

**GOING TO SEE THE WIZARD--**During a Chi Delta rush party with the theme "The Wizard of Oz", Connie McWilliams plays the part of the scarecrow. Several rush parties preceded pledge week.

**SPRINKLE, SPRINKLE--**On a sunny afternoon, Marcina Dunn studies outside of the HSU library. For students convenience, the OBU library was open on Saturday, and the HSU library was open on Sunday.



Johnson

**TRIVIAL PURSUIT--**On a slow afternoon, Mendy Adams and Alyson Dickerman play each other in Trivial Pursuit. The two students lived in Flippen-Perrin Dormitory.



Johnson



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**INS**  
 AND  
**OUTS**  
 O • F  
 People

In the  
 midst of  
**Turmoil**  
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Four years  
 filled with  
**Change**  
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# Making Ends Meet

**A**ll kinds of faces from all kinds of places was an appropriate description of our campus. Arkansans met Texans. Brazilians met Chinese.

Our accents were different and our skin color was different. We had all come from varied cultures and had somehow wound up here, in the same place. Once we arrived, there was no doubt that we had found where we belonged. There was no doubt that we were all Ouachitonians.

Each off us had different opinions about fashion, music— please, no more New Kids on the Block— politics, and even religion. Our priorities were different; our backgrounds were different. From one end of the earth to the other, we all came together, making ends meet.

People

Students lead in  
recommitment to

## Nature

• EARTH DAY •

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Knives, hoops, fire...  
she's simply

## Dazzling

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Faculty with children  
are truly working

## Overtime

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**CONCENTRATING ON CARVING,**  
 Jay Beard works on a Jack-o-  
 lantern for his Public School Arts  
 and Crafts class. The class often  
 included seasonal projects.

**NO MORE PLASTIC ARMY MEN...**  
 Conlan Efurd and John Knaus  
 learn about national defense.  
 This experience came through  
 the military science program.



Lennox Adams/  
 Stubbs, St. Vincent  
 Barbara Adkins/  
 Texarkana, TX  
 Mona Aldridge/Arkadelphia  
 Jana Allcock/Hope  
 David Anderson/Gurdon

Mark Ashford/Nashville  
 Dana Baggett/  
 Germantown, TN  
 Sharon Baggett/  
 Stephenville, TX  
 Cynthia Baldwin/  
 South Bend, IN  
 William Baxter/N. Little Rock

John Bayer/  
 San Jose, Costa Rica  
 Mardy Beam/  
 Creston, B.C. Canada  
 Jay Beard/Jonesboro  
 Mitch Bettis/Arkadelphia  
 Cynthia Billings/  
 San Antonio, TX



# Senior class officers

The Senior Class Officers were Robin Felts, senate representative; Kimberly Steed, secretary; Rachel Wallace, treasurer; Darrell Potts, senate representative; Andy Plagens, senate representative; Jay Beard, senate representative; Jeff Noble, president; and, not pictured, Ken Gibson, vice-president.



Rachel Bishop/Titusville, FL  
Rhonda Blackford/Marion  
Elizabeth Brackin/  
Hot Springs  
Cindy Bradford/Arkadelphia  
Lisa Brookhuis/  
Greenwood, MI

Alex Brookhuis/  
Greenwood, MI  
Patti Bryant/Searcy  
Jennifer Burchfield/Crossett  
Audrey Burton/Mabelvale  
Suzanne Bushmiaer/Stuttgart

Janet Butler/  
Hot Springs Village  
Letitia Campbell/Little Rock  
Wendy Canterbury/  
Little Rock  
Frankie Carpenter/Jessieville  
Kim Casey/Heth

# The professional student

**S**ome thought it had to be their life calling. Whether it was a failing grade in one class, an undecided major, or multiple majors, there was often something that kept students coming back one more time.

Although Ouachita was considered to be a four-year university, some found it to be a five and even six year institution.

The reasons why students stayed five years or more varied. Some found it impossible to complete the graduation requirements within the standard four-year time frame. Others repeated certain courses to improve their grades. Some students changed their major so many times that it took an extra year to finish their final choice of degrees. Others chose to seek more than one major, and even more than one degree.

Such was the case for Mark Christie, who majored in English and communications.

"I thought that it was worth

staying an extra year in order to get both degrees," said Christie. "I also got the chance to do things that I wouldn't have been able to do in four years, such as be the editor of the Signal."

Despite their reasons, students increasingly found it not only necessary, but also beneficial to stay a year, if not two extra. For instance, it was Joe Cathey's extra time that allowed him to meet his fiancé. After five years of school, Joe was classified as a junior with a double major.

"I think the extra time in school broadened my horizons in both history and political science and gave me a better view of world events. It also let me meet my wife," said Cathey.

To avoid graduating late,

some students tried to clep out of classes. They also went to summer school or took overloads during the fall and spring semesters.

Some worried that their occupation may always be that of a professional student, and could even imagine a building on campus named after them. Others realized that a four-year degree might have been a rather unrealistic ideal.

Many found that an extra semester or even an extra year of school was not all bad. That time might have made all the difference in the world to their future.

--by Daphne Davis

## REPEAT CUSTOMER

Joe Cathey waits in line at registration yet another year. A double major was the main factor in his long stay.



**TIME WELL SPENT**  
Mark Christie and Bob Ocken proudly display the award-winning Signal. The two, who both overstayed their four years, were rewarded through their leadership positions.





Miranda Childs/Arkadelphia  
Mark Christie/Pangburn  
Nancy Clark/Camden



Jamie Coffelt/Little Rock  
Lisa Coleman/Cabot  
Joan Curry/Star City



James Daniell/Arkadelphia  
Jerry Daniels/Hot Springs  
Ibis Dantas/Manaus, Brazil



Carol Darr/Mansfield  
Teresa Davenport/Lonoke  
Deborah Davis/Texarkana



Ina Kay Davis/Arkadelphia  
Andy Dean/Germantown, TN  
Jed Densman/Kilgore, TX



Elmer de Paula/Belem, Brazil  
Danell DiBartolo/Pine Bluff  
Jennifer Easter/Little Rock



Cowlan Efurd/Greenwood  
Holly Feltman/Hughes  
Robin Felts/Haughton, LA

**BRINGING THEM IN,**  
 Chris Norris answers a prospective student's questions about Ouachita. Chris got a job as an Admissions Counselor.

**DEEP IN THOUGHT,**  
 Mark Christie prepares a devotional. Mark started work as the BSU Outreach Coordinator upon graduating.



Cathey

Donald Fincher/N. Little Rock  
 Jacqueline Flemming/  
 N. Little Rock  
 Jo Ford/Hope  
 Lydia Fowler/Paragould  
 Charles Fregenu/Arkadelphia

Ricky Gales/Carlisle  
 Tracie Garner/Havana  
 Justin Gilbert/Jackson, TN  
 Michelle Greer/Hot Springs  
 Sarah Grigson/Prairie Grove



# A world as real as it gets

**T**he "real world" for some graduates was a rude awakening. After getting a degree, most students didn't anticipate such a problem finding a "real job." Competition was stiff, so they had to take what they could get.

So what do you want to be when you grow up?

It was a question heard from kindergarten through the rest of a person's life, but its answer was never quite as important as it was in college. After four years of going to class and studying, the time finally came to find a place to put it all to use.

For some the answer was more school— law school, medical school, graduate school, etc. But for others, the real job was finding a real job— no more lawn mowing, no more work study, no more life-guarding— a real job.

Many students began their search early in their senior year. Help could be found from professors, campus recruiters, or the Tiger Network. Other students

waited until later in the year, some even after graduation.

