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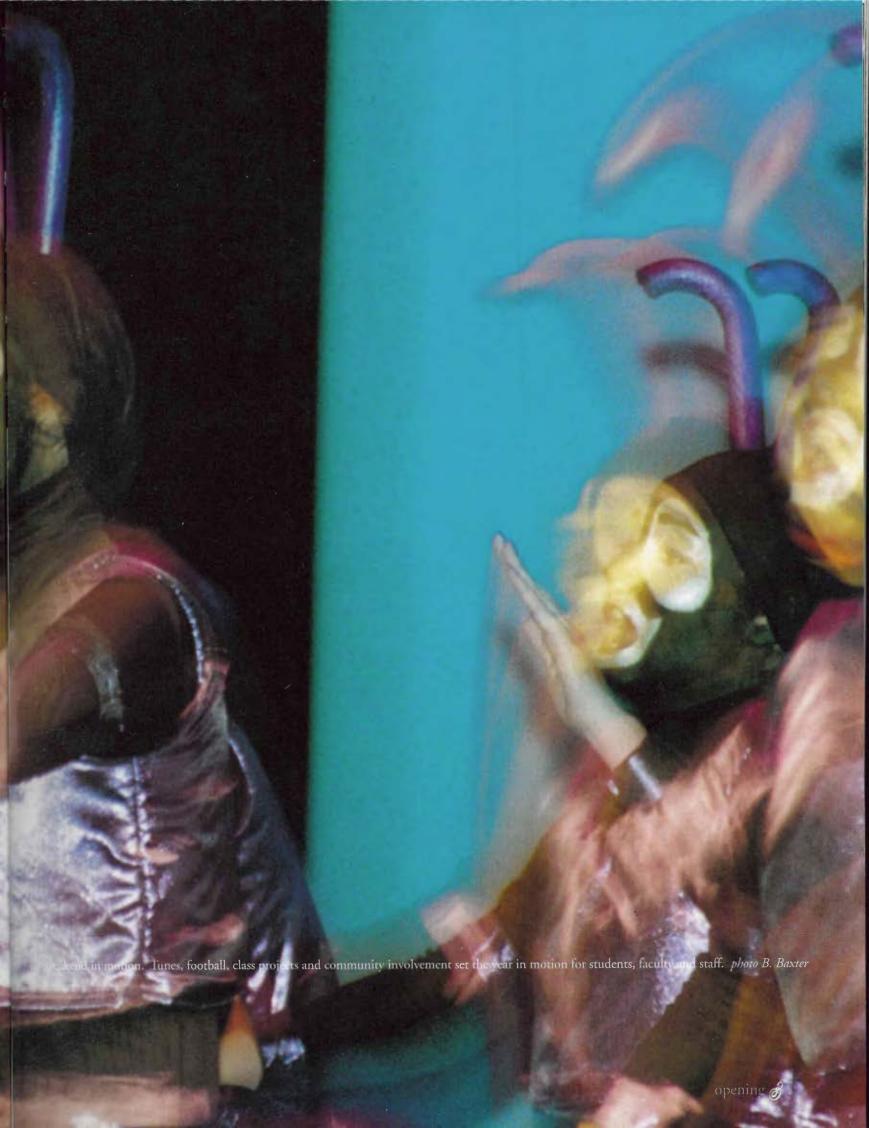
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at of the music during their Tiger Tunes performance. Tunes was one event that set Honeo The women



student

In august, students, gathered for the campus activities board luau. Returning students, faculty and staff awaited the completion of Ouachita Commons, while new students watched to see what college had in store for them. From Tiger Tunes to community projects, students juggled their classes with their social life. Everyday events proved to be a challenge, a time of enjoyment and something to do when not in class - events that set the heart, mind and soul in motion. photo by T. Robertson





During Spotlight on Arkadelphia, junior Kyle Proctor fills out information for a drawing. Spotlight provided students to view businesses in and around Arkadelphia.

photo by B. Baxter



Students
participated in an
on-going tradition
of guarding the
Tiger. This activity
allowed students
to hang out and
carry on the
tradition during
the Battle of the
Ravine. photo by
R. Kibbe



traditions help in

by laura norris ES

Traditions are classified as a way of doing things and sticking with it. Traditions have become a way of life, an intrical part of the workings of the campus. What exactly would the school be without the social club banners hanging from McClelland or the tailless tiger occasionally being painted. Most of the oldest traditions have interesting stories of how they came about.

