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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-

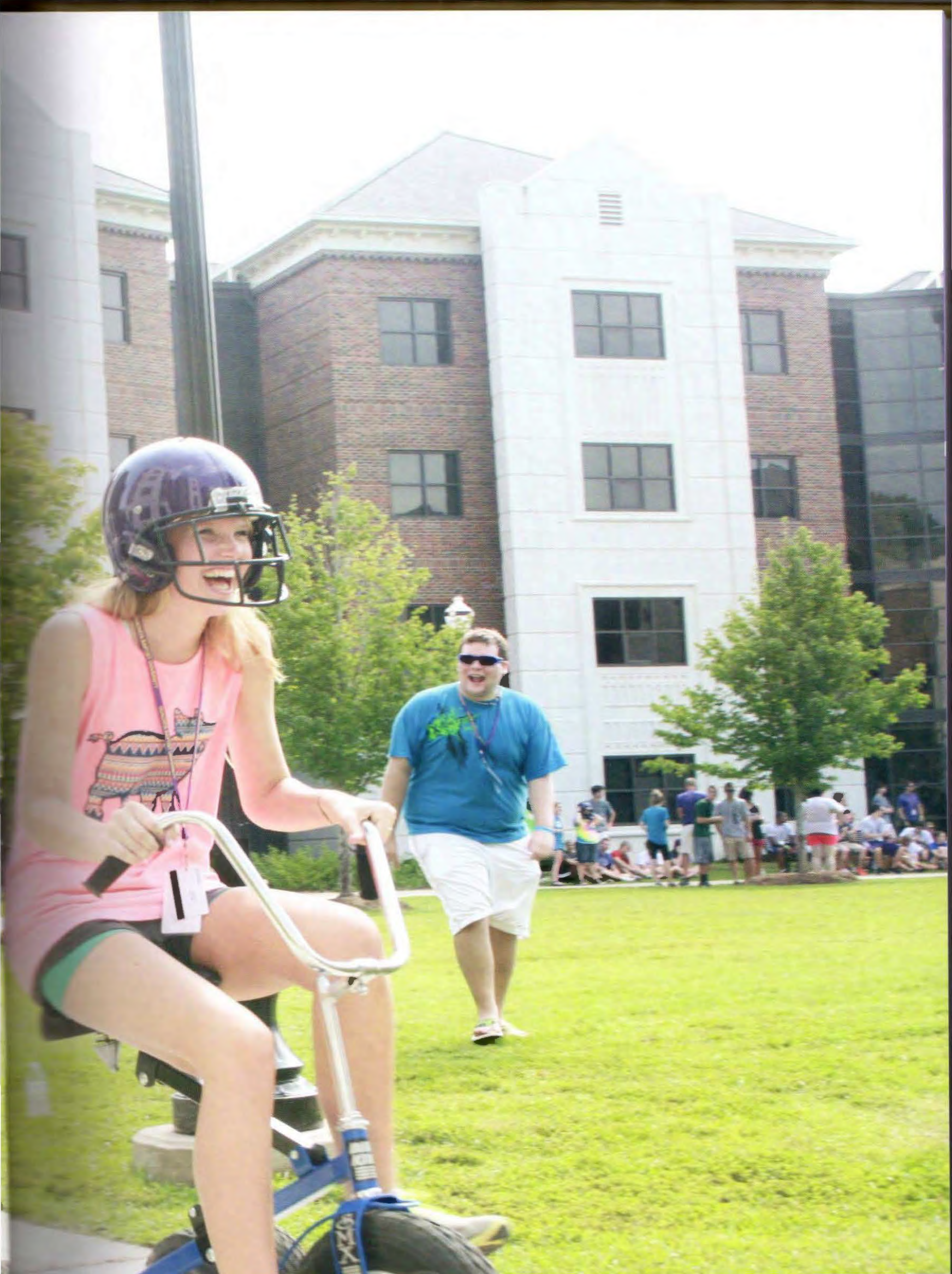
Ouachita has a very unique state of mind that is comprised of so many different personalities, walks of life, cultures and beliefs. From the freshman in his dorm the first night to the senior anxiously awaiting her graduate school acceptance letter, from the couple on their first TWIRP date to the newlyweds 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 Talor Tartaglia

1 A mix of future tigers and upperclassmen perform a song together during karaoke of 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.