Some seniors didn't have to leave campus to find jobs. Chris Norris, Robin Felts and Mark Christie got jobs working for OBU. Chris and Robin were hired to work in admissions counseling while Mark was hired as the Baptist Student Union Outreach Coordinator.

Some graduates weren't so lucky. They had to take whatever job they could get as they continued in their quest for a real job. Darrell Potts took a job as a waiter at Bennigan's in Little Rock. Jay Beard also found a temporary job in Little Rock. He was working for American Eagle Outfitter in Park Plaza Mall.

Even the ones that did find

real jobs found them to be not as glamorous as they had anticipated. Candy Meredith worked in Little Rock with teenage girls who were having emotional problems. Although this job didn't make her very happy, she felt needed by these troubled teens.

Finally, there were of course those students who were delaying the inevitable. That is to say they continued their schooling rather than looking for a job. Daniel Sweet went on to seminary in Fort Worth, while Justin Gilbert pursued a law degree.

Even though most of these students had long since decided what they wanted to be when they grew up, they quickly realized that they had to be given the job opportunity first. They were finally out in the "real world."



Cathey



Kevin Haney/Van Buren  
David Harris/Nashville  
Paul Harrison/Hughes  
Stanley Hart/Kensett  
Stephanie Hartsfield/  
San Antonio, TX

Victoria Heard/Arkadelphia  
Kelly Heaton/Hot Springs  
Wendy Heaton/Hot Springs  
Audrey Hendricks/Ft. Smith  
Leslie Herring/Little Rock

Dan Hill/Mt. Vernon, IN  
 Jeffrey Hinkle/Fort Smith  
 Lisa Hoggard/Little Rock  
 Michael Holcomb/Beebe



Richard Holland/Fort Smith  
 Glenn Hudnall/West Memphis  
 Joel Humphrey/Hot Springs  
 Joseph Hurst/Mountain Home



Lopa Jackson/Beebe  
 Gary Johnson/Hope  
 Carrie Jones/Rogers  
 Mandy Jones/Batesville



Cheryl Kelley/N. Little Rock  
 Jonathan Kirk/Benton  
 Karen Knapp/Cabot  
 Jennifer Kuntz/Arkadelphia



Robert Lackie/Jacksonville  
 Sheila Leslie/Benton  
 Shelly Leslie/Benton  
 Lisa Long/Sheridan



Daniel Lynch/Hot Springs  
 Carmen Mahnker/ Little Rock  
 Cristina Maltez/ Rio de Janeiro  
 Charles Masher/Dardanelle



John McCuiston/ El Dorado  
 Gary McCartney/Conway  
 Connie McWilliams/El Dorado  
 Candace Meredith/Glenwood



# A tragic kind of Christmas

**N**ot everyone's Christmas was full of joy and peace. For Brenda Crowley going home meant going into a battle zone. She returned to Panama to find her white Christmas soon turned to red with the bloodshed of many of her friends

After months of winter, school work, and being away from family and friends, the time for college students to return home was usually an exciting, festive time. For some, however, this time was interrupted.

One group of friends, home in Panama City, Panama, left a party at midnight, already breaking the curfew given to Americans by the army. Driving toward their homes at Fort Amador in Panama, the boys stopped at an intersection. Gun shots were suddenly fired all around them, and American soldiers were arresting Panamanian police and soldiers left and right.

Flooring the gas pedal, the boys couldn't get out of this situation quickly enough. Desperate to find cover, they stopped at one boy's apartment. They spent the next two days and nights on the floor of the apartment calling families and just hoping to get home safely. Luckily, these boys were finally escorted home by Panama Canal officials once the initial fighting ended.

Two other college students at the same party were not so lucky. One was killed, and the other se-

verely wounded while trying to return home.

These few incidents happen to be the experiences of close friends of mine. For the past four years, Americans living in Panama have been subjected to unnecessary harassment. Servicemen were killed for no apparent reason. Americans who were involved in Panamanian politics disappeared. The safety of American people lessened and military tension reached new heights on a regular basis.

Four years of resentment and harassment exploded in the incident of December 1989. Former President Reagan and President Bush tried many different approaches in negotiating with Panamanian dictator General Manuel Noriega. He repeatedly thumbed his nose at all efforts and continued to challenge the American presence and influence in Panama.

Noriega is accused of being the leading drug trafficker in Central America. When his extravagant homes were searched, expensive paintings, statues and furniture were found in all the rooms. He had his

own private zoo, and the animals it included are believed to have been used in Satanic witchcraft sacrifices.

The action taken on December 20, 1989 at 1 a.m. was long overdue. Any other country would not have tolerated such mistreatment of its citizens. U.S. brought freedom to Panama with the invasion. It has been a positive move and has helped to establish the country economically.

Since 1979 when former President Jimmy Carter made his swift move in giving the Panama Canal back to Panama, the Panamanian government has taken over the railroad, highway maintenance, and many businesses in the canal zone.

Since the U.S. no longer had control of the highways, their condition had deteriorated. The railroad was non-functional as of about a year ago.

Time would only tell how Panamanians would improve their country; so far it had not been impressive. -by Brenda Crowley, who was home for the Christmas holidays during the conflict in Panama. Photos were taken by Brenda as well.

## PANAMA IN DISORDER

■ Dec. 20, 1989



**Dec. 20, 1989:** Bush orders American troops into combat in Panama. White House says the mission is to seize Manuel Noriega, to protect American lives, restore democracy and preserve the integrity of

Panama Canal. Armed resistance is quickly reduced, but Noriega eludes manhunt.

**Dec. 24, 1989:** Noriega seeks refuge at Vatican Embassy. Bush Administration demands he be turned

over to face drug charges.

**Jan. 3, 1990:** Noriega leaves the Vatican Embassy and turns himself over to U.S. authorities.

**Jan. 4, 1990:** Noriega is arraigned in Miami.

--Graphic by Jeff Christian



THE DESTRUCTION OF JOHNSON and Terrall Moore provided more parking for the women of Francis Crawford Dormitory. This was only one of the projects undertaken during the seniors four years.

SuLyn Miles/Wynne  
 Jon Miller/Hot Springs  
 Gary Mitchell/Nashville  
 Heath Mitchell/Benton  
 Lisa Moore/Mountain Home



Thomas Mosely/  
 Olive Branch, MS  
 Michelle Murphy/  
 Texarkana, TX  
 Angela Nation/Bentonville  
 Tracy Niven/Richardson, TX  
 Jeff Noble/Little Rock



# Changes bring progress

**T**he seniors saw the campus changing during their four years. Most changes provided the campus with an even more beautiful look. Changes also helped provide a better atmosphere for learning.

The seniors were about to embark on one of the biggest changes in their life. They were going out into the "real world." Whether it was a job, marriage or graduate school ahead, the stability they have obtained over the last four years was about to be gone. Starting all over again was a scary thought, but looking back over their stay at Ouachita, the seniors saw the changes that had taken place on the campus and in their lives.

Their freshman year, 1986-1987, was the first year that Cone-Bottoms was not used as a freshman women's dormitory. Jeff Peterson remembered the t-shirts worn by the girls who lived in Cone Bottoms. "There were a few girls wearing t-shirts saying 'Cone Bottoms babies.'" The next year, a wing, Perrin West, was added to Flippen-Perrin to house the freshmen women.

The 1987-88 school year brought changes in social clubs. Pi Kappa Zeta, a women's social club,

ceased to exist, and a new women's social club, Alpha Lambda Omega, was begun. This new club got only one pledge, and reorganized the next year to become Tri Chi Women's Social Club.