About 50 years ago, one of the more fun traditions was started by a group of girls who wanted to go out on dates. This was the beginning of TWIRP, or the woman is required to pay. In 1949, the first "Sadie Hawkins Day" allowed girls to ask boys for a date. Even though there were strict rules concerning dating, the event was allowed. It was so popular that it led to an entire week of role reversals.

Traditions that surround the Battle of the Ravine have always added to the mystique of the Ouachita experience. The marble tiger became the traditional symbol of the Ouachita spirit in 1935. "Guarding the Tiger" was first born in those early years when the students draped a large canvas over the Tiger to keep vandals away.

Pranks played a role on the Battle of the Ravine tradi-

tions. One year, the campus was bombed by marshmallows from a Henderson airplane. Talk about a sticky situation! In the 1950s, a homecoming queen was held hostage in Hot Springs for several days before the infamous football game. Although she knew she was in no danger, the incident heightened anger between the two schools. These adventures have lessened over the years.

One of the newer traditions, and possibly the most entertaining, was Tiger Tunes. In 1979, the Ouachita Student Foundation began a small musical show involving group competition. The first Tunes took place in Mitchell Hall for only one night. The clubs were judged on their performance, and the Baptist Student Union came out on top with a grand prize of \$250. A few of the unique theme ideas were the Chi Delta's "Return to Sender" where they were dressed as stamps, and Beta Beta's capturing the essence of 70's television in "Don't Touch that Dial."

Knowing about the past was very important. Students needed to learn about these traditions to pass them along to the new Ouachitonians. It was interesting to see how things were in the past and to see how the University has evolved into what it is now.

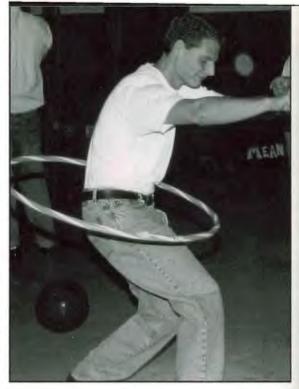


Senior Alan
Bagley moves and
groves at 50's
Night, sponsored
by EEE. Students
put on white shirts
and poddle skirts
as they enjoyed
coke floats and
rock-n-roll. photo
by K. Hare

"Marrin' Sam"
pronounces
seniors Nathan
Hawkins and Elise
O'Brien as
husband and wife.
During Gamma
Phi Sadie
Hawkins, couples
enjoyed oldfashioned hick

games. photo by





twirp week brings hope of a

by charity bennett SESPONSE

Picking up the phone, she watched her hand shake. She thought to herself, they've known each other for a year now, she should be able to do this. She slowly took a deep breath and let it out. She reached and picked up the phone. Taking another deep breath she slowly pushed the four on-campus numbers. She listened to it ring three, four times. Oh no. the answering machine. Should she hang up, should she leave a message? It was too late, there's the beep. "Ugh... Hey it's me, just wanted to see what's up. Ugh... I guess I'll talk to you later." As she placed the phone back on the receiver she felt her nervousness start to fade and then it quickly flared back again when she realized that she had to repeat the whole process again. She felt a little twang of guilt when she remembered how guys had to go through this anxiety every time they want to ask out a girl. They also have to go through this all year long, not just one special week at Ouachita called Twirp week.

TWIRP-The Woman Is Required to Pay-was a week filled with campus organization sponsored events. The week began with Campus Activity Board (CAB) sponsored Movie night. This year's movie selection was "Return to Me." Students filled the Tiger Den dressed in their pajama fashions.

Monday night was a hee hawin' good time with the Baptist Student Union Barn Bash. This gave the students a great meal and a hilarious show by senior Garth Lombard and juniors Adam Langley and B.J. Kyle. "My favorite part of Barn Bash was my date Nathan Smith," freshman Jill Abernathy said. "He was so much fun. He didn't mind that I couldn't play in

the games because of my broken arm."

Planet Ouachita was a "Hollywood" experience where all the stars showed up on campus for some Coke, popcorn, and a skit-filled night. Tri Chi sponsored the night for all the Ouachita couples dressed as Hollywood stars to sit around, relax, and enjoy some outrageous comedy.

