

WITHIN ARMS REACH--
Andy's manager Melody Lloyd prepares the salad bar for customers. Melody and her sister Suzy both worked at the restaurant.



READY, AIM....--At the Clark Co. Fair, Jana Crain tries her hand at popping a balloon with a dart. The fair is an annual event.



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STUDY-BUSTER--At Dirt-Buster, a local laundrymat, Dennis Tucker studies as his clothes finish the rinse cycle. Many students preferred a local laundrymat to the washers in the dorms.



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STUDENT LIFE



It was a banner year for Arkadelphia and college students alike. The local economy boomed as the small community of 10,227 attracted two new industries and a number of smaller businesses. While the Showers of Blessings Gospel Church moved from downtown Arkadelphia—probably due to lack of response on those downtown student surveys we were always filling out—other businesses moved in. Seniors Mitch Bettis and Jeff Noble celebrated AdVantage Advertising's year anniversary, while juniors Neal Holland and Craig Cole were getting Kudzu Productions off the ground.

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Taco Bell, Hardee's, Mazzi's and Wendy's gave us a wider variety for the Sunday evening meal, which is when Walt's was closed. Rhea's Charburgers came and went, being replaced by Clare's homecooking. The Pink T Grocery gave downtown merchants and students a close place to eat. All the new business additions strained our checkbooks, but thanks to an occasional dollar from home, we were able to make ends meet.

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A BOUQUET OF FUN

Flowers and balloons left in women's dorm lobbies created an uncontrollable sense of curiosity

"Stop and smell the roses." This strange phenomena occurred frequently when a vase of red roses mysteriously appeared in the lobby of a women's dorm. Many couldn't resist inhaling the fragrance and searching for the card.

Flowers, as well as balloon bouquets, were sent in abundance for a variety of reasons. On Valentine's Day, a bouquet sent to a sweetheart or from a secret admirer could make the day complete. Flowers and balloons were a pick-me-up after a disappointment, a request for forgiveness, or a note to say, "Get well." They were given on special occa-

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sions such as birthdays and anniversaries, and sometimes "just because". Each new pledge to the women's social clubs received flowers and/or balloons as a token of recognition and congratulations.

Jennie Freeman received roses from her boyfriend when she was ill. "The flowers brightened to whole room and they made me feel better," she said.

Not only were flowers and balloons sent to women, but guys also welcomed them. Anthony Wright, who received flowers during Twirp Week, said, "It was a change of pace. "I didn't expect it."



For most, getting these gifts was a surprise and a bright spot in their day. It was almost magical how a person's face could be transformed when they stopped to

smell the roses in the lobby. Then there was the excitement when they saw the card and their own name appeared on it. —by Mercer

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BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO MAIN STREET

When one heard the words "Main Street," a thought of high school kids cruising on the weekends came to mind. But Arkadelphia had a different kind of Main Street. This main street involved the area downtown which was the center of the community. A program called Mainstreet Arkadelphia was established here in 1986. The program's goal was to encourage the development, redevelopment, and revitalization of the downtown commercial sites.

The national mainstreet organization began in Washington D. C. in 1977 when three pilot cities developed the program. Arkansas became involved in 1984 when five cities were designated to adapt the program into their

The Mainstreet project improved the look of downtown Arkadelphia, and brought new festivals to life

downtown development. In May of 1986, a group of downtown business leaders got together and applied for the program to which they were accepted.

The downtown businesses of Arkadelphia tried to maintain a very clean and pleasant area. The businesses ranged from educational and consulting services to dress shops and shoe stores. They all worked together to make Arkadelphia a nice place to shop.

These downtown businesses cooperated with other facets of the community in planning activities for the city of Arkadelphia. The Festival

of Two Rivers was an activity with which the Mainstreet program worked. This festival was a weekend in the spring where craftsmen could show and sell their work. Also, antique automobiles were on display. Other activities included live entertainment and a dog show. This festival in its fifteen years has grown, and, according to Cindy McCauley of the local program, the downtown area has grown in the past three years due to increased involvement.

A Halloween Festival was also held in the downtown area. The streets were blocked off and local mer-

chants handed out candy to the youngsters for Halloween. Various games were planned, with several OBU students helping to lead the activities.

Mainstreet Arkadelphia worked with the two local colleges to offer internship programs for college credit. This not only gave students a hands-on experience, but also allowed the program to gain information from the students' work.

