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Our state of mind is a pivotal thing. It is the thing that inspires us to achieve or convinces us we can't reach our goal. A state of mind is how we perceive the world around us and figure out how we fit into the puzzle. A state of mind can make us or break us.

A state of mind determines what we want to accomplish, what our goals are and how we will reach them. It sets the pace for how we live our lives and interact with others around us.

It can be built up over a lifetime of experiences, molded and refined into a crystal clear concept, a representation of the person we want to be. It can be shattered in a split second. Muddied by something we didn't see coming, something that will reshape our state of mind.

Everyone has a state of mind. Every person, every group, every organization. Ouachita is no exception. A person's state of mind is influenced by those around them. Ouachita's State of Mind is made up of the students who live here, the staff and faculty who work here, the alumni and donors who give here and the genera-

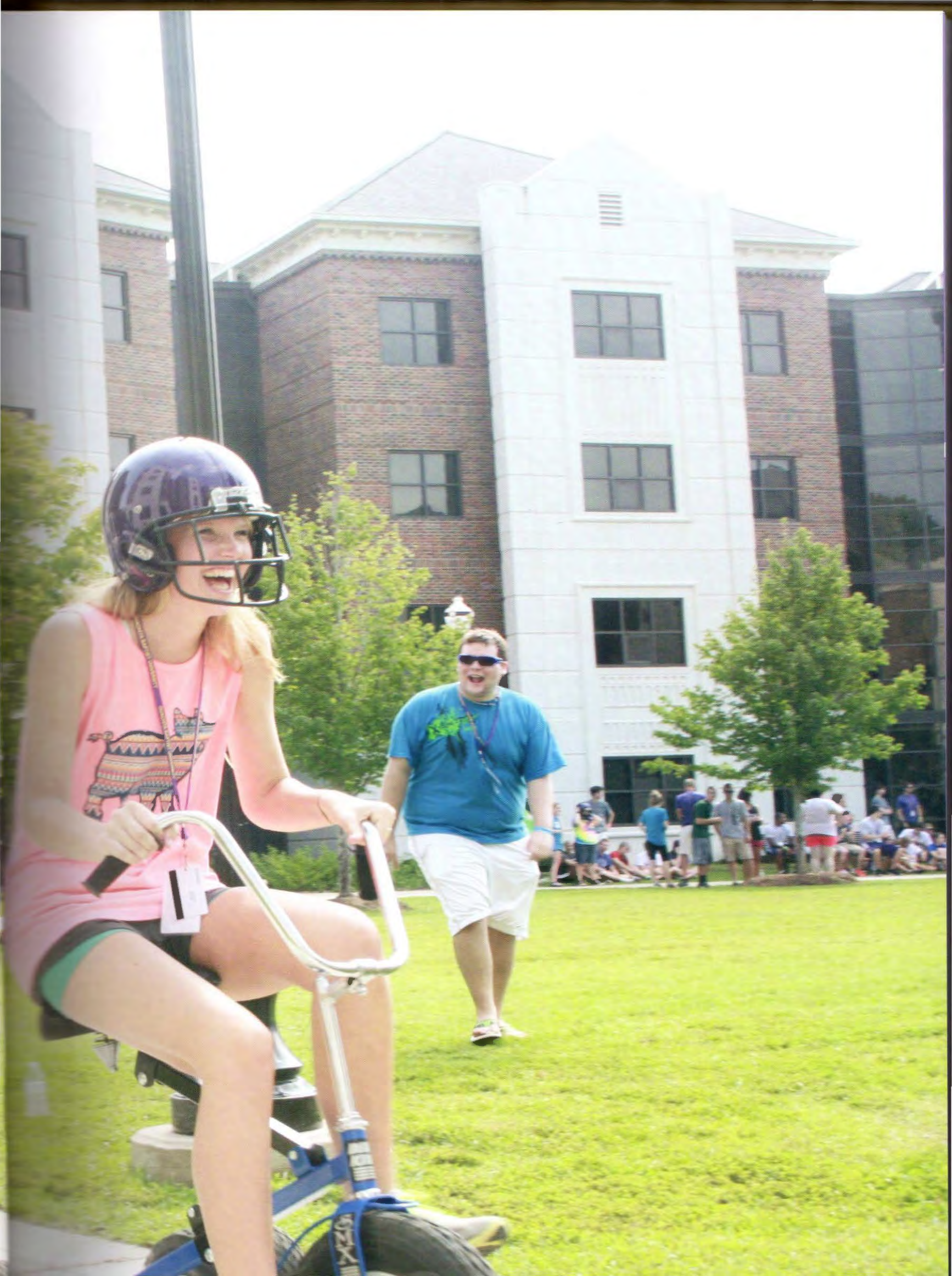
Ouachita has a very unique state of mind that is comprised of so many different personalities, walks of life, cultures and beliefs. From the freshman in his dorm the first night to the senior anxiously awaiting her graduate school acceptance letter, from the couple on their first TWIRP date to the newlyweds getting settled into apartment life, from the alumni who are now faculty to the Golden Tigers at their 50th class reunion riding the Tiger Tram around campus, all of these people make up the Ouachita State of Mind.

The Ouachita State of Mind went through many ups and downs. Emotions were high at the 35th production of Tiger Tunes, bringing life and history together on campus. A triple overtime Battle of the Ravine football game brought forth passion like never before and a last second loss left us seeking revenge. Revenge was found at a BOTR basketball game where both Tiger teams brought home a win. Hearts were shattered at the loss of a dear friend and classmate, but were mended at the outpouring of love across campus. History and academic achievement were celebrated with the 50th anniversary of the Carl Goodson Honors program. A difference maker was remembered at the dedication of a basketball court built in his honor.

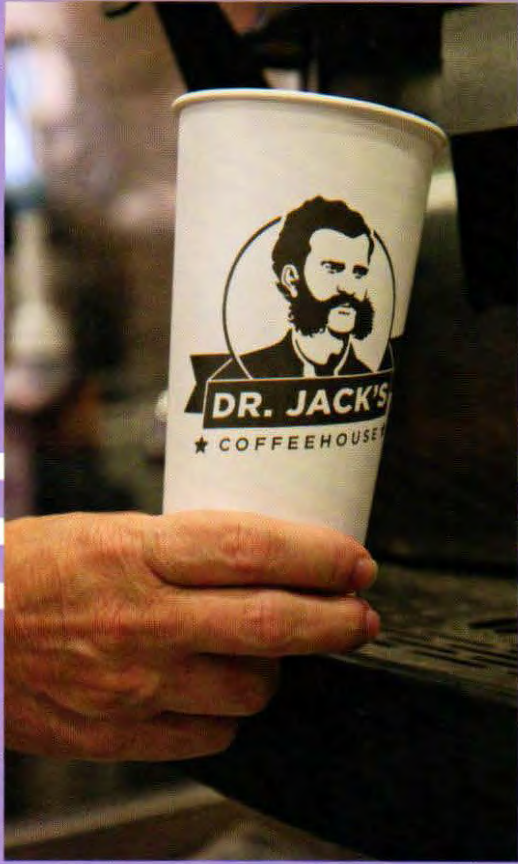
Service, love, perseverance, friendship, gratitude, passion, loyalty, forgiveness, laughter, unity. These are the things that create the

Ouachita State of Mind.





StudentLife





Students. The people responsible for bringing life to campus. Hosting events, keeping traditions, making memories, all of these things are in the job description of a Ouachita Student. The campus calendar rarely had a day with an opening, due to all the wonderful events that were constantly happening on campus. From WOW when freshmen get submerged into the Ouachita culture to faculty and staff serving the community together at Tiger Serve Day, from taking a break from classes to reflect on the Lord during Christian Focus week to traveling back in time with the Theatre Department's presentation of Guys and Dolls, from getting down and dirty in the Tiger Trak's mud pit to one last get together at Dr. Horne's house for the senior picnic - all of these things come together to make the **Ouachita State of Mind.**

Seniors Michael Crowe and Alex Nelson visit the Tower Bridge in London on the European Study Tour. The group visited places like Rome, London and Venice. In addition to being a fun trip, the European Study Tour counted for six hours of credit, with students making a scrapbook and presenting a paper about their experience.



Michael Crowe Photo



Wesley Kluck Photo

U.S. Army Maj. Johnpaul Arnold, an OBU alum, raises an American flag flown in Afghanistan that was presented as a gift to the School of Humanities. The dedication took place in the International Flag Plaza.



Rachel Ewart Photo

Students on the European Study Tour take a stroll in the Luxembourg Gardens in Paris.

Seniors Michelle Perez, Tim Ferris, and David Sypult pet a lion in the deserts of Zimbabwe.



David Sypult Photo

A Summer of Difference

God impacted the lives of students during the summer by providing travel opportunities that shed His light on their lives and on those around them.

Rachel Ewart, a sophomore mass communications and sociology major from Shreveport, La., described her summer in three words, "spontaneous, exciting and adventurous."

Ewart studied abroad on the European Study Tour. "I was nervous about going to Europe, but I just remember thanking God for every moment that He blessed me with on the trip," she said.

During her time in Europe, Ewart saw many famous sights. "When you stand in front of the Eiffel Tower for the first time, it seems so unreal. When you first see the colosseum in Rome, Big Ben in London, and the gondolas in Venice, it's amazing. I was in awe of all the beauty and the diversity in the cities," Ewart said.

She also made new friends on her trip, crediting her new friendships to traveling together. "Over the 21 days that we were together, we all bonded tremendously," Ewart said.

"God really opened my eyes while I was there, showing me all the beauty that was

around us while we were there. I'm so happy for the experience," Ewart said.

Another group ventured overseas to spread the word of God in Zimbabwe, Africa. After 38 hours of travel time, David Sypult, a senior accounting and finance major from Rogers, and Michelle Perez, a senior political science and finance and management major from Maracaibo, Venezuela, landed in Zimbabwe and met up with Tim Ferris, a senior finance and marketing major from Zimbabwe. The team visited a local orphanage as part of their mission work.

"A big goal that we had was to minister to the child and be able to provide for the children with clothing. We also brought in toys and make up stuff for the girls to play with while we were there," Sypult said.



Rachel Ewart Photo

At the orphanage, Sypult and Ferris spent time with the boys and shared the story of Joseph, focusing on forgiveness.

Perez spent her time with the little girls while they played with make-up and nail polish. "I wanted them to feel like they were princesses, like the princesses that God sees them as," Perez said.

The children of the orphanage learned how to farm, cook and sew so they would be able to live on their own when they become old enough to leave and start their own life. Sypult, Perez and Ferris took clothing and other goods to give to the housemother so she could give them out to children as they were needed.

Aside from working with the children at the orphanage, Ferris, Perez and Sypult also visited the Mauray MacDougal School where they worked to start a partnership for Christian literature to be introduced into the school.

"We wanted Christian literature in the school with the option of it being shared with other schools in the surrounding area," Sypult said.

"All the 1,000 children that attend this school have to share the limited amount of literature that is available to them, and we wanted to give them newer books and more books that they would be able to read," Ferris said.

These two groups took time to travel the world this summer, seeing what God did in other people's lives and seeing the beauty that he created.

by Emily Grigsby

Top 3 OBU Summer Adventures

1 U.S. Army Maj. Johnpaul Arnold, a 1994 Ouachita graduate, presents Dr. Jeff Root with a U.S. flag that was flown in Afghanistan. The flag was dedicated to the School of Humanities as a way to give something back to his alma mater.



2 Students on the European Study Tour visit the famous Dover Castle in England. Along with visiting famous cities and locations, the group had a chance to hear works by Vivaldi played in La Sainte-Chapelle in Paris.



3 Seniors David Sypult, Michelle Perez and Tim Ferris visit the famous Victoria Falls on their trip to Zimbabwe. Along with their mission work, the three found time to travel and sight see.



"This trip taught me what it means to serve others and preach the Gospel and that this can be done right at home or wherever you happen to be. You just have to look for the opportunities."

-Tim Ferris, business administration major, Zimbabwe



1 Seniors David Sypult, Tim Ferris, and Michelle Perez interact with children at a local orphanage in Zimbabwe. The trip's focus was on ministering to these children.

2 Seniors Aaron Butler, Ben Cline, and Adam Cline take a hike around Poas Volcano on a weekend off from classes in Costa Rica. Aaron, Ben and Adam were part of the study abroad program.



3 Seniors Kirby Von Edwins and Trey Oliveto take a tour of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, one of the many stops of famous locations on the EST.

4 Senior Cara Smith and sophomore Rachel Ewart take part in a famous photo op location in Florence, Italy.

Top 3 NSR Memories

-According to freshman Taylor Tartaglia

1 A mix of future tigers and upperclassmen perform a song together during karaoke at the Purple & Gold Party. Karaoke was one of the favorites of the party and included students as well as faculty as performers.



2 A freshman takes off on a tricycle during the trike race part of the "Mini Tiger Traks" competition. The mini traks event also featured a dodgeball tournament in the Village circle and a relay race.



3 Freshmen form the letters "OBU" with bodies during the scavenger hunt on the first night. Freshmen competed in various activities with NSR groups throughout the weekend of NSR.



"NSR is always a fun, exciting and amazing opportunity to meet the newest freshman class. I love stepping back onto campus before school begins and meeting the upcoming OBU babies."

-Jennifer Coon, dietetics major, Conway

1 Freshmen compete in "Human Knot" in the "Mini Tiger Traks" competition. The "Human Knot" game was part of a larger relay race.

2 As part of the scavenger hunt for the first night, freshmen paint a banner to represent their NSR group. The banners were hung in Walker Conference Center during the weekend.

3 On the first day of NSR, freshmen meet with their NSR groups and get to know their leader and future classmates.

4 Freshmen meet in the McClellan Rotunda for the Majors Mixer. Students were able to get acquainted with fellow freshmen with similar academic interests.



Ryan Mott Photo



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Ryan Moll Photo

Sophomore Richard Burke celebrates with his NSR group after winning the dodgeball tournament. The tournament was part of a "Mini Tiger Traks" that featured events similar to the Tiger Traks event held every spring, and gave the new students a glimpse into more of the campus life-style.

Freshmen Cooper Wade and Lindahl Freeze show off their school pride at the Purple and Gold Party. The party gave students a taste of Ouachita Baptist Tiger spirit.



Ryan Moll Photo

Dr. Keldon Henley delivers his annual "Driving Academy" lecture, which included the crowd favorite "Kill the Deer!" speech. The speech was a satirical look at driving in Arkansas and provided tips for student drivers as well.



Ryan Moll Photo



Ryan Moll Photo

Senior Anneliese Henley leads her group of freshmen in The Amazing Race. The race gave the new students a chance to get to know the city by having them go to different places in town and complete a task.

A Look into the Life

The summer wound down and last minute dorm room shopping wrapped up, but the start of something completely different from the past four years of high school was just beginning. Buzzing with freshmen, the lobbies of Gasser and East Village were full of students ready to begin a weekend of meeting new friends and getting to know all about their new school.

New Student Retreat, also known as "NSR," was an opportunity for new students to come learn about the campus and to meet fellow freshmen, upperclassmen and faculty before school began.

"I didn't want to miss out on one of the many traditions OBU has," said Vanesha Sasser, a freshman business administration and marketing major from Lewisville. "I knew I would make friends, and that way once I moved in, everything would be a little easier. If I had at least seen some of them, I would feel a little more comfortable after move-in day."

Some students met their roommates for the first time when they arrived at NSR. Students were placed in rooms with their future suites for the weekend as part of the process of getting to know each other.

Students participated in team building activities like painting a class spirit banner, mini Tiger Traks, The Amazing Race of campus and Arkadelphia, and the Purple and Gold Party.

"My favorite part of the weekend was doing The Amazing Race with my small group," said Haley Wilkerson, a freshman Christian studies major from Prosper, Texas. "It was such a fun opportunity getting to run around town and the campus to get to know the area more."

The Amazing Race had small group teams move from place to place with the help of clues. The race included a fake marriage of students dressed up in toilet paper in Berry Chapel and a stop at Chicken Express to perform the chicken dance as a team to receive a free cup of sweet tea.

"I was able to learn a lot about the campus and what the community has to offer us while we are in school," said Haley Brown, a freshman early childhood education major from Stuttgart. "Because of the people I met and the things I learned, once

I left, I was ready to be back on campus for more than just a weekend."

Students had a chance to ask upperclassmen and faculty any kind of question they might have about college.

"It was a great mini glimpse of college," said Wes Savage, a freshman musical theatre major from Van Buren. "I learned a lot about how college would be when I got here, about the sense of community on campus and a little bit about the different types of student life activities I could potentially be involved in on campus."

Another part of the weekend students experienced was having worship with the Refuge band.

"Worshiping the Lord with my fellow classmates was an incredible part of the weekend," Brown said. "After the weekend was over, I could not wait to get back on campus because I was super excited to build the relationships I had made."

The weekend concluded with Dr. Kevin Motl rallying everyone with tiger spirit and telling students about Tiger Nation. Students also received their official tiger tail at the rally.



Ryan Moll Photo

by Amber Easterly

Upperclassmen carry torches as they lead the freshman class down the senior walk during Tigers and Torches. Tigers and Torches is a long standing tradition, filled with history and meaning. Freshmen are given their beanies and are officially declared Ouachitians by speaking the credo that from then on, they will forever be "Tigers for Life."



Kristen Barnard Photo



Kristen Barnard Photo

Students and faculty members take part in Spotlight on Arkadelphia, an annual event where businesses and churches in the community set up displays showing what they have to offer the students.



Kristen Barnard Photo

Emily Merryman gives a speech at the "Tiger For Life" WOW session held in JPAC.

Seniors Jake Fauber and Chris Ross lead the freshmen in worship during a WOW session.



Kristen Barnard Photo

Welcome to Our World

Signs lined the streets telling parents and students to tune in to 102.3 FM for the WOW morning show hosted by David Winkler, a junior accounting major from Little Rock, and Coleson Lechner, a junior mass communications major from Minden, La. As people arrived on campus, Dr. Wesley Kluck, vice president for student services, greeted new families in the move in line with danuts.

"Students and their families were able to tune into the 'Coleson and David Show' at 102.3 FM, which we aptly named KLUK, since Dr. Kluck was the main source of financing for the radio transmitting system," Winkler said.

"Early on in the process, we decided that we wanted the show to have interactive aspects throughout it. Not only did we want it to be live and on air in Arkadelphia, but we also wanted to be able to interview new students and their families in their cars. We wanted to play games and ask trivia questions about Ouachita and just get to know the bulk of the freshman class."

Two days before WOW began, Winkler's computer crashed, losing all of their work on the show from the summer.

"Coleson and I just hopped into the car

and headed off to Little Rock to the Apple Store, where I was then told that everything I had on my computer was not recoverable. That hit me like a sock full of quarters over the back of the head. I had to purchase a new computer and start completely over," Winkler said.

In addition to the new radio show, students were introduced to Sodexo catering through a tailgate held in Walker Conference Center. There were also lawn games, a mini version of CAB's Spring Fling. Along with the new activities, students attended sessions to teach them about campus life.

"I remember sitting in the session for all the WOW participants Sunday after we had church in JPAC," said Aaden Jones, a freshman music education major from North Little Rock. "We talked about a lot of things that day and one of them happened to be TWIRP. Then they announced, 'If one brave freshman girl will come up here and TWIRP someone we will give you and your date free tickets to Barn Bash.'"

Alexis Peals, a freshman music major from Forest City, became the one brave freshman.



Kristen Barnard Photo

"I looked around for a minute as the room went quiet," Jones said. "Next thing I know a friend I had met, Alexis Peals, got up and walked to the front. Immediately in my mind I said, 'Uh oh, she is about to TWIRP me.' Sure enough she got on the mic, looked around and said, 'Is Aaden in here?' So I smiled and stood up. She asked me to go to TWIRP and I said, 'Of course I will!' That for me was pretty exciting, and for a while as I met new people they would always recognize me as the guy who got TWIRPed."

The added events and revamp of the WOW sessions aimed to encourage greater student participation throughout the week.

"I think the revised schedule of WOW definitely proved to be more appealing to the freshmen," said Shelby Davis, a junior biology major from White Oak, Texas. "We had better attendance at the sessions, and overall the entire orientation seemed to flow better. With the new things we incorporated and the tweaks we made to all of the events, we truly believe WOW will be an event incoming freshmen will look forward to as they enter their Ouachita career."

by Mauri Sparks

Top 3 WOW Moments

-According to freshman Spencer Ward

1 A line of freshmen hold on to their condles during Tigers and Torches. The ceremony featured a torch procession which preceded the condles, and a speech to the freshman class from President Rex Horne.



Kristen Barnard Photo

2 Andy Mineo performs during the annual WOW concert held in JPAC. The concert was a kick-off event to the school year, and featured Propaganda as the opening act.



Kelsey Bond Photo

3 Members of The Freshman Class of 2017 pose for their class picture in Heflin Plaza, complete with their "Tiger for Life" shirts and the Ouachita beanies.



Kristen Barnard Photo

"I loved getting to move freshmen into their dorms. After remembering how helpful it was for me my freshman year, I wanted to return the favor."

-Dixon Land, Christian Studies major, Little Rock



SWEET BETSEY FROM PIKE
Oh, do you remember Sweet Betsey from
Pike
who crossed the wide prairie with her
longhairs five
with two yokes of oxen, a big yellow dog,
a tall Shanghai rooster, and one spotted hog,
hoodle dang, fol-de-dye do,
hoodle dang, fol-de-dye do.

1 Upperclassmen and faculty members sing "Sweet Betsey From Pike" as part of a lesson on Ouachita's history.

2 Freshmen enjoy some skeeball during the "Mini Spring Fling" event, akin to the actual "Spring Fling" held during the Spring semester.

3 Dr. Ryan Lewis and the Tiger Steel Band provide background entertainment at Spotlight on Arkadelphia.

4 Junior Kasey MacLeane helps a freshman and her family with dorm necessities. WOW leaders were stationed at each dorm to help with the move-in process and help with the transition.



Top 3 TWIRP Nights

-According to freshman Will Harris

1 Students form a conga line and dance the night away at the Tri Chi 80s night. The night included favorite 80s hits, a performance by the Tri Chi pledge class and a costume contest.



Hailee Bezel Photo

2 Junior Connor Goad and others get their nerd on at the Chi Rho Phi Nerd Prom. The night also featured nerdy games and a dance by the Chi Rho Phi Big Brothers.



Elise Holman Photo

3 Junior Abby Lindsey, sophomore Luke Huneycutt, and senior Amy Compbell take part in the picnic at CM Barn Bash. Students brought blankets with them to sit on in the grass while they ate a meal catered by Sodexo.



Elise Holman Photo

"It was so much fun to get dressed up in a poodle skirt for 50s Night. I really enjoyed getting to meet and mingle with people while everyone was awkwardly figuring out what to do."

-Sydney Bratton, mass communications major, Little Rock

1 Seniors Gretchen Gosser and Tyler Graham take part in the couples twizzler game at the EEE 50s Night. Other games included "dizzy bats" and a swing dance competition.

2 Senior Talia Prince holds a bamboo stick while freshman Ian Craft competes in the limbo contest during the Chi Delta Luau Night. The night also featured a hula hoop contest, popsicles and sand volleyball.

3 Students pose with their 80s inspired gear at Tri Chi 80s night.

4 Sophomore Josh Rubin poses with his prizes for winning the Nerdiest Dance Competition at the Chi Rho Phi Nerd Prom. At the end of the night, there was also a contest for "Nerd Prom King and Queen."



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1 Matt Cook Photo



2 Grace Finley Photo



3 Hailee Bezel Photo

Elise Holman Photo



The Women of Chi Delta PC' 13 greet students coming to Chi Delta Luau night. Students were greeted at the entrance of the student Village and were directed to the sand volleyball court.



A group of students makes a photo memory at the CM Barn Bash. Always a TWIRP favorite, Barn Bash included a catered meal from Sodexo, photo ops like tractors and hay bales, and square dancing.

Members of the EEE Pledge Class of 2013 perform during 50s Night. The PC worked together to create a performance of song and dance that fit with the theme for the night. The night also included games, favorite hits from the 50s, and a photo booth with a motorcycle.



Freshman Emily Weeden grabs some leis at the Chi Delta Luau night. This was a new theme for Chi Delta, who in past years have hosted the Harvest Moon Dance for the week. Leis were given out to every person who came.



In my Khaki Pants

A look inside the week of TWIRP revealed that, for pledges of EEE, Tri Chi, Chi Rho Phi and Chi Delta, it wasn't just a week of smiles, snacks, and playing dress-up. Rather, it was a week of hard work, friendship, and growth.

"I think of our whole pledge class working together and getting it all done, that was really cool for us because we're in charge of the whole thing," said Allie Hegi, a junior chemistry major from El Dorado, and Tri Chi pledge. "In high school you do stuff but adults are in charge, but here, it's like we did it."

The women of Tri Chi put on their traditional 80s function, complete with leg warmers, headbands, 80s music and a dance performance by the pledge class of 2013.

Similarly, the women of EEE also spoke of hours spent practicing for their dance performance, as well as preparing snacks and games. "The main preparation that is involved in the night was the performance," said Ellen Butler, a sophomore biology major from Woodway, Texas and a pledge of EEE. "It really did feel like starting Tunes," Butler said about the choreographed dance routines to 50s music. The pledges set up decorations, prepared finger foods, and planned games for the many students who

attended 50s night.

TWIRP week was slightly modified when the Chi Deltas decided to change their traditional Harvest Moon function to a luau. "This is the first year that we've done luau. As pledges we didn't really know what was going on," said Megan Adair, a sophomore biology major from Avery, Texas and a pledge of Chi Delta. "At first, we were like, 'We don't know what we are doing!' But we figured that out in no time, and it was good from there."

Adair, who worked the entrance booth of the luau, said that TWIRP provided time for pledges to get to know one another more than just at a meeting for the club.



The pledges mentioned that organization was critical in making their functions run smoothly. According to the pledges, the leadership in their clubs formed committees and divided the work up in order to make the week less overwhelming. Despite long hours of arrangements, the pledges saw their work as a reflection of their club and desired to make good impressions for those attending their events.

Preparation for TWIRP started before the pledges even got to school. "During summer

break we have to start working on this," said Katie Bynum, a sophomore ministry and Biblical studies major from Hugh Springs, Texas and a Chi Rho Phi pledge. Bynum mentioned how her reunion with pledge sisters seemed rushed after the summer, because they instantly had to start planning their TWIRP event.

In addition to the social club events, Campus Activities and Campus Ministries hosted two events, adding to the excitement of the week's festivities. CAB hosted a movie, and CM hosted their traditional hit, Barn Bash. Kendall Calvert, assistant director of Campus Ministries, says she loves TWIRP week because it brings people together. Calvert said, "It's like all social barriers are gone and there is a field full of rednecks united together."

All in all, the people who made TWIRP week a success stepped up to a difficult challenge, and not only planned great parties, but also saw relationships within their organizations become stronger as a result of hard work and perseverance.

by Coleson Lechner

TIGER TUNES

we've got right now

Students, faculty, alumni and community members totalling over 5,700 people gathered in Jones Performing Arts Center over three nights to celebrate the 35th annual Tiger Tunes.

The show opened with the hosts and hostesses performing music backed up by a live band, just like the show opened 35 years ago at the first Tiger Tunes performance.

Hosts Jake Briggs, a sophomore music major from Alexander; Connor Goad, a junior Christian studies major from Hot Springs; Joseph Hurst, a senior accounting major from North Little Rock; and Todd McNeel, a junior mass communications major from Grand Prairie, Texas and hostesses Abbey Lindsey, a junior business administration and management major from Van Buren; Lola McClendon, a senior musical theater major from Springdale; Molly Salmon, a junior music major from Henderson, Texas; and MaryLacey Thomson, a senior musical theater major from Plano, Texas, performed different themed sets between the Tunes performances. There was one set dedicated to the past years of Tunes where former hosts and hostesses joined on stage for a song.

Joey Lickliger, JPAC manager, was the man behind the curtain and controls who played a major role in making sure the plan to use a live band was executed correctly.

"It was a challenge," Lickliger said. "I think it added a new element to the show this year."

The Women of EEE won first place as well as the OSF award, an award given to the group that was the most supportive of the other shows. This year marked the third year in a row the Women of EEE had been crowned Tiger Tunes Champions. The Men of Koppa Chi placed second, while the Men of Eta Alpha Omega won third place. The Women of Tri Chi won fourth place and were selected for the People's Choice award. The Women of Chi Rho Phi were awarded the Spirit of Tunes award, an award given by OSF to the club who best represented essence of Tiger Tunes.

Practices began just over one month before the show, but many students put countless hours into the show before the school year started. About 500 students sacrificed their free time to prepare their shows for the performances.

Apart from those on stage, there were others who helped behind the scenes. Kourtney Chumbley, a senior Spanish and mass communications major from Richardson, Texas, helped make the costumes for the Campus Activities Board Tiger Tunes show.

"Originally, I wasn't sure whether I would be able to be involved," said Chumbley, "after talking to Jake, I decided that it would be a good way to volunteer and serve a lot of people."

The CA North Pole show included Santa Clause, nine reindeer, six penguins and over 81 elves.

"I spent a lot of time in the igloo (Campus Activities Board storage space)," said Chum-

bley, "but I had so much help from friends and I made so many new friends. Because of that, I would do it over again."

Many clubs decided to tackle the task of making costumes as a team by scheduling workdays. The Women of EEE pinned rolls of 28 yards of tulle on each body suit using a total of over 1,000 safety pins to create their sheep costumes.

"It was a really big moment when the costumes actually came together. It looked like a flock of sheep and made the show finally make sense," said Aoryn Elliot, a junior early childhood education major from Bentonville and co-director of the EEE show.

The Women of Chi Delta added sparkle to their puppet costumes with sequins. Campus Ministries constructed hundreds of paper corsages for their prom dates to wear. While the Men of Beta Beta did not hand-make their costumes, they did wear them to class the day of dress rehearsal.

Through collaborating as hosts and hostesses, working together to build costumes and spending hours practicing dance moves, students came together to perform four sold out Tiger Tunes shows that raised money for student scholarships. Not only did they celebrate the 35th year of Tiger Tunes, but also \$1 million used for student scholarships raised over the 35 years of Tiger Tunes.

by Jake Coffman





"Tiger Tunes was such an uplifting and positive experience, and one that I am thankful for because it gives students of all classifications and majors the opportunity to become more involved on campus and develop lasting friendships."

-Alyssa White, early childhood education major, Little Rock, CM Tunes director



Scan to watch the 2013 Tiger Tunes performances.



Senior Jake Fauber and his band lead the student body, along with prospective students who came for GROW, in worship during Refuge after the first Tiger Tunes performance. The service was held in the Village circle, a different venue than normal, and featured senior Kyle Fischer as the speaker.



Kristen Barnard Photo



Senior Kelsey Frink is crowned the 2013 Homecoming Queen prior to the Homecoming football game by the year's previous crown holder, alum Hannah Pilcher. The girls chosen for court along with the queen sat on the sidelines during the game.

Kristen Barnard Photo



Kristen Barnard Photo

Prospective students enjoy a meal catered by Sodexo during the GROW weekend. "GROWers" also attended the opening night of Tiger Tunes.

Sophomore David Willhite and freshman Jodie Webb paint a banner for the Homecoming game with materials provided by the Women of Tri Chi.



Grace Finley Photo

A Second Home

Like a little kid on Christmas Eve, we entered a new state of mind when Homecoming rolled around. As campus roared with pride, students, faculty and alumni celebrated Homecoming through different events.

Through the efforts of the Ouachita Alumni Office and the Ouachita Student Foundation, events such as Tiger Tunes, darn decorating contests, reunion dinners, and OcTiger Fest were held to bring students, faculty, and alumni to campus to celebrate Homecoming.

Throughout the week, events were held on campus for faculty and students, leading up to the weekend when alumni flooded campus to come back home. Social clubs and other organizations hosted fun events for the student body during the week and into the weekend.

As Thursday came along, the annual GROW (Getting Ready for Ouachita's World) event began. Prospective students, also called GROWers, attended the opening night of Tiger Tunes and were invited to a special Refuge service held after Tunes in the Village circle. The next day, GROWers were allowed to sit in on a few classes of their choice before leaving to go home.

On Friday, the men of Eta Alpha Omega served Frito chili pies on the lawn during lunchtime. Class reunions were held in Walker Conference Center in the evening, followed by the second night showing of Tiger Tunes. After the performance, the men of Koppa Chi hosted their annual cookout in Tiger Alley, the street between JPAC and Jones Science Center, which was blocked off from traffic and decorated for Homecoming weekend.

"We decided to take the Tiger Alley idea, closing off the road between JPAC and JSC and try that at Homecoming to create a fun, festive atmosphere and provide a meal for those attending Tunes so they wouldn't have to fight the crowds at the small number of restaurants in town," said John Merryman, Ouachita Alumni Director. "The first event in 2012 was well attended but cold and drizzly, but still 500 people were served. In 2013 with better weather, nearly 700 enjoyed the Homecoming Street Festival in Tiger Alley."



Kristen Barnard

On Saturday, OcTiger Fest began with social clubs, Student Senate and other organizations set up in Walker Conference Center. OcTiger Fest was moved indoors

because of the rain. The pep rally was also held in Walker.

At 11 a.m. a tailgate lunch was provided by Sodexo in the Commons. At 12:30 p.m. Homecoming nominees lined the track with umbrellas in hand for the presentation of the Homecoming Court and crowning of the Homecoming Queen, Kelsey Frink, a senior early childhood education major from Boston, Mass.

"It was a huge surprise for me to be crowned Homecoming Queen," Frink said. "I was so proud of all the lovely women who were standing beside me and I was extremely blessed to have my father fly down from Massachusetts for this special day. I am honored to represent the wonderful Ouachita community as this year's Homecoming Queen."

After a 45-21 win against Northwest Oklahoma, the final two performances of Tiger Tunes began. A dinner hosted by Sodexo was held in Tiger Alley in between performances. Homecoming week wrapped up with the annual Muggin' event hosted by the men of Eta Alpha Omega in the Village circle, featuring guest artist Blaine Howard.

by Jake Coffman

Top 3 Homecoming Traditions

1 The hosts and hostesses perform during the opening number of Tiger Tunes. Along with clubs and organizations having their part, the hosts and hostesses performed between each club and presented each club before they went on stage.



Kristen Barnard Photo

2 Quarterback junior Benson Jordan (15) looks for his runningback to throw a long pass during the game against Northwestern Oklahoma State. The Tigers went on to win the game, 45-21.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

3 Members and attendees of Tiger Tunes line up for food in Tiger Alley in between Tunes performances on Saturday night. Tiger Alley was a new tradition developed by the Alumni Office.



Kristen Barnard Photo

"It was incredible to spend yet another year partaking in all of the Ouachita Homecoming traditions and meeting hundreds of alumni who love our school so much."

-Connor Goad, Christian studies major, Hot Springs



1 Members of the cheerleading squad perform a routine during OcTiger Fest in Walker Conference Center.

2 President Rex Horne presents Kristen Nelson ('03) with the Ouachita Alumni Milestone Award for her work and continuing efforts supporting Ouachita as an alumna.

3 Senior Hunter Threadgill cheers on the Homecoming nominees as they are presented and chows down on a chili dog provided by the men of Eta Alpha Omega.

4 Members of Kappa Chi social club prepare hamburgers and hot dogs in Tiger Alley after the Friday night performance of Tiger Tunes.



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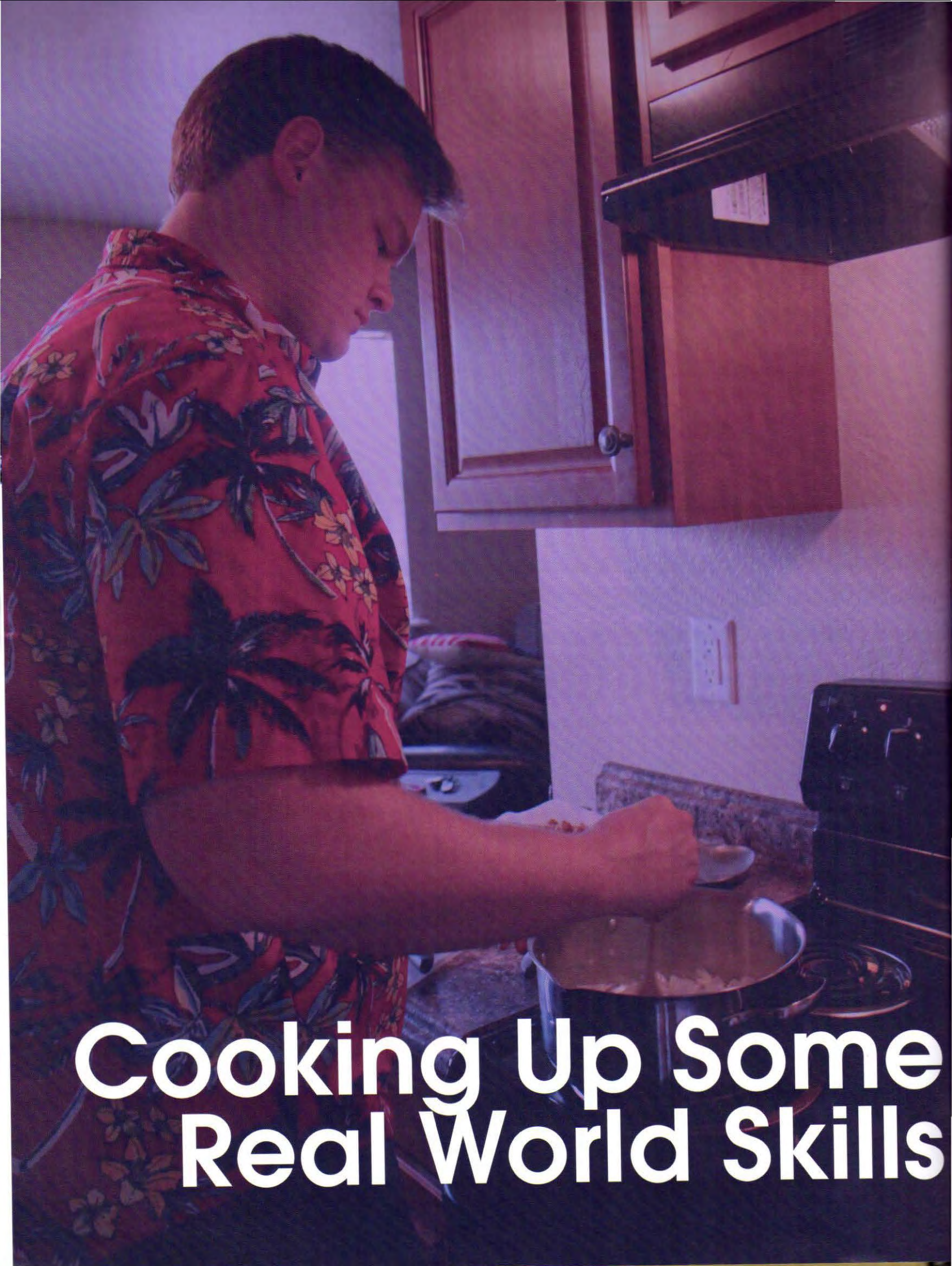


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**Cooking Up Some
Real World Skills**

Apartment living had become a popular trend among students and not surprisingly, one of the main reasons was because of food. Cooking in apartments, whether it's for health reasons, social reasons or to save money, was something that students looked forward to and were able to have fun with.

According to apartment residents, living in the apartments gave the students an opportunity to control where their spending went a little bit more than living in the dorms. The school offered three different meal plan options for students living off campus, ranging in different prices.

"Because I live in an apartment, Ouachita gives the option at the beginning of each semester of whether to purchase a meal plan. I have never really eaten in the cafeteria my entire time at Ouachita, so I have not bought a meal plan the past four semesters I have had my apartment. This has saved me a tremendous amount of money. I usually budget around \$75 a week for my Walmart trips," said Elizabeth White, a senior early childhood education major from Searcy.

Even though cooking was an option for students, they had to learn that with their busy schedules, it was unreasonable to think they could cook every meal.

"I don't cook all of my meals. I eat lunch on campus and cook a few dinners a week. It's nice to have an oven and a stove top," said Mallory Burroughs, a junior biology major from Hot Springs.

The apartment residents learned that buying food from the grocery store was not always cheaper, and they had to learn how to budget in order to be able to cook multiple meals a week.

"It's easy to go into the grocery store and buy everything you see. I advise going in with a list of what you need. Plan at the beginning of the week what you might cook, or you will buy everything that looks delicious on the shelf and none of that will go together to actually make a meal," Burroughs said.

Planning out weekly meals might have seemed like a hassle to some, but to others it was worth it for being able to cook and eat what they wanted and eat healthier.

"It is much better than the cafeteria because your food isn't as processed if you cook with fresh or raw ingredients," said Burroughs.

"I love it so much better than the cafeteria because I can better control what I eat so that I can eat healthier," said Jennifer Bounds, a sophomore biology major from Camden.

Many students found ways to cook healthy and get the most for their money.

"We split a lot of our food. We try to find somewhat cheap food while still being healthy," said Meredith Martin, a senior music education major from Garland, Texas.

Another reason cooking was a nice privilege for students

was for health reasons. Roommates Nicole Mattson, a senior musical theater major from Rowlett, Texas, and Martin have were able to use their apartment as a way to experiment with new ways to learn to cook and eat healthier.

"Meredith and I have both been trying really hard to live healthier lifestyles by eating and cooking better. Instead of relying on the cafeteria or Chick Fil-A for healthier options, we are able to grocery shop and cook for ourselves. We have had a lot of fun learning interesting ways to cook meals that taste great and are also healthy options. Not only does this make it a cheaper way to eat but it also is teaching us good cooking habits for when we graduate and live on our own," Mattson said.

Having friends over for dinner was a popular social event at the apartments. Many students used this as a way to get all their friends together instead of paying a lot of money to go out to eat.

"Typically when I cook a big meal in the apartment I am cooking for a group of my friends so they help pitch in to pay for the ingredients. I get a lot of my recipes on Pinterest. They have millions of recipes, many of which are cheap and easy for college kids," Bounds said.

Some students experienced a learning curve when cooking on their own for the first time.

"My first major dinner party, the boys requested that I make country fried steak, homemade mashed potatoes with homemade gravy, red lobster cheese biscuits, steamed corn and dessert. I was so nervous because I had never fried anything before. Fortunately, everything tasted awesome even though my gravy was too thick and was given the name "peanut butter gravy," Bounds said.

Some of the most popular meals throughout the apartments were Cheez-it chicken, poppy seed chicken, parmesan chicken, spaghetti, burgers and grilled fish.

One of White's favorite ways to cook was in a crockpot. Being a student teacher in Benton, crockpots had been her saving grace when it came to cooking her own food.

"It is perfect for busy days. Often I throw chicken breasts with different seasons, sometimes I do Hawaiian style, other times with Italian breadcrumbs, then I wrap potatoes in foil and sometimes, even corn on the cob in foil as well. This cooks on low for about six hours when I'm in class and ready to go for dinner," White said.

Overall, cooking for themselves gave students the power to choose what they wanted to eat. Being able to see what actually went in their food gave the apartment residents healthier options.

"We are learning good healthy cooking habits for when we graduate and having fun in the process," Mattson said.

by Molly Anne Turner

Top 3 BOTR Traditions

-According to junior Jacob Moreno

- 1 Members of the student body take charge on the sidelines in the student section during the Battle of the Ravine game. The student body showed massive support for the Tigers during the game, donning shirts, banners and painted bodies.
- 2 Students stand and watch fireworks at the Battle of the Ravine bonfire and fireworks show presented by the men of Rho Sigma. The event was sponsored by the club to pump up the student body the Thursday before the big game.
- 3 The Men of Rho Sigma stand guard by the Tiger in their tent. Guarding the Tiger was an annual event, first taken on by the men of Rho Sigma, and then dispersed to the entire student body. Each night of the week, a different class stood guard.



*"Battle of the Ravine week is one of the best weeks on campus because everyone shows so much spirit! The whole campus rallies together to protect the Tiger and support our team."
- Haley Wheeler, junior kinesiology major, Little Rock*

- 1 Members of the student body hold up signs in support of the Tigers during the Battle of the Ravine game.
- 2 Junior John David Whitmore passes out hot apple cider with the men of Eta Alpha Omega on the lawn by the Tiger.
- 3 Members of the football team run out of the tunnel to loud music and cheers before the big game.
- 4 Cliff Harris, a former Ouachita Tiger and five-time Super Bowl competitor with the Dallas Cowboys, is interviewed by Melinda Mayo of KATV Channel 7. Harris was honored at halftime for the presentation of the Little Rock Touchdown Club's Cliff Harris Award.



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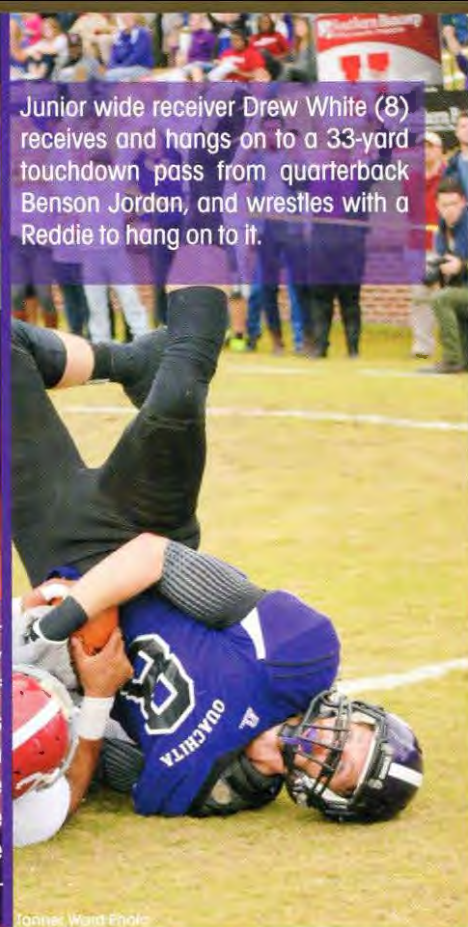
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Sophomore Josh Briggs takes a sledgehammer and smashes in a car at the Kappa Chi car bash event held on the sidewalk on the lawn. Clubs played their part during the week, offering fun events for the student body to participate in, from the Women of Tri Chi's hot chocolate night to the men of Eta Alpha Omega's hot apple cider night.

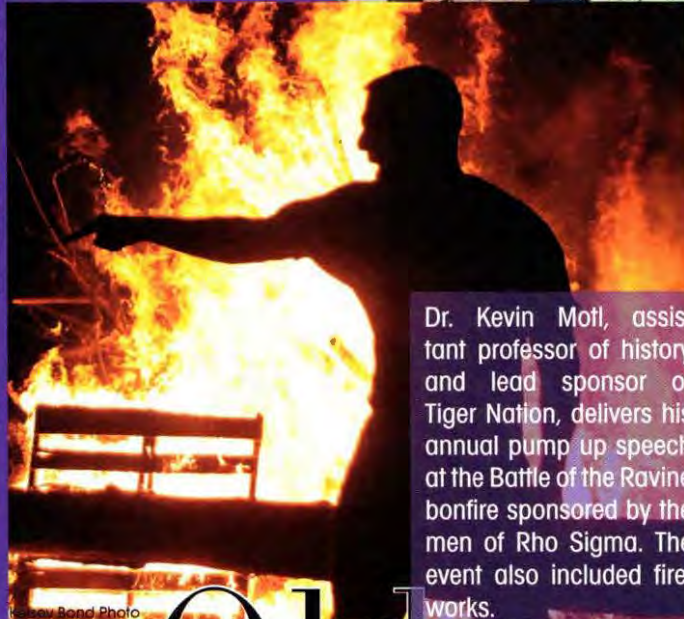
Members of the Women of Tri Chi prepare marshmallows and hot chocolate mix on the lawn as their annual contribution to the events of Battle of the Ravine.



Haley Pitt



Junior wide receiver Drew White (8) receives and hangs on to a 33-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Benson Jordan, and wrestles with a Reddie to hang on to it.



Kevin Bond Photo

Dr. Kevin Motl, assistant professor of history and lead sponsor of Tiger Nation, delivers his annual pump up speech at the Battle of the Ravine bonfire sponsored by the men of Rho Sigma. The event also included fireworks.

Tanner Ward Photo

Tale as Old as Time

Arkadelphia was covered in purple and red to support both universities. Campus signs were covered in plastic to ward off any attempts at vandalism. Battle of the Ravine week had arrived.

For Battle of the Ravine week, Tiger Nation encouraged each class to take turns guarding the Tiger from the Reddies. "Our most important goal is to protect the Tiger," said Dr. Casey Matl, assistant professor of history and sponsor of Tiger Nation. "Over the years, the Tiger's tail has been clipped off, actually so many times that OBU has put up a wrought iron fence to protect it."

The week began with the senior class joining the men of Rho Sigma in the club's tradition of defending the Tiger 24 hours a day for the week. Hein Hillmer, a senior mass communications major from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and rush chair for the men of Rho Sigma, guarded the Tiger all night, every night. "That's what this whole week is about, experiencing excitement and unity," Hillmer said. "And what can we say, the Tiger hasn't lost its tail in years, so we must be doing a good job."

Tuesday brought Homecoming Chapel and the presentation of queen candidates.

While the seniors and Redshirts were patrolling that night, the Women of EEE and

the Men of Beta Beta provided chili for the student body.

This night, however, presented a significant challenge due to the temperature plunging down to 25 degrees. Nevertheless, the junior class accepted the responsibility of guarding the Tiger despite of the weather.

Wednesday's weather did not warm up for the sophomores who guarded the Tiger, but the Men of Eta Alpha Omega were there to serve hot apple cider to the students. The Men of Kappa Chi hosted a car bash.

Thursday night the volleyball team won the Battle of the Ravine game against the Reddies. Then, the Men of Rho Sigma hosted a pep rally and bonfire, where students marched with torches from the Tiger to the intramural fields. A firework show provided by Rho Sigma and Dr. Wesley Kluck concluded the pep rally. Later that night the Women of Tri Chi served s'mores and hot cocoa as the freshmen guarded the Tiger.

Due to the KATV pep rally, Friday's schedule began before sunrise. Students joined the TV station at 5:30 a.m. for a broadcast pep rally featuring the rivalry. "There's no rivalry like this," said David Sharp, athletic director. "It doesn't matter what sport it is, when you

step on that field or court the emotions rise in you and there's nothing like it."

After a night of music, games and activities at the Henderson intramural field, the Women of Chi Delta and the Men of Rho Sigma served cookies and cider for the last night of guarding the Tiger.

Saturday morning began with a color run hosted by Southern Bancorp that was open to both schools and the community. Participants ran through both campuses and were doused with colored powder.

Tailgating took place on Henderson's intramural fields before the game. Cars lined the streets all the way to Pizzo Hut, and the stands were packed with 9,648 fans waiting to watch 87th Battle of the Ravine football game.

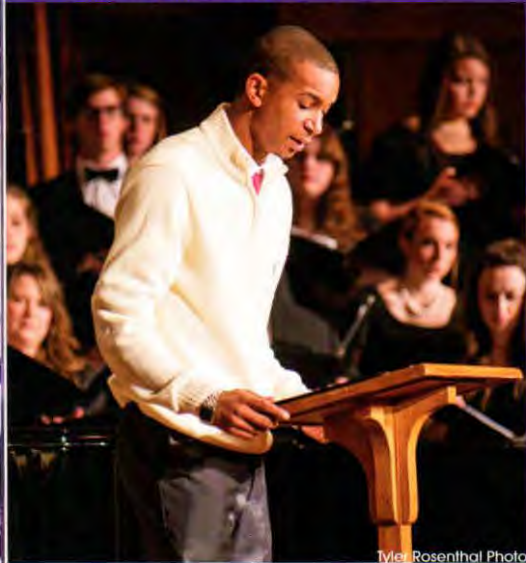
The game ended with both teams combining for 112 points, the most in their 87 meetings. Henderson won 60-52 in triple overtime in what will be remembered as one of the classic Battle of the Ravine games.

by Bekah Hall

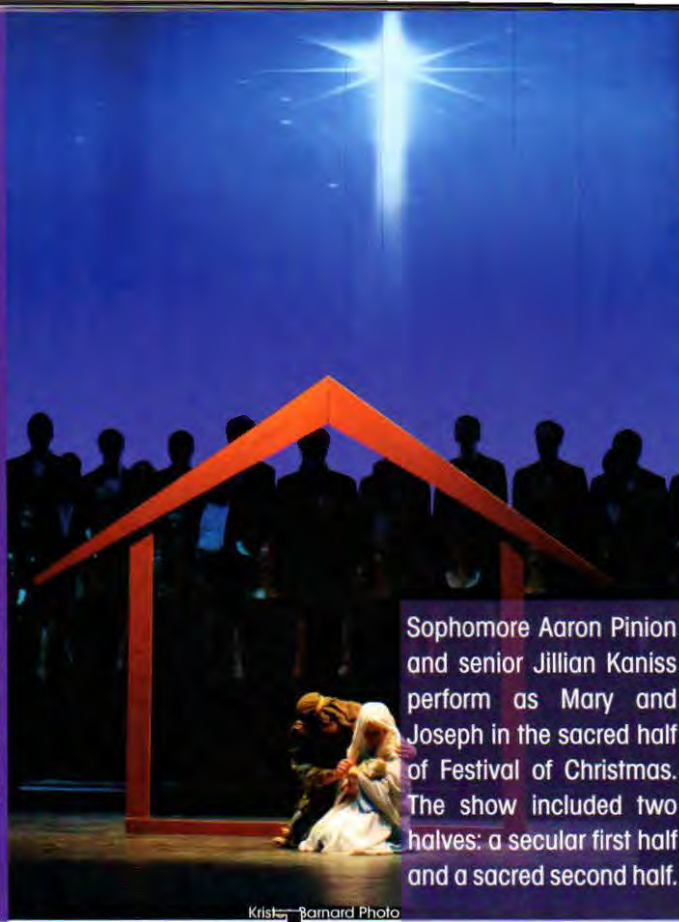


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Senior Korey Byrd reads a lesson during the Lessons and Carols service held in Mabee Recital Hall. An annual event, the Lessons and Carols service was primarily a worship service, incorporating scriptural lessons read by students and faculty. The readings were followed by a collection of carols and hymns sung by the Ouachita Singers and Women's Chorus.



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Sophomore Aaron Pinion and senior Jillian Kaniss perform as Mary and Joseph in the sacred half of Festival of Christmas. The show included two halves: a secular first half and a sacred second half.



Junior Stephen Curry performs an acoustic rendition of "This Christmas" at the CAB Christmas Party.

Members of the Arkadelphia community ride in a float during the Arkadelphia Christmas Parade.



Kristen Barnard Photo

Christmas by Candlelight

Christmas. For most Ouachitonians, what probably came to mind was studying for finals week, saying a few goodbyes and packing up to go home to good food, fast Internet and a room all to themselves. Others might have looked forward to the Speechie tree lighting, the campus-wide decorations or the Christmas buffet in the Commons before heading out for the holidays. However, the fact that most of the Christmas season was spent at home didn't stop students from celebrating with their friends while everyone was still on campus. A decorated door, lights strung up in the study room, or if you're lucky, maybe a donor threw a formal Christmas party for your entire dorm. That's exactly what the residents of Georgia Hickingbotham Hall experienced.

"Sarah (the dorm mom) brought us into her apartment and told us that the Hickingbothams wanted to throw us a Christmas party," said Emily Tual, a sophomore nutrition major from Plano, Texas. "We were freaking out. From there, Katy Hopmann, Kelly Cortez and I just kind of brainstormed for what we wanted to do. After that we prepared and got all the supplies, and when the day came we knew it would be really

awesome."

There was one minor hiccup in their plan though. On the day of the party, the power went out for almost the entire day.

"It didn't just go out," said Katherine Love, a junior graphic design major from Covington, La. "It was never on. It was great. They shut the power off for the campus around 30 to 40 minutes before the party started. We were all getting dressed and putting our makeup on in the dark. We had no idea what we looked like. Everybody was trying to use their cellphones to see what they were doing. I wound up walking around with a headlamp for most of the time."



Kristen Barnard Photo

The lights going out didn't put a damper on the party though. In fact, the girls seemed to think it only added to the magic of the whole experience.

"It was really loud, although I think we were trying to make it loud so it wouldn't be so dark, if that makes sense," said Sadie Sasser, a sophomore Christian studies major from Crossett. "Katie Hopmann and I sang some Christmas carols and then we all went down and ate dinner."

A candlelit dinner took a on a whole new

meaning when candles were the most light the girls had all night.

"After the night had gone on for a while though, all of the sudden the lights come back on. It was crazy. Everybody was screaming. It was so exciting, but it was still so weird. We had gotten used to it being dark," Love said.

After dinner, the girls went upstairs for a story and presents.

"Jason Bean actually dressed up as Buddy the elf and read us a Ouachita version of 'The Night Before Christmas.' Mrs. Georgia also gave us all a Christmas present, which was a devotional book. It was so sweet, she even put a little hand written note inside each one of them," Love said.

The most touching part of the whole event was the party was Georgia Hickingbotham's idea. She was the one who provided the means for all of the stories and special moments that took place.

"I'd just like everyone to know how much Mrs. Georgia cares," Sasser said. "She provided everything for us. I can't even imagine how much it all must have cost. I felt so lucky. That didn't happen in any other dorm on campus."

by Noah Hutchinson

Top 3

Christmas Traditions

-According to Senior Rachel Hooker

1 Ouachita Sounds and Dr. Casey Motl as "Santa Claus" perform in the first half of Festival of Christmas. Ouachita Sounds performed high-energy song and dance numbers in between numbers performed by Concert Choir.



Kristen Barnard Photo

2 Members of the Concert Band perform their Christmas show during Christmas Chapel, the last chapel of the semester. This chapel was an annual favorite by faculty and students alike.



Kristen Barnard Photo

3 Senior Joel Rogier sings with the Ouachita Singers as they join Women's Chorus and the audience during the final carol of Lessons and Carols. During the final carol, the chairs encircled the audience and sang with them to conclude the service.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

"Christmas at Ouachita is unlike any other college. Halls are decked, windows are painted and there's a feeling of sincere comfort and joy everywhere you walk."

-Jake Coffman, music major, Tyronza



1 Concert Choir and the Movers and Shakers perform the opening number of Festival of Christmas. The Movers and Shakers were an auditioned group that danced to the numbers by Concert Choir.

2 Students mingle around the Speechie Christmas Tree during their annual Tree Lighting.

3 Senior Lauren West and junior Mariah Miller perform during the Christmas Chapel by Concert Band.

4 Junior Jim Hampton acts as Santa Claus during the CAB Christmas Party. The party included pictures with Santa, a coffeehouse, and cookie and ornament decorating.



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Kristen Barnard Photo



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Kristen Barnard Photo

Top 3 TSD Perks

-According to junior Haley Wheeler

1 Volunteers stand in line for breakfast before starting their projects. Breakfast and lunch were provided by Southern Bancorp and Sodexo for the volunteers.



2 Members of a Tiger Serve Team eat lunch after a long morning of serving. Students typically formed teams with their friends or social club to not only be with their friends, but to serve with them.



3 Members of a Tiger Serve Day team pose for a picture with the man they were serving for the day. Volunteers enjoyed the opportunity to serve members of the community.



"It's so neat seeing our campus come together to serve each other and the community. We are fortunate to attend a school like Ouachita that puts such an emphasis on serving others."

-Kristen Barnard, mass communications major, Hot Springs

1 Senior Katie Hoppman makes sure a team has all of its supplies for its project. Hoppman was part of the steering committee who made sure each project was equipped with adequate supplies.

2 Juniors Katherine Love and Haley Wheeler spread mulch in a garden as part of their project.

3 Students scrape paint off a banister as part of their project. Students received T-Shirts provided by the Elrod Center as a gift and to wear to their projects.

4 Sophomore Sam Cushman hauls off a fallen branch during his project. The steering committee matched the teams with their projects.



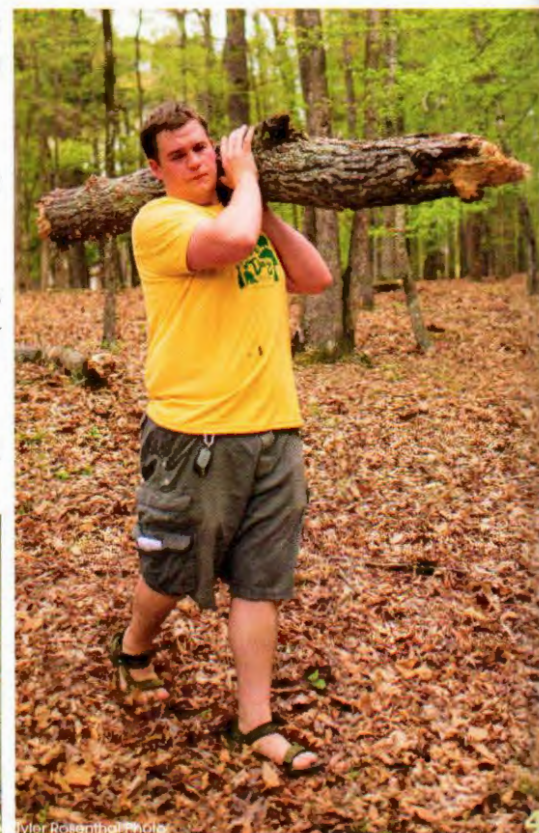
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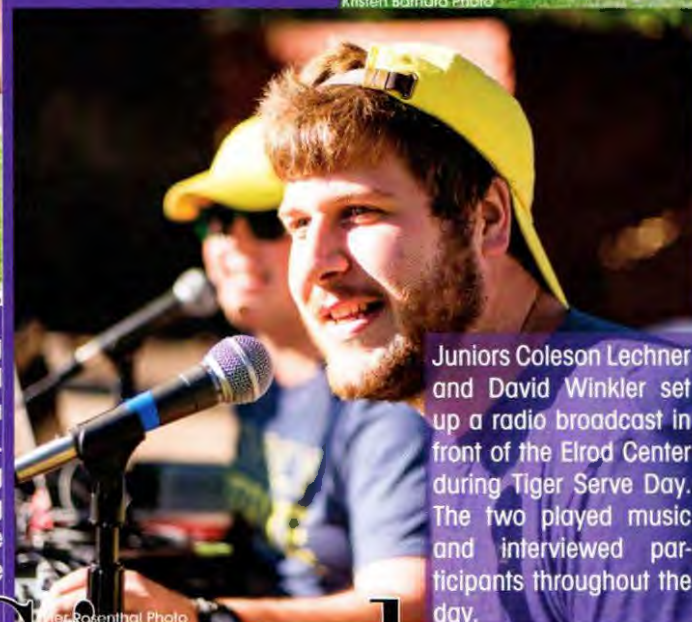
The Tiger Serve Day steering committee poses for a picture. The steering committee was responsible for planning projects and getting everything prepared for the day.



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Sophomore Connor Van Hemert trims hedges at his project. Student volunteers gave up their Saturday mornings to serve the Arkadelphia community, working from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon performing various services and projects.

Volunteers stand in line for lunch after getting back from their projects. Projects typically lasted all year, then volunteers would return for a meal provided by Southern Bancorp and Sodexo. Projects for Tiger Serve Day varied, including everyday tasks such as raking leaves, trimming hedges and cleaning gutters, to more unique tasks depending on the need for members of the Arkadelphia community.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Juniors Coleson Lechner and David Winkler set up a radio broadcast in front of the Elrod Center during Tiger Serve Day. The two played music and interviewed participants throughout the day.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

To Simply Serve

For 17 years, students and faculty had served the community one Saturday in both the spring and fall semester of each year. The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community connected volunteers with members of the community looking for service projects to be completed. Since 1997, over 65,000 hours of volunteer service work had been provided during the biannual event Tiger Serve Day.

The main goal of Tiger Serve Day is for the Lord to be glorified in what we are doing throughout the community," said Buck Schroeder, a senior accounting major from Conway. "We want our service to be an example of the servant-hearted leaders we hope of Ouachita, but we also hope to show kindness to those we serve."

Schroeder served as a member of the leadership team for Tiger Serve Day.

"I was interested in being a part of the Tiger Serve Day leadership team for several reasons. My favorite thing about OBU is the emphasis put on a life of service, and Tiger Serve Day really represents that," Schroeder said. "I also get to work with such wonderful people on the team. So much goes into put-

ting Tiger Serve Day together each semester, and it's a blessing to meet every week and encourage one another to serve well."

