

# Clubs | Organizations







Groups. It is human nature to group together with people with similar interests and hobbies. Ouachita has no shortage of clubs and organizations for students to get involved with across campus. From pledging a social club to working hard to be invited to Alpha Chi, from pulling all-nighters to finish the campus publications to going on the annual retreat with Campus Ministries, from planning a campus movie night with Campus Activities Board or deciding students' fates at traffic court - all of these things come together to make the **Ouachita State of Mind.**



# CLUBS CONNECT

To a certain point, a person's major defined them. It could, for example, determine who their friends were or what parts of campus they spent the most time in. There's another step up from that, though. There's the person who wanted to spend more than the required amount of time with those who shared the same major. The person who loved their particular field of study enough to give away a bit of their free time to it. The kind of person who would have joined an academic club.

"I've been a part of the club since freshman year," said Kelsey Willis, senior chemistry major from Redfield and president of the campus's chapter of the American Chemistry Society. "I really wanted to have a leadership position so that I could help make the club have a larger impact on Ouachita's campus and in the Arkadelphia community. I love working not only with the other ACS members, but also sharing chemistry with the children at our demonstrations."

Professors and classmates would oftentimes seek out students who weren't yet involved with anything and invite them to join, creating what was described by most academic club participants as a welcoming environment.

"I was encouraged to join ACS as far back as the first week of freshman year by my professors and by a very good friend and ACS member, Jahn Gomez," said Tim Horton, senior chemistry major and American Chemistry Society officer from Arkadelphia. "ACS officers encouraged me to play intramural sports with them and be on the Tiger Serve Day team, which I've done every semester since. They really just reached out with kindness before any other group on campus had."

For the most part, the purpose of most



Senior Barrett Burger of the Physiology Club helps his brother Brock, an athlete of the State Olympic Basketball Tournament and Individual Skills Competition Feb. 6 in SPEC. Over 200 athletes traveled to OBU for the games.

academic clubs was to spread awareness about whatever field of study they represented. The club participants did this by helping out in the community or sponsoring lectures to get the club's name out there and educate the people who attended the events.

"Every Tiger Serve Day we contribute to the food bank in Caddo Valley," said Jeff Sharp, Art Club member and senior graphic design major from Bryant. "It's a great way for us to help out in the community and get our name out there. We'd also do some activities at nursing homes where we'd help the residents make crafts. It's all very rewarding."

The clubs weren't necessarily strictly for majors. According to various club members, anyone who was interested could join an academic club.

"Art Club is for anyone who's interested in art or who wants to help out in the

Arkadelphia community," Sharp said. "It's not necessarily just for majors or minors. It's for anyone who wants to learn, meet people, contribute or who just enjoys art."

At the end of the day though, what kept the members participating in the clubs was their mutual love for the fields of study that the clubs were based around.

"Being an ACS member during the last four years is one of the most memorable and enjoyable experiences I have had in college," Horton said. "I have had a consistent outlet to serve and have had my character developed greatly by the efforts of previous officers. I have also gotten chances to speak with and mentor younger students and hopefully pass on some of the enthusiasm for doing science together that always seems to be on display in members of the ACS."

by Noah Hutchinson



# Club Terminology:

## Art Jam:

A relaxed Art Club get-together once a month for people to hang out, get to know each other and work on different personal art projects outside of class

## OBU Mingle:

The match-making survey in which the Psychology Club charges one dollar to match students with their top three matches based on a series of questions

## Book Reading:

A time when Alpha Chi members vote from a list of books and organize a night of trivia, discussion and door prizes for students and faculty



Senior Megan Scarbrough demonstrates how to make oobleck during National Chemistry Week. The Chemistry Club had a demonstration every day at noon in the middle of campus to celebrate the week.

Members of the Dietetics Club pose after a dinner and lecture Feb. 3 in Walker Conference Center. Guest speaker Joel Salatin was a part of the Nell Mondy Lecture series and presented his lecture, "Folks, This Ain't Normal."



Seniors Ellen Eubonks, Chris Redmon, Melonie Redman and junior Sam Cushman meet in the Bible for a Philosophy Club meeting. The group discussed Richard Dawkins' "The God Delusion."



Seniors Boronger Bieger, Cristo Riggs and Tim Horton demonstrate chalk rockets outside during National Chemistry Week. The club did demonstrations of ice cream in a bag, dry ice bombs and propane bubbles.



Alumnus Greg Brownderville reads his poem at a poetry reading Feb. 24 in Young Auditorium. The reception for the event was sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta.



# Club Terminology:

## Scholars Day:

Students from every academic department showcase their work done over the past year ranging from science research to graphic design exhibits

## Spring Swing:

A collaboration between the Honors Program and Alpha Tau to host a night learning how to swing dance and compete for prizes

## Senior Thesis:

Students work with a thesis committee to plan and conduct a project for academic credit. The research can be for their major or another area of study.

### *Honoring Our Seniors*

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Anna Wakeling  
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Anna English  
Chris Redmon  
Molly Bowman  
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Senior members of the Goodson Honors Program receive their patch during the Black and White Reception. Students who presented the thesis and completed the program received the official patch.

Tyler Rosenthal Photo



Dr. Lori Henning Photo

Dressed in pajamas, senior Crista Riggs sits with children as members of Alpha Chi read to them. Investing in younger generations was one thing the club should do as community service.

Senior Hunter Wolf and sophomore Colleen Rose compete in the swing dance competition during the Spring Swing event March 19. Couples were judged on their "Gatsby" themed attire and dancing skills.



Bethany Arredondo Photo



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Juniors Bailey Chisholm and Dustin Walter enjoyed dinner and book talk at Dr. Horne's home. Members of Alpha Chi frequently meet and had discussions on various types and styles of books and writings.



# An Honoring YEAR

The Carl Goodson Honors Program was established in 1964 to honor academic excellence and spark interest in studies beyond just a year.

"You can be invited before beginning your freshman year based on your ACT score which is a 28 or higher," said community coordinator Madeline Martin, a junior biology education major from Garland, Texas. "After your first semester at school, you can be invited with a GPA of 3.5, and you must maintain that GPA to stay in."

Other requirements for the program include taking honors core courses, seminars, directed study hours and senior thesis hours leading to a final thesis.

"It's great that the program allows overage hours without charge," said academic chair Alex Nelson, a senior business finance major from Frisco, Texas. "Your honors hours are also flexible to fit your schedule each semester."

The program also hosts a fall event to kick off each year.

"It alternates between a city type event where we go see something like a theatre production, and an outdoors retreat," Martin said. "This past semester we went out to the Ebanks' home and did a bunch of water games, camped out and set up a projector to watch 'Star Trek.'"

The organization celebrated its 50th anniversary during the annual Black and White event Feb. 6.

"The main purpose of the event is to announce the recipients of the travel grants that the Honors Council chooses from an application process," Martin said. "We also invited speakers and alumni to the event for the anniversary."

Dr. Tim Goodson, son of Carl Goodson, spoke along with previous honors directors.

"Last year when Dr. Pemberton attended the National Collegiate Honors Council, she noticed lots of schools were being recognized and were excited to celebrate 10 and 25 years of honors programs," Nelson said. "It's so cool to know that we have something that's been going for 50 years and we can really brag about it because we have made it through tough times like low student enrollment and academics."

The program began with eight students and grew to 150. The program was strictly academic but added Alpha Tau to adapt more of a social aspect to the program.

"This is where events like Spring Swing come in. It began about three years ago and is a fundraiser for the honors program," Martin said.

The Goodson Honors Program hosted Scholars Day, colloquiums and seminars. Scholars Day allowed students to present research they had been working on and senior honors students could present their thesis. Colloquiums were held each month and gave members a chance to present what they had been working on in their directed study or thesis research. Seminars

were interdisciplinary and allowed professors to come together to explain topics that weren't normally taught in class.

"Last semester we had a really fun seminar about vampires. Dr. Pemberton and Dr. Viser gave their opinions on the topic and we read 'Dracula,'" Martin said. "It's just a neat time to come together and hear ideas from two different schools of study on all the wall subjects."

Nelson was proud to know he would be graduating with honors and accepted the title that went along with it.

"There is obviously an heir of distinction when you get to walk with all of your classmates across that stage but when you get to walk with a gold stole that everyone can see and everyone knows that you've put in the extra effort," Nelson said. "I think that it is not only recognized by your fellow students and faculty here, but it's very important when your looking at grad school or moving into a competitive field where you need to differentiate yourself from others."

The honors program was an enriching task for growth and curiosity in knowledge outside of classes and majors offered.

"Everyone is a difference maker because they come from Ouachita," Nelson said. "And out of the programs that are so well developed here, the honors program has more than 50 years of experience in turning out students who love to learn more than is asked, and that truly makes us difference makers." by Amber Easterly



# MUSICAL BONDS

For the members of Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota, music was a way to reach out and connect with others. Through their clubs, they had opportunities to take Ouachita outside of the bubble. Because the music clubs were national, members had the opportunity to share their love of music with people everywhere.

"My favorite part about Kappa Kappa Psi is getting to interact with different musicians from all over that love the same things that I do," said Chris Hogan, a senior instrumental music education major from Bartlesville, Okla. "It's really fun to get to hang out with them and make music together."

Hogan was the president of Kappa Kappa Psi for three semesters.

Kappa Kappa Psi was a special honorary music fraternity that specifically provided services to the campus band. Throughout the year, they helped out with snacks, clean ups and equipment. To be a member, the students had to be a part of the band. They also helped Arkadelphia High School clean up their football stadium after the home games as a fundraiser.

"For the Battle of the Ravine, we were able to sing our fraternity song with the Kappa Kappa Psi chapter at Henderson. That was a really cool moment to have with them," said Hogan.

All members of Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota shared similar goals with other students across the country. They were able to focus on their music, bond with those in their future work environment and have brotherhoods and sisterhoods all at the same time.

"This does not die after graduating from Ouachita. This goes on forever. And it is



Junior Hal Hoggard practices in the ping pong Brawl hosted by the Kappa Kappa Psi in Anderson Hall.

also a really good way to network, especially in our profession," said Sigma Alpha Iota's President Victorio Mantaath, a senior vocal performance major from Sherwood. "Sigma Alpha Iota is international. I literally have sisters all over the world, and having connections like that in the music world is something truly special."

Mantaath recalled an audition in Boston in which she ran into some fellow Sigma Alpha Iota's. They instantly had a connection because of their sisterhood. "It's just a bunch of girls with likeminded ways of thinking. It's all about music with us. Most of us are music nerds and it's great."

Sigma Alpha Iota joined together with the student version of National Association of Teachers Singing (SNATS) to reach outside of school and into the community. They created a program to help those in Group Living with special needs. The students

provided music therapy and voice lessons as an outreach to help people express themselves through the love of music.

Phi Mu Alpha also supported fellow musicians on campus. They helped host receptions and banquets after recitals and performances throughout the year. They even promoted an American music recital in which students and faculty performed to display American music and culture. Phi Mu Alpha was also involved in various service projects throughout the community.

"Phi Mu Alpha promotes the brotherhood of men and American music by American composers. A lot of famous American composers, like Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copeland were members of Phi Mu Alpha," said Dr. Gory Gerber, Professor of Music.

by Abbey L...



# Club Terminology:

## Fraternity Song:

A fraternity song is normally sung at special events and at the end of chapter meetings. The song is a symbol of unity among the brotherhood

## Group Living:

A program created to help other students with special needs share the love of music through music therapy and voice lessons

## Serenade:

A more serious type of serenade where the goal is not to be fun and silly. It is important to be on pitch and hit every note correctly



Senior Ashley Bundy, member of Sigma Alpha Iota, performs a song at the Mary Shambarger Competition for Singers Feb. 25 in McBeth Recital Hall. The students in the recital performed arias from opera and oratorio.

Phi Mu Alpha seniors Joel Ragier, Decarl Janes, T.J. Bailey, junior Joshua Wayne and senior sweetheart Caitlin Secrest hang out at a mixer with Sigma Alpha Iota. The clubs celebrated Halloween by watching "Hocus Pocus."



Seniors Elizabeth Lawson and Carter Harlan discuss upcoming events and activities during a Kappa Kappa Psi meeting.



