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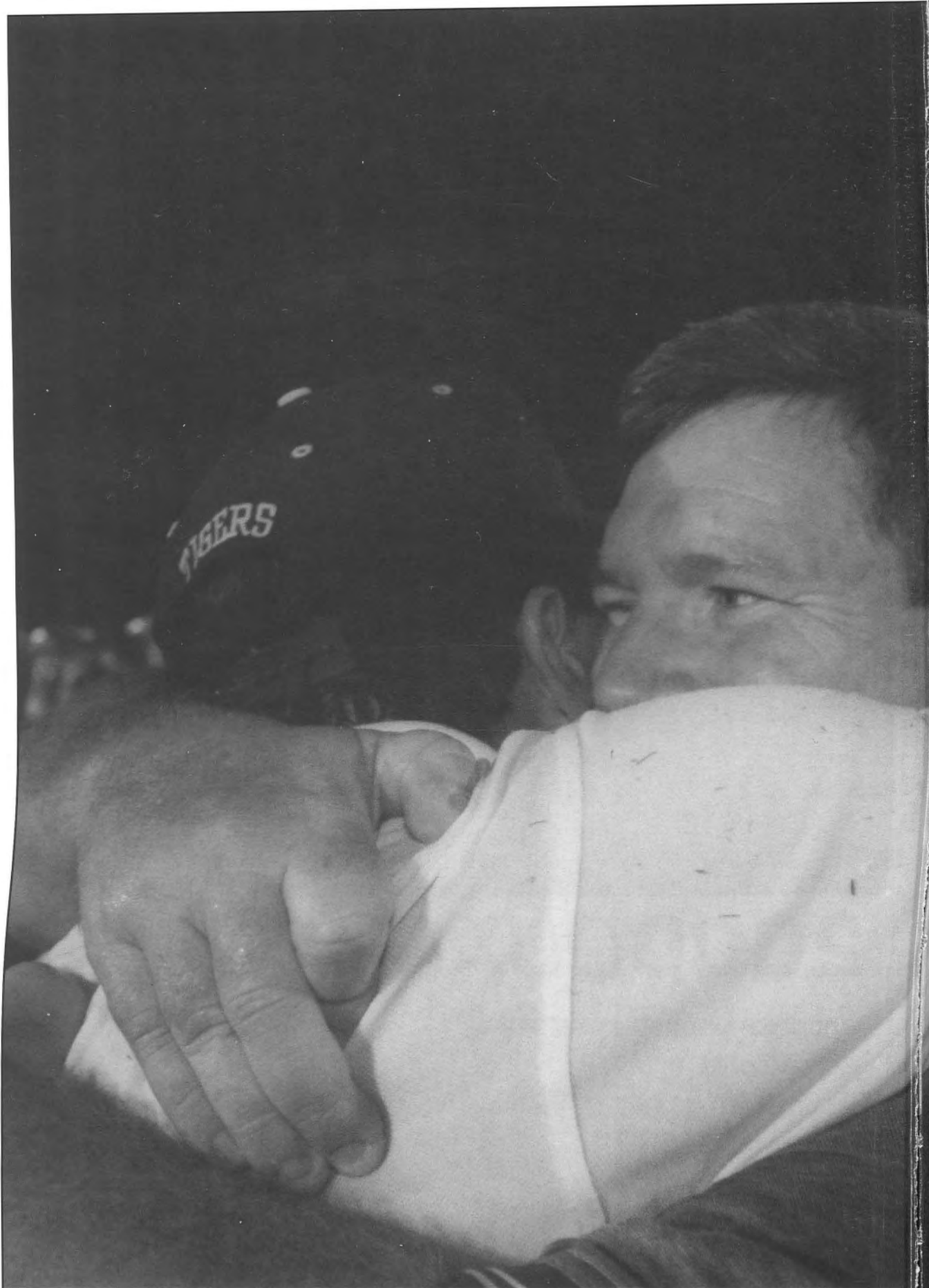
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FIRE IN THE HOLE
Senior Phillip Davis turns away after igniting the S cannon. The cannon, only allowed at the first game of the season against Henderson State, marked a turning point as the Tigers regained the title of Battle of the Ravine champions. (photo by Tim Harrell)

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WINNING EMBRACE

Coach David Sharp congratulates head coach Todd Knight after a 34-21 victory over the Henderson Reddies. In his first year of coaching at the University, Knight helped create a turning point for the Tiger's leading the team in a 4-6 season. (photo by Tim Harrell)

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Turning point.....moving from a current situation to another; changing position, moving into a different state of being.

Students returned from the summer to face a year full of twists and turns. New students would turn the pages in their life as they faced living away from home. Seniors prepared themselves to turn from adolescence to face the real world.

The streets boarding the campus turned one way. Students watched as construction workers turned what once was a parking lot into a construction site for the Ouachita Commons.

Classes returned, and students faced a new CORE curriculum known as interdisciplinary studies. Gone were courses such as Literature and the Humanities and required physical education activity courses. Students navigated through Liberal Arts and the sophomore menu.

School spirit took a turning point with a long-awaited gridiron victory over ravine rival Henderson State and the introduction of women's soccer. The Tiger Sharks and Lady Tiger Sharks brought home conference championships for the first time since 1985. The University and its students faced a year of many different turning points.

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ARRGH, SCURVY!

Senior Brooks Harrington and junior Stephen Humbar stand ready to fight during the Kappa Chi performance of Tiger Tunes. The club turned heads when they were named Tiger Tunes champions, earning the fifth win for the club in the 1990s. (photo by Travis Robertson)



HELPING OUT

Freshman Alyene Christie repaints a fence for a local resident. She, along with fellow students, took part in Tiger Serve Day. This was a day when students volunteer their time to help residents and businesses with different tasks. *(photo by Myles Wernitz)*

student life

As classes returned, students found new ways of enriching their lives. The first football game and Tiger fans turned into yell machines as they watched the team defeat the Henderson Reddies in the Battle of the Ravine. Alumni and friends of the University also returned to see the sights and hear the sounds of Tiger Tunes.

Seniors through freshmen found both on and off campus jobs, turning their life into a balancing act. From serving customers to helping take part in the Census 2000, students turned from themselves toward others.

Leaves turned colors and eventually dropped from the trees as graduating seniors took part in the first fall commencement. However, other seniors turned the calendar awaiting May graduation.

While out for Christmas break, students, faculty and staff watched as the year 1999 turned to 2000. They witnessed the beginning of a new century.

Weather turned from moderate to cold when a foot and a half of snow fell on the campus grounds. Classes were dismissed for two days giving students a chance to play in the winter wonderland.

Facing the end of campus activities for the year, students experienced the concept of turning point.

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LET IT SNOW

Senior Jennifer Gordon Allison Ray prepare to do battle in the one and half foot of snow that covered the entire campus in January. This was the first time the University dismissed classes due to weather. (photo by Josh Taylor)

2000 and still going

story by Gary Miller

Watching the clock, the small gathering was unsure what to anticipate. With 10 seconds left on the clock before midnight, the group joined in the chorus of *Auld Lang Syne*. This was not just any other New Year's celebration, it was the beginning of a new century.

Student, faculty and staff joined millions of others around the world to welcome the year 2000. Many chose different ways to celebrate. "My friends and I stayed up and watched movies at a friend's lake house," junior Paul Rayburn said. "At midnight we decided to have a dance party."

Watching and waiting was the biggest part of bringing in the new year. The three major broadcasting companies in the United States began airing live video of cities around the world celebrating the year 2000. Having correspondents in every time zone, people throughout the United States watched as fellow humans celebrated. "It was kind of weird watching other countries celebrating the year 2000 while we were still in 1999," said sophomore Josh Howell.

As the world watched, they also waited to see if the dreaded "Y2K bug" would go into effect. Many countries had taken every precaution to ensure that nothing would happen. For students, many made sure to back their files, work and even hard drives for a worst-case scenario. "I made sure everything I had was saved," said junior Seth Miller. "I wasn't worried that anything would happen, but wanted to make sure my stuff was secure just in case our computers were totally wiped out."

There were some people who Y2K did effect. The Department of Human Services in Arkansas had a mishap. The date on their computers went back to 1910. The glitch affected the dates of when clients were admitted, serviced and billed.

Despite a few minor complications, students and others around the world had no problems whatsoever at the arrival of the new century. "Too many people were so worried that the world was going to end," said freshman Kristen Porter. "I didn't anticipate any problems and I was right, nothing happened."

Sophomore Javan Townsend agreed with Porter. "We live in an advanced society," he said. "When programmers and scientist realized it might be a problem, they began working on correcting it then and there, and for the most part, fixed things that weren't Y2K-compliant."

Those who didn't anticipate sudden doom decided to have fun. Like Rayburn, many decided to spend new Year's with friends and family. Senior Michael Bleeker spent the holiday in his new home with his family in Tucson, Ariz. "I watched t.v. all day and that night watched fireworks," he said.

The new year brought new expectations. For students, it was the sign of a new semester and remembering to write 2000 instead of 1999. For the world, it was a journey into a new century and new millennium. "We made it this far and will probably be O.K. the next 1000 years," Townsend said.

y2gone

Workers at the Los Angeles Emergency Operation Center give high-fives in celebration of no Y2K glitches. The center was opened in case any problems arose at the stroke of midnight. photo by Abel Koester/Corbis Sygma



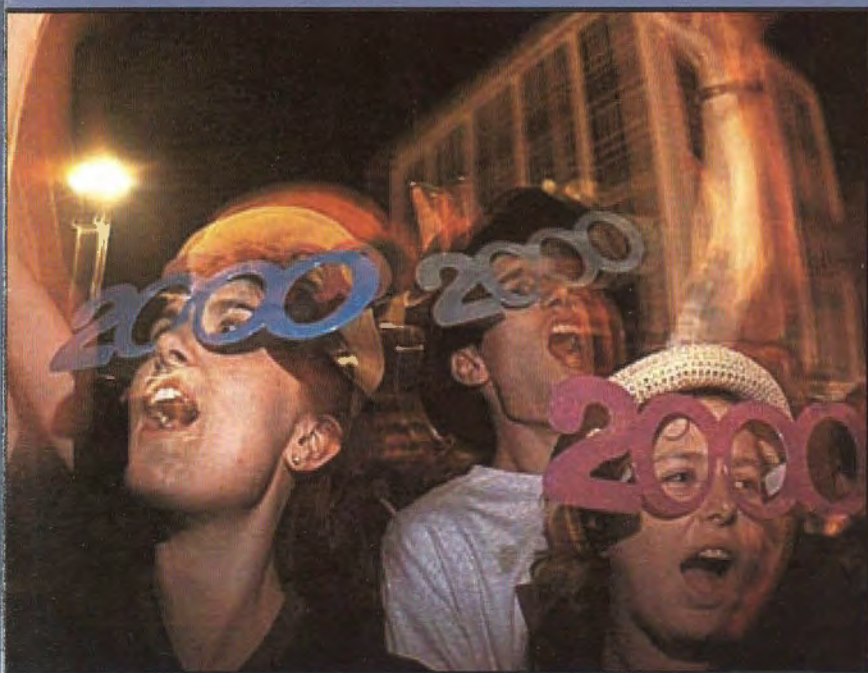
effiel power

In an array of lights, the millions of fireworks placed inside the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, began the countdown into the year 2000. photo by Philippe Wojazer/Reuters

party like it's 1999

People gather in Time Square in New York City to say goodbye to 1999 and hello to 2000. It was estimated that some 2 million gathered in Time Square for New Year's Eve. photo by James Estrin/New York Times





bubbles of fun

Geraldine Corneau of San Antonio, Texas, prepares to bring in the new year along with fellow residents at her retirement center. She, like many people, chose to spend the new year with friends. *photo by Bob Owen/San Antonio Express-News*

washington welcome

Fireworks flash across the sky at the Washington Monument. *photo by Ron Sachs/Corbis Sygma*

the future's so bright

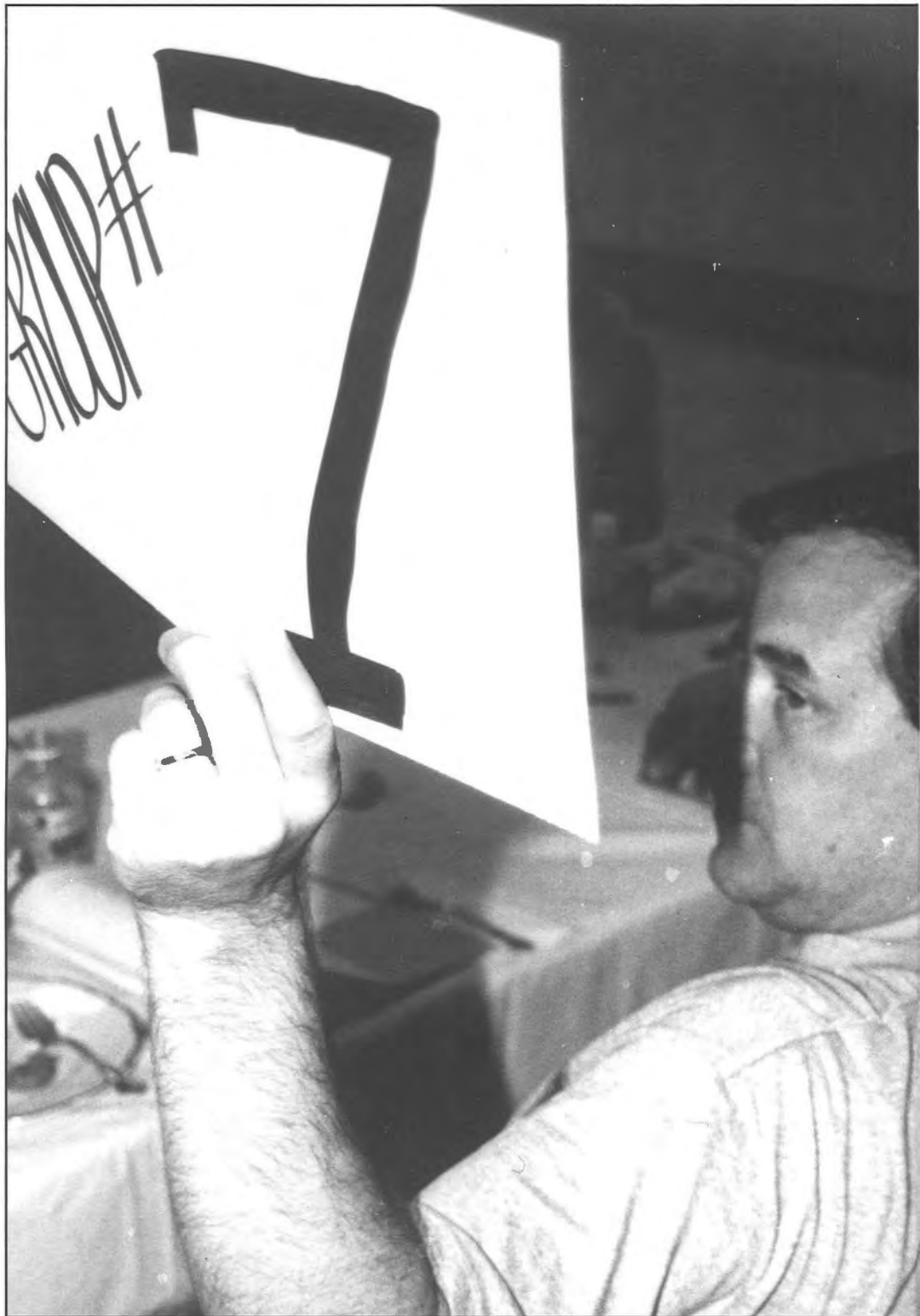
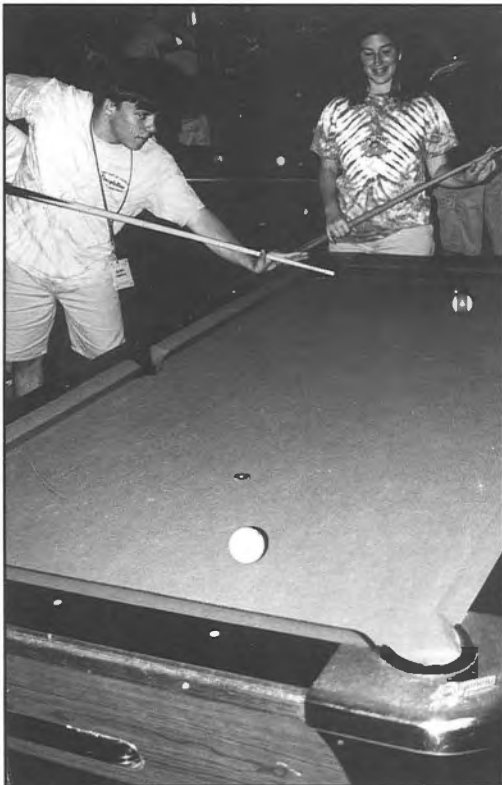
Citizens of Gisborne, New Zealand, look toward the year 2000 with great expectation. Gisborne was the first city to see the new century. *photo by Maya Vidom/Agence-France Presse*

over here

Dr. Jeff Root signifies to WOW leaders the location of his family group during dinner. Faculty members took part during the weekend serving as group leaders. This allowed incoming students to become familiar with professors on a personal level. *photo by Tim Harrell*

eight ball, corner pocket

Freshmen Adam Copeland and Natalie Flemming take time out from WOW activities to play a game of pool. Students were able to take advantage of the recently remodeled student center during the weekend, using the pool tables, ping pong tables and work out center, all added the previous year. *photo by Tim Harrell*



ease on down the lane

Incoming freshmen Taber Reynolds and Amanda Adams take their turn at gaining points for their family group, as other family members watch. One of the activities of WOW weekend was bowling. The weekend consisted of several competitions that allowed students to win prizes. *photo by Tim Harrell*



WELCOME

to

By Kellie Blalock and Kathryn Stewart

college

Arriving at the bustling campus at a startling eight a.m., a swarm of buff guys and friendly girls surround the navy Ford Explorer. Out hopped an overly energetic freshman followed by her very stressed family. Hundreds of new students shared in the excitement and drama of finally becoming a Ouachitonian. Because of the massive transition many students experience, a student steering committee developed Welcome to Ouachita's World (WOW) in order to transform the campus into the place each student can call home sweet home. After ushering each freshman family in, many activities began to ease the separation between teary-eyed parents and oblivious students. "My mom and I are really close, so it was hard to say goodbye," remarked freshman Jennifer Bruce.