In 1988, Dr. Daniel Grant retired as President and Dr. Ben Elrod took over. Dr. Grant began teaching in the political science department.

The campus had seen quite a few changes in four years. During the Spring and Summer of 1987, a new library was added to the campus. The Riley-Hickingbotham Library was opened their sophomore year. Grant Plaza was built in the center of the campus to honor the retired Dr. Grant.

Walt's got a new updated look when the interior of the cafeteria was redecorated in time for the 1988-89 school year.

The basement of Lile, once used for storage, was renovated and classrooms and offices were added. Then, a wing was added to Lile. The

English and History departments were moved to this new building. These additions were made in order to move classes from Terrall-Moore. In the spring, Terrall-Moore and Johnson Halls were torn down in order to provide more parking for women residents. The Dean's office, once in Terrall Moore, was moved to Evans Student Center. The bowling alley was taken out, and the dean's office, security, and two boardrooms were added. The game room was moved down the hall. A sitting area was also added.

There had been many improvements to the campus during their four years, and there were many more improvements to come. Although there were still areas which need to be improved. Senior Kyle Ratliff said, "the campus looks a lot better than when we were freshmen." Changes were appreciated. What changes will be made in the next four years? Students could only wait and see.-- *by Nancy Estep*



Chris Norris/Middletown, IN  
Tom Ocken/Fort Wayne, IN  
Seigo Okizaki/  
Kumamoto, Japan  
Robin O'Neel/Bella Vista  
Renee Parker/Forrest City

Christopher Pauley/  
Kansas City, MO  
Gregory Phillips/  
Rockford, IL  
Andrew Plagens/Dallas, TX  
Julie Poe/Coming  
James Potts/Springdale

**BEING A MARCHING TIGER**  
 was something Brian Finley  
 would always remember.  
 Marching for the last time was a  
 sad event.

**REGISTERING FOR THE LAST**  
 time didn't mean much until it  
 was over. Dana Baggett was  
 excited to get it over with.



Cindi Price/Garland, TX  
 Larry Ratliff/Kingwood, TX  
 Tonya Reed/Texarkana, TX  
 Cindia Rickford/Paron  
 Amy Robinson/Arlington, TX

Brett Rogers/Little Rock  
 Jeannie Ross/Conway  
 John Rothwell/Pine Bluff  
 Melissa Rucker/Texarkana  
 Teri Saar/Hot Springs

Jana Schleiff/Jonesboro  
 Doug Schmidt/Baytown, TX  
 Kelly Schmidt/  
 Grand Prairie, TX  
 David Sears/Jessieville  
 Terry Sergeant/  
 Taichung, Taiwan



# Last time for many things

**T**he seniors looked back at their four or more years and realized they were doing things that they would never do again-- go to chapel, take finals, play for the Tigers or even see their new family of classmates.

The end of each term brought the student closer and closer to the completion of his or her college degree. The Spring term was especially important because some of the members of our Ouachita family had to say their farewells to friends on campus and prepare to meet the challenges of their new places of service.

The graduation ceremony was a touching way to honor those whose diligence had conquered even the most difficult of classes; it was also a time to openly express one's love for classmates, faculty members, and church families. It was certainly one of the "happiest-saddest" moments in the student's academic career.

The end of the semester brought many added pressures. The final finals were administered. Recitals and displays showcased the talents of many

students. Many seniors worked to finalize plans for moving to new locations, working in new positions, or continuing their educational careers elsewhere. Various events recognized the accomplishments of some outstanding students. Of course, some very important relationships emerged during this time. As Daniel Sweet observed, "All seniors need to obtain two things: a degree and a mate--I did both!"

However, it was the final moments before commencement that led individuals to consider their time spent at Ouachita Baptist University and to carefully examine their future plans. Chris Norris remarked, "My first steps out of Ouachita were to lead me to service here in Arkadelphia."

Robyn Felts compared the graduates' march to that of a group of kindergarten students. "We were all dressed up, expected to

smile, and marched in a straight line; however, there were no cookies and crackers waiting for us during free time." Obviously, there was a great deal of pride expressed as each graduate received his or her degree.

The day marked the end of "round one" for these students. So much had been accomplished, but so much still remained to be done. Many were currently pursuing their economic, educational, social, vocational, and spiritual goals, but they were not far from the very heart of Ouachita.

As students heard the chapel bells playing a familiar refrain from a cherished song, many shared the sadness expressed by Chris Norris: "A group of people--once strangers, now friends--met together in their caps and gowns for a final ceremony." Many came to Ouachita seeking an education; they left as a part of an educated family. --by *Jeremy Bell*



Jeff Sheeler/Arkadelphia  
Joe Shell/Kalispell, MT  
Cara Shoptaw/Texarkana  
Georgette Sims/Batesville  
Andrea Smallwood/Ft. Smith

Tommy Smart/Camden  
Jason Smith/Hot Springs  
Mark Smith/Benton  
Matt Smith/Germantown, TN  
Robyn Smith/Camden

Rockey Smith/Newport  
Sara Smith/Hot Springs  
Kent Smith/Little Rock  
Don Smith, Jr./Beebe  
Scott Snider/Arkadelphia

# Taking a last look back

**T**he seniors were taking with them memories that could never be erased. They could look back and see four years of building and maturing. They hated to leave but at least they had their memories.



DOING THE wash for the first time as a freshman is a scary thought. As freshmen became seniors doing the laundry became more and more interesting for Lynn Taylor.

It was only four years ago. A lot had happened in that space of time. The seniors saw the Berlin Wall scaled and sold, a tidal wave of peace engulf Eastern Europe, Tom Landry fired and Jerry Jones fired, Taco Bell and Hardees for Arkadelphia, two U.S. presidents as well as two Ouachita presidents. It's hard to believe though, that it was four years ago when I was introduced to the college scene as a lowly freshman.

But now it was Monday. Mitch Bettis and I were driving to Little Rock for job/career interviews with Opportunity '90. On the way, I wondered, where have the last four years gone? It seemed like only yesterday that I was participating in freshman orientation. Our groups had to prepare skits for the final night after visiting our faculty member's home. And I still remembered Missy Rucker screaming to the judges, "I promised you a banana if you let me win!" It was a shocking revelation of the corruption evident at what had seemingly been innocent party games and mixers. So this past year, as a leader, I felt no remorse about helping my group cheat at the scavenger hunt.

It seemed like only yesterday that the Arkadelphia police station was calling me at 4 a.m. telling me that I needed to come get my car off the Gildner Ford

Used Car Lot. I distinctly remembered having parked it behind the dorm that evening, and as I left with my suitemates to go pick it up, I heard giggles coming from behind Mitch and Dennis Tucker's darkened door. My poor Subaru had "For Sale" written across the windows in shoe polish and was full of paper wads inside.

Other car pranks to Bessie, as we had come to call my little blue auto, included finding her in various places such as the student center steps (security woke me up at 3 a.m. for that one), in the "O," secluded spots on campus and even Henderson once. And I remembered how happy I was the day that I was able to confiscate six copies of my car key from various dips on campus, and in an official ceremony attended only by myself, they were sent to the bottom of the Ouachita River from the top of the Highway 7 bridge. After that, I should have named my car Penny Loafer because of the numerous shoe polishings it was doomed to receive.

I remembered when Mitch and I saran-wrapped Andy Dean's toilet rim and he fell for it. There was also the time that some of us followed Dennis and Sloan Barrett to Hot Springs on their first date and gave his car the full marriage decoration package while they were dining in El Chico's. I had my different dorm rooms rolled, flooded and fire ex-

tinguished.