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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

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.



Ryan Moll Photo

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 on my 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



Ryan Moll Photo

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.

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 Ouachitonians by speaking the credo that from then on, they will forever be "Tigers for Life."



Kristen Barnard Photo



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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 donuts.

"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 an 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.

"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



Kristen Barnard Photo

Top 3 WOW Moments

-According to freshmen Simon 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



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 Campbell 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 Sodexa.



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



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.



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.



Jeremy Dixon Photo

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 Elen 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. Kendoll 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 Joke Briggs, a sophomore music major from Alexander; Connor Good, 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 Eto 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 come together. It looked like a flock of sheep and made the show finally make sense," said Aaryn 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 close 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



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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 Kappa 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.



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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.



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"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 OoTiger 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.



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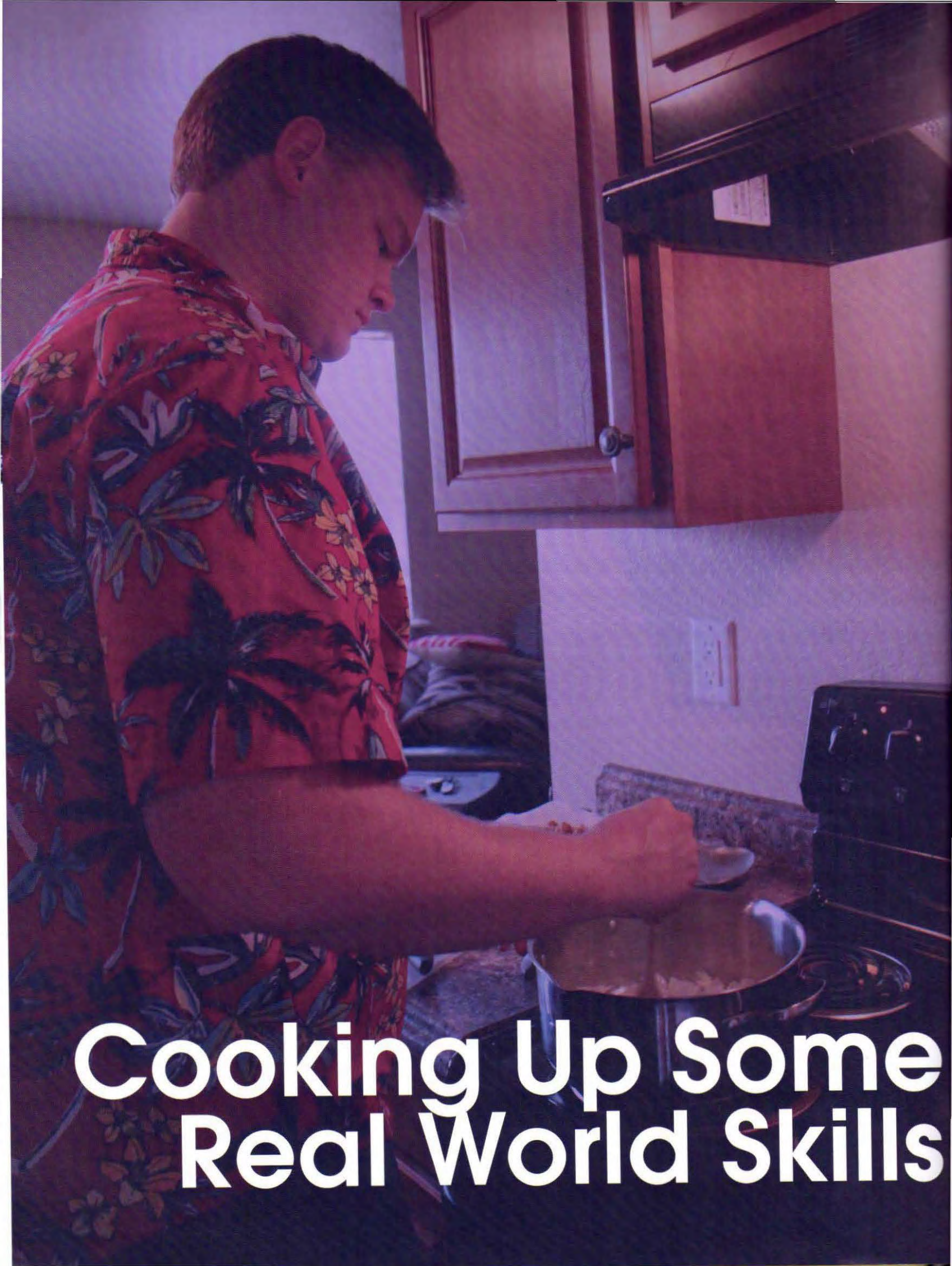
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4 Members of Kappa Chi social club prepare hamburgers and hot dogs in Tiger Alley after the Friday night performance of Tiger Tunes.



