



PERFECT PRINT

Senior Tim Harrell carefully examines a picture, ensuring the print develops correctly. The photo lab spent many hours working on deadlines for both the newspaper and yearbook, as well as public relations. (photo by Ben Baxter)

organizations

Taking to the streets of Las Vegas, students participated in the Baptist Student Union mission trip ministering through Bible study and sports activities. During Spring Break, this group of students joined together to share their faith with others.

Service clubs took a servant attitude in order to help others. Ouachita Student Foundation hosted its annual events, Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks, as well as working to raise money for scholarships for deserving students.

Student Senate sponsored a canned food drive to provide for the hungry. Groups raced against the clock to gather the most cans in order to win a cash prize.

Social clubs stayed involved with different projects. The men of Sigma Alpha Sigma gained a second win of Greek Week while the men of Kappa Chi took their fifth grand champion prize since participating in Tunes. The women of EEE participated in the Race for a Cure, a charitable event that supported the search for a cure for cancer.

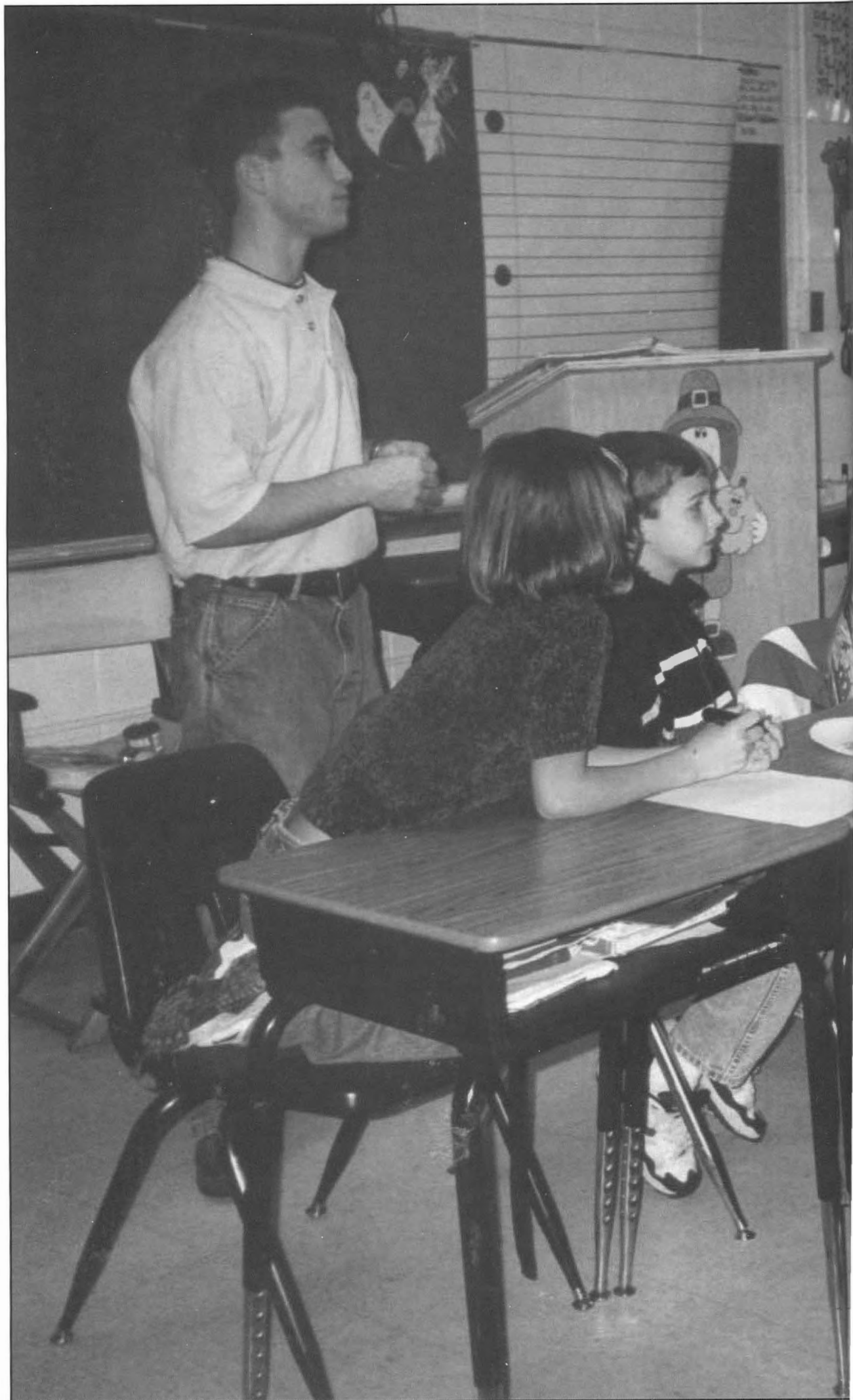
Whether it was the addition of members or participating in community service, a turning point was faced by every organization with during the year.

TURNING point



DIG IN

Freshman James Hulett, sophomore Heath Sheron and senior Jonathan Weston remove a cross-tie from a palyground. Club members participated in community projects like Tiger-Serve Day and Race for the Cure. *[photo courtesy of Photo Lab]*



minding business

As part of the community involvement, senior Michael Bleeker teaches students at Peake Middle School. He was able to relate to students about the world of business.

save a lot!

Part of Students In Free Enterprise, senior Liesl Steeger tells students about tips on saving money. She helped teach in the Hope School District.



Academic clubs use talents for **Advancement**

A mixture of intellect, academic excellence and interest was the basis for the multitude of academic clubs on campus. All aimed at allowing students to become involved, some required certain grade points while others were opened to anyone. Their purpose was to train and develop students in specific areas.

The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association allowed speech pathology majors to gain experience in their field. Students worked with local children in a clinic setting to give them practice in speech path. They also took part in the university health fair and did hearing and speech screenings for the Arkadelphia Kindergarten Round-Up. "We enjoyed working with the kids," said junior Meredith Ham. "We gain experience that we might not get elsewhere."

Students involved in theatre found their place in Theta Alpha Phi. The purpose of the club was to support and promote the theatre. Members did this in several ways, such as having coffee houses and providing refreshments at plays. They group found it to be a way to have fun and serve theatre patrons. "We sponsored a coffeehouse after certain performances to allow people to come and enjoy our comedy acts and music in a relaxed setting," said junior Candace Sharp.

Some organizations allowed students to compete in their field. Phi Beta Lambda helped accounting majors prepare for a life in accounting. They were able to attend workshops where specific competitions were held for all attending. They also sponsored several events, like the Etiquette Dinner and sold cookies to students to raise money.

While most clubs were open to all students, some required a certain grade point or special achievement. Kappa Delta Pi was for education majors who had shown outstanding performance in their work to better education. Blue Key National Honor Fraternity recognized male students with high gpa's who strived for intellectual achievement. The group's main project was the Miss OBU pageant. "Sponsoring the pageant helped us to be involved in an area we normally wouldn't take part in and gave us a chance to raise money to help support special projects," said senior Chris Powell.

The honorary and professional clubs served as a vital part in many students' lives. They promoted academic excellence as well as provided social interaction among members. They also prepared students for the real world by giving hands-on experience and learning. "I feel that Counselors and Religious Educators (CARE) helped to challenge me to better myself both intellectually and socially," said senior Sara Plumer.

french horn

With pencil in tow, senior Jeremy Bishop prepares for band practice. Band members put in long hours of practice in order to sound professional. *photo by Lori Bell*

sing praises

The Praise Singers perform at a dedication service at Geyer Springs Baptist Church. The small musical ensemble traveled to several places to sing and share God's love.



sounds like fun

Sophomore Kara Floyd, freshman Taber Reynolds and junior Heather Green perform with the Ouachita Sounds in Mabee Recital Hall. A full concert was presented in March in Jones Performing Arts Center. *photo by Tim Harrell*





practice makes perfect

Junior Abigail Carnell plays along with the other clarinet players during band practice. Band members had to practice together every Monday through Thursday in order to prepare for football games and upcoming concerts. *photo by Lori Bell*

Musical groups give outstanding Performance

Music groups at Ouachita had a varied year. Some planned to go to Europe, others recovered from flight 1420 upon their return from Europe. Some simply went on with the music business as usual. Recruiting, Rebuilding, Reviving...

The Wind Ensemble, a small auditioned group of band students, prepared for a trip to Europe. The tour allowed the ensemble to travel throughout Europe and perform before an Eastern audience. "The best part about the trip was seeing other cultures and sharing a common bond of music," said freshman Marcus Costner.

The number of people going wasn't as high as expected due to cost. This made planning the trip a little difficult, however, the small group that remained was very excited about the trip.

The Ouachita Sounds, with a change in their annual schedule, prepared for their concert a little later with a campus show in March instead of January. "We just wanted to make sure weather didn't play a part in people missing our big show," said freshman Adam Burnett. "In the past, bad weather or the threat of bad weather kept those coming from out of town from attending."

As usual, Festival of Christmas kept many of these groups, including the Sounds, very busy. "We did our usual couple of songs," said sophomore Kara Floyd, "but many of us were asked to be dancers in the rest of the show as well. This made for lots of work and many hours of rehearsal that we normally wouldn't have had." The festival entertained record crowds with an open dress rehearsal on Thursday night for those who couldn't get the coveted Friday or Saturday tickets.

The Ouachita Singers tried to put the events of last summer behind them and prepare to sing at the Southwest division meeting of the American Choral Directors Association in Oklahoma City and at the Jubilate Church Music Conference in Austin, Texas. Much of this was overshadowed by the continued reminders of flight 1420.

While looking forward to the big events of the Spring, memories, flashbacks, memos, and business kept many minds far away from rehearsals. "It's just hard to focus," said junior David Stanley. "I try to keep my mind on my studies, but I just want to go back to my room and sit. I don't understand it, but daily life is difficult even now months after the crash."

The year for Praise Singers was full of church concerts and tours to New Orleans and Branson with lots of smaller events mixed in. Warren, Nashville, Fort Smith and Star City were just a few of the stops on the Praise Singers schedule. "We really enjoyed the group leading our worship," said Mark Killingsworth, pastor of Covenant Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, Mo., "They had a genuine spirit that is lacking in many of today's young people."

Whatever the trip, whatever the goals Ouachita ensembles had to overcome many obstacles. The end result was a year full of beautiful concerts and performances in Arkadelphia and around the world.

by Jon Merryman

setting the picture

Junior Ben Baxter climbs the tower at a football practice to get action shots. The photo lab was responsible for providing pictures for the *Signal*, *Ouachitonian*, and other campus publications. *photo by Myles Wertz*

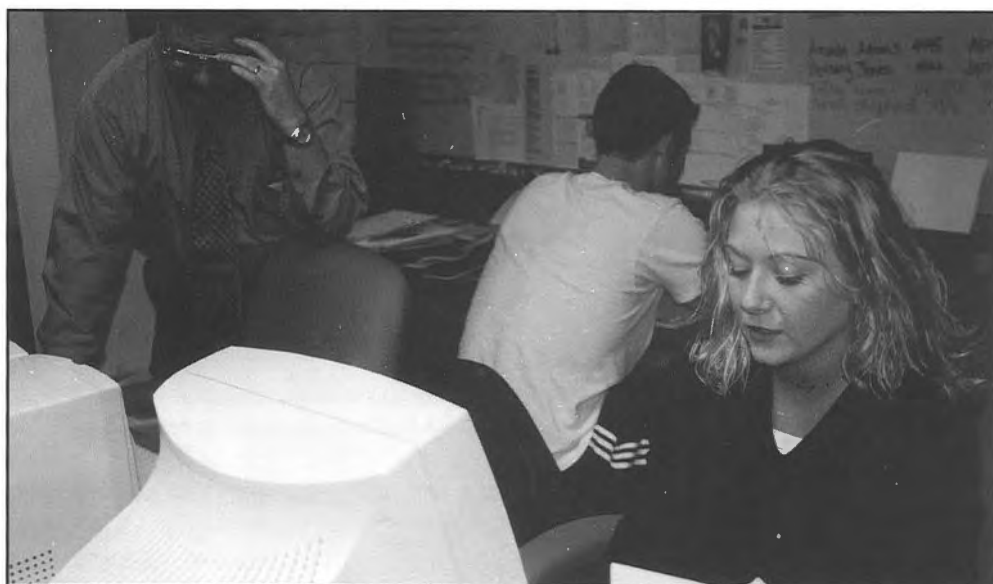
getting the shot

Senior Suzanne Morton and Myles Wertz get the perfect angle on the football field. Student photographers split up campus activities and events to shoot pictures. *photo by Travis Robertson*