As far as adventures go, well, Inspector Gadget had nothing on me. I had an escalator at the mall eat my shoe and was locked in my trunk. I rolled my little Subaru and got an '88 Volkswagen. I rolled myself under a motorcycle and lived to tell about it. I battled the rock-throwing spiritual forces of darkness out at the lake. I explored Cone Bottoms and the old Caddo Hotel and came out of both with dry undies. I wore a hat to chapel.

But more importantly, I learned the value of friendship. I saw prayers answered. I set goals for myself, made some, failed some and set more. I learned the importance of being a servant to others without becoming a slave. I knew how to laugh, and I knew how to cry, and I was not ashamed to do either unreservedly. I delighted in walking the narrow path with Christ, finding peace in that road less travelled. And that did make all the difference.

As we arrived at the Holiday Inn in the big city and parked, I wondered if I would ever feel "grown up." We got out of the car and shut the doors. Was I also closing a chapter in my life -- one marked by an innocent, carefree and sometimes mischievous nature? Then, in our sportcoats and slacks, as we took a shortcut through a flower bed, I realized that maturity doesn't have to be dull. And I smiled.

'Nuff said.

--by Jeff Noble



Shannon Spann/Arkadelphia  
Kimberly Steed/Brinkley  
Scotty Steed/Hot Springs



Kenneth Stewart/Ozan  
Jodi Strother/Mountain Home  
Missy Stephens/Pine Bluff



Greg Stroud/Hope  
Cheryl Taylor/Haynesville, LA  
Jana Taylor/Hot Springs



Tipton Stephen/Mountain Home  
Dennis Tucker/Charlotte, NC  
John Turner/Arkadelphia



Nick Tyler/Springdale  
Carol Tyree/Prescott  
Sheree Varleta/Hot Springs



Phillip Vines/N. Little Rock  
Lisa Wallace/Prairie Grove  
Rachel Wallace/Duncanville, TX



Shawn Walvoord/Carrollton, TX  
Cindy Watson/Fort Smith  
Dedra Watts/Booneville

# The last word

**T**here was always something that needed to be said. The seniors left their mark, but they also wanted to leave a few words behind



"The greatest thing that happened for me was to see and be a part of the beginning of the changes on campus. I was glad to see so many beneficial improvements were on the horizon, but I hate that I will never be a direct participant in these new changes." --Chris Norris

"OBU is unique in that it greatly encourages organizational participation, so much so that by the time that you are a senior, you are in more organizations than classes; this fact combined with grades and making career decisions culminates in one conflict that meets at graduation and is summed up in a word--stress."--Daniel Sweet

"All my life, I thought of graduation as a culmina-

tion of my goals...it was only the beginning."--Robin Felts

"I've learned much about life in four years at Ouachita... I've seen spiritual triumphs and false spirituality, cultural and racial differences harmonize, and I've witnessed the bitterness of sexual discrimination; I've seen the student body bind at different times and the student body crumble at other times; I've seen religion strengthen the soul and religious politics misconstrue progressivism...four years at Ouachita Baptist University are but a fleeting microcosm of an oft harsh, oft irrational, but always opportunistic and usually forgiving world--they are four years I would never surrender."--Justin Gilbert

COMING IN AS A FRESHMAN is easier when you have a sport to participate in. You had people to join with as a team. Cindy Billings spent her four years as a member of the swim team.

FOUR YEARS OF PRACTICE IS enough to prepare Diane O'Neal for the future. Seniors left with new experiences and new found knowledge.





Lisa Wheat/Searcy  
Hannah Whitley/Hope



Laura Wilkins/Hot Springs  
Laura Williams/Little Rock



Wesley Wilson/Abilene, TX  
Shannon Woodfield/Harrison



Lana Worley/Kingston, TN  
Rebecca Wright/Fordyce



David Yarbrough/Dallas, TX  
Marie Zhang/Hefei, China



Joseph Cathey/Hatfield  
Grad. Student  
Susan Crosby/Little Rock  
Grad. Student



Kathy Emmerling/Texarkana  
Grad. Student  
Michael Shelton/Arkadelphia  
Grad. Student

# Who's Who

Outstanding academic achievement is worth the effort

**Carol Sue Darr**, an accounting major, served as president of Chi Delta Women's Social Club, publicity co-chairperson for AWS, a member of the Accounting club and a member of Phi Beta Lambda. She was a recipient of the Presidential Leadership Scholarship.

**Joan Marie Curry**, an accounting and business administration major, served as secretary for BSU. She was a member of S.E.L.F. and the Accounting Club. Her honors included Presidential Leadership Scholarship, OBU Piano Competition Award and Freshman Music Award.

**Cynthia Ruth Baldwin**, a Biblical studies/French major, was active in the BSU where she served as chairperson of the Internationals Committee and chairman of the Christian Focus Week Committee. She was also a member of the BSU choir and the Carl Goodson Honors program. She was the recipient of the Ben Elrod Scholarship.

**Sulyn Miles**, an elementary education major, served as chaplain of Gamma Phi Women's Social Club and Tau Beta Sigma secretary. She was on both the Dean's List and the President's List.

**Lamar Adams Trieschmann**, a psychology major, was a member of Beta Beta Men's Social Club and the Psychology club. He was a four year letterman on the football team and the president of FCA. He was the recipient of the Jerry Forehand Award and the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps Outstanding Citizen Award.

**Lisa Carol Long**, a history major, was a member of the Gamma Phi Women's Social Club, Psychology Club where she served as vice president, Phi Alpha Theta, and the American Psychological Association. She was a recipient of the Trustees Scholarship. She was in the Carl Goodson Honors Program, the Honors Council and on the Dean's List.

**Sheila Gail Leslie**, a history major, was a member of the Executive Council of AWS; secretary of Phi Alpha Theta National Fraternity; member of the Homecoming Court and a member of the Pom Pon Squad. Her honors included the Dean's List, the President's List and OSF scholarship recipient.

**Shelley Ann Leslie**, a speech pathology major, served as vice president of Chi Delta Women's Social Club; Panhellenic Council secretary/Treasurer; member of OSF; and member of OBU Pom Pon Squad. Her honors included the Dean's List, the President's list, Alpha Chi National Honor Fraternity, Miss Congeniality and third runner-up in the 1989 Miss OBU pageant.

*More Who's Who  
on pages 164 and 165*



**Amy Rachelle Robinson**, a physics major, was a member of EEE Women's Social Club, and the Ouachita Student Foundation. Her honors included Outstanding Sophomore Physics Major; Outstanding

Junior Physics Major awards; and Outstanding General Chemistry Student.

**Jana Kristin Schlieff**, a communications major, worked for the "Signal" as a writer and feature editor. She was a member of the EEE Women's Social Club; Ouachita Student Senate; Ouachita Student Foundation; BSU; and Art Club. Her honors included the President's List and the Dean's List.

**Kimberly Beth Coulter**, an elementary education major, served as corresponding secretary of Chi Delta Women's Social Club and parliamentarian of Association of Women Council.

**Jodi Lane Strother Peterson**, a history major, served as president, vice president, and second vice president of EEE Women's Social Club; a member of the finance committee for OSF; a member of the Panhellenic Council; secretary of her freshman, sophomore and junior class; and captain of the cheerleaders. Her honors included the Presidential Leadership Scholarship and the Dean's List.

**Amy Lynn Crouch**, a history major, served as EEE Women's Social Club song leader; and AWS freshman council, dormitory representative and first vice president. She participated in three vocal performance groups: Ouachitones, Ouachita Singers, and University Choir.