**Cooking Up Some
Real World Skills**

was for health reasons. Roommates Nicole Mattson, a senior musical theater major from Rowlett, Texas, and Martin have been 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 tried 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 bread crumbs, 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.

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, Quachita gives the option of the beginning of each semester of whether to purchase a meal plan. I have never really eaten in the cafeteria my entire time at Quachita, so I have not bought a meal plan the past two semesters I have had my apartment. This has saved me a tremendous amount of money. I usually budget around \$100 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 the beginning of the week what you might cook, or you will find everything that looks delicious on the shelf and none of them go together to actually make a meal," Burroughs said.

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

"It is much better than the cafeteria because your food is processed if you cook with fresh or raw ingredients," Burroughs said.

"I love it so much better than the cafeteria because I can have 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 options for their money.

Another reason cooking was a nice privilege for students

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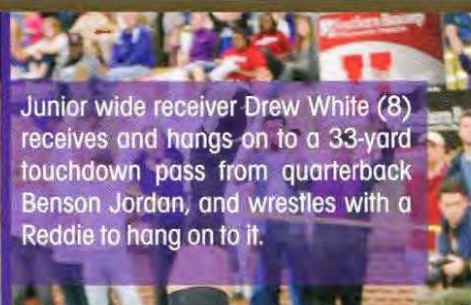
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Sophomore Josh Briggs takes a sledgehammer and smashes in a car at the Kappa Chi car bash event held on the sidewalk on the lawn. Clubs played their part during the week, offering fun events for the student body to participate in, from the Women of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

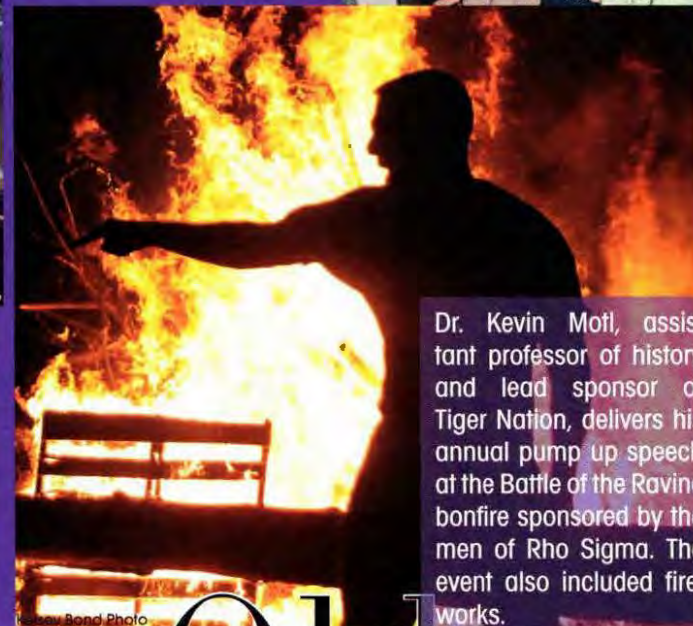
Members of the Women of Tri Chi prepare marshmallows and hot chocolate mix on the lawn as their annual contribution to the events of Battle of the Ravine.