Senior Amy Simon, sophomore Kayla Kreger, junior Victoria Clark and sophomore Esther Weicht, members of Sigma Alpha Iota, serve refreshments after an art show.



President of Sigma Alpha Iota, senior Victoria Mantoath, performs at the Mary Shambarger Competition Feb. 25 in McBeth Recital Hall.



# Club Terminology:

## Sounds:

Membership by audition and interview; fun, energetic show choir with dancing and singing; offered in both fall and spring semesters

## Singers:

Membership by audition and interview; perform on and off campus for choral conventions, schools and churches

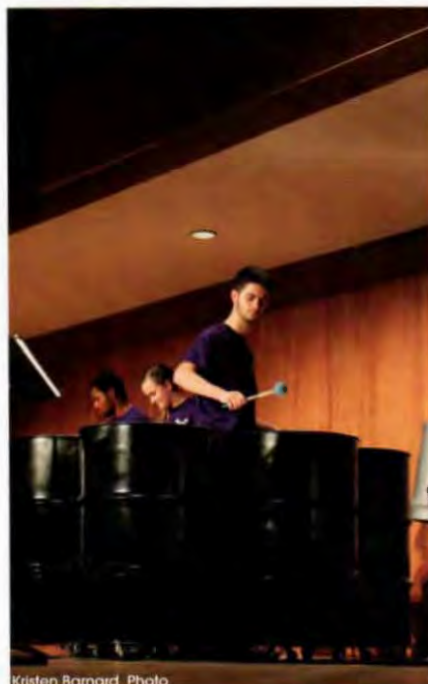
## Concert Choir:

Available for all students in both the fall and spring semesters; performs campus concerts and best known for Festival of Christmas



Grace Finley Photo

Members of the Ouachita Sounds musical ensemble take a bow after their spring concert with the jazz band. The concert took place in Jones Performance Arts Center Feb. 7.



Kristen Barnard Photo

Freshman Aaron Breeding plays the bass drums at the Tiger Steel concert. The group performed for various concerts throughout the school year.

Members of the Woodwind Chamber Ensemble perform during their concert Nov. 12 in McBeth Performance Hall. Dr. Caroline Taylor, professor of music, serves as the director.



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Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Dr. Gary Gerber directs the Ouachita Singers ensemble during its concert Oct. 10. The group released its new album "Sing to Me Heaven," in the fall.



# Collaborating

# SOUND

There wasn't just one musical ensemble on campus, there was a multitude, each catering to different styles and levels of skill. Whether it was the Tiger Singers or the Ouachita Singers, the students involved all acknowledged that they loved every aspect of their ensemble, from the professors in charge to the song selection to the people they sang alongside.

"Sounds is an ensemble of 10 people," said Tyler Rosenthal, a senior mass communications major from Little Rock. "I auditioned when I was a freshman and I've been singing it ever since. We do some worship music with a little contemporary sprinkled in. We'll do a little musical theatre as well, along with some normal show choir stuff. It's kind of like 'Glee', except not sketchy."

The Ouachita Singers provided an opportunity for those who wanted to perform with a large ensemble. "It's amazing. Basically, you go through a pretty competitive audition process to see if you're good enough to get in. We do a lot of hard music. Some Renaissance, some contemporary and some classical, too. It's a lot of sight reading, and it's pretty difficult, but I'm privileged to be a part of it," said Sarah Talley, a senior vocal performance major from Bella Vista.

According to the performers involved, competitive may be putting it lightly when speaking of the audition process.

"When you go in to audition, they'll usually have you do scales and sight read a piece to figure out your range," Talley said. "You usually sing 'God Bless America' just to see what your voice sounds like as well.

Then, they just consider your ability to sight read, how you'll blend with the group and where you are in your musical progression to decide whether or not you make it into the group."

One highlight of the year was the Ouachita Singers' performance at the American Choral Directors Association convention.

Singers weren't the only ones with a competitive audition process. Sounds also had to audition in order to see who would fill what rolls.

"I auditioned as a freshman," Rosenthal said. "In the past they would make you re-audition for your spot in the group, but I was able to just keep my spot over the years. We did have to audition for who got which parts in the songs though."

According to the performers, musical ensembles involved quite a bit of traveling to performances.

"We travel to a lot of churches and schools," Rosenthal said. "The furthest we've ever been while I was here was the Dallas area, but they've been to places like Disney World or on cruise ships in the past."

Aside from a few set events like a spring or fall show, both Sounds and Singers performance schedules were pretty erratic, according to the performers.

"We perform in Chapel, we schedule concerts with other groups like the Women's Chorus and we'll also do things like senior recitals," Talley said. "It just depends on what's going on in the semester."

According to the performers, practices

weren't bad as far as time was concerned, but they always operated in a work intensive environment that might not be fully understood by those who only see the finished product.

"We rehearse Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 1:50," Talley said. "It's not that bad at all. What people need to understand though is that we're working at a ridiculous level of musicianship. I love working with people of this quality. I don't think everyone gets it. I mean, yes everyone can appreciate that it's pretty, but the level of work that goes into it all is unreal, and that's what makes Singers so good."

Musical ensembles also included instrumental groups like the Handbell Ringers, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and the Steel Drum Ensemble.

"I love Jazz Band. It's such a great group of people with such great talents. It's always entertaining yet challenging, and that is why I love it," said Alexandra Lawson, a freshman accounting major from Texarkana, Texas.

Lawson had a solo at the Jazz Band concert in April.

"I'm not sure if it would be a big deal to other people, but it was for me because I've never had a solo," Lawson said.

Being a part of a musical ensemble provided students with a place to challenge themselves and build relationships with fellow musicians.

by Noah Hutchinson





ETA ALPHA OMEGA  
MUGGINS  
2013

**Keeping a  
Tradition Afloat**



**M**uggin', the annual post Tiger Tunes event sponsored by the men of Eta Alpha Omega, was a tradition. It was the cathartic end to the stress, excitement and build up of all the Tiger Tunes preparations. For those who sat in the audience, Muggin' was a way to meet up with their friends who were on stage and catch up and laugh about everything that happened. For the ones on stage, it was a much-needed rest.

However, tradition was broadened as the Etas introduced new elements to the celebration. One change was a new way to serve the traditional root beer.

"It was different this year because we used a soda fountain instead of the bottles," said John Doss, a senior music major from Rogers. "It was especially different as a worker. Before, it was a lot more clean up afterwards because we basically just handed out bottles and then had to pick up all the trash once it was done. This year it took a little longer to set up, but when it was all over there wasn't anywhere near as much to clean up."

Although, according to Eta members, the soda machine did help to streamline things at certain points in the process, there was a problem. Later in the night, the machine stopped working and had to be fixed.

"Alex Nelson handled the machine while everybody else helped set up for the band," said Sam Cushman, a junior mass communications major from Springdale. "We were all impressed with how fast he got it working."

On top of the change in the way the root beer was served, there was also a change in venue this year.

"We usually do it out in front of the Student Center, near Lile Hall," said Jalin Wesley, a junior musical theatre major from Little Rock. "This year we moved it out in front of East Village. It really helped us accommodate all the people who showed up."

Muggin' also experienced a few changes concerning entertainment. Before, there were two different options of music. This time, however, the music was consolidated into one live performance.

"We used to have a DJ and a live performance," Wesley said. "Just in case anyone didn't want to go over and watch the live performance, like if they weren't a fan of that particular genre. This year we just had the live performer, Blain Howard, who sang country music. It was good though; everyone had a great time."

Preparing for Muggin' took quite a bit of time, thought and effort, according to the Etas.

"It was an all day thing," said John Whitmore, a senior music major from Rogers. "We had to set up the stage for the band, get the soda machine into place and a lot of other stuff. I can't even remember it really. I just remember being exhausted."

Although it took the entire club to set up such a large event, a lot of the responsibility fell on the shoulders of the 2013 Eta pledge class when it came to setting everything

up.

"Along with just normal grunt work, our responsibility was to get everyone a mug and make sure that everybody who showed up was having a good time," Cushman said. "We were there to create a good atmosphere, provide friendly faces and just generally be good hosts. It was a weird balance between working and socializing."

Preparations took much longer than the week or so before Tiger Tunes. Funds were raised over the course of the year so that Muggin' could live up to what everyone expected from years past.

"Muggin' shirts were one of our biggest fund raisers," Cushman said. "They went along with our Tiger Tunes theme and everybody loves a t-shirt, so they sold pretty well. We had a competition to see who could sell the most. We also did car washes and other typical fund raiser things, and our pledge dues played a huge part as well."

Due to all the thought and preparation it took to pull everything off, Muggin' was more than just an event for the Etas. It was something they felt like they could be proud of.

"It may have been stressful setting up, but things just got better and better as the night went on," Cushman said. "By the time it was all over, there was a huge sense of accomplishment that came with having gotten through it without any major problems."

One of the things that made Muggin' unique, and one of the things to stay rooted in tradition this year, was the fact that it's one of the events that almost the entire campus attends.

"Being that it's right after Tiger Tunes, pretty much everybody shows up," Wesley said. "The fact that it was right next to East Village this year meant that it was easier for people to just grab a drink and head up to their dorms, but it was still something that most people could come out and enjoy."

Muggin' not only offered a sense of rest and closure for those who participated in Tiger Tunes, but also for the members of Eta Alpha Omega who helped put it on.

"Muggin' was a blast," Whitmore said. "It was really one of the last acts of grunt work that my pledge class got to do. It was like, everything was over and we just got to relax and hand out drinks and drink root beer with everybody. The people who didn't have to work it probably enjoyed it more, but it was still great."

If the promise of free root beer and a live band wasn't enough, the Etas also sold t-shirts and passed out plastic cups printed with their logo.

"It's free, there's root beer and you get to hang out with everyone on campus and listen to music," Whitmore said. "What more could you want? It's one of the best events all year."

by Noah Hutchinson



# CULTURED CAMPUS

**J**ean Eudes Benecya, a sophomore biology major from Rwanda. Michelle Perez, a senior finance and political science major from Venezuela. Kevin Jackson, a junior history major from Central Asia. Although their countries were thousands of miles apart, the three students had many things in common. Each of them chose to begin a journey to further their education outside of their home country.

Many incoming students made the decision to attend a school far away from home. However, a smaller number of students decided to immerse themselves in a totally different culture. The International Club existed to provide a common ground for these students.

The club expected about 30 regular members at each meeting, but welcomed anyone who wanted to learn more about other cultures.

"I am passionate about International Club because it gives me a place to serve," said Perez, president of the International Club. "Especially people who are having trouble adapting to life at Ouachita. It's a way to help students from other countries to get familiar and have a place on campus while they transition to their new life at Ouachita."

The International Club met twice a month to share stories and plan upcoming events. Some students involved in the International Club came from other countries and others were born and raised in the United States, but had a passion for global impact.

Sponsored by the Daniel and Betty Jo Grant Center for International Education, the International Club had many opportunities to explore beyond campus. During fall break, the International Club traveled to New Orleans. Students used their time in



General Manager of Dr. Coffee and senior Justin hands out samples of coffee at the International Food Festival in Walker Conference Center. The Food Festival gave international students a chance to share from their home countries.

New Orleans to learn more about American culture, as well as spend time getting to know each other. They stopped in Monroe on the way to New Orleans to visit Duck Commander, the infamous Robertson warehouse where duck calls are made and the focus for the TV show, "Duck Dynasty."

"For most of us it (New Orleans) felt like being in a different country because the architecture, people and food is so different from Arkadelphia," said Jacob Moreno, sophomore dietetics and nutrition major from Mexico City, Mexico. "My favorite part was walking through the streets of the French Square that are named after royalty."

The International Club also made it a point to visit cities surrounding Arkadelphia such as Little Rock and Hot Springs as a club as often as they could.

The International Club invited the campus to experience the club's many

cultures. Over 500 people attended the annual International Food Festival. The Food Festival drew students and faculty together in Walker Conference Center to eat foods from various countries.

Kirstin Changose, a senior accounting major from Little Rock, chose to participate to not only represent her Filipino culture, but also to experience it in a different way.

"You are able to learn about people from so many different places," Changose said. "I feel like the Food Festival is one of the best ways to really connect with international students. You get to cook with them and understand different things about their culture."