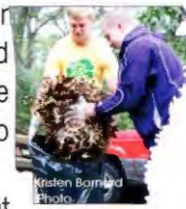
Anna Sikes, a junior Christian studies major from Conway, also served on the Tiger Serve Day leadership team. She worked to recruit volunteers, assign projects and visit homes to meet the people who would be served.

"I am always so amazed by the willingness of the campus to serve," Sikes said. "Nothing could be done without our volunteers."

On September 21, over 820 volunteers completed 105 projects. The theme for the fall serve day was to "Simply Serve."

One hundred different teams completed 110 projects April 5 on the spring serve day.

"One of the most important parts of the project is connecting with the people through conversation," Sikes said. "A lot of people in the Arkadelphia community sign up because they love college students and want a chance to talk to them."



Kristen Barnard Photo

The theme for the spring Tiger Serve Day was "Random Acts of Kindness," learning to recognize how to do small acts with great kindness in day-to-day life.

"We hope that our actions will be motivated by authentic kindness," Sikes said. "With all the details of the day, we never want to forget our reason for serving each home is to provide physical help as well as spiritual hope."

Projects included tasks such as raking leaves, trimming bushes, cleaning out flowerbeds and washing cars.

"I love seeing the school come together to make an impact on our community. Getting to serve the people around me in Arkadelphia always ends up blessing me more than I am blessing them," said Sarah Hill, a freshman Christian studies major from Plano, Texas. "The lady my team served was full of so much joy and kept us very entertained. It's not just about cleaning someone's house or raking leaves, it's the relationships that are formed and love that you put into it that make it such a great experience every semester."

by Amber Easterly

Senior Ashley Briggs works on a painting at the Arts and Coffeehouse event held in the Tiger Den. The event featured several tables, each with paint and canvases for students to create their artwork, and worship music played by students. The event had a relaxed environment, where students could paint if they wish, or simply listen to the music and reflect.



A student lifts up her hand in worship during one of the services held in JPAC. A time was set aside each day during the week for a worship service, giving students a time out to set their day in focus.

Tyler Rosenthal Photo



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Juniors Anna Cathryn Massey and Abbey Emanuel enjoy some tea and fellowship at the Women's Tea event held in Walker Conference Center.

Junior Steven Rutherford serves junior Jeremy Dixon some pork barbecue at the Men's BBQ Dinner held in Walker.



Gracie Lundstrum Photo

Words speak Life

Singing "How He Loves" a capella with John Mark McMillan was only one small glimpse of the many events that took place February 9-14. In February, an entire week was dedicated to Christian Focus Week.

"Christian Focus Week is about focus and growth on who Christ is and what He called us all to do," said Connor Goad, a junior Christian theology and philosophy major from Hot Springs.

Goad served on the leadership team that consisted of students of different classifications for the week-long event.

The theme for Christian Focus Week was "Words," based on Ephesians 4:29.

"We chose this theme because we felt that it was very prominent and relatable to our campus and to Christians in general," Goad said.

Students had the opportunity to attend a variety of breakout sessions throughout the week. Kathleen Post, a senior speech communication and Christian studies major from Grand Prairie, Texas, attended the breakout session on sarcasm led by Dr. Danny Hays, the dean of Christian Studies and professor of biblical studies in the Pruet School.

"Dr Hays' breakout on sarcasm was my

favorite," said Post. "It was very practical and relevant to my life and challenged me to think about how I use sarcasm."

"We live in such an instant age that we forget that our responses affect others," said Haley Martin, a freshman mass communications major from Little Rock. "This week we got to take a deeper look into how to use our words positively."

Worship session speakers for the week included Brandon Barnard, pastor at Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock, Pastor Rick Bezet from New Life Church, Conway, and Dr. Terry Carter, the Vaught professor of Christian ministries and associate dean of the Pruet School of Christian studies.



Brandon Barnard Photo

A climactic point of the week each year is a concert held on Tuesday night of Christian Focus Week. Campus Ministries booked John Mark McMillan and Ouachita alumnus Noah James Mitchell for this year's CFW concert.

McMillan released his first album in 2002, which was described by Relevant magazine as "a true worship pioneer." McMillan was also a three-time Dove Award nominee and said he sought to write "dan-

gerous songs that give you permission to wear your heart on your sleeve before Jesus, unencumbered by the grave cloths of mindless tradition."

Noah James, who led worship throughout the week and opened up at the concert, was a 2013 graduate of Ouachita.

"It was good to have Noah back. He always brings vibrancy to the stage and can connect with students because they are familiar with his music," said Jacob Tinklenberg, a senior psychology and Christian studies/Missions major from Arlington, Texas.

Both students and staff alike got to enjoy the week. Some classes were cancelled to give students an opportunity to attend the daily sessions. Faculty and staff members encouraged attendance and supported Christian Focus Week.

"Christian Focus Week is an important tradition at Ouachita," said Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagement. "It calls us to affirm our commitment as a community to the importance of faith seeking understanding," he added.

by Jessica Stewart

Top 3

CFW Traditions

According to junior Wesley Herson

1 Worship artist and singer-songwriter John Mark McMillon performs at the CFW Concert on Tuesday night, a concert set aside each year to feature a prominent worship artist.



Kristen Barbara Photo

2 Alumnus Noah James Mitchell leads worship during one of the sessions during the week. The worship leaders and speakers for the week were invited by the CFW leadership team to lead the campus in worship.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

3 Seniors Kourtney Chumbley and Kelsi Bodine write each other an encouraging word on chalkboards during the Pancakes and Prayer event. This photobooth during the event gave students a chance to give an encouraging word to a friend.



Kate Cody Photo

"Our goal with the theme 'Words' was to help our student body realize the impact of our words. They have power, whether that is positive or negative. Our words reflect the state of our hearts."

-Kate Cody, mass communications major, Sulphur Springs, Texas



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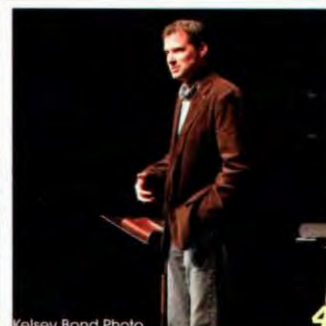
1 Aaron Williams and Klayton Seyler from Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock lead worship during one of the worship sessions.



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2 Dr. Chris Brune speaks at the Social Club Service. His message focused on the prominence of social clubs on campus and the impact their words have.

3 First Lady of Ouachita Becky Horne delivers a speech at the Women's Tea event. This was the first year for the tea event, offering ladies a time of fellowship.

4 Pastor Brandon Barnard of Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock speaks at one of the worship sessions in JPAC.

Junior Anna Cathryn Massey presents junior Colt Fason with the trophy for first place in Tiger Traks for his team, "Moving Violations." Teams were judged on how well they competed in each event. Events varied from physical to mental, offering competitors a wide range of competition to test their abilities. Awards were given for first, second and third place.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo



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Sophomore Shane Strynadka chugs a coke as part of the events of the mega relay on Friday. Friday's events included an egg toss, mega relay, a basketball relay, game center activities and a dodgeball tournament.



Michael Inwood Photo

Freshman Tanner Attwood and his Traks team compete in the tug-o-war event during Mud Games.

Freshman Kit Bowen rides a tricycle during the trikes relay event on Saturday morning.



Kristen Barnard Photo

Back to the Playground

Mud-caked footprints tracked the halls and dorm rooms. Sunburns thrabbed as weary students removed the layers of dirt and grime that were splattered across their custom-made team shirts. By the end of the day on Saturday, April 26, students were exhausted from a weekend of competition and camaraderie. Labeled as "Arkansas' most exciting college weekend," Tiger Track, in its 39th year, had always been a big hit on campus, both for the students and OSF. The event had the largest number of students participating in 25 years. Fifty-five teams competed in the event that included two days of games.

Kirby Von Edwins, a senior biology major from Little Rock, was in charge of several aspects of the event.

"It was a bit of a logistical challenge since we had about 20 more teams this year than we did last year. Also, I was a little worried with the heavy rains a few days before the event, but the rain cleared out and the weather was beautiful," Von Edwins said.

The festivities began on Friday with several track and field events. The teams first gathered on the football practice field for the egg toss. They then moved on to the intramural fields for the mega relay. There was

a bonus Minute to Win It game at the end of the relay where the team had to get cotton balls from one bucket to another using only their noses that were covered in Vaseline. After the mega relay, the teams either went to the basketball relay, game center or ultimate dodge ball.

"One of the biggest changes this year was Friday night," Von Edwins said. "We had to completely re-arrange the events because we had so many teams."

Richard Resnick, a freshman math major from Celina, Texas, loved the Friday night events.

"Of all the exciting events, I think the egg toss was my favorite," Resnick said.



Saturday had volunteers and competitors up early to begin a full day of activities. Raft races in the pool and trak races around the Village Circle got the day going.

Saturday afternoon was when things got dirty. Students headed down to the intramural fields for ozeball, or mud volleyball, and tug-a-war competitions.

"Ozeball and tug-o-war are what bring me back," said Aaron Butler, a senior Spanish and education major from Little Rock. "I

finished my coursework in December, but the atmosphere and excitement of Traks brought me back for another year."

At the end of the day on Saturday, one team finished the competition as champions, Moving Violations.

"Honestly this team wasn't on my radar, and they really impressed me when they finished the weekend on top," Von Edwins said.

To add to the record participation, it was also OSF's 40th year of service since its founding in 1974. The foundation celebrated by having a "Dive-In" movie on Friday after the competitions.

"Well, since we were at the pool, it was only fitting to show the movie 'Jaws'. I think it was a fun way to celebrate the organization and a great way to cool off," Von Edwins said.

At the end of the weekend the games were cleaned up and the winners were crowned. Only two things remained down at the intramural fields at the end of the weekend: a massive ooze-ball pit and the memories that the students made at "Arkansas' most exciting college weekend."

by Ben Cline

Top 3

Tiger Traks Events

-According to sophomore Michael Butler

1 Traks competitors play a game of mud volleyball during the mud games event on Saturday. The most popular of the events of the weekend, mud games included volleyball and tug-of-war.



2 Members of a Traks team pass an orange between the team using only their chins during the mega relay event on Friday. Mega relay featured five events that students competed in, racing against the clock.



3 Senior Kristen Barnard races the clock across the swimming pool during the raft races event on Saturday morning. Traks was a two-day event, beginning Friday evening and ending Saturday evening.



"Tiger Traks is probably the Hunger Games of OBU, but without all the violence! It's such a fun weekend, especially mud volleyball and tug of war! You get to know more people and have the time of your life."

-Rebekah Taylor, history major, Hot Springs



1 Students float in the pool and watch a showing of "Jaws" after the first night of Traks, sponsored by OSF and celebrating OSF's 40th birthday.

2 Senior Cory Matlock anticipates the egg thrown by his teammate on the opposite side of the practice fields during the egg toss event.

3 Freshman Rebecca Davis sprays freshman Conley Harrison with a water gun while waiting to compete in the mud games.

4 Sophomore Zach Parker competes in the basketball relay on Friday. Students fought against the clock as each team member did one event of the relay.



There were many different kinds of activities that brought people together. Sports were a common activity in which people bonded, and college campuses are no different. However, on a smaller campus, students may have had difficulty finding an available place on campus to compete outside of intramural games. Thanks to the idea of one student on campus, an outdoor basketball court was constructed outside the Village Circle.

LJ Brooks, a senior Christian studies major from Houston, Texas, who passed away in December 2012, had proposed the idea to Justin Young, a senior business administration management and finance major from Springdale and former Student Senate president. Brooks always tried to bring students from all different walks of life together, and this was one of the areas on campus where he saw a need.

"On Election Day when I was running for Student Senate President, I asked for his vote," Young said. "In a joking manner, he said he would vote for me if we could get an outdoor basketball court on campus. I told him I would do everything in my power to make his dream a reality."

Student Senate took this project from start to finish. Student Senate President Lindsey Fowler, a senior political science, business administration finance and history major from Arkadelphia, took over the project when she was sworn in as Senate President in April 2013. Senate needed to raise \$10,000 for the court itself as well as \$1,200 for the goals, but the money wasn't being raised as quickly as they had hoped. So Dr. Wesley Kluck, Vice President for Student Services, stepped in to stimulate the fundraising process.

"I knew Student Senate was going to take it on as a project, and then they just had trouble getting money for it," Kluck said. "They had a donor agree and then something happened with that donor; they couldn't do it. So, I had some extra money available, and I said 'What a perfect way to use it.' So then over Christmas break I texted Lindsey and said 'I'll give you \$5,000 if you can get someone else to match it.' I gave her that challenge and they did it quickly and got the money."

Senate members had to go through a long process to get the court started. They began by seeking approval for the project and the court's location. Then they had to learn how to implement a fundraising campaign. Once they went through these beginning steps, they began fundraising on June 1. They also began speaking with the contractor and cement supplier over the summer who gave them a discounted rate as their donation.

"In December, Dr. Kluck and OSF reached out to us about doing a program to match donations given by students in order to help us reach our goal before the end of the year," Fowler said. "This was an outstanding act of kindness and a great challenge to the student body and OBU community. The deadline for the match was January 1 and we all pulled together and reached our goal. We are very fortunate to go to a school where students, faculty and alumni support one another, and that made the marketing process much easier.

Many individuals donated as word travelled through the Ouachita community."

The basketball facilities inside Sturgis Physical Education Center had to be shared with athletics, so there wasn't always a court available for students. The new court gave students ready access to a place to play basketball. Kluck believed the basketball court to be a worthy cause because of the relationships it would create for students.

"Years and years ago, 30 years ago in fact, when I started my clinic in 1984, every time I had extra money I would put it into a fund. So over the years, I've built up a fund so that when the interest comes off I use it to give grants. It's something I've worked on for 30 years and now I'm able to see the fruits of that," Kluck said. "I would challenge students to work out a way that they can have money available to give to worthy things along the way, because it's very meaningful to do that."

The ribbon cutting for the court was held on Friday, April 25. The ceremony kicked off Tiger Traks weekend with a dinner catered by Sodexo afterward. It was a day for students to go out and hear about LJ and how he shaped the campus.

"Step one, it showed Student Senate that if they have a worthy cause, if they go out and raise money, that they can get it. It helped them be a successful fundraiser," Kluck said. "Step two, the actual event was what I call a perfect Ouachita moment. You have all those people out there and the fun, and it was great day."

At the ribbon cutting, basketballs were given to individuals whose support was evident throughout the process of fundraising and building the court. The Senate committee was also able to help LJ's family come to the event through travel costs.

"Student Senate took some money out of our LJ Brooks Memorial Basketball Court committee's budget and wrote a check to LJ's family to reimburse them for their travel to OBU for the ribbon cutting," Fowler said. "We wanted them to be able to come to the event without it being a burden for them in any way."

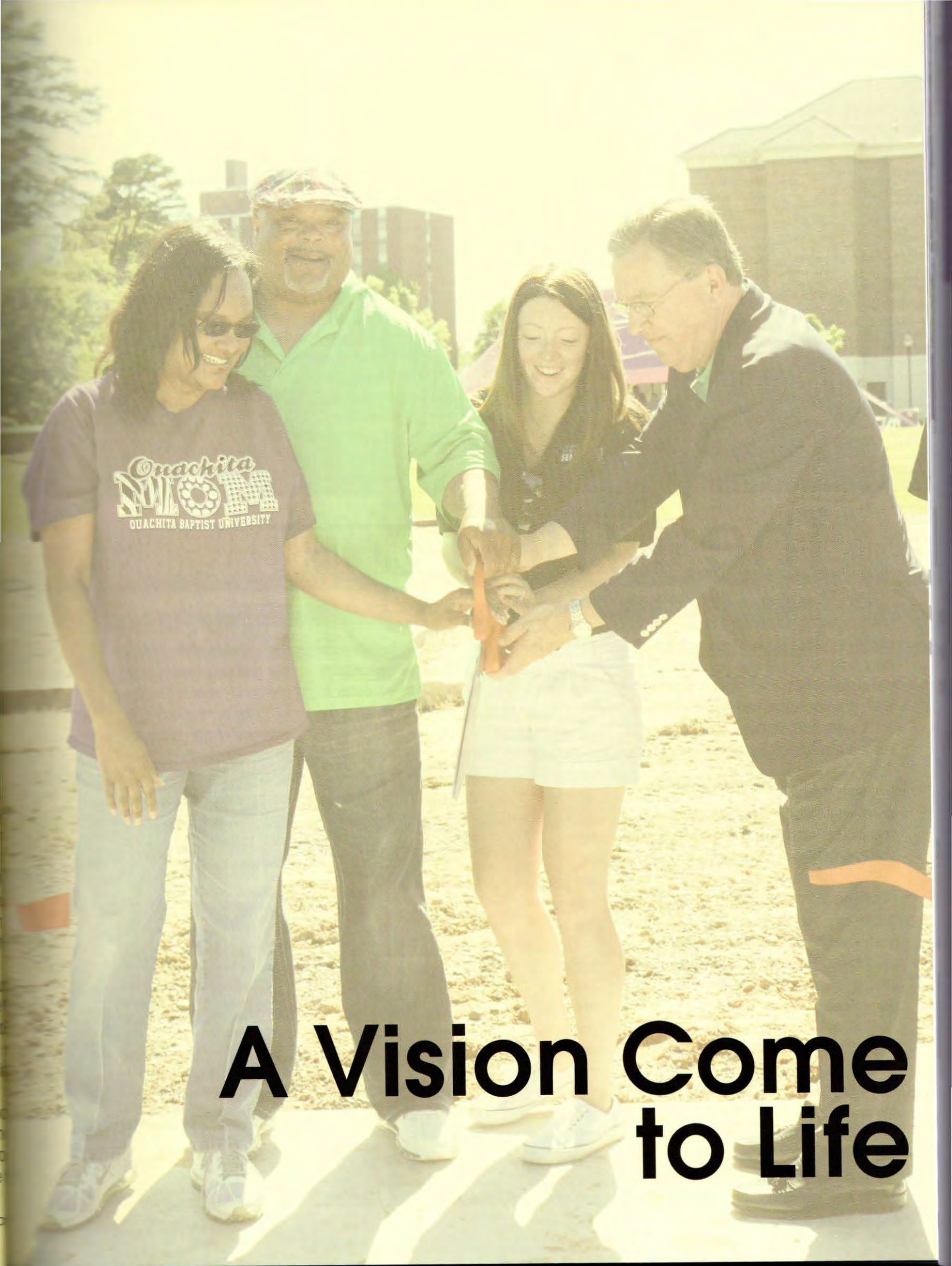
Having the outdoor court allowed students the chance to create friendships and have fun. LJ had this vision in mind when he proposed the idea to Young, and seeing it completed on campus gave students the chance to pay tribute to LJ's legacy.

"Now, it is truly a blessing to have something on campus in memory of LJ and his legacy," Young said. "Sports were a passion of his, and for many years to come this basketball court will be used by so many students in his honor."

The basketball court served as a reminder of LJ's desire for friendly competition and friendship.

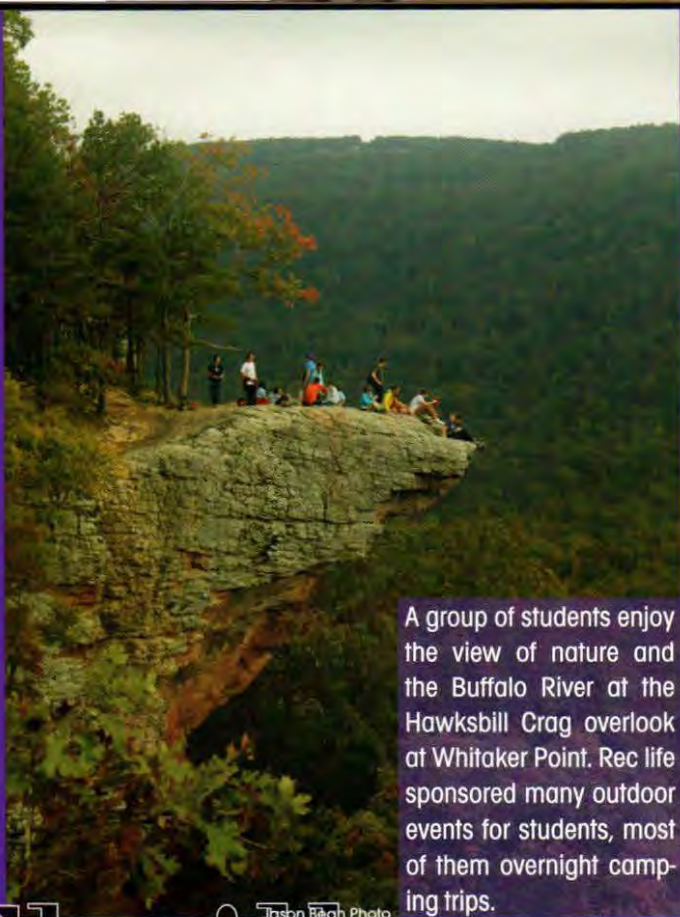
"My hope is that this court will serve the OBU student body in the same way LJ did," Fowler said. "He brought together OBU students from different groups on campus and fostered the types of friendships that we value so much here at Ouachita."

by Mauri Sp...



**A Vision Come
to Life**

Students stop for a photo while hiking along a trail at Buffalo National Forest. Rec life sponsored various events throughout the year to get students involved outdoors, including hiking, camping, zip lining and geocaching, among others. The purpose of the events was to get students outside of the classroom setting and get them involved with God's creation.



A group of students enjoy the view of nature and the Buffalo River at the Hawksbill Crag overlook at Whitaker Point. Rec life sponsored many outdoor events for students, most of them overnight camping trips.



Tyler Files Photo

Students and Rec Life staff enjoy the scenery at Eagle Rock Loop on the Little Missouri River.

Director of Rec Life Jason Bean and a group of freshmen white water raft during the Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trip.



Jason Bean Photo



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Jason Bean Photo

The Thrill of the Chase

The wet earth squished beneath her as she crawled on her hands and knees further underneath the bridge. It was nighttime, the ideal time to crawl into the place where trolls dwell. She turned around, and there it was – the cache she had been looking for.

"It's the thrill of the chase," said Brook East, a freshman sociology major from Royse City, Texas.

Recreational Life took advantage of the increasingly popular outdoor activity of geocaching to motivate students to go outside and try something new with a spiritual twist.

"Geocaching is when you're given coordinates, and you use those coordinates to search for a cache using a GPS," said Jason Bean, Rec Life director. "The coordinates get you to a certain spot, but you have to search around for the cache when you get to that general area."

The Rec Life office tried something new on October 29 and February 28 by inviting students to join in a devotional geocache. They hid cards with Bible verses on them and commentary from professors like Dr. Amy Sonheim, professor of English, and Dr. Jess Kelly, assistant professor of biology.

According to Bean, the location of the cache was what contributed to the experience

of finding the cache as well as the devotional that went along with it.

"We wanted places that were pretty and remote," Bean said. "Somewhere visually stimulating and quiet for the students to read the verse and the little blurb from the faculty member."

After finding the perfect spot to place the cache, the Rec Life office then had to create a challenging way for the students to find it.

"Obezag isn't Jewish, but if you like Hebrew, he will help you on your way. He isn't a troll either, but where one lives is where the treasure will lay," read one of the cards.



Since Hebrew was read backward, "Obezag" became "Gazebo." The place where trolls live? Under a bridge, of course. Using the coordinates given and clues like Obezag, students were able to determine that the cache was hidden under the bridge at Speer Pavilion.

"I was with two other friends that night, and we were looking for something to do," said David Willhite, a junior Christian studies/Biblical studies major from Rowlett, Texas. "We looked at the email from Rec Life and all figured out where it was, so we went

to find it."

Like East, it was Willhite's first time geocaching. After finding the cards, Willhite and his fellow treasure-seekers took a moment to read the cards.

Being surrounded by the natural beauty was one of the driving forces behind Rec Life.

"We go to church and worship God and surround ourselves with people," Bean said. "But not with his creation. The geocaching helps us integrate our Christian faith with our desire for fun outdoor adventures."

Along with the two geocaching adventures, students were able to climb Pinnacle Mountain, dig for diamonds in Murfreesboro, go on a horticulture trek and learn about the edible plants, hike during a full moon and camp on the Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trip.

According to Bean, the purpose of adding geocaching to the list of Rec Life events was to introduce people to the concept and to hopefully get them involved with future Rec Life events, or even just the activity itself.

by Robert Desoto

Top 3 Outdoor Rec Activities

-According to senior Tyler Files

1 Students pause for a funny group photo of Castle Bluff during Fall Break recreational camp in North Little Rock. The camp provided activities such as hiking, rapelling and rock wall climbing.



2 Senior Tyler Files climbs the Winding Stairs at Eagle Rock Loop on the Little Missouri in Alpine. Rec Life offered chances for weekend trips, too.



3 Sophomore Derrick Campbell repels off a rock formation at Horseshoe Canyon Ranch in Jasper during Fall Break. Repelling was just one of the outdoor activities offered by Rec Life.



"Rec Life activities provide many opportunities for students to meet new people and have fun. It's a great way to build relationships while taking a break from academics."

-Ellen Eubanks, English major, Arkadelphia



1 Students pose by a waterfall while hiking a trail near the Hiwassee River at the Hiwassee/Ocoee State Park in Eastern Tennessee.

2 Freshman Kayla Golden descends down a zip line on a trail near the Ocoee River at the Hiwassee/Ocoee State Park in Eastern Tennessee.

3 Senior Kelsey Frink takes a break from hiking and sets up a hammock at Horseshoe Canyon Ranch during Fall Break.

4 Students take a group photo by one of the lakes on their hiking trail at Horseshoe Canyon Ranch during Fall Break.



Top 3 Elrod Center Activities

-According to senior Clay McKinney.

1 Sophomore Sadie Sosser and junior Witt Wright remove weeds from a garden as part of their Tiger Serve Day project. Tiger Serve Day was the biggest event sponsored by the Elrod Center, involving a wide range of students.



2 Senior Rebecca Sanchez tutors a boy in math for America Counts. The America Counts program tutored elementary students from Central Primary School.



3 Members of the Healthy Relationships Week Leadership Team receive Elrod Center t-shirts at the Elrod Center Community Service Awards Banquet for their efforts in planning the events for the week.



"My time spent working with the Elrod Center has been one of the biggest blessings. Serving others is always time well spent, and I am thankful for the opportunities made available for students to serve."
 -Buck Schroeder, accounting major, Conway

1 Sharon Heflin, a Ouachita alumna, receives the Community Service Excellence Award from Ben M. Elrod at the Elrod Center Community Service Awards Banquet.

2 Leigh Anne McKinney, Elrod Center America Reads/America Counts coordinator, leads a discussion on comparison and finding one's identity in Christ during Healthy Relationships Week.

3 Senior Ben Schleiff uses a dry-erase board in his tutoring for America Counts. Tutors used different methods to cater to students' needs.

4 Junior Ben Lange-Smith is presented with the International Student Service Award at the Elrod Center Community Service Awards Banquet.



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Nathan Dickard Photo



Leigh Anne McKinney Photo

Heather Ellis Photo



Kelsey Bond Photo

Members of the faculty and staff lead a panel discussion for Men's Panel, an event for Healthy Relationships Week. The Panel was held in Young Auditorium and was catered to young men.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Sophomore Josh Rubin hauls off tree limbs during his project for Tiger Serve Day. Tiger Serve Day was a bi-annual service project for the Arkadelphia community. Students would form teams and serve people in the community.

Dean of Students Scott Haynes and his wife, Katie, lead a discussion on "The Art of Meaningful Discussion" for Healthy Relationships Week. The week, sponsored by the Elrod Center, focused on how to foster and keep healthy relationships and what it truly means to have a Christ-centered relationship, whether it be friends, acquaintances, or dating/engaged/married couples.



Sophomore Joseph Breckenridge tutors a young boy in reading. Breckenridge was part of the America Reads program, a tutoring program where college students tutored students from Perritt Elementary in reading.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

A Heart of Service

Since 1997, the Elrod Center gave thousands of hours of service to the community. The Elrod Center, named after Ben M. Elrod, a 10-year tenure president of Ouachita in the late 80s and early 90s, was established in 1997. Later that year, the very first Tiger Serve Day was organized. Since the first year and first Tiger Serve Day, the Elrod Center has sponsored several service opportunities for students and several programs in which to get involved.

"Tiger Serve Day is unique because of the large amount of people that go out and the number of people that are able to be served," said Jeremy Cooper, a junior Christian studies major from Mesquite, Texas.

Cooper was a member of the Tiger Serve Day leadership team, a group of students that worked together to organize Tiger Serve Day each semester. Cooper and the leadership team visited projects in advance, promoted the day and organized tools to get the day ready.

"The success of Tiger Serve Day over the last 17 years has been driven by two powerful forces," said Ian Cosh, vice president for community and engagement and director of the Elrod Center. "One is the ongoing

desire of college students to serve the community in meaningful ways, and the other is the affirmation by those served regarding the effectiveness of the service offered."

Students also had the opportunity to participate in Elder Serve, a program that paired students with an elder in the community.

"I love serving elders," said Amy Campbell, a senior biology major from Russellville. "They have so much wisdom and we provide company and a listening ear for each other."

Elder Serve students visited local nursing homes and attended nursing home functions for holidays such as Valentine's Day and Christmas parties and dances.



Leigh McKinney Photo

Senior Jennifer Coon, a dietetics major from Conway, helped organize the Thanksgiving Day Food Basket Drive, an opportunity to provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal to families in town who were in need.

Another large portion of the The Elrod Center's service was to the young students in Arkadelphia. The America Reads and America Counts program paired volunteers

or work study students with first and third graders to tutor them one-on-one for a few hours each week in math or reading.

"I love children and I love being able to spend time with them teaching something that I love," said Sarah Liz Carter, a senior mathematics major from Norphlet.

Carter tutored a little girl each week from Central Elementary.

"We talk about our days, she tells me a story or two and then we get to work on multiplication and division. Every time I pick her up, she smiles the biggest smile," Carter said.

The Elrod Center also provided students with TranServe, an opportunity for all students to sign up for community service projects, document those hours and have that time recorded on their transcripts.

"Ouachita has always been intentional about instilling a heart of service in their students," said Kendall Calvert, assistant director of Campus Ministries. "The Elrod Center provides several avenues for students to serve through their different programs."

by Jessica Stewart

Seniors Joel Rogier and Caitlin Secret interact during the annual fall opera production "Die Fledermaus," by Johann Strauss. Presented by the School of Fine Arts Division of Music, the annual opera production provided music students stage experience in vocal performance and acting.



Kristen Barnard Photo



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Senior Timothy Drennan listens as freshman Alexis Morgan sings "If I Were a Bell" in the musical "Guys and Dolls." The musical was held in JPAC and was the school's annual spring musical production.



Kristen Barnard Photo

Members of Concert Choir perform the number "Doo Wop Christmas" during the annual Festival of Christmas production.

Cast members of the the opera production "Die Fledermaus" perform during the party scene of Act II.



Grace Finley Photo

A Different World

Imperative to musical theatre—beyond just singing and dancing—was the ability to transport the audience into an entirely different world. Along with the acting, good staging, props and costumes were necessary to create a successful opera and a successful musical. It was these visuals, however, that helped the actors of "Die Fledermaus" ("The Revenge of the Bat") and "Guys and Dolls" make their shows come to life.

The production team employed a full set of Viennese costumes for "Die Fledermaus," an operetta by Johann Strauss. The costumes, which were rented from a company in New York, included full tuxes with hats and gloves and 19th century Viennese dresses.

"I was wearing a top hat and gloves and the whole nine yards," said Joel Rogier, a senior vocal performance major from Glen Carbon, Ill.

Rogier played the lead role of Gabriel von Eisenstein in the opera, which ran from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2. The production relied heavily on very European set decorations: a mansion, a palace interior and a grand staircase.

Castumes were particularly important in this production because of the nature of the

story being told.

"The opera centered around these cases of exchanged identities, so the costumes were helpful to the audience to distinguish who's who," Rogier said.

Contrasting with the highly stylized features of the opera, the musical "Guys and Dolls" offered a new twist on the classic tale.

"Everything we did with 'Guys and Dolls' can be described in three words: bright, vivid, flashy," said Dr. Jon Secret, professor of music. "We wanted to depict the gangsters and gambling and other characters in a very cartoonish way."

"Guys and Dolls" featured six backdrops that were designed specially for that musical. They offered colorful scenery to enhance the bright suits and dresses of that period, as well as the energy from the actors on stage.

According to Secret, the color scheme in the costumes and scenery thematically linked the production as a whole.

"This wasn't what you would typically expect for 'Guys and Dolls,'" said MaryLacey Thomson, a senior musical theatre major from Plano, Texas. "There was a lot of color, lots of brightness, fun, color blocking. Tons

of color that brought a lot of life into the show."

During the Thursday and Saturday performances of the musical, which ran from April 10-13, Thomson played the part of Sarah Brown, a missionary.

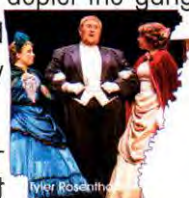
"I had on this knee-length skirt, a shirt that buttoned all the way up to my neck and a bonnet," Thomson said. "I felt more like the character than myself in the costume: very prudish and conservative."

According to Thomson, the other costumes in the musical helped her fellow actors transform as well, allowing the characters to come to life.

"A good costume can make a break a character," Rogier, who also had a role in "Guys and Dolls," said. "It affects how you behave and a lot of times motivates the characters."

Secret went on to share the secret behind the success of "Die Fledermaus" and "Guys and Dolls."

"Without the audience's support of the musical theatre department," Secret said. "We wouldn't be able to do the productions of this magnitude."



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

by Robert DeSoto

Top 3 Musical Productions

-According to junior Taylor Black

1 The cast of the musical "Guys and Dolls" performs one of the opening numbers. The story follows the lives of gamblers and gangsters in the underworld of New York City in the 1950s.



2 Junior Jillian Turner and senior Joel Rogier dance in one of the opening songs of Act II of the opera production "Die Fledermous." The production featured a cast of music and non-music majors.



3 Senior Cody Myers comes out dressed as a turkey during the annual Festival of Christmas production. Jokingly titled the "Festival of Thanksgiving" this year, the production fell just before Thanksgiving, since there was only one week of classes and finals after Thanksgiving.



"My favorite thing about the opera productions is the fact that we all grow to be a little family. Everyone supports each other and is constantly encouraging one another."

-Jillian Turner, vocal performance major, Fort Worth, Texas



1 The cast of the musical "Guys and Dolls" look on as senior Timothy Drennan's character rolls the dice during the number "Luck Be a Lady."

2 Junior Josh Wayne and sophomore Chad Burris perform in the production of the opera "Die Fledermaus."

3 Seniors Caitlin Secret and Garrett Whitehead interact during the musical "Guys and Dolls."

4 Members of the show choir Ouachita Sounds perform a number during Festival of Christmas. In between numbers by Concert Choir, Sounds would perform festive song and dance numbers.



Top 3 Theatre Productions

-According to senior Grant Novak

1 Junior Tyler Wisdom and senior Jacob Sturgeon perform in one of the plays in the 10-Minute Play Festival. This play was a musical that revolved around the life of the Serbian-American inventor, Nikola Tesla.



2 The cast of "A Year With Frog and Toad" strikes a pose for its finale. The show followed characters Frog and Toad as they shared stories and events throughout a span of one year, featuring musical numbers to tell the story.



3 Junior Sarah Williams and freshman Kayla Walker perform in "By the Bog of Cots." A dark play, the story dealt with themes such as betrayal, love, mental stability, and even death.



"I'm so impressed with the talent of the theatre department, and how they can take on these characters' personalities and personas so well, to the point that I truly believe they are who they play."

-Katie Vaughn, mass communications major, Hot Springs

1 Sophomore Walter Dodd and seniors Sarah Davis and Cami Willis perform in one of the plays in the 10-Minute Play Festival. This play focused on Davis' character, who was a ghost hunter.

2 Freshman Abby Root and seniors Timothy Drennan and Joe Ochterbeck perform in "Anatomy of Gray." The play was performed in Verser Theatre as part of the theatre department's spring productions.

3 Junior Kathleen Suit performs in the "One Acts" in the fall. Different from most years, the "One Acts" were produced in both the fall and the spring.

4 Junior Sarah Williams performs as the lead role of Hester Swane in "By the Bog of Cots."



Garrett Whitehead Photo



Tyler Rosenthal Photo



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Junior Tyler Wisdom and sophomore Blakely Wise perform in the "One Acts" held in the fall. The "One Acts" were a collection of student-directed short plays. Students who directed chose their play, held auditions open to the student body and then ran rehearsals. Under the guidance of Dr. Daniel Inouye, the "One Acts" gave students a chance to truly dive into the art of acting.

Senior Kayla Esmond applies make-up in the Verser dressing room to prepare for her role in the 10-Minute Play Festival. Students put together productions and learned their lines in one night.



Garrett Whitehead Photo

Sophomores Garrett Sayers and Kendrick Scorza portray sledding down a snowy hill as Frog and Toad in "A Year With Frog and Toad." This production was the children's play for the year. Children from the local elementary schools attended the play.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Sophomores Kathleen Suit and Stacy Hawking perform in "Anatomy of Gray." The play was set in the small town of Gray, Indiana, and focused on the happenings of the townspeople when a new doctor arrives in town.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

A Variety Showcase

Theatre students kicked off their season of productions with the children's production of "A Year with Frog and Toad," a Tony Award-nominated children's musical based on Arnold Lobel's award-winning "Frog and Toad" children's books.

Kendrick Scorza, a sophomore musical theatre major from North Little Rock, Ark. played Toad in the production.

"The story truly epitomizes the meaning of friendship," Scorza said.

During the run of the "Frog and Toad" production, the Division of Theatre Arts hosted a Youth Theatre Workshop for children in the community. Those who participated in the workshop toured backstage, looked around on set, played theatre games and even met the characters that were a part of the show.

"My favorite thing about directing the children's show really is just watching the joy of these kids as they experience the magic of theatre," said Mary Handiboe, associate professor of theatre arts and director of the show.

Following the children's production was a modern interpretation of a Greek tragedy titled "By the Bog of Cats." The play followed the plot of Medea by Euripides.

"It was very dark and uneasy show to watch and perform due to the extreme circumstances of the plot," said Blaine Surber, a senior musical theatre major from Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Each individual in the show carried some sort of baggage that the actors had to portray. The cast also had to develop and use Irish accents for the show.

Surber was also a part of the One Act Play Festival hosted in December. Students directed the one-act performances as a part of a directing class.

"I was in the show 'Words, Words, Words' that was directed by Nicole Mattson (a senior musical theatre major from Rowlett, Texas)," Surber said. "I played a monkey named Milton and it was definitely a highlight of my performance career at OBU."



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

In the spring the students transitioned into "Anatomy of Gray," the story of June Muldoon and the relationship between the residents in the small town of Gray, Indiana. Aaron Pinion, a sophomore theatre arts major from Tulsa, Okla., had the opportunity to play Crutch Collins, a farmer in the town

of Gray. He and Tara Clem, a junior musical theatre major from Texarkana, Texas, who played his wife Belva Collins, decided to come up with a back-story to help develop their characters in the show.

To bring the whole student body together, the theatre department and the Theta Alpha Phi national honor fraternity for theatre arts hosted the 10-Minute Play Festival in March. Students of all majors auditioned for the shows on a Thursday night. On Friday, the casts rehearsed all night and then performed on Saturday.

Surber; Jordan Miller, a senior musical theatre major from Rockwall, Texas; and Shelby Spears, a sophomore English major from El Dorado, were the coordinators of the event.

Kayla Walker, a freshman musical theatre major from North Little Rock, Ark. appeared in shows such as "A Year With Frog and Toad," "By the Bog of Cats," as well as the "One Act" plays. "The greatest part about theatre," Walker explained, "is that you can use the gifts God has given you to perform good work that glorifies Him."

by Jessica Stewart

Reverend Gabriel Fabian, pastor for San Francisco Baptist Church in the Dominican Republic, delivers a sermon on being an authentic follower of Christ. Fabian has hosted numerous mission projects through First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. He also has a clear vision to start a Christian school for the needy served by his church.



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Mr. Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagement, begins Chapel with a welcome to students. Scripture, music and prayer usually preceded the Chapel speaker.



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Dr. Gary Gerber directs the Ouachita Singers choir during its Chapel performance in February.

Dr. Bruce Johnston, an adjunct guitar teacher for the School of Fine Arts Division of Music, plays a special piece during Chapel.



Kristen Barnard Photo

A Community Outlook

Since 1886, Chapel served as the one time a week where the entire campus was in the same room together, encompassing that true community that radiates across the grounds.

According to Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagement and presider over Chapel for the past 25 years, there were three areas of life that Chapel wanted to develop and address: the spiritual development of students, the cultural development of students and the fellowship or community aspect of the campus community.

As a Christian university, a Christian education was the cornerstone for every aspect of life on campus, including Chapel.

A normal Chapel service included an introduction from Cosh, worship in song provided by students and Dr. Rob Hewell, associate professor of music and director of the worship studies program, and a word from a speaker, structured much like a worship service.

"While OBU is not a church in the technical sense, the campus community certainly participates in practices that call upon us to take our faith very seriously," Hewell said. "One of those practices – worship – is an

important component of Ouachita's weekly Chapel experience. When we gather, we have opportunities to raise our voices in praise to God and proclaim great truths of Christianity."

This unification of the campus served to not only enlighten students spiritually, but to reflect the values of the university.

"Chapel falls into the public expression of faith and sends a strong signal to members of the Ouachita community that we share a common faith and common values that all serve to bind us together," Cosh said. "Although some programs are not strictly devotional in nature, the vast majority is definitely worshipful in nature and targeted at spiritual formation and encouragement."

The speakers at Chapel varied and included a diverse arrangement, including pastors, business professionals, campus instructors, drama and even mimes. Each speaker brought something unique to share with the student body to help them grow in the faith and expand boundaries.

"I really enjoy going to Chapel every week because I know that I can always expect something new and different," said Josh



Kristen Barnard Photo

Rubin, a sophomore biology major from Dallas, Texas. "Whether it's a missionary, a pastor, a professor or even a concert from the band or choir, I know that I will always be able to get something out of the message to apply to my life."

It was rare to find the entire campus in one place at one time, and with Chapel serving as one of those rare times, an opportunity arose to encourage community.

"Now that I'm a junior, Chapel has become something I look forward to each week," said Gracie Lundstrum, a junior mass communications major from Springfield. "The more you become involved in your major classes, you only see a select group of people. Chapel always gives me the opportunity to see people you may not get to see on a daily basis."

Chapel offered something unique for the student body: a time set aside to reflect, focus and foster community.

"In a larger context, when we show up in Chapel, we affirm each other's humanity and engage in a common experience that binds us together emotionally and spiritually," Cosh said.

by Jake Coffman

Top 3

Chapel Services

-According to freshman Kyle Osmon

1 The Ouachita Concert Band performs its annual Christmas concert at the last Chapel of the fall semester. The Concert Band performed arrangements of popular holiday tunes and closed with a singalong.



Kristen Bannard Photo

2 Senior Lauren McElyea strikes a pose during her introduction as a Homecoming Queen nominee during Homecoming Chapel. The Homecoming Queen nominees were escorted across stage and introduced.



Mesleau Kluck Photo

3 Alumnus Noah Mitchell leads worship during the Christian Focus Week Chapel service. This Chapel service flowed into the rest of the week, where services were held in JPAC every day.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

"Chapel is a unique time when the student body comes together not only to worship, but to hear a few words from prominent figures from the community, state, and even the nation."

-David Winkler, accounting major, Little Rock



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1 President Rex Horne delivers the convocation speech at the Convocation Chapel at the start of the school year. Every faculty member was present for this Chapel, dressed in their academic regalia.



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2 Sophomores Tim Cooper and Shelby Sutton lead worship during a Chapel service. Students were often asked to help in leading worship.

3 Mary Demuth, a professional speaker and writer for Compassion International, speaks during a Chapel service.

4 "New Creation Dance Company" performs during a Chapel service. The group was a faith-based dance company.

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Top 3 Class of 2014 Honors

1 Christopher Redmon provides part of the Scripture reading at Commencement. Redmon was one of four students from the Pruet School of Christian Studies with a 4.0 GPA. He was named the University's Overall Academic Achiever.



2 Tim Horton explains his Scholars Day project to fellow students. Horton graduated with a B.S. in Professional Chemistry and Physics. He was named Outstanding Senior Man by the faculty.



3 Lindsey Fowler smiles after receiving her diploma from Dr. Horne. Fowler graduated with a triple major in Political Science, Business Administration/Finance and History. She was named Outstanding Senior Woman by the faculty.



"Graduating was really surreal. Graduation marked the completion of many childhood dreams, yet marked the start of many new ones."

-Sara Honeycutt, biology and communication sciences and disorders major, Arkadelphia

1 Lola McClendon reacts to seeing family and friends during the Commencement procession.

2 Junior Mariah Miller plays with the Wind Ensemble during the procession. The band was directed by Dr. Craig Hamilton.

3 Johnathan Curry receives his diploma from Dr. Horne. Curry graduated with a B.A. in Accounting and Business Administration/Finance.

4 The Ouachita community gathers on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms Hall for the 127th Commencement. Degrees were awarded to 357 students.



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Jessica Stewart joins in the singing of the University Hymn, "See God's Light." The hymn was directed by Dr. Rob Hewell and accompanied by the Wind Ensemble.



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Garet West enjoys the moment as a Ouachita alumnus following Commencement. West, a native of Bolivar, Mo., served as president of the senior class and gave the invocation at Commencement.



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President Rex Horne addresses the graduates during Commencement on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms Hall. The Class of 2014 was the largest graduating class since the 1980s. Dr. Horne was joined on the platform by former Ouachita presidents Dr. Daniel R. Grant (seated) and Dr. Merrill Erod.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Benjamin Evan Malcom leaves the ceremony with his fellow graduates. Malcom was one of three students recognized at commencement for their commissions as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army.

Making a Different World

Though rain threatened throughout the week, moving the Senior Picnic an Thursday indoors, Saturday morning brought only cloud cover as the Ouachita community gathered for its 127th annual spring commencement on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms.

Awarding 357 degrees, it was the largest graduating class since the early 1980s.

In his remarks, President Rex Horne thanked the graduates for choosing Ouachita, and spoke of the university's strong commitment to academic and Christian excellence. With the graduation crowd seated on the campus lawn, Horne noted, "This is a visual reminder of our purpose at Ouachita as we are surrounded by academic buildings and Berry Chapel is right here beside us." He added, "It reminds us that we are a great university and that we are unapologetically Christian."

Horne emphasized to the students the importance and value of their Ouachita degree. "You do earn the degree that you're being awarded today," Horne noted. "Because of that I know that you all will bring appreciation and accolades upon the name of Ouachita, even from people who don't know anything about Ouachita yet...

But they're going to know you and see how you impact people and how you make a difference in whatever the Lord leads you to do. And because of that, Ouachita will have a part in that and you'll bring great credit to this name, Ouachita Baptist University."

In response to the commencement ceremony, graduate Meg Hart stated, "My favorite part was Dr. Horne's brief address to us. He inspired us to go and be difference makers beyond Ouachita, but to also remember the experiences we had at Ouachita."

"It was a day full of emotion for graduates, their families and the Ouachita community." "It was excellent," commented Hart. "While it was certainly to part ways with my Ouachita experience, I left feeling more proud than ever to have the privilege of being a Ouachitonian."

Reflecting back on her years at Ouachita, graduate Lindsey Folwer stated, "Our graduation day was an exciting event. Four years earlier we were welcomed into the Ouachita student body by Dr. Horne challenging us to learn what it means to be difference makers. And on graduation day, he encouraged us to

take what we had learned and share it with the rest of the world as difference makers representing Ouachita and Christ."

Fowler added, "It was a special time to celebrate our accomplishments with the friends, family and members of the Ouachita community who have supported us over the last four years."

Thirty-six graduates, 10 percent of the senior class, graduated summa cum laude (3.95 or higher GPA), 69 magna cum laude (3.75 GPA), and 61 cum laude (3.5 GPA). Also recognized at commencement were 18 graduates who completed the requirements for the Carl Goodson Honors Program, and 47 members of Alpha Chi national honor society.

Three students were recognized for their commission as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army. They were Benjamin Evan Malcom, Oscar Nicolos Mendoza and Daniel John Searles.

Serving as Commencement marshals were Dr. Scott Duvall and Dr. Roof Holaby. Honorary marshals were Dr. Ouida Keck and Dr. Bob Webster.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

by Dr. Deborah Ro...



AUGUST

Ouachita welcomes 390 new Tigers for Life in the Class of 2017. The students took the traditional class picture in their freshman beanies after the Tigers and Torches WOW event on Saturday, August 17th.

The Winter Olympics were hosted in Sachi, Russia, February 7-23. This was the first time that the Russian Federation hosted the Winter Olympics. Over \$51 billion went into preparing for and hosting the Winter Olympics. The United States won a total of 28 medals, with nine of those being gold.

FEBRUARY

The first OBU Glow Run was hosted Friday, April 4. The 5k was open to the entire Arkadelphia community. The event was a glow in the dark extravaganza and was a good opportunity for the community and the university to come together. Entry to the event was \$15 and proceeds went to an organization called PATH (Partners Against Trafficking Humans).



APRIL

An F-4 tornado devastated north central Arkansas on Sunday, April 27. Many families lost their homes completely or suffered severe damages. Over 70 homes were touched or destroyed by the tornado. The disaster resulted in a total of 34 casualties. The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered federal aid to supplement local and state recovery efforts in the area. Many students immediately responded to the natural disaster by volunteering their time in areas near Vilonia, Arkansas.

APRIL

A
YEAR
REVIEW
IN

SEPTEMBER

From October 1st through the 16th the United States Government entered a shutdown, The shutdown was a result of a funding gap when the two chambers of Congress had a disagreement about the Affordable Care Act. The United States Senate rejected a bill that would fund the government but delay the Affordable Care Act. During the shutout down approximately 800,000 federal employess were furloughed indefinitely and another 1.3 million were required to report to work without a known payment date. War veterans showed their protest of the shutdown by standing outside war memorials and national parks that were all closed during the shutdown. The 16 day shutdown marked the third longest government shutdown in United States history.

2013-2014

The Ouachita Student Foundation hosted the 35th Annual Tiger Tunes show October 4-6. OSF was proud to announce it had raised over \$1 million to go toward scholarships over the course of 35 years of successful Tiger Tunes shows. The show featured a vintage Tiger Tunes sign to celebrate the 35th anniversary. The Women of EEE were crowned Tiger Tunes Champions for the third year in a row.



OCTOBER



Spring Commencement for the class of 2014 was held on Saturday, May 10. After seniors walked the traditional "Senior Walk" through campus, they were seated on the Cone-Bottoms lawn where commencement was held. President Rex Horne delivered the commencement message and presented graduates their diplomas.

Sports





Competition. The thing that bonds us together or tears us apart. Sports, collegiate or intramural, are a huge part of any college campus and Ouachita is no exception. From tailgates and touchdowns to the women of EEE winning the first ever Battle of the Ravine powderpuff football game, from a 700th career win for women's basketball coach Garry Crowder to two Tigers Baseball players in the MLB draft, from a third GAC championship win for the men's tennis team to the first championship game for intramural innertube water polo - all of these things come together to make the

Ouachita State of Mind.



Beta Black player senior Ryan Tibbets goes up for a ball in a regular season matchup against Fog Blue. The two teams traded wins during the season and both games were very close. Beta Black was the champions beating Prestige World Wide in the championship game, 38-37.

Freshman Devin Austin is guarded closely by senior Brooks Burlison. Burlison's team, Tune Squad, finished the regular season undefeated and made it to the championship game. Austin's team, Kappo Phat, finished the season at 3-3 and lost in the first round of the playoffs.



Senior Mitchell Kelley drives down the lane against True Breed. Kelley, a point guard for Beta Black, worked as a referee for three years. Basketball had one of the highest participation rates of all the intramural sports, and drew big crowds for every game. There was fierce competition at every level.

Senior Zach Smith controls the ball in a water polo game. Water polo, in its second year, was a very popular sport among the students. New goals were purchased in April and the sport was brought back for a full season this year. Team participation increased dramatically.



Senior Kyle Fischer scores a run during intramural softball. Fischer was a member of Blood Bath and Beyond, which had teams in every intramural sport and a huge fan base.



Garet West throws a pass the run against Beta Black. West led his team, Fog Blue, at the quarterback position.

Football Champions: Men's Lower-Beta Blue Men's Upper-Beta Black

Soccer Champions: Coed: The Big Green Women's: Terror-Dactyls

Basketball Champions: Mens Lower-Beta Doo Doo Heads

Women's Lower-Cherry Pickers Women's Upper-EEE Upper Water Polo: Aca Aca

LEARNING

The Way

A new rugby club was started, water polo became a full-time sport and Taylor Ogden became Arkansas's first full-time athletic trainer for intramural sports. The Rec Life staff took the new leagues far beyond just flag football and basketball.

For Josh Fritz, a sophomore Christian studies major from Siloam Springs, rugby has been a part of his life since he was in middle school.

"I've been watching rugby and playing pickup games since I was in 7th grade," Fritz said.

Fritz, a transfer from John Brown University, didn't get to play the sport officially until he joined a club team at JBU. In the fall, he transferred to Ouachita and with him he brought his love for the game.

"I had heard that OBU used to have a team and I wanted to bring the sport back for the students. I worked with Jason Bean to get the word out and pretty soon we began practice," Fritz said.

By April, the team was big enough to have a scrimmage with Harding University and played the Bisons very closely.

"We ended up only losing by one try,

which is roughly the equivalent of a touch-down," Fritz said.

Fritz took his love for the game and wanted to transfer that to campus.

"I just love the sport of rugby, I love the camaraderie that comes with it, the skill, the teamwork and the brotherhood that a team can develop. I really just wanted to teach a few guys here and hopefully get a club started," Fritz said.

Intramural water polo was also a relatively new sport, and was beginning to take hold. In its second year, the sport went from experimental to full-fledged spring league.

"We found out about water polo from one of our assistant directors, who was from Oklahoma State where the sport was very popular," said Jason Bean, the director for intramurals. "We decided to give the sport a test run last year, as an exhibition sport with a shorter season and no playoffs."

The sport took off and the staff decided to bring it back for another season as a full spring league.

"People loved watching it, loved playing it, so we brought it back this year. We got some better goals and really began to look more official with the sport. We saw a big jump in the number of teams as well," Bean

said.

One of the biggest developments for the intramural department was the addition of a full-time trainer to the staff.

"We are the only school in Arkansas to offer a full-time trainer and are probably some of the first in the country," Bean said. Taylor Ogden, a graduate of Henderson State was offered the job in the summer and began working in the fall.

"My position is actually more of a pilot or study to see if there really is a need for an athletic trainer in intramural sports," Ogden said. "It's really been a great experience to work with the rec sports staff. I feel like they are like a second family to me."

Through just the first year of training, Ogden saw the importance of an intramural trainer.

"Hopefully other schools will see the need for a trainer on the intramural staff. I have seen a lot of injuries this year, and the need for a trainer is very real," Ogden said.

With the addition of new sports and staff positions, intramurals sports took on a whole new look as it became bigger than ever.

by Ben Cline

Women's: Terror-Dactyls

Baseball Champions: Amateur-Border Patrol

Competitive-West Side Out

Men's Middle-Andrew Dropped the Ball

Men's Upper-Big Lexi Ballers

51 Intramurals Sports

Softball Champions:

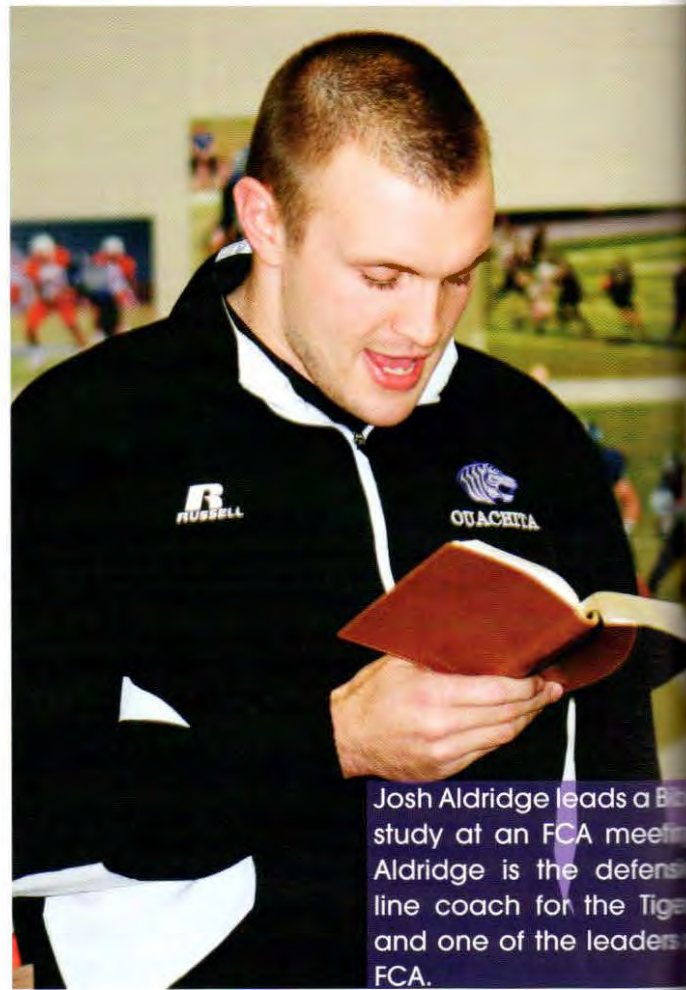
Coed Lower-The Great

Coed Upper-Black Sox

Men's Lower-Lightning Cats



Kendall Calvert and Myriah Miller enjoy a game of foosball at an FCA meeting. Students used the meetings to relax and reflect in fellowship. FCA had multiple speakers throughout the year, as well as having small group Bible studies.



Josh Aldridge leads a Bible study at an FCA meeting. Aldridge is the defensive line coach for the Tiger football team and one of the leaders of FCA.

Drew White pays close attention during an FCA Meeting. White, a junior from Van Buren, Ark., was a member of the Tiger football team. The FCA program allowed for students to reflect on God's word and study the Bible with other athletes. The meetings gave a much needed break for the athletes on Ouachita's campus during their respective seasons.

The FCA group looks on as Micah May speaks. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes club met throughout the year in various locations. Athletes from all of Ouachita's sports were a part of the club.



Gracie Lundstrum Photo



Josh May talks with the members of FCA at a meeting. May is the regional director for the FCA program and was a guest speaker for the night.

Freshman Clay Whaley pays close attention as the FCA meeting progresses. FCA had speakers and students lead the meetings and Bible studies. Most of the meetings were held in the football field house.

Student athletes listen to a guest speaker. FCA had multiple speakers throughout the year, as well as having small group Bible studies.

BUILDING Fellowship

Each Wednesday night at 8 p.m., if you were to make your way down to the football field, house you might find more than a few committed football players. Students of various sports and some non-athletes all gathered together and met as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

FCA was led by a team of one or two athletes from almost every sport as well as coaches Todd Knight, Ricky Rogers and Josh Aldridge. They planned and recruited for the Wednesday night meetings.

"We meet up, hang out and discuss things in the Bible that are relevant to any student-athlete," said Kyle Lamothe, a junior Christian studies and Christian theology major from New Ibera, La.

During the fall semester, the club went through the "I Am Second" video series. After watching a coach or athlete give their testimony in the video, everyone broke up into groups led by the leadership team to discuss what they had learned.

"I really enjoyed the 'I Am Second' videos and hearing from athletes and coaches that all had different backgrounds," said Spencer Knight, an FCA leader and senior business administration and management major from Arkadelphia. "Tony Dungy and Josh Hamilton were two that really stuck

out to me. Tony talked about his uncommon approach to coaching and relying on God through failures and adversity. Josh talked about his struggle with substance abuse and alcohol and finding Christ amidst the pain. Both made for great discussion."

The club also invited guest speakers to lead a few meetings. Speakers included Micah May, head of FCA in South Central Ark, Jimmy Darby, youth minister at First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia and Robert Upshaw from Arkansas Baptist High School in Little Rock.

In February, a group of student athletes attended the FCA college retreat in Malvern.

"We had a great time. We ate barbecue, had worship and played games Friday night and Saturday morning. It gave us a chance to interact and fellowship with athletes from different schools across the state," Knight said.

The club put an emphasis on fun and teaching from God's word.

"FCA's goal is to provide an outlet for athletes to grow in their faith by learning from each other in their respective sports and how to be leaders for Christ on their teams," said Aldridge, director of FCA and assistant football coach. "The only requirement is to bring a great attitude and an open heart," Aldridge said.

Aldridge's journey with FCA started before he joined the Tiger coaching staff.

"I was also the president of FCA in high school," Aldridge said. "That introduced me to the organization."

But most of all, Aldridge was passionate about FCA because of his love for Jesus.

"My hope for FCA is that it will grow to be a fixture on OBU's campus as a group who will help in the community and be the backbone of OBU Athletics' mission to honor God in athletics," Aldridge said.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes had core values such as integrity, serving, teamwork and excellence. It was a passion for all athletes to demonstrate these qualities in their lives on and off the court, field, pool, gym, course, arena or mat.

"It definitely helps build community among all the sports and athletes here at Ouachita," said Kelsi Bodine, a senior history major from Webb City, Mo.

Another purpose for the club was to form a unity between students and athletes.

FCA gave attendees the opportunity to put aside their sport or activity and gather together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

by Jessica Stewart



Front Row: Kasey McLeane, Abby Engelkes, Rebekah Ward, Crista Riggs; **Back Row:** Grace Finley, Parish Reed, Ashley Randels, Coach Mike McGhee, Johanna Casey, Hannah Diaz, Katie Cunningham

The cross-country Tigers warm up for their first race of the year. The girls competed in six races and traveled all over the south, ending the year with a sixth place finish at the GAC championships. The runners placed high in all their competitions, but placed highest at the Ozark College Invitational, where they earned a third place finish overall with Ouachita placing five runners in the top 15.



Kelsey Bond Photo



Kelsey Bond Photo

Johanna Casey congratulates Kaitie Cunningham on finishing her first college race. From freshmen to seniors, the team was a close knit group.

Kasey McLeane and Rebekah Ward push toward the finish at the Bob Gravett invitational. The race was a fundraiser to help the girls take a trip to the Gulf Coast Stampede held in Pensacola, Florida. The team not only raised the money, but won the Invitational as well.



Kelsey Bond Photo

Senior Rebekah Ward distances herself from the pack at the Bob Gravett Invitational. In her last home race, Ward helped the Tigers place first. At the GAC Championships, Ward finished with a time of 20:33.9.



Kelsey Bond Photo



Freshman Abby Engelkes in stride at the Bob Gravett Invitational. This race took place on OBU's campus.

Bob Gravett Invitational: 1st

Gulf Coast Stampede: 7th

Ozark College: 5th

Chillie Pepper Invitational: 23rd

Mississippi Choctaw: 5th

UNITED

Individually

Waking up early and running miles on end. Out-running opponents and fighting their lungs for breath. Long trips, late practices and constant injuries; such was the life of the cross-country team. The team traveled all over the south and competed in six races.

The team began the season with the Bob Gravett Invitational hosted on campus. Although two girls were sick and unable to compete, the girls finished in first place as a team.

The competition was a fundraiser for the team and paid for the team's trip to Pensacola, Fla., for the Gulf Coast Stampede.

Division 1 and Division 2 schools were represented at the Gulf Coast Stampede meet, and the team placed seventh overall. "It's a great course. It's also just time where we can build team bonding," said Johanna Casey, a senior kinesiology and fitness major from Lowell.

After Pensacola, the team had a weekend of rest before the Ozark Invitational. While the team placed third, Coach Mike McGhee described it as, "the weekend it all tumbled and I mean actually tumbled."

Casey was in the lead and stepped in a hole causing her to fall. The team finished

the race with five runners in the top 15. From that race on, the team experienced various injuries and illness. By the time the team traveled to the Mississippi College Choctaw Open, only six of the 10 runners were able to compete.

