ceremony where they shared their final farewells with their parents. The new tigers then went to their first WOW session while the parents went to an orientation of their own. The first day ended with a Campus Ministries mixer and a special viewing of "The Dark Knight" by Campus Activities.

Sunday brought another day of exciting activities with a second WOW session, a "getting settled" meeting followed by dinner and then a third session. Later that night, the freshmen participated in the timeless tradition of "Tigers and Torches." Tigers and Torches is a ceremony where the upperclassmen "pass on the torch" to the new generation of

freshmen. "The Tigers and Torches ceremony was my favorite part of WOW week," said Noah Myers, a freshman music ministry major from Nashville, Tenn. "It was a very cool way to be formally accepted into Ouachita's world," Myers said. The freshmen also received their iconic OBU beanies at this ceremony, as they were welcomed to their new lives at OBU.

The rest of the week was filled with events like Ice Cream with Dr. Rex Horne and an Andy Davis concert sponsored by Campus Activities. WOW wrapped up with Spotlight on Arkadelphia, an event where businesses in the community set up booths to show students all that Arkadelphia has to offer. "It was great getting in on all the deals that the restaurants had to offer," said Zach Dobbins, a freshman biology major Coweta, Okla. "The free t-shirts weren't bad either," Dobbins added.

WOW week offered students a fun and exciting transition into life at Ouachita. "I loved WOW. Having current students come along side me to offer support and encouragement made my transition into the college world so much easier," said Anna Hurst, a freshman mass communications major from North Little Rock. WOW isn't your ordinary freshman orientation, it's a celebration of students starting their new journey as tigers.

Sophomore Jeremy Dixon, senior Ben Thomas and Dr. Deborah Root work the control room during a taping of the "Ouachita" show in the new television studio in Lile Hall. The studio enabled students to gain hands-on experience while working with the latest technology.



photo by Nicole McPhate

New Spaces

#Faith Ledbetter

There are always important changes happening on campus in order to improve aspects of daily student life. Whether it's changes in the cafeteria, such as a new meal choice, or changes in class schedules allowing students to get one step closer to graduation, students are always adjusting to new things on campus. This summer, Evans Student Center and Lile Hall went through a dramatic change after being remodeled in order to benefit students and aid them in their studies.

The Evans Student Center went through drastic renovations in order to become a more open and inviting area for students. These changes included the removal of many walls, an upgrade in furniture style and comfort, and the addition of the Sandella's Flatbread Café. By removing various walls in the student center, the main floor was now more

open and inviting for students. It also made room for much more seating and dining areas, so that more students were able to use the student center.

The new addition of Sandella's provided students with a new, healthy dining alternative. Chick-Fil-A and the Tiger Grill were completely updated in order to appeal to a wider variety of students and faculty members.

Previously located by the Commons, the old coffee shop was moved to the student center and renamed Dr. Jack's Coffeehouse. With its new location and expanded menu, it became a very busy place in the mornings and between classes. Dr. Jack's also hosted live music weekly along with various campus events.

"Before the renovations, students mainly hung out in random spots on campus and weren't together as a huge group, but **now, on any given day, I can walk into the student center and it's almost guaranteed that I'll see my friends,**" said Faith Alexander, a sophomore communication sciences and disorders major from Hot Springs.

Lile Hall, now home to the School of Humanities, including the new Rogers Department of Communications, had drastic updates in classroom décor and environment. "It is with great pleasure and excitement that we come together today to dedicate this renovation of Lile Hall for the betterment of

Ouachita Baptist University and to the glory of God," said Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the School of Humanities, in a university press release. "Just as the facility has been renewed and equipped to achieve its purpose in teaching and learning, we can see a new enthusiasm among our students and colleagues."

Perhaps the most important change that took place in Lile was the addition of advanced technology in this area. Two computer labs were added, as well as an updated video production studio, which was very beneficial to the students who work in this area. These new workplaces were fairly close in location, making it easier for students to use all of these new facilities if needed.

Another exciting addition was the Publications Newsroom. This area combined the Ouachitonian, The Signal and the photo lab offices into one large room. The new space gave students a feel for work in a real life newsroom. Inside the newsroom each staff had its own "office area," but the open layout of the room allowed them to feed off each other's energy.

Dr. Brett Powell, vice president for administrative services, supervised the renovation project. He said, "Primarily, the objective of each project was to transform existing space to make them more student-friendly and to meet the expectations for academic and student life facilities in today's environment."



photo by: Nicole McPhate

Seniors Abbey Jamieson and Michael Curtis, CM assistant director Kendall Calvert and junior Kristen Barnard enjoy the university's new coffee shop, Dr. Jack's Coffeeshop, in the remodeled Evans Student Center. Dr. Jack's hosted live music by students every Friday at noon.



photo by: Nicole McPhate

Dr. Jeff Root lectures in his Issue in Mass Communications class in a remodeled Lile Hall classroom. The room was specifically designed to promote group work and class discussion.



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- #1 Publication Design students work on a project in one of the two new Mac Labs in Lile Hall.
- #2 Dr. Jeff Root speaks at the Lile Hall dedication. The dedication took place in the fall and gave the school a chance to show the renovations to the public.
- #3 Freshman Jake Briggs and sophomore Abby Lindsey prepare to sing in Dr. Jack's at lunch one Friday afternoon.

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“The renovations to Lile have given us more space and new technology so the students can learn in a better environment. The larger newsroom and publication facilities have helped me personally get work for the Signal done more efficiently and have brought all of the publication staffs closer so we can work better together.”

Tanner Ward, a senior finance, business management and mass communications major from Bryant



photo by: Tyler Rosenthal



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Alumni and friends gather at the Lile Hall dedication ceremony. The dedication gave people a chance to tour the new facilities.

Evans Student Center stands empty amid renovations. Changes were made during the summer to prepare for students' return in the fall.

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“ I only got to go to two of the TWIRP nights this year, but I still had a great time! I went to Nerd Prom and a little bit of 50s night. Nerd Prom was really fun! It's great because you can dress and act really silly! We decided to go as a group of just girls this year and we had a great time. We all acted crazy and got a kick out of everyone else, too. For 50s night we only got to come for the end. But we were able to watch the EEE PC' 12 do their show. It was too cute!”

Katie Theriot, a sophomore communication sciences and disorders major from Alexandria, La.



photos by: Grace Finley



photo courtesy of: Aaryn Elliot

Students at Barn Bash snap photos before the square dancing begins. In addition to square dancing, students also two-stepped and line danced.

Sophomores Aaryn Elliot and Shelby Seabaugh take a break from dancing at 50s night to enjoy the photo booth.

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Complete with pigtails and taped glasses, freshmen Sammie Mack and Ragan Ledbetter dance the night away at Nerd Prom. Nerd Prom was hosted by the Women of Chi Rho Phi and had Mario Kart, a graffiti wall and a nerdiest couple competition.

Left Top: Junior Connor Goad and freshman Katie Carroll take a break from square dancing. Barn Bash was moved inside Walker due to weather.

photo by: Grace Finley

Left Middle: Sophomores Anna Sikes, Kriti-Page Danielson, Hailee Bezet and Laura Grace Shaddox show some roommate love at 80s night.

photo by: Hannah Bishop

Left Bottom: Students get BBQ buffet for dinner at Barn Bash. Students ate on blankets to get in the Barn Bash spirit.

photo by: Grace Finley

Right: Junior Megan Scarbrough and senior Mary Castleman compete for Nerd Prom Queen.

photo by: Tyler Rosenthal



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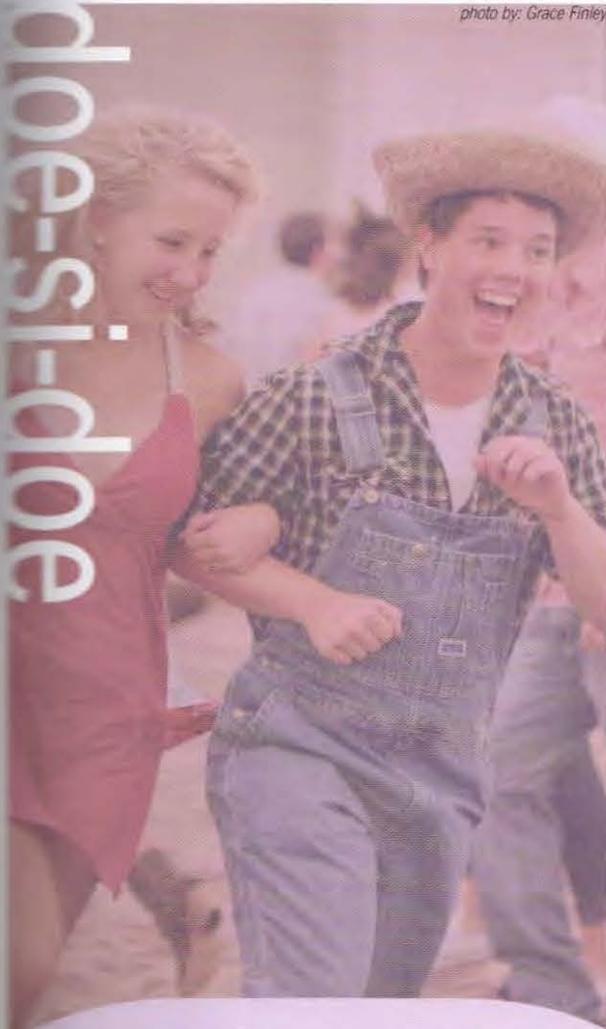


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Seniors Callie Chancey, Catie Bennet, Karis Crosby, Krystal Qualls, Samantha Street, Rebecca Atkinson and Taylor Stanford enjoy the photo booth at 50s night. 50s night was hosted by the women of EEE.

Sophomores Kristi-Paige Danielson, Katy Wood, Kelley Ballard and Heather Ellis perform with their pledge sisters during 80s night of TWIRP week. The Women of Tri Chi hosted this event, which consisted of Rubik's cube and dance competitions



photo by: Jason Pulliam

TWIRP Time

#Hannah Shull

Suspenders and clip-on ties, neon leotards and teased hair, Grandma's pearls and leather jackets, cowboy boots and plaid shirts. Students raided thrift shops and parents' closets to get ready for TWIRP week.

Sunday night girls brought their dates to Walker Conference Center to see "The Avengers." CAB hosted the movie night and served popcorn. In traditional CAB movie viewing style, moviegoers brought pillows and blankets and propped up against overturned chairs. Some even wore their pajamas.

Monday night the Women of Chi Rho Phi helped everyone find their nerdy side at Nerd Prom. The night was complete with video games and a balloon arch for awkward prom posing. Ladies also competed for Nerd Prom Queen.

Tuesday night the Tiger Den was filled with neon as The Women of Tri Chi hosted 80s night. Tri Chi pledge class of 2012 entertained the audience with

a dance to a 80s music medley. Kristi-Paige Danielson, a sophomore Chritain studies major from Cabot, Ark., made up the dance. "It took me like three hours to come up with it," Danielson said. "We broke up into groups for the different songs, and I would teach a dance and they would go practice in the hall while I taught another one." There was also a dance off to see who could whip out the best 80s dance moves.

Wednesday night the Women of EEE hosted 50s night, and with that came a lot of rain. Hurricane Isaac blew through and caused the scheduled football game to be moved, so 50s night was pushed back an hour. "We were slightly worried about attendance and some of our sisters were involved in the game. We did not want anyone to miss out on such a fun night," said PC '12 president Gracie Lundstrum, a sophomore mass communication and speech communications major from Springdale, Ark. **"The night went great! Anytime there is a group of people wanting to have fun, no matter how many, it is sure to be a fun night."**

EEE pledge class of 2012 also put on a show for the audience complete with singing and dancing to 50s music. "The best part about putting on an event with your sisters, after all the hard work is done, is sitting back and enjoying the evening with them, or in this case dancing to 50s music in your

poodle skirts," Lundstrum said.

Thursday night, students got dressed up and joined the ladies of Chi Delta at Dino's Main Street Café for Harvest Moon. "Harvest Moon was such a blast," Sydney Gibson, a sophomore business major from Hot Springs, Ark., said. "Not only the event itself, but getting to work with my Chi Delta sisters was what made it so special to me." The semi-formal dance took place from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Friday night, Campus Ministries hosted Barn Bash. Barn Bash was originally planned to take place outside, but because of all the rain, it was moved to Walker Conference Center. "Barn Bash is such a popular event, that we could never cancel it, so we just had to find the best indoor location possible," James Taylor, director of Campus Ministries, said. "Walker was a great spot because it was big enough for a big group, but also air conditioned."

Moving Barn Bash indoors was a big hit because of the air conditioning. "I had a lot of people come up to me and say they actually preferred doing it indoors. I hated losing the atmosphere of the barn and the farm, but it sure was nice to say cool this year," Taylor said.

Students ate barbeque and square danced with their partners. The Campus Ministries student leadership team also created a photo booth with props where students captured the memories of Barn Bash with their friends and dates.

Tiger Tunes COMPETING *for a* CAUSE

by: Jake Coffman

The houselights in Jones Performing Arts Center finally dimmed. An intake of breath followed by loud cheering could be heard from the 1,500 students, faculty, alumni and friends who filled the auditorium. Backstage, a group of eight students held hands and said a prayer before taking their places on stage as the 2012 Tiger Tunes hosts and hostesses. The annual event that brought in almost 10,000 spectators and online viewers, thousands of dollars for student scholarships and included participation from over half of campus had finally arrived.

The annual Tiger Tunes musical production was hosted by the Ouachita Student Foundation in the fall semester during Homecoming. The show was set up to raise money for student scholarships. It also serves as a competition among organizations and social clubs on campus for cash prizes and bragging rights.

The groups that competed in Tiger Tunes included: the women of EEE as lawn gnomes; the men of Beta Beta as exterminators; the women of Tri Chi's "Circus;" the men of Eta Alpha Omega as lumberjacks; the women of Chi Rho Phi as roommates; the men of Kappa Chi as police officers; the women of Chi Delta's "Shipwrecked;" the men of Rho Sigma as themselves; the men and women of Campus Ministries' "Camp Ouachita;" and the men and women of Campus Activities in gym class. Tiger Blast also participated with their show "Men in Black," but did not compete.

"The coolest part about being in Tiger Tunes was that I was able to get immersed in the Ouachita culture early on as a freshman," said Connor van Hemert, a freshman business major from Little Rock. "It gave me a chance to connect with other freshmen as well as many older

students. It gave me a feeling of purpose to be here besides just going to class."

Between the competing shows, the hosts and hostesses kept the audience entertained with musical sets from different musical eras, as well as introducing each group with a clever one-liner. Hosts and hostesses auditioned in March, began planning their show in the spring, and started practice before school began in August, with practice running straight through until opening night.

This year's hosts and hostesses included: Carli Sasser, a junior music education major from Crossett; Nicole Mattson, a junior musical theater major from Rowlett, Texas; Kate Cody, a junior mass communications major from Sulphur Springs, Texas; Rachel Shrader, a senior speech communications major from Litchfield, Ill.; Stephen Curry, a sophomore church music major from Little Rock; Garett West, a junior mass communications major from Bolivar, Mo.; Kyle Fischer, a junior Christian studies major from Texarkana, Texas; and Jake Coffman, a junior music major from Tyrone.

"Being a Tunes host is going to go down as one of my top memories at Ouachita," said Curry. "It was many late nights, a lot of white chocolate mochas from Dr. Jack's, a lot of skinny jeans, a lot of laughs, and the most incredible bonding experience I could have ever asked for with some truly great friends! It was such a blessing getting to take part in this huge tradition at OBU, and I'll never forget it."

The overall winner of Tiger Tunes 2012 was the women of EEE, with the men and women of Campus Ministries in second, the men of Eta Alpha Omega in third, and the men and women

of Campus Activities in fourth. The Congeniality Award, given by the members of OSF, was presented to the men and women of Campus Ministries, and the People's Choice Award went to the women of Tri Chi.

"MaryLacey Thomson and I went into directing with big shoes to fill and not knowing what to expect," said Molly Anne Turner, a junior graphic design major from Sherwood and co-director of the EEE Tiger Tunes show. "Our goal was to lead to the best of our abilities and make sure that everyone was having a blast singing and dancing together. Directing over 100 girls definitely had its challenges, but was the most rewarding experience I have ever had. Winning was icing on the cake. I couldn't have asked for a better group of young women to lead to victory!"

Awards for each of the five categories (costume, choreography, musicality, entertainment value, and theme and lyric) were announced after each of the first three performances. Thursday night's winners were Campus Ministries for theme and lyric, choreography, and entertainment value; Eta Alpha Omega for musicality; and EEE for costume.

Friday night's winners were EEE for musicality, costume, and choreography and Eta Alpha Omega for theme and lyric and entertainment value. Saturday's 5 p.m. show winners were Eta Alpha Omega for theme and lyric and entertainment value, Campus Activities for choreography, a tie between Kappa Chi and EEE for musicality, and another tie between Kappa Chi and Eta Alpha Omega for costume.

Tiger Tunes 2012 was the event of the semester and had students and faculty alike shouting "It's always a good time!"



@elysalynette "Campus Ministries raided @H_Threadgill's closet for their Tunes costumes. #tigertunes2012"



@BenRayThomas "I chuckle a little bit on the inside when people say that Tiger Tunes isn't that time consuming. #tigertunes2012"



@kayyenn "Tiger Tunes: A Time when everyone's Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram count increases exponentially. #tunesprobs"



#1 Juniors MaryLacye Thompson and Katie Vaughn and the rest of the EEE lawn gnomes harmonized their kazoo's to the tune of "Deck the Gnome" on their way to victory. The Women of EEE won first place overall for the second year in a row, marking a first for the club.

photo by: Nicole McPhate

#2 Freshman Griffin Peeples and sophomore Katie Theriot, along with the rest of the campers and counselors of CM, serenade the audience with their witty song lyrics. The CM show grabbed second place with their high energy and clever theme.

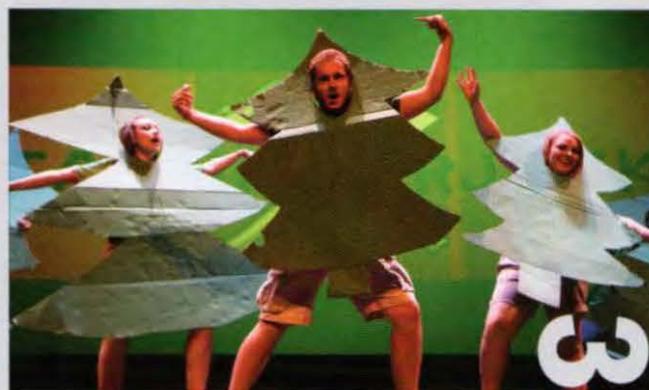
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#3 Junior Brent Nessler and the other lumberjacks of Eta Alpha Omega perform their rendition of "I'm a Tree." The Eta show had impressive props, sweet solos and lots of humor, earning them third place overall.

photo by: Nicole McPhate

#4 Seniors Daniel Johnson and Gillis Jones show off their gym class moves during the Campus Activities Tunes show. This show, new to Tiger Tunes this year, received fourth place overall.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



The 2012 Homecoming Court stands with their escorts at the crowning ceremony. This year's court consisted of senior MyLisa Speer, Devan Malone, Hannah Pilcher, junior Hannah Bushey and senior Karis Crosby.



Photo courtesy of Wesley Kluck

Coming Home

#HannahShull

The all-student email from Campus Activities included more events than you've ever seen listed in one message: root beer floats on the lawn with the men of Eta Alpha Omega, Karaoke with the men of Sigma Alpha Sigma, poster painting with the women of Tri Chi, Tiger Tunes dress rehearsal, tie-dyeing shirts with the women of Chi Delta. You kept scrolling as the events kept coming. All of this could only mean one thing. It was Homecoming week at Ouachita.

The Homecoming festivities started on Monday with the Homecoming court nominees being introduced at Lunch on the Lawn. The men of Beta Beta and the men of Rho Sigma were also set up on the lawn with games. That afternoon the women of EEE helped rally school spirit by painting car windows in the lower SPEC parking lot.

On Tuesday, the center of campus was filled with the sounds of Karaoke hosted by the men of

Sigma Alpha Sigma. Students also joined the women of Chi Delta at their cakewalk.

After grabbing a chili dog from the men of Eta Alpha Omega on Wednesday, students could make a spirit poster with the help of the women of Tri Chi and dress up in hats and over-sized glasses to get their picture taken at the women of Chi Rho Phi's photo booth. Wednesday was also the dress rehearsal for Tiger Tunes. Tickets to sit in the balcony to watch the show were sold for \$5 at the door.

Thursday afternoon rolled around and campus was full of high school juniors and seniors visiting for GROW. Students, faculty, family, and GROW students gathered in JPAC for the opening night of Tiger Tunes. After Tiger Tunes, "GROWers" joined their hosts in the Village circle for Refuge. "I loved watching my growers fall in love with Ouachita like I did the previous year," Sammie Mack, a freshman biology major from Little Rock, Ark., said. "I loved going to Refuge with them and watching them meet people and experience everything Ouachita has to offer."

Friday, the men of Eta Alpha Omega served Frito chili pie on the lawn for lunch. After the second show of Tiger Tunes, students celebrated at Speer Pavilion at the Kappa Chi cookout.

On Saturday morning, social clubs and other organizations set up parties all across the center of campus for Octiger Fest to welcome alumni back

to campus for the Homecoming game and Tiger Tunes. At 11 a.m. tailgating for the football game against Southwestern Oklahoma State began.

At the game, Hannah Pilcher, a senior Spanish major from Maumelle, Ark., was crowned Homecoming Queen. "When they announced my name it was definitely one of those surreal moments in life when you are thinking, 'Oh my gosh, is this really happening? Are you sure they counted right?'" Pilcher said. "That is just one side of it. The other side is just this overwhelming feeling of how blessed I am, how much the Lord has given me and blessed me with such wonderful friendships here at Ouachita."

After the early show of Tiger Tunes, visitors could attend the Homecoming Street Festival set up between Jones Science Center and JPAC. "The Street Festival was an idea that came about with the help of Keisha Pittman," said Jon Merryman, director of Ouachita Alumni and the Ouachita Student Foundation. "[It was] a way to keep alumni and guests from having to try to pack into local restaurants and wait in long lines between the Saturday afternoon and night Tunes' shows."

Once the final show of Tiger Tunes was over, students ended Homecoming week with Muggin' hosted by the Men of Eta Alpha Omega on the lawn. Students listened to live music, danced and drank bottles of IBC root beer.



photo by: Tyler Rosenthal

Junior Brandon Sanders passes out popcorn at this year's OcTigerfest. OcTigerfest gave alumni a chance to see campus and interact with clubs and groups from every facet of Ouachita life.

Seniors Noah James and Christian Ichter lead worship with the Refuge band during the Homecoming Refuge. The event was held in the Village circle so prospective students attending GROW could experience Refuge.



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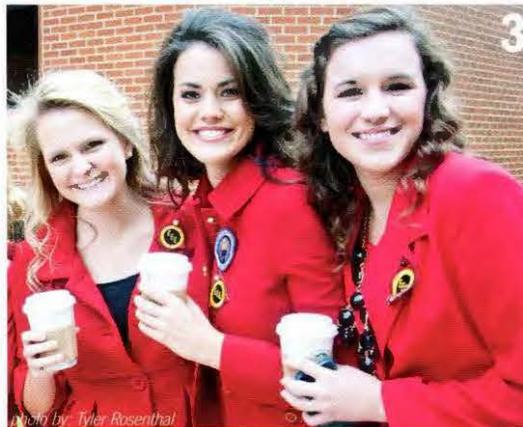


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- #1 Senior Hannah Pilcher was crowned the 2012 Homecoming Queen prior to the game.
- #2 Homecoming maid, junior Hannah Bushey, is escorted at the game by her father, Steve Bushey.
- #3 Sophomore Hannah Pinkerton, junior Sara Liz Carter and sophomore Hailee Bezet try to stay warm at the chilly OcTigerfest with some coffee from Dr. Jack's.

Speak NOW



“My favorite thing about Homecoming every year is always the football game, especially this year when we beat SW Oklahoma, winning the game. I was so proud of our guys this season. We had so many injuries on the team, but they persevered and overcame and still had a great season with so many guys out. I was so proud of the coaching staff and the leaders on our football team.”

Casey Knight, a senior communication sciences and disorders major from Arkadelphia



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Sophomore cheerleaders Kaylee Barnett and Lauren Dunklin lead the crowd in a cheer. The band and cheer squad held a pep rally at OcTigerfest.

The Men of Eta Alpha Omega serve over 2,000 bottles of root beer at Muggin' each year. Muggin' is one of the largest events held on campus.

Speak NOW



“During BOTR, I was out guarding the Tiger. It was probably 2 or 3 in the morning; nobody was super lively. Just as I started to fall asleep, bam! Water balloons started hitting the Tiger from every way possible. It took a minute for everyone to realize what was going on since we were half asleep, but we got right on protecting our favorite feline! Those Reddies were chased off campus by some of Ouachita’s finest, and we had battle scars, aka soaked sweatshirts, to show for it. Just another great memory at Ouachita!”

Meg Hart, a junior accounting major from Little Rock



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Freshmen Haylee Garland, Lauren Scarbrough, Megan Kelley and Sydney Bratton and sophomore Ramsey Vaughn enjoy the gameday festivities.

Seniors Patrick Krauss, Jordan Howard, junior Blake Leisenring and senior Adam Wood show their pride with “war paint” during the football game.

22 *battle of the ravine*
STUDENT LIFE

A sea of flames crosses Heflin Plaza as students carry torches representing their tiger spirit. The torches were used to light the traditional BOTR bonfire hosted by the Men of Rho Sigma.



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Left Top: Mr. Ricky shows off his tiger pride with the tiger mascot at Rally on the Ravine. Mr. Ricky’s tiger shirt was a favorite at tailgates.

photo by: Tyler Rosenthal

Left Middle: Students ride the ferris wheel at Rally on the Ravine. This was a new addition to this year’s festivities.

photo by: Tyler Rosenthal

Left Bottom: A student records the BOTR bon fire on her iPhone. This year’s bon fire was lit with a flaming arrow.

photo by: Tyler Rosenthal

Right: Students gather to watch the fireworks display. The Men of Rho Sigma sponsored the BOTR fireworks.

photo by: Joe Ochterbeck



BATTLE

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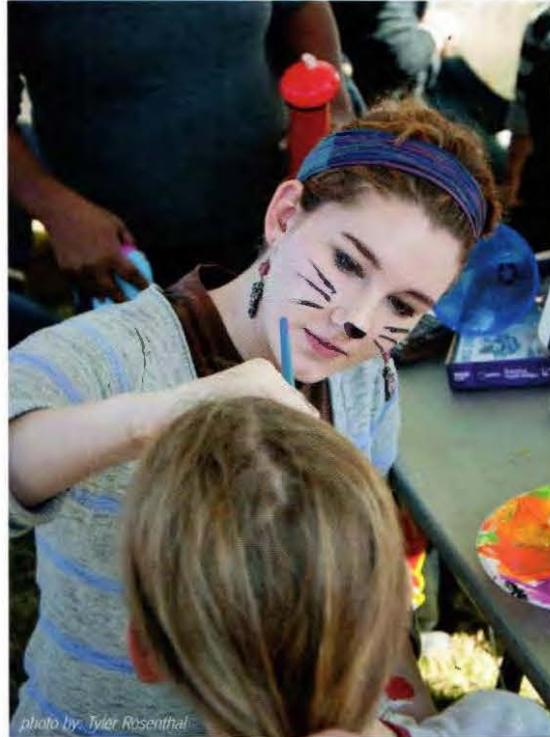


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Freshman Sara Williams paints a child's face at Rally on the Ravine on gameday. The OBU Art Club had a face paint tent at the rally to help kids show their tiger pride.

Seniors Lara Overman, Hannah Bishop, Caitlin Jones and MyLisa Speer share a laugh while guarding the tiger. The seniors guarded the tiger from dusk until dawn on Thursday night.



photo by: Abbey Janis Smith

Battle Lines

#Ben Cline

The Battle of the Ravine is one of the Arkadelphia's best traditions. It allows the entire community to come alive with school spirit, and revitalizes the age-old rivalry between OBU and the Reddies from across the street. However, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Kevin Motl, the week leading up to the game has become almost as intense as the game itself. With class-designated "guard" nights and social club sponsored activities, the Battle of the Ravine has grown into a week of festivities and fun. Ouachita's Tiger statue, now in its second battle since the 2011 renovation, was well defended from inebriated Reddies by OBU's students. What used to be a tradition held only by the men of Rho Sigma,

guarding the Tiger has been expanded to include all the students, with a different graduating class taking up defensive positions each night. Motl, the mastermind behind "Tiger Nation," explained why the new traditions were established. "We initiated the class-based Tiger Guard last year, in part out of a desire to see the students bond with their academic class. Our hope was that the experience of guarding the Tiger together would let the students bond with their fellow freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and after four years of guarding, they would have strong and fond memories of the fun they had as a class."

Along with each class taking a night to guard the tiger, the social clubs took turns sponsoring events on campus to keep the watchful students busy. Whether it was "Monday Night Football," a car bash, or free food, there was always something going on in the middle of OBU's campus. "The Battle of the Ravine just seems to get better every year," said Blaine Surber, a sophomore musical theatre major from Sulphur Springs, Texas. "Now that the class-based tiger guarding is in its second year, the student turnout seems to just keep

getting better."

When Saturday finally arrived, the excitement had grown into a campus-wide epidemic. A ferris wheel and other rides were set up on Henderson's intramural fields, and Sodexo brought its finest food for the tailgate. A cash prize was given to the social club with the best tailgate, and this year's winner was the men of Beta Beta. Senior Michale Curtis, a music major from Wiley, Texas, thought the tailgate competition was another way the atmosphere was improved on gameday. "I love the friendly, yet competitive edge the tailgate competition adds each Saturday, and BOTR was no different," she said. The Rally on the Ravine activities, bringing Ouachita and Henderson fans together to celebrate the historic game, was sponsored by Southern Bancorp.

Highway 7 was lined bumper to bumper with fans eagerly awaiting kickoff. Although the Reddies outscored the Tigers on the scoreboard, Tiger Nation was overflowing with school spirit, and the students enjoyed a week filled with activities, both new and old. Arkadelphia was alive with traditions, some in their infancy and others that were old favorites- but the memories made this week would last a lifetime.

photo courtesy of the Village



Students gather in the Village for the last scene of the Lip Dub. Students performed the Mega Mix dance from Tiger Tunes for this closing scene.

Good Time

#Elise Holman

Home to an eclectic group of students, diversity ranges far and wide on our campus. Nine social clubs, seven academic schools, bands, choirs, athletic teams, various extra-curricular organizations, hammock enthusiasts, Waldo, and a dancing banana all come together to form the crazy community in which we live, and now the world is able to see inside the bubble with the debut of Ouachita's very first Lip Dub.

The idea for the Lip Dub originated with Andy Dean, a Ouachita alumnus who filmed the promotional video that Ouachita is currently using. "[Dean] volunteered to come back to campus and shoot a Lip Dub for us for free if we would organize it and schedule it. So he was the initial impetus for us and it just grew from there," said Trennis Henderson, vice president of communications at Ouachita.

Henderson, along with Brooke Zimny, assistant director of communications, Lori Motl, Amy Wentz, and Kate Davis from the Admissions Office, and Hillary Hill in Campus Activities, were the members of the core group that was responsible for the actual organization and successful completion of the Lip Dub.

"We really used social clubs, campus organiza-

tions, athletic teams, academic schools, and musical groups to be as representative as possible of campus," said Henderson.

Even the faculty took part in the experience. Tiffany Eurich, an instructor in mass communications, choreographed a dance for the charismatic professors who joined in the fun. "The best part for me may have been seeing Dr. Jeff Root and Dr. Deborah Root putting their groove on in their doctoral robes," said Dean.

There were between 200-300 people who came out to participate in the event. "It really did take on a life of its own as the campus embraced it. One of our goals for it was to just be a fun campus event for students and faculty," said Henderson.

The Office of Communications mapped out the route that the videographer would be taking and had to get special clearance for the choir to be on the roof of Mabee and for ROTC to rappel off of McClellan. And no one could miss the giant, Technicolor hot air balloon that could be seen from the center of campus, filling the Village circle.

"One of the things we wanted to do was have original lyrics," Henderson said. "With that idea, we recruited both the Ouachita Sounds and the hosts and hostesses to record the lyrics for us."

In all, it was united effort of the Ouachita community that brought the Lip Dub together. "Even with all of the little details we were running through, ultimately it just came down to we had to put it out there and cross our fingers and trust the students to come out and do it," said Zimny.

On Dec. 4, it was standing room only in Dr. Jack's

Coffee House as students and faculty gathered to watch the world debut of the Lip Dub. Those who arrived just in time for the premier had to stand on chairs in order to see over the crowd.

The screen dropped from the ceiling and cheers rang out as Henderson placed the DVD copy into the player. Silence then fell over the crowd as the video started, but that did not last long. As soon as students saw their friends on screen they whooped, cheered and laughed as the little nuances of Ouachita life sprung up throughout the video. As the video culminated and the shot panned out, cheers and clapping filled the room. The video proved to be a success.

The overall reaction to the Lip Dub has been extremely positive. "We are extremely pleased with the finished product. Between the professionalism of Andy Dean...and the creativity and energy of Ouachita's students and faculty, it's a really fun peek into Ouachita's tight-knit community," said Zimny.

The video was posted to Vimeo and YouTube as "Ouachita Lip Dub 2012: Tunes Unleashed" and spread through reposts on various social media forums like Twitter and Facebook. After one month online the video received more than 15,000 views, a number that grew daily.

Though Ouachitonians may not sing and dance on their way to class (at least most Ouachitonians) the video captured the essence of our lively campus. No matter your interests, there is a club, team, organization, or simply a group of friends at Ouachita perfectly suited for you. Despite the diversity, as the video shows the entire campus comes together as a community to embody the true spirit of Ouachita.



photo by: Nicole McPhate

Students from the W.H. Sutton School of Social Sciences hold posters to stand out during the Lip Dub. Every school on campus was represented during the Lip Dub.

The Women of EEE represent every facet of their club life, including TWIRP, Tiger Tunes, letter days and more. Every social club on campus had a special spot in the Lip Dub.



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- #1 Making their way through campus, Andy Dean and his crew film a take of the Lip Dub.
- #2 Junior Justin Young carries around a cutout of Dr. Rex Horne during the Lip Dub.
- #3 Students sit in the amphitheater while receiving directions from Lip Dub coordinators Amy Wentz and Kate Davis.

Speak NOW



“The Lip Dub has to be one of my favorite experiences while here at Ouachita. It was really neat to see the whole campus come together for this one production. At first I was skeptical about doing the Lip Dub. I cannot dance or sing and definitely not both at the same time in a coordinated matter, so I needed to find another way to participate in the Lip Dub. I thought about dressing up in a wide variety of costumes, but something else came to me in a dream. I heard the words, ‘Be Waldo, Leith, be a legend.’ The rest is history. My number one goal as Waldo was to sneak into as many scenes as possible. I think in doing so I literally had every group on campus mad at me. I managed to sneak into so many scenes, it was awesome.”

Leith Hobbs, a junior biology major from Crown Point, Ind.



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Friday afternoon, students prepare for the Lip Dub by practicing lyrics in the amphitheater. The lyrics for the Lip Dub were written by the Ouachita Sounds and the hosts and hostesses.

Students gather in Evans Student Center for a portion of the Lip Dub that helped to feature the newly renovated space.

CELEBRATE

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Movers and shakers sophomore Tyler Rosenthal and junior Nicole Mattson perform with a special guest during Festival of Christmas. The dancers performed multiple times throughout the show.

Freshmen Bonnie Magee, Maci Lewis, Morgan Brothers and Sydney Heslep pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Campus Ministries held a packing party for Operation Christmas Child on the bridge of the student center.



photo by: Lacey Brooks

enthusiasts, that they may push for more lights around campus during future Christmas seasons."

Extra lights were not the only new decorations added to campus. When students returned to campus after Thanksgiving break, the Student Center was in full Christmas swing. Large wreaths covered the walls, garland hung from archways and railings and two tall Christmas trees stood completely decorated for all to see. The decorations were by alumnus David Goodman of Mary and Martha's Florist and Gifts.

After all the decorations were put up before students returned to school, there was one tree that remained unlit. The Speechies hosted their annual Speechie tree lighting ceremony. Students gathered on the lawn by the International Flag Plaza with hot chocolate and counted down the seconds until the massive tree was illuminated. Students also had the opportunity to bring a children's book to the tree lighting to be donated.

With campus fully decorated several Christmas activities began, the first being Lessons and Carols, a church service that began in the rural Anglican churches of England. The service included nine scripture readings, carols sung by the Ouachita Singers and Women's Chorus and a performance by the Handbell Ringers.

"Ouachita's annual service of Lessons and Car-

ols is a wonderful celebration of the incarnation of God in Christ," Dr. Rob Hewell, associate professor of music and director of the Worship Studies Program, said in a press release. "The carefully selected scripture readings join with glorious carols to connect us with Christians around the world who participate in the Lessons and Carols tradition. It's a powerful thing, really, when you think about it."

The Campus Activities Board held its annual Christmas party in the fully-decorated student center. The free party for students included cookie decorating, a snowman ornament craft, live music and a photo opportunity with Santa Clause. At the party, students and faculty crowded around the projector screen to view the campus-wide Lip Dub for the first time.

Campus Ministries held an Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party on the bridge of the student center. Students brought small toys, school supplies and hygiene items to fill the shoeboxes. Seventy-five shoeboxes were packed up and shipped out to children.

Christmas time around campus was filled with lights, garland, music and good spirits. As student body president Justin Young, a senior business administration and management major from Springdale, said, "Christmas season is always better when it's spent at Ouachita."

Light Bright

#Hannah Shull

According to several students, you can never have too many Christmas lights. Jake Edwards, a senior business administration and finance major from North Little Rock, was one of those students and he proposed the idea to add more lights to campus for the holiday season to the Student Senate. Student Senate then created a Christmas light committee including Edwards; Connor Goad, a sophomore music major from Hot Springs; and Shelby McAdoo, an early childhood education major from Copper Canyon, Texas. Plans to string lights across the bridge over the river were approved by the administration.

"We went to Atwoods and bought about 500 feet of lights, gave them to maintenance to hang up and they did a great job," Edwards said. "I felt like it was a definite win for this campus. It is my duty to pass on the torch to other Christmas

Senior Daniel Aylett, a member of the Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team, directs a group of students about its assigned location. Every group had a different project in the community.



photo by: Tyler Rosenthal

Continuous Service

#Tori Abellera

Tiger Serve Day was a reflection of the Ouachita community. When the fliers were hung on windows and emails were sent out to inform anyone who would be interested in the opportunity, the students of Ouachita generously marked their calendars and formed their groups.

The tradition remained that Tiger Serve Day was an opportunity for OBU students, faculty, and staff to give back to the community through serving in whatever ways they could.

"Tiger Serve Day is a vessel that connects students with the citizens of Arkadelphia and an opportunity for students to become involved by serving our neighbors," said Treslyn Shipley, a freshman studio art major from Arlington, Texas, who was able to help with the planning of Tiger Serve Day.

In order to execute the regular operations, about 25 students were selected to be a part of the Tiger

Serve Day Leadership Team. Tasks included organizing and planning, registration and promotion.

With such an important biannual event, the Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team was given the task to be as efficient as possible. It was easy to assume that with 16 successful years of operation, the repetitiveness would have made Tiger Serve Day a fairly simple task to lead. However, the organization behind the event was what made it increasingly impactful.

"The real magic of Tiger Serve Day is its consistency, the fact that we've actually worked really hard at having a template that works. Over the years we've also developed our own software," said Mr. Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagement, who played a major role in the organization of both Tiger Serve Day events.

Over the years, staff members at the Elrod Center recognized the need to continue improving the system of how Tiger Serve Day operates.

"Efficiency is absolutely a team effort. Every semester we try to tweak things to make the day run smoother," said Rachel Williams, a junior accounting major from Sherwood, who was a part of the Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team.

Dawson Pritchard, a junior kinesiology major from Denton, Texas, who was also on the leadership team, worked with Mrs. Judy Duvall, assistant director of the Elrod Center, and IT Services to help

update the Tiger Serve Day database. The database was used for sorting the information about each team's project, such as how many people would be sufficient for the job and all of the details about the project.

"This helps us match projects and teams together, so we can efficiently use our resources - both tools and people," Williams said.

Since many people of Arkadelphia's community accepted the invitation to be served by students and faculty, there was also a lot of risk of possible errors. Using their database system, the leaders were able to strategically decipher the tools and people needed in order to complete specific tasks.

"Great service involves great operational knowledge," said Cosh. Thanks to the hard work of the Elrod Center, the Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team, students and faculty and food donations from Southern Bancorp, the Elrod Center experienced a consistent turnout between the two Tiger Serve Day events. In the fall semester, 91 teams were sent out to serve the community. In the spring semester, 90 teams were formed and sent out.

Over 50 percent of the student body chose to participate at each event. With the efficient operation behind it, Tiger Serve Day was more than just an opportunity to volunteer. More importantly, it was a representation of a faculty and student body who strove for vision, integrity and service.

Speak NOW



“Tiger Serve Day may only happen once a semester, but those four hours or so are always enough time to make some of the best memories with my friends, build relationships with people outside of ‘the bubble,’ and glorify the Lord through serving the community. OBU students line the street in their TSD shirts for breakfast and I can always count on Paul Spann to show up in his jumpsuit. We get so excited because it is not about raking leaves, painting, water fights while washing cars, dusting, and mowing yards. It’s about serving the community we live in with the people we live life with. The memories are created because it’s a solid block of time where love is being poured out everywhere.”

Shelby Davis, a sophomore biology major from White Oak, Texas



Junior Pete Brunson helps plant a garden at the fall TSD. The theme on Sept. 22 was “Arkadelphia: It’s a great place to serve.”

A few guys from the Men of Beta Beta Pose for a picture with the house owner at their project. Many different groups helped with TSD, including clubs, athletic teams and even classmates.



Senior Daniel Lee carries rakes to his team. Students met at 9 a.m. in front of the Elrod Center to get a start to their day with breakfast catered by Sodexo.

Sophomore Scott Bohning power washes the siding on a house. There were many manual labor projects such as mowing and house repairs.



#1 Senior Hunter Soper puts leaves into a trashbag. Many projects included raking neighborhood yards.
 #2 Sophomore Caleb Cunningham carries wood in a wheelbarrow for a wood pile.
 #3 Senior Jake Edwards smiles while signing teams in on the morning of the spring TSD, April 6. The theme was “One body. Many hands.”

COMMUNITY

Speak NOW



“ Christian Focus Week was super fun this year because I was able to volunteer. Through volunteering at Coffee House and Cinnamon Roll night, I was able to meet new people and serve my peers. I think my favorite thing about Christian Focus Week this past year was praying over Refuge on Thursday night. I had no idea when I showed up to pray for Refuge that I'd be praying and reading Psalm 100 during the service. I was nervous, but God definitely moved. I am humbled by the way He used me. I can't wait to see what God has in store for next year!”

Sophie DeMuth, a sophomore Christian studies major from Rockwall, Texas



Junior Connor Goad speaks during a Noontday session. Throughout the week, numerous students gave short devotionals at Noontday.

A CFW panel speaks to students. This panel was one of the breakout sessions for the week.

All Sons and Daughters performs a concert for students in JPAC. Several campus organizations worked together to bring the band for a concert on Tuesday night during CFW.



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Left Top: Senior Noah Mitchell leads worship during a CFW session.

photo by: Nicole McPhate

Left Middle: Freshman Kathleen Suit and sophomore Zach DeYoung perform a skit at Noonday. Noonday was held at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

photo by: Nici Starkey

Left Bottom: Michael Curtis plays guitar during a Christian Focus Week worship session.

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Right: Junior Hannah Bushey attends a breakout session during CFW. Several breakout sessions were conducted throughout the week, covering a variety of topics.

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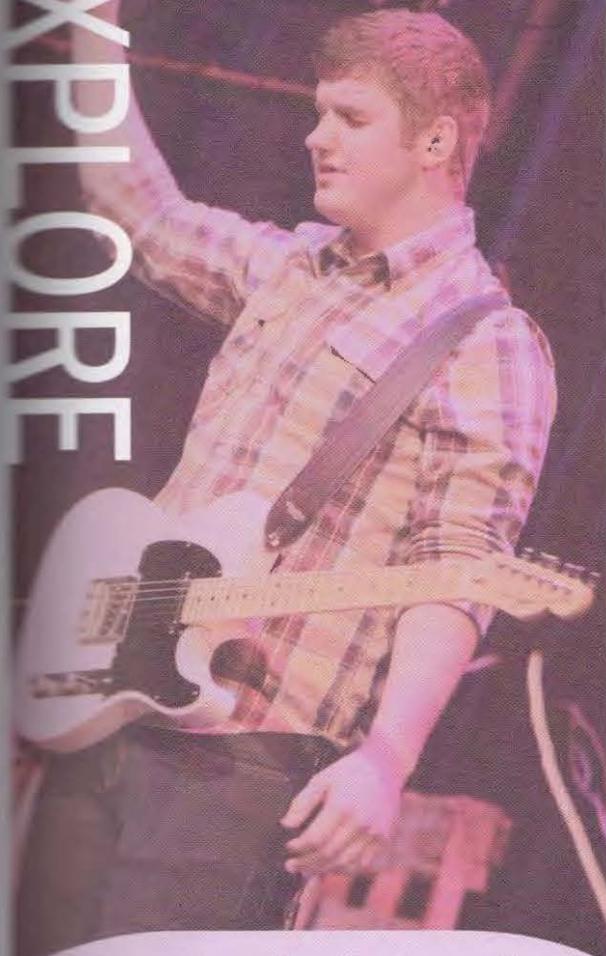


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Nathan James preaches during CFW Refuge on Thursday. Shawn Barnard, from Epoc Church in Little Rock, Ark., also spoke at several breakout sessions earlier that week.

Stephen Ray plays piano and sings during CFW chapel. Ray was an alum of Ouachita and came back to lead worship.



photo by: Nathan Dickard

Seasons

#Jake Coffman

"Everything beautiful in its own time." This sentence and biblical truth became the slogan for the 2013 Christian Focus Week, based on Ecclesiastes 3:1. The week had many opportunities for the student body to be involved in growing in Christ, including worship, breakout sessions and fellowship opportunities.

The week began on Sunday with Pancakes and Prayer, where students could fellowship with fellow students and have a time of prayer to pray about the week or whatever needed prayer. The week continued with various events, including morning worship services, afternoon breakout sessions, and nightly events that varied throughout the week. Stephen Ray and Noah Mitchell led worship during the morning sessions, with speakers Shawn Barnard and Nathan

James. With the help of Campus Activities and Student Senate, Campus Ministries brought in All Sons & Daughters for a night of worship on Tuesday.

New to the week was a combination of the Coffeehouse and Art and Worship sessions, creating an artistic, worshipful environment for the attendees.

"The reason we combined the two events was because we felt like both events separate weren't as well attended as they could be," said Abbey Jamieson, a senior Christian studies major from Sasche, Texas. "Art and Worship was at an inconvenient time, but Coffeehouse was at a great time. We thought combining the events would bring in more students and we also thought Art and Worship was a great thing to have during Coffeehouse. It gave people something to do while they enjoyed the music and brought out the creative energy we were going for."

The theme did not come easily, nor was it simply chosen – it was a process.

"Choosing a theme took a lot of time and prayer," said Kate Cody, a junior mass communications major from Sulphur Springs, Texas. "'Seasons' really hit home to me. We really wanted students to grasp that no matter what season of life you are going through, whether that is a good or bad one, God is going to use that to morph you into the man or woman of God you are called to be."

"We knew we wanted something that was broad

spectrum that could be very applicable to everyone," said Connor Goad, a sophomore Christian studies major from Hot Springs. "We prayed a lot and felt that Seasons was true for everyone. Everyone has trials and good times, and God shows us in His word how to make our lives shine for him regardless of the season."

When it came to attendance, the leadership team wasn't necessarily concerned with numbers, but more with impact. Yes, more numbers are always welcomed and encouraged, but the impact of the week was the main focus.

"Each year is different and has different events," said James Taylor, director of Campus Ministries. "Some events are aimed at the entire campus, like the All Sons and Daughters night of worship, and others were intended for small groups, like the breakout sessions. We were really encouraged by the attendance at each event, but would always like more students to be a part of CFW."

The focus and point of the week was to lead students back to Christ.

"My hope for CFW is that the students who need encouragement would be encouraged and the ones who need to be challenged will be challenged," Taylor said. "Our prayer was that CFW would connect with all students no matter what season of life they're in at the moment."

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Vicious and Delicious team members, junior Kristen Barnard, senior Jake Edwards, junior Leah Whitlow and senior Lauren Jackson, help bring their team to victory in mud tug-of-war. Played on Saturday, mud tug-of-war was a Tiger Traks favorite.

Making Traks

#Heather Francis

Mud. Sweat. Victory. These words describe the springtime event on campus known as "Arkansas' most exciting college weekend." That's right, Tiger Traks.

Tiger Traks is hosted every spring by the Ouachita Student Foundation, commonly referred to as OSF. There were over 70 OSF members who worked to make Tiger Traks possible.

"I think OSF members and participants alike will agree that Tiger Traks was an amazing weekend," said Mary Castleman, a senior Christian media communications major from Batesville. "I was so impressed by the work done by OSF members, the enthusiasm of the teams and the help of Ouachita faculty and staff in making the weekend a big success. It really highlights the Ouachita community."

There truly is nothing like it!"

"My favorite part of Traks, as far as working it goes, was seeing all the mass chaos fall into place so smoothly," said Nick Burt, a sophomore mass communications and Christian studies major from Texarkana, Texas. "It had the potential to be a mess, but it was very organized this year. Our directors did a great job. I enjoyed seeing all of my classmates come out for a fun day in which they can help their fellow students."

"My favorite part of Traks is just the craziness," said Kelsey Frink, a junior early childhood education major from Boston, Mass. "Everyone has so much fun and it's just the wildest time!"

Tiger Traks was a weekend competition where students formed teams of eight to compete in different events such as the Egg Toss, Game Center, Basketball Relay, Ultimate Dodgeball, Tiger Trek, Raft Races, Trike Races, Mega Relay, Mud Volleyball and Tug-o-war. It was sweaty, muddy, and a whole lot of fun for the participants.

"I love the mud games," Frink said. "This year was so fun because the mud didn't smell as snailly as usual and it was a perfect day. The mud games always bring me back to the sweetest time in life, my tomboy childhood."

Castleman said the new game this year was Ultimate Dodgeball and "it was a big hit."

These teams competed for cash prizes as well. The winning team received \$100 per member. This year's winning team was the "Him Tarrels." The second place prize was \$50 per person, which went to "The Careers." The third place prize went to "Do or Diabetes" and was \$25 per team member.

"OSF members had many different jobs as far as over-seeing the games, explaining the rules to the groups and making sure everyone followed the rules," Burt said. "Others would set up games or prepare for the next event. Some kept scores and calculated the final winners."

OSF's motto was, "Students helping students." OSF members were students who worked to raise money for student scholarships. Traks was just one of these events that they sponsor to raise money. This event was also one way the community showed its support for Ouachita by becoming corporate sponsors for Tiger Traks.

Arkansas' most exciting college weekend was more than just mud, sweat, and cash prizes. It was an opportunity to build community, both student-to-student and student-to-Arkadelphia. It allowed students to get dirty and have fun together, a chance to blow off some steam as the semester came to a close - all while OSF and community sponsors helped to raise funds for scholarships to allow more students to stay at Ouachita.



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Freshman R.J. Quilao tries to find his way to a bucket during the super relay on Saturday. Teams competed for points by playing their way through a long series of relay games.

Splashing in the pool, senior Kelsie Wilson races her way down the lane during the raft races. These races took place Saturday afternoon and drew a large crowd.



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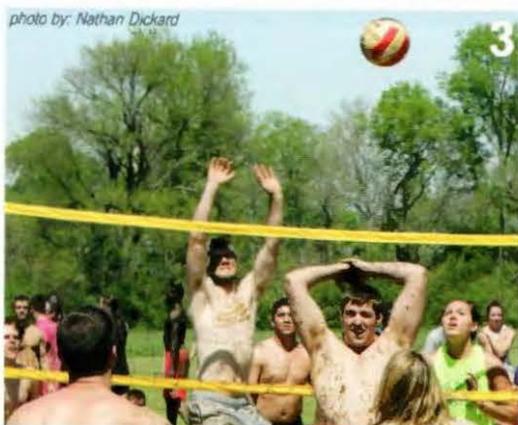


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Onlookers gather to watch super dodgeball games played in the Village Circle. Super dodgeball was a new addition to Tiger Traks.

Senior Taylor Lamb sorts Skittles by color without using his hands. The Skittle Sort was a part of the super relay played Saturday morning.

TEAMWORK

- #1 Freshman Haley Wheeler passes an orange under her neck to a teammate during Mega Relay.
- #2 Freshman Abbey Ogier spins around a bat 10 times as part of a relay game on Friday night.
- #3 Pickle Rolls go head to head with Raging Rippers during Oozeball. Mud volleyball was the final event of Tiger Traks where all teams fought for the final points of the weekend.

Speak NOW



“Tiger Traks is probably the most fun event on campus besides Tunes. It’s a time where students can have fun and compete in different challenges. The great thing about Traks is that there is truly something for everyone to be good at, whether it’s tug of war or whistling songs. It’s the most unique weekend at Ouachita because no other school in Arkansas does any kind of weekend like this that also raises money for student scholarships. My favorite memory from Traks was when I was playing mud volleyball, I dove for the ball and came up with a mouth full of mud. That’s called dedication.”

Jim Hampton, a sophomore Christian studies major from Hope

Speak NOW



“ Rec Life is a fantastic opportunity to expand your love of the great outdoor adventures! Honestly, it was one of the aspects of the school that convinced me to attend Ouachita. I wanted opportunities to expand my love and experience in camping, backpacking and just outdoor activities in general. I love that the program provides everyone a safe, really inexpensive and encouraging opportunity to try any kind of outdoor activity regardless of their experience level. No matter how many times I have fallen on my face (figuratively speaking, of course) there has been someone there to get me back up and tell me to try again. Regardless of where one is in their experience of the great outdoors, it is a great outlet to get away from school, really develop as an individual, meet awesome people and have some incredible adventures!

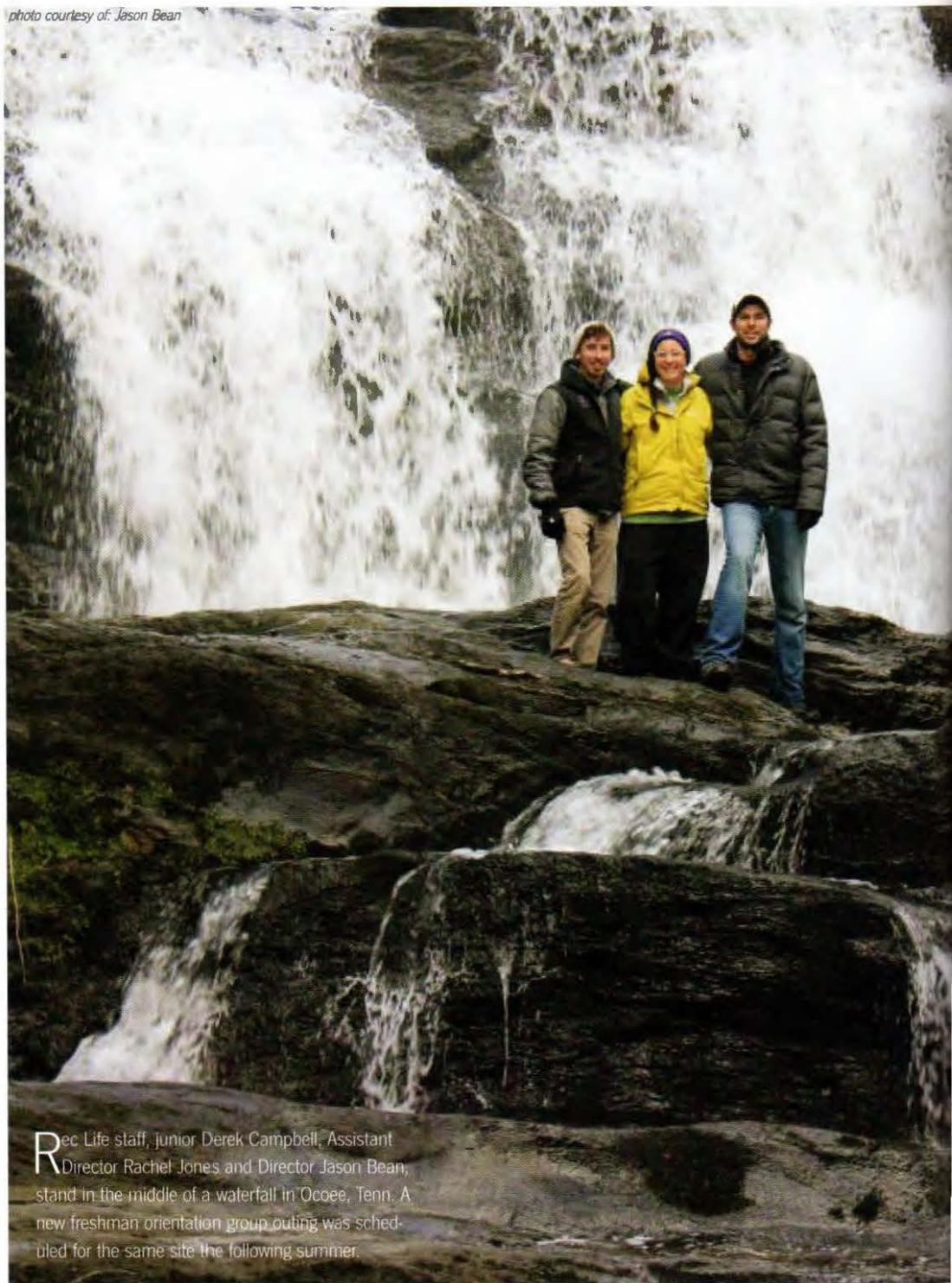
Ally Huffman, a junior early childhood education major from Aubrey, Texas



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Assistant Director Rachel Jones, Campus Activities Assistant Director Hillary Hill and junior Ally Huffman enjoy a waterfall in Ocoee, Tenn.

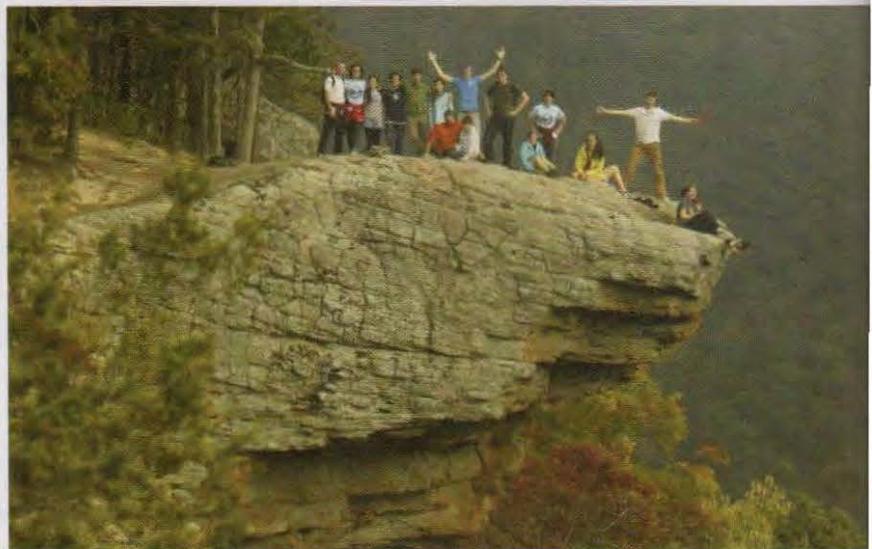
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Rec Life staff, junior Derek Campbell, Assistant Director Rachel Jones and Director Jason Bean, stand in the middle of a waterfall in Ocoee, Tenn. A new freshman orientation group outing was scheduled for the same site the following summer.

During a camping trip on the Buffalo River, students spend some time on Hawk's Bill Crag.

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EXPLORE

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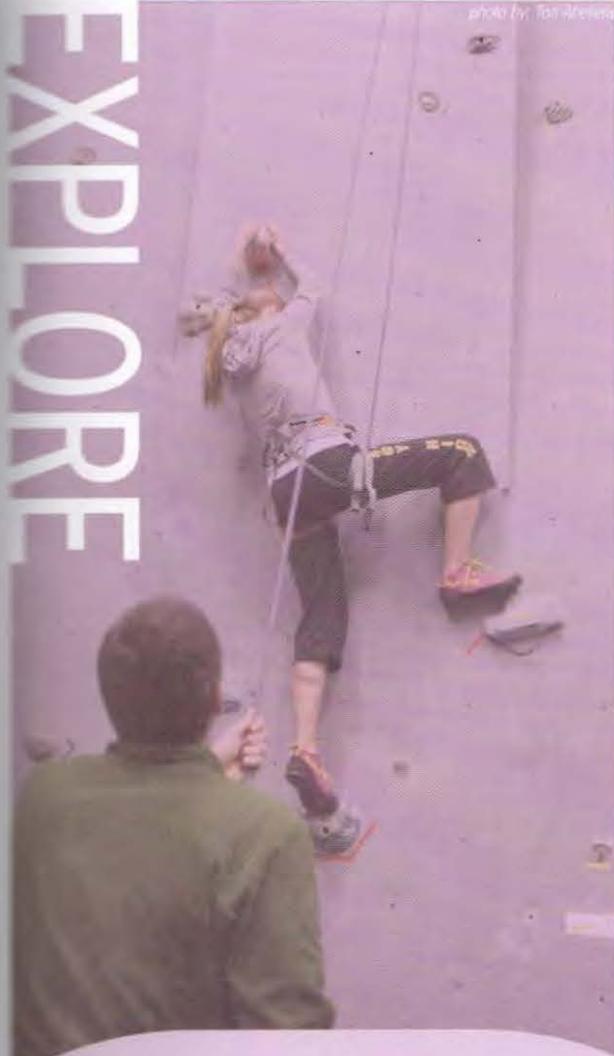


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Juniors Ally Huffman and Emily Sanders rent some equipment from the Rec Life office to go kayaking. Being able to rent equipment from the Rec Life office was a new addition to the program.

Students take a backpacking camping trip to the Buffalo River over fall break with the Rec Life program.



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Endless Possibilities

#Aly Smith

From flag football on the intramural fields to hiking at the buffalo river, the Recreational Life office had you covered.

The main goal of the Rec Life program was to provide students with a variety of recreational opportunities on and off campus. Jason Bean, the Rec Life director, first became involved with outdoor recreation seven years ago when he and his wife began working at an outdoor camp facility. The assistant director for Rec Life, Rachel Jones, was recruited by Bean to serve in the office and now works alongside Bean. Derek Campbell served as the recreation student worker. Campbell spent time creating and planning the trips Rec Life sponsored, with the help of Bean and Jones. Campbell also served as a leader on the

trips, and worked to ensure each student had a safe and enjoyable time on their outdoor adventures.

The Rec Life office was comprised of two departments, intramural sports and outdoor recreation. According to Bean, the outdoor recreation department was broken down even further.

"Within our Outdoor Rec program we have three main facets, trip and event management, outdoor education, and outdoor outfitting," Bean said.

Trip and event management was pretty true to its name. This subdivision was responsible for planning and executing all the events and trips the Rec Life office sponsored. Rec Life took trips for mountain biking, rock climbing, canoeing and camping, as well as other outdoor treks as well. The outdoor education subdivision hosted a certification course for Wilderness First Aid as well as a stewardship program run by Leave No Trace. The outdoor outfitters section of Rec Life allowed students to rent equipment for camping, backpacking, canoeing and more. The program planned to expand this area next year.

"Our outdoor adventures are second to none," Campbell said. "From climbing a 75 foot of natural rock face to hammocking on the Buffalo River, we have an adventure to satisfy every craving for the great outdoors."

In the past Rec Life has taken students to Winter Park, Colo., for downhill skiing, as well as to enjoy

the beauty of the Colorado landscape. Each fall, the program also hosted a trip that enticed students with the "camp life" and allowed them a time of rest and relaxation.

Bean created a new event for the Rec Life Program this year, an extreme sport he called "Mountain Disc'en." "Mountain Disc'en" was a challenging feat that combined mountain biking with disc golf.

Another new addition to Rec Life was a New Student Retreat for incoming students that was planned for Tennessee. This retreat would not only be a first for the new students, but would have many first time activities for Rec Life, such as white water rafting, ziplining and swimming in waterfalls. Even with these new activities, the traditional Rec Life favorites like rock climbing, repelling, hiking and camping would still be a staple in this new retreat.

Rec Life reached students through various media, including direct marketing, student email and posted flyers. Students could get in contact with Rec Life by stopping by the office or visiting their website.