From left to right: Doug Schmidt, Kelley Schmidt and John Rothwell

**John Tyler Rothwell**, a political science major, served as treasurer of Beta Beta Men's Social Club; OSF member; and vice president of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity. He was cadet-major, recruiting officer and co-captain of the Ranger Challenge Team in the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps. His honors included the Moise B. Seligman Scholarship and Distinguished Military Student.

**Kelley Elizabeth Spivey Schmidt**, a business education major, was Tri Chi Women's Social Club treasurer and BSU Executive Council member. Her honors in-

cluded the OSF Scholarship, the Hughes McCarthy Scholarship and the Dean's List.

**Douglas Wayne Schmidt**, an education major, was active in the Kappa Chi Men's Social Club where he served as sergeant-at-arms and athletic director. He was also active in the Student Senate and was a member of the Student-Faculty-Pledge Committee. He was also a member of the Ouachita Praise Singers and was a Beau for the Tri Chi Women's Social Club. His honors included an OSF scholarship and the Otta Mathers Scholarship.



**Jeffrey Gayle Noble**, a communications major, served as treasurer of Kappa Chi Men's social Club of which he was a member; class officer for four years; and assistant editor of the "Ouachitonian." He was a member of BSU; National Honor Fraternity; and Student Senate. His honors included being on the Dean's List.

**Mitch Bettis**, a communication major, served as assistant editor and editor to the "Ouachitonian"; and historian, secretary, and vice-president of Kappa Chi Men's So-

From left to right: Jeff Noble, Robin Felts and Mitch Bettis.

cial Club. He was a member of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity and Ouachita Student Foundation. His honors included the yearbook receiving Silver Crown and Gold Crown from Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

**Robin L. Felts**,

a history/political science major, served as president of Tri Chi Women's Social Club, a member of the steering committee for OSF, a member of the BSU executive council, and a member of the Student Senate. She was on both the Dean's List and the President's List and was named Outstanding Freshman Woman.



**Daniel Derrick Sweet**, a mathematics major, served as pledgemaster for Beta Beta Men's Social club; president and Evangelism Committee Chairman for BSU; and a member of Blue Key National Honor Fra-

ternity. His honors included the Rowland award in Mathematics.

**Justin Scott Gilbert**, a history major, was active in OSF, Blue Key National Honor Fraternity and the OBU Tiger Basketball Team. His honors included the President's List, the Dean's List, the Army Reserves Officer's Training Corps Leadership Award and the Lion's Club International Scholar Award.

**Scott McKenzie Snider**, a business/economics major, served as vice-president of Rho-Sigma Men's Social Club and Finance Commuter of Ouachita Student Foundation.

He was a member of Ouachita Singers, College Republicans, and Phi Beta Lambda. He participated in Tiger Tunes; Tiger Tracks; Music Workshop ("Hello Dolly"); and was a Chi Delta Women's Club Beau. He was also on the OBU Court of Honor. His honors included Alice Irene Jones Scholarship and TCBY internship.

**Rachel Ann Wallace**, an accounting major served as pledge class treasurer of EEE Women's Social Club; BSU member; Alpha Chi Honor Fraternity; president of Phi Beta Lambda; and treasurer of her senior class. Her honors included Academic Excellence Scholarship recipient, Dean's List and President's list.



**Terry Wayne Sergeant**, a math, computer science, physical education triple major, served as captain and coach of the soccer team, and chairman of BSU Dorm Bible Study. He was a member of Kappa Chi Men's Social Club. He lettered in swimming. His honors included Blue Key; Alpha Chi; Dean's List; President's List; Academic All-American; and Outstanding Soccer Player.

**Mardy H.J. Beam**, a Biblical Studies major, was active in Blue Key, Alpha Chi and Phi Alpha Theta. He was vice president of CMF

Left to right: Terry Sergeant, Mardy Beam and John Turner

and founder/president of Married Students Fellowship. He has been on both the Dean's List and the President's List.

**John Thomas Turner**, a psychology major, served on BSU Executive Council and on the Ouachita Student Foundation Special Events Committee. He was Concert Chairman for SELF; president of Beta Beta Men's Social Club; and assistant director to the Praise Singers. He was also a member of Blue Key National Honors Fraternity. His honors included winner of the Virginia Queen Award for Excellence in Piano Performance.



**Christopher Reed Norris**, a music major, served as treasurer of Kappa Chi Men's Social Club. He was a member of the Praise Singers, the Ouachita Singers and the BSU Executive Council. He was both a NATS finalist and semi-finalist.

**Marie Zhang**, a Chemistry and Biology major, served as secretary of Gamma Sigma Epsilon and was a member of Beta Beta Beta. Her honors included Rowland Memorial

Left to right: Chris Norris, Marie Zang and Frankie Carpenter

Award for outstanding sophomore Physics Student; Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Award; Outstanding Analytical Chemistry Student; and Mondy-Provine Scholarship Award.

**Frankie Denise Carpenter**, an English major, served as Dormitory Bible Studies Committee Chairperson for the BSU and a member of Campus Baptist Young Women. Carpenter was a member of the Marching Band, the Concert Band and the BSU Choir. She was the recipient of the Centennial Scholarship and a member of Alpha Chi Honor Society.

# who's who, cont.

**Stephanie Hartsfield**, a speech pathology major, served as a member of the New Student Committee in BSU; Association of Women Students; and the Association of International Students. She participated in the BSU Spring Break Missions trip to Ecuador and the Japan-OBU student exchange program.

**Robin Leigh O'Neel**, a music education major, served as president of Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity and vice-president of Tau Beta Sigma music fraternity. She was a member of the OBU Marching Band; Concert Band; University Choir; and the Ouachita Singers. Her honors included Presser Scholarship; President's List; Dean's List; and winner of state and regional National Association of Teachers of Singing.

**Jennifer Jane Burchfield**, an accounting major, served as president of Gamma Phi Women's Social Club; and Intramural Director of BSU Executive Council where she was Publicity Chairman. She was a member of BSU Choir; Association of Women Students; Phi Beta Lambda National Fraternity; and Accounting Club. Her honors included the Stella McPherson Scholarship.

**Jana Leigh Taylor**, an economics/business administration/political science major, was a member of EEE Women's Social Club; College Republicans; Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity; and Student Entertainment and Lecture Fund. Her honors included Award and Scholarship for Excellence in Leadership and Aca-

demics-- department of business administration; President's List and Dean's List.

**Dennis Wade Tucker**, a Biblical Studies in Languages and Philosophy major, served as class president three years; vice-president of the Student Senate; president of the Student Senate; president, chaplain, and sergeant-at-arms of the Kappa Chi Men's Social Club. He was a member of the BSU; Ouachita Players; Ouachita Student Foundation; Christian Ministry Fellowship; Alpha Chi Fraternity; and Blue Key National Honor Fraternity. He served on several university committees and travelled with the BSU to Ecuador and South Africa. His honors included Centennial Scholarship for Religion and Philosophy; Donald B. Harbuck Award for Excellence in Philosophy. He was on the Dean's and the President's List.

**Andrew D. Plagens**, an accounting major, served as president of Beta Beta Men's Social Club and Blue Key. He was a member of the Accounting Club, Phi Beta Lambda and the Student Senate. He was on the Dean's List and on the OBU Pledge Class.

**Thomas Huel Moseley**, a religion major, served as treasurer and sergeant-at-arms for the Kappa Chi Men's Social Club, a member of the Executive Council of the BSU and a member of the Ouachita Singers. He was a member of Blue Key, on the Dean's List and the recipient of the Birkett Williams Scholarship.

## who's in Action



**On the job training.** Dennis Tucker spent most of his college career getting involved and staying on top of his grades.