In the midst of injury and sickness, the girls stood by each other during the meets. Abby Engelkes, a freshman pre-dentistry major from Canway, was one of two freshmen on the team. "I was kind of nervous when I joined, but your worries fade as soon as you meet these girls. There's no classification levels; you couldn't tell a senior from a freshman. We're all that close. Everyone gets along no matter what," said Engelkes. "Everyone's so humble. They're just people you want to be around. They're definitely friends I want to keep."

To end the season, the team ran in the GAC Championship in Russellville, finishing in sixth place. "It was a perfect day for a race," said Ashley Randels, a junior early childhood education major from Rogers. "It was a big enough race that there was always a girl to compete with, but you weren't having to push people to stay on the course."

The race was held at Arkansas Tech University and consisted of two laps around the

course.

As her final cross-country season came to an end, Casey said, "With every single girl, I just feel like Christ is radiating through them. You can see Him working in their lives, and I think because of that we will retain these friendships for a long time."

Strong relationships were not the only thing that kept the team going. The girls also spent time training for meets in various ways. Coach McGhee's practices included running, sprinting and swimming. The girls also had to find time in their schedules to train beyond the set practice time. "It's your own discipline and putting your own time into (training) so you can get out of it what you want," Casey said. "Also, it allows a lot of freedom and choice in what you do; it was really fun to change up my training and see what worked for my body and have the freedom in that."

Through team dinners and road trips to meets, the team bonded. "They are all self-driven individuals and must be to a degree to be a cross-country runner. But yet they care more about their teammates than they do themselves," McGhee said.

by Mauri Sparks



<http://www.obu.edu/crosscountry>
Scan for more information
on the OBU Cross Country
team.



The squad builds a formation on the sidelines during a football game. Football season was one of the most involved times of the year for the cheer squad. "Between tailgates, games and the early morning Battle of the Ravine pep rally, I'm not sure how I had time for anything else," said freshman speech communication major Devin Austin.



The spirit squad stuns during a time out of a men's basketball game in Bill Vining Area.

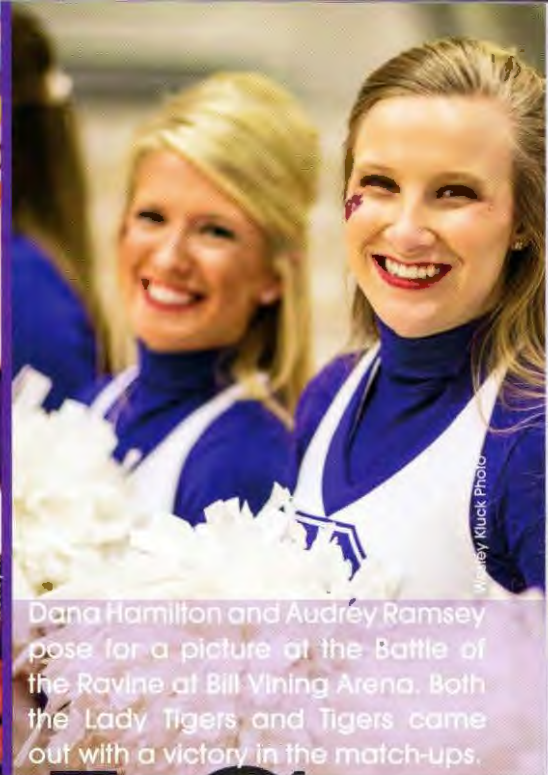
The squad prepares to introduce the men's basketball team at the final Battle of the Ravine of the season. Abbey Little, a freshman mass communication major, said, "The spirit squad was a great way to get involved as a freshman, and I loved cheering for various Ouachita teams."



Scan for more information on the OBU Spirit Squad

Front Row: Mariah Gough, Audrey Ramsey, Kyaira Flagg, Krista Carlisle, Victoria Williams, Lauren Teague; **Second Row:** Elizabeth White, Colleen Owen, Rylee Schwaller, Dana Hamilton, Kaitlyn Jackson; **Third Row:** Sarah Jeffrey, Becca Mitchell, Julianna Haward, Abbey Little, Ali Kinsey, Hollan Van Horn; **Back Row:** Cody Osburn, Devin Austin, Dawson Pritchard, Parker Flemmons, Matthew Callier





Jackson helps lead a cheer during the game at a basketball game. The squad got the crowd pumped during every play in action during home basketball

The spirit squad lines up behind the camera at the Battle of the Ravine Pep Rally. KATV Channel 7 news broadcast its Daybreak show from A.U. Williams Field.

Dana Hamilton and Audrey Ramsey pose for a picture at the Battle of the Ravine at Bill Vining Arena. Both the Lady Tigers and Tigers came out with a victory in the match-ups.

LEADING *the* CHEERING

For the Spirit Squad, the season started far before school in the fall. Those interested in becoming part of the team attended a three-day clinic at the end of April the previous year. There they learned a cheer, dance and fight song, made up their own choreography, showed their tumbling skills and concluded the process with a practice interview with the judges.

"I thought cheering would be a great way to get involved with the school and be a really good experience," said Sarah Jeffrey, a freshman communication sciences and disorders major from Camden.

Once the new team was chosen, they went right to work to prepare for the upcoming year full of football games, basketball games, pep rallies and performances. They attended several practices during the spring and camp at the end of July.

"Cheer camp is one of the hardest parts of the entire year. We learned at least 15 new routines, tons of new stunts and the majority of camp was spent running and conditioning," said Jeffrey. "But after it was all said and done, we all felt very accomplished."

The time for the start of the fall semester rolled around and the team moved back to campus early. The Spirit Squad began pre-

paring for the upcoming year.

"The craziest thing we had to do during practice one day was run timed laps around the parking lot with the huge OBU flags from football games for conditioning," said Jeffrey. "We still joke about how weird we must have looked to people passing by."

The Spirit Squad's debut was at the first pep rally held for the very first home football game which was later in September than usual. Many members agreed that was one of their favorite memories. They loved being able to show their school spirit and support along with the football team and fellow classmates.

Throughout the season, some of the football games became downpours. However, the squad supported its team with enthusiasm no matter what the weather conditions happened to be. They were also prepared to travel and cheer the team on at the Heart of Texas Bowl game in December until it was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

"One of my favorite experiences from this year was cheering at Battle of the Ravine for both football and basketball. Both games were so intense and exciting. Rushing the court after winning the basketball game by one point was really fun," said Krista Carlisle, a senior accounting major from Searcy.

"One of the coolest new traditions for

basketball is the game where everyone dresses crazy and we have to stay quiet until the tenth point," said Cody Osborn, a sophomore Christian studies major from Alexander. "It was so hard to stay quiet for so long, but when we finally got those points, the sound of everyone cheering was exhilarating. You couldn't even hear yourself speak because it was so loud."

The 2013-2014 senior captains, Corlisse and Elizabeth White, a senior math education major from Searcy, both cheered on the squad for at least three years.

"The best parts about cheering for so many years have been the friendships I gained with the members of the squad, representing Ouachita at nationals in Orlando and of course the big games against Henderson," White said.

The Spirit Squad not only provided support for athletic events, but friendships and strength for each member.

"Cheering has definitely taught me determination, whether it is through the constant running, trying to stick new stunts or just getting to know the team members," Osborn said.

by Abbey Little



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Alaine Weatherford, Megan Graves and Garrett Lee play the euphoniums at Oct-Tiger Fest. The Tiger marching band played at every home football game and numerous pep rallies throughout the football season. The band arrived at school several days early to begin learning songs and routines.

Julie Nessler and Carter Harlan perform at a pep rally. The band kept the Homecoming Crow entertained with a variety of musical performances that drew from a variety of influences. The marching band drum line was led by Dr. Ryon Lewis, assistant professor of music.



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Will Combs plays the trumpet in a halftime performance at the Homecoming game. Combs, a freshman science major from Jessieville, Ark., was one of 30 new freshmen in a band with 42 upperclassmen. Beginning in August, the band began practice to prepare for the upcoming season.

Kaela Butler, a sophomore early childhood education major from Lincoln, Ark., plays the clarinet during halftime at a football game. Fellow clarinet players Crista Riggs and Megan Massey, earned second place and honorable mention, respectively, at the MTNA Young Artist Performance Competition.



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Justin Massey plays tuba at a halftime performance at A.U. Williams Field



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Tiger Steel performs at halftime in a November 9 match-up against the University of Arkansas at Monticello. New to the band this year, the steel drum section brought a fresh sound to the band's carnival style performance. Tiger Steel, directed by Dr. Ryan Lewis, specialized in the performance of calypso and soca music.

REINVENTING *A New Era*

The audience cheered as conga lines of musicians wound their way onto the field. Steel pans appeared, dancers on stilts paraded in front of the audience and students limboed to the Latin and Caribbean tunes of the marching band.

As the marching band danced and paraded onto the field during their carnival-themed halftime show, a movement of reinvention sombaed its way throughout the marching band program under the new direction of Dr. Craig Hamilton. Although he continued to write drill and music for marching bands and work with high school groups around the state, Hamilton, who serves as professor of music and director of bands, had not directed a marching band in 17 years. With Hamilton came not just new leadership, but new attitudes and expectations.

"I tried to make marching band more efficient and less time consuming. I also tried to make it as fun as possible," Hamilton said.

Working with percussion director Dr. Ryan Lewis and drum major Brent Nessler, a senior music performance major from Rowlett, Texas, Hamilton strived to create a

more spirited and more organized ensemble and not waste any of the band members' time.

"I really admire his work ethic, his efficiency and his attitude," Nessler said. "We cut down on practices to just two days a week and still accomplished everything we needed to get done."

Chelsea Villonueva, a junior music education major from Rogers, said, "The weekly schedule, where he told us everything we were going to get done, just shows the huge amount of clear communication we had."

Zachary Barber, a sophomore music education major from Mansfield, Texas, also agreed, adding, "He took it more seriously, but still made it fun."

Further aiding Hamilton's goal of reinventing the marching band was a large increase in the number of freshmen who joined the program. Along with 42 upper-classmen, Hamilton worked with 30 new freshmen during the season.

"We wouldn't have had a marching band without the freshmen. They did a great job and came a long way from the first rehearsal," Hamilton said. Working together to create a crowd-pleasing and crowd-involving show, the marching band built friendships with its new members, which,

according to Hamilton, helped to create a better marching band in future years.

Megan Mossey, a senior music education major from Fort Worth, Texas, explained the role the freshmen had in the trumpet section, half of which was made up of new members.

"We all bonded really well," Massey said. "The new freshmen helped create a new atmosphere within the band."

With new members and new leadership, the marching band set out to not just entertain the audience, but to be a part of the school spirit as well.

"We added the steel drum ensemble and invited the crowd to come party on the track," said Justin Massey, a senior music education major from Azle, Texas.

The marching band's carnival-themed show also featured plenty of dancing, colorful costumes and even people parading around on stilts.

Conga lining and sambaing through the season, the marching band experienced a new wave of reinvention. Under Hamilton's direction, the band, including its new members, marked the season as the beginning of a new era for school spirit and entertaining performances.

by Robert DeSoto



Scan for more information on the OBU Football team.

An aerial view of the 87th Battle of the Ravine. Over 9,000 fans attended the game that would go to three overtimes and end with a score of 52-60 in favor of Henderson. The two teams combined for 112 points and over 1000 yards of total offense. Jalen Jones said the game was unlike any other. "The game didn't end in our favor, but I think we'd all agree that it was one of the greatest games any of us have been a part of."

Chris Rycrow looks up as Benson Jordan leads the way. Rycrow averaged over 100 yards rushing per game in 2013.

Front Row: Left to Right: Augustine Ume-Ezeoke, Chris Rycrow, Greg Williams, Antwion Patterson, Avery Lynch, Corey Johnson, Head Coach Todd Knight, Rickey Brown, Jackson Guerra, Coleb Romsey, Clark Gaddis, Alex Poole, Tyler Robinson; **Second Row:** Chayse Brown, Kendrick Henderson, Jacob Edge, Jalen Jones, Ke'Vantoe Pope, Ty Towers, Drew White, Benjamin Cole, Devon Cousins, Evian Hill, Lucas Reed, Austin Warford, Jeremy Small, Benson Jordan, Stephen Neal, Jesse Stone, Justin Janes; **Third Row:** Travis Siman, Kendall Bruce, Steven Kehner, Jaalen Watkins, Etauj Allen, Spencer Knight, Aaron Garrett, Donovan Bausley, Mark Bulliner, Devin Price, Zack Mitchell, Blake Johnson, Andre Marman, Matt Mainiero, Gerald Warner, Kyle Varster; **Fourth Row:** Jacob Clark, Kyle Lamothe, Desmond Shaw, Brandon Marks, Johnathan Boyce, Waymon Johnson Jr., Ovie Urevbu, Dian Young, Eric Ashburn, Devin Ball, Justin Rose, Dave Fair, Javin Prunty, Josh Hall, James Nuells; **Fifth Row:** Elijah Ramsey, Riley Wilson, Jacob Engel, Brannon Kotch, Hal Hoggard, Chase Whitaker, Andrew Ingram, Bradley Root, Michael Rogers, Roderick Ingram, Michael Russell, Tyler FASTER, Jed Beach, Brett Calhoun; **Sixth Row:** Jordan Sharp, Aaron Sprinkle, Mitch Bledsoe, Justin Avery, Jake Kraus, Jay Patrick, Alex Armfield, Jordan McGee, Johnathan Powell, Ryan Perkins, Brett James, George Hutsan, Cannon Burkhalter; **Back Row:** LaVonte Thomas, Gary Fortney, Mitch Word, Tyree Gray, Lane Pearce, Barkley Legens, Clay Patrick, Gerald Watson, Ed Haad, Matthew Ehasz, Ryan Newsam, Andrew Gendi





Augustine Ume-Ezoke (1), Andrew Gendi (39), Dion Young (47) and Dave Fair (56) bring down Harding's D'Nico Jackson-Best (34). The Tiger defense held opponents to an average of 24 points per game in 2013.



Steven Kehner breaks into the open field against North Western OK State. Kehner would return the opening kickoff for an 89 yard touchdown. The junior from Glen Rose, Ark. rushed for 636 yards in 2013.



Aaron Sprinkle (76) and Brent Calhoun (74) keep Theodis Williams (95) out of the backfield. The Tigers totaled 4273 yards of offense in the 2013 season.

EARNING *Respect*

Respect was something earned, something that must be demanded. The football team came into the season determined to earn this respect.

The football team was the only team in Arkansas to have six consecutive winning seasons. They also took the number four ranked Reddies to three overtimes in the Battle of the Ravine game, and 15 players received post-season honors.

Coach Todd Knight and the rest of the coaching staff believed that the team was ready to for a run at the conference championship.

"We really had high expectations for post-season play, whether it was the playoffs or a bowl game," Coach Knight said.

Chris Rycraw, a senior running back and kinesiology major from Bryant, Ark., had high expectations for himself and the team as well. "My expectations for myself were getting first team All GAC, getting post season All American, and for the team going 10-0 and post season play," he said.

The team hit the ground running, coming up with wins in their first five games. They scored an average of 38.8 points a game

and held opponents to only 16.6.

The senior class was ready to leave their mark as Tigers, and Coach Knight said his seniors were some of the best to come through the program. "This group of seniors is not only super talented, All Conference, All American football players. This group of guys are going to graduate and be successful dads, husbands, guys that are going to make a difference in their community," Knight said.

As the season wore on, the team experienced two losses against Harding and Southern Arkansas University, losing by an average of 5.5 points over the two games. The team bounced back, however, and came up with a dominating 35-10 performance over UA-Monticello.

Finally, the Battle of the Ravine arrived. The Reddies were undefeated coming into the game, and the team was looking to change that. The stage was set, and the 87th Battle of the Ravine was one that would go down in history.

Jalen Jones, a junior wide receiver and business administration and marketing major from Conway, Ark., said the atmosphere was unlike any other. "Everyone's

emotions were high, as it was what we thought was our last game with the chance to knock off a top five team in the nation," Janes said.

Three overtimes and 112 points later, the game ended 60-52 in favor of the Reddies.

The Tigers were invited to play in the Heart of Texas Bowl, which was scheduled for Dec. 7, but was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Those receiving post-season honors included: GAC First Team - Chris Rycraw, Aaron Sprinkle, Etaj Allen; Second Team - Antwion Patterson, Steven Kenneer, Kyle Vorster, Augustine Ume-Ezeake, Greg Williams, Spencer Knight, Johnathan Powell, Kyle Vorster; Honorable Mention - Drew White, Clark Gaddis, Matthew Ehasz, Zack Mitchell.

There were many accomplishments the Tigers took away from this season, but perhaps the most important was the pride and respect this team achieved. It was not something that was asked for, not something given. Respect was something this team demanded, went out and earned.

by Ben Cline



Front Row: Emily Anderson, Ashley Wake, Anna LeTorneau, Anna Holcomb, Brandi Armfield; **Second Row:** Kelsi Bodine, Keely Hawk, Faith Avalas, Chelsey Hess, Tara Wait, Conley Harrison; **Back Row:** Savannah White, Lauren Perry, Stephanie Pollnow, Kelly Ballard, Julie Stanley, Abby Pickett, Joyrne Shell

Kelly Ballard (7) spikes the ball over Henderson's Sarah Williams (8). The Lady Tigers were undefeated against HSU, facing them two times. Ballard, a junior from Grand Prairie, Texas, recorded 85 spikes in the 2013 season.



Left: Chelsey Hess serves the ball in an October match. The Lady Tigers totaled 2,190 points in the entire season. Hess, a junior from Conway, Ark., recorded 460 digs in the season. Chelsey was named the Great American Conference defensive player of the week for her performance at the Pitt State Invitational.

Tara Wait sets the ball in a Battle of the Ravine match up in October. Wait totaled 78 kills and was named the Great American Conference setter of the week twice in the 2013 season. The junior from White Oak, Texas, totaled 817 assists and averaged 9.50 assists per set.



The Lady Tigers huddle up before a match against University of Arkansas at Monticello. The girls finished the regular season with a 15-11 record and a 8-6 record in conference play.



Stephanie Pollnow (15) Abby Pickett (24) after block a volley against Henderson State.



Missouri Southern State: 2-3	Pittsburg State: 3-0	Quincy Univ.: 3-1
Philander Smith: 3-0	OK Panhandle State: 3-0	SAU: 3-2
Texas Southern: 1-3	SAU: 1-3	Texas A&M Commerce: 0-3

SEVENTH UP

The Foundation

A team was only as good as its players, and those players were only as good as the focus they put into the game. Keeping their heads in the game and sporting the right state of mind, the Lady Tigers finished with a winning record.

Starting the season at the Pitt State Invitational in Pittsburgh, Kan., the team fell to their first opponent, Missouri Southern State University, but quickly gained momentum, finishing the tournament with three wins against Pittsburgh State University, Quincy University and Missouri Western State University.

The team took on the Lady Reddies across the ravine twice, once on the home court and once on the Reddie court. The team took home a win both times, taking the Lady Reddies to three games at the home game and four games on the Reddie court.

"It felt amazing beating Henderson," said Kelly Ballard, a junior biology and psychology major from Bedford, Texas. "It's always great beating your rivals because both teams played their hardest and there are always a crazy amount of fans. This is one of the oldest college rivalries and it feels great because you feel like a part of some-

thing, participating in it."

Allison Frizzell, once a Lady Tiger herself, took on the position of assistant coach under the direction of head coach Danny Prescott. Frizzell said she felt very blessed to have been given the position, and learned a lot being on the other side of the net.

"I am very blessed to have this opportunity that Coach Prescott has given me to work with this team and him as first a coach and a mentor," said Frizzell. "I have learned so much. For example, I have learned about the financial situations, different motivational techniques and the time and effort it takes to get prepared for games, such as filming and gaming strategies."

At the GAC Tournament that rounded out the season, the team took Southwestern Oklahoma State to five games, finally beating them 16-14 in the fifth game. In their second match of the tournament against Harding University, they took the Lady Bison to five games, but fell in the fifth game, 10-15.

"Our goal was to win conference, but I could not be more proud of our performance in the GAC Tournament," said Kelsi Bodine, a senior history and political science major from Webb City, Mo. "We played our hearts out against Harding in that semi-final match

and proved just how much potential our team has. I think with being such a young team, OBU volleyball will find itself playing for those top two or three spots in conference next year and I look forward to watching that."

Over the course of the season, Tara Wait, a junior studio art major from White Oak, Texas, was awarded the GAC setter of the week twice, once after the Pitt State Invitational and once after winning against Northwestern Oklahoma State and Southwestern Oklahoma State.

Chelsey Hess, a junior history major from Conway, was awarded defensive player of the week after the Pitt State Invitational.

With a 16-12 overall record and an 8-6 conference record, Frizzell considered the season a "solid foundation for the next years to come."

"We have a very young team as opposed to the last few years where we had more upperclassmen playing on the court previously," said Frizzell. "It was a unique year because we went further in the conference tournament. I'm very excited about the talented group of girls I have on the team."

by Jake Coffman



Scan for more information on the OBU Volleyball team.

Western: 3-1	Lyon College: 3-0		
Arkansas Tech: 1-3	Southern Nazarene: 1-3		
Northwest OK State: 3-1	Southwestern OK State: 3-2	HSU: 3-0	
UAM: 3-1	HSU: 3-2	Southwestern OK State: 3-2	Harding: 2-3

16-12



Scan for more information on the OBU Women's Soccer team.



Sarah Broyles kicks the ball into play. Broyles, a senior from Longview, Texas, was named goal keeper of the week twice.

Haley Hatcher pushes the ball up field against East Central University. Hatcher was named Great American Conference offensive player of the year. Haley ended the season with 19 goals, and 53 shots on goal.

Front Row: Natalie Batres, Audrey Rodriguez, Sarah Luttrell, Katy Alexander, Barrett Gay, Sammie Mack, Barbara Pascale; **Second Row:** Dina Harper, Abby Emanuel, Sarah Broyles, Kaitlin Asher, Haley Hatcher, Bryson Rial; **Back Row:** Madison Trussell, Tristan Mazzu, Jessica Allen, Morgan Pitchford, Morgan Allen, Tessa Woodcock, Megan Clay



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Stephanie Pascale (4) heads the ball towards the goal against Harding University. The team finished the Great American Conference season with seven players named to the All GAC first and second teams.



Morgan Pitchford passes the ball up field. Pitchford was selected for the GAC First Team.



Morgan Allen (22) launches the ball as Jessica Allen (16) looks on. The Allen sisters were from Sparks, Nev.

S E N I O R S

New Standards

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In the world of team sports, what makes a great season? For the Lady Tigers soccer team lead by coach Keith Wright, assistant coach Neal Ozmun and new assistant coach, Marquis Muse, it could mean a number of things. If you asked all three seniors, two juniors, five sophomores and 10 freshmen who made up the team, they would each have a similar answer. "We had so many more fans show up to cheer us on this season and I think that helped us play harder and as a result, win," said Morgan Pitchford a senior biology major from Columbia, Mo. "I don't think athletes can express just how much fans help our spirit on the field."

The new addition of sheltered bleachers at the soccer fields could have been one reason Lady Tiger fans came out more than ever, but the numbers could not be attributed to comfortable seating alone. The effort, passion for the game, sportsmanship, and talent shown by the entire team were just what it took to draw fans down to the fields.

Boasting a record of 11-6-1, the best record held by the Lady Tigers in years, seniors Jessica Allen, a history major from Little Rock, Pitchford, and Sarah Brayles, a kinesiology major from Longview, Texas, agreed that their lost chapter as collegiate

soccer players was one to be proud of.

For Broyles, the season was not how she would have imagined it. For the first time in her four years as a member of the soccer team, Brayles found herself playing goalkeeper. Goalkeeper was not a position that was her first choice, but one that would earn her conference-wide recognition. Broyles earned Goalkeeper of the Week honors twice and finished the season ranked 13th in the nation.

At the conclusion of the season, seven players were named all-conference, which was a conference best. Among the seven players was Haley Hatcher, a sophomore mass communications major from Maumelle, who was also awarded offensive player of the year.

Hatcher was also named First Team All-GAC, ranking in the top five nationally in three offensive categories including total goals scored, goals per game and total points. Hatcher was also a two-time GAC Offensive Player of the Week.

Pitchford and Tesso Wookcock, a freshman communication sciences and disorders major from Keller, Texas, joined Hatcher on the all conference first team.

Broyles, Kaitlin Asher, a freshman biology major from Fort Worth, Texas, Morgan Allen, a sophomore communication sciences and

disorders major from Sparks, Nev. and Dina Harper, a freshman pre-physical therapy major from League City, Texas, were all named second team all conference. Asher started in 14 games as a freshman, and Harper played in 15.

The last game of the season was also Senior Day. Three Lady Tiger seniors were honored. Jessica Allen played four years with the team, scoring 19 goals and seven assists in 65 games. Sarah Broyles also played with the Lady Tigers for four years and recorded 84 saves. She ended the season ranked 14th in the nation in save percentage. Morgan Pitchford spent four years on the team and ended with 14 career goals, nine assist, and five game-winning goals. In the game, the girls shut out East Central 4-0. The Lady Tigers entered the GAC tournament as the number two seed, but fell to Harding in the first match.

"After such a successful season, I feel like the team will only improve from now on," Broyles said. "Now that we have tasted this much victory and have gained confidence, our girls are only going to crave it that much more. I expect great things from these ladies."

by Brittany Nolan



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Front Row: Logan Hampton, John Vasquez, Jared Carlin, Taylor Christian, Richard Burke, Jarrad Collins, Wayne Smith, David Henley, Gage Romero, Kevin Tello, Keith James; **Second Row:** Rojo Scott, Dillon Farrell, Tyler Mouton, Brandon Hom, Taylor Heinsohn, Philippe Ichter, Jacob Mothis, AJ Bauckman, Brandon Horman, Spencer Soles; **Back Row:** Nathan Gay, Ryan Trayner, Sewell Yost, Matt West, Colton Huie, Ian Monteiro, Ryan Stuckey, Kyle Hendren, Gidean Onguti, John Givier, Bry Goss

Jared Carlin stops the ball in a match against Delta State. The Tigers were ranked as high as fourth in the central region and faced a number of nationally ranked teams. Carlin, an accounting major from Lubbock, Texas, played four years with the Tigers starting 57 of 64 games.



Wesley Kluck



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AJ Bauckman pushes the ball past defenders. Bauckman played three years with the Tigers after transferring from Eastern New Mexico University. While at OBU, AJ amassed four goals, three assists and eight points. He was a history major from Irving, Texas.

Taylor Heinsahn controls the ball against Delta State. Heinsahn played three years for the Tigers, playing in 37 games and starting 10. Four of Taylor's six career goals were game winning goals for the Tigers. He also had three assists.



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Taylor Christian moves the ball away from defenders in a match against CBC. The sophomore from Mesquite, Texas, played in 14 games for the Tigers. The team defeated CBC 5-3, and finished the season 5-9-1.



The team huddles up in a match. The Tigers had six graduating seniors and six players returning next year.

McMurry: 1-1

West Texas A&M: 0-2

Lindenwood: 0-2

Lindenwood: 1-2

Southwest Baptist: 5-2

Harding: 0-1

Northeastern State: 0-1

Lyon College: 1-0

Delta State: 1-2

GOOD

Game



The words "good game" were repeated numerous times as the two teams high-fived after the game.

The men's soccer team experienced a season of challenges and opportunities; however, the thing that remained consistent was each player's determination to play a "good game."

The men's soccer team faced a season of six home games and nine away games, with most of the trips being more than four hours away.

On their journeys, the team was able to play against nationally ranked teams such as Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo., and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla.

The team was challenged by coaches Kevin Wright, Marquis Muse and Neal Gannon to focus on their academics while also balancing the time spent away from campus with more away games than usual. "I think all student athletes know that balancing school and sports is not easy," said senior Taylor Heinsohn, forward and computer science major from Hallsville, Texas. "But at the end of the day, it's all worth it to know that you gave your all to the team."

Seventeen freshmen signed to play on the team. With only 15 returning players, the team more than doubled. That gave the returning players an opportunity to act as leaders on and off of the field. They had little time before the season began to familiarize themselves with their new teammates.

Although the Tigers finished with a record of 5-9-1, they understood that their season served as a building block for the future.

"This season was filled with chances to rise above what looked to be insurmountable obstacles for our team," said senior Nathan Gay, left back and business management major from Little Rock. "Although we faced losses, it was worth experiencing coming together as a team to share in triumph as well."

The last game the seniors played was against Delta State. It also happened to be Senior Day.

They knew that they had to keep up their defensive line against Delta State. Through a penalty kick, Gay was able to score.

"When I stepped up to take the shot, I was determined to tie the game," Gay said. "There was a lot of pressure because we were down 1-0, but I pushed pass it because I knew how much it meant to the

other seniors."

Gay made the shot by shooting the ball to the left side of the net where the Delta State's keeper was unable to block it. With only a few minutes left on the clock and a tied score, the team saw they were going to get 10 more minutes of overtime to gain one last win.

The game went into overtime. The first 17 minutes of overtime were filled with moments that made the entire crowd jump out of their seat in suspense, but neither team scored.

In a second overtime, fans sat on the edge of their seats as the sun slowly began to set. The Tigers and fans could barely see the ball in the dimly lit field when it snuck past the keeper at about five minutes into the second overtime. Delta State scored, winning the game 2-1.

The seniors were honored at their last game, but the ceremony was not simply a customary celebration. As the seniors collected their memorabilia and jerseys to head back to the locker room for the last time, the crowd stood and applauded the seniors and team who delivered a "good game."

by Tori Abellera



Scan for more information
on the OBU Men's Soccer
team

Delta State: 1-2 | Harding: 1-2

Dallas Baptist: 3-2 | Mississippi College: 0-3

5-9-1



A Last
Second Shot

had been working hard with the girls all week and had them in the right place. We were really able to shut people down," Crowder said.

The Lady Tigers held Henderson to 7-22 shooting and 22 percent from three-point range. The girls dominated the turnover battle and controlled the basketball all night, finishing with six turnovers to Henderson's 20. When the final whistle sounded, the girls found themselves up 40-plus points in a perfect send off for the seniors on the team.

"All four of those young ladies are quality people, and we are going to miss them," Crowder said about the four seniors on the team.

For the men's team, a win was absolutely necessary if the boys wanted to see the post-season.

"We were in a situation where we had two games remaining, and we had to at least win one of the two to have a chance, so we were ready to take care of business on that Thursday night," Coach Nutt said.

By the end of the first half, the men's team was trailing Henderson by one point 27-28. With 5 minutes left to play in the second half, Colt Fason, a junior kinesiology major from Conway, hit a jumper to tie the game at 53. Henderson's Reggie Murphy scored the next five points for the Reddies, but fouled Delph on a three point attempt, sending him to the free throw line. "Free throws are supposed to be free points. They are also something we spend a lot of time with, so I went to the line with a lot of confidence," Delph said.

Delph went into the game shooting 93 percent from the line, and was good for all three points.

Down two points with six seconds left, the team sent Henderson's Kevin Korzan to the free throw line. "We huddled up and I told Colt, 'He's gonna miss. If they double me, I'll kick it to you and make it, and if not then I'll make it,'" Delph said.

That was exactly what happened. Korzan missed his first one and one shot, giving Delph the ball with six seconds remaining. Delph brought the ball up court, used a quick screen from Fason and knocked down the three with six tenths of a second left in the game. The final buzzer sounded and the fans rushed the court, lifting Delph into the air.

"That was a really awesome moment. The students backed us up all year even though our season wasn't the best. It was great having their support all year," Delph said.

In February 27, Bill Vinning Arena was packed to the brim for another edition of the Battle of the Ravine. Both the girls and boys teams were set to compete and both squads had something on the line going into the game. Coach Crowder and his Lady Tigers had struggled in the year, until finally finding their groove late in the season. Coach Dennis Nutt and the men's team were having a roller coaster season of their own, coming into the game with a record of 8-16. Both teams did not have the option to lose if they wanted to go on to post-season play.

Delph senior night into the mix, and then you've got a real storm for an unforgettable Battle of the Ravine. "When these two teams get together, it's always a heated battle," Nutt said.

For the Lady Tigers, a victory of 93-51 over the Reddies got the night off to a winning start. For the men, Delph's three point shot with 2.4 seconds left set to one of the most dramatic finishes in recent memory.

"I tell you, I've been in a lot of games. I've coached a lot of games and I've played in a lot, but I've never seen one where you are down five points with 8.6 seconds left and win in regulation," Nutt said.

For the Lady Tigers, winning that night ended their season on a high note and gave a sense of revenge for the girls who had gone across the street in January and lost to Henderson, 49-78.

The basically felt embarrassed by the way we moved over in the Wells Center in January, but we came back and played really good basketball down the stretch," Crowder said. "When you cap off your season with a 44 point win over rivals, the feeling is almost unparalleled. It was great to send seniors out with such an exciting win."

The girls hit the ground running after the tip off, leading out a 21-7 lead in the first six minutes of play. Never letting Henderson come close, the team started the first half with a 25 point lead. The team won the field and 41 percent from beyond the arc. Delph James, a senior kinesiology major from Pine Bluff was 4-5 from the three-point line in the first half and recorded 14 points.

But the second half was more of the same, with the team turning up the pressure on defense. A lot of that credit goes to assistant coach Michael Jennings. He

Arkansas Baptist Univ.: 61-0 | Lindenwood Open | Univ. of Central Okla.: 17-28

Jet Invitational: 2nd | Cental Missouri Duals: 3W-0L | National Duals: 12th

Oklahoma City Univ.: 26-22 | Central Missouri: 22-21 | Lindenwood Univ.: 20-16

Univ. of Central Okla.: 16-19 | Maryville Duals: 1W-2L | Regional Tournament: 5th

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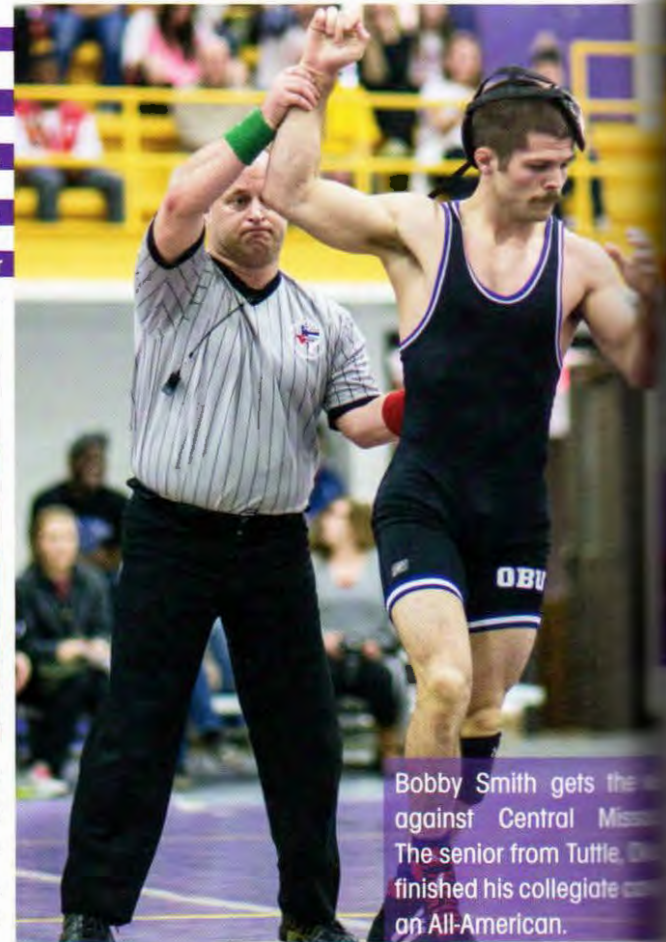


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Scan for more information on the OBU Wrestling team

Cooch Chris Chinouma, Josh Myers, Garret Evans, Bobby Williams, Dallas Smith, Nate Rodriguez and Coach Kevin Ward celebrate after the national tournament. All five athletes qualified for the NCAA tournament held in Cleveland, Ohio. All five earned All-American honors, and the team finished fourth in the country.



Bobby Smith gets the win against Central Missouri. The senior from Tuttle, Okla., finished his collegiate career as an All-American.

Dallas Smith scrambles to maintain control against a Central Missouri wrestler in a dual meet in January. Smith finished the year in third place after battling back from a quarterfinal loss at the national tournament.

Front Row: Nate Rodriguez, Josh Myers, Garret Evans, Lee Celestino, Joey Mereo, Sawyer Smith, Seth Hutchinson; **Second Row:** Asistant Cooch Chris Chinouma, Zach Matthews, Max Welsh, Jacob Andrews, Dexter Carter, Elyjah Crumpler, Andrew Martin, Bobby Williams, Head Coach Kevin Ward, Grad Assitant Aaron Butler; **Back Row:** Troy Mercer, Dallas Smith, Nathan Jackson, O'dell Lee, Masan Pemba, Taylor Pae



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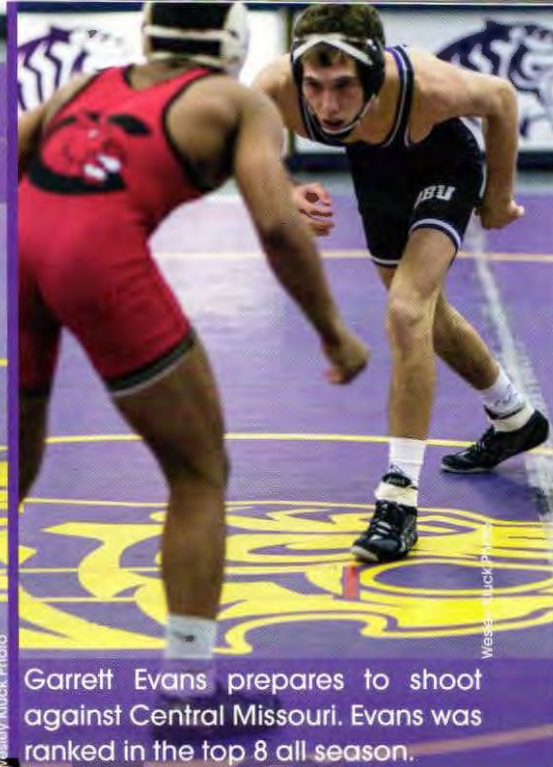
Bobby Smith gets the win against Central Missouri. The senior from Tuttle, Okla., finished his collegiate career as an All-American.

Garrett Evans, Nate Rodriguez and Zach Matthews shake hands after a January dual meet. The Tigers finished the regular season with an 10-9 dual record, earning its best winning dual record in program history.

Nate Rodriguez looks for the pin against Central Missouri. Rodriguez, a freshman from Neosho, Miss., earned All American honors.



Garrett Evans prepares to shoot against Central Missouri. Evans was ranked in the top 8 all season.



W I N T E R S E A S O N W R E S T L I N G

The wrestling season for the Ouachita Tigers was one that will forever be remembered. Expectations were high for the Tigers, as their preseason rank was #8 in Division II. Ouachita, led by head coach Kevin Word, was up for the challenge and hungry to prove that they could live up to such lofty expectations.

The first competition of the year for the Tigers was a dual meet against three Division II schools. Ouachita held its own against some of the best in the nation in Arizona State and Illinois, and even pulled the upset against Southern Illinois. It was a great way to open the season for the Tigers and really gave them some momentum moving forward. They followed with dominating victories over Central Baptist and Arkansas Baptist. Junior Dallas Smith made a name for himself at the Lindenwood Open. He won the entire tournament, defeating wrestlers from Oklahoma State and Iowa along the way, and he was named Division II Wrestler of the Week after his memorable performance. Smith and fellow junior Josh Myers also won at the Jet Invite in which Ouachita participated.

Despite ups and downs throughout the season, the Tigers finished with an impressive 8-5 regular season record in dual meets,

including wins over Newman University, Mary University, and Minot State, the first winning dual season in school history. Impressively, Ouachita never dropped outside of the top 20 in national rankings.

Capping off their stellar regular season, the Tigers sent a school record of five wrestlers to the NCAA Division II Championships in Cleveland, Ohio. Senior Bobby Williams, juniors Dallas Smith and Josh Myers, sophomore Garrett Evans, and freshman Nate Rodriguez represented Ouachita and competed valiantly as each one of them earned All-America honors at the end of the tournament. Myers especially was in a league of his own in Cleveland. He dominated his first three opponents, winning by a combined score of 27-5 to advance to the Division II championship against Daniel Ownbey of University of North Carolina-Pembroke. Myers lost a heartbreaking match by a score of 2-1 to finish as the national runner-up. Smith, Williams, Evans, and Rodriguez, also all left Cleveland ranked nationally in the top 8 of their weight classes, with Smith finishing third in the 184-pound weight class.

These were not the only accolades that the Tigers earned during their trip to the Division II Championships. Ouachita finished as the fourth ranked team in the nation, and Coach Ward was named the NCAA Division

II Coach of the Year, the highest individual award given to a coach each season.

Coach Ward established the Ouachita wrestling program in 2010, improving every season leading up to this historic run for the Tigers. Coach Ward also featured two new assistant coaches on his staff this season, former NAIA National Champion wrestler Chris Chionuma and Ouachita's own Aaron Butler. Chionuma said about this season, "It was an honor to be a part of this special team. The five All-Americans were representatives of our team as a whole. We couldn't have done it without everyone on the team buying in." Butler moved from athlete to coach this season after fishing up his eligibility in the previous spring. "Although it was different not competing, it was a honor to be able to still contribute," Butler said.

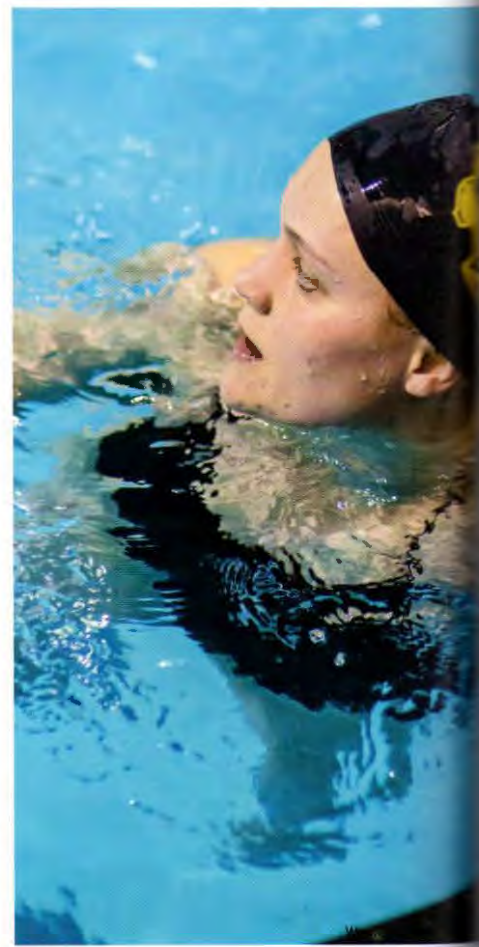
To walk away with five All-Americans, the number four-team ranking in the country, and the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year Award was no small feat. The most difficult challenge for Coach Ward, assistant coach Chionuma, and the Ouachita Tiger wrestlers will be finding a way to build off of this success and do even better in the coming seasons.

by Zach Parker



Front Row: Karen Wray, Haley Fax, Tatiana Pacheca, Holy Wray, Rachel Ewart ; **Second Row:** Jessica Hillyard, Michelle Wasmund, Rebecca Zandstra, Jennifer Steele, Bailey Broadway; **Back Row:** Alyssa Stubblefield, Elizabeth Willis, Brittany Ewart, Emily Grigsby

Alyssa Stubblefield tags the wall and checks her time at the Battle of the Ravine senior night. The girls dominated HSU in the meet, finishing with a team score of 124-99. The Lady Tiger Sharks placed at least two swimmers in the top three of all but two events and won all of the relay events. All seven seniors were recognized at the event: Brittany Ewart, Haley Fox, Jessica Hillyard, Jennifer Steele, Michelle Wosmund, Holy Wray and Rebecco Zandstra.



Liz Williams, Rachel Ewart and Emily Grigsby pose for a picture at Senior Night. The team had seven seniors on the squad and all of them were honored with a great performance from the Lady Tiger Sharks with a win over the Reddies 124-93.

Holly Wray competes in the butterfly event at Waggoner Pool against Henderson. Wray, a senior history major from Eads, Tenn., competed at the NSISC championships placing 8th in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 59.60 and 7th in the 200 yard butterfly with a time of 2:13.77.



Elizabeth Willis competes in the backstroke event at Waggoner Pool. Willis, a sophomore biology and kinesiology major from Kingsland, Ga., placed third at the NSISC meet in the 100 yard backstroke.



The girls dive into the pool on Senior Night against Henderson State. The girls beat the Reddies twice in 2013.

OBU Purple and Gold | Henderson State University: 95-117

Delta State: 41-169 | UALR/ SIU: 94-120 , 43-192

Bonding Season

Only at Ouachita will you find swimmers like the women of the OBU Lady Tiger Sharks swim team. Throughout the 2014 season, the Lady Tiger Sharks worked hard and bonded as a team to take on the competition they faced. One such swimmer was sophomore mass communications major Rachel Ewart. Ewart said that this season really helped her bond with her teammates.

"Although this might not have been the best season we've ever had, as a team we came together," Ewart said.

This was a bonding season for the Lady Tiger Sharks. Along with their goals they set for performance, they also set team goals and met them. Ewart said the goals they set really helped her to strive high and swim well.

"No matter what the results were of the meets, we just continued to think positive," Ewart said. "This team is like a second family to me and that's what mattered most to me. We supported each other through it and bonded."

The Lady Tiger Sharks' early success came when Jennifer Steele, Rebecca Zandstra, Haley Fox and Elizabeth Willis placed

second in the Women's 800 Yard Freestyle Relay at the UALR Invitational. Elizabeth Willis finished first in the 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 58:09. Also, in the 200 Yard IM, Rachel Ewart finished second with the time of 2:12.07 and Hally Wray finished third with the time of 2:15.22. Ewart also placed third in the 200 Yard Backstroke with a time of 2:08.11.

The Lady Tigers came through when the pressure was on and took the victory over rival Henderson State on January 24. The win helped the Lady Tigers gain momentum going into the NSISC meet. But the meet would be the toughest competition they had faced.

The Lady Tiger Sharks finished the season by setting records at the NSISC meet. Senior Jennifer Steele recorded the fastest time in Ouachita Baptist swimming history in the 200-yard freestyle preliminary race with 1:52.20. Along with the 200-yard freestyle, Steele also finished second in the 500-yard freestyle preliminary race. Sophomore Elizabeth Willis also did well in the prelims and finished 3rd in the 100-yard backstroke with a 58.33 time.

Senior Rebecca Zandstra finished third in two preliminary races (50 yard freestyle

and 100 yard freestyle). Zandstra, Emily Grigsby, Alyssa Stubbeffield and Steele also finished second in the 200-yard relay preliminary race.

One successful swimmer for the Lady Tiger Sharks was sophomore Bailey Bodway. Although she struggled through injury this year, Bodway credits the team with having pride and bonding as a group.

"I love swimming for this team because it makes me feel like I have a second family away from home. Being so far away from home, the swim team has really helped me cope with that. I also have met some awesome people here and they have helped me through so much," said Bodway, a sophomore early childhood education major from Magnolia, Texas.

The team will be losing seven seniors, Brittany Ewart, Haley Fox, Jessica Hillyard, Jennifer Steele, Michelle Wasmund, Hally Wray, and Rebecca Zandstra. Bodway, along with a strong junior class, will return for the Lady Tigers next season.

The season was full of ups and downs for the Lady Tiger Sharks, but one thing that remained constant was the bond that these girls shared.

by Evian Hill



Scan for more information on the OBU Women's Swim team

Ouachita State University: 60-151 | UALR Invitational: 3rd

Henderson State University: 124-93 | NSISC Championships: 4th



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Matt Cox competes in the butterfly event at the last home meet of the season. Cox had success swimming the butterfly, as he placed first in the 100 yard butterfly at the UALR Christmas Invitational. Also at the invitational, the 800 yard freestyle relay team of Neil Fogel, Matt Cox, Emile Maritz placed first.



The Tigersharks fire off starting block in a swim meet against Henderson State. The meet was Saturday Night In for the Tiger Sharks.



Scan for more information on the OBU Men's Swim Team

Tim Ferris competes in a race against Henderson State. The men's team started off strong in the meet, winning the first three spots in the 200 freestyle race. Despite strong swimming some of their best times this season, the Tigers would come just short and fell 149-91.

Front Row: Misaki Onoue, Emile Martiz, Matt Cox, Jason Pul-lano, Austin Cody; **Second Row:** Colt Thampson, Yan Rocha, Christopher Price, Kody Moffatt, Kenton Scott; **Third Row:** Zac Mertins, David Wray, Neil Fogel, Cawley Starling, Cody Knapp; **Back Row:** Tim Ferris, Dawson Pritchard, Luke Jamison.



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Rocha prepares to begin the backstroke competition. Rocha, a business and administration major from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, finished in 7th place in the 200 yard freestyle at the NSISC Championship.

Jason Pullano makes his way to be congratulated by Coach Killackey. All of the seniors were recognized at the last meet.

Cawley Starling catches his breath after finishing his race. Starling was from Abilene, Texas.

OVERCOMING *Obstacles*

The season didn't officially start until the middle of October, but it was long before then that the team was waking up before the sun rose to prepare for the meets. Starting the third week of school, while the sun was still below the horizon, the men's swim team woke up at 5:30 to go to practice. They practiced in the morning and then again in the afternoon, all in preparation for the season. They even went back early to campus from Christmas break to practice together.

The team attended six different meets; two at home in Waggoner Pool, two at Henderson State University and two in Cleveland, Miss., including the conference meet, at Delta State University. Even though individual swimmers placed at each meet, the team as a whole did not have enough swimmers to compile the necessary points to win a meet.

"It wasn't our lack of speed that was the problem. We had some really fast guys. We just didn't have the numbers that other teams had," said Luke Jamison, a freshman biology major from Benton. "Other teams had way more guys than we did."

The way the scoring worked at a meet was first place received the most points while the eighth place finisher earned the

fewest. Ninth and below were not awarded any points. With this format, a swimmer could win first, but the opposing team may have won second through eighth place. The opposing team would then accumulate more points, therefore winning the meet.

Despite the team's low numbers and overall meet results, the individual swimmers placed high. Neil Fogel, a junior political science major from Monterey, Calif., got on the podium more often than other team members. He swam both the 200 and 500 free style, as well as the mile. Kady Moffatt, a senior kinesiology major from Temeculo, Calif., was a leader for the team as well, getting on the podium in both the 200 and 400 individual medleys.

At the UALR Christmas Invitational the 800 yard freestyle relay team of Fogel, Matt Cox, a junior business administration and finance major from Wake Village, Texas, Emile Maritz, a junior business administration and finance major from Las Vegas, Nev. and Moffatt, placed first. Cox finished first in the 100 yard butterfly.

"The weather forced officials to change the meet format, so the way we adjusted showed me a lot about where we are physically and mentally," said coach Ryan Killackey. "We embraced the challenge and as a result, we had athletes posting their best

times in events. Right away I felt like the weekend was a great success. It's good knowing we can excel as a team, regardless of the obstacle."

At the meet against rival Henderson State, Fogel, Cox and Yan Rocha, finished in first, second and third place in the 200 yard freestyle. Kenton Scott, a kinesiology major from Saint Cloud, Fla., Tim Ferris, a senior business administration and marketing major from Triangle, Zimbabwe, and Dawson Pritchard, a senior kinesiology major from Denton, Texas, won first, second and third place in the 50 yard freestyle. The relay team of Fogel, Maritz, David Wray, a sophomore sociology major from Eads, Tenn., and Moffatt finished first in the 400 yard freestyle.

In the New South Intercollegiate Conference Championship meet in Cleveland, Miss., Fogel broke the longest standing school record in the 500 yard freestyle race.

"That swim was for my coach, Ryan Killackey, and all the time he invested in me," said Fogel. "Regardless of my own doubts, he never stopped believing in me. I was honored to share that experience with him, my team, and my school."

by Brittany Nolan



Front Row: Nashia James, Allie Brown, Erica Sharp, Elise Holman; **Back Row:** Athletic Trainer Brandon Sitz, Assistant Coach Michale Jennings, Katherine West, Hayley Cooper, Ashley Johnson, Breona Harris, Macey Burr, Katie Kapler, Alexis Sharp, Joy Okeke, Kaylen Taylor, Kelsey Smith, Student Assistant Coach Emily Payne, Head Coach Garry Crowder

Nashia James launches one from the corner in a February matchup against Henderson State. James, a senior guard from Pine Bluff, Ark., was the leading scorer and rebounder for the Lady Tigers in the 2013-2014 season. James was named to the all GAC Second Team for the 2013-2014 season, and become only the third player in conference history to top 1,000 points for a career. The Lady Tigers were able to defeat HSU at home, 93-51.



Alexis Sharp sets up the offense against the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith. Sharp played in 27 games this season, and averaged 14.5 minutes per game. The sophomore guard from Jonesboro, Ark., put up seven against UA Fort Smith. The Lady Tigers won the game, 72-70.

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Katherine West begins a drive toward the basket against UA Fort Smith. West averaged 25 minutes a game in the 2013-2014 season. The Lady Tigers ended the season with only four seniors on the team, and nearly missed upsetting the number one seeded Lady Bisons in the first round of the GAC tournament.



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Elise Holman, Erica Sharp, Katherine West, and Alexis Sharp line up for an in-bounds play. The Sharp sisters were both major contributors to the team throughout the season.

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Ashley Johnson pushes ball upcourt in the meeting of the Battle of Ravine.

Washburn University: 72-80	East Central University: 55-63	Southeastern Okla. State: 61-62
UA Fort Smith: 72-70	Texas A&M Commerce: 64-68	Southern Nazarene: 61-62
Northwestern Okla. State: 56-73	Southwestern Okla. State: 72-93	UAM: 82-83
Southern Nazarene: 71-61	Arkansas Tech: 55-71	Harding Univ.: 65-72
Northwestern Okla. State: 83-60	Southwestern Okla. State: 72-93	

FINDING

A Groove

The Lady Tiger basketball season was the definition of a roller coaster ride. The season started low as the team struggled to score. Once the new year rolled around, however, the women found a groove, beginning with a win over Blue Mountain College and a conference victory over Arkansas Tech. Over the next six games, the Lady Tigers entered a down slope, recording only one win and losing five games. That would be the lowest the Lady Tigers would allow themselves to fall, as the second half of the season was a skyward journey.

Fighting for a spot in the Great American Conference Tournament, the team won five of their last nine regular season games. All five victories were by at least 10 points, including a 23-point win over Northwestern Oklahoma State and a 42-point win over Henderson State.

The team reached one of its highest peaks of the season in a win over Southern Nazarene in which senior Nashia James, a kinesiology major from Pine Bluff, became only the third player in GAC history to score 1,000 points, and head coach Garry Crowder recorded his 700th win as a wom-

en's basketball head coach.

The team continued to climb late in the year as they played the nationally ranked Harding Lady Bisons. The team was within three points late in the contest before losing 72-65.

"We played them really close," Crowder said. "I think that gave the girls a lot of confidence."

After the loss, Crowder and James led the team to three straight wins to clinch a spot in the tournament. James scored team-highs of 18 points, 19 points and 17 points during the streak.

"It was all a matter of us wanting it more than the other teams," James said. "(Crowder) just told us we had to work hard if we wanted to win, and we did just that."

The game against Henderson State was the highest scoring game of the season for team, and four players scored at least 10 points. James scored 17 points in the blow-out win.

"By the end of the year, we felt we were just about as good as anybody in the conference," said Crowder.

They entered the GAC Tournament as the eighth seed and would face the one-seeded Harding, who at that point was ranked

second nationally. Crowder's squad was lights out from the field, shooting 42 percent, while holding Harding to only 27 percent. Free-throws ended up being the difference in the game, however, as Harding recorded 27 points from the line to steal the 60-57 win, ending the season at 9-18.

"There were a lot of things about this team that were championship caliber," Crowder said. "I thought our team chemistry and work ethic were outstanding, and offensively, we ran our stuff as good as any team I have had. And our seniors are such high-character people."

Seniors on the team were James, Erico Sharp, a business administration and marketing major from Jonesboro, Elise Holman, a Christian media/mass communications major from Berryville and Allie Brown, a communication sciences disorders major from Rosston. Brown recorded a three-point basket in five of the last seven games of the season, including eight points in a win over Southwestern Oklahoma State.

"The thing that I will remember most about this team," Crowder said, "is that they probably improved more, from the beginning of the season to the end, than any team that I have had."

by Brandon Smith

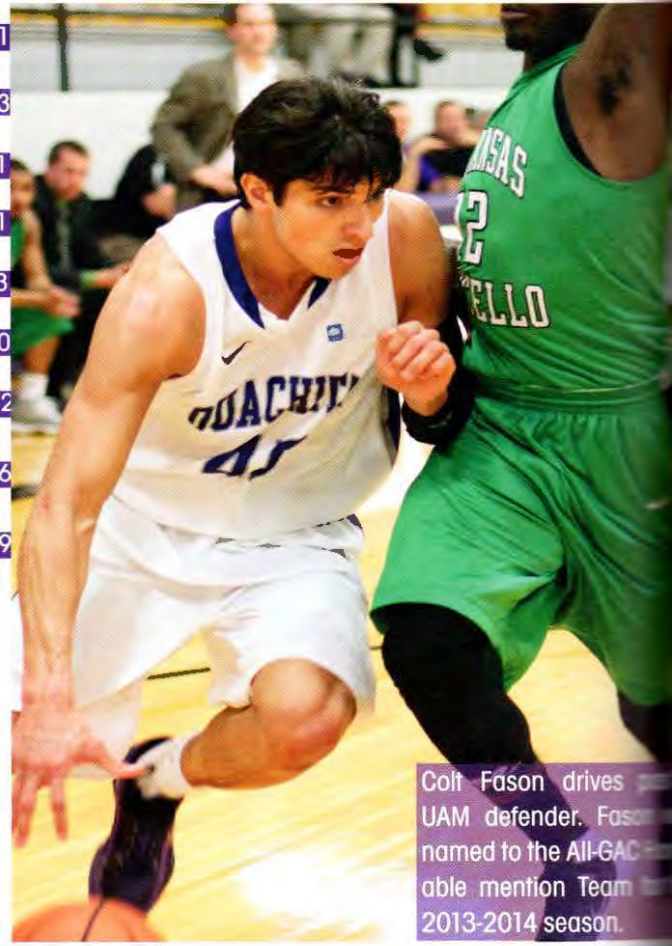


Scan for more information on the DBU Women's Basketball team.

Western State: 74-84	Southern Arkansas: 69-73		
Blue Mountain: 82-52	Arkansas Tech: 72-60	Harding Univ.: 54-82	
9-18	Southern Arkansas: 55-66	Southeastern Okla. State: 85-75	East Central: 48-59
9-13-51	Univ. of Ark. Monticello: 64-75	GAC Tournament: Harding 57-60	



Scan for more information on the OBU Men's Basketball team



Colt Fason drives past UAM defender. Fason named to the All-GAC honorable mention Team for the 2013-2014 season.

Eric Bauer (11) drives down the lane against Henderson's Melvin Haynes (3). At the second Battle of the Ravine, the Tigers were down 5 points with 8 seconds left, and came back to win in regulation.

Front Row: Micah Delph, Colt Fason, Eric Bauer, Allen Buchanan, Tyler Gattin, Jerron Smith; **Back Row:** Head Coach Dennis Nutt, Assistant Coach Logan Johnson, Sterling Bailey, David Hill, Corven Holcolmbe, Jahn Kornet, Kyle Francis, David Day, Manager Bryce Evans, Athletic Trainer Brandon Sitz





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Francis (12) blocks a shot by Harding's Watson James (14). Francis, a 6-9 senior from Brooklyn, New York, recorded 10 blocks in the January match-up against the Ravens.



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Micah Delph is lifted into the air after the second battle of the Ravine. Fans rushed the court as time expired.



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Allen Buchanan (23) pushes the ball toward the basket over Hardings' Hayden Johnson (21).

BUILDING *a foundation*

The men's basketball team had a season of ups and downs.

"It was a little tough going this year," said head coach Dennis Nutt. "We had some rough spots, had some good wins, but at the end of the day we didn't win enough games to go and defend our title."

The Tigers finished the year with a 9-17 overall record. Three of the nine wins included a season sweep of the Battle of the Ravine series against Henderson State University, as well as a victory over Harding University, the GAC Tournament Champions.

"It's always great to win against Henderson, especially since they're our rivals," said Micah Delph, a junior biology major from Conway. "How we won was very dramatic, and I'm sure it's cool from a fan's perspective, but I'd rather it be a little more comfortable. At the end of the day, a win's a win."

On February 27, Micah Delph's game-winning shot brought the team to their second straight victory over Henderson. Each game against Henderson State came down to the last possession. The team took advantage of each game behind Delph's two game-winning shots. The second one falling with 2.4 seconds left in the game. Delph took a missed free throw from Henderson's Kevin Korzan the length of the floor

to sink the three.

"Micah always seemed to come up with big shots," Nutt said. "He just loves the end of games, and the chance to be a hero."

The team's second win against Henderson State put them one win away from getting back in the conference tournament. However, they failed to qualify after losing to the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

"After last season, we knew we had some major holes to fill after losing four senior starters," Nutt said. "We knew we had to try to replace those guys who had lot of experience on this team."

The team did not qualify for the GAC Tournament for the first time since moving to the Great American Conference in 2012.

"We didn't do what we wanted to do. We wanted to get to the tournament and repeat as champions," said Colt Fason, a junior kinesiology major from Conway. "We didn't execute at the end of games."

Two juniors, Delph and Fason, led the team in scoring. Fason finished the season as the teams leading scorer and rebounder averaging 16.9 points and 8.8 rebounds a game. Fason also recorded a team-high 10 double-doubles this season. Fason was named to the 2013-2014 All GAC honorable mention team, he led the team in scoring with 16.9 points per game, as well as leading the

Tigers in rebounds per game averaging 8.8. He also finished second in the conference with nine double-doubles in the season.

Delph concluded the year averaging 15.5 points, 4.4 assists and 4.3 rebounds a game. Delph also broke the GAC record for most three-pointers in a game by making 10 threes against Northwestern Oklahoma State on January 16.

Eric Braeuer, a senior accounting major from Belton, Texas, and Allen Buchanan, freshman kinesiology major from Marked Tree, also played major roles during the season. Braeuer averaged 9.8 points and 3.5 assists per game and averaged 30.8 minutes of playing time for the season. Buchanan averaged 9.5 points, while also bringing Tiger Nation to their feet with his dunks.

The team looked to improve on their nine-win season as offseason practice began.

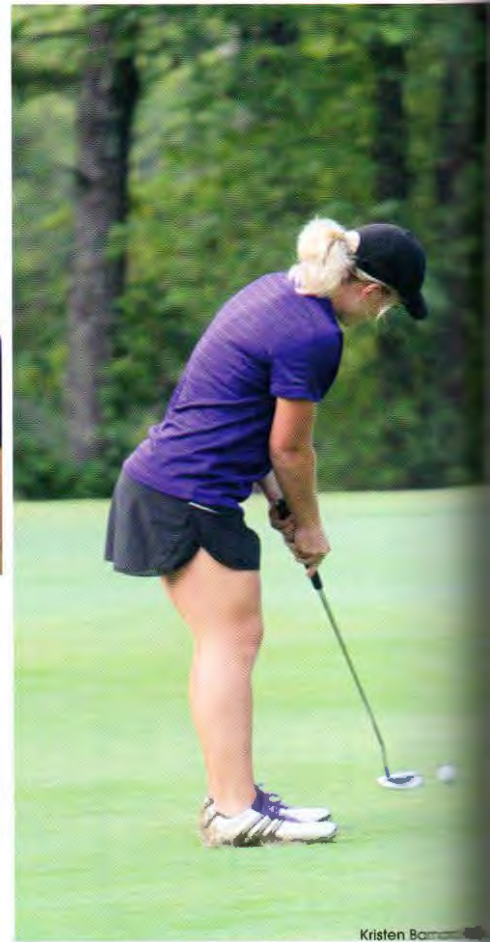
"We have great team chemistry. We know what we need to work on, and we're excited to begin offseason practice," said Fason.

by Matt Brockway

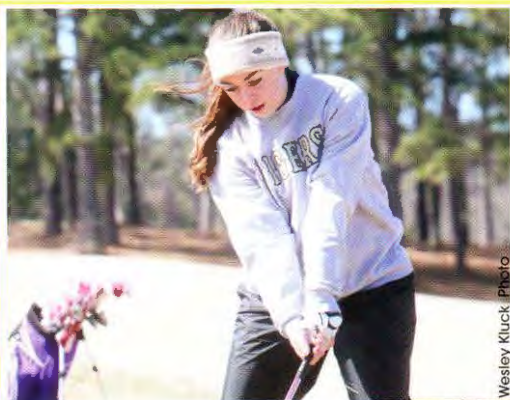


Front Row: Bethany Clay, Ali Robinson, Head Coach Doug Taylor, Taylor Skinner, Emily Haynes.

