



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.

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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 the Black and White Reception. 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.

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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.

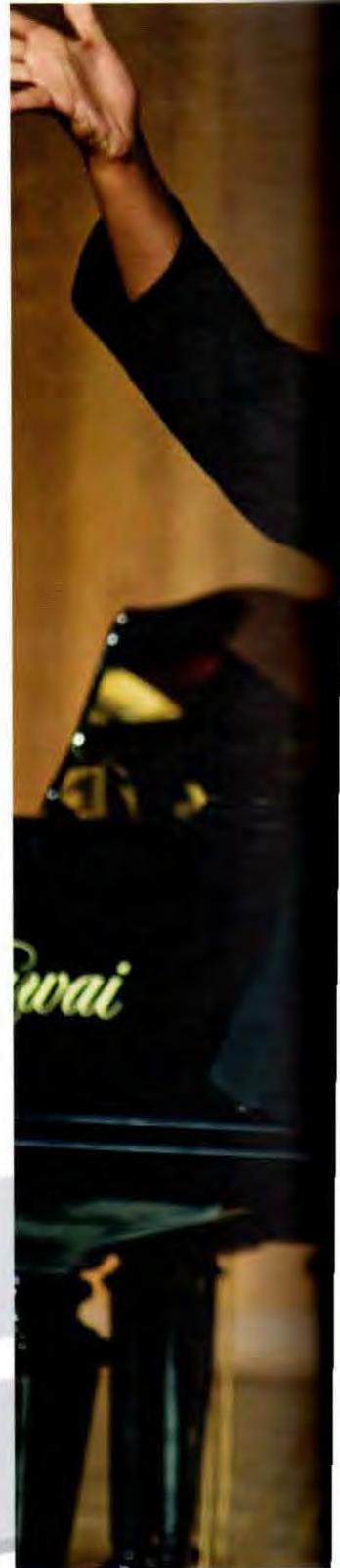
The unity that music provided through the organizations proved that when people share a common interest and goal one can build lifelong friendships.

"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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Junior Josh Wayne participates in the spoof recital. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*

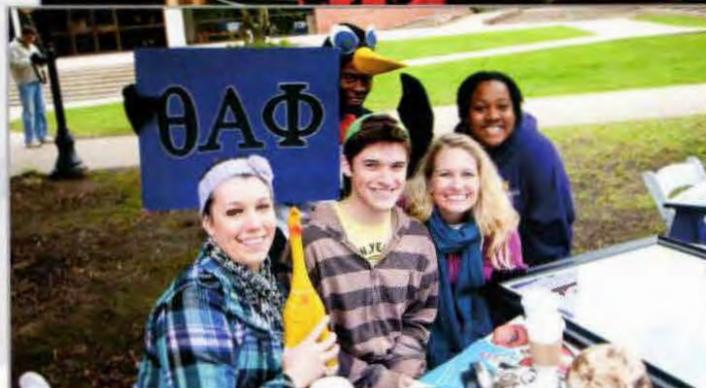
Sophomore Jalen Wesley performs a song during the spoof recital. Members of Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha put on a recital full of silly acts. *photo by: Tyler Rosenthal*



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 Kayia 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 to promote the new Caribbean 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 on 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 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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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*

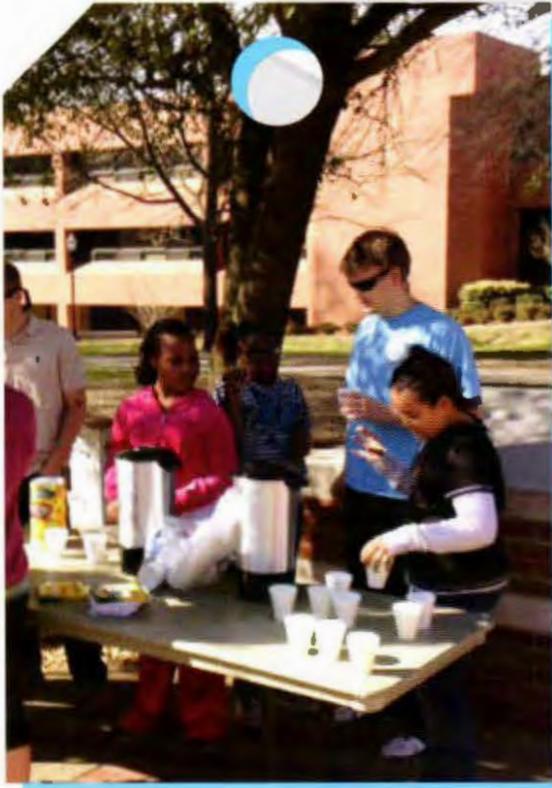
Senior Judith Brizuela, junior Jared Whisenhunt and senior Brittney Jones present their Enactus presentation during Scholars Day. The OBU Enactus team was recognized with the top 60 teams in the US at nationals in May. *photo courtesy of: Taylor McKinney*