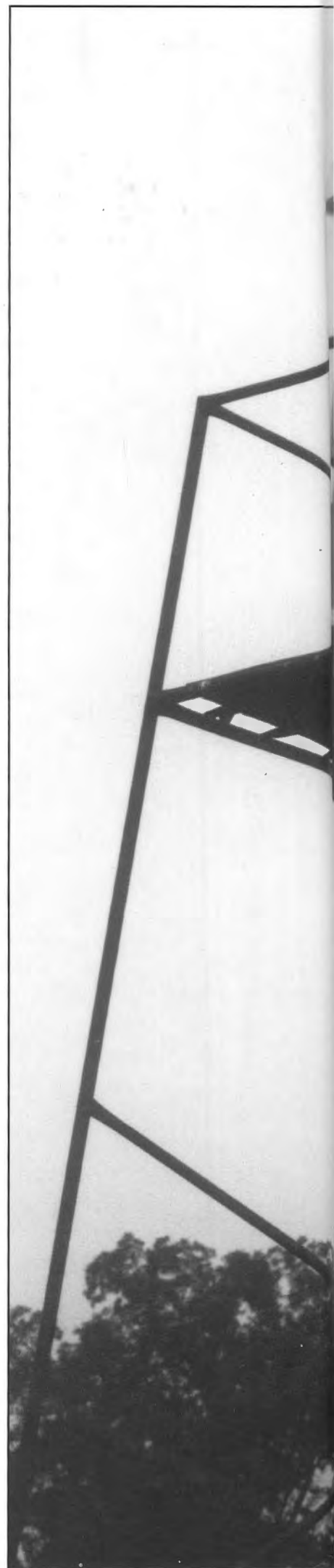
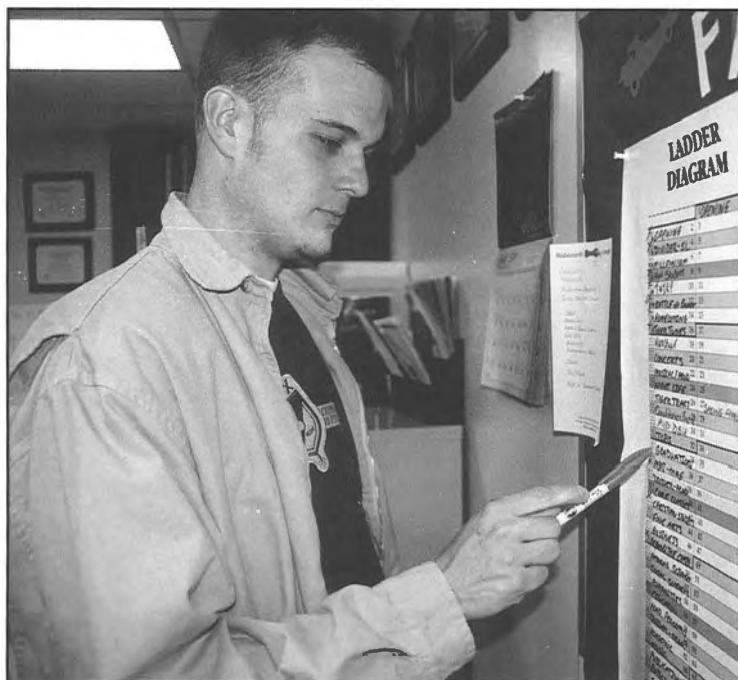
spreading the news

While working on a news release, junior Rachel Deckleman gains assistance from news bureau director Mac Sisson. The news bureau wrote news releases on the various events that occurred on campus, including everything from sports to academics. *photo by Myles Wertz*



keeping tabs

Editor Gary Miller, a junior, checks off the completed pages of the yearbook. Staff workers had to be very organized with their sections and keep track of upcoming deadlines. *photo by Myles Wertz*





how about this?

Signal editor senior Mark White shows sophomore Jennifer Smith the ropes of layout and design. Most layouts were done solely on computers and then printed as proofs to make necessary corrections. photo by Myles Wertz

pulling all-nighters to meet Deadlines

Award-winning publications from the mass communications department did not come without tremendous effort from the students who put hours and hours of work into the finished products. The “basement” of Mabee was a second home for those who contributed to the various publications. Senior Lisa Wylie said, “It is not a normal work-study job. We are often down here 15 hours a week and pull a lot of late nights. It is not uncommon to see fellow students trying to catch a nap while working on meeting deadlines.”

The five staffs—TV production, newspaper, yearbook, photo lab and news bureau—all worked to keep the student body up-to-date on activities and events as well as capture the momentous points of the year for keepsake. Each of these staffs excelled in their abilities and were recognized among the top in the state at competitions.

The *Signal*, the campus newspaper, came out every Thursday. It covered the previous weeks events as well as upcoming campus activities. Not only did it report on news from the “bubble,” but also on local and international news, stock updates, the weather forecast and even fun movie facts. Students eagerly awaited the delivery of the publication and were often seen pouring over it in the cafeteria and student center.

Senior Tim Harrell headed up the photo lab again this year because of his previous experience. Harrell said, “It’s a lot of responsibility for us because there is no professional photographer on campus, however, it gives the student photographers free range to use the creative abilities in expressing campus life.” Photo staffers were seen with cameras all over campus readily awaiting to photograph anything that seemed interesting.

Capturing the highlights of year was the *Ouachitonian* yearbook staff. Sophomore Deondra Morris said, “As an editor, not only did we have to write the stories, but we had to do the layout and pull it all together with pressing deadlines.”

The staff traveled to Conway to an awards ceremony at the University of Central Arkansas and brought home the title of best yearbook in the state. The layouts were designed by staff workers and showed off their creativity and talent. The 1999 *Ouachitonian* was named a National Yearbook Pacemaker finalist, placing it in the top five percent among the nation. Editor junior Gary Miller said, “Yearbook is an all-consuming task, but the final product makes it all worthwhile.”

The TV production crew produced the Ouachita Channel on channel 18 as well as the “Ouachita show.” The show featured faculty and staff interviews which informed the campus and allowed for the production students to gain real-life experience working behind the camera.

The news bureau team was equally important in the production of campus publications. The student workers wrote press releases for local papers and issued them to the other various departments which used them as a basis for newsworthy stories in other publications.

Dedication and teamwork were the key elements in the success of each of Ouachita’s publication departments. Each office did its part to keep it all going smoothly. And once again, the year was complete with each student-produced production.

by Amber White

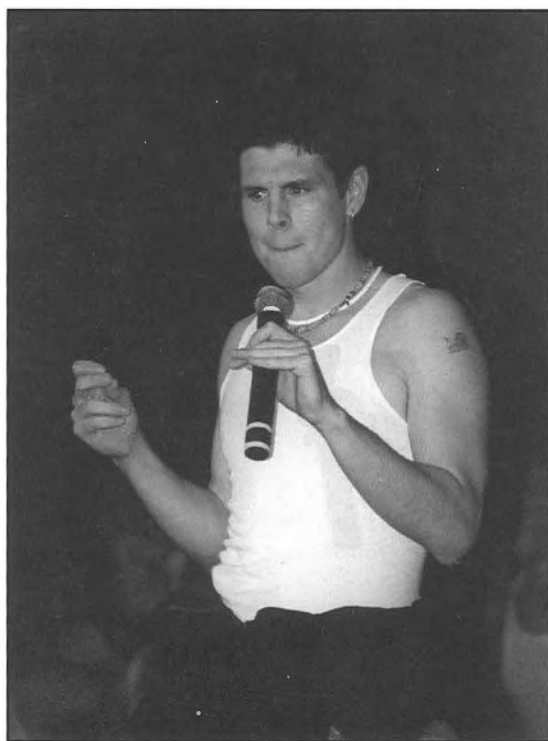


play time

Junior Rachael Winston plays with a child during the BSU mission trip to China. Along with the Southeast Asia trip, students also traveled to Taiwan and South Africa to spread the Good News. *photo by Julie Wilson*

what a mess

Senior Corey Colbert opens the BSU Tiger Tunes show with a "clean" solo. As janitors, the group tied for fourth place on Saturday night. *photo by Carrie Dunham*



reunion

While visiting with an alumnus, junior Leah Bushey stands ready with cake at the Campus Ministries reunion during Homecoming. Before the game, students and alumni had the chance to visit and talk about old times and new. *photo by Deborah Root*





Campus ministries uses worship for Evaluation

This cartoon appeared in the November 1999 issue of *Campus Life*: Two Eskimos were sitting on chairs, fishing through holes in the ice. The gentleman on the right draped his line through your typical opening...about the size of a small manhole. The Eskimo on the left had his line in the water, too. He waited calmly for a nibble. His hole, however was more like a crater—in the shape of a whale!

The Eskimo on the left was ready. The time he has spent preparing for the catch was both extensive and tiring; he probably wore out three saws just cutting through all that ice! But the tug on his line he wouldn't be able to handle. From the very start of the project, the man was a visionary. Like the Eskimo, the Campus Ministries/BSU has set goals and envisioned a year of spiritual growth.

"This year we decided to evaluate everything we offer and do. Our focus is to point everyone to a lifestyle of worship. We believe that life comes from loving God and loving people - that is life! Our vision as Campus Ministries is to challenge all students to strive to know who God is through pure worship, which will lead to obedient service," says Director Kevin Inman.

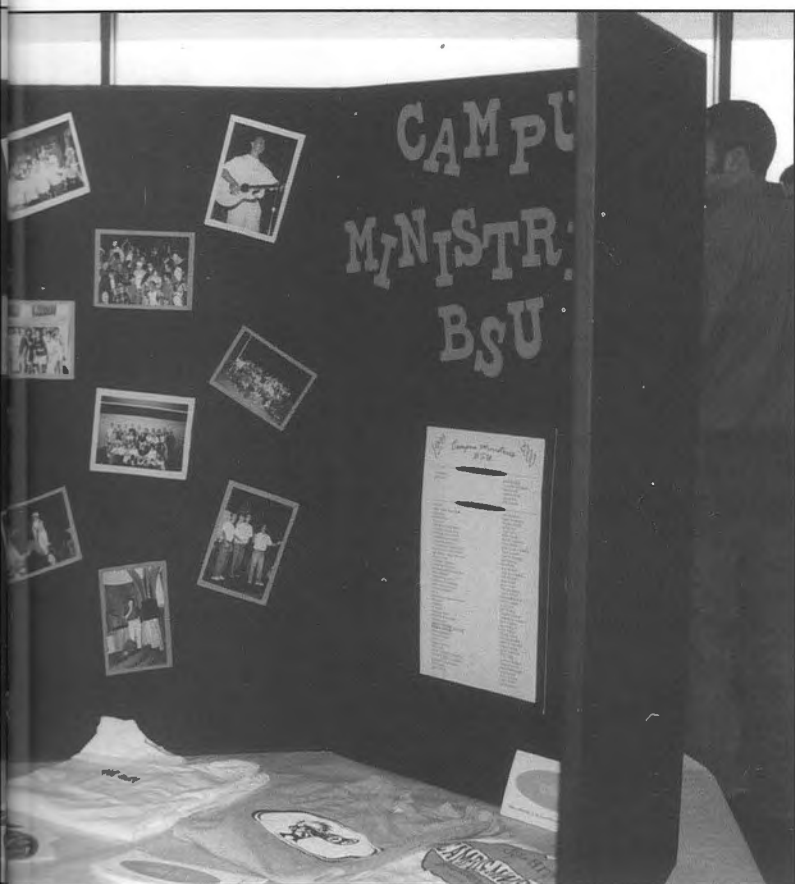
Campus Ministries/BSU encouraged the importance of becoming a strong Christian student leader socially, academically and spiritually. The Executive Council of the Campus Ministries/BSU consisted of 10 students and university staff members who guided the direction of the ministry. There were also 41 student ministry leaders who led ministries to other students and to the community. They continued ministries such as Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, Noonday and Thursday night Refuge.