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.



Joshua 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 Shorp, athletic director. "It doesn't matter what sport it is, when you



Kenneth Wood Photo

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.

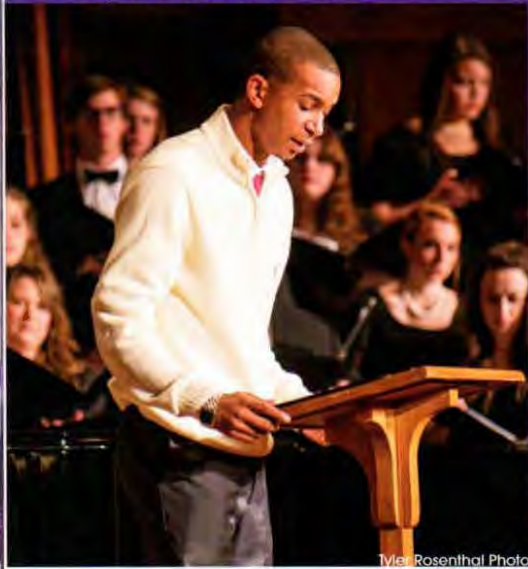
Saturday morning began with a color run hosted by Southern Bancorp that was open to both schools and the community. Participants ran through both campuses and were doused with colored powder.

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.

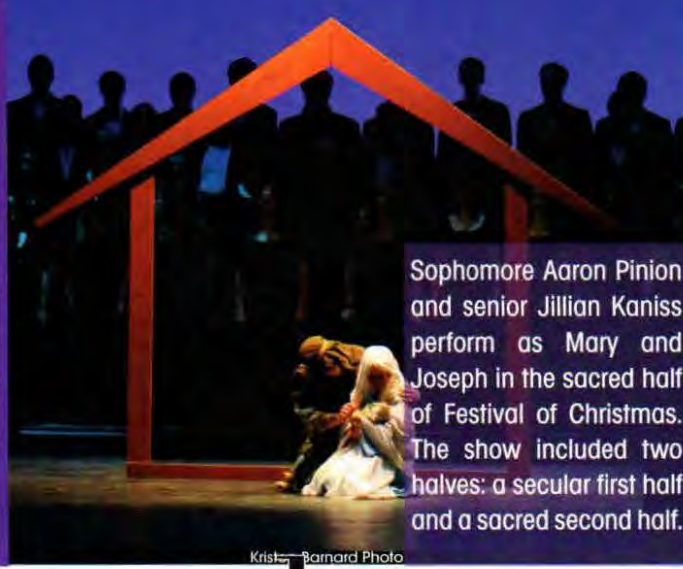
The game ended with both teams combining for 112 points, the most in their 87 meetings. Henderson won 60-52 in triple overtime in what will be remembered as one of the classic Battle of the Ravine games.

by Bekah Hall

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 Ouachitians, 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

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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

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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

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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 choir 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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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."

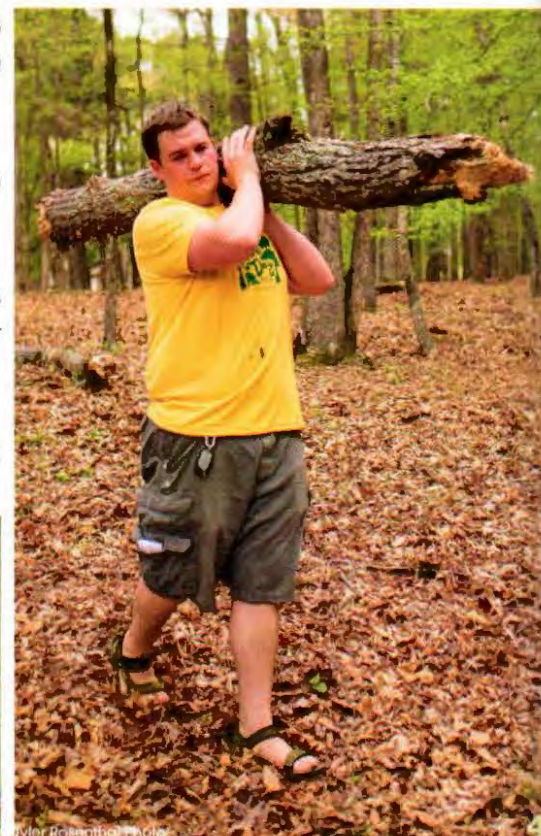
-Kristen Barnard, mass communications major, Hot Springs