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 with 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.

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- 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*

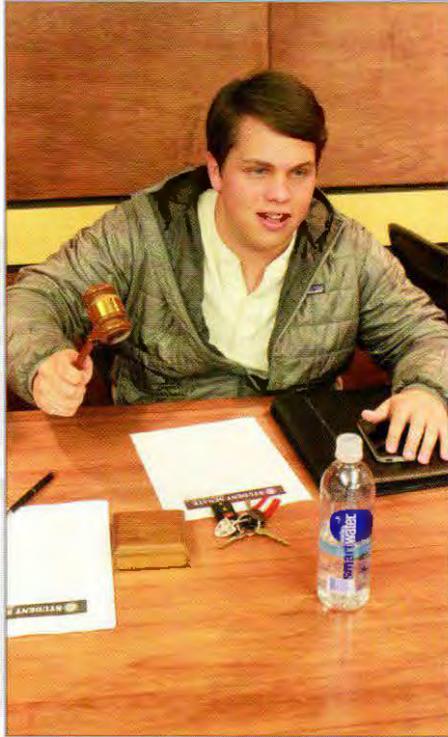


Senior Ryan James puts paint on new OSF members' fingers so they can stamp the OSF rock. This was a tradition to welcome the new members. *photo by: Heather Ellis*

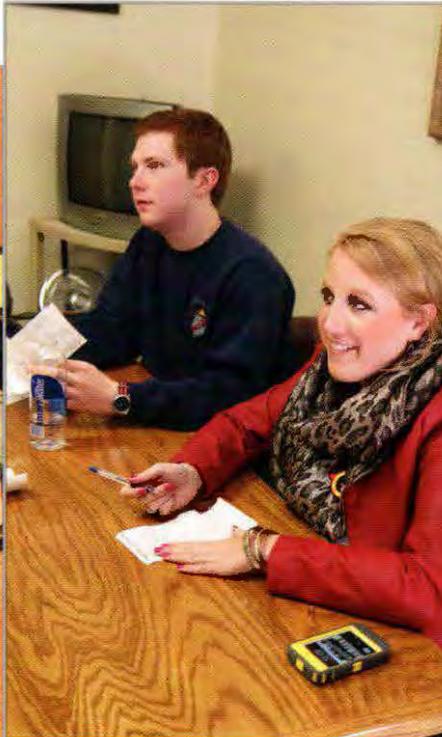


Juniors Kirstin Changose and Jacob Catlett explain the rules of the raft race during Tiger Traks. At Traks, students competed in teams of eight doing various mental and physical activities. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*

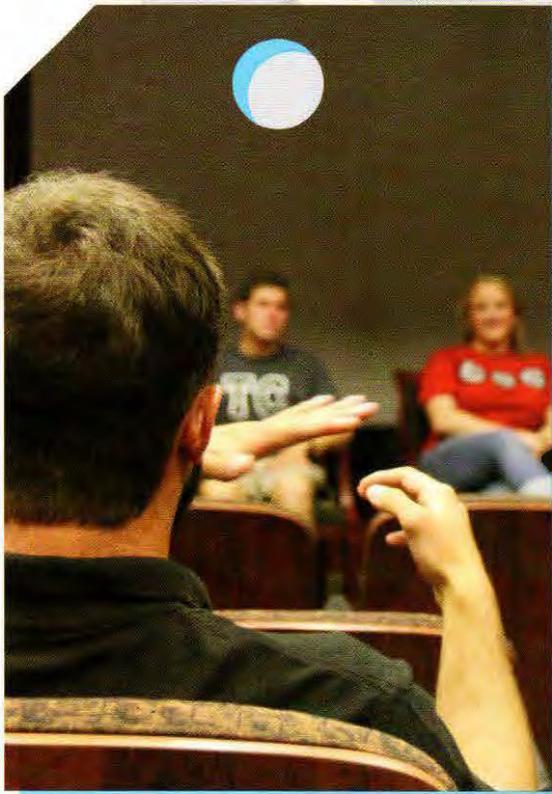
Junior Justin Young, Student Senate president, opens the weekly meeting. Senate met in the boardroom on the Evans Student Center Bridge on Tuesday evenings. *photo by: Morgan Morehead*