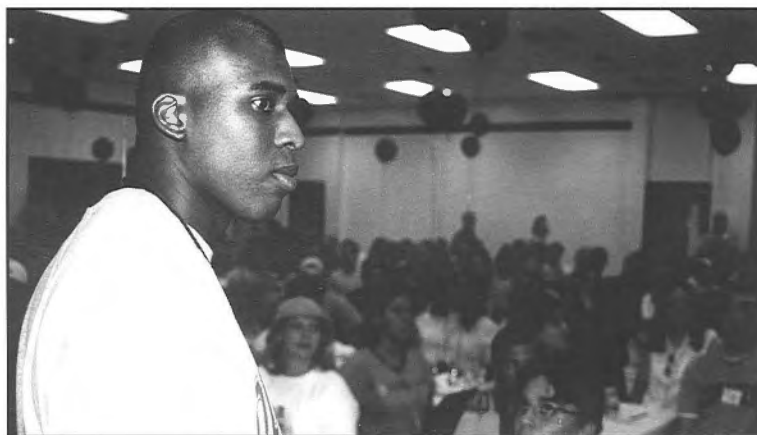
With the parents out of sight, the first session began with a few students getting "Singled Out," where random students were hooked up with their dream date. Campus secrets were also shared, such as ladies - no purses, pull UP on the milk machine, and the "bridge" is not over the ravine. Upperclassman "moms" and "dads" guided their ten children to and from various activities, which introduced them to the president, the community, and the university family. Students were able to get personal during the BSU mixer. "If I were in BSU I wonder what I'd be?" This meeting introduced students to ministry leaders and the many opportunities they would have to get involved.

As WOW weekend drew to a close, girls experienced the first immense anxiety that accompanies the freshman fifteen. Sugar Pie Honey Bunch mixed with chocolate and strawberries was just one of the options each church presented to Ouachita students at the Pie in the Plaza. "The pie social was a great way to end WOW weekend because it gave me an opportunity to learn about area churches," said freshman April Meyer. Although the weekend was over the fun was just beginning.

WOW weekend was a direct reflection of the New Student Retreat that was held in early August. Ouachita rookies began meeting and greeting each other, "What is your name? Where are you from? What is your major?" After checking in at Evans Student Center, students were invited to the banquet room for their first taste of cafeteria food, the famous chicken strips. Following dinner, family groups, led by Ouachita faculty and staff, met together to encourage mixing and mingling among a group of vasty teenagers. The first evening ended with laughter as Six Pack improvised during a coffeehouse in the Tiger Den.

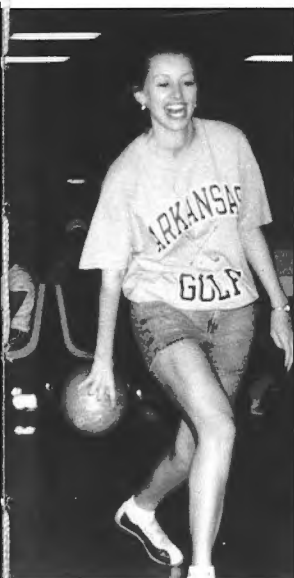
Waking up bright and early students enjoyed a few bites of breakfast before a praise and worship session. Together the new students lifted their voices to God in praise and prayer. Family groups loosened up a little with the friendly competition of Bop It; however, the competition did not stop there. Off to the bowling alley they went. Students spent several hours goofing-off and eating before arriving back at the campus. After a quick change of clothes the freshmen were literally seen "Playin' in the Plaza" with the blow up world provided by the University. The evening concluded at DeGray Lake with barbecue, a touch of comedy, and the Boop Off. "The New Student Retreat gave me a chance to familiarize myself with the excitement of campus life. The food, a night in the dorm, meeting girls, you know, it kind of felt like church camp," said freshman James Cole.

Both of these events were designed to help make the transition between home and college easier. They helped new students learn the different aspects of the college life and the importance of learning how to balance your social, spiritual, and educational needs as a college student. With the New Student Retreat, incoming freshmen were provided with opportunities to meet their future classmates and to build friendships that would carry throughout the year. With WOW weekend, freshmen and transfer students were welcomed into Ouachita's world with an introduction to the special world that they would soon call home.



come on down

Admissions counselor Eric Torrence calls out a name for someone to take part in a skit during a general session of the New Student Retreat. During these sessions, incoming new students took part in ice breakers to get to know one another as well as their faculty "mom and dad" family group leaders. *photo by Tim Harrell*



roping the wind

At the BSU Barn Bash, sophomore Jeremy Nottingham tries to rope his date. Couples could choose from activities such as horse shoes, playing in hay bales, eating barbecue and lassoing. *photo by Ben Baxter*



ready, set, go!

Sophomore Terri Fowler and senior Cory Colbert practice swing dancing before couples began arriving at the EEE Happeee Days. Couples were taken back to the 1950s and enjoyed old-fashion Coke floats and rock-n-roll. *photo by Jill Bates*



CHANGING

the

by Peggy Itschner

roles

He looked at his watch several times, wondering what she could want. She had called randomly, asking him to meet her in his lobby. Ten minutes later, she was on bended knee, not to ask for his hand in marriage, but if he would allow her the privilege of escorting him to Harvest Moon, a TWIRP week event sponsored by Chi Delta women's social club.

TWIRP week served many purposes. A week of role reversal took place as the women were required to pay and ask the guy out. TWIRP events allowed girls who were tired of waiting for that "special guy" to make a move. TWIRP week was also an excellent chance to get to know someone better or just have a good time with a friend. "It's much more fun to ask a friend," said junior Heather Green, "because it's too complicated to take someone you're interested in. You get too busy trying to please him to have a good time." Junior Ben Baxter felt that the purpose of TWIRP week changed with age. "The whole attitude changes over time," Baxter said. "Freshman year it's a big deal and people get hurt feelings over it. But by junior year, it's just nice to go somewhere and hang out with everyone."

The week's events were sponsored by the four women's social clubs, Campus Activities Board, and Campus Ministries. People dressed in poodle skirts and '50s do's as EEE began the week with old-fashioned sodas and swing dancing at Fifties Night. Campus Ministries provided a country atmosphere of barbecue, redneck games and music at the Barn Bash. The Bash was held off-campus, which gave a more "down home" feeling. Junior Josh Mayfield said, "Barn Bash was a great way to hang out with friends, have fun, and escape campus. Besides, lassoing my date was awesome!" CAB sponsored a coffeehouse featuring cappuccino and music by one of the top college performers, the Jen Cohen Band. Tables were provided to draw on or play cards as further entertainment during the concert. The week continued as women decked out in formal gowns and men in tuxedos for an evening of fine dining and dancing at Harvest Moon. "I took my boyfriend to Harvest Moon and we had a great time dressing up and dancing, two things we don't get to do very often," said junior Meredith Rose. Tri Chi hosted Planet Ouachita, allowing students to get their creative juices flowing as they dressed as movie stars and enjoyed a stellar show, featuring parodies of Star Wars, Saturday Night Live, and Gap commercials. The week ended with Gamma Phi's Sadie Hawkins, a mini-carnival with great games and prizes. Students could be found traveling a cake walk and even getting married at The Hitchin' Post.

Although TWIRP week can be a time of nervousness and decisions for women on campus, guys found themselves making decisions throughout the week, too. One young man charmed the hearts of several girls and was asked to every TWIRP night, and some twice! Junior Justin Franz attended each night with a girl on his arm. Franz said he had a great time at each event, but hated having to say no to some invitations. "I was asked by some girls I've known for years, but one I had only known for thirty minutes!" With six nights of adventures, much can happen. From cameras plummeting through bales of hay at the Barn Bash and trees nearly falling at the coffeehouse, Franz never had a dull moment. "TWIRP week is a great experience. It's fun and you get to know a lot of people."

you move me

Singer Jen Cohen looks out into the audience while performing during the CAB coffeehouse. She, along with her band, entertained TWIRP couples by singing songs from her current cd. Cohen was voted number one among college and university performers. *photo by Myles Wernitz*



tommy can you hear me?

Rosie O'Donnell, played by sophomore Whitney Wesson, talks with Will Smith, senior Marcus Marks while junior Molly Darden and sophomore Rachael Bohlen display O'Donnell's crush for Tom Cruise. The event was part of Tri Chi's Planet Ouachita, where couples dressed as their favorite stars. *photo by Tim Harrell*

STAND UP AND YELL IT!

Students gather at A.U. Williams Field to support the Tigers in the battle against Henderson. Both fans and foes of the Tigers witnessed the 34-14 defeat of the Reddies.



taking back the ravine

TIGERS UPSET HENDERSON REDDIES BY REGAINING TITLE AS BATTLE OF THE RAVINE CHAMPIONS

A Friday night in the middle of campus was normally a dead one. But, this was no typical "suitcase college" weekend. As midnight approached, students began to gather around the Tiger to honor an annual tradition founded on school spirit and a rivalry for the neighboring Henderson Reddie football team. The mysterious Midnight Circle would soon be underway.

The smell of barbecue and the music of Dave Matthews filled the air since a number of students had decided to make an evening of the event. Senior Midnight Circle ringmaster Andy Scott, dressed in his trademark long-sleeve yellow shirt, athletic shorts, cowboy hat and ski goggles had made all the last minute preparations and was ready to kick off the emotional hour-long pep rally. Later, Scott commented on the Tiger win that would follow. "I feel like I can graduate now. My experience is complete, and I can move on."

The Tigers had battled their across-the-street rivals on 73 previous occasions since their first meeting in 1907. Henderson led the series 35-32-6 and had won the last seven games. The Tigers had not seen a victory in 12 years.

However, the Tigers were at the start of a new era. New head coach and alumnus Todd Knight left Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss., to come and restore the Tiger football program. Delta State was favored to win the Gulf South conference title for the second year in a row. Nevertheless, Knight returned to his alma mater and brought his assistant head coach and defensive coordinator with him. In addition, solid recruiting, hard work and do or die determination would bring an abrupt halt to the Reddie winning streak. Knight said, "We were 3-1 against Henderson when I went to school here, but it's about the players and the seniors. This win pulled the entire university together. It's big."

A standing room only crowd of 6,470 fans at A.U. Williams Field witnessed the Tigers dominate the Henderson State University Reddies for four quarters. Knight's Tigers led by at least six points the entire game, but the margin would widen and the score would read 34-14 before all was said and done. A relentless running attack by the Tigers pounded away at the Reddie defense possession after possession for 277 total yards, while the Tiger defense held Henderson to 133 yards for the game.

Senior running back Rico McClarity was selected as the Lone Star Conference's Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against the Reddies. McClarity had two rushing touchdowns, one touchdown reception and an 84 yard punt return for a touchdown. McClarity said, "We definitely played our hardest. It's a game we'll never forget."

Rivalry and school spirit walked hand in hand. There was something about the long standing tradition and the struggle between two closely related opponents that brought out the loyalist fan in the most apathetic student. Without any trial or hard work, reason or conviction, a student somehow found it deep inside to take extreme measures for the sake of the home team. For some, that meant showing up for the game. For others, it was face paint, noise makers and three hours of intense yelling. Many students sacrificed hours of precious sleep to guard the Tiger against any Reddie invasion the week before the contest, while Henderson students gave their fountain off of Highway 7 the same attention. All of this and a minor incident involving a certain assistant coach for the Reddies, a Henderson-owned video camera and a Tiger football practice provided plenty of reason to believe that the tension between the two universities may have been a little more intense than in the recent past. The Battle of the Ravine tradition, 92 years old and counting, would undoubtedly live on for years to come. >Paul Rayburn

making a recovery

Athletic Director David Sharp and President Andrew Westmoreland present Nick James with the game ball signed by the Tiger football team. Nick was joined on the track by his father Randal James. It was Nick's first return to campus after suffering severe injuries in a car wreck in Nov. 1998 during his freshman year. *photo by Tim Harrell*



swing time

Senior Jeremy Conrad swings junior Cassidy Allen into the Tiger spirit of Homcoming as part of the marching band's halftime show. They were accompanied by four other couples. *photo by Ben Baxter*

making dad proud

Giving a big hug, Larry Sharp congratulates his daughter, Candace Sharp, as she hears her name announced over the loudspeaker. Sharp, a junior theatre major from Mesquite, Texas, was named the 1999 Homecoming queen by the student body. *photo by Cade Shera*





good catch

Senior runningback Rico McClarity assists his team by keeping the ball away from Harding defenders. Although the Tigers didn't come out on top, the game was still exciting. *photo by Cade Shera*

PRESENTING the pride

by Kristen McKelvey

A Lone Star Conference football game, class reunions, an alumni luncheon, a golf scramble, tailgate parties and Tiger Tunes were just some of the many activities that took place Homecoming weekend. The student body spent countless hours in preparation for the events of the weekend and finally it arrived. The intensity was high as parents and high school students traveled from all over to share in the spirit of Homecoming.

The Homecoming court was presented in Chapel on Tuesday. 1998 Homecoming queen T.K. Zellers reflected on the past year and how much her love for Ouachita has grown. She said that being an admissions counselor was the perfect job for her because of her love for the Institution. This year's 39 female contestants represented various campus clubs and organizations. The contestants were also recognized at the football game before the crowning of the new queen and her court. Junior Candace Sharp, a musical theater major representing Theta Alpha Phi, won the votes of the students and took home the crown "Winning Homecoming queen was more special to me than I could ever put into words," she said. "Some have said they were excited that Ouachita finally found something in a Queen more than beauty. I, however, like to quote a friend of mine- 'What makes a woman beautiful? The way the world looks at her or the way she look at the world?' I think it was about beauty- just a type seen inside and out. I am surprised, out of all those beautiful girls, that this school has chosen me. It is truly an honor."

Social clubs invited club alumni and parents of members to their individual teas and drop-ins held on-campus. The wooden letters were displayed at reunions and on the field as activities got underway.

The football game began with the Homecoming court ceremonies at 1 p.m. followed by a sunny afternoon of grueling tackles against Harding University. The Tigers played hard in opposition to the Bisons but came out short. The game ended with a disappointing score of Harding 41, Ouachita 7.

Tiger Tunes drew in large audiences each night. Scopers from all over Arkansas came to view the school and be entertained by the students. Senior Jon Merryman was in charge of Tiger Tunes and was thrilled that this was the first year the show sold out on Thursday. "The clubs worked well together and encouraged each other. There seemed to be less tension between those involved," said Merryman. Each club and organization's efforts were made known throughout the three evenings of competition.