Beyond the events, meetings and outings, the International Club provided an opportunity for other students to learn about the diverse cultures represented on campus.

by Tori Abe



# Club Terminology:

## Karaoke Night:

Students set up for a fun night of singing at the Elrod Center. CAB lends the set up and speakers. It's a time for fellowship, food and singing for everyone

## Jet Lag:

Sleepiness acquired when travelling across several time zones. Jet lag may take several days to recover and students normally have to take time to adjust

## Movie Night:

Movie Night is for any student on campus to watch a movie from a different country with subtitles and learn about the different cultures represented



Senior Sarah Cate serves an Indian dish called kichree at the International Food Festival Feb. 18. Cate dressed to fit the Indian theme with a kurta and pashmina.

International students enjoy the American tradition of Thanksgiving Nov. 18 at First Baptist Church. Both OBU and Henderson State University students gathered for the meal. Students learned the story behind Thanksgiving and shared traditions of similar holidays from their home country.



Playing native Latino music, sophomore Jacob Moreno provides entertainment with fellow students at the International Food Festival. The group sang a song titled "Quiero Que Me Quieras."



Junior Coleson Lechner represents Mozambique by serving Mozambique Chicken. The dish was chicken in a gravy made with chicken broth, flour and vinegar.



Senior Michelle Perez poses with her new date, sophomore Jean Eudes Benecyo, after the International Club's date auction.



# Club Terminology:

## Dr. Jack's:

Coffeeshop located in Evans Students Center in which all proceeds help support an orphanage in Honduras

## Mobile Pack:

Project that Enactus worked with Rosa's Mexican Kitchen to raise \$22,000 to pack over 100,000 nonperishable meals

## Boys & Girls Club:

Local organization Enactus partnered with to help children set up hot chocolate, lemonade and snow cone stands



Kristen Barnard Photo

Members of the Enactus presentation team hold their award at the national competition in Cincinnati, Ohio. The group placed their highest with second in the quarterfinals.



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Senior Justin Young unloads boxes of Dr. Jack's coffee for the shop in Evans Student Center. Young helped create and execute the idea for the coffeeshop which supports an orphanage in Honduras.

Members of the Enactus club meet to discuss future plans and positions within the club. The group meets on Thursday evenings to plan new ideas for the projects they worked to present at the national level.



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Bryan McKinney, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business and sponsor of Enactus, works with students to make up nonperishable meals for the mobile pack project. Volunteers packed over 100,000 meals as they partnered with Rosa's Mexican Kitchen to make the meals.



# Changing

# LIVES

Enactus was a community of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a more sustainable world. This was the motto for teams across the nation. The Enactus team was created to give business students and other students from various majors a chance to empower people on campus, in the community and around the world with entrepreneurial projects and actions.

"I joined Enactus because I wanted to be involved in a service organization, and the Enactus team was a great outlet that was also a great way to use my business skills," said Alexandra Lawson, a freshman accounting major from Texarkana.

The team worked on projects throughout the year to compile a 17 minute presentation for the national competition held in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 1-3.

"The presentation team is made up of six Enactus members," said President Brittney Jones, a senior finance major from Texarkana. "They memorized a script and had to practice every night leading up to the competition. They must finish the presentation on time and the judges are allowed five minutes to ask questions."

The three projects Enactus presented at nationals were very well known around campus. The team presented to show growth and numbers for a sustainable project. The projects were the Boys and Girls

Club, Dr. Jack's coffee and the Mobile Pack project with Rasa's Mexican Kitchen.

"We had a sponsorship from Enterprise for the Boys and Girls Club this year to help with the hot chocolate and lemonade stands you sometimes see on campus. We received a grant to build them a permanent stand so we are working on a snow cone stand for the summer," Jones said. "We also presented how we raised \$22,000 in six months for the Mobile Pack Project and how we packed over 100,000 meals as a school. Then, we spoke about Dr. Jack's and how we fundraise to support the orphanage in Honduras."

Enactus placed in the best spot they have in all of their years competing. The team made the cut for the first round of competition and placed second in the quarterfinals.

"We placed one place better than last year, and we know that as we continue to work on our projects they will grow to be even better," said Kristen Bornard, a senior mass communications major from Hot Springs. "Most of our projects are fairly new within the past two years, so as they develop we know we will be able to advance further in competition because we have such sustainable, outstanding numbers and projects."

The opening round of competition included over 200 schools from around the country split into 23 leagues of nine with the top six from each league advancing to the next day's round. Teams were then cut to 20

leagues of nine for the quarterfinals where the OBU Enactus team placed second in its league. The judges judged on the execution of the presentation, video, the types of projects presented and the numbers the projects created.

"It's all presented in a catchy way," Bornard said. "We put it to a video with words that were in sync with what the presentation team was saying. It was really creative and fun."

Lawson competed in the national competition with Enactus for the first time as a freshman on the presentation team.

"It was a little strange competing as a freshman. I came in barely knowing most of the people or what to expect of the competition," Lawson said. "It was so fun but a lot of work. Our work didn't seem like much but it was time consuming memorizing the presentation script and practicing for an hour and half Monday through Thursday each night."

She hoped to take away skills for her future as member of the Enactus team.

"I want to become a project leader and really be a major role in the organization," Lawson said. "I want to make sure our group expands and becomes a bigger component on campus. It does so many good things for people around the world that I want to encourage more and more people to become involved."

by Amber Easterly



# SERVING STUDENTS

**O**uachita Student Foundation (OSF), was not only a student-run organization but was a student-run organization designed specifically to give back to current students. OSF had four committees that help make OSF a successful organization on campus. "Students Helping Students" was their slogan and that was exactly what the 86 members were driven to do.

"OSF's main mission is to provide funds for student scholarships to assist students who need aid in continuing their Ouachita experience. There is no other student-run organization that gives back to current OBU students more than the Ouachita Student Foundation," said Kirby Von Edwins, senior biology major from Little Rock and president of OSF.

Meg Hart, senior accounting major from Little Rock, was co-leader of the student recruitment committee.

"The cool thing about our committee is that we oftentimes get to be the first people to tell a high school student about OBU, and then just a few months later we see those same kids on campus as freshmen. It's awesome to know that you influenced someone in such a big way," Hart said.

There were many events on campus that OSF sponsored each semester that were major building blocks for not only scholarships but also events that students looked forward to every semester. The most well-known events were Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks. The events created two opportunities for students to not only come together and do something fun and unique on campus, but also ways to serve their peers. Instead of just asking students for money, OSF created these campus wide events to get students involved and connected while raising scholarship money.

Hannah Bushey, a senior early child-



As chair of the student recruitment committee, senior Meg Hart talks with applicants before their interviews. To become a part of the organization, students must fill out an application and have an interview with members.

hood education major from Stuttgart, participated in Tiger Tunes every year as a student.

"My favorite memories have been participating in Tiger Tunes. What makes it even better is that it's not just something fun to do with your friends. It's much more. It's a chance to do something bigger than yourself. All the hard work put in for Tiger Tunes is worth it in the end because of the difference it's making in the students' lives. Seeing how such a large number of students can come together and participate in something like Tiger Tunes voluntarily is unbelievable and definitely unique to Ouachita," Bushey said.

Craig Martin, a junior graphic design major from Harare, Zimbabwe, was an example of the benefits of an OSF scholarship. Martin and his parents had faith that God would provide a way for him to attend OBU. Once he was awarded an OSF schal-

arship, Martin said he was "extremely grateful and moved by the fact it was made possible by the selfless efforts of fellow students."

Because of the impact OSF had on his education, he decided to join OSF to help make a difference in other students' lives. His education was made possible by the efforts of OSF, but the scholarship also gave him the desire to get more involved on campus and serve in whatever way he could so that another student could be afforded the same opportunity.

"I found OSF to be one of the most rewarding experiences available at Ouachita. Not only is there a significant amount of campus involvement with Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks, but an amazing opportunity to serve my peers; finding both in one organization is difficult," said Von Edwins.

by Molly Anne Turner



# Club Terminology:

## OSF:

Ouachita Student Foundation; students helping students to build the OBU community with student recruitment, special events, fundraising and communications

## Tiger Traks:

Competition among students held each spring to help raise money for students who need aid to continue their Ouachita experience

## Tiger Tunes:

Fundraising effort held each fall where social clubs, CAB and CM compete in performing different themed shows to fund student scholarships



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Two teams compete in a mud volleyball game during Tiger Traks April 26. Teams competed in various outdoor and indoor activities during the campus-wide event hosted by OSF.

Members of the Ouachita Student Foundation help with the silent auction held in Walker Conference Center during Homecoming and Tiger Tunes festivities. Proceeds from the auction went to scholarships for students.

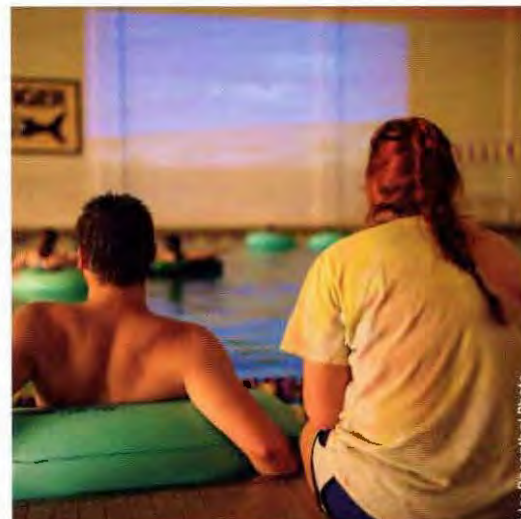


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Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Members of the winning Tiger Traks team receive their award during the closing ceremonies held in the amphitheatre. "Moving Violations" won overall in the events held for the competition.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Students float and watch "Jaws" in the swimming pool of SPEC. After the first night of Tiger Traks, OSF celebrated the 40th anniversary of students helping students with coke and a movie.



Kelley Bond Photo

Members of the Ouachita Student Foundation meet to discuss upcoming plans for the club. Various committees met to plan events



# Club Terminology:

## Homecoming:

A time where friends, students, faculty, staff and alumni come back to campus for activities, football and Tiger Tunes

## Miss OBU:

Pageant supported by Senate held to allow women on campus interested in representing OBU in the Miss Arkansas pageant to compete for the title

## Academic Awards:

Banquet sponsored by Senate recognizing student achievements in all departments of study



Molly Frost Photo

Senior Ryan Strebeck and sophomore Bethany Arredondo, members of Student Senate, help delegate traffic court. Senate held traffic court every other Wednesday in the Senate offices in Evans Student Center.



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Senior Hannah Bushey performs her own OBU version of Miley Cyrus' "We Can't Stop" for Tiger Jam. Bushey won the competition, which was hosted by Student Senate.

Students eat Tiger Tunes Birthday Cakes in Evans Student Center after dress rehearsal Oct. 10. Student Senate provided cakes with each Tunes show theme.



Eran Jennings Photo



Heather Ellis Photo

Members of Student Senate meet in the Evans boardroom to discuss upcoming student life events on campus, led by president Lindsey Fowler. Senate worked to listen to what students wanted and provide a bridge between the student body and administration.



# Helping

# HANDS

A place to serve. A place to be involved. An organization to enable the voice of the entire campus to be heard. Student Senate was an organization led by students who met and discussed ideas to improve events and campus life to appeal and fit the needs of every student on campus.

"I decided to join Senate because I saw a lot of issues on campus, and I wanted to be a part of resolving that. When I joined Senate, I discovered how much support we give to the student body to make Ouachita traditions happen," said junior class treasurer Allison Smith, a psychology major from Jonesboro. "Without Senate, I wouldn't have understood the time, organization and preparation required to keep the student voices heard."

With over 30 members, Senate strived to create an atmosphere on campus that was new, energetic and compelling to everyone. One event Senate sponsored was personal to many on campus.

"I am especially proud of the way our Student Senate team worked diligently to bring all of campus together to support the fundraising efforts for the LJ Brooks Memorial Basketball Court," said Student Senate president Lindsey Fowler, a senior political science major from Arkadelphia. "Such an accomplishment was achieved through partnerships with many organizations, donors and members of the Ouachita community, and I'm thankful for the way the members of Senate worked to coordi-

nate and encourage all of these individuals and groups in order to reach the fundraising goal."

The group sponsored and helped supply needs for over 15 events for the student body.