"Rec Life is vital to OBU in that it serves to give students needed time to relax and enjoy themselves with friends," Campbell said. "Relationship growth provides the student with an all around better experience at Ouachita. Out on the competition field or aboard the van to Horseshoe Canyon Ranch, community is built and lasting friendships established."

The Elrod Center hosts the Elrod Service Banquet every year to honor students who have given back to the community and abroad throughout the school year.



Photo by Tyler Rosenthal

Joy of Service

#Aly Smith

Just off the cuff of Ouachita's main campus, behind the Maddox parking lot, was a charming little house full of southern grace and loving hearts. This house was home of The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community, more commonly known as The Elrod Center.

The Elrod Center served as the hub of service on campus. Its goal was to get as many students as possible involved in service, not only on campus but throughout the community.

"The purpose of The Elrod Center is to sit in the gap between the community and the university," said Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagement.

The Elrod Center's goal is to understand the community and its needs and then use the university's resources, such as students' talents, time and

abilities, to link the two together.

The Elrod Center began in 1997 when the current university president, Dr. Ben Elrod, charged Cosh with chairing a task force focused on studying service at the university. The task force received a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, which allowed them to complete service projects across campus. After seeing students' reactions to the service opportunities, the task force recommended permanent structure on campus. Originally named The Center for Family and Community, the center held its first Tiger Serve Day in 1997. After Dr. Elrod retired, the Board of Trustees honored Dr. Elrod by renaming the center The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community.

"Tiger Serve Day has a special place in my heart," said Cosh. "It is the biggest and largest attempt to involve as many students in service as we can."

Tiger Serve Day was by far the largest ministry the Elrod Center was involved with, hosting close to 1,000 students and staff each semester. But the Elrod Center has many different ministries for which students could get involved.

The America Reads Challenge and America Counts Challenge were both partnerships between The Elrod Center and the public school system. This program allowed college students who were gifted

in math or reading to tutor students from various schools in Arkadelphia.

"My favorite Elrod Center ministry is America Counts," said Kelley Cortez, a sophomore biology major from McKinney, Texas. "I love tutoring the kids at Central because they are so funny and brighten my day."

ElderServe was a program which allowed students to connect with people on the opposite end of the age scale. "ElderServe in a sense is a program where we adopt a grandparent at the local nursing home," said Allie Smith, a sophomore biology major from Little Rock. "My elder is Dr. George Peebles. I get to go and visit him once a week for a couple hours and read, play games, look at pictures on my phone and listen to him tell stories about being a Red Shirt at OBU. **This is a ministry that not only benefits the elders by giving them someone to love, but they're also getting loved on and feel a sense of purpose.**"

The Elrod Center was always open for students to come by and find service opportunities to get involved in. If students had an idea that the Elrod Center did not currently offer, they would help students find connections to serve in that capacity. The Elrod Center was always looking for new ways to help students experience, as Cosh put it, "The joy of service."



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Freshman Anjelica Cheek helps to clean up an Arkadelphia resident's yard during the spring Tiger Serve Day event.

Dr. Rex Horne and Elrod Center Director Ian Cosh present Rex Nelson with the Elrod Center Community Service Excellence Award.



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SERVICE



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- #1 Junior Carrington Tillery is recognized for her work with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Clark County.
- #2 Tiger Serve Day leader Daniel Aylett is given a "Tiger Serve Day Community" award.
- #3 Students who were involved with Elrod Center service projects attend the banquet.

Speak NOW



"I'm thankful for the Elrod Center because they see the needs of the community and help connect and equip students to meet those needs. Without the encouragement, support and aid from the Elrod Center many of our dreams wouldn't be possible, including the ones funded through grants from the center. Serving the community is a great way to give back to the town we live in, and we also begin to break the boundaries of the Ouachita 'bubble.' Because of the commitment of the Elrod Center and its staff, students are able to grow spiritually and mentally by being transformed through giving back and seeing others do the same. I'm thankful for the experiences the Elrod Center has given me. I have gained a much better appreciation for the blessings in my life as well as an appreciation for the opportunities we are given here at Ouachita."

Nicole McPhate, a senior mass communications and graphic design major from Conway

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A Tiger Serve Day group takes a picture with the Arkadelphia woman whose yard they cleaned up.

Senior Jessica Lamb was recognized by Dr. and Mrs. Kluck for the work she was able to accomplish due to the Kluck Student Enrichment Grant she received.

Speak
NOW



“Being in the musical was one of the highlights of this year. I got to work with some of Ouachita’s finest performers on this show and made friendships that I know will carry on the rest of my life. Ouachita allows their students to really grow in what they do and the musical helped me become a better performer.”

Chad Burris, a sophomore musical theatre major from Van Buren



Hansel and Gretel are reunited with their family after the witch is vanquished. Cast members included seniors John Tneoh, Hannah Garner, junior Victoria Mantooth and senior Bekah Anthony.

Senior Bethany Swiontek is carried by several chefs during the musical’s theme song, “Hello Dolly.”

38 musical productions
STUDENT LIFE

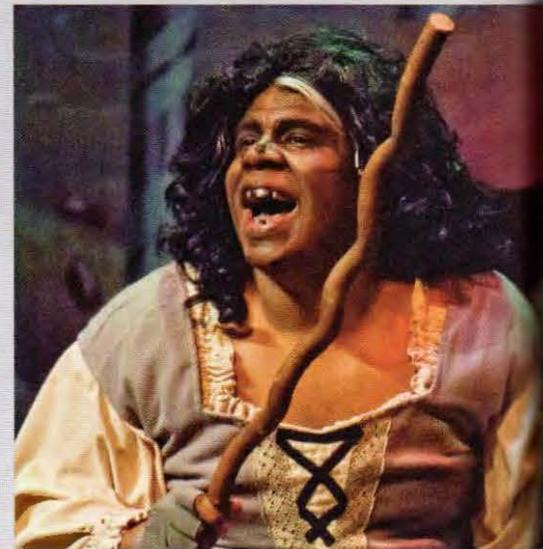
Seniors Bethany Swiontek and Jacob Sturgeon play the lead roles in “Hello Dolly.” In the musical, Swiontek and Sturgeon’s characters fall in love after a series of failed marriage set-ups.



Left Top: Senior Hannah Garner, Gretel, sings to Hansel to play and dance with her instead of doing their chores. There were two different sets of primary cast members for the different performances throughout the week.
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Left Bottom: Junior MaryLacey Thomson sings a song in the spring musical “Hello Dolly.”
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Right: Junior DeCarl Jones sings the witch’s aria after capturing Hansel and Gretel. Costumes for the opera were rented from a professional company in Schenectady, N.Y.
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SING

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Junior MaryLacey Thomson and sophomore Chad Burris take the stage in "Hello Dolly" as a lonely widow and a naive shop keeper.

Movers and Shakers sing on stage with Ouachita Singers at Festival of Christmas. The annual Christmas concert brought together many groups from both the music and theater departments.



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Show Time

#Jake Coffman

Among all of the classes, rehearsals, individual practice sessions and social life of the average performance major, musical productions came through the chaos, giving these talented students a chance to showcase their abilities and put them into practice.

In the fall, the School of Fine Arts presented the opera "Hansel and Gretel" based on the familiar fairy-tale. The opera was presented in English, a difference from the school's usual productions of operas, which are often presented in the native language of the opera. The production was held in

high esteem, featuring many talented students in the School of Fine Arts Music. The opera was co-directed by Drs. Jon and Glenda Secrest.

"Being in the opera was a great experience," said Meredith Martin, a junior choral education major from Garland, Texas. "It taught me how to work with many different personalities and come together to achieve a common goal. It was also a really cool experience to have a double cast because we could see and learn from how the other cast performed and made their own character choices. Being Hansel was so much fun, and it's an experience I will remember forever."

Also in the fall, the division of music and members of the theater department came together for the biggest Holiday event on campus, Festival of Christmas. This included Concert Choir, members of the Theater department, Ouachita Singers and Ouachita Sounds. Dr. Gary Gerber served as musical director.

"I really enjoyed my opportunity to perform in Festival of Christmas. It provided me a chance to conglomerate my God-given gifts to sing and my 'Buddy the

Elf love for Christmas," said Garet West, a junior mass communications major from Bolivar, Mo. "Probably my favorite part of Festival of Christmas is the quality of talent that so accurately depicts both the fun side of Christmas, but the importance of Christmas for what it really means, a celebration of the birth of Jesus."

In the spring, the School of Fine Arts presented the musical "Hello, Dolly!" which marked the 25th anniversary of the musical theater degree program. In 1988, the theatre and music programs presented "Hello, Dolly," and the partnership led to the creation of the musical theatre program.

"It was certainly a lot of hard work, but it was such an amazing experience," said Bethany Swiontek, a senior musical theater major from Colorado Springs, Colo., and the lead in the musical. "I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to not only play such an iconic role, but to have also performed with such an amazing cast and crew." Mary Handboe directed the musical, and Dr. Jon Secrest served as musical director.

Musical productions showcased Ouachita's talent and provided a rich cultural experience.

Sophomore Kaylee Nebe speaks to customers in the play "Harrison, TX." The production consisted of three plays which looked at humor, darkness and romance.



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Curtain Call

#Jake Coffman
& Morgan Morehead

Along with required classes, theater majors, along with non-majors, put in hours and hours of behind the scenes work to provide the campus and community with theatrical productions. In addition to classes such as directing, playwriting, theatre history and stagecraft, students gained experience on stage and off stage to learn all aspects of theatre production.

Nicole Mattson, a junior musical theatre major from Rowlett, Texas, said, "**The time commitment is definitely the most difficult thing about theater. It's difficult, but it's worth it because it's what we love to do.**"

MaryLacey Thomson, a junior musical theatre major from Plano, Texas, said, "Apart from our required core classes, we do tons of singing, acting and dancing. We get to have so much fun doing what we love."

Theater majors performed three large produc-

tions in the fall: the children's play "The Crane Wife," "Machinal," and the student directed one-act plays. Two large productions were held in the spring semester, which were "Harrison, TX," a collection of one-act plays, and the annual "All-Night Theater" event. Students who received scholarships only had to audition for the fall performances but they could be in as many as they wanted.

"The Crane Wife" was the department's annual children's play, and told the tale of a man who finds an injured crane at his doorstep and, after nursing it to health, releases it into the wild only to find it has turned into a beautiful woman. The play was performed for local elementary school students.

"Machinal" was the department's annual fall theater production aside from the children's play. Through the main character Helen, or as she was referred to in the production "Young Woman," the audience was given a look into the mental health of Helen as she is proposed to by her boss whom she does not love, but marries anyway after society makes her believe he is the best shot she will ever have. It also explored the de-humanizing effect society often has.

The student directed one-acts were directed by students in Daniel Inouye's directing class, and allowed students to dive into the world of directing and gain some firsthand experience.

"Harrison, TX" was a collection of three one-acts by Pulitzer-Prize winning playwright Horton

Footo, which included "Blind Date," "The Dancers," and "Spring Dance" all set in the fictional town of Harrison, Texas.

The All-Night Theater event was an annual event held every year in March and allowed students to submit their own original work, produce it, cast it, and direct it and show it on stage. Auditions were held March 7, rehearsals began March 8 and ran past midnight, followed by a performance on March 9. This was another way the department allowed students to apply what they learned in their classes and stage experience.

Time spent outside of class for those in the theatre productions started weeks prior to opening night. Lines had to be memorized, sets built, and costumes created.

"A few weeks before a show opened we are constantly in the theater for dress rehearsals, working on crews and making sure every aspect of the show is running smoothly," Thomson said.

In addition to teaching their courses, the professors in the theater department directed the main stage productions. Classes in the department were interactive and provided the foundation needed for stage experience.

"The most difficult part about being a theater major would be what is also the most rewarding," Thomson said. "For the majority of the rehearsal process, you fall in love with the show, then hate it, then fall in love with it all over again."



During a heartfelt scene, junior Timothy Drennan and senior Alexis Nichols capture the audience in "Harrison, TX."

Sophomores Bethany Gere and Robby Taylor and freshman Walter Dodd perform a play during the 10-minute play festival. The festival was all-night theater of student-composed plays.



ACTION



- #1 Huddling in a corner, senior Jacob Sturgeon performs in "The Crane Wife."
- #2 Juniors Nicole Mattson and Caitlin Secrest perform in a 10-minute play where the girls hide from a murderer, but the entire time it's actually a game of hide and seek with their older brother.
- #3 Junior Jillian Kaniss sings in a 10-minute play about fighting serious problems while in love.

Speak NOW



“As a freshman, coming into the OBU theatre was scary but we are like a family. My experience in the department was interesting. It was hard to be in a power position as the co-choreographer and dance captain for the musical, but I was blessed with the support of the amazing upperclassmen and other freshmen and it made my experience even better. The OBU theatre faculty puts on amazing work and I have grown so much this year being in their classes and getting to have one-on-one time to grow as a student. I am blessed to be a part of this great program and had an amazing freshman experience.”

Stacy Hawking, a freshman musical theatre major from Sherwood



Senior Bethany Swiontek performs a scene during "The Crane Wife." The play featured several scenes that included choreographed fabric movement.

A group of actors gather to listen during "The Crane Wife." This production took place during September.

Speak
NOW



“Chapel is a great time of learning. I sometimes think of it as a melting pot of education. Whether you’re learning about an athletic team’s accomplishments, or you’re learning about spiritual growth from James Taylor, there’s always something new. I enjoy hearing messages brought to us by theologians from all over the country. This year in Chapel, I learned more than I have any other semester. Not only does Chapel spiritually encourage students, but also through chapel time, we get to see the talents of OBU students as they lead us in worship. For example, I would have never known that Kelsey Frink had the voice of an angel if I would have decided to skip Chapel that day!

Hannah Pinkerton, a sophomore communication sciences and disorders major from Benton

James Taylor, Campus Ministries director, delivers a message to students during one of the various Chapels throughout the year.



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Left Top: Senior Rachel Shrader sings a song for special music at the start of Chapel in March.

photo by: Kristen Barnard

Left Bottom: In November, Dr. Amy Sonheim gives a speech titled, “The Unbearable Lightness of Childhood: George MacDonald on Bearing the Yoke of Christ.”

photo by: Kristen Barnard

Right: Senior Daniel Aylett and junior Jake Fauber help lead worship with the “Ouachita Bluegrass Band.” The group also played at the International Food Festival.

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Dr. Rex Horne speaks during the Convocation Chapel. The Convocation Chapel was the first Chapel of every school year and featured all the professors in their academic regalia.

Joining together in hymns, professors and students sing together at the first Chapel of the year.



photo by: Nicole McPhate

A Common Bond

#Emily Grigsby

Chapel at Ouachita was something that had been a tradition since the opening of its doors in 1886, and something that still happened at Ouachita today. This year's Chapel speakers included everyone from President Rex Horne and Campus Ministries Director James Taylor to pastor and alum Shawn Barnett, theologian Marva J. Dawn and interpretive actor Wesley Brannard. Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagement, presided in Chapel, a duty he has carried on for almost 25 years. "I was assigned the oversight of Chapel when I first started working on campus when I arrived on December 1, 1988," Cosh said. "Chapel has always been an important part of the education here at Ouachita and a part of the Ouachita experience," Cosh added. Hearing mostly positive responses about Chapel over the past 25 years encouraged Cosh. "Students

understand the diverse nature of the Chapel program and the balancing that is required to accommodate interests and preferences of the study body," he said. Chapel speakers came from diverse backgrounds, as did the student body, but it was Chapel that brought everyone together every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Cosh expressed how he found the speakers that engaged students every week. "Speakers are recommended from every area of campus and come from faculty, students, staff and the administration," he said. Students not only participated in Chapel by being part of the overall experience, but many students were able to perform, pray or read scripture. The worship music was led by Dr. Rob Hewell, associate professor of music and worship studies program director. Hewell was assisted by student vocalists and instrumentalists. Victoria Mantooth, a junior vocal performance major from Sherwood, led worship with Hewell in the fall semester. "When Dr. Hewell told me the music we were going to sing in Chapel, I was very excited. I really enjoy helping lead worship because I get very involved with the depth and spirituality of the music. God has blessed the Earth with the gift of beautiful music, and worshiping the Lord by doing something I truly love is such a blessing. Dr. Hewell's prayer before worship during Chapel gets the musicians motivated to help students praise our Savior in song."

Often times students had the chance to lead worship together on stage. Carli Sasser, a junior music education major from Hamburg, was able to help lead worship with Noah James, a senior Christian studies and philosophy major from Cabot. "Leading worship in Chapel is a slightly frightening but very rewarding experience," Sasser said. "It's very different than leading worship in an actual worship service, but it's still cool to stand in front of your peers and experience them worshipping with you." The Chapel at Ouachita was something that can't be matched at other bigger universities. It was a time for community worship with a majority of the student body, along with faculty and staff. Cosh wanted people to know there was a difference in these weekly experiences. "Chapel at Ouachita provides a unique opportunity that is impossible to achieve at a large university, and that is the chance to enjoy the company of others through a common experience on a regular basis. Consider that a student at OBU receives seven chapel credits to graduate. Those seven credits represent a massive amount of commonly shared experience that is of great value in forming the OBU experience. Chapel really is a difference making experience." Coming together to love God and show that love to others could be gained every week from a variety of speakers and musicians who revealed part of their spiritual journey to students on campus.

photo by: Kristin Barnard



President Rex Horne speaks in front of the graduating class at the commencement ceremony in May. There were 296 diplomas awarded.

Only the Beginning

#Devan Malone

It takes about 10 steps, one handshake and a smile for the camera. In that walk across the steps of Cone-Bottoms, years of hard work and dedication come together in a single moment where students receive their diploma. It is a moment many have dreamed about for years. It is a moment where one phase of life ends and the page turns to a new chapter. Most of all, it is a celebration of accomplishments and success that were hard earned.

On May 11, on the front lawn of Cone-Bottoms Hall, 296 students were awarded their diplomas. These students made up the class of 2013. During

their four years at Ouachita they witnessed many changes on campus. The Village, Westside 1 and 2 and Heflin Plaza were completed during their time, as well as the renovation of Life Hall and Evans Student Center. As they watched these changes being made on campus they too were growing and changing. Graduation was a symbol of this growth and change as they had become difference makers, ready to go out into the world. Giving his thoughts on the class of 2013, Dr. Horne said his "hope and prayer for our 2013 graduates is that these individuals will commit to being difference makers for life. Each one can do this in their chosen fields of service and the communities or countries in which they will reside."

During the ceremony, 240 Bachelor of Arts degrees were awarded, 39 Bachelor of Science degrees, 10 Bachelor of Music degrees and seven Bachelor of Music Education degrees. Among these were 122 honors graduates including 23 who graduated summa cum laude with a grade point average of 3.95 or higher, 49 who graduated magna cum laude and 50 who graduated cum laude. Eight students graduated from the Carl Goodson Honors

program, and 31 Alpha Chi National Honor Society members graduated.

For many students, graduation was a time of mixed emotions. "I think the key to embracing graduation was realizing that we weren't being kicked out, but sent out," said Mary Castleman, a Christian media major from Batesville. "As Dr. Terry Carter told me, 'That's been our purpose in teaching you the whole time.'"

Dr. Horne also felt that the class of 2013 was ready to be sent out into the world to make a difference. "My firm conviction is that our students educated in the liberal arts tradition will make the best leaders and workers," Horne said. "Our professors lead our students in knowing how to think, speak and write. When you add this component to the material and methods learned, our graduates have the opportunity for continued success over their lives."

No matter what challenges or obstacles they may face, the class of 2013 has the foundation of a strong liberal arts education and an equally strong Ouachita community always there to support them. For them, the journey had just begun.

Speak NOW



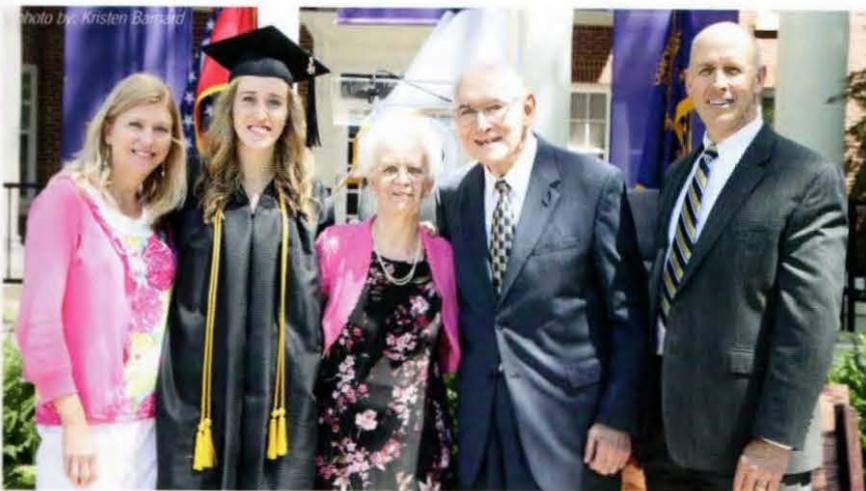
Senior Class President Jake Edwards leads the prayer at Commencement. Senior Anthony Emerson read the Scripture as the top scholar in the Pruet School of Christian Studies.

Senior Hannah Ramsey stands with her parents and grandparents after the ceremony. Ramsey was a fifth-generation Ouachitonian; her great-great-grandfather attended Ouachita in 1891 and her great-grandmother graduated in 1920.



“As I sat on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms with my classmates, my mind was flooded with many memories, from silly moments with friends to the many lessons in leadership to relationships, and in my studies! Graduation was bitter-sweet. I will miss my friends and professors, but I feel confident and prepared to face the challenges before me.”

Catie Bennett, a senior early childhood education major from Kingwood, Texas



Dr. Stan Poole calls out the name of a student as she walks across the stage to receive her diploma.

The graduate class of 2013 poses for a picture outside the Commons before the Commencement ceremony.

- # 1 Junior Ashley Briggs hands out commencement programs with other OSF members to seniors in the procession.
- # 2 Senior Travis Anderson accepts his Bachelor of Arts degree from Dr. Horne.
- # 3 Students get ready for the processional near the amphitheater just minutes before commencement.



@Ouachita Today is the day! Welcome to your @ouachita story, Class of 2016! #WOW2012 (Aug. 18)

#July



7/27/12 The 2012 Summer Olympic Games open in London, U.K. The ceremony is titled *Isles of Wonder*.

photo courtesy of: washingtonpost.com

7/30/12 Missy Franklin, 17, wins her first Olympic Gold Medal in the 100 m backstroke with a time of 58.33. Franklin won five medals, four of which were gold.

7/20/12 A gunman kills 12 and injures 70 at a midnight premiere of *The Dark Knight Rises* in Aurora, Colo.



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#October



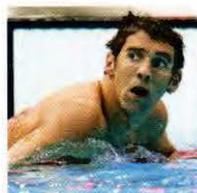
10/6/12 Senior Hannah Pilcher is named 2012 Homecoming Queen. At Tiger Tunes, the women of EEE win first, followed by Campus Ministries, the men of Eta Alpha Omega and Campus Activities.

photo by: Kristen Barnard

10/23/12 Apple introduces the new iPad Mini to be available on the shelves on Nov. 2.

10/28/12 The San Francisco Giants beat the Detroit Tigers in a four-game sweep at the MLB World Series.

#August



8/4/12 Michael Phelps wins his 18th Olympic gold medal in the men's 4x100 medley relay final in London, double any other in Olympic history, and ends his career with 22 medals.

photo courtesy of: ibtimes.com

8/18/12 Upperclassmen move in 364 new students at Welcome to Ouachita's World.

#November



11/6/12 The 44th United States President, Barack Obama, wins the 57th presidential election for a second term in office. He wins the race with 332 electoral votes against Mitt Romney's 206.

photo courtesy of: whitehouse.gov

11/4/12 CAB presents "The Dark Knight Rises" to students in Walker before the movie is available on DVD.

#September



9/12/12 Apple introduces the new iPhone 5 to come out on Sept. 21. Pre-orders topped 2 million in the first 24 hours and sales for the first weekend topped 5 million.

photo courtesy of: apple.com

9/11/12 Rho Sigma leads students to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City.

#December



12/14/12 A 20-year-old gunman fatally shoots 20 children and six adult staff at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., after first killing his mother in their home.

photo courtesy of: flicker.com

12/2/12 Senior LJ Brooks, 21, passes away at Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock.

[@Bellisandmusic](#) Our last night in Arkansas and we are in Arkadelphia at Jones PAC at Ouachita Baptist University! 7:30pm, free night of worship!! (Feb. 12)



[@OBUAthletics](#) Abbi Frakes was named the GAC Softball Pitcher of the Week after a 3-win weekend against SAU! (Apr. 23)



#January



1/20/13 The OBU cheerleading squad places seventh nationally at the UCA/UDA national cheer competition in Orlando, Fla.

photo by: Nicole McPhate

1/20/13 Pec Life takes a group of students to Winter Park, Colo., for a Christmas Break Ski Trip.

1/20/13 President Obama's Inauguration brings over 800,000 people to the U.S. Capitol Building.

#April



4/15/13 Two bombs explode near the finish line at the annual Boston Marathon, killing 3 spectators and injuring 264 other onlookers and participants.

photo courtesy of: csmonitor.com

4/20/13 Men's tennis wins their second consecutive GAC Championship over East Central.

4/26/13 OBU hosts the 2013 Arkansas College Media Association annual conference. The 2012 *Ouachitonian* won 36 awards, *The Signal* received 24, the Photo Lab earned 12 and *The Ouachita Show* earned four.

#February



2/12/13 Student Senate and Campus Activities bring All Sons & Daughters to campus for Campus Ministries' Christian Focus Week.

photo by: Nathan Dickard

2/12/13 The Baltimore Ravens defeat the San Francisco 49ers 34-31 at Super Bowl XLVII. A partial power outage in the third quarter postponed play for over 30 minutes. A service performed at the halftime show.

#May



5/20/13 An EF5 tornado strikes Moore, Okla., killing 23 and injuring 377. This was the fourth tornado over EF4 in the city of Moore since 1999.

photo courtesy of: poynter.org

5/4/13 Junior Davis Ward is named GAC Pitcher of the Year and selected for All-GAC First Team.

5/11/13 Ouachita graduates 296 at the annual spring commencement exercises.

#March



3/2/13 Senior Kiley Wright wins Miss OBU. Junior Kris Wright was first runner-up, with second runner-up senior Alison Johnson, third runner-up junior Caitlin Secrest, and fourth runner-up freshman Sarah Gaskin.

photo by: Nicole McPhate

3/2/13 Senior Marcus Schlesinger wins the NCAA Championship in the 100 Butterfly with a time of 47.54.

3/22/13 The men's basketball team wins the Great American Conference Tournament. The Tigers won against Arkansas Tech with a score of 59-54.

#June

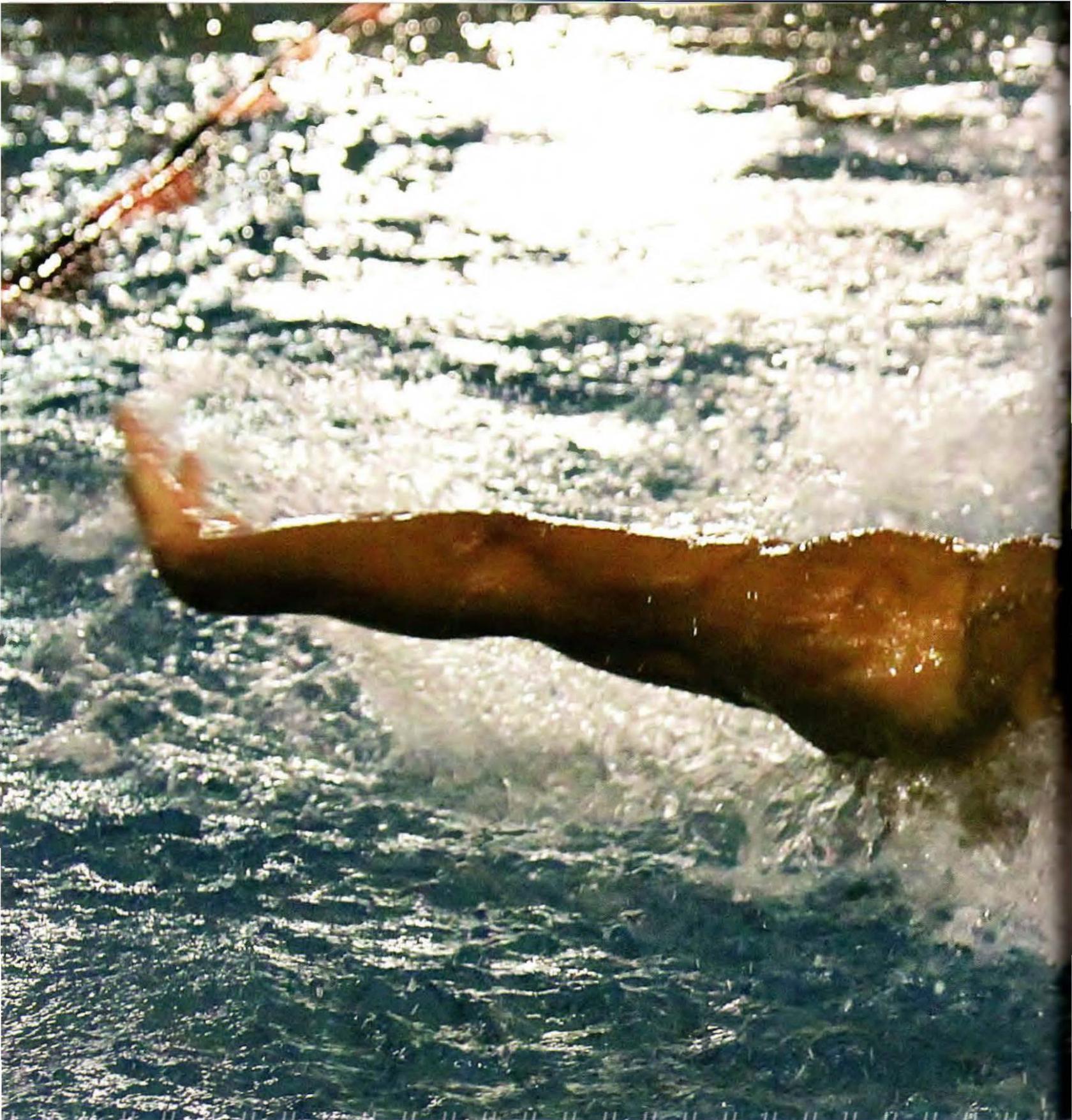


6/8/13 Serena Williams wins the French Open against the previous year's winner, Maria Sharapova. This was Williams' first French Open Championship since 2002.

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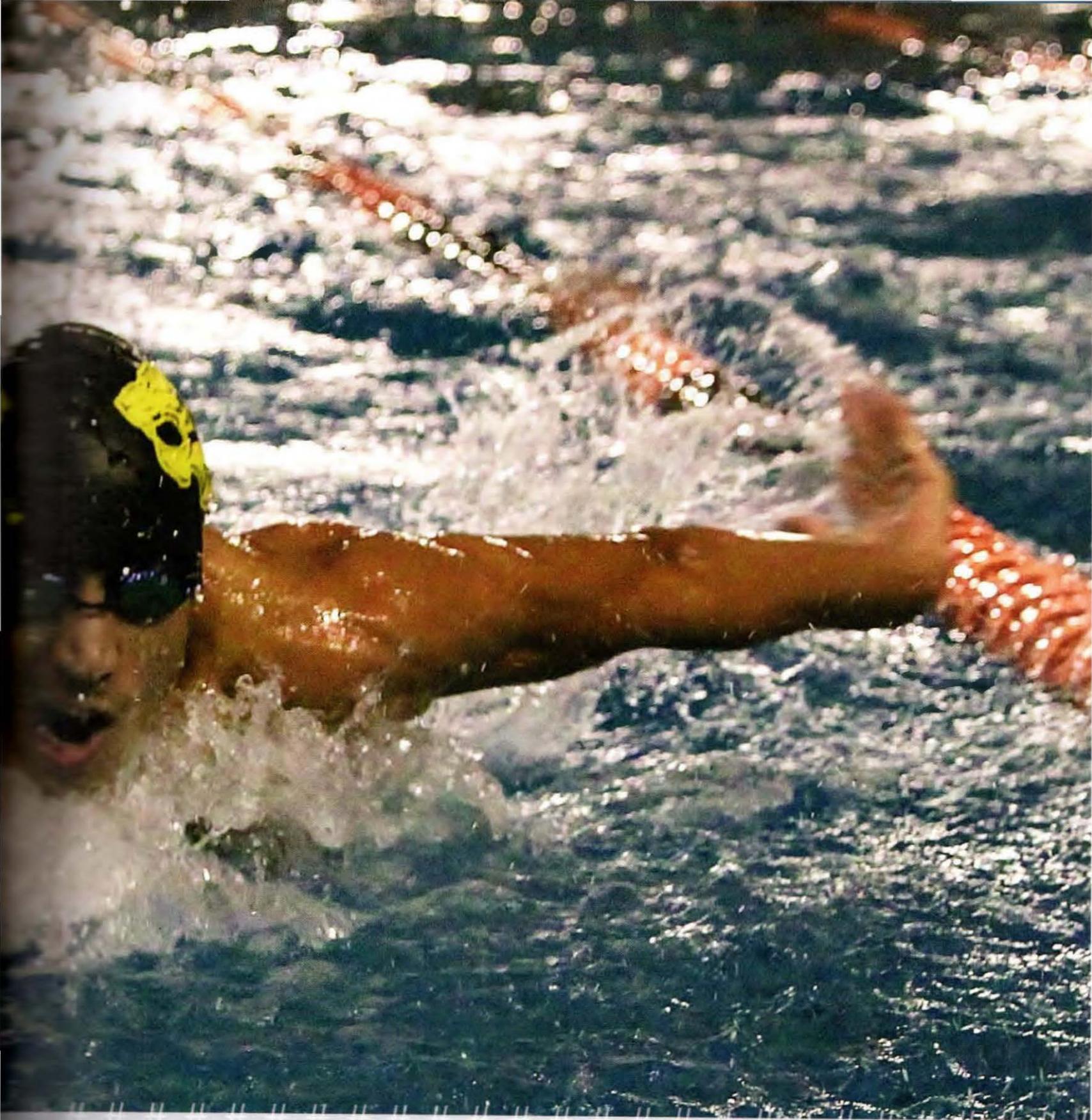
6/20/13 The Miami Heat beats the San Antonio Spurs in the 2013 NBA Finals with a series win of 4-3 and a final game score of 95-88.

6/22/13 Ouachita welcomes JV and SH students to campus for ABSC Super Summer.



Student athletes had a remarkable year with conference championships in men's basketball and men's tennis. Individual athletes excelled in sports such as swimming and wrestling. Student athletes worked hard not only for their coaches but for their professors as well. The challenges these students faced in their individual sport was accompanied by the same workload as other full-time students. The athletes at Ouachita showed courage and dedication on and off the field, court, mat, pool or course. They believed in themselves and showed their potential from outstanding conference finishes to Division II recognitions. They chose to push themselves and showed their determination to

#speaknow



Senior Marcus Schlesinger races to be the first to touch the wall in a BOTR match-up in October. Schlesinger went on to win a national championship in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 47.54 at the NCAA Championships in Birmingham, Ala.

photo by: Jason Pullano

SPORTS

changing Lives

#Mauri Sparks

Going from classes to practice, athletes had to learn to manage their time and stay on top of school-work. Whereas other students on campus were able to get involved in many different organizations at once, it was hard for student athletes to make time for various activities outside their sport. For this reason, many athletes found refuge in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, or FCA.

Every couple of weeks on Wednesday night, athletes from all different sports met for a time of fellowship with their peers. A student leadership team under the organization's staff sponsor, John Johnson, led this time. Head football coach Todd Knight, who helped out with FCA, saw FCA as a place where student athletes could meet other athletes and grow relationally with them.

"The common bond of athletics brings the student athletes together and gives each other support for their teams," Knight said. "FCA on the Ouachita campus is a place where all of our athletic teams can get together and not only socialize among teams but grow spiritually as well. FCA allows those student athletes to get together and have Bible study and grow as individuals."

One of FCA's most often-used verses on the Ouachita campus was Colossians 3:23-24. Students who attended FCA gatherings were often reminded, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters" (NIV).

Augustine Ume-Ezeoke, a senior kinesiol-

ogy and fitness major from Garland, Texas, joined FCA to help make an impact for Christ on campus.

"FCA has helped me communicate a lot better with my teammates and other athletes around campus about what's going on in their lives and mine, about how we could pray for each other if things are good or bad," Ume-Ezeoke said. "I want everyone that comes to an FCA event to feel welcome, as it's a place not to feel judged but to come and open up to other athletes who you can relate to or who have been going through the same things that you have probably been going through."

Many student athletes were able to go to camps with the help of a new FCA account. Knight said, "FCA now has a Ouachita account set up where people give monthly to buy things like pizzas for FCA meetings and give athletes scholarships so that summer FCA camps are affordable to all."

One way the account was able to help students was a camp held at the Family Farm Christian Day Camp in Malvern. The college retreat was on a Friday in February for college athletes across the state. Spencer Knight, a sophomore business management major from Arkadelphia, was one of many students who attended the day camp.

"We really just hung out, worshipping and praying together," Spencer said. "We stayed up most of the night playing games and fellowshiping. Camp allowed us to dig a

little deeper in our walks with Christ and was good for camaraderie on our team."

The account was also able to pay for four students to an Arkansas FCA leadership camp in the summer in Lonesdale. Athletes from universities all over the state were huddle leaders for over 300 junior high and high school athletes.

"I had eight 10-12 grade boys," Spencer said. "The purpose of the camp was to equip and train these FCA campus leaders to lead their local huddles."

The new account allowed for more students to go to different camps and have experiences like Ume-Ezeoke did at his first FCA camp.

"John Johnson invited me to go to a FCA camp one summer," Ume-Ezeoke said. "When I went to the camp it was a life-changing experience. I gave my life to Christ from that day on. God told me to share the good news with other athletes and that you can never be too cool for Christ."

Fellowship of Christian Athletes reminded the students on campus who shared the bond of sports that Christ is to be glorified on and off of the field, court, pool or course.

Ume-Ezeoke said, "FCA affects me on the field because it reminds me that my identity is not in football but it's in Christ and that I need to glorify him every time I step out on the field."



photo by: Nicole McPhate

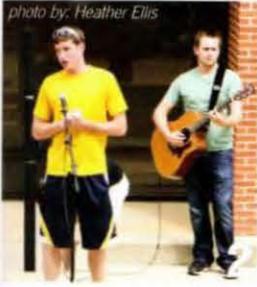


Students gather in the indoor practice facility for an FCA meeting. Students from all backgrounds and majors were invited to attend meetings.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



photo by: Heather Ellis



#1 Sophomore Hal Hoggard grabs a dodgeball during a game at an FCA meeting. FCA met every two weeks on Wednesday nights throughout the year.

#2 Freshman Colin Heaton speaks at the FCA Noonday in the amphitheater. The event was held in the fall semester.

#3 Junior Chris Rycraw takes dodgeballs in both hands during an FCA meeting. Meetings included pizza, games and Bible study.



photo by: Nicole McPherson

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Senior Cory Epps leads students in worship at the FCA Noonday event. The event brought in a crowd, and offered a short worship service following testimonies from athletes.

photo by: Heather Ellis

Augustine Ume-Ezeoke is a guy who has a lot of friends, and that says a lot about his character. He's involved in many different things on campus. He will be a fifth-year senior and is a returning all-conference football player. He had to be red-shirted this past year due to a knee injury. He has a good platform not only because of his athletic ability but his personality. I have seen Ume grow in the past four years. He was already a great young man, but has turned into a great leader. Ume has a great personality, he is a strong player in his sport and he has a great heart.

He loves what FCA stands for and his faith is evident.

- Coach Todd Knight



Augustine Ume-Ezeoke

leader spotlight

Season **IN** replay

Soccer:

- Heartbreakers (men's upper)
- Terror-dactyls (women's upper)
- Lovable Losers (co-ed)

Volleyball:

- WestSide Out (upper)
- Prestige Worldwide (middle)
- Bazinga! (lower)

Basketball:

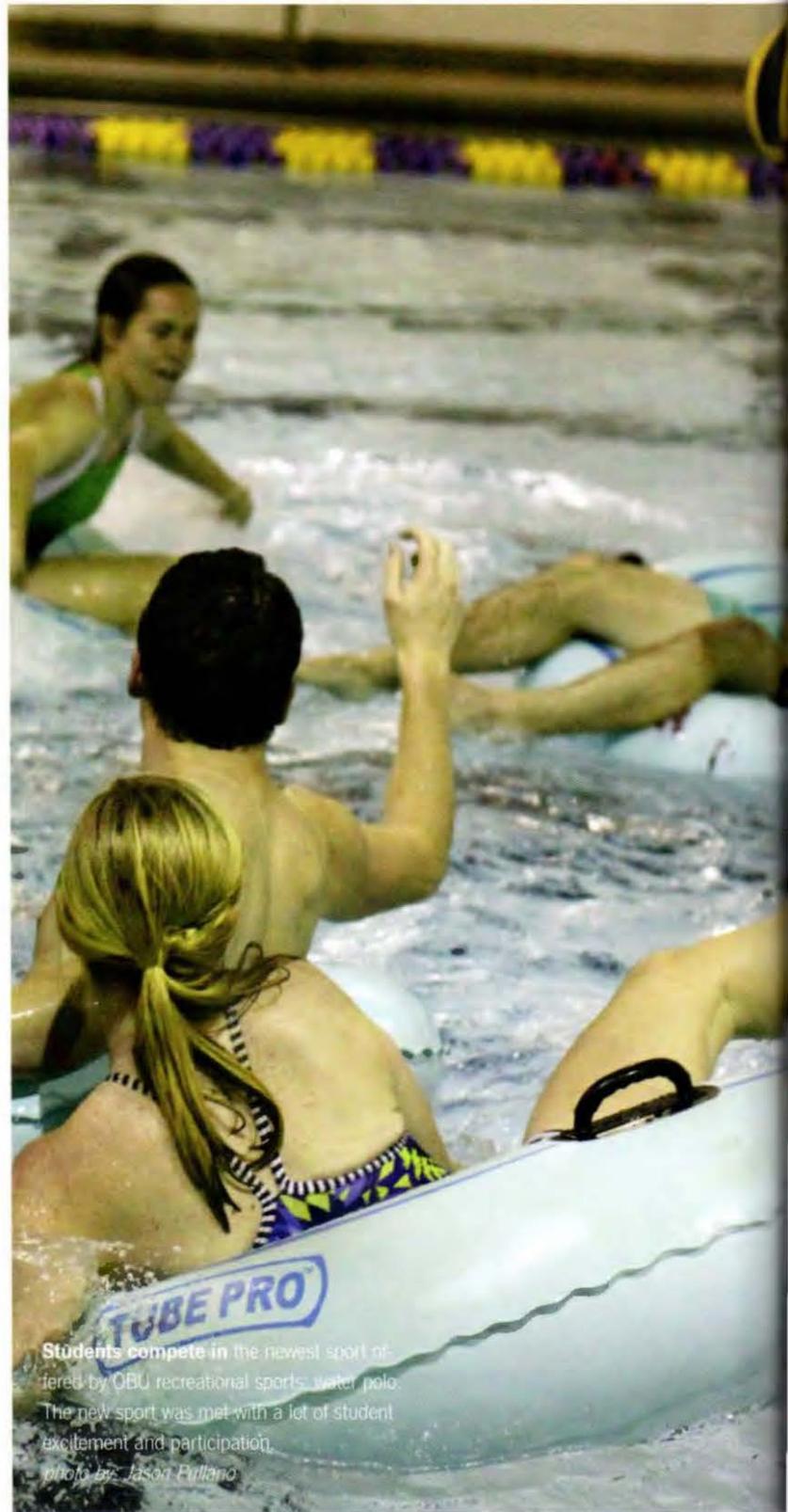
- Chi Delta Blue (women's lower)
- POWERHOUSE (women's upper)
- Los Latinos (men's lower)
- Follow Me (men's upper)

Flag Football: Softball:

- Beta Black (men's upper)
- EEE Hardcore (women's upper)
- Blood Bath & Beyond (men's lower)
- Francie's Finest (women's lower)
- Crawfish (men's upper)
- Black Sox (co-ed upper)
- Bad News Betas (men's lower)
- Southern Bat-tists (co-ed lower)



Director Jason Bean talks with student referees senior Demarcus Thornton, freshman Caleb White and junior Luke Smith at the intramural fields.



Students compete in the newest sport offered by OBU recreational sports, water polo. The new sport was met with a lot of student excitement and participation.
photo by Jason Pillano



Demarcus Thornton



Garrett Hartman

Demarcus Thornton and **Garrett Hartman** led our student referees as the assistant directors of intramural sports. Four years of commitment to intramurals as players, referees and assistant directors have seen Rec Sports grow into one of the most popular student extracurricular activities on campus. Their leadership on the field and on campus have set them on a path to a successful future as Ouachitonians.
- Recreational Life Director Jason Bean

all students Welcome

#Aly Smith

From the hardcore high school sports stars to the social club sisters in matching tank tops, you could find every sort of student at an intramural game. Intramural sports played a huge role in campus life, and helped bring everyone in the bubble just a little bit closer.

Intramural sports was run by the Rec Life office. Rec Life Director Jason Bean and Rec Life Assistant Director Rachel Jones ran the Intramural program. According to both Bean and Jones, the goal of intramural sports was to create a competitive environment filled with good sportsmanship that allowed any student to be involved in a variety of sports. A large number of different intramural sports was offered by RecSports, including flag football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, softball and the latest addition, inner-tube water polo. In this game, students played a game of water polo in the pool while splashing in inner tubes.

The intramural games were refereed by a staff of about 16 work-study students and two head referees. These students were trained in each sport and did their best to keep the games fair.

“The referees are what make intramurals possible for us. Without them, it would be a disaster,”

Jones said.

Something new to the intramural program this year was the use of a new online sign-up system. This system was called IM League and allowed students to create their teams online.

“Through IM League, the captain can send email invites to the players they want on the team,” said Griffin Kretzer, a middle school education major from Siloam Springs. “It’s a bunch easier than trying to chase people down with a crumpled piece of paper.”

IM League also allowed everyone on the team to have constant access to the game schedule as well as gave die-hard fans a way to check when their favorite teams were playing. The website also kept track of the teams’ points, statistics and standings, as well as awarded virtual trophies for each sport.

While virtual trophies were nice, nothing beat an intramural championship T-shirt. Easily the most coveted shirt on campus, the championship shirt was awarded to each

member of the team who won the championship in each sport. Needless to say, the championship shirt would be the crowning jewel of any Ouachitonian T-shirt collection.

While every intramural sport was wildly popular across campus, according to Bean there was a straight split for most popular between basketball and softball, each bringing in 430 players. However, for one very committed intramural player, there was no doubt which was the best sport offered.

“My favorite sport is basketball. There is no question,” said Devan Malone, a senior speech communication major from Benton. “During the summer I think about intramural basketball. During Tiger Tunes I think about intramural basketball. Christmas break, it’s basketball. It is the only sport I play. I recruit players heavily throughout the year. It’s just my thing.”

Malone and her team even had a special play to throw off the competition and win the game. “My team has a play called Tornado where we all just scream and run around acting like tornadoes,” Malone said. “This year it actually worked and we scored three points off of it.”



photo by: Morgan Morehead



Left: The Women of EEE Hardcore try to shutdown the lane against Tri Chi Pretty in an intense rivalry matchup. The women’s social clubs had some of the biggest fan support during basketball season.

Top Left: Senior Andrew McCraw throws a wicked 12 foot arc in a softball game during intramural season. Softball was held in the spring, and marked the end of the school year and beginning of summer.

Top Right: The flag football team Prestige World-Wide walks off the field after a game in early October. Champion teams from upper leagues traveled to Fayetteville to compete in the regional tournament.



photo by: Nathan Dickard

above and beyond the Norm

#Faith Ledbetter

Readily known for always pushing themselves far beyond their comfort zones, the Tiger Cheer squad members were among the hardest working athletes on campus. Even though the squad did not make their official debut until September, they began their hard work and dedication much earlier in the school year.

In early April, prospective squad members attended a three-day clinic which ended with team tryouts. The team began officially practicing together in late April. In July, the squad attended a camp in order to learn their new routines for the year and to become closer as a "family." At this camp, they were taught intensely choreographed routines and were absolutely exhausted, but all members agreed the camp was beyond worth it.

Before the school year started for all other students, the cheer squad members moved back to campus early and immediately began their long and hard practices in order to prepare for the upcoming football season. During the season, even when the football team suffered tough losses, the cheer team was always there to keep the crowd excited about cheering the players on.

By performing different chants to keep the crowd excited, the cheer squad kept fans on their feet and made it easier to have a positive outlook, no matter how the score ended up. The cheer squad also had short dances to certain songs to keep the positive energy going. The stunts and tumbling routines that they performed were also an aide in entertaining fans during the games.

Even though the cheerleaders performed at home, they also were able to impress people from all over the country. Near the end of January, the Tiger Cheer Team was able to travel to compete at the UCA/UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla. After lots of hard work and dedication while preparing for their time on the floor throughout the entire year, the team brought everything they had and finished seventh place overall. They also beat the previous high score of the squad by 5.93 points, a huge accomplishment.

Brad Hunter-Heird, a sophomore dietetics and nutrition major from Pine Bluff, said, "There's nothing better than a sense of accomplishment, and knowing you just hit

a routine perfectly in front of thousands of cheerleaders who are wanting you to fail." He went on to say, "We have one chance, lasting only 2 minutes and 30 seconds, during which we're able to show judges, our competition, and our fans what Ouachita Baptist University is made of."

With a well-executed routine and by the team being able to perform outstanding stunts, the team thoroughly impressed their coach, Brian Bridges, beyond his wildest expectations. Bridges said in a previous univer-

sity press release, "The stunts and pyramid sequences that we had in our routine this year are, by far, the most difficult any Ouachita team has ever attempted. Not only did my team attempt these difficult skills – they HIT them with perfection at Nationals!"

The members of the Tiger Cheer squad agreed that they were actively growing in their abilities. They felt as if they would be able to continue to break records in the future by further developing their skills and by growing as a team.

front row: April Pitts, Kaleigh Barnet, Keena Dickey, Paige Onyuru, Elizabeth White, Julianna Howard, Krista Carlisle **back row:** Lauren Bundy, John Grove, Chandler Tillery, Dawson Prichard, Charles Tillery, Brad Hunter-Heird, Lauren Dunklin.





#1 The Spirit squad forms its iconic "OBU spellout" at a pep rally in late September. Pep rallies helped get the student body hyped up for the season.

#2 John Grove carries the flag at a November 3 game against Southern Arkansas. The guys on the spirit squad helped form a strong foundation for the squad.

#3 Krista Carlisle and April Pitts help lead a cheer at Bill Vining Arena. The Spirit Squad finished the year with a seventh place finish at Nationals.



The spirit squad leads a cheer at a February 11 basketball game against Southern Nazarene University. From Bill Vining Arena to A.U. Williams field, and everywhere in-between, the OBU spirit squad kept the fans on their feet throughout the season.
photo by: Tyler Rosenthal

Keena Dickey has been involved in the OBU Spirit Program for the past four years. Her commitment to Tiger Spirit is second to none. She has worked hard in helping build Tiger Spirit at all athletic events, community events, parades, pep rallies and other various activities that the spirit squads have been involved in. She has been a true leader this past year, serving as the captain of the cheer squad. Under her leadership, the team set another school record in the National Cheerleading Championships at the ESPN Wide World of Sports at Walt Disney World.

Keena has shown true commitment for her team and her university.
- Coach Brian Bridges



player spotlight

Freshman Justin Massey and other members of the rhythm section perform at halftime at A.U. Williams Field. The band performed in multiple events this year, including Tiger Tunes and Ouachita's Lip Dub video.
photo by: Kasey Westenman



@OBUBand It's GAME DAY! First college football game being played in the NATION! Come check out the band warm up in the stadium at 5:30! #tigionation



#1 Junior James Norton plays the guitar at a performance. The rhythm section performed on their own as well as with the rest of the band.
#2 Senior Elyse Senteney, drum major, guides the band during a home game performance. Elyse has been drum major for the "Best Band from Tigerland" for three years.
#3 Juniors Megan Massey and Brett Steed and freshman Zach Barber preform in the brass section at a halftime performance. The Tiger band, although smaller in size from previous years, still managed to impress audiences with big sound.



Deborah Caldwell (Senior Trumpet Player from Siloam Springs, Arkansas): Deborah has been a leader who has been instrumental in many of our performances. Her dedication to the band program is unmatched. She has helped in all aspects of the success of the OBU Tiger Marching Band. Her innovative guidance has kept the "family atmosphere" among all the band students throughout her time here at OBU.

Andrew McCraw (Senior Trombone Player from Fort Worth, Texas): Andrew has been extremely involved as a leader in the OBU Tiger Marching Band. His desire is to ALWAYS make it enjoyable to be a part of our band. He always is positive in rehearsals and is one of the leaders who make our performances on and off the field be entertaining. He is a great role model for all the members of the band and his unique ideas have made our band unique in many different ways. His leadership has been a strong determining factor in the success of the OBU Tiger Marching Band of the last four years!

Elyse Senteney (Senior Drum Major from Plano, Texas): Elyse has been the drum major for the Tiger Marching Band for the past three years. Her growth as a leader has improved every year and she has played a major role in the success of the OBU Tiger Marching Band. Her dedication, attention to detail, willingness to go the extra mile and her wonderful attitude have been the most important driving force behind the performances of the band. Her love for the performance is evident in every moment she is leading our band!

- Director Robert Hesse

small size Huge Sound

#Ali Robinson

They train, but they are not athletes. They perform, but they are not in the show business. They inspire, but they are not celebrities, evangelists, or political leaders. They are more than just instruments, syncopated beats, and tall, fluffy hats. They are the OBU marching band.

The band did not miss a beat this year and packed its schedule full of lively events. The band incorporated a very enticing take on the Men In Black into their Tiger Blast performance at Tiger Tunes in October. They kept a steady drumbeat as alien-like creatures flooded the stage, their faces exotically painted. After a rousing performance, the "Men in Black" then asked the audience to "stare into the light," upon which a cloud of smoke erupted from the stage.

They also participated in Ouachita's debut of the university lip-dub on campus in November. And let us not forget their presence at the multiple pep rallies and even a parade. But the band's most notorious appearances were the home football games.

Bandleaders were worried by the size of the 2012 marching band, but were soon reassured that it would not play a factor in how they performed. Elyse Senteney, senior

drum major and music education major from Plano, Texas, said that she believes "one of the band's greatest accomplishments this year has been that despite its relatively small size, it has made a huge sound and a huge presence in performances all around campus and the community." It was not easy for them to overcome such an obstacle, however. The band began practicing before school started and continued to work hard throughout marching season. They practiced on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as the Friday before game days. Senteney also said they overcame the setback "with great musical playing, a full sound, and by just enjoying ourselves and providing entertainment for fans."

With their big sound and catchy performances, the band captivated the students, faculty, and community with their musical abilities. The band's halftime performances were highly anticipated by both the audience and the band members themselves. "I always look forward to performing at halftime because it is the culmination of what we've been working toward all week. And it's great to hear the crowd cheer and be able to tell that they enjoy what we're do-

ing, and that they're engaged for the most part," said Anna English, a sophomore English major from Coppell, Texas. Pleasing the audience played such an important role for the band because its success lied solely in the satisfaction of those listening.

"We want our performance to be enjoyable and entertaining for the audience. That's our goal with every performance," English said.

Every member of the band played an important role, but beautiful music would not be made if it were not for the man behind the magic, Director Robert Hesse. He was the prime example of dedication as he recently wrapped up his eleventh year of serving as the band's director. Hesse truly enjoyed putting his time and effort into the members and watching them succeed. "It is great to see a performance come together with this group. They work hard and we have some really enjoyable moments," Hesse said.

The band members had a passion to create enjoyable music, and that they did. They accomplished many great things, and led us all to one conclusion: you can't stop the beat, especially that of a Tiger.



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Left: Freshmen Julie Nessler and Carter Harlan, sophomore Chris Hogan and freshman Adam Jones perform at halftime. In Tiger Blast, the drumline was dressed in alien costumes.

Top Left: Senior Erin Edge marches in time during a performance. The marching band began practicing before school started and continued to work hard throughout the season.

Top Right: Senior Brandi Hull twirls the baton with grace and accuracy while the band performs. Hull was a senior psychology major from Longview, Texas.

being Self-Driven

#Lauren Scarborough

"Anytime you have got a good cross country runner, it is self driven," Head Coach Mike McGhee said. "It doesn't matter what kind of coach you have, if the athletes do not have the discipline and the drive to put in the extra mile." This certainly seemed to reign true throughout this season for the Lady Tigers.

Through team practices or independent exercises, these girls proved their dedication to the sport and carried their commitment over in their races. The athletes' hard work paid off as the Lady Tigers won at the Harry Denson Memorial in Monticello for the third consecutive year. Johanna Casey, a kinesiology major from Rogers, Ark., took first in the race and set a new personal record with her time of 18:51.87.

"It was something I thought I would never do; God definitely was blessing me for all my hard work this summer," said Casey.

Casey was not the only one making personal improvements this season. The team's only senior, Kelsie Wilson, an early childhood

education major from Batesville, Ark., said she was pleased with her performance this season and glad to have gotten closer to her goal times. Wilson also reflected on the pleasure of traveling with her team to meets. "We had a lot of fun traveling. I'm always co-pilot for Coach McGhee, so I have to sit in the front and navigate, as well as trying to stay awake," she said.

Team members agreed that one reward for their labor was the extra day they got to spend on the beach after traveling to Pensacola, Fla., for the Gulf Coast Stampede in which they placed seventh out of 16 teams. The team also traveled to Fayetteville, Ark., for the Chili Pepper Run, Joplin, Mo., for the Missouri Southern Stampede, and to Ada, Okla., for the Great American Conference meet where Casey was named to the 2012 All-GAC Women's Cross Country Second Team.

While the team members all testified to the large amount of time and work required to achieve their goals, they agreed that the joy of accomplishing their aims outweighed the difficult training. When asked what his

main advice to his athletes was during their training, McGhee said, "The main thing is to listen to the body during the week. That way you know you will be prepared and be as strong as possible on the weekend when the time for the meets come."

As the team prepared for meets together, and later traveled to these meets, they spent much time bonding and generating strong relationships among themselves. When asked what her favorite aspect of being on the cross-country team was, Casey said, "My favorite part is being with my teammates and seeing how God works through them. I think God is really working through those girls and I feel honored to run with them." This similar message was echoed throughout the team. Senior Kelsie Wilson said, "I am going to miss my teammates and coach; it is kind of a bittersweet thing."

Although team members transitioned into different stages of life, the quality of being self-driven that Head Coach Mike McGhee stressed so much will carry on into all aspects of their lives, helping them be successful in all their endeavors.

front row: Grace Finley, Samantha Williams, Rebekah Ward, Kasey Mcleane, Kelsie Wilson

back row: Head Coach Mike McGhee, Parish Reed, Hannah Diaz, Johana Casey, Ashley Randels



photo by: Kristina Barnar



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Kristen Barnard

#1: Kelsie Wilson [803], Hannah Diaz [805], and Rebekah Ward [808] get their second wind at the Bob Gravette Invitational. The Tigers finished first as a team.

#2 Ashley Randels takes a moment to snap a picture with some loyal cross country fans. OBU students came to show their support for the Tigers at the Bob Gravette Invitational.

#3 Johana Casey distances herself from the pack at the Bob Gravette Invitational. Casey was selected for the All-GAC second team at the end of the season.

Season IN replay

Harry Denison Invitational -Monticello, AR	1st
Bob Gravett Invitational- Arkadelphia, AR	1st
Missouri Southern Stampede-Joplin, MO	18th
Gulf Coast Stampede-Pensacola, FL	7th
Chili Pepper Run-Fayetteville, AR	40th
Great American Conference Meet- Ada, OK	5th



The team gets a jump start on the competition at the Bob Gravette Invitational. The Tigers placed first at the annual event, with Johana Casey placing first. Casey was named GAC runner of the week for her performance.

photo by: Heather Ellis

Kelsie Wilson went out having her best season ever and it was more of her leadership off the course that was impressive this season. She did the little things that really helped the team come together and I was really proud of the respect and character that she showed this season.

Johana Casey is just a workhorse for the cross country team. She had a great season. She won the first two races of the season, and represented the team well at the conference meet in Ada, Oklahoma. She finished 5th overall in conference with some really strong runners there. She does the little things as well and is a great overall student athlete. Johana will be a great senior leader next year.

- Coach Mike McGhee



player spotlight



@jcalebknight OBU stays unbeaten led by the 3rd string QB (a receiver)... If u can't pull for a team with this much heart, check ur loyalties. #TigerNation

IN Season replay

Northwestern Oklahoma State	55-3	W
Stillman College	31-0	W
Arkansas Tech	31-24	W
Southeastern Oklahoma State	27-24	W
Southwestern Oklahoma State	33-12	W
University of Arkansas - Monticello	58-7	W
Harding	14-34	L
East Central University	27-37	L
Southern Arkansas	28-44	L
Henderson State	7-42	L

front row: Augustine Urne-Ezoke, Casey Cooper, Jason Fowler, Ugo Nkalari, Dennis Stratton, Head Coach Todd Knight, Hunter Soper, Garrett Sykes, Peyton Tolliver, Brett Reece, Sam Dunnam **second row:** Chris Rycraw, Greg Williams, Jalen Jones, Curtis Martin, Ty Towers, Jarmarlin Jackson, Antwion Patterson, Evian Hilll, Kendrick Henderson, Markell Bulliner, Jeremy Small, Benson Jordan, Rodney Lary, Correy Johnson, Ezekiel Garcia, Justin Jones, Devon Cousins, Avery Lynch. **third row:** Stephen Kehner, Claude Person IV, Etauj Allen, Spencer Knight, Cory Jones, Bradley Stamm, Jamarkus Harmon, Matthew Showalter, Zack Mitchell, Ricky Brown, Christon Garrett, Matt Mainiero, Derek Morgan, Jackson Guerra, Trayvon Willis, John Edwards **fourth row:** Jacob Clark, Kyle Lamothe, Desmond Shaw, Caleb Ramsey, Donovan Bosley, Landon Freeman, Dion Young, Clark Gladdis, Eric Ashburn, Hayden Howell, Ethan Ramsey, Jonthan Frink, Tyler Robinson, Justin Rose, Dave Fair, Javin Prunty **fifth row:** Alex Poole, Luke Kimmel, Jake Kraus, Blake Johnson, ZiMorien Hughes, Hal Hoggard, Sam Henley, Michale Rogers, Mitchell Russell, Brent Calhoun, Jordan Sharp, Aaron Sprinkle, Mitch Bledsoe, Drew White, Johnathan Powell **sixth row:** Ryan Perkins, Aaron Garrett, Brad Thomas, Jordan Mcgee, Marquez Massey, Cory Matlock, Tavarus McIntosh, Barkely Legens, Riley Wilson, Cody Clevlen, Ryan Newsom **back row:** Ben Willy, Cory Godbolt, Dave White, Roy Thompson, Chris Lee, John Johnson, Brett Shockley, Tyler Caid, Shep Cambell, Chad Emmons, Jay Derby, Brandon Sitz, Katelyn Cresswell



The Tiger offense lines up to snap the ball. The Tiger offensive line was put to the test in many games this year.

photo by Hunter Ellis



Brett Reece

Brett Reece has been one of the main reasons that the OBU football program is the only college at any level to boast 5 back to back winning seasons, has one of the best winning percentages in the state and won the GAC championship in 2011. Brett has mind boggling statistics and his on the field accomplishments are second to none. His off the field presence has been felt as well. He has been a leader on the team, in FCA and across the campus. His Christian leadership earned him the vote of the 2012 team winning the Antwoyne Edwards leadership award his senior year. Brett has been a coach's dream on and off the field. In his career at Ouachita, Brett has 126 receptions, 2045 yards, 17 touchdowns, 60 yards per game average, eighth in GAC in receiving yards per game in 2011, eighth in GAC in receptions per game in 2012, fifth in GAC in receiving yards per game in 2012. He was named to the All Gulf South Conference First Team (2011), Don Hansen All-Super Region Two Third Team (2010), All-Great American Conference Second Team (2011), and All-Great American Conference First Team (2012).

- Coach Todd Knight

playing through Adversity

#Ryleigh Salmon

Ouachita overcame numerous injuries on its way to a fifth consecutive winning record, the longest current streak for a college football team in the state. The Tigers reached #10 in the nation, its highest ranking ever, and a 6-0 start before injuries and stiff Great American Conference competition pushed the Tigers to a 4-4 GAC record and 6-4 overall.

The first Tiger lost to injury was quarterback Casey Cooper, the returning GAC Offensive Player of the Year. He went down on the first offensive possession of the season-opener against Northwestern Oklahoma State.