Wednesday night the EEEs sponsored a flashback of poodle skirted girls and tight-rolled jeans boys, to sport the 50's outfits. "The skits were funny," said sophomore Matt Bell, "I had a good time."

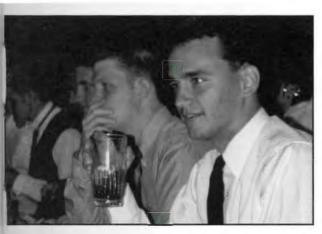
Harvest Moon was an elegant night that was held at the DeGray Lake Lodge. Chi Delta sponsored the annual dinner and dance. It was a night that girls dressed in formals and guys dressed in suits and ties. "It was so much fun. I had never been before so it was a new experience for me. My husband and I went with a group of friends and we had a great time," said senior Lisa Wiley.

Sadie Hawkins, sponsored by Gamma Phi, was a night of fun-filled games with a carnival atmosphere. Students dressed in their favorite hick outfits and got hitched and played games, such as pin the tale on the donkey.

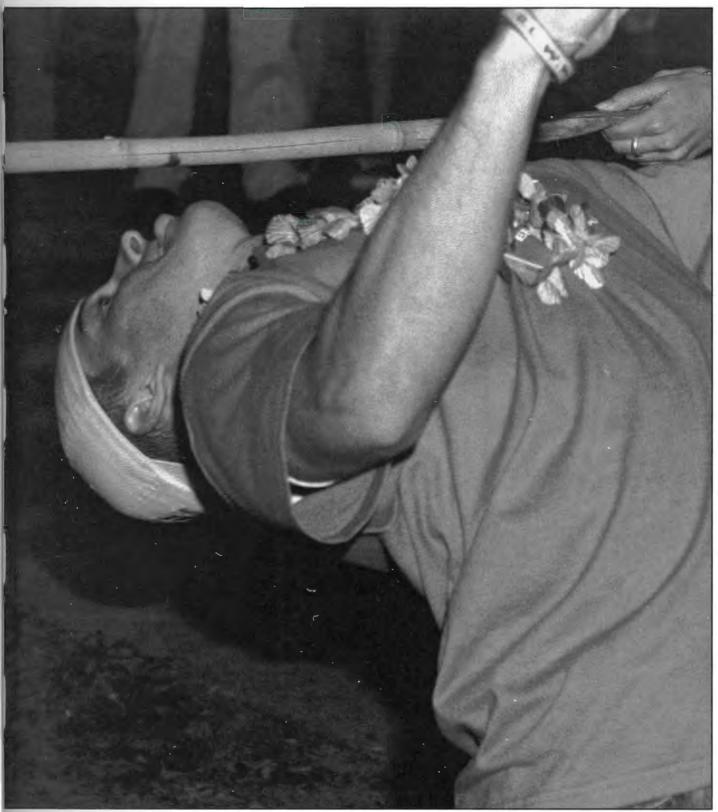
TWIRP continued after the Saturday football game Hawaiian-dressed students joined the ladies of Chi Rho Phi for an Aloha Luau. Everyone who attended learned how to hula.

TWIRP Week meant silly costumes, good food, funny skits, and an inexpensive date. It was a tradition that would be around for years to come.





Enjoying dinner with friends at Harvest Moon, senior Justin Franz listens to across-the-table conversation. After dinner, students continued the evening with dancing. The event was held at Lake DeGray Lodge. photo by M. Doom



Freshman
Nathan Tuckfield
get downs as he
tries his luck at
limbo. Hula
Night was
sponsored by Chi
Rho Phi and
gave students a
chance to unwind
in a tropical
setting. photo
by B. Chandler

Campus Activities
Board Luau,
senior Rick
Dildine gives an
Hawaiian
welcome to
freshman Katie
Robertson. The
luau allowed new
students to meet
other freshmen
and upperclassmen. photo by B.
Baxter



Grovin' to the beat, junior Robert Hand, senior Clayton Danner, and juniors Sean Michel and Joey Gordy entertain the crowds on the drums. Upperclassmen hosted a variety of events to allow new students to mix and mingle. Photo by T. Robertson



new students find activities for

by gary miller STATED

It all began in late July. The trip to Wal-Mart to find matching bed spreads, matching towels and even matching curtains, all for the dorm room at college. Many students faced this scenario when coming to college. They wanted the college life to have some similarity to home, but the distance of being out on their own. In order to help students make that transition, several groups on campus held various events to ensure that new students felt welcome. "As I pulled into the main entrance of Ouachita, my heart pounded slightly and my nerves rattled," said freshman Sarah Huckabee. "Fortunately when we pulled into the parking lot, we were met by several students, all smiling and wanting to help me unpack."