Every successful event for Mainstreet Arkadelphia was truly the result of public and private, state and local efforts working together to once again make downtown the center of community life for the people of Arkadelphia. —by Paula Jayroe

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ROLLING IN DOUGH

Either because of need or want, students enjoyed the benefits an off-campus job offered

Money. It was one of life's little necessities. It was also something which some students quite often found themselves low on. There was a solution to low funds, however, Many students went out and found a job off campus.

Some students had to work, but others worked because they wanted to. One thing was common among all students who held off-campus jobs—they needed the money.

"It's a feeling of independence," said junior Nancy Estep. Nancy didn't have to work, but she wanted to make her own money. Her job at Kreg's gave her this

AN ADDED Feature opportunity. According to Nancy, it was hard to work and keep up in classes. Her grades didn't suffer, but she didn't have time for anything fun. "The weekends are the worst because that's when everything goes on," she said.

"Working has actually helped my social life," said Kymberly Shultis, "because I've gotten to meet more people." Kymberly worked at both an on-campus and off-campus job. Her off-campus job, at Subway, was appealing because she got paid more, could work more hours and got to meet more people. The money she earned helped pay for school



ROLLING IN THE DOUGH—At his off-campus job at Pizza Hut, Tre' Cates rolls out dough for an order. When students ordered pizza, quite often Tre' was their delivery man.

SERVICE WITH A SMILE—Being a manager at Andy's, Melody Lloyd often experienced the feeling of school and work competing with one another. Melody and her sister Suzy both worked at Andy's.



and gave her some spending money.

However, Kymberly did run into a few problems with her off-campus job. She had to close at work at the same time that the dorms were locked. "I always have to wait for security to get in the

dorm," she said.

Whether the students worked because they wanted to or because they had to, they were glad they made the choice because they certainly reaped the benefits of making an extra buck. —by Sheryl Brann

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ANYTHING BUT AN ORDINARY WEEK

When school started this fall, so did Tribulation Week—at least for students involved in MBSF. The Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship focused their first week back at school on activities centered around learning about the Tribulation. The group of HSU and OBU students continued throughout the year to move forward in God's word and eventually into a new building.

The Arkadelphia MBSF was started in the early 1950's by two ladies teaching at Henderson State University, and was sponsored by Baring Cross Missionary

Students involved with MBSF experience a unique year including Tribulation Week and a new building

Baptist Church and the American Baptist Association.

The group didn't have its own meeting place, but instead met at the church and "The Upper Room", located above Phillips Drug Store. James Calhoun, after becoming pastor at Baring Cross in 1984, invisioned an MBSF center and began the project with the purchase of land across from the HSU fountain.

In July, 1985, Floyd Baker

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moved to Arkadelphia and became the church's first MBSF director. Under him, the program grew and so did the dream of a center, which he spent many hours working towards. The \$300,000 center officially opened on November 13, 1989—appropriately on Baker's birthday. The building was dedicated to Floyd, who never lived to see the laying of the first brick. Floyd Baker passed away on October 29, 1986, leaving a wife, Verna; a

daughter, Pattye; and a son, Byron; along with many students who had grown to love him.

About seventy-five OBU students were involved in MBSF this year. They met each Monday night for fun, food, and fellowship, and on Wednesday night for choir practice.

The present director, George Raley, began working with the MBSF in January. After working with the Arkansas State University MBSF several years before, Raley was very familiar with the MBSF and its purpose of "Keeping Christ on Campus."

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IT'S FAIR TIME AGAIN

Students get caught up in the fun of cotton candy and upset stomachs at the Clark County Fair

All studied out and no place to go, many students found themselves in search of cotton candy and ferris wheels.

The Clark County Fair was held Monday, September 11 through Saturday, September 16. The opening event was the Fair Queen Pageant held on OBU's campus in Mitchell Auditorium.

On Wednesday, the OBU Band, as well as several other area bands, participated in the parade that marched down Main Street in Arkadelphia. The band entertained the crowd with the fight song, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken."

"The crowd was excited. They cheered and clapped—even the policemen," said

Ready, Aim, Fire--Taking his chances at a shooting gallery, Richard Hall aims for the target. The booth was set up along the fair midway.

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band member Jason Seek. The fair carnival was held at the Clark County Fairgrounds, just outside of town. Several students attended some of the fair's events which included a livestock show, the food and craft show, concessions, the various rides, game booths and a rodeo.

"I'm used to larger rodeos. It was fun and different to see a small town rodeo," said freshman Kevin Brummett, an avid rodeo fan.