"One of my favorite parts of being Senate president was hosting the Tiger Tunes Birthday Party after Tiger Tunes dress rehearsal," Fowler said. "Homecoming week is a busy one at Ouachita and it can be all too easy to get caught up in the hectic atmosphere and forget to really have fun and enjoy it. It was a fun moment in the middle of a crazy week for everyone to spend time together celebrating the history of one of Ouachita's most exciting traditions."

The event was held in Evans Student Center and involved birthday cakes designed to match the theme of each Tiger Tunes show and hours of old Tunes shows aired for everyone to watch from YouTube. Senate members from various Tunes shows served the cakes.

Keeping around classic traditions and representing the student body was one reason sophomore class president Josh Rubin, a biology major from Dallas, Texas, decided to run for a Senate position.

"I chose to join Senate because I wanted to be a part of an organization that would take in any input from students to help make Ouachita a great experience for everyone," Rubin said. "My favorite part about Senate has been getting to help plan the Guard the Tiger night for my class these past two years

and staying up all night with my classmates to be a part of this great tradition."

Leadership and work ethic were two things Fowler appreciated about the Senate group.

"Senate has accomplished quite a lot this year. I am proud of the way each member really stepped up and volunteered their time and energy to all of the events we were a part of on campus," Fowler said. "Each person continually exhibited leadership qualities and a servant-hearted work ethic that I think is a very unique quality of Ouachita students."

Various Homecoming events, Battle of the Rovine, Battle Bash Color Dash 5K, Miss OBU, Parents Weekend, Academic Awards Banquet, Tiger Football Tailgates, LJ Brooks Memorial Fundraising, Traffic Court, Tiger for Life Campaign, Tiger Idol, Donor Appreciation Day, Senior Banquet, Gridiron Girls, Freshman Family Group Mixer and the John Mark McMillan Concert were events sponsored and supported by Senate.

"The most memorable event I've experienced with Senate is decorating the bridge with balloons on the day of Homecoming. Everyone is delirious because it's about 5 a.m., but we all come together and pitch in even in the midst of Tiger Tunes and all the other Homecoming events," Smith said. "For me, it just reminds me that Senate is here to make a difference, even in the smallest ways."

*by Amber Easterly*



# SERVING CAMPUS

Students swarmed into Walker Conference Center, most in their pajamas and clutching pillows and blankets to their chests. The projector started up without a hitch and some semblance of silence was maintained for the next hour and a half. It was all thanks to the students of the Campus Activities Board.

"CAB is an awesome opportunity to serve Ouachita by putting together activities that enhance student involvement and integration," said Wesley Henson, a sophomore sociology major from Little Rock. "Everyone loves music, movies and fun events on campus, so we typically get a really diverse crowd. I love that it brings everyone together."

There were staple CAB events around campus, like the movie nights, but the CAB members were always thinking up new ideas to keep students entertained around campus. One new event was the Glow Run.

"Since it was our first year, we didn't know what to expect. Friday night when there were over 150 runners waiting at the starting line, we could not have been more excited," said Shelby Davis, junior biology major from White Oak, Texas and co-chair of CAB. "Everyone seemed to have fun with the glow party at the end of the race. It was a great way to raise money for P.A.T.H. and we are extremely appreciative of everyone who came out to support."

CAB members met weekly to create and plan events, but ideas from students not involved with CAB were always welcome.

"One of our newer events, Saturday morning cartoons, wasn't my idea," Henson said. "A student sent me an email with a list of ideas. She suggested watching cartoons on Saturday morning and we ran with the idea."

Students involved with CAB said it gave



Junior Chloe Huff participates in chalk art on the tables in Jack's at a CAB Coffeehouse night in Evans Student Center. Coffeehouse nights include entertainment from food, singing, chalk art on tables and friendship with friends.

them experience in creative problem solving, event planning and working as a team.

"I'd really like to plan more events," Henson said. "It's hard because it takes a lot of creativity and others have to approve your idea before it can go anywhere. If you like event planning, CAB is unquestionably the place for you. There are so many opportunities to learn. You just have to vocalize your opinions and follow through."

CAB also offered a community and team atmosphere within the organization.

"Brandon Sanders (co-chair and a senior sociology major from Franklin, Texas) and I meet every week and discuss what the events are going to look like. Then we relay all that back to the CAB members to help us execute it. Then the members are there to actually get everything set up and put the event on," Davis said.

CAB was generally an easy going organization, giving just enough work to keep

things interesting but just little enough that it was still fun.

"CAB doesn't require a ton of work," Davis said. "It's fun getting to put events on for the campus and seeing all the students come out and enjoy it. It's pretty simple, and we rarely run into any curveballs outside of the planning stage. The worst that's happened is along the lines of running out of pancake mix."

Members said that aside from the rewarding feeling that came with seeing students enjoy the fruits of their labor, CAB was an enjoyable experience just because of the people they got to be around.

"CAB has been a great way to get to know people of all classifications," Davis said. "You get to meet people outside of your major and normal social groups. It's easy going, you don't have to work every event and it's a great way to serve the campus." *by Noah Hutchins*



# Club Terminology:

## Glow Run:

A 5K which took place at night with glow sticks and glow paint and was established to support P.A.T.H., which is Partners Against Trafficking Humans

## Coffeehouse:

Originally established for those not in a social clubs or on-campus activities. It was a chance to relax with friends and hear live music from students on campus

## Karaoke Night:

A special edition of Coffeehouse with live music and songs from students on campus. Prizes were given out for most talented, most entertaining and people's choice.



Grace Finley Photo

Enjoying CAB's Saturday morning Cartoons and Pancakes March 8, sophomore Taylor Black makes a pancake. Students relaxed and watched cartoons played on the projector screen in Dr. Jack's.

Sisters and singing partners sophomore Lauren Scorbrough and senior Megon Scorbrough perform during a CAB Coffeehouse night. Lauren accompanied some of their performances with the ukulele.



Heather Ellis Photo



Kelley Bond Photo

Freshmen Emma Riley, Lauren Hutcheson and senior Ashley Randels perform during Karaoke Night Feb. 5 in Dr. Jack's. The trio song Beyoncé's "Single Ladies."



Kelley Bond Photo

Freshmen Krystian Rhades and Aaden Jones perform during Karaoke Night Feb. 5 in Evans Student Center. The duo performed "Proud Mary" by Tina Turner and "If I Ain't Got You" by Alicia Keys.



Wendy White Photo

Students begin the Glow Run at the intramural fields April 5 by throwing colored powder in the air to cover themselves. The 5k was partnered with P.A.T.H.



# Club Terminology:

## T-shirt Swap:

Students brought in gently worn t-shirts to be sold for \$1 to help support mission trips for the spring and summer

## Variety Show:

Students showcased their various talents to fundraise and support students participating in mission trips

## Pancake Palooza:

A pancake breakfast held in Evans Student Center for all students Jan. 18 hosted by CM volunteers



Tyler Rosenthal Photo

Ken Ken and the Ribbons perform during the Variety Show March 4 in Jones Performing Arts Center. The show was a fundraiser to support various mission trips.



Heather Ellis Photo

Senior Jared Carlin speaks during a Refuge session at Jones Performing Arts Center. Refuge was normally held each Thursday at Second Baptist Church.

Junior Treslyn Shipley worships during Veritas. Veritas was a women's Bible study held on Monday nights. Various influential women from campus spoke and led the studies.



Kelsey Bond Photo



Kristen Barnard Photo

Members of the Refuge band lead worship in the circle during GROW weekend Oct. 10 and 11. The band was led by senior Josh Fauber. The group led worship each Thursday evening for Refuge and other various events on campus.



# Campus Wide VARIETY

Ribbons flying, beats dropping and legs kicking was the scene in early March during the Campus Ministries variety show. Students who participated had the chance to showcase their talent in front of the student body and help students raise money for the South Africa mission trip sponsored by Campus Ministries.

"As the CM Missions leader for this year, I've been looking for a way to increase missions awareness at OBU and also help our South Africa team raise some money," said Meg Hort, a senior accounting and Russian major from Little Rock. "James Taylor (director of Campus Ministries) approached me with the idea, and I coordinated with our CM special events leaders to make it a reality."

Students received an email in the middle of February to sign up in the Campus Ministries office for times to audition in Berry Chapel. Once the line-up was chosen after auditions, the show was held in Jones Performing Arts Center. The students who came to the event raised \$300 to go toward the trip.

"We have an overwhelming amount of talent on campus so we knew a variety show was a great option to showcase some of the talent of Ouachita students," said special event leader Jessica Stewart, a senior Christian media/communications and mass communications major from Mansfield, Texas. "The show came together

so perfect, and had a great variety of talents. There was singing, ribbon dancing, martial arts and guitar solos."

Because the school hosts so many events throughout the year, it is always a challenge to find space on the calendar for a new event. Since the team was able to find a day to host the variety show, they decided to bring back the event in order to help fundraise.

"(The variety show) is a really fun way to raise money for missions and allow students to showcase some of their talents," Taylor said. "It was always a great event, we just didn't always have a good spot on OBU's calendar for it. We were able to find a night that worked, so we thought we'd try it again."

To get the word out about the event, the team sent emails and made promotional materials to hang up around campus. They also utilized social media to get students to remind their peers about the event.

"Besides the signs and social media spotlights, we depended on word of mouth and faithful friends to come support," said special events leader Treslyn Shipley, a sophomore studio art major from Arlington, Texas. "The first step in planning the event was to gather all of our details and begin auditions for our participants. Once we settled on the show order, everything else fell into place pretty quickly."

The variety show had been an event in the past, but the team decided to bring it back this year to help the South Africa mission team.

"The greatest reward was seeing the campus do such a great job of supporting the event," Hart said. "We had a great response, and hopefully this can become an annual event."

The Campus Ministries office had other avenues in which they helped raise money for mission trips. Parents could buy Tiger Treats, or goodie bags, at the end of each semester for students during finals week. Also, the \$1 T-shirt swap helped raise money for spring break trips. However, the most effective fundraising was through support letters sent out by students.

"The main fundraising we help with is by providing letters, envelopes and brochures for team members to mail to their families, friends and churches," Taylor said.

While CM sponsored other major events and ministries throughout the year such as, Barn Bash, concerts in the fall and Christian Focus Week Big Brother/Big Sister, Freshman Family Group and Refuge, the CM Variety Show was definitely a top event among the students. Not only did it provide a fun night full of laughter and friends, but it also provided essential funds to help students minister over seas.

by Mauri Sparks



# PUBLIC VOICES

**A**s a campus full of traditions, finding the perfect angle for each story required digging and investigating. Each student assigned to report a story on campus was challenged to find the stories within stories that would get readers intrigued and coming back for more. The publications staffs realized that their stories were their thumbprint on campus's history.

Investigating to find the stories within stories sometimes meant researching past publications to find something that had never been done before. During the fall semester, Tanner Ward, a senior business major from Bryant, led the Signal staff. After Ward graduated in December, Emily Terry, a junior mass communications major from Bryant, took over for the spring semester. The staff strove to set the weekly newspaper apart by incorporating both the old and the new. Terry added a section of the newspaper titled "Guess Who?" The Guess Who section featured the old yearbook photos of campus employees.

Ward made the Signal unique by featuring stories of alumni who met at Ouachita and ended up working at Ouachita. In addition, Ward incorporated a QR code on the front page to drive traffic to the Online Signal and increase readership. The staff recognized the need to have a strong traditional paper as well as provide a trusted and updated online resource for news.

The Online Signal was advised by Tiffany Eurich, instructor of communications. Eurich was able to enhance the Online Signal by being more involved through social media. The Online Signal was redesigned in the fall semester to be more compliant with social media options.

Rachel Gilmer, a senior mass communications and mathematics major served as the video editor for the Online Signal and



THV anchor Craig O'Neill views Dr. Jeff Root during Gary and Matt Turner TV Show dedication April 3. The dedication was featured during the and evening news broadcasts Channel 11.

focused on adding videos to the website to drive traffic to the page.

Each student in the communications department was required to be a part of a publications staff through practicum. Practicum challenged all mass communications majors to see the process of at least two different publications.

"In order to be an staff you must have the dedication and focus that it takes to produce quality publications up to the normal standards of Ouachita. The reason that so many of our editors and practicum work long hours in the newsroom is because we want our publications to be professional and done correctly," said Ouachitanian managing editor Mauri Sparks, a senior mass communications and Christian studies major from Queen City, Texas.