Amy Ables/ Bossier City, LA  
 Dana Anders/ Crossett  
 Shelley Anderson/  
 McKinney, TX  
 Amanda Armbruster/  
 Fort Smith



Jodi Bailey/ England  
 Becky Baker/ Arkadelphia  
 Shawn Barnard/ Booneville  
 Kristian Barrett/ Arkadelphia



Elizabeth Bennett/ Fort Smith  
 Bradley Bishop/ Tulsa, OK  
 Kimberly Blanton/  
 Tumbling Shoals  
 Brad Bayle/ Morrilton



Sara Bradley/ Hot Springs  
 Sheryl Brann/ Sterling, VA  
 Steven Brawner/ Wynne  
 Jennifer Breedlove/ Little Rock



Robin Brotherton/ DeQueen  
 Sharon Brown/ Blytheville  
 Rebecca Brumley/ Newport  
 Sarah Bryant/ Bossier, LA



Robert Buie/ Little Rock  
 Belinda Burnett/ Belem, Brazil  
 Warren Cantrell Jr./  
 Benton, LA  
 Stacy Carter/ Pine Bluff



Michael Chessir/  
 Texarkana  
 Ellen Childress/  
 Arkadelphia  
 Pamala Coleman/  
 Arkadelphia  
 Grady Collum/ Hughes





**TAKING NOTE OF THINGS,** Tanya Sollis keeps up with her classwork. Most students found that, by their Junior year, school started to get a bit easier. Although the classes got tougher, the students had adjusted to the demands.

**CALLING IT HOW HE SEES IT,** Brandon Helms does play-by-play for one of the Tiger basketball games. This provided practical experience for Brandon, who was a P.E. major with a minor in communications.



# Junior class officers

The junior class officers were Chuck Hargett, secretary; Joe Silva, treasurer; Rob Potts, senate representative; Blake McKinney, senate representative; Tim Goodman, president; Chuck McClain, senate representative; Steve Kroening, senate representative; and Michael House, vice-president.



# What do I need to take

**S**ometimes there were things that students didn't quite like. Degree plans were on top of most juniors hate list. However, some found them to be helpful.

One thing that students dreaded in the fall semester of their junior year, was the degree plan. Some students said that it was stupid, other said that it was helpful.

"The main purpose of the degree plan was to insure that students planned on getting a degree," said Jack Estes, Vice-President of Academic Affairs.

Another purpose was to make sure that a student didn't take more classes than they were required to take. If there was a mistake, or changes were made,

the student still had three semesters to correct the problem before graduation. "Some students chose to do the correction during the summer by taking classes," said Estes.

Filling out a degree plan was not difficult, but when in doubt students turned to their advisors. Many students had problems when it came down to filling them out. Estes said, "once the degree plan was turned in, it wasn't written in stone. They could be modified to fulfill requirements for graduation."

There were mixed emotions from the students because of the long hours it took to fill out. A junior accounting major said, "I already knew what I had to take to graduate. Filling out a degree plan was stupid." On the other hand, a junior political science major said, "It helped me to make sure that I took the right classes so I could graduate on time."

Degree plans kept students in line for graduation. As far as graduation went, most students felt like the sooner it came, the better off they would be. —by *Melissa Bowman*



Steven Cook/ Frankfort, KY  
Sandy Corbell/ Foreman  
Kimberly Coulter/  
Arkadelphia  
Tom Cunningham/ Mabelvale  
Christopher Cupples/  
Indianapolis, IN

Sharon Curry/ Magnolia  
Catherine Daniel/ Booneville  
William Daniel/ Booneville  
Christi Dodd/  
Heidelberg, W. Germany  
Lance Eads/ Prairie Grove





IT WAS A DIRTY JOB BUT SOME one had to do it. Juniors were the lucky victims of degree plans. They were long and tedious, but it was usually worth the effort.



Shannon Eddlemon/ Benton  
 Montie Edwards/  
 Norphlet, OK  
 Raymond Edwards/  
 North Little Rock  
 Janet Ellis/ Lonoke  
 Nancy Estep/ Bismark

Alison Fendley/ Arkadelphia  
 Russell Files/  
 Hofheim, W. Germany  
 John Fimple/ Van Buren  
 Mary Floyd/N. Little Rock  
 Tony Floyd/ Pangburn

# With a heart for baseball...

**T**hough physical problems threatened his ability to play baseball, Randy Green's determination overcame them. Even though he underwent a high-risk surgery, his recovery time was short. Then it was time to play ball.



B. Ocken

Randy Green, a junior from Arkadelphia, was an all-American boy growing up in an all-American town. Yet Randy was born with a heart defect which the doctors said he would grow outgrow.

Despite his heart defect, Randy went ahead and followed his heart's desire—to play baseball.

**WATCHING HIS TEAMMATES.** Randy gets ready to bat in practice. Randy worked hard to regain his muscles which weakened after his surgery.



B. Ocken

**TAKING SOME TIME OUT.** Randy talks with a teammate. Randy's usual position was pitcher, but he also played in the outfield some.

**HERE COMES THE PITCH...** Randy concentrates on his batting during practice. Because of the surgery, he had to sit out during the '88 season.

Although Randy's freshman year on the team went well, during his sophomore year he ran into some difficulties. As the team began practicing for the upcoming season with running and conditioning, breathing for Randy became more and more difficult. He went to his family doctor who then referred him to a heart specialist who told him he needed open heart surgery.

"Randy became more serious about himself before the surgery," commented Sid Holloway, a close friend and teammate. "His

attitude towards life changed."

On January 5, 1988, Randy had surgery to correct a valve problem, and repair the two upper chambers of his heart. The doctors told him that he wouldn't see the field for at least a year, but Randy was back lifting weights after only 30 days. He was playing ball nine months later.

Randy Green was named All-Conference and All-District for the 1990 season. Whether on the mound or in center field, he had the determination and talent to make it in baseball. —by Lorna Freeman





Roy Fredrick/ Jonesboro  
 Susan Fulmer/ Fort Smith  
 Rhonda Funderburg/ Hermitage  
 Steven Galatas/ Baton Rouge, LA  
 Corey Gillum/ Arkadelphia

John Glass/ Prescott  
 Mary Godfrey/ Dallas, TX  
 Timothy Goodman/ Prattsville  
 Kelly Gourley/ Malvern  
 Stephen Granberry/ Texarkana

Maurie Gray/ Booneville  
 Renae Green/ Texarkana  
 Susan Greenwood/ Duncan, OK  
 Jeffrey Hall/ Clinton  
 David Hardister/ Amman, Jordan

Chuck Hargett/ Arkadelphia  
 Jennifer Harrington/ Yellville  
 Michael Harris/ North Little Rock  
 Mark Herbert/ Ruston, LA  
 Larry Herron/ Bentonville

Mayumi Higashi/ Fukuoka, Japan  
 Kelly Hinkson/ Arkadelphia  
 Angela Hoggard/ Little Rock  
 James Holt/ Deer Park, TX  
 John Husted/ Aloha, OR

Tony Hutchins/ Jacksonville  
 Joseph Jenkins/  
 Colonial Heights, VA  
 Frehiwot Jiffar/  
 Addis Abeba, Ethiopia  
 Galila Jiffar/  
 Addis Abeba, Ethiopia  
 Wendy Johnson/ Fort Smith

Arden Jones/ Fort Smith  
 Rachel Kinney/ Garden City, NY  
 Steven Kroening/ Arvada, CO  
 Lamona Lawrence/  
 North Little Rock  
 Mary Lee/ O' Fallon, IL

# Never ending creativity

**T**he diversity of messages on answering machines ranged from the simple to the bizarre, what used to be, "Leave your name after the beep" turned into music, foreign languages, and pranks

Some said they were obnoxious while others said they were amusing. They were called anything from trying to convenient. Some couldn't live with them and others couldn't live without them. No matter what anyone said, answering machines were definitely here to stay.