"I completely tore my MCL, my medial and lateral meniscus, and sprained my ACL," said Cooper, a senior history major from Conway.

"I think it's upsetting for any athlete to be told they cannot play for the rest of the season. It is a part of sports, though, that every athlete is aware of. And how you respond to adversity is the most important thing."

Benson Jordan stepped into the position and played well until he injured his shoulder. "I sustained a grade two shoulder separation," said Jordan, a junior history major from Hot Springs. After missing two games, he was gradually returned to the lineup. With

both quarterbacks out, sophomore wide receiver Ty Towers moved to quarterback, his high school position at Star City.

Towers was a passing and running threat, hitting 67 percent of his passes for 573 yards and seven touchdowns while rushing for 445 yards and four touchdowns. Returning from his injury, Jordan was the Tigers' primary passing threat. He threw for 1,495 yards and 10 touchdowns while connecting on 62 percent of his passes.

With the quarterbacks fighting injury, sophomore Chris Rycraw played a significant role at running back. He rushed 199 times for 990 yards, averaging 5.0 yards per carry. He also caught 15 passes for 147 yards, and scored a total of nine touchdowns. Sophomore Steven Kehner added 341 yards rushing and six touchdowns.

Senior Brett Reece led the team in receiving with 44 catches for 685 yards and seven touchdowns. Sophomore Drew White followed with 43 receptions for 551 yards and four touchdowns. Sophomore Jalen Jones and senior Peyton Tolliver had 38 and 25 catches respectively.

Senior linebacker Jackson Guerra led the team with 72 tackles despite missing the final two games with an injury. Junior linebacker Ricky Brown had 71 tackles, and junior linebacker Antwion Patterson had

69. Sophomore defensive tackles Marquez Massey led the team in tackles-for-loss with 12.5 and sacks with six.

Both kickers had excellent seasons. Senior Jason Fowler was 7-8 on field goals and 38-40 on PATs. Junior Clark Gattis averaged 39.8 yards per punt and dropped 12 inside the opponent's 20 yard line.

With a dozen injuries limiting the team's success in its final four games, it was an injury to a high school player that put the game into perspective. Towers's younger brother, Zack, collapsed during his senior night game on Nov. 1.

The team rallied around Ty and his family as his brother lay in a coma. "It was an indescribable feeling for my entire team to pull together and play for my little brother. This situation has just made me realize not to take anything for granted: not one practice, not one play, not one game. To give it everything I have, every time."

Despite the numerous injuries, the Tigers managed to place 10 players on the All-GAC team. First-team selections included Rycraw and Reece, with second-team honors going to Towers, Massey, cornerback Etauj Allen and Gaddis. Fullback Spencer Knight, center Hunter Soper, offensive lineman Aaron Sprinkle and Guerra were named honorable mention.



Left: Two Tiger defenders bring down a Henderson running back in the annual Battle of the Ravine game. The Tigers faced a Reddie offense that was nationally ranked.

Top Left: Quarterback Benson Jordan [15] scrambles out of the pocket in an October 20 game against the Harding Bison. The Tigers had their first loss of the season against Harding.

Top Right: Junior Tori Aberella and others celebrate Tiger success at a game. Students showed their support by attending the games decked out in all the latest "Tiger Nation" gear.

playing for One Another

#Sydney Bratton

After summer workouts and moving into dorms a week early to begin pre-season two-a-days, the Lady Tigers were ready to hit the ground running from day one of practice. The team had a slow beginning as they held a 2-5 record during the first half of conference. The season continued and the team came together and worked hard to produce a 5-2 record for the second half of conference which led them to fifth place in the conference tournament.

Though many had higher expectations for the season, the players were able to come out with proud victories. Those victories included two sweeps against the team's long standing rival, Henderson State University. The defeats knocked HSU out of the Great American Conference tournament that was held at the end of the season. Encouraged by these wins, the Lady Tigers were given the drive they needed to finish strong.

"It was a great encouragement to see how our team responded to our imperfect start. It being my first year to play, I was amazed to see how we were able to come together and finish the season so great. We

were able to push through by staying strong in the Lord while also staying strong in each other," said Abby Pickett, a freshman early childhood education major from Texarkana, Texas.

With a season record of 10-17, some might have been discouraged to end with a losing season, but for others this was only the incentive to strive to do better in the next season.

"I look forward to seeing our team chemistry grow even more than it did this past season. I expect us to put up a fight in each game we play and make a run for that top spot in conference," said Kelsi Bodine, a junior history and secondary education major from Webb City, Mo.

The expectations for next season have risen but just as this season ended, good-byes were said to players who ended their college volleyball career. Allison Frizzell, a senior mathematics and secondary education major from McKinney, Texas, who received the "Player of the Week" title and led the conference in average digs per game with

a total of 536, prepared to leave the team with a thankful attitude. "[College volleyball] taught me that hard work and dedication pay off in the end," Frizzell said. "I loved receiving awards and getting recognized, but I wouldn't have gotten them if it weren't for my teammates' passion for the game and most of all God."

Even through rough patches of the season, as a team the Lady Tigers were able to withstand their circumstances and end their year with pride. "I can honestly say that being a part of this team has made me not only a better player, but person," said Jillian Jeffcoat, a senior kinesiology and secondary education major from Frisco, Texas. "It has taught me lessons like perseverance, leadership, time management skills, and most importantly, hard work."

In December, the Lady Tigers received the GAC Sportsmanship Award. According to the news release, "Of the 11 volleyball playing universities in the Gulf South Conference this year, none were as encouraging and displayed the level of sportsmanship as Danny Prescott and his Lady Tigers."



photo by: Adam Pullano

**front row:**

Savanah White, Sara Mitchell, Chelsey Hess, Keely Howk, Allison Frizzell, Morgan Kelly, Jillian Jeffcoat

back row:

Faith Avalos, Lauren Perry, Abby Pickett, Kelly Ballard, Julie Stanley, Kelsi Bodine, Megan Askew





#1 Chelsey Hess serves the ball with authority. Hess, a Conway native, was a sophomore.

#2 Abby Pickett and Kelsi Bodine look to block a spike against Harding. Pickett, a red shirt freshman, came to OBU from Texarkana, Texas. Bodine, a junior, was from Webb City, Mo.

#3 Kelsie Bodine, Keely Howk, prepare to return the ball. The Tigers were 4-4 at home this season.

Season IN replay

West Georgia	1-3	L
Christian Brothers	2-3	L
Lincoln Memorial Univeristy	2-3	L
Tiffin University	0-3	L
Philander Smith College	3-0	W
Texas A&M-Commerce	2-3	L
Incarnate Word	1-3	L
Tarleton State	0-3	L
Lubbock Christian	0-3	L
Lyon College	3-0	W
Southern Arkansas	2-3	L
Texas college	3-0	W
Ark- Monticello	3-0	W
Harding	1-3	L
Arkansas Tech	0-3	L
Southern Nazarene	1-3	L
Southern Arkansas	1-3	L
Northwestern Oklahoma	3-0	W
Southwestern Oklahoma	1-3	L
Henderson State	3-0	W
Southeastern Oklahoma	3-2	W
Harding	0-3	L
Ark-Monticello	3-0	W
East Central	3-1	W
Southeastern Oklahoma	1-3	L
Henderson State	3-0	W
GAC Tournament -Southwest OK	1-3	L

The Tigers huddle up before a November 2nd matchup against East Central. The Tigers Won 3 games to one.
photo by: Tyler Rosenthal



Allison Frizzell has been an outstanding libero and team leader. She brought out the best in her teammates through her exceptional work ethic and Christian example. She led the Great American Conference (GAC) in defense this season, averaging 5.36 digs per set. She finished second in the nation with 6.86 digs per set her sophomore season, and her efforts resulted in a team overall ranking of #7 in NCAA Division II volleyball defense that year. She and her teammates had a profound impact on their competition, as the GAC coaches and match officials chose them to be the recipients of the inaugural GAC Sportsmanship Award this season. It has been a privilege to coach Allison and to see the impact she has made in others' lives during her career in Ouachita athletics.

- Coach Danny Prescott

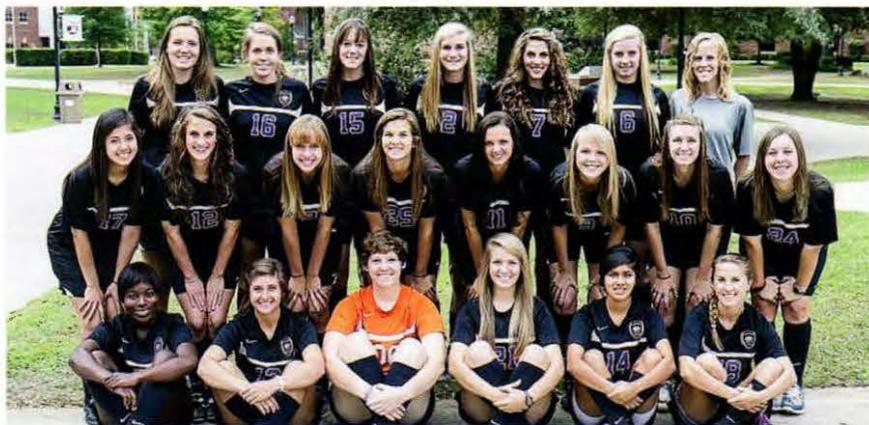


player spotlight

Season IN replay

Texas A&M Commerce	0-2	L
Texas Womens	1-0	W
Hendrix	1-0	W
Central Baptist	2-0	W
Texas College	6-0	W
Southern Nazarene	2-1	W
East Central	0-1	L
Harding	1-2	L
Northwestern OK State	2-0	W
Southwestern OK State	0-1	L
Delta State	2-0	W
Southern Nazarene	0-1	L
Easst central	2-1	W
Harding	3-0	W
Northeastern State	1-3	L
Northeastern SOk State	2-2	T
Southwestern OK State	2-4	L
Gac Tournament - East Central	1-0	W
Gac Tournament- Southwest OK	1-2	L

front row: Azaela Smith, Sammie Mack, Shelby Shepard, Alison Drobena, Audrey Rodriguez, Vanessa Hays **second row:** Akane Forbess, Carrie Lieblong, Abby Emanuel, Britany Davidson, Sarah Mckimmey, Lauren Hatch, Taylor Gay, Sarah Broyles **back row:** Morgan Allen, Jessica Allen, Morgan Pitchford, Mary Wisenhunt, Brittany Davidson, Leah Anderson



Senior Lauren Hatch stops the ball and prepares to move it upfield. The Tigers posted a season record of 10-8-1.
photo by: Grace Finley



Midfielder, **Lauren Hatch** and defender **Carrie Lieblong** have been outstanding leaders for the Lady Tiger soccer team. Their outstanding work ethic and verbal leadership helped the team to their second straight GAC Championship Match. Both Hatch and Lieblong were National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Central Region Third Team selections. Thanks to her great play and leadership from the back line, Lieblong was named to the All-Conference team her junior and senior years. Hatch anchored the midfield and helped lead the team through regular and post season play. Her exceptional service to the team landed her on the All-Conference team her junior and senior years. Both players have meant a great deal to the team, their coaches and to the school.

- Coach Kevin Wright

player spotlight

leadership, commitment And Love

#KateCody

The Lady Tigers soccer team was filled with leadership, commitment and a love for the sport. The team, led by first year coach Kevin Wright and assistant coach Neal Ozmun, consisted of six freshmen, five sophomores, three juniors and six seniors. "It's exciting at first. You get in and you're really anxious to get to meet them," said Coach Wright. "They were very business-like and were just as committed as the guy's program."

Although this was the first year Coach Wright coached the team, he made it clear that he couldn't have picked a better group to start with, posting an 10-8-1 winning season.

The ladies began the season with an 0-2 loss to Texas A&M Commerce, but quickly bounced back with a five game win streak. Early games against Harding University and East Central University resulted in losses, but the ladies were able to defeat both teams in their second meetings.

Coach Wright noted that in the middle of the season, "We tried to switch philosophies

from what we were wanting to do coming in, to what we felt fit our girls a little better."

Their winning season brought the Lady Tigers a invitation to the GAC Tournament in Weatherford, Okla. The Lady Tigers won their first match of the GSC tournament, beating the host team East Central Oklahoma 1-0. However, the team's season came to an end with a hard fought 1-2 loss to Southwest Oklahoma in the second round of the tournament.

As the tournament closed, the conference released the 2012 GAC All-Tournament team, which included players Lauren Hatch, Carrie Lieblong, and Mary Whisenhunt.

All-GAC First Team honors went to Lieblong. Hatch and Shelby Shepherd were named to the All-GAC Second Team.

The success of this team laid heavily on the leadership and commitment of seniors Lauren Hatch, Carrie Lieblong, Mary Whisenhunt, Sarah McKimmey, Taylor Gay, and Brittany Davidson. Coach Wright said, "We were very envious of the staff prior to us that

got to spend three years with that group, and we only got one year."

Not only were these seniors a great asset to the Lady Tigers; juniors helped significantly. Juniors Jessica Allen and Morgan Pitchford led the team with 4 goals each. Junior Sarah Broyles, along with Allen and Pitchford, each scored 2 game-winning goals.

In her leadership role as captain, Lauren Hatch sent inspirational texts to her teammates to motivate and encourage them. She often wrote,

"Find that one thing that makes soccer important for you, and play for it every single time."

For these seniors, a chapter of their life came to end as collegiate soccer players. According to Hatch, a senior English major from Mesquite, Texas, soccer is like a relationship. "It's the longest relationship I've ever had," Hatch stated. "So it's kind of like a break-up, it's sad, but at the same time you know it has to end."



The Lady Tigers take a breather in a home game against the Harding Bison. The Tigers reached the second round of the GAC tournament.



Top Left: Audrey Rodriguez [14] dribbles past a defender from Texas College. The Tigers had a dominating 6-0 win.



Top Right: Carrie Lieblong [12] intercepts a pass in a September match-up against the Harding Bison. OBU played Harding twice this season, posting a win in the second meeting.

building a bond that Inspires

#Tori Abellera

A goal was in sight for the players of the OBU men's soccer team. For most of them, this dated back to when they were very young. The goal was not 24 feet wide and 12 feet tall encased by white netting. The goal that most of these men shared this season was to play for "the love of the game."

"It's a sport that everyone enjoys and it helps you grow and develop character and self discipline. Soccer is, 'The Beautiful Game,'" said Sergiu Postolache, a senior business major from Dallas, Texas, whose soccer journey began in Romania. "Me and my friends would place rocks and our shoes as goal posts and play soccer everywhere. On Sundays we would all get together and play from morning to night." For many, soccer was a lifestyle rather than simply a hobby. Their dedication was shown throughout the season by their talent, vision and persistence.

The OBU men's soccer team began its season in August with new head coach Kevin Wright, OBU soccer alum and assistant coach Neal Ozmun, and a team that included 10 senior players. Though the team

headed into the final part of the season with a 7-6 record, tough matches at the end resulted in a 7-10 final record.

The seniors were honored prior to the final game on October 28 against Lindenwood. "Even though we lost, it will be a game I'll never forget. From the ceremony to stepping on the field one last time with a group of guys who had become brothers to me over the last four years. It was a time that I'll cherish forever," said senior Ben Pettigrew, a history major from Hot Springs, Ark.

Co-Captain Payam Pourjavad, a senior physics major from Plano, Texas, believed in his teammates and let it show in the way he led throughout the season.

"Soccer is a passionate game. Love the game first. Then hard work, determination, and the will to win will fall into place," said Pourjavad, who had four goals and three assists for the season. He also had 13 shots on goal, including a game winner. For his efforts, Pourjavad was named to the 2012 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)

Division II All-Central Region team.

Also leading the team was Rizvan Ceka, a business major from Coppell, Texas. He started in 12 of the 16 games he played, posting six goals and two assists to lead the team in points with 14.

The OBU men's soccer team was visibly a unique team because of the bond they created through working together. "The best strength of the team is our love for each other. We have one of the best team bonds in all of college soccer and that helps inspire us to work harder for each other on the field," said Josh Galante, a senior mass communications major from Plano, Texas.

"The senior class of 2012 is by far the most fun group of guys that I have ever met. For the three seasons that I was able to play with them, whether in practice or during a game, they set the bar high for us," said junior Nathan Gay, a business major from Little Rock. "Our team is continually pushing forward to achieve new goals and I am proud to call them my teammates." This Senior class played for more than themselves, and built a bond that will last a lifetime.

front row: Taylor Christian, Mat Brockway, Wayne Smith, David Henley, Richard Burke, Kevin Tello, Daniel Lockridge, Jared Carlin
second row: Brandon Harman, Jonathan Batres, Rizvan Ceka, Ben Pettigrew, Jason Cantwell, Jaosh Galante, AJ Bauckman, Bry Goss
back row: Clayton Case, Sean Crisco, Kyle Hendren, Connor Burke, John Givler, Sergiu Postolache, Nathan Gay, JT Goodrum, Payam Pourjavad



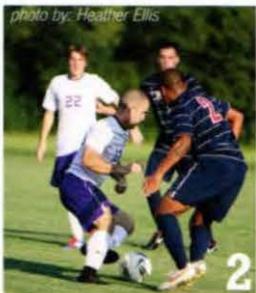


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#1 JT Goodrum [2] and Payam Pourjavad [10] direct a header at the goal in a game against Lindenwood University. Before the game, the seniors were recognized for their years of dedication and hard work.

#2 Jason Cantwell [13] makes a move on a Lyon defender as AJ Baukman [22] looks on. The Tigers lost a close match 2-3.

#3 Senior Connor Burke pushes the ball upfield against Lindenwood University. Burke came to OBU from Gilbert, Arizona.

INreplay Season

Union University	0-2	L
Milligan College	2-1	W
Lyon College	2-3	L
Harding	0-2	L
Central Baptist	1-0	W
Southwest Baptist	6-1	W
Texas College	3-1	W
Lindenwood	0-1	L
Midwestern State	0-6	L
Incarnate Word	0-5	L
Hendrix College	3-2	W
Harding	5-1	W
Delta State	2-1	W
West Texas A&M	2-4	L
Midwestern State	1-3	L
Northeastern State	0-4	L
Lindenwood	0-4	L



Junior Bizvan Ceka [14] scores in the win against Lindenwood. This is the first 45-minute game in the Tiger's history.

Payam Pourjavad has been a great player for OBU the last four years. I feel that Payam was a big part of what we were this year, really the motor of our team. He was a very consistent presence for us in the midfield and one of the hardest working players that I have been around. As talented as he is, Payam's leadership may very well be what we miss most going into next year. Payam was named to the NSCAA All Region team.

- Coach Kevin Wright



Payam Pourjavad

player spotlight

Tailgating

great food memories laughter atmosphere competition good time friends FUN

Aly Smith

The football stands are packed and the parking lots are bursting. Grills are fired up and tents are set. Cokes are waiting on ice and excitement fills the air. All these things could only mean one thing: it was a Ouachita football game day.

Fall Saturdays and Ouachita football games brought along with them a campus favorite, tailgating. "The first thought that comes to mind when I hear college football is tailgating," said Stephen Raines, a senior biology major from Camden. "It lets the fans get excited for the game and nothing says school spirit like wearing your school colors, playing baggo and stuffing your face with tailgate food."

While tailgating was relatively new to Ouachita, the trend had spread rapidly. "My sophomore year at Ouachita some friends and I decided to tailgate for a few of the OBU games," Raines said. "We were the only group to do it, but as the year progressed some other people joined in doing their own tailgates. A year later Student Senate started the tailgate competition."

"Senate wanted to do something that would amp up the Tiger Nation spirit so we created the tailgating contest," said MyLisa Speer, a senior communication sciences and disorders major from Texarkana, Texas. "We created the rules and stipulations, lined up the judges for each competition and awarded the prize money from our own budget."

Anyone could enter the tailgating competition: a social club, campus organization or even a group of friends. Tiger Nation and the Student Senate received a huge response to tailgating the past two years. Many clubs had people assigned specifically to tailgating to ensure they had the best tailgate.

Groups got serious about making sure they had plenty of people stop by their tailgate. Many took to social media to advertise their tailgates and what they would have going on. Some groups even put posters up around campus.

Early on Saturday morning the groups headed down to the football field to begin set-up. Tailgating was

lined up along the home side of the football field, next to the entrance. Friday afternoon, Student Senate roped off spots for each group participating. All the groups were then assigned to a specific spot for tailgating. To ensure the fairness of the competition, Senate made sure all sections were evenly measured.

To further increase Tiger Nation spirit and tailgate involvement, Sodexo moved lunch down to the football field. Serving a buffet style lunch directly across from the tailgating helped funnel students to the competition and eventually the game.

Lindsey Fowler, a junior political science major from Arkadelphia, had become involved in tailgating through Student Senate and by being an EEE Spirit Leader. Fowler said she loved seeing student organizations and clubs bond together over supporting Tiger athletics. "After one tailgate, we were all cleaning up and I told the girls to put anything in my car that didn't need to go to the storage unit," Fowler said. "Well, a week later I was cleaning out my car and found a full bowl of cheese dip someone had just put in my car during the hectic clean up. That was quite the surprise."

The men of Eta Alpha Omega had a hit tailgate with the debut of their bottle buster and funnel cakes. With rows of root beer bottles lined up, adults and children alike gave it their best shot to break even just one of the sturdy bottles. "We had the bottle buster out and everyone was having a tough time hitting and breaking the bottles," said Logan Kuhn, a sophomore biology major from Roland. "Then a kid came up, and on his third throw he broke a bottle and everyone's jaw around us dropped. It was crazy."

Tiger Nation had a tailgate booth which provided "war paint." At this booth, students, adults and children could get face paint to show their support. From simple cheek designs to full-on body paint, students would display their stripes and Tiger pride in the stands.

The men of Beta Beta brought another crowd favorite with the petting zoo. Along with their usual tailgating festivities such as grilling, "College Gameday"

on television and Mario Kart, they had baby chicks in a cardboard box for people to come by and pet. The chicks were always a favorite. However, the tradition was keeping them inside the box.

College Republicans had a strong showing at the tailgate for their first time. The group not only used the time as an opportunity to hang out with their friends and support Tiger athletics, but also to spread their message to the student body. College Republicans used their tailgate to raise awareness about the Conservative Cause and voting in the 2012 election.

Dixon Land, a freshman Christian studies major from Little Rock, took charge in planning the tailgate for College Republicans. "I had been tailgating with my family and friends and knew exactly how to implement a tailgate that fit CR's perfectly," Land said. "It was an easy transition."

One great detail about the tailgates was that everything was free. From burgers and chips, to cookies and cookies, everything the groups had to offer was completely free to students. The groups raised money to cover the cost of the supplies needed for all the tailgates, and they were happy to do it. "Tailgates are always a fun chance for students from different clubs, and organizations to spend some time together showing support for Ouachita," Fowler said.

Like it did in all things, Ouachita put its own spin on tailgating. "The greatest thing about OBU tailgating is its size," Land said. "While some would argue there isn't nearly enough tailgating, I say that the environment is perfect. Everyone is right there together where we can all fellowship before going to the game. Everyone helps each other out and we all have a great time."

"Tailgating at OBU is unique because it is exclusively the student body," said Jacob Catlett, a Christian studies and Biblical studies major from Vern. "We all tailgate in the same area which makes us feel more united than most schools' tailgate. It's a school-wide event!"

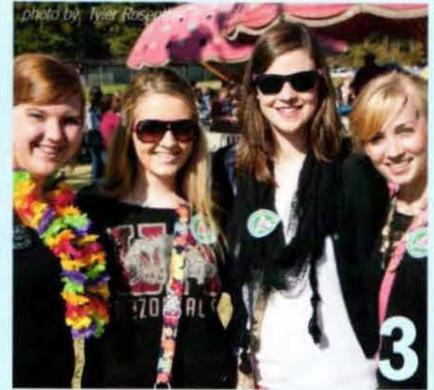
"The environment is perfect. Everyone is right there together where we can all fellowship before going to the game. Everyone helps each other out and we all have a great time." - Dixon Land

photo by Nicole McPhate



- #1 Sophomore Beau Dagget winds up to throw at the Eta Alpha Omega tailgate. The Etas featured a carnival style bottle breaking game for fans to enjoy.
- #2 Sophomores Laura Shaddox and Ramsey Vaughn guess the number of jelly beans at the OSF tailgate. All clubs competed at home football games.
- #3 Sophomores Kristyn Davis, Alli Goodson, McCall Guttridge, and Katy Wood pose for a picture at a Tri Chi tailgate. The Tri Chis set up a photo booth for fans to snap candid.

photo by Tyler Rose



The men of Kappa Chi watch closely as college teams from around the country take the field before the Tigers. There was never a dull moment on gameday at OBU.
photo by Hannah Bishop



Left: Tailgaters enjoy a "van top" patio set up by the men of Rho Sigma at the Arkansas Tech Game on September 22. The tailgate contest had clubs pulling out all the stops to win cash prizes.

Right: Junior Mitchell Kelly entertains with card tricks at the Beta Beta tailgate. Along with card tricks, the men of Beta Beta had a petting zoo to entertain students before the September 22 match up between OBU and Arkansas Tech. The Tigers were victorious with a score of 31-24.





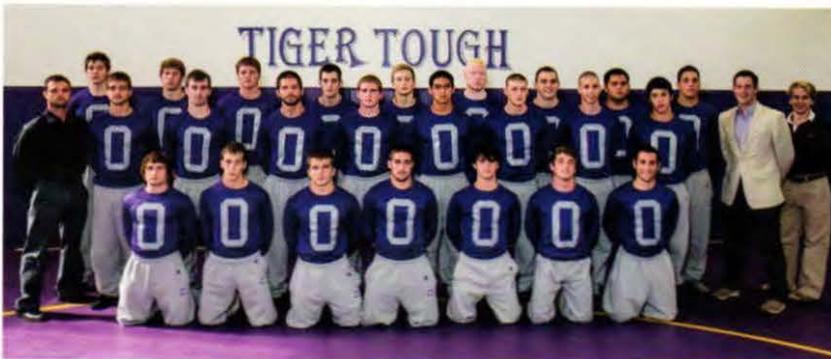
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Clear mind. Strong heart. Can't lose. #tigertough
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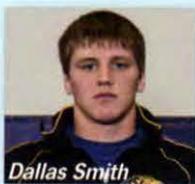
Season IN replay

OBU Purple- Gold Dual	Intersquad	-
Lindenwood Open	Open	-
Oklahoma Open	Open	-
Central Baptist College	48-4	W
Maryville Open	Open	-
Jet Invitational	3rd Place	
Central Missouri	25-18	W
Ft. Hays	11-33	L
Ashland	17-29	L
Central Oklahoma	13-34	L
Kutztown	16-27	L
Shippensburg	25-18	W
East Shroudsburg	36-9	W
West Liberty	36-9	W
Oklahoma City University	24-18	W
Central Oklahoma	7-42	L
Maryville University	21-22	L
NCAA Regionals:	4 Qualifiers	
NCAA tournament:	2 All-American	

front row: Seth Huchison, Garret Evans, Zach Dobbins, Ben Cline, Robert Lewis, Tanner Mann, Anthony Melilo **second row:** Assitant Coach Porter, Tyler Graham, Josh Meyers, Bobby Williams, Zach Matthews, Dexter Carter, Andrew Martin, Jacob Crocker, Sawyer Smith, Coach Kevin Ward
back row: Seth Calvert, Garret Comer, Dallas Smith, Aaron Butler, Ty Kirkland, O'Dell Lee, Troy Mercer, Taylor Poe, Adam Thomas.

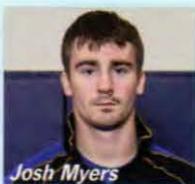


Senior 174 pounder Aaron Butler looks to finish a single leg takedown in a duel meet in a November against Central Baptist.
by: Tyler Rosenthal



Dallas Smith

Dallas Smith is Ouachita's first NCAA finalist in the sport of wrestling. He finished his sophomore season 19-1 in NCAA Division II competition and led the team to a 12th place finish at the NCAA Championships. He is now a two-time NCAA All-American.



Josh Myers

Josh Myers is a two-time NCAA qualifier and led the team with 11 pins this year. What makes his success as an athlete even more special is that he and his wife, Courtney, are raising their 3-year-old daughter, Bentley, together while Josh is a student-athlete at Ouachita and Courtney works as a hair stylist in Arkadelphia. Josh is proof that, with the right attitude and incredible will power, anything can be accomplished.

- Coach Kevin Ward

Chasing Greatness

#Ben Cline

What does it mean to chase greatness? To head coach of the Tiger wrestling team, Kevin Ward, chasing greatness was not only an expression, but a way of life.

"I have always been a person who aspires to do great things. I want to be excellent at everything I do, and I could start to see a few guys on the team thinking the same way. I knew we could be a good team, but I didn't want us to be satisfied with being good and meeting others' expectations," Ward said.

Since the beginning of the program in 2010, the wrestling team has aspired to "chase greatness," and this year was no different.

The Tigers went 6-6 in dual meets this season and went to several open tournaments with Division I opponents. Coach Ward looked to improve on a successful 2012 schedule and move the Tigers even higher in the national polls. "We were able to improve from a 15th place finish last year, to a 12th place finish at this year's NCAA Tournament," Ward said.

The wrestling team started off the 2013 season with a "Purple vs. Gold" meet on November 14. The starting positions were determined, and got the Tigers pumped for the year. "The Purple vs. Gold dual was a great way to start the season. It got us excited for a great year, and also added another home dual that the student body could attend," said Aaron Butler, a senior secondary education major from Little Rock, Ark.

The wrestling team then hit the road, trav-

eling to Missouri. The Tigers competed in the Lindenwood Open where they faced several Division I opponents. The following weekend the Tigers headed to the Oklahoma Open, where they posted a pair of first place finishes. Central Baptist College traveled to the Arkadelphia area late November to compete against the Tigers in a dual meet. Ouachita won handily 48-4.

OBU finished out the first semester in St. Louis, Mo., at the Maryville Kaufman-Brand Open, and then traveled to Wichita, Kan., for the Jet Invitational. In Kan., the teams posted a 3rd place finish with two champions and two runner-ups, scoring over 70 team points. Josh Myers, a junior business major from Cushing, Okla., claimed that a tough first semester schedule prepared them for the second semester of competition.

"We wrestled a lot of tough, long matches first semester. We had tournaments where we would wrestle four or five matches in a day. That prepared me for the regional tournament because I had been through that type of grind," Myers said. "Knowing that you had a tough schedule when other teams didn't was a kind of a confidence booster."

The Tigers took a short break in December to celebrate the holidays and then reported back to campus to resume training. After a few weeks of focused preparation, the wrestling team hit the road again to finish up the season. On Jan. 8, the team traveled to Warrensburg, Mo., where they competed in the University of Central Missouri Dual Jamboree. The Tigers finished the day

with a 1-2 record, recording a victory over UCM. On the Jan. 18, the wrestling team faced a tough University of Central Oklahoma team at home, where they suffered a hard-fought loss.

The Tigers then traveled to South Carolina and competed in the Newberry Duals, posting a 3-1 record at the event. The Tigers finished the regular season with a string of dual meets at Oklahoma City University, the University of Central Oklahoma and Maryville University, finishing with a win, loss and loss, respectively.

During post season, the regional tournament put four Ouachitonians in the national tournament: Dallas Smith, a sophomore kinesiology major from Joplin, Mo.; Myers; Garret Evans, a junior secondary education major from Cushing, Okla.; and Dexter Carter, a dietetics major from North Little Rock. They finished with a first, second, third and fourth place finish, respectively.

Two weeks later the four Tigers traveled to Birmingham, Ala., where they competed in the NCAA Division II Championships. The Tigers emerged from the tournament with two All-Americans and a 12th overall finish. Evans finished the tournament with a 3-3 record and a sixth place finish, earning All-American honors for the second year in a row. Smith posted a 3-1 record and finished as a national runner up, falling 5-3 in the finals.

The season was marked by a runner-up finish by Smith, a 6-6 dual meet record and continued pursuit of greatness by the athletes. Chasing greatness was what this coach and team lived by as they continued to build a strong program.



photo by: Tyler Rosenthal



photo by: Nicole Morgan



Left: Dallas Smith capitalizes on a poor shot and looks for the takedown. Smith ended the season with a second place finish at the national tournament, marking the highest finish by a Tiger since the team's inception in 2010.

Top Left: 125 pound junior Garret Evans ties up with a Central Oklahoma opponent in a January 18 Dual meet. Evans qualified for the national tournament and received All-American honors for the second year in a row.

Top Right: Josh Meyers spraws his hips to the mat in a January 18 matchup against Central Oklahoma. Meyers placed second in the regional tournament, landing him an invitation to the national tournament.

preparing for Success

#Kaitie Scott



photo by Jason Purlano



Ten intense practices a week and mpmorning practice at 5:30 began in October. The Lady Tigersharks were prepared for a new swim season.

The season kicked off with the Lady Tigersharks' first meet on October 16. They were up against rivals Henderson State University. While the team was not victorious against the Lady Red Waves, they did not make it an easy win. The team gave everything they had. Jennifer Steele, a junior early childhood education major from Tyler, Texas, won the 1000 and 500 freestyle. Rebecca Zandstra, a junior biology major from St. Charles, Mo., won the 50 freestyle, and Svitlana Smirnova, a senior accounting major from Kiev, Ukraine, placed first in the 100 breaststroke. Bailey Bodway, a freshman early childhood education major from Magnolia, Texas, placed first in the 100 fly with Holly Wray, a senior history major from Eads, Tenn., who placed third.

On October 26 the Lady Tigersharks traveled to Conway to compete in the 45th Annual Hendrix Classic. The team placed third overall. Steele placed first in the 1000 freestyle while Rachel Ewart, a freshman mass communications major from Bossier

City, La., placed third. Bodway, Smirnova, Elizabeth Willis, a freshman Biology major from Kingsland, Ga. and Zandstra beat UALR's Lady Trojans time in the 400 Medley Relay, placing third. The Lady Tigersharks placed in other categories during this event as well.

The team also traveled to Bryant for the HSU Invitational, a two-day event in November. Ewart placed first in the 400 Yard Individual Medley with a time of 4:45.34. Steele, Willis, and Zandstra also placed in the women's 200 freestyle. Ewart placed second in the 200 backstroke while Smirnova placed first in the 50 breaststroke.

“It was definitely a rewarding experience to get first place, and when I touched the wall and finished. I just remember hearing my teammates chanting 'OBU!' They are always so supportive of me whether I swim bad or I swim great,” Ewart said.

In a meet against Delta State in January, Willis, Smirnova, Bodway, and Zandstra finished first in the 200 Medley Relay with an

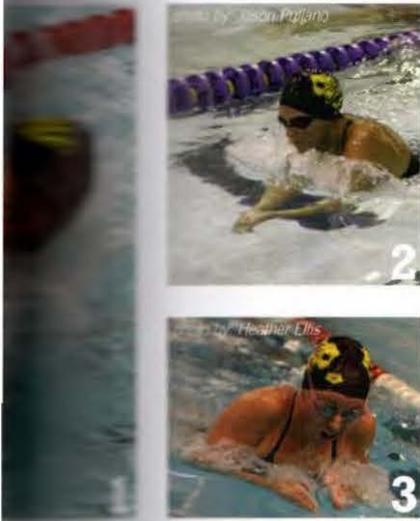
impressive time of 1:50.73. Willis and Haley Fox, a junior early childhood education major from Garland, Texas, placed second and third in the 200 Freestyle. Wray also came in second in the 50 freestyle with Zandstra placing first with a time of 24.99.

In February the Lady Tigersharks found themselves in Cleveland, Miss., at the New South Intercollegiate Swimming Conference (NSISC) Championships. The Lady Tigersharks held third place on the first day of competition with 267 points. Zandstra did well, placing first in the 50 freestyle. Steele placed second in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:01.32. Bodway placed first in the 100 fly. Steele also won the 200 free at the NSISC. “I really didn't set a goal for myself this season as a freshman,” said Bodway. “I just wanted to swim for fun so being conference champion in this event was an accomplishment.”

Team Willis, Bodway, Smirnova, and Zandstra pushed through the 400 Yard Medley Relay bringing home first in the event. They fell short of the NSISC record by just three seconds. The Lady Tigersharks finished the championship in third place with 732 points.

front row: Holly Wray, Michelle Washmund, Chelbi Smith, Svitlana Smirnova, Karen Wray
second row: Lindsey Henderson, Jessica Hillyard, Haley Fox, Brittany Ewart, Bailey Bodway
back row: Rachel Ewart, Jennifer Steele, Annaliese Clark, Rebecca Zandstra, Emily Grigsby, Elizabeth Willis





#1 Haley Fox pulls hard at the HSU invitational. Fox came to OBU from Garland, Texas, and competed in the 200 and 500 free.

#2 Chelbi Smith competes in the breast stroke event versus Henderson on January 25. The Lady Tigersharks exacted revenge with a close victory over the Red-dies.

#3 Rachel Ewart cuts through the water at the first swim meet of the year on Oct. 25. The Lady Tigersharks lost their first meet in a close battle with Henderson 110-117.

Season IN replay

OBU Purple and Gold	
Henderson State University	110-117 L
Hendrix Classic	3rd Place
HSU Invitational	2nd Place
Delta State University	97-129 L
UALR Winter Invitational	3rd Place
Delta State University	83-134 L
Oklahoma Baptist University	45-57 L
Henderson State University	111-103 W
NSISC Championships	3rd Place



On the starting block, Lady Tigersharks prepare to start at the HSU invitational. The Lady Tigersharks placed 2nd at the event. photo by: Jason Pullano



Jennifer Steele is the team leader who I can always count on. She is always able to push it to the next level in practice and in competition. She is a conference champion, an All-Conference and an Academic All-American. Steele is someone I can always count on to lead this team to success.

Rebecca Zandstra is one of the best female sprinters we have had. Rebecca made her mark this season by becoming the top sprinter in her conference in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle. When she was put in to vital situations, she always came through with 100% effort.

Elizabeth Willis set the freshman precedence this year in the backstroke event. She came in and proved she can compete at the Division II level. She is willing to do whatever it takes to succeed, and I am expecting great things out of her in the years to come. She really made herself known this year in a Henderson dual meet when she defeated a conference champion from HSU in the backstroke event.

- Coach Ryan Killackey

player spotlight



@OBUAthletics The four Tigersharks who advanced to the NCAA Nationals this year are having a great time in Birmingham!

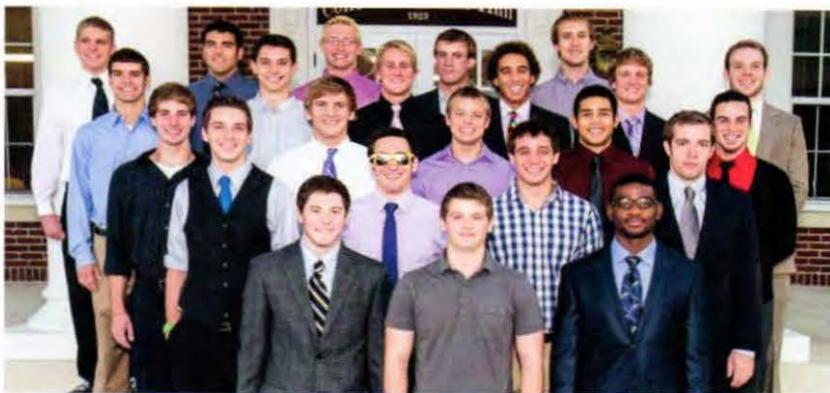
@OBUTigerNation Marcus Schlesinger: NATIONAL CHAMPION in the 100 Fly with a time of 47.54!! #TigerNation



Season IN replay

OBU Purple and Gold	
Henderson State	92-146 L
Hendrix Classic	4th Place
HSU Invitational	2nd Place
Delta State University	103-132 L
JALR Invitational	3rd Place
Delta State University	63-172 L
Oklahoma Baptist University	40-63 L
Henderson State	91-132 L
NSISC Championships	4th Place
NCAA Division II Championships	16th Place

front row: Martin Stevens, Logan Distefano, Carl Thomas **second row:** Mikey Sullivan, Jason Pullano, Zach Mertens, Austin Lindsey **third row:** Colt Thompson, Matt Cox, Christopher Price, Eran Jennings, Hein Hillmer **fourth row:** Andrew Halliburton, Emile Maritz, Kody Moffat, Marcus Schlesinger, Kenton Scott, Jake McClain **back row:** David Wray, Jacob Ramaly, Dawson Prichard, Carl Johnson, Cawley Starling.



Senior Marcus Schlesinger pushes off the wall in the Hendrix Classic on October 26. Schlesinger finished the year with a National Championship in the 100 meter butterfly. photo by: Jason Pullano



Marcus Schlesinger

Marcus Schlesinger is one of the most talented swimmers we have ever had at Ouachita. He is a multi-national champion, a four year All-American and an Olympic Trials qualifier. He did not lose a single race this season until he reached the Division II Championships where he recorded two second place finishes. He's the type of leader I can count on in the classroom, in practice and in competition to lead the team to success. - Coach Ryan Killackey

training Together

#Tori Abellera

"We train together. We compete together. We succeed together," was the Tigersharks' team motto as they strove for victory through camaraderie and persistence.

One main quality that set apart the men's team was how much they relied on each other. Because of the support each teammate received, their goal of championship was within their reach all throughout the year.

The team of dedicated athletes strove to succeed for not only their close-knit team, but also for personal reasons. Dawson Prichard, a junior kinesiology major from Denton, Texas, who was involved in several campus organizations, found the "sometimes stressful times" were well worth the pursuit.

"Not only does the pool give me that outlet to relax and unwind, but the team helps keep me up.

Being on a team as close as ours, we tend to pick up when someone is down or super stressed. My teammates are always quick to ask me what's wrong and help talk me through what I'm feeling anxious about. They always know what to say and are always pouring into me," Prichard said.

Some Tigersharks achieved their personal best through memorable moments. Emile Maritz, a sophomore business major from Las Vegas, Nev., earned fourth place in the 100 backstroke on the third day of the New South Intercollegiate Swimming Conference (NSISC) Championships. Maritz felt encouraged by his team who pushed him to do his best in the race.

"At conference this season, just before the 800 free relay, we all knew I was going to be the slowest leg of the relay, but Marcus, Kody and Matt just kept pushing me and getting me to believe in myself," Maritz said. "I ended up swimming the fastest time of my life in that race! It meant a lot to me because I always feel like I am the one who lets the relay team down, but they really pushed me to do my best and it paid off in the end."

The camaraderie shown by his teammates was just one example of their passion to support each other.

At the end of their swimming season, the Tigersharks placed four swimmers to compete in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. Marcus Schlesinger, a senior biology major from Nuevo, Calif., Kody Moffatt, a junior kinesiology major from Temecula Calif.,

Jake McLain, a senior business major from Nacogdoches, Texas, and Kenton Scott, a senior kinesiology major from Saint Cloud, Fla., were able to represent Ouachita in Birmingham, Alabama. The team earned second place in the 100 freestyle and an eleventh place finish in the 400 freestyle relay. The Tigersharks were ranked 16th overall with 90 points at the NCAA Championships.

Schlesinger became a national champion in the 100 yard butterfly with a finishing time of 47.54. Afterward he recorded a second place finish in the 100 yard freestyle. He posted a time of 43.56 seconds. Schlesinger was only five tenths of a second short from winning his second national title of the year. He then went on to place second in the 50 yard freestyle with an even closer gap of three hundredths of a second with a time of 19.84.

"This was a great season. There were a lot of best times from everyone and hard training. I can't pick out just one moment because there were so many, but I would highlight our conference meet because of the ridiculous intensity on our 400 freestyle relay and the freshmen and other upperclassmen who stepped up and pulled off some crazy-awesome stuff in their events," Schlesinger said.



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Left: The Tigersharks fire off the start block at the HSU invitational. The meet played host to Henderson State, UALR, and Rhodes College with great swims from the Tigersharks.

Top Left: The team celebrates at a meet with Henderson State on January 25. The Tigersharks recognized their senior members before the meet.

Top Right: Carl Thomas dives into the water at the HSU invitational. Thomas placed first in the 50 meter butterfly with a time of 24.07.

something to Build on

#Hannah Shull



photo by: Nicole McPhail



The Lady Tigers basketball team had a season of team building and hard work.

"We had a good season. After losing our opener by one point to Texas Women's University, the team went on an 11 game winning streak," Coach Garry Crowder said.

Three of the 11 victories included beating Arkansas Tech, the Great American Conference Champions, former conference rival Delta State who reached the National Tournament's Sweet 16, and Union University, who won the Gulf South, the Tigers' former conference.

"Our big win against Arkansas Tech in the first half of the season was definitely a highlight for me," said Katherine West, a freshman psychology major from Charleston, Ark.

On January 10, the Lady Tigers defeated the defending conference champions Arkansas Tech, in a close overtime victory. Defensive pressure and an intense home crowd allowed the Lady Tigers to only allow a 33.3 percent mark from the floor from the Golden Suns.

"We pulled together to beat one of the top ranked teams in the conference, and there is no better feeling than winning as the underdog," West said.

West was a freshman starter for the team. Coming off a successful prep school career at Charleston High school, West played in all 27 of the Lady Tigers games, and posted an average of 5.6 points per game.

"Starting as a freshman was a real honor, although nerve wracking at first. I quickly felt at home playing with my new teammates," West said.

"My favorite part of being on the team was the relationships that were built from spending so much time together. It quickly became easy to see my teammates as family when we were all working so hard to accomplish the same goal," West said.

Monica Williams, a senior early childhood education major from Arkadelphia, Ark., was named the GAC Women's Newcomer of the Year after transferring from the University of West Georgia. Williams was also named to the All-GAC First Team, as well as being named GAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week twice during the season. Williams averaged 19.8 points a game in the 25 games she played in for Ouachita. The Horn Lake, Miss., native ended the season

with a 39 point game against East Central.

Nashia James, a junior kinesiology major from Pine Bluff, Ark., was named to the All-GAC Second Team. The 5'7 junior recorded almost 1000 minutes of playing time this season, averaging 14.4 points a game.

The Lady Tigers finished their season with a 17-10 record. At home, the Lady Tigers were almost unbeatable, posting a 10-4 record and with victories over Arkansas Tech, Delta State, and rivals Henderson State.

"Eleven games were one-possession games inside of one minute (3 points or less is a one possession) with Ouachita winning 7 of the 11," Crowder said.

In the conference tournament, the Lady Tigers traveled to Bartlesville, Okla., where they faced a tough East Central team. East Central got out to a big lead, but impressive performances from Monica Williams and Nashia James kept the Tigers close. Williams kept the Lady Tigers in the game with a 39 point performance, setting a GAC tournament record. The loss closed out a 17-10 season for the Lady Tigers. "The team had great work ethic and great team chemistry," Crowder said.

The Lady Tigers looked to improve with a young team with lots of talent.

front row: Nashia James, Maraja Johnson, Katherine West, Hollie Chaytor, Ruby Richie, Alexis Sharp, Allie Brown, Kendra Coyle

second row: Breanna Harris, Ashley Johnson, Erica Sharp, Hayley Cooper, Elise Holman, Monica Williams, Breana Dillard

back row: Garry Crowder, Lizz Webb, Sarah Pugh, Emily Payne.





#1 Junior Allie Brown drives down the lane at January 19th match-up against Southwestern Oklahoma State. The Tigers got off to an early lead, but couldn't hold on as Southwestern won with a late surge, 96-89.



#2 Freshman Alexis Sharp moves the ball up court in a rivalry match up against Henderson State. The Jonesboro native spent her prep career at Nettleton High School.

#3 Freshman Katherine West directs the offense against Henderson State on January 24th. West played 26 minutes in the 65-57 victory.

Season IN replay

The Lady Tigers huddle up before a January 19th game against Southwestern Oklahoma State. The lady tigers posted a 17-10 record with a 10-4 record in Bill Vining Arena.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Arkansas State University	46-86	L
Texas Woman's University	59-60	L
Union University	64-60	W
Stillman College	83-32	W
East Central University	74-72	W
Southeastern Oklahoma	81-74	W
Southern Arkansas	74-66	W
University of Ark. at Monticello	82-65	W
Texas A&M Commerce	71-56	W
Delta State University	75-72	W
Southern Nazarene University	71-64	W
Christian Brothers University	71-62	W
Arkansas Tech University	84-81	W
Harding University	58-66	L
Northwestern Oklahoma	62-54	W
Southwestern Oklahoma	89-96	L
Henderson State University	65-57	W
Southern Arkansas University	66-62	W
Southeastern Oklahoma	70-67	W
East Central University	64-72	L
Southern Nazarene University	69-72	L
Arkansas Tech	55-74	L
Harding University	42-45	L
Southwestern Oklahoma	62-88	L
Northwestern Oklahoma	60-55	W
Henderson State University	56-58	L
University of Ark. at Monticello	75-63	W
GAC Conference Tournament:		
East Central University	75-63	L

Monica Williams was a great leader for the 2012-2013 Lady Tiger Basketball team. She led our team in scoring and rebounding averaging nearly 20 points and 10 rebounds per game. She did this while serving as a student intern in our Early Childhood Education Program.

- Coach Garry Crowder



player spotlight

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Season *IN* replay

	Tarleton State University	67-74	L		
	Southern Nazarene University	67-72	L		
	Arkansas Tech University	57-52	W		
	Harding University	78-83	L		
	Northwestern OK State	78-82	L		
	Southwestern OK State	58-52	W		
	Henderson State University	61-59	W		
	Southern Arkansas	74-48	W		
	Southeastern OK State	74-48	W		
	East Central University	62-77	L		
Phialnder Smith College	114-101	W	Southern Nazarene University	75-62	W
Southeast Missouri State	60-71	L	Arkansas Tech University	50-52	L
Letourneau University	84-56	W	Harding University	60-56	W
Champion Baptist College	108-43	W	Southwestern OK State	63-75	L
Texas A&M University Commerce	56-69	L	Northwestern OK State	80-87	L
Midwestern State University	81-77	W	Henderson State University	81-90	L
East Central University	83-58	W	University of Ark at Monticello	62-58	W
Southeastern OK State	56-59	L	GAC Conference Tournament:		
Southern Arkansas	54-66	L	Southeastern Oklahoma	67-60	W
University of Ark at Monticello	65-63	W	Harding University	78-63	W
Texas A&M University Commerce	82-76	W	Arkansas Tech University	59-54	W



front row: David Day, Eric Braeuer, Nigel Ramsey, Julian LaDay, Austin Mitchel, Michael Morris **back row:** Head Coach Dennis Nutt, Assistant Coach Logan Johnson, Micah Delph, Colt Fason, John Kornet, Kyle Francis, Tyler Gattin, Franklin Featherston, Ben Willy.



Julian LaDay is one of the best on-ball defenders I have ever had the privilege of coaching. Julian's work ethic and his desire to control the game from a defensive standpoint is amazing. His defensive mentality carried over to the rest of our team, especially during the successful run at the Great American Conference tournament this spring. Not only was he the great floor leader, he finished the spring semester with a 4.0 GPA. He will be missed greatly.
- Coach Dennis Nutt

making it To the Top

#Chelsea Byers

The lights glared on the court as the smell of sweat and determination permeated the air. The crowd's cheers had turned into a deafening roar as the final minutes of the conference championship game ticked away. The entire season came down to this moment, as the Tigers found themselves at the championship game, ready to claim the conference title.

Hard work and dedication were the two words that defined this season for the Ouachita Tigers. Ouachita finished the season with a 17-12 record, ending on a four game win streak. The team performed their best at home with a 12-2 record at Vining Arena. During the regular season the team maintained a spot in the middle of the conference, but beat four of the top five teams including the number one seed, Harding University.

In the Great American Conference tournament, the number five seed OBU defeated four seed, Southeastern Oklahoma, followed by another victory against Harding. In the final game against Arkansas Tech, the Tigers went into halftime down, but they battled back in the second half and took control of the game. The Ouachita Tigers went on to take the GAC title against number two seed

Arkansas Tech.

"I would say towards the end, the seniors stepped up their game and saw that their careers were coming to an end, and so they stepped their game up and were able to play as a team," said Colt Fason, a 6'6 sophomore from Conway, Ark. "I think all of us contributed really well on defensive end and offensive end."

The Tigers were led by Head Coach Dennis Nutt, who pushed the team to new heights this season and was proud to see the Tigers push themselves to a title win.

"It's been interesting this season," said Head Coach Dennis Nutt. "There have been a lot of ups and downs, just like any season would be. It's a long process and our guys worked really hard since day one. We put them through some tough workouts early. We improved a lot. Our season came along and we knew we had a pretty good team, and it took a little while to get to it, but I think it really came together in that last week in our tournament. I'm just really proud of our guys for playing like they did."

Two seniors, Austin Mitchell and Michael Morris, led the team in scoring and were key to success for the Tigers. Mitchell finished the season as the team's leading scorer with

a little over 13 points a game. A lot of his work came from beyond the arc with a three-point percentage of 42. Morris also averaged double figures in scoring with 11 as well as six boards. Morris was another efficient scorer shooting 50 percent from the field. Two other seniors, Nigel Ramsey and Julian LaDay, also played major roles in the Tigers championship run. Ramsey, from Birmingham, Ala., finished the season averaging 10 points per game, and LaDay from Keller, Texas, finished with an average of seven points a game.

"This is such a close knit group. We have a great group of guys, and it made it a lot of fun this season," said Assistant Coach Logan Johnson. "The most memorable moment of the season for me was during the

GAC championship game. We had a timeout and were up about seven or eight points with not much time left; there was basically no way the other team could come back to win. Coach Nutt told all the guys in the huddle, 'You're about to be a champion, you're about to get a ring.' Hearing him say that to the guys, that's probably going to stick in my mind for a long time."



The Tigers line up for the game of Allegiance on Dec. 1 game. The Tigers were almost a home, post record in Bill Vining Arena. Photo by: Jason Barnard



Photo by: Taylor McKinney



Left: Senior Austin Mitchell drives past a defender in a January match up against Southern Arkansas. The 6'5 senior sank 4 three-pointers in the game to help defeat the Muleriders, 68-61.

Top Left: Coach Nutt talks strategy as the team catches a break in a February game against Southern Nazarene. In his second year as a head coach, Nutt led the Tigers to a GAC championship.

Top Right: Junior Kyle Francis sets a screen as Micah Delph cuts into the lane against Southern Nazarene. The Tigers defeated the Crimson Storm, 75-62.

Developing Consistency

#Ben Cline

The women's golf team experienced another year of growth and development, as well as a level of success that is usually unheard of for such a young team. The seven golfers that made up the 2012-2013 season were Catlin Jones, Allie Brown, Emily Sinclair, Victoria Mantooth, Ali Robinson, Emily Payne, and Alleabelle Gongola. These girls helped grow the team with success on the course and in the classroom. "We had a lot of fun and look forward to improving overall competitiveness as the program grows," said Alleabelle Gongola, a freshman psychology major from Dardenelle.

The team competed in two pre-season tournaments in the fall to prepare for the season that ran from January until April. Before each tournament began, the girls played a qualifying match and the five lowest scores advanced to compete in the tournament. As well as tournament play, the Lady Tigers took on the lady Muleriders of Southern Arkansas in a head to head match up in November. The Lady Tigers would be victorious, with an overall team score of 364, with Southern Arkansas finishing with a team score of 371. One of the biggest challenges in the fall semester was finding a time when all the girls could practice together. Coach Sharp would

have a sign in sheet that kept track of each girl's required practice times. Emily Sinclair, a senior dietetics and nutrition major from El Dorado, believed that the team had to "improve on our consistency in tournaments" and as the season began, the team seemed to do just that.

In March, the Lady Tigers competed in the Henderson State Invitational, placing fourth out of six at their home golf course at Lake Degray State Park Golf Course. Ouachita finished with a total team score of 725, after posting combined scores of 368 and 357 in the two round event.

The Lady Tigers competed in the Oklahoma Baptist Spring Invitational in April and posted a cumulative score of 903 at the event, with a 23 stroke improvement during day two of action. Emily Sinclair finished atop the team with a total score of 186, including an event best 90 on the first day of competition. She was closely followed by Ali Robinson who finished up with a 192. Robinson saw a six stroke improvement in her second round, posting a 93. Alleabelle Gongola, taking on Sinclair's pleas for consistency, was as consistent as it gets, posting a 97 in both of her rounds, finishing with a total score of 194.

By the time the GAC conference tourna-

ment rolled around in April, the Lady Tigers were ready to compete.

The girls traveled to Hot Springs for the three-day tournament, and hoped to put their talent on display. Sinclair led the Lady Tigers posting an overall score of 248, including an 80 on day one of the championships. Caitlin Jones, a senior education major from Little Rock, finished with a total score of 289, with a 94 on the second day of competition. Senior Allie Brown, a communication science major from Rosston, Ark., finished with an overall score of 316 while Victoria Mantooth, a senior voice major from Sherwood, Ark., finished with a total score of 323. Ouachita finished with an overall team score of 1148, earning them a sixth place finish.

Already looking to improve, Ali Robinson, a freshman mass communications major from Bella Vista, planned on working hard in the summer. "I plan on working hard over the summer and fall to get my swing back and really try to lower my score and keep it consistent. Consistency will come as the program grows older and stronger." With such a young team, success will become consistent for this team.

#1 Freshman Ali Robinson works on her swing in the courtyard of the East Village dorms. The girls had to take advantage of any time they had to practice.

#2 Senior Emily Sinclair works on her swing at practice. Sinclair led the team with an overall score of 248 at the Conference Tournament.

#3 Freshman Alleabelle Gongola drives the ball one afternoon in March. Gongola came to OBU from Dardenelle.

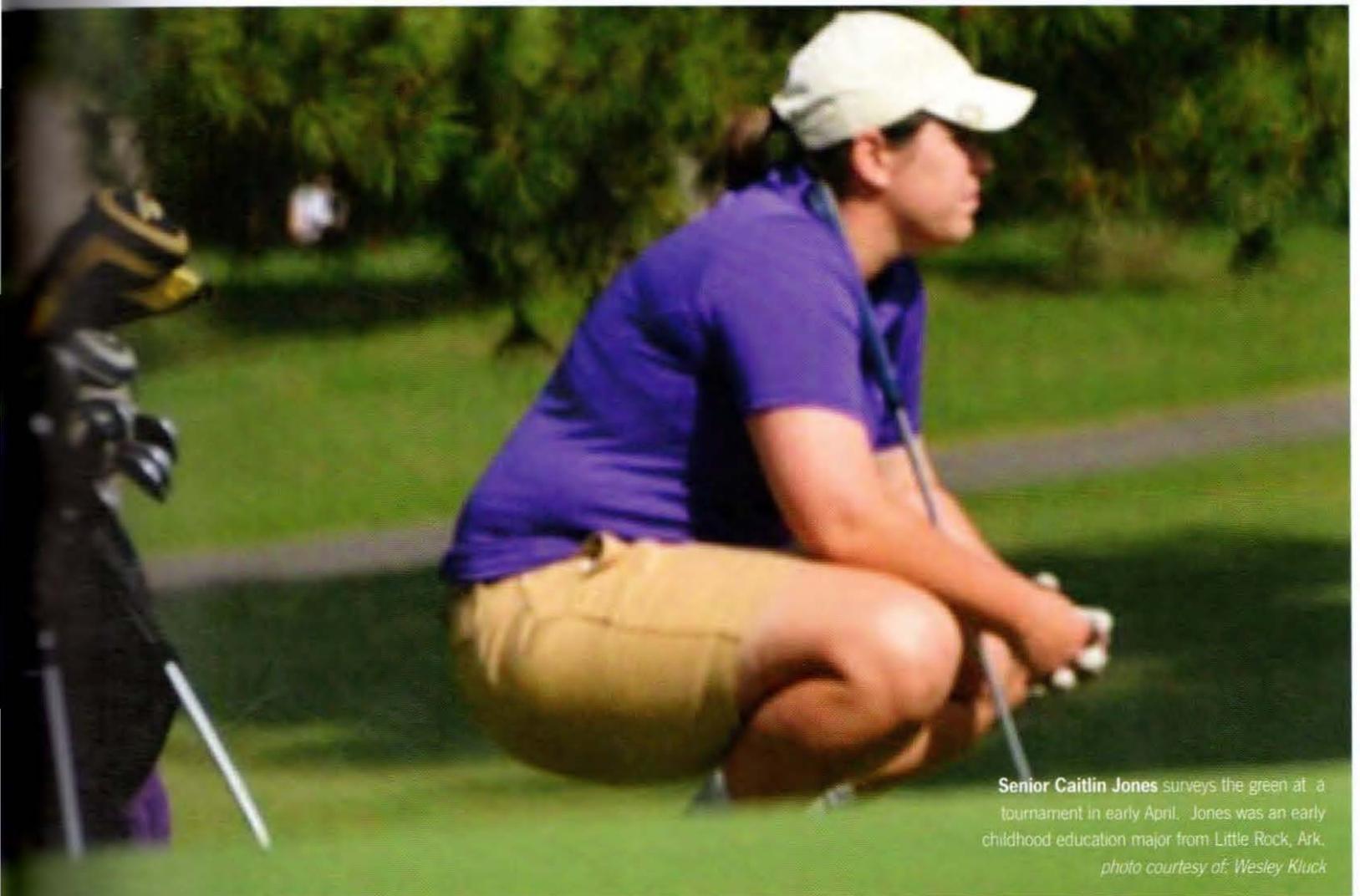


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Season **IN**replay

Southern Arkansas	354-471 W
Arkansas-Monticello	349-380 L
HSU Invitational	6th Place
A&M Commerce Invitational	21st Place
Oklahoma Baptist Invitational	6th Place
GAC Championships	10th Place



Senior Caitlin Jones surveys the green at a tournament in early April. Jones was an early childhood education major from Little Rock, Ark.
photo courtesy of Wesley Kluck

Emily Sinclair has been our Outstanding Athlete in Women's Golf for the past two years. She is consistent with her game, and she is a person we can build our team around.
- Coach David Sharp



Emily Sinclair

player spotlight



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Men's Golf sits ninth after first day of GAC Championships, led by Drew Greenwood.

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The Tiger men's golf team finished seventh at the Natural State Golf Classic.



Season **IN**replay

Southern Arkansas	321-311 L
Harding Invitational	8th Place
A&M Commerce Invitational	10th Place
Arkansas Tech Invitational	10th Place
Harding Invitational	7th Place
GAC Golf Championships	10th Place



Freshman Will Hegi drives the ball in a head-to-head matchup against Southern Arkansas. Hegi finished with a cumulative score of 236, including rounds of 78, 81 and 77 at the Conference Tournament.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Drew Greenwood

Drew Greenwood transferred from Memphis in January. Drew is an outstanding golfer. He commands a level that will raise the bar for the entire team and help elevate us to the next level.

- Coach David Sharp

seeing potential to Rebuild

#Kaitie Scott

The men's golf team represented the Tigers by competing in tournaments throughout Arkansas and a tournament in Texas.

The team practiced as much as they could on their own. "I practiced just about every day," said Jacob Calhoon, a freshman business administration and finance major from Jonesboro.

The team's season kicked off in Arkadelphia, taking on the Muleriders of Southern Arkansas University. Of the Tigers, Calhoon finished best with a score of 78. Following close behind both with a score of 79 were both Jamie Barker, a sophomore biology major from Louann, and Will Hegi, a sophomore accounting major from El Dorado.

The team competed in October at the Bison Fall Classic held in Searcy. The Tigers placed eighth with a team score of 673. Barker had the best score of the Tigers with 156, placing 12th overall in the tournament. Bryce Skinner, a senior accounting major from Hot Springs, tied for 33rd with a score of 166.

Traveling to Pottsboro, Texas, the men's golf team competed in the Texoma Chevy Dealers Crawford Wade Invitational alongside 14 other teams. Drew Greenwood, a freshman business major from Hot Springs, represented the Tigers well by placing 18th out of 81 participants with a score of 152. Overall, the team placed 10th.

Greenwood led the Tigers once again when traveling to the Dave Falconer Memorial Invitational hosted in Russellville by tying 12th with the best overall score of 151. Hegi, with a score of 159, was the second best performer for the Tigers.

"The Natural State Golf Classic was my favorite," Skinner said. The men's golf team placed 7th out of 13 teams at the Natural State Golf Classic in Heber Springs. The Tigers were unable to keep their 4th place standing from the first day of the tournament. However, they triumphed over Southern Arkansas, Arkansas-Monticello and Northwestern Oklahoma. Greenwood led the team at the event with an overall score of 153 with Skinner close behind with 154 overall.

Greenwood said, "Harding's tournament in Heber Springs was probably the most fun. Our team bonded the most that week and really had a good time as a team. It was our best finish."

The team competed in the final tournament of the year, the Great American Conference Championship at the Hot Springs Country Club. The Tigers found themselves placing 10th after the three-day event. Greenwood led the Tigers with a cumulative score of 223. Hegi finished with 236 and Skinner with 238. Barker posted a score of 252 and Calhoon with a score of 262.

With the season being a rebuilding year, the team did not place in tournaments as well as they hoped. However, they stayed positive for the following season. Austin Sarabia, a junior business administration and management major from Houston, Texas, said, "We know the potential and the talent we have on the team now, so we are excited for next year."