The Rundown staff filmed a sports show every Thursday and played it after coffee-house on Friday afternoons. Ben Cline, a

mass communications and speech communications major from Little Rock, was one of the first members of the staff.

"The Rundown is unique because it is run entirely by students. When we are filming it is a fun environment, but everyone still works hard to make sure the show is a success," Cline said.

Chelseo Byers, a senior mass communication major from Greenville, Texas, was the producer of The Rundown. During the spring semester, the Arkansas College Media Association acknowledged Byers as producer of the year.

The student publications and productions won 51 awards at ACMA. The Signal and Ouachitanian were both named Gold Medalists by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, and the yearbook was also named All American by Associated Collegiate Press.

by *Tori Abella*



# Club Terminology:

## Deadline:

A busy time in the Newsroom getting stories and captions written and photos taken on time in order to meet the publication date

## Gold Circle:

Award given by Columbia Scholastic Press Association to both the Signal and Ouachitonian staffs recognizing superior online and print media work

## B-Roll:

Supplemental or alternative footage mixed within the main shot of an interview or news story package



Signal editor-in-chief junior Emily Terry and assistant sports editor sophomore Dixon Lond plan the paper on the whiteboard of the Newsroom. The Signal was a weekly publication that came out each Thursday.

Student workers from the news bureau work to complete news stories. The news bureau produced news releases and stories for publications, the website and the "Ouachita Circle" alumni magazine.



Photo editor senior Kristen Barnard works to complete a deadline organizing photos for the different publication staffs. Barnard and the rest of the photo staff took pictures of all campus events.



Ouachitonian freshman Robert Desoto and seniors Jake Coffman and Ben Cline place pictures and write captions to complete a deadline. The staff worked to complete the book before summer.



Junior Tyler Davis and freshman Caleb Terry shoot a sports segment for The Rundown. The Rundown was produced weekly for the student body.



Students and faculty proved their heart for service not by volunteering and supporting organizations on campus, but by getting off campus and lending a helping hand to the community of Arkadelphia. These volunteers not only were extra hands that the community needed but also served as a light to those who were in need of encouragement and love.

One of those opportunities was the Pregnancy Resource Center for Southwest Arkansas (PRCSA). The Pregnancy Resource Center reopened and had been growing ever since then thanks to many volunteers. There were faculty involved in helping the resource center get started which included Tiffany Eurich, instructor of communications, Ferris Williams, assistant professor of visual arts and Chris Brune, assistant professor of finance.

"I joined the Pregnancy Resource Center Board of Directors in 2011, as the Director of Marketing. I was able to participate in the early planning stages, all the way through opening the doors at the center," Eurich said.

As the Marketing Director, Eurich was able to help design their logo, create a brand identity for the center and lead them in their marketing strategy. The countless hours spent by Eurich and the other volunteers helped to get the PRCSA on its feet by August of 2013.

"One of the most challenging aspects of working with a non-profit organization is getting it off the ground, generating interest, securing volunteers and raising the necessary funds. It's been amazing to see the support across the community, but especially from the students at Ouachita," Eurich said.

Not only did faculty on campus get involved in the building and formation of the PRCSA but also various groups on campus. ENACTUS, a service oriented organization on campus, had partnered with the PRCSA since its beginning.

"We were involved in the initial fund raising for the center including the Great Turnaround fundraiser and the Race to the Rock 5K. Our members were able to assist with the remodeling efforts by applying for and receiving a \$2,000 Lowes Community Improvement Grant which allowed the PRCSA to purchase some remodeling materials and supplies," said president of ENACTUS Brittney Jones, a senior business administration/finance and management major from Texarkana.

The efforts from the students who were a part of the PRCSA team made the start up of the PRCSA possible and they continued to volunteer and help out whenever the center needed a helping hand.

"We continue to partner with the PRCSA by having our accounting students assist with their financials and book-keeping," Jones said.

Not only were the students helping the organization, but the organization was giving the students something to feel passionate about and feel directly involved in.

"Being able to volunteer with something local like the PRCSA gives me pride in my community. You are getting to physically go to the center and help them out with whatever

they need which in turn gives you the satisfaction knowing that you did something to better the community. The volunteers at the PRCSA are so passionate about their work, which in turn makes you want to give back as well," said ENACTUS member Kathleen Post, senior speech communication and Christian studies major from Grand Prairie, Texas.

Another group that was involved in supporting the PRCSA were the Women of EEE. The Women of EEE changed their philanthropy to the PRCSA. With the change, the Women of EEE were given the opportunity to volunteer with a local organization that directly affected the people around them and in the school.

"Being able to be involved in the PRCSA by raising money, helping with events, spreading the word and doing small tasks that they need help with has shown me the importance of being involved in our community," said vice president of the EEE social club Aaryn Elliot, a junior early childhood education major from Bentonville.

One member of the social club, Molly Anne Turner, a senior graphic design and mass communications major from North Little Rock, had the opportunity to not only volunteer with the club but also work as the PRCSA marketing and design intern. She helped them with designing their brochures, business cards, newsletter, event flyers and managed their Facebook and Twitter accounts.

"This has been one of the best learning experiences of my college career. Getting the opportunity to help an organization by using the skills I have learned here at OBU has shown me the benefits of using your talents to serve others. Being able to be involved with the PRCSA has shown me how a small group of dedicated people can make such a large impact on a community. Their passion and motivation is the reason so many students and people want to volunteer and help," Turner said.

Beverly Honkins, director of the PRCSA, worked alongside students and other volunteers to help make her vision reality.

"The students at OBU have played a major role in the process of establishing and opening the Pregnancy Resource Center for Southwest Arkansas. Since the beginning stages of establishing the PRCSA, OBU students have been actively involved in many ways," said Hankins.

The work of the volunteers did not go unnoticed.

"I'm certain that the process would have been significantly more difficult and taken much longer had it not been for the tireless work of our students. I'm so proud to see them putting their faith and their principles into action, with results that are changing lives and will last for eternity," Eurich said.

Hankins was not only grateful for the students and faculty that volunteered, but was extremely impressed with their desire to serve outside their school and how it became a school wide endeavor to help serve in whatever way they could.

"OBU students have invested more volunteer hours in the PRCSA than any other group in Arkadelphia, and we are extremely grateful," Hankins said.

by Molly Anne Turner





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# SOCIAL CHANGES

As the new semester began, Rush and Pledge Week emerged with a whole new face. All of the social clubs, as well as administration, worked all year to prepare for these two weeks on campus.

During Rush Week, each club was set up around campus and hosted a party each night.

With the new changes made to Rush and Pledge Week, Tim Harrell, director of Campus Activities, and Hillary Hill, assistant director of Campus Activities, hoped this week would be fun for everyone participating and very informative. The week's intention was to give all the students going through Rush an accurate picture of what each club looked like and stood for.

Neila Fisher, a freshman business administration major from Hot Springs, said, "I really loved how all the clubs were so welcoming. They really made me feel like they wanted me and they would love to have me in their club."

Ryan Strebeck, a senior biology and Spanish major from Texarkana, Texas, and president of the Kappa Chi men's social club, said, "My favorite part is getting to meet a lot of people at once that ordinarily you wouldn't have the opportunity to. Rush Week revives the pride you have in your own club and reminds you of your Rush experience and why you chose the club that you did."

After rushees filled out their preference cards Friday night, Bid Day arrived on Saturday, and the students finally were able to join with their new club.

Harrell and Hill led the way in helping reconstruct Pledge Week so that it not only lined up with state hazing laws, but also with Ouachita's mission, vision and values. Their goal was to help form a week that brought the new members close with each



Freshmen Abby Engelkes, Kelli Dixon, Anna Holcomb, Staci Goss and Natalie Bingaman walk to the front lawn of Cone-Bottom after receiving their bids to the EEE women's social club. Bid Day was Saturday, Jan. 18.

other and with the existing members in a positive and encouraging way that created a sense of pride and respect for each club.

"It was definitely a transition year. From our side of things, it went a lot better. For a lot of students that had seen Pledge Week in the past, it was a little harder for them to wrap their mind around, but overall, we really thought that it went a lot better," said Hill.

Harrell and Hill wanted to make the clubs really think about their traditions instead of blindly following what was done in the past. The goal was to put reasoning behind the activities of Pledge Week so that the new members would have a week to look back on that they were proud of.

Sarah Liz Carter, a senior mathematics major from Nephret, was senior pledge mistress of the EEE women's social club and spent countless hours trying to make an effective Pledge Week plan for her club.

"Keeping the integrity of our oldest traditions was the focus of our planning process. Even through the many changes that had to be made, we were still able to enjoy a pledge week that brought together our new and old members and alumni," Carter said.

Tiffany Eurich, chair of the student life committee and social club alumnae, was overwhelmed with the positive results of the new Rush and Pledge Week plans.

"Every person I talked to was so excited to be a part of his or her new club. To me it seemed like it was much more special going through induction than ever before," Eurich said.

"We know it's still in transition, but we think the clubs have found their footing. The clubs tried really hard to change their pledge process for the better, and we are very proud of them," Harrell said.

by Molly Anne Turner



# Club Terminology:

## Pref Card:

A card filled out on the last night of Rush where a rushee may indicate thier top three preferred clubs from whom they would like to receive a bid

## Panhellenic:

The cooperative organization comprised of two representatives from each women's social club serve as a neutral body to facillitate Rush activities

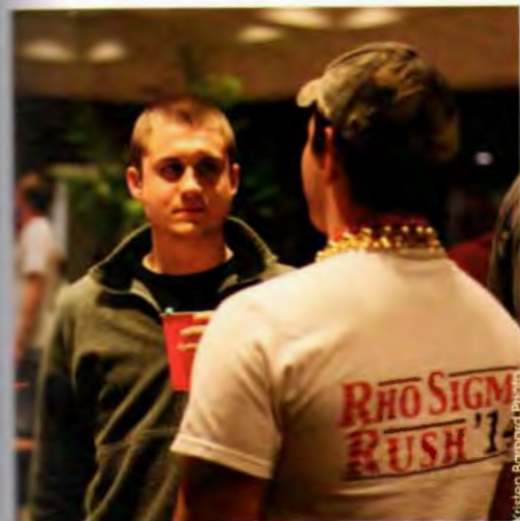
## Rushee:

A student who has met all the qualifications for rush, has registered for the events and attends social club parties each night of Rush week



Senior Barrett Burger talks with junior Josh Wilson at the Beta Beta men's social club Rush party. The Rush party in the Tiger Den was a time for rushees and members to get to know each other in a relaxed environment.

Freshman pledges of the women's social club Chi Delta run from Frances Crawford to the Tiger statue on Bid Day. The club met to take pictures and get to know each other before Pledge Week began.



Freshman Jonathon Dixon talks with a member of Rho Sigma at a Rush party on the Evans Student Center bridge. The Rush party gave rushees a chance to ask any questions they had about the club.



Freshman Alexis Morgon receives a balloon and hug from senior Tri Chi member Honnah Bridges. Pledges ran to the Cone-Bottoms lawn for the traditional balloon release and walked wrapped in streamers as a group.



Sophomore Colt Thompson sits and eats pizza as Sigma Alpha Sigma member junior Camden Dwelle talks with him at a Rush party.



# A NEW TRADITION

Beta Beta Est. 1941

The men of Beta Beta had been a tradition on campus since 1941, but strived to create a new tradition. The men's social club wanted more of a presence within the community and on campus.

"We started our first philanthropy program this year. As a club, we believe that any group of people that has the ability to do good, should," said spring president Barrett Burger, a senior biology major from Comden. "We partnered with the Autism Speaks, a non-profit organization, to host a flag football tournament, with all the proceeds going to the charity. We're excited about our future with their organization and what we can do to help."

April was Autism Awareness Month. The Beta's hosted a 7-on-7 flag football tournament as a fund raiser for their new philanthropy, Autism Speaks, and raised \$400.

"Our philanthropy efforts connected with Autism Speaks has been meaningful for me," said fall president Justin Young, a senior business management and finance major from Springdale. "Along with that, our Beta Masters golf tournament, Ski Lodge winter party and our flag football tournament are always a highlight for me."