Upperclassmen participating in Welcome to Ouachita's World (WOW) assisted new students as they moved into the dorm. This made them feel more at ease about leaving home and let them meet a few people before classes began. "I was glad to have help, especially with all the stuff I had," Huckabee added.

During WOW, new students met together in "family groups" and learned the basics of college life. This included not carrying a purse for the ladies, not referring to the cafeteria as Burkett Williams Hall and playing in the aisles of Super Wal-Mart at 2:00 in the morning. This information was passed on by sophomore, junior and senior

WOW leaders, usually consisting of one male and one female per family group.

New students and upperclassmen began another school year with several other events to help break the ice. Spotlight on Arkadelphia allowed all students to see what area churches and businesses were in and around Arkadelphia. "I honestly only went to Spotlight for the free stuff, but ended up learning about the town," said freshman Cameron Connell.

In a display of talent, the Baptist Student Union sponsored the New Student Variety Show. Upperclassmen hosted the show as new students sang, danced and performed stupid human tricks for other students. What was a nerveracking experience for some students, those who participated found the show to be enjoyable. "It's a good way to get to know the freshmen and their talents early on in the year," junior Jennifer Smith said.

Other activities for freshmen were TWIRP Week, Battle of the Ravine and Guard the Tiger. Each of these allowed new students to become more involved on campus and participate in Ouachita traditions.

Living, laughing and loving were three words that could sum up what new students experienced as they participated in different campus events. Feeling welcome was the main concern for the new students as they entered a time of change and challenges.

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Freshman Marie
Bryant displays
her talent during
the New Student
Variety Show.
Hosted by the
Baptist Student
Union, new
students
entertained
freshmen and
upperclassmen
with a special or
unusual talent.
photo by B.
Baxter

The men of Kappa Chi strike up a tune as Bowlers during Tiger Tunes.

A three-night event, Tunes ended the Homecoming weekend on Saturday evening. photo by T.

Robertson

Tiger Tennis
Coach Craig Ward
returns a serve
during the
Homecoming
tennis tournament
held at Heflin
Tennis Courts.
The game
celebrated Ward's
10 years of tennis
at Ouachita.
photo by T.
Robertson





Junior Marcus
Freeman watches
as a fellow
teammate tackles
an opponent from
UWA. The
Ouachita Tigers
were edged out
by the West
Alabama Tigers in
the final seconds
of the game.
photo by C. Shera

Junior Kelly
Kruger feeds the
tiger during the
Homecoming
game. Those
attending the
game were able
to take pictures
with the tiger,
provided by the
Student Senate
photo by B.
Baxter







A football game, class and social club reunions, tailgate parities, Tiger Tunes, a golf scramble and alumni dinner. All these equaled one thing-Homecoming.