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photo by: Heather Ellis



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Left: Freshman Drew Greenwood talks with a golfer from SAU. Greenwood led the team at the conference tournament, with recorded scores of 69, 81 and 72

Top Left: Sophomore Jamie Barker watches the ball after his swing.

Top Right: Freshman Jacob Calhoon reaches down to set the tee before a swing.

Athletic Training



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Left: Senior Landon Freeman shakes hands with Head Football Coach Todd Knight at the senior recognition game. Freeman suffered a knee injury during in the fall, and athletic trainers were ready to assist with rehab and recovery.

Right: Ben Willy watches from behind the bench at a men's basketball game. Athletic trainers were available on the sidelines at athletic events to help with injuries or talk players through painful symptoms.



photo by: Jessica Stewart

Senior Cory Godbolt wraps a player's arm on the sidelines at the A.U. Williams Field during a football game. Students completing the athletic training program were required to log hours of assisting the athletic teams.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Unsung Heroes

Ben Cline

The Ouachita athletic program had a huge support base across campus and across the state. Whether it was the newly formed Tiger Nation, alumni or parents and friends, the athletic teams at OBU had an abundance of support. However, one of the biggest assets of these teams was often overlooked. The athletic training program supported the Tigers on the field, court, mat or any other surface that they competed on. This staff, led by Katelyn Cresswell, spent countless hours keeping athletes healthy. In the training room, these trainers were extremely visible on campus. These unsung heroes were the backbone of the athletic program because they kept the athletes healthy.

When we could really appreciate all that the athletic trainers did, we must first understand all the things they do. According to the National Athletic Trainers Association, athletic trainers "are health care professionals who collaborate with physicians. The services they provide include prevention, emergency care, diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. Students who become certified athletic trainers must earn a degree from an accredited athletic training curriculum. These programs include formal instruction in areas such as injury prevention, first aid and emergency assessment of injury/illness, human anatomy, physiology, therapeutic modalities, and nutrition."

When you ask any coach on campus, you could see just how busy the athletic trainers were. "Athletic Trainers are the people you shouldn't ever really notice. When they are doing their job well, most people never even realize they are there. It's a thankless job where they put in long hours, but don't receive any of the praise. We are very lucky at Ouachita to have some young, motivated athletes who have been willing to help us out anytime we ask," said Kevin Ward, head wrestling coach.

Aaron Butler, a senior Spanish major from Mabelvale, and a wrestler in the 174-pound division, believed that the athletic trainers at OBU were irreplaceable. "The staff here is really great, they know their stuff, and are dedicated to their work. Of course no one is perfect and everyone makes mistakes, but the staff here learns quick and gets athletes back to the field in no time. I wouldn't trade them for anything." Ask any athlete in any sport, and you would see just how great these athletic trainers are. Davis Ward, a junior business administration and marketing major from Little Rock, and starting pitcher for the Tigers, has witnessed first hand just how much time these athletic trainers put in, specifically Ben Willy. "Ben has been such a huge help to our team this year, he has traveled to every away game, and been at every practice ready to help out. It's easy to tell that he is really passionate about the sport, and passionate about his job as well. It's comforting to know that our staff is always ready to help out, at home or on the road."

Willy, a graduate of Henderson State University, was originally from Los Cruces, N.M., and came to OBU to intern in the athletic training program. Before coming to Ouachita, Willy was at New Mexico State. "I had already been at a Division I university and learned how it worked, so next on my list was a Division II university," Willy said about his past experience. Willy logged over 300 hours in the spring semester, working with the baseball team, the wrestling team, and men and women's soccer in the fall. Willy's favorite thing about athletic training was the whole process of getting the athlete back on the court. "Just being able to see an athlete get hurt and then go through the process of healing and returning to the field, I love getting the athlete back to their sport." Of course, there were some parts of the job that Willy did not particularly like. "Daily cleaning, dealing with insurance, just anything that

keeps me from my work." Eventually, Willy hoped to be an athletic trainer in the MLB. "Pro baseball is the ultimate goal, specifically with the Pittsburgh Pirates." In his spare time, Willy enjoyed a variety of things. "I love to play disc golf, go shooting at the range, and duck hunting."

Cresswell, the interim head athletic trainer, was a graduate of OBU and found her favorite part of athletic training to be the athletes.

"My favorite part of working as an athletic trainer at OBU is our athletes. The athletes at OBU dedicate so much time and effort to their sport; it can be heart-breaking when they get injured. However, it is very rewarding working with them through an injury, getting them back to their sport as quickly as possible," Cresswell said.

When not in the athletic training room, Cresswell spent her time playing basketball and going to the lake. In March, Cresswell's intramural basketball team won the championships for women's upper league. Cresswell kept the athletic training room running efficiently all year.

Whether it was keeping the room open late to help rehabilitate an injury, or doing a preemptive skin check for staph, these athletic trainers went above and beyond what it took to keep OBU athletes on the field. Since most of these trainers were once athletes themselves, they knew what it meant to an athlete to be hurt and unable to compete and did anything they could to ensure a speedy return to the sport. They were the first ones on the field or court and the last ones off of it, they were the first ones to the athletes side when there was an injury, and were last to leave the athlete's side before they returned to the field.

They were the best at what they did and least recognized for it. The athletic trainers at Ouachita were the lifeblood that kept the Tiger Spirit alive.

"It's a thankless job where they put in long hours, but don't receive any of the praise. We are very lucky at Ouachita to have some young, motivated trainers who have been willing to help us out anytime we ask." - Coach Kevin Ward

making Memories

#Sydney Bratton

photo by Jason Fullano



Even though the season did not end as the Lady Tigers were hoping, a lot of hard work and dedication was devoted to the season as they ended with an overall record of 4-13 and a conference record of 2-4. While the Lady Tigers spent the season working on their skills they also got to spend the season bonding as teammates.

The first match of the season was a loss to Drury University with a score of 1-8. The Lady Tigers worked on their game and came out of their second match of the season with a win of 5-4 against North Central Texas College. A streak of four losses of 0-9 plagued the team against Northeastern State University, Southwest Baptist University, Cameron University and Arkansas Tech University.

The season had not been off to the best start but celebration was in order as the Lady Tigers won both of their games against Henderson State University with scores of 6-3 and 7-2. These games presented the team with the win of this year's Battle of the Ravine. "This year was a lot of fun and although we struggled to get wins, this season was by far the most memorable," said Kristin

Bodine, a sophomore music major, Christian studies minor from Webb City, Mo. "I am so glad I got to play my final season of college tennis with this group of girls."

The Great American Conference Tournament was held in Bentonville and the Lady Tigers were seeded fifth. The team played against fourth seed Southeastern Oklahoma State and ended doubles with a score of 2-1 but ended up losing the match with a score of 5-2.

"We had an incredible experience at conference this year. During the doubles matches my partner Valarie and I put away our match 8-6 and then watched our seniors Kristin and Lily win a very close match," said Kourtney Chumbley, a junior middle school education major from Richardson, Texas. "It was so emotional, but such a proud moment to watch your teammates work together and win. Our three doubles barely missed the mark, but they played beautifully and hard until the very end. After this we were very optimistic, but unfortunately our singles did not pull through against Southeastern Oklahoma. Everyone played their hearts out, and

we have three incredible leaders that will be missed."

The number one doubles team was led by Chumbley and Valeriya Mansvetova, a freshman kinesiology and leisure pre-professional studies major from Yaroslavl, Russia. The number two doubles team was led by Kristin Bodine, and Lilia Sokolova, a senior Russian major from Yashkar Ola, Russia. During conference the Chumbley and Mansvetova team was awarded second team all-conference.

"This season was a good one to end on. I have played tennis a long time, and it has had a huge part in shaping me into the person I am today," said Samantha Street, a senior accounting major from Rogers.

“Overall, these last four years on Ouachita's tennis team have taught me a lot about teamwork, time management, and the importance of being driven. I have enjoyed every second of playing the sport, and it is hard to believe that my tennis career is now over.”

front row: McKenzie Cranford, Valeriya Mansvetova, Camila Ferreira, Kourtney Chumbley, Lilia Sokolova **back row:** Samantha Street, Mary Rachel Wolf, Kristin Bodine.





#1 Freshman Camila Ferreira gets ready to hit the ball back over the net at a game inside the Heflin tennis indoor courts.



#2 Junior McKenzie Cranford serves the ball. Cranford was a mass communications major from Irving, Texas.



#3 Junior Kourtney Chumbley returns the ball with power in a Little Rock tournament. Chumbley was selected for the All-GAC team.

Season IN replay

Drury University	1-8	L
North Central Texas College	5-4	W
North Eastern State University	0-9	L
Southwest Baptist University	0-9	L
Cameron University	0-9	L
Arkansas Tech University	0-9	L
Delta State University	Cancelled	
Tarleton State University	1-8	L
Notheastern State University	Cancelled	
Henderson State University	6-3	W
Southeastern Oklahoma University	2-7	L
University of North Alabama	3-6	L
Delta State University	6-3	W
East Central University	1-8	L
Harding University	0-9	L
Arkansas Tech University	1-8	L
Henderson State University	7-2	W
Southern Nazarene University	1-8	L
GAC Tournament:		
Southeastern OK State	2-5	L



Junior Lillia Sokolova prepares to return the ball at a tournament in Little Rock, Ark. Sokolova comes to OBU from Yoshkar, Russia.
photo by: Jason Pullano

Kristin Bodine transferred in and played 3 years for us at #2 and 3 in singles and #1 and 2 in doubles. She was a hard worker and went above and beyond in practice. During matches she never gave up and kept fighting up to the last point. She was a strong team leader and she will be missed on the team next year.

Kourtney Chumbley will be a senior next year and had the best record on the team this past season. She has played #1 and 2 single for us the past 3 years and #1 doubles. She is hardworking and always trying to improve. She is a strong leader and I am looking forward to see how she does her senior year.

- Coach Betsy Danner



player spotlight

Season IN replay

Southwest Baptist	7-2	W
Washburn University	5-4	W
Delta State	5-2	W
Oklahoma Christian	4-5	L
Southeastern Oklahoma	7-2	W
Cameron University	4-5	L
Nothwest Missouri	5-4	W
Drury University	2-7	L
Noth Alabama	3-6	L
BYU-Hawaii	4-5	L
Hawaii Hilo	9-0	W
Hawaii Pacific University	2-7	L
Southeastern Oklahoma	5-4	W
East Central	6-3	W
Valdosta State	5-4	W
West Florida	0-5	L
Harding	9-0	W

GAC Confrence Tournament:

Harding	5-2	W
East Central University	5-2	W

NCAA Regional Tournament:

Southwest Baptist	2-5	L
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front row: Leon Ferran, Marko Boskovic, Teodor Anghel **back row:** Helge Knuth, Vitor Oliveira, Marvin Muller, Riccardo Bassani, Till Heilshorn, Coach Craig Ward.



Strong serve Junior Teodor Anghel gets off the ground on a serve. Anghel came to OBU from Ploiesti, Romania.
photo by: Heather Clark



Teodor Anghel, "Teddy," is one of those guys who does not get a lot of individual recognition. However he is a talented player whose contributions on the court and in the classroom are his character and competitiveness. Most of the success our team enjoyed this past year can be attributed to him.
- Coach Craig Ward

claiming the title a Second Time

#Jeff Root

A perennial NCAA Div. II power, the men's tennis team won its second championship in the two-year history of the Great American Conference, but fell in regional action of the post-season tournament. While failing to repeat the 2012 team's march to the Elite Eight, the 2013 Tigers were nationally ranked throughout the season and entered the tournament as the No. 1 team in the Central Region rankings.

"In my 23 years at Ouachita, the 2012-13 season was one of the most enjoyable," Head Coach Craig Ward said. **"The highlights for the year would be winning the Great American Conference and advancing to the finals of the NCAA Regional championships. This was a great group of guys and I look forward to most of them coming back next year."**

Ranked nationally at No. 21 entering the post-season, the Tigers were upset by No. 35 Southwest Baptist University by a score of 5-2, losing two of the three doubles matches and three of four in singles. The loss came after a convincing win in the GAC tournament. Ouachita had fashioned a 3-0 GAC

record (10-7 overall) in the regular season and traveled to Bentonville, Ark., for the GAC tournament. The Tigers beat longtime rival Harding University 5-2 and then won the championship with a 5-2 win over East Central Oklahoma in a rematch of the 2012 finals.

Post-season honors naturally came to the conference champions. Coach Craig Ward was named Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year, while Marco Boskovic was named GAC Player of the Year and Vitor Oliveira was tabbed as the GAC Freshman of the Year. Junior Helge Knuth joined Boskovic on the All-GAC First Team.

Boskovic, a sophomore from Belgrade, Serbia, was the No. 2 ranked player in the Central Region and was No. 36 in the nation with a 13-6 record in singles and 13-5 record in doubles. Oliveira, from Brasilia, Brazil, was 14-4 on the year in singles and 13-5 in doubles. He was undefeated in singles after a mid-season move to the No. 4 spot in the lineup. Knuth, a junior from Mandelbachtal, Germany, also had a banner year, reaching the No. 4 ranking in the region and the No. 39 ranking in the country.

Hosting the regionals, Ouachita got a

9-8 win in doubles action from Boskovic and Oliveira, but the Tigers only other win in the Round of 32 came from Teodor Anghel, a junior from Ploiesti, Romania, who took his singles match 6-0, 6-1 over Southwest's Alex Belote.

Marvin Muller, a sophomore from Hagan, Germany, also played a key role in 2012-13 for the Tigers. He teamed with Knuth for No. 2 doubles action, highlighted by an 8-5 win over East Central in the GAC Tournament. Doubles also featured Anghel teamed with Riccardo Bassani, a sophomore from Curitiba, Brazil.

Having earned a national reputation during Coach Ward's two decades at the helm, the Tigers peppered their regular season matches with some of the top competition in the nation. Ouachita defeated Gulf South Conference powers Delta State and Valdosta State, as well as strong teams from Northwest Missouri State University and Washburn University. The Tigers also played close to such powers at West Florida and Oklahoma Christian. The team enjoyed very competitive matchups in Hawaii with a win over Hawaii Hilo and close loses to BYU-Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific University.



photo by: Heather Ellis



photo by: Heather Ellis



photo by: Heather Ellis

Left: Sophomore Marvin Muller returns a ball in the NCAA tournament match up against Southwest Baptist. Muller was on a doubles team with fellow German Helge Knuth.

Top Left: Sophomore Marco Boskovic returns a ball with a quick forehand in a home meet against Southwest Baptist. Boskovic was named player of the year for the Great American Conference.

Top Right: Freshman Vitor Oliveira gets ready for the serve late in the season. Oliveira came to OBU from Brasilia, Brazil.

growing stronger For the Future

Hannah Shull

The Lady Tigers softball team had a unique season with a young squad but several shining moments. Bailey Sanders, a senior early childhood education major from Godley, Texas, said, "The entire season was filled with many memorable moments, one in particular that will be remembered forever. For the first time in Ouachita Baptist University history, we won two games at the Great American Conference conference tournament."

At the conference tournament the team knocked out Arkansas Tech, the number three seed, and the University of Arkansas at Monticello, the number four seed. They beat Arkansas Tech 11-2 and Monticello 5-1. The team placed fourth out of eight teams.

"We have a really young team and the fact that we were able to apply all of our individual talents into working as a team and getting the job done made me realize what the game of softball is all about," Sanders said.

"The team worked together in many ways, but we all played for each other. If one person was down, we tried picking them up, always encouraging," said Megan Askew, a senior math major from Fort Worth, Texas.

In addition to their wins, the team also came together and teammates and friends.

"Being a senior on the team has been a challenging, yet life changing experience. The duties that go along with being a senior are time consuming and difficult, but my coaches and teammates made it all worth while," Sanders said.

"They taught me so much about myself and brought the leader in me out. I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to play my last season of softball with," Sanders said.

"My favorite part of being on the team is playing with several girls who have a love for the game. I have become close over the years to several of them and it's crazy that I will no longer be playing with them," Askew said.

Askew also played volleyball, so she missed the fall season. She said, "I had a lot to prove when I came in the spring."

"Being a senior [on the team] can be a heavy load at times, but I really enjoy being a leader in the team. I couldn't be more proud of what we accomplished at the conference tournament," Askew said.

Askew was rewarded for her excellent season by being named 2nd Team All-GAC,

a step up from her honorable mention All-GAC honors of a year ago. Askew was an offensive machine for the Lady Tigers. She hit .323 for the season with 43 hits. Her on-base percentage was over .400 as she added a team-high 32 walks. Askew was a power hitter as well, with eight doubles and 10 home runs for the season. She scored 32 runs and drove in 25, while stealing 11 bases. It was quite a way to cap off a stellar career for the senior outfielder/first baseman.

Askew, however, was not the only player honored by the conference. Abbi Frakes, a junior biology major from Plano, Texas, was named the GAC Pitcher of the Week for the final week of the season in April. She won the honor by taking home the victory in three games of a four-game weekend series against Southern Arkansas University. In the series, Frakes gave up zero earned runs in 20.2 innings pitched, including a 10-inning shutout in game two. She struck out 24 Lady Riders and walked none.

While the young team finished 20-33 for the season, they rallied to win five of their last eight games, including an OBU record at the GAC conference tournament. The end of the Lady Tigers' season signaled an improved veteran squad for next year.

front row: Nici Starkey, Ashley Stegall, Michaela Hopkins, Suzie Gresham, Bailey Sanders, Kayley Willingham, Megan McLaughlin, Jocelyn Jones, Teresa Mursuli, Kailey Madden **back row:** Assistant Coach Beth McGhee, Monica Smith, Olivia Guin, Parish Reed, Rebekah Dindak, Abbi Frakes, Shandy Nooner, Shelby McWhorter, Megan Askew, Brianna Baley, Amber Oxford, Head Coach Mike McGhee.

Softball 2013



photo by: Bekah Hill





#1 Junior Parish Reed prepares to make a throw from the outfield. Reed also ran Cross Country for Ouachita.

#3 Sophomore Kayley Willingham heads toward second. Willingham was an outfielder for OBU and came from Tuscon, Ariz.

#3 Junior Abbi Frakes pitches for the Lady Tigers. The Plano, Texas, native was named GAC pitcher of the week after a three-win weekend.



IN Season replay

Hampton Classic	2 W 2L
Southeastern Shootout	1W 3L
UAM Classic	3W 5L
Newman University	Cancelled
Henderson State University	5-9,0-11,8-0,5-6 L,L,W,L
Southern Nazarene University	3-2,1-5,6-14,6-4 W,L,L,W
Arkansas Tech	1-2,1-4,4-8,3-6 L,L,L,L
East Central	1-4,6-9,0-7,4-9 L,L,L,L
University of Ark. at Monticello	Cancelled
Southwestern OK State	6-1,7-6,3-2,1-0 W,W,W,W
Midwestern State University	2-4 L
Northwestern OK State	5-0,1-6,2-6,4-3 W,L,L,W
Southeastern OK State	6-7,1-5,1-9,0-5 L,L,L,L
Southern Arkansas University	3-2,1-9,1-0,2-1 W,L,W,W

GAC Tournament :

East Central	0-5	L
Arkansas Tech	11-2	W
UAM	5-1	W
East Central	0-8	L



Junior Rebekah Dindak makes contact with the ball in a game against Southern Nazarene in early March. Dindak came to OBU from Allen, Texas.

photo by: Bekah Hall

Megan Askew had a great career for our program and she will be truly missed. Megan started all four years for our program. She started her career as a freshman, being GSC freshman of the year in our conference. She finished this season as All GAC and was our leading hitter with a .338 batting average with 11 homeruns. She owns our record for doubles and runs scored. She is first or second in many other categories as well. Megan will be extremely hard to replace.

- Coach Mike McGhee



player spotlight

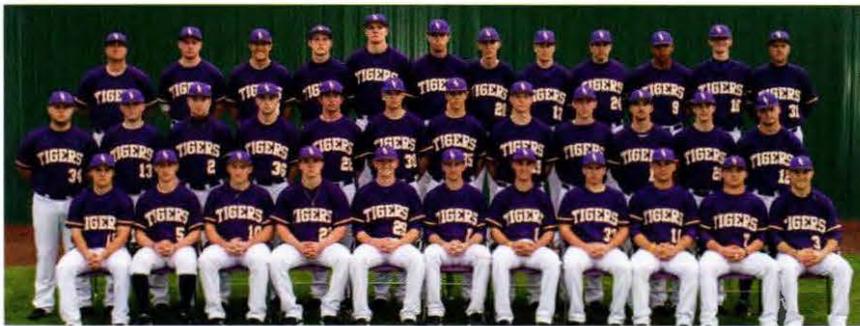


@willwallace9 It's a good day when you run-rule
Henderson 10-0! #OBUBaseball

Angelo State University	0-3,2-6,6-16,1-13 L,L,L,L
Tarleton State University	2-1,0-0,1-0 W,Tie,W
Southern Arkansas University	16-13 W
East Central University	6-1,19-16,5-7 W,W,L
Harding University	7-6 W
Southeastern Oklahoma	3-2,3-0,5-6 W,W,L
Southern Arkansas University	3-6,2-1,2-8 L,W,L
Arkansas Tech University	2-16 L
University of Ark. at Monticello	3-7,13-1,7-9 L,W,L
Henderson State	10-0 W
Northwestern Okla. State	3-6,7-6,0-3 L,W,L
Southwestern Okla. State	0-9,0-1,1-2 L,L,L
Okla. Christian University	10-5,2-1,2-0 W,W,W
Southern Nazarene University	5-1,3-2,3-9 W,W,L
University of Ark. at Monticello	2-4 L
Arkansas Tech University	13-10,1-2,5-0 W,L,W
Delta State University	3-4,4-5 L,L
Harding University	4-1,1-4,4-7 W,L,L
Henderson State	2-3,7-2,3-2 L,W,W

Season IN replay

front row: Blake Leisenring, Ducan Collins, Drew Feuerbacher, Jace Melby, Jacob May, Matt Balogh, Landon Flax, Weston Smith, Seth Childers, Tyler Faught, Parker Norris **second row:** Chris Tavares, Josh Reeves, Lucas Castleberry, Jon Michael Cunningham, Kyle Matusoff, Tryce Schalchlin, Craig Daniell, Will Wallace, Davis Ward, Landon Moore, Nick Crump, McCrae Jones **third row:** Head Coach Jeremy Haworth, Keegan Ghidotti, Sean Noland, Trey Hart, Joey Gammon, Ben Gielow, Hunter Lewis, Austin Watson, Josh Everett, Luis De Jesus, Assistant coach Ryan Westover, Assistant Coach Kyle Hope.



The Tigers' junior Davis Ward winds up to pitch in a early February game. Ward was unstoppable from the mound, finishing the year with a 9-3 record in 13 starts. He was named the GAC pitcher of the year.
photo by: Nici Starkey



Davis Ward

Davis Ward hails from Little Rock, Arkansas and has been a member of the Ouachita Baptist University baseball squad for three years. He has demonstrated leadership qualities on and off the field. Davis played a major role as our frontline pitcher this year. His success on the baseball diamond was noticed not only by his teammates, but opponents as well. Davis was selected as OBU's Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year and GAC Pitcher of the Year. He has just recently been named to the ABCA All-Central Region 1st Team and the NCBWA All-Central Region 2nd Team. He led the GAC in ERA (1.74) and also led in completed games pitched (10).
- Coach Jeremy Haworth

creating Standards

#Faith Ledbetter

Under the coaching of Jeremy Haworth, head coach for the second year at OBU, the Tigers began to prepare for their upcoming season of play, and for their competition in the Great American Conference. During the beginning of their busy season, the Tigers were told that they had been chosen to finish sixth out of the nine teams in the conference based on a poll voted on by all of the head coaches in the conference.

Davis Ward, a junior from Little Rock, AR, had a season filled with success and accolades. Ward was named the Great American Conference pitcher of the year. He was also a unanimous All-GAC First Team Selection. In addition, Ward was a semifinalist for the Titto Martinez award, which recognizes the top players in the nation for Division two athletics. Davis finished the year with a 9-3 record in 13 starts, including 10 complete game performances. He finished the year with an ERA of 1.74, the best among all GAC pitchers during the season. Ward believes his success will benefit the program as well.

“It was a great feeling to be recognized, and great for the program as well. We're setting a

high standard for OBU baseball and creating a winning and confident attitude for upcoming seasons,” Ward said.

The season started with a tough week-end of the Tigers losing back-to-back double-headers to Angelo state. In the first game of “Wacky Saturday,” the two teams faced off in a 12-inning thriller that was capped off by a walk-off single for the Tigers, giving them a 2-1 win and their first win of the year.

During the first game of the conference season, the Tigers were able to complete nine innings of action as they recorded a 6-1 win in their first dose of Great American Conference action. Throughout the season the Tigers won against other teams, such as Tarleton State, SAU Magnolia, Northwestern Oklahoma, Oklahoma Christian, and ended their season with a bang during the Battle of the Ravine against Henderson State, including a 10-0 win over the Reddies on their own field.

“It's always good to beat Henderson, especially on their home field in a dominating fashion. We have seen quite a bit of success against HSU this season, and hopes it continues in the future.” The Tigers ended

with a double-header sweep to close out the season.

The Tigers suffered a few upsetting losses including games against Arkansas Tech, SW Oklahoma State, Southern Nazarene, Arkansas-Monticello, and Harding University. These hard losses will give the team more motivation in the future to work harder towards their goal of winning a championship. The Tigers' end of season record was 22-24-1 and their conference statistics were 15-16.

During the season, the Tiger baseball players practiced about six days a week. Something that often gets overlooked regarding student athletes was the amount of time and dedication they put into playing their sport. Overall, the average college athlete spends about 20 to 25 hours practicing and still has to maintain a good GPA in order to continue playing.

Ward weighed in on the future of the program. “I think us underperforming this year will help us focus even more next year. Everybody in the program understands that nothing but winning championships is acceptable, so I think that mindset will help us out next year.” Ward said, referring to the team's record during this season.



photo by: Nathan Dickard



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photo by: Nici Starkey

Left: The Tigers shake hands before an early February match-up against Tarleton State. The Tigers won the game with an eighth-inning base hit from senior Duncan Collins, advancing junior Landon Moore over home for the lone score of the game.

Top Left: Senior Matt Balogh swings for the fences against Arkansas Tech. The Centennial, Colo., native recorded 13 stolen bases for the Tigers.

Top Right: Senior Landon Flax looks to tag out an Angelo State runner in a non-conference game in Feb. Flax totaled 61 putouts at the end of the season.



The very reason a university is called a university is because of the academia. No school would be successful without hardworking professors, staff and students. The seven schools within Ouachita Baptist University showed an amazing diversity among the student body and faculty. Students on campus juggled academics and social life in and out of the classroom. Playing games, eating out with friends and hanging out by Degra Lake all had to wait until papers were written, tests studied for and projects finished. Professors spent much of their time preparing lessons, grading work and meeting with students and other faculty outside of class time. Their patience and willingness to serve the student body and their peers gave the university value and showed their commitment to

#speaknow

STUDY ABROAD

Broadening Horizons

*a personal connection
with the world around us*

"The world is a book, those who don't travel read only a page." - Anonymous

"I've come away from this study abroad adventure with more stories and new experiences than I ever imagined," said Ellen Flint, a sophomore history and Spanish major from Arlington, Texas. "In one semester, I visited ten countries, swam in the Mediterranean, biked to the North Sea, picnicked next to the Eiffel Tower and even had the view of a castle from my bedroom window."

Opportunities to travel were opportunities to expand one's understanding of the world, of life and of self. International education opportunities expanded that learning even further. Students at Ouachita were encouraged and challenged to become difference makers in the world, but no difference would be made unless the world was reached - the horizon expanded.

Ouachita offered many locations for international education, as well as several other international summer trips and missions programs. Eighty-six students went on the offered summer trips to 12 different locations. Nine students studied abroad in the fall semester and 20 students studied abroad in the spring. Seven of those students were participants in the missions Hands-On program.

"I never thought that, at 21, I would be visiting three of my top ten countries to visit before I die," said Ryleigh Salmon, a senior mass communications major from Henderson, Texas, who participated in the European Study Tour. "I got to experience things that I'll remember for as long as I live. And I did all this with a great group of people who I now consider to be friends. It truly was the trip of my lifetime."

Studying abroad allowed students to take things they had learned in class and apply that to living and learning internationally.

"I loved being so immersed in the Spanish language. The things I learned in class I was able to apply immediately in the market, on the bus, with my host family, etc.," Flint said. "I didn't realize until arriving in Spain how daunting it would be to live in a country with very different customs, with a language I didn't know and among people with completely different world views."

"Going on the Greece biblical studies tour, I knew that it would change my faith; it would deepen it," said Grant Novak, a junior Christian studies major from Bossier City, La. "It's one thing to sit in a classroom and hear about these places, but it's a whole other thing to go to these cities where people like Paul actually walked. You connect with it more; it makes it more personal."

The amazing thing about these travel opportunities was that students were almost guaranteed to learn about more than one place and culture.

"We were in classes with Chinese, Russians, French, Japanese, and other Americans, which expanded my knowledge of more countries and cultures than just Spain," Flint said.

"One of my favorite parts of the trip was the 8-hour layover we had in Amsterdam. Not only did we get to see Greece and Turkey but also Western Europe," Novak said.

Students who took these international opportunities agreed that it exceeded their expectations, grew them in ways unimagined, and allowed them to encourage other students to make their own experience, take the opportunity to expand their education, their skills, their knowledge and themselves through an international travel experience.

"Whether it's EST, studying abroad for a semester or doing a foreign mission trip, it's something that everyone should experience," Salmon said. "I think here in America, we have this complex of thinking of ourselves as, not only the best, but the greatest, and we miss out on opportunities to broaden our horizons." #Heather Francis

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Grant Novak





Juniors Victoria Samuelson, who studied in Austria, and Bethany Peevy, who studied in Spain, visit each other in Austria. Students who studied abroad often took trips to see each other in their different study abroad countries. **photo courtesy of: Victoria Samuelson**



Juniors Ellen Eubanks and Melanie Spearman visit the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland. These cliffs are the same ones featured in the films "The Princess Bride" and "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince." **photo courtesy of: Ellen Eubanks**

Junior Jacob Tinklenberg, friend Katie Schmidt, and juniors Ellen Eubanks and Anna English take a picture in front of the famous Eiffel Tower in Paris, France. While these students studied in Liverpool, chances to travel to other countries were easily available. **photo courtesy of: Ellen Eubanks**



Left: Students on the summer trip to Costa Rica get ready to go surfing. Many study abroad opportunities happened for shorter periods of time in the summer. **photo courtesy of: Ryan Strebeck**

Right: Junior Katelyn Barber stands in front of the Chateau Chamboard in France. The Chateau is one of the most recognizable chateaux in the world because of its French Renaissance architecture. **photo courtesy of: Katelyn Barber**

Freshman Caylie Gillum signs the Covenant on Academic Honor at the ceremony held in JPAC. All new students were required to sign this Covenant which was based on an honor system stating that students would take their academic work seriously. **photo by: Tyler Rosenthal**



Seniors Jessica Lamb and Sam Cummins measure the velocity and acceleration of a rolling car in their Physical Science lab. Labs were a requirement with each CORE science class. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**

Sophomore David Winkler and freshman Jean Benecyo use a caliper to measure body mass index in Wellness class. Wellness was a required class in which students learned about healthy living. **photo by: Kristen Barnard**



Left: Dr. Johnny Wink hands out papers to students in his Senior Seminar class. Every senior was required to take a Senior Seminar class pertaining to their own school. **photo by: Nicole McPhate**

Right: Dr. Scott Haynes, dean of students, speaks with new students during OBU Experience. New students were required to take the class Thursdays at 10 a.m. **photo by: Tyler Rosenthal**





Christ-Centered

*combining a deep love
of Christ and education*

CORE

CORE, Ouachita's general education program, has been a major part of the liberal arts education that makes Ouachita unique. But after 13 years of preparing students for life after college, the CORE program was due for an update. The 55-hour required curriculum underwent revision by the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee. Dr. Stan Poole, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, said the update began in 2010.

"Several things came together to give momentum to the efforts to revise the CORE program. In 2010-11, the university conducted a comprehensive self-study as part of our accreditation review. As part of that process, faculty identified some concerns about the CORE curriculum. We also considered feedback from students through the CORE Senior Seminar Survey and the annual Student Satisfaction Survey. All of this together led us to the decision to review the CORE program as one of the initiatives in our university strategic plan," Poole said.

Changing a school's general education plan has been no easy task, as Dr. Poole went on to say that the revision was a campus-wide effort. "Over the last year, the faculty worked in groups to generate ideas and suggestions for restructuring the CORE curriculum," said Poole. "The Interdisciplinary Studies Committee has taken the various ideas and shaped them into some specific plans for a revised curriculum."

Dr. Deborah Root served as the Humanities representative for the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee and said that the groups really challenged its members to come up with creative ideas.

"One of the important things we're doing is taking a closer look at the goals of the educational experience at OBU and how the CORE requirements help meet those goals," Root said.

The process began with a series of focus groups. "We started last spring, and invited the faculty to join 'design' teams that were really asked to think outside of the box," Root said. "In February we met with each school at Ouachita to refine ideas and proposals for the new CORE."

Students had mixed feelings for the redesign of the CORE program, as they were conflicted with excitement for the new direction, yet almost nostalgic for the classes that built their foundation at OBU.

Bradley Lindsey, a senior music major from Halsville, Texas, said he was excited to hear the changes to the program. "After spending my time at Ouachita with the CORE program, I am excited to see where the new CORE will go," Lindsey said. "There is always room for improvement and I'm glad Ouachita is always striving to be the best."

While students enjoyed the current CORE requirements, they were open change. "I've enjoyed my CORE classes," said Zach Parker, a freshman political science major from Shreveport, La. "Although I think the current curriculum is working well, I am interested to see what changes and additions the new curriculum will bring." The new CORE was approved by the faculty in April and will take affect Fall 2014.

With a Christ-centered liberal arts education, Ouachita was always changing and improving. A deep love for Christ and education among the students, faculty and staff was a constant that remained at a university dedicated to preparing students for the future. *#OUCORE*

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Faith in Action

taking a scholastic major to a personal level

Context determines meaning. The Pruet School of Christian Studies aimed to be the right context for students to learn, grow, labor and love in Christ.

Whether students were studying theology or preparing for a semester of mission work abroad, they were finding the encouragement and equipment they needed through Pruet's courses, professors and opportunities.

Sarah Cate, a junior missions major from Inez, Texas, said Pruet is helping prepare her for her future as a missionary. "There have been many opportunities that the PSCS has given me," Cate said. "I think one of the best opportunities was being able to go and serve in South Asia through the Hands-On program. Not only did this experience stretch me and allow me to grow in my relationship with the Lord, but it also gave me the opportunity to see what it is like living in a different culture."

Dr. Ray Franklin, associate professor of Christian missions, confirmed that Cate's story is shared by many students studying missions. "More Ouachita graduates serve on the mission field than any other Southern Baptist university except Baylor," Franklin said. "Four students have just returned from a Hands-On semester of missionary service abroad. Two of our students are doing Hands-On this semester."

Other opportunities have also been established by Pruet students and professors. Some of these students started a fundraising campaign through the Arkansas Rice Depot to adopt an Arkadelphia school for the Food for Kids program. These students collected donations in order to fund the program for an entire year.

The Food for Kids program was a ministry that collected food to pack into kids' backpacks in order to send food home with students. Some students aren't always guaranteed a meal after they leave school each day, and this affects their school performance and overall attitude.

In addition to these opportunities, the professors made the Pruet School of Christian Studies both effective and appreciated.

"I think one of the best parts of being a student in the PSCS is being able to learn alongside some great professors. These professors have really taught me how to study the Word and how to live a more gospel-centered life," Cate said. "They have taken the best interest in their students and I truly appreciate that."

"The best part of Pruet is definitely the professors," said Sarah Davis, a senior Christian studies and theatre major from Bedford, Texas. "They don't just invest in your education, they invest in your life."

The Pruet faculty invested in the lives of their students and offered encouragement no matter their background, calling, or gender.

"It's incredible to me how supportive all of the staff at Pruet are of the women who plan to go into ministry," Davis said. "Pruet makes a conscious effort to encourage women training in ministry through their teachings by personally investing in us, especially through the Pruet Sisterhood. The purpose of the Sisterhood is to bridge the gap for women in ministry and encourage them. Even though a woman in ministry may experience discouragement when she graduates from Pruet, she will never experience it here. That is a huge blessing that you won't find at every university."

The professors in Pruet always said context determines meaning. Many of their students would agree that because of Pruet's genuine concern for their students and desire to equip them with knowledge and experience, that makes Pruet the right context for them in their preparation for meaningful futures. #HeatherFrancis

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Students and faculty on the Biblical Studies Trip walk down the streets in Ephesus in Turkey where Paul and John the Apostle likely walked. The group traveled to places such as Athens and Corinth to look at the life of Paul, the churches of reformation, and the history of the church. **photo courtesy of: Dr. Danny Hays**



Junior Elise Holman and senior Christopher Mazon take notes in Dr. Marvin Pate's Christian Theology class. The class looked at basic doctrine, differing philosophies, and differing theories about Biblical issues, such as anthropology and creation. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**

Junior Kyle Fischer and senior Adam Gosnell take a quiz in their New Testament Greek Readings class. Students took turns presenting their translations of the Sermon on the Mount to the class in their second semester of Readings. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**



Left: Junior Krista Fauber speaks with a representative from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on the annual Seminary Day. The day was designed to give students a better understanding of evangelical seminaries. **photo by: Kristen Barnard**

Right: Junior Colby Harper speaks with the president of Ouachita, Dr. Rex Horne, during his Advanced Christian Ministry class. The class, taught by Dr. Horne, exposed the students to different speakers representing different ministries. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**

Sophomore Jackson Carter sits down with Arkadelphia High School head football coach J.R. Eldridge to record "The J.R. Eldridge Show." The show was a weekly football coach's show for Arkadelphia High School. **photo by: Nicole McPhate**



Dr. Rex Horne delivers a speech at the Lile Hall rededication ceremony held in September. Lile Hall was renovated to house the School of Humanities. **photo by: Jason Pullano**

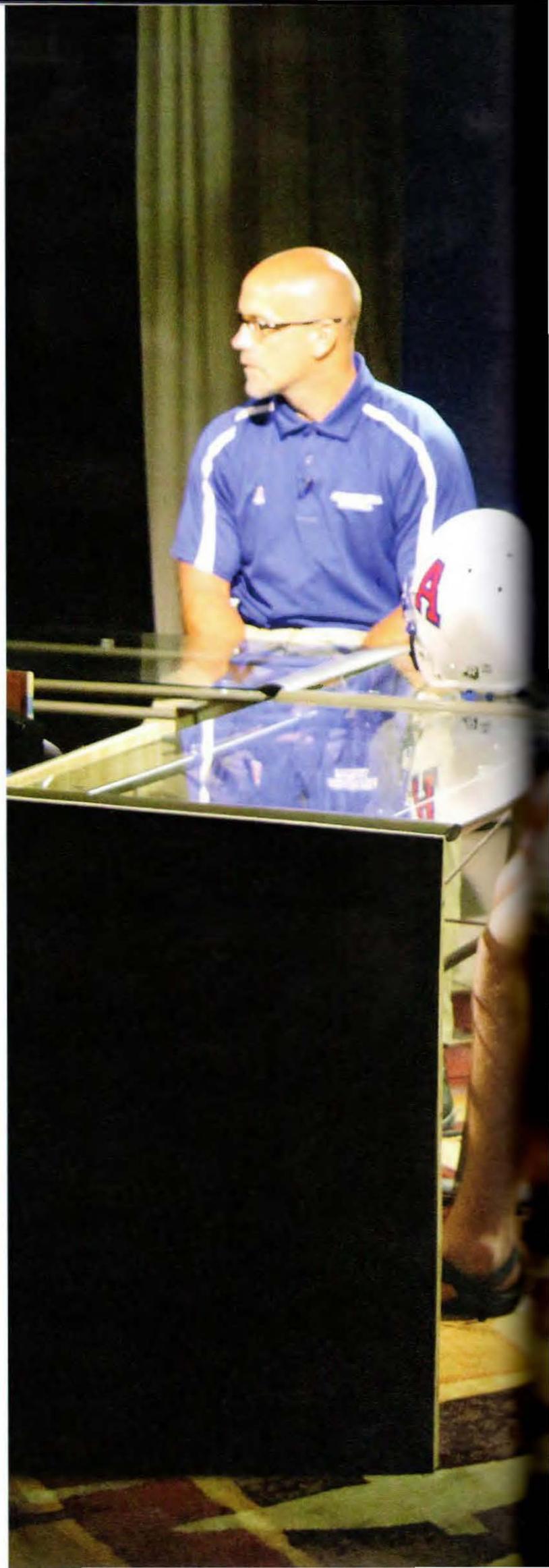


Dr. Deborah Root showcases examples of newspapers to her Publication Design class. The focus of the class was to learn elements of design and to apply them to print media. **photo by: Nicole McPhate**



Left: Dr. Amy Sonheim talks through "Book Thief" with her Composition II class. The first semester of Composition was more grammar-based, while the second semester was focused on understanding literature. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**

Right: Senior Rebecca Gray delivers a speech to her fellow classmates in Fundamentals of Public Speaking. The class provided an outlet for students to practice speech writing and delivery. **photo by: Nicole McPhate**





Hands-On Learning

*learning from experience
at home and abroad*

Two departments, seven degrees and more than 170 student majors all converged into one building when the School of Humanities moved into a renovated Lile Hall last summer. Students studying English, communications, or foreign languages were now found within close proximity of each other. After years of being spread throughout various buildings, the move brought a new sense of excitement to professors and students alike.

"There is a greater sense of ambition," said Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the School of Humanities. "With the new equipment, students are being more ambitious. They are doing things and inventing things for the first time, and that's what we want. The collegiality of this group of faculty has also grown; there is nothing like physical proximity."

The Department of English and Foreign Languages offered a major and minor in Spanish, as well as several classes in French, German, Japanese and Russian. Something the department was very proud of was the study abroad options. This gave students the ability to spend varying amounts of time in a Spanish-speaking country. By being completely immersed in the language and culture, students gained a much deeper understanding of this foreign tongue than they would have in a classroom. Students are also able to earn several hours of Spanish credit through the program.

"I was able to study abroad to Costa Rica, where I got to spend a month taking classes and traveling the country," said Aaron Butler, a senior Spanish major from Mablevale. "It was such an amazing experience. I currently plan on going to Spain this summer."

From CORE classes to more specific classes for majors, the Department of English and Foreign Languages covered a wide range of writing and literature topics reaching students campus wide. With its tight-knit community and beloved professors, the English area became home to several students.

"I think English professors are often stereotyped as being the most peculiar and eclectic of instructors," said Ben Fryer, a senior English major Murfreesboro, Tenn. "I can't disagree. But all of them have a real passion and knowledge for their field. Each of my professors have been very different from the other, but all of them have been the same in their kindness and a real desire to pass on what they know."

The Rogers Department of Communications benefitted greatly from the remodeled Lile Hall. Two new Mac labs, along with a new publications newsroom and video production studio, have vastly increased the department's technology access. These changes brought great improvement to one of the department's most successful areas: hands-on experience. Through practicum credit and work-study, mass communications students were able to gain real-life skills by working on one of the many publications staffs.

"In my time here I've had the opportunity to write news stories for The Signal, press releases for the News Bureau and intern for a semester at First Baptist Church here in Arkadelphia," said Mary Castleman, a senior church media production major from Batesville. "I think an OBU humanities education prepares you for the workplace through all the work you do outside the classroom. We don't just learn about writing, photography, video and online media - we DO those things on a regular basis." *#MySmart*

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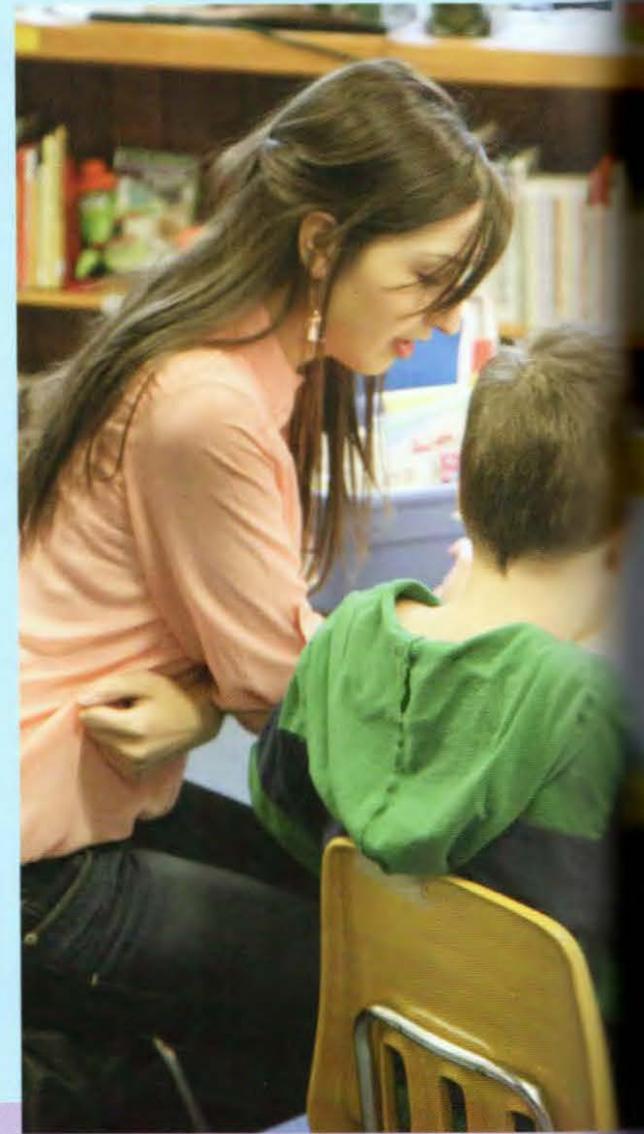
Adding some playtime into her teaching, sophomore Sarah Talley and her student practice their writing skills in Play-Doh. America Reads tutors worked with first graders from Perritt Primary School. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Senior Jordan Snook gets hands on with his lesson on skip counting and multiplying. America Counts volunteers tutored one child three times per week for 30 minutes a day. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*

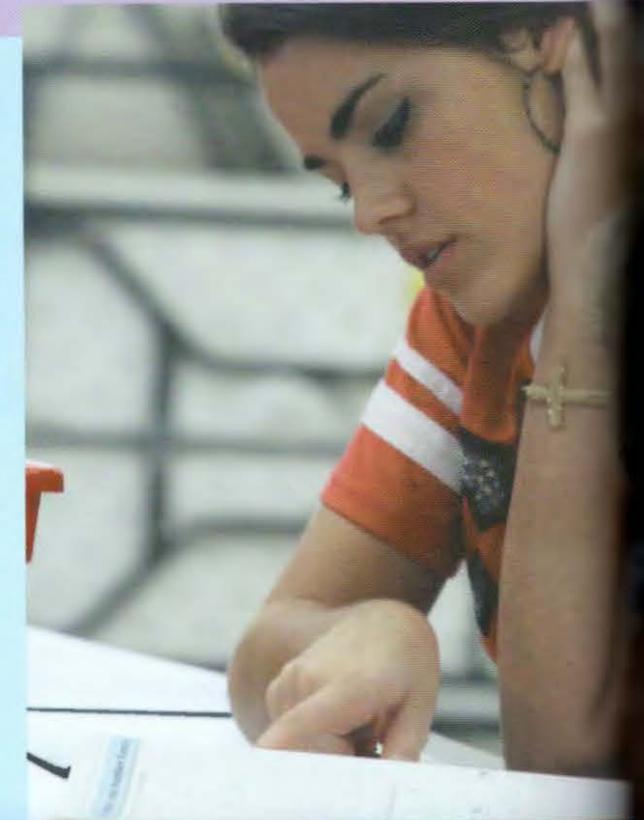


Running through the primary purpose of her tutoring session, Tayler Koller reads through the Rigby Reader book "Flying" with her student. America Reads tutors received books every semester they give to their students to keep. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Making his lesson a little more interactive, junior Clay McKinney uses a whiteboard while working with his student on a lesson in "counting by tens." America Counts tutors worked with third graders at Central Elementary. *photo by: Tayler Koller*

Junior Sarah Liz Carter runs through a workbook math lesson with her student. Many students, like Carter, were not on work study with America Counts, but were volunteers, giving their time to tutor elementary students. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*



America Reads Counts

#Mauri Sparks

As the teacher reviews the lesson, one child in the back of the room struggles to understand what he is learning. The teacher has been on the same lesson for a few days now, but nothing has clicked yet and he knows what will happen: by the time he barely starts to grasp the concept, his teacher will move on and he will again be lost. This persists until one day he sees an older student come into the classroom and hears her call his name. He isn't exactly sure what happens until she tells him that she is going to be his tutor for a little while. As the pair start to move through a lesson the child previously was unable to grasp, suddenly he understands, only because he was able to sit one-on-one with his tutor. She praises him for how fast he learned. This child now has a new confidence inside because this America Counts tutor volunteered of her time to help him explain the teacher's lesson.

Many students on campus love helping those in the community, but there is a far greater need outside of campus of which students are not constantly aware. Many programs at Ouachita help outside of campus. One such opportunity through the Elrod Center is the America Reads/America Counts program. Reads students work with first graders at Perritt Primary while Counts tutors work with third graders at Central Elementary. Some of the children who qualify for tutoring at schools in Arkadelphia need a constant figure in their lives, and college students are a way for them to count on someone older than them as they're learning about reading and math. The students connected with this program learn there are other ways to work with children than becoming a teacher, and the impact on these children is immeasurable.

"If anything, a setback is I only get to tutor one student," said Sarah Liz Carter, a junior math major from El Dorado. "I would love to tutor another one, but because I'm a volunteer I can only tutor one. For me

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just the fact that I'm not getting anything from this is a reward. I just love doing it. There's nothing that is making me do it, just the desire. It doesn't feel like a job to me. It gets me away from the busyness of school and to 30 or 45 minutes with someone that I love or that loves me."

Volunteers tutor one child for 30 minutes, three times per week while work study students tutor two children. One common misconception of the program is that a student must be an education major to volunteer. The program takes students from all majors who have a love for children. There is a great need for tutors, and many kids who are qualifying for the program have to be turned away due to a lack of workers and volunteers.

"Although I don't plan on being a teacher or working at a school, this job has definitely taught me responsibility," said Clay McKinney, a junior management and finance major from Hughes Springs, Texas. "I am not only responsible to tutor weekly and attend meetings, but I am also responsible for helping teach these students. This can be a little intimidating, but so worth it."

Every teacher works differently with their tutors, but they are all appreciative of this initiative of the Elrod Center to help kids in their struggles with reading or math. They know that this one-on-one time with

the child can sometimes be much more beneficial to them than learning in a classroom setting.

"I've had very positive experiences with the teachers, the librarian, and the principal at Perritt Primary," said MyLisa Speer, a senior speech pathology major from Texarkana, Texas. "They have always been more than willing to accommodate for us because we're on the same page when it comes to these kids. Besides the extra bit of help, they know that most of the kids need a good role model and someone to love on them and encourage them, so they welcome us with open arms."

Many times, the kids in the program only need a boost of self-confidence, and once they realize they are able to do the work required by their teachers, they feel more enabled to move on to harder subjects or reading levels.

"It is very rewarding to see the students' grades improve and to see them get excited about their test or homework assignment. They begin to take pride in their work, which is one of the best things we could ever teach them," said Seth Wilson, a junior biology major from Hot Springs. "The greatest part of my job is just seeing them grow from shy, struggling students into hardworking, successful students who look forward to math now instead of hating it."

There may be times throughout the year when tutors struggle with the reason they have this job, but they remember their kid needs a consistent role model in their lives, someone who will encourage them to succeed and congratulate them on their success, however small.

"One of the things that keeps pulling on me is when I get tired I always think about Cameron, because he doesn't have a very good home life," said Rebecca Sanchez, a sophomore middle school education major from Romance. "So that 30 minutes we spend together is really important to him, because he's getting one-on-one time. And that encourages me to keep going and to find more ways to serve and to volunteer."

A big part of the America Reads/America Counts program is their book distribution. With a grant from United Way, the Elrod Center buys books for tutors to give to their kids. Reads tutors receive books every semester, and Counts only in the spring. Every tutor chooses 10 books to give to their kids throughout the semester, and for some of these kids, these are the only books they have at home.

"They get super excited because they don't usually get books at home, so it's like a treat every time," said Whitley Martin, a senior early childhood education major with middle school endorsement from Batesville. "It just motivates them to want to read that book because they want to take it home and read it to their family. So that's another way to motivate them, because they don't want to take a book home and not be able to tell their parents what it's about. We're also supposed to save at least half of them to give at Christmas, so it's like a gift from OBU."

The academic benefit of this program can be seen as the students show progress in their graded work and through the tutors' journals and weekly reports. But there is a far greater impact on these children than only grades.

"Clearly there is an academic benefit to this program for the kids that we work with, but there is an intangible that you can't really pin down," said Leigh Anne McKinney, coordinator of public school initiatives in the Elrod Center. "Just having somebody that is consistent and regularly there for them is huge. For some of these kids, we might be their most constant source, so there is a benefit that far outreaches just the academic side."

The Great Adventure

striving for excellence in the world of education

The Huckabee School of Education took prospective students on "The Great Adventure" with a school-wide lip dub. During the fall semester, the school made its very own lip dub to advertise the many different facets of their school. The entire video was shot and edited by student Reece Franklin, a senior Church Media major from Arkadelphia. Students from all three departments, education, kinesiology and leisure studies, took part in the promotional video.

The Huckabee School of Education desired for the lip dub to not only get current students involved, but also to get prospective students interested in learning about all the school had to offer.

"It excellently showcased our departments energy and excitement, as well as our readiness to try anything new and keep up with the modern world," said Caitlyn Johnson, a sophomore early childhood education major from Winnsboro, Texas, who played a main role in the lip dub.

Aside from advancing through new advertising, the faculty also made decisions to further students' education through new technology. The school continued to update classrooms with technology such as smart boards for each department. The newest faculty member of the Huckabee School of Education, Rachel Pool, helped to spur the movement of technological growth.

"She got us into doing the lip dub, and she also teaches the technical early childhood class," said Korey Byrd, a junior early childhood education major from Houston, Texas. "That allows us to be able to use smart boards and other things. So she's been into that movement of getting us to use technology in order to teach."

Another great asset of the department of education was the continuation of their spring trip to the UK, which they call The Global Glimpse. Through The Global Glimpse, students were able to understand education while being immersed in a totally different culture. "The Global Glimpse provides our students with the opportunity to see the impact of culture and education in a new setting," said Dr. Merribeth Brunning, dean of the Huckabee School of Education.

Just as displayed in the lip dub, the school of education provided both opportunity and community. There were new emphases added to the curriculum for kinesiology and leisure studies majors: pre-professional as well as recreation and sports ministry.

"What we found out when we did a survey of the campus was over 200 of our students in the summer work in summer sports or Christian camps. We found that it might be a great thing to do a recreation and sports ministry program because we are seeing more of these ministers in the churches," said Dr. Mike Reynolds, chair of the kinesiology and leisure studies department.

"Our students are really wanting to do experiential education," Reynolds said. "Kinesiology and leisure studies is a hands-on major. In our department we want to build on that... They have an 'I can do' attitude."

During the fall semester, the department of kinesiology and leisure studies honored students through awarding them membership into Phi Epsilon Kappa, the department's national honors fraternity. Students who were selected for joining the fraternity were those who had achieved at least a 3.0 grade average as well as 12 hours in the kinesiology department. The fraternity was limited to mainly juniors and seniors because of a 58 hour overall requirement.

The school of education held its students to a standard of excellence and adaptability. By travelling as far as the United Kingdom, expanding student resources for kinesiology and leisure studies and embarking on "The Great Adventure," the Huckabee School of Education truly strove to create an environment for students to be difference makers in the classroom and the world.

#TheAdventures

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At the bluff, a group of Ouachita students teach elementary children from nearby schools about how to use a compass and leave no trace. Their field trip was for the purpose of place based education, or education in the environment the students are learning about as a way to get them out of their seats. **photo courtesy of: Mike Reynolds**



Freshmen enrolled in the Freshman Seminar class pose in front of the Capitol on their field trip held in the fall. The students also visited the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum to reflect on the role of government in education. **photo by: Grace Finley**

Education students pose in front of a telephone booth in London on The Global Glimpse Study Aboard program. The Global Glimpse gave students an opportunity to understand education from a different perspective: being immersed in a completely different culture. **photo courtesy of: Kathy Collins**



Left: Seniors Anja DeWitt and Julian LaDay play hula hoop with children from Central Primary. Kinesiology majors periodically coordinated recess for a class in local elementary schools. **photo courtesy of: Mike Reynolds**

Right: Karla Neathery and Karen Stout, who both work for the Benton school district, speak to students at the "Third Thursdays For Teachers at Ten" series. The speakers who came to campus represented various school districts. **photo by: Grace Finley**

Jason Cantwell, a senior kinesiology major from Frisco, Texas, shows off his entry in the business plan competition - a prototype of a camera that could be used to record soccer games for scouts. The business, "E-Scout," placed second in the competition. **photo by: Jessica Stewart**



Members of ENACTUS pose in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on September 29. The group attended its annual training conference and toured the city. **photo courtesy of: Jim Files**



Austin and Ashton Samuelson speak to a group of business majors about their business "Pitza 42" in Conway. The Samuelsons spoke at "First Fridays," a monthly series featuring Ouachita graduate business professionals. **photo by: Jason Pullano**



Left: President Rex Horne speaks at the "First Fridays" series. Dr. Horne was actively involved with academic endeavors on campus, speaking in various classrooms and teaching classes. **photo by: Kristen Barnard**

Right: Freshman business majors attend the "Freshman Leadership Experience" at Camp Winnamocka. At the outing, they participated in team-building activities and had dinner with the business faculty. **photo courtesy of: Jim Rothwell**



Growing the Dream

*expanding the minds
and forming leaders*

BUSINESS

Growth is something that defines and encourages. The Hickingbotham School of Business celebrated its 20th year since being established. The 20th year was representative of a dream formed about 24 years ago to create opportunities and connections for all students through adding a school of business to Ouachita's community. The anniversary was celebrated on the school's annual Business Administration Day.

The growth of the School of Business stretched beyond the hallways of the university. In January, Enactus (formerly SIFE) traveled to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to put their knowledge into action. The team's mission was to expand upon work that began two years ago when they first traveled to Tegucigalpa. Through partnering with World Gospel Outreach, the School of Business worked to offer small business start-up training, provided efficient materials for crop harvesting and laid the foundation to eventually allow the profit from the coffee sold to serve children in an orphanage in Tegucigalpa.

"If we can sell so many pounds of coffee at OBU, that's so many orphans that can be served," said Bryan McKinney, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business. Although the School of Business began its investment two years ago, the trip in January 2013 provided a unique opportunity.

Dean Bryan McKinney; Vice President for Administrative Services Brett Powell; project leader Justin Young, a junior business major from Springdale; president of Enactus Judith Brizuela, a senior business major from San Pedro Sula, Honduras; and Claudia Brizuela, a freshman business administration major from San Pedro Sula, Honduras, helped to teach small business start up training to business owners in Tegucigalpa's community. Dr. Chris Brune, assistant professor of finance, prepared materials such as Power-Point presentations to aid the students.

Although McKinney and Powell took the trip, they allowed the students to teach a majority of the material. They saw the opportunity as one for the students to really test their knowledge and hopefully gain experience that they would not normally be able to gain in the classroom.

"I was thankful for the opportunity to put to good use the skills and knowledge I've gained in the School of Business," Judith Brizuela said. "In the future we hope to be able to expand the seminars to other small business owners in Honduras. It is encouraging to know that there is great potential for this partnership and what a difference it can make in Honduran lives as they try to support their families."

Students were able to grow their knowledge of the real world hands-on. "There was a specific moment when I was sitting in Honduras, looking over the entire city," said Young. "I realized how my business education from Ouachita has the potential to affect an entire city. My eyes have been opened to how much our business talents can be used to advance the Gospel. My experiences have given me a completely new outlook on my future."

Aside from the bold voyage, the School of Business offered opportunities for hands-on experience on campus through programs such as the Business Plan Competition, involvement through Enactus, trips planned for business majors to meet real professionals and much more.

"It is so exciting to ponder the life-changing impact that graduates of the Hickingbotham School of Business have had over the previous 20 years. Likewise, it's exciting to imagine the influence that current and future generations of Hickingbotham School of Business students will have," said McKinney. "Bring on the next 20 years!" #THEADVENTURE

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Justin Young

A New Challenge

honing skills and taking every opportunity given

For students in the School of Fine Arts, Division of Music, every year was a new experience. Every year was a challenge of new repertoire, new showcases, and sometimes, new faculty. For Dr. Robert Kolt, visiting assistant professor of music, his first year with the school was a welcoming one.

"Since my time at Ouachita I have come to appreciate the truly unique atmosphere and character of the university and the people who study and work here," Kolt said. "The music students constantly amaze me with their intellectual curiosity and performance abilities. My colleagues on the music faculty are all genuinely kind, supportive individuals who never fail to help each other, and the students, in any way they can. In short, teaching at Ouachita is a true privilege."

Every year was full of opportunities for both vocal and instrumental ensembles. For the vocal ensembles, many productions took place, including the opera "Hansel and Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck in the fall; the annual shows from Ouachita Singers, Women's Chorus and Ouachita Sounds; the musical, "Hello Dolly!" held in the spring; and the annual Christmas show, "Festival of Christmas," which encompassed the entire School of Fine Arts and was held in JPAC.

For instrumental ensembles, the opportunities to play were just as numerous. The Marching Band performed at six home football games, five Tiger Tunes performances, four pep rallies, and two performances in the Clark County community, including the Clark County Fair Parade and the Christmas Parade. The Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble held their annual fall and spring shows, and many of the smaller ensembles performed numerous concerts on and off campus. A new band was formed this year called the "Tiger Steel" band, which was a new steel drum band under the direction of Dr. Ryan Lewis. The ensembles performed in a concert titled "Prism" in April.

The Jazz Combo also had a unique experience, traveling to Liverpool Hope University in Liverpool, United Kingdom, where they presented concerts, master classes and lectures.

"Going to Liverpool was my first time out of the country," said Michael Curtis, a senior music major from Wylie, Texas. "It was awesome to spend a week traveling and playing with a group of awesome guys in a completely new culture. One of our favorite things to do was after we got done playing a night gig, we would hang out with the locals and talk about anything and everything. Simply talking with those folks from literally the other side of the world was incredible."

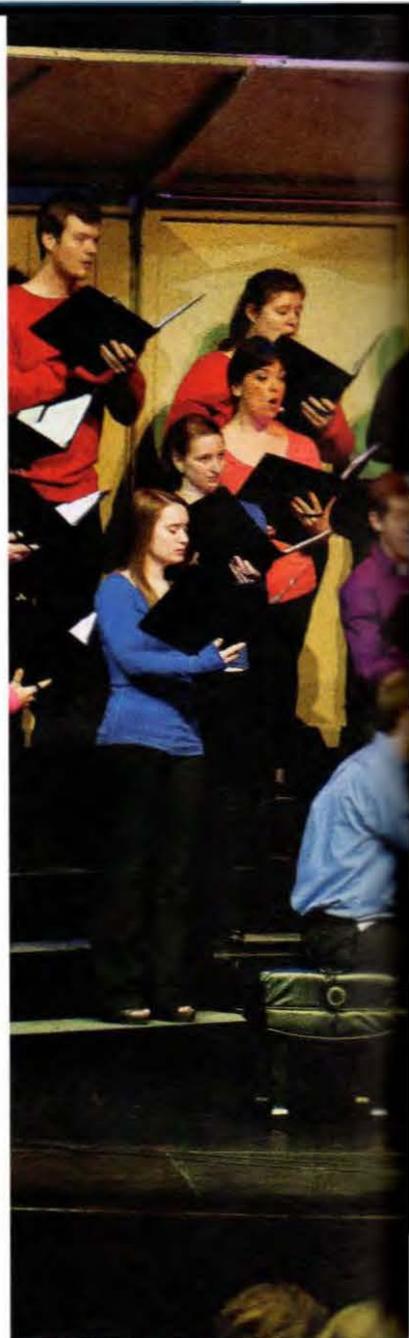
On March 8, a concert was held in tribute to Dr. Francis McBeth, a former Ouachita professor of theory and composition and a composer himself. He had a very extensive career in composition, writing literature for wind ensembles that became very popular with college and high school bands across the country. The concert was performed by the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, an ensemble for which McBeth himself once served as conductor.

"As a wind ensemble clinician, Dr. McBeth brought humor, music historical facts and insights into the rehearsal," said Dr. Gary Gerber, professor of music and director of choral activities. "He was an interesting and fascinating musician that had a gift of not only music, but a personality to connect to student musicians."