Senior Emily Hayes works on her short game on a practice day at Lake DeGray. The girls competed in a number of tournaments around the state. Competing in eight different competitions, the girls worked on their game throughout the season and prepared for the GAC Women's Golf Championships, where the girls finished the season in 9th place.



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Ali Robinson prepares to swing on a cold day at the course. The girls played in all kinds of weather to perfect their game. The season ran from early February to early April, where the girls competed in the conference tournament. Robinson, a sophomore, was from Bella Vista, Ark.

Bethany Clay watches her ball down the fairway. Clay, a junior from Locksburg, Ark., traveled with the team around the state competing in different tournaments. The small team became very close over the season after traveling together.



Kristen Barnard Photo



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Taylor Skinner drives the ball at Lake DeGray. Skinner and the rest of the team tried to play several times a week at the local course to keep their game sharp. Skinner was in her senior season and was from Hot Springs, Ark.



Sophomore Ali Robinson walks the course during a practice day. The girls perfected their skills all season.

Southern Ark. Univ. Mulerider Classic: 4th Place | Henderson Lady Reddie Invitational: 4th Place

Ouachita Baptist Univ./Univ. of Arkansas Monticello Fall Dual Match: 2nd Place

Ouachita Baptist Univ./Southern Ark. Univ. Spring Dual Match: 2nd Place

PLAYING

Four Game

Senior Emily Hays led the Lady Tigers golf team with a seventh place finish at the SAU Fall Classic and placed in the top 12 at both the HSU Reddie Invitational and the UAM Fall Classic. She finished 25th at the Great American Conference Championships in April as the team placed ninth in the conference.

Hays, a nutrition and dietetics major from El Dorado, completed the three-round GAC Championships in Hot Springs with four birdies, which tied for ninth among the 48 competing golfers. The senior from El Dorado was a four-year veteran of the team and led the Lady Tigers in each of their tournaments.

Taylor Skinner, a biology major from Hot Springs Village, joined the team as a senior. She provided leadership and encouragement to the younger players.

"This team was so much fun to be on. I enjoyed the time spent with my teammates and coach throughout the season and am excited to see the team improve over the next few years," Skinner said. "This was a fun and rewarding way to spend my senior year."

All Robinson, a sophomore mass communications major from Bella Vista, also enjoyed the team chemistry and looked forward to her junior and senior campaigns.

"Our team scores may not have turned

out as good as we hoped, but they didn't reflect our personal scores by any means," Robinson said. "Our team really enjoyed being in each other's company and that made every aspect of golf better," Robinson said. "Golf is all about competing with yourself and playing your best each time you step on the course. When you can do that alongside encouraging and supportive team members, it makes the game so much more fun."

Doug Taylor enjoyed serving as the team's coach. "I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with some very talented and dedicated student athletes that embodied the true qualities of Ouachita," Taylor said. "We laughed, cried, persevered and triumphed over a season that was filled with excitement. I am truly proud of each and every one of our lady golfers."

Two Lady Tigers finished in the top 15 at the HSU Fall Classic at DeGray State Park on Sept. 27-28 as sophomore Alleabelle Gongola joined Hays in a tie for the 11th position. Both shot 84 for both rounds of the tournament. Hays led Ouachita with 12 pars, while Gongola had three birdies. Robinson and freshmen Kayla Payne and Mallorei Calhoun placed in the top 20 for the tournament.

Hays' best finish of the season came in October at the Mystic Creek Golf Club in El Dorado, where she placed seventh overall

with a final score of 184. She started off the tournament with a tough first round, finishing with a 95. The second round, however, was a completely different story, in which she shot an 89. Hays' second round score was tied for fourth best of the round. Gongola finished 15th and Robinson 16th in the tournament hosted by Southern Arkansas University.

The Lady Tigers kicked off their spring season on Feb. 28 in a one-round tournament against the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Hays led the team, finishing with a score of 91 at DeGray State Park. Her round included a birdie on the 11th hole and back-to-back pars on 16 and 17. Robinson and Skinner also competed well, and the team welcomed Bethany Clay, a junior communication sciences and disorders major from Lockesburg, to tournament action.

Hays shot a combined two-round score of 180, including an opening round score of 84 to lead the Lady Tigers at the Texoma Chevy Dealers Lion Invitational at Tanglewood resort in Pottsboro, Texas. The tournament was hosted by Texas A&M Commerce, a member of the Lone Star Conference. The Lady Tigers finished 14th overall as a team. Robinson finished just behind Hays with a two-round combined score of 193.

by Kristen Morris



Scan for more information
on the OBU Women's Golf
team

Arkansas Monticello Fall Classic: 6th Place

Texoma Chevy Dealers Intercollegiate Tournament: 13th Place

Natural State Golf Classic: 13th Place | GAC Women's Golf Championship: 9th Place

Mulerider Classic: 4th | Northeastern State Classic: 15th

UCM Heart of America Invitational: 17th | UAM Fall Classic: 2nd

Texoma Invitational: 5th | Dave Falconer Classic: 16th

Natural State Classic: 10th | GAC Conference Championship: 10th



Drew Greenwood, Will Hegi, Jamie Barker, Chose Netherton and Austin Sarabia all pose for a picture at the University of Arkansas at Monticello Fall Classic golf tournament. Greenwood finished first in the tournament and the team finished second overall.



Junior Jamie Barker lines up the ball at the competition during the tournament. Barker is one of five Tigers who represented OBU.



Scan for more information on the OBU Men's Golf Team

Sophomore Jacob Calhoon lines up to swing on a team practice day. The guys tried to play once a week, and were always trying to improve their game. The Tigers had five golfers participate in the the Great American Conference Championships.

Front Row: Jamie Barker, Shane Starkery, Chose Netherton, Evan Greenwood, Jacob Calhoon, Will Hegi, Austin Sarabia



Kristen Bernard Photo





Will Hegi hits the ball at the GAC Championships, where he finished overall. He ended the first round with a score of 81, and recorded one of three eagles at the tournament.



Senior Austin Sarabia works on his mid-range game at the intramural fields. The guys practiced wherever they could.



Sophomore Jacob Calhoon follows his shot at the conference tournament.

COMPETITORS

Drive

Led by Will Hegi, a junior accounting major from El Dorado and Honorable Mention All-GAC, and sophomore Jacob Greenwood, a sophomore business major from Hot Springs and the GAC Galfer of the month for October, a young Tiger golf team emerged in the middle of the pack but generated goals for the near future.

Hegi received attention at GAC tournaments for his prowess on par fives. He wrapped up the year with one of only three eagles at the GAC Championship Tournament in April.

Hegi, who had two top 10 finishes during the season, began playing golf at a very young age and was recognized by his teammates as one of the best and most devoted players. Hegi classified the team as a group of guys who were easy to have as teammates. One of his favorite moments took place during the last few holes of the conference tournament.

"I chipped in on the last hole with my whole team watching and that was a fun moment," said Hegi. "They are just a fun group to be around and we enjoy everything from traveling together to playing together."

Another Hegi highlight was a fifth place

finish at the Dave Falconer Memorial Invitational on March 10 and 11 at the Chamberlyne Country Club in Danville. He scored a 75 in the first round but moved up the leaderboard with a 71 in the second round.

Greenwood earned his GAC honor early in the season in back-to-back tournaments. He won the University of Arkansas at Monticello Fall Classic, recording seven birdies in the tournament. His two-over first round put him in the lead, and Greenwood pulled away from the pack with a one-under 70 to win the tournament by five strokes.

The rest of the team shot well also, and the Tigers finished the Fall Classic in second place, their highest team finish of the season.

Two weeks before the win in Monticello, Greenwood finished seventh in the University of Central Missouri Heart of America Invitational. He opened with a 75, but came back with back-to-back even-par rounds of 71 to move up to seventh place. The team finished 17th in the 20-team tournament.

From keeping up with the Masters together to being on the side of the green supporting a teammate, the golf team remained close-knit and supportive.

The Tigers had to overcome tough losses at tournaments. However, the guys did have

three tournaments where they finished in the top five as a team. Finishing ninth in the conference helped the returning players know where they would like to be in the future. Although having not been at the top of the conference, the team was composed of strong-willed individuals who didn't give up.

Austin Sarabia, a senior business administration and finance major from Huston, Texas, Jamie Barker, a junior biology major from Smackover, and Chase Netherton, a freshman accounting major from Conway, also competed in the GAC Championship Tournament in April. Netherton finished 11th at the UAM Fall Classic and was only two strokes behind Hegi in the GAC Championships. Sarabia and Barker were instrumental in the team's second place finish in Monticello.

"Men's golf competed well in one of the toughest conferences in NCAA Division II. With leadership from senior Austin Sarabia and junior Will Hegi, the Tiger holders represented Ouachita well," said David Sharp, athletic director and men's golf coach.

by Dalaney Thomas

"Sports Freaks," that is how senior Hunter Threadgill described the men and women of the intramural sports dynasty, Blood Bath and Beyond. Threadgill, a senior philosophy major from Cordova, Tenn., has been a member of the teams since his sophomore year.

Blood Bath and Beyond started three years ago in a dorm room with seven boys who decided they wanted to form an intramural team to play football together. Since then, Blood Bath and Beyond, and its many spin off teams, became the most popular and fastest growing intramural team system on campus. The founding members of the Blood Bath and Beyond phenomenon have now played three years together and finished out their senior seasons strong. According to Jacob Tinklenberg, a senior psychology major from Arlington, Texas, the name Blood Bath and Beyond came from a Google search for "punny names" and the team just formed from there. The names for the group's spin off teams for various other sports have all been original though.

"That (the names) is all pretty much Trey Lynch," said Clay Mckinney, a senior business administration major from Hughes Springs, Texas. "He is so witty. Whenever we played sophomore year we were Blood, Bath and Beyond for football, Blood, Bath and Beyond the Arc for basketball and then Blood, Bath and Beyond the Park for softball. Junior year we were Blood, Bath and Beyond Football Club or BBBFC for soccer, and then for water polo we were Bubble Bath and Beyond and Sponge Bath and Beyond."

The clever names are one of the reasons the teams' popularity grew so quickly. Due to their catchy titles, they were easy to remember and somewhat of a hit across the campus. Another reason the team became so popular was due to the team members themselves. Many of the team members have described Blood Bath and Beyond as, "Just a big group of friends who like to play together but are still competitive."

"What I really like is that it is a bunch of guys I enjoy hanging out with, but they are also really competitive teams," said Threadgill. "It's a combination of the competitiveness and the friends just all hanging out together."

Another popular trait of the team is that everyone is welcome, it is not exclusive to just one group.

"People want to be a part of the Blood Bath experience and just hang out," said Threadgill. "If they want to play with us they just need to ask, and if we need to make another team, we will make another team."

The team members also said one of the keys to the group's success has been not having too many people on one team. By spreading people out among several teams everyone gets to play and no one gets stuck on the bench. Due to the team's no one gets turned away policy, Blood Bath and Beyond has been known to have as many as three different teams in one league at the same time.

The team prided itself on bringing together students from all parts of campus.

"I really enjoy playing with Blood Bath because with sports

a lot of time we all rally around a city or maybe a player there is a lot of camaraderie," said Tinklenberg. "At Ouachita there is definitely a lot of that with social club teams, but it is cool to see people from different social clubs or independent students come together and be united in Blood Bath."

At games, Blood Bath and Beyond fans often outnumbered fans at for social club teams who typically have larger numbers. The guys of Blood Bath and Beyond owe much of their success and love of the games to their fans.

"Our fan base has been really awesome," said Tinklenberg. "A lot of people come out to the games and just cheer us on. That's probably my favorite part about it."

This year the team sold over 50 BBBFC soccer jerseys because fans who were not on the teams wanted to have them too.

"I love that everyone wants to wear Blood Bath and Beyond," said McKinney. "It's cool to be around campus and see everyone wearing these BBB shirts that we started."

The size of the team's fan base is due in large part to the popularity of the teams.

"Sophomore year I made a Blood Bath Twitter account," said McKinney. "We just kind of tweeted about the games and our schedule to try and get people to come. A lot of people started showing up. It's the best feeling in the world to have people cheering you on when you are playing."

Unfortunately, McKinney, an intramural basketball enthusiast, had to sit out most of his senior season due to an injury. After a loss on their first basketball game of the season, McKinney was playing some basketball to practice. Something went wrong while playing, and he suffered a torn ACL that put him out for the rest of the year.

"It's been hard just to watch, because I love to play basketball," said McKinney. "But it has been cool just to watch the team. This year I got to coach our basketball team. It is kind of funny though because all year I told myself, 'If I hurt myself before basketball season I am going to be so mad.' And then I played one game and then got hurt."

"We missed him. We had to get some extra players," said McKinney. "We lost Clay for basketball," said Tinklenberg. "But he has been a good coach and supported us on the sidelines when he has not been able to play."

As the founders of Blood Bath and Beyond closed out their senior intramural seasons, they reflected on their time on campus as a great way to hang out with friends and a part of their Ouachita experience.

"I will miss all of the camaraderie with the guys and girls for our coed sports. I will miss those friends a lot," said McKinney. "We have been through a lot the past three years with Blood Bath, but it has been really good to get to know new people and hangout with old friends and just get closer with a group."

"Blood Bath has given me just a lot of good memories and a lot of good times," said Tinklenberg. "It's been the highlight of my college experience for sure. I wish it could continue."

by Alex



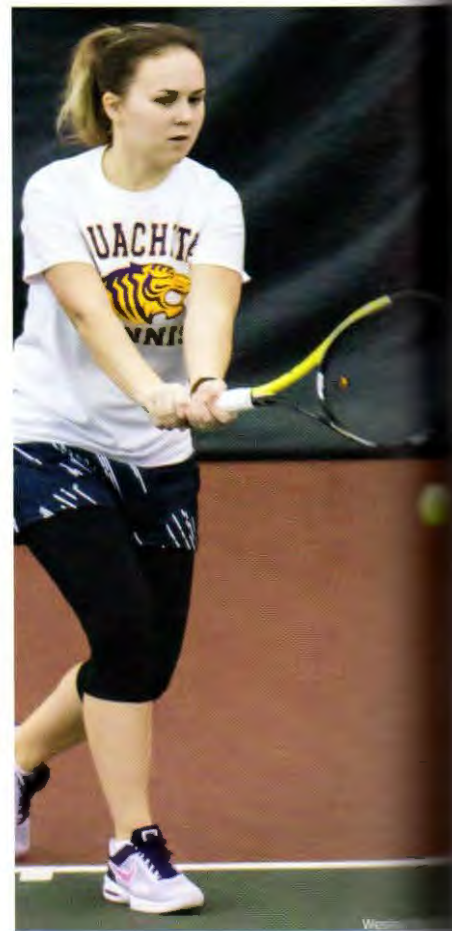
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Leaving a Legacy Behind



Front Row: Katelyn Barber, Valeriya Mansvetova, Mary Rachel Wolf, Keely Hawk, Polina Tsymbalava, Camila Ferreira

Freshman Valeriya Mansvetova returns the ball in a home match against University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Mansvetova was a freshman from Moscow, Russia. The 5-4 loss to UAPB was the team's closest match of the season.



Freshman Camilla Ferreira waits for her opponent to return the ball. Ferreira was a freshman from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Ferreira earned a spot on the president's list for her 4.0 grade average in the fall semester. She was named the teams' most outstanding player.

Senior Mary Rachel Wolf prepares to serve the ball at a home match at the indoor tennis facility at Ouachita. Wolf, a senior from Hot Springs, Ark. is pursuing a biology degree. Wolf is a member of the EEE social club, and received the Jerry Forehand award at the 2014 Athletic Awards Banquet.



Senior Katelyn Barber greets her teammate Valeriya Mansvetova in a doubles match. The team allowed girls that lived across the globe from each other to connect and bond at Ouachita.



Junior Keely Hawk serves in a home match up against Eastern State University. Hawk is from Rowlett, Texas.

Univ. of Ark. Pine Bluff: 4-5

North Central Texas College: 0-9

Drury Univ.:

Southwest Baptist Univ.: 0-9

Tarleton State Univ.: 0-9

Univ. of Central Oklahoma:

Univ. of West Georgia: 1-8

Southeastern OK State Univ.: 0-9

Southern Nazarene Univ.: 2-7

Arkansas Tech Univ.:

FAMILY

Spirit

The Lady Tigers' tennis season came to a close with an April 18 loss against Southeastern Oklahoma State University, the team's 17th loss in a season. Despite the record, the team developed a strong bond that was remembered.

"The best part of being on the women's tennis team here at OBU is definitely a family feel," said Polina Tsymbalova, a freshman business administration and finance major from Moscow, Russia. "Knowing that no matter what happens, I can always rely on these Tiger girls being there for me."

Tsymbalova came to Arkadelphia from Moscow, Russia, and embodied the mentality that each of her teammates demonstrated throughout the season. Out of the eight players, five of them were from outside the United States. Although the team originally faced language and culture barriers, they grew as a family while learning more about each other. Learning about what made each other tick helped them grow individually and as a team.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm studying abroad," said Kourtney Chumbley, a senior speech communications major from Richardson, Texas. "Every day is an adventure

with these sweet friends. I love to learn all about the new cultures and languages, even learning about the history of the countries where the girls came from."

Chumbley agreed with Tsymbalova about the family feel of the team.

"We are a small team so we get to know each other really well. I'm blessed by the girls and the family we have within our team," she said.

The team encouraged each other so they could hone the skills needed to win games. Although they faced tougher opposition, they always kept their heads up. They knew that hard work would eventually pay off, and by giving tips to each other they improved their games day by day.

Camila Ferreira, a sophomore kinesiology and leisure pre-professional studies major from Sao Paulo, Brazil, was one of the standout players on the team. She was an integral part of the growth of the team and played her part in helping her teammates improve. Ferreira was the recipient of the Most Outstanding Tennis Player of the sports banquet in April, but she was more thankful that she got to practice with her team family each day and learn so much from her teammates.

"The best part about playing on this team

is being able to make friends from around the world," Ferreira said. "I had the chance to improve my tennis everyday and also get a good education. It was nice to get the chance to improve my friendship with the girls every day."

Ferreira moved to Arkadelphia from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Like many students from big cities, it took time to adapt to life in Arkadelphia. All of the players went through culture shock, but it helped them grow together. They each brought an integral piece of the puzzle that was needed to compete against the strongest opponents.

The team's closest match was its first of the year, a 5-4 loss to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, an NCAA Div. I team. The team faced rival Henderson State University twice in Great American Conference play, dropping both matches 8-1.

Head coach Betsy Donner was optimistic about the future. "Even though we struggled this year to win games, I am looking forward to next year as everyone is committed to work hard over the summer and improve. We will have two more players in the lineup next year that will probably take the top two spots that will help us compete on a higher level," she said.

by Josh Galante



Scan for more information on the OBU Women's Tennis team

Eastern State Univ.: 0-6 | Delta State Univ.: 0-5

Henderson State Univ.: 1-8 | Univ. of West Alabama: 0-9

Central Univ.: 0-9 | Harding Univ.: 0-9 | Henderson State Univ.: 1-8

0-17

Univ. Ark. Pine Bluff: W 6-0 | Southwest Baptist Univ: W 5-4

Drury University: L 2-7 | Washburn Univ.: L 3-6 | Colorado St. Pueblo: W 5-4

Cameron University: L 1-5 | Univ. of West Alabama: L 1-8 | Delta State Univ.: W 5-4

St. Edward Univ.: L 4-5 | Southeastern Okla. State: L 3-6 | East Central Univ.: L 5-4

Harding University: W 5-4 | North West Missouri State University: L 3-6

Southwest Baptist University: L 3-5 | University of Arkansas Fort Smith: W 3-6

GAC Tournament: 1st Place



Teodor Anghel Valentin practices in the Heflin Tennis Center. Valentin, a senior from Ploiesti, Romania, paired with Maciej Braciszewicz for a doubles win in the GAC tournament.



Andre Stefano gives a backhand return in a matchup. Hailing Brazil, Stefano was first season with the Tig...



Scan for more information on the OBU Men's Tennis Team

Nathan Street returns a ball with a backhand against University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Street, from Bentonville, Ark., was one of three freshmen on the team.

Front Row: Teodor Anghel Valentin, Marko Boskovic, Maciej Braciszewicz, Andre Stefano; Back Row: Head Coach Craig Ward, Vitor Oliveira, Nathan Street, Helge Knuth





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Sophomore Vitor Oliveira concentrates on the ball against UA-Pine Bluff. In the fall semester, Oliveira and teammate junior Marko Boskovic reached the doubles semi-finals of the USTA/ITA Small College Championships.



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Coach Ward and freshman Maciej Braciszewicz watch the team compete in the Heflin Tennis Center.



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Junior Marko Boskovic serves in a home match. He was named GAC's Player of the Year for the second year.

MARKING History

Setting the historic new record, the men's tennis team was victorious for the third consecutive year in the Great American Conference championship. This series of three wins from the men's tennis team had never occurred before in any single one of the Great American Conference's 13 sports.

The championship was held on April 19. This year was the tennis team's third year facing the East Central University Tigers at the championship – this year winning with a three point lead.

According to Head Coach Craig Ward, "The year began with some challenges, but ended great."

Teodor Anghel Valentin, a senior business administration major from Ploiesti, Romania, described the amount of effort and the dedication that went into the men's tennis team's record-setting victory.

"We fought from the very beginning, and it's been an amazing journey," Valentin said in an interview after the championship. "It's been only two days, but it feels like forever."

Valentin and doubles teammate Maciej

Braciszewicz, a freshman from Olesnica, Poland, won a marathon match at the No. 2 position during the championship. The doubles team of Marko Boskovic, a junior from Belgrade, Serbia, and Vitor Oliveira, a sophomore from Brasilia, Brazil, also won during the No. 1 position.

"I was lucky enough to win pretty quick, although my opponent was fairly good," Valentin said about his role in the championship.

The doubles team of Boskovic and Oliveira even ranked top among the Central Region's doubles teams.

While the men's team as a whole set records within the Great American Conference, individual team member Boskovic remained the Great American Conference Player of the Year for two consecutive years.

Once the championship ended, the men's tennis team found themselves once again on top.

"All the commitment and effort paid off. This was a life lesson they will never forget," Coach Ward said about the sportsmanship of the players from the team.

"The mindset was always to win. It wasn't an awesome season, but we always give

100 percent, as well as give 100 percent even if we are in practice, in match, everywhere we played," Valentin said, describing the amount of work put into the team during the season and their mindset going into the Great American Conference championship.

Coach Ward also commented on the success of both the team as a whole and the work of its individual players.

"In my 25 years, this is one of the finest groups of guys I have ever coached," Coach Ward said.

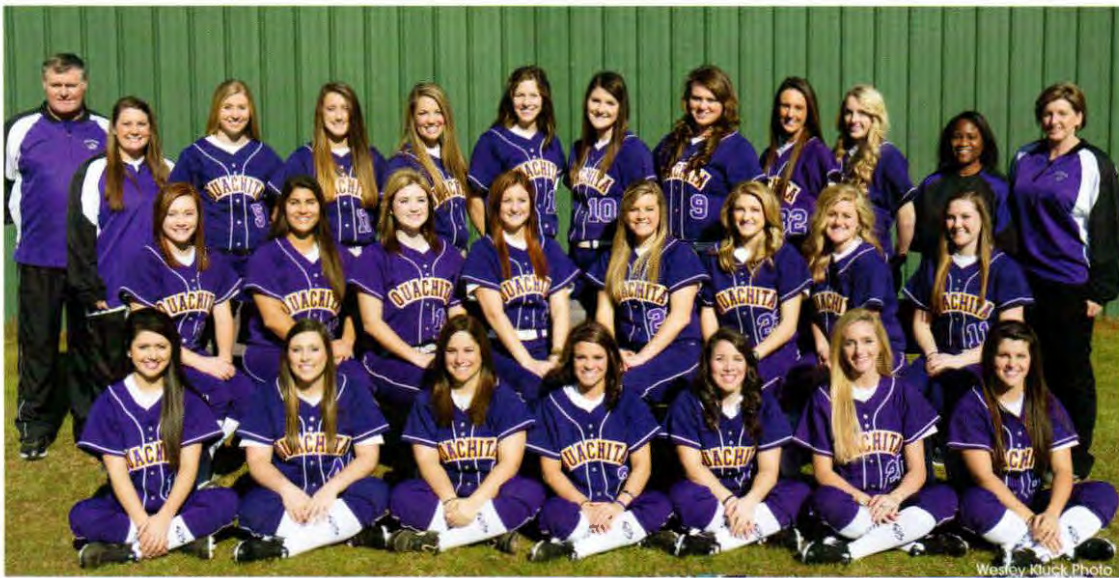
He went on to describe the resilience they showed throughout the season and during the championship.

"It would have been easy at any time to quit but these guys committed themselves to give 100 percent physically, mentally and emotionally," Coach Ward said. "It was a privilege to be a part of this team."

"We came to win," Valentin said. "As long as we are Tigers, we will come to win."

The successful season ended with Boskovic and Oliveira being named to the ITA All-American team.

by Robert DeSoto



Front Row: Carley Yazza, Emily Margan, Teresa Mursuli, Jessica Branan, Brittany Halmes, Oliva Guin, Jenna Hendry; **Second Row:** Jacelyn Janes, Daniella Brantley, Kate Lacina, Kayley Willingham, Kailey Madden, Suzie Gresham, Macy Nantz, Amber Oxford; **Back Row:** Head Coach Mike McGhee, Assistan Coach Kirsten Rigsbee, Brittney McElroy, Parrish Reed, Brianne Bailey, Abbi Frakes, Kayla Golden, Shelby McWhorter, Kayla Bullard, Taylor Anderson, Assistant Coach Monica Smith, Assistant Coach Jamie Pottford-Gresham

Abbi Frakes pitches in a game against Southeastern Oklahoma. Frakes, a senior from Plano, Texas has played for the Lady Tigers since 2011.



Jocelyn Janes stretches out for a grounder in a game against Southeastern Oklahoma. The Lady Tigers would face the Savage Storm in two double-headers in 2014, winning two out of the four games. Jones, a junior from Inez, Texas played at the shortstop position.

Parrish Reed swings for the fences in a home game against Harding University. Reed played in the outfield for the Lady Tigers, and was a senior from Cabot, Ark. Parrish, who also ran cross-country for Quachita, recorded an RBI single in the matchup.



Kailey Madden tags out Jessica Simmons (12) in a double header against Southeastern Oklahoma State.



Kaley Willingham throws a ball back to the infield in a game against Cameron University. Willingham was a junior from Tucson, Ariz.

Cameron Univ: W 6-3	Tarleton State Univ: L 2-9	Missouri Western Univ: L 0-1	Lincoln Univ: L 0-1
Missouri Southern Univ: L 4-8	Upper Iowa Univ: W 8-3	Central Oklahoma Univ: L 0-1	Central Oklahoma Univ: L 0-1
Southern Ark. Univ: L 0-4, L 1-4	UAM: L 0-5, L 0-8, W 10-1, L 1-13	Christian Brothers Univ: L 1-3, L 1-3	Christian Brothers Univ: L 1-3, L 1-3
Southwestern Okla. State Univ.: L 1-3, W 7-4, W 4-1, L 7-8	Henderson State Univ: L 1-8, L 4-8	Henderson State Univ: L 1-8, L 4-8	Henderson State Univ: L 1-8, L 4-8
Henderson State Univ: L 0-4, W 4-2	Ark. Tech Univ: W 4-0, L 0-11, L 2-4, W 5-4	Ark. Tech Univ: W 4-0, L 0-11, L 2-4, W 5-4	Ark. Tech Univ: W 4-0, L 0-11, L 2-4, W 5-4
Harding Univ: W 1-0, L 1-6, L 5-6, L 1-9	Harding Univ: W 1-0, L 1-6, L 5-6, L 1-9	Harding Univ: W 1-0, L 1-6, L 5-6, L 1-9	Harding Univ: W 1-0, L 1-6, L 5-6, L 1-9

GOOD

Game

Before the season began, the Lady Tigers were picked seventh in the Great American Conference. However, with several returning starters, the team worked hard to reach the conference tournament.

"Our biggest focus this season was communication. If we could learn to communicate on and off the field we could beat any team out there," said Daniella Brantley, a freshman psychology major from Albuquerque, N.M. "The times we were most successful is when our communication was at its best, meaning we were encouraging each other, learning from each other and listening to our coach."

Ending the season with an overall record of 18-38, the Lady Tigers advanced to the GAC Tournament. In the first round of play, ranked number eight, the Lady Tigers played the number one team of the conference, Southeastern Oklahoma State, and lost 0-1. The same day, the team played East Central, lost 5-7 and was eliminated from the tournament.

"Playing in the GAC tournament was one of the most incredible feelings. The first game was a tough loss. We played the first seed and held onto them until extra innings. The game ended 1-0 in the ninth. It was

an incredible feeling to fight hard," Brantley said. "Even though we lost, we knew we gave it our all. We worked hard. We wished we could have lasted a little longer, but the reality is we came together as a team and fought hard."

The Lady Tigers strived to work together as a team in order to succeed during the season.

"One significant part of this season was how often we went into extra innings. We found ourselves in multiple situations going into the eighth and ninth inning because we tied the game up. For us, that was huge because it showed our heart and our fight. We want to win those games and fought until the end. Sometimes just forcing the end to lost just a little longer felt good," Brantley said.

As a freshman, Brantley adjusted to playing college ball.

"I loved being a part of the team. For me, I had to spend a lot of time and effort trying to find the perfect college," Brantley said. "Now, I get to once again fall in love with the game and play with a group of girls with the same desires and passions as me. It's a great feeling to be reminded of why I am here playing this sport."

Freshman Brittany McElroy, a middle school education major from Ashdown, also

adapted to playing on a college team.

"This year was a very eye opening experience. I knew coming in as a freshman that it would be a whole lot different than high school, but I have had amazing teammates that have helped make it one of the most memorable years of ball I have played and I can't thank them all enough for it," McElroy said. "Our very last game of the season was such a memorable part of the season. We had so much fun cheering each other on and we played our hearts out."

Senior Abbi Frakes, a biology major from Plano, Texas, grew from each win and loss from her time spent playing for the Lady Tigers.

"Although we were faced with a lot of adversity this past season, our team had so many positive qualities. I think the chemistry was great this year. Everyone got along and encouraged one another," said Frakes. "I enjoyed having Coach Riggsbee as part of the coaching staff this year. She was a senior when I was a freshman and encouraged me to not get too stressed about the game. I've learned so many valuable lessons over the past four years with her leadership, along with all of the other coaches."

by Amber Easterly



Scan for more information on the OBU Softball team

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Central Missouri Univ: W 6-5 | Missouri Western Univ: L 0-8

Ark at Pine Bluff: W 7-0 | Southeast Okla. State Univ: L 2-4, W 1-0, W 10-9, L 2-3

Northwestern Okla. State Univ: W 9-6, L 8-11, L 0-9, L 1-11

Univ of Ark. at Pine Bluff: W 3-0, L 1-2 | Southern Nazarene Univ: L 1-9, L 1-6, L 3-5 W 19-15

Central Univ: L 0-2, L 3-7, L 0-8, W 7-5 | GAC Tournament: SE Okla. State L 0-1 | East Central: L 5-7

Harding: L 0-5, W 6-5 | Southeastern OK State: L 6-7, L 0-3, L 2-3

Southern Ark: W 7-2, L 3-12, L 0-7 | UAM: W 4-0, W 6-0, L 1-4

Arkansas Tech Univ.: L 4-9 | Northwest OK State: L 2-4, W 11-7, W 6-5

Southern Arkansas Univ.: L 5-7 | Southwestern OK State: L 2-4, L 3-8, W 7-3

Delta State: L 5-9, L 0-13 | UA Fort Smith: W 4-3, W 7-2, L 2-3, L 5-11

Henderson State Univ.: L 3-11 | Southern Nazarene: W 10-0, W 17-1, W 7-3

UAM: L 6-9 Ark. Tech: L 5-7, L 11-16, L 6-10 | Texas A&M International: W 5-1

Harding Univ: W 2-0, L 7-10, L 0-10 | Henderson State Univ: W 5-2, W 9-3, W 9-1

GAC Tournament: Ark. Tech Univ: W 6-3 | Southern Ark. Univ: L 10-15



Junior Tyler Faught fires a ball to first from one knee a game against East Central. Ouachita would sweep ECU Tigers in the series.



Wesley Kluck Photo

Landon Moore lays out for a ball against East Central. Moore, a senior from Sheridan, Ark., hit a grand slam against SAU in the conference tournament.



Scan for more information on the OBU Baseball Team

Senior Davis Ward winds up to pitch against Southwestern Oklahoma State. Ward received numerous post season honors including being named to the 2014 Daktronics Baseball All-Central Region Team and the NCBWA All-Region First Team. He was a two-time GAC Pitcher of the Year. Ward, along with teammate Keegan Ghidotti, was drafted in the 2014 MLB draft.

Front Row: Justin Weigel, Jace Melby, Weston Smith, Blake Leisenring, Drew Feuerbacher, Evan Ruiz, Parker Norris, Seth Childers, Tyler Faught; **Second Row:** Landon Moore, John Cunningham, Davis Ward, Kyle Matusoff, Ryan Hammer, Lucas Castleberry, Josh Reeves, Chris Taveres, Jacob May, Reuben Miller; **Back Row:** Head Coach Jeremy Haworth, Graduate Assistant Nick Rountree, Zach Gloff, Tryce Scholchlin, Keegan Ghidotti, Mat Sinclair, Luis de Jesus, Joey Gammon, Trey Hart, Austin Watson, Sean Noland, Craig Daniels, Will Wallace, Grad Assistant Kolby Moore, Assistant Coach Kyle Hope



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Senior Luis de Jesus prepares to release a changeup. De Jesus came to Ouachita from Salinas, Puerto Rico, and was named GAC Co-Pitcher of the week in the sixth week of the Tiger's season.

Freshman Justin Weigel connects with the ball in a game against UAM. The Tigers went 2-2 versus the Muleriders in the regular season.

Junior Mat Sinclair waits for the pitch in a mid-season match up against East Central. Sinclair was from Spring, Texas.

FIGHTING

for a Spot

Coming off a promising off-season, the Tigers baseball team dug their cleats into the dirt and had a very successful season. Finishing 25-28 and 16-14 in conference, the Tigers would defeat many ranked opponents and make a run in the conference tournament.

"We did a lot of inter-squad scrimmaging this fall which was different than we normally do," said Davis Ward, a senior business major. "And then we did a fall world-series where we split up into two teams and played a best of five series for bragging rights."

The Tigers began their season with a trip to Houston where they defeated St. Edwards University twice, 1-0 and 8-6. St. Edwards, which was ranked third overall in Division 2 Baseball, posed a challenge to the Tigers to start the season. Right after playing St. Edwards, the Tigers played Central Missouri in a weekend series. They would go 2-1 on the weekend.

"That win was very important to the start of our season," said Matt Sinclair, a mass communications major. "We wanted to come out and make a statement and by beating the third overall team in the country, we gained some momentum and confidence that would help us throughout the season."

As the team fought through conference play, the Tigers worked to a 13-14 record in conference. The Tigers struggled on defense and couldn't find hits when they needed them.

"We had a little bit of a midseason slump," Ward said. "When we loose some of our ability to hit, we loose heartbreakers. We were swept by Southeastern and that hurt. We knew we needed to get out of our slump."

The Tigers continued to play toward a GAC tournament birth. With a chance to gain the last spot in the tournament, the Tigers entered their last series needing to win two out of three games against Henderson State.

"Going in, we didn't just want to try and win two," Sinclair said. "We had the mindset to win all three games and knew we wanted to sweep them...Coming out, we could tell that they really didn't really want to be there. We were really energetic and cheering on our teammates and they seemed to be sluggish."

The Tigers began the series with a 5-2 win with Ward on the mound. The next day, the Tigers blew past Henderson in the second game 9-3 to clinch a playoff birth. However, the Tigers weren't finished as they completed the sweep beating HSU 9-1 in the third game.

"We expected to win," Ward said. "When you go into conference with the expectation to finish first, there's always going to be some

added pressure. But we came out there with the right attitude and got the sweep."

The Tigers finished the regular season and earned a Great American Conference playoff birth. As the sixth and final seed in the tournament, the Tigers faced Arkansas Tech in their first game. Tech, which had beaten Ouachita all four times they had played during the season, had won 22 straight games and was ranked number three in the nation. "Going in to the tournament, we didn't really have anything to loose. We knew we had to win the entire tournament to get a birth in regionals, so we just wanted to go out there and play our game," Sinclair said.

With less pressure on them, the Tigers defeated Arkansas Tech 6-3 and moved on to play Southern Arkansas. Unfortunately, the Tigers would loose their next two games and be eliminated from the tournament.

"It's unfortunate that we didn't win the tournament," said Head Coach Jeremy Hayworth. "Overall this team played good defense and we worked hard. Hopefully, we can succeed even more in the coming years building off some of the success we had this year."

by Dixon Land

Academics





Learning. The reason we all come to college. Academics are a huge part of your time at Ouachita, no matter how much or how little time you spend in the library. From new curriculum and facilities for some departments to classic staples like the business plan competition and poster presentations on Scholar's Day, from a new sports show created by students to hands-on experience in the ministry, from student teachers getting their first classroom assignments to senior artists displaying four years of hard work in their senior exhibits - all of these things come together to make the

Ouachita State of Mind.

ADVENTURES

ABROAD

Students create new memories internationally through the study abroad program.

It was said that learning had no barriers. Students involved in the study abroad programs experienced that first hand as they travelled across the world to gain new learning experiences.

"I was able to get out of the Ouachita bubble and experience a group of people that were all completely different. I was able to learn about different cultures and it really made me appreciate living in America more," said Tracey Mardis, a junior psychology major from Springdale.

Through the Grant Center for International Education, students had the option of exploring Australia, Austria, China, Costa Rica, France, England, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, Scotland or Chicago if they chose to stay in the states.

"I had never been out of the country and I wanted to go to an English speaking country. I've always thought England was really interesting and I have always wanted to go," said Katy Wood, a senior early childhood education major from Plano, Texas.

Studying abroad not only provided students with a different educational experience, but for some, a once in a lifetime travel experience.

"I knew that I wouldn't have a chance to be abroad that long in the future. I wanted to get outside of my comfort zone, travel, meet people and form relationships with people in a different country," said McKenzie Cranford, a senior mass communications major from Coppell, Texas.

Students who took advantage of studying abroad were able to see that difference making ability expand into the rest of the world.

"I get used to thinking that everyone

knows about God, but then you leave here and realize they don't. I was able to be a witness and that strengthened my faith," Mardis said.

Traveling abroad gave students a chance to become more self-confident, have a better understanding of life in America, become more socially intelligent, have stronger listening skills, experience new teaching methods and become creative problem solvers.

"I got to experience how other cultures do education. I am an early childhood education major. My future teaching will be more well-rounded because I have seen how other kids learn and how other teachers teach," said Wood.

Students were able to travel to other places when they weren't busy with classes.

"I was able to visit Germany, Hungary, Switzerland, France, England, Belgium and Vienna while I was there. We stayed in hostels, which are like super cheap hotels for the youth to stay in. They are kind of like bunkrooms but they are actually really nice," Mardis said.

While abroad, students had the opportunity to learn about the different cultures within the different countries. Instead of only learning about the specific place they went, they were able to learn about multiple places.

"I just stayed open-minded about the different cultures. Everyone was extremely willing to give you help and they were very welcoming," said Cranford.

One thing that was notably different was how holidays were celebrated.

"We were in Austria during two festival seasons. They actually celebrate Christmas



on the 24th. They believe in Kris Kringle and the Krampus instead of Santa and elves. They literally set up all of their Christmas decorations the day before all of their celebrations and say the angels did it," Mardis said.

While students were learning about their new country, they were also able to share a bit of home with those across the world.

"We missed out on things back at OBU, but we learned and gained so many things while being away. We actually got to live stream Tiger Tunes and watch it with all of our friends there in Liverpool. It was really cool getting to share Ouachita with them," said Wood.

Whether they were involved with the European Study Tour, studying abroad or summer abroad programs, students who took advantage of the opportunity marveled about their experiences and memories they had. It expanded their knowledge of the world, themselves and even their environment back home.

"I would encourage people to do it if you can. However, if you can't, take full advantage of what's here at OBU," said Cranford.

by Abbey Little



Junior Tracey Mardis sits in front of the Salzburg skyline while on the Capuchin mountain. Mardis studied at the University of Salzburg during the fall, staying with a host family during her time there.

Tracey Mardis Photo



Junior Zach Hawkins makes a new friend at Caversham Wildlife Park in Australia. Petting the kangaroos and other Australian animals was part of the study abroad students' orientation at Murdoch University.

Zach Hawkins Photo



Kailen Jahnsan Photo



Ben Cline Photo



Nicole Platt Photo



Shannon Talley Photo

Sophomore Jenna O'Dell and senior Kailen Jahnsan bicycle together in Kyrgyzstan. They worked with the International Mission Board through Hands-On.

Seniors Aaron Butler, Ben Cline and Adam Cline take a break together in Costa Rica. The three spent part of their summer at the University of Costa Rica.

Senior Nicole Platt shows off Austria's Alpine beauty. Platt saw much of the Alps while studying at the University of Salzburg in Austria.

Senior Shannon Talley tours the Scottish highlands. Talley spent the spring semester studying at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

NEW LINKS

Changes in CORE curriculum demonstrated to students new ways to connect with the world around them

Apart from taking the classes required for their majors, students were required to take classes from the CORE curriculum. After studying surveys, hosting faculty forums, and focusing on CORE objectives, the faculty adopted a new CORE curriculum.

"The thing about changing the CORE curriculum is it's not something you want to do frequently, because it effects so many parts of the university and you would constantly be in turmoil if you were doing it all the time," said Dr. Stan Poole, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. "We felt like we had reached the point where it was time to take another serious look. And one of the things we really wanted to do was create more flexibility."

Another goal of reorganizing the CORE curriculum was to reduce the number of hours students needed to graduate. Students gave feedback saying they felt they were taking too many general education classes and it was causing them to have to stay at school an extra semester or two.

"What we're trying to do is strengthen our students' engagement with our CORE curriculum so the courses we do teach are more compelling and more engaging and do so more efficiently," Poole said.

One of the classes that changed with the new curriculum was the freshman course, Introduction to Liberal Arts.

"It's not a very easy thing to teach, because it's a course outside of your discipline," Poole said.

The new class, OBU Connections, integrated some material from Liberal Arts

while giving the instructors a chance to teach a topic unique to their class.

"While preserving some of the important content from Intro to Liberal Arts, Connections will help students understand the importance and value of a broad education," said Dr. Keldon Henley, vice president for institutional advancement and an OBU Connections instructor. "They'll see that a single issue or problem can be approached from multiple perspectives or fields of inquiry."

Three pilot courses were offered during the fall semester and taught by Dr. Scott Holsclaw, dean of the school of fine arts; Dr. Keldon Henley; and Dr. Rob Hewell, associate professor of music and director of worship arts program.

Holsclaw taught his class with the mindset of a director looking at a piece of literature. His class studied "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck. Holsclaw brought in guest speakers to bring an interdisciplinary angle to their study. The guest speakers covered topics such as the financial depression during the Civil War, the dust bowl and family issues. Henley led his class in studying Civil War letters and a diary of a young Louisiana private who died at Antietam. The class heard from a guest speaker about the Civil War.

Hewell focused on leadership in his class. "For years I've had a great appreciation for and done a lot of reading on leadership and organizational dynamics and working with people, so this gave me an opportunity to do some things with students in a classroom setting that were outside what my main assignments are," Hewell said.



One of Hewell's students, Jonathan Dixon, was asked to speak at a faculty colloquium about his experience with OBU Connections.

"When Dr. Hewell asked me to speak, I was really excited. I had planned a five minute speech that I had practiced and practiced. When it came time for me to speak, I didn't feel like my planned speech was going to get across what really needed to be said, so I got up there and just winged it. It turned out fine and I had a blast doing it," Dixon said.

OBU Connections was not the only class that was part of the new CORE program. Changes were also made to history classes, writing classes and science classes. The administration found that students were more likely to enjoy a CORE class if they had some say in which classes they had to take.

"We still want students to develop the skills that are important from a liberal arts education. We want them to be able to understand the way science sees the world, what it means to be a responsible citizen and ways of plugging in and making a difference in their community," Poole said.

by Hannah Shu



Kristen Barnard Photo

Sophomores Taylor Black and Treslyn Shipley work in a Physical Science Lab together. Physical Science Labs met once a week for two hours and gave students a hands-on learning experience.



James Scott Photo

Students diagram sentences during a Composition I class. Diagramming sentences on the board with a partner helped students to better understand the anatomy of grammatically correct sentences.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

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Heather Ellis Photo

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Tyler Rosenthal Photo

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Kristen Barnard Photo

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- 1 Dr. Margarita Pintado helps junior Beau Daggett with class work during Spanish. This was Dr. Pintado's second year teaching at OBU.
- 2 Dr. Kevin Mott lectures students during American Civilization. Mott discussed the history of America from its early exploration to modern times.
- 3 Senior MaryLacey Thomson reviews notes during Senior Seminar. Senior Seminar was a required course in the CORE curriculum.
- 4 Senior Dennis Stratton works on a sound frequency lab in Physical Science. The lab helped students to better understand sound waves.

Top 5 Career Choices

1 Missionary

2 Youth Minister

3 Christian Media

4 Pastoral Staff

5 Christian Counseling

*Scientific survey based on a systematic random sample

"I love connecting with students and investing in their lives because they are the next generation. I want to be a youth pastor to disciple and grow students."

*-Jim Hampton,
Christian studies and
missions major, Hope*



Junior Stephen Curry studies for one of his theology classes. Curry was a church music major.



Dr. Byron Eubanks instructs one of his philosophy classes. Students learned how to apply philosophical ideas to their studies.



Reading over a book, sophomore Perri Snear reviews for her Workplace Ethics class. Snear was a biology major.

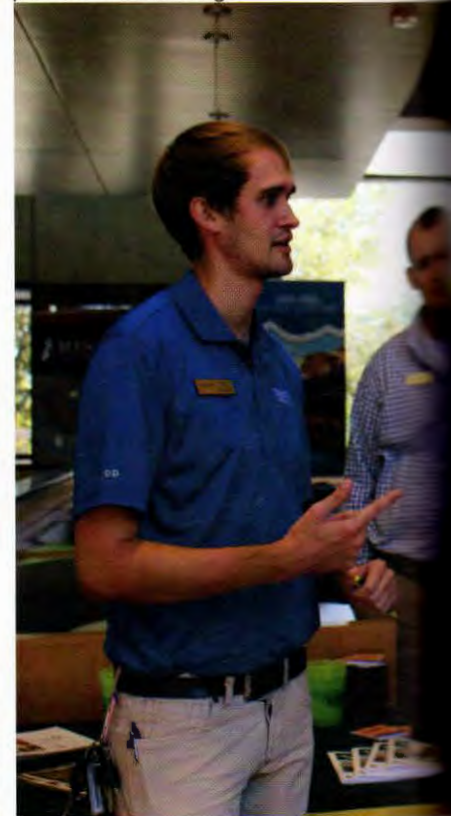


Dr. Barbara Pemberton talks with senior Grant Novak during World Religions class. Students were able to learn about world religions and how to discuss their beliefs with people of other religious backgrounds.



Dr. Scott Duvall, chair of the Biblical Studies Department, instructs students in Spirituality and Formations class. The class was a favorite among students.

Senior John Hewitt gets information from Baylor Seminary recruiters on Seminary Day. Christian studies students attend Seminary Day as they prepared to make plans for after college.



Applied Concepts

Boston. Turkey. Arkadelphia. Greece. Benton. Wales. Little Rock. Guatemala. Just a few places one would have found students serving with skills they acquired through their courses in the Pruet School of Christian Studies. Students had numerous opportunities to have experiences outside of the classroom that enhanced what they learned in their different courses.

"I chose to major in missions because I feel called to minister to the lost all across the world," explained Jenna Hurst, a senior missions and Spanish major from Gurdon.

Hurst spent time in Guatemala with a local church under the supervision of International Mission Board missionaries. Hurst had the opportunity to be a part of a church planting movement and discipleship while spending time in Guatemala.

"Dr. Pemberton's Discipleship in the Church class was so relevant and planted

a passion for discipling people in my heart," Hurst said.

Bridget Bloxom, a Christian studies and missions major from Benton, had the opportunity to participate in Hands On, a semester long mission internship through the International Mission Board.

"The things I have been taught and the support I have been given through my professors helped me to go in confidence and to be fully equipped for being in the mission field for the semester," Bloxom said.

The Pruet School partnered with the Hands On program to allow students to receive 12 hours of course credit while spending time overseas on the mission field.

"We believe that practical experience compliments the classroom nicely and it allows students to engage with ministry in a real-life environment," said Dr. Terry Carter, Vaught professor of Christian ministries and associate dean. Students also had the opportunity to practice what they were learning in the classroom locally. Kathleen Past, a senior Christian studies and missions and speech communications major from Grand Prairie, Texas, was able to attend a church planting conference with fellow students and staff that was hosted on campus.

"The church planters were a really fun group of people. They were really honest that it's really difficult emotionally and spiritually, but it's also one of the most fulfilling things they've ever done. It was a lot of practical information and a lot of guidance," Past said.

"Conferences deepen a student's understanding of varying aspects of ministry, theology and Biblical studies. It is our commitment to provide these outside experi-

ences when possible," said Carter.

Drew Farris, a Christian studies and biblical studies major from Hot Springs, served in a local church by interning with a student ministry.

"Interning at a local church has given me the chance to apply what I learn. Even what we all learn in Bible Interpretation has helped as I prepare sermons and lessons to teach to students," Farris said.

"The education I have received during my four years has been invaluable and I feel confident in stepping out into the ministry world after my time here," Hurst said.

Whether it was across the street or across the world, students in the Pruet School of Christian Studies gained real, hands on experience to take with them into ministry for the rest of their lives.

"Even though I was halfway around the world, there wasn't a day that passed that I didn't think back to my time in the classroom and the things I had been taught," Bloxom said.

There was much more to an education than taking exams and quizzes. It was what students did with what they learned that really made a difference in the lives of people. Putting into practice a student's education and ministering to others at home and abroad made Pruet students difference makers.

"I believe students who take advantage of a biblical studies trip, a missions studies trip or accompany us to an Evangelical Theological Society meeting gain a breadth of knowledge that rounds out their Ouachita education in a positive way," Carter said. "They never regret it."

by Jessica Stewart



Anna Mculloch Photo

Breaking News

Changes in Humanities affected faculty, facilities and communication professionals in the making.

From Spanish adding a new professor, to Rebecca Jones, assistant professor of communications, and Dr. Doug Sonheim, chair of English and Modern Foreign Languages and Anthony professor of English, teaming up to take a group of students to the Sundance Film Festival, the School of Humanities saw much change.

According to Dr. Jeff Root, the dean of the school of Humanities, the demand for Spanish had grown significantly over the years.

"With three faculty currently on staff, this makes the Spanish program the largest it has ever been at Ouachita," said Root.

With a new addition to the staff in Dr. Mark McGraw, joining Dr. Margarita Pintado and Ms. Julia Jones, the foreign language program was prepared to meet the new demand for the education in the Spanish language. Aaron Butler, a senior Spanish education major from Little Rock, said that the new addition to the faculty helped him prepare for a career in education.

"Dr. McGraw has helped so much in my preparation to enter the job market and begin my career teaching the Spanish language. I believe that Ouachita is very lucky to have him on staff," said Butler.

"For me language in high school was something that was hard to grasp," said Alex Nelson, senior business finance and management major from Frisco, Texas. "I was apprehensive about taking the required language credits to graduate here at Ouachita. Dr. (Margarita) Pintado presented the material in a way that is interesting and fun, without the monotonous memorizing of vocabulary."

Jones and Sonheim teamed up to create an entirely new experience for students, a trip to the Sundance Film Festival. Students attended the festival as a group in January, then met once a week during the spring semester to talk about what they learned from the trip. Jones said that the idea for the class came to her when she attended the festival as a doctoral student.

"I began to think about the OBU Sundance experience because I had a chance as a doctoral student to go to Sundance. In addition to being very fun and exciting, it was incredibly meaningful because I had a chance to interact with the Windrider Forum, a gathering that brings together students and filmmakers to discuss the relationship between faith and film," Jones said.

Jones and Sonheim were able to acquire the grant for the Ouachita trip. "It was a meaningful, enlightening, and even challenging experience because you're dealing with really hard stories told through film, and I hope that through this experience we can be better equipped to reach out to the world around us," Jones said.

Molly Anne Turner, a senior graphic design and mass communications major from Sherwood, was one of the students who attended Sundance.

"Getting the opportunity to go to Sundance was one of the best experiences I've had at OBU. Being a part of the Windrider Forum, I was able to listen to brilliant film makers compare faith and film which impacted me as a communications and art student. Learning to incorporate faith into your field is a valuable skill and something



I'll be able to continue to develop," Turner said.

A curriculum addition to the Rogers Department of Communications was the addition of a Social Media class, taught by alumni Lonnie Byrd and Lauren Farabough. "Social media is a major platform for communication, and our students need to not only know how it works and its potential, but the ethics of social media as well," said Dr. Deborah Root, professor and chair of Communications.

In April, the video production studio was dedicated as The Gary and Matt Turner Video Studio. Gary, a former Ouachita student, was a long-time pastor of Third Street Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, until his death. His son Matt, an OBU graduate, was a successful sportscaster and newscaster in northwest and central Arkansas. Matt was in a car accident not long after being named the evening anchor for THV11 in Little Rock. "There was a local citizen who knew both Matt and his father, and wanted to honor the two of them through a donation to Ouachita, specifically the mass communications department," Dr. Jeff Root said. THV11 broadcast from campus the day of the dedication. *by Ben Cline*

Top 5 Career Choices

1 Journalism

2 Lawyer

3 Public Relations

4 Christian Counseling

5 Editor

*Scientific survey based on a systematic random sample

"I love people and I love fixing problems. With PR you're presented with a problem and there are many ways you can solve it. It's that aspect of PR that excites me."

-Megan Polizzi, mass communications and Christian studies major, Irving, Texas



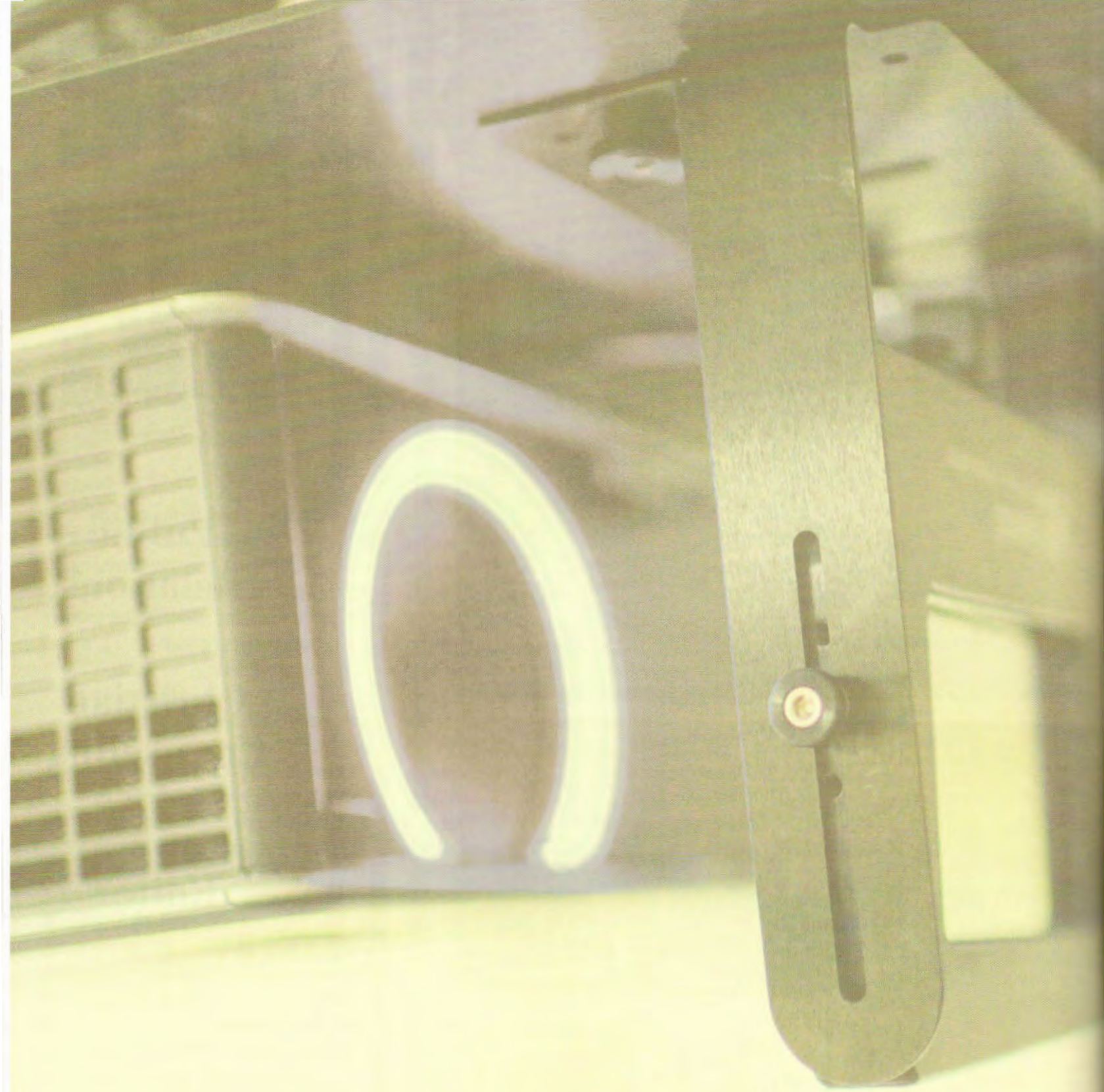
Seniors Jeff Sharp and Cait Crowell, juniors Tyler Rosenthal and Marissa Beckwith, and sophomore Treslyn Shipley meet together to talk about creative elements for their advertising campaign.



1 Dr. Deborah Root instructs sophomore Dixon Lond during Publication Design. Students learned the basics of newspaper and publication design and how to use the InDesign software.

2 Dr. Jeff Root talks with senior Emily Coles and junior Mat Brockway during Public Relations Principles and Problems. Dr. Root taught issues such as branding, event planning and marketing.

3 Freshman Jadejah Willioms takes notes during American Letters. Students had the option of taking either American Letters or Western Letters as a part of the CORE curriculum.



**Top Notch
Technology**

From 3-D science software to the new technology adaptations in the library, Ouachita improved its technology all over campus in order to help students incorporate technological advances into their daily lives.

Dr. Lori Hensley, chair of biology, received a university-wide grant during the 2012-2013 school year for new technology, which included BodyViz software for 3-D MRI and CT scans, 3-D projection equipment and a 3-D video camera and equipment for the communications department.

Knowing the technology would be expensive; Hensley did not want to be the only one on campus benefitting from it. She approached Lori Motl, director of admissions counseling, and Dr. Dave Ozmun, professor of communications, to see how their departments may be able to use the technology as well.

Ozmun and the video production students worked with admissions counseling to produce a 3-D tour of campus that could be shown to prospective students who may not be able to see campus at its finest or when the weather was good. Ozmun's video students filmed events like Tiger Tunes and football games in 3-D.

"This new technology is fun because it's brand new," Ozmun said. "We're learning everything we can about it. Everybody is learning as we go."

Hensley began incorporating the BodyViz software into her classes in February of 2013 and tried to use the software whenever possible in class. She said any time the students saw the 3-D glasses sitting out at the beginning of class, an immediate "buzz" was heard in the room.

"The students are so much more engaged with the 3-D technology," she said, "so whenever I find ways to integrate it, I do."

The 3-D equipment was set up in McClellan Hall, room 100. The scans were projected onto a screen by a special projector and while wearing black glasses and using a wireless Xbox controller, students could maneuver and examine the images. Using this technology allowed students the closest thing to examining the body without actually having cadavers present.

Hensley said she also had to "learn anatomy in a whole new way."

"I'm also not a radiologist, so I've spent some time at UAMS being a student myself learning how to read these slides," she said.

Megan Scarbrough, a senior biology major from Fayetteville, was one of the students who used the technology and was in a group presenting it to the faculty in the fall semester.

"It's a really different experience than in a book," Scarbrough said. "You see what the body actually looks like, and you get to use real scans and patient data that doctors give us — not just regular textbook stuff that's easy to figure out and solve."

Ouachita was one of very few universities in the nation with the new technology — one of just 40 or 50, according to Hensley, and was the only one in Arkansas with BodyViz.

"My favorite part is how excited the students get," Hensley said. "The whole atmosphere changes when we use 3-D. They know they're going to enjoy what they're about to do, and I think it helps them grasp the material better. It's a new way to engage the

students, and I think they enjoy it."

Along with the 3-D technology, another improvement was the new signage boards around campus.

"The digital media signage has been added in many departments across campus as well as in the library. These boards are TV screens with scrolling slides that are informative for the students," said William Wolf, Ouachita Media Specialist.

Each department prepared their own slides for the digital media signage.

"The screens add a fresh look and feel to areas like the student center that incorporates digital media. The screens are a great way to keep the students updated on events around campus in a way that's appealing to what we're used to," said Kathleen Post, senior speech communications and Christian studies major from Grand Prairie, Texas.

The library, like many other departments on campus, added the new signage, or digital media screens, as well as a few other technological advances.

"Much of the library's use of technology is evolutionary rather than an abrupt departure from the past. The library has consistently adopted technology to help better accomplish its mission as the technology became available, and because of the university's willingness to fund the library's adoption of that technology," said Dr. Ray Granode, professor of history and director of library services.

Another form of technology the library acquired was the new microfilm and microfiche scanners.

"We first acquired microform (film and fiche) when it became a new format. We then acquired the readers for it, then reader/printers that could reproduce a PDF of the image on the screen and now we have the scanners that can reproduce the text," said Granode.

The microform technology in the library continued to improve, but with the latest technology, students were able to scan images of archived newspapers, images, or old text and not only just look at it, but scan it in to the computer and manipulate it on the screen and print it out.

The media room in the library was another advancement made which was beneficial for not only studying tools but also group projects and preparing for presentations.

"The media room has been great for group presentation meetings where we can hook a laptop up to the TV and work on presenting power points," said Jeremy Dixon, a junior Christian studies and mass communications major from Benton.

The media room was located on the top floor of the library. There was a TV and a projector so students were able to connect their laptops and create presentations or work and study in group settings on a larger scale.

"Now that Ouachita has invested in these new technological study tools, I have the confidence to study and exercise my technology skills at the same time. These new advancements are such effective tools for us to have access to on campus. I'm delighted," said Hannah Pinkerton, a junior speech pathology major from Benton.

by Molly Anne Turner and Tanner Ward

BOOK PLAY

Students engage with with elementary school students through interactive literacy events

After journeying through a forest of Truffula trees and all the way to Whoville, students from the Huckabee School of Education got the opportunity to meet characters such as Yertle the Turtle, Sam-I-Am, a red fish, a blue fish and the Lorax.

No, this was not through the study abroad program, but here at home.

Students enrolled in the Literature for Early Childhood Education course were given the opportunity to travel to many more places and meet even more exotic characters through a study of children's literature. Particularly through events like Perritt Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten Family Night, students were able to engage with pre-kindergarten children through reading, math and science activities that focused on children's literature.

"It really confirmed for me that I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing," Josh Cartwright, a junior early childhood education major from Farmington, said about Perritt Family Night.

Four students from the Literature for Early Childhood education course took part in leading Perritt Family Night.