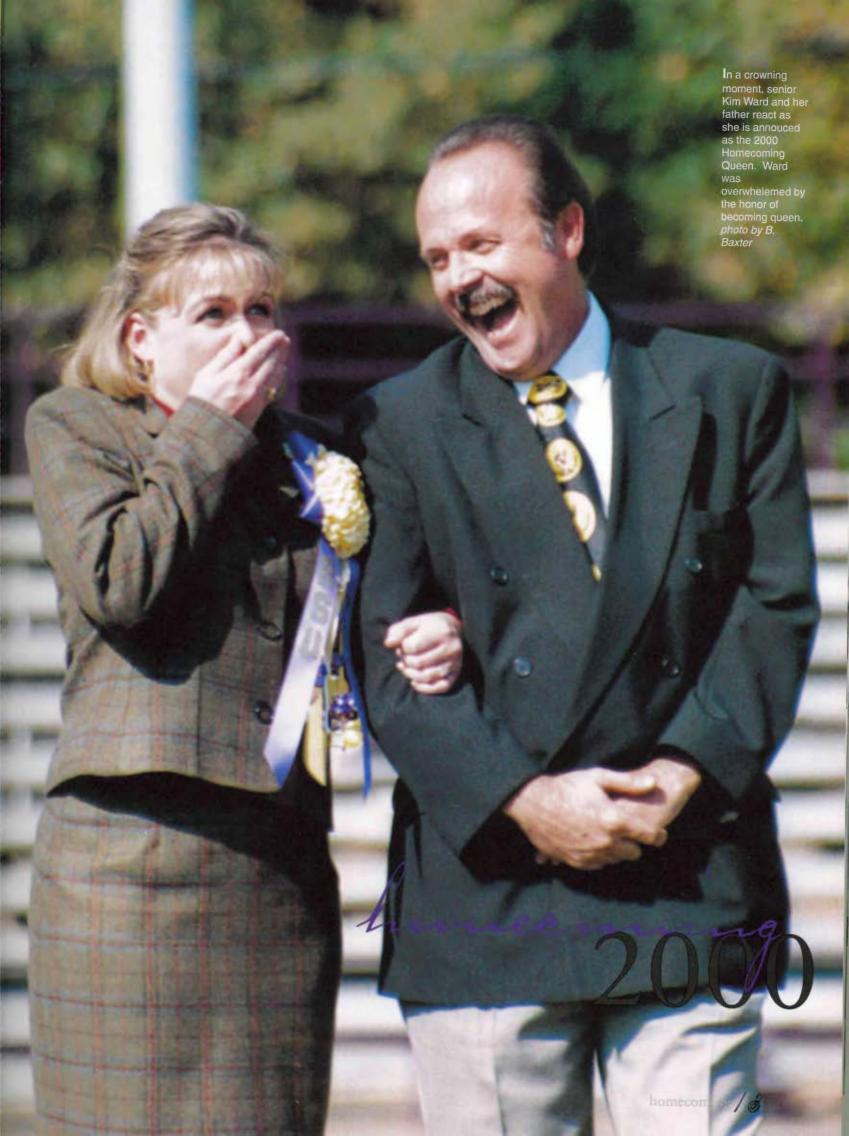
A week of activities led up to the final sound in Jones Performing Arts Center when Tiger Tunes ended. Beginning on Tuesday, the homecoming nominees were presented in Chapel, representing different clubs and organizations on campus. As the student body voted, 1999 Homecoming queen Candace Sharp performed the love ballad "Who is that girl I see?" "I felt the song best reflected me and what I felt the moment I was crowned queen," Sharp said.

Saturday morning featured social club, department and class drop-ins. The women of EEE celebrated their 75th anniversary at First Baptist Church. This was a meaningful time for club members and alumni. They were able to share in traditions of the club and experience seven decades of sisterhood.

The Tigers hosted the University of West Alabama, but were edged out by their opponent 22-21, as over 3,300 Ouachitonians watched the narrow loss.

Tiger Tunes, sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation, brought Homecoming weekend to an end. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and former students gathered in JPAC to watch and support the participating clubs. The men of Kappa Chi took first place as bowlers, giving them their second consecutive grand championship. "This was the biggest crowd we'll perform to and the most students involved," said senior Emily Watts, mistress of ceremonies and OSF president. "The clubs have all worked very hard and it shows in the excitement and involvement."

The events and triumphs of the weekend proved to live up to the theme of Homecoming – "Everything old made new."



Senior Heather
Peeples and
sophomore
Brooke Honnell
open the EEE
show as puppets.
The EEEs
earned the
honors of first
runner up after
all three nights.
photo by T.
Robertson



Members of clubs and the hosts and hostesses sing "Larger than Life" during the Tunes finale. For the finale, each club selected members to come back on stage to perform with the hosts and hostesses. photo by B. Baxter



tiger tunes settles as a by kathryn stewart EASTER

Destiny's Child, Diamond Rio, The Monkeys, 'N Sync, Diana Ross, The Village People, and an array of other performers echoed throughout the auditorium. "Millennium Legends," the megamix finale of hits from the past and present, unified the audience of all ages. The lights dimmed and the music began and the auditorium buzzed with excitement as the crowd recognized familiar tunes. "All you people can't you see can't you see" was heard as the curtain rose and the hosts and hostesses approached center stage. Tiger Tunes, sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation, was celebrating its 22nd year with the theme "Larger Than Life." With sell-out crowds, hundreds of participants, and 17 different acts, this year's show was definitely "LARGER" than ever. "This year was one of the largest productions in the history of Tunes," said Mac Sisson, director of Tunes. "We had a sold out crowd all three nights."