At the conclusion of Saturday night's performance, the Homecoming court was presented one final time drawing the events to a close. "The final Tiger Tunes performance was full of energy," junior Josh Moore said. "We felt a great sense of pride as we performed for our peers, parents and alumni."



playing around

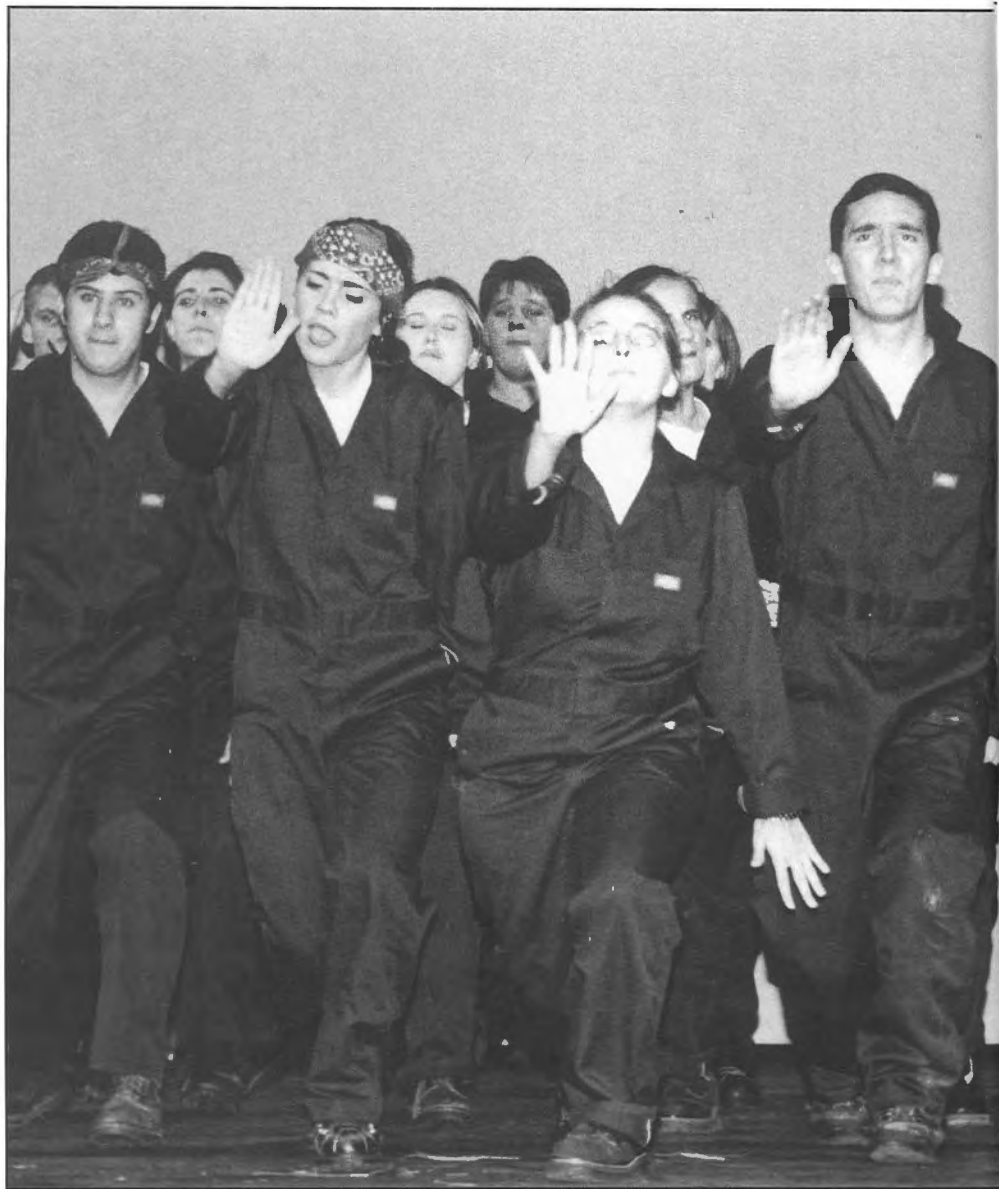
The Marching Band performs in front of a large crowd at A.U. Williams Field. The band was one of the many attractions that entertained on this hot Saturday afternoon. *photo by Tim Harrell*

we don't want to scrub

Members of the BSU sing about the troubles of being a janitor. They performed an outstanding stomp, which led to thunderous applause each night. *photo by Brad Johnson*

lobster, for the seafood lover in you

Sigma Alpha Sigma punches to the rthym and begs the audience not to eat lobster. With their inside jokes and fun songs, the S's were a definate favorite for the audience. *photo by Cade Shera*



we're up with the sunshine

As little girls, the women of EEE show off their tap-dancing skills. EEE members and the audience were surprised on Saturday night as they walked away with overall second place. *photo by Cade Shera*

we love piracy

Junior Rick Dildine wants to prove that he is the best Kappa pirate ever. The Kappa's took home the first place prize, giving them five Tiger Tunes wins in the 1990s. *photo by Carrie Dunham*

BELIEVING in the

by Julie Tohlen

MUSIC

The lights dimmed. People scurried to find their seats, not wanting to miss a moment of excitement. In the center of one's chest, a small thump began to pulsate as the music began to play. "Here we go...Ole! Ole! Ole!" resounded from the lips of the hosts and hostesses. The 21st annual Tiger Tunes, sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation, was un-BELIEVE-able.

With the year's theme "Believe," Tiger Tunes drew sell-out crowds. The show was a three-night event with alumni, students, faculty, family and friends gathering at the Jones Performing Arts Center. Everyone was there to watch the seven social clubs and Baptist Student Union compete to be this year's best.

Preparations for Tiger Tunes were being made as far back as the summer months. Music was being selected and lyrics were being rewritten. By the end of September, the show began to be put into full swing. Night after night, week after week, practices were held. Although countless hours of hard work and dedication were put into each rehearsal, there was no doubt that memories were being made. Host and Hostesses director Mark Langley agreed, "It was very time consuming, but it was also the best thing I've ever done at Ouachita. I really enjoyed working with the hosts and hostesses."

On Saturday evening, the show's last performance night, the room was engulfed in agonizing suspense as the audience and organizations awaited the results. Jon Merryman, Tiger Tunes chairperson, and Aaron Hawley, OSF president, shattered everyone's anticipation as they announced the winners. Kappa Chi men's social club, performing as pirates, was awarded first place. "I was shocked and very emotional, considering that my last time was when the Kappas won," said senior Joel Schrap.

EEE Women's Social Club took first-runner up as little girls. Tri Chi women's social club won second-runner up as painters. Beta Beta men's social club, who performed as supermen, tied with the BSU's janitors for third-runner up. Other participants included the Sigma Alpha Sigma men's social club as lobsters, Chi Delta women's social club as safari guides, and Gamma Phi women's social club as detectives.

Between each act, the audience enjoyed an array of musical performances, presented by a talented group of hosts and hostesses. Various selections were performed, such as *1999, Music Of My Heart*, and a collection of country hits in "The Women of Country." The hosts and hostesses included director Mark Langley, Josh Howell, Adam Langley, Collier Moore, Jessi Burkey, Heather Green, Noelle Mason, and Emily Harness.

The hosts and hostesses ended their performance with a finale, "Let's All Go to the Movies," featuring hit songs from movies throughout the years as a tribute to the 100th anniversary of the American Film Institute. The organizations gave their farewell with a Tiger Tunes Mega Mix. This was not just an extra treat for the audience, but it gave each participating organization a chance to come together before ending the night. "The finale was my favorite part," said Jessi Burkey. "The different songs highlighted everyone's talents."

This year's Tiger Tunes lived up to its reputation of being an outstanding show. Every organization proved its capabilities of being their best. "We were excited about selling out the show for all three nights," Merryman said. "Not only was Tunes more popular than ever, but the money raised from Tunes will help students by providing more scholarships money."



think of me flying

Senior Kyle Floyd and the men of Beta Beta want to save Metropolis from the villains. The bright blue tights, red capes and catchy lyrics captured the judge's attention and the Betas tied for third runner-up. *photo by Tim Harrell*

we need a spray gun

The women of Tri Chi don't want to rush the brush, they just have to paint. To get ready for the big night, the members practiced extensively for several weeks in order to perfect their show. *photo by Brad Johnson*





winter wonderland

After the snow let up, the pictureque Berry Bible Building stands looking like a postcard. Campus buildings remained covered with snow two weeks after the 16 inches fell. *photo by Laura Norris*



dig in

President Andrew Westmoreland assists in shoveling snow off the sidewalks, making them passable for students and staff. The snow became a problem when it melted during the day and froze that night. *photo by Jeff Root*

mr. snowman

Juniors Aaron LeMay and Deanna Denham take the opportunity to build a life-size snowman. Unfortunately, Mr. Snowman only lasted until other students knocked him down, or ran him over with a vehicle. *photo by Rachel Rains*



BLIZZARD

of

by Gary Miller

2000

Slowly, the ground began to turn a solid white. The sky was barely visible and so were everyday outside objects. As hours passed, the white substance continued to build, getting higher and higher. On Thursday, January 27 at 11 a.m., the school decided to shut down and resume the following Monday. It was the snow storm of 2000.

Students welcomed the dismissal of classes and the campus became a huge playground, with students running, throwing and sliding in the winter blanket. Students pulled out sweaters and jackets to go play in the 16 inches of snow that accumulated on the campus. "It was amazing to see that much snow," said junior Steven Young. "It felt so quick and made the whole campus shut down."

The snow did come as a surprise. No one expected such a large amount of accumulation. For students who lived in the South, the snow was something new.

The snow had many effects on the campus. It not only shut down classes but ended the two days left in pledge week. Dean Keldon Henley stopped all pledge activities from taking place outside. He along with Dr. Andrew Westmoreland met with pledge masters and mistresses and discussed what actions were to be taken. They were to stop all pledging activities and were given another club night the next week. For some pledges, this came as a welcome. "I wished we could have finished, but the break gave us time to catch up on sleep and homework," said freshman Bryant Adams.

The snow stopped not only the campus but the town as well. Streets were impassable, making travel impossible. The snow became boring and there was only so much to do in the dorms. In order to pass the time, Refuge was scheduled. This gave students a chance to get out and fellowship as well as worship. "Refuge gave us a break from sitting and doing nothing," said junior Begina Brawner.

Also stranded because of the snow were Christian artists Nickle and Dime. They were traveling to Texarkana for a concert but became stranded when picking up a band member in Arkadelphia. After contacting the school, the former Ouachitonians made their way to the campus and did a concert, performing songs from their newest cd, not released at that time.

The clouds moved and sunshine returned, melting away some of the snow. This allowed a few roads to reopen and made the town accessible again. However, road conditions were still a concern so many churches had no service but there was one held in Jones Performing Arts Center.

The snow caused area schools not to reopen on Monday, due to the number of commuters. Since the university was primarily residents, classes resumed. "I was glad to be back in class because being shut in got boring really quick," said sophomore Tiffany Hines.

Streets around the campus and town began being cleared. The snow was pushed aside, making small hills of blackened powder. It took almost two weeks before there was no sign of the winter precipitation.

The weather did cause classes to be set back. Some students had tests on the missed days. The snow bought them some more time to study. "I had a huge chemistry test that I needed to make an A on," said sophomore Brannon Brown. "The snow allowed me to get a few more hours to prepare myself for the test and pass it."

Though the weather only lasted a short time, it had a huge impact on the town and state. It was helpful to some but caused damage to others. Buildings collapsed due to the amount of weight that accumulated in the short period of time. Stores canopies, home carports and even roofs couldn't withstand the pressure of the snow. "I couldn't believe the snow could cause some buildings to completely collapse," said one Arkadelphia resident. "It looked like a huge foot came along and stepped on buildings."



ready, aim, fire!

Senior Shawn Cathey takes aim at a fellow student, trying to avoid being hit himself. Students began playing in the snow after classes were dismissed on Thursday.

photo by Ben Baxter



circle of friends.

Dove award-winning Point of Grace sings out a popular tune at the spring concert put on by CAB. Although they weren't touring at the time, the group decided to make a special trip to their alma mater. *photo by Tim Harrell*

fan-tastic

Christian group Avalon talks with a young fan after its first concert on the "A" tour. Avalon, along with Anointed and Nicole Nordeman, entertained the crowd of all ages and brought Ouachitonians to their feet with an amazing encore. *photo by Travis Robertson*



swing time

The crowd gets into the hip sounds of The W's, a Christian swing band. This concert marked the first for the year and was enjoyed by the student body. *photo by Myles Wertz*



tunes at the coffee house

Christian performing artist Jen Cohen sings songs from her album at the CAB-sponsored coffee house. The students were treated to cappuccino and live entertainment. *photo by Myles Wertz*



ENTERTAINING ^{the} CROWDS

by Laura Norris

The new millennium started with a bang, and the fun kept on going. Besides going to classes, studying, and making new friends, there was also the anticipation of the special events that would be coming to campus.

The W's were first on the list of concerts sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. A Christian swing band, the W's performed at Grant Plaza and was free to the students. Because the concert was held on Monday before registration, students not only gathered at Grant Plaza to listen to the band, but also to meet new people.

A few weeks later, the Jen Cohen Band performed on Tuesday night of TWIRP week. Couples had the opportunity to listen to the band, sip on coffee and get to know one another.

Ouachita was the scene for the first stop on the "A" Tour with Contemporary Christian groups Avalon and Anointed. Opening for the two popular groups, Nicole Nordeman began what was to be a night of high-energy.

Anointed, having previously won four Dove Awards and two Grammy nominations, had Ouachitonians on their feet and putting their hands together when they took the stage. "Anointed definitely brought some soul to this school," said junior Kristen McKelvey.

Following Anointed, Avalon took the stage with material from their new album, "In A Different Light." Avalon was given the 1998 Dove Award for New Artist of the year.

"I loved Avalon's new music and it was just as powerful as their first album," said senior Chris Powell.

For the finale, Nordeman and Anointed joined Avalon in their song, "Testify to Love." It was a powerful song that ended a night of powerful music that had everyone on their feet.

Jones Performing Arts Center was sold out on April 1 as Point of Grace and Nickle and Dime gave a concert for their alma mater. The girls, formerly called Say So from O.C. Bailey dorm, were given a warm welcome as they took the stage on Saturday night. For Point of Grace, the concert was special because their touring was limited to Women of Faith Conferences, so that they could spend time with their families and friends.

Point of Grace performed crowd favorites from their previous albums, such as "The Great Divide" and "Circle of Friends," where they were joined by Pint of Grace, a group of local girls who first performed with Point of Grace in 1995.

Also during the concert, Denise Masters Jones was surprised with an unexpected graduation celebration. She lacked only one class for a B.S.E. degree in music, and was able to finish by taking American National Government via e-mail with President Andrew Westmoreland. Jones was congratulated by President Westmoreland and Vice President Mike Arrington in a taped message. Dr. Charles Wright, dean of the Jones School of Fine Arts was also present to congratulate her.

The year proved eventful in the areas of entertainment and concerts.



nickle and dime

Zack Murtha, a guitarist for Nickle and Dime and Ouachita alumnus, plays songs from the group's second album. After being on tour for three weeks, the group was glad to return home and open for Point of Grace. photo by Tim Harrell

soul train

Avalon, Anointed and Nicole Nordeman perform their last song of the concert, adding their own flavor and soul. This last song was memorable to the students because it was full of energy and intensity. photo by Tim Harrell

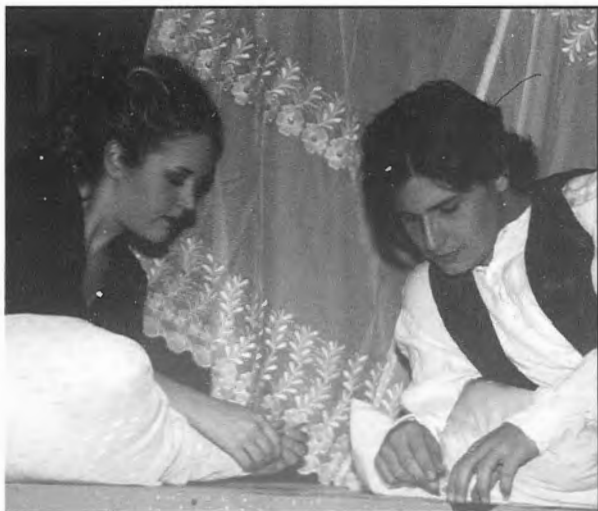


You don't say

Will Sonheim portrays Bert, a neighborhood boy, and senior Blake Powell portrays Joe Keller in the production of *All My Sons*. The production was Arthur Miller's revealing play about the faulty plane parts made by Keller's company for use in World War II. photo by Tim Harrell

Two-faced

Senior John Thomas Smith and sophomore Paige Burt rehearse during *The Great God Brown*. The characters in the play used masks to represent expressions portrayed in different settings. photo by Myles Wertz



REHEARSING the

by Laura Norris

drama

The stage was set. The lights went up. The crowd was anticipating a great performance. No, this wasn't the scene for a Broadway production, but for one of the many productions and musicals presented by the division of applied arts of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts. *All My Sons*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and *The Great God Brown* were three major performances that intrigued audiences this year.

All My Sons, a play by Arthur Miller opened the 1999-2000 drama series titled "A Season of 20th Century American Playwrights." This drama focused on the tragedy of the common man and told of two families torn apart by a wartime secret.

"This was my favorite play," said Dr. Scott Holsclaw, associate professor of theater arts and director of the performance. "The themes were still prevalent and very applicable today."

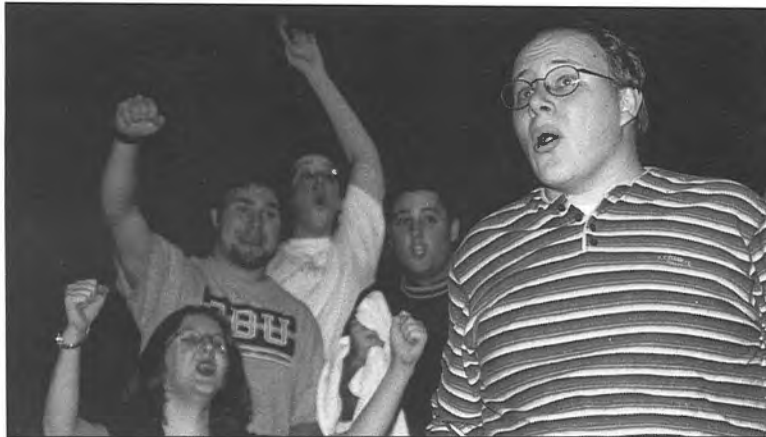
With the next production, hoped to recapture the spirit of Charles Schulz's classic comic character in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, was a Clark Gesner musical. This was the first time the play was performed at Ouachita. Another first was the way costumes were handled. Donna Meister, of Arkansas State University, was contracted to design costumes. Meister, vice-chair for design for the Kennedy Center/American College Theater Festival, added experience and put an innovative, professional twist on the show.

Playing Charlie Brown, senior Jeremy Bishop had high expectations from the show and believed that the audience identified with his character. "I think that the reason *Peanuts* lasted as long as it did is because there is something in the character of Charlie Brown that we can all relate to." He also said, "The hardest part was trying to copy all the previous notions that people had and, in turn, trying to bring the character home."

The last major production proved to be the most challenging for the theater arts department. *The Great God Brown*, by Eugene O'Neill, involved a struggle between two friends whose fathers were partners in a construction firm. The principle cast consisted of junior Rick Dildine, senior John Thomas Smith, junior Noelle Mason and sophomore Paige Burt.