Every year brought about new challenges and opportunities for students in the Division of Music, and every year brought new ways for them to hone their skills. # Luke Coffman

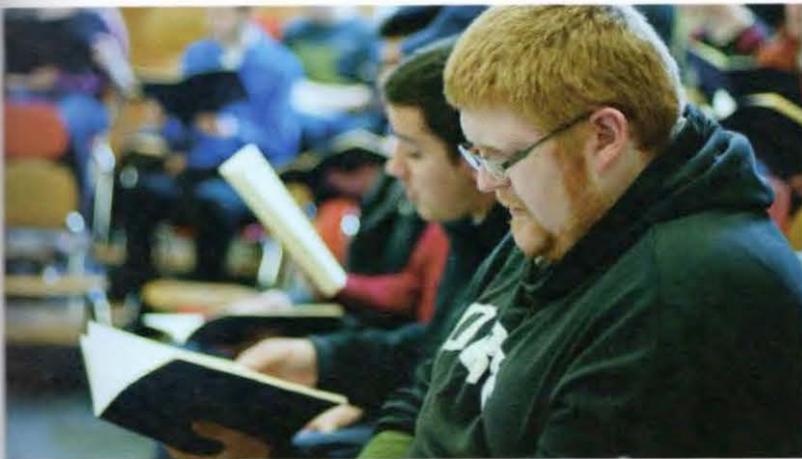
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Dr. Gary Gerber conducts the Ouachita Singers in their annual Chapel performance. Members of Ouachita Singers were chosen by audition and did various performances on and off campus. **photo by: Tyler Rosenthal**



Sophomore Josh Wayne looks through his music "Requiem" by John Rutter during a Concert Choir rehearsal. Concert Choir was an open choir, allowing anyone to be involved without an audition, whether or not they were a music major. **photo by: Tyler Rosenthal**

Senior Bradley Lindsey practices with the Saxophone Ensemble in the McBeth Recital Hall. In addition to the Saxophone Ensemble, other smaller, instrumental ensembles were also offered for students, including the clarinet and percussion ensembles. **photo by: Tyler Rosenthal**



Left: Senior Michael Curtis and Dr. Craig Hamilton play at the Christmas Jazz Band Combo concert at Dr. Jack's Coffeehouse. The Jazz Band Combo played on campus throughout the year and also traveled to Liverpool in the fall. **photo by: Jason Pullano**

Right: Members of Women's Chorus sing during Lessons and Carols, an annual Christmas-themed concert. Women's Chorus was an auditioned ensemble that held various concerts on campus. **photo by: Jason Pullano**

Junior DeCarl Jones rehearses with fellow students for the spring musical "Hello, Dolly!" The musical was held in JPAC and encompassed both the Division of Music and the Department of Theatre Arts. **photo by: Nicole McPhate**



Sophomore Aly Smith works on a color wheel in Design II. In the class, students focused on color theory, learning how to mix colors and obtain different shades and hues of color. **photo by: Nicole McPhate**

Senior Sam Dunham "opens up" his clay body into a bowl in Ceramics II. The Department of Visual Arts offered many different classes, including ceramics, sculpture, graphic design, print making and art history. **photo by: Nicole McPhate**



Left: Junior Jordan Miller puts on her make-up for her role in the production of "The Crane Wife." The theatre department held a variety of productions during the year, giving students many opportunities to participate. **photo by: Nicole McPhate**

Right: Junior Stephanie Chontos works with water colors on an assignment. Students' work was often featured in the Hammons Art Gallery as part of competitions and showcases. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**





Applying the Craft

*taking a passion and
turning it into a career*

Made up of a diverse and talented group of students, the Division of Applied Arts offered a program in which the students could be involved in a creative, and challenging atmosphere, allowing them to exhibit their personal expression at the highest level. The program was dedicated to encouraging students to “explore the Arts as an integral part of the Christian liberal arts education,” as stated in their mission statement. The program was home to the Department of Visual Arts and the Department of Theatre Arts.

The Department of Visual Arts, located on the second floor of Moses-Provine, offered degree paths of art education, graphic design, and studio art. Students who decided to pursue one of these degree paths were able to display their talents regularly in the Hammons Art Gallery, which also held exhibits by local and professional artists. Graphic design students had access to the digital media lab where they could display their artistic talents. Throughout the year, the Department of Visual Arts hosted a variety of events, such as the Small Works on Paper Exhibit, the Faculty Exhibit, the Travelling Exhibit and other guest artist exhibits. The department provided an environment devoted to enabling creative and critical thinking skills, artistic expression and spiritual growth within a Christian, liberal arts-based environment.

The professors were very helpful and thoroughly enjoyed their classes. Lauren Scarbrough, a freshman graphic design and mass communications major from Fayetteville, said, “In high school I went to a math and science focused school, so I was a bit apprehensive about coming into the art program and felt as if I may not be prepared. However, the faculty in the art department were so helpful and really eased my transition through their personable and clear teaching.”

The Department of Theatre Arts was home to a dedicated group of students, who through this program, were able to receive instruction that enhanced their talents and prepared them for their careers in the future. The degree plans available included theatre arts, musical theatre, and theatre arts and speech communication education. The theatre program presented three main stage dramatic productions each year and an annual musical theatre production. Students at the senior level had the opportunity to direct a production under faculty supervision.

Jillian Kaniss, a junior psychology and theatre major from Texarkana, Texas, said, “I really enjoy how supportive the professors are and how willing they are to help the students with anything, theatre or not. I’ve really benefited from being in this program because I’ve learned how to manage my time well and work well with many different people.” The goal of the Department of Theatre Arts was to reach out to the community by using their talents to display a historical form of art in a new and unique way.

The Division of Applied Arts combined an extensive curriculum with caring and attentive professors that made the students’ experience at Ouachita unbelievable. After graduation, it was obvious that students felt well-prepared, as their talents and abilities had been enhanced over the four years they spent in this extensive program. #FacultyExcellence

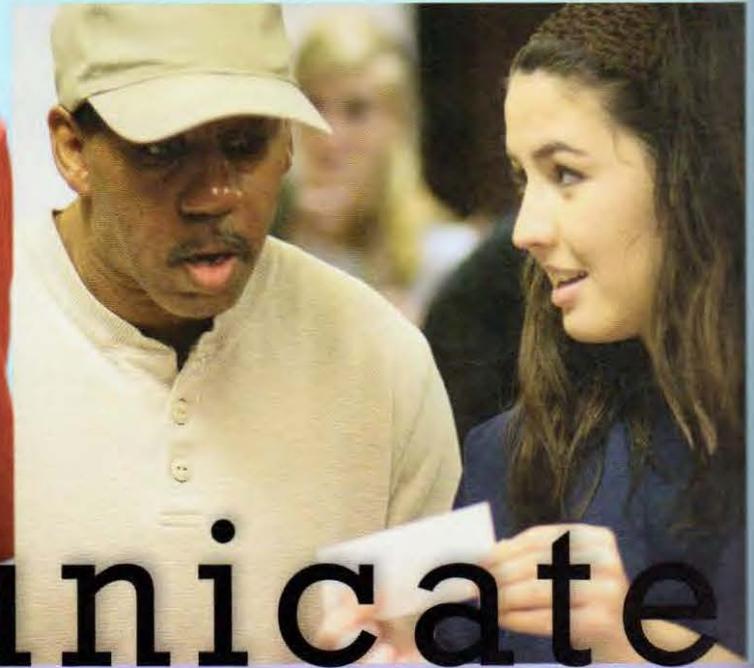
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Senior Sara Strassmeyer works with a woman from the Group Living program on a fun, Thanksgiving-themed craft - a pinecone turkey. The objective of crafts like this was to give the clients something they could take away from the session while also incorporating some fun. *photo courtesy of: Savannah Motzko*

Senior Abby Rayfield works with a man from the Group Living program on a "smooth speech" activity, which emphasizes speaking slowly and clearly. Group Living clinicians had 30-minute individual therapy sessions with their clients. *photo courtesy of: Savannah Motzko*



Communicate

Elise Holman

The double glass doors of Moses-Provine swing open. The masonry attempts to muffle their voices, but nothing can stop the excitement from seeping through the classroom walls. The student clinicians of the Communication Disorders and Sciences program finish setting up their craft stations and collect their clipboards and file folders. With genuine smiles emblazoned upon their faces, they hurry out to meet their clients. Group Living has arrived.

The Group Living clients are adults from Arkadelphia who are living with some sort of mental handicap. Dr. Nancy Hardman, one of only two speech pathology professors at Ouachita, explained that the therapy for these clients is not a result of their cognitive ability. "It is because they stutter, or they have hearing loss or they need to work on language [or] social skills. Some of them want to be able to work in the Honeycomb, so we go through the language skills and the articulation, like teaching them how to ask people in a polite way and to be clear with their speech... We do a lot of role play with them trying to help them be a lot more independent through their speech and language skills... It is not [because] of their cognitive ability, it is giving them independence, and that's what we all want. If we can't communicate then we really can't do anything," Hardman said.

Clients and clinicians alike make their way into the classroom. Smiling and anxious to begin, they head to their designated stations where they work on goals that each clinician has outlined for the day, along with a craft.

The CMDS students at Ouachita are given a unique opportunity that is not available anywhere else in the state. Beginning their junior year, after completing 25 hours of observation (observing other students perform therapy), they are given their own clients and get their first taste of what it will be like to be a speech pathologist. This practicum at the undergraduate level is only offered at Ouachita. The students not only get to learn in the classroom from two seasoned professionals, but they also get hands-on experience that most other students will not encounter until graduate school.

"That's the selling point [of our program]...They don't realize right now that it's taking away the worry about practicum that other students have when they get to grad school. They will go to grad school and sit beside students who have never done therapy before," said Associate Professor Carol Morgan, the second member of the duo that reigns on the first floor of Moses-Provine. "I don't understand how you can go four years in an undergraduate program and never do therapy and know that's what you want to do. Because we have had students before who change their major after sitting one session across the table from a little child... she came to me that next week and said 'Don't hate me, but I don't want to do this.'" Morgan added.

Dr. Hardman also believes that this is the major benefit that CMDS students receive at Ouachita. Dr. Hardman noted that other grad students, "...have a year degree and go off to a year of grad school and all of the sudden realize they can't do this. This is not what I want to do. I don't like this; I just can't do it.' That's a lot of money a lot of time." That is not the case for students at Ouachita, however. They know what they are getting into and that they love it.

The practicum component not only prepares the students, but also helps them grow so much more than if program were absent. "I think our practicum component allows you to hone your basic skills, and I think it really makes it applicable to what you are doing in class you apply to your clients," said Hardman. "It makes more sense than just telling them, 'yes you need to know it for the test;' It's a lot more than that. And I think the practicum component causes our clinicians to grow.

The benefit of this experience and how it will positively build their futures is not lost on the student clinicians. "I know in searching around at different grad schools a lot of them only require about 60 hours of practicum completion, but here at OBU seniors in the CMDS program graduate they are well over 150 hours of practicum. So I feel like we are just more comfortable approaching therapy and using our knowledge because of this experience and [know] how to teach and how to work with clients," said Stephanie (Deen) Simpson, a senior CMDS major. "Talking to people that have graduated from here, they have said that they are the best in the class because Carol and Nancy have prepared them so much," added Sara Strassmeyer, another senior CMDS major.

This knowledge that the students are applying daily, is coming from the professors who have over 60 years of combined experience as speech pathologists. Dr. Hardman and Professor Morgan each spend 12 to 14 hours a day teaching, supervising, and performing their own therapy. "They have so much knowledge and their own experiences and talking to them I learn so much," said Strassmeyer. "They are so passionate about what they do and they are very wise...and I admire them so much," added Simpson. Savannah Motzko, a junior CMDS major also said, "They are my professors—they're my practicum supervisors, my advisors, my mentors... they are some of the smartest, most experienced SLPs I have ever met."

The program, though, does not solely benefit the students. "Page one of the 'Purpose Driven Life,'" said Dr. Hardman, "it's not all about you." The clinicians' experiences will prove invaluable to their futures, but more importantly they are providing a service. It is actually a ministry, probably the most recognized ministry on campus. Many people may hold the misconception that speech therapy is only for kids that cannot pronounce their letters or words correctly.



Seniors MyLisa Speer and Hope Phillips help pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. photo courtesy of: Mary Whisenhunt

Seniors Sara Strassmeyer and Mary Whisenhunt man the CMDS table at Homecoming. photo courtesy of: Mary Whisenhunt

more than that. The clinicians do work with preschool and school aged children, but the clinic also offers therapy to senior citizens, stroke patients, Group Living clients, Ouachita's students and faculty members, all free of charge. There are people outside of Ouachita who seek therapy at the clinic that pay a fee, but the cost of therapy at Ouachita is equivalent to what it would cost for one month of therapy elsewhere.

Dr. Hardman, Mrs. Morgan, and the student clinicians are giving these clients a chance to participate in society and they are doing it for nothing in return. "We have our students that sitting with these kids in therapy, who knows what their parents will do. I get on my stump and preach to my students all of the time; they'll say 'mom's in jail; they'll say daddy beat mom last night; they'll say their dog was thrown out in the yard...' said Morgan. "Our students will say... 'I'm gonna go on a mission trip,' and they'll say 'Sweetie you are my hero.'"

"Sweetie you are my hero every time you go to work and see someone in need. That's your mission, and you can't see it because you're not the major. We are not here to separate miscommunication from daily walk. It is not clear than when you speak up to you and you're talking about their needs, and you can't fix it, but you can be there as a role model or as a support person as you are working on their 's' sound or whatever else we are supposed to be doing. That is a mission."

The clinicians work hard with their kids and it is a glorious moment for all when they break through. "When something finally "clicks" with a kid...everything is different. I don't know how else to describe it. I can't tell you how many times I've changed my major" because I often feel like I'm spinning my wheels, so I change. But when I see something "click" with a kid, I'm reminded of why I'm here and why I want to do this for the rest of my life, because I'm not just here for the one who gets excited. When the kid sees my excitement, and realizes that I'm excited something, they get excited too—they're proud of themselves and I'm proud of them, and that just motivates them to continue working even when it's absolutely wonderful," said Motzko.

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Sara Strassmeyer

"It is rewarding working with any client because you are helping them to be able to communicate with their friends and family, or just communicate in general...if you think about not being able to communicate with someone, we can't fathom that because we do it every day, but helping them be able to do that is rewarding," said Strassmeyer.

But these clinicians do not quickly receive the fruits of their labor, if ever. "J.D. Patterson has a saying...it basically means if you need immediate gratification it's not gonna happen in speech pathology, so it's the plant trees under whose shade you will never sit... So it's kinda like that kindergarten or preschool teacher that taught you how to do your letters so you can write now; it's really not those of us who teach at the college level who are really doing much, it is that pre-k and kindergarten teacher," said Hardman. Though the students may never see the final results of their work with these clients, it seems as though those small victories in therapy, and just knowing that they have helped in some way is enough for them.

The therapy not only blesses the clients, but the clinicians as well. "I have really enjoyed Group Living therapy this semester. They are just a joy to work with. They are so happy all of the time and they come willing to work. They are happy to be there and they just brighten up your day," said Simpson.

The Group Living clients move from station to station, working on their goals. They are making a turkey out of pine cones and paper feathers. Each new station earns a new feather, and on the feathers they glue pictures of the things they are thankful for. "I am thankful for friends," declared a man with Downs Syndrome.

The next table over, directly across the aisle, Mary Wisenhunt works with her two clients. Josh, a hearing impaired man wearing a camouflage Arkansas Razorback hat is listening intently. He counts his syllables and blows. Mary's face lights up and his recognition of her delight is immediate. He throws his fists in the air and yells, "WooHoo!" in victory. They high-five and the feelings of accomplishment and joy swell every heart in the room.

Service is not supposed to be about recognition and reward here on earth. It is about the genuine giving of your time and love to another. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40. That is what the Speechies do. They serve those in need, to help them and encourage them to live a fuller and happier life. The Speechies slow down, stopping to help those handicapped by communication and pacing them to finish the race. It is a true representation of what Christ has called us to do as Christians. As Dr. Hardman said, "Every day is a mission. Every day you have a chance [to impact someone's life]."

Going Deeper

taking a look inside the heart of the sciences

Having completed the School of Natural Sciences' second year of the three-year agreement with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the school was very high on the HHMI inquiry based lab methods.

The school discussed how they might begin to apply for several grants which would extend this opportunity to all freshman biology labs. Branching off from this program were also possibilities that the methodology conducted in these labs could be introduced into CORE science labs.

"Essentially, the HHMI award gave us the money to do something we could NOT afford to do on our own and now we see the potential to move in a more cutting edge direction," said Dean Tim Knight. "The two years we've completed have already paid off because several of those students now have opportunities they would not have had otherwise."

In April, 11 students presented their independent research projects at the American Chemical Society national meeting which was held in New Orleans. Three of those students earned Chemistry Ambassador "Speak Simply" awards during the Undergraduate Research Poster Session. The students, Ryan James, a senior biology from Benton, Hollyn McCarty, a senior chemistry and biology major from Texarkana, and Kelsey Willis, a junior chemistry and biology major from Redfield, were judged on their ability to talk about their research to a non-scientist.

"I had the opportunity to go to New Orleans with the chemistry department," said Cara Cox, a junior biology major from Benton. "It was an awesome opportunity to be able to present my research at the national level. Anyone who does research with the chemistry department gets to go to the national conference. I am thankful for the science department always opening new doors for their students."

The speech pathology students were busy with class and clinics, but also found time work with Arkadelphia Group Living clients to model clothes from the Beehive store downtown. The attire ranged from casual to athletic to wedding wear. This was the seventh year for the fashion show, and the Speechies helped clients with hair and makeup, staging, directing models, taking tickets, handing out door prizes and setting up refreshments.

"The fashion show was a highlight of the spring. The Group Living organization, Speechies and involved members of the community partnered so well to produce a wonderful event," said Laura Grace Shaddox, a communication sciences and disorders major from North Little Rock. "You couldn't leave the event without a smile on your face."

Each summer, one dietetics and nutrition major was selected to work with Dr. Detri Brech, professor of dietetics, on her research project titled: Comparison of the Pre- and Post-Assessments of Height, Weight, BMI and Nutrition Knowledge of Children Participating in a Nutrition/Physical Activity Program to Children in a Control Group. Amberly Green, a senior dietetics and nutrition major from Batesville, worked alongside Dr. Brech with the aim to decrease the prevalence of childhood obesity in Arkadelphia by educating students in nutrition and physical activity.

"I gained a love for teaching from my summer research in dietetics," Amberly said. "Dr. Brech allowed me to be a part of a much larger picture than only one summer. I was sixth in a line of dietetic students who have worked alongside her. I admire her persistence with these children. Instilling a passion for health among children who live in a society run by oversized cheeseburgers and 20 ounce milkshakes is hard. I loved finding ways to make the learning hands-on. I brought in restaurant menus, food models, jump ropes, and beach balls. I had a great summer with Dr. Brech; it was an honor to work alongside her." *#SallyBretter*

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Cara Cox





Sophomores Abby Emanuel and Maddie Martin and senior Courtney Puddephat work at the biology table during the Majors Fair. The biology table had microscopes with slides of different microorganisms for people to observe, making the table a little more interactive. **photo by: CJ Barnard**



Four students conduct an experiment in the amphitheater for Chemistry Week. Chemistry students conducted various experiments to showcase to the student body during the week. **photo by: Heather Ellis**

Junior Dawson Pritchard uses a test tube to test for a cation, or a positively charged molecule, in General Chemistry II Lab. In lab, students got a hands-on approach to the topics they learned during class, and they learned the right and wrong ways of performing a chemistry lab. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**



Left: Freshmen *Tori Pierceall* and *Perri Snear* and sophomore *Ashley Huneycutt* give a presentation in the class *Topics of Nutrition* over eating habits in Mexico. For the project, they interviewed other students and found out what they ate in their different cultures. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**

Right: Seniors *Rebecca Zandstra* and *Carly Oetker* isolate bacterial plasmids in a lab in *Genetics*. The class offered opportunities to do many hands-on labs. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**

Sophomore Adam Dodd makes a blanket to donate to a children's home in the Psychology of Good and Evil class. In the class, students read articles concerning subjects such as genocide and war, and had discussions about the good or evil in the subject. **photo by: Kristen Barnard**



Students in the Urban Community class discuss a film with Dr. Elizabeth Kelly. Students learned about population growth, how people groups affect each other, and what causes a city to develop. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**

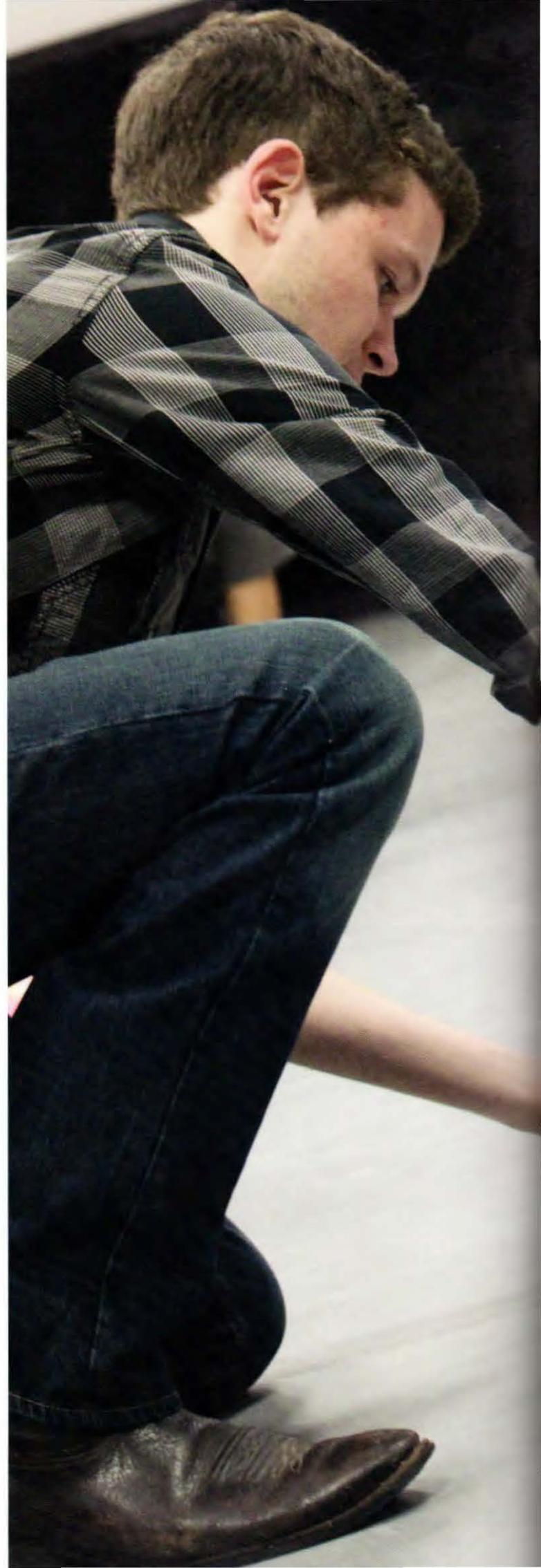


Students in History of Modern Britain listen to Professor Tom Auffenberg speak about British political groups. Having lived in Britain for a period of his life, Dr. Auffenberg offered some personal knowledge as the class learned about the country. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**



Left: Students in Psychology Testing listen during a lecture. Students were offered a hands-on approach in this class, which focused on learning how to make, and giving students a chance to make, good and reliable personality tests and other tests related to the psychology field. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**

Right: Students in Judgment and Decision-Making take notes during a lecture. This class focused on why people make the decisions they do, and why people make some decisions with no logical explanation. **photo by: Kelly Ferguson**





Going Deeper

majoring in people and the world around us

The W.H. Sutton School of Social Sciences allowed students who were pursuing careers in psychology, history, political science or sociology to develop skills which would prepare them for the work force and possibly for post-graduate studies.

Psychology students studied all aspects of human interactions, ranging from neurons and behavior, to the stages of brain development from infancy to adulthood. Each psychology major used a year of their studies to design and carry out a research project as a part of the Research Methods course. Many students also delved deeper into this program by assisting faculty members in their research in order to complete a senior-level independent project or an honors thesis.

Lindsay Henderson, a junior psychology major from Euless, Texas, said her favorite part of being in this department was that "the courses are so interactive and there is a lot of hands-on learning. The professors have helped me so much in the past three years by pointing me in the right direction and helping me plan out the next steps in my career."

In the history department, students were prepared for careers in fields such as law, government, teaching, business, social services, and religion. Many history students chose to attend graduate or professional school to further develop their skills and prepare them for their future careers. Students were able to participate in programs such as the American Historical Association, Arkansas Department of Heritage, College Republican National Committee, Midwest Model UN, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, and Young Democrats of America.

Robert Lewis, a freshman history major from Bentonville, said he enjoyed "being able to study history much more in depth and being able to take classes that cover a specific time period or region in history."

Political science students were taught a variety of approaches in order to examine the process, systems, and political dynamics of countries and regions all over the world. Ouachita hosted the 2013 Arkansas Political Science Association annual meeting in March. Speakers from across the state came together to present research on issues related to the current world of political science.

Dr. Kevin Brennan, professor of political science, said in a press release, the event provided "a general education value for participants" because members were encouraged to interact with presenters and provide feedback on their topics.

Sociology students studied how groups and individuals interact and how change influences their interactions. Students were prepared for careers in many varied fields, such as social work, higher education, business, engineering, government, law, medicine, teaching, and administration. In this department, students could be a part of programs like the American Sociological Association, Society for Applied Sociology, and the Southwestern Social Science Association.

The sociology department experienced many changes during the year, both in faculty and facilities. The famous orange carpet was replaced and offices were re-arranged. The department welcomed Dr. David Caddell to the faculty and Dr. Elizabeth Kelly was named department chair after the retirement of Dr. Richard Mills.

Kelly led the department in making curriculum changes to improve their program and better prepare their students. Ouachita also became home to a new chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honors society.

"I am really excited about having this organization for the students, especially those who want to go on to graduate school," Kelly said. "Dr. Caddell and I want to increase interest in our program by developing a brochure, increasing student engagement through "Professor Movie" nights, and taking students to sociology conferences." #FaithLearns

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Lindsay Henderson

SCHOLARS DAY

Academic Showcase

*celebrating excellence in
academic achievements*

Scholars Day was an event each spring that showcased the hard work of students within their respective fields. The day was a liberal arts fair from Ouachita's seven academic schools with over 120 presentations, performances and art exhibits involving almost 200 students.

Carl Goodson Honors Program Director Dr. Barbara Pemberton, the students of Alpha Tau who helped plan and organize Scholars Day and other faculty members on the Honors Council, including Kathy Collins, Kent Faught, Maggie Garrett, Eric Goddard, Sara Hubbard, Scott Jackson and Amy Sonheim, worked throughout the year to ensure the day's success.

"Scholars Day has two purposes," said Alex Nelson, a junior finance and management major from Frisco, Texas, and a member of Alpha Tau. "First is to celebrate the excellent academic work of students from every major and every discipline. Second is to foster a spirit of academics throughout campus."

Scholars Day began with the induction of new Alpha Tau members and for the rest of the afternoon presentations and performances occurred all over campus. In the library, students presented posters displaying data on research they had conducted. In McClellan Hall, there was even a 3D presentation of medical case studies.

Scholars Day was also where seniors presented their honors thesis. Many began working on this early in their junior and even sophomore year and spent countless hours researching, writing, creating and meeting with faculty advisors to prepare for this presentation. Scholars Day provided the means of giving recognition to those well deserving seniors who worked so hard and excelled in academics while at Ouachita.

Scholars Day also included musical performances from both vocalists and instrumentalists. Molly Salmon, a sophomore music major from Henderson, Texas, Bethany Swiontek, a senior musical theater major from Colorado Springs, Co., and Hannah Garner, a senior vocal performance major from Saginaw Mich., were a few of the chosen vocalists to perform. Instrumentalists were also chosen to perform, a few of which were the Jazz Combo featuring Bret Steed, a junior performance major from Idabel, Okla., and Brent Nessler, a junior music education major from Rowlett, Texas, as well as Courtney Stanage, a sophomore piano and performance major, on piano, and Drew Ervin, a junior performance major from Springdale, on marimba.

"It's always a joy to perform, but to be asked to be a performer in the Scholars Day recital is really an honor. We had a blast just getting another opportunity to play some music," Nessler said.

"It really meant a lot to sing for Scholars Day," Salmon said. "Out of a group of students picked to represent the music department, knowing that I was one of them was a huge honor to me. I enjoyed performing and hope to do it again. I am privileged to have such great teachers and instructors who help and support me."

Scholars Day branched out of its normal audience and invited prospective Ouachita Scholars to experience this celebration of academic excellence.

"This year, we were proud to partner with the admissions department to host the first annual Honors Tiger Day," Nelson said. "We had 33 very bright prospective students come to see what it meant to be a scholar here at Ouachita. We were so excited to share that aspect of campus with them."

"My favorite part of Scholars Day is seeing the whole campus get excited about academics," Nelson said. "They see their friends presenting, and want to work towards presenting next year. It's a cycle that I love to see."

Scholars Day was not only a day to celebrate academic excellence and hard work but a day to build up the Ouachita community.

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Sophomore Katie Theriot is presented an Alpha Chi t-shirt and certificate at the Alpha Chi Induction Ceremony on Scholars Day. The academic society is nationally known and offered students many opportunities to serve on campus. **photo by: Jason Pullano**



Junior Morgan Pitchford presents her study on the effects of caffeine for her Research Methods class. In the class, students conducted an experiment and worked on it throughout the entire year. **photo by: Heather Ellis**

Sophomore Chad Burris represents the music division on Scholars Day by singing "Last One Picked" from the musical "Whoop Dee Doo." Burris was among a select group of music students to perform for the Division of Music. **photo by: Heather Ellis**



Left: Dr. Randall Wight reviews a student's presentation. Presentations were held all across campus and covered a vast array of topics and majors. **photo by: Grace Finley**

Right: Senior Lindsey Fowler presents her work on the website TrustedWills.com in the OBU Enactus annual presentation on Scholars Day. Fowler won both the OBU and OBU/HSU business plan competitions this year. **photo by: Taylor McKinney**



Junior Jake Fauber and seniors Noah Mitchell, Zach Zucha, Paul Huenefeld and Christian Ichter play on stage in the village circle after the Thursday night Tiger Tunes performance in October. Not only did Ouachita students come together for a night of worship but they also brought prospective students from GROW to worship with them.

photo by: Nathan Dickard

PEOPLE

Matthew Ablon *Paris, TX*
 Megan Adair *Avery, TX*
 Jonathan Adams *Perryville, AR*
 Ben Adcock *Monticello, AR*
 Nicholas Archer *Fordyce, AR*
 Bethany Arredondo *Prosper, TX*
 Jessica Ashcraft *White Hall, AR*



Michelle Baker *Pearcy, AR*
 Drake Barham *Hope, AR*
 Sam Beary *Batesville, AR*
 Jean Eudes Benecyo *Little Rock, AR*
 Taylor Black *Benton, AR*
 Ethan Blackmon *Glenwood, AR*
 Ben Blankenship *Casscoe, AR*



Bailey Bodway *Magnolia, TX*
 Mattie Bogoslavsky *North Little Rock, AR*
 Seth Boyd *Sherwood, AR*
 Kellen Boyett *Springdale, AR*
 Sydney Bratton *Little Rock, AR*
 Katie Brech *Arkadelphia, AR*
 Josh Briggs *Alexander, AR*



Claudia Brizuela *San Pedro Sula, Honduras*
 Morgan Brothers *Collierville, TN*
 Amanda Bunting *Derwood, MD*
 Richard Burke *Hot Springs, AR*
 Ellen Butler *Waco, TX*
 Michael Butler *Russellville, AR*
 Katie Butts *Piqua, OH*



Beth Anne Caery *Cabot, AR*
 Caroline Cain *Niamey, Niger*
 Chris Carlton *Johannesburg, South Africa*
 Katie Carroll *Little Rock, AR*
 Josh Cartwright *Fayetteville, AR*
 Layne Castleman *Allen, TX*
 Rachel Chandler *Little Rock, AR*



Hollie Chaytor *Foreman, AR*
 Anjelica Cheek *Frisco, TX*
 Erin Cheshire *Colorado Springs, CO*
 Kaitlyn Clark *Monroe, LA*
 Leslie Colbert *Beebe, AR*
 Katie Colford *Maumelle, AR*
 Jessica Compton *Bismarck, AR*



Hayley Cooper *Arkadelphia, AR*
 Kristen Crawford *Hensley, AR*
 Jacob Crocker *Pinson, AL*
 Perry Crouch *Ector, TX*
 Emily Crump *Camden, AR*
 Megan Curtis *Plano, TX*
 Holly Dance *Conway, AR*



Maddison Daniels *Dermott, AR*
 Mackenzie Daugherty *Stuttgart, AR*
 Lauren Deckelman *Fort Smith, AR*
 Catarina de Figueiredo *Rio de Janeiro*
 Allan Derrickson *Magnolia, AR*
 Nathan Dickard *Van, TX*
 Kait Dickerson *Gurdon, AR*





"Even though it won't always be easy or fun, I know that the Lord is good and I trust Him."

ABBY THOMAS

Sydney Bratton

Having the opportunity to serve as a missions intern, Abby Thomas, a freshman English and history double major from Little Rock, spent her summer experiencing the field work and lifestyle of a full-time missionary. "It all really started in the summer of 2011 when someone from my church said that there might be an opportunity for some sort of mission experience that was a little more long term," Abby said. "In the beginning I thought I would be going to one place for the entire summer, which is what I was really excited about. If I had known what it was actually going to end up being, I know I wouldn't have been as enthusiastic, but it ended up being wonderful and I wouldn't have changed it."

Abby would not be spending her summer in one church, but actually in three different locations. "I thought we would be spending about 10 weeks in one place, but instead we were spending a few weeks in one location and then going to another for a few more weeks," Abby said. "Our Missions Pastor designed the [internship] to give the four of us, who said we were interested, a good overview of missions and experience it for a little longer than just a one week short-term trip."

The purpose of the internship was not just to spend an elongated time in different service areas, but to give a glimpse of what the lifestyle of a missionary is

really like. "All of us who were going had felt called by God to long-term missions, whether as career missionaries or something else, and this was a way that Pastor Mark felt we could 'get our feet' and see if this could be how God wanted us to serve," Abby said. "What we did is still, in reality, absolutely nothing like living overseas as full-time missionaries, but since it was longer and we were there outside the context of a church group, we did get a little better picture of what it's like once the initial novelty of it all has worn off."

The first part of Abby's summer was spent working in a more local setting close to home. "The interns, Kyle, Jacob, Connor, and I, spent time in Little Rock helping some church planters in the Argenta neighborhood in North Little Rock by helping them plan, pass out flyers for, and work a block party to try and meet more of the people that lived in the neighborhood," Abby said.

The next several weeks of Abby's internship would require her to travel to a different state. "The next location that we were sent to was Seattle, Washington, and for the first week we were there with the mission trip of about 12 that went from our church," Abby said. "We stayed with the group and did everything they did, and when they left we stayed another two weeks helping the church planters there, Tim and Amy Corbin, who are with the North American Mission Board. We got

to spend a lot of time with them and their family, learning some of the more practical aspects of church planting that you might not normally think about."

After her time in Seattle, Abby got to go home for a week before the team would be traveling down to South America. "The four of us went down to Paraguay and stayed with host families from Primer Iglesia Bautista de Asunción and we worked with the pastors of the church, either Pastor Rubén Bogado or Augusto Vega," Abby said. "We were going door to door in several neighborhoods or helping lead a Bible study or a service where we would play some music or share a testimony or the gospel."

The time that Abby got to spend as a missions intern not only led to several opportunities to help serve the communities and the churches she was working with, but it also gave her some confirmation about her future.

"Overall, it was a priceless experience that I wouldn't trade for anything," Abby said. "I learned very practical things, but it also helped confirm that God is calling me to missions. I still don't know what it would look like, whether it will be in the US or overseas, or if I'll be with an organization or what, but I know that it's how I will best serve Him, and I am so excited about it all. Even though it won't always be easy or fun, I know that the Lord is good and I trust Him."

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KATHRYNNE ROCOLE

#Kaitie Scott

A birthday is to be a day filled with joy, laughter, and delightful memories. However, for Kathrynne Rocolle, her 18th birthday was a day that turned her world upside down.

"I cried about it a lot and I was afraid a lot," said Kathrynne Rocolle, a freshman Christian Studies major from Arkadelphia.

Getting Jeremiah 29:11 tattooed on Rocolle's wrist was what she had always wished for. Being hit by a drunk driver on the way home from Hot Springs, however, was not in her plan. Rocolle was already stressed about figuring out the financial aspects of attending college. With Kathrynne breaking both of her ankles, and the large amount of hospital bills for not only her injuries, but her mom, grandma, and cousin's injuries as well, this incident did not help their financial situation at all.

"I really feel like Ouachita is where God wanted me to be," Rocolle said. With bills piling up and money becoming an even bigger setback, Rocolle was worried she would not be able to attend her dream school. She prayed every day that God would find a way to send her to the college she had always dreamed of attending.

Rocolle's dad works at another university, meaning her tuition there would have been discounted, however, Rocolle knew exactly where God wanted her. It was just a matter of how.

The verse Jeremiah 29:11 held a spe-

cial place in Rocolle's heart before the wreck, especially when it came to future plans such as college. Throughout high school, she remained strong in her faith and knew that God had a very special plan for her life.

"I was so lost about school and what I was going to do with my life," Rocolle said. However, one thing was still certain in her heart, even in the midst of all the chaos. Rocolle never once doubted that God's amazing plan for her would prevail.

As Rocolle watched her classmates discuss their future plans for college and pick out decorations for their dorm rooms, Rocolle still had no idea where she would attend college in the fall. When people ask about her college plans, she would tell them that she knew she would end up where God wanted her to be.

"Two weeks before move-in day I still had no idea where I was going to college," Rocolle said. Rocolle prepared a schedule for both her dream school and at the university where tuition would be free. While comparing the two schedules and knowing that her family would be happy if she attended the school where her tuition would be free, her heart was still set on Ouachita.

She knew that she would attend Ouachita somehow. "God, how am I going to get there?" Rocolle prayed multiple times per day. "Give me some kind of sign. Help me out." Doubt began to fill Rocolle's

thoughts, but just as quickly as the doubt would come, God took it away.

Rocolle's admissions counselor at Ouachita called informing her of good news. Rocolle's tuition had been drastically reduced. While this was a blessing it still was not financially manageable for her family.

Rocolle went to her pastor and talked with him. Rocolle wanted nothing more than to follow God's calling for her life, but at the same time wanted the consent of her parents. Rocolle's pastor told her to go home and discuss the issue with her parents. He said nothing more.

"God is just so perfect and so holy," Rocolle said. "I know that things are going to work."

Rocolle arrived home to the most exciting news. Someone from Rocolle's church had called her pastor offering money from their own pocket, not knowing that was the exact amount needed for Rocolle to attend her dream school.

"My entire first year at Ouachita is free," Rocolle said smiling. God's plan did prevail. Rocolle has been blessed and has loved each and every day that she can attend Ouachita. Being at a campus where the student body and faculty share the same love for God, and for other people could not make her happier.

"I just thank God every single day for the plan that He has for me. Ouachita is a huge part of that," Rocolle said.



Sara Driskill McKinney, TX
 Chelsea Duke Oakland, TN
 Roxanne Easter Sheridan, AR
 Rachel Ewart Bossier City, LA
 Grace Finley Alexander, AR
 Cydney Fletcher Farmington, AR
 Stevy Flowers Texarkana, TX



Alyssa French Shawnee, KS
 Zach Fricke Guatemala City, Guatemala
 Eiko Funakoshi Fukuoka, Japan
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 David Garcia Berryville, AR
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"These people were all lost. I didn't meet a single person that knew Jesus."

SYDNEY HESLEP

Kate Scott

"When you look at Paris you don't think mission trip," said Sydney Heslep, a freshman biology major from Mountain Home, Arkansas. "You think vacation."

Heslep had the opportunity during her summer in Texas to apply for a mission trip to Paris through iGO Global. Unsure if she should apply, Heslep learned about the opportunity that had been presented to her, and she finally decided to apply.

Before the mission team and Heslep embarked on their 10-day trip to Paris, they went through intense training that lasted three days, called Base Camp. "We were very prepared for all our situations," said Heslep.

In Base Camp training, they re-enacted many different scenarios that could occur while they were serving in a different country. The team was informed about many things, but most importantly they learned about the importance of prayer. "Prayer is the basis for everything," said Heslep.

The team Heslep worked with included many other people. Paris does not have the freedom of assembly, which means that the team had to be very careful about speaking openly about Christ.

"You can't just go and worship and talk about Jesus in a big group," said Heslep. "This is the reason the group was made up of such a small number of people. They

did not want to attract attention to themselves, or put themselves or other missionaries who live in Paris in danger.

Heslep and the rest of her missionary team's site was at a local park. They would get together in groups of two or three and pray. As people would come to the park to enjoy their lunch break, hang out, etc. the team would begin relational conversations with them. Heslep described this as "relational evangelism."

"It's not hard to just start up a conversation," said Heslep. Many people they came in contact with were very interested in what they had to say because they were from America. This worked greatly to the team's advantage.

The language barrier was not as big of a problem as Heslep imagined it would be. If the people were truly interested in what they had to say, they asked if they could use translators on their phone.

"These people were all lost," said Heslep. "I didn't meet a single person that knew Jesus." Heslep mentioned that Paris and the area that they were working in had an abundance of Muslims and Hindus.

One of Heslep's favorite days was when they went to their site in the park and there was a Nicki Minaj concert being set up. This gave the team an opportunity to speak to many different age groups, but mainly people of their own age. "It was the best day of conversation," said Heslep.

"One thing I never had a problem with

was turning conversation towards God," said Heslep. "If you have the intention of bringing up God in the conversation, it's easy." Heslep had a fear of not knowing how to answer questions. However, through Base Camp training and the power of prayer, this was not a fear for her once she was on site.

"A lot of times the people would be really interested and ask if we could meet back," said Heslep. In this case, they would say yes and also pass their information to the missionaries that lived in Paris. The missionaries then would be able to stay in contact with the people that they reached after the team had left.

"It's opened my eyes," said Heslep. In Paris, Heslep was very intentional about talking to people about Christ. Coming back from the trip, she realized how often we pass lost people by without making a genuine effort to show them the word of the Lord.

"These people were well off people," said Heslep. We often assume that because people live well that they know about Christ, but that is not the case. "We have to have a heart for them, too."

Heslep wants to go back this coming summer for the whole summer. However, she is worried about being homesick. She is taking what she has learned through Base Camp and the trip and giving it to God. "I've just been really been praying about it," said Heslep.

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SAM BEARY

#Sydney Bratton

While most students were headed home for Thanksgiving break, Sam Beary, a freshman church media production arts major from Batesville, awaited results from his doctor concerning his medical scare.

"I woke up one night with a massive headache. Thinking nothing of it, I took a Tylenol and went back to sleep," Sam said. After that night, Beary's abnormal symptoms of severe headaches and feeling unbalanced continued, leaving Sam very worried.

"I eventually talked to my doctor when I got home. He scheduled me for an MRI that day," Sam said. "After a long wait in the lobby, the doctors came in to tell me that I had a brain tumor. Next thing I knew, I was being rushed to Children's Hospital in Little Rock for what I assumed was emergency surgery."

After undergoing several tests and waiting to hear back about results, Sam was still in shock about what was happening to him. "My parents were freaking out," Sam said.

After spending a week in the hospital with no definite information on his medical status, the doctors finally determined that it was not a tumor on Sam's brain, but a clot of blood vessels that had hemorrhaged. The symptoms that he had been experiencing had been caused by the excessive amount of blood resting on his

brain. "While this was good news in that the clot was not cancer, I had a long recovery ahead of me," Sam said.

Sam's doctor told him that it would take six months for his brain to heal and that because of his condition, he would have to begin making some serious lifestyle changes.

"I was told I couldn't drive until May," Sam said. "I had to quit training for my half-marathon, and say goodbye to a trip to South Africa. I was crushed."

Even with the disappointing news of the lifestyle changes Sam would have to make, he still had many reasons to be joyful in his life. "Fortunately, I was able to go home and celebrate a late Thanksgiving with my family before coming back to OBU the last two weeks and finishing the semester strong," Sam said.

Beyond his excitement for getting to spend the rest of the holiday season with his family, Sam also found great happiness and peace in surrendering his circumstance to God.

"Throughout this experience God really taught me a lot about what it means to trust Him," Sam said. "When I was in the hospital, I tried so hard to figure out my circumstances by trusting in my own means. That approach led to nothing but frustration with God."

Over Christmas break Sam allowed what God had been teaching him through his recovery to take meaning in his life.

"I was fortunately still able to go to Passion in Georgia and while I was there, God revealed to me the amazing truth that when we accept Christ, we are born again," Sam said. "We are given a new identity and our old self has died. We are no longer slaves to our sinful flesh and we have an eternal reward as children of God."

As Sam rejoiced in what this difficult experience had taught him, he also delighted in the constant care that was given to him through the process.

"Something incredible about this experience was the support I received from Ouachita," Sam said. "The first night I was in the hospital I began receiving tons of Facebook messages, emails and text messages full of prayer and encouragement from friends, professors, staff, and even people from campus I didn't even know."

After facing this opposition in his life, Sam could have chosen to be consumed with worry and grief, but instead he chose to be consumed with joy and hope. "I know this health incident in my life is going to grow me in ways I can't imagine," Sam said. "I'm still recovering, and I will be for a while, but I know God and Ouachita will be there to support me."

By staying strong and keeping a positive outlook throughout this difficult experience, Sam was able to use it to strengthen his relationship with the Lord, while also learning more about himself every day.



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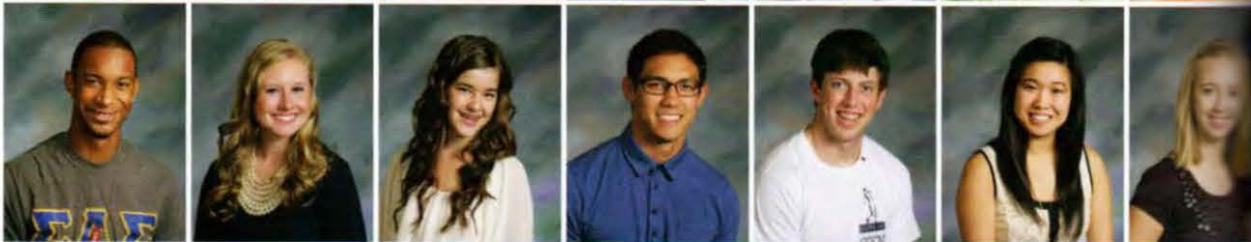
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TYLER ROSENTHAL

By Scott

hundred students, 60 days, and 12 worth of course credit all added up the trip of a lifetime for Tyler Rosenthal during the summer of 2012. Rosenthal, a communications major from Little Rock, was able to take a voyage around the world through the Semester at Sea (SAS) program.

SAS is an accredited study-abroad program through the University of Virginia that allows students to earn college credit while traveling across the globe. "I was able to take classes that subbed in for American Letters, Intellectual Traditions and Fine Art Music," said Rosenthal.

Rosenthal first heard about SAS through a friend and then went online to research the program. "I didn't think I was going to be able to do it at first because it was so expensive, but then I found all these scholarships and applied for them. After months and months of waiting and researching, I found out that I had been awarded all the scholarships and I was like 'Oh my gosh, I guess I am going,'" said Rosenthal.

In June, Rosenthal and the rest of the SAS students set sail and embarked on a one-month trip that made stops in Spain, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Turkey, Morocco and Portugal. "Normally it takes four to five days to cross the Atlantic, but we took it to have more class time," said Rosenthal.

Once the ship docked in a country, the students were free to do as they pleased. "For some people that would be really scary, but for me I really liked it. We really learned to be travelers," said Rosenthal.

Students had the option of staying on the ship while docked in the countries, or finding a place to stay inside the country. While in Greece, Rosenthal and a large group stayed in a Villa. "It was just like 'Mamma Mia,' white houses, blue roofs and we rode donkeys," said Rosenthal.

"I tried to do at least one organized tour with the ship in each country. Mainly to get oriented with the culture, but also to learn the history that I wouldn't get on my own," said Rosenthal.

Rosenthal, not one to usually get homesick, still missed a few things about home. "The main thing I missed about home was probably free refills. You also realize that you really take for granted how many spots there are for free Wi-Fi in the States," said Rosenthal.

Breaking free of the Ouachita bubble provided an eye-opening experience for Rosenthal. "A lot of the kids on the ship were just a bunch of spoiled kids there for a vacation. Most of them didn't share the same beliefs as me," said Rosenthal.

Being completely surrounded by an extremely secular culture presented its challenges, but Rosenthal used his environment as a ministry tool. "Being away from OBU really put into perspective how

many people are lost that I never come into contact with," Rosenthal said.

The new environment not only allowed Rosenthal to reach out, but also helped him look inward and strengthen his relationship with God. "There were times where I was like 'Oh my gosh, what am I doing, why am I here? I am just surrounded by all of this.' But those times were the times where I could just cling to the Lord, which strengthened my relationship," said Rosenthal.

While overseas, Rosenthal had his 15 minutes of Turkish fame. "For about an hour, two news crews interviewed us about our experience there," said Rosenthal. "It's online, you can see me on the news. I start speaking in English, then some Turkish person dubs in over me."

While SAS was a once in a lifetime opportunity, it has also opened up many more opportunities for Rosenthal. "I got commissioned before I left by this Little Rock film maker who wants to make a documentary about my trip. I had to keep a daily video blog about what I did each day in the different countries. She is going to take all that and make a documentary about it that will hopefully be in the Little Rock film festival."

Rosenthal's advice for any student considering studying abroad is, "Do it. You get to see what the culture is really like because you aren't stuck on one huge American tour."

"If I only had one day left, I'd want to spend it at the camp."



MOLLY FREEL

#Noah Hutchinson

The mighty buck. Strong, agile, a crown of antlers sits atop his head, ready for anything that might oppose him. Anything, that is, aside from a rifle toting young woman in her house shoes.

Molly Freel loves hunting so much that her decision to come to OBU was partially due to its location in relation to her hunting camp.

"I've been hunting since I was 4 years old," said Freel. "I'd go with my pa-paw and my daddy and sit in the stand. That was the only place they could keep me quiet."

Hunting is a passion for Freel, to the point that she can tell where the deer will reappear when it moves out of her sight lines by predicting its movement patterns.

"It's always been mine, and my grandpa and my dad's thing, ever since I was a little girl," said Freel. "My sister does it too, but not like I do."

She describes her hunting camp as a place that's very important to her family. When her grandfather came back from WWII, he and his brother were two of the first 25 people to start the deer camp. He built the cabin with his own two hands. OBU is only an hour away from Freel's hunting camp, which was one of the reasons she chose to come here.

"I'll stay at the camp on Sunday and then come back Monday morning for class," said Freel. "I like to be on the

stand anywhere from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. depending on daylight savings. I've gone out to one of my friend's camps that was about 30 minutes away before morning classes started."

It takes serious devotion to get up before 7 a.m. for anything. Freel's passion for hunting carries over into every aspect of the sport.

"I always skin my deer myself," said Freel. "I dated a guy once that tried to skin my deer for me. That was our first fight."

When she turned 18, she had the Browning logo tattooed on her ankle. That may seem extreme, but that's exactly how much Freel loves to hunt.

"The tattoo was much to my mother's dismay," said Freel. "I also talked my dad into buying me a bow rather than a class ring."

Some people put all their time and money into a hobby only to see themselves never become more than mediocre. That, however, is not the case with Molly Freel.

"I've killed at least one deer every year since the seventh grade," said Freel. "I try to one up myself every year. My pride and joy is what we call the 'house shoe deer.' It was a huge 10 point, it scored 137. I was being really clumsy that day. First I forgot my gun, then after I killed the deer I noticed I was in my house shoes when I came down from the stand."

The "house shoe deer" is more than just a good story, it has special signifi-

cance to Freel as both her biggest deer and the deer that got her into the family trophy room.

"Our cabin also serves as a trophy room," said Freel. "That's where we hang all the biggest deer. There's an elk, as well as a sand bar deer that my dad killed when we lived in Australia. My grandpa's best friend died of cancer, and that's where we've got all of his biggest deer in his honor. I was the first grandkid to have a deer hung in the big trophy room. It's kind of a big deal."

For Freel, hunting isn't just about killing everything in sight.

"I don't just go out there and shoot anything passing by," said Freel. "I only shoot a buck if it's in its prime. If it's got ground to do, I'll let it walk," said Freel. "My grandpa won't shoot a doe at all, because he doesn't believe you should kill girls."

Freel also believes anyone who argues against killing animals is misinformed.

"Some people say it's wrong to kill animals, but to be honest, some things need to die," said Freel. "If they don't, they'll get over populated, which isn't good for their health."

Freel continues a family tradition by being an avid hunter as well as being a part of the family camp, which will always have a special place in her heart. "I love my hunting camp," said Freel. "If I only had one day left, I'd want to spend it at the camp."



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"We lived on that bus. We were always sleeping in a different place than we performed that night."

ELIZABETH LAWSON

By Smith

For most people, summer vacation is about getting away from the grueling schedule of school, taking some time to relax, having an internship or job, or even attending their favorite summer camp. For Elizabeth Lawson, however, this past summer was all about realizing a life-long dream.

Lawson, a sophomore music education major from Texarkana, Texas, spent her summer as a part of the Drum Corps International (DCI) on a coast to coast tour performing in cities across the nation.

According to Lawson, anyone who has any connection to marching band knows about DCI. Lawson can remember hearing about it as young child.

"I have known about it since I was little. My dad is a band director, so I grew up around it," said Lawson.

Drum Corps International is a professional marching band league. It is composed of over 25 world class corps and 20 open class corps that are based across the nation. The corps are made up of students ranging 15 to 21 years in age. The world class corps toured the entire summer competing in 40 different competitions and well as four regionals that all led up to nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"Anything you ever do in high school or college you compare to DCI, because it is the best," said Lawson.

When Lawson was in middle school, several students from her dad's band graduated and participated in DCI. It was these same people who inspired and encouraged Lawson to tryout for DCI herself.

Each corps has auditions in their own city. The audition process began with a demanding three-day weekend with 11-hour days.

"They expect you to do it and do it now. And they expect you to do it their way, because they are a top corps," said Lawson.

Lawson began the audition process with one corps, but ended up being cut during the last round of try-outs. Lawson did not let this setback stop her however.

"I knew that I still wanted to march. I wanted to do this. It was a big deal to me," said Lawson.

Lawson immediately started contacting other corps and sent off a video of her skills. Within three days, she was offered a spot on the Color Guard of the world class Crossmen Drum Corps based out of San Antonio, Texas. A few days later, Lawson had to pack up and move into the San Antonio housing for training. Training was three solid weeks of ten-hour days filled with physical training, flag skills and dance technique.

After three weeks of training, the corps immediately set out for tour. Competing in

40 shows in two months made for a travel filled summer. "We lived on that bus. We were always sleeping in a different place than we performed that night," said Lawson.

Sometimes the corps would have a day or two where they didn't have a show that night. These days resulted in free days. The corps had a total of five free days over the course of the entire summer. On these free days the corps members would be taken to a mall or let loose in a town and told to be back at a certain time.

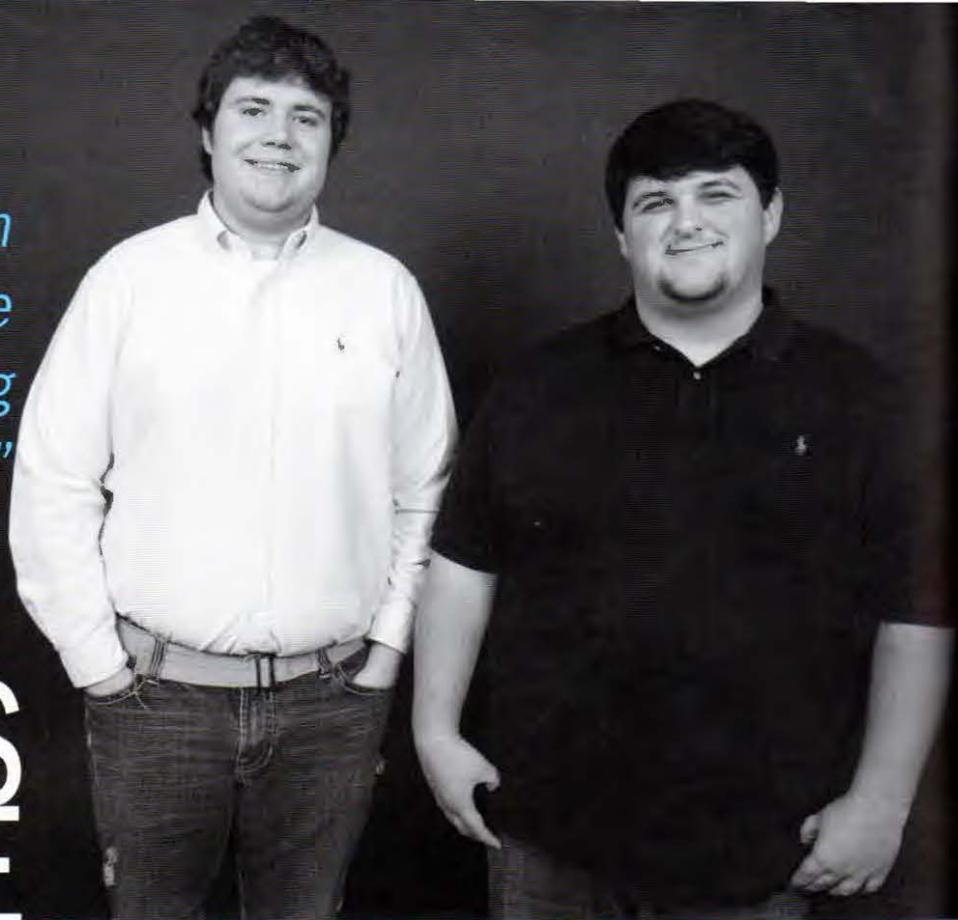
"On free days they told us 'Don't go out and drink sodas, it will kill you tomorrow,'" said Lawson. "And it did, I would drink soda anyway and it would kill me at practice the next day."

Two months on the road led all the corps to Indianapolis, Indiana, for nationals. After two nights of competition only 12 corps advanced to finals. The Crossmen Drum Core was one of those teams.

"For us, it wasn't about winning, it was about the fact we made it to finals. It is just the best experience to feel like you accomplished something real with your show." Lawson continued this thought by saying, "You know you struggled so hard over the summer. You gave so much blood, sweat and tears, and then you get to the end. We had an amazing show, and we had an amazing run. It was just the greatest experience ever."

"We all agreed that Gruden would be a good choice and so we wrote the song in about an hour."

TYLER DAVIS & WILL RICHIE



#Ben Cline

At OBU, rewriting the lyrics to popular songs is nothing new. Each year during Tiger Tunes, students can be heard singing the catchy new words to popular songs from today and some from the past as well. But using their new words to these songs to become an overnight YouTube sensation? Now that's definitely something you don't see from three college students every day.

For sophomores Tyler Davis and Will Richey, and Henderson State's Caleb Conrad, their clever rendition of "Hey Jude" landed them over 183,000 views on YouTube, star appearances on the news, and a movement among Razorback fans all over the state.

The two hog fans originally wrote the song to pass the time on a slow Saturday night.

"We were sitting around at Tyler's house one Saturday after the Razorbacks had been beaten pretty handily by Mississippi State, and we were just talking about who we thought would be a good candidate to replace John L. Smith. We all agreed that Gruden would be a good choice and so we wrote the song in about an hour," said Richey.

The state was buzzing over what coach was going to be hired to replace John L. Smith, and Richey and Davis were endorsing their selection for the next coach of the

Razorbacks, John Gruden. They cleverly changed the Beatles song "Hey Jude" to "Hey Grude" and a YouTube hit was born.

"We had no clue it would be this successful. The immediate response from YouTube definitely surprised. Soon after that, we were getting calls from local news and radio stations," Richey continued.

As soon as the song hit the web, the call for John Gruden as the Razorbacks' head coach was everywhere. The hashtag #HeyGrude could be seen dominating the OBU twitter sphere with links to the video. Davis and Richey became overnight stars on campus. Richey's favorite part of the "Hey Grude" hysteria was performing the song for Razorback fans in Fayetteville.

"I personally loved singing at the Northwest Arkansas Razorback Club tailgate before the LSU game. It was awesome getting to take our song with us to Fayetteville and singing it for the people that had been hearing it and watching it on YouTube all week long leading up to the game," Richie said.

As for Davis, his favorite memory was having the opportunity to watch his video views on Youtube climb by the thousands in such a short period of time.

"I would have to say my favorite moment would just have to be sitting at the computer that Sunday and watching our video go nationwide," Davis said. "It started with a few retweets and favor-

ites, but within the hour, we already had articles written about us. We would literally get a retweet every few seconds and they were from people I didn't know at all. Within three days, we had 180,000 views. I couldn't believe it," Davis added, enthusiastically.

The three all have extensive backgrounds in music, and have been singing in choirs for many years. "Will, Caleb, and myself have all been singing individually and in choirs since we were really young, but we've only been singing as a group for a couple of years. Hopefully that continues for awhile," Davis said.

Although John Gruden did not end up becoming the head coach at Arkansas, the song definitely put the three Arkadelphia students on the map. The three make up the musical group "Triple Threat." They traveled to New Orleans, La., in April for the hit television show "X Factor" and plan to keep singing wherever they can.

"Right now, we plan to keep practicing and singing new songs for whatever gigs we can get," Davis said. "Eventually, we might come out with a song with Bret Bielema's name in it, but you'll just have to wait and see."

Triple Threat is looking forward to continuing its work together in order to wow crowds in the future. With such a popular start, it is apparent that the sky is the limit for these talented Tigers.



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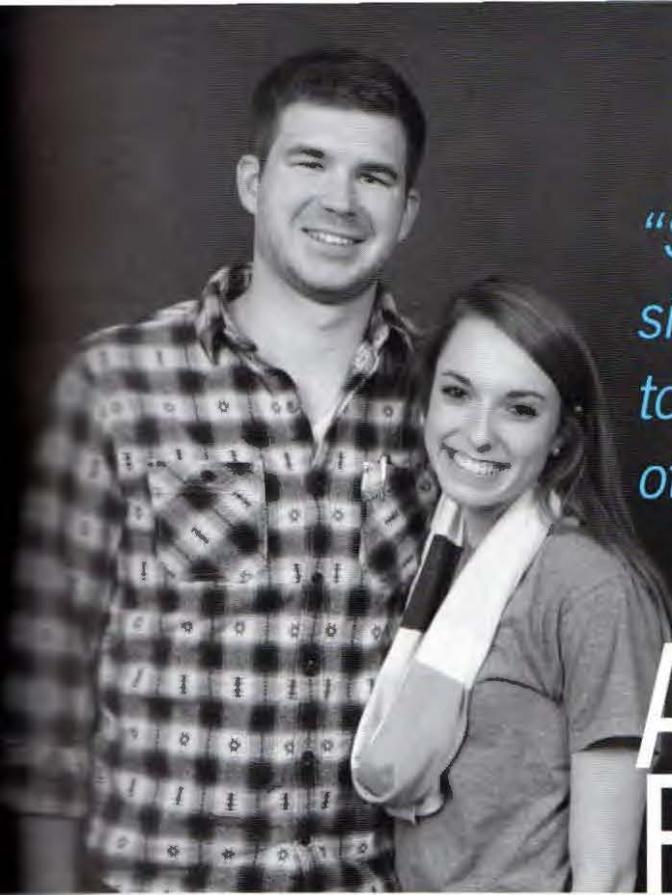


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ASHLEY BRIGGS & PAUL HUENEFFELD

Hannah Shull

Three hours. From sending in her application to being accepted, that is all the time it took for Ashley Briggs, a junior church music major from Alexander, Ark., to find out she had been selected to sing in the Passion Choir.

Passion was a four-day event in January that was sponsored by Louie Giglio and the Passion City Church in Atlanta, Ga. Sixty-thousand college age students from all over the world came together in The Georgia Dome to glorify God through worshipping together and listening to well-known speakers such as Beth Moore, Francis Chan and John Piper.

Ashley was an intern at Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock with the student ministry and attended a youth workers conference in Dallas in November. While at the conference, she got word from a fellow youth worker who had a connection to the Passion City Church that Passion needed people to sing in the choir. Ashley filled out an application and sent in a three-minute video of her singing.

A couple of days later she was told that Passion needed more people to sing in the choir, so she told her friend Paul Hueneffeld to audition. His application process was the same as Ashley's.

"We were asked to fill out an application and send in a video of us singing a song to make sure we could actually sing

and look happy," Paul said.