Through Encounter Groups and Freshman Family Groups, the Campus Ministries/BSU sought to fulfill Christ's commandment in the Great Commission to "go and make disciples." The weekly groups were challenged to incorporate spiritual disciplines into their lives so they may be able to daily throw off their old selves and become new in Christ. "I have really enjoyed the groups. They aren't like the typical Bible studies where you work daily through a workbook. They are centered around practical application and accountability. I have been really encouraged through them," said freshman Holly Cuthbertson.

The Campus Ministries/BSU took its commitment of sharing the love of Christ seriously as it involved hundreds of students in mission outreach. Mission opportunities abound through summer and spring break mission trips. During the summer, teams embarked to East Asia, South Africa and Taiwan. Over 30 students participated in the spring break mission trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, ministering through clubs, personal evangelism, and sports camps. "God unified us through Christ and we became like-minded, having the same vision. Because of this we became an effective ministry team who embarked on a mission to share the gospel with the people of a very sinful city," reflected freshman Michael Copas.

In addition, the ministry coordinated Christian Focus Week and participated in the 21st annual Tiger Tunes show taking the stage as janitors and tying for fourth in the competition. The women's flag football team Power House was a winner. The team won the university-wide tournament and advanced to the state tournament in Conway, keeping its title and advancing to nationals in New Orleans where the team placed ninth. "Although the season consisted of competition and winning, it meant something much more. I am grateful to the BSU for giving me the opportunity to have fun and build lasting friendships," reflected freshman Abigail Clark.

The Campus Ministries/BSU punched a hole in the ice and threw out a line. Service and spiritual growth was their vision as they took some risk and put out some effort in practical acts of loving compassion.





rollin' up fun

During Spring Fling, Campus Activities Board members, junior Janet Moore and senior Karen Moore, prepare cotton candy for students enjoying the novelty events. Spring Fling events included Bungee Run and Sumo Wrestling. *photo by Ben Baxter*

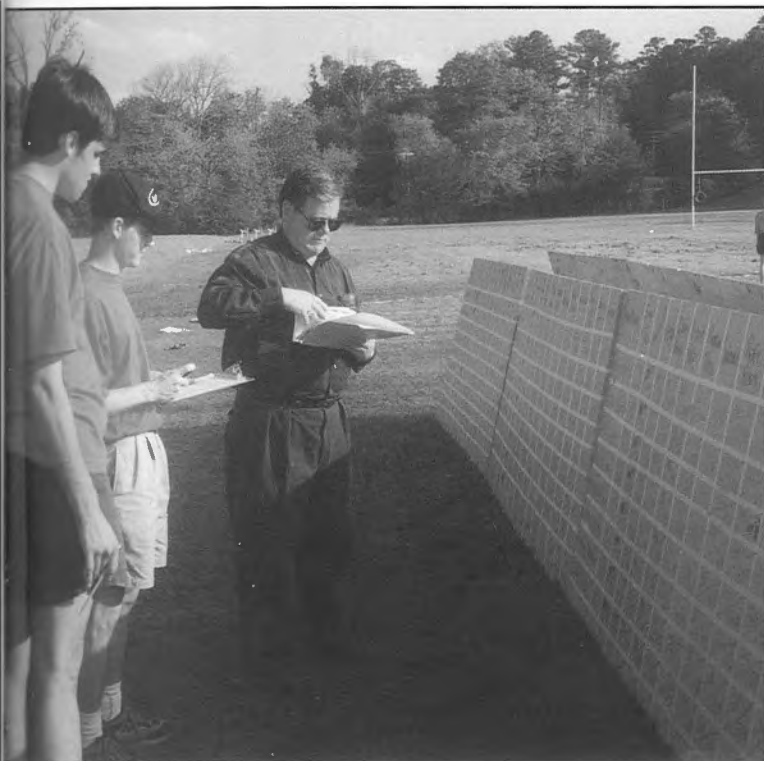
ready!!!

Junior Gary Miller makes sure the participating teams in tug-o-war are ready. Running the events was part of the job of Ouachita Student Foundation members. *photo by Ben Baxter*



talking the scores

Junior Paul Denton and senior Aaron Hawley assist OSF sponsor Mac Sisson in adding scores for Tiger Traks. Students participated in the two-day event sponsored by OSF April. *photo by Jeff Root*



Welcome

Seniors Jon Merryman and Aaron Hawley welcome students, faculty and parents to Tiger Tunes. Tunes was sponsored and directed by members of Ouachita Student Foundation. *photo by Josh Taylor*



clubs mold students into servants

“But I really had to park in the fire lane . . . !” The new Student Senate Traffic Court heard pleas such as this one from students who wanted to appeal their traffic violations as the court served as an intermediary between students and campus safety. A panel of Senate members met to hear specific cases on Fridays and would make decisions concerning the appeals of ticket fines. Student Senate was one of several service organizations on campus that was dedicated to making Ouachita a better place for everyone.

Besides organizing the traffic court, Student Senate was involved in other activities to serve the student body, such as working to develop an honor code for the campus, to establish locked tuition, and to have Tuesday-Thursday classes begin at 8:30 instead of 8:00. Another new activity developed by Senate this year was a “Food Fight” canned food drive. Teams of students worked together to collect non-perishable food items from around Arkadelphia throughout one afternoon. The team that collected the most food won. This was a way to not only help the community of Arkadelphia, but also brought unity to the other campus organizations that participated by giving them a common goal. “Food fight was a project we took part in to give help to those who need help most,” said Student Senate President Eric Kuykendall, a senior.

Another service club was anything but SELF-ish this year. The former Student Entertainment and Leisure Fund changed its name to Campus Activities Board, and it offered special events for students, such as Drive-In movie, Christmas party and the Point of Grace concert. “I have really enjoyed being a part of CAB because it has allowed me to get involved in campus activities and to meet a lot of great people,” said freshman April Meyer.

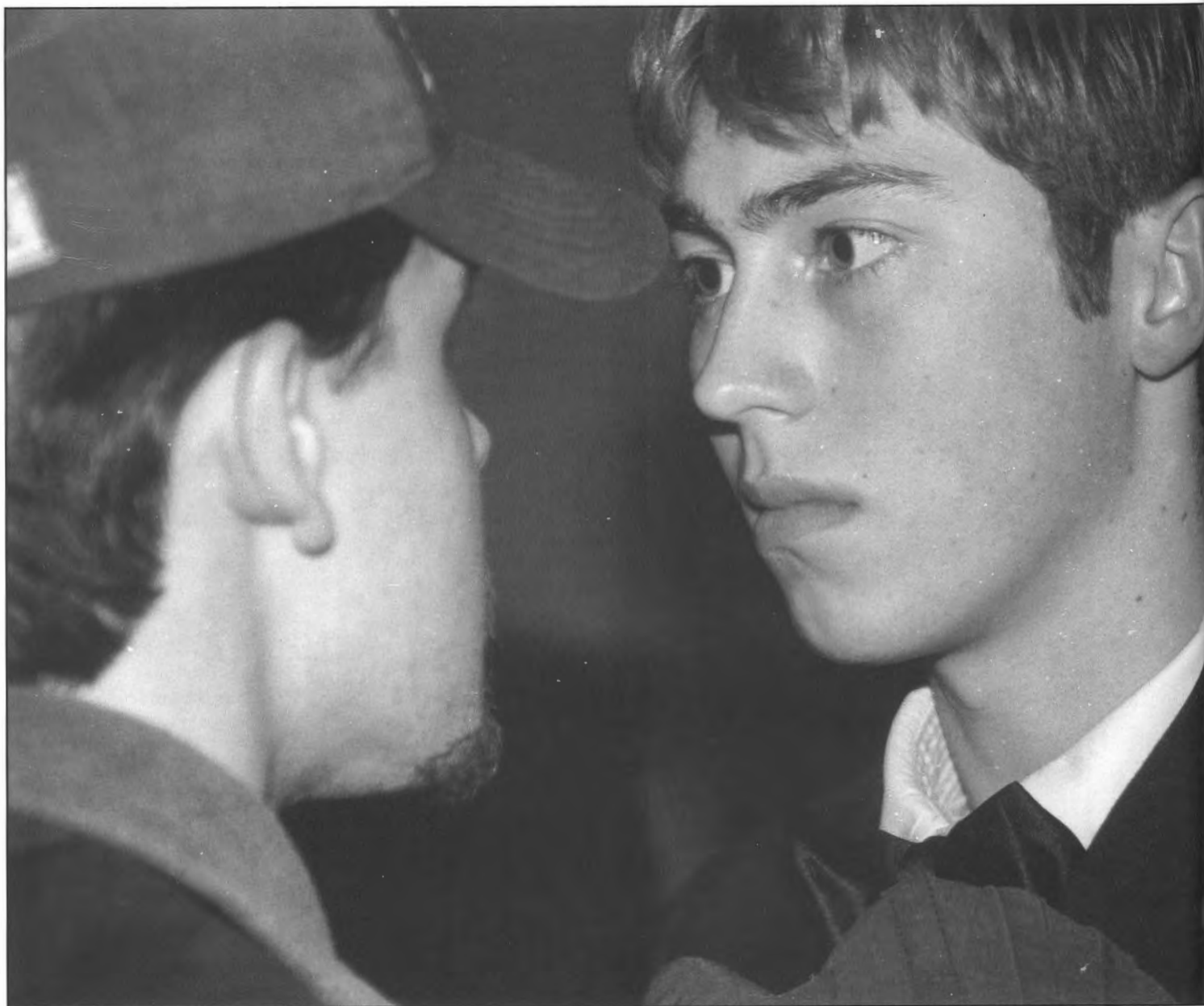
The Ouachita Student Foundation kept tradition on campus by sponsoring Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks. Campus organizations took the stage in costume and in song to vie for the coveted title of Tunes champion in the fall, and OSF was behind the scenes the entire way, making sure everything ran like clockwork. In the spring, OSF brought a mass of yellow-shirted Tiger Traks participants to the football practice field and sent them home a dingy shade of brown after an day of volleyball and tug of war in a huge pit of mud. The purpose of the OSF was to raise money from these events to provide scholarships and to work in the areas of student recruitment and alumni relations.

College Republicans and Young Democrats also served students by giving them a chance to get involved in the world of politics. The members of the College Republicans sponsored a voter registration drive at the beginning of the year.

The International Students Association’s goal brought together students from around the world and worked to establish an open mindedness about other cultures on campus. Students in the organization showcased their foreign fares in the International Food Festival, and they also had a retreat at the lake.