The annual event, which is sponsored by Perritt pre-kindergarten teachers for the children and their parents, focused around the works of Dr. Seuss. Children and parents that arrived at the event were quickly greeted by Dr. Seuss-inspired decorations, along with a few of his most unique characters, displayed around the halls of Perritt Elementary School. The teachers, students from the School of Education, facilitated different literature-based activities with the

children.

"The students were the leaders that evening," Mrs. Kaila Murphy, Literature for Early Childhood instructor and Perritt Elementary School librarian, explained. "They got to do a little bit of teaching and explaining. Then, they let the children do an activity after they modeled and demonstrated it."

Cartwright and Patrick Sworn, a sophomore early childhood education major from Crossett, used the Dr. Seuss book "Bartholomew and the Oobleck" to do a science experiment with the students.

"I definitely learned a lot about time management and doing more than one thing at once that night," Sworn said. "We were having to read the story to the kids and make the oobleck at the same time."

During the science experiment, Cartwright and Sworn helped the students create "oobleck," a substance like that from the Dr. Seuss book. The substance was nothing more than a mixture of cornstarch and water.

"That was one of my favorite parts of the whole evening," Cartwright said. "Watching the kids and their parents interact together and watching them get grossed out by the sticky goo."

Sworn explained why the event was relevant and helpful to early childhood education students.

"It was a great opportunity to get a peek into the different types of literature that students are learning and how the parent and child are interacting with that," Sworn said. "That's really important. Teachers need to know how the parent interacts with the stu-



dent."

The children grouped with Sworn and Cartwright and other leaders were engaged to the point that they chose the educational activities over pizza and sweets.

"You could see how much fun the kids were having from their faces," Murphy said. "But you knew they were really having fun when they didn't want to leave their activity to go have pizza and cupcakes. So, we let them stay in their groups a little longer until they had rotated through each station and done all of the activities."

At the end of the night, parents and students left with a free Dr. Seuss book, and leaders were able to examine the value of the experience.

"I thought it would be just sitting around just reading to the kids," Cartwright said. "I didn't know we would have as much fun with the activities and playing with the kids, which is what I love. It was all possible to the lit class."

So even from Mount Crumpet to the McGrew Zoo, with children's literature, oh, the places you'll go!

by Robert DeSoto



Mike Reynolds Photo

Elementary school students work alongside kinesiology students at DeSoto Bluff. The students instructed the children in using a map and following directions.



Gracie Lundistum Photo



Mike Reynolds Photo



Kristen Bohring Photo

Top 5 Career Choices

1 Elementary Teacher

2 Teacher

3 Middle School History Teacher

4 Special Education Teacher

5 Athletic Trainer

*Scientific survey based on a systematic random sample.

"I hope to inspire creativity and teach kindness in my classroom. I want to teach out of love, because I believe that is my calling."

-Kelsey Frink, early childhood education, Marion, Mass.

Junior Tracy Mardis throws the ball in the air as she sets up the perfect tennis serve. Introduction to Beginner's Tennis taught students the basics of the game.

School of Education students instruct elementary school students at DeSoto Bluff. The students took the children out of the classroom for a more interactive way of teaching and learning.

Senior Bailey Sanders teaches in a second grade classroom. Education majors were required to spend the last semester of their senior year teaching as interns.

Top 5 Career Choices

1 Accountant

2 Sales Rep

3 Sales Marketer

4 Sports Business

5 Small Business Owner

*Scientific survey based on a systematic random sample.

"Accounting has been hard, but rewarding. I've never been the type that wanted to teach or be a doctor. I can't watch people get cut open."

*-Rachel Hooker,
accounting major,
Palestine, Ark.*



Junior Lauren Lynch takes notes in Personal Finance. Students were taught the importance of saving and how to invest.



Stephanie Chantos takes notes in a business course. Chantos was part of the winning business plan team in the fall.



School of Business Dean Bryan McKinney teaches Business Law. McKinney told a story to demonstrate liability.



Emily Tual works in Microcomputer Applications. Microcomputer Applications taught students the basics of various computer software and databases.



Dr. Chris Brune instructs students in Corporate Finance. Students learned about the ins and outs of company financial statements.

Sophomore Rebekah Hollimon and freshman Titus Brooks work together for an assignment in Personal Finance. The class was also offered as an online course.



Commercial Culture

Above and beyond: these two words described what the Hickingbotham School of Business envisioned for its students, majors and non-majors alike, who entered its doors to learn. The school was not exclusive to majors only, offering a wide array of options for the entire student body in which to participate.

A staple for the School of Business was the annual Business Plan Competition, a chance for students to gain some real business experience, venture on their own and create a tangible business plan. The competition allowed the students to present their plans to an audience and judges for a cash prize. The winners then had the chance to advance in the competition and move on to present their plan at higher levels, leading up to the ultimate prize of possibly having their plan become a reality.

Michael Crowe, a senior business administration and finance major from

Donaldson; Alex Nelson, a senior business administration and finance major from Frisco, Texas; and Evan Malcolm, a senior business administration and management major from Shreveport, La. won with their plan "PUREnovations." For their efforts the team won a \$4,000 cash prize and the opportunity to advance in the competition.

"PUREnovations' focused on converting traditional gas powered vehicles to Compressed Natural Gas, or CNG," Crowe said. "Our primary focus is to enter small markets and provide exceptional quality and service to individuals who typically would not have access to this newer technology. We strive to enrich community members lives by making the atmosphere in which they live both greener and cleaner for all to enjoy."

To enter the competition, students only needed a solid written plan for submission, some presentations skills and enthusiasm about their product. The competition gave students across all majors a chance to get a glimpse into the reality of the business world.

"I learned so much from participating in the competition. It really pushes you to go above and beyond because it really is unlike anything you'll ever do in a classroom," said Tari Abellera, a senior mass communications major from Garland, Texas. "Whether you place or not, it is an incredible experience that can help prepare you for the real world."

Other events that occurred during the year included trips to different cities for each class in the business school and the event known as "First Fridays." Each class went to a different city: the seniors to St. Louis, the

juniors to Little Rock, the sophomores to Northwest Arkansas, and the freshmen to Memphis. These trips were designed for students to make connections and understand the culture and organization of the business world by visiting centers of business and centers of culture in the cities.

"It was a really neat experience to be able to spend time with classmates away from campus and build some relationships in the business world," said Clay McKinney, a senior business administration and management major from Hughes Springs, Texas.

First Fridays was an event that occurred once a month, where the school would invite successful businesses men and women, including alumni, to come and speak to the students about their businesses and the business world in general. The students were offered lunch, along with a lecture to gain some personal insight.

The Hickingbotham School of Business did not shy away from inviting majors and non-majors alike to gain knowledge and experience from the events, classes, and competitions sponsored by the school. Anyone and everyone were welcome to participate and take advantage of the experience at their fingertips.

"We're encouraged to view business in light of the Gospel," said Abellera. "We are able to hear from very successful people about the road that they took within business and we are also constantly told of the importance of keeping God as the focus of our business."

by Jake Coffman



Cara Curtis Photo

Top 5 Career Choices

1 Worship Leader

2 Music Teacher

3 Band Director

4 Voice Instructor

5 Music Therapist

*Scientific survey based on a systematic random sample.

"I feel like early encounters with music can influence children's futures. Even if they don't pursue a music career, the things they learn in music classes will pay off greatly later in their education and life in general."

-Carli Sasser, music education major, Crossett



Kristen Barnard Photo



Kristen Barnard Photo



Tiger Steel ensemble performs during its winter concert. The School of Fine Arts added the ensemble as a course.

Senior LeeAnn Polk rehearses bass flute during a music lesson. Polk was a music major.

Mr. David Stanley accompanies Bauman on piano during her voice lesson. Stanley was an instructor of music.



Freshman Hannah Bauman belts out practice tunes during a voice lesson. Bauman was a worship arts major.



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Senior Caitlin Secret sings an aria during the Shambarger Competition. Secret won first place at the 16th annual competition.

Freshman Jayla Luxton practices with Kristin Grant during a flute lesson. Luxton met with Grant for lessons on a weekly basis.



Heightened Virtuosity

The School of Fine Arts Division of Music was not only a unique group of students because of their talent, but also because of the unique way the departments and majors inside the school were structured.

"The Division of Music is made up of five different departments that don't necessarily have a degree that go along with each of them," said Dr. Gary Gerber, associate professor of music.

The departments that don't have majors that go directly with them are just as important because they house Core courses that are required for all music majors to take. This provided not only a firm grasp of their emphasis, but also provided the students with a wide variety of knowledge in the study of music that they might not have received otherwise.

The departments included the Department of Applied Music, chaired by Dr. Jon Secret; The Department of Worship Arts,

chaired by Dr. Rob Hewell; The Department of History and Literature, chaired by Dr. Patrick Houlihan; The Department of Music Education, chaired by Dr. Craig Hamilton; and The Department of Theory and Composition, chaired by Houlian.

Within these departments were a variety of courses and degrees offered to best fit the needs of the music students. The degrees offered included a Bachelor of Music in Performance, a Bachelor of Music in Musical Theatre, a Bachelor of Music in Composition, a Bachelor of Music in Music Education, a Bachelor of Music in Worship Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Music.

The courses required to be a music major were definitely not short of challenging, and required a lot of outside class work and preparation in order to provide the students with the necessary knowledge to be able to enter the professional world confidently.

The courses were arranged so the students learned the history of the music they were studying as well as the techniques of their craft.

"The courses I've taken in the music department have grown me as a musician and performer. The range of classes we take teach us about the background of music, but also how the music is structured," said Meredith Martin, a senior music education major from Garland, Texas.

Along with the courses that were required, the music students were also required to participate in a certain number of semesters of large and small group ensembles. The ensembles offered included Concert Choir, Women's Chorus, Marching Band, Jazz Band and many others.

"The ensembles are laboratories for music majors. The students are individually learning their craft in their lessons and

the ensemble gives them the opportunity to put that into use in situations with other students. They are bringing into the ensemble all of the techniques that they've been learning into a large situation where they can apply it," Gerber said.

Even though the courses created busy schedules for the students, the professors in the music departments were knowledgeable and helped to motivate the students to make sure they ended up leaving college prepared for whatever step was next.

"There were difficult times when I had to work my tail off to get an A, but the professors cared to put in the extra time in helping me, so I put in the extra time to be excellent in what I did," said Ashley Briggs, a senior worship arts major from Little Rock.

"The professors know what they're talking about and there's a variety of classes offered. I'll say getting a bachelor's degree in music is not easy, but it has been more than worth it," Briggs said.

The professors' goal in the division of music was to provide the music students with the knowledge and confidence to go on to be active members in the field of music, using what they learned in the classroom and through their participation in ensembles. Graduates could be found teaching choir and band, composing music, leading worship and performing on stages from Branson to Broadway.

"Our goal is two-fold; to educate them proficiently in music so they are ready to get a job when they get out, regardless of what area they are going into, or prepare them so they are ready to enter into graduate school," Gerber said.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

by Molly Anne Turner

ON DISPLAY

The medium of visual arts allowed students to share their ideas and creativity

In the same way authors wrote books to share their thoughts and ideas with the rest of the world, artists shared through their art, whether it was illustrations, sculptures, drawings, designs or paintings. An artist's true character came out in their pieces. For this reason, students in the visual arts department displayed their work through senior exhibits.

As a requirement to graduate, students with majors in either studio art or graphic design took the senior exhibit class.

Anna McCulloch, a senior graphic design and mass communications major from Little Rock, did a joint exhibit titled "Color Through the Eyes of a Designer" with Brittany Ewart, a senior graphic design and mass communications major from Bossier City, La.

"The greatest benefit of getting to display your work is that everyone gets to see what you've done for the past four years. It's basically like having your portfolio displayed on the walls," McCulloch said. "I know my friends and my parents didn't really understand what I did until they were able to see it all displayed."

At the beginning of the fall semester, students turned in proposals for their top preferences of location or date and their purpose and goal for the exhibit. The class went over many practical areas of preparing for the exhibit.

"In the class we were required to present our vision for our show," said Katie Hopmann, a senior studio art major from Cypress, Texas. "Each of us had to make a presentation to the class and professors and just share the overall view of what we wanted to accomplish. So they knew what

my goals were before I started the installation process."

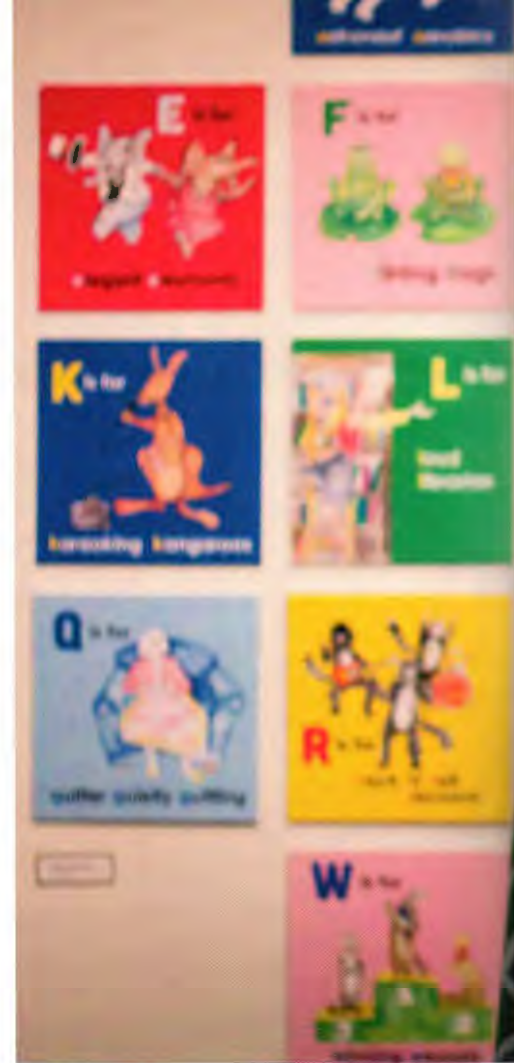
Students were able to display any of the artwork they chose from their time in college. However, their exhibits also had to be understood as one unit with one theme. For that reason, many students only displayed artwork they had made in their most recent years.

"In order for my show to be cohesive and have the effect I want, I am only displaying work from the past year," said David Hickernell, a senior studio art and mass communications major from Plano, Texas. "Art is pretty pointless if no one ever sees it, so people seeing the work is the greatest benefit."

Hopmann's exhibit, titled "Show Me a Story," mainly showcased artwork from her last two years before she graduated. She wanted to show a story with pictures instead of telling one with words. In order to show just how long the process took to make one of her illustrations, Hopmann displayed videos of her drawing and painting at 20 times the normal speed. The videos were still around 10 minutes long for only one illustration.

"I had just really fallen in love with this idea of what stories and pictures can do that words can't necessarily. So my goal was to represent that idea," Hopmann said. "A big part of my show, too, was an attempt to explain that there is a process behind it. I don't just draw it. But it takes a lot of thinking and rethinking, illustrating and re-illustrating."

Students in the class, as well as the professors in the department, visited each gallery space to critique the exhibits.



Beyond the class, however, there were many responses from friends and family for each of the students' work.

"Most of my work is meant to be printed on a page, so it being shared is a big part of its effectiveness," Hopmann said. "Sharing my work with other people and the response of people reading through my books really excited me and I was encouraged by the responses I received."

Putting together an exhibit took time and effort for every student, from creating the artwork to framing and mounting each piece, and everything else in between.

"My advice would be to start earlier than you think you need to," McCulloch said. "I would say to start thinking about work you want to put in your exhibit no later than sophomore year."

Many hours went into each and every exhibit to ensure the look was clean and professional for the public.

"I expected (preparing for the exhibit) to be pretty challenging, but it has been even more difficult than I expected," Hickernell said. "If you have time to sleep, you're not trying hard enough."

by: Mauri Sparks

Top 5 Career Choices

Graphic Designer

2 Artist

3 Art
Educator

4 Advertising

5 Video Game
Developer

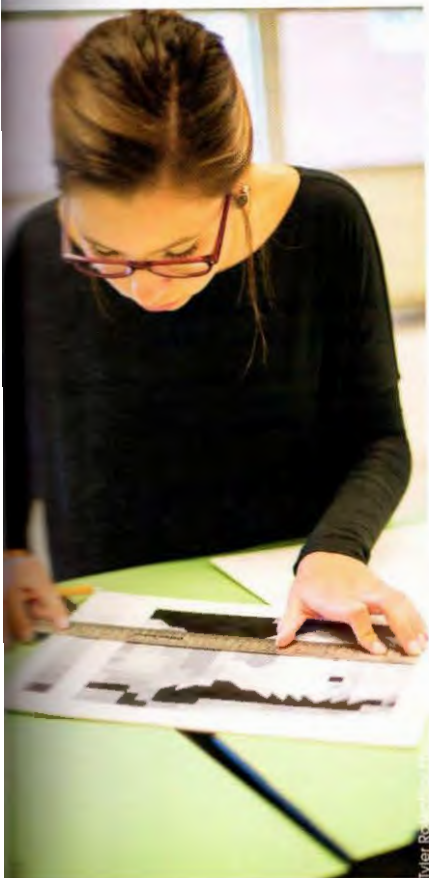
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"Graphic design is such a pivotal part of our world. People don't realize how much goes into making their Starbucks cups look pretty or their favorite restaurant menu readable, but that is all graphic design. Without it, your Peppermint Mocha at Christmas wouldn't be nearly as exciting.

-Aly Smith, mass communications and graphic design, Sherwood



Senior Katie Hopmann stands in front of part of her senior exhibit "Show Me a Story. For part of her exhibit Hopmann wrote and illustrated a children's book.



1 Freshman McKenzie George creates a portrait using grayscale ranges. The goal of the assignment was to show students how to use different values of lightness and darkness.



2 Junior Cat Williams designs her ceramic plate for ceramics class. The course taught students about ceramics basics, such as the types of clay and the glazing.



3 Sophomore Lauren Scarbrough draws on a glass door in Moses Pravine. Scarbrough used a black marker to recreate a still life she had already drawn in detail for Drawing I as a continuation of the project.

Top 5 Career Choices

1 Actor

2 Writer

3 Theatre Educator

4 Professor

5 Missionary

*Scientific survey based on a systematic random sample.

"I want to be an actor because it is a way I can minister to many different people on a universal basis without having to know their personal journeys and also being able to put a smile on people's faces. Smiles all around."

*-Jalin Wesley,
musical theatre major,
Little Rock*



Students practice their tap steps in the new dance studio. Most dance classes had about 15 students and ranged from Tap Dance to Voice and Movement.



Junior Logan Kuhn attends Fine Art Theatre class with Dr. Scott Holsclaw. Kuhn was a biology major.



Freshmen Abby Root and Lauren Hutcheson attend Voice and Movement class. Students learned body and voice control.



Junior Kathleen Suit works with fellow students in Dramatic Theory. Students learned to analyze and write stage plays.



Senior Lauren Linton rehearses a scene for her senior recital. Linton's recital was held on April 24.

Senior Ben Stidham takes notes during Theatre History with Professor Eric Phillips. The class served as a survey of the history of the theatre arts.



Thespian Resurgence

Walls went down and mirrors went up. Studio lights were removed and ballet barres installed. Dancers then began the move into their brand new, closer-to-home studio space in the Williams/Arnold Dance Studio in Mabey Fine Arts Center.

The old television studio from the communications department served as the starting point for the new dance studio. The converted space included mirrors, a new sound system and ballet barres. A new sprung dance floor was also installed, which consisted of three layers of boards flexed to support the dancers in a way that would not hurt their feet or backs.

Instrumental in converting this space, Dr. Scott Holsclaw, dean of the School of Fine Arts, helped achieve a dream in giving students, particularly those studying musical theatre, a place of their own.

"We've really been waiting about 15 years to do something like this," Holsclaw

said. "Toward the end of last year, we managed to raise the money with the help of some generous donors. We were finally able to knock down a few walls and install everything."

The new space was the first of its kind for dancers, both in its new features and its location. Before the construction of the new studio, dancers had to travel across the street to a rented space at Henderson State University.

"It's so much easier to just go right downstairs to our own studio than to cross the street and mess with finding a place to park," said Jalin Wesley, junior musical theatre major from Little Rock. "Us theatre people are really busy, so having that (studio) so close is really a good source."

The decision to construct the new studio also affected the theatre department financially.

"We were renting that space over at Henderson. Now that we have our own studio, that frees up a lot of our departmental funds," said Eric Philips, chair of the Department of Theatre Arts and professor of theatre.

Students studying musical theatre were the ones who benefited primarily. Since dance is a major component in musical theatre, the new, on-campus space allowed for students to have more rehearsal time.

"Dance is essential for us," said Garrett Sayers, sophomore musical theatre major from Greenwood. "As a musical theatre major, I feel like I'm a triple threat: acting, singing and dancing. The new studio gives us a better opportunity to strengthen our skills in that area."

Classes ranged from Ballet, Voice and Movement and Tap. Students were also able to reserve the studio for additional practice times to rehearse a scene or a dance, or to

practice with others.

"I'm planning on reserving the studio with other students during the week," said Kyle Osmon, sophomore musical theatre major from Rogers. "It's great that we have a professional space like that where we can practice on our own."

In addition to serving as a resource for musical theatre students, the studio was used as a rehearsal space by students rehearsing other, non-theatre events.

"Even the hosts and hostesses of Miss OBU are using the space to practice for the event," Holsclaw said. "Students are using the space to practice for Ouachita Sounds and recital prep. Then, in the fall, it will be available for the hosts and hostesses of Tiger Tunes to use to practice."

Professors and students also shared the changes they thought the new dance facility would bring with it.

"I think it'll make (students) want to take dance classes more," said Stacy Hawking, a sophomore musical theatre major from Sherwood. "Having this new place will push students to take dance classes and will help build the dance program up."

Holsclaw also described what he hoped the studio would bring to the School of Fine Arts.

"I would love to see the possibility of having a dance minor in the near future," Holsclaw said. "I think that's just a little ways down the road."

With the newly renovated dance studio, students, particularly those studying musical theatre, were able to utilize a new, closer-to-home facility that would enable them to gain more dance experience and would bring the hope of developing the dance program with it.

by Robert DeSoto



It is not often that the likes of a musical theatre student and a video broadcast student cross paths. Two different schools, two different buildings and two different sides of campus. Many would consider these two areas opposite sides of the spectrum, one meant to entertain audiences and make them forget about their worries, the other meant to deliver the breaking news. When examined at the core however, students from these two areas couldn't be more similar. Both are communicators, one with their words, the other with their bodies. Both require passion, a drive to achieve their dreams. Both require a studio to hone their craft and prepare for their future.

Both the Rogers Department of Communications and the musical theater department of the School of Fine Arts saw exciting new advancements in their facilities on campus. In 2012, the Rogers Department of Communications made the move to Lile Hall after the building's renovation. The renovation brought a much needed upgrade to the department's TV studio.

On April 3, 2014, the video production studio was dedicated to two men whose Tiger connections ran deep. The Gary and Matt Turner Studio was named to honor Rev. Gary Turner and his son, Matt Turner. Rev. Turner died in 2005 after a two-and-a-half year battle with leukemia. Matt Turner died in 2012 in a car accident at the age of 32. Both these men left a lasting impact not only on Ouachita, but everyone they came in contact with.

"In thinking about these two men, how fitting is it that we name this studio after them. They were both communicators - one from the pulpit, one from the studio," said Ouachita President Rex Horne. "They both touched crowds of people. They both made an indelible impression upon this community."

Rev. Gary Turner served as the pastor of Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia for 25 years. He was also very active in the community serving as the president of the Arkadelphia School Board and the Clark County American Heart Association as well as chairman of the board for Arkadelphia Kids' Club.

Matt Turner, a Ouachita graduate, was a news anchor for THV-11 in Little Rock. During his time at Ouachita, Matt was very involved in the video production area.

"It has been such fun to work with guys like Matt through the years as hosts of our coaches' shows," said Dave Ozmun, professor of communications. "To see him enjoy success in the field of broadcasting made us all happy."

The dedication was made possible by a generous donation from Senator and Mrs. Percy Malone as well as contributions from THV-11 and KNWA in Northwest Arkansas, both of which Matt worked at for several years. Television Broadcasters of Arkansas also contributed to the studio.

"We are so grateful for everyone who is supporting the communications department and making sure we have the best possible studio for many, many years to come," said McKenzie Cranford a junior mass communications major from Irving, Texas. "To me, it's encouraging walking through Lile every day and knowing that we have access to this studio and equipment for us to take advantage of."

Senator Malone, an Arkadelphia pharmacist and business man, served in the Arkansas Senate from 2001 to 2013 and previously served in the House of Representatives. The Malones

are longtime members of Third Street Baptist church, and were in attendance at the studio's dedication. Sen. Malone spoke on the legacies Rev. Gary and Matt Turner left behind.

"It's my total honor to be here today. I am extremely humbled by God's gifts to me," said Senator Malone. "I could talk all day about Bro. Turner and Matt."

Also in attendance at the dedication ceremony were Rev. Turner's widow, Lisa, and their son, Andy, Matt Turner's widow, Julee and their daughter, Preslee, as well as friends from THV-11 including news anchor Craig O'Neill. O'Neill and the THV-11 crew stayed on campus the rest of the day, doing live shots from the Turner Studio for THV's noon, 5 o'clock and 6 o'clock newscasts.

"The day of the Turner Studio dedication was a day I'll always remember," said Jeff Root, dean of the School of Humanities and professor of communications. "I was especially pleased that so many friends and family members gathered in the studio for the ceremony. It resembled a family reunion as people took each other's photographs and talked about their memories of Gary and Matt."

A week later on April 11th, the School of Fine Arts dedicated a studio of its own, The Williams/Arnold Dance Studio. After the move of the communications department, the former tv studio space sat empty. Thanks to a several donations, the School of Fine Arts was able to use the funds to meet a growing need on campus and construct a dance studio.

The project was made possible by generous donations from Dr. Paul and Cheryl Williams and the Sharon and Bill Arnold Family Foundation, as well as significant donations from Dr. Malone and Melissa Carozza and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Glover, as well as other donors.

Musical theatre students had to complete dance classes as a part of their required coursework. Prior to the construction of the dance studio, students had to take dance classes across town on street at Henderson State University.

"As the program grew, so did the need for space," said Scott Holsclaw, dean of the School of Fine Arts and professor of theatre arts. "The School of Fine Arts is proud to have this new facility and look forward to how this space will enhance its programs."

The renovated space featured a sprung dance floor designed to provide support for dancers. It also included a preparation area and office. The studio is not just for classes such as Ballet, Tap and Voice & Movement, but will also be used by the Ouachita Sound Tigers Tunes hosts and hostesses, musical theatre recital preparations and will be available for student reservations.

"The addition of the dance studio is a tremendous thing. It not only does it create a new space for students all over campus to come and create art, but it's the beginning of a new era in the theatre department," said Stacy Hawking, a sophomore musical theatre from Sherwood. "This space is just the beginning, and it will be here for future tigers to explore as well."

Whether conveying a message with their words or a message with their movements, student communicators across campus received new spaces to grow in. Thanks to giving donors on Ouachita friends both these departments gained facilities that not only strengthen their departments, but inspire their students to achieve for years to come.



**Gifts That
Keep On Giving**

TEST GROUP

Students from the School of Natural Sciences participated in research conferences and competitions

With lab work, individual preparation and classwork, students from the Patterson School of Natural Sciences used the skills they had learned during research conferences and competitions. Students were able to compete against teams from other universities, while programs like the summer research program helped provide a platform for other students to present their findings to professionals and fellow researchers.

"(The summer research program) allows students to actually do science," said Dr. Tim Knight, dean of the School of Natural Sciences.

Over a period of 10 weeks, around 15 students stayed at school to conduct research over different topics. The students paired up with a professor. They planned their projects, learned the techniques involved, conducted the research themselves and presented the information at a science meeting.

"The setting is more on your own," Laura Strossner, a senior biology major from Conway, said. "You make the decisions, and you decide what steps you need to take next."

Strossner researched ojelemic acid and the possibility that it could be used as a cancer therapy drug, as well as Ewing's Sarcoma, a pediatric tumor.

Students who participated were able to use ideas they had learned in class in their research, as Hannah Nolan, a dietetics/nutrition major from Sherwood, explained. Nolan conducted research concerning the nutrition and exercise of school children.

"It really helped me to apply what I had

been learning in class about nutrition," Nolan said.

Jessie Meyer, a junior biology major from Woodway, Texas, described the importance of the summer research program and the part that she enjoyed the most.

"The program grows your confidence as a student, and it grows your view of what it's like being an actual doctor that's doing research," Meyer said. "And I loved when we finally got results. We spent so many weeks of work that when we started getting results, it was an amazing feeling."

After conducting their research and organizing their findings, students were given the opportunity to present their findings at different off-campus science conferences.

"I remember we were so nervous before we presented," Strossner said about preparing her findings to present them to professionals and fellow researchers. "All of us that were staying together got together the night before and rehearsed and rehearsed what we were going to say."

Meyer said what it was like to present at the science conferences.

"I enjoyed it, but it was very intimidating because all of these people walking around had Ph.D.s, and I knew I had to impress them."

Meyer and Nolan were recognized for their research presentations at the conferences. Meyer won one of 15 "Simply Speak" awards at the Undergraduate Research Poster Contest at the American Chemical Society National Meeting in Dallas.

Nolan was awarded first place for her oral presentation at the National Institutes



of Health Southeast Regional IDEa conference in Little Rock.

Students studying computer science were also able to compete in academic competitions. Nine computer science students attended a programming sponsored by Acxicom at Hendrix College. A team of four Ouachita students received third place out of the 18 teams total that competed. Teams solved problems like finding the millionth digit of pi and checking passwords.

Jake Kausler, a senior computer science major from Marion, described his most memorable part of the event.

"They would bring you a balloon every time you got a problem right," Kausler said. "I remember them bringing back the flash drive with the program on it saying that I got it right. It was a great feeling."

It was through research conferences and competitions that students from the School of Natural Sciences, according to Dr. Knight, "get exposure they wouldn't get otherwise." This exposure, in turn, "increases the exposure of the school and betters our reputation in the scientific community."

by Robert DeSoto

Top 5 Career Choices

1 Speech Pathologist

2 Medical Doctor

3 Physical Therapist

4 Nursing

5 Pharmacist

*Scientific survey based on a systematic random sample.

"I want to do nursing because I love to be there for those who can't take care of themselves. I find joy in helping. I want to work in a profession in which I'm constantly being challenged and able to show love through my everyday actions."

-Micale Kocke, biology major, Cabot



Kristen Barnard Photo

Freshman Nate Rodriguez fills a graduated cylinder with a solution during a lab in General Chemistry II. The students were testing various liquids to see what anions they contained.



Gracie Lunchum Photo

1 Sophomore Abbey Ogier transcribes the word "phonetics" in Phonetics class. The class helped speech pathology students learn how to transcribe.



Kristen Barnard Photo

2 Junior Keith McLeod reads *Fermat's Enigma* for Fundamentals of Mathematical Proof. The book helped students understand the role of the proof in mathematics.



Dalaney Thomas Photo

3 Sophomore Josh Parker and Dr. Ruth Plymale work together in a zoology lab. Parker, a biology major, made observations during a crawfish dissection lab.

Top 5 Career Choices

1 Lawyer

2 Teacher

3 Professor

4 Law Enforcement

5 Social Worker

*Scientific survey based on a systematic random sample

"I'm excited to become an attorney because it encompasses my skills and passions for reading, writing and connecting with people. I hope to be a good steward of my profession and employ wisdom and integrity when advising my clients."

-Ellen Flint, history and Spanish major, Arlington, Texas



Sophomore Ellie Quick participates in Human Trafficking class. The course was taught by Dr. Elizabeth Kelly.



Senior Gretchen Gasser presents a poster at Scholar's Day. The presentation focused on gratitude and social behavior.



Senior Grace Hevron attends World History class. Hevron said that the class presented the narrative history of mankind.



Dr. David Caddell instructs students during Advanced Statistics. During the course, students were able to learn about data analysis programs and their uses.



Sophomore Josh Rubin studies materials from General Psychology class. Rubin is a biology major.

Dr. Hal Bass talks with senior Ben Jordan during Parties, Campaigns and Elections class. The two discussed what political parties stand for and their positions.



Mer Rosenthal Photo

Interactions Magnified

The W.H. School of Social Sciences enabled students studying political science, sociology, history or psychology to learn about humanity, aid them as they began their next step in their career field and prepared for them for possible post-grad studies and research.

Students of the social sciences had opportunities to participate in a variety of honor societies for each particular major and take part in all kinds of research.

"I chose political science as my major because I am interested in pursuing a career in politics and wanted to learn the ins and outs of the political world," said Kelsie Bodine, a senior political science and history major from Webb City, Mo.

Throughout the course of study, students majoring in political science learned about different types of governments, public policies and political processes. During winter break, students were able to take a course

titled Washington Seminar. This course provided them with the chance to tour Washington, D.C. for a week with their friends and a professor.

"Going to Washington, D.C. was a blast and one of my favorite memories. We got to tour the White House, meet with Senator Mark Pryor, visit all of the Smithsonian Museums and explore our nation's capital," Bodine said.

In the sociology department, students learned the importance of interaction within group settings and one-on-one confrontation. They studied what effects society had when interacting with others while keeping Christ in their mindset. Students majoring in sociology were able to prepare for jobs in education, engineering, government or law, to name a few.

"Dr. Caddell, specifically, is great at making everything really interesting. Everything that I have learned, I have been able to relate to. I have been able to learn the basics of sociology while still linking it back to Christianity as a whole," said Kelsie Adcock, a freshman communication sciences and disorders major from Monticello.

Students studying psychology learned about the minds and behaviors of individuals. They were prepared to practice their skills in all settings, whether in a classroom, courtroom, research service or school. By studying the human behavior of others, they were able to learn about themselves as well.

"Being a psychology major teaches you humility toward yourself. You are able to realize that your perspective isn't the only one that matters. People may act a certain way because of certain things going on in

their lives. I have been able to see other people with grace a lot easier," said Emily Anderson, a senior psychology major from Siloam Springs.

Psychology matched well with other majors such as education, business or even pre-med.

"Every job you ever have will deal with people. If you have an elective or two, I highly encourage you to take a psychology class or two. You won't regret it," said Anderson.

The history department specialized in teaching students about the past while relating it to the contemporary times. It provided the chance to understand how past decisions affected our government, culture, religion, society and economy.

"Personally, I chose history as a major because I have always enjoyed learning about the events in history and I wanted to continue to study the specific eras," said Bodine.

Students within the history department were given the opportunity to be involved in research programs utilizing writing and analytical skills to lead them to a certain career path ranging anywhere from teaching to government services.

"All of the professors in the W.H. Sutton School of Social Sciences are so incredibly interesting. They are engaging and take the time to make sure we understand the material being presented," said Bodine. "They don't just care about what grade we make, they want us to be able to apply the knowledge we learn in the classroom and use it for the rest of our lives."

by Abbey Little



Heather Ellis Photo

Insight

Exhibited

Students share their work through presentations, demonstrations, showcases and recitals

Scholars Day, held in the spring, was an opportunity for students all over campus to display their academic excellence before their peers and faculty. It was a chance for them to showcase their work and celebrate all that they had accomplished throughout the year.

"Scholars Day is a day when the school focuses on academics campus wide. Whatever someone is studying or interested in, if they go to Scholars Day, they will be able to find a poster, paper or demonstration about it. It's just a great day to celebrate academics," said Dr. Barbara Pemberton, director of the Carl Goodson Honors Program and professor of Christian missions.

Anyone was able to register to present at Scholars Day and applications were available starting Valentine's Day. As soon as they were in, the Alpha Tau officers were invited to Pemberton's house to start the organization and planning.

"We spread out around the table and worked from eight in the evening until two in the morning. It took a lot of effort to figure out all of the scheduling for the presenters. Alex Nelson, (a senior business administration and finance major from Frisco, Texas,) formatted a program so that he could put it into the computer as we figured it out," Pemberton said.

Well over 200 students were involved in Scholars Day. Students had the option of participating in a wide range of events. Presentations included papers, art, research projects and posters, senior theses and

music or acting performances. All classifications of students were welcome to present.

"I was honestly a little intimidated going in to Scholars Day as a freshman. I knew other older peers that were presenting their research projects, and I expected to be blown away. Upon arriving and viewing some other projects I realized that my research was just as elaborate, if not more, as the other people set up to present," said Drake Puryear, a freshman biology major from Jonesboro. "I really enjoyed getting to display my accomplishments to my peers and to some of OBU's faculty. It made me feel important and made all of my hard work seem worthwhile."

Scholars Day allowed students the opportunity to present their year-long work to an audience that might not be familiar with the presented topic.

"My goal when participating in events like this is to communicate my ideas with others in an effective way. If I can communicate chemistry concepts to a history buff in just a few minutes, then I have done my job. Events like Scholars Day are great for bettering students' communication skills," said Mallory Burroughs, a junior biology major from Hot Springs.

The scholars worked to present their projects in competitions around Arkansas and the country. Scholars Day allowed those students to share their award winning ideas and works to their fellow classmates and professors.

"Scholars Day was a chance for me



to share with my peers and mentors in a relaxed way. I knew they would all be very encouraging. It's a neat experience to learn new things and share what you have achieved. I also love being able to share with my professors and peers from other fields about science," said Burroughs.

"I figured as a freshman that my project might not receive much recognition, but I was pleasantly surprised to find out how many people were interested in the work that my classmates and I had put forth," said Puryear. "It was an incredible opportunity to participate in such a prestigious tradition of Ouachita's and allow others to see the opportunities my school has been able to provide for its students."

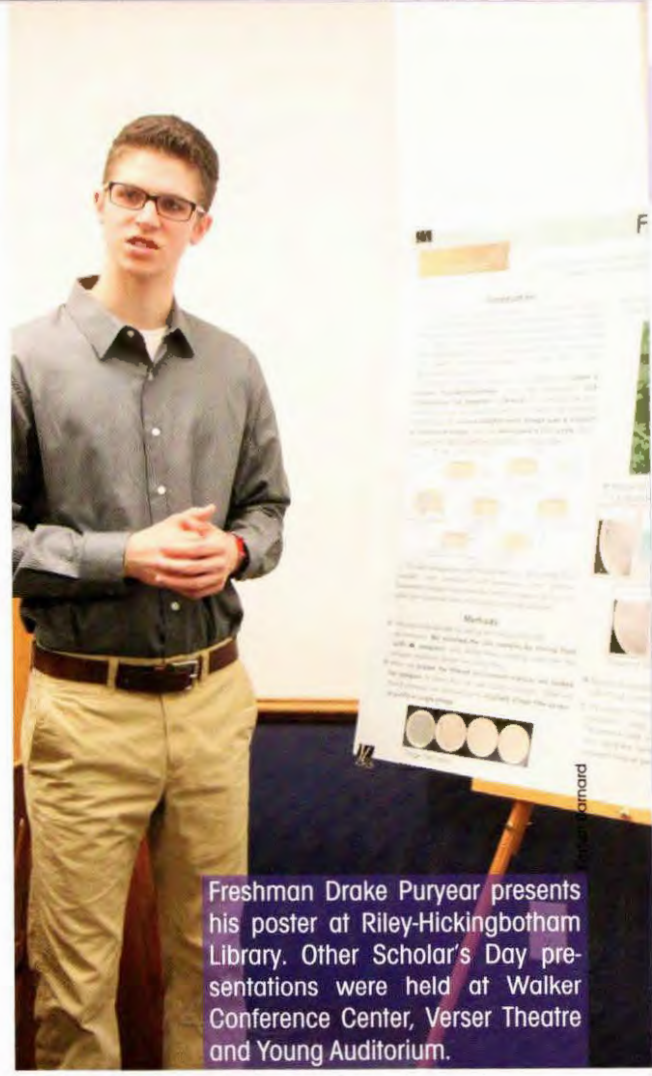
Scholars Day presented an opportunity for the entire campus to celebrate student work.

"There are so many people other than students that help. The president's office, the print shop and all of the professors help out one way or another. We also had lunch outside. It truly is a campus wide effort to celebrate students' good work. I think it is great fun," Pemberton said.

by Abbey Little



Juniors Austen Morgan and Austin Kennedy present their poster with Etauj Allen. The group shared their presentation, which focused on running form and performance, with Scholars Day attendants.



Freshman Drake Puryear presents his poster at Riley-Hickingbotham Library. Other Scholar's Day presentations were held at Walker Conference Center, Verser Theatre and Young Auditorium.



1 Kristien Barnard



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- 1 Senior Tim Horton presents his poster at Riley-Hickingbotham Library. Seniors in the Honors Program were required to present their theses during Scholars Day.
- 2 Senior Mason Wadley discusses his poster about the use of fish as water quality indicators.
- 3 sophomore Stoni Butler talks with a student about her poster, "Are Movies Making us Fat? An Analysis of Distraction's Effects on Eating Behaviors."
- 4 Freshman Kaylee Harper distributes Honors Program information to freshman Jamie Pascoe.

People





Faces. On a campus the size of Ouachita most of the faces are familiar. The people and stories behind these faces are what come together to make the Ouachita community. From the girl who works at her grandmother's famous costume shop to the boy who saved a young man's life, the senior whose summer internship earned him a job offer after graduation to the girl who spends her summers working multiple summer camps, the girl who travels the state in search of small town adventure to the administrative assistant who has aided four different university presidents. All of these people come together to make the **Ouachita State of Mind.**



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Ali Kinsey

While many students shuffled through their own closets to find the perfect outfit, Ali Kinsey, a freshman business administration major from Hot Springs, spent her time shuffling through vintage clothing to fill costuming requests for Hollywood films.

Kinsey's grandmother, Kathy Kinsey, owns an antique store and shopped at estate sales as well as a variety of other places to find unique pieces. Doug Hall, a costume designer from Hollywood, found out about her collection and began inquiring about her inventory to possibly use some of her collection for smaller movies. Through some of the smaller films, Kinsey's grandmother became well known in Hollywood's costuming industry. This led to her participation with some of the larger films.

"I got involved because it became too large for my grandmother to do on her own, and I was excited to become a part of something so unique," Kinsey said.

Kinsey began helping her grandmother with the costumes when she was 10 years old. Since most of the clothing was stored in a warehouse, her job was not only to organize everything by decade, but help with the costume orders as well. She did inventory of each order placed, took pictures of the items and tagged each article of clothing or accessory piece with a writing price.

When Hall needed something for a specific movie, he let them know what time period and what articles of clothing or accessories needed to be supplied. "We go through the jewelry, hats, pants, shirts and dresses and send pictures of each thing to Doug. He will say yes or no and from there, we must pack everything up carefully and ship them off to the movie sets," Kinsey said. "Each item is extremely delicate."

The process had to be rushed sometimes depending on the costume designer's requests, budget and time span.

"Those times can be hectic," Kinsey said. "The process of taking inventory and pricing can be very tedious."

Kinsey's grandmother's pieces were in movies such as "Crazy Heart," "A Walk to Remember" and "Olympus Has Fallen." "It is really neat to think that so many famous people have worn such unique clothing that I helped pick out," Kinsey said.

"In the movie 'All the Pretty Horses,' Penelope Cruz wore my grandmother's pearl drop necklace. During the play scene of 'A Walk to Remember,' Mandy Moore was accessorized with a rhinestone pin displayed on her dress. Jeff Bridges, actor of 'Crazy Heart,' was dressed head to toe in distressed jeans and denim button ups from my grandmother's warehouse," said Kinsey.

Gerard Butler, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Ashley Judd, Tom Hanks and Logan Lerman were among other stars to wear Kinsey's costumes. "Ellen Barkin has even been to the store in Hot Springs to buy jewelry," Kinsey said.

The costume designers from the movie 'Mud,' starring Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon, requested clothing, but it ended up not working out due to the extreme rush placed on the order.

"My grandmother is becoming known in Hollywood for her collection," Kinsey said. "Many of the designers contact her because of the prices. It is much cheaper to rent clothing and other accessories from a small business in Arkansas than it is to rent from a major company in the Hollywood area."

Kinsey's grandmother was able to travel to different movie sets to help with the wardrobes. "I, personally, have not had the



chance to go to any movies yet because of school and other previous engagements. I really would love to go one day though," Kinsey said.

As her grandmother's name spread in the movie industry, Kinsey gained more experience. Not only did she get to help with the costumes and spend time with her grandmother, she also gained insight on cultures and how they were so different from one another. "I have even had the opportunity to learn more about the gangster days of my own hometown, Hot Springs. Rummaging through things at estate sales, my grandmother and I have collected many cuff links from the famous gangster Owney Madden," Kinsey said.

Kinsey had a passion for the fashion industry. She was able to learn how fashion evolved over time. "Seeing how older fashions influence so many aspects of modern style is incredible," Kinsey said. "It's really interesting to see differences in the collections as I explore the warehouse one decade at a time."

Through the knowledge she gained while costuming, Kinsey learned things about herself and the business world. "The experiences I have had enabled me to see the benefits of being in the business industry. I have gained a better understanding of entrepreneurship, which has given me a little insight as far as running my own business, which I hope to do one day. These things are what inspired my decision to major in business."

by Abbey Little

Mari Bednar

Mari Bednar, a freshman kinesiology major from Stuttgart, spent her summer drilling wells with her grandfather and his company Ruffin and Sons and Daughters Well Drilling.

"I started out the summer by babysitting, but I got really bored," Bednar said.

Certain circumstances within her grandfather's company called for her help, and she agreed to join the business. "Most people think that drilling a well is a boy's job, but most of the women in my family have done it at some point," Bednar said.

Usually, Mari and her grandfather went wherever they had an appointment, except in the event of the occasional harsh weather conditions. However, sometimes they found poor people who were in need of clean water.

"My grandfather and I try to be very generous when working, because there are people who can't afford water any other way," Bednar said. "He has always been willing to help anyone in need."

They were ready to travel wherever they were needed, but their main service area was within Arkansas County and Prairie County. Since her grandfather's company was privately owned, they were able to do whatever they felt necessary to serve their customers. "The only drawback is definitely the competition with the larger companies. It can be challenging to keep up with them," Bednar said.

When on the job, she did everything from drilling holes and installing pipes to completely fixing broken wells. The company installed and fixed both rice wells for rice fields and regular wells for home use.

"The most dangerous part of the process is the drilling. If you fall into the hole, you're dead. The holes can range anywhere from 160 to 500 feet deep. So basically, there is no coming back from that," Bednar said.

The process of drilling a well took about four to five hours, but Mari enjoyed every minute of it. "When drilling a well, it means

we are actually putting it in the ground. First, we have to dig through the clay and gravel layers. Then we hit another layer of clay. That's when we stop to install the pipes. The first day we lay the outer layer of piping and the second day we lay the inner layer," Bednar said.

The most memorable experience Mari encountered was the day she and her grandfather were installing a motor in a well. The wire snapped and the motor fell off.

"My grandfather saved my life by pushing me out of harm's way," she said.

Bednar was able to share the love of Jesus with others while on the job. "We pray before every job for the safety of each other and for the family we are working for," she said.

Their biggest witnessing effort was through their actions while working. Through positivity and constant encouragement, they had high hopes that the families noticed that God was with them.

"We also look for small details that we can expand on when working. For example, one day while digging the hole we found an entire tree in the third layer of mud deep into the ground. We were able to tell the people about Noah, the ark and the flood that God sent to destroy the earth," Bednar said. "You'd be surprised at how many possibilities there are to put your foot in the door to share the gospel. It's our number one priority."

Over the course of the summer, Bednar learned she really enjoyed drilling wells. She loved it not only because of the chal-

lenge drilling the wells presented, but for the many learning opportunities it enabled her to have. Bednar was able to gain new experiences sharing Christ and she realized how easy it was to incorporate the gospel through everyday, normal conversations.

"I also love being able to spend quality time with my family every day and constantly getting to meet new people," Mari said.

One of her main goals was to build as many relationships with as many people as she could. "I want to be able to connect with others on both a friendly level as well as a spiritual level," Bednar said.

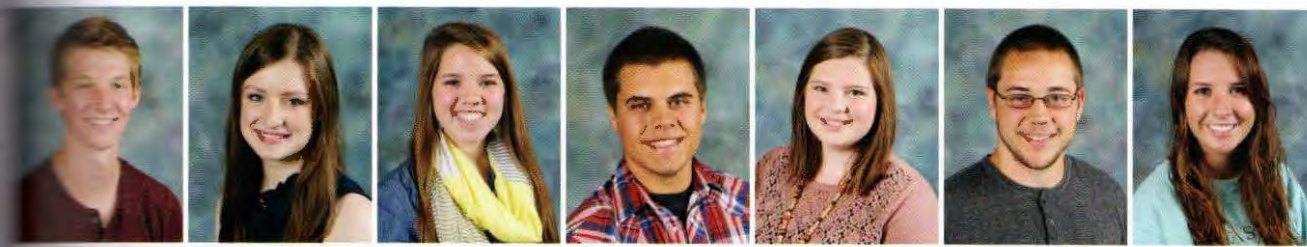
She hoped that people would be able to see that she truly loved what she did and through that, more people would receive Christ.

"While working, I have learned the tremendous need for patience in every situation I encounter through life, as well as serving the Lord wholeheartedly," Bednar said.

Bednar gained the knowledge she needed in order to truly serve the Lord in everything she did and every word she said.

"I have learned that no matter what task I am trying to accomplish, it's extremely important to put God first. It's not just about drilling wells. It's about sharing the Gospel. I really enjoy what I do and am planning to continue next summer," she said.





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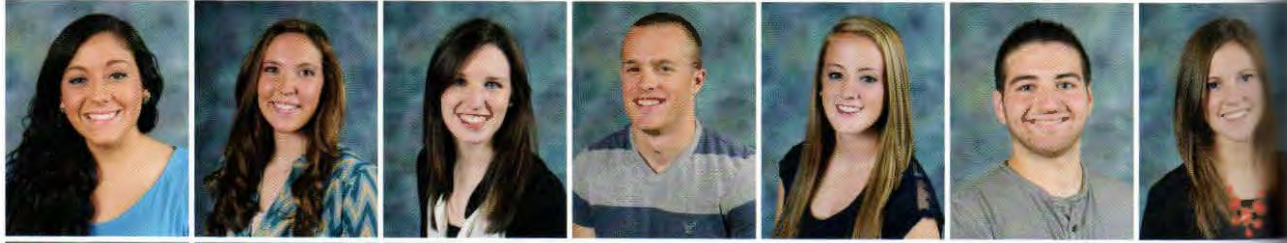
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Blake Bowen



What was meant to be a time of bonding and relaxation for honors students turned into a life-changing event for Blake Bowen, a freshman psychology and history major from Springdale.

Bowen was attending the Carl Goodson Honors Program retreat at the Eubanks' house when he and Shelby Spears, a sophomore English major from El Dorado, decided to explore the land surrounding the lake on the property. After canoeing across the lake and walking around the shore opposite of the Eubanks' dock, they stumbled upon a series of trails that led up to and alongside the Caddo River.

While Bowen and Spears were standing on the riverbank, a group of teenagers paddled past them on inner tubes and air mattresses. The group yelled to Bowen and Spears asking that they go upstream to help their friend who had lost his float. They followed the directions of the teenagers, which led to a bend in the river. The current there was much stronger than in other parts of the river.

There they found a boy clinging to a tree limb, which was protruding from the middle of the river. He did not have on a life jacket and did not know how to swim.

"This puzzled me because he looked to be about 14 or so," Bowen said.

Bowen swam out to the tree and got on the limb alongside the boy. Bowen then

gave him the life jacket that he was wearing and told him to hold tightly to his shoulders.

"I didn't know anything about lifeguarding or such so I just tried to use common sense as I pulled him behind me back to shore. I continually reassured him that the life jacket would keep him safe and that we would reach the shore," Bowen said.

The boy was so terrified that he wouldn't grab Bowen's hand in fear. Bowen struggled to keep them both afloat. Although he explained to the boy to just hold on to his shoulders, the boy continued to try to grab his hand, which made the task even more difficult.

Eventually, Bowen, Spears and the boy reached the shore and made their way back to the lake where their canoes were beached. The boy sat in the floor of Bowen's one-man canoe as they paddled back to the dock where the other students attending the retreat were.

"You know, it started to inflate my ego just a bit. I had the sense of being a hero straight out of the storybooks from childhood. But there are more serious implications," Bowen said.

They had no way to contact the friend who had initially asked for the favor. Bowen decided that the best course of action would be to drive him to where the boy and his friends started on the river and wait for them

to come back. After deciding what to do, Alex Nelson, a senior business finance major from Frisco, Texas, drove him to where the boy and his friends began their float. That was the last time Bowen ever saw the boy.

"It was a little bit sobering. I felt fear. Not while I pulled him from the water, but afterwards, once I had a moment to think. I did my best to get involved again in the activities at the retreat and thought about it little else that day," said Bowen.

The whole event had an impact on the way Bowen viewed helping others.

"Opportunities like this do not occur every day, but I wish that it happened more often that I found myself in situations to help others in need. And the troubling thing is, I know that there are people around me that do need help. It is my fervent prayer that God opens my eyes to see the needs of others and that I will have the courage to meet them," Bowen said.

by Tori Abellera

Jamie Abbott

It's easy to minister to a different population when traveling with several group members. It's easy to travel to unknown cities with known faces. It's easy to stay close to home and relax on the couch all summer long in the familiarity of everyday life. But the easy was not the extraordinary, the easy didn't change lives. Jamie Abbott, a freshman Christian studies major from Springdale, didn't settle for easy.

Ten weeks during the summer was all it took to change Abbott's life. Stepping out of her comfort zone into unknown Californian territory, she embraced the heart of the gospel and ministered to the homeless population in the San Francisco area. It was just what she needed.

"I was scared to death because I had never done anything by myself," Abbott said. "You grow as a person, and you learn that it's OK to be alone. Sometimes you just have to fully rely on God."

Jamie heard about the opportunity in California through her mom, who had previously served with the North American Mission Board as a missionary when she was younger. The previous summer, her mom saw something about the opportunity and encouraged Abbott to look into it. She knew this would be a growing experience, being thousands of miles away and venturing out on her own.

"It was the farthest thing that was away from my home, and California is such a big state," Abbott said. "The area I was in was so diverse. It was like you were leaving the country, but you were in the country at the same time."

Abbott stepped out in faith, leaving her

comfortable life in Northwest Arkansas, no group to accompany, and headed to California for 10 weeks to work for the first time on her own. "My first summer I had two partners, but this past summer I did not have a partner at all. I was by myself," she said. "I was very, very nervous."

Though it wasn't her first summer in California, the mission was different than before. "The summer before, I was in a different association. I was way up north. It was called the Feather River Baptist Association. It's little mountain towns and you go in and pretty much help a dead church come back to life," she said.

Over the summer, Abbott embraced her new nomadic lifestyle. Through the North American Mission Board she was assigned to the East Bay Baptist Association in the San Francisco area where she traveled to different churches on a weekly basis. With each passing Saturday, Abbott ended up in a new city. "I traveled on what they called the Bart system, which is like a subway. Each Saturday I would get on there and travel to a new town."

In each town, she worked with churches, led Vacation Bible Schools and reached out to local homeless communities.

Though her ministry spanned a variety of things, Abbott often worked with the homeless population, serving and minis-



tering to those with whom they came in contact. "I went in to San Francisco for a weekend and worked with homeless people. Just seeing how appreciative they were of everything we were doing for them. The looks on their faces made everything worth it," she said.

Abbott not only witnessed to the homeless community, but she also experienced several new situations that changed her perspective, and she learned to minister in circumstances that were not easy. One of the experiences was interacting with the gay community while laws passed in California and seeing what it was like.

God changed Abbott's life through her California experiences. "I just learned so much, getting to go into different cultures and just learning about them," she said.

Abbott spent two summers ministering on the west coast and plans to spend many more there. She took a leap of faith and grew beyond what she imagined.

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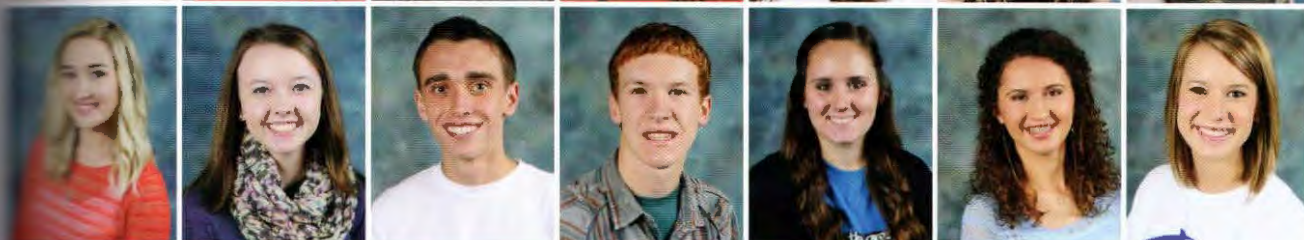
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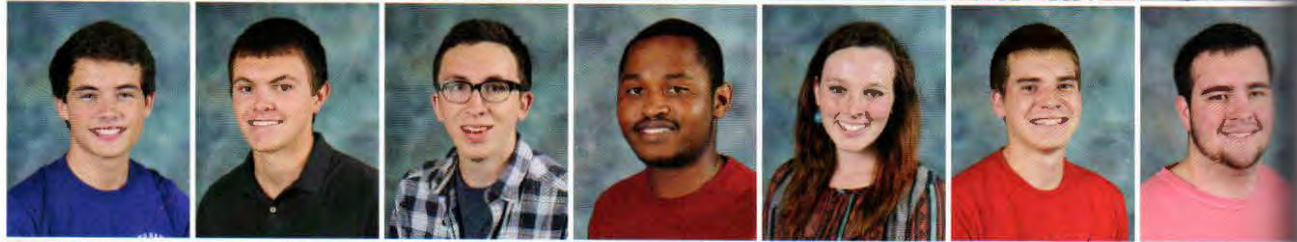


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Kyle Osmon



By 20 years old, Kyle Osmon, a sophomore musical theater major from Rogers, had lived in four different cities, in two different states, two different countries and on two different continents.

Osmon was born in Seoul, South Korea, May 26, 1993. Thousands of miles away, Osmon's parents were looking to adopt. They had always wanted more children and felt a strong pull on their hearts to adopt, and they felt that God was directing them toward South Korea," Osmon said.

Even months later, their dream became a reality. "My parents were actually on the way to Disney World when they got the call to pick me up from the airport. They always joke with me about how I ruined their trip to Disney World," Osmon said.

A year later, the Osmon family moved to Rogers to be closer to family. "The first thing I can remember is my house in Rogers," Osmon said.

Just two years after that, the Osmon family was on the road again. Osmon's dad's job took the family across the Atlantic to the German city of Düsseldorf where Kyle spent the next five years of his life.

It was in Düsseldorf that Kyle began to learn two new languages at once, English and German. "It was easy to pick up German, because I was learning English at the same time," Osmon said.

Osmon attended an international school that was comprised of students from across the globe. He never experienced any conflict for being different. "I think because I went to a very international school, with a very diverse student population, there were never any hardships or problems with being

Asian-American. There were many Asian-American kids at my school, but I was the only one with an American accent," Osmon said.

It was there when Osmon first learned that he was adopted. "My parents were very straightforward with me, and I handled it very maturely for my age. I kind of enjoyed being different," Osmon said. "They made it like a celebration. I was adopted on April Fools Day, and it has always been a celebration on the day I was adopted, almost like a second birthday," Osmon said.

After living in Germany, the Osmons moved back to Rogers. What was a homecoming for his parents was a complete change for Osmon. "Moving to the United States was the biggest culture shock. I was used to the private school rigor and lifestyle," Osmon said.

Osmon attended a Rogers public school. He had to get used to the different learning pace of his new school. "I remember asking for math homework on my first day of class, and I was met with quizzical looks from everyone in the room, including the teacher," Osmon said.

Aside from academics, the eating habits of people in the United States took some getting used to for Osmon. "In Germany, for a snack, I'd go with my mom and get bread or cheese. Fast food was very foreign. The closest KFC was 60 miles away. When I came

back, all my friends would be eating junk food and I would be appalled," he said.

When asked about his childhood abroad, Kyle always had a quick answer. "I love that I get that a lot, 'Do you remember anything about Korea?' when I was basically a newborn. I just want to ask them back 'do you remember anything when you were 11 months old?'"

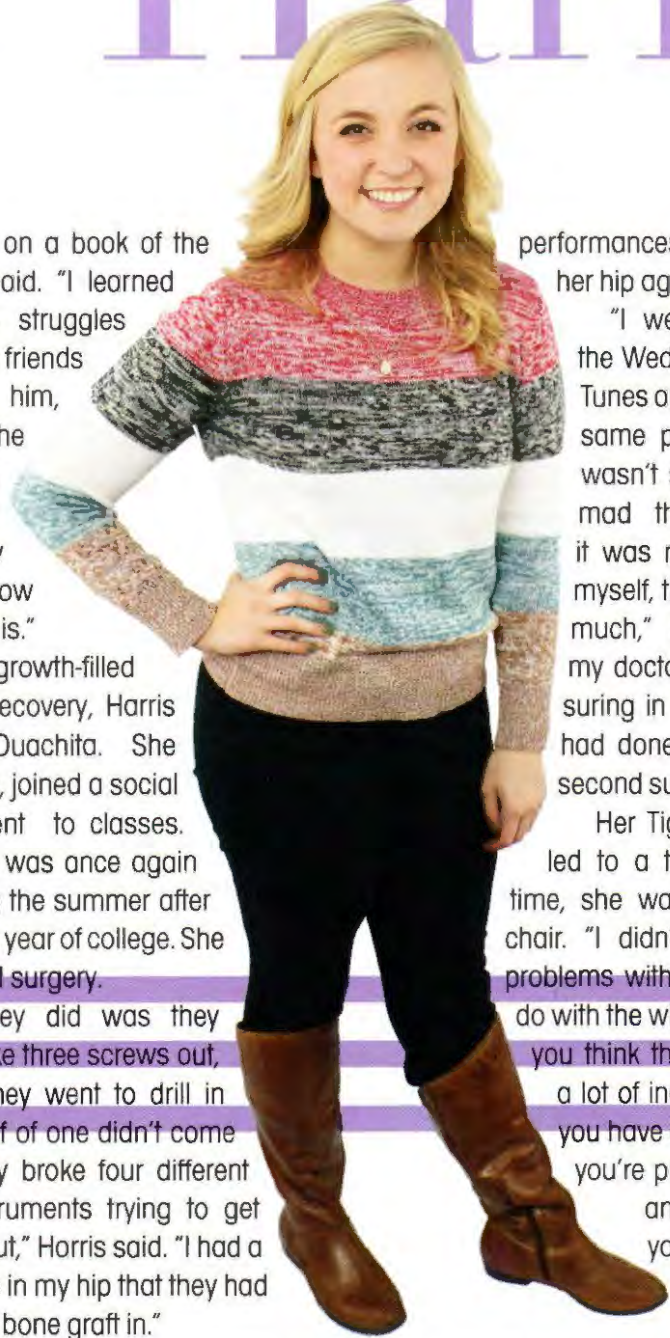
After graduating from Rogers High School, Osmon spent a year at the University of Arkansas before transferring to OBU his sophomore year. "A combination of the music program and family ties brought me to OBU. I've always looked up to my older brother and remember all the good things he had to say about the school," Osmon said.

Osmon was indifferent about moving back to South Korea. "If my job or travels ever take me back to Korea, I would probably visit. But I don't believe that I would voluntarily return to Korea."

From Seoul, South Korea, to Rogers, Arkansas, Osmon and his family experienced many different cultures, languages and lifestyles and were not strangers to change. No matter what changes were in store for the Osmons, one thing will always remain a constant, their "liebe," or love that they have for each other.

by Ben Cline

Emily Harris



Five days before her high school graduation, and five days before she turned 18, she broke her hip.

"A lot of it was just shock because I wasn't aware that my bones were in that much stress. Physical pain was extreme," said Emily Harris, a sophomore biology major from Benton. "I broke my hip at 10 o'clock in the morning and didn't have surgery until 4. For about six hours I was in a whole lot of pain."

For someone who enjoyed running, hiking and being outside, a broken hip meant more than just physical pain. One day while Harris was enjoying a run for exercise, her hip started hurting, but she kept running. Not long after that, her hip crippled her walking ability, encouraging her to get x-rays.

"I went to the doctor and they took x-rays and they didn't see anything. They put me on an anti-inflammatory for joint pain," Harris said.

Unknowing to them, it was much more.