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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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.

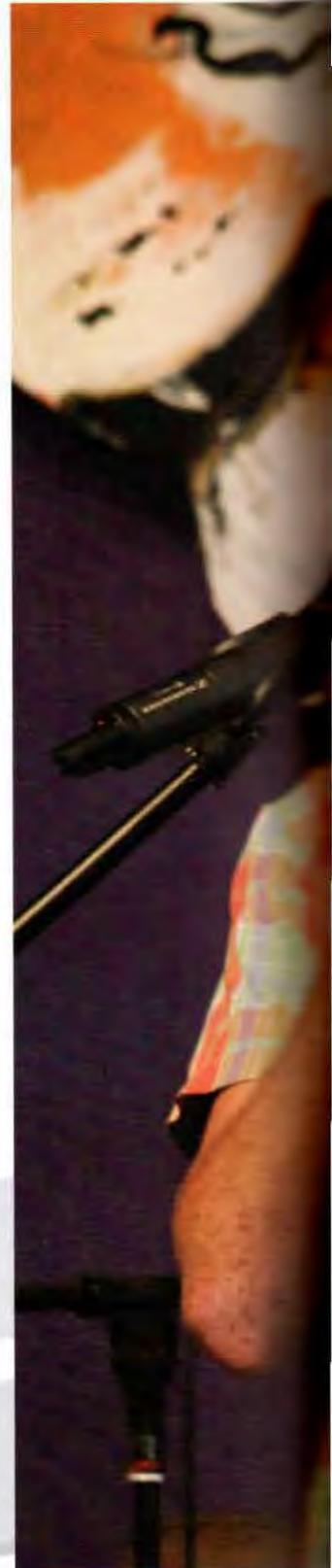
A St. Patrick's Day themed coffeehouse also took place in the student center in the spring complete with appropriately themed refreshments, music, and even some river dancing.

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 Frnk. 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*

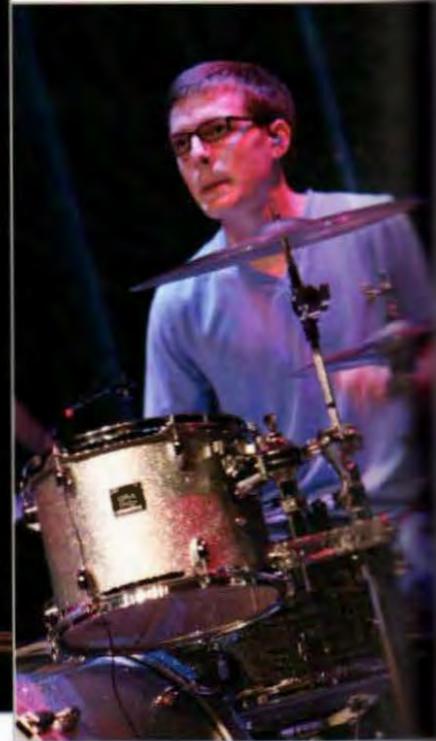
Freshmen Bonnie Magee and Maci Lewis pack up a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Students met on the bridge of Evans Student Center to pack shoeboxes with small toys and toiletries to send to children in need. *photo by: Lacey Brooks*



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. *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."