The club searched for ways to help others on campus, in the community and around the world.

"There are a couple of Betas that were instrumental in starting the Men's Fraternity Bible study here, which is a pretty cool program," Burger said. "Additionally, a couple of Betas helped lead the Enactus program to host the Mobile Pack program here on campus for the Feed My Starving Children organization. In over two days, they organized hundreds of volunteers to pack over 100,000 meals for children in another country, which is just incredible."



The men of Beta Beta serenaded the women of Gosser Hall with a variety of songs and dancing. Several Beta men dressed up and played different instruments including guitars, bongo drums and banjos.

The members of Beta Beta wanted to bring a strong, lasting leadership to campus while keeping the tradition of family among the club.

"Alumnus from 1941, all the way through the decades and recent graduates all still hold dear to our purposes within Beta. It has amazed me how strong the bond is between current Beta students and Beta alumni that have never even met," Young said. "But because the processes have remained the same, there is a consistent brotherhood that will always remain. Through deaths, through joys, through good times, through bad times, this group of men will always be unified."

Through changes and different rules, Burger hoped to help make a difference in the club.

"Beta has changed a lot over the last few years and I wanted to be a part of that movement. I love these guys, and there

are some things I always wanted us to do, like becoming a part of the Autism Speaks philanthropy program," Burger said. "We've been able to do that this year, and I'm honored to have been a part of it all. If you were to ask me what my top ten memories from college have been, almost all have been with Beta."

Community and tradition were strong characteristics the men of Beta Beta hoped to exhibit.

"Beta has been special to me because it has given me a group of like-minded men to go through it all with - the good times and the bad times. That brotherhood has meant more to me than anything else I have been involved in at Ouachita," Young said. "Being a Beta is important to me because it gives me an opportunity to be a part of something that is bigger than myself."

by Amber Easterly



# Club Terminology:

## Ski Lodge:

Snowy, winter-themed annual fall dance function held for all students to come to at Camp Winnamocka

## Autism Speaks:

Newly adopted philanthropy; autism advocacy organization that sponsors research and conducts awareness for autism

## Valentine:

Annual banquet held around Valentine's Day; members take dates out with the entire club for dinner



Hailee Bezel Photo

Juniors Cole Chambless, John Edwards and sophomore Luke Huneycutt hang out and talk during a tailgate before a Tiger football game. The club competed in tailgate competitions throughout the season.

Members of Beta Beta host lawn games during Homecoming Week Oct. 7-11. Clubs provided food and hosted various games and activities throughout the week for entertainment during lunch.



Kristen Barnard Photo



Freshman Titus Brooks washes a car at Auto Zone for a pledge class fundraiser. The group worked together to wash cars for donations to raise money to fund the club.



Jeremy Dixon Photo

Senior Mitchell Kelley goes for a layup during an intramural basketball game. Kelley played for Beta Black, and the team advanced to the semi-finals of the intramural tournament.



Freshman Kelsey Hogue helps host a Beta rush party during Rush week. Rushees were invited to come to parties to ask questions and learn more about the club.



# Club Terminology:

## Harvest Moon:

Annual formal dance and dinner sponsored by the women of Chi Delta where members invite dates

## Owloween:

Annual club cookout in the center of campus hosted by the women of Chi Delta

## Relay for Life:

Local philanthropy of the women of Chi Delta that raises money to help those fighting cancer locally and nationally



Members of the Chi Delta women's social club hang out at a Tiger football tailgate. The club competes during tailgate competitions with decorations, food and activities.



Vice President of Chi Delta junior Daloney Thomas speaks during the formal rush party. Thomas and other executive members of the club told the rushers the importance and value of the social club.

Senior Chi Delta Beau Adam Dodd snaps pictures of students at the club's Luau TWIRP party. The club hosted a party with beach volleyball and other outdoor activities.



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Jeremy Dixon Photo



Junior Margaret M... cheers on the Tigers with spirit jug at the first pep of the year held in the theatre outside of McC... Other members of Chi Delta supported and cheered at the pep rally along with other social clubs and the rest of the student body.

John Kormanal Photo



# Sisterhood

# BONDS

**F**ounded in 1970, Chi Delta gave girls a chance to create friendships and sisterhoods with those who shared the same ideas within their physical, mental and spiritual aspects of college life. Chi Delta was known for being a close-knit group of girls with diverse personalities and having the heart for serving others.

"Our biggest fundraiser is for our Relay for Life team. This year we've been focusing a lot on trying to give back to the community and Relay for Life is something that many of our members feel strongly about," said Chi Delta President Kristin Morris, a senior communication science and disorders major from Hamburg. "Our goal is to raise \$500. It might not sound like much, but for a club of only 35 members it means that we all have to put in time and effort to accomplish this goal."

Even though the club was one of the smaller ones on campus, Chi Delta was still extremely involved within the student body as well as Relay for Life and nursing homes. They were involved in TWIRP Luau Night, Battle of the Ravine festivities, Tiger Tunes as puppets, Tiger Serve Day, Christmas caroling at Twin Rivers Nursing Home, and Clark County Relay for Life.

Morris said her favorite event this past year was caroling at the nursing home.

"We met a woman whose life is literally the movie 'The Notebook.' She even kept all of the letters he wrote to her from when he was in the war. I almost cried," Morris said.

"Tiger Serve Day has been my favorite activity with the club so far. It made those

of us who are not as close come together and learn to work together. It also gave us a chance as a social club to give back to a community that gives so much to us," said Lauren Teague, a freshman graphic design major from Jonesboro.

Spring semester brought excitement for Chi Delta because it meant they got new "daisies." Their new pledge class of nine was smaller than in the past; however, Morris said they had quality girls. Each one had something different and special to bring to the club.

"My pledge class has affected my life in so many ways. They feel like real sisters to me. They are people I know I can go to for advice, prayer requests or just someone to hang out with," said Teague.

"My PC is so unique. We have girls that are artistic, outgoing, and extremely creative. I think my PC is such a blessing to not only Chi Delta, but to me personally. So far through our pledge semester I have noticed that we have a special relationship within our group and it means so much to be a part of that," said Mariah Gough, a freshman biology major from Smackover.

"My favorite thing about Chi Delta is that we all have such different interests," said Kaitlin Williams, a senior accounting major from Dallas, Texas.

Chi Delta's sisterhood was one that could not be broken. They each had the chance to really get to know one each other on a personal level. Every member had a voice that could be heard. These girls were all different and that was what made the

club special.

"I have been able to get to know everybody in Chi Delta and those people have become my family," said Caroline Nimocks, a senior mass communications major from Forrest City.

"Each person is an individual, and is encouraged to be an individual, rather than fit into a certain mold," said Morris.

My favorite thing about Chi Delta is the group of girls involved. I am so proud to call each and every one of them my sister and I would do anything for them. It is such a diverse group as well. It doesn't matter what your background is. Everyone fits in," said Teague.

Members were able to gain quite a bit from being a part of Chi Delta. They were able to experience valuable learning opportunities while working together, leadership responsibilities and encouragement for their sisters.

"Chi Delta brightened my view of college life and growing up in general. I finally feel like I am a part of something. It also changed my view on working within a group setting. It made something that can be so strenuous and stressful, something that is actually fun," said Gough.

"This club has helped me gain leadership skills, people skills, and a ton of friends that I will have for the rest of my life. Chi Delta has made my years at Ouachita the best that they can be, and the lessons I have learned while being involved in this club are ones that I'll take with me throughout the rest of my life," said Morris.

by Abbey Little



# SERVANT SISTERS

Chi Rho Phi  
Est. 1999

**B**aby powder, night gowns and walkers were the scene on JPAC's center stage as the ChiRhoprac-tors began their Tiger Tunes performance. Not only did the club have a funny theme, but they also received the Spirit Award, a great feat for their third year in Tunes after a long time away.

"Tiger Tunes is one of my favorite things OBU does, so I love getting to be a part of it. We did our first Tunes show three years ago after not participating for many years," said Tunes Director Lauren McElyea, a senior music major from Gorland, Texas. "So, as a senior, it has been so wonderful to see how much our shows have improved in that short time."

Other members served on the Tunes leadership team alongside McElyea: Marissa Tharnberry, a senior English major from Mabelvale, wrote lyrics for the show; Rebecca Johnson, a junior music and business administration major from Manassas, Va., oversaw the costumes; and Christino Moon, a senior church music major from Carrollton, Texas, created the choreography.

The Spirit Award, a new Tiger Tunes award, was given to a club who embodied Ouachita spirit during the whole Tunes process, from the beginning stages of practice to the final Tunes performance.

"I don't even think there are words for how excited we were to get the Spirit Award," said Chi Rho Phi President Sarah Carr, a senior biology major from Cherokee Village. "We were all in a state of shock and joy for a long time after that. I love that they've started giving out this award, because it recognizes clubs that may not win first place in everything, but had a good show and a positive spirit."



Seniors Grace Hevron and Ella Teel perform a solo during the Chi Rho Phi Tiger Tunes show. The club's theme, "ChiRhoprac-tors," landed them the Spirit Award, which was given to the club who embodied Ouachita spirit during the whole Tunes process.

Tiger Tunes was not the only event on campus where Chi Rho Phi's involvement grew.

"Being in a social club really keeps you from passing all your time in your dorm room with things like Tunes, community service projects and capture-the-flag mixers in the middle of campus," Carr said. "We have also been getting more involved in athletics this year from supporting the teams at more of their games to doing more intramural sports."

The members of Chi Rho Phi had a strong sense of community and sisterhood with everyone in the club. The campus involvement couldn't compare to the relationships they gained as they got closer to each sister.

"Being in Chi Rho Phi has made a huge impact in my time at OBU, especially because of the girls I've gotten to know

that I might not have even met if I hadn't joined," Carr said. "They're always there for encouragement, prayer or anything else I need, and I've grown so much because of them. I know I can always be myself with my sisters, and they bring out my best."

Being in a social club brought many opportunities to interact with other clubs and do service projects for people out in the community, but they also offered a chance to serve within the club in different ways.

"Being in Chi Rho Phi has been the single-most shaping element in my college years," McElyea said. "There are plenty of opportunities for leadership, and as part of a Christ-centered group, I learned not only how to lead well, but to lead in a godly manner that makes others want to follow you." *by Mauri Sparks*



# Club Terminology:

## Big Bro:

Men on campus asked to represent the women of Chi Rho Phi. Big Bro's are invited to support the club during Rush Week and other activities.

## Craft Sale:

Each member of Chi Rho Phi creates and makes various crafts to sell to the student body during lunch to fundraise and support the club.

## Prayer:

Each Wednesday night the chaplain leads a Bible study and the club has a small worship session with prayer. Once a month the devo is open to all students.



Heather Ellis Photo

Members from the women's social club Chi Rho Phi pose for a picture during OcTiger Fest. Social clubs participated in the event for a time of fellowship with friends, current students, alumni, faculty and staff.

Junior Hannah Sweeden and senior Tegan Taylor sit with rushees during the Chi Rho Phi formal night of rush. Throughout the week the club provided refreshments and small gifts to rushees who came to their parties.



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The women of Chi Rho Phi host a game of point balloons during Lunch on the Lawn of Homecoming Week. The club allowed students to come up and throw darts to splatter point on a canvas.



Heather Ellis Photo

Members of Chi Rho Phi cliff jump at Bull Shoals Lake. The women's social club went to the lake for their spring outing where they swam, hiked and stayed in a cabin for the weekend.



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Senior Lauren McLyeo and her father pose in the rain during the crowning of Homecoming Queen. McLyeo represented the women of Chi Rho Phi.



# Club Terminology:

## EEE Haw:

Fundraiser for newest pledge class; country themed event with a performance and petting zoo with live farm animals

## Mr. Tiger:

Pageant for male students to fundraise and support the newest pledge class; competition consists of sports wear, talent and an interview question with a people's choice award

## FYSAM:

Also known as "Find Your Sister a Mister." Sisters set up blind dates and the girls do not know who their date will be until the night of the date



Members of the EEE women's social club play a game of Chickin in the Her House during the annual event, EEE Haw. The event took place in the Tiger Den April 15.



Freshman Kelsie Adcock runs through a tunnel of members on Bid Day Jan. 18. The new members were greeted by current members and alumni on the steps of Cone-Bottoms.