The cast and the crew spent many hours preparing for the different roles. Dildine said, "I've studied a lot about the history of the play -- what people have written and said about it. I've probably read the play 50 times." Burt also spent many hours in the library preparing herself for her role. "The words are so beautiful that it was challenging to make the piece seem less poetic," Holsclaw said. He added that the play was more stylistic and less realistic. "It was a psychological in nature and dealt with the cycle of life, human welfare and mankind as a whole. The audience was challenged intellectually."

The final curtain call was given for the 1999-2000 drama series. Looking back, it was a time for tears, laughter and thought. Even though it wasn't Broadway, some would have declared it a close second.



Oh, Charlie Brown

Senior Jeremy Bishop, playing Charlie Brown, sings about his troubles in the play *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. The production was a light-hearted musical about Charles Shultz's luckless character. photo by Tim Harrell

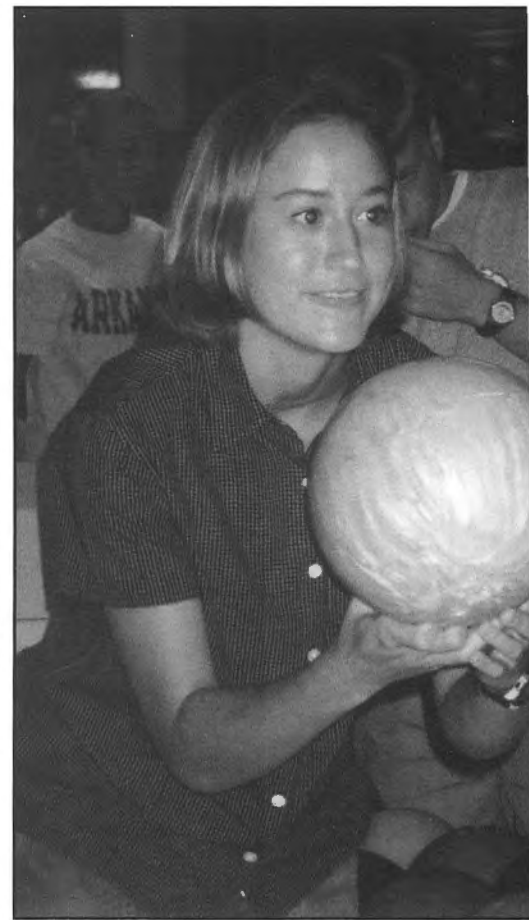


Oh, Baby!

Juniors Bonnie Montgomery and Josh Shaw, and sophomore Jenna Williams portray characters from the opera *The Ballad of Baby Doe*. The fictional characters were recreated from actual events drawn from the pages of Colorado's mining industry at the turn of the century. photo by Jamie Hancock

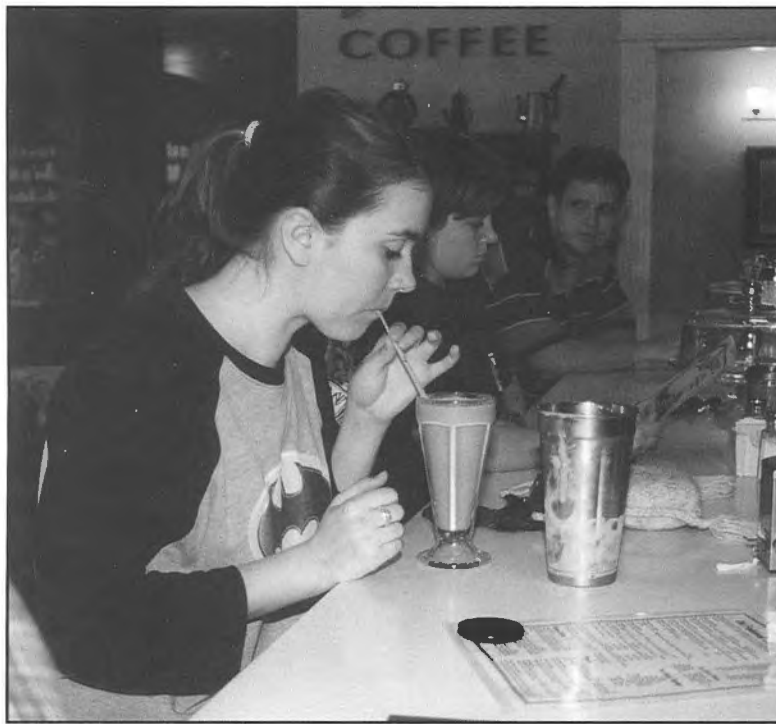
ready, set, bowl!

Getting her aim straight, junior Susan Burkhead steps up and gets ready to throw the ball down the alley. Although Arkadelphia Bowling Center was a place where students could hang out, it was also where bowling class was held. *photo by Wendy Porter*



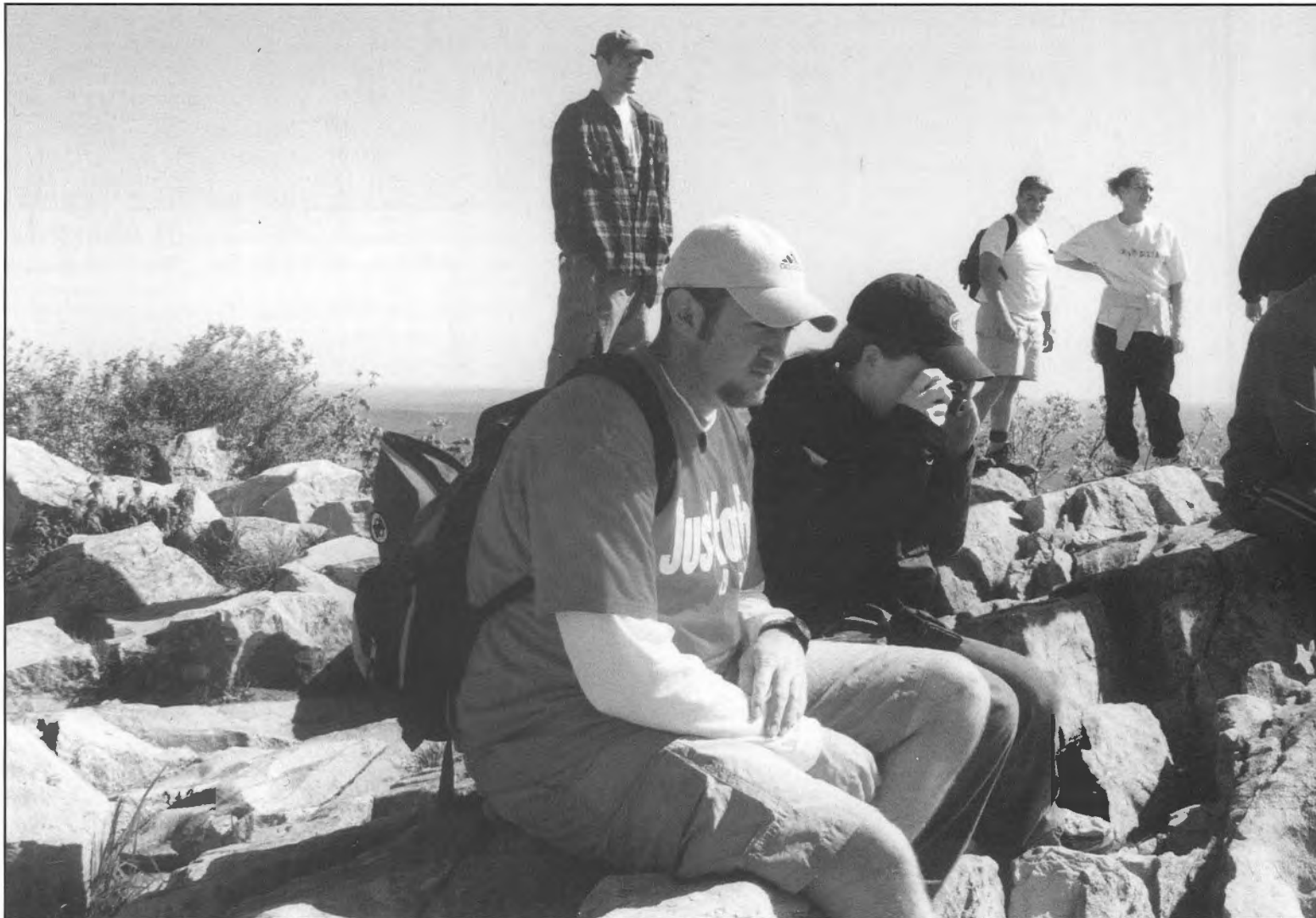
shakin' it up

The photography staff visits Malone's to have old-fashioned shakes. Students often ate off campus to provide a little variety in their diets or for special treats. *photo by Travis Robertson*



climbing to the top

Students participating in the hiking class spend the day climbing Pinnacle Mountain. Activity classes were often a great way to meet different people and have fun. *photo by Tim Harrell*



FINDING a little “

by Cassidy Allen

Weekends were a big part of campus life. Since Arkadelphia was a small town with two colleges, there were a lot of students planning activities on the weekend. Several weekends throughout the year were spent doing campus-related activities such as Tiger Tracks, Tiger Serve Day and football games. However, when these events weren't going on, students hit the town in search of a fun way to spend Friday or Saturday night.

Most students considered the surrounding areas, such as Hot Springs or Little Rock, to be much more appealing when trying to plan. Hot Springs was an exciting place because of the historical downtown area. On a nice night, it wasn't unusual to see people just walking around enjoying the atmosphere. There were several of speciality shops as well as a variety of restaurants from which to choose. Another attribute of Hot Springs that was unique was the view from the mountain top. “On a clear night, you can see the lights from the entire city from the mountain,” said junior Paul Lowe.

Some students at Ouachita were more attracted to the bigger city environment. The malls, movies and clubs were the more traditional ways that weekends were spent. Coffee shops were another place for college students to just hang out and relax. “Going to Barnes and Nobles was a great way to relax and catch up on time with my friends,” said junior Nowell Mason.

The new Alltel Arena was the sight for many concerts and ice-hockey games that attracted college students. The arena hosted several different sporting events as well as concerts. In May, the pop group N' Sync performed in Alltel. This served as a welcomed event. “They were simply awesome,” said senior Brandi Rogers who won tickets the night before the concert. “I had no intentions of going, but when I won the tickets, heck yeah I went!”

If money, transportation or just sheer exhaustion prevented students from going out of town, the area lakes called out. Lake DeGray was only 15 minutes from the campus and this was a great spot to go and “veg.” Packing up the car or truck, students went camping, swimming or just to hang out. Some students even took boats or jet skis.

With a variety of things to do, students kept busy, whether on or off campus. “Weekends were our time to kick back, relax and have as much fun as possible before returning to class on Monday,” said senior Shannon Leathers.



riding the waves

Senior Jesse Mullinax shows off his water-skiing skills. Lake DeGray and other surrounding lakes drew students to their waters for relaxation and recreation. *photo by Ben Baxter*

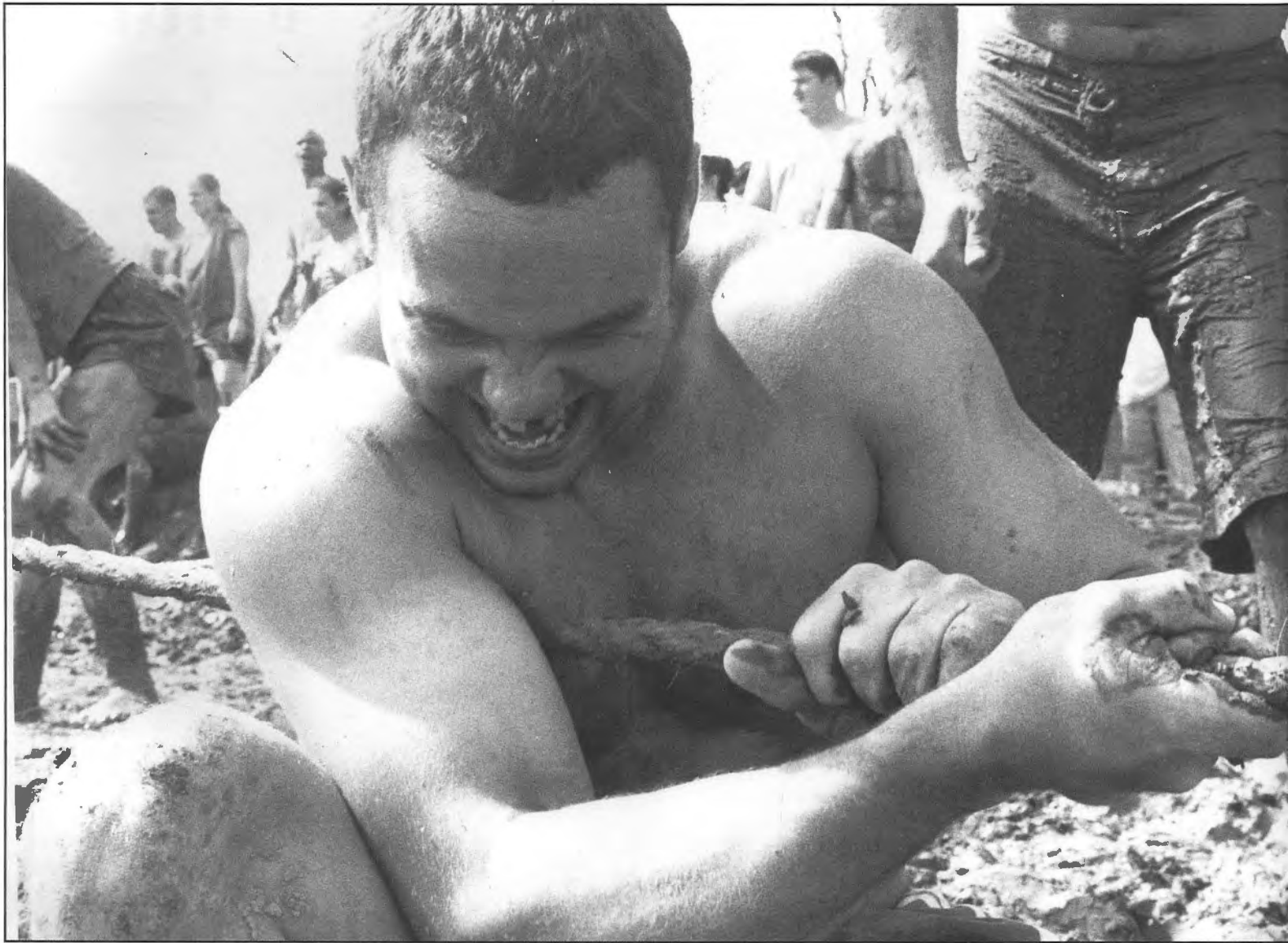
let's go to the movies

The entrance of the Tinseltown theater in Benton is a common spot for entertainment outside the bubble. Traveling out of town was a downside of the popular theater. *photo by Travis Robertson*



tug-o-war

Senior Phillip Davis tries his hardest to pull for his team during mud tug-o-war. This was one of the toughest and most competitive games on Saturday afternoon. *photo by Tim Harrell*

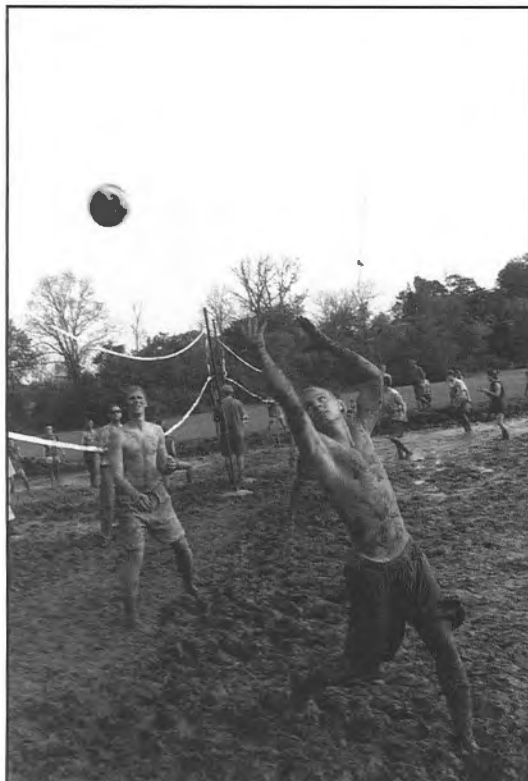


set it up

Junior Michael Medlin sets up the ball for his PTL teammate, junior Clayton Danner, in oozeball. Oozeball, or mud volleyball, was the most famous game at Tiger Traks, and the messiest. *photo by Tim Harrell*

pull, team, pull

This traks team is fully equipped for anything that might come along, even mud in the eyes. Many teams had strange rituals before starting an event. *photo by Tim Harrell*



FLINGING the

by Laura Norris

Arkansas's Most Exciting College Weekend - it wasn't just a slogan. Where else can you find carnival activities, mud volleyball and 400 competitive students all in one weekend? The answer was easy and was found right on campus. It was Spring Fling and the 27th annual Tiger Tracks, co-sponsored in April by the Ouachita Student Foundation and the Campus Activities Board.

Before the competition of Traks began, the students had the opportunity to play at the CAB's second annual Spring Fling. While popcorn and cotton candy were being made in Grant Plaza, people stood in line for inflato-games such as the rock climbing wall and the bungee run. Tiger Traks competition began at 6:30 on Friday evening with the infamous egg toss, where the teams attempted to pitch and catch uncooked eggs without breaking them. The 53 teams then went on to other games such as pigskin pass, Pictionary, Jenga, basketball relay and darts. The teams were composed of four females and four males to compete in the 10 events.