Two weeks later at a car wash, Harris lifted her leg on the car, pulling the fracture and splitting it open. She broke her hip.

Six hours later, she finally had surgery, but little did she know the hip injury would change her life.

"After I woke up from the anesthesia and kind of got my bearings a little bit, my doctor and my parents had to tell me I couldn't do anything that summer. I had planned to go on my senior trip that weekend that I broke my hip with my church group," she said.

The road to recovery began. Harris spent time recovering the summer after graduation with the comfort of her friends and family and reading God's word. She explained she felt comforted by Scripture and how she related to some of the stories.

"Job had a lot of unfair things that happened in his life, so I was able to read that whole book. That was the first time I read a

commentary on a book of the Bible," she said. "I learned about Job's struggles and what his friends were telling him, but also just the character of God through it and how vast and how sovereign He is."

After a growth-filled summer of recovery, Harris came to Ouachita. She made friends, joined a social club and went to classes. However, life was once again halted during the summer after her freshman year of college. She had a second surgery.

"What they did was they went in to take three screws out, and when they went to drill in my bone, half of one didn't come out, and they broke four different surgical instruments trying to get the screws out," Harris said. "I had a massive hole in my hip that they had to put a lot of bone graft in."

Harris didn't realize the severity. The surgery took a toll on her body, but since she didn't feel much pain, she continued walking on it without much help.

"I was put on four to six weeks crutch recovery with some weight-bearing, but not a lot. With that, in my mind it wasn't a major surgery because I didn't feel that much pain," she said. "That kind of led me to do too much. I just got really stubborn and told myself that I was going to do whatever I wanted to, which was wrong."

A few months into the first semester of her sophomore year, Harris didn't let a broken hip stop her from participating in Tiger Tunes. She was active in practices and

performances until she broke her hip again.

"I went to the doctor the Wednesday after Tiger Tunes and it re-broke in the same place. That day, it wasn't so much of being mad that it happened, it was more of guilt with myself, that I had done too much," Harris said. "But my doctor was really reassuring in telling me that he had done too much in the second surgery."

Her Tiger Tunes incident led to a third surgery. This time, she was given a wheelchair. "I didn't have as many problems with the crutches as do with the wheelchair, because you think that you don't have a lot of independence when you have crutches, and then you're put in a wheelchair and you really know you don't have a lot of independence," Harris said.

Though Harris has gone through a wave of surgeries and emotions, her friends and family supported her along the way and many positive things resulted. She grew in ways she could have never imagined and still remained positive through it all.

"I've also, in the process, chosen my career path, which is good," Harris said. "Out of all the surgeries I've had, I've chosen physical therapy. I think it's been made pretty clear that that's what I can be good at and that's what I can share my testimony through and minister to people through."

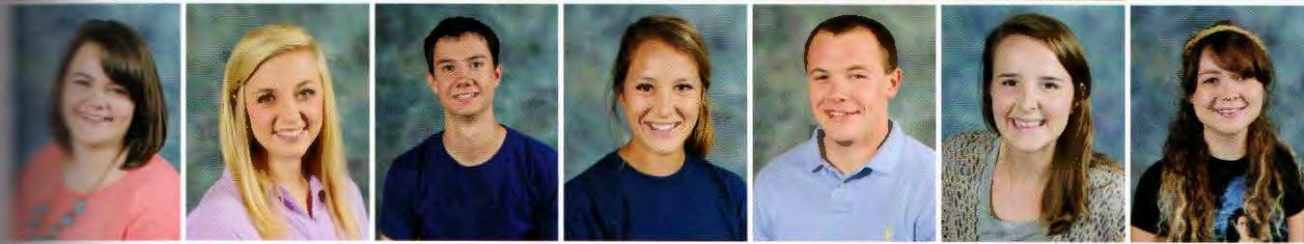
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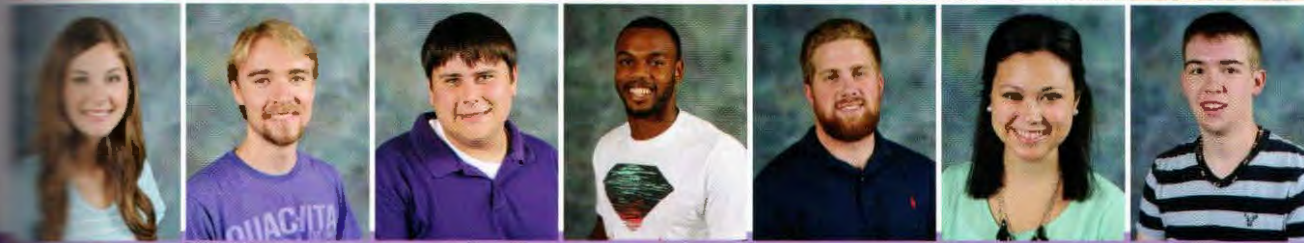
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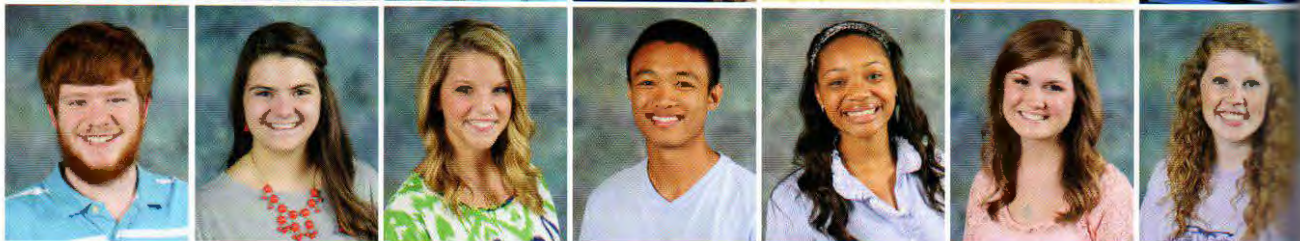
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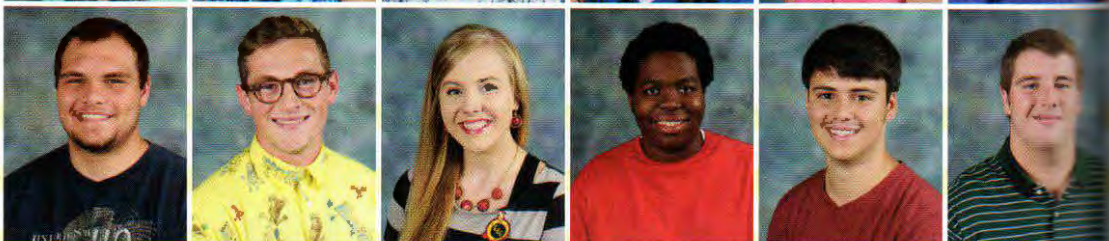
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Fall break marked the changing season. While some people went on road trips with friends and others took to the outdoors, Abbey Ogier, a sophomore speech pathology major from San Antonio, Texas, welcomed her new siblings home for the very first time.

For years, the Ogier family went back and forth on the possibility of adoption. Following the earthquake in Haiti, they knew it was time to pursue adoption. "It's definitely a God thing, because He allowed my parents to both want to adopt at the same time," Abbey said.

Later, the Ogier's discovered that other families in San Antonio felt the same burden on their hearts and decided to adopt children from Haiti as well. Those families became a close-knit support group for each other, encouraging and praying for one another during hard times.

A year into the adoption process, Ogier's mom was diagnosed with cancer. However, through the adversity and setbacks, God provided, and Mrs. Ogier became cancer-free. The Ogiers felt that God's work in that season of life was confirmation that it was in His plan to proceed to adopt Sofia and Watson.

The families in San Antonio organized trips to Haiti several times a year to visit the orphanage and deliver care-packages. During Ogier's first trip, her mom, her older brother Daniel, a senior business administration and finance major, and Meredith Hanson, a friend from home, accompanied her.

Although Hanson and Ogier knew each other previously, it wasn't until their trip to Haiti that they truly became friends. "It was such a blessing to be able to share such an awesome, crazy and heartbreaking trip with a friend that was experiencing the same thing," Hanson said. "Abbey and I have been there for each other through a lot of struggles and joys, both about adop-

tion and otherwise, and I truly am so thankful we went through the adoption together."

On that trip, Ogier saw how her new siblings, Sofia and Watson, would fit in with her family. "In the orphanage, (Sofia) really likes to start up things, get groups together and do activities, which is really neat," Ogier said.

Ogier said Watson was more shy and loved having a small group of friends.

Sofia and Watson, then 15 years old, were able to go home with the Ogiers in October. Ogier and Daniel drove to San Antonio, and the entire family was able to spend fall break together for the first time.

"(The Ogiers are) tight-knit, strong and most importantly, focused on Christ," Hanson said. "They always are joking around, having a blast and are a joy to be around."

There were still challenges to overcome once landing back in the United States. The language barrier and different foods were only a few examples of Sofia and Watson's adaptations to American culture. "When we have new foods, we have everything set out to sample and they try to see if they like them," Ogier said. "So far, whatever Watson likes Sofia doesn't. It's funny how different they are."

Sofia and Watson began each day with school. Mrs. Ogier organized a nine week, Christ-centered lesson plan to teach the kids basic English. Sofia and Watson also adjusted to having their own rooms and would even spend time sitting in their closets reading books.

The Ogier's fall break was filled with plenty of activities like visiting parks and watching their brother Caleb play in his high school drum line. On Saturday, the Ogiers headed to the zoo, something they did when



Ogier visited Sofia and Watson in Haiti. As fall break came to a close, Sofia and Watson experienced a family tradition, popcorn movie night.

Soon after, Ogier and her family anticipated Thanksgiving – their next reunion. In one month's time Sofia and Watson became acclimated members of the family. During the holiday, the Ogier family traveled to their lake house where they were met by cousins and grandparents. The Thanksgiving festivities also included a birthday party for all the November birthdays. Sofia, Watson and Ogier's little cousin got to celebrate their birthdays with presents, cake and a piñata. Sofia and Watson were introduced to another family tradition, the bounce house. "It was a good way for them to have fun without them having to understand much English," Ogier said.

Sofia and Watson finished their home-school lesson and began attending a public school refugee program. Learning English was a hard process, but Sofia and Watson improved daily.

"Over this break, I was able to learn more about their past and what their life was like before the orphanage. It is truly heart breaking," Ogier said. "I know we will learn more as the years pass, but for now, we are still putting puzzle pieces together. I know The Lord is doing some incredible things and hopefully soon the kids will be able to communicate that to us."

by Emily Coles

Aly Smith

Adventure. It's a word that often brings to mind images of pirates or Indiana Jones. It's shrugging off the burden of the day-to-day routine and heading off to strange new places in search of thrills and stories and treasures. For Aly Smith, junior mass communications and graphic design major from Sherwood, those strange new places happened to be in her own state and the treasures consisted of vintage finds, but to hear her tell it, her travels couldn't be described as anything but an adventure.

"It started off as just going to estate sales," Smith said. "That's where I found this glass. It was beautiful and different. After buying and researching it, I found out it was called carnival glass. The glass I got was blue and iridized all different kinds of colors, so it's totally me. It was made in the 1920s though, so you can't buy it in stores."

"After going to a bunch of antique stores and estate sales, it just so happened that my mom and I were going to Branson. We decided to take the most indirect route possible and stop in all the small towns along the way to check their antique stores for blue carnival glass. That's where this all got started," Smith said.

As she had expected, this trip became about much more than antique shopping. Seeing the unusual surroundings was one of Smith's favorite parts of her initial trip.

"The back road we were on looked like it was paved by fairies," Smith said, including sound effects for emphasis. "It was the curviest road we had ever been on. We stopped at a few antique shops along the way, but I really started to fall in love with all the small towns we saw."

Soon, the first trip turned into multiple trips. Smith was infatuated with the small town culture she encountered along her way. On top of that, she was still hunting to complete her blue carnival glass dinner set.

"I started looking into it and there are all these small towns across Arkansas that nobody even knows exist," Smith said. "So my mom and I planned a trip to Aly, Ark., because it's spelled just like my name. We hopped in the jeep, and again, routed out the most indirect way possible, only taking back roads so we could see all the small towns. When we'd see a sign for a town, we'd hop out, snap a picture, and then keep on driving to the next one. If the town had anywhere to stop, we'd go there, but most of the towns were under 250 people."

On the way back, Smith and her mom took a completely different route to squeeze as many small towns into their trip as possible. That was when the tradition was established. From then on, their adventures consisted of picking a town, taking backroads only, and then picking an entirely different way home, stopping to look for antiques and enjoy the local culture along the way of course.

"Hardy, Arkansas, one of the places we stopped at, was mainly just a strip that was barely longer than a football field," Smith said. "We spent hours on that little strip looking through antique stores for carnival glass and other vintage stuff. Then there was this old Grey Hound station that had been converted into a restaurant called the Corner Booth Cafe. It was tiny and full of antiques and the waitress sat right down in the booth with us and chatted. It was such a great small town vibe and I had a ton of fun."

After a while of uploading pictures of herself standing beside the small town city signs to Instagram and blogging about her adventures, "#SmallTownArkansas" as



Smith called it, started to gain a considerable following. Smith would brove rain getting lost in a cornfield and even potential death to keep those followers updated.

"When we went to Little Dixie, Ark., we got out to take a picture near to the city sign which was close to this house on the side of the road," Smith said.

"As we're waiting to the sign, my mom turned around and said 'Don't panic, but there's a gun.' So I freaked out. When I turned to look, I saw these three boys on a four wheeler, with one of them waving a shotgun over his head and yelling that he had a gun. When he saw that we were just a bunch of women, he got embarrassed and just kept on driving."

Smith cherishes all the memories and souvenirs she's collected so far on her trips through small town Arkansas and thinks that every once in a while, everyone should stray from the highway and stop to take in some small town charm.

"I hope people who see my blog and Instagram posts will be inspired to do the same themselves," said Smith. "I want everyone to find their own little gems and meet their own characters. Take a back road and discover Arkansas."

by Noah Hutchins and Kacey Westerman



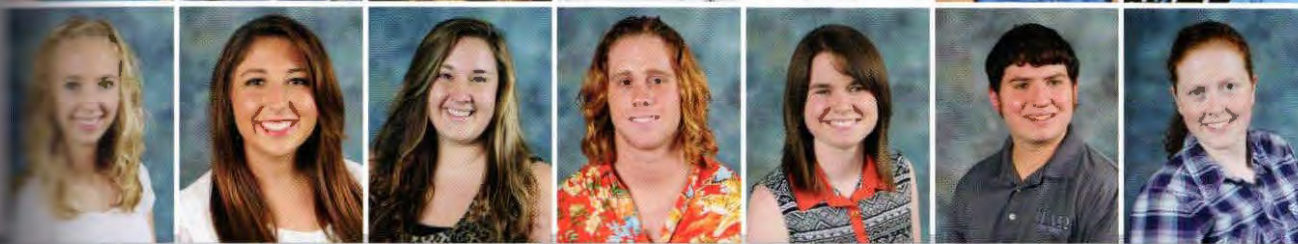
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Todd McNeel

Todd McNeel, a junior mass communications major from Grand Prairie, Texas, spent his summer living out his dream. McNeel stepped onto the stage of the Carbett Opera Center for the Cincinnati Opera Company. McNeel was interested in the opera, and his professor encouraged him to look for opportunities to get involved in an opera outside of school.

McNeel was originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, so he looked at the website for the Cincinnati Opera to begin looking at options for the summer. He realized that in order to audition he must do it the next day. Auditions for the opera were usually done in person, but that didn't stop McNeel. He called and explained that he was out of state and couldn't make it for the auditions, so the opera worked with him. They gave him a week to get some things together, and he found out soon after that he made it and would spend six weeks out of his summer performing in the Ethiopian slave chorus for the opera "AIDA."

Starting in June, McNeel spent the summer staying at his grandparent's house in Cincinnati. He got a day job doing marketing with the grocery store Meijer. He also performed cooking demonstrations. McNeel said he was a "marketing intern by day and an opera singer by night."

A typical day for McNeel consisted of taking the train, going to work, catching the bus and then going to rehearsal. He enjoyed the fast-paced city life and felt independent. McNeel said that when going through the city, it felt like people were going somewhere with a purpose.

When he was not being a marketing intern, he was rehearsing for the show. They rehearsed four days a week for four weeks and then performed six times in two weeks. McNeel was one of the youngest people in

the show and performed with opera performers and professionals from around the world. The conductor of the opera was from Italy. "Most were in grad school, this was their job, I was there for the experience," McNeel said.

He explained how the other performers took him under their wings and how they even went out to eat with each other after rehearsals. McNeel made connections around the United States and the world through these relationships that helped build his resume.

Being in the opera was not only a job-building and learning experience, it was a way for him to be an object of hope because where he came from people didn't really appreciate classical music. "Where you start isn't about where you end up," McNeel said.

McNeel was able to be an example for his younger siblings. His family also got to see him perform. McNeel's grandparents had not seen him perform since his 6th grade talent show. "They got to dress up and go, and they really enjoyed the show. If you asked them, I was the star of the show," McNeel said.

His parents also drove 14 hours just to see him perform.

McNeel got ready for his performances by drinking a little apple cider vinegar, eating a good meal, bringing a bottle of water, praying before stepping on stage, listening to music and focusing and doing vocal warm ups.

McNeel was able to do other things while experiencing his dream. One night he was walking downtown and he heard his favorite YouTube artist, Joseph Somo, singing and then saw his concert that night. He even got



to attend Jazz Fest, numerous concerts, try German food for the first time and go to the Newport Bridge.

McNeel's experience gave him perspective for his future. "It's a good way to make sure that's what you really want to do," McNeel said. "I got to wear a suit and tie and then totally change into something else. It was a neat opportunity."

Todd had some dream rolls that he wanted to play. One of the roles was Porgy in "Porgy and Bess." Porgy and Bess was the first opera written for African Americans. "I would like to maybe just be in the chorus," McNeel said.

McNeel's dream was realized in the summer of 2014 when he performed as a part of the "Porgy and Bess" cast.

Other roles McNeel wanted to play were Count Rudolfo, or Las Sonnambula. He also wanted to be in "Showboat-Aria" and "Civil Wars" and to one day perform at The Met. McNeel's voice teacher helped him with his skill so he would be ready to perform. "I'm grateful that he sees a lot in me and pushes me," McNeel said.

McNeel planned to pursue a career in opera, but also kept an open mind about other opportunities. It is McNeel's passion, and in the end, wants to know that he did perform some in his life. "I'll always find a way to be on someone's stage," he said.

by Kacey Westerman

Day one of her summer break and she was up by 6:45 a.m. to begin putting everything in place for Camp War Eagle where thousands of kids would be for the next two months of summer.

Emily Payne, a junior kinesiology major with an emphasis in sports and recreation ministry from Eureko Springs, traveled a total of 2,000 miles and lived out of her car and of friend's homes over the summer. She was at home for a total of three days over the summer because a love for camp ran deep within her.

"I love the feel of camp because I like working myself to exhaustion, being tan and being outdoors," Payne said. "There is just something about Camp War Eagle though."

War Eagle was a Christian, sports, adventure and recreation camp that focused on introducing children to Jesus, helping them build confidence and teaching them skills they can take back home and to school. The camp recruited kids from Benton, Washington, Carroll and Madison counties in Northwest Arkansas to experience camp for one to two weeks.

"I love that they focus on recruiting kids who come from rough backgrounds or single parent homes. Seventy-five percent of the kids are on scholarships," Payne said. "Their goal is to impact Northwest Arkansas and change the culture. It is so important to let the kids know that there is so much more out in the world than the hardships they are going through. We want them to know that we love them and God loves them."

As a freshman in high school, Payne developed her love for camp through Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"At our last club meeting before summer, a lady from the regional FCA office came to

talk about summer camp to kids who were interested. I thought it sounded like fun because I liked FCA a lot, and it would be my first time at any type of summer camp," Payne said. "It was the best experience of my life. I would not be where I am today if it weren't for that camp."

Payne attended FCA camp for four years and discovered being some type of camp counselor is what she wanted to do in life. Those close to Payne know her passion and obsession with camp.

"There are people I have met who have loved War Eagle and kept going back for years who have said they loved camp, but often say that I really, truly love camp," Payne said. "Camp War Eagle just speaks to me and resonates with my soul. There can be kids there, no kids, pouring down rain, snowing or sunny. I just love being there."

Payne traveled around for the summer working at different camps because she was only able to work two weeks at War Eagle.

"My crazy summer schedule began in Rogers for three weeks attending training orientation and setting up for Camp War Eagle," Payne said. "I then made my way to Arkadelphia to work basketball camp for a week."

With open time and a craving for camp, Payne asked friends and made phone calls to see if any camps could use her help.

"A friend told me about a retreat center that she had previously interned at, so I called to see if they needed anyone for two weeks and sure enough I spent two weeks in Harriet at the Shepherd of the Ozark



Retreat Center," Payne said. "Then I drove to Shell Knob, Mo., for a week to work at Peace 11 Christian camp. The some friends was the assistant director at her church youth conference camp in Monett, Mo. of the Fundamental Methodist Youth Camp and asked I wanted to come be the recreation director for a week."

Now an experienced counselor with two years of camp behind her, Payne created a bond with a certain age group.

"My 10-year olds are the best part of camp. They are not a lot of little kids, not completely, but they are not awkward teenagers either," Payne said. "Some bump their knee and cry like the world is ending. Then, I have some kids who

me questions and discuss the book of Revelation and ask for my prayer requests and pray for me. Everyone thinks I am crazy, but the directors always put me with this age group because I'm one of the few who love it."

Payne returned to Rogers to finish the summer as a counselor of Camp War Eagle for four weeks and helped clean and put away camp for the winter, ready to return next summer.

"It's pretty cool that I get to major in something I love so much," Payne said. "I'm basically majoring in camp, which is my life."

by Amber Eason



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Kaitie Scott

At 5:30 a.m., Kaitie Scott, a senior mass communications and Christian studies major from Little Rock, started her day gathering news stories and helping the 98.5 radio hosts get ready for the morning show.

Scott worked as a morning show intern at the 98.5 radio station, owned by Cumulus Media, in Little Rock. She got connected with the station through her neighbors. "When I told them I was interested in a mass comm type internship they were like, 'What about radio, and I was like well, I never really thought about that but it's something I'm interested in learning more about,'" Scott said.

Scott had several options of which radio station to work with under the ownership of Cumulus Media. Scott said she chose 98.5 because, "I was more familiar with it and more comfortable with that style and that audience."

Scott began work at 5:30 a.m. and ended at 10 or 11 a.m. The first thing she did was search for news stories to be reported on air. She pieced together news stories from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, online sources, social media sites and TV. As the news was continually updating, Scott and the hosts would update their news stories. "Sometimes we would write news stories during our two minute breaks while songs were playing," Scott said.

Scott was also able to sit in on the radio show. "I was basically a fly on the wall," she said.

However, when the hosts came off air, Scott was able to ask questions and interact with them. She also helped take callers' information.

Scott was no longer the fly on the wall when host Lisa Fischer went to Europe for two weeks. "That allowed me to get that level of experience which was fun. Scarey, but fun," Scott said.

During that time, Scott took Fischer's

place. "It was kind of nerve wrecking," she said. "I recorded myself at home so when I got back I could listen to the things I said. You know how you are when you hear your voice recorded. You're like oh, that does not sound like me, so that was really interesting."

Scott said the most challenging part of being an air was having to think about what she was saying as she was saying it. Most of the time she had her news stories typed up and printed out, but the back and forth dialogue was more challenging for her. "I was able to be on air for two weeks, so by that time it was a lot more comfortable to know what I was doing," Scott said.

Another challenge Scott was faced with was having to put her love of country music aside while working at a mainly pop radio station. "I love country music, so it was kind of hard to stray away from country news stories especially when the Country Music Awards were on during the summer," Scott said. "We really had to dig deep beyond the country elements and find stuff we could talk about."

Not only did Scott co-host the morning show for two weeks, but she was a guest speaker on Thursdays to talk about "The Bachelorette" TV show. "We would just talk about the drama that was going back and forth with Desiree and Brooks and everything like that, and we would play audio clips of her breaking down and the guys being dramatic. It just brought humor to the show," Scott said. "It was really interesting to see different people's perspectives and have people calling in to talk about it."

While working at the radio station, Scott met some famous people, her favorite being the stars of "The Jersey Boys." "I got to see their personalities outside of

their Jersey Boy act," Scott said. "They were so humorous and they loved to pick on you. They were just like brothers all fighting amongst each other and picking on each other."

She also traveled to Magic Springs in Hot Springs with morning show host Jeff Matthews and passed out fliers to listeners. "It was fun to get to interact with the listeners and talk to them face to face and hear them say, 'I know who you are,' and, 'you're doing such a good job,' so that was rewarding," Scott said.

After her internship, Scott stayed in touch with the other hosts and was still able to send in news stories.

"It's good to know that they're still there and care, and just because I was an intern, they haven't forgotten about me," Scott said.

Since her internship, Scott considered the radio business as a career. "I love the (public relations) aspect of it. I think that just goes back to me loving to talk and my mass comm major," she said. "I want to begin my own ministry and do magazines and write books and hopefully be a motivational speaker. I think that's where that came from, just being on air and being able to talk about stuff in a way that puts a twist on things." *by Hannah Shull*



Buck Schroeder



For many college students, the summer before senior year was a time to relax before joining the real world after graduating. Buck Schroeder, a senior accounting and finance major from Conway, had a different story.

Schroeder saw his last summer as an undergraduate as the time to score an internship that would put him at the top for planning his future career.

Schroeder was chosen from tens of thousands of applicants from around the world to be one of 250 Walmart interns.

Working specifically in produce replenishment, he learned all about restocking the shelves at Walmart, something Schroeder said was more complicated than it seemed.

"Replenishing is the idea of getting goods from the producer to the store and everything in between. So, in my case, I worked specifically in produce replenishment. My department's job was getting goods from the farm to the customer's hands. Everything in between is replenishment," Schroeder said. "It's the balancing act of 'do I have enough in the store for people to buy, or do I have too much that it's rotting on the shelves.' That's wasteful, and Walmart does not like waste."

His position, intern for the produce replenishment department within merchandising at the Walmart home office in Bentonville, was one that required hard work, creativity and people skills.

"Internships at Walmart are focused on achieving two main goals: completing your own individual internship project with an end of the summer presentation, and networking," Schroeder said.

Networking was nothing new to Schroeder; anyone who knew him knew that he never met a stranger. He found this trait to be exceptionally useful.

"One of my strengths is communication," he said. "I was really lucky with where I got placed just because it really gave me the opportunity to use my soft skills and

really learn how to talk to people on a professional level."

Walmart's home office was not what Schroeder expected it to be. "The home office is not nice at all. It's just a building with rows and rows of cubicles and blue carpet. You would expect it to be so nice since Walmart is the number one company in the world, but it's not," Schroeder said. "That's Walmart's core value. Don't spend money where it's not needed. Besides executive row, no one has an office with a door. Dean McKinney has a nicer office than the CEO, Mike Duke."

After a few weeks at Walmart, Schroeder began to realize just how top-notch every employee at Walmart was. "Everyone I met in the Walmart home office was intelligent and that was so cool. You don't have room for an ego up there because you know everyone is smart. Even if you meet someone who works at the banana desk, they are in charge of millions of dollars worth of bananas every day and you have to respect them. Everyone is important and treated as such," he said.

Despite the fact that he was working for one of the largest corporations in the world, Schroeder felt confident in his setting, attributing that to many of his experiences at Ouachita. "Walmart is a lot like Ouachita. It's very personable and welcoming and you can ask anyone for help. Because Ouachita is an environment where you can ask for help, I had the confidence to talk to my manager whenever I needed help with anything," Schroeder said.

Even though Schroeder was a summer intern, he was treated like a full-time employee with responsibilities that affected his department. "What I had to do was go through everyone's daily reports and decide which ones to get rid of and how that would affect their business. Would it make them mad? Would it make them incapable of

doing their daily business? Or does it need to happen, and they have to get over it? It was difficult to be the good guy when I was changing how people did their job every day," Schroeder said.

Schroeder said he gained, "real world experience to match what I have learned in the classroom."

"It was so cool to see that everything I've learned in the Higginbotham School of Business is applicable in the real world of business," Schroeder said.

His internship led to a full-time job offer at Walmart after his graduation. "I was

so lucky with where I got placed because it gave me great opportunities to learn how to communicate with any and everyone, and that's so important to me," he said.

A salary, hands-on experience with a company that appreciated him, a job offer after graduation, confidence in his work and connections were just a few things Schroeder took away from his internship. "The experience at Walmart really was priceless to my future career. I would definitely encourage anyone to apply."

by Brittany N...



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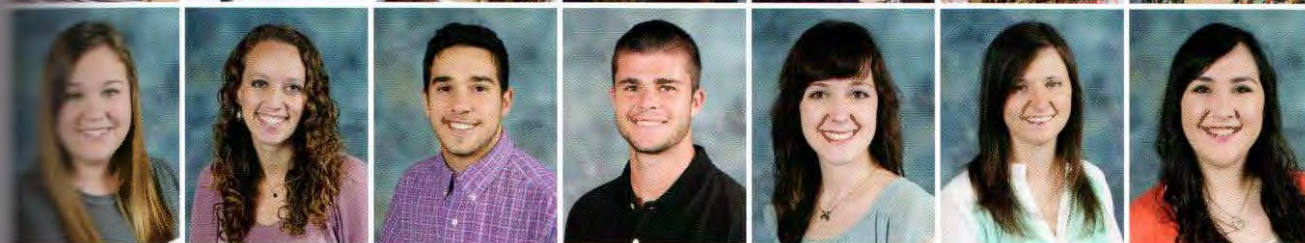
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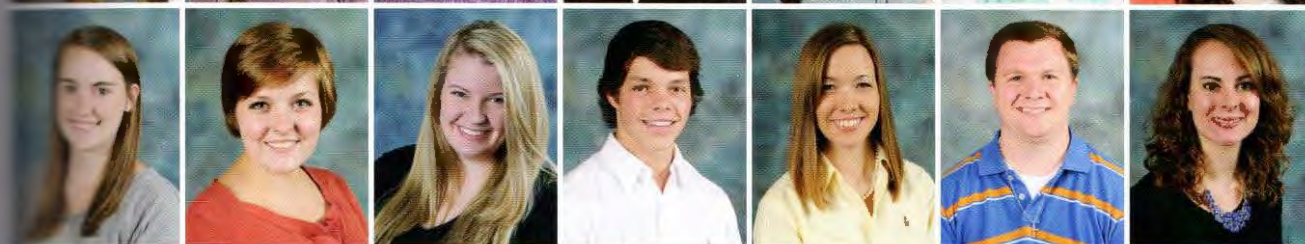
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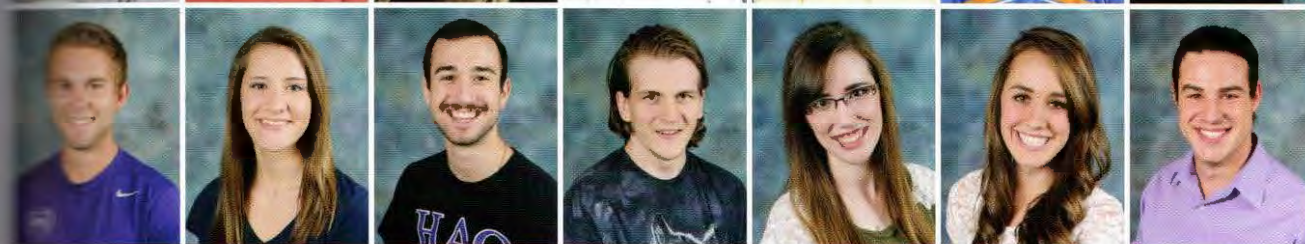
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 Hannah Nolan | Sherwood, AR



Arthur Johnson, a senior psychology major from Rockwall, Texas, spent his summer engaging the unlovable and lending a compassionate ear.

As a counseling intern, one of Johnson's main jobs was to sit with patients and fill out paperwork before they saw a counselor. He had the opportunity to connect with people who were sick and hurting, to love them and find common ground in his life and theirs. Sometimes the conversation would revolve around something as light-hearted as a famous actor.

"I remember one guy specifically that just talked to him about Jackie Chan movies because that is his favorite actor. So for 30 minutes we sat there and that's all we talked about," Johnson said.

Johnson worked with South African AIDS and HIV patients in a hospice care center created by a non-profit organization called Genesis, which had ministries in the communities of Port Shepstone and Murchison.

He went to South Africa for seven weeks as part of a five-person team that worked with the non-profit as well as the Norwegian Settler's Church, founder of Genesis. Johnson spent four or five hours each day in the clinic, shadowing the counselors who worked with patients. At first he did not think he would be able to do much hands-on work, but was able to handle the initial assessment and paperwork process. "Even though I was just asking them basic questions, I felt like I still connected with those patients to some degree," he said.

The mission of Genesis was not only to treat the sick. "The counselors, the people that ran the office, or the caretakers, like the nurses and doctors, they are all really solid Christians and their purpose of treating the patients was not solely, 'I'm going to get you healthy enough to walk out this day,'

but their goal was for everyone there to get to know Christ, so even if they weren't able to walk out physically alive, they were able to go out spiritually alive," Johnson said. "It was just cool being able to be a part of that."

Johnson began looking for an internship after developing an interest in prison counseling. He had an internship in Dallas lined up for the summer, but had also been asked to go to South Africa and work with Genesis. When thinking about going to South Africa, he hesitated. At that time, he was not aware that he would have the opportunity to do counseling in South Africa and felt like the internship in Dallas would be more beneficial. However, when it took only four days for him to raise the \$4,000 necessary to go on the trip, he realized that it was an opportunity that he could not miss. On top of the way the funds rolled in, Johnson found out the week before he left that he would be able to intern with the counselors at the hospice facility.

"It was really a last minute thing, but I mean it just worked out. And it was just honestly a blessing in every way, shape, and form," Johnson said.

Johnson's interest in counseling prisoners was similar to the work that he did in South Africa, in that both involved serving people who were at the very bottom of society. Though as Americans we might not have thought of AIDS victims as the "scum of society," Johnson said that many times in the Zulu culture, AIDS victims were social outcasts. He saw many examples of the



Zulu culture including one teenage girl who had contracted AIDS after being raped and as a result her family completely wrote her off. Through the harsh social stigmas, Johnson was amazed at the genuine, unconditional love that the two Zulu counselors showed to the patients.

"I have never seen God's love displayed in such a real way up until last summer. I think as Americans we can say, 'I'm going to go feed these homeless people or I'm gonna go rake this person's yard, and that's great and all, but how much love does that require of us to do these things?'" Johnson said.

Johnson's main take away was learning how to better love all types of people, from his team members to the hospice staff, to the patients he worked with.

"Just to experience what it means and what it looks like to truly love on all types of people no matter what their problem was, but just loving on them, no matter what. It's something that I don't think I have done perfectly by any means, but honestly, I feel like it's a little bit easier to love on the people that it is hardest to love on, whether it be someone in class, one of my neighbors, or a complete stranger, taking myself outside of the center role and just showing Christ's love in any way possible."

by Bethany Peevy

Hein Hillmer

Who would ever have imagined that the American dream of success, prominence and possibility could come to life for an African city-boy living in small town Arkadelphia?

Hein Hillmer, a senior mass communications major from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, was not only in countless photo shoots, modeling events and a movie during his college years, but he also spent his summer break in New York working at an international modeling and talent conference.

"We were flooded with American culture in South Africa, and although I only started professional modeling in ninth grade, I have always aspired to one day travel and pursue the American Dream," Hillmer said.

Hillmer said that Ouachita had constantly prepared him for the professional world. "I love how OBU has professors with hands-on experience, who didn't just get stuck as teachers, but genuinely want to push their students to go as far as they can. And because they're experienced experts in their fields, they have real contacts and will point you in the right direction," he said.

Although Hillmer was happy simply working toward his major, he wanted more prospects and familiarity for his future profession. One day while watching TV in his Anthony dorm room he saw a commercial for a modeling agency in Little Rock called Excel Models and Talent. He sent in an email with some portfolio pictures and three weeks later he received a package in the mail with all the information he would need in order to work for their company. He preformed everything they required, and the rest is history. "I simply wanted help in developing my skills and abilities. Excel has not only helped my skills, but has given me countless opportunities to utilize them," Hillmer said.

Soon after signing with Excel, they informed Hillmer of an independent film titled "Sons and Fathers," which was sponsored by National Geographic and was to be filmed in Little Rock. When Hillmer went to the casting, there was no role suited for him. However, a week later he was informed that a role was to be written into the script specifically for him. The film was available on Amazon, Netflix and iTunes.

Hillmer was also given the opportunity to attend the IMTA (International Modeling & Talent Association) conference in both Los Angeles and New York. This conference assisted celebrities like Ashton Kutcher, Katie Halmes and Jessica Biel establish their careers.

Because Hillmer was a South African and German dual citizen, he could not legally obtain a paycheck. "As a result, Excel decided to make a business deal," Hillmer said. "They completely sponsored both trips to Los Angeles and New York so that I could help promote Excel's name and business as a staff member, and I in turn, would receive credentials like experience and contacts."

During the conference, smaller company personnel networked with the larger, established agency recruiters. Hillmer said, "I not only would market Excel models competing in the conference, but I was allowed to promote myself as well."

Many celebrities were there to motivate and instruct those competing in the conference. "It was inspiring to hear encouragement from individuals who are thriving in the industry and who know what it takes to succeed in the business," Hillmer said.

Although Hillmer encountered many public figures during the conference, he had two favorites with whom he became well acquainted. The first was Tom Logan, a producer and director for Paramount



Pictures. The second was Paul Weber, an actor, producer and director for movies such as "Stargate," "Spartacus," "Total Recall" and "Legally Blonde." Hillmer said, "Not only were they incredibly well known, but they were also just genuinely good, realistic guys."

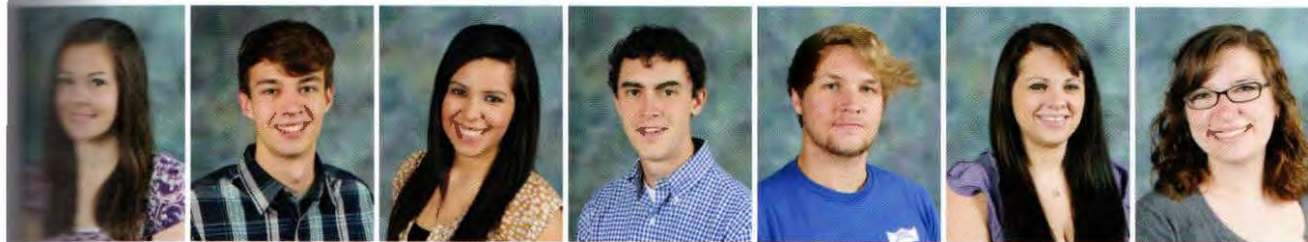
Hillmer said that Logan and Weber had given him the greatest advice regarding getting into the profession. "There's always a flight to L.A., so don't pack up and leave your home if you have nothing waiting for you. Everybody thinks they're the next Ryan Gosling, but in this industry you have to

balance the ability to be hopeful and the ability to be realistic."

Directly after advising him on level-headedness, both men offered him internships in public relations at their companies with promising career propositions.

After working in diverse social media roles, Hillmer had something to say about himself. "I'm definitely not your next GQ model, that's for sure, but I'm real. And something I've noticed in my brief time working is that although looks capture attention, character keeps attention. So it's important to work on both."

by Bekah Hill



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 Kelsey Stawasz | Rockwall, TX
 Bret Steed | Adabel, OK
 Jason Stevenson | Guy, AR
 Jessica Stewart | Mansfield, TX
 Meagan Stiles | Conway, AR
 Kelly Strickland | Arkadelphia, AR

Laura Strossner | Conway, AR
 Blaine Surber | Sulphur Springs, TX
 David Sypult | Rogers, AR
 Kaley Thompson | Hensley, AR
 Mary Lacey Thomson | Plano, TX
 Marissa Thornberry | Mabelvale, AR



Hunter Threadgill | Cordova, TN
 Ryan Tibbets | Scurry, TX
 Carrington Tillery | Lonsdale, AR
 Charles Tillery | Lonsdale, AR
 Rachel Timokhins | Malvern, AR
 Jacob Tinklenberg | Arlington, TX



Alex Trevino | Hughes Springs, TX
 J.D. Trevino | Hughes Springs, TX
 Molly Anne Turner | Sherwood, AR
 Katie Vaughn | Hot Springs, AR
 Kirby Von Edwins | Little Rock, AR
 Jonathan Waddell | North Little Rock, AR



Anna Wakeling | Bryant, AR
 Davis Ward | Little Rock, AR
 Rebekah Ward | Little Rock, AR
 Tanner Ward | Benton, AR
 Natalie Way | England, AR
 Logan Webb | Benton, AR



Garet West | Bolivar, MO
 Lauren West | Hot Springs, AR
 Kacey Westerman | Royal, AR
 Alyssa White | Tyler, TX
 Elizabeth White | Searcy, AR
 Garrett Whitehead | Cleburne, TX



Leah Whitlow | Bentonville, AR
 JohnDavid Whitmore | Rogers, AR
 Bobby Williams | Tuttle, OK
 Rachel Williams | Sherwood, AR
 Stephen Williams | Roland, AR
 Cami Willis | Flower Mound, TX



Kelsey Willis | Redfield, AR
 Matthew Willis | Benton, AR
 Seth Wilson | Hot Springs, AR
 Karissa Winfrey | Stuttgart, AR
 Preston Winstead | Fort Smith, AR
 Hunter Wolf | Waco, TX



Will Wooten | Conway, AR
 Holly Wray | Eads, TN
 Justin Young | Springdale, AR
 Rebecca Zandstra | St. Charles, MO



Carrington Tillery



"I want to be you. I want to take care of the kids the way you take care of me," said Toni, after she was asked what she wanted to be when she grew up.

Toni took part in the Big Brother Big Sister program, sponsored by Campus Ministries. Carrington Tillery, a senior business management and marketing and political science major from Hot Springs, was Toni's big sister for four years.

"The time spent investing in Toni has been worth every second," Tillery said.

Big Brother Big Sister was an opportunity for students to serve in the community. Students were assigned an underprivileged child in the Arkadelphia community.

Fifty-three students were enrolled in the program. Kendall Calvert, assistant director of Campus Ministries, said that there was a need for more Big Brothers. At the time there were 13 unpaired little brothers, awaiting their opportunity.

"When I first heard about the program I thought, 'Oh that would be great. I love kids,'" Tillery said.

Later, she went to an interest meeting where she found out how the kids needed stability.

"I knew it was something I wanted to do, but I had no idea what I was getting myself into," Tillery said.

The first time Toni and Tillery spent time together was at a Christmas party where they painted ornaments.

"I remember the first time we hung out. She was super excited and nervous all of the same time, and so was I," said Tillery. "She put the paint in her mouth when we were decorating them. I thought I was the worst big sister ever. It was all okay. I still have the ornaments to this day. Toni and I

put them on the tree together as a memory," Tillery said.

Tillery knew from the beginning that she needed to build a relationship with not only Toni, but her mom as well.

"It was hard at first. She was pretty stand-off-ish. However, now I find her confiding in me when Toni has bad grades or misbehaves," said Tillery. "I like having that bond."

Tillery was able to see a lot of change in Toni through the years. She saw the change through her actions, being respectful, using her manners, helping her younger siblings and excelling in school.

"She gets so excited to tell me about her good grades or how she helped her siblings that week," said Tillery. "I love hearing those things."

Tillery understood the importance of her conversations and time spent with Toni.

"Halfway through my time of hanging out with Toni I would find myself crying after I dropped her off," said Tillery. "I just didn't want my time with her to end. The time I have with her needs to be meaningful. I share with her about my relationship with Christ and she does the same. Nine years of age may seem young, but you would be amazed to see what she understands," Tillery said.

Through the years Tillery's role with Toni switched from a fun big sister to more of a mentor.

"I spoil her all the time, but we still are learning life lessons," said Tillery.

She made it a point to have fun, but also have serious moments. Tillery said she would call herself a "Big Sister Mentor."

Tillery admitted that it was hard sometimes. She would be pouring into Toni, but she wouldn't always see a reward from it.

"There were times that I didn't want to go get her, but I had to push through anyway. Toni is my little sister none the less, she needs that stability," Tillery said.

When Tillery got engaged she knew she wanted Toni to be a part of her big day.

"I picked her up from school one day and brought her a flower. I told her that I had gotten engaged and then I asked her if she would want to be a flower girl," said Tillery. "She said yes and we just hugged for a few minutes after."

Tillery knew that her time with Toni was coming to an end. During the last of their time together, Tillery taught Toni how to write letters.

"I have stationary to give her so she can write me," Tillery said.

She also made Toni a scrapbook. It was filled with pictures and memories that they shared.

"Big Brother Big Sister is a very selfless thing that is very worth it," Tillery said. "I want to keep my relationship with Toni forever."

by Hailee Bezet

Jacob Catlett

Christian Studies & Preposseory major



Involvement | Kappa Chi Men's Social Club President, OSF Special Events Committee, Student Senate Treasurer, Campus Ministries Men's Discipleship Co-leader, EEE Beau

PostGrad | "I plan to enter missions, teaching or ministry."



Amy Campbell

Biogy major



Involvement | ElderServe, Member of The Women of EEE - chaplain, WOW steering committee, FFG Ministry Leader & mom, TranServe, Intramural Sports

Braggs | President's List, Dean's List, OSF Scholarship Recipient, Jones Science Center Edna Linn Scholarship Recipient, Freshman Class Homecoming Representative, ElderServe Award, Tiger Tracks 3rd place award

PostGrad | "I plan to become a dentist."

Michelle Perez

Business Administration & Political Science major

Involvement | Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board, International Club President, International Food Festival - student director, Donors Banquet Volunteer Coordinator, International Student Recruiter, ENACTUS

Braggs | President's List, Beta Gamma Sigma, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, International Service Award

PostGrad | "I plan to enter the field of international relations and diplomacy as an ambassador for an IGO, since I would like to be involved in economic development of third world countries."



Will Wooten

Biology major & Chemistry minor

Involvement | Kappa Chi Men's Social Club Special Events Director, Vice President, Ouachita Student Foundation Co-chair of Fundraising and Finance, Refuge Band Bass Guitar Section Leader

Braggs | President's List, Dean's List, Walker Pre-Med Scholarship, J.D. Patterson Summer Research Fellowship

PostGrad | "I will be attending Southern College of Optometry next fall in Memphis, Tenn., to pursue a career in optometry."



Johanna Casey

Kinesiology major & Spanish minor



Ryan Strebeck

Biology & Spanish major

Involvement | The Men of Kappa Chi Tiger Tunes Director, EEE Beau, College Republicans, Student Senate, Alpha Chi, Tiger Tunes Host

Braggs | President's List, Dean's List, Spanish Major of the Year 2013

PostGrad | "I plan to attend medical school and eventually become a surgeon."



Involvement | Lady Tigers Soccer, Off The Broadway Drama Team, CM, Noonday Ministry Leader, Campus Ministries Women's Discipleship Leader, International Club, CM Tiger Tunes Music Director, Concert Choir, OBU Women's Chorus, FFG mom, Intramurals

Braggs | NSCAA Women's Team Academic Award, President's List, Dean's List, Healthy Relationships Women's Panel, International Photography Contest Winner, 2013 Homecoming Queen

PostGrad | "I want to mold young minds and inspire creative imaginations through early childhood education."



Kelsey Frim

Early Childhood Education

Rusty Butler

Worship Arts major

Involvement | FFG dad, CM Tiger Tunes Music Director and Head Director, Refuge Keyboard Player, Bible leader, NSR leader, International Chalk, Chapel Worship Leader

Braggs | Dean's List, President's List, Tiger Network Leadership Award, Recipient of the Fine Arts Scholarship, Virginia Queen Piano Competition Honorable Mention

PostGrad | "I plan to work full time in music ministry."



Involvement | FFG Mom, Veritas leader, Cross Country, CM Tiger Tunes, Intramurals, Tiger Serve Day, Phi Epsilon Kappa

Braggs | Runner of the Year 3 years, GAC cross country 2nd team all-conference, President's List, GAC Academic Team

PostGrad | "I plan to enter the female student ministry."



Involvement | Member of EEE, Member of Pruet Sisterhood, Freshman Family Group Mom, Veritas

Braggs | Homecoming representative for EEE PC 11

PostGrad | "After graduation, I plan to attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, to pursue a Master of Divinity in Missiology. I want to be a Missions Coordinator in a local church to help plan and lead short term mission trips overseas."

Jenna Hurst

Christian Studies & Spanish major



Justin Young

Business Management & Business Finance major



Involvement | Student Senate, Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class President, Student Senate-President & Chairman of Finance Committee, Beta Beta - Pledge Class President - Special Events Coordinator - Secretary - Vice President, ENACTUS Officer, Project leader for Honduras project, Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board, Arx Investment Fund Management Team

Braggs | President's List, Dean's List

PostGrad | "My fiancé and I plan to get married in July of 2014. We plan to open, operate, and manage a coffee shop in Fayetteville, Ark., that can be franchised over time. We will import coffee from around the world, and portion of our profits will go back to different orphanages around the world. The end goal is to have multiple stores, and be able to build an orphanage one day."

Emily Anderson

Psychology major

Involvement | CA Tiger Tunes Leadership Team, RA, Intramurals

Braggs | President's List, Alpha Chi



Garet West

Mass Communications major

Involvement | Tiger Serve Day leadership team, Tiger Tunes host, senior class president, intramurals, Backyard Bible Club, Campus Ministries, Operation Christmas Child fundraisers, Big Brother/Big Sister

Braggs | President's List, Dean's List



David Syput

Accounting & Business Administration major

Involvement | OSF, Hickingbotham Student Advisory Board, Ouachita Student Ambassador Program for the Chamber of Commerce, President - Alpha Chi, Enactus High School Tutor Program Project Leader

Braggs | Alpha Chi, Presidential Service Award

PostGrad | "I have taken a full-time position with Ernst and Young as a staff auditor in their Rogers office to begin in fall of 2014."





Tammie Bushey

Early Childhood Education major

Involvement | Women of EEE, OSF, Panhellenic Council - Vice President, Veritas Discipleship Small Group Leader, FFG Mom

Braggs | Ouachita Scholars, Paul E. Kannis Scholarship, Michael A. Davis Scholarship

PostGrad | "I plan to be kindergarten teacher."



Involvement | Tiger Serve Leadership Team, Student Senate - Sophomore, Junior & Senior Class Vice President, Tri Chi Beau, New Student Retreat Steering Committee, Eddie Ary Student Investment Fund, Enactus, OSF Communications Director & Student Recruitment Committee, FFG, CM Tiger Tunes Finance Director, Men's Discipleship, Student Dining Committee, Learning & Technology Committee

Braggs | 125th Presidential Service Award, Dean's List, Henry D. Powell Scholarship, Ouachita Student Foundation Scholarship

PostGrad | "My immediate plans are to take the CPA exam and begin a career as a business analyst at the Wal-Mart headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas."

Tim Horton

Chemistry and Physics major

Involvement | American Chemical Society - Special Events Coordinator, OSF, Alpha Chi - President

Braggs | 1st place at Regional IDEA conference, Moses-Provine Outstanding Senior in Chemistry, Rowland Memorial Outstanding Senior in Physics, 1st place Chemistry presentation at Alpha Chi National Convention, Presidential Service Award, Freshman Chemistry Award, President's List

PostGrad | "I plan to pursue a PhD in Chemistry or Biochemistry and establish my own research lab in the biomedical sciences."



Carli Sasser

Choral Music Education major

Involvement | Sweet-heart for The Men of Eta Alpha Omega, President of Ouachita Singers, Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes

Braggs | First runner up for Homecoming 2013, Tiger Tunes Hostess for 2012

PostGrad | "I want to be an elementary music teacher. I love kids and want to teach them to love music. But I may want to travel for a little while first."



Jake Coffman

Music major & Mass Communications minor

Mary Rachel Wolf

Biology major & Chemistry minor

Involvement | OBU Women's Tennis Team, Women of EEE, Backyard Bible club, FFGmom, American Chemical Society

Braggs | ITA Scholar Athlete Award, President's List, Dean's List, JD Patterson research grant

PostGrad | "I plan on attending physician assistant school and becoming a PA."



Involvement | FFG Ministry Leader and dad, Eta Alpha Omega Social Director, America Counts Tutor, Student Senate, Big Brother/Big Sister, Enactus, intramurals, Tiger Tunes, Tiger Traks

Braggs | Dean's List, President's List, George Fay Young Scholarship, Victorian Martin Scholarship, Charles R. Baker Scholarship, OSF Scholarship

PostGrad | "After graduation, I plan to move to Northwest Arkansas and hopefully gain employment at a Fortune 500 company."



Clay McKinney

Management and Finance major

Kristen Barnard

Mass Communications major & Business Administration minor



Involvement | Cheerleading, Women of the Chi, Public Relations Chair of Student Senate, Photo Editor for Ouachita, Elderserve, Presentation Team Director in Enactus, Boys and Girls Club project in Enactus, campus photographer, Homecoming Committee, Campus Ministries, Tiger Times, Intramural Sports, Tele-counseling for Admissions Office, Phoneathon caller

Braggs | Dean's List, multiple photography awards from the Arkansas College Media Association, elected to Homecoming Court

PostGrad | "I'm getting married! I'm most likely moving to Northwest Arkansas and buying a coffee shop to run, eventually intersecting it with missions, importing from overseas and giving a percentage of the profits to orphanages around the world."

Involvement | Ouachita Singers, Concert Choir, Ouachita Sounds, Tiger Times Director of CA, Tiger Times Host, OSF, CAB, Ouachitonian Yearbook Staff

Braggs | Dean's List

PostGrad | "My plan after graduation is to either attend a graduate school for music business, or move to Nashville, Little Rock, or Northwest Arkansas to pursue a career in music business."



Involvement | Soccer Team Captain, Enactus -vice president, Refuge speaker, EEE Beau

Braggs | All conference academic soccer team 2010, 2011

PostGrad | "I begin work for the accounting firm BKD after graduation."

Jared Carlin

Accounting major



Involvement | Alpha Chi Honor Society, Women of EEE, Kappa Chi Little Sis, Former OSF member, Mat Maids, Student HIPAC member 2014, American Chemical Society



Braggs | President's List, Dean's List, Governor's Distinguished Scholar



PostGrad | "I plan to pursue a career in dentistry."

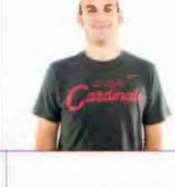
Logan Web

Christian Studies major & Spanish minor

Involvement | Member of Eta Alpha Omega, FFG dad, Intramurals, Theta Alpha Kappa

Braggs | President's List, Dean's List

PostGrad | "I plan on going to seminary at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and pursuing a career in international church planting."



Megan Scarbrough

Biology major & Chemistry minor

Involvement | Student Senate - Secretary & at Large Position 3, Freshman Class Treasurer, The Women of EEE Sergeant At Arms, American Chemical Society, Enactus, JD Patterson Summer Research Program

Braggs | Richard H. Brown Scholarship Award for Biology, Edna Lin Scholarship

PostGrad | "I hope to go on to medical school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. I plan on becoming a physician."



Amelia Lindsey

Biology major

Asaf Moreno

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Spanish & English major

Involvement | International Club, Eta Alpha Omega Men's Social Club, Tri Chi beau, CAB, Tiger Times

Braggs | Dean's List

PostGrad | "I plan to pursue a career as an interpreter or a translator. If that doesn't work I'd like to teach Spanish or ESL at a college level."





Barret Burger

Biology major

Involvement | Student Senate Internal Vice-President, Beta Beta Men's Social Club Vice-President, OSF, Student Ambassador to the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce

Braggs | Dean's and President's Lists

PostGrad | "I plan to attend medical school upon graduation."



Hannah Bridges

English major & Christian Studies minor



Involvement | Tri Chi Women's Social Club, Kappa Chi Lil' Sis, OSF, Sigma Tau Delta, Theta Alpha Kappa International Club, Pruet Sisterhood, FFG, Women's Discipleship

Braggs | Dean's List, President's List

PostGrad | "I would like to pursue higher education and then have a career teaching high school English."

Tim Ferris

Business Administration major

Involvement | Ouachita Swimming, Hickingsbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board, International Club Treasurer, Alpha Chi

Braggs | President's list, Two-time Academic All American, Three-time Academic All Conference, Division II National Champion 200 free relay team

PostGrad | "I hope to attend the 2016 Olympics for swimming. Then MBA studies, social and environmental enterprise, and bi-vocational ministry."



Tori Abellera

Mass Communications major & Business minor

Involvement | Ouachitonian Yearbook Staff Advertising Section Editor, The Signal Staff Writer, Comic Artist, OSF, Women of Chi Rho Phi Tiger Tunes Director, IABC, Student Senate, VP of the Class of 2014

Braggs | Dean's List, Yearbook Academic Layout Honorary Mention, Yearbook Academic Spread, Third Place

PostGrad | "In the long run, I want to be a Director of Communications for a fun and unique brand that would be extraordinarily interesting to represent."



Ellen Eubanks

English major

Laura Strossner

Biology major

Involvement | Women of Tri Chi VP, OSF, Tri Beta, Alpha Chi, WOW leader, J.D. Patterson Summer Research Fellowship

Braggs | Walker Pre-Med Scholarship, President's, Dean's List, first place presentation in the cancer session at the regional IDeA Conference

PostGrad | "Next year I will be going into my first year of optometry school. I will be attending Southern College of Optometry in Memphis."



Involvement | OSF President, Student Recruitment Committee Co-Chair, Kappa Chi Men's Social Club Parliamentarian, Secretary, Vice-President, Special Events Director

Braggs | Alpha Chi, President's List, Dean's List

PostGrad | "I plan to attend medical school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and receive my M.D."



Kirb Von Edwin

Michael Crowe

Business Administration & Finance Management major

Involvement | Eta Alpha Omega Treasurer, Vice President, Multi-Term President, Enactus Presentation Team Orator, Enactus Entrepreneurial Advisor, Clark County Chamber of Commerce Advisor, OSF Senior Member, Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisor

Braggs | Dean's List, Presidential Award

PostGrad | "After graduation, I plan to attend law school where I will focus on corporate law with an emphasis in mergers & acquisitions."

Involvement | Co-editor for Sigma Delta Delta, Assistant Director for Outdoor Recreation, Alpha Chi, Honors Program, Philosophy Club, Intramurals

Braggs | President's List, Louise Bennett Scholarship Outstanding Junior English Major

PostGrad | "I would like to write or..."



Alexis Hammerman
Christian Studies major & Psychology minor



Involvement | Refuge Speaker, Tiger Tunes Host, Student Senate, Member of Eta Alpha Omega

Braggs | Sophomore Ministerial Award, Robert Stagg New Testament Greek Award, Theta Alpha Kappa, Alpha Chi

PostGrad | "I would like to become a head pastor or a university professor of Theological and Biblical Studies."



Involvement | Women's Discipleship, Tri Chi Women's Social Club, Tri Chi Homecoming Representative Sophomore Year, President of Theta Alpha Kappa, National Honors Society for Religious Studies & Theology Big Sister Big Brother, Campus Ministries Leader for FAITH Evangelism Ministry, Pruet Sisterhood Mentorship Program

Braggs | T. J. Connell Communicating the Gospel Teaching Award, Outstanding Student in Christian Ministries Award, President's List & Dean's List

PostGrad | "I plan to pursue women's ministry with primary interest in biblical teaching & discipleship."

Grant Novak

Christian Studies major & Greek minor

Involvement | Eta Alpha Omega Spiritual Director, International Club, Men's Discipleship

PostGrad | "I plan to start church planting through the North American Mission Board or the Evangelical Covenant Church. My desire is to plant effective Kingdom gospel-centered churches in Chicago, Ill."



Hunter Threadgill

Philosophy & Psychology major

Involvement | Eta Alpha Omega, Spiritual Director, Social Director, Assistant Resident Director, Student Judicial Council on Academic Honor, Association for Psychological Science, Student Affiliate, Research Assistant, Psi Chi President, Social Chair, Intramurals, Christian Focus Week Leadership Team, Healthy Relationships Week Leadership Team, FFG Dad, Philosophy Club, Honors Program, Backyard Bible Club

Braggs | Honors Research Grant, President's List, Zeitgeist Award, Psychology Faculty Award, Alpha Chi

PostGrad | "I plan on pursuing my Ph.D in psychology."



Ashley Briggs

Worship Arts major

Involvement | Ouachita Singers, The Women of Tri Chi, Refuge Band, OSF

Braggs | James Harrison Scholarship, Dean's list, Tiger Network scholarship, Vocal Music scholarship

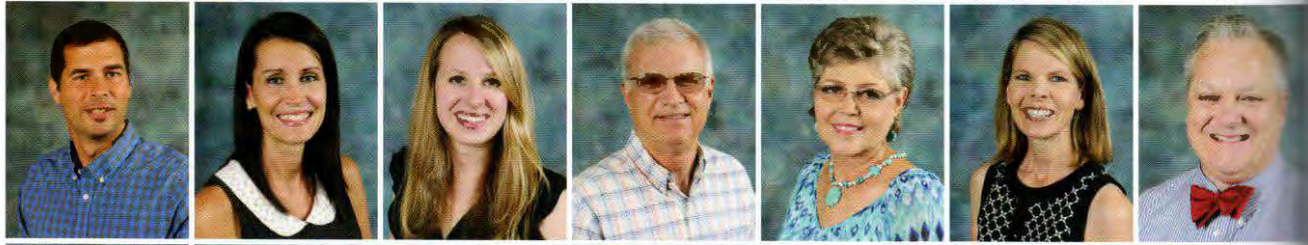
PostGrad | "I plan to work in student ministry and serve as a worship intern at Fellowship Bible Church of Little Rock."



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Mark McGraw



What did Greece, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Mexico, Panama, Spain, Ecuador, Bolivia and Colombia have in common? Dr. Mark McGraw. The foreign language program said *bienvenido* to McGraw as a new Spanish professor, who brought with him 20 years of experience serving in 35 different countries with the US Marine Corps.

"I was 12 years old when I read a book in the junior high library about Marines during World War II. I remember thinking, 'Wouldn't it have been cool to be one of those guys and lived,'" McGraw said about when he first decided he wanted to join the Marines.

It was after joining the Marine Corps that McGraw was deployed to places like the Western Pacific, the Middle East, Europe and various locations across Latin America. He and his family then faced the sacrifices that came with military service.

"I almost missed my wedding in 1988 after my stay in Honduras was extended," McGraw said. "But she understood that it's just one of the sacrifices that come with being a Marine."

McGraw and his wife Mrs. Margaret McGraw, assistant athletic director, had their relationship tested again after the arrival of their two sons.

"Fortunately, our children were born when I was home," McGraw said. "Being apart just makes you appreciate each other more when you're together. I just remember being separated, wishing I could be back just to change a dirty diaper."

It was during his deployment to Honduras in 1989 that McGraw developed a personal interest in the Spanish language.

"I found myself faced with a level of poverty there that I had not anticipated," McGraw said. "I remember thinking that the problems I was seeing were not military problems, and maybe as a military guy, I could help those countries' militaries deal with those problems, but not without the

language."

Despite McGraw's interest, he had never taken a Spanish class before and had very little experience learning the language. McGraw, however, decided to travel to Guatemala to undergo immersion training.

"I sat down with a native speaker who quickly went through all of the grammar with me and found out that I didn't know much of anything," McGraw said.

According to McGraw, he went through two years' worth of Spanish class in just eight weeks.

"It was challenging and sometimes frustrating, because language takes a little time for the paint to dry before you apply another coat," McGraw said. "It was humiliating to ask questions in town and sound like an idiot, but it made me more attuned to a foreigner's experience in a different country."

McGraw spent the remaining years of his career in the Marines traveling around Latin America. He even brought his wife and two sons with him during his two-year stay in Chile as an exchange officer in the Chilean Marine Corps.

"Chile was a good experience for them because they saw what it was like to live in another person's culture and be the odd man out," McGraw said. "Those two years made me thankful for how the Chileans treated us and how happy they were when I threw my whole self into an activity. When you do that, you validate another person's culture."

McGraw described one instance in which he developed a deeper appreciation for the Chilean people and their culture. "There was an episode where we had a really bad house fire. The ones that helped us the most were the Chileans," McGraw

said. "I will never forget that level of care."