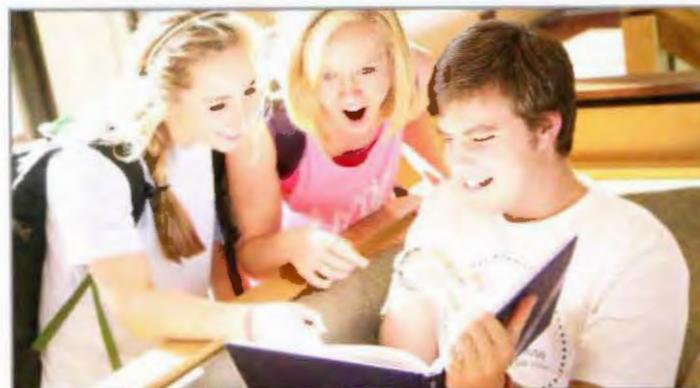
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Senior Rachel Gilmer films senior Tanner Ward during a press conference. The publication staffs often worked together on various projects. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*

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 Abby 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 Bratton*

CLUB PHILANTHROPY

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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 and 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 interests, 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 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.

Who 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 and worked 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 Jonathan 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 Ouachitonians. 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 photo booth 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."

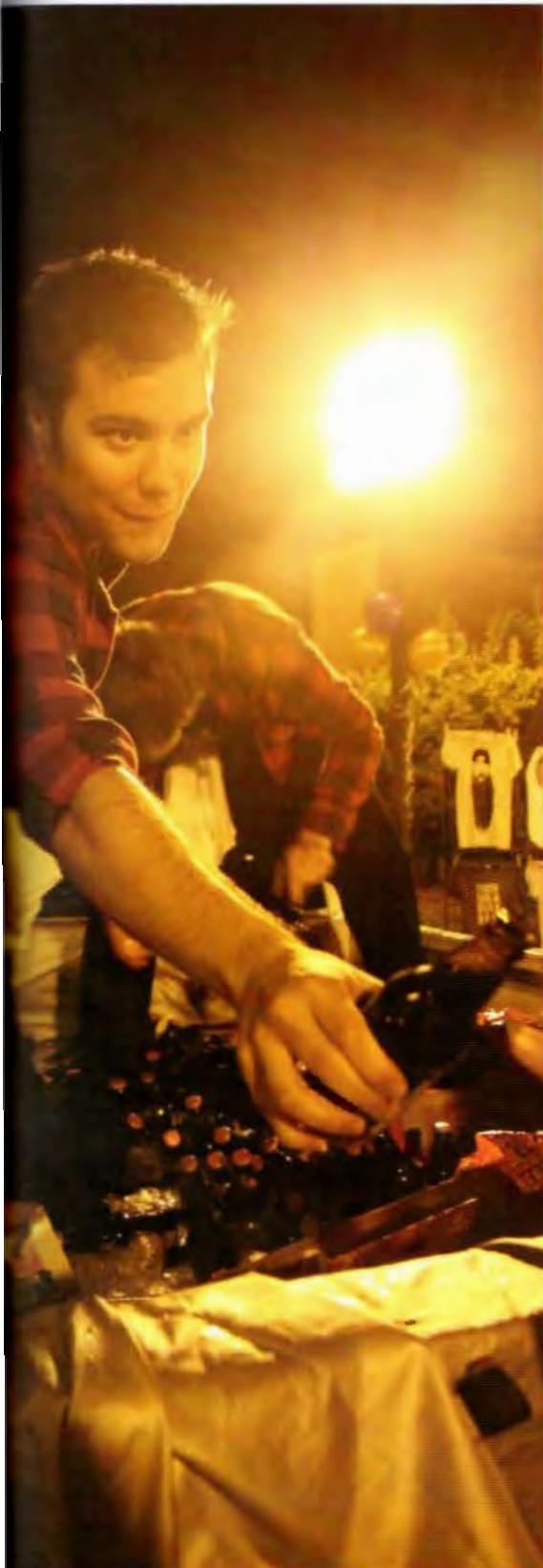
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Sophomores Wade Stotts and Blake Martin serve chili dogs for lunch during Homecoming Week. Social clubs hosted different activities during the week.
photo by: Jason Pullano