Many students took pride in creating the most unusual message possible. In search of the best message, I asked students about their own messages and their favorites of others.

The first interviewee was Daphne Davis whose suite shared an answering machine. Their attempt at creativity led to failure.

"One time we tried to suck the Helium out of some balloons and then record our message, but no one could understand it," she said.

Daphne had two favorites campus answering machine messages. One was a message done by Bob Sexton and John David Buffalo. On the recording, the voice of a hispanic man answered the phone. The man denounced that he had any intentions of stealing a TV owned by the two, who happened to be out of their room.

Unfortunately, the man dropped the TV on his foot.

Her other favorite was a product of Mark Christie and Daniel Sweet. They created the message for their suite, which also included Ken Gibson and Dennis Tucker. Mark started the message singing, "Heaven is a Wonderful Place." Then Daniel interrupted saying that the rapture had taken place, and that he and Mark wouldn't ever be back to take the call. Fortunately, Ken and Dennis were just out temporarily and would be returning to the room soon to get the message.

Before Mark would tell me about his favorite message he told me about his least favorite.

"I just hate those messages that say 'Hello... hello... speak up, I can't hear you.' It was fine for a while, but then everyone started using it—Mitch Bettis, Jeff Noble, Jennifer Burchfield, and even Joe Cathey did it for a while," he said.

Speaking of Joe, he was also the creator of one of Mark's favorite messages. Joe's message involved Yang Su Xin, a Chinese student, speaking for a minute straight in his native language. The first time Mark heard the message, he was confused and hung

up. If he had waited a bit longer, he would have heard Joe say that he had an oriental imports business, and the voice he just heard was Joe's right hand-man. They were out "scouring the countryside" looking for imports, but he'd be sure to return the call as soon as he got back.

Joe had two favorite messages. The first was Scott Pickle's message which involved a voice-over of Richard Nixon denying that there was any taping going on or the existence of any tapes. Scott came on and explained that the voice was just that of his house boy and that the caller should leave a message.

Another of Joe's favorites was on Kimberly Shultis and Nancy Ellen's answering machine. Coming from a familiar saying, it said, "This little piggy went to work. This little piggy went broke. This little piggy went to class. This little piggy went we, we, we, we, we're not at home."

Because of my limited time and resources, I must now end my search for the best message. The diversity of all the messages made answering machines more interesting than I expected, and instead of searching for the best, I can see that because of the originality and creativity, they are all winners.—by Kim Hare

Suzanne Lively/White Hall  
Steven Lucas/Fort Worth, TX  
Chris Lynch/Hot Springs  
Jeff Madlock/Hope  
Melany Magee/Walnut Ridge

Anna Maloch/Little Rock  
Jonathan Martin/Arkadelphia  
Jeff Mason/Junction City  
Denise Masters/Norman, OK  
Malissa Mathis/Vilonia





YOU HAVE JUST GOT TO HEAR THIS message. Freshmen girls found listening to clever messages to be a great way to pass the time.

IT IS HARD TO THINK OF A GOOD message for Jennifer Duprang and Kim Owens. Answering machine messages were a big part of campus fun.

Johnson



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Charles McClain III/Batesville  
 Brian McKethan/  
 Mesquite, TX  
 Blake McKinney/ Little Rock  
 Shane McNary/Little Rock  
 Brent Merrifield/  
 Cape Town, R.S.A.

Chantal Meyers/  
 Liege, Belgium  
 Katrina Miller/ Camden  
 Phillip Miller/Camden  
 Shannon Moore/El Dorado  
 Jenifer Mosely/  
 Olive Branch, MS

# Home away from home

**D**orm rooms became home when students succeeded in decorating the room to reflect their personalities, whether it was donned with club nic-nacs, decked out in country style or carpeted with campus mail.

As she turned the key and opened the door to her new dorm room, it struck her what the worst thing about leaving home was—leaving her old room on which she had spent years perfecting the decor. Looking around to the four white cinderblock walls, she wondered how she could possibly make it through the year in this cubbyhole, especially when it had to be shared with someone else. Feeling a bit disoriented, she was reminded of Dorothy's famous words, "There's no place like home, there's no place like home..."

Students each had their own way of making the dorm rooms a little more bearable. Some students, especially girls in their freshman year, were known to call their soon-to-be roommate during the summer prior to moving in. During this time, they would plan the color scheme and overall theme of the room; that is whether it would be the mauve country look or the more contem-

porary black and white look. Some students would even make a special trip to their new room to measure for curtains or shelves.

After a student had lived in a dorm room before and had changed roommates at least once, quite often the decor became a little more haphazard. Roomies knew who would bring the fridge and who would bring the microwave, but, other than that, it was a mystery. Colors might clash, but it really didn't matter as much anymore.

Upperclassmen generally let their rooms decorate themselves. The style of decor they seemed to enjoy most was the "lived-in" look. The walls gathered posters like the ones advertising SELF movies. Pictures from TWIRP Week dates and Coke can collections might have dominated the shelf, while campus mail like the Ouachi-talk or chapel absence forms lined the floor.

Club members had an extra source of decoration. The various

activities of the clubs generated more and more "stuff." Club paraphernalia included bids, membership certificates, serenade posters, Pledge Week attire, anything with the club mascot on it, glasses, and pictures, including the composite, outing snapshots, Pledge Week photos, or whatever. When both roommates were in a club, it became a difficult task finding a place to display everything.

A lack of space led to an emergence of creativity on the students' part. The problem could be solved by setting the beds up on cinder blocks or bunking them. When that didn't create enough room, students stacked their desks. Some guys even built lofts for their rooms.

Whatever a student decided to do with their dorm room, the end result reflected their personality. After a hard day of classes, one might have even found himself saying, "It's good to be home."  
—by Kim Hare



Deanna Mosley/  
North Little Rock  
Douglas Mullins/  
Dumas  
Anita Murdock/  
Conway  
Lisa Murphy/  
Texarkana, TX  
Mason Nall/  
Prairie Grove

Melissa Nesbit/  
Magazine  
Charles Nichols/  
Greenwood  
Tammie Nix/  
Gurdon  
Wendy Norwood/  
Phoenix, AZ  
Ambrose Nyangao/  
Nairobi, Kenya





MOLLIE ZHANG PLACES THINGS from her homeland around her room. This helped make college life more bearable.

Johnson



TAMIE TATUM PRACTICALLY has her own kitchen in her room. sometimes cooking for yourself was better the Walt's.

Johnson



Stephen Osmon/  
Moutain Home  
Lynda Otwell/ Texarkana, TX  
Laurie Owen/ Hot Springs  
Shelly Parsel/ Hope  
Shelley Phillips/ Little Rock

Jimmy Pinson/ Nashville  
Pamela Plummer/  
Greenwood  
Robert Potts/ Springdale  
Wendy Ratcliff/ Texarkana  
DaLynne Reed/ Pine Bluff

# Following God's plan for his life

**A**fter touring with TRUTH, Brian felt he needed to attend Ouachita to fulfill his purpose in life

As Brian Smith stood on the stage of Mitchell Hall, he knew that Ouachita was the place to be; not only for that night's concert, but also for finishing his education.

"I hadn't even considered Ouachita when I decided to finish school," said Smith. "My list included the University of Miami, Indiana University, Oral Roberts and a few others, but I believe God led me to OBU."