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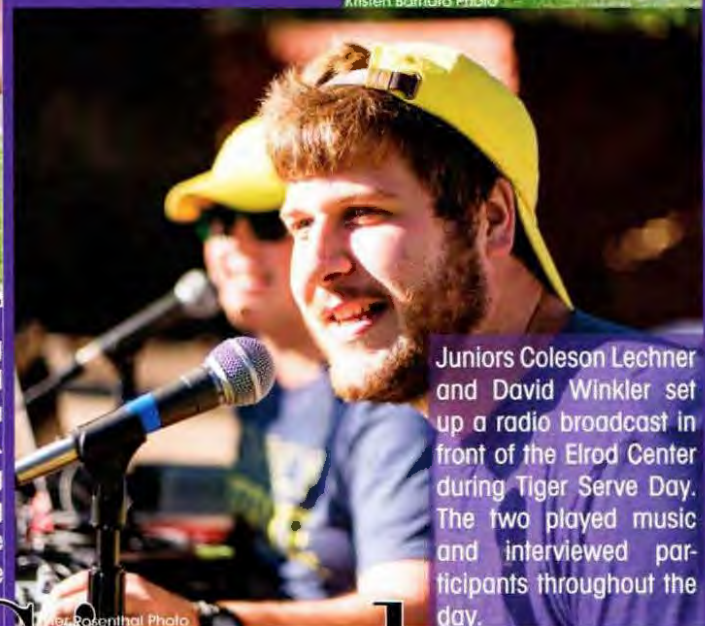
The Tiger Serve Day steering committee poses for a picture. The steering committee was responsible for planning projects and getting everything prepared for the day.



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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 until noon, 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 annual 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 to see at 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 seasons. 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."



Kristen Barnard Photo

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."

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.

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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 copella 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 Justice Wesley Henson

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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 Barnard Photo

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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 Bosenthal Photo

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Seniors Kourtney Chumbley and Kelsi Bodine write each other an encouraging word on chalk boards 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.



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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.



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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 Bernard 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 roces 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.

"Oozeball 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 of 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

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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.



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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 go 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 family 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."