As students in service clubs gave of themselves, they in return received a sense of accomplishment of helping others. These organizations worked together toward the common goal of bringing the campus together by meeting students’ needs

by Amber White



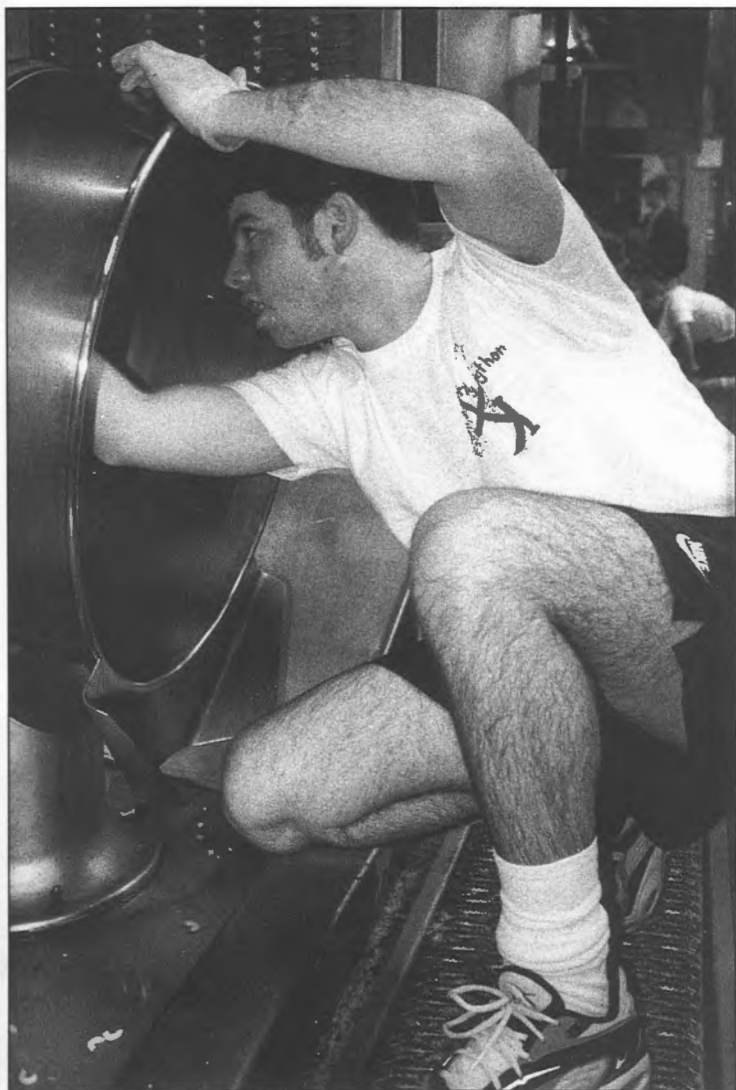
seeing it eye to eye

Freshman Clint Blackwood stares intently into sophomore John Elkins' eyes during a dinner line-up. Pledges were often required to address members and know factual information about them each evening throughout pledge week. Pledges found this to be a nerve-racking experience. *photo by Ben Baxter*

clowning around

Seniors Kari Elliot and Suzanne Morton practice their Rush performance before the girls arrive. The traditional clown show was a favorite among the Chi Deltas. They performed an entertaining show for the evening's rushees. *photo by Myles Wertz*



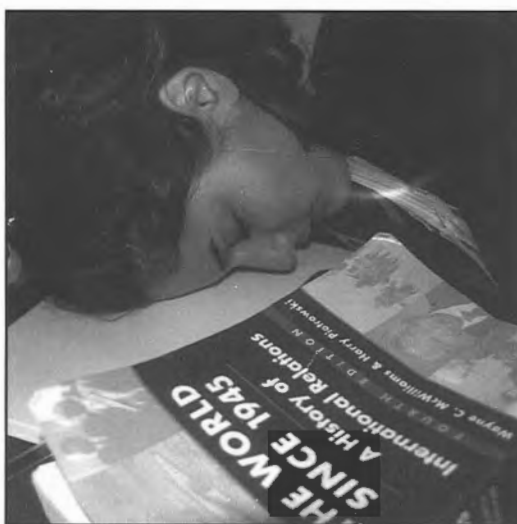


annie up

Junior Brandon Jeffus deals the cards to freshmen Archy Prentice and Kip Scheinder at the Sigma Alpha Sigma Rush party. Prospective pledges met new people and had fun during Rush Week. *photo by Ben Baxter*

down and dirty

Kappa Chi pledge Ryan Friedman works diligently cleaning out the appliances in Walts. Pledges were asked to accomplish a variety of tasks and community projects during pledge week. These tasks proved to help pledge brothers form a strong bond. *photo by Myles Wernitz*



sleeping beauty

Freshman Jill Davis catches up on some sleep. Many new pledges had a difficult time dealing with the lack of sleep. Members busied their pledges with duties and projects which often times took up the entire night. *photo by Lori Bell*

T pledge week indicates yearly Traditions

Rush. That was a statement that had many responses. Some people were filled with the anticipation of being chosen for a social club, some hated the whole idea and some had mixed emotions, such as the members of each club. "Preparing for Rush and actually doing it was a hassle, but knowing that this was what kept our club going gives us the motivation to give it all we've got," said Tri Chi member Kristen McKelvey.

After the three long days of impressive shows, such as the Tri Chi's "All that Jazz" for the girls and fun-filled activities such as, "Playboy Club" for the guys, each rushee chose the club of his or her choice. By the next morning rushees were up and ready to see what bid they had received, and from that point on they were officially an inductee.

Pledge week had a completely different approach than Rush. Instead of looking nice during the evenings, the new pledges dressed according to the traditions of a big red bow, pink cheeks, a sash and a tuxedo. Kappa Chi pledge freshman Jason Gerber's faced a different task. "I couldn't take a shower or shave all week, that was rough, but now it doesn't bother me so much when I get up just in time to go to class," said Gerber. "Even though the attire of the week wasn't the hot topic of any pledge, you could learn a lot about yourself through that."

Each social club had specific duties assigned to each pledge during pledge week. Making top 10 posters, food bags and writing letters became a normal part of the week for each individual pledge. The pledge class as a whole had responsibilities for making up chants and having posters for the ball games, as well as eating all meals together. "We couldn't be without another pledge sister at any time during the day, that was tough," said Chi Delta pledge freshman Emily Bankhead.

Although pledges were pressed for time, it helped when the week ended on Thursday this year due to heavy snow. "It especially was more convenient for the members of our group," said Chi Delta president senior Kristen Clark.

Although the week presented challenges for both members and pledges, most agreed that it was worth it. EEE member sophomore Sabra Walker summed up the feelings of the social clubs. "I believe that it teaches the pledges to gain respect for the club and grow closer with each other, but it also gives everyone, members and pledges, memories forever."

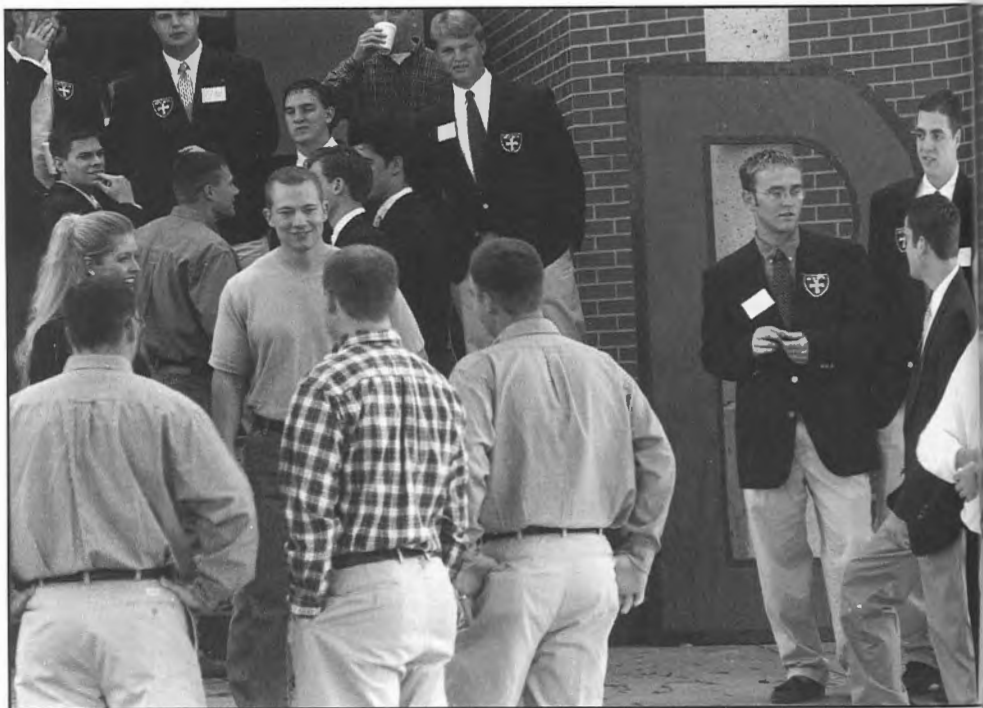
by Deondra Morris

good advice

A pledge listens to advice given to him by a member during pledge week. Although the snow slowed down induction activities, pledges were still required to finish their duties. *photo by Brad Johnson*

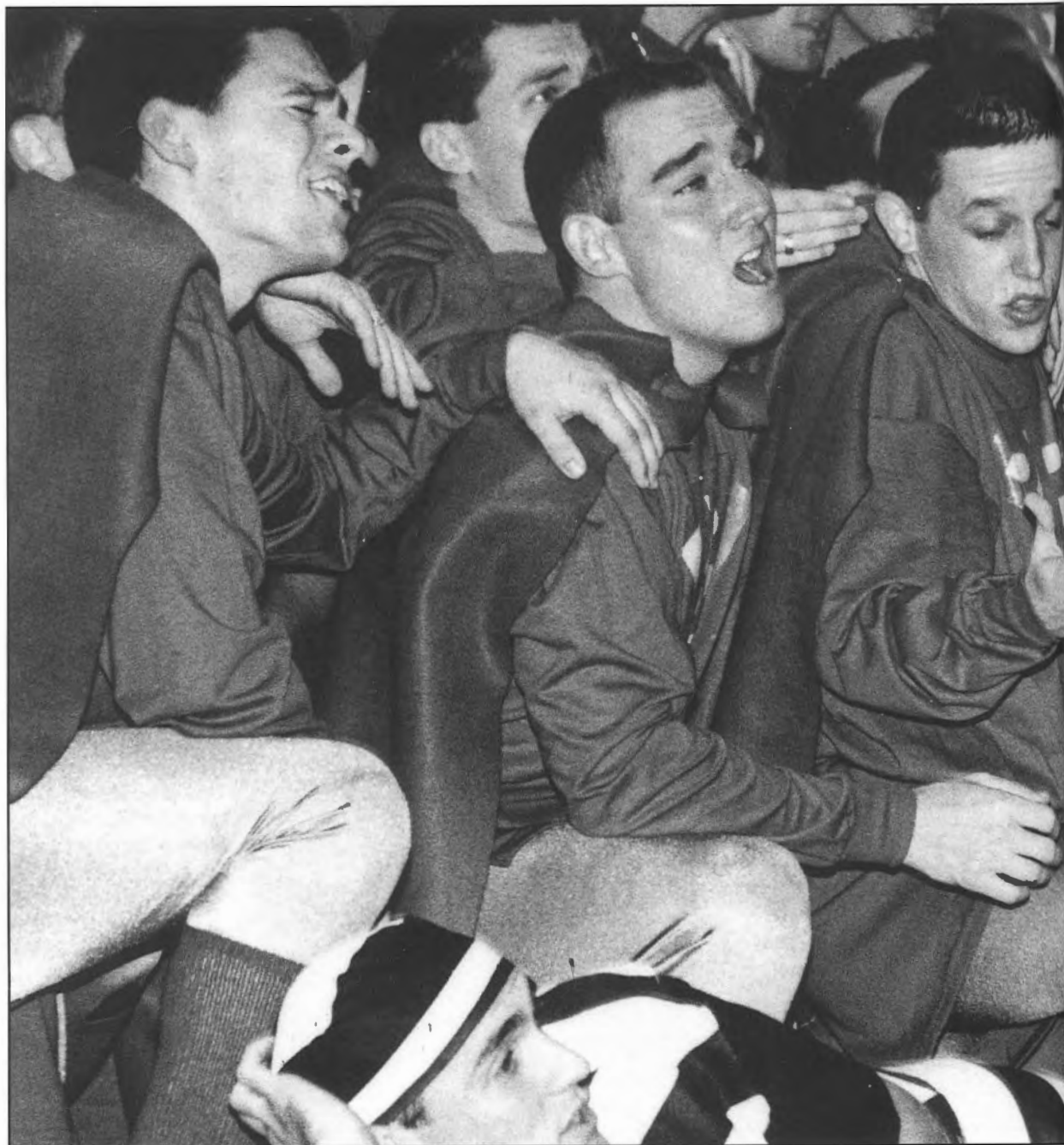
meeting alumni

Members visit with Beta Alumni at a Homecoming banquet before the big game. Each year alumni returned to campus to reminisce about their college years and witness the changes made to the University. *photo by Aubrey Davis*



'super' fun!