Brian played trombone for the contemporary Christian group TRUTH from April, 1986 until December, 1989. He also was a driver for the group during that time.

Brian accepted Christ at a TRUTH concert, so the group always held a special meaning for him. "Back then I wanted to be a trombone player, but I thought I wasn't good enough to play with TRUTH," said Smith. But before he knew it, he was on the road.

Forty-five states and seven foreign countries were 'home' to Smith during his stay with the group. "Everything was great, but the best part was the personal growth; both spiritually and maturity-wise," he said.

Smith, from Gainesville, Florida, felt called into multi-image/video production, especially in the areas of missions documentation. In 1989, he won an award from the International Student Media Festival held in Anaheim, California, for the best collegiate multi-image production.

Smith followed his dream to become a trombone player and played with TRUTH for three years. Standing on the stage in Mitchell Hall, Brian felt God's call to attend Ouachita. Whether playing with TRUTH or studying at OBU, Brian Smith was following the will of his Lord. —by Chris Norris



BRIAN SMITH PLAYS HIS TROMBONE during a Jazz Band concert. Brian decided to attend Ouachita after touring with TRUTH.



Paul Reed/ DeQueen  
 Charles Roady/ Valliant, OK  
 Greg Rudkin/ Little Rock  
 Kimi Sakamoto/ Fukuoka, Japan  
 Keith Sangalli/ Wake Village, TX



Jeffrey Schooley/ Hope  
 Cynthia Schopmeyer/  
 McKinney, TX  
 Steven Schrader/ Fort Smith  
 Susan Shell/ Clinton  
 Kymberly Shultis/ Webster, SD



Joe Silva/ Fort Smith  
 Wanda Smith/ Ripley, MS  
 Linda Snider/ Rose Bud  
 Karen Stabley/ Augusta  
 Kim Strasner/ Sherwood



Tanya Sollis/ Corning  
 William South/ Little Rock  
 Jennifer Sternberg/ Little Rock  
 Mathew Stewart/ Little Rock  
 Yolonda Summons/ Little Rock



Leigh Swaim/ Pocahontas  
 Tim Tanner/ Jacksonville  
 Tamie Tatum/ Alvarado, TX  
 Melanie Taylor/ Dallas, TX  
 Tricia Taylor/ Carrollton, TX



Phyllis Thomas/ Hot Springs  
 Charles Thomasson/ Monticello  
 Charles Thompson/  
 Henderson, TX  
 Sarah Thompson/ Benton  
 Amy Tipton/ Texarkana



Gerald Totty/ Fordyce  
 Khaled Turaani/ Palestine  
 Debbie Turner/ Siloam Springs  
 James Turner/ Limuru, Kenya  
 Kelly Upchurch/ Marion, Illinois

EXPERIENCE IS  
 important in the  
 real world. Ginny  
 White worked as  
 a summer intern.  
 Part of her time  
 was spent  
 editing.



Michelle Valli/ Sherwood  
 Dawn Verdin/ Belem, Brazil  
 Brian Vermeer/ Glenwood  
 Lesli Vickers/ Little Rock  
 Alonzo Vining/ Arkadelphia



Russell Wacaster/ Hot Springs  
 David Waddleton/  
 Longview, TX  
 Cliff Walker/ Forney, TX  
 Deborah Walker/ Jacksonville  
 Steven Walker/ Forrest City



Scott Walls/ McKinney, TX  
 Kevin Wax/ Gillham  
 William West/ Lamar  
 John Wheeler/ Fordyce  
 Stuart Whitlow/ Fort Smith



Wayne Williams/ Kingstown,  
 St. Vincent  
 Michelle Wood/ Arkadelphia  
 Keli Wood/ Fort Smith  
 Jeff Woodall/  
 North Little Rock  
 Robert Wright/ Glenwood



# Summer of learning

The only way to truly test one's skills is to take a job as an intern. Things were not always as easy as they seemed in the classroom. Complications did arise and how you handled them was the key to your success

"Hey Gin, can you take this call?" Rob called out from across the room. I was a news intern working at KPRC Channel 2 news in Houston, TX, so it was a common occurrence to handle calls. I had the call transferred to a desk nearby, expecting to handle another disgruntled viewer or a P.R. request.

I figured wrong.

An older man with an accent said in a whimper, "My name is Ralph Schuett, someone has taken my granddaughter. Can you help me?" Startled, the only response I could muster was, "Sir, have you contacted the police?"

Houston is a large city, Channel 2 receives many calls daily about abductions and other crimes. Many of the calls from hysterical parents who say they have lost their children turn out to be false alarms. We can't send a crew on every story. However, I had a gut feeling this one was for real.

My instincts were right.

A short telephone call to the police department verified that Mr. Schuett's granddaughter Jennifer was indeed missing. It was 2:30 and we wanted a picture of Jennifer on the 5 o'clock news cast.

I took off with an engineer and we arrived at Schuett's residence before a camera crew could get there. Mrs. Schuett greeted me with a friendly, warm smile. I extended my hand and said, "I'm Ginny White with Channel 2 news," explaining that our camera crew would arrive shortly. She calmly directed me toward Jennifer's bedroom, where she slowly retold the last few hours leading up to her daughters

abduction. "There was no noise. I didn't hear anything--I just got up in the morning and she was gone," said Mrs. Schuett.

As our camera crew began to interview Mrs. Schuett, I sat on the couch, listening intently.

Ms. Schuett told a story of how Jennifer's father was "a high school mistake" and how up until last month they had lived in a one-bedroom apartment because she could not afford anything else. "Jennifer had always slept with me until last night," she said. Jennifer had kept her up until 2 a.m. tossing and turning, "so I told her to go to her own room because I had to work in the morning," Ms. Schuett said.

Sometime during the next four hours Jennifer disappeared without a trace.

According to the police, Jennifer was abducted from her lower-story apartment bedroom, between the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. The air conditioner in the Schuett's apartment was not working. Jennifer had apparently tried to cool off by opening her window, while leaving the curtains closed. Her abductor seemed to have simply stepped up on the air-conditioning unit, reached in through the window and picked up Jennifer, who weighed less than 50 pounds, and carried her away without a sound.

The reporter asked Ms. Schuett if she had any idea as to what may have happened to Jennifer. "My bet is maybe someone walked by, who was drunk or on drugs," she said as she began to cry. "She's the only thing I have, that's my baby and I have nothing else -- it's just us two together and I have nothing

other than her." In a low, pleading voice, she added, "I need her back."

What could I say to a woman whose daughter was stolen out of her own home? I slowly rose, walked towards Ms. Schuett, extended my hand again and said, "Thank you for your time. We will do everything we can to help you get Jennifer back."

As the search continued, we were working to get Jennifer's story on the 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. newscasts. We made the deadline with a little time to spare.

While we were eating dinner, the engineer's beeper went off. Jennifer had been found.

We were off.

Jennifer was flown by helicopter to a nearby hospital in Galveston. We rushed there not knowing if Jennifer was alive. When we arrived at the hospital we were told by a spokesperson that her throat had been cut.

We returned to the station about 10 hours later, tired but relieved, and thankful Jennifer was alive.

It was a long drive home that evening. I kept rehashing the day's events and wondering what could have happened to Jennifer during the last 12 to 14 hours. I thanked God that he had seen me safely through my own childhood. And as I pulled up in my driveway, I prayed that he would help Jennifer through the rest of hers -- and find the person who had done this to her.

Walking into my bedroom I lay down and shut off the light. I then reached up and locked the window above my head. --Ginny White, intern at KPRC in Houston.