Sophomore Grace Finley decorates a car as a part of the club's event for Homecoming week. The club chalked any car that came to the lower SPEC parking lot during the event.



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Senior Leah White smashes a whip cream in face of a member of EEE during the "Pie-An-EEE" tailgate event. For this event different members of EEE volunteered to represent each of the different social clubs and take pies in the face. People then purchased pies for \$5 and put the money toward a certain club. At the end of the tailgate, all of the money went to the philanthropy of the club that had raised the most money. This tailgate marked the first time the Women of EEE won first place in a tailgate competition.

Kacey Westerman Photo



# A New DIRECTION

Social clubs, with all their traditions and rights of passage, could be a stagnant situation even in the best of times. However, as the women of EEE pointed out, members came and went with each passing year and over time, leadership positions were filled with new people who had new ideas. Because of this, while some things may have always stayed the same, everyone's EEE experience was unique in at least a few ways.

"A lot of changes have taken place through the past year with our club," said Sarah Liz Carter, a senior math major from Morphlet. "Some of the larger changes include Pledge Week activities, a new point system to encourage overall attendance and a new philanthropy partnership with the Pregnancy Resource Center in Arkadelphia."

According to the members, their partnership with the Pregnancy Resource Center was one of the bigger changes that took place.

"The Pregnancy Resource Center is our philanthropy this year," said Gracie Lundstrum, a junior mass communications major from Springdale. "They have been so great to work with and support. We believe it is important to always be giving back and supporting our community. Many hands make light work and with 148 members, we have many hands."

The EEEs believed that the Pregnancy Resource Center was a great place to serve because it was local, giving them the ability

to offer support in person.

"The thing about the Pregnancy Resource Center is that it's right down the street," said Aaryn Elliot, a junior early childhood education major from Bentonville. "It's not like we're just sending money to help out. We can actually go down there and help out or counsel or raise money right there or even raise money for it by doing things in other places around town."

Outside of philanthropy, another aspect of the club that saw change was Pledge Week and everything that went along with it.

"Pledge Week was different for the EEEs, which is something that can be said of all social clubs this year," Carter said. "Being in charge of facilitating those changes for our club was a huge responsibility, but I also saw this change as an exciting opportunity to steer our club in a new direction."

More than just trying to create a more positive experience for the pledges, the EEEs said that the rush and pledge process helped to create a stronger club.

"I think we really brought in a lot of girls that meshed well together, loved the Lord and had a lot of unique strengths," Elliot said. "The bond between them really helped make a stronger club. I feel like we got a great pledge class this year."

The members agreed that overall, any changes to the club in regard to Pledge Week were well received.

"The changes effected the whole pledging process," said Kathleen Post, EEE spring president and senior speech communica-

tions major from Grand Prairie, Texas. "It really made the whole experience more positive overall."

The members agreed that all the new developments led to a more positive experience. In fact, most said their EEE experience left a major impact on them as a person.

"Being a part of a social club is a continual growing experience," Lundstrum said. "Whether you are growing in your relationship with the Lord through devotionals with girls, growing in relationships with sisters or personal growth, there is a lot of it. We grow every time we get a new PC or each time you create a special bond with a sister. It is a very special experience to be a part of. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

As with all social clubs, although faces and procedures changed as time went on, one thing the EEEs believed would stand the test of time were the experiences and friendships that they gained during their time in the club.

"Being a senior in college this year, I've mainly been focused on what's happening in the future," Carter said. "But over this past year I've learned that regardless of where I will go after graduation, friendships that I have made while being an EEE will continue to be a huge part of my life. This past year I've found so much value in everything about my club, whether that's the time spent watching intramural games, or the notes I find in my mailbox sent to me by one of my sisters."

by Noah Hutchinson



# SERVING OTHERS

Eta Alpha Omega

Est. 1997

The men of Eta Alpha Omega saddled up and kicked off the year by taking home a third place award at Tiger Tunes with their western theme. Cowboy hats, plaid and boots danced their way across the stage. Bandits and rangers saved the day. It was all directed by Wade Stotts, a junior Christian studies major from Jonesbara.

"The way we go about it and the fun we have defines Eta," said Tyler Davis, a junior mass communications major from Bentan. "This year our theme was Wild West, and wild doesn't even begin to describe what our practices were like."

Immediately following Tiger Tunes, another event staple for the men was Muggin', an all you can drink root beer event and social during Homecoming and Tiger Tunes weekend.

"While the beverage is important, the community is what makes Muggin' special," said Alex Nelson, a senior business administration and finance major from Frisco, Texas.

The event drew hundreds of students and their families to the Villoge Circle who were an campus for Homecoming events.

"We decided to change location to give the students and their families more space to hang out," said President Logan Kuhn, a junior biology major from Roland.

A main part of the event was the widespread distribution of root beer, but really, Muggin' served as a time of celebration and community for students and family to enjoy each other after Homecoming week was over. The men also brought in a music artist to entertain those who attended.

"We brought in Blaine Howard, and his performance really brought the event together," Nelson said. "I think it made the event a huge success."



Members of Eta Alpha Omega serve root beer floats during Break Week which was also Homecoming Week, Oct. 7-11. The group served different snacks on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to give back to the student body.

Throughout each semester the club also participated in events such as Break Week, which was an opportunity for students to stop by and enjoy a meal or snack provided by the club. Chili dogs, Frito pie and root beer floats could be found in the hands of students in between classes. Break Week served as a way for the club to show support and encouragement to fellow students and give back to the school as a whole.

A central part to the club was the focus on service to the community of Arkadelphia.

"The club considers service to be an extremely important aspect of our overall makeup," Davis said.

The club had a philanthropy chair who stayed connected with the Elrod Center to set up community service projects. In addition, the Etas adopted a section of the highway that the club maintained and cleaned on a regular basis.

"Jesus was a servant, and a wonderful way to show others the love of Christ is through service," Davis said.

The men also put together several Tiger Serve Day teams each semester.

"I love Eta because of the brotherhood that is rooted in Christ. We love to have fun and be goofy, but ultimately we all joined Eta to have a group of guys who can pursue The Lord together and encourage one another throughout our lives," said Tyler Rasenthal, a junior mass communications major from Little Rock.

At the end of the day and at the end of each of their meetings you could find the men of Eta Alpha Omega circling up and singing the club song "Sanctuary," that served as a reminder for each of them to keep Christ at the center of their hearts, lives and service.

by Jessica Stewart



# Club Terminology:

## Muggin':

Annual event held in The Village Circle after the Saturday performance of Tiger Tunes famous for root beer, live music and fellowship

## Sweetheart:

Girls who were asked to represent the club and wear letters on Wednesdays; help with functions, date auctions and Tiger Tunes performances

## Barrel Roll:

Members stood in the ravine under the bridge and students could pay 50 cents to throw water balloons at them to raise money for the club



Kelsey Bond Photo

Seniors Hunter Threadgill and Alex Nelson enjoy chili dogs during Break Week. The Etas served snacks to the student body and cheered on fellow students playing various lawn games at lunch.

Members of Eta Alpha Omega serenade the women of Frances Crawford Hall with creative songs and dancing. The group ended their serenades by singing their club song, "Sanctuary."



Kelsey Bond Photo



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Sophomore Jesse Webb grills hot dogs and hamburgers during the Battle of the Ravine tailgate Nov. 16. Their tailgate also included a dunking booth.



Kelsey Bond Photo

Sophomore Justin Rose and senior Michael Crowe play a game of Cornhole during Homecoming Week. The club served snacks and had games for students to play during lunch.



Elisa Holman Photo

Spring president junior Lagan Kuhn speaks to rushees during Rush week. This was an opportunity for guys to get to know the club and ask questions.



# Club Terminology:

## Kappachino:

Fundraising event held with live music performed by talented men and women from campus, with hot chocolate and coffee served

## Late Night:

Free event held for pure entertainment for the student body with the combination of witty monologues, hilarious videos and improv sketches

## Lil Sis:

Girls chosen to represent the club and everything the club stands for on campus, diversity and brotherhood



Junior Noah Myers grills hamburgers during the Kappa Chi Cookout after Tiger Tunes Friday night Oct. 11. The club threw an after party with dinner and music outside of JPAC.



Junior Brad Hunter Heird supports his club during Homecoming Week at lunch on the lawn. The members of Kappa Chi served cookies and ice cream for dessert to the student body.

A member of Rho Sigma participates in the Kappa Car Bash during Battle of the Ravine. The car bash was an activity to pass time as students guarded the Tiger during the annual battle.



Anna McCulloch Photo



Sophomore Richard Burke visits the Kappa Chi Rush party during Rush week Jan. 14-17. The Kappa rush parties gave rushees a chance to get to know the club in an informal way and visit with current members to ask any rush questions they had.

Kristen Barnard Photo



# Timeless

# TRADITION

For the men of Kappa Chi, new trips, new members and a resurrection of a timeless tradition marked a year of change.

"At the beginning of the year, one of our goals was to become more active on campus," said Kirby Von Edwins, a senior biology major from Little Rock. "We wanted to bring back some of our older traditions, as well as continue having the events that have been a staple of Kappa," Von Edwins said.

Not long after the school year began, Tiger Tunes fever took over the school. The men of Kappa Chi were not safe from the epidemic, as Ryan Strebeck, a senior biology major from Texarkana, brought his vision of the Kappa Chi "Paper Boys" to life.

In the weeks leading up to the show, the guys were hard at work perfecting their dances and songs.

"As a club I knew this year could be pivotal for us, and Tiger Tunes was a perfect medium to showcase all the talent we had to offer," Strebeck said. "Everyone worked very hard, and it was great to see the club bond together and put on a great show."

The show placed second and won numerous individual awards. After the Friday night show the guys held their annual cookout, but moved the venue to directly outside of JPAC.

"I was a great idea to move the cookout. It enabled us to attract more people, and by the end of the night we served food to

over 700 students," said Jackson Carter, a junior mass communications major from Hot Springs.

The cookout was open to anyone who participated in or attended Tiger Tunes.

"It was great to have so many members of the Ouachita community able to come out and enjoy some burgers and have a good time," said Dixon Land, a sophomore mass communications and Christian studies major from Little Rock.

Kappa Late Night was a timeless tradition for the men of Kappa Chi. At its peak the event attracted hundreds of students and filled the Tiger Den. The club wanted to bring Late Night back to add another event to the fall semester.

"It was something we've been wanting to bring back to campus for awhile," Van Edwins said. "Many of the seniors in the club remember Late Night as freshmen and tried to bring back many of the same traditions that made the show great."

After a few weeks of filming and many late nights of editing, the show went on December 3 to a packed house of 150 students.

"It felt great to bring such a huge tradition back to campus," said Dylan Haney, a junior political science major from El Dorado. "Although it was a lot of work, the end result was a great show and hopefully the resurrection of a timeless tradition."

The second semester marked the start of Rush and Pledge week. After Rush week,

Pledge week followed and Kappa Chi welcomed 24 new members to the brotherhood. The week was structured toward bonding the new pledge class together and allowing the old and new members to make lasting friendships.

"Rush was extremely successful for us this year," Land said. "Each night we did something different that highlighted a different aspect of our club. We wanted to make sure that the rushees knew who we were and what we stood for."

As spring rolled around, the club began planning for its spring outing and decided to explore the city of New Orleans in the first weekend of March.

"New Orleans is a beautiful city that has so much to offer. The history, architecture and cuisine made the 'Big Easy' an easy choice for our spring outing," said Brad Hunter, a junior dietetics and nutrition major from Pine Bluff.

The men of Kappa Chi kept their traditions alive through events like rush and pledge week, bringing back old events and putting a twist on events like their annual cookout.

"Overall it was a very successful year for Kappa Chi," said Land. "We were able to do so many different things on campus and develop in our brotherhood. We look forward to the new school year in the fall and all the exciting things that we will be participating in, including another great Tiger Tunes show."

by Ben Cline



# LOUD & ROWDY

Rho Sigma  
Est. 1935

In order for a fire to increase in intensity and reach its full potential, it must be staked – pushing it and stirring it until it has plenty of fuel and oxygen, without which it would not survive.

The same staking could be seen from the men of Rho Sigma as they encouraged students to “get rowdy.” Members from the 79-year-old social club worked to intensify the flame of school spirit and involve the entire student body in the cause.