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*

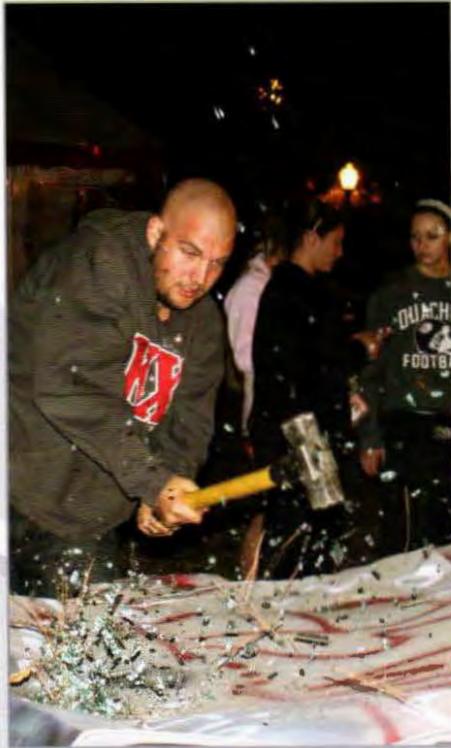


Freshmen Ben Adcock, Josh Rubin and Sam Beary serve root beer floats at the Eta float night. The float night was held on the Evans Student Center Bridge. *photo by: Kelly Ferguson*



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*

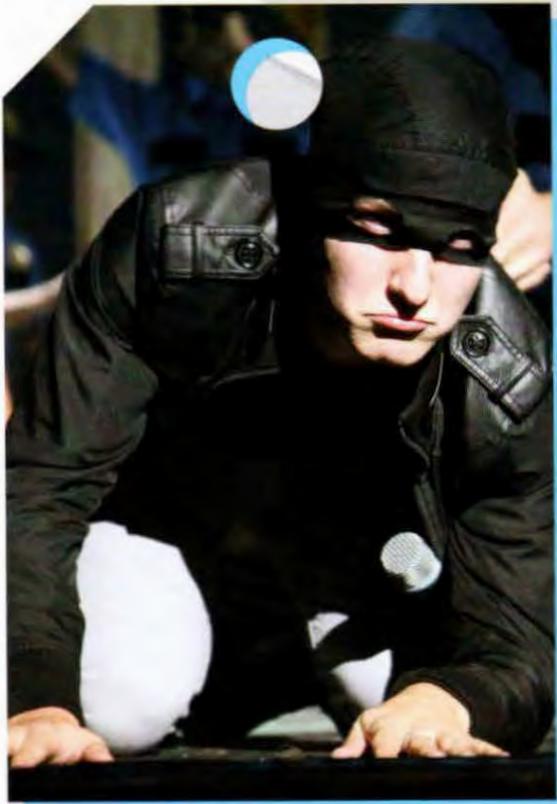
Senior Thomas Judkins hits the car with a sledge hammer during the Kappa Chi car bash. The Kappas sponsored this event during Battle of the Ravine week. *photo by: CJ Barnard*



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."

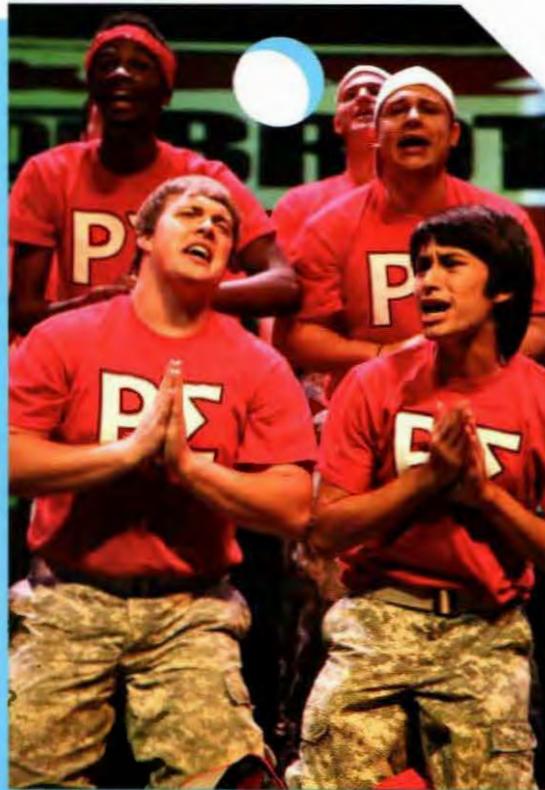
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The Rho Sigmas perform in Tiger Tunes as "The Men of Rho Sigma." This was the first time the club had performed at Tiger Tunes in a few years. *photo by: Nicole McPhate*