Paul and Ashley arrived in Atlanta a day earlier than the rest of the Passion attendees and began rehearsal. Up to this point, the choir members had never heard the songs for Passion. Their first night in Atlanta, they had rehearsal at Passion City Church that was led by Daniel Carson, the guitarist for Chris Tomlin, and Kristian Stanfill, one of the main worship leaders for Passion.

"In my experience at home, rehearsal and worship are not the same. This was completely the opposite for the Passion Choir," Paul said. "Every rehearsal we had was not a monotonous chore we had to get done to learn the songs. It was an incredible worship experience with 100-200 other people to get our hearts and minds prepared for worship with the other 60,000 in the Dome."

Ashley and Paul also had rehearsals throughout the week in between the main sessions. At rehearsals, choir members practiced the songs for the main sessions, had small group time and had their own time of worship and testimony sharing.

"Honestly that was the coolest thing I've ever been a part of," Ashley said. "I was so humbled to be around [the worship leaders]. They emphasized we are just like you and we are here to worship God, not worship us."

The Passion Choir members were encouraged to dance and be as expres-

sive as possible while singing in the choir, as a way of encouraging the crowd to feel free to worship however they felt led. The choir stood around the stage in the middle of the Dome floor.

"It was just so cool to be in the middle and realize how much fun you could have worshipping with other believers," Ashley said. "Sometimes I would stop singing, and it was so encouraging to look around and see 60,000 other believers worshipping."

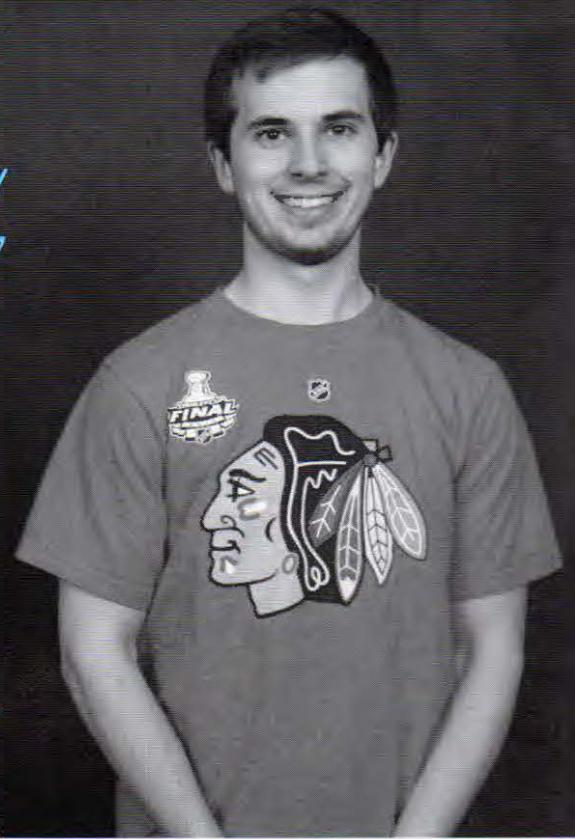
Paul and Ashley both enjoyed meeting some of the biggest names in contemporary Christian music and they both found comfort in "realizing that they are normal people like you and me," Paul said. "They are so humble and devoted to God's calling for their life."

Ashley agreed with Paul's statement by saying, "I was really impacted. It made me want to be a better worship leader and think about who I was leading for."

Paul and Ashley's incredible experiences, however, didn't stop at the Dome. One night after the main session for Passion was over, a few of the choir members met up at Waffle House. While they were there, numerous people came up to them and asked them about what God was doing in their lives. This was just a small part of the mission of Passion.

"We aren't here just to charge you up," Ashley said, quoting Giglio. "They are going to send you out."

"The Lord used this opportunity to break down walls in me."



GRANT NOVAK

#Sydney Bratton

Grant Novak, a junior biblical studies major with a minor in Greek, from Bossier City, La., did not just spend the majority of his summer volunteering his time at a church in Chicago, Ill. Grant also spent countless hours volunteering his mind and his heart to be greatly transformed by an entirely new culture and community.

The opportunity to work as a church-planting intern for the Mosaic Church of Chicago came to Grant through mutual friends he had with the pastor of the church. "We both have mutual friends from Ouachita and my hometown that got us connected," Grant said. "We hit it off from there and then I found myself several months later working for a church in the inner city of Chicago."

When Grant began his internship, he immediately became very involved in the church and came to understand the hard work it was doing in the community. "The purpose of the Mosaic Church is to enable the Gospel of Jesus Christ to communal and personal change in the people around the church," Grant said. "Mosaic seeks to plant churches in all 78 neighborhoods in Chicago. Their vision is that each church would be a 'glocal' church, meaning that it would be 'globally and locally minded.'"

The mission of the Mosaic Church was to engage the community and share the gospel with them. Many people within

the church were able to volunteer their time to going out and socializing with the residents of the community. By forming these deep, personal relationships with people of the surrounding community, it was much easier for the church members to see religion from a completely different point of view and to explain the gospel in terms that were more relevant to their everyday lives.

Not only was Grant dedicated to working to fulfill the ongoing mission of the church, but he also was able to get plugged into the community on a much more personal level.

"My duties were to strategize and mobilize people to assist in the planting and scoping out of possible church sites for new evangelical church plants," Grant said. "Also, on Wednesday and Friday nights we would have a Kids Youth Club in which we would share the Gospel and go deeper with the kids who were believers. Our free time consisted of playing a lot of basketball and feeding underprivileged kids at our loft."

Grant joked that playing basketball actually meant getting "schooled by the inner city kids." By getting the opportunity to interact with the kids in public schools, they were able to take their ministry efforts even further into the heart of the communities in the Chicago area.

While Grant's time working with the

church was training him in the field of church planting, he also had a change of heart and cultural perceptions as well.

"The experience changed my perspective on how I see church," Grant said. "I used to see it from a completely Caucasian stand point, but the Lord really worked on my heart to see how the Gospel transcends cultures. Also the experience taught me not to impose my culture on another and not to look down upon the people I am serving but to walk with them, life on life."

The valuable time that Grant was able to spend working with the Mosaic Church and the surrounding community was an amazing opportunity that he believes has shaped him into the man and the dedicated Christian that he is today. Without this opportunity, Grant feels as if he would not have been able to see different aspects of Christianity in a different culture than somewhere where the majority of the population is Christian, much like the Ouachita community.

"The opportunity to work at Mosaic Church changed my life," Grant said enthusiastically. "The Lord used the opportunity to break down walls in me. The experiences also developed a broader Biblical view of who God is and how he moves in this world rather than what I knew just from Shreveport, Louisiana."



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 Mallory Green *Carl Junction, MO*
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 Bekah Hall *Port Elizabeth, South Africa*



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"It gives you great confidence in the fact that you can be completely uprooted from everything comfortable and still survive."

MOLLY BOWMAN

By Faith Ledbetter

If you have ever had a conversation with Molly Bowman, a junior mass communications and Christian studies double major from Conway, Ark., you can tell that there is something very unique about her. Molly has a confidence and happiness that shines through in everything that she does. What some people don't know, is that some of her confidence and joy came from her spending a year studying abroad in Beijing, China.

When Molly attended to a youth conference at age 14, she heard a woman speak about mission opportunities in China and she knew immediately that God was going to use her to speak to those people.

"After the conference, I told my parents that I wanted to go and I think they thought I was crazy," Molly joked. Molly had to raise a certain amount of money in order to participate, so some of her friends held a fundraiser and contacted people who wanted to donate in order to contribute to Molly's dream.

"My friends had a surprise party for me and surprised me with a check. I am surrounded by truly amazing people," Molly said. It empowered her to know that so many people who are close to her supported her, not only emotionally, but financially as well.

Molly has a great passion for understanding different cultures and interacting with people from all over the world. She

has a heart for people who have grown up in different places and she enjoys hearing about the different aspects of their lives.

While some students study abroad through various programs here at Ouachita, Molly had the opportunity to study through an organization called Operation New Generation. Before going to Beijing, Molly, along with many other international students, spent two weeks in Taiwan in order to complete cross-cultural training.

"I went with a team of three students, me and two other guys from the region, one from Arkansas and one from Mississippi," Molly said. "I knew them before but none of us knew we were going together until the interview." She was amazed at the way that God had worked in all three of their lives by preparing them to work together.

During her time in Beijing, Molly lived in International Student Housing, which she said was "basically like a big dorm for students and adults from all around the world." Molly not only made friends from China, but from countries all over the world, such as France, Japan, Mongolia, and Germany. Even though Molly was constantly forming relationships with people from all over the world, she enjoyed being able to spend time with some familiar faces during her time there as well.

Molly's mom came to visit her in China

for her birthday and for Christmas, which are only five days apart. During the holiday season, Molly definitely realized how different the environment was that she had been living in. In China, Christmas is not readily celebrated as it is in the U.S. and in other places in the world. Molly also had the opportunity to travel to the Philippines to visit some friends that she has there.

Even though being away from her family was hard, Molly used this experience as an opportunity to grow in her relationship with the Lord. Because the Internet is censored and communication can be difficult at times, there were days where Molly was not able to talk to anyone.

"There were days when it was just me and God, hanging out, which taught me that I had to rely on Him no matter how difficult the circumstances were," she said. "To be outside the Bible belt and realize that we have so much religious influence in our lives from school, radio, television, etc., was such a different experience. I had to learn how to rely strongly on myself to influence my faith instead of depending on people and activities around me."

Molly strongly recommends traveling abroad to other students. She said, "It broadens your horizons and gives you a more in-depth understanding of the world. It gives you great confidence in the fact that you can be completely uprooted from everything comfortable and still survive."

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KELSEY HIMES

#Sydney Bratton

Transitioning into college proved to be a very challenging time for Kelsey Himes, a junior early childhood education major, from Arkadelphia. "As a graduating senior at Arkadelphia High School, I was being abandoned and in essence, left to my own defenses," Kelsey said.

Despite the opposition that Kelsey found herself facing inside of her home life, she found refuge in getting involved in various activities at school.

"Life was difficult with the way I grew up, and so choir was a place where I could ultimately forget about everything at home," Kelsey said.

Kelsey did not only find peace of mind by being a part of the Arkadelphia High School choir, but also found hope for her future as her choir teacher opened up her home to Kelsey during her time of need.

"Laura Cornelius had been my choir teacher all through high school and she and her husband, Dr. Kevin Cornelius, took me in after I told her that I was being kicked out of my house and didn't know where I was going to go," Kelsey said. "In the beginning we thought I may end up back with my biological family, but figured out quickly that it wasn't going to happen that way."

After almost two months of examining various options and speaking with an attorney, the Cornelius family officially became Kelsey's legal guardians. "[Dr.

and Mrs. Cornelius] decided after much prayer, to invite me to become a part of their family," Kelsey said. "This included asking their other two children, Caleb and Jessica, how they felt about my becoming a part of the family. They were both equally excited."

Through the process of joining the Cornelius family, Kelsey had become very acquainted with her new, loving family members.

"Laura and Kevin let me decide what to call them," Kelsey said. "I decided that after everything they had done for me, the names 'Mom' and 'Dad' would suit them quite well. I knew that it was going to take a while to get used to getting to know the family. The first trip in which I met extended family was the day after the judge signed off on the guardianship papers."

After finalizing all of her custody information, Kelsey began planning for her next four years in college.

After going through the steps to get Kelsey into college, they found out that because of her new legal guardianship, she would be able to receive a substantial discount that would allow her to attend Ouachita. "I saw this as God giving me a brand new start with a new family that showed me love in a way I had not seen before," Kelsey said.

While many things during this time seemed to be moving in a positive direc-

tion for Kelsey, she was still suffering with conflicts she was having with her biological mother.

"The road hasn't been all lollipops and rainbows," Kelsey said. "There was a phase where I went back and forth between talking to my biological mother and not talking to her. Each time, my parents saw me crumble emotionally after conversations with her. There came a point where I had to put boundaries in place and enforce them for my own mental health."

Through each of the trials that Kelsey faced while adjusting to her new family life, she knew she could always rely on her new family to support her. "Now, three years into college, I am doing the best I have ever done academically and even socially," Kelsey said.

"My mom and dad have treated me more like a daughter in the three years I have been with them than in the 17 years I was with my biological family. I gave up a lot when I chose to become a member of the Cornelius' family and it has been difficult at times, but the reality is I gained so much more than I ever would have thought." Kelsey went on to say, "Being able to see how a family is supposed to be in a Christian setting was something I had not seen in my previous home. As graduation is looming in just a year, I see my future as bring and loving with my family celebrating events together, both big and small."



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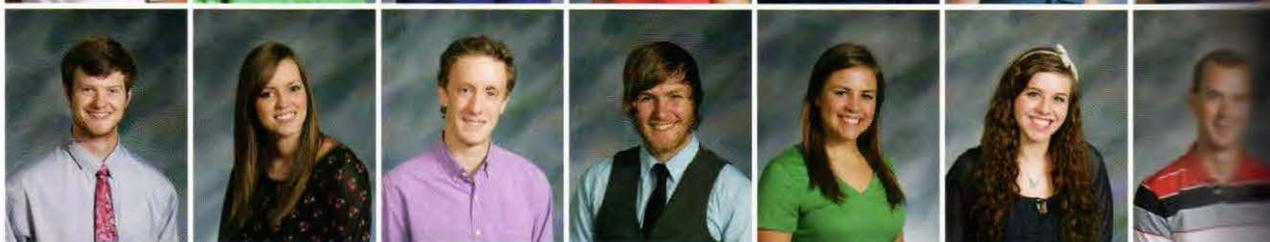
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BEN THOMAS

Mike Coffman

For college students, summer vacation can mean a few things. It can mean an average summer job, such as a fast food establishment, an interactive summer job, such as a camp counselor, or a practical summer job, such as an internship. For Ben Thomas, a senior mass communication major from Keller, Texas, it meant the latter, but with far more expectations than he originally anticipated.

Last summer, Ben interned with a production studio in Las Colinas, Texas, called CRM Studios, where his countless descriptions varied from project to project, ranging from running a camera to working the floor, to directing shows on which he worked.

If someone were to glance at Ben's itinerary for the summer, they would be quite impressed to see names such as the Dallas Cowboys, the Texas Rangers, and Glenn Beck, among other high-end names, on his list of jobs that would eventually wind up on TV.

"I got to see a large portion of my work on TV," said Ben. "In the video industry, especially in a major market like Dallas, it's a huge to have a production credit, and I was immensely blessed to have my first one so early in my career."

Even with all of the huge market jobs that Ben had the chance to participate in, he stood out among the rest, and it was

completely separate from his internship. A band by the name of Family Force 5 was shooting a music video for their song "Cray Button" and Ben was chosen to be a part of the production team.

"They put out a crew call and I was selected as one of three production assistants for the shoot," said Ben. "We had a five person crew: director, assistant director, and three production assistants to shoot the video, so I ended up doing a significant part of the production work."

After its release, the video became the number one most watched video on MTV's website for a few days and even saw some airtime on MTV. It was also nominated for Christian music video of the year.

"It was a three-day shoot and we ended up working on set for close to 45 hours; some of the shoot was even shot on top of my car!" said Ben. "By the end of the three days, we had all become pretty close with the band, so much so that they asked us to come up on stage with them during their concert at the end of the shoot. It was by far one of the craziest videos that I had worked on up until that point, but it was worth every second."

After his time with the internship was up, Ben received another offer. A friend of his recommended him for the position of Worship Video Director at The Church at Rock Creek in Little Rock.

"While I was driving back to Arkadel-

phia to start the new year, I got a call from someone in Little Rock," said Ben. "They drove down to Arkadelphia to interview me and ended up offering me the position that very Sunday. The whole situation kind of took me off guard, but in the best way. I had been praying for job opportunities in Little Rock for the week prior to the call and then the job fell into my lap."

Throughout all of Ben's experiences with internships and job opportunities, he has come to rely more strongly on God and has realized that He will put His children where He wants them to be, exactly when He wants them to be there.

"The best advice I can give someone interested in going into the production world or any type of job market would be to embrace the word 'no,'" said Ben. "Out of the 20-something internships I applied for, I was only offered two of them; that means 18 told me 'no.' You won't be able to succeed in your field if you dwell on rejection."

Ben truly feels that he has found his niche with video production and filmmaking and believes that this is what God wants him to do with his life. Even with this realization, Ben still acknowledges that he is human, and he always remembers to trust in God for everything.

"I'm a filmmaker, so I can edit my mistakes, and a Christian, because I am aware of them," Thomas says.

"There's a level of trust and companionship there that you just don't really find on the field or in a social club."



JOHN WILLIAMS

#Katie Vaughn

Being a student at Ouachita, it's not uncommon to hear about fellow students spending their summers working at Kanakuk, Pine Cove, Sky Ranch or other Christian camps spread across the country. It's also not uncommon to hear about Ouachitians serving as missionaries around the world to spread the word of Jesus Christ. It's not so common, however, that we hear about students serving in the ministry at Noah's Ark.

According to senior John Williams, Noah's Ark is, "an outdoor outfitting company that uses the outdoor experience for a platform for ministry." Williams first visited Noah's Ark the summer after his junior year of high school, and he was hooked. He has served as a guide at Noah's for the past four summers.

Located in Buena Vista, Colo., Noah's Ark employees work with camps, churches or families looking for an adventurous week. The company offers everything from rock climbing and rappelling to backpacking and white water rafting.

Williams has experienced four years of hiking up mountains and sailing down white waters, but his most exciting experience thus far is The Great Llama Chase.

"We took a llama off by itself on the trail which is usually a no no, and the last day of the trip...the other guide was unhooking it from the ground and it escaped," said John fighting back a smile. "Llamas are

pretty expensive, so we had to chase it. Five other guys came up, and we spent the next eight hours trying to catch a llama. It was like trying to chase a Labrador puppy that was as big and as fast as an elk... It was type two fun, which is not fun in the moment, but fun looking back on it," laughed John.

Before the groups set out for their adventures, the Noah's Ark guide meets with the leader of said group. Often the person doing the meeting is John. He finds out what principles that the leaders are wanting taught for each trip, and he strives to teach these principles to the kids.

"You get to put [kids] in a new environment, something they're not used to. You get to take them away from the daily distractions of life like cellphones and TV and media. It's more of a pure way to get to know somebody."

Sometimes the kids learn life principles without them even having to be planned. Last summer, a bear came to where John had backpacked with a high school leadership class, and ate some of their food.

"It was day two, so I took it as an opportunity to discuss facing adversity and how you react to those situations in life. As a leader you have to react, and you can't control every variable," explained Williams calmly. "We took all of the meals that were still edible, we rearranged them and planned them out for the rest of the

week. The class really liked it. They had less food to eat, but they were able to see how it applied to life."

It's through random happenings like a bear eating your food or losing llamas that relationships with customers begin to form.

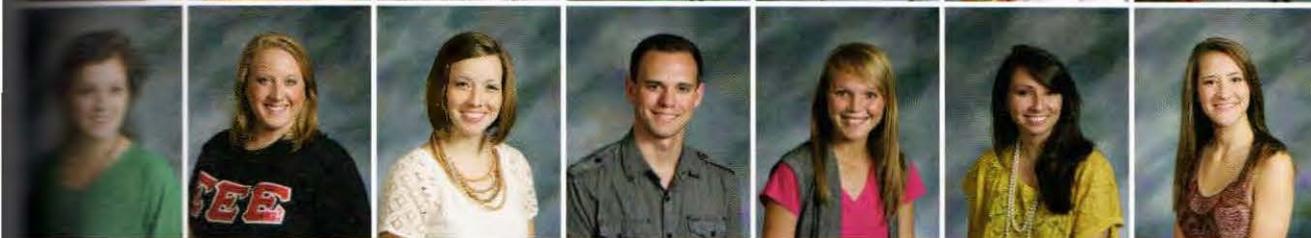
Relationships with customers were not the only relationships John built over the past four years. "I really enjoy the community and the staff that I work with. We're all very close... A lot of that is because we have to trust each other. Some of the activities that we do can be pretty dangerous and there's a level of trust and companionship there that you just don't really find. I guess on the field or in a social club." Although he loves his co-workers, living with 18 other guys while sharing only two bathrooms and one kitchen can be a test of patience.

"I think overall you're just constantly testing yourself as far as how well you can serve your community that you're involved in, your customers and... the people that you're working with guiding; helping take care of them the best that you can."

Through physical trials, testing of patience, and becoming a self-proclaimed "llama whisperer," John has developed a love and passion for his job at Noah's Ark. This summer he'll be returning to complete his fifth summer with the program, and he'll be serving as Assistant Program Director with the adventure program.



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 Kiley Gamble McKinney, TX
 Trent Gardner Dallas, TX
 Ashley Glover Stuttgart, AR
 Breanne Goodrum Fort Smith, AR
 Amberly Green Batesville, AR
 Mallory Gross Alexander, AR



Gemma Guiomard Desoto, TX
 Stephanie Hampton Perryville, AR
 Meg Hart Little Rock, AR
 Daniel Hastings Rogers, AR
 Lauren Hatch Mesquite, TX
 Courtney Hemeyer Little Rock, AR
 Annelise Henley Arkadelphia, AR



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 Tim Horton Arkadelphia, AR
 Raley Howard El Dorado, AR
 Paul Huenefeld Heber Springs, AR
 Nathan Huff Jonesboro, AR
 Hannah Hunter Bryant, AR
 Lauren Jackson Arkadelphia, AR



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 Ryan James Benton, AR
 Alison Johnson Shreveport, LA
 Cameron Johnson Rancho Mirage, CA
 Brittney Jones Texarkana, AR
 Caitlin Jones Benton, AR
 Nikki Kambanis Jonesboro, AR



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 Alexis Pace *Sugar Land, TX*
 Emily Parker *Shreveport, LA*
 Matt Peckat *Cabot, AR*



Zach Penny *Texarkana, AR*
 Michelle Perez *Maracaibo, Venezuela*
 Brandon Perry *Arkadelphia, AR*
 Hannah Pilcher *Maumelle, AR*
 Erica Porter *Azle, TX*
 Sarah Porter *Berryville, AR*
 Rebekah Poynor *Aubrey, TX*



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 Courtney Puddephatt *Little Rock, AR*
 Krystal Qualls *Texarkana, AR*
 Stephen Raines *Camden, AR*
 Jacob Ramaly *Longview, TX*
 Hannah Ramsey *Naperville, IL*
 Chris Redmon *Little Rock, AR*



Brett Reece *Houston, TX*
 Shelby Reed *North Little Rock, AR*
 Alyssa Reynolds *Sanger, TX*
 Crista Riggs *Edmond, OK*
 Andrew Roberts *Plano, TX*
 Joel Rogier *Glen Carbon, IL*
 Becca Rutherford *Bay, AR*



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 Bailey Sanders *Joshua, TX*
 Audra Sargent *Fort Smith, AR*
 Diane Satterlee *Monticello, AR*
 Marcus Schlesinger *Nuevo, CA*
 Madison Scott *Little Rock, AR*
 Ken See *Mesquite, TX*



Elyse Senteney *Plano, TX*
 Courtney Sharp *Cherokee Village, AR*
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 Abbey Smith *Gurdon, AR*
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Jordan Snook *Little Rock, AR*
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 Taylor Stanford *White Hall, AR*
 Jacob Stephens *New Boston, TX*
 Ryan Strebeck *Texarkana, AR*
 Samantha Street *Duncan, OK*



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 Lauren Telford *Texarkana, TX*
 Demarcus Thornton *Plano, TX*
 Carrington Tillery *Lonsdale, AR*
 Jacob Tinklenberg *Arlington, TX*
 John Tneoh *Sungai Petani, Malaysia*
 Emily Treadway *New Boston, TX*





"It's not just about getting on stage and looking pretty."

MISS OBU KILEY WRIGHT

Late Scott

Kiley Jane Wright, a senior biology major from Glenwood, was crowned Miss OBU on March 2. "I went in with an attitude to have fun," said Wright. "I wanted to bring a little joy to others."

Wright succeeded in both having fun and bringing joy to others. Wright's presence and poise on stage reflected her inner and outer beauty. With little pageant background, Wright had much support from her parents and sister. Wright was blessed to have her older sister, who has been involved in Miss Teen Arkansas, help her throughout Miss OBU. Wright was even able to wear some of the dresses her sister had worn in her pageants. "My mom and my sister were there the whole way," said Wright. "[They] were my two biggest supporters."

A funny memory that Wright has was when her sister was helping her with her walk. "I felt like the Princess Diaries," said Wright. Wright struggled with her walk until her dad was able to relate to a love she has for animals. "It's like showing a horse," her dad told her. "You have to keep your upper body still and look natural." Since that small piece of advice, Wright's walk was perfected.

During the pageant, Wright was asked what qualities should Miss OBU possess. Wright responded with - hard working, a light that shines, and one who stays true to herself. Wright exemplifies these qualities

on and off campus.

Wright encourages young girls to stay true to themselves. The swimwear was nerve-racking to Wright, but she showed confidence. Wright won the swimwear award along with her title of Miss OBU. "It was encouraging to know that I'm not a size zero and still did well," said Wright.

Wright is an active member of the Women of EEE. She was a team member for her social club's intramural basketball team, involved in service projects with her social club, and dedicated to her studies. "I try to stay involved on campus as much as I can," said Wright.

Future plans for Wright include going on to veterinary school. Wright's platform for Miss OBU was Fighting Against Animal Cruelty. "I love horses," said Wright. Having four horses, two dogs, and a cat, Wright's love for animals has turned into a passion for a future career. "I want to be an equine veterinarian," said Wright.

Ever since Wright was little she told her mom she was going to help animals. Wright is maintaining the hard working quality that Miss OBU should possess by studying diligently and working toward her life career goal by applying to veterinarian schools.

Wright mentioned that sometimes it is difficult to follow your dreams. "Keep going and keep chasing after what you truly want to do," encourages Wright. "If you've dreamed about it for so long, you

just can't give up on it."

When difficult times do arise, Wright remembers to stay true to herself. After she was crowned Miss OBU, Wright was able to talk to the judges. The judges said she was different and was not just like every other girl that they had seen. Being genuine and true to who you are is what Wright also encourages others who are following their dreams to do. "It was definitely a confidence booster," said Wright.

After winning Miss OBU, Wright prepared for the Miss Arkansas Pageant in July. "I am really excited about having a completely different experience," said Wright. Working with her pageant directors, Justin Harper, Kirt Thomas, and Amy Witherow, she has learned a lot more about the pageant world. Wright never imagined that she would be privileged to be a part of Miss Arkansas.

When speaking of Miss OBU and Miss Arkansas, Wright said, "It's not just about getting on stage and looking pretty." Wright hopes and has succeeded to bring smiles to peoples faces and to be kind to all. "These are real girls doing amazing things and working really hard to do better things with their platform," said Wright.

"I am so grateful for everyone here on Ouachita's campus," said Wright. "Everyone is so supportive." Wright has continued to be a light for Ouachita's campus by bringing joy and a smile to everyone she encounters.

"My encouragement to people would be to carry on the message LJ carried and to value your friendships because unexpected things happen all the time."

1991-2012 LJ BROOKS

#Emily Terry

Familiar faces often have a way of working their way into our hearts, whether we ever realize it or not.

For Ouachita students, hearts were heavy over the sudden loss of one of campus' most familiar faces.

Lester Ivan Brooks Junior, or LJ as he was known across campus, died early on December 2, 2012, after a difficult fight with kidney problems. A senior Christian studies and Biblical languages major from Houston, Texas, LJ was one of two regular speakers at Refuge and a highly respected and cherished member of the student body.

"His sophomore year, he spoke at Noon-day once and I was just really impressed with his heart there. At the end of the year, I approached him and asked if he would be interested in applying to be one of the speakers at Refuge," said James Taylor, Director of Campus Ministries. "I don't know if he would have sought that out himself or would have even thought about it."

LJ went on to become the first person, at least in recent years, to be a regular speaker at Refuge as a junior.

One consistent aspect of LJ's character and ministry was his genuine concern and love for people.

"He really cared about people. A lot of

times, people that others might overlook, LJ didn't overlook," said Kendall Calvert, Assistant Director of Campus Ministries. "People that really needed loving, LJ loved them. Not because he felt bad or pitied them, but because he really did care about them with Christ's love."

Grant Novak, a junior Biblical studies major from Haughton, La., remembers LJ as simply enjoyable to be around.

"He made everything fun and interesting; there was never a dull moment with him," Novak said. "There was always a smile and he was always carrying on genuine conversations with people."

His genuine spirit and caring heart have since been an encouragement and a challenge to those who saw the love of Jesus radiating from his life.

"It's something that's really been challenging to me since he's been gone," Calvert said. "Just to keep my eyes open to people others may not see."

LJ taught everyone around him the love of Christ, but for his girlfriend, Kelsey Frink, a junior early childhood education major from Marion, Mass., this memory of genuine love is especially prominent.

"He showed me so much love and was the most Christ-like person I've ever met," Frink said. "I don't think about him just as the boyfriend that I loved or my first love.

He was just so loving to everyone and so kind. People that couldn't give him anything in return, he loved them. That's who he was."

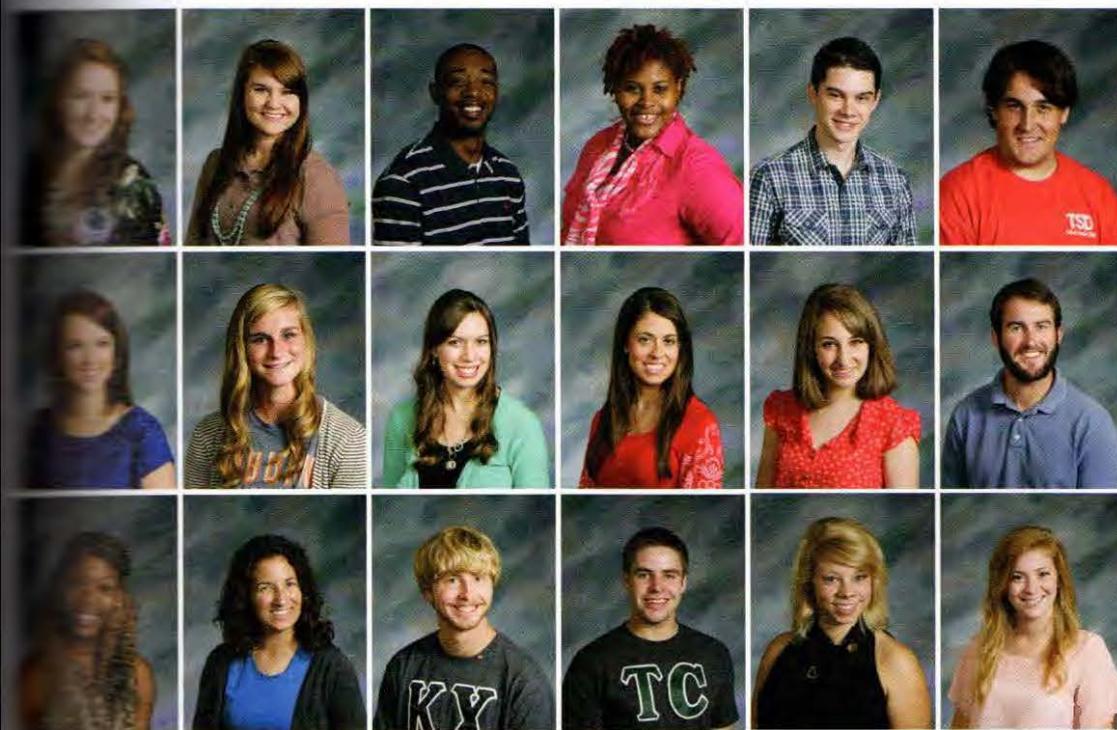
This loving, genuine man of God not only loved people, but he made them laugh.

"When we were in Athens last summer, we were walking around the Parthenon and I went to buy water without realizing all they had was carbonated water, which I think is disgusting. I went to drink it and it was so gross and I was being so dramatic, I started crying!" Calvert said with a reminiscent laugh. "LJ was like, 'Well, I don't have any water, but you can wear my hat.' He had this hat he wore the whole trip and we all made fun of him for it, but I really wanted to wear it and he never let me. So, he said I could wear his hat if it would make me feel better. He was just funny and really selfless like that."

In addition to being the kind-hearted, selfless friend, Novak remembers LJ as being the jokester and instigator who consistently found ways to embarrass him.

"Freshman year, we were in Greek and it had snowed, so LJ convinced me to throw snowballs with him at Dr. Dodson when he walked in the door," Novak said. "So, we proceeded to throw snowballs, except LJ doesn't throw his, so he just





Emily Tucker *Hot Springs, AR*
 Lindsey Upshaw *Sheridan, AR*
 Earl Waddell *Arkadelphia, AR*
 Shatelia Walker-Scott *Texarkana, AR*
 Tanner Ward *Bryant, AR*
 Adam Webb *Houston, TX*

Natalie Whisenant *Fort Worth, TX*
 Mary Whisenhunt *Little Rock, AR*
 Alyssa White *Tyler, TX*
 Elizabeth White *Searcy, AR*
 Heather White *Houston, TX*
 John Williams *Little Rock, AR*

Monica Williams *Carrollton, GA*
 Danielle Wilson *Simla, CO*
 Preston Winstead *Fort Smith, AR*
 Adam Wood *Carrollton, TX*
 Tristan Wooster *Mansfield, TX*
 Kiley Wright *Glenwood, AR*

leaves me hanging throwing snowballs at Dodson while he's just laughing at me."

Whether he was making others laugh or lending a hand to those in need, LJ was always encouraging those around him and pushing his friends to do more than they ever thought possible.

"He would push me to do things that he felt I could do that I didn't think I could do. He always saw something in me that I didn't see," Novak said.

Frink said LJ consistently encouraged her to grow spiritually.

"LJ knew a lot more about the Bible than I ever did. At first, that really intimidated me. I come from the north where Christian culture doesn't exist. Other than my family and a select few people, I didn't always have people to have real conversations with," Frink said. "After having genuine conversations with him, I realized that I've had a completely different walk than he has. I've had different challenges and my faith grew in different ways than his did. I realized we could just learn and grow from each other. He pushed me to ask questions and be bolder in admitting that I didn't know things."

Seeing people come to know Christ and grow in their faith was LJ's greatest passion and lifelong mission and he worked to live it out every single day.

"LJ's message to the world was Jesus, as cliché as that sounds," Novak said. "His drive was to see people not just mentally change, but morally change for the kingdom of God, to see people wholistically change through the power of Jesus Christ and be genuine. That was his drive for knowing Greek and knowing Hebrew, at least having some relative knowledge of it. Everything for him was about how to advance Christ's name and make Him known."

Making Christ known was something LJ did very clearly in his life. So much so that his message and story have carried over to make a Kingdom impact in his death from others hearing about LJ's passion for the Lord and from the gospel being presented during the weekend of his memorial services.

LJ's funeral was about more than grieving for his loss. It was a time for his family to rejoice in his life and in the hope given to his family and loved ones by the fact they will one day be reunited. It was also an incredible opportunity to share this hope of the Lord with others.

"I was sitting on the front row at his funeral and when they did the alter-call, 30-something people came up and gave their lives to Christ," Frink said. "I was crying but I felt this overwhelming joy.

I wasn't happy that he died or thankful or excited about it at all, but I was overwhelmed because these people may not have had this opportunity to come to know Christ."

LJ not only led others to the Lord through his passing, but his short time here on earth have made those who know him cherish and value every moment and every friendship.

"People should slow down and realize how precious life is. You don't know when one of your best friends is going to be taken. You have to make the most of every moment with that friend," Novak said. "My encouragement to people would be to carry on the message LJ carried and to value your friendships because unexpected things happen all the time."

Those who were close to LJ mourned the loss of a great friend but looked forward to the day when they would be reunited with him to pick up right where they left off.

"On our first official date, we went mini-golfing and we're both pretty bad. On the second to last hole, he loses his ball in the water. So I let him use mine and he lost that one too," Frink said. "We never finished that game. He still owes me a game of mini-golf. Maybe we'll get to play it in heaven."

Early Childhood Education

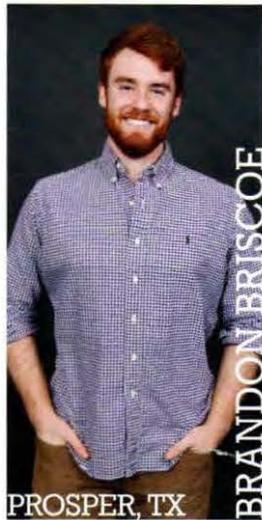
President of the Women of EEE # OSF Co-Chair of Student Recruitment # Homecoming Steering Committee # Founder of Boomalacka.com # Secretary of Kappa Delta Pi # FBC Arkadelphia nursery worker # College Homegroup # TranServe # Tiger Serve Day # campus tours # plans to obtain a teaching job in Texas and work toward her Texas Teaching Certification, attend Baylor University to earn her master's in Educational Leadership and eventually become an elementary school principal



HOUSTON, TX **CATIE BENNETT**

Christian Studies with an emphasis in Christian Ministries and a minor in New Testament Greek

WOW Steering Committee # Beta Beta Men's Social Club Chaplain and Master of the Handshake # Student Senate # Fellowship Church # Student worker for Dr. Jackson # Kanakuk Kamps # Prestonwood Baptist Church Intern # San Diego and Brazil mission trips # plans to become a youth minister and a high school strength and conditioning coach



PROSPER, TX **BRANDON BRISCOE**

Psychology and Business Administration with an emphasis in Management

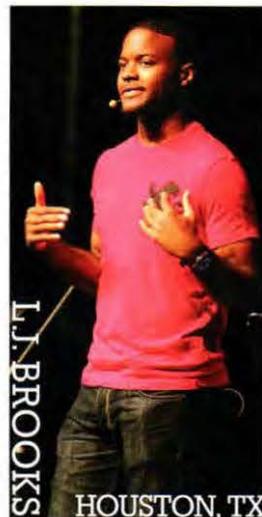
OBU Enactus President and project leader for the International Project in Honduras # OSF History and Traditions Co-Chair # Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board # International Club # CM Tiger Tunes # Fellowship Church Worship Team # 2012 International Service Award # 2012 Zeitgeist Psychology Award # 2011 Psychology Faculty Award # Beta Gamma Sigma # Alpha Chi Honor Society # Psi Chi Honor Society # President's List # Resident Assistant # TranServe # Tiger Serve Day # Southern Bancorp Student Advisory Board # plans to attend law school in San Pedro Sula



SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS **JUDITH BRIZUELA**



BENTON, AR **LACEY BROOKS**



HOUSTON, TX **L.J. BROOKS**



SILOAM SPRINGS, AR **DEBORAH CALDWELL**

Mass Communications and a minor in Psychology

OSF # Campus Ministries 2012 Tiger Tunes Assistant Director # AWANAS and teaches a Pre-K and Kindergarten Sunday school class at Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church # Second Baptist Crossroads # Dean's List # President's List # Ashley Home Furniture # OBU Post Office # Habitat for Humanity # United # plans to pursue a career in public relations



Biblical Languages and Christian Studies with an emphasis in Biblical Studies

Refuge speaker # ROMS Chaplain # Freshman Kappa leader at Fellowship Church # Assistant Pastor at Fellowship Church # WOW leader # Tiger Serve Day # plans to pursue a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School and work for a church full-time. He was voted by his fellow students and faculty & staff to Who's Who in the fall semester and passed away on December 2, 2011.



Instrumental Music Education

International Club # CNAIME Secretary # Alpha Chi Omega # Kappa Lambda # WOW leader # Tiger bands # FBC Arkadelphia # Cosh and Borland Home Group # Press Secretary # John Brown University summer grounds crew # summer Interlochen Arts Camp # Disaster Relief # FBCA Nursing # Music Skills and Aural Skills tutoring # plans to pursue a Master of Music degree and performance from Kansas State University



who's who

Christian Media/Communications and Mass Communications

Campus Ministries Special Events leader # women's leadership # OSF Special Events Co-Chair # OSF Tiger News director # Fellowship Church # Ouachita Trustee's Leadership # President's List # Andrew and Harriet Grant # Edgemoor Ministerial Award # 125th Anniversary Award # Tiger Leadership Network # Study Abroad # FBC Arkadelphia media intern # Ouachita Annual Fund Phonathon # Jeremiah Teams # plans to pursue a master's degree in journalism and work for a non-profit or missions publication



BATESVILLE, AR MARY CASTLEMAN

Speech Communication

OSF Steering Committee # EEE Women's Social Club # EEE PC 2010 pledge class chaplain # EEE chaplain # Student Body Vice President # Campus Ministry leader # Student Body Family Group mom # Noonday leader # Miss Arkansas 2012 contestant # Intramurals # Fellowship Church # Project Benton youth intern # Project: The Crossing in Columbia, Missouri # Miss Congeniality in Miss OBU 2010 # 3rd runner up Homecoming Queen 2012 # Kanakuk Kamps, K7 # Tiger Day # Backyard Bible Club Princess # Relay for Life with EEE # missions # One to Jamaica # plans to work at Fellowship Church in Columbia, Missouri, as the female Middle School Director



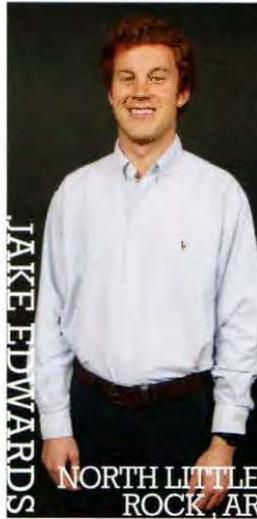
COLUMBIA, MO KARIS CROSBY

Music and a minor in Christian Studies

Kappa Chi President # Kappa Chi Treasurer 2011-2012 # Jazz Band # Bass Section Leader # Ouachita Jazz Band # Ouachita Jazz Combo # Ouachita Wind Ensemble # Ouachita Double Reed Ensemble # Fellowship Church Worship Team # K-Group # Dean's List # Bassist # Audio Engineer # Lifeguard # Compassion International # plans to continue playing bass in studio and recordings, keep developing and producing tracks for clients and run live sound



WYLIE, TX MICHAEL CURTIS



NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR JAKE EDWARDS

Business Administration

Beta Beta Vice President # Student Senate Senior Class President # Eddie Ary Student Investment Fund # Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, AR # Camp War Eagle counselor # Lakewood Pool lifeguard # Gildner AutoGroup office assistant # OBU Phon-A-Thon caller # Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team # plans to work as a sales representative for Advanced Tissue in Little Rock



Political Science, Business Administration and History

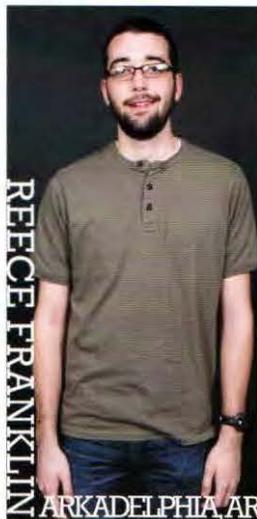
Student Senate Vice President # OSF Special Events Co-Chair # Women of EEE spirit leader # Campus Ministries Africa summer missions team # Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce Student Ambassador # Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board # FBC Arkadelphia Homegroup # Mrs. Betty Grant award for Outstanding Sophomore Woman # Lions Club Political Science Award # 2011 Presidential Award for Volunteerism # President's List # Dean's List # Elrod Center Thanksgiving baskets # Tiger Serve Day # New Orleans Habitat for Humanity # CM NYC mission trip teaching ESL to immigrants # plans to attend law school



ARKADELPHIA, AR LINDSEY FOWLER

Church Media/Production Arts and Christian Studies with an emphasis in Philosophy

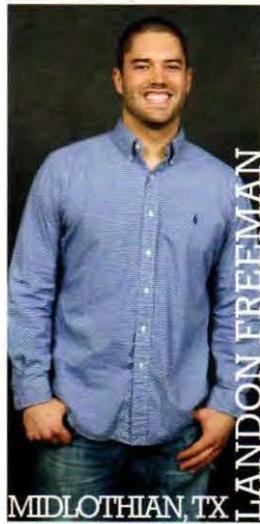
Intramural sports # Marching Band # FBC Arkadelphia youth helper # FBC Arkadelphia youth intern # FBC Arkadelphia media intern # President's List # Dean's List # traveled with the Mike Huckabee tour to Israel as a videographer # freelance photography # plans to search for a job in a church, working "behind the scenes" in some media capacity



ARKADELPHIA, AR REECE FRANKLIN

**Kinesiology with an emphasis in Fitness,
and Christian Studies with an emphasis
in Biblical Studies**

OBU football # Men of Beta Beta # EEE Beau # Phi Epsilon Kappa # Fellowship of Christian Athletes # FAITH organization # Fellowship Church # Dean's List # Christmas project for kids with the football team # plans to work with kids either as a coach and teacher, a youth pastor or a camp director/counselor



LONDON FREEMAN
MIDLOTHIAN, TX

Dietetics and Nutrition

2012 Campus Activities Tiger Tunes Director # Dietetics Club, Co-President, Fundraising Committee # Eta Alpha Omega Sweetheart # OSF # WOW leader # NSR leader # Freshman Family Group mom # Fellowship Church youth volunteer and mentor # Park Hill Baptist Church AWANA volunteer # Eastern Hills Baptist Church youth intern # President's List # Dean's List # Theta Alpha Kappa # J.D. Patterson School of Natural Sciences student researcher # Resident's Assistant # Stone apartment manager # Camp des Cimes counselor # Tiger Serve Day # Head Start Nutrition Fair # DanFoss Nutrition Screening # Meals on Wheels delivery # plans to pursue a master's degree and licensing to become a registered dietitian



AMBERLY GREEN
BATESVILLE, AR

History, Psychology and Graphic Design

OSF # Student Senate Junior Class Secretary # Women of Tri Chi Sergeant of Arms # Phi Alpha Theta National History Honors Society # FBC Arkadelphia # President's List # Dean's List # Campus Ministries mission trips # TranServe # plans to study history in graduate school



ANNELISE HENLEY
ARKADELPHIA, AR



LAUREN JACKSON
ARKADELPHIA, AR

**Biology and Pre-Dental Hygiene and a minor
in Dietetics**

Women of EEE Intramural Director # Big Sister program # Tiger Serve Day leadership team # Tri-Beta Biology Society # Talent Search mentor, TRIO program # Fellowship Church # K-group # President's List # Dean's List # OBU Runner-Up # Dr. Bell's office dental assistant # Tiger Serve Day # Missouri cleanup # Backyard Bible Club # plans to become a dental hygienist after attending dental-hygiene school



**Kinesiology and Leisure Studies with an emphasis
in Recreation and a minor in Christian Studies**

Reaching Out to Multicultural Students President # OSF # Kinesiology Club Special Events Chair # Phi Epsilon # Theta Alpha Kappa # Wind Ensemble # Clarinet Ensemble # WOW leader # Children's Ministry Bible Study # Houston, TX # Outstanding Kinesiology and Leisure Studies Recreation Student # Oliver Grant Endowed Award # Admission Counseling Office Telecounselor # Health Club Kids Club Leader # Tiger Serve Day # plans to own a recreation and sports facility and complex for Houston's youth



KRISTEN JAMES
MISSOURI CITY, TX

Biology and a minor in Chemistry

OSF Co-President # Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team # WOW Steering Committee # Homecoming Steering Committee # EEE Beau # American Chemical Society # FBC Arkadelphia # Homegroup # Presidential Service Award # Richard H. Brown Outstanding Student in Biology # delegate to the Arkansas Leadership # 3rd place INBRE research poster presentation # Campus Ministries work study # Patterson Summer Research program # Tiger Serve Day # plans to work at Baptist Medical Center and ultimately attend medical school

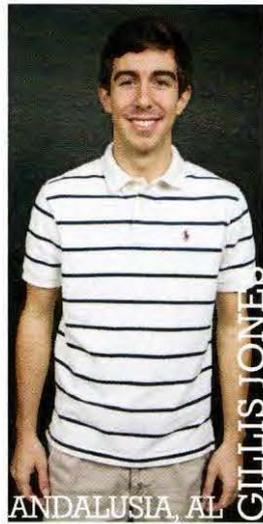


RYAN JAMES
BENTON, AR

who's who

Athletic Training and Biology

WOW Steering Committee # OSF # Kinesiology Club # Phi Kappa Club # Iota Tau Alpha # Honor Society # Phi Kappa Honor Society # President's List # Dean's List # Schachta Scholars Academic Scholarship # Camp Counselor and top staff # Athletic Department # plans to attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham for physical therapy school



ANDALUSIA, AL GILLIS JONES

Christian Studies with emphases in Biblical Studies and Theology

Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team Logistics Chairman # Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes, Champion 2009, Runner-Up # Intramural Football, Basketball, Soccer and Softball # 4th Floor # Biblical Studies summer trip to Turkey and Greece # FBC Benton mission trips to New York and Ecuador # Tri Chi Beau # FBC Arkadelphia Student Ministry # FBC Benton Student Ministry # Campus Ministries New Orleans # plans to go to seminary for a Master of Divinity in theology at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary and pursue collegiate ministry



ARKADELPHIA, AR CALEB KNIGHT

Communication Sciences and Disorders

WOW Steering Committee # Tiger Nation Student Leadership Committee Fall Chair # Women of EEE # NSSHLA # OBU # FBC Arkadelphia # Homegroup # 2012 Gridiron Homecoming Representative # Tiger Serve Day # plans to pursue a master's degree in speech pathology from Louisiana Tech University



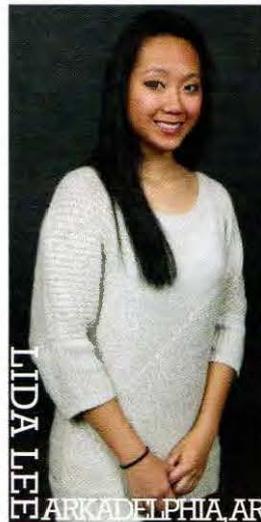
ARKADELPHIA, AR CASEY KNIGHT



PLANO, TX PATRICK KRAUSS

Business Administration with an emphasis in Management

Men of Eta Alpha Omega, 2011 Social Director and 2012 Vice President # Student Senate, Sophomore Class Vice President and President, Junior Class President # Tiger Nation Leadership Team # Tri Chi Beau # Fellowship Church K-group # FBC Arkadelphia Homegroup # Riley-Hickingbotham Library student assistant # Assistant Sports Information Director # Tiger Serve Day



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History, Political Science and Russian

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Mass Communications and Speech Communication

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Chemistry and Biology

Women of Tri Chi Treasurer # American Chemical Society Student Chapter President # Alpha Chi Honors Society # Tri-Beta Biology Honors Society # Tiger Network Leadership Award # OBU Trustee Scholarship # Outstanding Freshman of Chemistry # Mondy-Provine Scholar # Summer 2012 Research Intern for Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute # ElderServe # Tiger Serve Day # plans to attend medical school to become a physician



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TEXARKANA, AR

Mass Communications and Graphic Design

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CONWAY, AR

Philosophy and Christian Studies with an emphasis in Biblical Studies

Refuge Leader # Eta Alpha Omega Spiritual Director # Midtown Church Assistant Youth/Youth Worship Pastor # FBC Farmington Youth Intern # Worship Leader for Youth Events # Full Time Student # Boss Team BBQ # plans to serve as an intern at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas and pursue a career in music and music ministry and own a barbecue restaurant



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Secondary Education and Mathematics

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Secondary Education and Spanish

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Biology

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English and Secondary Education

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NAPERVILLE, IL

Vocal Performance

Women of EEE # OBU Opera Theatre Workshop # OBU Musical Theatre Workshop # OBU Theatre Productions # Concert Choir # Featured Soprano Soloist in the Choir at Presbyterian Church, Arkadelphia # 2012 Friends of the Arts Vocal Scholarship # First Place in 2012 Mary # Manager Competition for Singers # multiple awards in State and Regional level # competitions # J&S Framing employee # Give Me a Chance Equine # Rescue volunteer # plans to make a profession as a singing actress



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Communication Sciences and Disorders

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TEXARKANA, TX

Chemistry and a minor in Biology

Women of EEE # American Chemical Society Social Events Coordinator # Alpha Chi Honors Society # Tiger Network Leadership Program # Fellowship Church Youth Leadership Program # K-Group # Mondy Provine Scholarship # Miss OBU 2011 Academic Award # Miss OBU Summer and Outer Beauty Award # 2011 Student Leadership OBU Delegate # research in the summer of 2012 at National Center for Toxicological Research # Hope Crisis Pregnancy Center volunteer in Pine Bluff # Tiger Serve Day # American Cancer Society events # plans to attend the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy to pursue a career in pharmaceuticals



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Accounting and Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance

Women's Tennis # Women of EEE # Student Senate, sophomore and junior class treasurer # Alpha Chi Honors Society President # Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board # String Ensemble # FBC Rogers Church Orchestra # FBC Arkadelphia # FBCA Homegroup # President's List # Sophomore Class Homecoming Representative # 2011 Gulf South Conference All-Academic Tennis Team # Tennis Instructor at Heflin Tennis Center # Camp War Eagle Counselor # Walmart Summer Intern, Tax Department # Big Sister # Relay for Life # Tiger Serve Day # mission trips # plans to take the CPA exam and begin her career in public accounting with BKD accounting firm in Rogers



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Kinesiology with an emphasis in Fitness and a minor in Dietetics and Nutrition

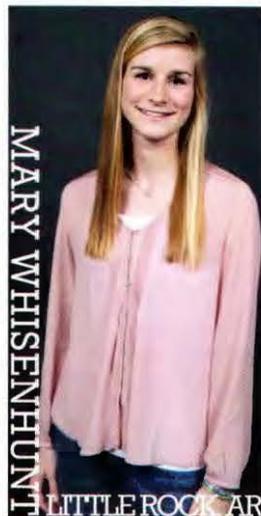
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AUGUSTINE UME-EZEOKE
GARLAND, TX

Communication Sciences and Disorders

OBU Women's Soccer # CM Women's Bible Study # CM Tiger Tunes # NSSLHA Special Events Coordinator # OSF Special Events # Intramurals # helping with UMK kids # President's List # Dean's List # 2009 All-Academic Women's Soccer Team # 2011 All-Conference Women's Soccer 2nd Team # 2012 Conference Tournament All-Conference Women's Soccer Team # Kanakuk Kamps # plans to pursue a master's degree in speech pathology at the University of Central Arkansas



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TODD KNIGHT

Brandon Smith

"To be as good as it can be, a team has to buy into what you as the coach are doing. They have to feel you're a part of them and they're a part of you."

The statement was made by Bobby Knight, one of the greatest coaches in college basketball history, when asked what the key to coaching. Knight was an extremely passionate coach who will go down as one of the most notable coaches in history.

Although Ouachita Tiger Head Football Coach Todd Knight does share the same last name as Bobby, there is no family relation. The two men are similar, however, in the fact that they both are extremely brilliant at getting their players to buy into their coaching system and training them to perform extremely well.

Todd Knight has been coaching at Ouachita for 14 seasons, leading the team with integrity, passion, and an appetite for success.

Knight first came to Ouachita as a student-athlete, playing football under the legendary Tiger football coach, Buddy Benson. Coach Benson, was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, NAIA Hall of Fame and OBU Athletic Hall of Fame, was the perfect leader for Knight to play for and have the opportunity to learn under.

After graduating from Ouachita, Knight began diligently pursuing his

career in coaching, and landed his first head coaching job at Delta State in 1993.

In 1998, he led the Statesmen to an 8-3 record, including a visit to the NCAA Division II Playoffs. His team was named GSC champions and he was awarded the GSC Coach of the Year honor. After that extraordinary season, Coach Knight returned to his alma mater, Ouachita Baptist University, as the head football coach.

In his 14 seasons as head coach at OBU, Knight has established a premier football program. While playing in the GSC, the Tigers have earned huge victories, including first ever wins against national powerhouses such as Valdosta, Delta State, and North Alabama.

While at Ouachita, Knight has established the football program as an elite program among all Division II institutions. He boasts a Great American Conference Championship in 2011, the first year of play for the conference. The team finished the season with a record of 7-3. This record tied the best season record for Ouachita football since Knight joined the staff. The same year, Coach Knight earned his second conference coach of the year award, this time winning it in the GAC.

Knight has coached 23 All-Great American Conference players in the first two years of the conference's existence.

Although the 2012 season had a rocky finish, Knight and his team started the

year with an undefeated record of 6-0, and were at one point ranked tenth in the nation, according to the AFCA poll. The Tigers finished the 2012 season at 6-4.

The Tigers are the only team in Arkansas, in all divisions of collegiate play, with five consecutive seasons with a winning record, cracking the AFCA top 25 in all five of those seasons.

Earlier this year, Coach Knight was elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Football Coaches Association. Being elected into this association meant Knight would be joining widely known college football coaches such as Mack Brown of the University of Texas, Mark Richt of the University of Georgia, and Gary Patterson of Texas Christian, in helping the AFCA formulate policy and provide direction.

"It is truly an honor to be nominated for the AFCA Board of Trustees and represent one of the greatest professions in the world," Knight said. "I will not take this appointment lightly and look forward to working with other coaches to help ensure our great game a very productive future."

Knight is already an active member on the NCAA Rules Committee, and is committed to progressing the game of football to its highest potential. Although he is a member of these groups, his first priority is the OBU Tigers, as he prepares his team in hopes for a conference championship and a sixth consecutive winning season.

"The grant has allowed us to transform the way we teach science in our classes and in our research."



LORI HENSLEY

#Heather Francis

One of the greatest research projects of our time is finding a cure for the modern plague - cancer. Curing cancer is one of the biggest concerns of our society today, a concern deeply shared by Dr. Lori Hensley. She is currently researching a drug that could possibly help with the treatment of cancer, and might be able to aide scientists in finding a final cure for cancer.

This in-depth research program was made possible after Dr. Hensley received a grant in order to help with the funding of the project.

"I received the grant from a program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health called IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence," said Hensley. "The program was designed for states receiving below the median level of funding from the NIH in an effort to get students interested in biomedical research at the undergraduate level."

Dr. Knight and Dr. Jeffers were the first to receive this grant, which equipped them with the initial funds they needed in order to build an extensive undergraduate research program. Dr. Hensley has written for two, five-year renewals for that grant program.

"Receiving the grant has provided my students and I, as well as the biology department and School of Natural Sciences, with equipment, supplies, and

opportunities we would not have had otherwise," said Hensley. "The grant has allowed us to transform the way we teach science in our classes and in our research. I feel very blessed to be part of it."

The grant has opened the door for many opportunities, including funding the research and experiments being done by Dr. Hensley as well as her student researchers.

"I started off working with a drug called ajulemic acid, investigating its effects on neuroinflammation in the disease multiple sclerosis," said Hensley. "In 2008 our focus shifted to its effects on pediatric cancer. The drug is a synthetic compound that is structurally similar to tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the active compound in the Cannabis plant."

The drug being researched "is a synthetic derivative of THC. Ajulemic acid has some of the same medicinal effects as marijuana does without the psychotropic high because it is structurally similar but is not the same," said Ryan James, a senior biology major from Benton, Ark., who works with the project.

"While this drug seems to provide many of the positive medicinal benefits associated with marijuana, it provides no 'high', and is therefore much less controversial as a potential therapeutic drug," said Hensley.

In addition to Dr. Hensley, those working on the project include Mrs. Amy

Eubanks and Dr. Marty Perry, alongside a very talented and passionate group of students. Each semester, four students are able to work on the project. During the summer, an additional 2-3 students are given the same opportunity. "Working with the students is the best part of the research," said Hensley.

Not only are these faculty members and students able to be a part of this very important research, but the exciting prospect of hopeful results is what gives them the drive to finish their tasks each day.

"We do see very promising results with our data," said Hensley. "We can show the ability of this drug to kill tumor cells in the lab and in a mouse model of Ewing's sarcoma we created. Ewing's is an aggressive pediatric bone cancer with a less than 30 percent, five-year survival rate."

The research is yielding very promising results, which could mean adding countless new options for cancer therapy in the near future. "We can also inhibit the ability of the tumor cells to migrate, which may translate into lower rates of spread throughout the body," says Hensley.

These students have received an amazing opportunity, not only for valuable experience that they need for their future careers, but for a once in a lifetime chance to engage themselves in one of the leading scientific searches of our time - finding a cure and more in depth treatment for cancer.



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*"With something like theatre,
every day is a new experience."*

ERIC PHILLIPS

Noah Hutchinson

"What'd you do at work today?"

"Oh, you know, kicked gravity in the face and made it so that two people could push a 2,000 pound set across the stage without any difficulty. No big deal." Not many people get to answer this question this way, but for Eric Phillips, technical/set director for all theatre productions at OBU, every day is a new challenge.

"I've always loved theatre," said Phillips, who serves as professor of theatre arts. "I went to school at a liberal arts college, similar to OBU, and I thought it might be scary to audition during my first year there. I decided to try working in the shop instead, and I realized that I really had some skills that carried over into that field."

As a boy, Phillips had several hobbies that he believes added to the skills that helped him to be a successful in the technical aspect of theatre.

"My friends and I used to make little movies with Legos," Phillips said of his early years. "We had to go borrow our parents' camera, and it wasn't some fancy digital thing like they have now." Phillips uses a few of his experiences outside of the theatre to mold his students into better stage workers.

Phillips says that the most enjoyable part of his job is the fact that every day is a new challenge. Most people can draw on old projects to do things in the future, but Phillips says that he's rarely encountered

anything that he has already done.

"With something like theatre, every day is a new experience," Phillips said. "One day I'll have to make it rain on stage, then another I'll need a giant arm to fall down in the middle of everything."

With every show, Phillips accumulates more and more stories to tell about all of the larger than life events that he's had to simulate on the stage.

"I've had to build two different elevators, and people had to be able to tap dance inside of them," Phillips said. "On top of that, it had to be raining inside of one of them. We used a locking safety pulley to lift the elevator into the air, so that as it went up, the pulley wouldn't let it come back down."

Along with the elevators, Phillips has had to construct a 16 foot long, 4 foot tall arm to simulate a giant being killed and falling to the ground off stage.

"I've always liked drawing, and comics and graphic novels," Phillips said. "I draw out how I want the set to look, and then I build it. For "Machinal," we wanted to have a kind of terrifying maze. It had to seem stationary at times, but also like a matrix where everything is moving around you."

Phillips' costume work is just as fascinating and masterful as the work he does on the set, oftentimes using complicated techniques to get everything just right.

"For one show, we had to have masks that changed little by little throughout the show as the characters developed,"

Phillips said. "So we made an exact mold of the actors faces with dental gel, and then put clay over the top of them. One mask got progressively evil throughout the show until at the end it was a twisted monster face."

With a job like this, Phillips has to be able to trust his own skill set. He can't back down from a project just because he doesn't know how to do it right off the bat. He has to invent his own solutions.

"It usually takes anywhere from two to three tries to get something right if it's really complicated," Phillips said.

Although Phillips faces new challenges every day, his experience gives him the knowledge of techniques and materials that he can bend to whatever he's trying to accomplish.

"I've been working here for 20 years, which means that I've done about 100 plays," Phillips said. "Theatre has a tendency to take from other things. We'll take something from metal working, or something from sailing, whatever we need to make the set work."

At the end of the day, being a master craftsman who can take audiences into mind blowing new worlds is all fine and good, but to Phillips, it's nothing if he can't keep his students safe in the process.

"You have to plan everything out and make sure that it's safe first. That's always been something that my students have said they liked about me: my concern for their safety," Phillips said.

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Arkansas

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Batesville Public Schools

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First Baptist Church

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Malvern, AR
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Friday Eldredge & Clark

Dr. James E. Young
McGehee, AR
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Private Practice

Mrs. Lloydine Seale
Sparkman, AR
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A large part of social life on campus were the organizations covering a wide variety of subjects as well as an even more diverse membership. Organizations helped the student body in any way possible. One such organization was Ouachita Student Foundation, which raised a record high of \$100,500 for student scholarships. Another student-minded organization on campus was Student Senate. These students were the mediators between students and faculty. Social clubs on campus gave students outlets to meet new people, go to new places and make great memories. Their philanthropy helped many people in and outside the local community. No matter what the price, students in clubs and organizations willingly helped the rest of the student body and encouraged students within to stand out and

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Freshmen Mollie Taylor and Bonnie Magee run to meet their new Tri Chi sisters on Bid Day. After a week of getting to know the people in each of the clubs during Rush, students knew which club they wanted to join when it came to Bid Day that Saturday in January.

photo by: Heather Ellis

ORGANIZATIONS

Academic Clubs

Beyond the Classroom

Faith Ledbetter

Academic clubs were a great way to get plugged in on campus and allowed students to become more knowledgeable of their major while also making friends and future connections. Joining an academic club opened many doors for students, while giving them amazing opportunities they would've never expected otherwise.

There was virtually a club or two for every major on campus. One example of a club specific to its major was the Art Club. Since the Art Club's founding, members had the opportunity to design and sell items such as t-shirts, bracelets and postcards, volunteer during Tiger Serve Day, donate art to Central Primary School in Arkadelphia and make Christmas cards for residents at the local nursing homes.