Eight campus clubs and organizations participated in this year's show, performing before crowds of alumni, students, friends and family. They were judged Thursday, Friday and Saturday night in the categories of music, choreography, theme and lyric, and costume. Kappa Chi men's social club won overall with the theme of bowlers. This year marked their sixth grade prize award. The director of the Kappa show, senior Josh Moore, said, "Winning was nice, but I was glad to see the guys saw the real meaning of Tunes, and that

is to have fun." EEE women's social club entertained with a theme of marionettes entitled "Puppets at Play," taking first runner-up, followed by the Baptist Student Union Egyptians who took the spot of second runner-up. Beta Beta men's social club Trojans won third runner-up and the women of Tri Chi, masked as ants, finished as forth runner-up with their show "Life's a Picnic." Other participants included Eta Alpha Omega as robots, Rho Sigma as prisoners, Chi Delta as cowgirls, and the crowd-pleasing men of Sigma Alpha Sigma as triangles.

A LARGE amount of hard work went into the performance of Tiger Tunes. Preparations began back in the summer months as each club director selected music, rewrote lyrics, designed costumes and created choreography. The clubs started practicing in the early days of September. Night after night countless hours of singing and dancing were put into each rehearsal, and week after week lifelong memories were made.

Since the introduction of Tiger Tunes 22 years ago, it has proved to be a favorite tradition of many at Ouachita. After the practices stop, and the curtain closed on another year, the talk of Tunes could still be heard around campus for weeks after the show. The thoughts of performing and winning will last forever, and the memories made were remembered as a LARGE part of the college experience.

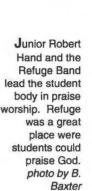


Senior Jeremy
Conrad is
congratulated by
Eta Alpha Omega
member Dalton
Brewer as he
celebrates the
Kappa Chi victory
in Tunes. This
was the second
consecutive year
that the Kappas
were named
grand champions. photo by B.
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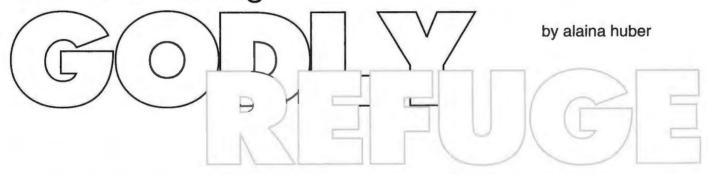
The hosts and hostesses peform an acapella version of the "Stars and Stripes Forever." Between club acts, the group performed musical numbers by N'Sync as well as ABBA. photo by T. Robertson

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Standing with their hands lifted high to the sky, singing in harmony with one another for the sole purpose of bringing praise and worship to their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That was what Refuge was all about. "Refuge was a time to celebrate the worship they have had throughout the week as a body of believers," said junior Alyssa Ross.

Every Thursday night students gathered to fellowship with one another, to learn more about God and to worship Him. "It was very refreshing to spend time with other believers worshiping and praising God in the middle of a busy week," said senior Jennifer Elliff.

Refuge was led by the Baptist Student Union campus ministries. The theme verses were Psalm 91:1-2, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I will trust."

The Refuge band, "unworthy vessels for God's truth," said sophomore bass guitarist Steven McMorran, consisted of eight students. The four seniors were Chuck Everson- keyboard and vocals, Michael Bleeker-guitar and vocals, Natalie Putmanvocals, and Garth Lombard-drums. Junior Sean Michelpercussion and Robert Hand - guitar and vocals, were both juniors. Freshman Neil Greenhaw played electric guitar. Sophomore Jeremy Jackson ran sound. Senior Kevin Rogers and sophomore Stephen Wickliffe provide the words to songs and verses with power point.

"I can remember back when I was in high school and I

came to visit OBU," Hand said. "I went to Praise and Worship (now called Refuge) and it was great to be able to worship with the students. I know the importance of praise and worship and to be able to be a part of it is a blessing. The first time the band came together we didn't know each other very well but right away there was a bond, a unity, a oneness. The band is an amazing group of people and it is such a blessing. I love it!"