The men of Beta Beta finish their "Superman" show with high emotion. This year they tied for third place with the BSU. *photo by Cade Shera*





pledge beta

Freshman Matt Bell looks at a member during line up. This year, the pledges had many duties to accomplish and had to learn the meaning of brotherhood. *photo by Ben Baxter*

traditions continued through Brotherhood



They wowed the audience in a single bound and flew away with the prize of third runner-up as Supermen in Tiger Tunes. Singing songs like "Me So Super" and featuring "the giant cape," they left the crowd cheering. But that wasn't all for the Beta Beta men's social club.

They had a busy year, which began by helping the freshmen girls move into dorms and helping two Beta alumni move into new houses. They also played a role in Arkadelphia community service by doing yard work for Ms. Elizabeth Sharp. "Helping serve in the community was something that helped us to help out and allowed us to bond together," said junior Ross Jagers.

The Betas were a diverse group, ranging from business majors to ministry majors. However, their common bond was brotherhood. Senior Ryan Perry said, "Since I'm graduating, I look back and see that these guys have been my friends and my brothers. We've had good times together, but we've also helped each other through some hard times. It's been a great four years because of the Betas."

As a club, they also hosted a golf tournament for members and alumni, the winners being seniors Jason Luce and Mark Manning. They were involved in all intramural sports and participated in a Luau with the EEEs and a mixer with University of Central Arkansas social fraternity Sigma Tau Gamma.

Pledge week provided 14 pledges. This allowed the club to grow in size and in brotherhood. "Pledging Beta was an important part of my first year at college," said freshman Nick Runyan. "It gave me a group of guys that I can identify with."

Pledges quickly became involved in the club as well as with other clubs. They, along with the Tri Chi women's social club pledges held a pajama party. This allowed them to meet members of other clubs.

Along with campus events, the Betas continued the tradition of outings. In the fall, they chartered a bus and traveled to New Orleans, La. Along with their dates, they enjoyed the Creole city and its atmosphere. In the spring they headed east to Memphis, Tenn. "Outings were fun because it got us away from school and allowed us to spend time together as a club," said junior Brent Gambill.

The Betas as a club grew closer spiritually through weekly Bible studies on Monday and Tuesday nights, and went on two "Renewal" retreats during the year in order to focus on spiritual needs and growth. Senior Chris Turnage said, "Pledging Beta was been one of the best things in the world and I wouldn't trade the experiences for anything."

by Melanie Ross

What's her name?

EEE pledges face the members and try to recall facts about them. The girls were required to learn about the history of the club and information about the members. *photo by Ben Baxter*

Welcoming Rushees

Junior Jill Bates, dressed in patriotic costume, welcomes freshman Sara Bridges to the party. The members presented a rehearsed show for the rushees before they met and mingled. *photo by Ben Baxter*





eyes wide open

Tired pledges sit together during Noonday. All clubs required their pledges to attend Noonday during pledge week.

photo by Myles Wertz



congratulations

EEE sisters circle up to congratulate sophomore Lauren McNair, the winner of this year's Miss OBU pageant. Several clubs sponsored one or more of their members to compete in the pageant. *photo by Tim Harrell*

school days

EEE members sing their hearts out at Tunes and show off their hard work from long nights of practicing. Little girls with big curls, the show's title, was a big success this year. *photo by Ben Baxter*

l scheduled events keep eees **n** involved

On bended knee the senior girls of EEE called out to God to hand pick their 2000 pledge class. As pledge week began president senior Jan Cosh felt that their prayers had been answered. The women of EEE saw their new sisters as hard workers who, like themselves, gave 110 percent of their abilities to the club. The number of girls who pledged EEE this year far exceeded the girls' expectation. This was one of the largest pledge class in EEE history. By the end of the week, 29 girls were added, increasing the overall membership total to 90 women.

Between '50s night and Tiger Tunes, the women of EEE were able to keep themselves quite busy at the start of the fall semester. T.W.I.R.P. week began with a bang on '50s night. Poodle skirts and coke floats set the scene for a classic '50s evening; however, the excitement really began with the twizzler competition. Many girls and their dates found meeting in the middle of the twizzler to be a pleasant surprise. Shortly after the excitement of T.W.I.R.P. week died down, the EEEs buckled down and began preparing for Tiger Tunes. This year the EEEs played on the theme of "Little Girls." Not long before the actual performance the women of EEE took a night off to regain their focus on the one who gave them their talents, God. Their efforts paid off when they were named the first runner up.

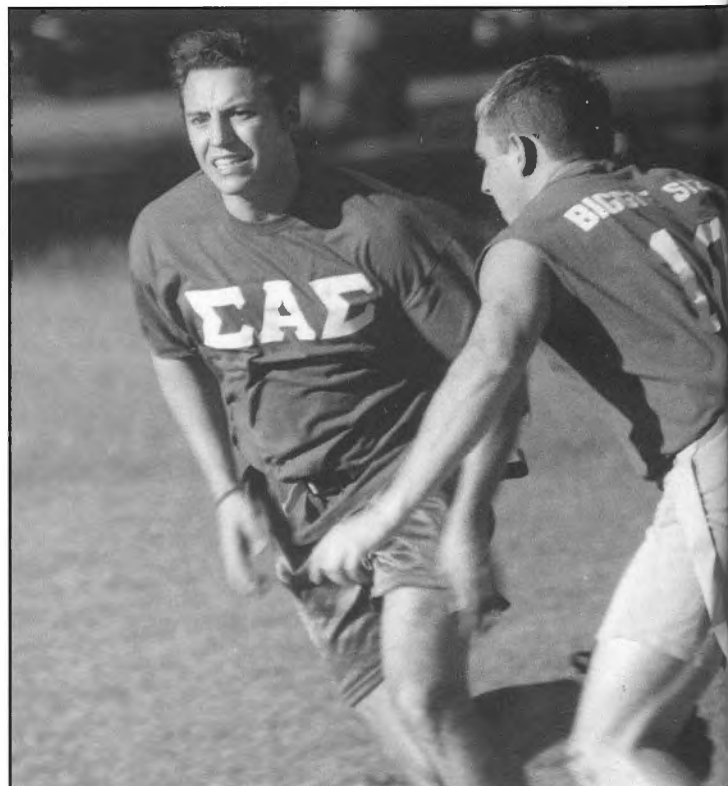
In an effort to give back a little bit of what God has blessed them with, the EEEs placed a strong emphasis on servanthood. Race for the Cure always attracted a lot of members. The women of EEE felt a huge obligation to participating in this fund raiser due to the fact that many have seen the affects of breast cancer. This year a large number of members turned out for the race even though it was scheduled the same day as Tiger Serve Day. Back in Arkadelphia an equally large number of EEEs stepped up to help their community. Later on in the fall semester the EEEs showed a competitive edge in an attempt to gather the most can foods in the Student Senate and Elrod Center's version of a Food Fight. Behind the scenes the EEEs placed a special interest in a girl from Group Living. Due to unfortunate circumstances a girl who receives speech therapy at OBU could no longer afford to ride the bus to Ouachita. Dipping into the club fund, the EEEs provided this girl's family the money they needed for her transportation.

Sophomore Susanne Duncan organized many religious activities for each member to get involved. Such a large number of girls expressed interest in the Beth Moore Bible Study that two Bible study groups had to be formed. Each week small groups of girls meet together to hold each other accountable to their relationships to God. Seeing the power of prayer, members decided to come together to pray for the campus, their club, and personal needs. "It is neat to have your best friends as your spiritual accountability," said Cosh.

by Kellie Blalock

here it comes

Senior Dalton Hutchins concentrates on his pitch at an afternoon softball game. The Ss were involved in all campus intramural sports. The guys held practices and worked hard to have a competitive edge against the other clubs. *photo by Ben Baxter*



sigmas pass on the torch of **Possibilities** *possibilities*

A flash of blue streaked past the filled seats. Onlookers quickly glanced at the stream of painted bodies moving rapidly in front of them. Yelling and screaming, this group was in full support of the Tiger football team. The men of Sigma Alpha Sigma, the Ss, were a common sight at home football games. They generally painted all exposed skin with a dark blue and added white lettering of their names and letters. The group helped in rallying the fans as well as the team. At the Battle of the Ravine, the famous "S cannon" was shot off at several points during the game. Since the game wasn't a Lone Star Conference game, the cannon was allowed to be fired. "Every time we shot the thing, the team and crowd got fired up," said senior Phillip Davis.

Being involved was something the group strived for. During the fall semester, members took part in several activities. One was Greek Week, which began last year by the Ss. For a second year, the group was in charge of the event because they were the grand prize winner the previous year. "Greek Week was a good idea and the clubs seemed to like it," said junior Jeff Flowers.

Another event the Ss participated in was Tiger Tunes. Decked out in red sweat pants and shirts, the group took the stage as Lobsters. Though they didn't place, they were glad that the audience enjoyed it. "We generally don't do Tunes to win," said sophomore Moss Duvall. "We do it to have a good time and make the audience laugh."

These events helped the men get to know one another and form a common bond. While most of the members were in many of the same activities, they each had their differences. "We are and have been diverse," said junior Scott Edge. "It doesn't matter what we do, as long as we do it as a group."

Adding to their diversity, pledge week brought eight new members to the club. The new pledges seemed to truly fit right in. "Pledging S was a good decision for me because I could identify with many if not all of the members," said freshman Steven McMorran.

The Ss took part in many activities both socially and physically, like Tunes and intramurals. Whatever the activity, their goal remained constant—having fun and being able to bond with one another. "Whatever we did as a club, we usually had a good time doing it and ended up growing closer and stronger as a brotherhood," said sophomore Chris Bass.

by Gary Miller



wait for it

Junior Jeff Flowers watches intently as he anticipates the football. Most of the members were active in sports as well as other campus organizations. *photo by Ben Baxter*



hyped up

Members paint themselves with their letters to show their school spirit before a home football game. Tailgate parties were popular in the fall with all the campus clubs. *photo by Ben Baxter*

s lobsters...

Senior Adam Koelling and his brothers perform on stage during Tiger Tunes. The Ss were known for their lively shows. This year their performance included a little rap and even incorporated some tae-bo. *photo by Ben Baxter*



tiger spirit

Sophomores Tiffany Criswell and Mandy Jackson show their support of the Tiger football team. Gamma Phi members often painted their faces and made signs for the games.

line up laughs

During Rush, members sing about the differences of people represented in Gamma Phi. Rush was a time to learn what club best fit the rushee's personality. photo by Jamie Handcock



carry the light

Seniors Mai Friesen and Rachel Kibbe participate in the passing of the torch, officially beginning Greek Week. The torch began at Taco Bell in Caddo Valley and passed on to other club members until reaching the Flag Plaza on campus.





on duty

Gamma Phi members and big brothers stand ready guarding the Tiger the week of the Henderson game. They, along with other clubs, took turns guarding the Tiger the entire week.

gamma phi grows closer through Friendships

For the first time in two years, Gamma Phi women's social club took the Tiger Tunes stage in the fall. With flashlights and magnifying glasses in hand, the "Inspector Gammias" went in search of a missing engagement ring and worked together to track the thief. But it didn't take a detective to find the sisterhood among the members of the club. The Gammias were committed to the community, the campus, and one another, and this commitment was obvious through their activities and their common bond of friendship.

As the sponsors of the original TWIRP week event, the Gammias invited students out for some good, old-fashioned fun on Sadie Hawkins night. The fall semester also gave the club an opportunity to enlist everyone on campus in helping those who were in need. The Gammias asked students and faculty to donate any spare change they had to help the club raise money for a service project called "Shoes for Russian Souls." The money the club collected was sent to the Buckner organization for use in this international program, which bought shoes for Russian orphans.

The Gamma Phi fall outing to Shreveport, La., gave the members a chance to get to know one another better while shopping and attending a Shreveport Mudbugs hockey game. The club also had its senior roast while on the outing. The most memorable part of the trip, however, was the opportunity the members had to give of themselves. Because the club wanted to do something for the Shreveport community while on the outing, the members contacted a nursing home there and arranged a time to visit and sing Christmas carols with the residents. "I don't know who enjoyed this more, the residents of the nursing home or the Gammias and our Big Brothers," said club president junior Jennifer Croft. "It was rewarding for all involved to see the smiles on those precious faces in our audience."