"One of the great things about the Art Club is that it allows any student, art major and non-art major alike, to display and sell their art," said Adam Oakes, a junior graphic design and computer science major from Campbell, Texas.

"In addition to encouraging and helping each other become better artists, the Art Club also provides opportunities to serve the community through art,"

Oakes said.

Summer Bruch, assistant professor of visual arts, was the main sponsor for the club. Bruch worked very hard in order to recruit students for the art department, schedule artists and exhibits to be shown on campus and to organize club-sponsored trips. The Art Club visited the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville in the fall semester.

The Dietetics Club was made up primarily of dietetics majors who wanted to use their knowledge in dietetics to spread awareness about healthy eating habits for their fellow students. The work the club did benefited the community on campus and allowed them to gain useful knowledge in their chosen field of study.

Melanie Herring, a freshman studio art and dietetics major from Rison, said, "The Dietetics Club provides opportunities to serve the community and our campus in our field. We, as aspiring dietitians and health experts, are able to come together and share ideas."

Herring went on to say, "I really enjoy being able to collaborate with other people with the same interest in nutrition as me, as well as being able to gain

experience in my field through the club."

Another academic club was the Delta Nu chapter of Tri Beta, or the National Biological Honor Society. Tri Beta allowed biology students to better understand and appreciate biological studies while also gaining knowledge through scientific research. The Delta Nu chapter at Ouachita participated in events on and off campus, such as attending seminars about health related professions, studying heavily researched topics, going on field trips and attending an annual cookout at a professor's house.

"Tri Beta has helped me build new friendships and has given me many opportunities within my major," said Trinity Dial, a sophomore biology major from Texarkana, Texas.

"Tri Beta has influenced me to take leadership roles within my major, as well as at Ouachita as a whole," Dial said.

On Ouachita's campus, academic clubs were full of students who were eager to learn more about their chosen majors. These various clubs allowed them to better prepare themselves for their future while having a great time making friends.

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- Melanie Herring



Junior Jake Kraus signs in at the Kinesiology Club meeting. The club met in the Alumni Room beside The Commons. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Freshman Colt Atkins and seniors Crista Riggs and Tim Horton perform a science experiment in the middle of campus using dry ice and water bottles. *photo by: Abbey Jamieson*



Ouachita students and faculty visit with Clifford the Big Red Dog during the book fair hosted by Kappa Delta Pi. *photo courtesy of: Wesley Kluck*



Participating in a program called Leave No Trace, kinesiology and education students join kids from Camden Middle School on a field trip to the bluff. They taught the children about canoeing, map reading and recycling. *photo courtesy of: Mike Reynolds*



Members of the university's chapter of the American Chemical Society, senior Hollyn McCarty, juniors Sarah Carr and Ashley Glover and senior Shelby Cobb, mix a soapy solution which made it possible for the girls to light their hands on fire without being burned. *photo by: Heather Ellis*

Junior Dawson Pritchard accepts his certificate from senior Kristen James at the Phi Epsilon Kappa induction. Phi Epsilon Kappa was the university's honors kinesiology club. *photo by: Jason Pullano*



Senior Chris Mazen plays the piano at the Carl Goodson Honors Program Black and White Reception. At the reception, the program welcomed new members and honored grant recipients and graduates. *photo by: Jason Pullano*



Freshmen Anna Catherine Massey and Joel White participate in the swing dancing at Spring Swing. Couples could enter the contest to compete to be the best swing dancers. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



Junior Sean Noland receives a certificate and T-shirt from Dean Bryan McKinney at the Alpha Chi Induction Ceremony. Alpha Chi was a national honors society made up of students in the top 10 percent of their class. *photo by: Jason Pullano*

Sophomore Katy Wood smiles as Dr. Barbara Pemberton brags about her performance in the honors program at their reception. Katy received a grant to travel to Liverpool, England, to research in British classrooms. *photo by: Jason Pullano*



Helping the Community

Ben Cline

When people thought of clubs on campus, they immediately began to imagine the social club system. They imagined Tiger Tunes and Rush Week. They imagined football games and club letters sitting on the hill in front of the scoreboard at A.U Williams field.

What people didn't think about, however, was that there were many more clubs present on campus than the ones we saw every Wednesday.

Honors clubs varied from school to school, whether it was Phi Alpha Theta for history, or the university-wide honor society, Alpha Chi. Each of the clubs had something to offer, and each shaped their members into productive citizens for the post-Ouachita world.

Some schools at Ouachita had an honors society, along with a variety of other clubs. The school of social sciences had Phi Alpha Theta in the history department, Pi Sigma Alpha for political science, Pi Gamma Mu for social sciences, Model UN, and Washington Seminar.

The psychology department had the newly chartered Alpha Kappa Delta. The Pruet School of Christian Studies inducted new members into Theta Alpha Kappa. Some of these clubs even started philanthropic events to further develop their members.

The Carl Goodson Honors Program challenged students to pursue a subject they were interested in, even if it wasn't

their major. They could study with a professor on campus, participate in research on and off campus and write an honors thesis their senior year.

The honors program gave research and travel grants to seven different students this year. One student in particular, Hunter Threadgill, a junior philosophy major from Cordova, Tenn., used his grant to attend the Southwestern Social Science Association annual convention in New Orleans, La.

"Without the grant, I wouldn't have been able to go, so I was ecstatic to know that I would get to attend," Threadgill said. "Through this grant, I was able to see firsthand what went into a good presentation, hear the latest research and network with individuals from academic institutions."

Alpha Chi was the National Honor Society for Ouachita, and students who made up the top 10 percent of their class were invited to join.

"Alpha Chi is a great opportunity to celebrate academic success here at Ouachita," said Kirby Von Edwins, a junior biology major from Little Rock. "It recognizes students who have worked hard and encourages everyone to strive for excellence in their academic endeavors."

Alpha Chi recognized students for their academic successes, as well as helped students give back through philanthropy events. One such project

was donating and reading books to a local day care.

"The kids were so excited that they wouldn't let us finish the books," said Amelia Lindsey, a junior biology major from Camden. "It was really fun because we could tell the kids were having a great time."

Phi Alpha Theta, the history department's honor club, spent the Christmas season crafting toy bears for patients at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Dani Moses, a junior history major from Texarkana, and secretary-treasurer for Phi Alpha Theta, said the philanthropy event was new for the club.

"The bears were actually pretty tough to make. Although it was hard work, it was great for our club to have the opportunity to participate in the philanthropy this year. I am proud to be a part of a club that gives back to the community," Moses said.

Along with a new philanthropy event and an induction night for new members each semester at Dr. Motl's house, the men and women of Phi Alpha Theta have been recognized for academic success and helping the community since its founding.

Whether it was making toy bears for patients in Children's Hospital or donating and reading books to a local day care, Ouachita's honor clubs did much more than recognize academic achievement.

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- Kirby Von Edwins

Music Clubs

Forming a Unique Bond

Kaitie Scott

Music was a way to escape the craziness of school and life. It brought comfort, joy and seemed to connect when one didn't know how to express what they felt.

For Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Mu Alpha, Sigma Alpha Iota and Tau Beta Sigma, music was much more than a jam session or an entertainment factor. Music brought these students together as brothers and sisters through encouragement and support.

"One of my favorite things about being a member of Phi Mu Alpha is that I am part of a brotherhood that reaches far beyond the boundaries of Ouachita," said T.J. Bailey, a senior church music major from Fort Smith.

The music organizations were spread across the United States allowing those who were a part of the organizations to connect with people outside of their campuses.

"It is amazing to know that I can be connected to women who are in my profession or who just simply love music across the globe," said Rachel Harris, a senior musical theatre major from Springdale.

The music organizations allowed the

members of each club to connect even outside of Ouachita's music department.

"Phi Mu Alpha is a great resource for networking, particularly within the field of music," Bailey said.

Chris Hogan, a sophomore music education instrumentalist major from Bartlesville, Okla., and president of Kappa Kappa Psi, also expressed the unity that music has provided.

"I am able to go over to Henderson and hang out with the chapter there and be welcomed as a brother since we share a common love," Hogan said.

Hogan's main focus while president of Kappa Kappa Psi was helping update the club's 10-year-old constitution.

"Through our rebuilding phase, we are looking for different ways to be more involved on campus and to help share the wonderful gift from God that is music," Hogan said.

The other music organizations participated in music serenades, Tiger Serve Day and other service projects which helped bring them closer while serving others.

"Tau Beta Sigma organized the band's uniforms and hat boxes so that at the beginning of the year each band

member was fitted for their uniform in a quick and efficient way," said Lauren West, a junior music major from Hot Springs.

A member in one of the music organizations was there for building relationships and service. However, another goal that was accomplished was helping one another learn and gain more knowledge in the field of music.

"We cultivate leadership, educational achievement, music appreciation and community development," read the Tau Beta Sigma national mission statement.

The unity that music provided through the organizations proved that when people share a common interest and goal one can build lifelong friendships.

"I am so blessed to have my Sigma Alpha Iota sisters," Harris said. "They are a group of extremely talented young women who will play an important role in my life even after I graduate."

"There are brothers all across the US who are united by a love for music, whether they are professional musicians or not doesn't matter," Bailey said. "We share the same joys and passions and that is a really neat thing."

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- T.J. Bailey



Junior Josh Wayne participates in the spoof recital. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*

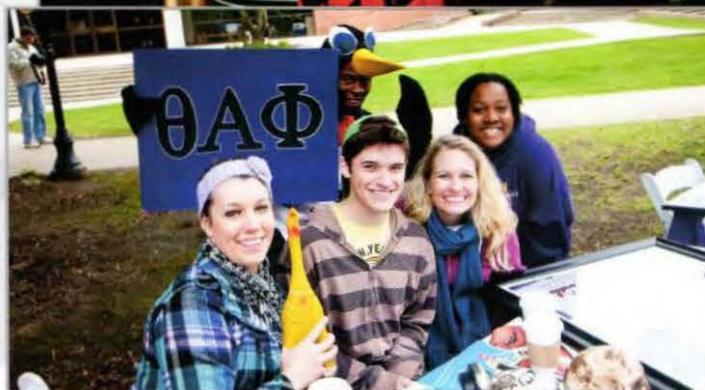
Sophomore Jalen Wesley performs a song during the spoof recital. Members of Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha put on a recital full of silly acts. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



Senior Bekah Anthony, member of Sigma Alpha Iota, and alumni sit at their booth at Octiger Fest. Clubs set up tables for alumni and friends to visit on the day of Homecoming. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



Seniors Bekah Anthony and DeCarl Jones perform a duet in the spoof recital. Jones got into the spoof theme with a dress and pearls. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



Senior Kayla Esmond, junior Garrett Whitehead, seniors Amanda Murray and Lola McClendon and junior CJ Barnard sit at a table at Octiger Fest. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*

Chelsea Villanueva plays the tenor saxophone at the Jazz Band concert in Jones Performing Arts Center. The concert included music ranging from Latin to funk and featured senior Alyssa Reynolds singing with four of the songs. *photo by: Jason Pullano*



Sophomore Morgan Chunn and seniors Corey Epps and Stewart Kelly play percussion instruments during the Ouachita Singers concert. Singers performed a variety of songs in different languages as well as different styles of music. *photo by: Emily Coles*



In the horn choir and trumpet ensemble held in McBeth Recital Hall, junior Anna Eggen plays the non valved french horn. During the concert, the history of the french horn was explained by conductor Dr. Heather Thayer. *photo by: Heather Ellis*



Sophomore Duke Deen and junior Rusty Butler ring their handbells during the Handbell Ringers' performance in the McClellan Rotunda. The Handbell Ringers were directed by Dr. Rob Hewell. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Making Musical Art

Hannah Shull

Walking through the halls of the Mabee Fine Arts Center, sounds of saxophones, pianos and singing could be heard loud and clear. Inside the walls of the fine arts building were students participating in campus' many music ensembles. These included Jazz Band, Handbell Ringers, Marching Band, Percussion Studio, Piano Ensemble, String Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Musical Theater, Opera Theater, Women's Chorus, Ouachita Sounds, Ouachita Singers and Concert Choir.

The Jazz Combo traveled to Liverpool Hope University in England to participate in the British Association of Symphonic Bands and Wind Ensembles Festival. While on a previous visit to Liverpool Hope University, Dr. Craig Hamilton, Trimble professor of music and director of bands, was invited back to be a guest clinician and conductor.

Michael Curtis, a senior music major from Wylie, Texas; Zach Zucha, a senior business major from Wylie, Texas; and Chris Mazen, a senior church music major from Shreveport, La., taught the improvisation master classes at the festival. They also presented two concerts on the Liverpool Hope campus and gave presentations in music education. Hamilton worked with concert

bands conducting and doing clinics and conducted the host band at the end of the festival, where the Jazz Combo presented a concert.

"We interacted with students, faculty and administrators throughout our week on campus," Hamilton said. "The people of Liverpool Hope University were wonderful hosts and very welcoming and appreciative of our group."

The Jazz Combo was a branch off the Jazz Band with the additions of Dr. Hamilton and Dr. Sim Flora, professor emeritus of music. The Jazz Band performed concerts of swing, samba, rock, Latin, and funk styles. They also performed in small groups of quartets and quintets.

Concert Choir, one of the three choirs on campus, was open to all students and performed several concerts on campus. In the fall they performed at Festival of Christmas and in the spring they put on a large-scale performance with the orchestra.

Taylor McKinney, a freshman vocal performance major from Little Rock and a member of Concert Choir, said, "We learn really big choral pieces that sound amazing. Everyone in there is really talented. It's a really great experience."

The Handbell Ringers held a concert in the rotunda in McClellan Hall called

Ringers in the Round. "The Rotunda is a unique acoustical space for the handbells because of the hard brick floors and open space from the first floor through to the second," said Dr. Rob Hewell, associate professor of music and director of the worship studies program and Handbell Ringers.

The Handbell Ringers performed music specifically written for handbells, hymns and other arrangements. There were 11 handbell ringers each playing three to five handbells.

The Handbell Ringers also participated in the annual Christmas service, Lessons and Carols, and performed in Chapel once each semester.

"Directing handbells is a wonderful experience for a conductor, working with an ensemble of musicians who collectively are playing one instrument made up of between 30 and 60 handbells." Hewell said. "Handbell ringing is a beautiful musical art. [It is] as much a visual experience for the audience as it is a listening experience."

There were many different music ensembles on campus, and each student and professor involved spent countless hours perfecting pieces for concerts. The varying types of ensembles ensured that every person in the department could display their talent.

Senior Chris Hogan and senior Alex Lomax play a multiple percussion piece at the brass and percussion concert. The last percussion piece played at the concert was used to promote the new Caribbean steel drum ensemble that mentored children at the Boys and Girls Club.

photo by: Emily Coles



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taking a look behind the scenes

Hannah Shull

Clubs and organizations on campus worked to provide students with events and ministry opportunities. Behind the events was a team of people and a lot of planning.

Campus Ministries was an organization that ran events and ministries focused on reaching the community and students on campus. One ministry that was held on campus was Noonday. Noonday was a 15-minute service at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Each day was opened by a Noonday leader Kelsey Frink, a junior early childhood education major from Marion, Mass., Jared Carlin, a junior accounting major from Lubbock, Texas, or Karis Crosby, a senior speech communications major from Columbia, Mo., and then a student or faculty member shared a short message.

"One of the coolest things about Noonday is the opportunity for students to share a part of their story," Crosby said. "I have often been surprised at how encouraged I am just to hear someone else's story during that 10-15 minute period before lunch."

Students often shared what they had been learning in their walk with Christ, their testimony or an inspiring story. Sometimes professors would also come share a piece of advice.

"It is so important to share where Christ has given victory, where He has been working or how someone has experienced even just a taste of how good the Lord is," Crosby said.

Noonday was created to give students time to slow down for a few minutes and refocus their day on Christ.

"Noonday has often reminded me of truth, how God provides, how awesome it is to spend quality time with Him, how nothing compares to being involved with God, who reveals Himself to us and

addresses us by name," Crosby said.

Crosby said when it comes to choosing Noonday speakers she considers people who have personally encouraged or impacted her with their stories.

"When someone shares their love or passion for Jesus, it's contagious and inspiring," Crosby said.

Campus Ministries also organized Christian Focus Week. This week included guest speakers, times of worship during the day and a concert by All Sons and Daughters. Booking a band like All Sons and Daughters took some work from several people.

"[Campus Ministries] submitted a request to them last summer after hearing that a lot of our students were starting to listen to their music and after we had sung some of their songs at Refuge," said James Taylor, Campus Ministries Director.

The concert ended up being free to students thanks to some collaboration of different campus organizations.

"Campus Activities and Senate were great about supporting the concert and we wouldn't have been able to make it free to students without their financial contributions," Taylor said.

"Tim Harrell [Campus Activities Director] has a lot of great experience organizing concerts, so he helped us with the details. And finally, the concert wouldn't have happened without the expertise and help of Joey Licklider [Jones Performing Arts Center Manager]. He's a really helpful person to work with on the technical side and made the night go smoothly," Taylor said.

The concert was held in Jones Performing Arts Center Tuesday night of Christian Focus Week.

Alpha Tau, part of the Carl Goodson Honors Program, hosted several events throughout the year. One event they organized was Spring Swing. Spring Swing acted as a fundraiser for the Honors

Program. At the event couples could compete in a swing dancing competition judged by professors and Arkadelphia residents. Couples could be sponsored by a campus club or organization or enter their own. The winning couple received a trophy.

Alex Nelson, a senior business major from Frisco, Texas, Academic Co-Chair of Alpha Tau along with Dani Moses, a junior history major from Texarkana, Social Co-Chair, were in charge of planning, setting up and running Spring Swing.

"We were there early, stayed late and spent countless hours making sure everything was taken care of for the day," Moses said.

The Honors Program also organized Scholars Day. Scholars Day gave students a chance to present research and class projects to faculty and peers.

"For Scholars Day we teamed up with Admissions to make it a Tiger Day for prospective honors students. That's our biggest addition to this year," Moses said.

In planning for Scholars Day, Moses formed a committee and created the program with the help of the officers, and Nelson organized the presentation rooms and the food service.

The Honors Program was completely in charge of running Scholars Day.

"Dr. Barbara Pemberton [Professor of Christian Missions and Carl Goodson Honors Program Director] does her best to make sure we're on point, but the majority of the event is student-run by members of the program," Moses said.

The Honors Society's job was to proctor presentation rooms, make sure everything was in its place on time and take care of all the presenters.

"We are trying to make Alpha Tau a large part of Ouachita. We want people to know who we are and we hope to fundraise enough in the next year to attend the National Collegiate Honors Society and join as official members," Moses said.



Senior Alyssa Reynolds sings and plays the keyboard at Coffeehouse. Campus Activities Board hosted several Coffeehouses throughout the year where students performed and served popcorn and snacks. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



Sophomores Brian Monk and Kaiti Walker, members of the honors society, work the voting table for Scholars Day. Students reviewed each poster and a winner was chosen. *photo by: Grace Finley*



Dr. Ray Franklin speaks at Noonday during Healthy Relationships Week. During the week different speakers gave advice on how to have successful Christ-centered relationships. *photo by: Nici Starkey*

Sophomores Zack Thompson and Madison Dunbar dance at Spring Swing. Spring Swing was hosted by the Carl Goodson Honors Program in the Tiger Den with guest judges who judged the swing dancers. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



Celebrating Culture

Heather Francis

"IC's main purpose is two-fold. On one side we try to integrate international students into the American culture and on the other side we try to expose Americans to the differences in cultures," said Adam Webb, a senior mass communications major from McKinney, Texas, and vice president of the International Club.

The club accomplished this through their weekly meetings where all students were welcome. At meetings, students were able to build relationships stronger than cultural differences.

"IC's goal is helping international students adjust to the experience of going to college in the U.S. and helping them understand the American and OBU environment," said Michelle Perez, a junior business and political science double major from Maracaibo, Venezuela, and president of IC.

"Also, in IC, we aspire to connect American students and internationals on campus to create a single community," Perez said. "We want IC to be an opportunity for both Americans and internationals to share with people from different cultures and get a glimpse of the diversity of our communities."

The big event for IC in the spring was the International Food Festival where international students cooked traditional dishes from their country. People from both the university and the community came to experience new cultures through food, music, and clothing.

"A special feature that we have incorporated the past few years is to include international non-profit

organizations that help people in developing countries to use their skills as a source of income, so we are looking forward to supporting their cause by bringing some of their craft to the Festival for sale," Perez said.

Over 550 people including students, faculty and staff, as well as many people from the community, attended the Food Festival. Those who attended were able to sample dishes made by over 150 volunteers and cooks from five continents including Africa, North America, South America, Europe and Asia.

Craig Martin, a sophomore graphic design major from Harare, Zimbabwe, and Ryan Kirk, a junior physics major from Harare, Zimbabwe, made a dish called "sadza nenyama," or maize meal and meat. "We enjoyed Food Festival because coming to America from a third-world country like Zimbabwe, you are faced with so many foreign and new experiences. This gave us a chance to turn the tables and share something familiar to us with our American friends," Martin said.

"This year's Food Festival has been one of the best, if not the best, we've had, and it would have not been possible without the involvement we had from our students, faculty, staff and sponsors from the community of Arkadelphia," Perez said.

Another aspect of the Food Festival's success came from the craft fair.

"They raised over \$1000 and were so pleased with the participation that the organizations asked to be in the Food

Festival every year from now on," Perez said.

The club also sponsored events such as karaoke parties, movie nights, a Halloween party, a camping trip, and a color throwing party for the Indian Holi festival, all in order to fulfill the purpose of exposing students to new cultures.

"It is incredible the many ideas that spur from the minds and hearts of a very diverse group of people and how we can integrate them to create activities and events that make other people from different backgrounds feel included or that they belong somewhere, and how the feeling of belonging has an impact in their lives," Webb said.

Besides hosting events that celebrate different cultures, International Club offered life lessons that could not be gained just anywhere. "Something interesting that I have learned during my participation in IC is how to work as a team with people from different cultures and the positive impact that it produces in an organization," Webb said.

In the International Club, diversity became a force for unity rather than division, and a way to build friendships and cultivate camaraderie among students. The International Club celebrated culture, but more than that, it celebrated people.

"The best thing about being in IC has been the relationships that I have built with students," Webb said. "IC has been a great way for me to meet and hang out with people from all over the world while also getting to be a part of all sorts of different activities."

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- Adam Webb



Freshman Eiko Funakoshi serves food at the International Food Festival. Many members dressed in traditional clothes from their home country. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



At the International Food Festival, freshman Sayaka Shiratsuchi plays the trombone. Not only did the festival feature food from different countries, but cultural music as well. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Members of the International Club participate in the fall Tiger Serve Day. Students enjoyed a service project at the home of former Ouachita president and first lady, Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Grant. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Mr. Ian Cosh, Mrs. Sharon Cosh and members of the International Club stand in front of President Andrew Jackson's house in Nashville, Tenn. The International Club visited Nashville over fall break. *photo by: Michelle Perez*



International Club members and friends gather in the McClellan Rotunda for the club's Christmas party. *photo by: Michelle Perez*

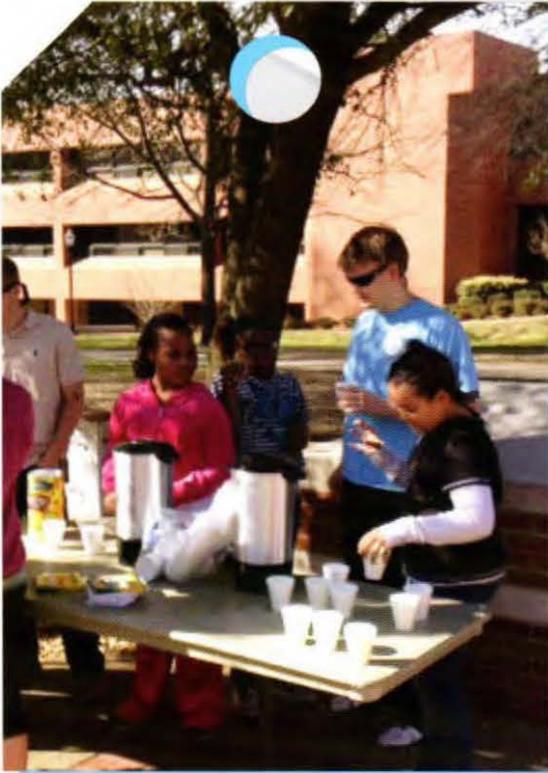
Senior Judith Brizuela, junior Jared Whisenhunt and senior Brittney Jones present their Enactus presentation during Scholars Day. The OBU Enactus team was recognized with the top 60 teams in the US at nationals in May. *photo courtesy of: Taylor McKinney*



Dean Bryan McKinney places their awards on the Enactus table at OcTiger Fest. Clubs and organizations set up tables for alumni to see while visiting for Homecoming. *photo courtesy of: Tyler Rosenthal*



Senior Judith Brizuela, OBU Enactus president, teaches a small business class to a carpenter in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Brizuela helped start many projects in Honduras with Enactus. *photo courtesy of: Judith Brizuela*



Junior Barrett Burger sells lemonade with children from local schools to help raise money for their college funds. *photo courtesy of: Judith Brizuela*

Members of Enactus' presentation team stand around their trophy at the national competition in Kansas City, Mo. The team was named second runner-up in its league of competition, OBU Enactus' highest achievement. *photo courtesy of: Bryan McKinney*



Forming a Unique Bond

Tanner Ward

When Judith Brizuela, a psychology and business management major from San Pedro Sula, Honduras, joined Enactus as a sophomore, she had no idea the impact the organization would be making in her home country. Now a senior and this year's Enactus president, the "Servant's Heart for Honduras" project she started two years ago is teaching entrepreneurs how to make their businesses more efficient and profitable, helping two orphanages to house more children and bringing custom roasts to Dr. Jack's Coffeehouse.

"Deciding to join Enactus was definitely the best decision of my college career," Brizuela said. "I love Enactus because it allows students to meet needs they are passionate about."

The projects in Honduras are just several of the 10 projects the team worked on this year. On campus, Enactus — formerly known as SIFE — was behind the changes in the bookstore. The team partnered with executives from Walmart and Sam's Club to add a grocery and convenience section, hire student management interns and extend the store's hours.

In the community, the team partnered with the Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Arkansas to open the center downtown and with organizations like the Clark County Boys & Girls Club and the Arkadelphia Promise scholarship program. The team also created partnerships with Partners Against Trafficking Humans in Little Rock and Piza42, an

alum-owned restaurant in Conway.

Ouachita's Enactus team had 40 members who completed more than 5,000 hours of service. Worldwide, there were more than 1,600 Enactus teams in almost 40 countries; in the previous school year, the organization's members completed more than 7.3 million hours of service.

"The good done by not only OBU's Enactus team, but by all Enactus teams across the globe, is truly astounding," said Mr. Bryan McKinney, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business. "Enactus is a beautiful demonstration of the ways people can use business skills to help people in need."

Senior finance and business management major from Texarkana, Brittney Jones, led the project with the Pregnancy Resource Center.

"It's exciting to see that we are empowering people in difficult situations to make a better life for themselves," Jones said. "Whether it is a young girl in an unplanned pregnancy, a student trying to go to college or an entrepreneur in Honduras trying to support his family, we are not just meeting a need temporarily, but we are creating sustainable change in the lives of hundreds of individuals. That's exciting."

Each spring, Ouachita's Enactus team traveled to Dallas, Texas, to compete at a regional exposition against other teams from the south. Each team prepared a presentation outlining the projects they worked on throughout the

year and reported the results of those projects. For the fifth year in a row, Ouachita's team was named a regional champion, advancing to the national competition.

This year's national exposition in May was held in Kansas City, Mo. For the first time, Ouachita's team was recognized nationally, being named among the top 60 teams in the United States, wherein there were 535 teams.

"I was so proud of our team's performance at nationals," McKinney said. "They represented themselves, the Hickingbotham School of Business and Ouachita with great distinction. We of course would love to win the whole competition one of these days, but this year was special because we won second runner-up in our round. Thus, our team was called on stage and recognized in front of several thousand people in attendance at the awards ceremony. It was a special night."

The team also traveled to Washington, D.C., in September for a project training conference and to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in January to work on its projects there.

"In the Hickingbotham School of Business, it is imperative that we teach students how to thrive in the secular business world," McKinney said. "But we also need to create opportunities for students to see how their faith and their business interests can intersect. I think Enactus offers this intersection in a very meaningful way."

Whether it is a young girl in an unplanned pregnancy, a student trying to go to college or an entrepreneur in Honduras trying to support his family, we are not just meeting a need temporarily, but we are creating sustainable change in the lives of hundreds of individuals. That's exciting.

- Brittney Jones

OSF

Forming a Unique Bond

Tori Abellera

The individuals were what made Ouachita a loving and dynamic place to call home. Ouachita Student Foundation's (OSF's) mission was to be students helping students. They were able to show a dynamic type of love to the student body by raising enough money to provide 87 students with an OSF scholarship. To some, the dynamic love shown to them meant being able to stay at Ouachita for another semester.

One of OSF's biggest events was Tiger Tunes in the fall. During Tiger Tunes, OSF members were responsible for organizing and assisting in the operations of the show. Their job to keep things running smoothly was essential, because Tiger Tunes was one of the most attended functions held on Ouachita's campus. There were five performances, including an open dress rehearsal on Wednesday night.

In the spring semester, the OSF was able to raise money through hosting its annual spring event, Tiger Traks. Members of OSF reached out to the Arkadelphia community and were able to gain sponsorship from 14 local businesses. By increasing sponsorship for the event, OSF was able to save money on costs and instead gave away the

money in scholarships.

"We were able to see how the community around us wants to support OSF and our goal of students helping students," said Co-President Devan Malone, a mass communications and speech communications major from Benton.

OSF had a great responsibility to raise as much money as they could to provide scholarships for the upcoming year in less than eight months. Between Tunes, Traks and the annual phonathon where current members called former members, the organization raised a record high of \$100,500.

Their mission remained consistent that they had a goal to raise funds and give them away. The leadership team believed that in order for the OSF team to continue to do their absolute best, redefinition had to take place.

"We as a leadership team sat down and assessed the guidelines put in place back in OSF's genesis," said Co-President Ryan James, a senior biology major from Little Rock. "We now have in place a system that puts one individual, a senior, as sole president for the organization being backed up by a vice president, a junior, acting as a president-elect who watches and learns from the president

throughout the year so they can take over at the end of the spring semester."

The leadership team believed that the changes were necessary in order to be more efficient in the way that OSF would be led in the future. Through their changes they believed they were able to set up a mentoring system for leaders in the future. In their redefinition, the leaders of OSF were able to create a new structure for their steering committee.

Another change made to the OSF team to increase efficiency was the addition of a Communications Committee, which took the place of the History and Traditions committee.

"The Communications Committee will be in charge of designing programs and T-Shirts for Tunes, designing the newsletter we send out each semester to OSF alumni, maintaining any and all forms of social media, keeping up to date on our Boom-a-lacka website and, of course, keeping our stash of U-Rocks full," James said.

There were many ways to contribute to the growth of Ouachita's student community. Thanks to the hard work of OSF members, students' lives were changed by the dynamic love shown from students helping students.

We were able to see how the community around us also wants to support OSF and our goal of students helping students.

- Devan Malone

Juniors John Butler and Rachel Williams set up the silent auction table at OcTiger Fest. The auction helped raise scholarship money during Homecoming Week. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*

Senior Bradley Lindsey glares at the raw egg on his hand from the egg toss during Tiger Traks. As the first test of the weekend, participants tossed an egg back and forth with a partner to see how far they could toss it without breaking. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Sophomore Katie Theriot answers questions during the OSF student drop-in. Students had the opportunity to ask current members questions about what it meant to be involved in OSF. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*

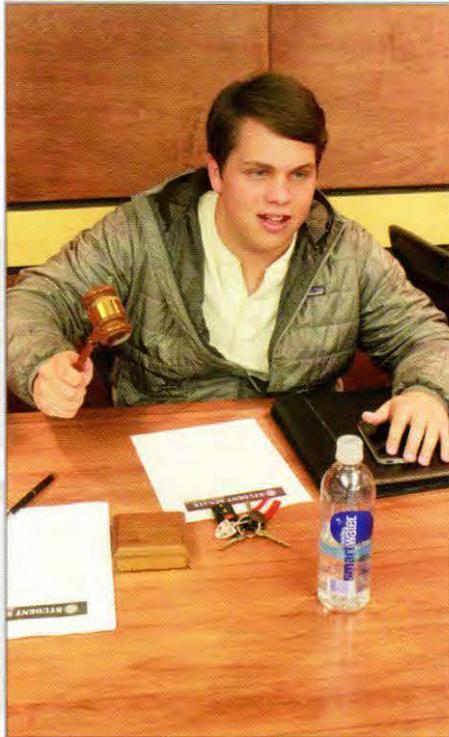


Senior Ryan James puts paint on new OSF members' fingers so they can stamp the OSF rock. This was a tradition to welcome the new members. *photo by: Heather Ellis*

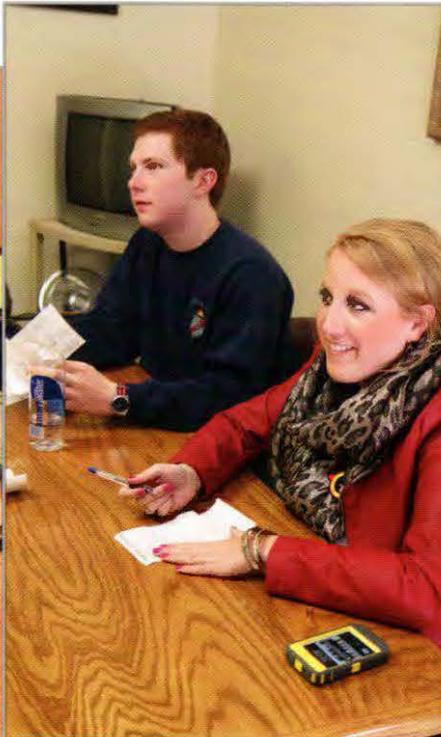


Juniors Kirstin Changose and Jacob Catlett explain the rules of the raft race during Tiger Traks. At Traks, students competed in teams of eight doing various mental and physical activities. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*

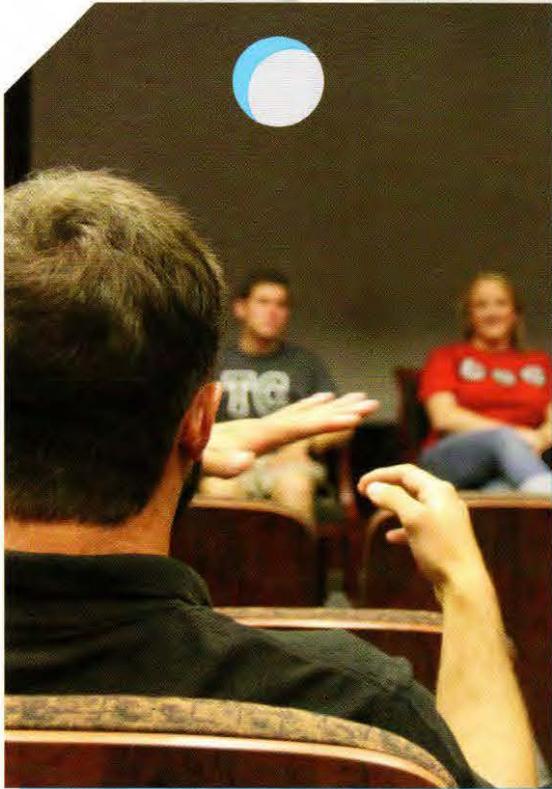
Junior Justin Young, Student Senate president, opens the weekly meeting. Senate met in the boardroom on the Evans Student Center Bridge on Tuesday evenings. *photo by: Morgan Morehead*



Sophomore Dylan Haney and senior Stephanie Hampton listen to a case at traffic court. Students could attend traffic court once a month to try to have their traffic ticket waved. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*

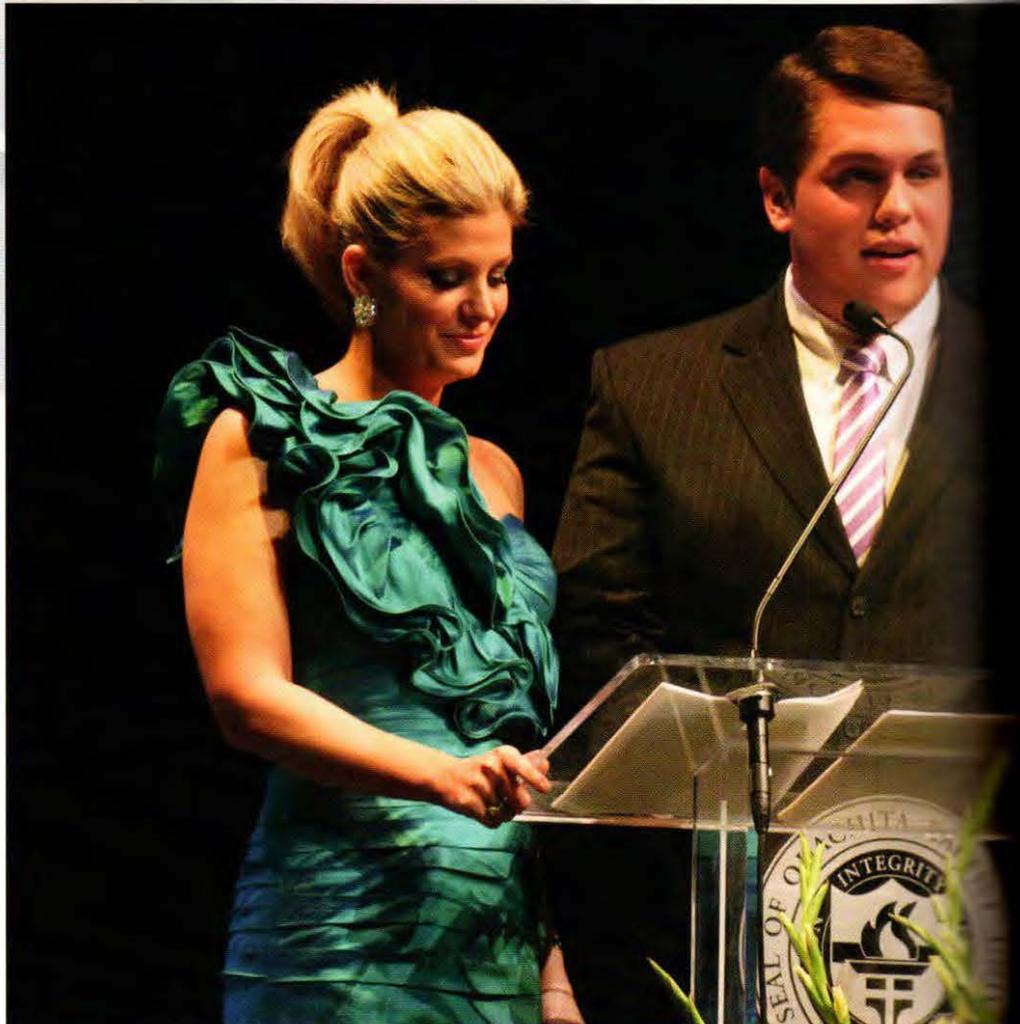


Senior Tanner Ward uses the ATM provided by Student Senate. The ATM was located on the bottom floor of the student center next to the bookstore. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Student Senate holds a question and answer session before Senate sign-ups. The session was for students to ask questions about how to get involved in Senate. *photo by: Jason Pullano*

Junior Justin Young, Senate president, and Lacy Glover emcee the Miss OBU pageant. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Making Campus Better

Aly Smith

When one heard the words, "Student Senate," what came to mind? Maybe the numerous all-student traffic court emails received throughout the year, or possibly the mysterious boardroom on the Evans Student Center Bridge. However, Student Senate was much more than traffic court and weekly meetings. Student Senate was a body that reached across every corner of campus and beyond.

Student Senate was an organization that was comprised of students, freshman to senior. Senate was responsible for bridging the gap between the student body and faculty.

"One of my favorite aspects of Senate is that it embodies the entire campus and brings together students from various facets of Ouachita," said Lindsey Fowler, a junior political science major from Arkadelphia.

Senate not only worked within their own organization to serve Ouachita but partnered with other campus organizations as well. Every year Student Senate and Campus Activities worked together to sponsor Miss OBU. Each spring Senate hosted Tiger Idol after Tiger Traks, in conjunction with the Develop-

ment Office, to spread awareness about the Annual Fund.

Senate also worked with other organizations such as OBU Safety, the Alumni Office, social clubs, Ouachita athletics, Sodexo and Career Services.

A major goal of Student Senate was to reduce traffic violations across campus.

"I led a committee in reviewing all of OBU's traffic laws and parking zones," said Barrett Burger, a junior biology major from Camden.

"We made subtle changes while recording and publishing every possible thing Safety could write a ticket for in an attempt to make life easier for students," Burger said.

Their work greatly reduced the number of traffic violations, especially in the spring semester.

A Student Senate favorite for members was waking up at 5 a.m. the morning of Homecoming. All the Senate members met together to blow up balloons and prepare décor. They then broke into teams and covered the campus in purple and gold, all before the sun rose.

"It might sound way too early, but it was actually one of the most fun experiences," said President Justin Young, a junior business administration and management major from Springdale.

"We all know that you really get to know someone when they are tired," Young said.

The Student Senate website also got a facelift to help improve communication with the student body. The completely redesigned website had a place for students to give feedback to Senate. This helped the organization receive concrete ideas from students that they could implement on campus.

Student Senate members across the board agreed they loved being able to give back to a school that had given so much to them.

"We've been blessed with the opportunity to provide funding, guidance and leadership in many activities through Ouachita's continual push for advancement," Burger said.

"My goal, simply, has been to throw myself into this cause and leave Ouachita an even better place than I found it," Burger said.

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CAB

Planning the Fun

Jake Coffman

As one of the major event-planners on campus, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) did a lot for the student body, providing plenty of opportunities to get involved as well as offering many fun events for students and faculty to attend.

In the fall, CAB sponsored a "Harry Potter Trivia Night" complete with decorations, food and contestants who answered Harry Potter-related questions. Two students were assigned to one of the four "Hogwarts Houses" and competed against the other houses for points. The night ended with a showing of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

"CAB has a special place in my heart for throwing the Harry Potter Trivia Night," said Zach Smith, a junior Christian studies major from Batesville.

"Ellen Eubanks and I were Slytherins and were presented with Elder Wands when we won. I came away thinking, 'Man! I'm so cool, I just won a Harry Potter contest!' Then I thought about it and was like, 'Man, I'm so cool I just won a Harry Potter contest,'" Smith said.

The staple event in the fall was the CAB Christmas Party held in the student center. With the new renovations in Evans, CAB decided to rearrange the party and have the focus be on a Christmas-themed coffeehouse with cookie decorating and pictures with Santa.

"The Christmas party is definitely a

favorite event for most students on campus. We are so appreciative to Dr. Kluck and everyone involved for all the great decorating in the student center and for making it truly feel like Christmas," said Co-Chair Hannah Pilcher, a senior Spanish major from Maumelle.

"It helped us a lot because we did not have to worry about the decorations and it just worked out so great because all the decorations were up from Thanksgiving through Christmas instead of just one week of decorations," Pilcher said. "We had a lot of fun with the photobooth and Santa Claus, decorating cookies, making crafts, and, the best part, enjoying all the live music. We loved having the live music throughout the whole event and really felt like it made the night a huge success."

In the spring, CAB sponsored the annual Spring Fling event on the campus lawn featuring inflatables, dinner on the lawn and a showing of "The Hobbit" on a new inflatable screen.

"Spring Fling was a success this year. Not only was it a beautiful day but there was a good turnout of Ouachita students as well as kids from the community," said Co-Chair Shelby Davis, a junior biology major from White Oak, Texas.

"As far as planning goes, CAB rented the inflatables, made the sno-cones and communicated with the social clubs

about hosting a game, activity, etc. Two huge assets to Spring Fling were dinner on the lawn and showing the movie on our new inflatable screen. The screen was a nice change from our typical movie nights and allowed the students to enjoy the nice weather," Davis said.

A St. Patrick's Day themed coffeehouse also took place in the student center in the spring complete with appropriately themed refreshments, music, and even some river dancing.

A few times during each semester, CAB sponsored a movie night for the campus, showing different movies with popcorn, candy and coke refreshments. CAB also sponsored weekly coffeehouses on Fridays during lunch and a few Wednesday night coffeehouses in the student center, giving students more opportunities to show off their talents.

"The newly renovated student center has truly changed the way CAB approaches coffeehouses and the environment they create," Pilcher said. "This has greatly increased the amount of students we see at a monthly coffeehouse because it is an open area and Dr. Jack's is right there to provide the coffee. They have all gone over really well and it is such a great opportunity for Ouachita students to perform their music and for the rest of the students to see all the talented people we have at this school."

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Junior Tim Farris throws the bean bag in a game of bag-o against junior Kelsey Frink. The Etas provided bag-o at Spring Fling. *photo by: Jason Pullano*

Junior Rusty Butler plays an instrument while performing in Dr. Jack's during lunch. Campus Activities sponsored students performing during lunch on Fridays. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Juniors Ashley Briggs and Hannah Bushey sing and play the cups at a Dr. Jack's performance. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Members of the Campus Activities Board meet to discuss upcoming events. CAB hosted events throughout the school year where members worked and helped run the events. *photo by: Bekah Hall*



Students prepare to run through the blow up obstacle course at Spring Fling. Spring Fling also included cookie decorating, a photobooth and dinner on the lawn provided by Sodexo. *photo by: Jason Pullano*

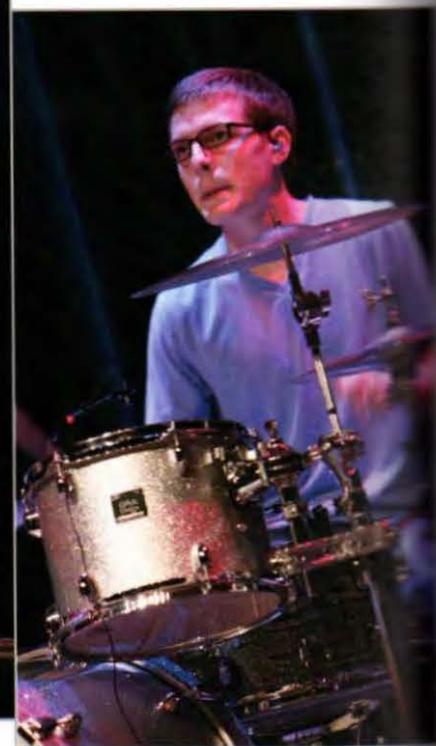
Freshmen Bonnie Magee and Maci Lewis pack up a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Students met on the bridge of Evans Student Center to pack shoeboxes with small toys and toiletries to send to children in need. *photo by: Lacey Brooks*



Senior Taylor Lamb speaks at Refuge in Jones Performing Arts Center. Refuge was usually held at Second Baptist Church on Thursday nights, but was held in JPAC on special occasions. *photo by: Abbey Jamieson*



Senior Zach Zucha plays the drums in the Refuge worship band. Refuge was an event for Henderson and Ouachita students which featured student preachers and worship leaders. *photo by: Heather Ellis*



Freshman Emily Harris pours pancake batter on the griddle at coffee house. Campus Ministries made pancakes several times during the year. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*

Trey Lynch smiles for the crowd at the Indie Date Auction sponsored by CM. The money raised at the auction went toward Operation Christmas Child. *photo by: Heather Ellis*



Reach, Build, Engage

Heather Francis

Engaging students with Christ, Campus Ministries sought to build relationships with students through service and the Word.

"Our mission is to foster meaningful relationships with Christ among students to guide them in fruitful ministry, discipleship & fellowship, and to train leaders who will continue to engage the world and serve the church," said James Taylor, director of Campus Ministries.

CM offered over a dozen student-led ministries which focused on growth in the lives of students and service to the community.

Refuge was a weekly student-led ministry aimed to help students encounter and grow in Christ through worship and preaching of God's word.

Men's and women's discipleship were also ministries focused on student growth.

"One specific way we are working towards our mission is with the Women's Discipleship program," said Kendall Calvert, assistant director of Campus Ministries.

"We foster small groups of girls who meet weekly with a leader, where the emphasis is Christ-centered discipleship and biblical community with one another," Calvert said.

"Over the last couple of years, our women's discipleship program has really grown. I'm proud of the work our small group leaders put into it and hope it will continue to grow and reach students,"

Taylor said.

Other opportunities, such as Backyard Bible Club or the Big Brother/Big Sister program, offered opportunities for students to share Christ's love with the children of Arkadelphia.

"Combined with special events and mission trips, these ministries help us provide ministry opportunities on campus, in the community and beyond," Taylor said.

These student-led ministries were not the only opportunities offered by Campus Ministries that engaged students with Christ. Trips and other events were also available.

Every spring semester Campus Ministries hosted Christian Focus Week, a week of worship services with guest speakers, guest music leaders, a Christian concert and other break out sessions of prayer, worship and discussion.

CM also hosted different mission trips during the summer and spring breaks, connecting students with many different opportunities to participate with Christ's work in the world.

Fifteen students went to South Africa for two weeks in the summer. During spring break, CM took 14 students to Los Angeles, Calif., and 11 did a mission "stay" in Arkadelphia.

"It's funny how everyone talks about missions as if you have to travel to far off lands when we have neighbors in need," said Zach Smith, a junior Christian

studies major from Batesville. "It's wasn't nearly as expensive as a regular mission trip, and we helped people in our immediate community. It was a blast."

One reason Campus ministries was able to impact the campus so effectively was their well-roundedness. From their student-led groups, which included ministering to all age groups, peer discipleship, drama ministry, and more, to their mission opportunities and campus wide events, they were able to touch many lives in many different ways.

"I love that CM gives me many opportunities to make relationships with all sorts of people on campus," Calvert said.

"I love the diversity the student body at Ouachita has to offer. It has been really cool this year to get to know people I didn't have the opportunities to connect with when I was a student," Calvert said.

"My favorite part about working in CM is getting to be around people who are open to God's calling on their lives and are making life decisions about who they want to be, where they want to go and what they want to do. It's a great group of people to serve with," Taylor said.

Campus ministries was effective because it was engaging. They were able to effectively engage students and the Arkadelphia community through Christian service, brotherly love and biblical truth.

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- James Taylor



Making Changes

Hannah Shull

"New" was the buzzword in the publication staff offices. With the renovations of Life and Evans Student Center over the summer came new offices for the staffs of news bureau, video production, Ouachitonian, Signal, Online Signal and photo lab.

The photo lab, Signal, Online Signal and Ouachitonian staffs shared an office complete with new computers and desk pods for each staff. Across the hall was the new video production studio.

"Everything in the studio is completely new. The only thing that transitioned over were some cameras we purchased last year that we use for field work, and a whiteboard," said Rachel Gilmer, a senior mass communications major from Princeton, Texas. Gilmer was the student director of videography.

The studio went from using standard definition to high definition cameras, giving the shows a more 21st century look. The studio also upgraded to LED lights, which wouldn't get overheated like the old lights.

In addition to filming the "Ouachita" show and the "J.R. Eldridge Show" for Arkadelphia High School football, the video production staff partnered with the Signal staff in creating "The Rundown," a new student-run sports show.

"The Rundown" has been a good experience because it's been more laid back than filming other shows so we can experiment with more things and give

people a chance to direct who normally don't get to direct," Gilmer said.

"The Rundown" evolved from the idea of Ben Thomas, a senior mass communications major from Keller, Texas, Patrick Krauss, a senior business management major from Plano, Texas, and Chelsea Byers, a junior mass communications major from Campbell, Texas. Byers acted as the producer and Thomas and Gilmer were the directors. "The Rundown" was posted on the Online Signal on Tuesdays, and was shown at Dr. Jack's during lunch on Wednesdays.

The Signal and Online Signal also went through several improvements. They added more social media, a new flag at the top of the weekly newspaper, a feature section in the newspaper and a larger broadcast of Tiger Tunes.

"This year we had a new format for our Tunes cast which allowed us to have several new features, including a live chat. This year's Tunes cast was also viewed on twice as many computers as last years," said Tanner Ward, a senior mass communications and business management/finance major from Bryant.

The 2012 Ouachitonian was recognized nationally by receiving the Silver Crown Award from Columbia Scholastic Press Association as one of the top 11 yearbooks in the nation. "I'm so proud of Tanner Huffman and his staff for this

honor. We were by far the smallest college to receive the honor, and it shows the strength of the Ouachitonian on the national level," said Dr. Deborah Root, Ouachitonian adviser. The yearbook was also named All-American by the Associated Collegiate Press, and received numerous individual awards from CSPA and Arkansas College Media. Huffman was named Designer-of-the-Year.

The photo lab was busy throughout the year documenting campus events, completing specific assignments, and providing photos for student publications and the Office of Communications.

In April, the mass communications department hosted the annual conference for the Arkansas College Media Association. The conference featured guest speakers from different communication professions and an awards lunch banquet. The Ouachita publication staffs received a total of 65 awards.

"It was the first time Ouachita had hosted, and our students stepped up when it came to preparation and the role of the host. Our alumni also came through by hosting several workshops," said Dean Jeff Root. "The fact that all the publications did so well in the annual competition was a quite a nice way to wrap up the day. Our students work hard at what they do, whether it's writing, design, photography or video production. It was good to see the hard work rewarded."

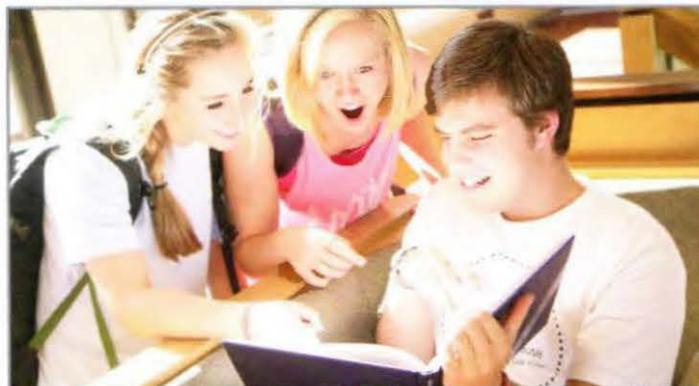
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Senior Rachel Gilmer films senior Tanner Ward during a press conference. The publication staffs often worked together on various projects. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Freshman Brandon Smith and sophomore Jackson Carter host a segment of the weekly Rundown show. "The Rundown" was a new sports show completely run by students. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Freshmen Haley Wheeler and Megan Kelley and sophomore Beau Daggett look at the yearbook on Distribution Day. All students received a yearbook at no additional cost. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



Sophomore Jeremy Dixon, senior Ben Thomas and Dr. Deborah Root work in the control room during the filming of "The J.R. Eldridge Show." *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Students attend a breakout session with OBU alum and KATV videographer Tony Ranchino at the Arkansas College Media Association conference. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*

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 - Preston Winstead

Sophomore Caleb Cunningham hauls branches at Tiger Serve Day. Social clubs formed teams for Tiger Serve Day to help the community. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



Sophomores Kate Collins, Anna Moxley, Abby Fain and Erin Wilson prepare table settings for Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast with Santa was one of the philanthropic events Tri Chi attended. *photo courtesy of: Shelby Pierceall*



Sophomores Shannon Tally and Kay Smith and freshmen Megan Kelley and Sydney Bratton pack up an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to send to a needy child. The OCC packing party was sponsored by Campus Ministries. *photo by: Lacey Brooks*

CLUB PHILANTHROPY

The Kappa Chi

clubs on campus knew what it meant to truly love humanity." After all, most of the people who were ecstatic about chanting Greek letters and dressing in a giant banana suit to show their club spirit were other letter holders, usually did those kinds of things for none other than the people they interacted with. The relationships and connections were what mattered most.

Then, when the groups of people with a common interest were able to understand each other's passions, they connected with people other than themselves, such as the community. The electrifying power of love for humanity touched the community and opened opportunity for philanthropy.

The astonishing thing among many about the group of lively young people on campus, was their ability to not only distinguish their passions as a team, but also act on their passions as a team.

The group of men known as Sigma Alpha Sigma (SAS) decided to make a difference by serving the community of Arkadelphia. During the spring semester, SAS volunteered their time to help restore a pregnancy crisis center.

SAS also did their best to accomplish the goal of relieving burdens of those in need by annually raising money to help stop world hunger by hosting "The Hunger Games" on campus. The proceeds of the event went directly to the cause.

Also involved in loving humanity through service in Arkadelphia were the women of Chi Delta. The group of young women dedicated their time to caroling at several nursing homes in Arkadelphia. They also participated in the Clark County Relay for Life, an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The men of Kappa Chi adopted a park in town located with the Rice Depot to do whatever it took to support their cause.

In one of the wealthiest nations in the world, it would be foolish and selfish not to have a philanthropic, giving mind-set," said Kappa Chi member Jason Winstead, a junior Christian studies and biblical studies major from Fort Smith.

As college students we may not have much money, but we can give what we do have: time. So going out and serving the community in whatever capacity we are able is an expectation from God and a way to make the world a better place," Winstead said.

On March 2, the women of EEE teamed up with Sherwin Williams to help paint the rooms in the Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Arkansas building. As a club, they decided the project would be a great ministry for the city of Arkadelphia. They also adopted the Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Arkansas as their new philanthropic project.

"We changed philanthropies because we wanted to be more involved than ever," said Meg Hart, a junior accounting major from Little Rock, and second vice president of the club.

"The Pregnancy Resource Center gave us a way to serve year-round and to serve girls our age who are being hit with some pretty tough circumstances," Hart said.

The women of EEE believed philanthropy to be a very important part of their club. Through such events, they were able to not only love humanity, but also spend time with each other.

"The best part of working with the PRC so far has been seeing the direct fruit of our work. Lives are being saved, and the Gospel is being shared. There aren't many opportunities around that provide both of those wonderful opportunities," Hart said.

While sleeping in on Saturdays was a stereotype of college students all over the country, the men of Eta Alpha Omega broke that stereotype. Part of being a member of the men of Eta Alpha Omega meant serving the community by offering their time and skills in abundance. Every Saturday, the group of diligent young men peeled themselves off of their beds and applied their skills to serving Arkadelphia's community by serving wherever there was a need to be met, such as yard work and physical labor.

The purpose of their weekly tasks were "to realize the needs of others from a Christian perspective because it is important to try to meet those needs the best way you can and do it in love," said Eta Alpha Omega member Matthew Cook, a junior Christian media/communications major from Harrison.

For the men of Rho Sigma, their passion for philanthropy was personal. In the spring, the Redshirts participated in Little Rock's Multiple Sclerosis Walk.

"We walk and fundraise to help benefit Rho Sigma alumnus Russell Strickland and others who have MS," said President Austin Selph, a junior mass communications major from Allen, Texas.

"We have continuously been one of the top fun-

draisers for the event and love to help in any way we can," Selph said.

In addition to the MS Walk, the Redshirts had also continued to maintain and clean the highways as a club.

Tri Chi participated in several philanthropic projects throughout the year. Involved in over 10 charitable operations, the women of Tri Chi believed it to be a very important mission to take care of others. For example, they worked with the Promise House in Little Rock and participated in several holiday-based charities such as Operation Christmas Child and the Arkansas Children's Hospital Toy Drive.

"Tri Chi is built on a foundation of faith and serving those around us," said President Devan Malone, a senior speech communication major from Benton.

"We believe it is extremely important to not only grow in our own faith and in relationships with each other but to reach out to those around us and use it as an opportunity to share our faith. We have chosen to work with women and children in many different facets because that is what is closest to our own hearts," Malone said.

The women of Chi Rho Phi decided to partner with the organization PATH to serve women who have survived and escaped human trafficking. They held several fundraisers to help support the mission of PATH as well as collected materials for their shelters.

During the spring semester, they regularly helped Lakeview Church in Arkadelphia with landscaping and maintenance. The women of Chi Rho Phi were dedicated to truly fulfilling their mission of "College women serving college women."

The men of Beta Beta sponsored Camp Wamp as well as participated in Little Rock's Heart Walk. When looking deeper into the club's constitution, several Beta Beta members decided that philanthropy had to increase within their club. For the Men of Beta Beta, it was important to make a difference.

Each club participated in Tiger Serve Day, a bi-annual event sponsored by the Elrod Center. If their passions simply stopped at a good deed to put on a resume, the town of Arkadelphia would not have grown so incredibly. The "difference makers," who were consistent by keeping their wardrobes all the same color and who wore the same shirt every Wednesday, were the ones who also shook up the town, all thanks to a little bit of club love.

Sophomore Akane Forbess escorts sophomore Karis Hentschel into the EEE Rush party. At each Rush party the women of EEE formed a welcome line to welcome the girls rushing. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Senior Jonathani King gives a presentation at the Sigma Alpha Sigma Rush party. Many clubs showed photos at the parties to give a glimpse of what club life is like. *photo by: Jason Pullano*



Junior Sean Nance chats at the Eta Alpha Omega Rush party. Clubs had tables decorated with club memorabilia to show the rush participants. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



Sophomore Nicole Plott welcomes new Chi Rho Phi pledges on Bid Day in January. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*

New Tri Chi pledges group together on Bid Day. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Rush and Pledge Weeks

Gaining New Members

Ben Cline

Rush Week at Ouachita was an exciting time for the student body. Excited freshmen finally got a chance to get an inside look at the clubs they had been watching all through the fall semester. With Tiger Tunes, parties, tailgates, bake sales and countless other events sponsored by the social clubs, the freshmen couldn't wait to get involved in the fun.

For the students already in clubs, Rush Week offered a chance to meet new members and friends. Amelia Lindsey, a junior biology major from Camden, thought Rush Week gave the upperclassmen a chance to meet the classes below them.

"As a junior, it isn't easy getting to know all the new freshmen on campus, and Rush Week gave us a chance to make new friends and expand our club," Lindsey said.

The week was a stressful, yet rewarding time for both the freshmen going through Rush for the first time and the upperclassmen who had experienced the week in recent years.

Rush Week began on January 15 with a "tour" of each of the clubs. Each club set up across campus, and the freshmen were free to visit each club in an informal "meet and greet." Zack

Dobbins, a freshman biology major from Cowetta, Okla., enjoyed his first night of Rush.

"Tuesday night of Rush was a blast because of all the new people I was able to meet," Dobbins said, "and the free food wasn't bad either!"

Each club had different snacks and activities and started the process of getting to know the people who would be deciding where they were going to call home for the rest of their time at Ouachita.

Wednesday brought on another great night as the rushees and clubs continued their process of seeing who was the right fit. Some clubs invited back alumni to come and speak to the rushees and share about their experiences while at Ouachita. Dinners were served, memories were made and friendships grew.

Aaron Butler, a senior secondary education major from Little Rock, said Wednesday had always been his favorite part of the week.

"Wednesday is my favorite because everyone has gotten a chance to meet each other, and the rushees can begin to see where they fit best," Butler said. "Wednesday is one of the biggest nights of the week."

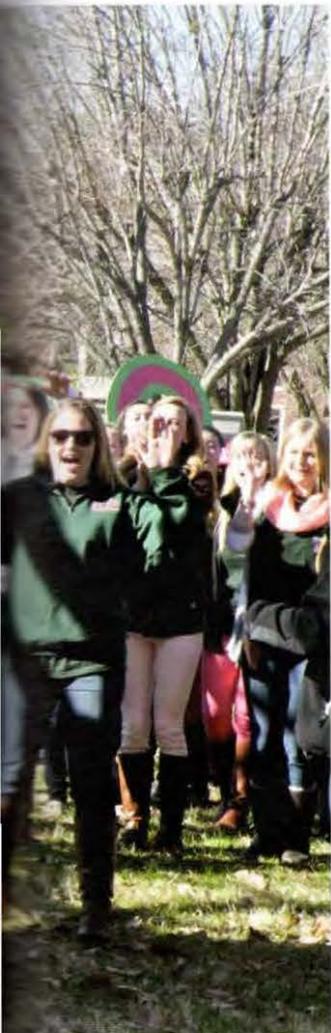
By the time Friday came around, decisions had been made and everyone knew they had made the right choice. Finally, Bid Day arrived on Saturday as each rushee was given a bid to join a club. Rushees became pledges as bids were turned in, and Pledge Week officially began.

"I was bursting with excitement as I opened my door on Saturday morning to receive my bid," said Kenderick Scorza, a freshman theatre arts major from North Little Rock.

"I knew I had made the right choice and was ready to make memories with my pledge class," Scorza said.

Pledge Week lasted from Saturday to Saturday, where the members guided the pledges through a week of traditions which brought them closer together and as a club taught them about the club they had joined. Each pledge class completed a service project, and by the end of the week they were inducted into the membership they had been waiting a semester to join.

Rush and Pledge Weeks were 14 days of excitement, stress and memories as new students found the club and family they would be a part of for the rest of their time at OBU and their life.



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Beta Beta

A Lasting Brotherhood

Jake Coffman

Involvement in a social club constituted many benefits, including having an outlet for social events and a sense of belonging. But, for many people, involvement in a social club had another important factor: a brotherhood, or in other cases, a sisterhood. For the men of Beta Beta, brotherhood had been at the core of their club for 71 years.