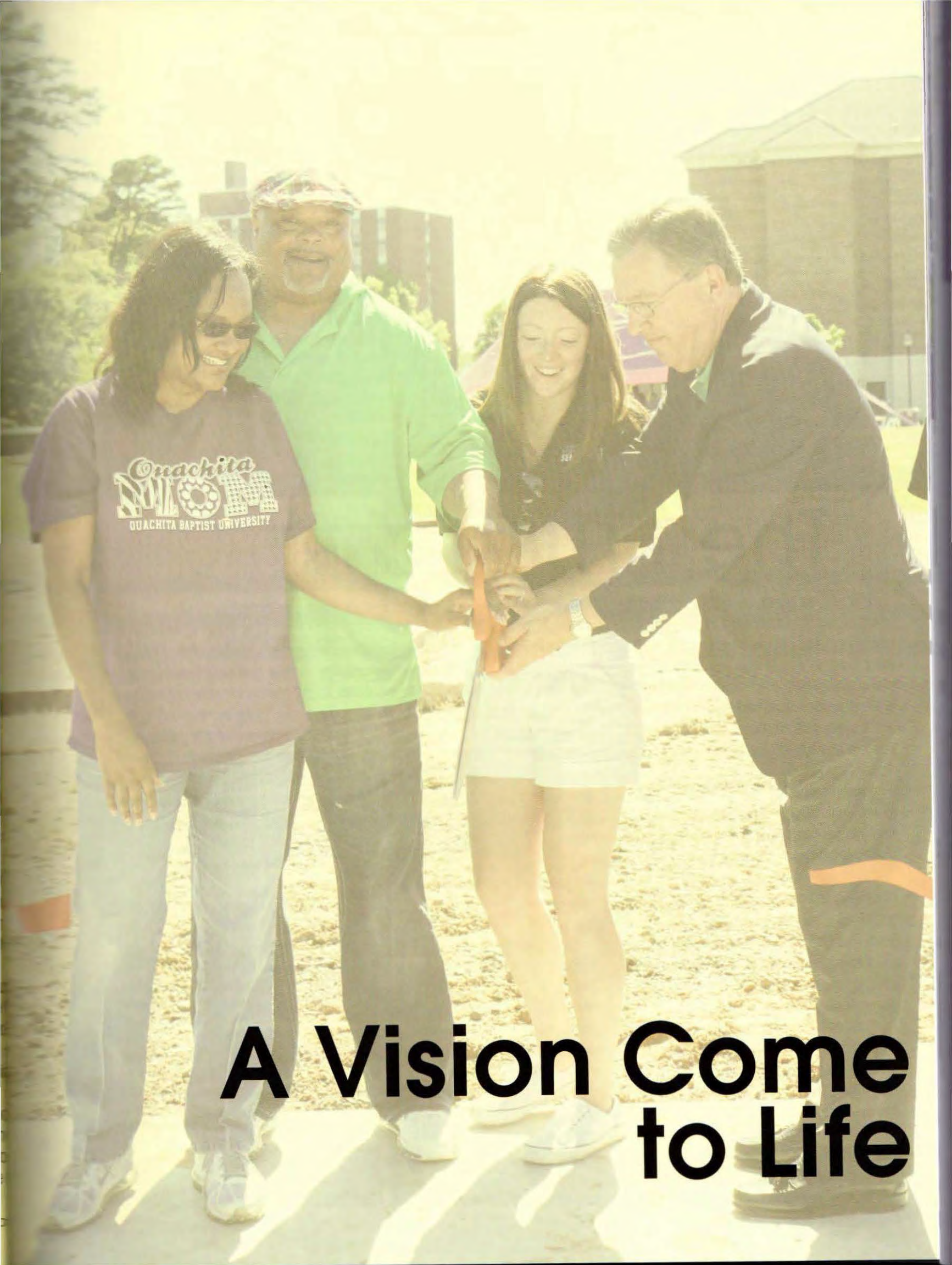
Having the outdoor court allowed students the chance to create friendships and have fun. LJ had this vision in mind when he proposed the idea to Young, and seeing it completed on campus gave students the chance to pay tribute to LJ's legacy.

"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.

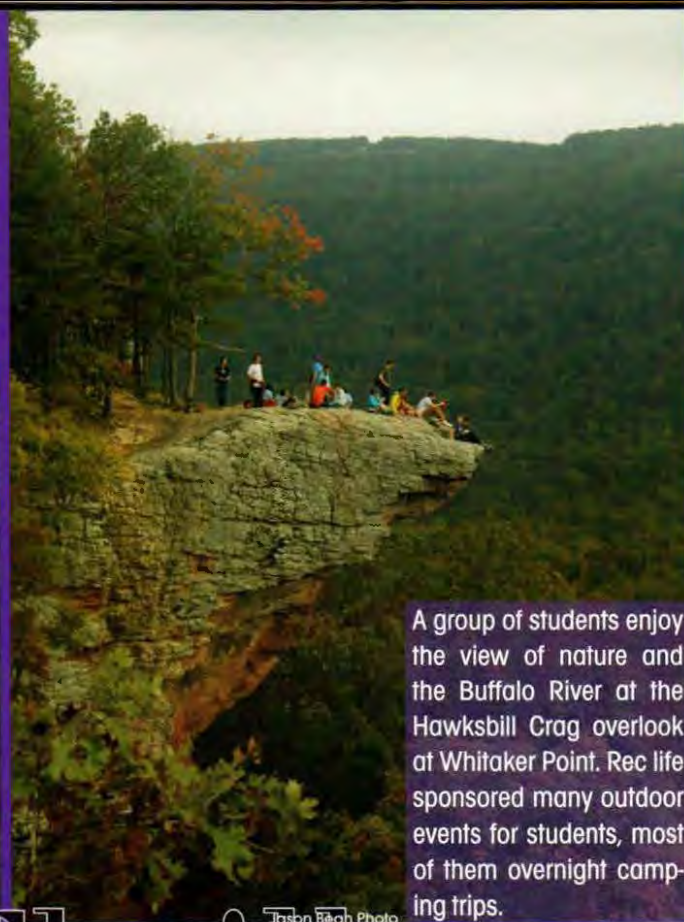
"My hope is that this court will serve the OBU student body in the same way LJ did," Fowler said. "He brought together OBU students from different groups on campus and fostered the types of friendships that we value so much here at Ouachita."