Each week a message was brought to the students. Kevin Inman, the campus minister, met with the members of the band and they spent time together in prayer about the speakers for Refuge. Letting God lead their decision, they decided on a speaker.

Psalm 34:3, "Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together." Noonday was a 15 minute period every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. Students gathered to pray, sing and listen to testimonies of students or anything God led them to do. "I think it was awesome to be in God's presence with believers even if it is for only 15 minutes," said freshman Kara Haase.

The leaders of Noonday were junior Sarah Washam, and sophomores Angie Kirksey and Frank Schimunek provided the agenda for each session and lead the time in prayer and worship. Noonday provided a break out of a busy day to stop and take time to reflect on God's greatness. Senior Michae Toller said, "Students can come together and be encouraged by fellow classmates in music and thought."



Between songs, senior Michael Bleeker speaks to students at Refuge. Held on Thursday nights at First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, this time allowed students to enjoy praise and worship and hear a message from God. photo by B. Baxter



Guest speaker Barbara Schleiff speaks to students during Christian Focus Week Noon Day. This was a time in which students came together during the day to spend time with God. photo by J. Tohlen



During Tiger
Serve Day,
members of the
international club
are instructed
about their
assignment in
helping clean a
grave yard. Tiger
Serve Day
brought students
together to help
the community.
photo by B.
Baxter

students find a way to

by meredith welsh

A deep awareness of the suffering of another coupled with the desire to relieve it. That is compassion, as defined by the *American Heritage College Dictionary*. One must have compassion in order to be truly dedicated to community service. Empathizing with others, developing sensitivity to the conditions and struggles of others, those who are less fortunate. The passion for service began with the desire to reach out to others with the love of Christ. For the students who volunteered, their time spent became more than the act of service, but a concern for someone else's needs.

The opportunities for service arose, many through the help of the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community, which often bridged the gap between the community and the university campus. There were programs like America Reads/America Counts, which provided tutors through the public schools for children who struggled with reading and math and encouraged them. Students also served through the Transerve program. Transerve was not only a chance to get volunteer hours noted on students' university transcripts, but also it reminded them of the idea of servanthood.

Sponsored by the Elrod Center, Tiger Serve Day was a distinguishable day of service. This, what now seems like a tradition, was a chance for students to get a taste of community service by going "Into the Streets," as it was originally titled in its outset in 1997. Shortly after students returned from Christmas break, there was a special emergency Tiger Serve Day organized. An ice storm that caused power outages throughout the state of Arkansas and damaged an extensive amount of trees and left Arkadelphia in need of a massive cleaning up. Willing and com-

passionate students volunteered. Whether raking leaves, picking up tree limbs, or raising money for the Humane Society, Tiger Serve teams spread out through the city hard at work. Students met new people and built friendships through their group efforts and the time spent together. Team leader freshman Stephen Mathews said, "Not only was a great task completed for the community, but six individual students developed friendships with one another, and were able to see the positive results of helping out other people. Serving others is the best way that I can share the love of Christ."

Participants in the Baptist Student Union's Big Brother/ Big Sister program gave up an afternoon each week to spend with a child from the community. Students who served as so-called siblings to Arkadelphia children were volunteers who not only sought to help others, but also gained personal reward, as most any act of giving does. Freshman Courtney Phillips said, "I volunteered because I knew there was a little girl out there who, for at least an hour a week, needed someone to make her feel special, and show her that God loves her. Although, I always feel like I benefit from our time together more than she does. She teaches me to laugh for the sheer joy of life." Many students, like Phillips, found their experience as a Big Brother or Sister to be much more than a ministry, but a chance to learn from a child.

Community service, like the special Tiger Serve Day after the ice storm, brought hope and healing, roote 1 in the compassion of students for the community of Arkadelphia. Volunteers served not out of obligation, but out of compassion. Perhaps Paul said it best, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit... Each of you should look not only to your interests, but also to the interests of others," Philippians 2:3,4.