The Betas added 16 pledges to their club in the spring. The club hosted many events throughout the year, including sponsoring contestants in Miss OBU, Mr. Tiger and sponsoring Backyard Bible Club's Camp Wamp. A new event sponsored by Beta was a campus-wide event at Lake DeGray, complete with food, frisbees, football and swimming.

The biggest event on campus, which encompassed every social club, was Tiger Tunes. Beta's theme was "Exterminators," where they depicted the never-ending battle between man and bug.

"Well it's no secret that the Betas are notorious in Tiger Tunes. We always win 'second place.' We just really love to make people laugh and for them to see a show they will never ever forget, ever," said Connor Goad, a sophomore Christian studies major from Hot

Springs.

"I personally love Tunes because we all get to hang out together all the time. With varying schedules and such, it's hard for us to all get together an just bro-out. Tunes practice is the place for that," Goad said.

The Betas had a different practice philosophy when it came to Tiger Tunes.

"Our tradition of little effort but excellent results is what defines us and makes people remember. We don't practice much and we aren't perfect but we have fun and love putting on a show that helps raise scholarship money for returning Ouachitians. After all, it's a great day to be a Beta!" Goad said.

Beta Beta existed to bring students from all majors and backgrounds together and to help them in growing spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically. With 71 years under their belts, this credo still stood true for Beta, its current members and pledges offering solid proof.

"My first year at Ouachita has been so much fun being a Beta," said Josh Briggs, a freshman business major from Little Rock.

"It's given me the opportunity to

plug in somewhere and meet a lot of awesome men," Briggs said. "Pledging Beta was not easy, but it was so worth it. My Beta brothers are like family to me, and I wouldn't trade it for anything."

With this credo, and the fact that Beta's members spanned across a wide range of backgrounds, majors and lifestyles, the feelings members of Beta expressed about their club lined up quite coherently. When asked about his membership in the club, the Beta president's experiences were some he would not trade for anything.

"My time here at Ouachita as a Beta has been one of the greatest experiences of my life," said Beta President Jake Edwards, a senior business major from North Little Rock.

"I have built relationships that will last for my entire life, made countless memories and grown spiritually as a man. The Beta traditions I have been a part of are some of the best around and I will never forget them," Edwards said.

For 71 years, brotherhood was at the core of Beta Beta, and this continuity remained, even with the ever-changing members who came and went within the club.

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Sophomores Jayson Harris and Curt Tucker hold baby ducks at a tailgate. The Betas created a petting zoo in efforts to win the best tailgate. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*

Senior Kyle Hartman kicks the soccer ball during an intramural game in the fall. *photo by: Grace Finley*



Sophomore Connor Goad performs a solo in the Beta Beta Tiger Tunes show. The Betas were exterminators. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



A group of Betas get together for the campus wide lip dub. Clubs and organizations made a appearance in the promotional video. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Mitchell Kelley shows Caleb Cunningham and Zach Thompson a card trick at a Beta Beta tailgate before a football game in the fall. *photo by: Hannah Bishop*

Junior Lauren Linton rings out a shirt at the Chi Delta tie dye event. *photo by: Grace Finley*



Junior Kaycee Giammarco talks to a rushee at a Rush party in January. The first night of Rush was casual and allowed for easy conversation. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Sophomores Delaney Thomas and Sydney Gibson perform during Tiger Tunes. The Chi Deltas had a pirates and sailors theme. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Sophomore Faith Alexander slides down the slip and slide with a puppy at the Chi Delta paint war. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*

The Chi Deltas show their support for the football team at a campus-wide pep rally. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



A Growing Sisterhood

Faith Ledbetter

"A small group of women with an inseparable bond" was without a doubt a phrase that accurately described the women of Chi Delta. Founded in 1970 with a charter class composed of girls from two other social clubs, mixed in with a few independents, Chi Delta was a very diverse and interesting club.

During TWIRP week at the beginning of fall semester, the ladies of Chi Delta hosted their annual event called "Harvest Moon." Since the other TWIRP nights were silly and fun, Harvest Moon was a more formal affair which allowed students to dress up more than usual and still have a great night filled with dancing and fun.

In October, the club participated in Tiger Tunes with a pirate and sailor themed performance. With clever renditions of songs such as, "This is How We Do It" and "I'm on a Boat," the ladies ended up with an action-packed performance that allowed them to bring their individual talents to center stage.

Talia Prince, a junior communication sciences and disorders major from Rowlett, Texas, was Tiger Tunes director for the past two years. She said the most rewarding part of Tiger Tunes was the positive feedback from the school and administration.

"I was told by so many people that they were so impressed and proud of Chi Delta and thought our shows had

improved so much since years past," Prince said.

Prince went on to say, "We may not have placed, but the sweet encouragement we got from everyone was worth more than any award."

They also hosted "Owl-O-Ween" which consisted of the ladies and their dates getting together and watching a scary movie in the woods.

The holiday season was always a fun time for social clubs, allowing them a time to celebrate with their friends before going home for Christmas break. The ladies of Chi Delta hosted a Tacky Christmas Sweater gathering for the club where the girls were able to celebrate the joy of the season in a fun way.

Coming back for the spring semester was one of the most exciting times for members of a social club, because they began the process of Rush. Since Chi Delta was one of the smaller clubs on campus, the girls felt as if they were able to get to know each girl on a more personal level throughout Rush Week, therefore enabling them to make well informed decisions concerning new "daisies" for the club. With a pledge class of 14 girls, Chi Delta continued to grow, allowing members to form everlasting friendships within the sisterhood.

Liz Jones, a junior mass communications major from Grapevine, Texas, said her favorite part of Rush Week was

"bringing back 'OZ Night' because it was really exciting to participate in a tradition that had been a part of Chi Delta in the past. And of course, getting to know all of the girls that became our new babies!" Jones said.

During the early part of the spring semester, Chi Delta hosted their annual Stoplight Dance. Students were asked to wear a certain color based on their relationship status: red meaning they were taken, yellow meaning they were "talking" to someone or unsure and green meaning they were single.

Instead of the Daisy Ball that was normally held in the spring, Chi Delta decided to switch things up a bit by hosting a "Throwback Thursday" event. At this event, students were able to dress up as if they were in their favorite decade and dance to many "oldies" throughout the night. Students really enjoyed being able to dress up similar to a few of the TWIRP nights during the spring semester.

Even though some members were skeptical of trying something so different, Sydney Gibson, a sophomore business major from Hot Springs, responded by saying "things are constantly changing and while Daisy Ball was a tradition, sometimes you have to go out on a limb and try something new." She went on to say, "Change was a good thing in this case and the 'Throwback Thursday' dance seemed to be a real hit."



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Chi Rho Phi

Strengthening Bonds

Heather Francis

Chi Rho Phi was emerging as almost a whole new club. In the past few years it grew exponentially and took steps the club had never taken before.

"This year, we had the privilege of adding seven new girls to our family, and each one of them had so much to offer," said President Lauren Telford, a senior early childhood education major from Texarkana, Texas.

"We have been steadily growing since I joined the club. When I first arrived, there were 12 girls in the club, and now there are 32. We are still small, but the quality of the girls we do have more than makes up for any number deficit," Telford said.

The club had weekly meetings on Monday during which they discussed upcoming events and ideas. They also had a weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday. Prayer often consisted of Bible study and praying together for one another, the campus and the community as a whole. Chi Rho Phi also had weekly activities. The activities included sisterhood nights, mixers with other clubs, community service projects and campus-wide activities.

In the fall, Chi Rho Phi hosted Nerd Prom during TWIRP. Students dressed in geeky and tacky prom clothing. At the end of the night, a couple was crowned Nerd Prom King and Queen.

"Nerd Prom is always so much fun to do as a club because we can dress

crazily alongside other students," Telford said.

Chi Rho Phi participated in Tiger Tunes with the theme "Roommates." Marissa Thornberry, a junior English major from Mabelvale, directed the show and wrote the lyrics. Tori Abellera, a junior mass communications major from Garland, Texas, did choreography for the show.

"Tunes gave us time to get to know people we never had much opportunity to spend time with previously. It was amazing to see how far God had brought our club in the past year," Telford said.

The club also participated in two outings. Their spiritual outing was in Winnsboro, Texas, where the girls focused on growing together as a club. They did a service project and participated in several devotionals and group activities throughout the day.

"It helps us to build unity as we seek the Lord together. A lot of the struggles we had been previously having were settled during the spiritual outing this year," Telford said.

In the spring, Chi Rho Phi went on their social outing to Fort Worth, Texas, and invited the club's big brothers to come along. They visited the zoo, the botanical gardens and the stockyards.

"The spring outing was so fun because it allowed us to have a fun weekend together as a large group, which

helped to ease the stress of school and upcoming finals," Telford said.

Chi Rho Phi Pledge Week was different in that they carefully planned each activity with a purpose to benefit the girls who pledged. Rush and Pledge Weeks allowed club members to be a part of Ouachita's social club experience while serving each other, Ouachita and the community.

"This year, the number of girls going through Rush was lower than usual, but the process still grew us as a sisterhood by enabling us to gather under the name of Chi Rho Phi to exemplify our goal to be college women ministering to college women," said Rebecca Johnson, a sophomore music and business major from Little Rock.

"We are always blessed to have this opportunity to meet and develop relationships with up and coming college women," Johnson said.

Chi Rho Phi also participated in fundraising.

"This year, we partnered with PATH (Partners Against Trafficking Humans), and the proceeds for our fundraisers often went to them," Johnson said.

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Junior Stephanie Chontos gets hit with a water balloon at the Chi Rho Phi Splash Bash. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*

Sophomore Grace Hevron performs a solo during the Chi Rho Phi Tiger Tunes performance. The club's theme was "Roommates." *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Chi Rho Phi members welcome pledges with signs and cheering on Bid Day. Bid Day was when everyone found out who was in which social club. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Sophomore Caitlyn Johnson visits with a rushee at a Chi Rho Phi Rush party. Rush parties gave members and rushees a chance to get to know each other better. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Chi Rho Phi members hang out at their photobooth in front of the Tiger. The booth was complete with silly costumes and accessories. *photo by: Jason Pullano*

Sophomore Tracey Mardis purchases EEE clothing at the EEE tea on Homecoming Day. EEE apparel was sold at the tea so alumni could have a chance to make purchases. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



Sophomores Allie Smith and Kasey Hutson build their Frito chili pie while guarding the Tiger during Battle of the Ravine week. Clubs took turns providing food and games while guarding the Tiger. *photo by: Jason Pullano*



Seniors Macy Buchanan and Kayleigh Darling dance at an EEE tailgate. Tailgates included music, food and games before home football games. *photo by: Kacey Westerman*



Sophomore Kasey McLeane cheers at a pep rally along with her EEE sisters. *photo by: Kacey Westerman*

New EEE pledges walk from Francis Crawford to meet their new sisters on Bid Day. *photo by: Nicole Mcphate*



Forming a Unique Bond

Hannah Shull

The women of EEE started their year with winning Tiger Tunes for the second year in a row. Dressed from head to toe as lawn gnomes, they showed the audience the ups and downs of gnome life.

"My favorite part of being an EEE this year was definitely winning Tiger Tunes," said spring President Brittney Reynolds, a senior accounting major from Benton.

For the club's fall outing, they travelled to Memphis, Tenn., where they had a banquet at Graceland. Social chairs Allie Smith, a sophomore pre-nursing major from Little Rock, and Gracie Lundstrum, a junior mass communications and speech communications major from Springdale, planned the outing. They updated the club on decoration choices and things to do in Memphis during the planning process. There was only one secret, they had booked Dave Barnes to be the musical performer at the banquet.

Rush and Pledge Weeks brought excitement as the club welcomed new girls to be EEEs. During Rush Week, members performed shows with Grease and patriotic themes. There was also a

formal night when members wore their red suits. The night before Bid Day, the pledge class of 2012 had the option to sleep on the steps of Cone-Bottoms as a last bonding moment of their pledge year.

The women of EEE also participated in most of the intramural sports offered on campus. They usually had a fun team and a hardcore team. This way there was a team for every member to have fun. The hardcore flag football team made it to the regional flag football tournament in Fayetteville where they came in fourth place.

Throughout the year the EEEs participated in several mixers with other social clubs. They joined the men of Kappa Chi for a day at the lake.

They also competed against the men of Eta Alpha Omega in a paint war. With paint mixed with shaving cream and water, the EEEs and Etas were ready for war.

"They gave us sponges, counted down and we just took off and started slinging paint at each other," said Abby Lindsey, a sophomore business major

from Van Buren.

"The guys had multi-colored beards and the girls looked great with bright blue hair. It was fun getting to be crazy with all my friends, and of course the child in me loved playing with paint," Lindsey said.

The women of EEE and the men of Beta Beta got in touch with their country roots at Redneck Wedding. Katie Brech, a freshman biology major from Arkadelphia, and Joseph White, a freshman business administration major from Sparkman, "got married" in a traditional Southern wedding at Speer Pavilion, complete with a cake made from Twinkies snack cakes.

Even though the club was at its highest membership number, the girls were still able to bond and get to know each other.

Fall President Catie Bennett, a senior early childhood education major from Porter, Texas, said, "There is no greater feeling than knowing that no matter what happens, at the end of the day I have 130 sisters who had my back and were there to support me."

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Eta Alpha Omega

A Growing Brotherhood

Sydney Bratton

The men of Eta Alpha Omega celebrated a great year as the club continued to make its presence known on campus, striving to serve Christ and serve others.

In the fall the Etas traded their summer shorts and tanks in for flannel shirts and axes as they performed as lumberjacks during Tiger Tunes. The men of Eta Alpha Omega left Tiger Tunes weekend having been awarded third place and gave their audience an enjoyable and humorous show. The goal of their show was to continue on with their fun-spirited attitudes but also show how important the performance really was to the club as a whole.

"Tiger Tunes was such a fun time with Eta," said Tyler Davis, a sophomore mass communications major from Benton.

"It was a time where I got to know some of the guys a lot better and we worked really hard to have a great show that made people laugh," Davis said, "and even though we didn't win, we'll gladly take third place."

Following Tiger Tunes, Eta hosted their annual Muggin' event, a campus-wide affair. Its purpose was to bring the students on campus together for some fun and offer a safe and alternative option after Tunes. This Muggin' was the biggest turn out for Eta as they passed out over 2,000 bottles of root beer and

students were able to enjoy a concert performed by Sean Michel.

The club also took part in "Eta Break Week" during Homecoming Week where they passed out root beer floats, chili cheese dogs and Frito chili pie during lunch for free.

"Muggin' went superb this year. The root beer was plentiful and everyone I knew was at the event," said Kyle Baker, a sophomore accounting major, from Allen, Texas.

"While it does cost a lot of money," Baker said, "bringing people together to celebrate Tiger Tunes over a cold bottle of IBC Root Beer is worth it in the end."

While Eta strived to provide entertainment and fellowship amongst students on campus, they also worked as a brotherhood to help the club's and each member's focus on the Lord.

"We like to keep God in the center of everything," said Logan Kuhn, a sophomore biology major from Little Rock. "Taylor Lamb has been a great spiritual director this year getting different Bible studies together throughout the week to help people find a time that works for them. He also works with the Elrod Center to get service projects together each weekend to give the men of Eta an avenue to serve."

In the spring, Eta continued their legacy of growth during Rush as they were able to show rushees what the men

of Eta Alpha Omega were about. Because of the club's drastic growth during spring 2012, a smaller yet wholesome pledge class of 21 was welcomed into Eta. The new pledge class participated in fundraisers such as a date auction and their "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" event.

"We couldn't be more excited about welcoming PC '13 into our club. They are truly a great group of guys who I know will continue to push our values and traditions as a Christian brotherhood in the future," said Michael Crowe, a junior business administration and finance major, from Donaldson. "I am really excited about the club's recent change and growth and ready to see how having a larger club can now have a larger impact on and off of campus."

"The brotherhood of Eta Alpha Omega has meant having friends who will pray for you and encourage you while you are here," said Jacob Moreno, a freshman biology major from Mexico City, Mexico.

"Being able to count on, worship and pray with a group of 70 or more Christian guys is a very fortifying experience spiritually," Moreno said. "Knowing all these guys in a place like this means that you will always find a brother near you. The brotherhood of Eta focuses on service and honor, and we like to serve by helping each other, our campus, and our community."

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Sophomores Wade Stotts and Blake Martin serve chili dogs for lunch during Homecoming Week. Social clubs hosted different activities during the week. *photo by: Jason Pullano*

Junior Zach Smith passes out root beer at Muggin' after Tiger Tunes. Muggin' was the biggest event of the year for the Etas. *photo by: Jason Pullano*



Eta sweethearts, juniors Jessica Stewart and Megan Scarbrough, auction off junior John Whitmore during the Eta date auction. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*

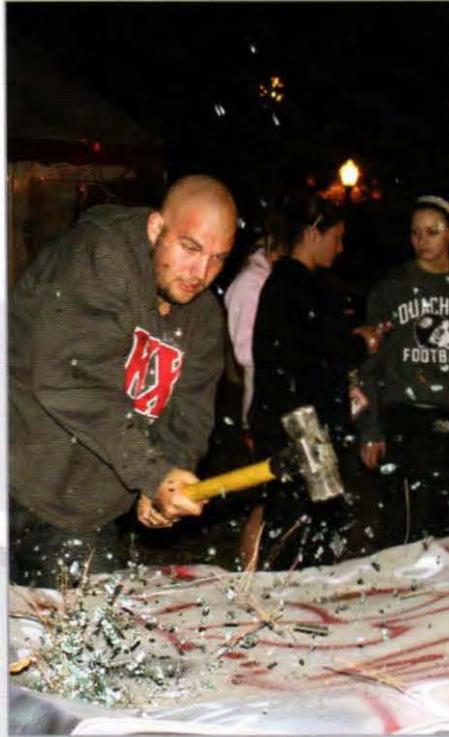


Freshmen Ben Adcock, Josh Rubin and Sam Beary serve root beer floats at the Eta float night. The float night was held on the Evans Student Center Bridge. *photo by: Kelly Ferguson*



Junior Hunter Threadgill cheers at a football pep rally along with his Eta brothers. Free t-shirts were passed out at the pep rally. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Senior Thomas Judkins hits the car with a sledge hammer during the Kappa Chi car bash. The Kappas sponsored this event during Battle of the Ravine week. *photo by: CJ Barnard*



Senior Chris Sumner plays bag-o at a football tailgate. The Kappas also grilled hamburgers at their tailgate. *photo by: Hannah Bishop*



Junior Spencer Neblett performs at Tiger Idol at the amphitheater. Tiger Idol was a fundraiser for the Annual Fund. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Sophomore Blaine Surber plays the bandit during the Kappa Chi Tiger Tunes show. The Kappas were police officers. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*



The Kappa Chi Tiger Serve Day team prays before heading out to their project. Many clubs participated in TSD together. *photo by: Kacey Westerman*

Keeping the Traditions

Ben Cline

The men of Kappa Chi had been an active club on campus since they were first chartered in 1981. The club always had a diverse membership and strived to be a positive influence on campus. Fast forward to 2013, and the club hadn't changed much. Kappa Chi still stood for the traditional values of respect, diversity, and brotherhood, and had a busy year. With Tiger Tunes, Rush Week, Pledge Week and countless other activities, the men of Kappa Chi continued to make memories and build friendships.

In the months of September and October, Tiger Tunes took over Ouachita's campus, and Kappa Chi was no different. Joseph Hurst, a junior accounting major from North Little Rock, worked all summer to create an exciting show, and the club spent the month of September putting it together.

"I loved being the Tiger Tunes director for Kappa Chi," Hurst said. "It allowed me to create something unique and exciting and have a blast in the process. I've never felt closer to my Kappa Chi family than I did the moment after our Saturday night performance."

Their theme was "Kappa Chi Police Department" with songs from a variety of different genres, including "Some Nights" by Fun and "You Spin Me Round" by Dead or Alive.

On the Friday night of Tiger Tunes

week, Kappa Chi hosted a cookout at Speer Pavilion. Hot dogs and burgers were served and music filled the air as students took a moment to celebrate yet another successful year of Tiger Tunes.

Rush Week brought on another busy week, as each social club put their best foot forward to recruit new members into their ranks. Kirby Von Edwins, a junior biology major from Little Rock, was in charge of Kappa's Rush.

"Rush is always an exciting time for Kappa," Von Edwins said. "We get to share to prospective new members about how great our own experiences have been, which always brings back some of the best memories of our time at Ouachita."

Kappa had a week full of events for the prospective new members with lots of free food and some great parties to attend. By the end of the week, the men of Kappa Chi invited five new members to join in the brotherhood. Immediately following rush, the new members went through a week of traditions which helped bring them closer together and to learn about their new club.

Kappa Chi moved into the swing of spring semester with an expanded membership and a calendar full of events to finish out the year. The new members hosted several events, including Kappa's annual Kappachino. Patrons were enter-

tained by OBU's talented student body, and were able to enjoy fresh brewed coffee.

As the weather became warmer, the men of Kappa Chi got together with the women of EEE to have their second annual lake day.

In April, Kappa looked to start a new tradition with a formal outing to Memphis, Tenn. The club spent the weekend in the city and had a formal dinner on Saturday night.

Not long after that, it was time for finals, another year in the books and another year of traditions and values represented in a club that was just as genuine as the day it was founded. Jacob Catlett, a junior Christian studies major from Hot Springs, said this year was one of his favorites so far at Ouachita.

"This year Kappa has grown a lot inside and out. We have grown much closer together through all of our events, and grown a lot on the outside as well," Catlett said. "I don't know if Kappa has ever been more represented in other student organizations on campus than we are this year."

Kappa Chi experienced numerous changes on the inside and out, but still remained close to its roots. Respect, diversity and brotherhood were the values that drove this club and will continue to guide this club for many years to come.



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Rho Sigma

Rebuilding the Legacy

Tori Abellera

Their legacy to uphold was that of the Rowdy Redshirts. Although they proudly represented the legacy, which began in 1935, the men of Rho Sigma also welcomed new perspectives and new beginnings to add on to their legacy of 78 years.

One way that the Redshirts showed their pride was by creating a Tiger Tunes show with a theme which celebrated their return of involvement on campus. The Redshirts had not been able to participate as a club on campus because in 2008 their charter was revoked.

"Ever since we regained our charter, Rho Sigma has desired to be seen as a club that wants to change and wants to take action towards bettering the club and the Redshirt reputation," said Todd McNeel, a mass communications and speech communication major from Arlington, Texas, who directed the Rho Sigma Tiger Tunes show.

"Tiger Tunes was a way of getting involved on campus again and continuing the strong legacy of the Redshirts. So, we produced a fun-filled comedic show," McNeel said.

They desired for their show to be both comical and have a worthy repre-

sentation of their gratitude for their treasured club. The Redshirts showed their rowdy spirit and personalities through each song. Many members had never participated in a singing and dancing competition before. After practicing and rehearsing the show, the Redshirts were able to have fun with the show, no matter the obstacles they had to overcome.

"In the end we accomplished so much and Tunes brought the club together. As we were trying to show the crowd what it meant to be a Redshirt, we also learned a bit more about ourselves," McNeel said.

The Redshirts were grateful for the opportunity to show off their letters, but one thing that made it difficult for them during Tiger Tunes was their numbers. Since the club basically had to start new with the pledge class of 2011, only 12 members were able to participate.

In the spring semester, Rho Sigma received 16 new pledges. The Redshirts were both shocked and excited for the pledge class that more than doubled the size of their club.

"With our new pledges and our new members in the club, we have been able to do more than before," said Hein-

Hillmer, a mass communications and psychology major from Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

"Through increased involvement, we have been able to see the growth our club has gone through," Hillmer said.

Because of their larger numbers, the Redshirts were able to plan more events and be even more involved on and off of campus. The Redshirts made it a priority to participate in the Little Rock M.S. Walk as well as Tiger Serve Day. They held date auctions and fundraisers such as the FIFA tournament as well as activities on the lawn. They also planned mixers with other clubs where they were able to show their Rowdy Redshirt spirit.

"A Redshirt means to have true blood," Hillmer said. "To be brothers through the disagreements and heaviness that life can throw at someone. To be there for each other through it all. To put school service, community service and tiger spirit above ourselves. To let no team feel as if they are unsupported."

"There is nothing like Rho Sigma's true brotherhood," Hillmer said. "From the outside looking in, you'll never understand. From the inside looking out, you can never explain."

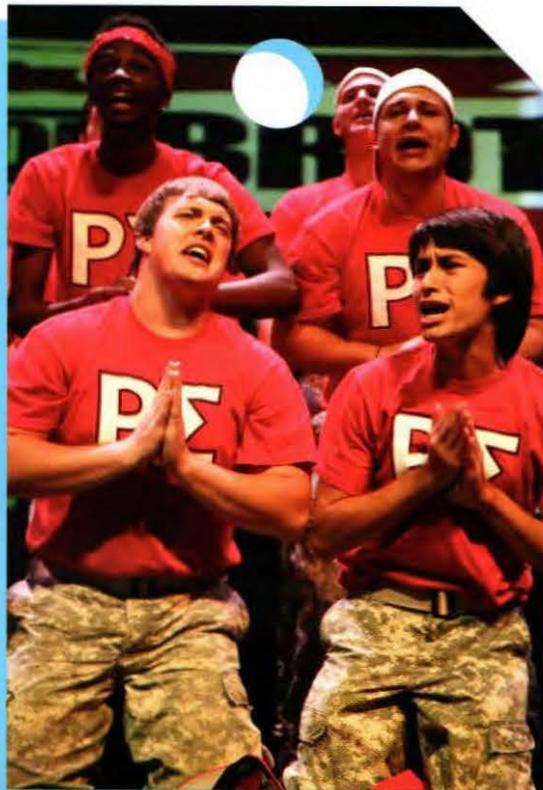
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The Rho Sigmas perform in Tiger Tunes as "The Men of Rho Sigma." This was the first time the club had performed at Tiger Tunes in a few years. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Junior Hein Hillmer rakes at a Tiger Serve Day project. Hillmer participated in Tiger Serve Day with his Rho Sigma brothers. *photo by: Kacey Westerman*



Sophomore Jose Medina passes the fire at the Battle of the Ravine bonfire. Students met at the Tiger and marched down to the intramural fields to light the fire. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*

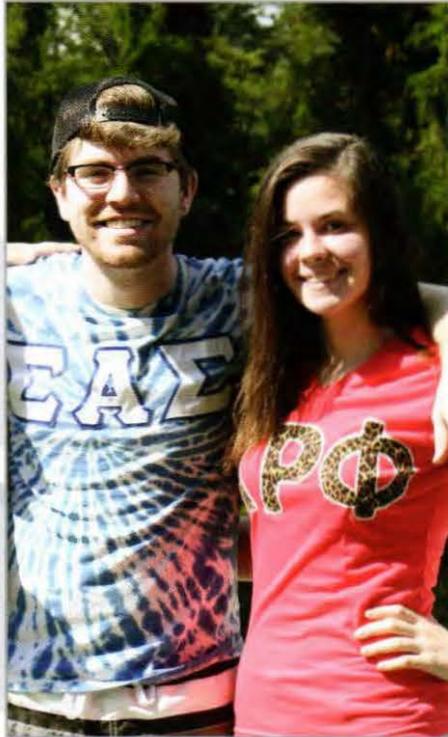


Girls bid on sophomore Hal Hoggard at the Rho Sigma date auction. The auction was a fundraiser for the club. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Sophomore Todd McNeel plays FIFA at the Rho Sigma FIFA tournament. Students paid a small fee to participate in the tournament. *photo by: Heather Ellis*

Sophomore Chase Brooks and junior Alana O'Brien enjoy the Chi Rho Phi and Sigma Alpha Sigma splash bash. The two clubs had a water fight as their mixer. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Freshman Joe Calametti belts it out at the Sigma Alpha Sigma karaoke. *photo by: Jason Pullano*



Alumnus Danny Jackson speaks to the rushees about being a Sigma Alpha Sigma. Several members and alumni spoke at the Rush party. *photo by: Jason Pullano*



Junior Korey Byrd talks to rushees at a Rush party. Club members were able to tell the rushees about their love for their club during Rush Week. *photo by: Jason Pullano*

Juniors Jason Pullano and Jennifer Steele sing a duet at Sigma Alpha Sigma karaoke. *photo by: Chase Brooks*



Becoming a Family

Emily Grigsby

The men of Sigma Alpha Sigma were hard at work getting their club back on campus and showing the work they could put forth on campus and across the Arkadelphia community.

At their fall event, Bring the Noise, SAS members got the student body excited about the week's Battle of the Ravine events. They helped guard the Tiger with the men of Rho Sigma.

"Bring the Noise was a new event we're really excited about bringing to Ouachita," said Korey Byrd, a junior early childhood education major from Cypress, Texas. "It gives us a chance to really let our student athletes know we appreciate them and show our support for them." The club hopes to have more turnout at the event in the coming years.

Members became a family through the Rush and Pledge process in the spring. They came from different backgrounds with different majors becoming brothers through the process of becoming an S.

In addition to the existing members and new members gained through Pledge Week, sweethearts were there for the club to assist with activities throughout the year. Sweetheart Molly Patterson, a senior mass communications major from San Antonio, Texas, said she "loves seeing them come together as brothers."

"Because I'm a sweetheart I got to be a part of the rush and pledging

processes and I got the opportunity to meet an amazing group of guys that I wouldn't have otherwise gotten to know," Patterson said.

Carl Thomas, a senior Christian studies major from Houston, Texas, found that being a big brother to his little had "given him the opportunity to grow close and build a relationship with two amazing guys."

With all there was to learn about the ways of Ouachita, being a big brother gave him the chance to pass on some of the wisdom he had gained at OBU.

Being one of the oldest clubs on campus allowed for a brotherhood that was "a unique breed of people. We each have our own lives apart from Sigma, but we are all brought together in this amazing experience of Sigma," said Luke Hillman, a freshman philosophy and Christian studies major from Broken Arrow, Okla., and pledge class president.

Hillman found that "being the pledge class president is a great honor, though a lot falls on my shoulders." Being a part of campus history for decades added to the pressure for Hillman, giving him "a lot of history and stories" to remember.

"Seeing it as a chance to minister in a different way to a variety of people" was what led Thomas to join Sigma Alpha Sigma.

One such opportunity to serve was through the Hungry Games in April. This

competition had four rounds: powdered donuts, grape soda chug, pie eating and salty crackers. The bonus round was a mystery challenge, a caramel-coated onion which had to be eaten in five minutes.

The club had drawings for free Dino's ice cream and gave out about 15-20 cups. All of the profits Sigma Alpha Sigma made at the event went to a church.

"Hungry Games began in 2012 as a fundraiser to raise money for the World Hunger Fund," said Chase Brooks, a sophomore graphic design major from Houston, Texas. "This past year for the second annual Hungry Games we decided to set aside the money for a church that was in need."

"None of the money goes into our club at all. It's always a full gift to whichever cause is selected for the year," Brooks said. "And of course the contestants in the events receive some money for winning their event."

Sigma Alpha Sigma allowed their members to "genuinely care for each other, without it being an artificial bond. The brotherhood is very hard to explain," Hillman said.

Joining any social club on campus allowed a student to open up to a world of new experiences. Thomas said, "Don't go into a club halfheartedly if you want to get the full experience out of it."

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- Carl Thomas

Tri Chi

Bonding as a Club

Kaitie Scott

"It's been so amazing to see what God is doing in and through our club," said Tri Chi spring Chaplain Chelsea Ariola, a junior early childhood education major from Springdale.

Tri Chi made many more great memories through Tiger Tunes, service projects and other events.

The fall semester began full swing with 80s TWIRP night. "I love 80s TWIRP because it's an excuse to tease my hair, wear leggings and dance with all my friends," said Anna Sikes, a sophomore Christian studies major from Conway.

From 80s TWIRP night to their Tiger Tunes "Tri Chi Circus" performance, members became closer through the long nights of practices. Although it was a stressful time, looking back it was worth the comical memories and newfound friendships.

"I loved getting to spend so much time with my sisters and create lasting memories with them," said McCall Guttridge, a sophomore early childhood education major from Denison, Texas.

"One of my favorite parts of Tunes was singing the TC song in front of Cone-Bottoms each night after the show," Guttridge said.

Tri Chi was also very involved in philanthropy events.

"A favorite philanthropy project of mine was the Breakfast with Santa fundraiser at Arkansas Children's Hospital," said fall Philanthropy Chair Shelby Pierceall, a senior dietetics and nutrition major from Mabelvale.

"It was such a happy, fun day and such a great way to spend our day serving and focusing on something bigger than ourselves," Pierceall said.

Another favorite service event the Tri Chis were involved in was Tiger Serve Day. "The best part was that it reminded us of the fact that others are so much more important to serve than ourselves," said Erin Cheshire, a freshman music education major from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Pierceall organized a Sisterhood Retreat in the fall at Family Farm.

"It was so memorable to me because this was one of the first events that we got to come together as a club with our new pledge class," Ariola said.

Ariola was voted by the club to be chaplain in the spring. She led weekly devotions first thing during Monday meetings.

"I look at it as a chance to walk with 108 other sisters in their relationship with Christ," said Ariola.

"It isn't just me teaching them things that I have learned, but also them teaching me," Ariola said.

Tri Chi was able to go on a fall outing to Branson, Mo., and a spring outing to Nashville, Tenn.

"I loved that I got to hang out with all my new sisters and just explore Nashville," said Bonnie Magee, a freshman accounting major from Conway.

"The most hilarious part was getting stuck in traffic and almost running out of gas, so I drove on the shoulder for 10 miles with flashers on," Magee said.

"These are the girls I laugh, cry, pray and grow with," said Kristyn Davis, a sophomore Christian studies major from Gosnell.

From bonding over Tiger Tunes practices to catching up at pledge class dinners on Monday evenings, Tri Chi continued to make lifelong memories and more importantly lifelong friendships.

"We really are like one big family and I love knowing that I can and will always be able to count on my sisters now and years to come," Davis said.

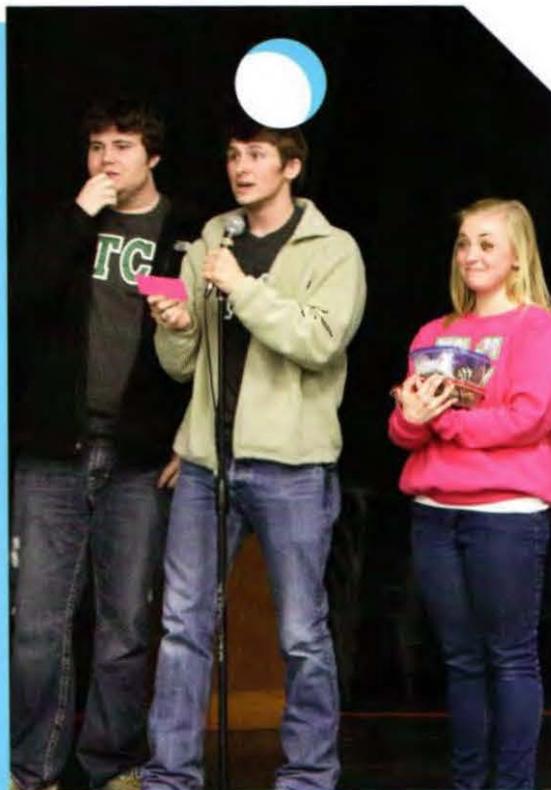
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Tri Chi beaus, sophomores Tyler Davis and Logan Kuhn, auction off freshman Emily Harris's dessert at the TC desert auction. *photo by: Heather Ellis*

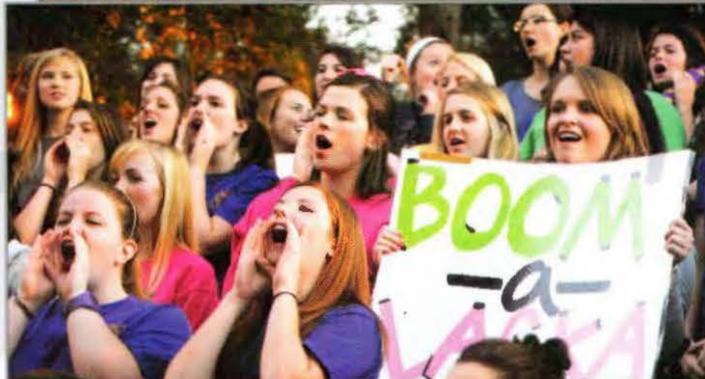
Tri Chi pledges release their pink balloons into the air on Bid Day in January. Releasing the balloons was a Tri Chi tradition. *photo by: Heather Ellis*



Tri Chis laugh as desserts are auctioned off at their dessert auction. The auction was a fundraiser for the club. *photo by: Heather Ellis*



New Tri Chi pledges run from Francis Crawford to meet their new club members on Bid Day. Pledges dressed in club colors to show their club love and spirit. *photo by: Heather Ellis*



The women of Tri Chi cheer on the Tigers at a football pep rally. Clubs made spirit posters to support the team. *photo by: Kacey Westerman*





Students were not only blessed with the amazing Ouachita community on campus, but they were also blessed with an amazing community outside these walls. The Arkadelphia community was always willing to sponsor events and help Ouachita in every way possible. In the summer, businesses helped the admissions staff with New Student Retreat's Amazing Race, which was a way to get incoming freshmen familiar with the town. The night before the fall semester began, Spotlight on Arkadelphia showcased local businesses on the bridge by The Village. From events such as Tiger Traks to purchasing advertising in student publications, the community showed its willingness to partner with the university and

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Junior Aaron McDonald talks with employees from Domino's Pizza in Heflin Plaza at Spotlight on Arkadelphia. Local business set up tables all along the bridge to give out promotional materials to students.

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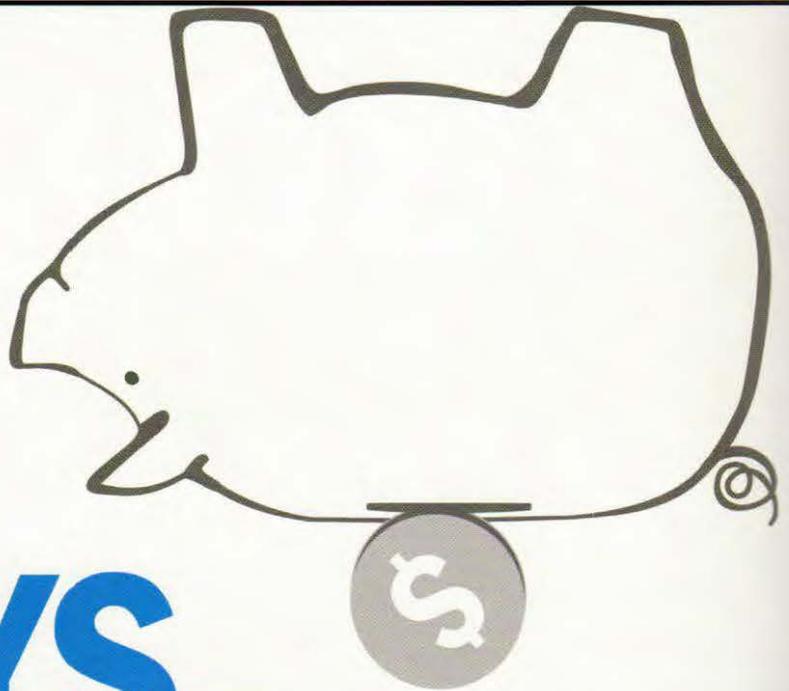
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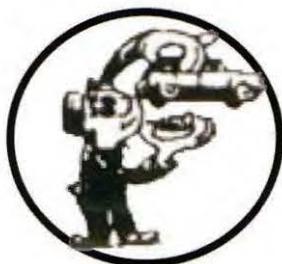


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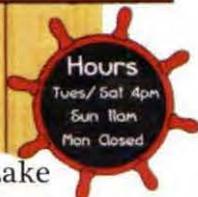
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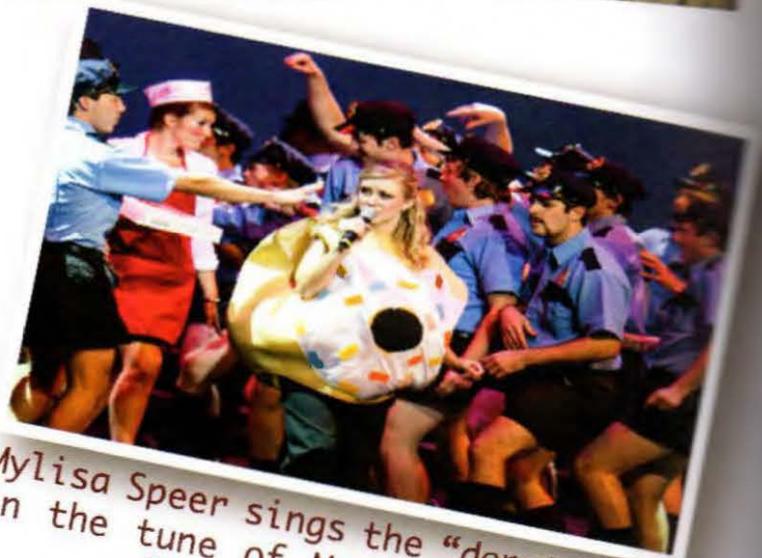
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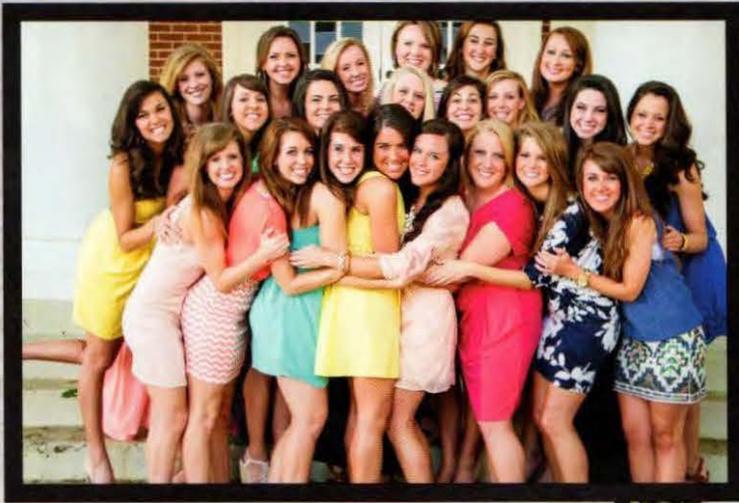


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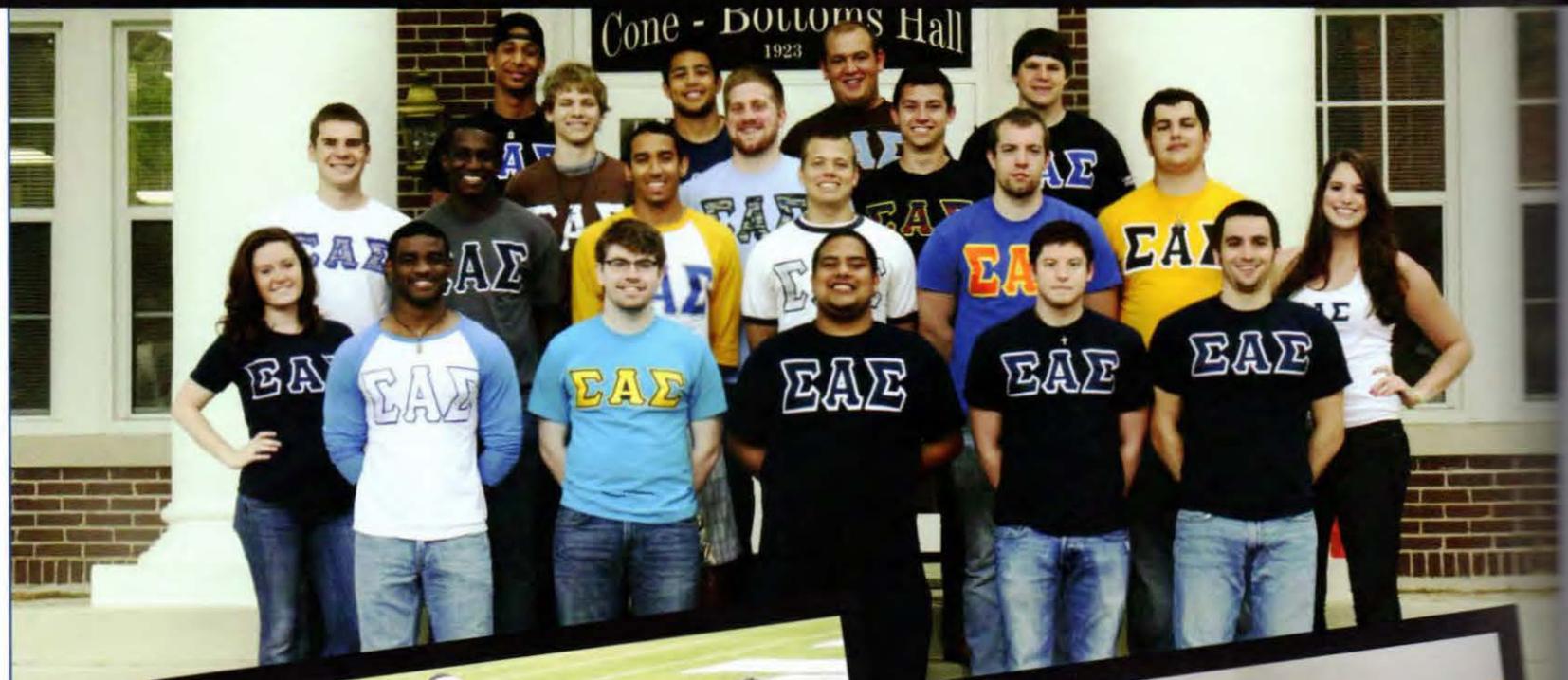


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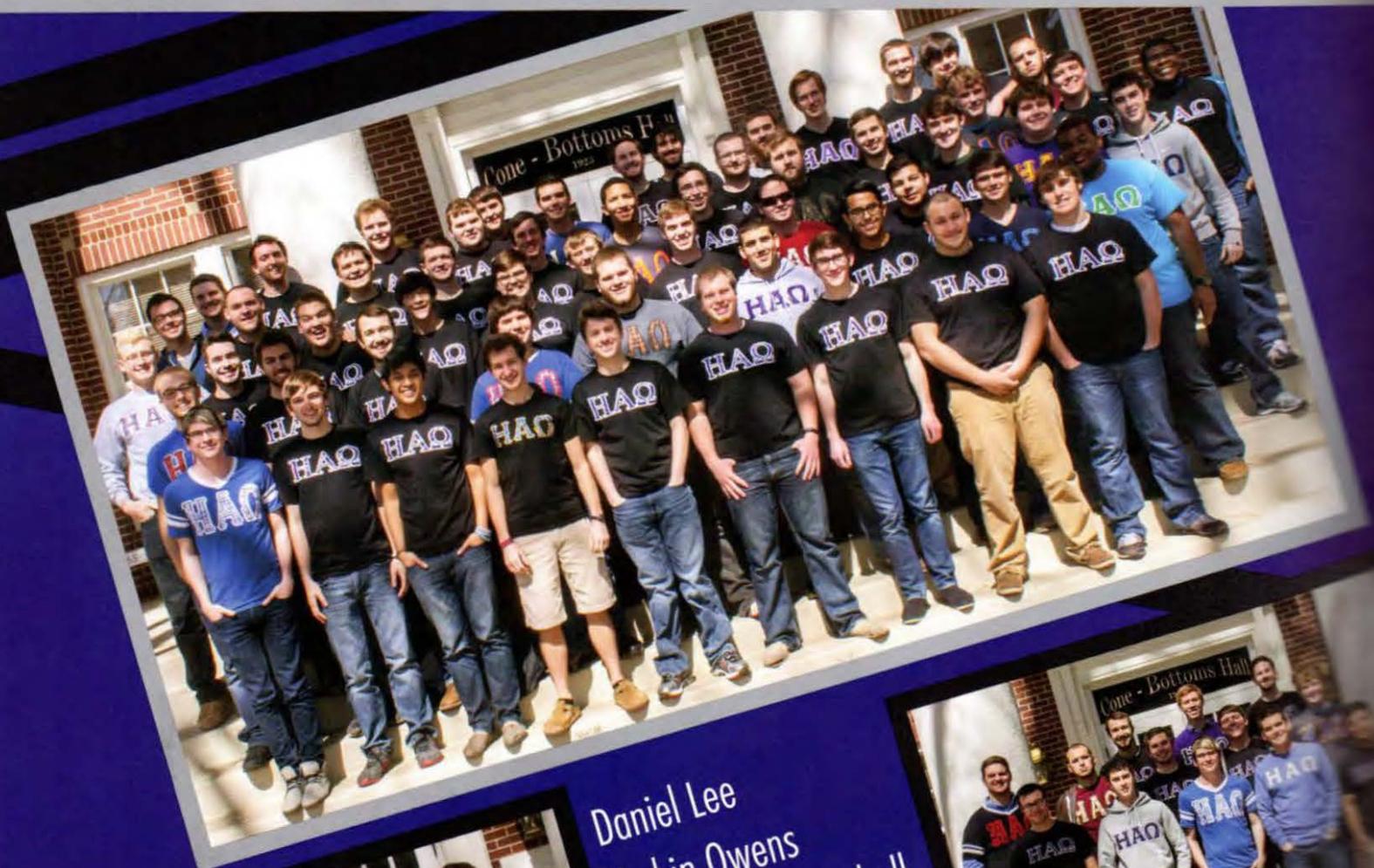
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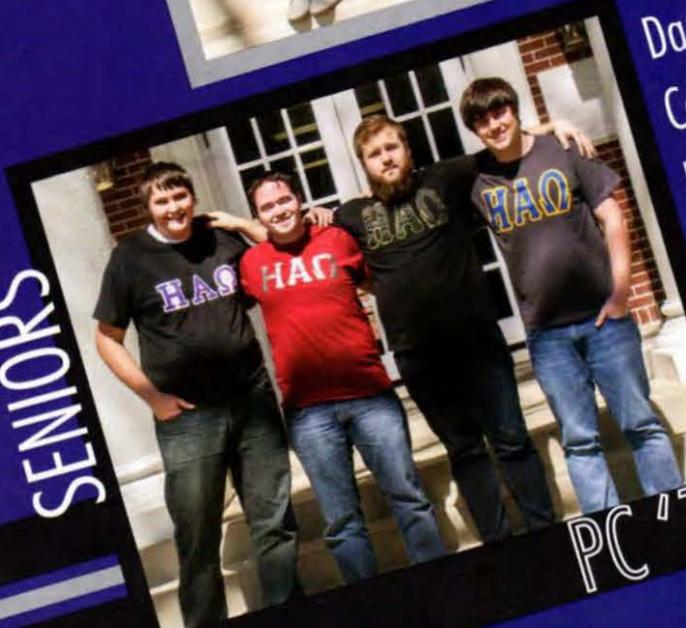
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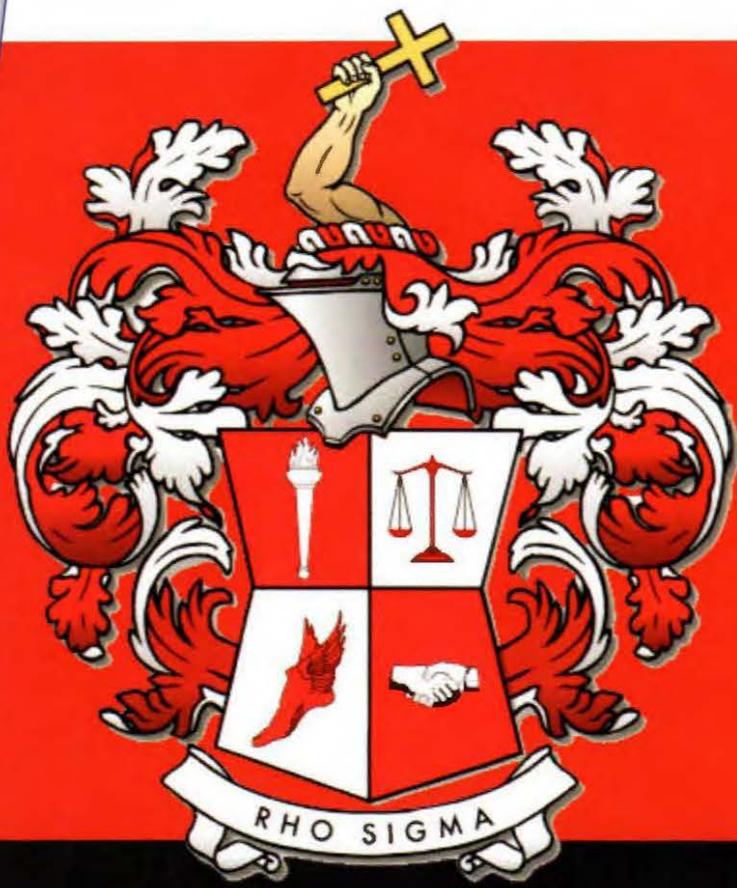


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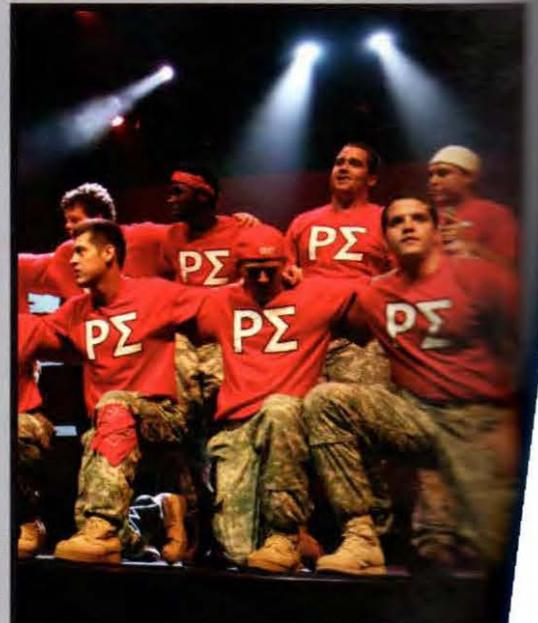
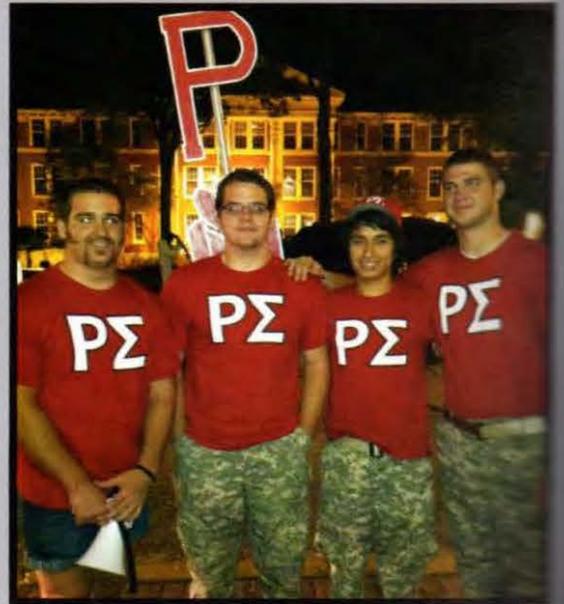
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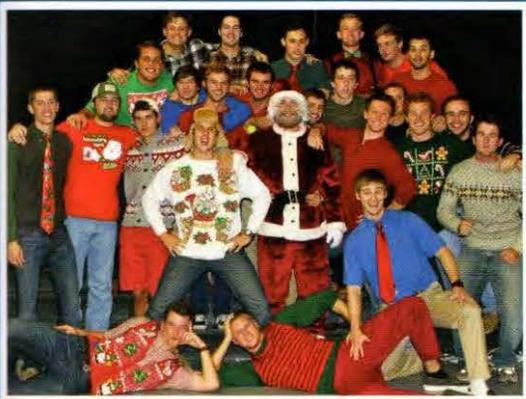


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Hey guys!

I'm sure you all hate that greeting, since I used it in every single email I sent! And I sent a lot of those! This year has been amazing and such an adventure! From the beginning of August when I had an epiphany for the look of the cover to July when you guys were still coming into the office to finish up pages. It has been a crazy ride, but I have loved every minute.

Family: Thank you for being there to listen to all my problems and welcome me with open arms after my month-long disappearances into my school-work. I love you guys, and I am so blessed to have you all in my life!

Rebekah, Kelsi & Mallory: I love all of you, and I am so thankful that I had a suite this year who listened to my complaints about this roller coaster I call yearbook. Thank you so much for being so understanding, and my hope is that next year I won't have to miss any friend time because of this job. I could not have handled this year without such a great support group. I love you guys and the rest of the gang!!

Aly: I'm glad we got to do the yearbook workshop in Searcy together. We had lots of laughs and it was a great start to the year. Your section looks awesome! Thank you so much for tracking everyone down for quotes and pictures, I know that wasn't fun!

Hannah: You worked so hard and went over your hours! I'm sorry all of your pages piled into the last deadline. It just kind of works that way with the clubs section! Trust me, I remember from the past two years! And thank you for coming back in the summer!

Faith: We have been so blessed to have you on staff this year. Thank you so much for being willing to do any little jobs we had for the book! You're an amazing person, and I know that you'll go far in this field!

Ben: Thank you so much for your work on the sports section. Without you, we wouldn't know what to do! Thank you for tracking down coaches for the highlights. Those may have seemed like a lot of extra work for nothing, but that was one of my favorite parts of the section.

Tori: Thank you for working on the ads. They look great! Thanks for helping me all year long. I loved your strategy with the yearbooks we had to mail out in the fall. We were able to stuff those envelopes in just a few afternoons! Much more efficient than years past. I am glad you were able to use the skill set you learned from your summer internship, and I'm sorry for being so stubborn about the ads! I hope you enjoyed your experience.

Jake: I am so glad that I threw you into the academic section this year. I know it was not the most fun section to edit, but I think you did an awesome job! I know it was much different than what you were doing before, but I

wanted to put you in something new. I hope you learned a few things, and I look forward to having such a hard worker once again!

Practicum: Trust me when I say we couldn't have done this without you! Without all of you, the ad runs and yearbook distributions and picture sign-ups and articles would not have gotten done and we would not have a book. I thank all of you for doing such a great job and being patient with me. I hope you guys will come back and hang out with us again for some more yearbook fun. Or whatever you call it!

Nicole: My staff bring the words and layouts to the book. You guys complete this book with your photography. We can literally say that we would not have a book without you. You have been such an amazing help, and I have enjoyed becoming friends this year.

Tanner: Thank you for your reassurance and advice on my layouts and stuff outside of work. I look up to you, and I hope to be as great a leader as you. And it wouldn't hurt for me to inherit your organization skills and perfect handwriting, too! I look forward to having to put up with you for another semester.

The other Tanner: Well, you were right. This job is stressful! Thank you for believing in me and throwing me into this adventure. You helped me with my layouts and you gave me confidence. As scary as it was, I'm glad I was able to follow in your footsteps!

Natasha: Thanks for all of your help and guidance. Without you, this book would fall apart. I loved getting to know you at the workshop last summer. Thanks for always being willing to help me!

Dr. Deb: Wow. This book would be a disaster without your guidance. I owe you so much for all of the countless hours you spent helping us with our pages. I think after a whole year I now know what I need to do! I hope next year I can relieve some of your stress by not procrastinating and by working much harder than I have this year. I have learned so many lessons, and most of the credit goes to you. I appreciate all you have done for us and am looking forward to an even better year with you and the yearbook staff next year. It's time for round two!

I was very hesitant about taking this job. I was skeptical that I was the right person. I had no experience in designing anything and I hadn't led a team in anything remotely close to this daunting of a task. In the end, I took the job because I knew I had a great team behind me and that you guys would make it happen. You all were the heart of this operation, and I cannot wait to see what next year will bring when I see all of your smiling faces again in August!

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As I look back on the past four years, I can't think of any experience that has given me as many opportunities and as many great memories as being Photo Editor. I can't believe my time here at OBU is over, but I'm so thankful for the person I am because of everything that Ouachita is.

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Kristen: I am constantly in awe of your heart for Jesus and others. You continually inspire me to be better. You have everything that it takes to be a successful Photo Editor—embrace this year and enjoy the moments (no matter how stressful), because this will be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. So proud of you!

Work-Study: Thank you so much for your hard work and for always being willing to help at the last minute. Because of all of you, I have had the most wonderful two years as editor! You all have so much talent & I know you will go far. Good luck!

Practicum: Thank you for your hard work and always putting up with my scattered emails and crazy schedule. You have helped us create a great yearbook and even better memories!

To my EST friends, the Communications department and the Art department, all of my friends and professors I have encountered here at OBU: thank you. Because of each of you I am walking away with so much more than I ever imagined. I have been so blessed to serve this university and it will forever hold a special place in my heart.

- Nicole

#SPEAKNOW

Now is the time to speak. We cannot wait for someone else to speak our minds or wait until the future when we are more “mature” or “well-learned” or have “seen the world.” We must do it now, because we’re not sure we will get this chance again. What we do with our time at Ouachita Baptist University forms our character. We must speak in the present, through words and actions, because what we do now decides who we will be in the future. Now is the time.





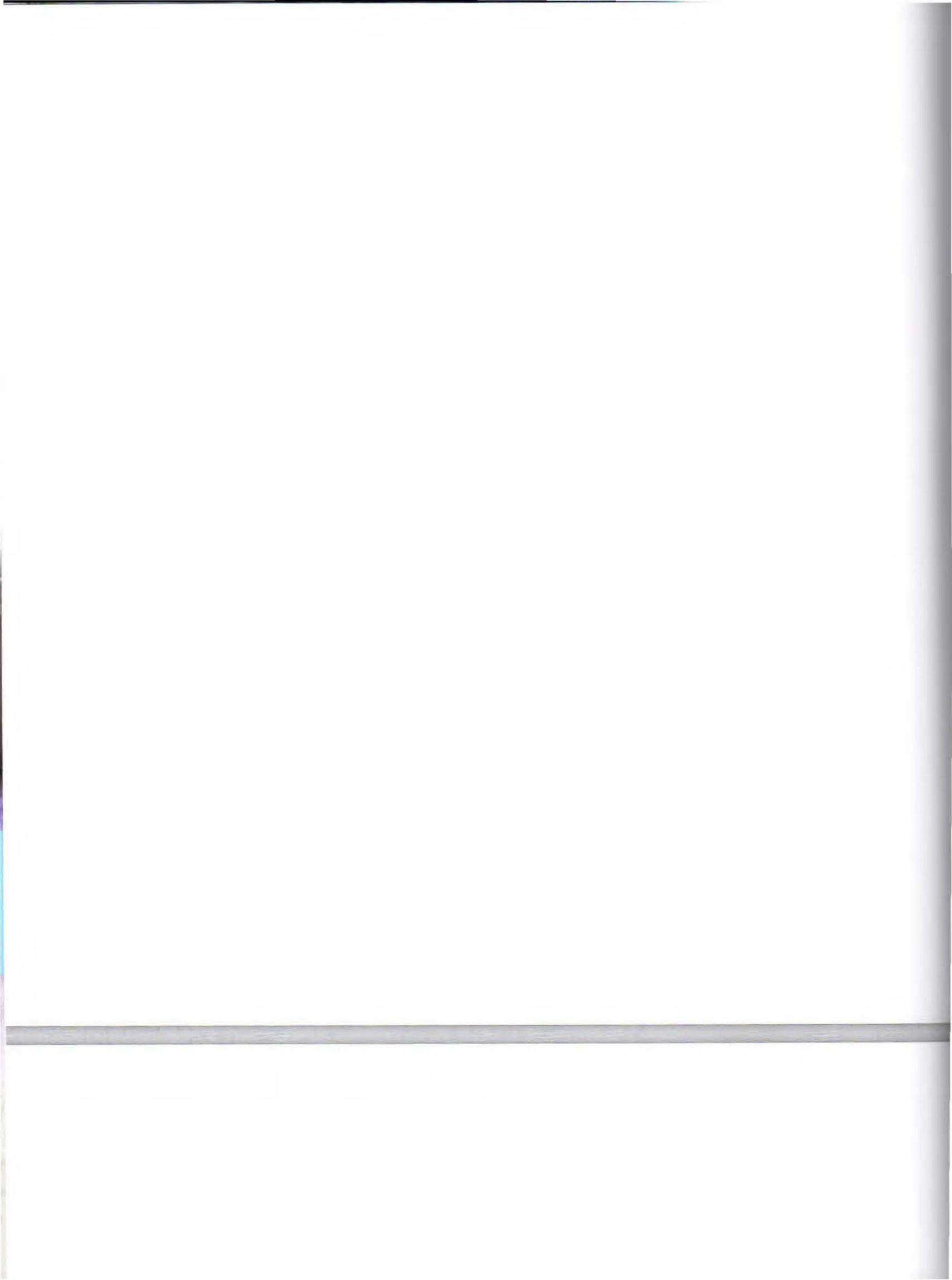


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