After the Traks events concluded on Friday night, CAB sponsored a Dive-In movie. Waggoner Pool became a theater and showed "Jaws" while students swam and watched the movie.

Saturday morning began with a swim in the pool. The teams had to race against the clock and paddle their raft across the pool. This was a very intense competition because the rules were strictly enforced by OSFers.

The afternoon games began the countdown to who would become the 2000 Tiger Traks Champion. It was also the messiest part of the games. Along with oozebal, participants had to go through an obstacle course that included a things such as a jello drop, hula hoop, and potato-sack hop. The most difficult part of the afternoon activities was the tug-of-war, which also took place in the mud. Teams pulled and tugged in order to get further in the winner's bracket.

Out of the 400 students, only eight could be the champion. "As far as expectations, we didn't expect to win Traks; we were just into having fun," said Robyn Anders, member of the Sweetness team. Guided by Wes Engram, Sweetness, who competed under the name OBU Basketball Tigers, edged out the second place team of El Nino III, a legacy team. "I was really proud of everyone on our team," Engram said. The top five teams this year received prizes from local dining establishments and Dillard's Department Stores.

So next time the words exciting, college and weekend all appear in the same sentence, be prepared to have some fun and get dirty!

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being a kid again

Freshman Dameron Rendell and sophomores Julie Cooper and Sarah Green have fun on tricycles during CAB's Spring Fling. Popcorn and cotton candy were among the refreshments offered.
photo by Tim Harrell



ready, set, paddle

While trying to get to the other side of Waggoner Pool, freshman John Lowery grits his teeth and struggles with the paddle. The raft races seemed easy, but proved difficult for most teams.
photo by Tim Harrell





the HEELS come OFF

by
Rachel
Rains

**2000
Ouachitonian Beauty**

Ouachitonian Beauty: Amber Franks
First Runner-up: Kristen Smith
Second Runner-up: LeAnne Segars
Third Runner-up: Meredith Smith
Fourth Runner-up: Rachel Winston

Even before leaving the second floor of Evans Student Center, she kicked off the taupe colored, spiked heels in exchange for her soft, fuzzy house shoes. Having just been named the 2000 *Ouachitonian* Beauty, a photogenic and interview-based campus competition sponsored annually by OBU's yearbook, freshman Amber Franks shuffled down the stairs in a tailored, mint green dress suit contrasted by her bright pink slippers, but she did not think this was odd. This was, who she was.

"I showed up in my house shoes with my heels in my hand," laughed Franks, who was sponsored by Blue Key National Honor Fraternity in the competition. As a freshman, Franks said she never expected to win. In the 80 years the *Ouachitonian* yearbook has sponsored the annual competition, only eight freshman have won with the last one being in 1991. "I honestly did not expect to win," said Franks, a member of the EEE women's social club.

But freshmen had a strong showing in the competition. Freshman Kristen Smith was a close first runner up with senior LeAnn Segars, senior Meredith Smith and junior Rachel Winston finishing second, third and fourth runners-up respectively.

"I was trying to see if they were genuine or not. I just feel like they need to be honest. You get a more rounded person that way," said judge Gregg Frizzell. He emphasized that the genuineness of a person could be seen in how she presented herself both at the podium and in the pictures. Franks, he said, was a good choice because she seemed to fit the quality of being real.

"Amber was articulate. She seemed to have her head on straight, and she seemed sincere in her answers," said Frizzell, as he quickly added, "I just think she's pretty."

Franks, herself, said that she hoped the judges understood she was a person and that was what they based their score on.

"I don't think personal appearance is everything," stated Franks. "I'd like to think that I got this because (the judges) liked who I was."

Her statement was a stark contrast to the pageant image she worked to prove wrong. Having competed in Miss Arkansas and Miss Teen Arkansas, in addition to having recently captured second runner up in the 2000 Miss OBU Pageant, Franks has been lumped into generalization that surround such beauty competitions. But Franks declared that there was more to her and more to pageants than hair, makeup and clothes.

"I hate being called a 'pageant girl.' I hate it passionately," declared Franks, who explained that she started competing in pageants to earn scholarship money. "What I have gained by being in pageants, I would not trade for anything," she stated.

She explained that pageants provided her with more than just confidence. The competitions gave her the motivation to develop her talents and intellect. Franks was an accomplished pianist with 10 years of training. She used pageants as a forum to showcase her talent as well as further develop her skill. In addition, current events and issues remained important to Franks. In competitions in the past, Franks used teen suicide as her platform. Recently, her platform changed.

"I recently changed my platform to Parkinson's disease because my grandmother was diagnosed with the illness," explained Franks. "I am focusing on trying to find a cure for the disease."

On campus, Franks worked as an office assistant in the news bureau. She also enjoyed tennis and swimming, and she dreamed of someday writing a novel with her older sister.

Franks summed up her own nature quite well when she finished posing for pictures and answering questions and declared, "I'm taking off the heels now." And she did.

Ouachitonian Beauty of the New Millennium

Amber Franks, a freshman from Greenwood, smiles for the camera during her photo shoot as the 2000 *Ouachitonian* Beauty. The contest was judged on photogenic qualities, as well as interviews with out-of-town judges. photos by Travis Robertson

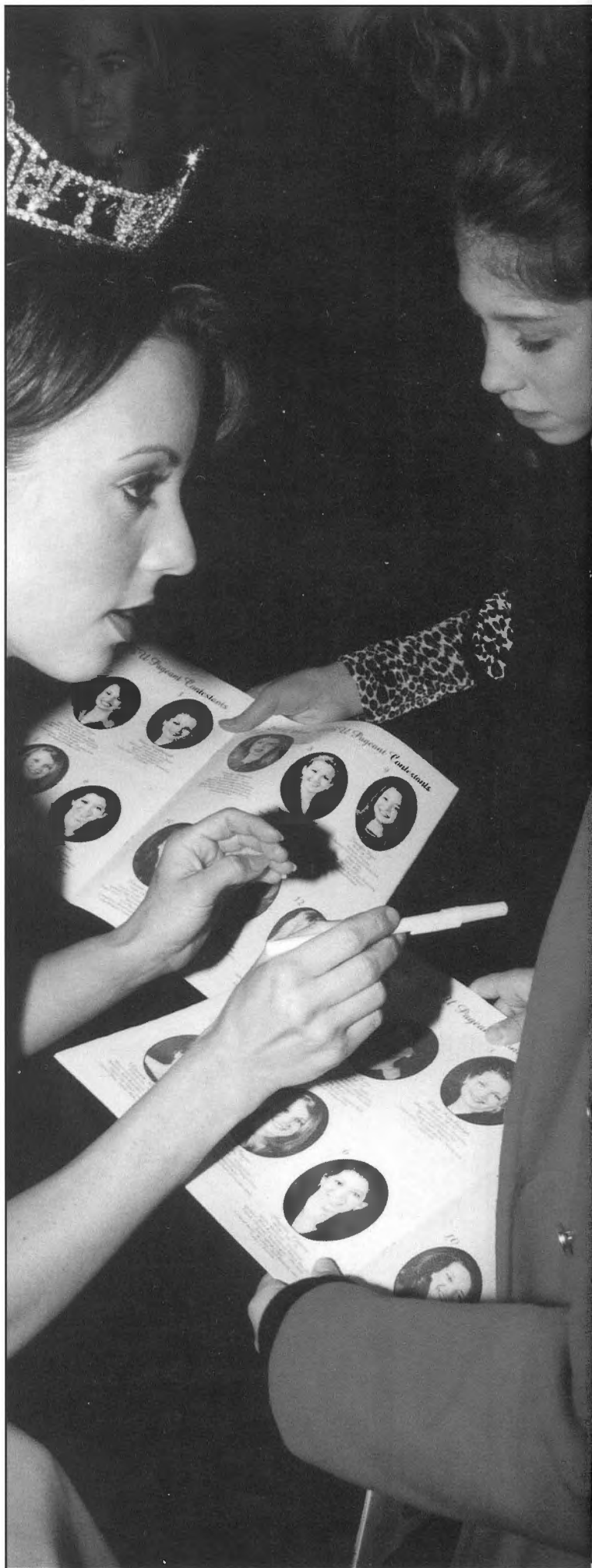
all smiles

During the eveningware competition, senior Melanie Ross stops to let the audience view her formal. This part of the competition allowed the audience to gain information about each contestant. *photo by Tim Harrell*



signing session

While signing a few pageant programs, sophomore Lauren McNair speaks with pageant goers. Part of McNair's responsibility will be to speak to crowds and school-aged children about her platform. *photo by Tim Harrell*



crowning moment

While Miss Arkansas Brandy Rhodes watches, 1999 Miss OBU sophomore Jennifer Crawley crowns Lauren McNair the new queen. Rhodes and Crawley were several of the guest queens to be part of Miss OBU. *photo by Tim Harrell*

CROWNING the

by Leah Floyd

best

After a month of tedious practicing, rehearsing, interviewing smiling and speaking, twelve contestants were put to the test on Saturday night, March 4, where only one, sophomore Lauren McNair from Fayetteville, was selected to be Miss OBU 2000.

The contestants who placed in this year's pageant were: first runner-up, freshman Kristin Smith, from Cabot; second runner-up, Amber Franks, from Greenwood; third runner-up, junior Emily Harness, from Rogers and fourth runner-up, freshman Jennifer Dyer from Mena. Sophomore Suzanne Duncan, from Little Rock, won Miss Congeniality.

The pageant itself was sponsored by Blue Key National Honor Society, but campus organizations, social clubs or residence halls nominated contestants for the Miss OBU Pageant. Once the contestants were selected, there was a month-long workshop before the pageant so the girls could acquaint themselves with the different judging criteria.

The outcome of the pageant was successful this year, many thanks to Mac Sisson, director of news bureau and assistant director of public relations at Ouachita. Sisson was responsible for making himself available to the girls for practice interviews to alleviate any pre-interviewing nerves.

Senior Brad Wiggins, a musical theatre major from Duncanville, Texas, said "Mac Sisson deserves special recognition for all of his work. He gave a lot of strength, encouragement and good advice to the girls."

There were four parts to the Miss OBU Pageant--talent, interview, swimsuit and evening gown. The week before the Pageant, the contestants must spend many hours preparing, which required much research and investigation. Being totally informed on the issue was crucial to her performance. They must also practice their talent and select wardrobes.

According to Shari Payne, Miss OBU 1997, "one of the most stressful things in a pageant is finding out what you're going to do for talent." Also, Wiggins said, "A strain for all girls are the financial expenses for their gowns." It is also often difficult finding sponsors who will donate money to the contestants.

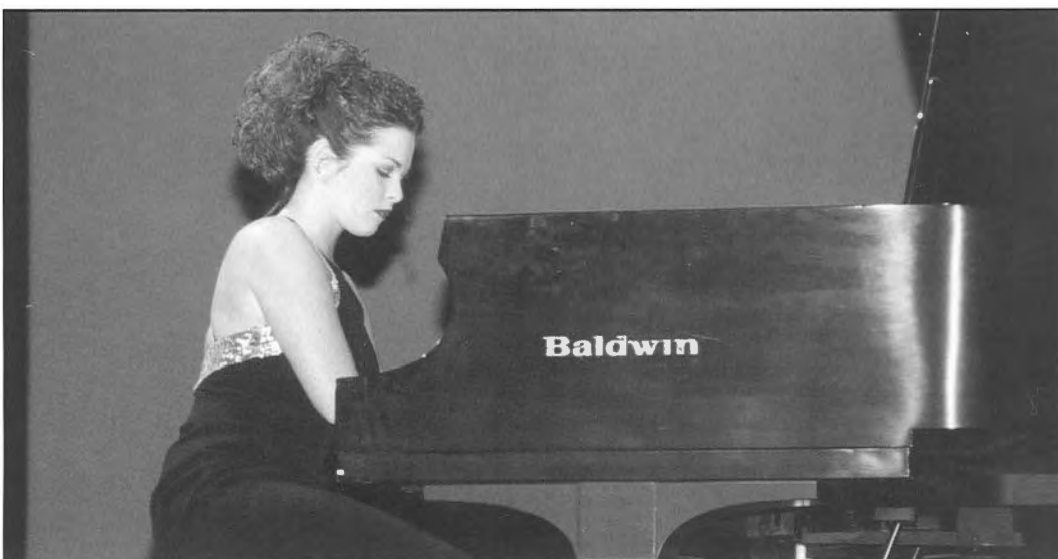
"Ouachita has a 'good tradition' of doing well in the Miss OBU Pageants," said Sisson. In previous years, three Miss OBU winners have moved on to become Miss Arkansas. According to Sisson, the judges were very complimentary of Ouachita this year, and "the girls were outstanding and spoke well."

Miss OBU won \$750 in university scholarships, as well as the opportunity to represent the school across the state and on campus.



sing it!

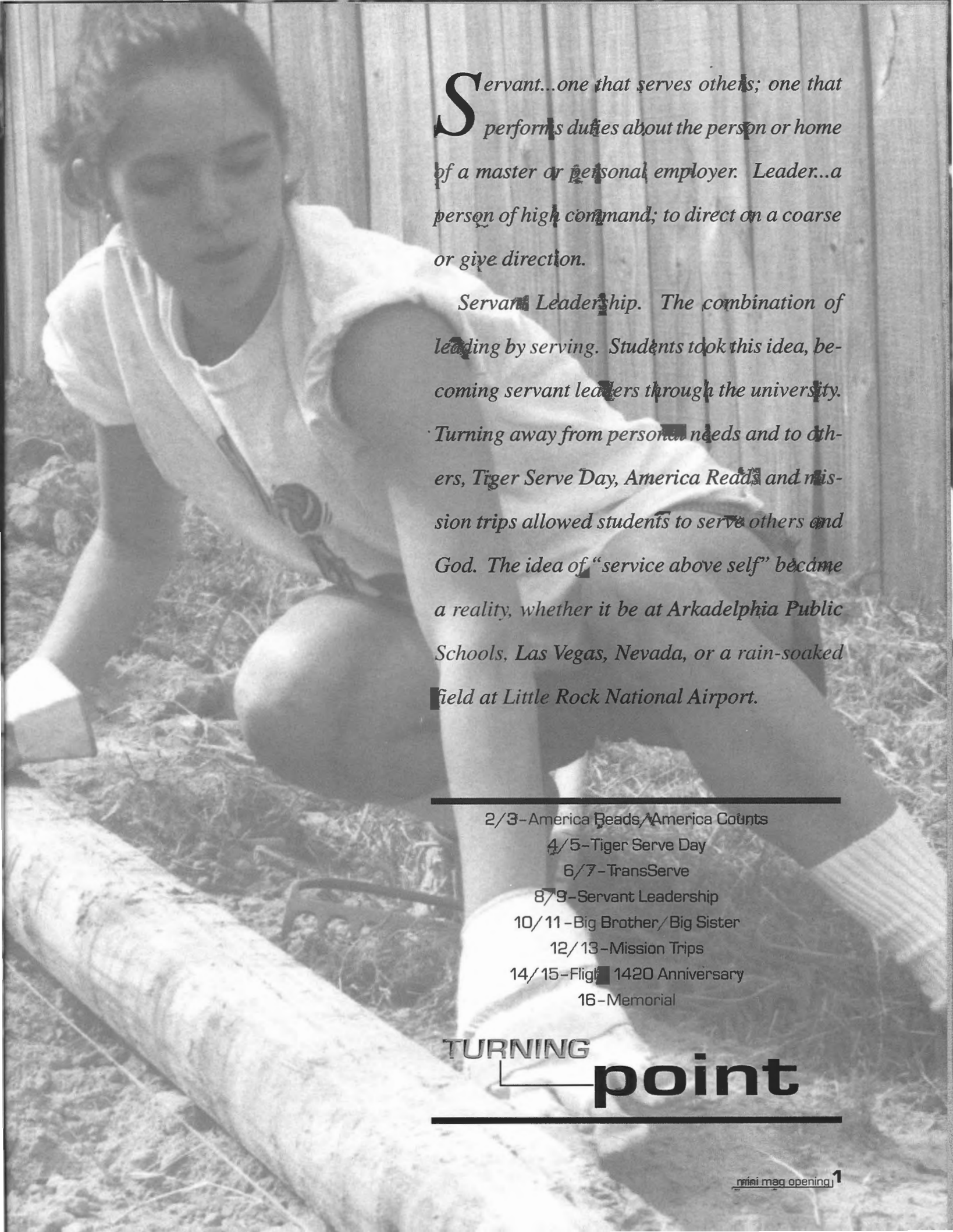
Sophomore Julia McFerrin takes her solo during the Court of Honor number. The court performed between different sections of the pageant. They performed several pop songs as well as ballads. *photo by Tim Harrell*



talent

Freshman Erica Kimbrough performs a piano composition for the talent portion of the pageant. Other talents included singing, tap dancing and ballet routines. *photo by Tim Harrell*





Servant...one that serves others; one that performs duties about the person or home of a master or personal employer. Leader...a person of high command; to direct on a course or give direction.

Servant Leadership. The combination of leading by serving. Students took this idea, becoming servant leaders through the university. Turning away from personal needs and to others, Tiger Serve Day, America Reads and mission trips allowed students to serve others and God. The idea of "service above self" became a reality, whether it be at Arkadelphia Public Schools, Las Vegas, Nevada, or a rain-soaked field at Little Rock National Airport.

2/3 - America Reads/America Counts

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10/11 - Big Brother/Big Sister

12/13 - Mission Trips

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TURNING

point

learning to read

America Reads tutor Jane Schaffner, a junior, helps Angelia McClure with her reading skills. Schaffner worked with children at Perritt Primary in Arkadelphia. *photo courtesy Photo Lab*

sounds like?