In the spring semester, regular Rush week did not bring any pledges to the Gammias. But after two Open Rush parties, two girls decided to join Gamma Phi. This was a time of bonding for the Gammias and the new club members alike. "We begin praying each fall for our potential pledges and those girls that decide to go through Rush for any of the clubs," Croft said. "After much prayer and thought by many people, God blessed us with two new sisters."

One of the new members, freshman Joy Mills, said she was thankful for the opportunity to join the club. "The Gammias really reached out to me during my difficult first semester," she said. "They worked hard to make me feel welcome at Ouachita without any pressure to join the club."

Another spring activity for the club was sponsoring an Easter egg hunt for the children who attended the Arkadelphia Head Start. This was the Gamma's second year to hide and hunt eggs with the kids, and was a tradition they planned to continue. "It's one of my favorites from this semester, because it represents what the spirit of friendship should look like," said sophomore Katie Mara. A visit by the Easter Bunny, also known as Mara, made the event complete. The Gammias also had a great time camping, watching the Passion Play and visiting the "Shoe Tree" on their spring outing to Eureka Springs.

Throughout the year, the members also participated in Greek Week, the Students Senate Food Fight, and the Social Club Feud. Outside their regular Monday night meetings, the members had a chance to meet together on Wednesday nights to pray. "We have truly worked to focus our club on God and God alone," Croft said. Throughout these times of planning activities and meeting together, the Gammias were able to develop lifelong relationships. Croft added, "It's my personal prayer that this is reflected in our lives every day."

we love piracy!

Assistant director junior Rick Dildine puts his years of acting into play as he performs with his Kappa brothers for the prize. This year's show was comical and won the audience's and judges approval every night. *photo by Tim Harrell*

Kappa chi bring new meaning to *Argh, scurvy!*

Dressed in gold vests and eye patches, the men of Kappa Chi chanted "argh scurvy" as they performed a lighthearted Tiger Tunes show in Jones. This year's pirate theme won them their fifth victory in the history of Tunes. Directed by junior Josh Moore and assisted by junior Rick Dildine, the show, titled "Swashbucklers in vests" was a crowd pleaser with its comical lyrics and choreography. Junior Josh Moore said, "I wanted to make it entertaining for the crowd as well as fun and memorable for the guys who participated."

With the year off to a great start, the Kappas were in full swing as they battled other clubs in competitive intramural sports, which included football, basketball and softball.

The men of Kappa Chi ventured to Memphis, Tenn., in November for an Elvis weekend. Their fall outing was a time to take a break from campus life and head to the city. The guys and their dates shopped on Beale street and visited Elvis' house and souvenir shops.

In the spring, the club went to Lake Ouachita as it did the previous year. With the thought of finals in the back of their minds, they took the boats out on the lake and enjoyed the sun. For many seniors, this was the last group function of their college years.

For a fund raiser, the 1999 pledge class put on the traditional Kappa Chino coffee house. They held an open mike night in the Tiger Den and several pledges performed magic tricks, skits and vocal talents to raise money.

The new year began with a quest to bring in a new pledge class. The Rush activities, which included a chili supper, barbecue, traditional night and date night at Camp Winnomoka, provided an opportunity for the rushees to become acquainted with the members. Freshman Jason Gerber said, "I was impressed with the club as a whole. I knew right away that I wanted to be a part of this group of guys." The Kappas inducted 23 new pledges to the club which brought their membership total to 63.

Besides being involved in Tiger Serve Day and Greek Week activities, the guys also participated in events with other campus clubs and organizations. They had a crawfish boil with the women of EEE and a cookout with the women of Tri Chi. The Kappas were known for their serenades around campus and this year was no exception. The ladies crowded in the courtyard of Flippen-Perrin as well as the other dorms to hear the men sing on several occasions.

And the year wouldn't have been complete without Late Night. Senior Jon Merryman, host, brought laughter to the Tiger Den with special guests Dr. Westmoreland and his daughter Riley, and Homecoming queen Candace Sharp. Audience participation and the Late Night band made for a whole night of entertainment for students.

Senior Mark Langley said, "Being a member of Kappa Chi means more to me than wearing letters, it means friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. I know I will still call these guys up later in life and we'll still have a bond because of the things we shared in as Kappas."

by Kristen McKelvey



Fancy Footwork

Sophomore Barrett Baber along with other members, practices choreography for the Tiger Tunes show. The practices were long and grueling but they proved worthwhile when the MC's announced the Kappas as the winners of the twenty-first Tiger Tunes show. *photo by Myles Wernitz*



dancin' all night

During men's rush, the Kappas hosted an off-campus dance and invited all rushees and their dates. Kappa dances were known for the good times and fun had by all. *photo by Brad Johnson*

Songs and Smiles

The men of Kappa Chi serenade the 'lil sisses at one of their Rush parties. The serenades consisted of several songs that were changed to Kappa lyrics and often had themes such as Monster Ballads and Halloween-complete with costumes. *photo by Tim Harrell*



oklahoma, ok

During the first night of Rush, the women of Tri Chi put on their prairie dresses and smiles and show off their singing talents. After Rush was over, the Tri Chi's had 21 new pledges. *photo courtesy of Laura Norris*

all that jazz

Juniors Heather Shupe, Begina Brawner, and sophomore Brandy Ussery jazz it up for the rushees during the second night of Rush. The Tri Chi's show was centered around the theme of the Roaring Twenties. *photo by Tim Harrell*



mixin colors

Sophomore Abby Garlington and senior Jana Keasler sings about painting the town. The Tri Chi's took home third place in this year's Tiger Tunes show. *photo by Cade Shera*

snowed under

During the blizzard of 2000, the snow almost covers up the Tri Chi bench. In the fall, Tri Chi received a bench to celebrate the club's 10th anniversary. *photo courtesy of Holly Tidball*





In time of need, tri chi helped to Encourage

“Going . . . going . . . gone!” Ouachita’s most eligible bachelors faced an audience full of whistling and screaming girls at the first ever Tri Chi pledge class Date Auction in the fall. The men took the stage of the Tiger Den with their best smiles and even their best dance moves and promised exciting evenings out to the girls who were willing to pay the most for a date. The pledge class organized the Date Auction as a fund raiser, just one of several events that allowed the Tri Chi members not only to make money, but also to grow closer together while having a great time.

The club began the year by hosting Planet Ouachita during TWIRP week. Tri Chi members and beaux entertained the audience with skits and movie parodies, and students dressed as Hollywood characters for an evening of laughs.

Tri Chi brightened the Tiger Tunes stage with their brushes, buckets, and ladders as they took third place in the competition as painters. Sophomore Kim Kern said, “Tiger Tunes the wildest three months of organization, bonding, and squeezing for creative minds for a performance that showed our extremely hard work and showed it well.”

Another chance for the members to spend time together was the club’s “Mystery Weekend,” a weekend of fun asking “who dunit?” at a mystery dinner theater during their fall outing to Dallas.

In the spring semester, three Tri Chi parties during Rush Week helped rushees understand what Tri Chi was about. Oklahoma night, Jazz night and Traditional night were the themes of the parties, and at the end of Rush Week, 21 girls chose to pledge Tri Chi. Freshman Anna Hoyt said, “Pledge week was hard, but the rest of the years with the club are worth it all and more.”

The group also had a heart for the community. Members participated in Relay for Life and worked with other students during Tiger Serve Day in the fall and spring.

Another event of the year, Tie Night, offered members a chance to anonymously invite the guy of their choice on a date. The girls sent ties to the guys, and the guys wore the ties to a designated place. Tri Chi members wore ties to match the ones they sent, and when the guys found their match, the girls took them out.

Tri Chi President Holly Tidball said, “When a sister is down, the entire club prays constantly, encourages her, and sends a lot of encouraging cards. Not only have I seen this encouragement many times, but these girls have helped pull me through the most trying time of my life. I will always be grateful to Tri Chi because of their prayers!”

Through good times and bad, through fun times and through the trials, the women of Tri Chi were always there for each other. Sophomore Brandy Ussery said, “My Tri Chi sisters have shown me Jesus in many ways- just when I needed it.”

by Amber White



Mr. Fix-it

Senior David Bowen tightens the bolts on a swing set during a Tiger Serve Day project. The Chi Iota Sigmas were known for being a club of service. *photo by Tim Harrell*

Chi-otes display meaning of Servanthood

The Social Club Feud, a mock gameshow hosted by Chi Iota Sigma, allowed the various social clubs to unify within each other but also to meet with the other clubs in a friendly contest. Chi Iota Sigma men's social club often included other people in their activities as part of their commitment to service.

Chi Iota Sigmas also encouraged members of other student clubs participating in Tiger Tunes by sending care packages during the months of practice. Their commitment to service was reflected in other ways, such as their participation in the annual Race for the Cure, a fund-raiser for breast cancer. The Chi Iota Sigmas also worked at a soup kitchen for a homeless shelter and volunteered during Tiger Serve Day. Junior Patrick Hicks said, "Our club is a brotherhood, but it is also a servanthood." The group of men sought to show Christ's love as part of their ministry by leading worship some Sundays at a church in Marshall, Texas.

In keeping with their two-year tradition, the Chi Iota Sigmas held many serenades in order to entertain the ladies on campus. Each serenade had a creative theme, such as Redneck, Valentine's Day, the Fifties and the Christmas Carolling with the Chi-otes. The Chi Iota Sigmas' ministry was shown to be diverse when they showed up on the fields and courts of intramural sports. "We want to be more involved with the campus and other students," said sophomore Rico Aldape.

Chi Iota Sigma also took time to minister within the club through outings and retreats. Junior David Bowen said, "My best experience with Chi Iota Sigma was our men's only retreat to Siloam Springs. We gathered around a campfire, worshipping God and growing closer as brothers. This retreat is also where the slogan 'Truth and Honesty without Apology' was born."

Being part of a social club taught members new things about themselves they may never have realized before. Hicks said, "The club has helped us create a bond and I have also been able to realize my potential for leadership." Aldape said his life was changed by his decision to join Chi Iota Sigma. "It has made me a better person. I used to be 'rough around the edges' but these guys have helped me out and accepted me without judgement."

This group of men were seeking to make a difference within the club, campus, and community. Their motto "Compassion, Integrity, and Self-discipline" was abundantly displayed by their lives and ministries to the people around them. Bowen's opinion of being a part of Chi Iota Sigma was clear when he said, "The choice to wear the letters Chi Iota Sigma is one of the best decisions I have made at Ouachita."

by Peggy Itschner



tiger supporters

Members of Chi Iota Sigma join other students at a football game to support and cheer on their Tiger football team. Chi-otes stood during the entire game, with cowbells and noise-makers in hand to cheer for the team. *photo by Tim Harrell*



digging up bones

Senior Jonathan Watson and sophomore Heath Shearon work on a cross tie that must be removed on the playground at Carpenter Hill. Chi-otes served the community of Arkadelphia by restoring a playground. *photo by Tim Harrell*

Straight talk

Junior Patrick Hicks speaks with rushee freshman James Hulett about the club. Rushees often had questions about what kind of role the club played on campus. *photo by Shelley Shupe*

on the safari

Junior Angela Pickens, sophomore Dara Gray and junior Kelly Propes sing about their days in the jungle. The women of Chi Delta performed in this year's Tiger Tunes as safari girls. *photo by Brad Johnson*

say what?