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*

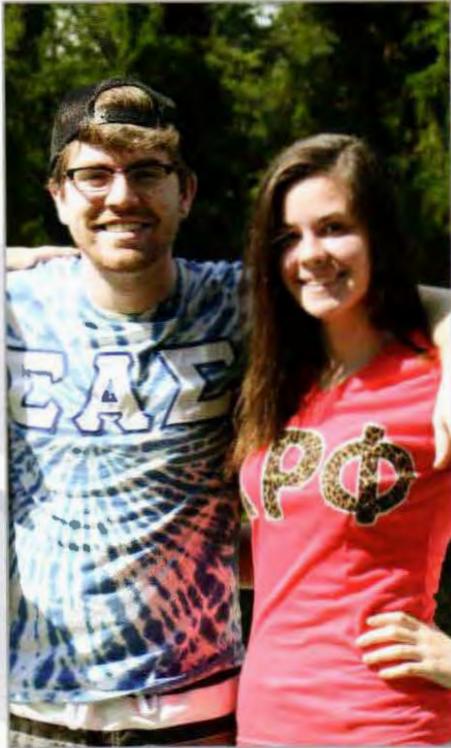


Girls bid on sophomore Hal Hoggard at the Rho Sigma date auction. The auction was a fundraiser for the club. *photo by: Kristen Barnard*



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 members 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*

Sigma Alpha Sigma

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 littles 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 carmel-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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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.

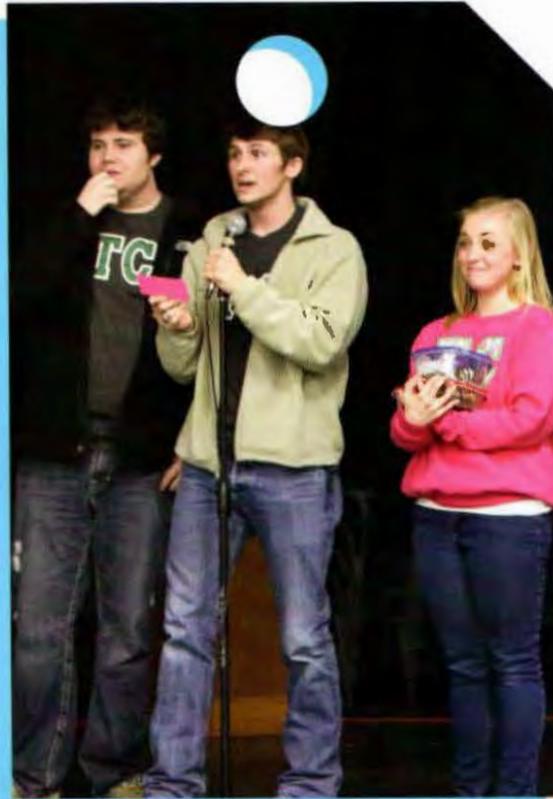
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Tri Chi beaus, sophomores Tyler Davis and Logan Kuhn, auction off freshman Emily Harris's dessert at the TC desert auction. *photo by: Heather Ellis*



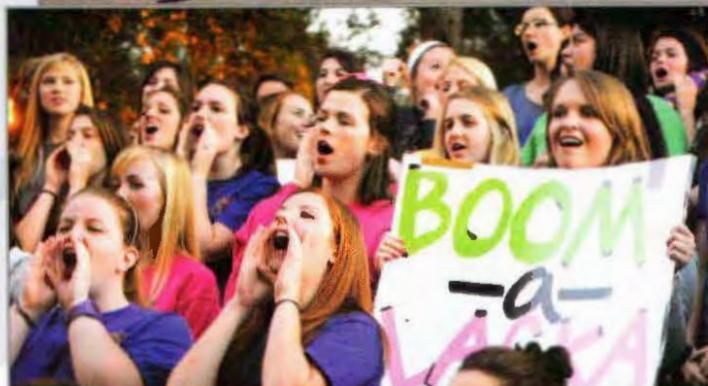
Tri Chi pledges release their pink balloons into the air on Bid Day in January. Releasing the balloons was a Tri Chi tradition. *photo by: Heather Ellis*



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*