Junior Rachel Strawn goes over sight words with a student at Perritt Primary. She, along with 10 other students, participated in the America Reads program.



teaching local

CHILDREN

to read and count

by Emily Watts

Sitting in class, the teacher approached him unannounced. She suddenly asked, "Please read the paragraph on the board." He sat there, petrified, not sure what to do. He knew that everyone would laugh, because at age 10, he couldn't read on a fourth grade level. This scenario was not common but certainly a reality.

The increased population in public schools placed a greater demand on teachers. Among the larger sized classes, they were expected to teach at a base level, leaving some students board and others behind. Teachers weren't always able to give one on one attention to students in need. This was where the America Reads/America Counts program came into play.

Working with high school and college students, the program allowed them to go into the primary schools and work with students needing help in reading and math.

Javaugh Williams, a six-year-old in first grade at Perritt Primary School in Arkadelphia, had difficulty reading. But through America Reads, he was able to work one-on-one with a tutor once a week to improve his reading skills.

America Reads and America Counts were two tutoring programs Ouachita sponsored and staffed. Students on federal work-study spent 45 minutes a week working with students experiencing difficulty reading or in math.

American Counts dealt with Central Primary students in the third grade, while America Reads dealt with Perritt Primary students in the first grade. The students had difficulty

learning in the large groups in a typical classroom and received benefits from the personal attention that the tutors brought.

A tutor in America Reads typically began the session with sight words. This was a list of 100 words that children needed to know by memory. Then the tutor and the student read a book together. They recorded their progress in a writing journal, and finally, the tutor read a book of the student's choice.

Heather Peeples, a junior, saw a drastic improvement in her student. "Javaugn learned his sight words after only four weeks of tutoring. He just couldn't get the individual help in the classroom he need," she said. "He wouldn't have improved without the tutoring."

This year, senior Donnie Copeland, juniors Kammie Bass, Donna Brown, Lori Cain, Elizabeth Hoffman, Amanda Horton, Heidi Klarhorst, Heather Peeples, Angela Pickens and Jane Schaeffner all assisted in the program. Senior Suzanna Biegert, sophomore Amy Denham, juniors Janet Moore, Roseana Smith and James Worrell all worked with the America Counts program.

Jan Bass, Coordinator of Public Schools Initiatives, was the coordinator of America Reads and America Counts. She was very pleased with the program and said that the work of students was necessary. "What they do was meaningful in the development of students and helping the kids develop a love for reading is important."



got that?

Before Tiger Serve Day gets under way, sophomore Robert Hand crosses through the name of junior Kelly Propes' team. Clubs and organizations participated in the community event. *photo courtesy of Photo Lab*

helping the

COMMUNITY

through service

by Kathryn Stewart

The push for recognition has come in show and most of us were either pushing or being pushed. But there was a difference between a passion for service and a passion for recognition. The desire for service was a desire of God, much needed in society. It was characterized by respect for people and a yearning to use God's gifts in a way that pleased Him. Tiger Serve Day was distinguished by just that, providing students and faculty an opportunity to show the love of Christ through service in the community.

Tiger Serve Day was a program sponsored by the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community. Originally started in the spring of 1997 with the title "Into the Streets," the day was intended to be a one-time event where students experienced the importance of serving the community. While plans for the volunteers were being finalized, t-shirts were being printed, and equipment being bought, a tornado hit the town of Arkadelphia. The focus of Tiger Serve Day was then turned to disaster relief. Assistant to the President Ian Cosh reflected. "Although our plans were altered, we remained flexible and it all worked out for the good. The opportunity to help with the disaster clean up gave us a Christian institution the chance to promote a healthy attitude toward the community. It was an incredible witness to a very skeptical people. While the victims of the tornado acquired much needed help, the participants received a sense of fulfillment that can only come from helping a neighbor in need," he said.

What started as a Saturday morning service project has evolved into a semester ministry. This past fall over 500 students and faculty made up 52 student-led teams that completed a total of 1,200 hours of community service. The Elrod Center worked closely with the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce to set up over 60 work sites throughout Arkadelphia. "The partnership with the city was really neat. They provided work gloves and water for our workers, along with trash pick-up and maps. Not only did they help get the word out, but they also highly supported us in our efforts to build a bridge between college students and the local community," said Brandi Womack, assistant director of the Elrod Center.

From house cleaning and gardening, to construction and

painting, students joined hands with local businesses, organizations, schools and individuals to help make Arkadelphia a better place. The Tiger football team used rakes and sling blades and became the clean up crew for the Bozeman Cemetery.

Junior Heather Shupe recruited a team and headed to Outdoor Discipleship Ministries where a bathhouse was remodeled and painted. "ODM was a non-profit, nondenominational year-round youth camp. Because they were a non-profit organization, they didn't have the money to hire companies to do maintenance. This year we took around 40 Tiger Serve Day participants to finish some projects to help keep the camp up and running," commented Shupe.

The men of Kappa Chi teamed up with the Dr. Byron Eubanks and picked up trash along the Caddo River while canoeing. "We picked up a ton of trash along the banks and beaches of the river. The idea of canoeing and kayaking as a way to serve the community was really creative and a lot of fun. It was a unique way to help preserve our natural surroundings," said junior Justin Franz.

Several new students joined with their Freshman Family Groups to serve. Freshman Sarah Harger said, "We got to paint a fence for a family, which was a lot of fun. It was the first activity my family group did together outside of bible study. I enjoyed Tiger Serve Day because it started the process of building long-lasting relationships with my family group."

While raking leaves or picking up trash for Tiger Serve Day, it was very easy to be blinded by the perspective of recognition. Many students were only participating in the event because extra credit was being given in classes. Although this was the motivation for many, their view on service was quickly changed. "I realized that the little things you do can really make a difference in people's lives. When you take the time to help someone else your attitude certainly changes about community service," said freshman Jonathan Kelley.

Students were doing much more than cleaning yards, they were sharing the love of Christ. Ephesians 6:7 said, "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving for the Lord, not men."



sharing a laugh

While participating in the Census 2000, junior Kammie Bass and freshman Emily Gray share information with Randy and Corliss Smith. Students combed the community reminding people about the importance of being counted in the 2000 census. *photo courtesy of Photo Lab*

clean up

Members of the football team participate in Tiger Serve Day as a group. The team assisted with the maintenance of Bozeman Cemetery. *photo courtesy of Photo Lab*

bag it up

Freshman Jennifer Waters assists freshman Dana Waggon with a community project. Freshmen found that TranServe allowed them to become involved and gain college credit. *photo by Katy Durler*

ring around rosey

During a Enrichment Camp at the Arkadelphia schools, freshman Joy Mills plays a game with the children. Spending time with the children helped students serve in the community. *photo by Josh Taylor*



transerve provides

OPPORTUNITY in the community

by Melanie Ross and Gary Miller

Soup kitchens, homeless shelters and clean up efforts. All these conjured images of helping others. But having it placed on your college transcript? This conjured ideas of having future employers realize that you were involved on and off campus.

For students interested in volunteer work, the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community began TranServe, a program that noted community service on official university transcripts with a minimum of 20 hours of approved service. Directed by Brandi Womack, the TranServe program was introduced in the fall semester, with 51 students registering to participate.

TranServe was open to all students and most volunteer work was accepted, including ministry work done through the Baptist Student Union.

Through TranServe, students went into the community helping in the schools and businesses. This gave students a chance to gain credits and be involved in the community. "Trans Serve helped students to appreciate the idea of being a servant," said Womack. "When students become involved, they end up learning about the people they work with and themselves."

TranServe was placed on students' university transcript. A minimum of 20 volunteer hours a semester was required in order to receive credit. The goal was not to impress future employers, but instead be counted as a "bonus for students,"

helping in the community by showing future employers that even as busy as they were, they still took time to help in the community. "I enjoyed working with students because it gave me a chance to play a role in the lives of children," said freshman Laura Rushing.

One of the organizations that benefits from student volunteer service was Group Living, directed by Jane Lucas. Group Living was an organization that helped the disabled remain active and useful. They owned the Beehive, a local clothing store, and the Honeycomb, a deli-style restaurant. Students were able to work close with the clients of Group Living, giving them a chance to learn about the business and about the people. "I think this is a great program and a wonderful opportunity for students to have a chance to apply their skills and explore their interests while in school," said Lucas.

Some opportunities were available with non-profit agencies and church sponsored events. Also, independent service projects were encouraged, such as with the American Red Cross. Helping in these settings allowed students to work with charity-type groups that don't make money, but need sponsors to donate money toward their cause.

Sophomore Cara Collinworth, a volunteer serving in the Baptist Student Union, said, "I love to volunteer my time with the kids and I appreciate the school for recognizing our work. To me, the TranServe note on my transcript will be a reminder that maybe I was able to make a difference."

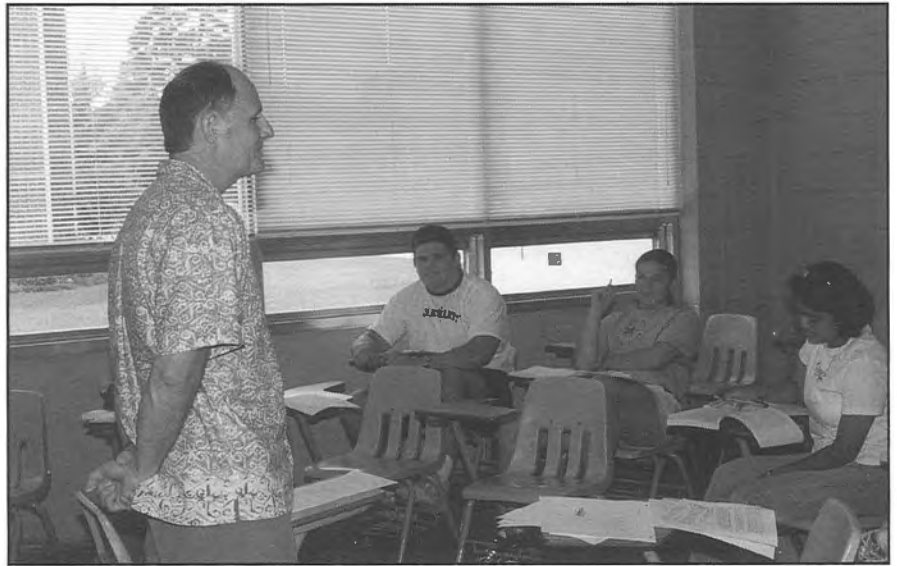


paint

Participating in Tiger Serve Day, sophomore Tamra Boucher puts the finishing touches on a fence. Students gained credit by participating in Tiger Serve Day as well as other projects. *photo by Myles Wertz*

leading the way

Dr. Steve Phillips lectures to one of his classes. Phillips taught the servant-leadership course as well as serving as assistant professor of speech communication. *photo courtesy of Deborah Root*



group discussion

During class, Dr. Steve Phillips interacts with his students in a group discussion. An expert in interpersonal and group communication, Phillips taught students the art of being a servant leader. *photo by Deborah Root*

class teaches

LEADERSHIP

through service

by Kristen McKelvey

"The servant-leadership program helped me to realize that being a servant and a leader are not mutually exclusive. After completing the program, I now try to make sure I have the heart of a servant and the skills of a leader in all I do," said senior Jonathan Huber.

Last fall a new 10-week extracurricular course was introduced. Dr. Steve Phillips approached Andy Westmoreland with an idea to launch a program that would make students better leaders as well as servants. The course was designed strictly for the students' personal enrichment. Westmoreland and Phillips based the idea on a class offered at Stanford University. The program at Stanford sought to train students to be scholars and develop strong leadership qualities. However, Phillips believed that training students to focus on not only being a leader but also being a servant would be beneficial.

The program was developed and has been exactly the "challenge" Phillips was looking for. He said, "Ouachita students tend to be leaders and we owe it to them to help each individual develop their leadership skills to the max."

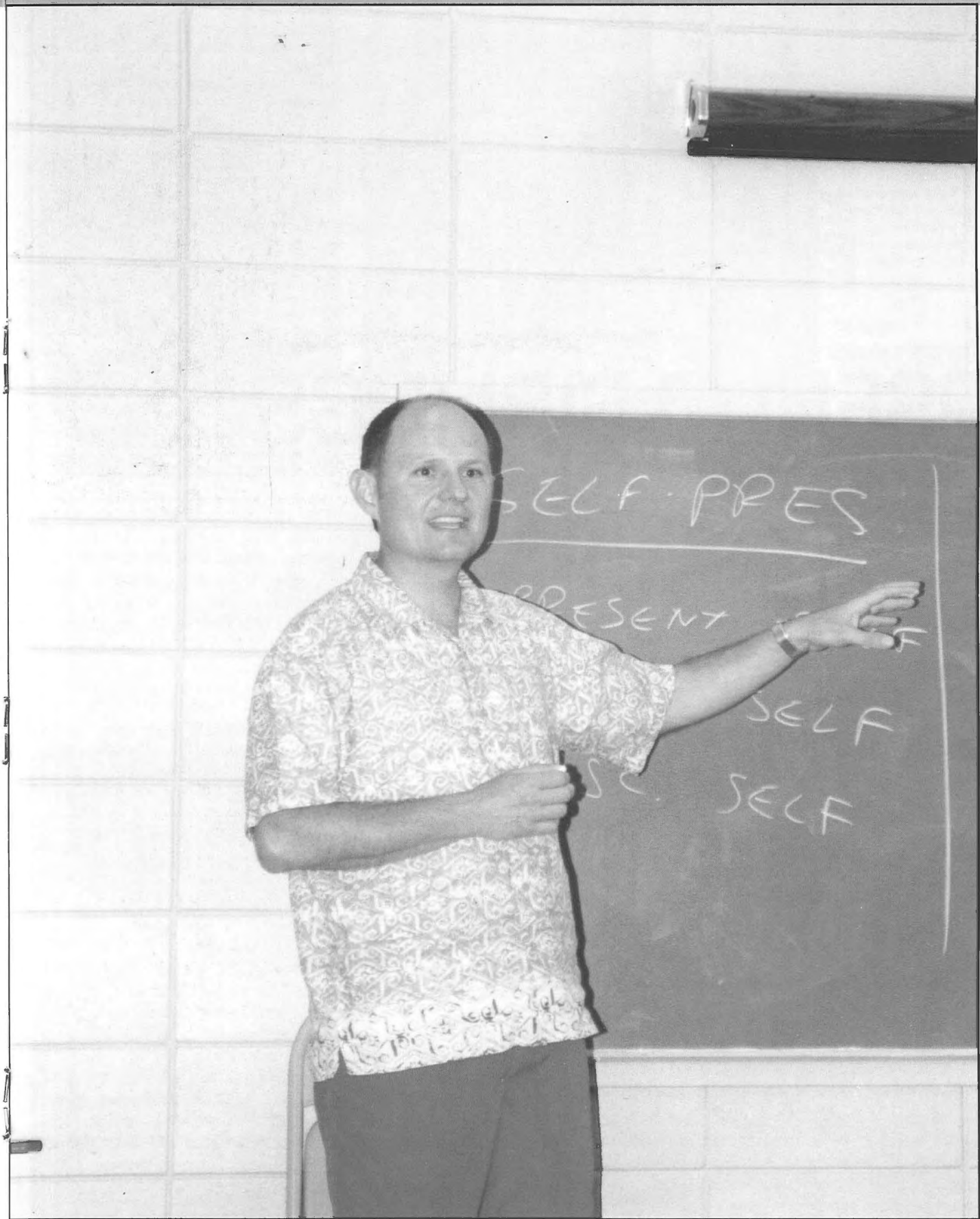
The servant-leadership project was incorporated with the Ben M. Elrod Center For Family and Community, and sought to motivate students to cultivate the heart of a servant and educate them regarding elements necessary for effective leadership.

The class enrollment was kept small, usually around 16 or

17, to focus on quality and allow for better interaction. Students were taught skills that were theoretically based through a hands-on, practical approach. Junior Kammie Bass said, "the idea of being a servant and a leader sound so contrasting but that was the whole point of the class. We learned the importance of being willing to do anything we would ask someone else to do. In short, doing the dirty work will cause others to have more respect for us as a leader. I gained so much through my experiences in this course and am so grateful to have had the opportunity to incorporate this life-lesson into my college years."

The full-fledged program included the 10-week course on servant-leadership, workshops that focused on topics related to all aspects of leadership, scholarly lectures pertaining to leadership issues and retreats aimed at facilitating interaction between Ouachita's student leaders. The servant-leadership project was also featured in a spring chapel. Kathy Dudley spoke on "Servant Leadership in the new Millenium." In her presentation she opened the students' eyes to their role in the community by claiming the servant leader to be both "passionate and compassionate."

Senior Jeremy Conrad said, "Throughout the 10-week period Steve Phillips offered us techniques for better leadership and served us by his care and actions. We willingly followed his example, hopefully becoming true servant leaders."



right hand, green

Sophomore Joel Frankhauser plays a game of Twister with a Little Sister. Even though the program was gender separated, there was still interaction between everyone. *photo by Josh Taylor*



students become

PSEUDO SIBLINGS to area children

by Kellie Blalock

A ripple of laughter echoed through the streets of Arkadelphia and resonated in the hearts of students. On Wednesday afternoons it was hard to tell whether the kids or their mentors were happier as one bubbly six-year-old proudly announced, "I love my Big Brothers." At least once a week students involved in the Baptist Student Union's Big Brother/Big Sister program volunteered their precious time so that the life of one child might be changed. "It's cool to know how much of a difference you make in a child's life," said freshman Matt Fulmer.