Seniors Kristin Clark and Jamie Garrett and sophomore Tammi Harper enjoy the humor of Beau induction. Each semester the club inducted new guys to help the girls throughout the next year. *photo by Suzanne Morton*

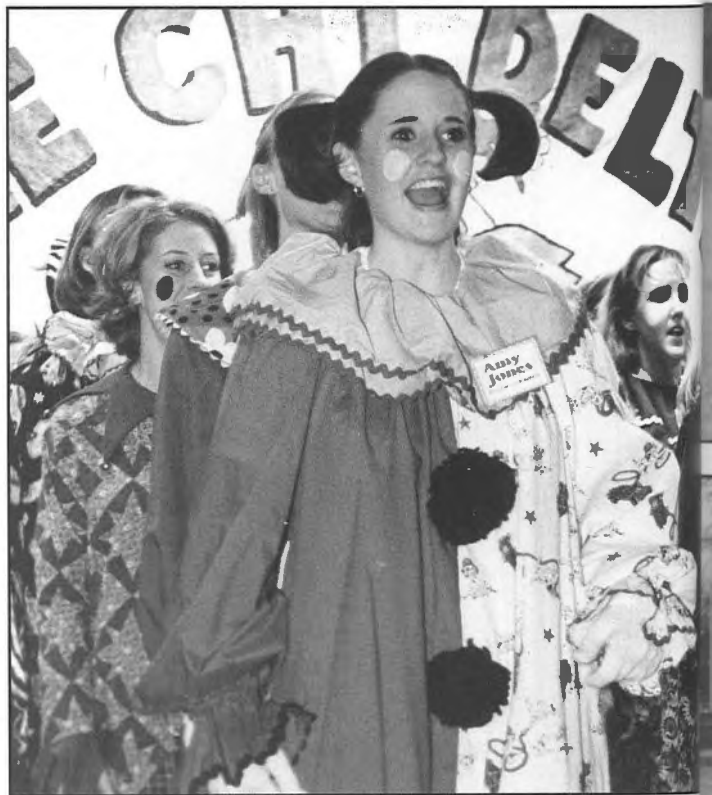


line 'em up

Before Ruby's Truck stop, Chi Delta members rehearse their skit. Ruby's was a talent show held each spring, allowing students to come dressed in '70s garb and enjoy skits. *photo by Whitney Baker*

feelin' silly

Senior Amy Jones welcomes rushees to the second night of Rush parties. Chi Delta, like other women's social clubs, dressed up and performed, using a show titled "Big Top" to tell about the decision to pledge. *photo by Myles Wertz*



bid day

The pledge class of 2000 sings and dances to Christina Aguilera's "What a girl wants" to start of Bid day. Chi Delta inducted 18 new members. *photo by Lisa Smith*



make it count

Chi Deltas battle it out in an intense game of flag football. The girls brought back the championship title this year in intramurals. *photo by Travis Robertson*

being active helps to build Relationships

Click. Click. Click. A sudden drop, everyone yells, and the hands go up. The roller coaster screams down and around another turn, and a group of college students from Arkadelphia enjoy every moment. The women of Chi Delta traveled to Dallas for their fall outing. The girls and their dates spent the day at Six Flags Over Texas, away from the responsibilities and worries of school. They also ate dinner at the famous Magic Time Machine. "It was a blast," said sophomore Emily Pope. "The waiters at The Magic Time Machine were all dressed up and were purposefully rude, and that made it a lot of fun for us."

The spring outing took the club far away from any trace of city life to Yellville, Arkansas. They enjoyed a weekend in the outdoors canoeing and fishing on the Buffalo River.

The Chi Delta pledge class of 2000 was smaller than the classes of recent years, numbering only 18 girls. However, junior Kelly Johnson noticed an important positive. "We had an incredible pledge class. This smaller group has been unified and very dedicated." In February, the pledge class organized a dance at the Armory as a part of pledge week. "It was fun, and it was very difficult and stressful," said sophomore Courtney Ray about pledge week, "but that's what made our pledge class come together."

Chi Delta traditionally sponsored three other annual off-campus dances as well. The Back to School Bash was thrown the first week of the fall semester at the Armory. This "function" was designed to welcome students back to campus. During TWIRP week, Harvest Moon, a formal dance, was held at DeGray Lodge and another formal, the Daisy Ball, was held at Camp Winnamoka in the spring.

Johnson served as the club chaplain throughout the spring semester, and she led a Bible study that focused on intimacy with God. Members worshipped, shared prayer requests and prayed together on a weekly basis. In addition, members attended the Psalm Camp Retreat in March where they were challenged to strengthen their relationships with Christ and with each other.

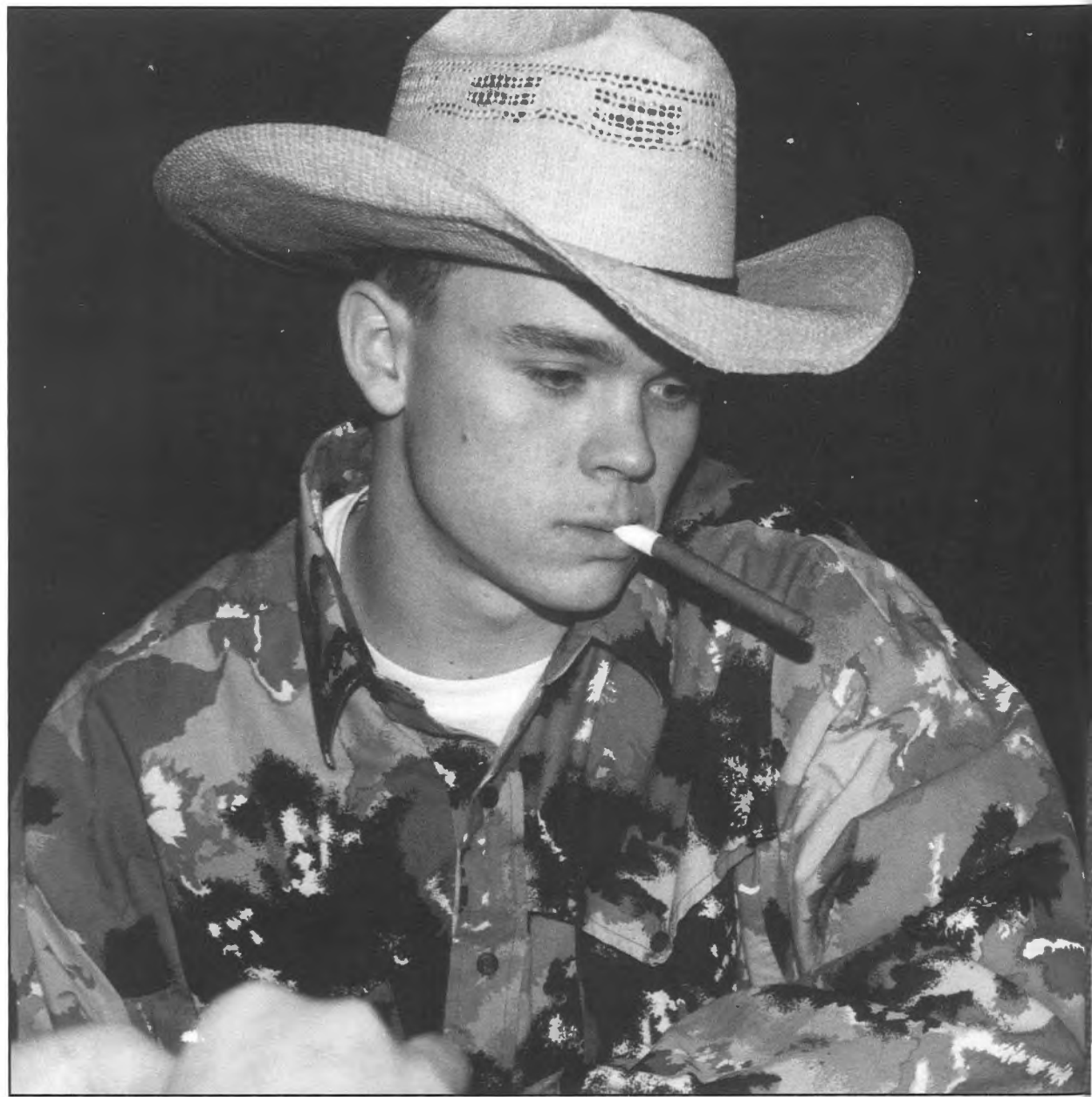
Also in the spring, Chi Delta had their annual Daisy Days. Following Tiger Traks in mid April, members and parents met and ate lunch. This provided members with the opportunity to get to know the parents of their club sisters and to visit with the graduating seniors.

Intramural sports were an important part of club life for the women of Chi Delta. The club fielded teams in almost every sport, and their basketball team won the women's basketball championship in the spring.

For many members, their club had become a major part of their college experience. "This year I have become much more active," said Johnson. "You get out of it what you put in, and I've found that building relationships are most important."

by Paul Rayburn





poker face

While playing poker at the Spring Saloon Dance, junior Trent Smith studies the cards as sophomore Frank Grahm listens to the dealer. Spring Saloon was part of the Red Shirt's Rush week gatherings. *photo by Brad Johnson*

cowboy, baby

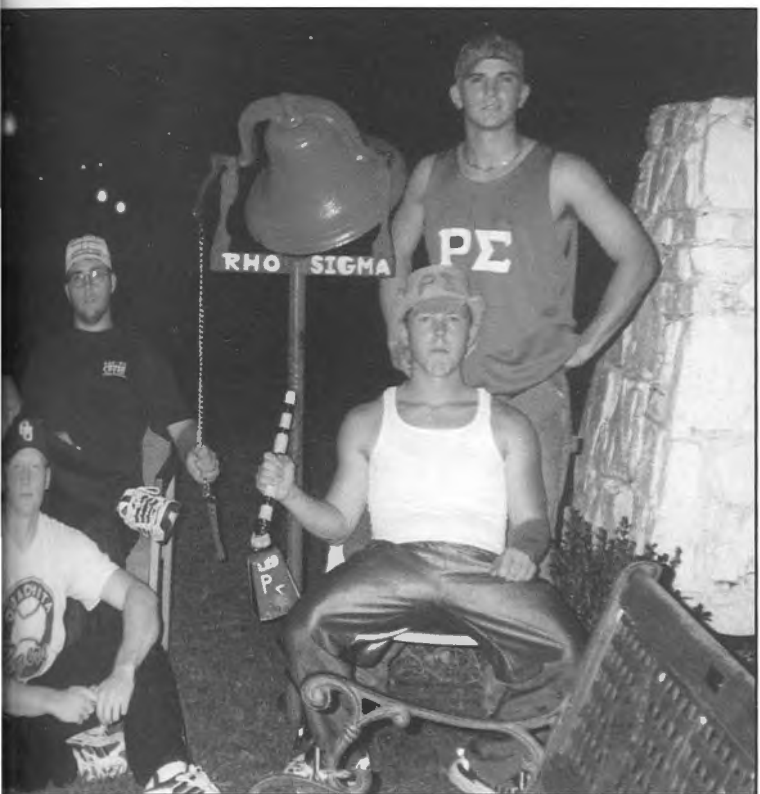
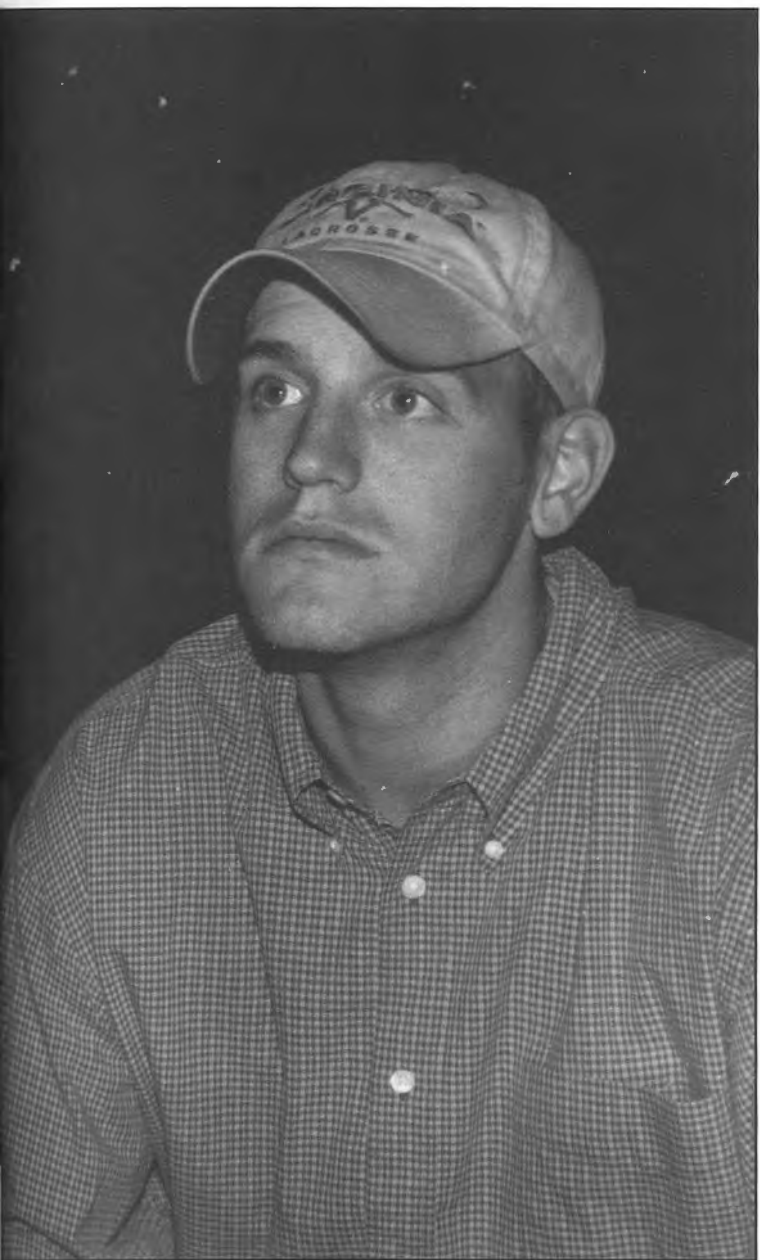
Members of Rho Sigma stand with their letters at the Spring Saloon Dance. The letters were carried to every event to show their spirit. *photo courtesy of Courtney Lipscomb*