After returning from Latin America, McGraw began auditing Spanish classes at Texas A&M to retain the language. The instructors he witnessed there helped him see that Spanish was something he was really passionate about.

"I remember praying and asking God what I should do next in life," McGraw said. "Then I realized that I was praying in Spanish."

Those experiences were what influenced his next adventure of teaching Spanish. McGraw's military service and travels also tied into how he presented the material to his students.

"I teach a lot of my own experiences in the classroom," McGraw said. "My stories make the grammatical concepts stickier

because they're real stories that actually happened. I was armed with a whole bunch of exposure to Spanish-speakers, Spanish language, Hispanic heritage and Latin American culture—all of these opportunities afforded to me because I was a Marine."

McGraw's goal was to equip his students and make them "confident and capable" Spanish-speakers. Through his travels and service in foreign countries with the Marines, McGraw gave students real and practical lessons from first-hand experience with the traditions, values and customs of other cultures.

Charolette Allison

Jan. 1, 1986, Charolette Allison started work as then president Dr. Daniel Grant's receptionist. Twenty-eight years later she was still serving in the president's office as the executive secretary to President Rex Horne.

While first serving as Grant's receptionist, Allison witnessed the rebuilding of parts of campus including the library. During those years, international exchange programs were developed with other universities around the world and the honors program was strengthened. "It was an exciting time to work for the president," Allison said.

Sept. 1, 1988, Dr. Ben Elrod became president and one year later Allison became his secretary. The position brought with it the additional duties of preparing for and attending and recording minutes of the Board of Trustees' meetings in addition to day-to-day responsibilities of the President's Office.

"We all called Dr. Elrod 'Boss,' and he loved it. He was a gentle giant," Allison said.

Under Elrod's leadership, Allison saw undergraduate enrollment grow by over 30 percent. During this time, graduate programs were phased out to enable the school to concentrate on undergraduate education. There was even further development of international exchange programs through the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program.

During the Elrod presidency, Allison saw the planning of several new building projects. "The icing on the cake for me was the renovation of Cane-Bottoms Hall that had been a residence hall for women from 1923 to 1985," Allison said.

Cane-Bottoms Hall became the home to the Grant Administration Center, replacing J.R. Grant Memorial Hall that had served as the university's administration building since 1953.

"Grant Hall was shaped like a crocker box," Allison said. "It had big windows that

were not insulated, so during the winter months the building was very cold."

Elrod also began the planning process for the CORE curriculum.

In October 1996, the Board of Trustees voted to take shared responsibility for trustee selection with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. "A very interesting time indeed," Allison said.

The Board of Trustees named Elrod Chancellor in December 1997, and Dr. Andrew Westmoreland was elected president. "Dr. Westmoreland was younger than the other presidents, and I watched him move up through the ranks at Ouachita," Allison said.

Under Westmoreland's leadership, the CORE curriculum was implemented, and the Board of Trustees approved the reorganization of the academic program into eight schools, each led by an academic dean.

June 1, 1999, an American Airlines plane crashed with members of the Ouachita Singers on board. Allison's friend, Kristin Moddcox Cheng, was severely burned and spent many months recovering. Dr. Charles and Cindy Fuller's daughter, Rachel, died from her injuries. Another student, James Harrison, died trying to rescue others from the burning plane. "This event impacted the Ouachita Family as we coped with the losses and the emotions brought on by the crash and the injuries to our friends," Allison said.

Westmoreland resigned in May 2006. "The campus community had become very close to the Westmoreland family- Andy, Jeanno and Riley- and wished them well as they moved out of state after serving at Ouachita for over 25 years," Allison said.

Dr. Rex Horne became the fourth president Allison served under. "I was very nervous about who we might get to replace Andy, because I'd had these three great bosses before, and I thought oh how could we top this? And then when I learned that



Dr. Horne was being interviewed, I got very excited," Allison said.

Horne's focus was teaching students to be difference makers while in school, as well as in the years after graduating.

During this time new dorms were built, academic buildings were renovated and the

Tiger in the middle of campus was restored.

Allison was also able to get to know the first ladies and sample their home cooking. Her favorites included Mrs. Betty Ja Grant's chocolate fudge, Mrs. Betty Lou Elrod's angel food cake with seven minute icing and Dr. Jeanna

Westmoreland's brawnies with Yarnell's ice cream. "Ms. Becky (Horne) makes a mean chocolate chip cookie, as many students can tell you, and wonderful homemade soups and Southern-style cornbread," Allison said.

"I can't say enough about how good all of (the presidents) have been, and if they had not been good, I probably would not still be hanging around. I've enjoyed it that much over the years, just watching them lead the school and seeing the changes that have taken place," Allison said.

by Hannah Sh...



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Justin Isenhour



Deep brass music swirled through the hallways of the offices in the bottom floor of Mabee Fine Arts Center. Dr. Isenhour was practicing his second trombone every day, he said. "The most difficult thing is sometimes just listening to myself. Being able to be still enough to just listen." Through his journey, his passion for music always compelled him to keep pursuing the trombone. "You shouldn't just become a musician because you're good at it. Wanting to become a musician is something you have to do because you can't not do it. It's like a drug. You become addicted to it." That same passion was what pushed him to invest in the learning of students and eventually to further his own education. After teaching middle school band, he decided to go back to school to get his doctorate. He was compelled by a desire to create band programs that were strong and positive places for young musicians to grow and thrive. He wanted to pass on his passion for band to students and help them succeed. He said that his greatest dream for his students was to see them excel higher than he ever did. "I really hope that they'll do things that I can't even dream of. I want to show them everything I can and they'll go out and do things that I can't even fathom. And then they can come back and show me what they can do," Isenhour said.

creativity and half craftsmanship. Finding the right balance between the two was the part that was often the most difficult, but enjoyable.

He spent his undergraduate studies working with a professor who focused on developing his creative skills, and his graduate school work with a professor who focused on the more structured side of the discipline. Having both sides shaped him into a well-rounded musician, able to navigate between the two aspects of music.

"Music is the greatest blend. There is a craft to what you do and there is an art to what you do. You can't really have one without the other," he said.

Isenhour continued to grow in his skills, working with many different teachers and playing in various symphonies. Yet, Isenhour was not afraid to break out of the orchestral scene and let loose a little.

While living in South Carolina, he toured with a Latin salsa band. Though he knew no Spanish and could not get the verbal cues from the other musicians during a show, Isenhour said the beat of the music was all the communication he needed. He said that his funniest memory from that time was when the singer stopped her *sola* and turned and pointed at him in the middle of the song. He said in that instant he thought, "I don't know what that means, but I'm going to play a *solo* now!"

After years of pushing himself to be better by criticizing everything that came out of the bell of his trombone, Isenhour said that he finally reached a point where he was able to feel good about any tune he played. However, this did not keep him from continuing the learning process.

"I try to teach myself how to play the

trombone every day," he said. "The most difficult thing is sometimes just listening to myself. Being able to be still enough to just listen."

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by Bethany Peevy

Tom Auffenberg

1947-2013

Ascholar, mentor, instructor and friend, Dr. Tom Auffenberg wore many hats. As the R. Voyt Hill professor of history and the chair of the history department, Auffenberg was a notable scholar and instructor. His ever-filled classes were evidence of his popularity on campus as students seemingly fought their way to hear his lectures and glean something from the knowledge that Auffenberg possessed. His 40-year tenure undoubtedly made an impact on the minds of students as well as the campus itself.

To Dr. Jahnn Wink, Betty Burton Peck professor of English, Auffenberg was a brother. Wink and Auffenberg met as rookie professors in the early 70s, and their relationship grew from work colleagues to the best of friends. Wink said, "I have so many memories of him. He was so dear to me. I never have had a better friend."

Wink often wrote poems and made up myths about his friend. One of his most popular myths was about The Chinchilla, a myth created about Auffenberg. Wink said Auffenberg was "an affable, mild-mannered history teacher" on campus; however, once Auffenberg left campus, he turned into a feared mafia leader known as the Chinchilla. Such humor was a trademark of Wink and Auffenberg's relationship. In fact, Wink said that Auffenberg's humor was what initially drew the two men into such a strong friendship.

Wink said that Auffenberg was like a brother to him, and he compared the feeling of losing Dr. Auffenberg to when he thought he had lost his biological brother and mother to Hurricane Katrina. Wink said their relationship, "felt like magic to me. It truly felt like magic. It still feels like magic."

Auffenberg was not only a brother; he was a role model. Witt Wright, a junior history and philosophy major from Columbia, Mo., was spurred to do well by Auffenberg. Wright met him on his first day of class freshman year. He said, "Just about when I decided, 'You know what, I don't think college classes are going to be very exciting,' I walked into Dr. Auffenberg's World History I class, and the first thing we talked about was fossilized poop."

The acceptance and humor that Auffenberg brought to class drew students in and got them thinking about history. Wright explained that one of Auffenberg's favorite tactics to keep students engaged was assigning students a role in the history lessons he taught, such as a pope or a king. This got students thinking about what they would do in the historical situations they were learning about.

"In many ways I would consider him my academic mentor," Wright said. "He's the reason that I, you know, kind of stayed in the history program and stayed so engaged in history classes."

Paul Spann, a junior history major from Orlando, Fla., also praised Auffenberg's friendship and hospitality. Spann and several other students had the opportunity to spend time with Auffenberg at his home. Spann said, "He always invited a few of us history majors over to his house (Castle Park Monster) to watch movies and have pizza."

Most of the movies watched at these gatherings were somewhat historical, Monty Python's *Quest for the Holy Grail* being a favorite. Spann said that Auffenberg would make his guests cookies, and in return they would help him out with computer problems he was having. In addition to providing

food for his guests, Spann said Auffenberg showed his generosity by giving them nice clothes that he did not use anymore. Spann said, "Polos, jackets, pants – you name it, he gave it."

The way that Auffenberg lived his life and conducted himself in the workplace not only affected his students, but also blessed the lives of his co-workers. Dr. Chris Mortenson, assistant professor of history, said, "His entire time here with me, I don't think I came to work one day when he didn't make me laugh at something."

Mortenson said that Auffenberg had a "bizarrely wonderful" sense of humor, and that it didn't matter how Auffenberg was feeling, he could always find a way to say something funny.

His colleagues were also captivated by his friendship. Mortenson said, "I always felt like he was a ridiculously good friend and caretaker in a way."

Both Mortenson and Dr. Bethany Hicks, assistant professor of history, said he was the best boss they had ever had. Hicks and Mortenson said Auffenberg cared for people and was genuinely concerned with how people were doing.

Hicks said, "He is one of these rare examples of somebody who just completely devotes themselves to their career and a place, not just a career, but to Ouachita."

With a pensive, and slightly sad look on her eye, Hicks spoke of the man Auffenberg was. "Somebody so completely devoted, and selflessly, in a lot of ways, investing in his students. I think that's a very rare phenomenon."

by Ben Clark



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Clubs | Organizations





Groups. It is human nature to group together with people with similar interests and hobbies. Ouachita has no shortage of clubs and organizations for students to get involved with across campus. From pledging a social club to working hard to be invited to Alpha Chi, from pulling all-nighters to finish the campus publications to going on the annual retreat with Campus Ministries, from planning a campus movie night with Campus Activities Board or deciding students' fates at traffic court - all of these things come together to make the **Ouachita State of Mind.**

CLUBS CONNECT

To a certain point, a person's major defined them. It could, for example, determine who their friends were or what parts of campus they spent the most time in. There's another step up from that, though. There's the person who wanted to spend more than the required amount of time with those who shared the same major. The person who loved their particular field of study enough to give away a bit of their free time to it. The kind of person who would have joined an academic club.

"I've been a part of the club since freshman year," said Kelsey Willis, senior chemistry major from Redfield and president of the campus's chapter of the American Chemistry Society. "I really wanted to have a leadership position so that I could help make the club have a larger impact on Ouachita's campus and in the Arkadelphia community. I love working not only with the other ACS members, but also sharing chemistry with the children at our demonstrations."

Professors and classmates would oftentimes seek out students who weren't yet involved with anything and invite them to join, creating what was described by most academic club participants as a welcoming environment.

"I was encouraged to join ACS as far back as the first week of freshman year by my professors and by a very good friend and ACS member, Jahn Gomez," said Tim Horton, senior chemistry major and American Chemistry Society officer from Arkadelphia. "ACS officers encouraged me to play intramural sports with them and be on the Tiger Serve Day team, which I've done every semester since. They really just reached out with kindness before any other group on campus had."

For the most part, the purpose of most



Senior Barrett Burger of the Physiology Club helps his brother Brock, an athlete of the Sports Olympic Basketball Tournament and Individual Skills Competition Feb. 6 in SPEC. Over 200 athletes traveled to OBU for the games.

academic clubs was to spread awareness about whatever field of study they represented. The club participants did this by helping out in the community or sponsoring lectures to get the club's name out there and educate the people who attended the events.

"Every Tiger Serve Day we contribute to the food bank in Caddo Valley," said Jeff Sharp, Art Club member and senior graphic design major from Bryant. "It's a great way for us to help out in the community and get our name out there. We'd also do some activities at nursing homes where we'd help the residents make crafts. It's all very rewarding."

The clubs weren't necessarily strictly for majors. According to various club members, anyone who was interested could join an academic club.

"Art Club is for anyone who's interested in art or who wants to help out in the

Arkadelphia community," Sharp said. "It's not necessarily just for majors or minors, it's for anyone who wants to learn, meet people, contribute or who just enjoys art."

At the end of the day though, what kept the members participating in the clubs was their mutual love for the fields of study that the clubs were based around.

"Being an ACS member during the last four years is one of the most memorable and enjoyable experiences I have had in college," Horton said. "I have had a consistent outlet to serve and have had my character developed greatly by the efforts of previous officers. I have also gotten chances to speak with and mentor younger students and hopefully pass on some of the enthusiasm for doing science together that always seems to be on display in members of the ACS."

by Noah Hutchinsor

Club Terminology:

Art Jam:

A relaxed Art Club get-together once a month for people to hang out, get to know each other and work on different personal art projects outside of class

OBU Mingle:

The match-making survey in which the Psychology Club charges one dollar to match students with their top three matches based on a series of questions

Book Reading:

A time when Alpha Chi members vote from a list of books and organize a night of trivia, discussion and door prizes for students and faculty



Rhyan Ewart Photo

Senior Megan Scarbrough demonstrates how to make oobleck during National Chemistry Week. The Chemistry Club had a demonstration every day at noon in the middle of campus to celebrate the week.

Members of the Dietetics Club pose after a dinner and lecture Feb. 3 in Walker Conference Center. Guest speaker Joel Salatin was a part of the Nell Mondy Lecture series and presented his lecture, "Folks, This Ain't Normal."



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Coon



Kristen Barnerd Photo

Seniors Ellen Eubanks, Chris Redmon, Melonie Sherman and junior Sam Cushman meet in Young Bible for a Philosophy Club meeting. The group discussed Richard Dawkins' "The God Delusion."



Tim Horten Photo

Seniors Boronger Bieger, Cristo Riggs and Tim Horton demonstrate chalk rockets outside during National Chemistry Week. The club did demonstrations of ice cream in a bag, dry ice bombs and propane bubbles.



Molly Free Photo

Alumnus Greg Brownderville reads his poem of a poetry reading Feb. 24 in Young Auditorium. The reception for the event was sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta.

Club Terminology:

Scholars Day:

Students from every academic department showcase their work done over the past year ranging from science research to graphic design exhibits

Spring Swing:

A collaboration between the Honors Program and Alpha Tau to host a night learning how to swing dance and compete for prizes

Senior Thesis:

Students work with a thesis committee to plan and conduct a project for academic credit. The research can be for their major or another area of study.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Senior members of the Goodson Honors Program receive their patch during the Black and White Reception. Students who presented their thesis and completed the program received the official patch.



Dr. Lori Henning Photo

Dressed in pajamas, senior Crista Riggs sits with children as members of Alpha Chi read to them. Investing in younger generations was one thing the club strives to do as community service.

Senior Hunter Wolf and sophomore Colleen Rose compete in the swing dance competition during the Spring Swing event March 19. Couples were judged on their "Gatsby" themed attire and dancing skills.



Bethany Arredondo Photo



Grace Finley Photo

Juniors Bailey Chittenden and Dustin Walter enjoyed dinner and book talk at Dr. Horne's home. Members of Alpha Chi frequently meet and had discussions on various types and styles of books and writings.

An Honoring YEAR

The Carl Goodson Honors Program was established in 1964 to honor academic excellence and spark interest in studies beyond just a major.

"You can be invited before beginning your freshman year based on your ACT score which is a 28 or higher," said community coordinator Madeline Martin, a junior biology education major from Garland, Texas. "After your first semester at school, you can be invited with a GPA of 3.5, and you must maintain that GPA to stay in."

Other requirements for the program include taking honors core courses, seminars, directed study hours and senior thesis hours leading to a final thesis.

"It's great that the program allows overage hours without charge," said academic co-chair Alex Nelson, a senior business finance major from Frisco, Texas. "Your honors hours are also flexible to fit your schedule each semester."

The program also hosts a fall event to kick off each year.

"It alternates between a city type event where we go see something like a theatre production, and an outdoors retreat," Martin said. "This past semester we went out to the Ebanks' home and did a bunch of water games, camped out and set up a projector to watch 'Star Trek.'"

The organization celebrated its 50th anniversary during the annual Black and White event Feb. 6.

"The main purpose of the event is to announce the recipients of the travel grants that the Honors Council chooses from an application process," Martin said. "We also invited speakers and alumni to the event for the anniversary."

Dr. Tim Goodson, son of Carl Goodson, spoke along with previous honors directors.

"Last year when Dr. Pemberton attended the National Collegiate Honors Council, she noticed lots of schools were being recognized and were excited to celebrate 10 and 25 years of honors programs," Nelson said. "It's so cool to know that we have something that's been going for 50 years and we can really brag about it because we have made it through tough times like low student enrollment and academics."

The program began with eight students and grew to 150. The program was strictly academic but added Alpha Tau to adapt more of a social aspect to the program.

"This is where events like Spring Swing come in. It began about three years ago and is a fundraiser for the honors program," Martin said.

The Goodson Honors Program hosted Scholars Day, colloquiums and seminars. Scholars Day allowed students to present research they had been working on and senior honors students could present their thesis. Colloquiums were held each month and gave members a chance to present what they had been working on in their directed study or thesis research. Seminars

were interdisciplinary and allowed professors to come together to explain topics that weren't normally taught in class.

"Last semester we had a really fun seminar about vampires. Dr. Pemberton and Dr. Viser gave their opinions on the topic and we read 'Dracula,'" Martin said. "It's just a neat time to come together and hear ideas from two different schools of study on all the wall subjects."

Nelson was proud to know he would be graduating with honors and accepted the title that went along with it.

"There is obviously an heir of distinction when you get to walk with all of your classmates across that stage but when you get to walk with a gold stole that everyone can see and everyone knows that you've put in the extra effort," Nelson said. "I think that it is not only recognized by your fellow students and faculty here, but it's very important when your looking at grad school or moving into a competitive field where you need to differentiate yourself from others."

The honors program was an enriching task for growth and curiosity in knowledge outside of classes and majors offered.

"Everyone is a difference maker because they come from Ouachita," Nelson said. "And out of the programs that are so well developed here, the honors program has more than 50 years of experience in turning out students who love to learn more than is asked, and that truly makes us difference makers." by Amber Easterly

MUSICAL BONDS

For the members of Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota, music was a way to reach out and connect with others. Through their clubs, they had opportunities to take Ouachita outside of the bubble. Because the music clubs were national, members had the opportunity to share their love of music with people everywhere.

"My favorite part about Kappa Kappa Psi is getting to interact with different musicians from all over that love the same things that I do," said Chris Hogan, a senior instrumental music education major from Bartlesville, Okla. "It's really fun to get to hang out with them and make music together."

Hogan was the president of Kappa Kappa Psi for three semesters.

Kappa Kappa Psi was a special honorary music fraternity that specifically provided services to the campus band. Throughout the year, they helped out with snacks, clean ups and equipment. To be a member, the students had to be a part of the band. They also helped Arkadelphia High School clean up their football stadium after the home games as a fundraiser.

"For the Battle of the Ravine, we were able to sing our fraternity song with the Kappa Kappa Psi chapter at Henderson. That was a really cool moment to have with them," said Hogan.

All members of Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota shared similar goals with other students across the country. They were able to focus on their music, bond with those in their future work environment and have brotherhoods and sisterhoods all at the same time.

"This does not die after graduating from Ouachita. This goes on forever. And it is



Junior Hal Hoggard plays ping pong in the ping pong Brawl hosted by the Kappa Kappa Psi in Arthur Hall.

also a really good way to network, especially in our profession," said Sigma Alpha Iota's President Victoria Mantooth, a senior vocal performance major from Sherwood. "Sigma Alpha Iota is international. I literally have sisters all over the world, and having connections like that in the music world is something truly special."

Mantooth recalled an audition in Boston in which she ran into some fellow Sigma Alpha Iota's. They instantly had a connection because of their sisterhood. "It's just a bunch of girls with likeminded ways of thinking. It's all about music with us. Most of us are music nerds and it's great."

Sigma Alpha Iota joined together with the student version of National Association of Teachers Singing (SNATS) to reach outside of school and into the community. They created a program to help those in Group Living with special needs. The students

provided music therapy and voice lessons as an outreach to help people express themselves through the love of music.

Phi Mu Alpha also supported fellow musicians on campus. They helped host receptions and banquets after recitals and performances throughout the year. They even promoted an American music recital in which students and faculty performed to display American music and culture. Phi Mu Alpha was also involved in various service projects throughout the community.

"Phi Mu Alpha promotes the brotherhood of men and American music by American composers. A lot of famous American composers, like Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copeland were members of Phi Mu Alpha," said Dr. Gary Gerber, Professor of Music.

by Abbey L...

Club Terminology:

Fraternity Song:

A fraternity song is normally sung at special events and at the end of chapter meetings. The song is a symbol of unity among the brotherhood

Group Living:

A program created to help other students with special needs share the love of music through music therapy and voice lessons

Serenade:

A more serious type of serenade where the goal is not to be fun and silly. It is important to be on pitch and hit every note correctly



Senior Ashley Bundy, member of Sigma Alpha Iota, performs a song at the Mary Shambarger Competition for Singers Feb. 25 in McBeth Recital Hall. The students in the recital performed arias from opera and oratorio.

Phi Mu Alpha seniors Joel Rogier, Decarl Jones, T.J. Bailey, junior Joshua Wayne and senior sweetheart Caitlin Secrest hang out at a mixer with Sigma Alpha Iota. The clubs celebrated Halloween by watching "Hocus Pocus."



Juniors Elizabeth Lawson and Carter Harlan discuss upcoming events and activities during a Kappa Kappa Psi meeting.



Senior Amy Simon, sophomore Koyla Kreger, junior Victoria Clark and sophomore Esther Weicht, members of Sigma Alpha Iota, serve refreshments after an art show.



President of Sigma Alpha Iota, senior Victoria Mantooth, performs at the Mary Shambarger Competition Feb. 25 in McBeth Recital Hall.

Club Terminology:

Sounds:

Membership by audition and interview; fun, energetic show choir with dancing and singing; offered in both fall and spring semesters

Singers:

Membership by audition and interview; perform on and off campus for choral conventions, schools and churches

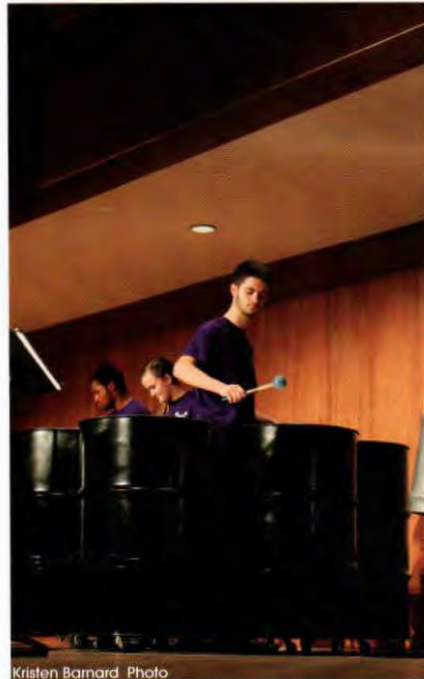
Concert Choir:

Available for all students in both the fall and spring semesters; performs campus concerts and best known for Festival of Christmas



Grace Finley Photo

Members of the Ouachita Sounds musical ensemble take a bow after their spring concert with the jazz band. The concert took place in Jones Performance Arts Center Feb. 7.



Kristen Barnard Photo

Freshman Aaron Breeding plays the bass drums during the Tiger Steel concert. The group performed for various concerts throughout the school year.

Members of the Woodwind Chamber Ensemble perform during their concert Nov. 12 in McBeth Recital Hall. Dr. Caroline Taylor, professor of music, serves as the director.



Dalaney Thomas Photo



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Dr. Gary Gerber directs the Ouachita Singers ensemble during its concert Oct. 10. The group released its new CD, "Sing to Me Heaven," in the fall.

Collaborating

SOUND

There wasn't just one musical ensemble on campus, there was a multitude, each catering to different styles and levels of skill. Whether it was the Tiger Steel or the Ouachita Singers, the students involved all acknowledged that they loved every aspect of their ensemble, from the professors in charge to the song selection to the people they sang alongside.

"Sounds is an ensemble of 10 people," said Tyler Rosenthal, a senior mass communications major from Little Rock. "I auditioned when I was a freshman and I've been doing it ever since. We do some worship music with a little contemporary sprinkled in. We'll do a little musical theatre as well, along with some normal show choir stuff. It's kind of like 'Glee', except not sketchy."

The Ouachita Singers provided an opportunity for those who wanted to perform with a large ensemble. "It's amazing. Basically, you go through a pretty competitive audition process to see if you're good enough to get in. We do a lot of hard music. Some Renaissance, some contemporary and some classical, too. It's a lot of sight reading, and it's pretty difficult, but I'm privileged to be a part of it," said Sarah Talley, a senior vocal performance major from Bella Vista.

According to the performers involved, competitive may be putting it lightly when speaking of the audition process.

"When you go in to audition, they'll usually have you do scales and sight read a piece to figure out your range," Talley said. "You usually sing 'God Bless America' just to see what your voice sounds like as well.

Then, they just consider your ability to sight read, how you'll blend with the group and where you are in your musical progression to decide whether or not you make it into the group."

One highlight of the year was the Ouachita Singers' performance at the American Choral Directors Association convention.

Singers weren't the only ones with a competitive audition process. Sounds also had to audition in order to see who would fill what rolls.

"I auditioned as a freshman," Rosenthal said. "In the past they would make you re-audition for your spot in the group, but I was able to just keep my spot over the years. We did have to audition for who got which parts in the songs though."

According to the performers, musical ensembles involved quite a bit of traveling to performances.

"We travel to a lot of churches and schools," Rosenthal said. "The furthest we've ever been while I was here was the Dallas area, but they've been to places like Disney World or on cruise ships in the past."

Aside from a few set events like a spring or fall show, both Sounds and Singers performance schedules were pretty erratic, according to the performers.

"We perform in Chapel, we schedule concerts with other groups like the Women's Charus and we'll also do things like senior recitals," Talley said. "It just depends on what's going on in the semester."

According to the performers, practices

weren't bad as far as time was concerned, but they always operated in a work intensive environment that might not be fully understood by those who only see the finished product.

"We rehearse Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 1:50," Talley said. "It's not that bad at all. What people need to understand though is that we're working at a ridiculous level of musicianship. I love working with people of this quality. I don't think everyone gets it. I mean, yes everyone can appreciate that it's pretty, but the level of work that goes into it all is unreal, and that's what makes Singers so good."

Musical ensembles also included instrumental groups like the Handbell Ringers, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and the Steel Drum Ensemble.

"I love Jazz Band. It's such a great group of people with such great talents. It's always entertaining yet challenging, and that is why I love it," said Alexandra Lawson, a freshman accounting major from Texarkana, Texas.

Lawson had a solo at the Jazz Band concert in April.

"I'm not sure if it would be a big deal to other people, but it was for me because I've never had a solo," Lawson said.

Being a part of a musical ensemble provided students with a place to challenge themselves and build relationships with fellow musicians.

by Noah Hutchinson



**Keeping a
Tradition Afloat**

Muggin', the annual post Tiger Tunes event sponsored by the men of Eta Alpha Omega, was a tradition. It was the cathartic end to the stress, excitement and build up of all the Tiger Tunes preparations. For those who sat in the audience, Muggin' was a way to meet up with their friends who were on stage and catch up and laugh about everything that happened. For the ones on stage, it was a much-needed rest.

However, tradition was broadened as the Etas introduced new elements to the celebration. One change was a new way to serve the traditional root beer.

"It was different this year because we used a soda fountain instead of the bottles," said John Doss, a senior music major from Rogers. "It was especially different as a worker. Before, it was a lot more clean up afterwards because we basically just handed out bottles and then had to pick up all the trash once it was done. This year it took a little longer to set up, but when it was all over there wasn't anywhere near as much to clean up."

Although, according to Eta members, the soda machine did help to streamline things at certain points in the process, there was a problem. Later in the night, the machine stopped working and had to be fixed.

"Alex Nelson handled the machine while everybody else helped set up for the band," said Sam Cushman, a junior mass communications major from Springdale. "We were all impressed with how fast he got it working."

On top of the change in the way the root beer was served, there was also a change in venue this year.

"We usually do it out in front of the Student Center, near Life Hall," said Jalin Wesley, a junior musical theatre major from Little Rock. "This year we moved it out in front of East Village. It really helped us accommodate all the people who showed up."

Muggin' also experienced a few changes concerning entertainment. Before, there were two different options of music. This time, however, the music was consolidated into one live performance.

"We used to have a DJ and a live performance," Wesley said. "Just in case anyone didn't want to go over and watch the live performance, like if they weren't a fan of that particular genre. This year we just had the live performer, Blain Howard, who sang country music. It was good though; everyone had a great time."

Preparing for Muggin' took quite a bit of time, thought and effort, according to the Etas.

"It was an all day thing," said John Whitmore, a senior music major from Rogers. "We had to set up the stage for the band, get the soda machine into place and a lot of other stuff. I can't even remember it really. I just remember being exhausted."

Although it took the entire club to set up such a large event, a lot of the responsibility fell on the shoulders of the 2013 Eta pledge class when it came to setting everything

up.

"Along with just normal grunt work, our responsibility was to get everyone a mug and make sure that everybody who showed up was having a good time," Cushman said. "We were there to create a good atmosphere, provide friendly faces and just generally be good hosts. It was a weird balance between working and socializing."

Preparations took much longer than the week or so before Tiger Tunes. Funds were raised over the course of the year so that Muggin' could live up to what everyone expected from years past.

"Muggin' shirts were one of our biggest fund raisers," Cushman said. "They went along with our Tiger Tunes theme and everybody loves a t-shirt, so they sold pretty well. We had a competition to see who could sell the most. We also did car washes and other typical fund raiser things, and our pledge dues played a huge part as well."

Due to all the thought and preparation it took to pull everything off, Muggin was more than just an event for the Etas. It was something they felt like they could be proud of.

"It may have been stressful setting up, but things just got better and better as the night went on," Cushman said. "By the time it was all over, there was a huge sense of accomplishment that came with having gotten through it without any major problems."

One of the things that made Muggin' unique, and one of the things to stay rooted in tradition this year, was the fact that it's one of the events that almost the entire campus attends.

"Being that it's right after Tiger Tunes, pretty much everybody shows up," Wesley said. "The fact that it was right next to East Village this year meant that it was easier for people to just grab a drink and head up to their dorms, but it was still something that most people could come out and enjoy."

Muggin' not only offered a sense of rest and closure for those who participated in Tiger Tunes, but also for the members of Eta Alpha Omega who helped put it on.

"Muggin' was a blast," Whitmore said. "It was really one of the last acts of grunt work that my pledge class got to do. It was like, everything was over and we just got to relax and hand out drinks and drink root beer with everybody. The people who didn't have to work it probably enjoyed it more, but it was still great."

If the promise of free root beer and a live band wasn't enough, the Etas also sold t-shirts and passed out plastic cups printed with their logo.

"It's free, there's root beer and you get to hang out with everyone on campus and listen to music," Whitmore said. "What more could you want? It's one of the best events all year."

by Noah Hutchinson

CULTURED CAMPUS

Jean Eudes Benecya, a sophomore biology major from Rwanda. Michelle Perez, a senior finance and political science major from Venezuela. Kevin Jackson, a junior history major from Central Asia. Although their countries were thousands of miles apart, the three students had many things in common. Each of them chose to begin a journey to further their education outside of their home country.

Many incoming students made the decision to attend a school far away from home. However, a smaller number of students decided to immerse themselves in a totally different culture. The International Club existed to provide a common ground for these students.

The club expected about 30 regular members at each meeting, but welcomed anyone who wanted to learn more about other cultures.

"I am passionate about International Club because it gives me a place to serve," said Perez, president of the International Club. "Especially people who are having trouble adapting to life at Ouachita. It's a way to help students from other countries to get familiar and have a place on campus while they transition to their new life at Ouachita."

The International Club met twice a month to share stories and plan upcoming events. Some students involved in the International Club came from other countries and others were born and raised in the United States, but had a passion for global impact.

Sponsored by the Daniel and Betty Jo Grant Center for International Education, the International Club had many opportunities to explore beyond campus. During fall break, the International Club traveled to New Orleans. Students used their time in



General Manager of Dr. Coffee and senior Justin hands out samples of coffee at the International Food Festival in Walker Conference Center. The Food Festival gave international students a chance to share from their home countries.

New Orleans to learn more about American culture, as well as spend time getting to know each other. They stopped in Monroe on the way to New Orleans to visit Duck Commander, the infamous Robertson warehouse where duck calls are made and the focus for the TV show, "Duck Dynasty."

"For most of us it (New Orleans) felt like being in a different country because the architecture, people and food is so different from Arkadelphia," said Jacob Moreno, sophomore dietetics and nutrition major from Mexico City, Mexico. "My favorite part was walking through the streets of the French Square that are named after royalty."

The International Club also made it a point to visit cities surrounding Arkadelphia such as Little Rock and Hot Springs as a club as often as they could.

The International Club invited the campus to experience the club's many

cultures. Over 500 people attended the annual International Food Festival. The Food Festival drew students and faculty together in Walker Conference Center to eat foods from various countries.

Kirstin Changose, a senior accounting major from Little Rock, chose to participate to not only represent her Filipino culture, but also to experience it in a different way.

"You are able to learn about people from so many different places," Changose said. "I feel like the Food Festival is one of the best ways to really connect with international students. You get to cook with them and understand different things about their culture."

Beyond the events, meetings and outings, the International Club provided an opportunity for other students to learn about the diverse cultures represented on campus.

by Tori Abelle

Club Terminology:

Karaoke Night:

Students set up for a fun night of singing at the Elrod Center. CAB lends the set up and speakers. It's a time for fellowship, food and singing for everyone

Jet Lag:

Sleepiness acquired when travelling across several time zones. Jet lag may take several days to recover and students normally have to take time to adjust

Movie Night:

Movie Night is for any student on campus to watch a movie from a different country with subtitles and learn about the different cultures represented



Senior Sarah Cate serves an Indian dish called kichree at the International Food Festival Feb. 18. Cate dressed to fit the Indian theme with a kurta and pashmina.

International students enjoy the American tradition of Thanksgiving Nov. 18 at First Baptist Church. Both OBU and Henderson State University students gathered for the meal. Students learned the story behind Thanksgiving and shared traditions of similar holidays from their home country.



Playing native Latino music, sophomore Jacob Moreno provides entertainment with fellow students at the International Food Festival. The group sang a song titled "Quiero Que Me Quieras."



Junior Coleson Lechner represents Mozambique by serving Mozambique Chicken. The dish was chicken in a gravy made with chicken broth, flour and vinegar.



Senior Michelle Perez poses with her new date, sophomore Jean Eudes Benecyo, after the International Club's date auction.

Club Terminology:

Dr. Jack's:

Coffeeshop located in Evans Students Center in which all proceeds help support an orphanage in Honduras

Mobile Pack:

Project that Enactus worked with Rosa's Mexican Kitchen to raise \$22,000 to pack over 100,000 nonperishable meals

Boys & Girls Club:

Local organization Enactus partnered with to help children set up hot chocolate, lemonade and snow cone stands



Kristen Barnard Photo

Members of the Enactus presentation team hold their award at the national competition in Cincinnati, Ohio. The group placed their highest with second in the quarterfinals.



Kristen Barnard Photo

Senior Justin Young unloads boxes of Dr. Jack's coffee for the shop in Evans Student Center. Young helped create and execute the idea for the coffeeshop which supports an orphanage in Honduras.

Members of the Enactus club meet to discuss future plans and positions within the club. The group meets on Thursday evenings to plan new ideas for the projects they worked to present at the national level.



Kristen Barnard Photo



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Bryan McKinney, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business and sponsor of Enactus, works with students to make up nonperishable meals for the mobile pack project. Volunteers packed over 100,000 meals as they partnered with Rosa's Mexican Kitchen to make the meals.

Changing

LIVES

Enactus was a community of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a more sustainable world. This was the motto for teams across the nation. The Enactus team was created to give business students and other students from various majors a chance to empower people on campus, in the community and around the world with entrepreneurial projects and actions.

"I joined Enactus because I wanted to get involved in a service organization, and the Enactus team was a great outlet that also was a great way to use my business skills," said Alexandra Lawson, a freshman accounting major from Texarkana.

The team worked on projects throughout the year to compile a 17 minute presentation for the national competition held in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 1-3.

"The presentation team is made up of six Enactus members," said President Brittney Jones, a senior finance major from Texarkana. "They memorized a script and had practice every night leading up to the competition. They must finish the presentation on time and the judges are allowed five minutes to ask questions."

The three projects Enactus presented at nationals were very well known around campus. The team presented to show growth and numbers for a sustainable project. The projects were the Boys and Girls

Club, Dr. Jack's coffee and the Mobile Pack project with Rosa's Mexican Kitchen.

"We had a sponsorship from Enterprise for the Boys and Girls Club this year to help with the hot chocolate and lemonade stands you sometimes see on campus. We received a grant to build them a permanent stand so we are working on a snow cone stand for the summer," Jones said. "We also presented how we raised \$22,000 in six months for the Mobile Pack Project and how we packed over 100,000 meals as a school. Then, we spoke about Dr. Jack's and how we fundraise to support the orphanage in Honduras."

Enactus placed in the best spot they have in all of their years competing. The team made the cut for the first round of competition and placed second in the quarterfinals.

"We placed one place better than last year, and we know that as we continue to work on our projects they will grow to be even better," said Kristen Barnard, a senior mass communications major from Hot Springs. "Most of our projects are fairly new within the past two years, so as they develop we know we will be able to advance farther in competition because we have such sustainable, outstanding numbers and projects."

The opening round of competition included over 200 schools from around the country split into 23 leagues of nine with the top six from each league advancing to the next day's round. Teams are then cut to 20

leagues of nine for the quarterfinals where the OBU Enactus team placed second in its league. The judges judged on the execution of the presentation, video, the types of projects presented and the numbers the projects created.

"It's all presented in a catchy way," Barnard said. "We put it to a video with words that were in sync with what the presentation team was saying. It was really creative and fun."

Lawson competed in the national competition with Enactus for the first time as a freshman on the presentation team.

"It was a little strange competing as a freshman. I came in barely knowing most of the people or what to expect at the competition," Lawson said. "It was so fun but a lot of work. Our work didn't seem like much but it was time consuming memorizing the presentation script and practicing for an hour and half Monday through Thursday each night."

She hoped to take away skills for her future as member of the Enactus team.

"I want to become a project leader and really be a major role in the organization," Lawson said. "I want to make sure our group expands and becomes a bigger component on campus. It does so many good things for people around the world that I want to encourage more and more people to become involved."

by Amber Easterly

SERVING STUDENTS

Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF), was not only a student-run organization but was a student-run organization designed specifically to give back to current students. OSF had four committees that help make OSF a successful organization on campus. "Students Helping Students" was their slogan and that was exactly what the 86 members were driven to do.

"OSF's main mission is to provide funds for student scholarships to assist students who need aid in continuing their Ouachita experience. There is no other student-run organization that gives back to current OBU students more than the Ouachita Student Foundation," said Kirby Von Edwins, senior biology major from Little Rock and president of OSF.

Meg Hart, senior accounting major from Little Rock, was co-leader of the student recruitment committee.

"The cool thing about our committee is that we oftentimes get to be the first people to tell a high school student about OBU, and then just a few months later we see those same kids on campus as freshmen. It's awesome to know that you influenced someone in such a big way," Hart said.

There were many events on campus that OSF sponsored each semester that were major building blocks for not only scholarships but also events that students looked forward to every semester. The most well-known events were Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks. The events created two opportunities for students to not only come together and do something fun and unique on campus, but also ways to serve their peers. Instead of just asking students for money, OSF created these campus wide events to get students involved and connected while raising scholarship money.

Hannah Bushey, a senior early child-



As chair of the student recruitment committee, senior Meg Hart talks with applicants before their interviews. To become a part of the organization, students must fill out an application and attend an interview with members.

hood education major from Stuttgart, participated in Tiger Tunes every year as a student.

"My favorite memories have been participating in Tiger Tunes. What makes it even better is that it's not just something fun to do with your friends. It's much more. It's a chance to do something bigger than yourself. All the hard work put in for Tiger Tunes is worth it in the end because of the difference it's making in the students' lives. Seeing how such a large number of students can come together and participate in something like Tiger Tunes voluntarily is unbelievable and definitely unique to Ouachita," Bushey said.

Craig Martin, a junior graphic design major from Harare, Zimbabwe, was an example of the benefits of an OSF scholarship. Martin and his parents had faith that God would provide a way for him to attend OBU. Once he was awarded an OSF schol-

arship, Martin said he was "extremely grateful and moved by the fact it was made possible by the selfless efforts of fellow students."

Because of the impact OSF had on his education, he decided to join OSF to help make a difference in other students' lives. His education was made possible by the efforts of OSF, but the scholarship also gave him the desire to get more involved on campus and serve in whatever way he could so that another student could be afforded the same opportunity.

"I found OSF to be one of the most rewarding experiences available at Ouachita. Not only is there a significant amount of campus involvement with Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks, but an amazing opportunity to serve my peers; finding both in one organization is difficult," said Von Edwins.

by Molly Anne Turner

Club Terminology:

OSF:

Ouachita Student Foundation; students helping students to build the OBU community with student recruitment, special events, fundraising and communications

Tiger Traks:

Competition among students held each spring to help raise money for students who need aid to continue their Ouachita experience

Tiger Tunes:

Fundraising effort held each fall where social clubs, CAB and CM compete in performing different themed shows to fund student scholarships



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Two teams compete in a mud volleyball game during Tiger Traks April 26. Teams competed in various outdoor and indoor activities during the campus-wide event hosted by OSF.

Members of the Ouachita Student Foundation help with the silent auction held in Walker Conference Center during Homecoming and Tiger Tunes festivities. Proceeds from the auction went to scholarships for students.

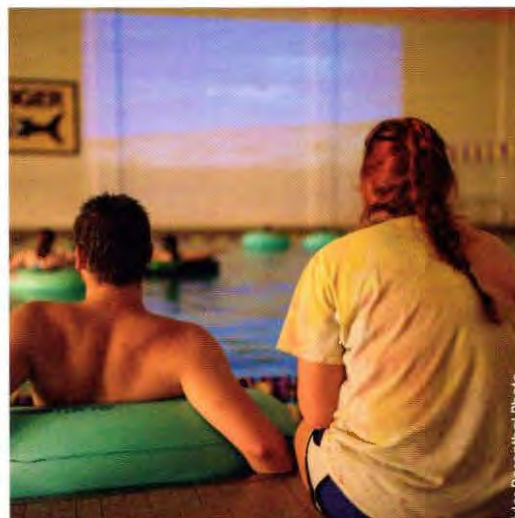


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Members of the winning Tiger Traks team receive their award during the closing ceremonies held in the amphitheatre. "Moving Violations" won overall in the events held for the competition.



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Students float and watch "Jaws" in the swimming pool of SPEC. After the first night of Tiger Traks, OSF celebrated the 40th anniversary of students helping students with cake and a movie.



Keisya Bond Photo

Members of the Ouachita Student Foundation meet to discuss upcoming plans for the club. Various committees met to plan events

Club Terminology:

Homecoming:

A time where friends, students, faculty, staff and alumni come back to campus for activities, football and Tiger Tunes

Miss OBU:

Pageant supported by Senate held to allow women on campus interested in representing OBU in the Miss Arkansas pageant to compete for the title

Academic Awards:

Banquet sponsored by Senate recognizing student achievements in all departments of study



Molly Frost Photo

Senior Ryan Strebeck and sophomore Bethany Arredondo, members of Student Senate, help delegate traffic court. Senate held traffic court every other Wednesday in the Senate offices in Evans Student Center.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Senior Hannah Bushey performs her own OBU version of Miley Cyrus' "We Can't Stop" for Tiger Idol. Bushey won the competition, which was hosted by Student Senate.

Students eat Tiger Tunes Birthday Cakes in Evans Student Center after dress rehearsal Oct. 10. Student Senate provided cakes with each Tunes show theme.



Eran Jennings Photo



Heather Ellis Photo

Members of Student Senate meet in the Evans boardroom to discuss upcoming student life events on campus, led by president Lindsey Fowler. Senate worked to listen to what students wanted and provide a bridge between the student body and administration.

Helping

HANDS

A place to serve. A place to be involved. An organization to enable the voice of the entire campus to be heard. Student Senate was an organization led by students who met and discussed ideas to improve events and campus life to appeal and fit the needs of every student on campus.

"I decided to join Senate because I saw a lot of issues on campus, and I wanted to be a part of resolving that. When I joined Senate, I discovered how much support we give to the student body to make Ouachita traditions happen," said junior class treasurer Allison Smith, a psychology major from Jonesboro. "Without Senate, I wouldn't have understood the time, organization and preparation required to keep the student voices heard."

With over 30 members, Senate strived to create an atmosphere on campus that was new, energetic and compelling to everyone. One event Senate sponsored was personal to many on campus.

"I am especially proud of the way our Student Senate team worked diligently to bring all of campus together to support the fundraising efforts for the LJ Brooks Memorial Basketball Court," said Student Senate president Lindsey Fowler, a senior political science major from Arkadelphia. "Such an accomplishment was achieved through partnerships with many organizations, donors and members of the Ouachita community, and I'm thankful for the way the members of Senate worked to coordi-

nate and encourage all of these individuals and groups in order to reach the fundraising goal."

The group sponsored and helped supply needs for over 15 events for the student body.

"One of my favorite parts of being Senate president was hosting the Tiger Tunes Birthday Party after Tiger Tunes dress rehearsal," Fowler said. "Homecoming week is a busy one at Ouachita and it can be all too easy to get caught up in the hectic atmosphere and forget to really have fun and enjoy it. It was a fun moment in the middle of a crazy week for everyone to spend time together celebrating the history of one of Ouachita's most exciting traditions."

The event was held in Evans Student Center and involved birthday cakes designed to match the theme of each Tiger Tunes show and hours of old Tunes shows aired for everyone to watch from YouTube. Senate members from various Tunes shows served the cakes.

Keeping around classic traditions and representing the student body was one reason sophomore class president Josh Rubin, a biology major from Dallas, Texas, decided to run for a Senate position.

"I chose to join Senate because I wanted to be a part of an organization that would take in any input from students to help make Ouachita a great experience for everyone," Rubin said. "My favorite part about Senate has been getting to help plan the Guard the Tiger night for my class these past two years

and staying up all night with my classmates to be a part of this great tradition."

Leadership and work ethic were two things Fowler appreciated about the Senate group.

"Senate has accomplished quite a lot this year. I am proud of the way each member really stepped up and volunteered their time and energy to all of the events we were a part of on campus," Fowler said. "Each person continually exhibited leadership qualities and a servant-hearted work ethic that I think is a very unique quality of Ouachita students."

Various Homecoming events, Battle of the Ravine, Battle Bash Color Dash 5K, Miss OBU, Parents Weekend, Academic Awards Banquet, Tiger Football Tailgates, LJ Brooks Memorial Fundraising, Traffic Court, Tiger for Life Campaign, Tiger Idol, Donor Appreciation Day, Senior Banquet, Gridiron Girls, Freshman Family Group Mixer and the John Mark McMillan Concert were events sponsored and supported by Senate.

"The most memorable event I've experienced with Senate is decorating the bridge with balloons on the day of Homecoming. Everyone is delirious because it's about 5 a.m., but we all come together and pitch in even in the midst of Tiger Tunes and all the other Homecoming events," Smith said. "For me, it just reminds me that Senate is here to make a difference, even in the smallest ways."

by Amber Easterly

SERVING CAMPUS

Students swarmed into Walker Conference Center, most in their pajamas and clutching pillows and blankets to their chests. The projector started up without a hitch and some semblance of silence was maintained for the next hour and a half. It was all thanks to the students of the Campus Activities Board.

"CAB is an awesome opportunity to serve Ouachita by putting together activities that enhance student involvement and integration," said Wesley Henson, a sophomore sociology major from Little Rock. "Everyone loves music, movies and fun events on campus, so we typically get a really diverse crowd. I love that it brings everyone together."

There were staple CAB events around campus, like the movie nights, but the CAB members were always thinking up new ideas to keep students entertained around campus. One new event was the Glow Run.

"Since it was our first year, we didn't know what to expect. Friday night when there were over 150 runners waiting at the starting line, we could not have been more excited," said Shelby Davis, junior biology major from White Oak, Texas and co-chair of CAB. "Everyone seemed to have fun with the glow party at the end of the race. It was a great way to raise money for P.A.T.H. and we are extremely appreciative of everyone who came out to support."

CAB members met weekly to create and plan events, but ideas from students not involved with CAB were always welcome.

"One of our newer events, Saturday morning cartoons, wasn't my idea," Henson said. "A student sent me an email with a list of ideas. She suggested watching cartoons on Saturday morning and we ran with the idea."

Students involved with CAB said it gave



Junior Chloe Huff participates in chalk art on the tables in Jack's at a CAB Coffeehouse night in Evans Student Center. Coffeehouse nights include entertainment from food, singing, chalk art on tables and fellowship with friends.

them experience in creative problem solving, event planning and working as a team.

"I'd really like to plan more events," Henson said. "It's hard because it takes a lot of creativity and others have to approve your idea before it can go anywhere. If you like event planning, CAB is unquestionably the place for you. There are so many opportunities to learn. You just have to vocalize your opinions and follow through."

CAB also offered a community and team atmosphere within the organization.

"Brandon Sanders (co-chair and a senior sociology major from Franklin, Texas) and I meet every week and discuss what the events are going to look like. Then we relay all that back to the CAB members to help us execute it. Then the members are there to actually get everything set up and put the event on," Davis said.

CAB was generally an easy going organization, giving just enough work to keep

things interesting but just little enough that it was still fun.

"CAB doesn't require a ton of work," Davis said. "It's fun getting to put events on for the campus and seeing all the students come out and enjoy it. It's pretty simple, and we rarely run into any curveballs outside of the planning stage. The worst that's happened is along the lines of running out of pancake mix."

Members said that aside from the rewarding feeling that came with seeing students enjoy the fruits of their labor, CAB was an enjoyable experience just because of the people they got to be around.

"CAB has been a great way to get to know people of all classifications," Davis said. "You get to meet people outside of your major and normal social groups. It's easy going, you don't have to work every event and it's a great way to serve the campus."

by Noah Hutchinsan

Club Terminology:

Glow Run:

A 5K which took place at night with glow sticks and glow paint and was established to support P.A.T.H., which is Partners Against Trafficking Humans

Coffeehouse:

Originally established for those not in a social clubs or on-campus activities. It was a chance to relax with friends and hear live music from students on campus

Karaoke Night:

A special edition of Coffeehouse with live music and songs from students on campus. Prizes were given out for most talented, most entertaining and people's choice.



Enjoying CAB's Saturday morning Cartoons and Pancakes March 8, sophomore Taylor Black makes a pancake. Students relaxed and watched cartoons played on the projector screen in Dr. Jack's.

Sisters and singing partners sophomore Lauren Scarbrough and senior Megan Scarbrough perform during a CAB Coffeehouse night. Lauren accompanied some of their performances with the ukulele.



Freshmen Emma Riley, Lauren Hutcheson and junior Ashley Randels perform during Karaoke Night Feb. 5 in Dr. Jack's. The trio sang Beyonce's "Single Ladies."



Freshmen Krystian Rhodes and Aaden Jones perform during Karaoke Night Feb. 5 in Evons Student Center. The duo performed "Proud Mary" by Tina Turner and "If I Ain't Got You" by Alicia Keys.



Students begin the Glow Run at the intramural fields April 5 by throwing colored powder in the air to cover themselves. The 5k was partnered with P.A.T.H.

Club Terminology:

T-shirt Swap:

Students brought in gently worn t-shirts to be sold for \$1 to help support mission trips for the spring and summer

Variety Show:

Students showcased their various talents to fundraise and support students participating in mission trips

Pancake Palooza:

A pancake breakfast held in Evans Student Center for all students Jan. 18 hosted by CM volunteers



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Ken Ken and the Ribbons perform during the Variety Show March 4 in Jones Performing Arts Center. The show was a fundraiser to support various mission trips.



Heather Ellis Photo

Senior Jared Carlin speaks during a Refuge session in Jones Performing Arts Center. Refuge was normally held each Thursday at Second Baptist Church.

Junior Treslyn Shipley worships during Veritas. Veritas was a women's Bible study held on Monday nights. Various influential women from campus spoke and led the studies.



Kelsey Bond Photo



Kristen Barnard Photo

Members of the Refuge band lead worship in the circle during GROW weekend Oct. 10 and 11. The band was led by senior John Fauber. The group led worship each Thursday evening for Refuge and other various events on campus.

Campus Wide VARIETY

Ribbons flying, beats dropping and legs kicking was the scene in early March during the Campus Ministries variety show. Students who participated had the chance to showcase their talent in front of the student body and help students raise money for the South Africa mission trip sponsored by Campus Ministries.

"As the CM Missions leader for this year, I've been looking for a way to increase missions awareness at OBU and also help our South Africa team raise some money," said Meg Hart, a senior accounting and Russian major from Little Rock. "James Taylor (director of Campus Ministries) approached me with the idea, and I coordinated with our CM special events leaders to make it a reality."

Students received an email in the middle of February to sign up in the Campus Ministries office for times to audition in Berry Chapel. Once the line-up was chosen after auditions, the show was held in Jones Performing Arts Center. The students who came to the event raised \$300 to go toward the trip.

"We have an overwhelming amount of talent on campus so we knew a variety show was a great option to showcase some of the talent of Ouachita students," said special event leader Jessica Stewart, a senior Christian media/communications and mass communications major from Mansfield, Texas. "The show came together

so perfect, and had a great variety of talents. There was singing, ribbon dancing, martial arts and guitar solos."

Because the school hosts so many events throughout the year, it is always a challenge to find space on the calendar for a new event. Since the team was able to find a day to host the variety show, they decided to bring back the event in order to help fundraise.

"(The variety show) is a really fun way to raise money for missions and allow students to showcase some of their talents," Taylor said. "It was always a great event, we just didn't always have a good spot on OBU's calendar for it. We were able to find a night that worked, so we thought we'd try it again."

To get the word out about the event, the team sent emails and made promotional materials to hang up around campus. They also utilized social media to get students to remind their peers about the event.

"Besides the signs and social media spotlights, we depended on word of mouth and faithful friends to come support," said special events leader Treslyn Shipley, a sophomore studio art major from Arlington, Texas. "The first step in planning the event was to gather all of our details and begin auditions for our participants. Once we settled on the show order, everything else fell into place pretty quickly."

The variety show had been an event in the past, but the team decided to bring it back this year to help the South Africa mission team.

"The greatest reward was seeing the campus do such a great job of supporting the event," Hart said. "We had a great response, and hopefully this can become an annual event."

The Campus Ministries office had other avenues in which they helped raise money for mission trips. Parents could buy Tiger Treats, or goodie bags, at the end of each semester for students during finals week. Also, the \$1 T-shirt swap helped raise money for spring break trips. However, the most effective fundraising was through support letters sent out by students.

"The main fundraising we help with is by providing letters, envelopes and brochures for team members to mail to their families, friends and churches," Taylor said.

While CM sponsored other major events and ministries throughout the year such as, Barn Bosh, concerts in the fall and Christian Focus Week Big Brother/Big Sister, Freshman Family Group and Refuge, the CM Variety Show was definitely a top event among the students. Not only did it provide a fun night full of laughter and friends, but it also provided essential funds to help students minister over seas.

by Mauri Sparks

PUBLIC VOICES

As a campus full of traditions, finding the perfect angle for each story required digging and investigating. Each student assigned to report a story on campus was challenged to find the stories within stories that would get readers intrigued and coming back for more. The publications staffs realized that their stories were their thumbprint on campus's history.

Investigating to find the stories within stories sometimes meant researching past publications to find something that had never been done before. During the fall semester, Tanner Ward, a senior business major from Bryant, led the Signal staff. After Ward graduated in December, Emily Terry, a junior mass communications major from Bryant, took over for the spring semester. The staff strove to set the weekly newspaper apart by incorporating both the old and the new. Terry added a section of the newspaper titled "Guess Who?" The Guess Who section featured the old yearbook photos of campus employees.

Ward made the Signal unique by featuring stories of alumni who met at Ouachita and ended up working at Ouachita. In addition, Ward incorporated a QR code on the front page to drive traffic to the Online Signal and increase readership. The staff recognized the need to have a strong traditional paper as well as provide a trusted and updated online resource for news.

The Online Signal was advised by Tiffany Eurich, instructor of communications. Eurich was able to enhance the Online Signal by being more involved through social media. The Online Signal was redesigned in the fall semester to be more compliant with social media options.

Rachel Gilmer, a senior mass communications and mathematics major served as the video editor for the Online Signal and



focused on adding videos to the website to drive traffic to the page.

Each student in the communications department was required to be a part of a publications staff through practicum. Practicum challenged all mass communications majors to see the process of at least two different publications.

"In order to be on staff you must have the dedication and focus that it takes to produce quality publications up to the normal standards of Ouachita. The reason that so many of our editors and practicum work long hours in the newsroom is because we want our publications to be professional and done correctly," said Ouachitanian managing editor Mauri Sparks, a senior mass communications and Christian studies major from Queen City, Texas.

The Rundown staff filmed a sports show every Thursday and played it after coffee-house on Friday afternoons. Ben Cline, a

mass communications and speech communications major from Little Rock, was one of the first members of the staff.

"The Rundown is unique because it is run entirely by students. When we are filming it is a fun environment, but everyone still works hard to make sure the show is a success," Cline said.

Chelsea Byers, a senior mass communication major from Greenville, Texas, was the producer of The Rundown. During the spring semester, the Arkansas College Media Association acknowledged Byers as producer of the year.

The student publications and productions won 51 awards at ACMA. The Signal and Ouachitanian were both named Gold Medalists by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, and the yearbook was also named All American by Associated Collegiate Press.

by Tori Abella

Club Terminology:

Deadline:

A busy time in the Newsroom getting stories and captions written and photos taken on time in order to meet the publication date

Gold Circle:

Award given by Columbia Scholastic Press Association to both the Signal and Ouachitonian staffs recognizing superior online and print media work

B-Roll:

Supplemental or alternative footage mixed within the main shot of an interview or news story package



Signal editor-in-chief junior Emily Terry and assistant sports editor sophomore Dixan Lond plan the paper on the whiteboard of the Newsroom. The Signal was a weekly publication that came out each Thursday.

Student workers from the news bureau work to complete news stories. The news bureau produced news releases and stories for publications, the website and the "Ouachita Circle" alumni magazine.



Photo editor senior Kristen Barnard works to complete a deadline organizing photos for the different publication staffs. Barnard and the rest of the photo staff took pictures of all campus events.



Ouachitonian freshman Robert Desoto and seniors Jake Coffman and Ben Cline place pictures and write captions to complete a deadline. The staff worked to complete the book before summer.



Junior Tyler Davis and freshman Caleb Terry shoot a sports segment for The Rundown. The Rundown was produced weekly for the student body.

Students and faculty proved their heart for service not by volunteering and supporting organizations on campus, but by getting off campus and lending a helping hand to the community of Arkadelphia. These volunteers not only were extra hands that the community needed but also served as a light to those who were in need of encouragement and love.

One of those opportunities was the Pregnancy Resource Center for Southwest Arkansas (PRCSA). The Pregnancy Resource Center reopened and had been growing ever since then thanks to many volunteers. There were faculty involved in helping the resource center get started which included Tiffany Eurich, instructor of communications, Ferris Williams, assistant professor of visual arts and Chris Brune, assistant professor of finance.

"I joined the Pregnancy Resource Center Board of Directors in 2011, as the Director of Marketing. I was able to participate in the early planning stages, all the way through opening the doors at the center," Eurich said.

As the Marketing Director, Eurich was able to help design their logo, create a brand identity for the center and lead them in their marketing strategy. The countless hours spent by Eurich and the other volunteers helped to get the PRCSA on its feet by August of 2013.

"One of the most challenging aspects of working with a non-profit organization is getting it off the ground, generating interest, securing volunteers and raising the necessary funds. It's been amazing to see the support across the community, but especially from the students at Ouachita," Eurich said.

Not only did faculty on campus get involved in the building and formation of the PRCSA but also various groups on campus. ENACTUS, a service oriented organization on campus, had partnered with the PRCSA since its beginning.

"We were involved in the initial fund raising for the center including the Great Turnaround fundraiser and the Race to the Rock 5K. Our members were able to assist with the remodeling efforts by applying for and receiving a \$2,000 Lowes Community Improvement Grant which allowed the PRCSA to purchase some remodeling materials and supplies," said president of ENACTUS Brittney Jones, a senior business administration/finance and management major from Texarkana.

The efforts from the students who were a part of the PRCSA team made the start up of the PRCSA possible and they continued to volunteer and help out whenever the center needed a helping hand.

"We continue to partner with the PRCSA by having our accounting students assist with their financials and book-keeping," Jones said.

Not only were the students helping the organization, but the organization was giving the students something to feel passionate about and feel directly involved in.

"Being able to volunteer with something local like the PRCSA gives me pride in my community. You are getting to physically go to the center and help them out with whatever

they need which in turn gives you the satisfaction knowing that you did something to better the community. The volunteers at the PRCSA are so passionate about their work, which in turn makes you want to give back as well," said ENACTUS member Kathleen Post, senior speech communication and Christian studies major from Grand Prairie, Texas.

Another group that was involved in supporting the PRCSA were the Women of EEE. The Women of EEE changed their philanthropy to the PRCSA. With the change, the Women of EEE were given the opportunity to volunteer with a local organization that directly affected the people around them and in the school.

"Being able to be involved in the PRCSA by raising money, helping with events, spreading the word and doing small tasks that they need help with has shown me the importance of being involved in our community," said vice president of the EEE social club Aaryn Elliot, a junior early childhood education major from Bentonville.

One member of the social club, Molly Anne Turner, a senior graphic design and mass communications major from North Little Rock, had the opportunity to not only volunteer with the club but also work as the PRCSA marketing and design intern. She helped them with designing their brochures, business cards, newsletter, event flyers and managed their Facebook and Twitter accounts.

"This has been one of the best learning experiences of my college career. Getting the opportunity to help an organization by using the skills I have learned here at OBU has shown me the benefits of using your talents to serve others. Being able to be involved with the PRCSA has shown me how a small group of dedicated people can make such a large impact on a community. Their passion and motivation is the reason so many students and people want to volunteer and help," Turner said.

Beverly Honkins, director of the PRCSA, worked alongside students and other volunteers to help make her vision reality.

"The students at OBU have played a major role in the process of establishing and opening the Pregnancy Resource Center for Southwest Arkansas. Since the beginning stages of establishing the PRCSA, OBU students have been actively involved in many ways," said Hankins.

The work of the volunteers did not go unnoticed.

"I'm certain that the process would have been significantly more difficult and taken much longer had it not been for the tireless work of our students. I'm so proud to see them putting their faith and their principles into action, with results that are changing lives and will last for eternity," Eurich said.

Hankins was not only grateful for the students and faculty that volunteered, but was extremely impressed with their desire to serve outside their school and how it became a school wide endeavor to help serve in whatever way they could.