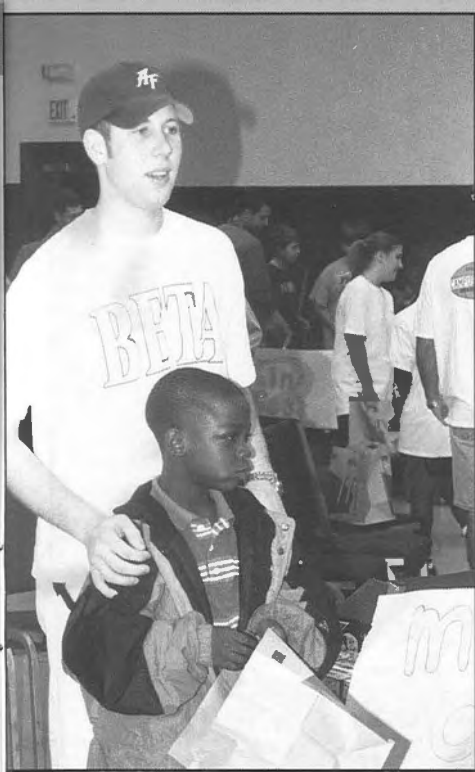
Big Brothers and Big Sisters were often seen throwing footballs, painting fingernails and eating ice cream with their younger counterparts. In the midst of all this fun and excitement children were opening up to their new friends and learning from their positive examples. Five-year-old Lavonda Gwen said that she learned from her Big Sis proper manners, how to write the perfect letter 'K' and why not to do drugs. Kentrell Jones and Xavier Arnold said that they learned not to spit when someone was in front of them, how to play basketball and to like everyone except the devil. The idea behind this ministry was to initiate a change in a child and stand by their side as they are transformed. "Being a Big Sis was a great opportunity to minister to a child one on one, and to give them the love and attention that they sometimes don't get at home," said sophomore Mandy Jackson. "It is awesome to watch them grow and mature and to know that you are setting a Godly example for them to follow."

Getting to know the kids was the exciting part for many. Freshman Elizabeth Posey said, "At first she was really quiet and I had to do most of the talking, but each time we were together she opened up more and more and now she does most of the talking." The difference in most of the kids' lives came from their new exposure to people who were good role mod-

els. Because some of the children came from homes where adults verbally degraded the child, he/she was less likely to be immediately open with their student. However, once the kids discovered that their Big Brothers and Big Sisters were people who they trusted, they began to open up. Freshman Laura Rushing described a similar situation by saying, "I expected it to take a while for her to warm up to me, but by the second or third visit she would put her arm around me and call me her Big Sister. Over Christmas break we even wrote letters back and forth."

The program was doing better than ever, but there was one problem. Many of the Big Brothers had two or three little brothers when the program was ideally designed to be a one-on-one mentorship. The guys who were involved with the program had nothing but good things to say about it. Senior Monte Ray, the Big Brother ministry leader, said, "It's a great program that gives the little boys and girls a Christian influence to look up to."

The ministry held several activities for the children to interact with their Big Brothers and Sisters. The kick off party allowed the children to meet their new friends. A huge Christmas gathering where the kids made Christmas cards, sat on Santa's lap, ate cookies and got to open gifts from their Big Brother or Sister ended the first semester. As the year drew to an end, the entire ministry traveled to Dr. Byron Eubank's home for a cookout. Both Leah Creed, a senior, and Ray were filled with sad but wonderful memories as they said good-bye to the ministry that they jointly led for the past two years. Creed described the ministry as impacting her life by saying, "This program was such an important part of my life and has been an experience I will never forget. These children were precious gifts from God and have touched each person's life who was involved in the program."



now what?

After grabbing some food at McDonald's, freshman Brad Rogers and his Little Brother look for an activity to do in the Tiger Den. When there was inclement weather, the ministry simply moved indoors. *photo by Josh Taylor*

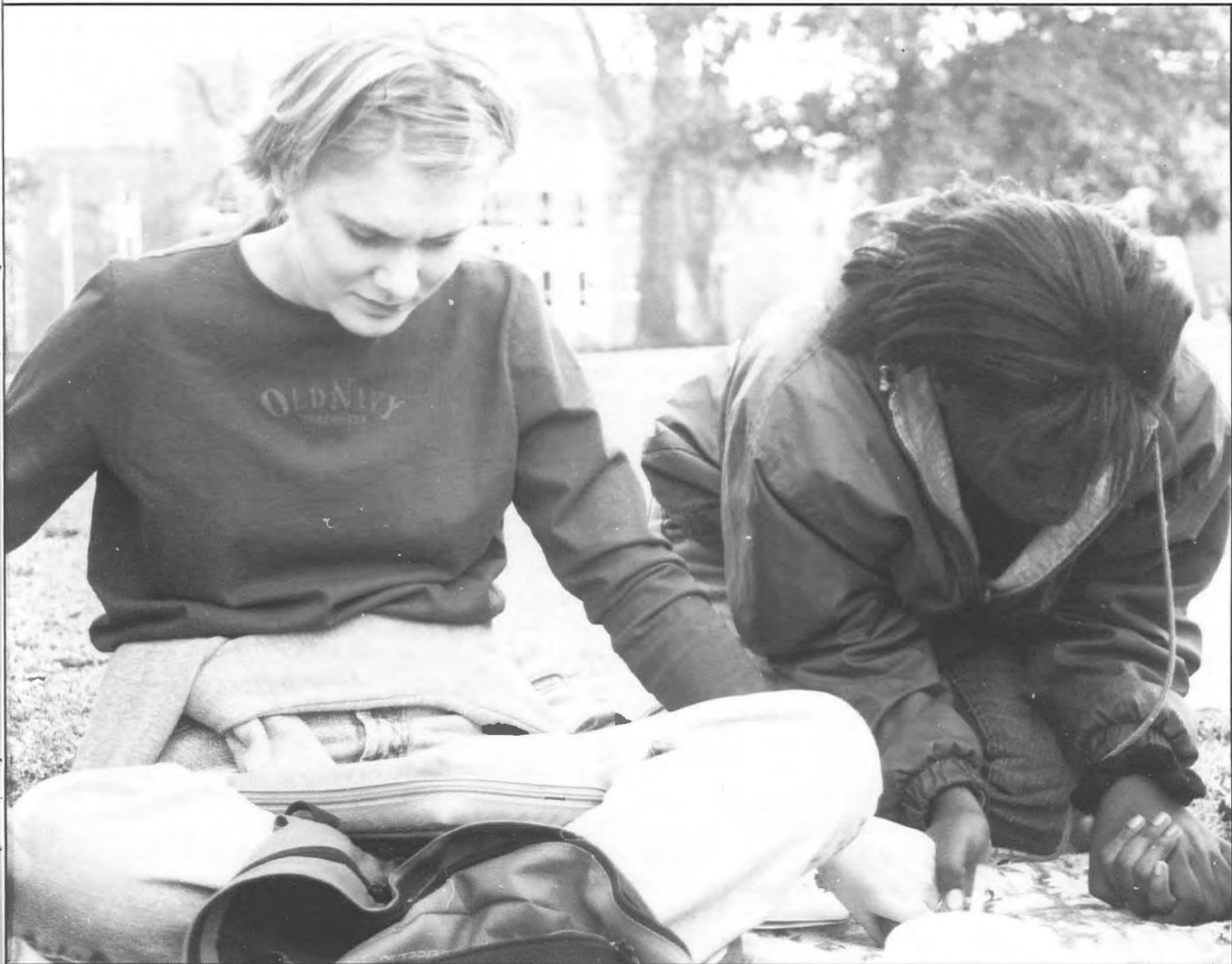


patience

Freshman Angie Henderson carefully applies face paint to her patient Little Sister. Simple activities were held for big brothers/big sisters on various occasions, helping students plan their afternoon activities. *photo by Joshua Taylor*

prayer

Sophomore Kim Kern joins hands with her little sister before beginning a bible study. Bible studies were one way students spent time with their little brothers or sisters. *photo by Myles Wernitz*



sharing the word

Junior Clayton Danner gathers a group of people in Taiwan to share the word of God. In order to do so, the group needed a translator so they would be understood. *photo by Julie Wilson*



mission trips:

SHARING

the love of Christ

by Peggy Itschner

After a 24-hour flight across the world, the group finally heard those blessed words, "You may unfasten your seatbelts." The flight attendant's voice let them know they had successfully arrived at their destination and would soon be able to do what they had come to do.

A large group of students packed their bags for the Baptist Student Union's mission trip to Taiwan. The group was originally scheduled to go to China, but due to a United States bombing of the Chinese embassy in Kosovo, the trip was rerouted. The three-week journey provided students the opportunity to see the sights and have fun, but also reach out to the people and show them the love of God. "At first, I went just to go on a mission trip," said junior Clayton Danner, "but as the tripped approached, I realized God wanted to do so much through us." Because of his experience, Danner planned another trip to Taiwan through the International Mission Board and taking another group to Taiwan. Danner added, "The people were just incredible. There were not a lot of decisions for Christ made, but they were very interested in what we had to say about Jesus and our lives."

The members of the Ouachita Singers also had to make a detour because of the bombing. Originally, the group was going to China, instead they toured through Europe. During the trip, they were able to give a concert to Kosovo refugees and interact with the people. "People saw Jesus through our message of song," said junior Natalie Putnam. "We provided hope to people who had lost hope."

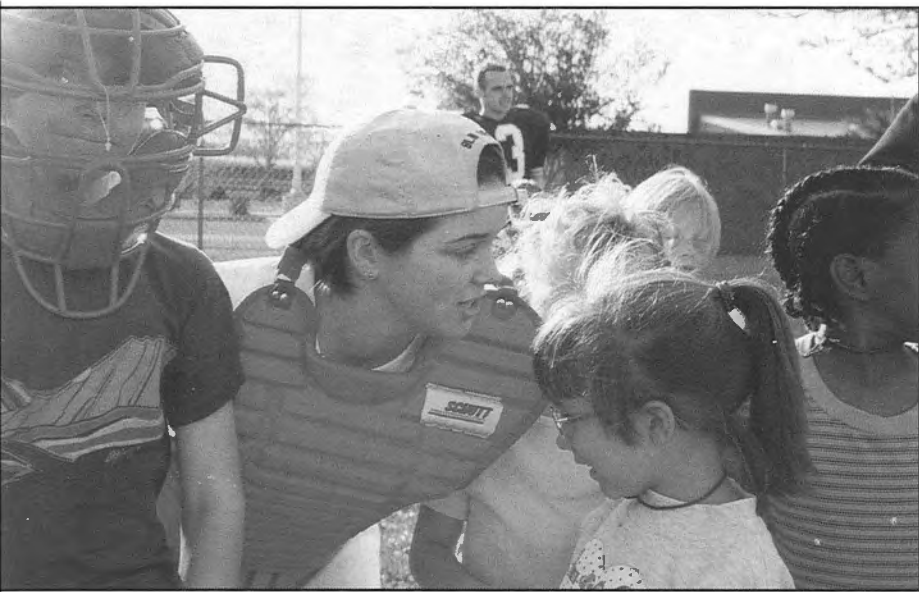
While many students headed for home, the beach or the mountains, another group of students loaded a van for a 36-hour drive to Las Vegas during Spring Break. The group canvassed the neighborhoods, telling people about the churches they were assisting and distributing the "Jesus Film." The students held Bible clubs in a local park and reached out to the youth through different sports activities. Half of the team

played basketball or helped children with their homework at the Boys and Girls Club. "The trip was rewarding because it was for the Lord," said junior Susan Burkhead. "We probably saw about 10 kids come to Christ and we were able to share his love with many more."

Some students felt God's calling to go across the world through ministries unrelated to the university. Junior Emily Hinton ventured to Cambodia for four weeks during the summer with a group of nine from Focus International. She wanted to do missions after college and knew Cambodia was where God was leading her and provided a good opportunity to gain experience. Hinton taught conversational English at a university and built relationships with students on the job. Student centers provided opportunities to minister through Bible studies and weekend games. Hinton described the trip as an experience of seeing the power of prayer. "Specific prayers were answered like I had never seen before," she said. "When a Buddhist student became a Christian on the first day of the trip, I realized it wasn't about us but we could be a part of what God was already doing. The Buddhist became the boldest Christian in the area and showed all of us how much Christ can change lives."

Sophomore Cassey Heard also ventured beyond the boarder, traveling to Africa and spending nine weeks there she taught softball as a means of ministry. "The most amazing thing about the trip was when a girl prayed and accepted Christ about 30 minutes before we were leaving. Her family could legally persecute or disown her for being a Christian, but she said she couldn't live another day without Christ as her savior."

Singing. Drama. Prayer. Sports. Fellowship. Teaching. Discipling. All of these words described the active ministries of various people and groups who decided to reach out to the lost all over the world.



group huddle

During the mission trip to Las Vegas, freshman Shelly Shupe gathers area children to discuss a game plan. The group spent their Spring Break ministering to people in different neighborhoods as well as holding recreation for children. *photo by Julie Wilson*

photo op

Senior Luke Hollingsworth and new friends gather for a quick picture. Hollingsworth, along with other Ouachita Singers, spent several hours with Kosovo refugees while on their tour through Europe. *photo by Natalie Putnum*



remembering

Graduate Tad Hardin places a memorial wreath in the Arkansas River for fellow Singer James Harrison. Harrison, one of the 11 who died during the crash, stayed on board the plane assisting others trying to get out of the flame-engulfed plane. *photo by Ellis Leagans*



surviving

FLIGHT 1420

one year after

by Rachel Rains

It has been one year ago that on "Good Morning America" Dr. Charles Fuller, director of the Ouachita Singers, said to Diane Sawyer, "There are times in life when your faith has to mean something. It can't be something that you just talk about. It has to be something that empowers you to live life."

Fuller made that statement in the wake of the crash of American Airlines Flight 1420 on June 1, 1999. He said this as 25 members of the Singers tour group, who were on board the flight, worked to recover from their shock. He made this statement as one of his students, James Harrison, was still missing, as another of his students, senior Kristen Maddox, was in Arkansas Children's Hospital with burn injuries, and as his own 14-year-old daughter, Rachel, stayed in intensive care with most of her body burned.

Now, Fuller said that God "gave" him that statement, and in the past year, he has worked to fulfill it in his life.

"God has provided whatever we needed whenever we needed it," declared Fuller. He explained that throughout the past year as he has spoken to the press, God has provided. As he received the information that the body of the 21-year-old Harrison was found in the plane wreckage, God provided, and as he stood at the funeral of his young daughter, God provided.

This past year has held trials and triumphs not only for the Fuller family but for the entire group.

"It was so hard for us to believe that we have made it through this year," said senior Anna Lloyd who was on the plane. "It was a feat that I wondered if it would ever happen."

School, Lloyd explained, has been difficult for those students aboard the plane, but the group has been there for each other throughout the past year. Lloyd also emphasized that prayer has had a big impact on the group.

"There's no way we could have made it without the prayers and the support of Arkansas Baptists," said Lloyd.

Lloyd also emphasized the witnessing opportunity the plane crash created. The group of students was traveling home from Germany where they had been on a music mission trip.

It was with this heart for missions that the group began instantly to reach out to the others on board.

"From the moment that the plane hit the runway, we had the role of a servant witness," said Lloyd.

Senior Jon Merryman, who was also on the plane, agreed with Lloyd. He said that the group's witness has continued since that night.

"A lot of people are searching. There was one lady that e-mailed me and says, 'How can you still be a Christian? How can you see God in all of this?'" said Merryman. "Another woman's husband left her because she became a Christian after all of this."

Fuller said he saw the group's continued witness as a way to "honor the lives of Rachel and James."

The group aboard the plane was a part of a larger 50-member select choir that has also worked to honor the memories of Rachel and Harrison. During the past year the choir has premiered three pieces written in memory of the two.

The choir, however, has performed this year without one soprano. Maddox required multiple skin grafts on her hands and arms because of her burn injuries sustained in the crash. She missed the fall semester of school, and her beautiful soprano voice has not returned. However, this has not stopped her from pursuing her music degree. In fact, she has begun singing in her church choir again, although she was able only to sing alto and her voice lasts about 15 minutes.

On May 6, 2000, Maddox was married to James Cheng, a fellow student at Ouachita. She had members of the choir sing during the ceremony. Merryman, who was part of the group, said the wedding was helpful to those in the crash.

"We sang three of the songs we did in Europe before the crash, and those songs, in our heads, are associated with the crash. Kristen and her physical injuries are associated with the crash. All of that together, plus the joy of the wedding was almost like closure," said Merryman. "People are moving on, and there is good happening . . . and everything is going to be fine."



recovering

Dr. Charles Fuller, director of the Ouachita Singers, speaks to those attending the memorial service held on June 1, 2000, on the Arkansas River in Little Rock. The service honored Flight 1420 survivors, those who died and family members. *photo by Ellis Leagans*

IN MEMORY:

ANTWOYNE EDWARDS



SERVING GOD

Far Left: During the Memorial Chapel, a table displayed Antwoyne Edwards' picture and football jersey. *photo by Cade Shera*

Left: Edwards takes a time out from the game. Since he was saved, Edwards personally shaved 'JESUS' in the back of his head. This, he felt, opened the window of opportunity to share Jesus Christ with others. *photo by Ben Baxter*

LIVING THE LIFE

On and off the field, Antwoyne Edwards exhibited the life and love of Christ

A capacity-filled Jones Performing Arts Center was the setting for the April 25 memorial service for Antwoyne Edwards, a sophomore education major and a leader in Christian ministries at Ouachita. He drowned Good Friday, April 21, in a boating accident at DeGray Lake State Park near Arkadelphia. Edwards, 20, from Big Springs, Texas, was a starting running back on the Tiger football team and was active in several ministries both on and off campus.