“I think we’re beginning to see an effort to involve the student body more in what we do,” said Nathan Lowman, a sophomore history major from Little Rock. “We really wanted to get out of just Greek life and more into student life. We want to bring fun and excitement to everybody. It’s what Rho Sigmas like to do – have fun.”

The men of Rho Sigma tried to add more campus-wide events rather than the usual mixers and parties between social clubs.

“In previous years, Rho Sigmas tended to stay within themselves and within the Greek system,” Lowman said. “But we want to both stay in and get out. Right now we’re wanting to get to know those that are a part of Greek life and those that don’t really click with Greek life, but still want to be a part of the school’s social life.”

One of the most popular Rho Sigma traditions was the guarding of the Tiger during Battle of the Ravine week.

“Our Battle of the Ravine has been one of the most known and popular among our tradition and events on campus, inviting all students from freshmen to seniors to come and stay up and guard the tiger with us, enjoy some burgers, hotdogs, movies, games, music and great company,” said Hein Hillmer, a senior mass communications major from Port Elizabeth, South Africa.



Dr. Kevin Mott gives a speech at the Battle of the Ravine football game. The men of Rho Sigma hosted a bonfire each year with students walking through campus and throwing their flame torches in the fire once they had arrived.

In addition to hosting campus-wide events, the Red Shirts of Rho Sigma engaged with other students by attending events on campus.

“People aren’t going to go to an athletic event and not see or hear a Rho Sigma,” said Jake Hannon, a senior business administration/finance major from Conway. “This year we’ve seen a noticeable increase in size and representation at athletic events and other school events. People aren’t going to have to ask, ‘Who is a Rho Sigma?’ They’ll see and know us because of what we do.”

A factor that helped Rho Sigmas be able to participate in supporting more students was the increase in numbers. The social club had seen a steady increase in numbers, eventually reaching 27 members.

“We’re starting to get back our swagger,” Hannon said. “We have more members, so we’re able to do more things

because of that.”

One of the tools that helped the rowdy Red Shirts in spreading school spirit was their reputation of being outgoing.

“We are a bunch of crazy guys, and we’re proud of that. We’re a pretty diverse group, but what it comes down to is that we all like to have fun,” Hannon said. “As long as we stay within boundaries, we’re going to stay wild and crazy. If we can bring that to the campus, campus life will be a lot more fun.”

Staking the fire of school spirit through unity and fun, the men of Rho Sigma worked toward their goal of bringing more fun to campus, which, according to Hillmer, would “develop this relationship and involvement with our school will only increase the value of stay and experience here at OBU for every fellow Ouachita Tiger.”

by Robert DeSoto



# Club Terminology:

## Red Shirt:

OBU's oldest men's social club started by the 1934 Tiger football team and other campus leaders created to promote the school and Tiger spirit

## Crawfish Boil:

Annual function put together by the men of Rho Sigma for fun, fellowship and crawfish

## Torch Parade:

Battle of the Ravine tradition where students are invited to carry torches from the middle of campus to the intramural fields to the traditional bonfire



Kristen Ballard Photo

Rho Sigmas play music for entertainment for lunch on the lawn during Homecoming Week. Social clubs entertained the student body each day during lunch with various activities for Homecoming.

Members of Rho Sigma and sweethearts guard the Tiger during Battle of the Ravine week. Every year, the club camps out each night of the week to protect the Tiger and campus with a tent full of couches, TVs and a fire.



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Senior Austin Selph performs a solo during the Rho Sigma Tiger Tunes show. The club's theme for its performance was "Plumbers."



Myler Rosenthal Photo

Juniors Nathan Hall and Alli Goodson fight during the Rho Sigma and Tri Chi paint war. The clubs held mixers as a chance to hang out and get to know each other outside of class.



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Seniors Tori Abellera, Hein Hillmer and Bekah Hall help out with a Rho Sigma party during Rush Week. The sweethearts were asked to help with the parties.



# Club Terminology:

## S'morefest:

Event during Battle of the Ravine when the club supplies s'mores for the students who came out at night to guard the Tiger.

## Jukebox:

Old tradition established in 1990 where students' choice of music was played each Wednesday in the Commons during dinner.

## S'Night Live:

An old tradition and spoof of Saturday Night Live where members would conduct funny interviews, perform skits, sing and dance.



The men of Sigma Alpha Sigma throw their sign at S'morefest during Battle of the Ravine week. The club provided s'mores for students who came to guard the Tiger.



Sophomore Allan Derrickson and junior Derek Miller fire up the grill for the Sigma Alpha Sigma tailgate during the Battle of the Ravine.

Sophomores Camden Dwelle and Matt Cox mingle during a Sigma Alpha Sigma rush party. The club served pizza for an informal night to get to know newbies.



Members and sweethearts of Sigma Alpha Sigma cheer on the Tigers during a basketball game with costumes and props. The S's strive to make a prominent appearance during sporting events throughout the year to support the student athletes on campus.



## A New

## IMAGE

One thing that all the social clubs on campus had in common was tradition. Every year the clubs hosted the same events, organized the same fundraisers and to some extent invited the same kinds of people to join the club. But after some changes, the men of Sigma Alpha Sigma had room to shake things up.

"One of the obvious differences this year is that it's the first year that the club no longer has any of the members who fought to get our charter back," said Chase Brooks, a junior graphic design major from Arkadelphia. "We're growing in numbers as a brotherhood though. We look forward to participating in Tiger Tunes next year."

The fact that the S's had no returning members who had fought for their charter had a profound impact on the club. People had to step up, and they claim that it brought everyone involved closer together.

"This year as an S has been much like riding a bike with no training wheels. It's the first year we have not had a member active in the club who fought to get our charter back. Essentially we have had to take the reigns and apply our experience. We have grown a lot as a club, not only in size but as a whole brotherhood. I'd say it was a year of building support for the club, and solidifying our foundation for the years to come. I was part of the 2012 pledge class, the first one back since the lost charter in 2009. I pledged as a freshman and have had the opportunity to watch the development over the past three years. And I've gotten to serve as chaplain for all three. Probably the

most exciting news though that I've gotten to share in is our return to Tiger Tunes next semester. We finally have enough people and are excited to return and put on a good show."

Sigma Alpha Sigma didn't have any signature events, but members said they made an effort to be noticed around campus. They claimed that it was important to be seen in order to reestablish their presence.

"As a club we have mixers with other clubs, fundraisers and Tiger Serve Day. However, our primary involvement is showing up at all the sporting events," Brooks said. "We like to support our student athletes since a few of them are members. Most notably would be our appearances at the basketball games sitting court-side for the men and women's games. Also we do all intramurals. As brothers we just do life together. We are always looking for opportunities to help other people and the campus, sadly it's been a bit difficult with such a small number of members to be noticed on campus enough to be asked."

According to the members, a large part of what Sigma Alpha Sigma was trying to do in their appearances and activities around campus was raise awareness of their new priorities and image. After regaining their charter, they said that the club was reformed in same areas.

"We're back and better than ever," said Karey Byrd, a senior kinesiology major from Cypress, Texas. "We're working towards a complete different outlook for our club and its members."

Sigma Alpha Sigma offered its members

plenty of opportunity for advancement, as well as a brotherhood that members claimed couldn't be found anywhere else.

"I can't imagine life not being an S," Brooks said. "Since pledging in 2012 with the first pledge class back from when we lost our charter in 2009, it's been a wild ride with a diverse group of men. We have our ups and downs but we always take care of each other. To me that has been a huge blessing and encouragement. I've met guys I never would have had I not pledged, and life without them seems much too bland to enjoy."

More than anything else, Sigma Alpha Sigma's members enjoyed the club for its ability to make friends and memories, as well as to bring people together. The S's said that their club built a bond stronger than anything they had experienced in a normal on-campus organization.

"We have too many stories to count," Brooks said. "Everything from spontaneous road trips to Gulf Shores to seeing our senior swimmers complete in their final races at Ouachita. It's just too much to tell in this amount of time honestly. These moments and stories we share are too wonderful to capture in any book. It's life at its finest and funniest."

The S's hoped to make a strong showing around campus and in the community in order to reestablish themselves. Their members believed that they were well on their way, and while reputation may have been important, the times they had together overshadowed everything else.

by Noah Hutchinson



# FOUNDING FRIENDSHIP

Tri Chi  
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**"TC** Two simple letters, warn by many different women all over campus. They all have different backgrounds, have different personalities, and see things differently. But it is all these differences that make these two letters mean something."

Tiffani Hall, an alumna of the Women of Tri Chi, pasted the description on the Tri Chi website that painted a picture of the club's purpose and investment. With "Togetherness in Christ" as their long-standing motto, the club stayed true to its roots.

Tri Chi hosted many events for the campus to attend. Women dressed in pink and green could be found serving hot chocolate during Battle of the Ravine week, participating in the football tailgate competitions, hosting 80s Night during TWIRP Week and holding a masquerade dance as one of their fund raisers.

The masquerade dance was held at the Coddoo Volley Events Center with the theme reflecting "The Great Gatsby." The dance paid homage to the movie by featuring music from the film that was released earlier in the year.

"The masquerade was on an amazing night of dressing up and dancing the night away with some friends," said Kate Collins, a junior biology major from Texarkana.

For Tiger Tunes, Tri Chi's theme was "Under the Sea," featuring an array of characters including fish, starfish, octopi and even mermen. Tri Chi was awarded the People's Choice Award for the fourth consecutive year and fourth place overall.

"The theme came from a joke Tiger Tunes show I wrote with friends freshman year, and it ended up being more awesomely aquatic than I had ever imagined," said Allison Smith, a junior psychology major from Jonesboro and director of the



The women of Tri Chi and the men of Eta Alpha Omega hang out during a mixer. The club grilled out, ate dinner and played volleyball.

show. "The whole experience was transforming for our club. We came together, worked hard and created something we were proud of. There is nothing like seeing such unity among not only clubs, but Ouachita as a whole."

Tri Chi was also invested in philanthropy, serving others through their togetherness. Participating in Tiger Serve Day, taking care of Compassion kids, writing thank you letters to the campus administrative staff and sending care packages to soldiers were just a few of the projects in which Tri Chi took part. The club also found a new focus in local philanthropies by investing in the Arkadelphia community through involvement with the Pregnancy Resource Center and participating in the MS Walk and the Special Olympics.

"Our goal is to not only participate in philanthropies, but to completely shift our focus toward giving to others in our day-to-

day lives," Smith said.

Tri Chi brought together students from all different backgrounds, majors, hometowns and various other aspects of life to make up their unique membership. Adding 39 new pledges to the club only increased the amount of diversity already there.

"Being in a group like Tri Chi has allowed me the experience of having a family away from home," said Talor Tartaglia, a freshman psychology major from Fayetteville. "My new sisters are some of my biggest supporters, providing love and laughter at all times. I have loved my experience with Tri Chi so far and can't wait for the years ahead."

A true sense of sisterhood and togetherness laid the foundation for the Women of Tri Chi and was carried on through the legacy of its current members and members to come.

by Jake Coffman



# Club Terminology:

## Crush Dance:

Members anonymously invite men from campus to a dance function; they receive a t-shirt in their mailbox for the event and never know who invited them

## Beau:

Men invited to represent the club's traditions and values on campus by wearing letters on Wednesdays, going on outings and helping with functions

## Ghost Roast:

Annual Tri Chi event during the fall semester where members invite dates to a bonfire for a cookout with s'mores including fun and games



Freshman Elise Cobb attempts to wash paint off of her face and out of her mouth after the paint war mixer with the men of Rho Sigma. The clubs used acrylic paint during the paint war.

Junior Tri Chi Beaus Tyler Davis and Lagan Kuhn auction off sophomore Erin Cheshire's dessert during the annual TC Dessert Auction. The auction was held to sell desserts to raise money to support the club.



Members of the 2013 pledge class stand to cheer on the Tiger football team before a game. The club supported the Tigers on the sidelines of each home football game during the season.



Seniors Chelsea Ariolo and Ashleigh Canada make s'mores at the annual fall Ghost Roast. The function was for members to bring dates for a night of food, fun and fellowship.



Sophomore Morgan Brothers performs with her pledge class during Tri Chi's 80s TWIRP night. The group danced with glow sticks during the performance.