"OBU students have invested more volunteer hours in the PRCSA than any other group in Arkadelphia, and we are extremely grateful," Hankins said.

by Molly Anne Turner



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SOCIAL CHANGES

As the new semester began, Rush and Pledge Week emerged with a whole new face. All of the social clubs, as well as administration, worked all year to prepare for these two weeks on campus.

During Rush Week, each club was set up around campus and hosted a party each night.

With the new changes made to Rush and Pledge Week, Tim Harrell, director of Campus Activities, and Hillary Hill, assistant director of Campus Activities, hoped this week would be fun for everyone participating and very informative. The week's intention was to give all the students going through Rush an accurate picture of what each club looked like and stood for.

Neila Fisher, a freshman business administration major from Hot Springs, said, "I really loved how all the clubs were so welcoming. They really made me feel like they wanted me and they would love to have me in their club."

Ryan Strebeck, a senior biology and Spanish major from Texarkana, Texas, and president of the Kappa Chi men's social club, said, "My favorite part is getting to meet a lot of people at once that ordinarily you wouldn't have the opportunity to. Rush Week revives the pride you have in your own club and reminds you of your Rush experience and why you chose the club that you did."

After rushees filled out their preference cards Friday night, Bid Day arrived on Saturday, and the students finally were able to join with their new club.

Harrell and Hill led the way in helping reconstruct Pledge Week so that it not only lined up with state hazing laws, but also with Ouachita's mission, vision and values. Their goal was to help form a week that brought the new members close with each



Freshmen Abby Engelkes, Kelli Dixon, Anna Holcomb, Staci Goss and Natalie Bingaman walk to the front lawn of Cone-Bottoms after receiving their bids to the EEE women's social club. Bid Day was Saturday, Jan. 18.

other and with the existing members in a positive and encouraging way that created a sense of pride and respect for each club.

"It was definitely a transition year. From our side of things, it went a lot better. For a lot of students that had seen Pledge Week in the past, it was a little harder for them to wrap their mind around, but overall, we really thought that it went a lot better," said Hill.

Harrell and Hill wanted to make the clubs really think about their traditions instead of blindly following what was done in the past. The goal was to put reasoning behind the activities of Pledge Week so that the new members would have a week to look back on that they were proud of.

Sarah Liz Carter, a senior mathematics major from Norphlet, was senior pledge mistress of the EEE women's social club and spent countless hours trying to make an effective Pledge Week plan for her club.

"Keeping the integrity of our oldest traditions was the focus of our planning process. Even through the many changes that had to be made, we were still able to enjoy a pledge week that brought together our new and old members and alumni," Carter said.

Tiffany Eurich, chair of the student life committee and social club alumnae, was overwhelmed with the positive results of the new Rush and Pledge Week plans.

"Every person I talked to was so excited to be a part of his or her new club. To me it seemed like it was much more special going through induction than ever before," Eurich said.

"We know it's still in transition, but we think the clubs have found their footing. The clubs tried really hard to change their pledge process for the better, and we are very proud of them," Harrell said.

by Molly Anne Turner

Club Terminology:

Pref Card:

A card filled out on the last night of Rush where a rushee may indicate thier top three preferred clubs from whom they would like to receive a bid

Panhellenic:

The cooperative organization comprised of two representatives from each women's social club serve as a neutral body to facilitate Rush activities

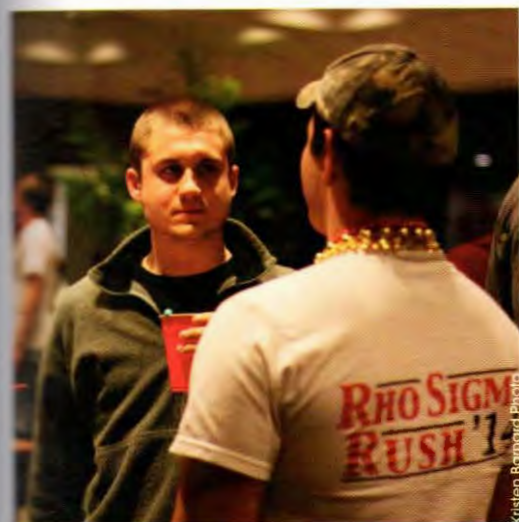
Rushee:

A student who has met all the qualifications for rush, has registered for the events and attends social club parties each night of Rush week



Senior Barrett Burger talks with junior Josh Wilson at the Beta Beta men's social club Rush party. The Rush party in the Tiger Den was a time for rushees and members to get to know each other in a relaxed environment.

Freshman pledges of the women's social club Chi Delta run from Frances Crawford to the Tiger statue on Bid Day. The club met to take pictures and get to know each other before Pledge Week began.



Freshman Jonathan Dixon talks with a member of Rho Sigma at a Rush party on the Evans Student Center bridge. The Rush party gave rushees a chance to ask any questions they had about the club.



Freshman Alexis Morgon receives a balloon and hug from senior Tri Chi member Honnah Bridges. Pledges ran to the Cone-Bottoms lawn for the traditional balloon release and walked wrapped in streamers as a group.



Sophomore Colt Thompson sits and eats pizza as Sigma Alpha Sigma member junior Camden Dwelle talks with him at a Rush party.

A NEW TRADITION

Beta Beta Est. 1941

The men of Beta Beta had been a tradition on campus since 1941, but strived to create a new tradition. The men's social club wanted more of a presence within the community and on campus.

"We started our first philanthropy program this year. As a club, we believe that any group of people that has the ability to do good, should," said spring president Barrett Burger, a senior biology major from Camden. "We partnered with the Autism Speaks, a non-profit organization, to host a flag football tournament, with all the proceeds going to the charity. We're excited about our future with their organization and what we can do to help."

April was Autism Awareness Month. The Beta's hosted a 7-on-7 flag football tournament as a fund raiser for their new philanthropy, Autism Speaks, and raised \$400.

"Our philanthropy efforts connected with Autism Speaks has been meaningful for me," said fall president Justin Young, a senior business management and finance major from Springdale. "Along with that, our Beta Masters golf tournament, Ski Lodge winter party and our flag football tournament are always a highlight for me."

The club searched for ways to help others on campus, in the community and around the world.

"There are a couple of Betas that were instrumental in starting the Men's Fraternity Bible study here, which is a pretty cool program," Burger said. "Additionally, a couple of Betas helped lead the Enactus program to host the Mobile Pack program here on campus for the Feed My Starving Children organization. In over two days, they organized hundreds of volunteers to pack over 100,000 meals for children in another country, which is just incredible."



The men of Beta Beta serenaded the women of Gosser Hall with a variety of songs and dancing. Several Beta men dressed up and played different instruments including guitars, bongo drums and banjos.

The members of Beta Beta wanted to bring a strong, lasting leadership to campus while keeping the tradition of family among the club.

"Alumnus from 1941, all the way through the decades and recent graduates all still hold dear to our purposes within Beta. It has amazed me how strong the bond is between current Beta students and Beta alumni that have never even met," Young said. "But because the processes have remained the same, there is a consistent brotherhood that will always remain. Through deaths, through joys, through good times, through bad times, this group of men will always be unified."

Through changes and different rules, Burger hoped to help make a difference in the club.

"Beta has changed a lot over the last few years and I wanted to be a part of that movement. I love these guys, and there

are some things I always wanted us to do, like becoming a part of the Autism Speaks philanthropy program," Burger said. "We've been able to do that this year, and I'm honored to have been a part of it all. If you were to ask me what my top ten memories from college have been, almost all have been with Beta."

Community and tradition were strong characteristics the men of Beta Beta hoped to exhibit.

"Beta has been special to me because it has given me a group of like-minded men to go through it all with - the good times and the bad times. That brotherhood has meant more to me than anything else I have been involved in at Ouachita," Young said. "Being a Beta is important to me because it gives me an opportunity to be a part of something that is bigger than myself."

by Amber Easterly

Club Terminology:

Ski Lodge:

Snowy, winter-themed annual fall dance function held for all students to come to at Camp Winnamocka

Autism Speaks:

Newly adopted philanthropy; autism advocacy organization that sponsors research and conducts awareness for autism

Valentine:

Annual banquet held around Valentine's Day; members take dates out with the entire club for dinner



Hailee Bezet Photo

Juniors Cole Chambless, John Edwards and sophomore Luke Huneycutt hang out and talk during a tailgate before a Tiger football game. The club competed in tailgate competitions throughout the season.

Members of Beta Beta host lawn games during Homecoming Week Oct. 7-11. Clubs provided food and hosted various games and activities throughout the week for entertainment during lunch.



Kristen Barnard Photo



Freshman Titus Brooks washes a car at Auto Zone for a pledge class fundraiser. The group worked together to wash cars for donations to raise money to fund the club.



Senior Mitchell Kelley goes for a layup during an intramural basketball game. Kelley played for Beta Black, and the team advanced to the semi-finals of the intramural tournament.



Freshman Kelsey Hogue helps host a Beta rush party during Rush week. Rushees were invited to come to parties to ask questions and learn more about the club.

Club Terminology:

Harvest Moon:

Annual formal dance and dinner sponsored by the women of Chi Delta where members invite dates

Owloween:

Annual club cookout in the center of campus hosted by the women of Chi Delta

Relay for Life:

Local philanthropy of the women of Chi Delta that raises money to help those fighting cancer locally and nationally



Hollie Hazel Photo

Members of the Chi Delta women's social club hang out at a Tiger football tailgate. The club competes during tailgate competitions with decorations, food and activities.



Kristen Barnard Photo

Vice President of Chi Delta junior Daloney Thomas speaks during the formal rush party. Thomas and other executive members of the club told the rushes the importance and value of the social club.

Senior Chi Delta Beau Adam Dodd snaps pictures of students at the club's Luau TWIRP party. The club hosted a party with beach volleyball and other outdoor activities.



Jeremy Dixon Photo

Junior Margaret Michels cheers on the Tigers with a spirit jug at the first pep rally of the year held in the arena theatre outside of McClain. Other members of Chi Delta supported and cheered at the pep rally along with other social clubs and the rest of the student body.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Sisterhood

BONDS

Founded in 1970, Chi Delta gave girls a chance to create friendships and sisterhoods with those who shared the same ideas within their physical, mental and spiritual aspects of college life. Chi Delta was known for being a close-knit group of girls with diverse personalities and having the heart for serving others.

"Our biggest fundraiser is for our Relay for Life team. This year we've been focusing a lot on trying to give back to the community and Relay for Life is something that many of our members feel strongly about," said Chi Delta President Kristin Morris, a senior communication science and disorders major from Hamburg. "Our goal is to raise \$500. It might not sound like much, but for a club of only 35 members it means that we all have to put in time and effort to accomplish this goal."

Even though the club was one of the smaller ones on campus, Chi Delta was still extremely involved within the student body as well as Relay for Life and nursing homes. They were involved in TWIRP Luau Night, Battle of the Ravine festivities, Tiger Tunes as puppets, Tiger Serve Day, Christmas caroling at Twin Rivers Nursing Home, and Clark County Relay for Life.

Morris said her favorite event this past year was caroling at the nursing home.

"We met a woman whose life is literally the movie 'The Notebook.' She even kept all of the letters he wrote to her from when he was in the war. I almost cried," Morris said.

"Tiger Serve Day has been my favorite activity with the club so far. It made those

of us who are not as close come together and learn to work together. It also gave us a chance as a social club to give back to a community that gives so much to us," said Lauren Teague, a freshman graphic design major from Jonesboro.

Spring semester brought excitement for Chi Delta because it meant they got new "daisies." Their new pledge class of nine was smaller than in the past; however, Morris said they had quality girls. Each one had something different and special to bring to the club.

"My pledge class has affected my life in so many ways. They feel like real sisters to me. They are people I know I can go to for advice, prayer requests or just someone to hang out with," said Teague.

"My PC is so unique. We have girls that are artistic, outgoing, and extremely creative. I think my PC is such a blessing to not only Chi Delta, but to me personally. So far through our pledge semester I have noticed that we have a special relationship within our group and it means so much to be a part of that," said Mariah Gough, a freshman biology major from Smackover.

"My favorite thing about Chi Delta is that we all have such different interests," said Kaitlin Williams, a senior accounting major from Dallas, Texas.

Chi Delta's sisterhood was one that could not be broken. They each had the chance to really get to know one each other on a personal level. Every member had a voice that could be heard. These girls were all different and that was what made the

club special.

"I have been able to get to know everybody in Chi Delta and those people have become my family," said Caroline Nimocks, a senior mass communications major from Forrest City.

"Each person is an individual, and is encouraged to be an individual, rather than fit into a certain mold," said Morris.

My favorite thing about Chi Delta is the group of girls involved. I am so proud to call each and every one of them my sister and I would do anything for them. It is such a diverse group as well. It doesn't matter what your background is. Everyone fits in," said Teague.

Members were able to gain quite a bit from being a part of Chi Delta. They were able to experience valuable learning opportunities while working together, leadership responsibilities and encouragement for their sisters.

"Chi Delta brightened my view of college life and growing up in general. I finally feel like I am a part of something. It also changed my view on working within a group setting. It made something that can be so strenuous and stressful, something that is actually fun," said Gough.

"This club has helped me gain leadership skills, people skills, and a ton of friends that I will have for the rest of my life. Chi Delta has made my years at Ouachita the best that they can be, and the lessons I have learned while being involved in this club are ones that I'll take with me throughout the rest of my life," said Morris.

by Abbey Little

SERVANT SISTERS

Chi Rho Phi
Est. 1999

Baby powder, night gowns and walkers were the scene on JPAC's center stage as the ChiRhopractors began their Tiger Tunes performance. Not only did the club have a funny theme, but they also received the Spirit Award, a great feat for their third year in Tunes after a long time away.

"Tiger Tunes is one of my favorite things OBU does, so I love getting to be a part of it. We did our first Tunes show three years ago after not participating for many years," said Tunes Director Lauren McElyea, a senior music major from Gorland, Texas. "So, as a senior, it has been so wonderful to see how much our shows have improved in that short time."

Other members served on the Tunes leadership team alongside McElyea: Marissa Thornberry, a senior English major from Mabelvale, wrote lyrics for the show; Rebecca Johnson, a junior music and business administration major from Manassas, Va., oversaw the costumes; and Christino Moon, a senior church music major from Carrollton, Texas, created the choreography.

The Spirit Award, a new Tiger Tunes award, was given to a club who embodied Ouachita spirit during the whole Tunes process, from the beginning stages of practice to the final Tunes performance.

"I don't even think there are words for how excited we were to get the Spirit Award," said Chi Rho Phi President Sarah Carr, a senior biology major from Cherokee Village. "We were all in a state of shock and joy for a long time after that. I love that they've started giving out this award, because it recognizes clubs that may not win first place in everything, but had a good show and a positive spirit."



Seniors Grace Hevron and Ella Teel perform a solo during the Chi Rho Phi Tiger Tunes show. The club's theme, "ChiRhopractors," landed them the Spirit Award, which was given to the club who embodied Ouachita spirit during the whole Tunes process.

Tiger Tunes was not the only event on campus where Chi Rho Phi's involvement grew.

"Being in a social club really keeps you from passing all your time in your dorm room with things like Tunes, community service projects and capture-the-flag mixers in the middle of campus," Carr said. "We have also been getting more involved in athletics this year from supporting the teams at more of their games to doing more intramural sports."

The members of Chi Rho Phi had a strong sense of community and sisterhood with everyone in the club. The campus involvement couldn't compare to the relationships they gained as they got closer to each sister.

"Being in Chi Rho Phi has made a huge impact in my time at OBU, especially because of the girls I've gotten to know

that I might not have even met if I hadn't joined," Carr said. "They're always there for encouragement, prayer or anything else I need, and I've grown so much because of them. I know I can always be myself with my sisters, and they bring out my best."

Being in a social club brought many opportunities to interact with other clubs and do service projects for people out in the community, but they also offered a chance to serve within the club in different ways.

"Being in Chi Rho Phi has been the single-most shaping element in my college years," McElyea said. "There are plenty of opportunities for leadership, and as part of a Christ-centered group, I learned not only how to lead well, but to lead in a godly manner that makes others want to follow you." *by Mauri Sparks*

Club Terminology:

Big Bro:

Men on campus asked to represent the women of Chi Rho Phi. Big Bro's are invited to support the club during Rush Week and other activities.

Craft Sale:

Each member of Chi Rho Phi creates and makes various crafts to sell to the student body during lunch to fundraise and support the club.

Prayer:

Each Wednesday night the chaplain leads a Bible study and the club has a small worship session with prayer. Once a month the devo is open to all students.



Heather Ellis Photo

Members from the women's social club Chi Rho Phi pose for a picture during OctTiger Fest. Social clubs participated in the event for a time of fellowship with friends, current students, alumni, faculty and staff.

Junior Hannah Sweeden and senior Tegan Taylor sit with rushees during the Chi Rho Phi formal night of rush. Throughout the week the club provided refreshments and small gifts to rushees who came to their parties.



Krislen Bernard Photo



Krislen Bernard Photo

The women of Chi Rho Phi host a game of paint balloons during Lunch on the Lawn of Homecoming Week. The club allowed students to come up and throw darts to splatter point on a canvas.



Heather Ellis Photo

Members of Chi Rho Phi cliff jump at Bull Shoals Lake. The women's social club went to the lake for their spring outing where they swam, hiked and stayed in a cabin for the weekend.



Krislen Bernard Photo

Senior Lauren McLyeo and her father pose in the rain during the crowning of Homecoming Queen. McLyeo represented the women of Chi Rho Phi.

Club Terminology:

EEE Haw:

Fundraiser for newest pledge class; country themed event with a performance and petting zoo with live farm animals

Mr. Tiger:

Pageant for male students to fundraise and support the newest pledge class; competition consists of sports wear, talent and an interview question with a people's choice award

FYSAM:

Also known as "Find Your Sister a Mister." Sisters set up blind dates and the girls do not know who their date will be until the night of the date



Members of the EEE women's social club play a game of Chickin in the Hen House during the annual event, EEE Haw. The event took place in the Tiger Den April 15.



Freshman Kelsie Adcock runs through a tunnel of members on Bid Day Jan. 18. The new members were greeted by current members and alumni on the steps of Cone-Bottoms.

Sophomore Grace Finley decorates a car as a part of the club's event for Homecoming week. The club chalked any car that came to the lower SPEC parking lot during the event.



Kristen Barnard - Photo



Senior Leah Whitlow smashes a whip cream pie in face of a member of EEE during the "Pie-An-EEE" tailgate event. For this event, different members of EEE volunteered to represent each of the different social clubs and take pies in the face. People then purchased pies for \$5 and put the money toward a certain club. At the end of the tailgate, all of the money went to the philanthropy of the club that had raised the most money. This tailgate marked the first time the Women of EEE won first place in a tailgate competition.

Kacey Westerman Photo

A New DIRECTION

Social clubs, with all their traditions and rights of passage, could be a stagnant situation even in the best of times. However, as the women of EEE pointed out, members came and went with each passing year and over time, leadership positions were filled with new people who had new ideas. Because of this, while some things may have always stayed the same, everyone's EEE experience was unique in at least a few ways.

"A lot of changes have taken place through the past year with our club," said Sarah Liz Carter, a senior math major from Morphlet. "Some of the larger changes include Pledge Week activities, a new point system to encourage overall attendance and a new philanthropy partnership with the Pregnancy Resource Center in Arkadelphia."

According to the members, their partnership with the Pregnancy Resource Center was one of the bigger changes that took place.

"The Pregnancy Resource Center is our philanthropy this year," said Gracie Lundstrum, a junior mass communications major from Springdale. "They have been so great to work with and support. We believe it is important to always be giving back and supporting our community. Many hands make light work and with 148 members, we have many hands."

The EEEs believed that the Pregnancy Resource Center was a great place to serve because it was local, giving them the ability

to offer support in person.

"The thing about the Pregnancy Resource Center is that it's right down the street," said Aaryn Elliot, a junior early childhood education major from Bentonville. "It's not like we're just sending money to help out. We can actually go down there and help out or counsel or raise money right there or even raise money for it by doing things in other places around town."

Outside of philanthropy, another aspect of the club that saw change was Pledge Week and everything that went along with it.

"Pledge Week was different for the EEEs, which is something that can be said of all social clubs this year," Carter said. "Being in charge of facilitating those changes for our club was a huge responsibility, but I also saw this change as an exciting opportunity to steer our club in a new direction."

More than just trying to create a more positive experience for the pledges, the EEEs said that the rush and pledge process helped to create a stronger club.

"I think we really brought in a lot of girls that meshed well together, loved the Lord and had a lot of unique strengths," Elliot said. "The bond between them really helped make a stronger club. I feel like we got a great pledge class this year."

The members agreed that overall, any changes to the club in regard to Pledge Week were well received.

"The changes effected the whole pledging process," said Kathleen Post, EEE spring president and senior speech communica-

tions major from Grand Prairie, Texas. "It really made the whole experience more positive overall."

The members agreed that all the new developments led to a more positive experience. In fact, most said their EEE experience left a major impact on them as a person.

"Being a part of a social club is a continual growing experience," Lundstrum said. "Whether you are growing in your relationship with the Lord through devotionals with girls, growing in relationships with sisters or personal growth, there is a lot of it. We grow every time we get a new PC or each time you create a special bond with a sister. It is a very special experience to be a part of. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

As with all social clubs, although faces and procedures changed as time went on, one thing the EEEs believed would stand the test of time were the experiences and friendships that they gained during their time in the club.

"Being a senior in college this year, I've mainly been focused on what's happening in the future," Carter said. "But over this past year I've learned that regardless of where I will go after graduation, friendships that I have made while being an EEE will continue to be a huge part of my life. This past year I've found so much value in everything about my club, whether that's the time spent watching intramural games, or the notes I find in my mailbox sent to me by one of my sisters."

by Noah Hutchinson

SERVING OTHERS

Eta Alpha Omega

Est. 1997

The men of Eta Alpha Omega saddled up and kicked off the year by taking home a third place award at Tiger Tunes with their western theme. Cowboy hats, plaid and boots danced their way across the stage. Bandits and rangers saved the day. It was all directed by Wade Stotts, a junior Christian studies major from Jonesboro.

"The way we go about it and the fun we have defines Eta," said Tyler Davis, a junior mass communications major from Benton. "This year our theme was Wild West, and wild doesn't even begin to describe what our practices were like."

Immediately following Tiger Tunes, another event staple for the men was Muggin', an all you can drink root beer event and social during Homecoming and Tiger Tunes weekend.

"While the beverage is important, the community is what makes Muggin' special," said Alex Nelson, a senior business administration and finance major from Frisco, Texas.

The event drew hundreds of students and their families to the Village Circle who were an campus far Homecoming events.

"We decided to change location to give the students and their families more space to hang out," said President Logan Kuhn, a junior biology major from Roland.

A main part of the event was the widespread distribution of root beer, but really, Muggin' served as a time of celebration and community for students and family to enjoy each other after Homecoming week was over. The men also brought in a music artist to entertain those who attended.

"We brought in Blaine Howard, and his performance really brought the event together," Nelson said. "I think it made the event a huge success."



Members of Eta Alpha Omega serve root beer floats during Break Week which was also Homecoming Week, Oct. 7-11. The group served different snacks on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to give back to the student body.

Throughout each semester the club also participated in events such as Break Week, which was an opportunity for students to stop by and enjoy a meal or snack provided by the club. Chili dogs, Frito pie and root beer floats could be found in the hands of students in between classes. Break Week served as a way for the club to show support and encouragement to fellow students and give back to the school as a whole.

A central part to the club was the focus on service to the community of Arkadelphia.

"The club considers service to be an extremely important aspect of our overall makeup," Davis said.

The club had a philanthropy chair who stayed connected with the Elrod Center to set up community service projects. In addition, the Etas adopted a section of the highway that the club maintained and cleaned on a regular basis.

"Jesus was a servant, and a wonderful way to show others the love of Christ is through service," Davis said.

The men also put together several Tiger Serve Day teams each semester.

"I love Eta because of the brotherhood that is rooted in Christ. We love to have fun and be goofy, but ultimately we all joined Eta to have a group of guys who can pursue The Lord together and encourage one another throughout our lives," said Tyler Rasenthal, a junior mass communications major from Little Rock.

At the end of the day and at the end of each of their meetings you could find the men of Eta Alpha Omega circling up and singing the club song "Sanctuary," that served as a reminder for each of them to keep Christ at the center of their hearts, lives and service.

by Jessica Stewart

Club Terminology:

Muggin':

Annual event held in The Village Circle after the Saturday performance of Tiger Tunes famous for root beer, live music and fellowship

Sweetheart:

Girls who were asked to represent the club and wear letters on Wednesdays; help with functions, date auctions and Tiger Tunes performances

Barrel Roll:

Members stood in the ravine under the bridge and students could pay 50 cents to throw water balloons at them to raise money for the club



Kelsey Bond Photo

Seniors Hunter Threadgill and Alex Nelson enjoy chili dogs during Break Week. The Etas served snacks to the student body and cheered on fellow students playing various lawn games at lunch.

Members of Eta Alpha Omega serenade the women of Frances Crawford Hall with creative songs and dancing. The group ended their serenades by singing their club song, "Sanctuary."



Kelsey Bond Photo



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Sophomore Jesse Webb grills hot dogs and hamburgers during the Battle of the Ravine tailgate Nov. 16. Their tailgate also included a dunking booth.



Kelsey Bond Photo

Sophomore Justin Rose and senior Michael Crowe play a game of Cornhole during Homecoming Week. The club served snacks and had games for students to play during lunch.



Elise Holman Photo

Spring president junior Logan Kuhn speaks to rushees during Rush week. This was an opportunity for guys to get to know the club and ask questions.

Club Terminology:

Kappachino:

Fundraising event held with live music performed by talented men and women from campus, with hot chocolate and coffee served

Late Night:

Free event held for pure entertainment for the student body with the combination of witty monologues, hilarious videos and improv sketches

Lil Sis:

Girls chosen to represent the club and everything the club stands for on campus, diversity and brotherhood



Anna McColloch Photo

Junior Noah Myers grills hamburgers during the Kappa Chi Cookout after Tiger Tunes Friday night Oct. 11. The club threw an after party with dinner and music outside of JPAC.



Anna McColloch Photo

Junior Brad Hunter Heird supports his club during Homecoming Week at lunch on the lawn. The men of Kappa Chi served cookies and ice cream for dessert to the student body.

A member of Rho Sigma participates in the Kappa Car Bash during Battle of the Ravine. The car bash was an activity to pass time as students guarded the Tiger during the annual battle.



Anna McColloch Photo



Kristen Barnard Photo

Sophomore Richard Burke visits the Kappa Chi Rush party during Rush week Jan. 14-17. The Kappa rush parties gave rushees a chance to get to know the club in an informal way and visit with current members to ask any rush questions they had.

Timeless

TRADITION

For the men of Kappa Chi, new trips, new members and a resurrection of a timeless tradition marked a year of change.

"At the beginning of the year, one of our goals was to become more active on campus," said Kirby Von Edwins, a senior biology major from Little Rock. "We wanted to bring back some of our older traditions, as well as continue having the events that have been a staple of Kappa," Von Edwins said.

Not long after the school year began, Tiger Tunes fever took over the school. The men of Kappa Chi were not safe from the epidemic, as Ryan Strebeck, a senior biology major from Texarkana, brought his vision of the Kappa Chi "Paper Boys" to life.

In the weeks leading up to the show, the guys were hard at work perfecting their dances and songs.

"As a club I knew this year could be pivotal for us, and Tiger Tunes was a perfect medium to showcase all the talent we had to offer," Strebeck said. "Everyone worked very hard, and it was great to see the club bond together and put on a great show."

The show placed second and won numerous individual awards. After the Friday night show the guys held their annual cookout, but moved the venue to directly outside of JPAC.

"I was a great idea to move the cookout. It enabled us to attract more people, and by the end of the night we served food to

over 700 students," said Jackson Carter, a junior mass communications major from Hot Springs.

The cookout was open to anyone who participated in or attended Tiger Tunes.

"It was great to have so many members of the Ouachita community able to come out and enjoy some burgers and have a good time," said Dixon Land, a sophomore mass communications and Christian studies major from Little Rock.

Kappa Late Night was a timeless tradition for the men of Kappa Chi. At its peak the event attracted hundreds of students and filled the Tiger Den. The club wanted to bring Late Night back to add another event to the fall semester.

"It was something we've been wanting to bring back to campus for awhile," Von Edwins said. "Many of the seniors in the club remember Late Night as freshmen and tried to bring back many of the same traditions that made the show great."

After a few weeks of filming and many late nights of editing, the show went on December 3 to a packed house of 150 students.

"It felt great to bring such a huge tradition back to campus," said Dylan Haney, a junior political science major from El Dorado. "Although it was a lot of work, the end result was a great show and hopefully the resurrection of a timeless tradition."

The second semester marked the start of Rush and Pledge week. After Rush week,

Pledge week followed and Kappa Chi welcomed 24 new members to the brotherhood. The week was structured toward bonding the new pledge class together and allowing the old and new members to make lasting friendships.

"Rush was extremely successful for us this year," Land said. "Each night we did something different that highlighted a different aspect of our club. We wanted to make sure that the rushees knew who we were and what we stood for."

As spring rolled around, the club began planning for its spring outing and decided to explore the city of New Orleans in the first weekend of March.

"New Orleans is a beautiful city that has so much to offer. The history, architecture and cuisine made the 'Big Easy' an easy choice for our spring outing," said Brod Hunter, a junior dietetics and nutrition major from Pine Bluff.

The men of Kappa Chi kept their traditions alive through events like rush and pledge week, bringing back old events and putting a twist on events like their annual cookout.

"Overall it was a very successful year for Kappa Chi," said Land. "We were able to do so many different things on campus and develop in our brotherhood. We look forward to the new school year in the fall and all the exciting things that we will be participating in, including another great Tiger Tunes show."

by Ben Cline

LOUD & ROWDY

Rho Sigma
Est. 1937

In order for a fire to increase in intensity and reach its full potential, it must be stoked – pushing it and stirring it until it has plenty of fuel and oxygen, without which it would not survive.

The same stoking could be seen from the men of Rho Sigma as they encouraged students to “get rowdy.” Members from the 79-year-old social club worked to intensify the flame of school spirit and involve the entire student body in the cause.

“I think we’re beginning to see an effort to involve the student body more in what we do,” said Nathan Lowman, a sophomore history major from Little Rock. “We really wanted to get out of just Greek life and more into student life. We want to bring fun and excitement to everybody. It’s what Rho Sigmas like to do – have fun.”

The men of Rho Sigma tried to add more campus-wide events rather than the usual mixers and parties between social clubs.

“In previous years, Rho Sigmas tended to stay within themselves and within the Greek system,” Lowman said. “But we want to both stay in and get out. Right now we’re wanting to get to know those that are a part of Greek life and those that don’t really click with Greek life, but still want to be a part of the school’s social life.”

One of the most popular Rho Sigma traditions was the guarding of the Tiger during Battle of the Ravine week.

“Our Battle of the Ravine has been one of the most known and popular among our tradition and events on campus, inviting all students from freshmen to seniors to come and stay up and guard the tiger with us, enjoy some burgers, hotdogs, movies, games, music and great company,” said Hein Hillmer, a senior mass communications major from Port Elizabeth, South Africa.



Dr. Kevin Motl gives a speech at the Battle of the Ravine football game. The men of Rho Sigma hosted a bonfire each year with students walking through campus and throwing their flame torches in the fire once they had arrived.

In addition to hosting campus-wide events, the Red Shirts of Rho Sigma engaged with other students by attending events on campus.

“People aren’t going to go to an athletic event and not see or hear a Rho Sigma,” said Jake Hannan, a senior business administration/finance major from Conway. “This year we’ve seen a noticeable increase in size and representation at athletic events and other school events. People aren’t going to have to ask, ‘Who is a Rho Sigma?’ They’ll see and know us because of what we do.”

A factor that helped Rho Sigmas be able to participate in supporting more students was the increase in numbers. The social club had seen a steady increase in numbers, eventually reaching 27 members.

“We’re starting to get back our swagger,” Hannan said. “We have more members, so we’re able to do more things

because of that.”

One of the tools that helped the rowdy Red Shirts in spreading school spirit was their reputation of being outgoing.

“We are a bunch of crazy guys, and we’re proud of that. We’re a pretty diverse group, but what it comes down to is that we all like to have fun,” Hannan said. “As long as we stay within boundaries, we’re going to stay wild and crazy. If we can bring that to the campus, campus life will be a lot more fun.”

Staking the fire of school spirit through unity and fun, the men of Rho Sigma worked toward their goal of bringing more fun to campus, which, according to Hillmer, would “develop this relationship and involvement with our school will only increase the value of stay and experience here at OBU for every fellow Ouachita Tiger.”

by Robert DeSoto

Club Terminology:

Red Shirt:

OBU's oldest men's social club started by the 1934 Tiger football team and other campus leaders created to promote the school and Tiger spirit

Crawfish Boil:

Annual function put together by the men of Rho Sigma for fun, fellowship and crawfish

Torch Parade:

Battle of the Ravine tradition where students are invited to carry torches from the middle of campus to the intramural fields to the traditional bonfire



Kristen Barnard Photo

Rho Sigmas play music for entertainment for lunch on the lawn during Homecoming Week. Social clubs entertained the student body each day during lunch with various activities for Homecoming.

Members of Rho Sigma and sweethearts guard the Tiger during Battle of the Ravine week. Every year, the club camps out each night of the week to protect the Tiger and campus with a tent full of couches, TVs and a fire.



Josh Galanti Photo



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Senior Austin Selph performs a solo during the Rho Sigma Tiger Tunes show. The club's theme for its performance was "Plumbers."



Kelsey Bonds Photo

Juniors Nathan Hall and Alli Goodson fight during the Rho Sigma and Tri Chi paint war. The clubs held mixers as a chance to hang out and get to know each other outside of class.



Kristen Barnard Photo

Seniors Tori Abellera, Hein Hillmer and Bekah Hall help out with a Rho Sigma party during Rush Week. The sweethearts were asked to help with the parties.

Club Terminology:

S'morefest:

Event during Battle of the Ravine when the club supplies s'mores for the students who came out at night to guard the Tiger.

Jukebox:

Old tradition established in 1990 where students' choice of music was played each Wednesday in the Commons during dinner.

S'Night Live:

An old tradition and spoof of Saturday Night Live where members would conduct funny interviews, perform skits, sing and dance.



Elise Holman Photo

The men of Sigma Alpha Sigma throw their sign of S'morefest during Battle of the Ravine week. The club provided s'mores for students who came to guard the Tiger.



Jeremy Dixon Photo

Sophomore Allan Derrickson and junior Derek Miller fire up the grill for the Sigma Alpha Sigma tailgate during the Battle of the Ravine.

Sophomores Camden Dwelle and Matt Cox mingle during a Sigma Alpha Sigma rush party. The club served pizza for an informal night to get to know rush-ees.



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Korey Byrd Photo

Members and sweethearts of Sigma Alpha Sigma cheer on the Tigers during a basketball game with costumes and praps. The S's strive to make a prominent appearance during sporting events throughout the year to support the student athletes on campus.

A New

IMAGE

One thing that all the social clubs on campus had in common was tradition. Every year the clubs hosted the same events, organized the same fundraisers and to some extent invited the same kinds of people to join the club. But after some changes, the men of Sigma Alpha Sigma had room to shake things up.

"One of the obvious differences this year is that it's the first year that the club no longer has any of the members who fought to get our charter back," said Chase Brooks, a junior graphic design major from Arkadelphia. "We're growing in numbers as a brotherhood though. We look forward to participating in Tiger Tunes next year."

The fact that the S's had no returning members who had fought for their charter had a profound impact on the club. People had to step up, and they claim that it brought everyone involved closer together.

"This year as an S has been much like riding a bike with no training wheels. It's the first year we have not had a member active in the club who fought to get our charter back. Essentially we have had to take the reigns and apply our experience. We have grown a lot as a club, not only in size but as a whole brotherhood. I'd say it was a year of building support for the club, and solidifying our foundation for the years to come. I was part of the 2012 pledge class, the first one back since the lost charter in 2009. I pledged as a freshman and have had the opportunity to watch the development over the past three years. And I've gotten to serve as chaplain for all three. Probably the

most exciting news though that I've gotten to share in is our return to Tiger Tunes next semester. We finally have enough people and are excited to return and put on a good show."

Sigma Alpha Sigma didn't have any signature events, but members said they made an effort to be noticed around campus. They claimed that it was important to be seen in order to reestablish their presence.

"As a club we have mixers with other clubs, fundraisers and Tiger Serve Day. However, our primary involvement is showing up at all the sporting events," Brooks said. "We like to support our student athletes since a few of them are members. Most notably would be our appearances at the basketball games sifting court-side for the men and women's games. Also we do all intramurals. As brothers we just do life together. We are always looking for opportunities to help other people and the campus, sadly it's been a bit difficult with such a small number of members to be noticed on campus enough to be asked."

According to the members, a large part of what Sigma Alpha Sigma was trying to do in their appearances and activities around campus was raise awareness of their new priorities and image. After regaining their charter, they said that the club was reformed in some areas.

"We're back and better than ever," said Korey Byrd, a senior kinesiology major from Cypress, Texas. "We're working towards a complete different outlook for our club and its members."

Sigma Alpha Sigma offered its members

plenty of opportunity for advancement, as well as a brotherhood that members claimed couldn't be found anywhere else.

"I can't imagine life not being an S," Brooks said. "Since pledging in 2012 with the first pledge class back from when we lost our charter in 2009, it's been a wild ride with a diverse group of men. We have our ups and downs but we always take care of each other. To me that has been a huge blessing and encouragement. I've met guys I never would have had I not pledged, and life without them seems much too bland to enjoy."

More than anything else, Sigma Alpha Sigma's members enjoyed the club for its ability to make friends and memories, as well as to bring people together. The S's said that their club built a bond stronger than anything they had experienced in a normal on-campus organization.

"We have too many stories to count," Brooks said. "Everything from spontaneous road trips to Gulf Shores to seeing our senior swimmers complete in their final races at Ouachita. It's just too much to tell in this amount of time honestly. These moments and stories we share are too wonderful to capture in any book. It's life at its finest and funniest."

The S's hoped to make a strong showing around campus and in the community in order to reestablish themselves. Their members believed that they were well on their way, and while reputation may have been important, the times they had together overshadowed everything else.

by Noah Hutchinson

FOUNDING FRIENDSHIP

Tri Chi
Est. 1989

"TC Two simple letters, worn by many different women all over campus. They all have different backgrounds, have different personalities, and see things differently. But it is all these differences that make those two letters mean something."

Tiffani Hall, an alumna of the Women of Tri Chi, posted the description on the Tri Chi website that painted a picture of the club's purpose and investment. With "Togetherness in Christ" as their long-standing motto, the club stayed true to its roots.

Tri Chi hosted many events for the campus to attend. Women dressed in pink and green could be found serving hot chocolate during Battle of the Ravine week, participating in the football tailgate competitions, hosting 80s Night during TWIRP Week and holding a masquerade dance as one of their fund raisers.

The masquerade dance was held at the Caddo Volley Events Center with the theme reflecting "The Great Gatsby." The dance paid homage to the movie by featuring music from the film that was released earlier in the year.

"The masquerade was on an amazing night of dressing up and dancing the night away with some friends," said Kate Collins, a junior biology major from Texarkana.

For Tiger Tunes, Tri Chi's theme was "Under the Sea," featuring an array of characters including fish, starfish, octopi and even mermen. Tri Chi was awarded the People's Choice Award for the fourth consecutive year and fourth place overall.

"The theme came from a joke Tiger Tunes show I wrote with friends freshman year, and it ended up being more awesomely aquatic than I had ever imagined," said Allison Smith, a junior psychology major from Jonesboro and director of the



The women of Tri Chi and the men of Eta Alpha Omega hang out during a mixer. The clubs grilled out, ate dinner and played volleyball.

show. "The whole experience was transforming for our club. We came together, worked hard and created something we were proud of. There is nothing like seeing such unity among not only clubs, but Ouachita as a whole."

Tri Chi was also invested in philanthropy, serving others through their togetherness. Participating in Tiger Serve Day, taking care of Compassion kids, writing thank you letters to the campus administrative staff and sending care packages to soldiers were just a few of the projects in which Tri Chi took part. The club also found a new focus in local philanthropies by investing in the Arkadelphia community through involvement with the Pregnancy Resource Center and participating in the MS Walk and the Special Olympics.

"Our goal is to not only participate in philanthropies, but to completely shift our focus toward giving to others in our day-to-

day lives," Smith said.

Tri Chi brought together students from all different backgrounds, majors, hometowns and various other aspects of life to make up their unique membership. Adding 39 new pledges to the club only increased the amount of diversity already there.

"Being in a group like Tri Chi has allowed me the experience of having a family away from home," said Talor Tartaglia, a freshman psychology major from Fayetteville. "My new sisters are some of my biggest supporters, providing love and laughter at all times. I have loved my experience with Tri Chi so far and can't wait for the years ahead."

A true sense of sisterhood and togetherness laid the foundation for the Women of Tri Chi and was carried on through the legacy of its current members and members to come.

by Jake Coffman

Club Terminology:

Crush Dance:

Members anonymously invite men from campus to a dance function; they receive a t-shirt in their mailbox for the event and never know who invited them

Beau:

Men invited to represent the club's traditions and values on campus by wearing letters on Wednesdays, going on outings and helping with functions

Ghost Roast:

Annual Tri Chi event during the fall semester where members invite dates to a bonfire for a cookout with s'mores including fun and games



Freshman Elise Cobb attempts to wash paint off of her face and out of her mouth after the paint war mixer with the men of Rho Sigma. The clubs used acrylic paint during the paint war.

Junior Tri Chi Beaus Tyler Davis and Logan Kuhn auction off sophomore Erin Cheshire's dessert during the annual TC Dessert Auction. The auction was held to sell desserts to raise money to support the club.



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Members of the 2013 pledge class stand to cheer on the Tiger football team before a game. The club supported the Tigers on the sidelines of each home football game during the season.



Seniors Chelsea Ariolo and Ashleigh Canada make s'mores at the annual fall Ghost Roast. The function was for members to bring dates for a night of food, fun and fellowship.



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Sophomore Morgan Brothers performs with her pledge class during Tri Chi's 80s TWIRP night. The group danced with glow sticks during the performance.

Community





Neighbors. Even in the small town of Arkadelphia, Ouachita is surrounded by a strong community that supports it and brings life into the bubble. From the revitalization effort in downtown to local churches providing ample opportunities for students to get involved, from new restaurants coming into town to the final week of business at Dino's Main Street Cafe, from students cleaning yards and mentoring elementary students to Rosas' Kitchen's new plan to give back - all of these things come together to make the

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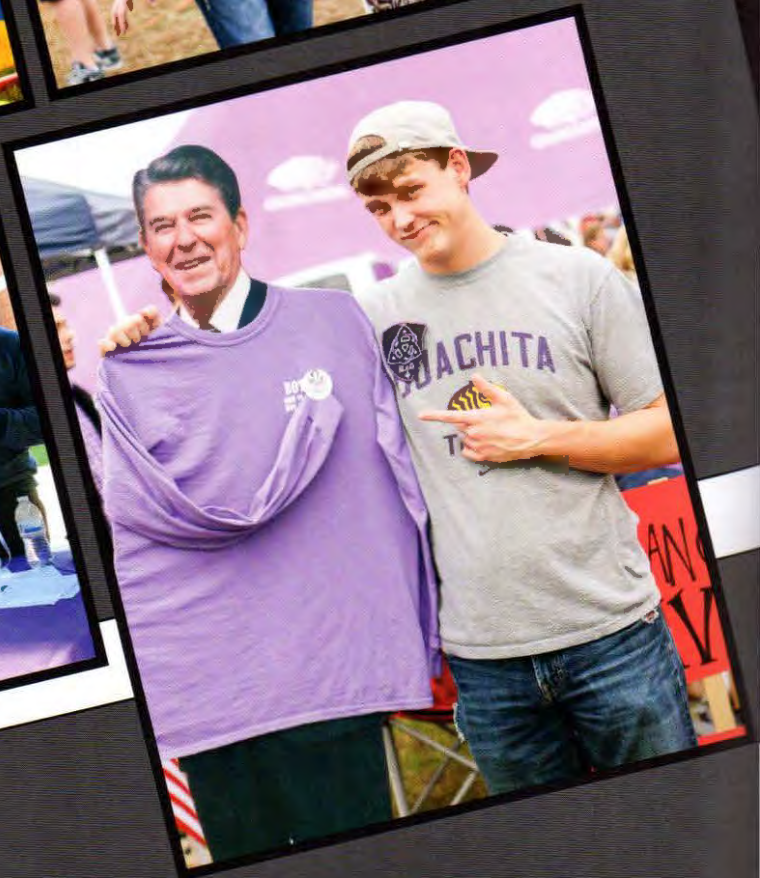
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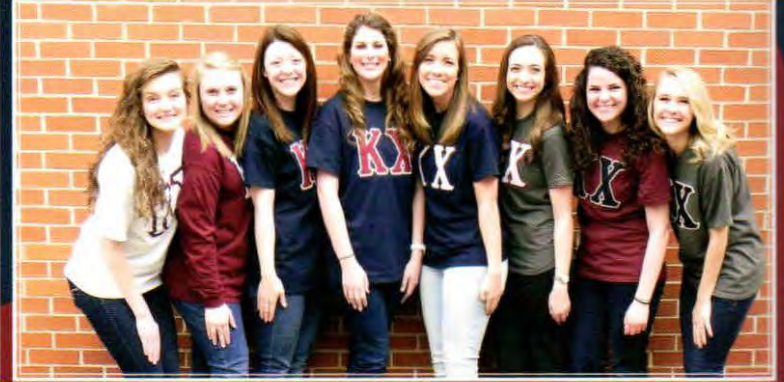


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After learning about the organization through contact with restaurant Pitza 42 in Conway, 13-year-old Rosas Mexican Kitchen (formerly El Mariachi) partnered with Enactus and Feed My Starving Children to host a MobilePack. This community-wide event brought together students and anyone with hands capable of scooping rice to pack bags of meals to send to starving children around the world.

"We truly hope to create a hunger awareness revolution, uniting not to fight world hunger, but to put a stop to it," Elva Rosas, junior business administration/finance major from Arkadelphia, said.

The Enactus member and Mexican Kitchen manager joined forces with Feed My Starving Children to host a MobilePack in the Tiger Den. She and Griffin Peoples, a junior business administration/finance major from North Little Rock, coordinated the event. In order for the MobilePack to take place, Rosas Mexican Kitchen and Enactus had to raise \$22,000.

"We donate 22 cents out of every dollar spent at the restaurant," Rosas explained about how the restaurant contributed to the fundraising, in addition to other fundraising events in conjunction with Enactus. "Once we raised the money, Feed My Starving Children took over from there with providing the supplies and training our volunteers."

The event took place on March 15-16, with three packing sessions. The over 400 volunteers included people from Ouachita, churches, Henderson State University, local schools and anyone willing to help. Volunteers ranged from students and administrators to children and the elderly. Henderson's President, Dr. Carl Jones, was present to help pack.

Volunteers went through training before putting on hairnets and gloves to pack the food. They divided into teams and began scooping and sealing. With throwback pop music blaring, encouraged volunteers soon developed a competitive edge.

"The groups had to yell when they finished packing a box," Rachel Hooker, a senior accounting major, explained. "Our group was the first one to finish a box during that session. We were the very first group to yell. That really determined us to try to get 30 boxes packed."

Members from social clubs like Beta Beta and women from the Henderson sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha also joined in packing boxes.

"I was in a group with about 11 Betas," Caleb Terry, a freshman mass communications major from Benton, described. "We started timing how long it would take us to pack boxes. I think we were able to fill an entire box in under two minutes. Once we started going like that, we were going as fast as we could to get the boxes packed."

According to Seth Boyd, sophomore business administration/

finance major from Sherwood and member of Beta Beta, the volunteers from Beta Beta were able to pack 30 boxes, which would feed six children for an entire year.

For other volunteers, their motivation had a bigger impact than that of only pure competitive spirit.

"I just began realizing the impact of what we were doing when I was touching the rice," Coleen Rose, a sophomore kinesiology major from Keithville, La., said. "It occurred to me that we were the last people getting to touch the food before it reached the children. It was very emotional."

Rosas also described the responses from younger volunteers to the goal of feeding hungry children.

"The whole event was just really good for the little kids," Rosas said. "It was evident that they really wanted to make a difference. They fully devoted themselves to helping other kids their age."

No matter the motivation behind the volunteer work, the ultimate goal was to pack 100,000 meals for children in Nicaragua.

"During the first session, we packed 5,000 meals," Rosas said. "So we were behind, but we made up for them in the next session and even passed our goal in the session after that."

The total number of meals packed during the three sessions was 101,088. This many meals are enough to feed 277 children for an entire year. This goal was surprisingly surpassed with just 400 volunteers.

"Normally, the minimum number of volunteers at a MobilePack is about 500," Rosas said. "But I think that the volunteers we had understood the real reason behind the event – helping a child in need. I think they were pushed by this. They were truly motivated and determined to get done what needed to be done."

Rosas, however, did feel a sense of fear when she first realized how much work had to be accomplished.

"When I saw them starting to unload the tons of rice and soy on the stage, this feeling of doubt came over me," Rosas said. "But when the supervisor said we reached our goal, the feeling was unbelievable. I couldn't believe it."

Following the success of the two-day MobilePack, the organizers looked ahead to begin planning the next event.

"We hope to continue our relationship with Feed My Hungry Children," Peoples explained. "We plan on continuing to do these events and making it bigger and better."

According to Rosas, the organizers plan on involving more schools and churches in the area. They also plan on hosting the next MobilePack in the fall.

"It was really powerful seeing all of us from different parts of the community come together for something bigger than ourselves," Hooker reflected.

After two days and three packing sessions, the 400 volunteers from throughout the community were able to send 101,088 meals to hungry children in Nicaragua by donating their time and labor.

"God was in control of this from the very beginning," Rosas explained as the main reason why the event was so successful. "I knew God wouldn't let us down. I knew that if it was His will, He'd make it happen."

by Robert DeSoto

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Retiring members of the faculty and staff were honored at a reception held in April in Walker Conference Center. Pictured are: Ouida Keck, Bill Hulan, Evalyn Cowart, Bill McCrary, Lula Wright, Bob Webster.

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15 years of service

Shelby Seabaugh

1993-2014

Joy. When no other words would come, joy was the one word everyone could agree on to describe Shelby Seabaugh. Even during a time of mourning, the memory of Shelby's joyous spirit was able to bring healing to her friends and family.

Junior Shelby Seabaugh, 21, unexpectedly passed away March 27, 2014.

Shelby, a Christian studies and philosophy double major from Magnolia, is survived by her parents, Dr. Michael and Laurie Seabaugh, and her siblings, Haydn and Gracen. She also is survived by her fiancé, Joshua Cassidy, and her grandparents, Dr. Rodney and Rosemary Griffin of Magnolia and Wayne and Glenda Seabaugh of Hot Springs Village.

Seabaugh was an active member across campus and brought her joyous light to each organization she was a part of. Seabaugh served on the Ouachita Student Foundation, was a member of the Pruet Sisterhood and the Carl Goodson Honor's Program, was a Tiger Network Scholar and was on the Dean's List. Seabaugh was also a member of the Women of EEE where she served as co-director of the 2013 winning Tiger Tunes Show, ShEEEp.

Seabaugh was a hard worker and had a brilliant mind. If she couldn't be found around campus one could be sure she was locked away in her room studying.



"For Shelby it wasn't an option to ever half-do something. It was always 110%," said Abby Baze, a junior psychology major from Mt. Vernon, Texas.

Classes and late night studying are the things that first brought together Seabaugh and her suitemate, Baze.

"She loved learning. I think that is one of the reasons why she really applied herself," said Baze. "There were several nights that we pulled all-nighters together writing or editing papers. When I would want to go to sleep she would be like 'No, you have to get this done. You are devoted to your studies.' She made it seem less dreadful."

Everyone who knew Seabaugh knew her commitment to her studies came second only to her love for the Lord. Seabaugh was

happiest when she was able to combine the two.

"She loved her Bible classes, loved them," said Aaryn Elliot a junior early childhood education from Bentonville. Elliot was Seabaugh's counterpart in directing the year's winning Tiger Tunes show.

"When I think about her, I think about coffee, her reading her books and her writing her papers," said Elliot.

Just before spring break Seabaugh had finished writing the daily devotionals for Camp Siloam summer camp. She had also recently told Baze that she wanted to spend her life writing curriculum for a Christian organization.

Writing was just one of the many God given talents Seabaugh possessed. Those who knew Shelby spoke highly of her artistic

abilities. Seabaugh could often be found in her dorm room painting or drawing.

"Sometimes when she was really stressed she would say, 'I'm just gonna draw.' I think it was therapeutic for her," said Baze.

"She would always say that she just wanted to live in a little house and drink tea and paint and write," said Anna Sikes, a junior Christian Studies major from Greenbrier. "She was an old soul. She appreciated things just because they were enjoyable."

Another of Seabaugh's gifts that many of her friends reflected on was her ability to make others feel loved. Many said they felt like they had known Shelby since they were young, when in reality it had been a few years at most. She had the ability to make people open up because they knew they could trust her. Baze described her as "an unconditional positive regard."

"She was just so accepting of people and their personalities and their quirks," said Sikes. "I think that is why people felt so drawn to her so quickly."

Seabaugh's caring nature and serving spirit made her a friend to many.

"Shelby was the epitome of good friendship," said Baze. "Once I mentioned to Shelby that I needed her help with a poster for a sports event. I came into my room later that day and she had already made the entire poster. I could see

her stuff still laying out, but I couldn't find her. I found her asleep in my bed on the top bunk."

"She was a lover of all and judgmental of none," said Micale Kocke, a junior biology major from Cabot. Seabaugh had been Kocke's roommate during their junior year. "She was passionate and loved to please those around her."

"I have never had a friendship like I had with Shelby. It really happened instantaneously," said Elliot. "Very quickly we were very intentional laying down what we were like as people. I had never done that with someone. I can't really explain it. It is not

how a friendship normally works."

Beyond heartfelt conversations and intentional relationships, Seabaugh was a good friend because she just loved to have fun. Many of her friends recall Seabaugh inspired shenanigans revolving around late night food runs.

"One time she dragged me out of bed at 2 am to go get food with her. We literally wore pajamas to Waffle House," said Kocke. "She had on sheep sleep pants."

"She would sometimes burst into my room and be like 'Go with me to Taco Bell. I will buy you a taco,' and it would be like three in

the morning," said Baze.

Aside from Seabaugh's well known inner qualities, her tiny stature was a physical quality that many remembered her for. People were often surprised at how such a small package could contain so much life and passion. Kocke recalled a time when Seabaugh's small frame and big love for goofiness came together to create a lasting memory.

"One time we locked her in my trunk to see if the 'kidnap' lever really worked," said Kocke. "It does."

All of Shelby's friends agreed that she would want to be remembered as

a servant of the Lord and a lover of people.

"Above anything she would want to glorify the Lord through her life and through her death," said Elliot. "She would want to encourage people to be passionate about life and people."

"The first thing I knew about Shelby was her relationship with the Lord. It was very evident, but not in a showy way. It was evident in her actions and her words. She was selfless," said Baze. "I think she would want us to think of her in her joyful state, but not necessarily focus on her, but focus on the Lord through her."

by Aly Smith

Jaalen Watkins

1993-2014

Jaalen Watkins, a junior kinesiology major from Little Rock and a member of the Tiger football team, died from injuries sustained in a car accident on Thursday, July 3, in Little Rock.

Jaalen played high school football at Little Rock Christian before transferring to Joe T. Robinson and playing for the Senators. After being recruited by Northwest Missouri State University, Jaalen played at the University of Central Arkansas before transferring to Ouachita in the fall of 2013.

"Jaalen was a humble, free spirited guy that brought a smile to everyone's face on the football team," said teammate Brandon Marks. "He always

gave thanks to the Lord and was a great friend that I will never forget."

Junior Delaney Thomas knew Jaalen well as a classmate at Rob-

inson and at Ouachita. Their friendship began when Jaalen played football for Robinson and Delaney was a team manager. "Those were the best memories with Jaalen," said Delaney. She noted that the Senators had a successful season, and that Jaalen played a major role in the team's success. "Not only was he a key component on the



field, he was a key in the locker room. He kept the guys laughing and kept them all close," she said. "Jaalen is the happiest person I've ever known.

He reaches out to everyone around him whether you're a peer, a parent or a stranger. Anyone who knows him will now be missing a huge smile in their life."

Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the school of humanities, taught Jaalen both semesters as he pursued a minor in mass communications. "It was more than a plea-

sure to teach Jaalen in Intro to Mass Communications last fall and Sports Journalism in the spring. He was a conscientious student and worked hard in the classes, but what I'll remember most about Jaalen was his demeanor. He was polite and courteous beyond measure. Jaalen was quiet in class, but he worked well with his fellow students and quickly formed friendships with many of them. I'll always remember Jaalen, and I'm sure that's true of the students who came to know him during his year at Ouachita."

by Dr. Deborah Root

Kristen Barnard

Photo Lab Editor

Wow. I can't even begin to describe what a great experience it was to serve as the photo editor for Ouochita. I am so thankful to the department of communications for allowing me to lead the photo lab to produce pictures for all of the Ouochita publications. What. A. Job. Through all the tears, stress, laughs, late nights, deadlines and memories, I gained priceless real-world experience and new relationships. It was such a joy and privilege to be a part of such an awesome staff at the best university out there. I will miss you all! Make the most of your time at Ouachita, because it flies by faster than you realize. Peace out and go Tigers.

Justin: Thank you for always being my biggest fan and source of encouragement. Thanks for listening, wiping the tears, pushing me to work hard and challenging me to be a better leader with each day. You helped me push through and enjoy every minute of being photo editor. I love you!

Carli: Thanks for being my best friend and roommate and allowing me to be as weird as possible. You were my outlet of "fun," letting me relax from all the responsibility. Thank you for spontaneity, eating chocolate with me, sharing gallons of ice cream and long talks about life. I'm going to miss you more than words can say. Love you!

Rebecca Jones: Thank you so much for taking me on lunch dates, walking me through hard times, pouring out wisdom, teaching me how to be a good leader in the photo lab, and listening. You were one of the biggest encouragements in my life over the course of my time at Ouachita. I am thankful to have someone like you as a role model!

The Roots: I am so blessed by the both of you! I will always have such fond memories of staff hangouts at your house, Christmas parties and many laughs. Dr. Deb—thank you for your patience, understanding, laughs, and pushing me toward being all I can be. Dr. Jeff—thank you for advising me all four years of college. I probably wouldn't have graduated without your help.

Brooke and Trennis: I will miss all of the email exchanges about the image drive, pictures, special events on campus and meetings about the Circle. Well, maybe I won't miss all of that, but I sure did enjoy working with you two! Thank you for your understanding, help and encouragement. I am greatly blessed by you.

Tyler: I don't think words can express my gratitude for all of your hard work. You consistently made my job easier and made work fun! Thank you for always shooting events (sometimes last minute), being helpful with whatever needed to be done, and going above and beyond. You're going to make a great photo editor and can't wait to see the work you produce! Have a great senior year!

Heather & Kelsey: I could not have done it this year without you! You two were rock stars and made my job easier. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication in the photo lab. I loved getting to know you two better and wish you the best of luck!

Practicum: I was so lucky to have such a great staff of photographers. You all worked so hard and helped me more than you will ever know! Also, you only have one more semester of practicum. Good work.

Aly: WE DID IT! Through the tears, stress, hard work, and laughs, the yearbook is finally complete! You did such a great job and I am so glad we were able to work together. Have a great senior year and keep up the hard work!

The Newsroom Staff: It's been real. I had so much fun with all of you in the office—from weird quotes from Noah, a new twitter account, decorating for Christmas, laughing, crying, and screaming, to random dance parties to get rid of the stress. I'm going to miss working and having inside jokes with all of you! Keep up the hard work and remember to laugh.



Aly Smith

Ouachitonian Editor-in-Chief

As I sit down to write my editor's letter, I have no words. I have put so much into the book, that now I can't think of anything else to say. This opportunity has been a dream come true and this book is my baby. I only pray no one thinks I have that "ugly duckling child." I have been so blessed to be able to be a part of Ouachita history and join the Ouachitonian Editor family. I really expected to cry as I wrote this, but I didn't. Maybe its because I have no tears for this book left or maybe it's because I get to do it all over again next year. This book was built on prayer, sleepless nights, diet coke binges, many many tears, Chick-fil-a, chocolate, a purple binder and lots of love and support from all my friends and family. I can't thank everyone enough who has helped me along the way, given me a hug when I needed it, or told me to snap out of it and get it together. I hope you enjoy this book Ouachita family- and if you don't, don't tell me.

The Roots: I don't think you both realize how amazing you two are. **Mr. Dr. Root** - Thank you for always keeping stocked with snack cakes, tracking down missing sports stories and always providing a laugh when I needed it. I am sorry I made your house smell like dead guacamole after our end of the year party and I still haven't given up on getting you to try hummus. It's going to happen next year. **Mrs. Dr. Root** - My boss, my therapist and my mistake catcher. Thank you for putting up with me and thank you for not yelling at me when my ideas were not so hot. We have been through computer crashes and a cover crisis, but we made it! The book is complete, but our time together is not. You can't get rid of me that easily.

Hannah: You were an amazing copy editor this year. "Story Time with Hannah" was a success and you made my job so much easier. Thank you for hunting down stories and magically making them longer when I asked. We have had so many fun times in the yearbook office together these past three years and now you are leaving me, but I am so proud of you for following your heart. We are leaving you on the card swipe next year, so you have no excuse not to visit. Besides we have to make more embarrassing videos for us to show our future children how cool we were in college.

Mauri, Jake Tori and Ben: Thank you for all your hard work this year. Thank you for fighting that senior-itis off until we were done and for finishing strong. Thank you for putting up with my crazy check lists - even if you didn't always use them. It's been great working on staff together for three years and I wish you all the best of luck in your post-grad lives!

Amber: My young grossshopper. You were awesome this year my freshie friend. Sorry about that one time I assigned you 17 spreads in three weeks. I'll never do that again, I promise. Thank you for always making me laugh, reassuring me that my layouts looked good and for just putting up with me in general. Our couch misses you, come over for a weekend sleepover sometime soon

Robert: Congratulations on winning that platinum circle for yearbook polls. Those awards are really hard to come by, you should be proud. Thank you for never saying "no", even when I asked ridiculous and sometimes impossible things of you this year. I loved all of our jam sessions and story times and look forward to many more.

Abbey: I think I probably gave you the most random assignments this year. Thank you so much always being willing to jump in wherever needed. You have been a joy to work with this year. Love you SEEEster.

Practicum: Thank you all for working so hard. The stories this year have been so great and you all have been a huge part of that. Thank you for trudging to my five minute meetings and for taking stories no one else wanted. We couldn't make the book without you.

Kristen: IT IS FINISHED! What a year it has been! Thank you for putting up with all my crazy photo requests and reshooting the people profiles 5 billion times. Through all the tears and stress we made it. Your ability to always remain positive amazes me. You are a light and we will miss you in the newsroom.

Emily T.: The Editor Suite has been a crazy ride this year. You with the Signal and me with the Ouachitonian, if we didn't share the Newsroom, we would probably never see each other. I am glad we have gotten to share the editor experience together. From paper fireplaces to spinning chair races to late night Lile adventures, the Newsroom is really just an extension of our dorm room. I will never understand what people without offices do.

Micale: Thank you for being my break away from the Newsroom. You are always willing to listen to me and never complain when all I talk about at dinner are deadlines, layouts and office drama. Thank you for not hating me for all the times I have canceled lunch due to a "yearbook crisis." You are the greatest friend and I am so thankful to have you in my life.

Emily P.: Roommate, I am sorry I am never in the room. The yearbook runs my life. Thank you for not leaving me for someone you could actually see in the daylight. I am so glad you are a heavy sleeper or at least don't tell me that I wake you up when I come in the room 5:00 a.m. after deadline nights.

Ivana: I am so glad you came to live with us this year! I am sorry I was hardly in the room while you were here, but now as you look through the book you can understand where I always was. Thank you for always being concerned I wasn't getting enough sleep, you are too sweet. Your friendship is so special to me and I miss you. Come back to America soon!





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