Westmoreland said Edward's positive influence was felt both on campus and in the community. "Antwoyne was a good student and an excellent athlete, but I think everyone who knew him thought of him first and foremost as a committed Christian who worked tirelessly to tell the good news of Christ," he said. "Whether it was a mission trip to another state or counseling friends on the football team, Antwoyne led many people to a saving faith in Christ."

Edwards had participated in a dramatic presentation about the crucifixion in a community event on Thursday night. Following the event, some of those who participated went camping at DeGray. The accident happened in the predawn hours of Fri-

day when the group was crossing a small portion of the lake in order to get everyone to the area where their vehicles were parked. During the trip, the boat filled with water. Edwards' friends tried to save him but were unable to do so.

As a student, Edwards exhibited the qualities of both a leader and a servant. His spiritual life was well exhibited, known as "one of the strongest Christian men on campus." However, he knew the meaning of serving others; Edwards daily tended the needs of others.

As a player, Antwoyne came to Ouachita after a stellar career in Big Springs. He was a three-year starter in high school and gained more than 4,000 career yards. His unselfish nature helped him become one of the most respected blockers in the Lone Star Conference. He set team records in known-down blocks, and was regarded by his coaches and teammates as a team leader, both athletically and spiritually.

On a questionnaire he filled out for the 2000 team media guide, Antwoyne said he chose to come to Ouachita because, "God brought me here." He had become well known on campus as a ministry leader and was a voice for racial unity.

by Gary Miller and Jeff Root



the mail must go out

Freshman Lianne Guimary puts the day's mail into the boxes. Work study gave students the experience of working with people in all different situations. *photo by Tim Harrell*



adventures in babysitting

Angela Britton, wife of senior Lance Britton, helps in the preschool area at First Baptist Church. Keeping children was a popular and fun way to earn a few dollars. *photo by Tim Harrell*



WORKING for a

by John Barnum

As the alarm clock went off, he reached over and slapped the button. After rolling around a few more times, he got up and went to class. After a day of nearly being late for all his classes, he drugged back to his room to play some video games, nap or for some other leisure activity. However, there were many on campus who had to balance both class as well as a work study job, or off-campus work, making a the college experience more difficult.

Cristi Wages, a junior, seemed to find a median when it came to balancing work off-campus and school. "I baby-sit on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon, and I recently got a job at the Beehive on Saturday mornings," Wages said. "At this point in the semester I am able to find a balance because I work on the weekends and it doesn't interfere with school activities. The downside is that I can't make up for lost sleep missed during the week on the weekend, so I am usually late to class and find myself falling asleep in chapel."

Sophomore Chuck Everson had work-study in the Admissions Counseling Office and felt it was more challenging than other work studies, but thought that, overall, it was a good deal. "The hard part was not being allowed to study and I have to work the whole time, which is a pain," he said. "The thing I liked best about work study was the flexible hours and not having to drive anywhere."

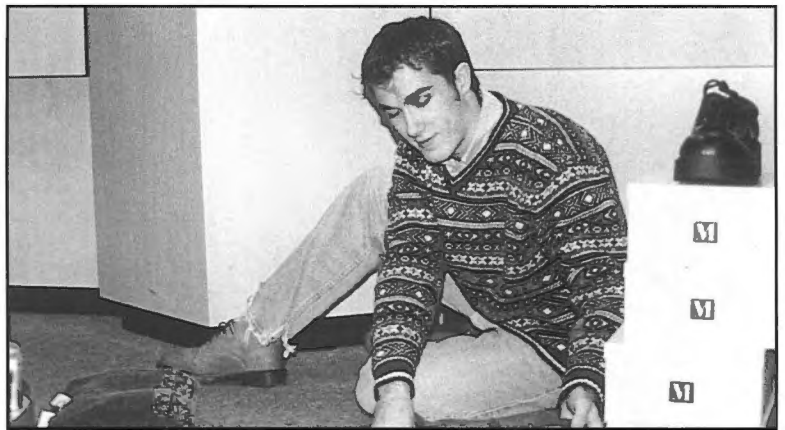
Ryan Hayward, a junior computer science major, not only had a work study job, but also worked off campus for an Internet service provider. "I worked 15 hours a week for IOCC.COM, which serves seven cities in Arkansas," Hayward said. "I also worked for Computer Services about nine hours a week. My secret to balancing work and school is that I don't sleep much. On Tuesday and Thursday I don't have a class until eleven o'clock so I can sleep in and stay up late the nights before. You have to be flexible if you want to make it. Before I was working this much I would always do my assignments at the very last minute, but now I have to manage my time better. I used to be able to make it with no sleep, but now with the addition of work, I can't. I've tried to be lazy, but it just doesn't seem to work for me," he added.

Senior Douglas Yan worked at the lab in the speech department and was a student manager/supervisor for the dining hall. He gave a similar mantra to Everson's about on-campus jobs and the proximity to work. "Campus jobs are better than off-campus jobs because you can spend the travel time studying, or something else. Mainly, I try to have my schedule work around my classes by spreading out my time each day. I usually get Saturdays and Sundays off, especially Sundays because it is an important day to worship and spend the afternoon with my sister and friends. I also use the afternoon to 'just chill.'" Yan said last year was really hard because his classes were hard and he was trying to get more work hours. "I struggled with the lack of sleep, but it taught me how to organize more. My best advice to freshmen starting out is to just focus on studying until you feel confident that you can balance both school and work. Many freshmen jump in to working before they realize how hard college can get. You have to get used to college life before you can work. You need to focus on your major since you can't get a degree in a part-time job," Yan said.

For working students, the consensus seemed to be to make the best of the situations and try to be responsible when it comes to time management. Hayward added, "Failing to manage time appropriately in college can lead to failing grades, flunking out, and finding oneself working at Quik-E Mart wondering, 'What the heck happened?'"

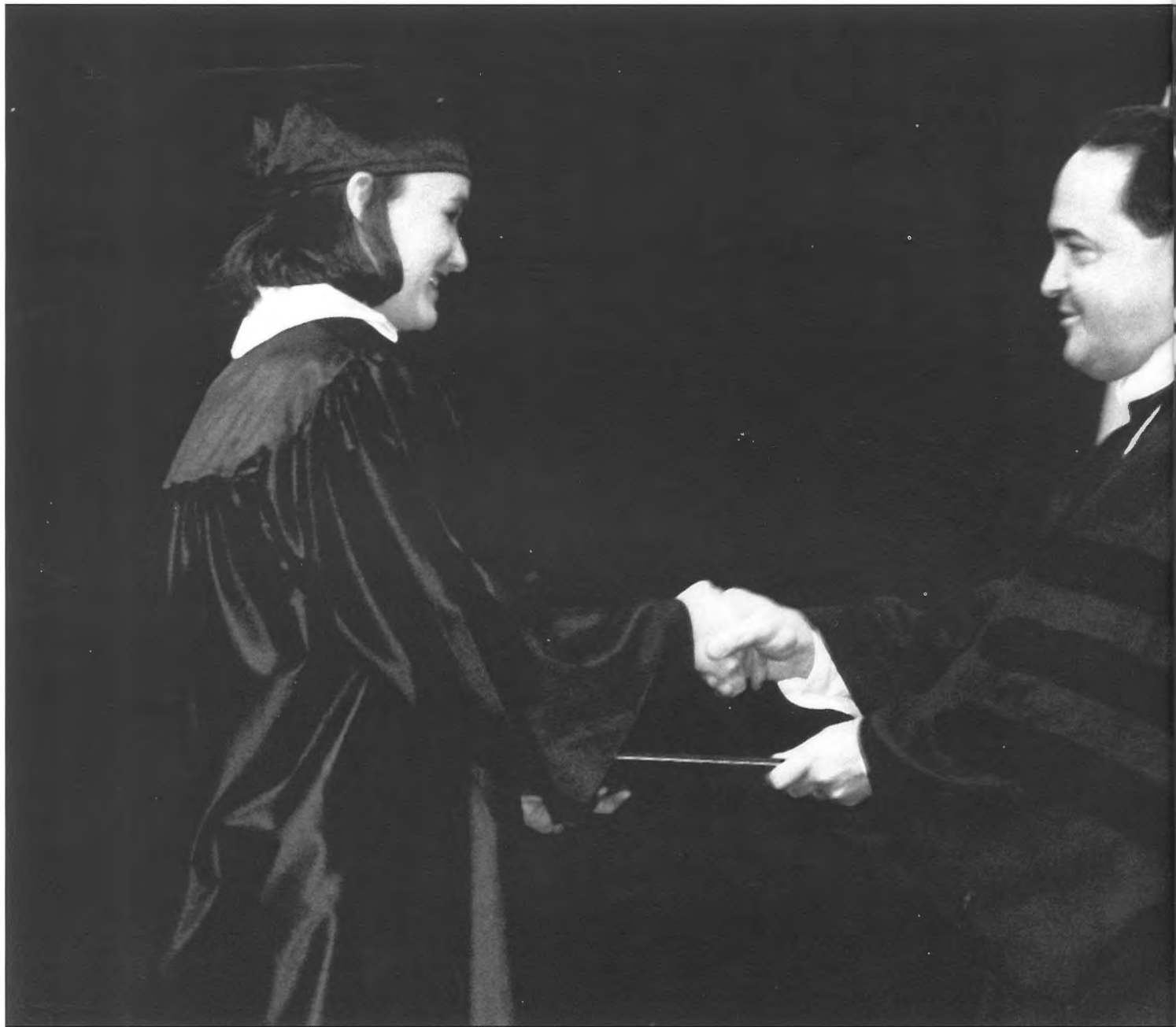
Let's go to the movies

Sophomore Alicia Willingham straightens up movies at West Coast Video. Students with off-campus jobs often had to carefully manage their time in order to get everything done.
photo by Tim Harrell



always busy

Freshman John Keller folds sweaters at Maurice's, a local clothing store. Many students balanced off-campus jobs and school in order to pay bills or just to have extra cash. *photo by Sarah Thornhill*

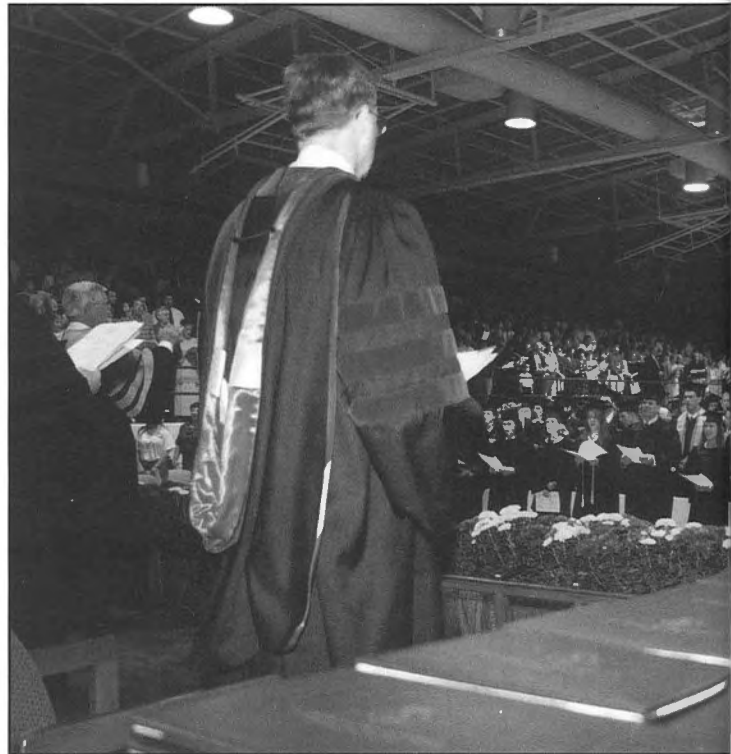
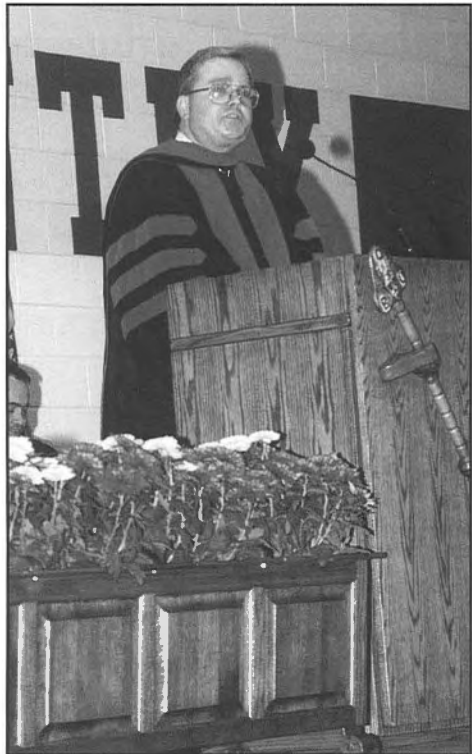


congrats!

Senior Keisha Miller receives her diploma and a congratulatory handshake from Dr. Andrew Westmoreland. Miller was one of the 65 who graduated at fall commencement. *photo courtesy of Photo Lab*

words of wisdom

Dr. Boo Heflin gives advice to the graduating class. He and his brother Johnny were given the Distinguished Alumnus Award during spring commencement. *photo by Travis Robertson*



FACING the

by Gary Miller

future

The sound of an all too familiar song began to play. Turning to the person next to her, she ask, "Is this thing on straight?" Adjusting her tassel, she entered the room knowing this was good bye.

For seniors, graduation was real. It was a transition from college into the "real world." However, it was not a time of fear, but of expectation. "Graduation meant leaving my friends, but entering a world of new opportunities and hopefully a great job," said senior Lisa Honey.

Seniors were faced with finding places to live and jobs, however, they were equipped with a vast knowledge in their field to help them in their decision. "I feel my time here was well spent and I learned not only factual information but practical life lessons," said senior Terry Williams.

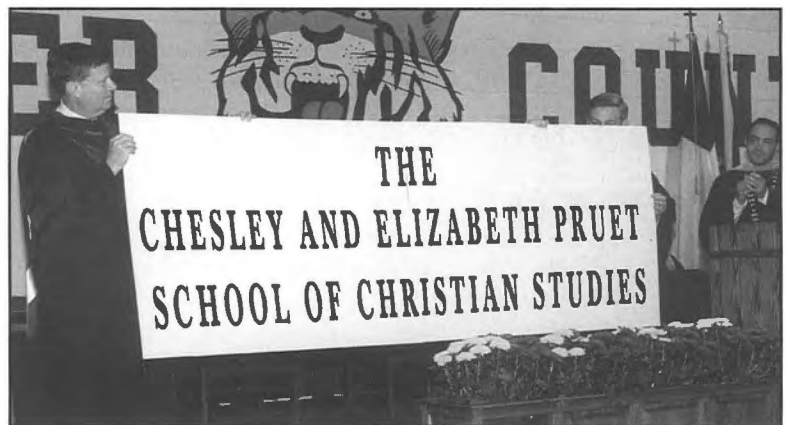
Williams, like many others, was one of the 65 graduates who participated in fall commencement. This was the first time the university held fall commencement due to the increase in enrollment. Fall commencement allowed students who completed degree requirements in the summer or fall semesters to receive their degrees in December instead of returning to campus the following May. "The new fall commencement helped in regards to seating everyone, but it also was a meaningful time in its own right," President Andrew Westmoreland said. "I think everyone was pleased with the arrangement."

The fall commencement was hopefully a "positive experience," according to Judy Jones, registrar. "We expected a positive response from those eligible to graduate, and that's what we received," she said.

With the addition of fall graduation, spring commencement went as planned. Students, faculty, family and friends gathered in Vining Arena, along with the 199 graduating students. Keeping with tradition, a Distinguished Alumnus Award was presented to Dr. Boo Heflin and his brother Johnny Heflin. The two were chosen because of their continuous support of the university and their accomplishments. Boo was chair of the Old Testament Department and associate dean of the School of Theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Johnny was chairman of the Board at Bird and Bear Enterprises in Little Rock.

A surprise announcement was made by Westmoreland. A generous donation from Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet was made to the School of Christian Studies in early May. In recognition, Westmoreland and the board of trustees approved the naming of the school The Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies in their honor. "The Pruet's are wonderful people and very humble, so humble that they chose not to be present for the announcement," Westmoreland said. He added that the contribution would allow the school to expand—academically, physically and spiritually.

The 199 graduates received their diplomas, making them official graduates of the university. At the end of the ceremony, Westmoreland held a special prayer for the graduates as they faced the real world, thus ending their years as students and beginning the road to adulthood. "Graduation meant moving on and leaving behind, but never forgetting," said senior Jonathan Watson.



new school

During spring commencement, Dr. Andrew Westmoreland announced the new name of the School of Christian Studies. Because of their generous donation, the name was changed in honor of Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet. *photo by Travis Robertson*

one last look

Before beginning the processional during fall commencement, seniors Bonnie Brockway, Donna Robertson Rice and Ruth Mwase adjust their caps and gowns. This was the first time the university held a fall graduation. *photo by Photo Lab*

time of worship

Graduates, faculty and guests are led in song by Dr. Charles Wright during spring commencement. Because this was a time of celebration, hymns were sung in honor of the occasion. *photo by Travis Robertson*