bell ring night

Rho Sigs pose for a photo during the All Night Bell Ring. The club members sat by the Tiger with their well-known bell. *photo courtesy of Courtney Lipscomb*





pledge red

The pledge class of 2000 eats breakfast together in order for the group to bond as brothers. During pledge week, the pledges were required to eat every meal together. *photo courtesy of Rho Sigma*



red shirts carry on a tradition of Rowdiness

Gathering around in the brisk night air, the small, rowdy group of men gathered for a long-standing tradition. The men of Rho Sigma were carrying on an event that has been done for the past 65 years.

The Red Shirts, as they commonly were called, gathered to serenade women on campus. Members sang to the women and to add to the process, the pledges usually “dressed up” for the crowds. As always, the group ended the ceremony with “You don’t call me darlin’, Darlin’” by David Allen Cole. “We tried to have fun during serenades even though we really couldn’t sing,” said junior Kyle Spooner. “We just wanted to show the girls we were ‘good ole’ boys.”

The group carried on another tradition of being spirit leaders on campus. The group readily attended football, baseball and basketball games in support of the teams. Before the homecoming game, the group hosted a campus-wide bon fire, including the cheerleaders, mascot and instrumentalists. This was one way the club involved all students in supporting the football team. “We wanted to get the entire school to come and support their football team,” said senior Brad McBroom. “It helped the players to know that they had other people supporting them.”

For home games, members made giant signs for the team to run through at the start of the game. Also, members stood at the games with bright red cowbells in hand, waiting for the team to score a touchdown. “Everyone enjoyed the signs we made, especially the players,” said junior Jay Davis. “We felt our sign for the Henderson game was appropriate, and as it turned out, it fit just right.”

Pledge week brought a new breed of spirited Red Shirts. The membership grew by six, helping the club become stronger. It was only a year ago that the group was reinstated by the administration.

In order to show their spirit, pledges took part during the half time club yells at the basketball game during pledge week. “Part of our duty for pledge week was to be supportive of the basketball teams and have a skit ready for the game,” said sophomore Cody Cates. “This helped us realize the importance of attending games and showing our support of the team.”

The club continued its tradition of being “the rowdy Red Shirts” and kept the idea alive that you can’t keep a good thing down. “Whatever the sport, when we got together, it was usually to have a good time and show our support of the team,” added Davis.

by Gary Miller

let's talk

Junior Natalie Danna speaks with Rushees about Chi Rho Phi. Rushees were introduced to several clubs during Rush and able to meet and greet new people. *photo by Jamie Hancock*



brotherly love

Chi Rho Phi members enjoy time with their big brothers. The purpose of big brothers were to be representatives of the club and give support to the members. *photo courtesy Sara Hawthorne*

new birds

On bid day, the charter members present their pledges with letters. The five pledges were the inaugural class for the club. *photo courtesy of Sara Hawthorne*





hangin' out

Charter members gather together for a group photo. They were Jodi Wozniak, Paige Burt, Suzy Kurth, Bethany Rawley, Natalie Danna, Rachel Hammer, and Rachel Nowell. photo courtesy of Chi Rho Phi



chi rho phi seeks to be something Different

There was something different about them. This familiar phrase was repeated on the lips of participants during the week of Rush. Who were they talking about? They were talking about the newest women's social club, Chi Rho Phi.

This was the inaugural year for Chi Rho Phi. Without straying too far from the same schedule, the club wanted to incorporate their own uniqueness to the week's activities. Throughout the week their activities focused mainly on praise and worship and getting to know each participant. By the end of the week, bids were placed and five eager girls were accepted, giving the club its first pledge class.

Among the five new pledges, two were seniors Sara Hawthorne and Peggy Itschner. These two girls were the only two seniors to participate in this year's rush, and both were accepted to Chi Rho Phi. "I had heard a lot about the club and its purpose," Itschner said. "It was just what I had been praying for and I knew this was where God wanted me to be."

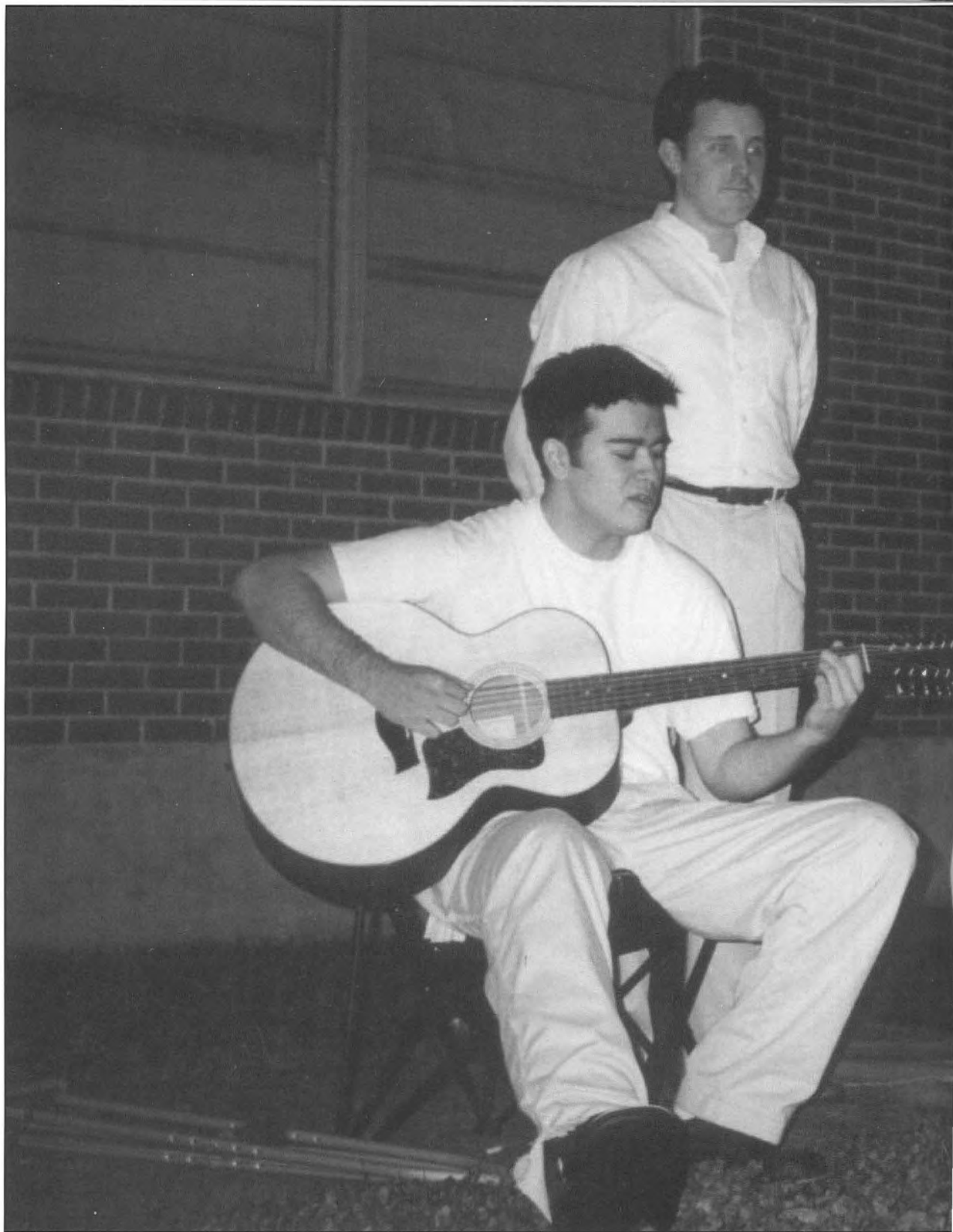
Keeping the school traditions of dressing in the club's colors—maroon, gray and hunter green—the girls displayed the club's color gray for the week. Although, for these young women, pledge week held something different than costumes and pledge names. During the week, the girls' duties were to display kindness and encouragement to pledges of other campus social clubs. They were also challenged to memorize and recite a scripture verse to the eight club members each day. "Pledge week involved a lot of work, yet every duty that was required was significant in that it formed unity among the pledge class and club members," said freshman Natalie Flemming. "In the end it challenged our relationship with God."

Chi Rho Phi was first formed through a vision. Last year, the club's president, junior Jodi Wozniak, held the desire to form a group whose central focus was set on God. She envisioned a group involved in disciplining not only its members, but also others around them. Wozniak soon came to discover that she was not the only one who shared these similar ideas.

Coming together as either mere acquaintances or total strangers, the eight girls were soon the new founders of the fifth women's social club. "We aren't just a clique who decided to organize our own social club," said Wozniak. "We are a diverse group of girls with varied interests and tastes."

by Kellie Blalock





Skip to the low

The men of Eta Alpha Omega entertain the women of Frances Crawford with some unorthodox serenade techniques. Eta's were always looking for new ways to spread the joy of Christ in them.





singing songs

Junior Steven Vuong, senior Brad Wiggins and junior Josh Mayfield share songs with Flippen residents. Eta's took part in several serenades during the year. *photo by Jeremy Nottingham*

tiger spirit

Members of Eta Alpha Omega cheer on the Tigers during the Battle of the Ravine. Members often supported the athletic teams by painting their faces for the games. *photo courtesy Photo Lab*



eta's provide an environment of Ministry

As Eta's began their third year, they were ready to resume its duties to the campus, community and to God.

They held their annual events, such as the Ping Pong tournament and Capture the Flag. Other activities included the campus-wide Homecoming root beer mixer and a mixer with the new women's club, Chi Rho Phi. Events such as these helped pull the student body together.

The Etas had several projects that better served the community. One day was spent doing highway pick up along their designated route on highway seven. Another of their special services was ministering to an older man in a retirement home twice a week. "I felt that reaching out to the community was a way for us to serve God," said senior Jeff Works.

Members also participated in Tiger Serve Day. They helped clean up certain areas around Arkadelphia. "Tiger Serve Day allowed us to do something together as a club and become involved in the community," said junior Benjamin Peacock.

As the spring semester began, the men of Eta Alpha Omega prayed fervently for their soon-to-be pledge class. They wanted to revive the spirit of honoring God and bring back the brotherhood in which the founding members believed. Even though their membership declined in the previous year, Eta Alpha Omega was ready for a challenge, issued by God. Open Rush was held for the club because of an expressed interest after the regular rush week was over. It proved to be successful because they received six pledges. Freshman Dalton Brewer said, "I felt that pledging was something God wanted me to do. I've really benefited from the club because I now have 13 new friends who keep me accountable and won't hesitate to help me."

All of these projects had one goal in mind: to honor God. Sophomore Jarred Seamans believed that he felt accountable to these guys because of the kind of standards they had. "We're not a social club, we're a ministry club that tries to love people the way God does and to encourage, not condemn."

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