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



Tyler Files Photo

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 expe-

rience 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 of 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 Rawlett, 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 Desota

Top 3 Outdoor Rec Activities

According to senior Tyler Files

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Students pause for a funny group photo at Castle Bluff during Fall Break recreational camp in North Little Rock. The camp provided activities such as hiking, rappelling 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. Rappelling 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

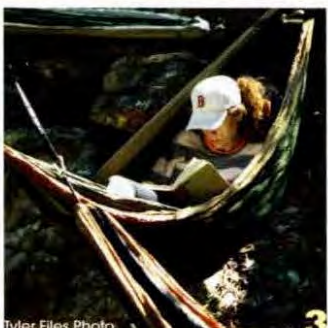


1 Students pose by a waterfall while hiking a trail near the Hiwassee River at the Hiwassee/Ocoee State Park in Eastern Tennessee

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.



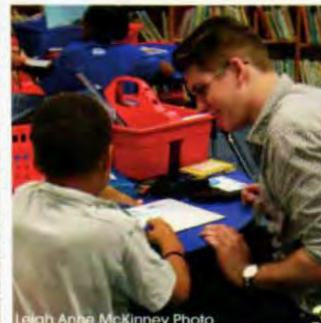
"My time spent working with the Elrod Center has been one of the biggest blessings. Serving others is always time well spent, and I am thankful for the opportunities made available for students to serve."
 -Buck Schroeder, accounting major, Conway

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.



Heather Ellis Photo

Nathan Dickard Photo

Leigh Anne McKinney Photo

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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.



Alexa McInnes Photo

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.

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."



Leigh McKinney Photo

by Jessica Stewart

Seniors Joel Rogier and Caitlin Secrest 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 Secrest, 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 Secrest, 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."

Secrest 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," Secrest said. "We wouldn't be able to do the productions of this magnitude."

by Robert DeSoto



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

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 Burriss perform in the production of the opera "Die Fledermaus."

3 Seniors Caitlin Secrest 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.



Garrett Whitehead Photo

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.



Tyler White Photo

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.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

"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."

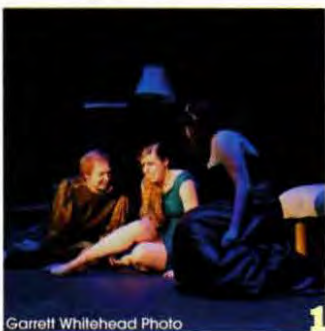
-Katie Vaughn, mass communications major, Hot Springs

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 Drennon 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



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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 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 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.

"I was in the show 'Words, Words, Words' that was directed by Nicole Mattson (a senior musical theatre major from Rawlett, 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 Tora 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 Wolker, 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.



Kristen Bernard Photo



Hazelier Ellis Photo

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.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

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 Bernard 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



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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.



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.



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.



"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



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.



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.

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. Harne. 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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President Rex Horne addresses the graduates during Commencement on the lawn of Cone-Battams 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.

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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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 on Thursday indoors, Saturday morning brought only cloud cover as the Ouachita community gathered for its 127th annual spring commencement on the lawn of Cone-Battams.

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 Holoby. Honorary marshals were Dr. Ouida Keck and Dr. Bob Webster.



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JANUARY

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 IN REVIEW

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.