"The food, animal, and craft shows were interesting," said Kristy Kennedy critiquing the event. "The food was good, the rides were fun. It was something to do over the weekend. I had a good time."

The fair left sticky fingers and queasy stomachs in its wake, but wasn't that the excitement of it all?—by Naomi Mercer



A GENTLE PAT--At the livestock portion of the fair, Christie Schlieff makes friends with a goat. The fair offered a carnival as well as a livestock show.



READY FOR A RIDE--Set for a spin on the farris wheel, two OBU students get ready to be secured in their seats. Many students took advantage of the chance to get away from school for an evening.



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IN SEARCH OF A SECOND HOME

Sunday morning, after a weekend that was supposed to help you recover from a week of late nights but didn't, it was tempting to just hit the alarm, roll over, and assure yourself that you would get up in a couple of hours and watch a church service on television. However, you got up, dressed up and headed out the door to church.

Hold everything, though. Where in the world would you go? Unless you wanted to be like the student who went to a different church for Sunday school, morning worship, and the evening service, you needed to carefully and prayerfully consider where you wanted to make your church home.

Since there were about fifteen Baptist churches and more than thirty churches all together in the area, it wasn't very feasible to visit each one of them. Fortunately, it

The search for a new church home after coming to college proved to be a somewhat perplexing task

wasn't necessary either because representatives from many of the churches had booths set up on campus during registration that offered food and invitations to students for special beginning-of-the-year fellowships. These and other programs designed especially for college students were a great attraction to many "lost" freshmen and transfers. Newcomers could also receive guidance from friends and upperclassmen as to which churches offered the best Sunday school programs, the most powerful preaching, the tastiest coffee and doughnuts, or all three. But in the end it all came down to where each student felt most comfortable and where they felt their own

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needs being met.

Finding a church that made one feel welcome and involved turned out not to be drudgery, but a time of blessing and refreshing each week. For the most part, students felt it necessary to find a good church home.

"A Christian needs a church to go to regularly for growth," said freshman Ty Hampton from Booneville. "Besides, jumping from church to church doesn't allow you to become actively involved in any one congregation."

"Wandering from church to church doesn't let you grow spiritually," said freshman Scott Pickle from Ecuador.

Plus a special bond grew between those who

went to the same church. When problems arose, students felt more comfortable going to someone in the same church fellowship.

Once a student did become comfortable in one particular church, many decided to move their church letter from back home. Then there were those who moved it back and forth at the start and end of each year. This was also a decision that demanded much prayer since there were usually strong ties to a home church.

Finding a church to call home may have been the most important decision made all year by many students. They were glad to find a place where they could go each week and hear God's word. Instead of saying, "Sunday morning... Well, I guess I'll go to church," They exclaimed, "Thank you God. It's Sunday morning!"—by Lance West

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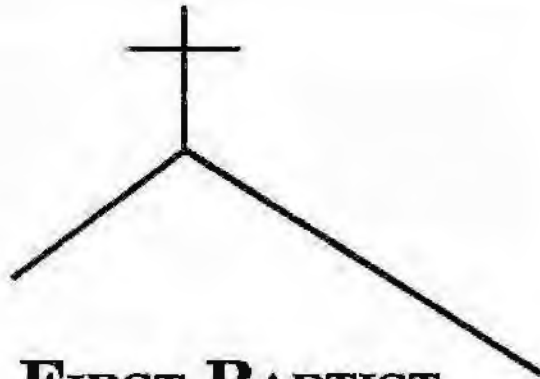

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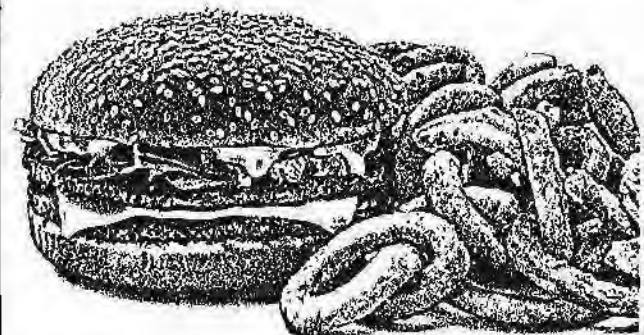
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When the news of your death came,
I had doubts, and I knew my life would never be the same.

For you were a friend, yes a friend so true,
I'm so glad God gave me the chance to know you.

We had so many good times together, Christmas Contatas, youth trips, birthdays, and more,
You had no idea you would too soon
be knocking on Heaven's door.

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