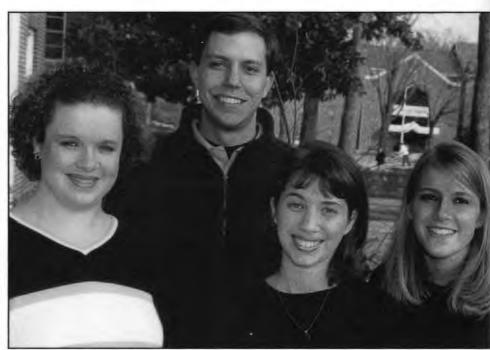


Junior Adam
McClure and
sophomore
Amber Franks
volunteer their
time to help the
community.
Projects varied
from painting to
pumping gas at
the two Exxon
stations. photo
by R. Kibbe

Julie Wilson,
Tiger Serve Day
coordinator, gives
instructions to all
the participating
teams. Many
members of
social clubs
formed teams to
aid in the
community
project. photo by
T. Robertson

Sophomore Kenny Wasson dials up an alumnus during the University's annual phon-a-thon. The phon-a-thon gave students the opportunity to visit with alumni while raising money for the Ouachita Scholarship Fund. photo by T. Carter Junior Alyssa Ross, senior Staci
Robertson, and junior Rachel Payne
made the most money and secured the
most number of pledges during the
phon-a-thon. Development Officer
Lane Smith presented the winners with
prizes. photo by B. Baxter





students help in

by carryn bridges

Ring! Ring! "Hello?" "Hi, my name is.... I am a student at Ouachita Baptist University." This was how most of the students would start off a conversation with a former student or alumnus whom they called during the phon-athon.

The national phon-a-thon was an event during which student volunteers called former students and alumni and asked them to make a pledge to the Ouachita Scholarship Fund. The phon-a-thon was held for three weeks in February on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. Many Ouachita clubs were involved in participating in this event, including OSF, BSU, CAB, and most social clubs. There were also some students who worked previous years and were asked to come back and work again. This year students were able to raise over \$113,000. This number increased from last year's \$101,000. Each night of the phone-a-thon, over 20 prizes were given to students who volunteered.

Overall, there were three winners, two of whom received \$100 gift certificates to Best Buy, while the third winner

won a wind-suit and athletic tennis shoes. The winners were Staci Robertson, Rachel Payne and Alyssa Ross. Robertson, a senior from Byrant, Ark., received 115 pledges from different individuals, the most out of anyone who worked in the phon-a-thon. Payne, a junior from Memphis, Tenn., raised almost \$16,000 alone, while Ross, a junior from Plano, Texas, received 104 pledges. "I love talking to the alumni," Payne said. "They are always so curious to find out about everything new that is going on Ouachita's campus."

This year, the Development Office tried a new angle in securing pledges. There was an email sent out to most of the alumni. Through this, alumni could email back a pledged amount. This way, they would not be disturbed at home with a phone call. This turned out to be quite a success, according to Development Officer Lane Smith. Ouachita is working on a more advanced way of pledging on-line, other than just email.

There were over 170 student, faculty and staff volunteers who worked to help make the phon-a-thon run smoothly.



Freshman
Lyndsey Choate
calls friends,
family, and
alumni to ask for
pledges. The
phonathon
raised money for
the Ouachita
Scholarshp
Fund.
photo by T.
Carter



Senior Emily
Watts and
admissions
counselor T.K.
Zellers discuss
their call sheets.
The phon-a-thon
was a time to
visit with friends
while raising
money for
Ouachita. photo
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university improvements equal to a

by caryn bridges



A member of maintenance power washes ne windows of Lile Hall. Whether it was clean windows or planting flowers, the support staff ensured that the campus was constantly clean and beautiful. photo by T. Robertson As many students were awaken on yet another morning by the sounds of construction, the maintenance crews were working on a variety of projects. The University underwent several changes during the year.

In January, students returned to find the Ouachita Commons open for business. The new cafeteria allowed students to experience a new dining atmosphere and provided room for a variety of serving lines. Students could also enjoy their favorite coffees at Starbucks, located between the Commons and Riley-Hickingbotham Library.

A major spring project was phase one of the renovation of A.U. Williams Football Stadium. Phase one included a complete renovation of the playing surface and some cosmetic changes to the stadium. Phase two, to begin next year, would include extensive cosmetic changes, including new seating, restrooms, concession stand and pressbox.

"All of the projects are pretty complex and the projects come off the campus master plan made several years ago," stated Richard Stipe, vice president for administrative services; about the construction on Ouachita's campus. Also from this plan, it was decided what project would be done next.

Plans were being made for additional classroom space for the Pruet School of Christian Studies and for the removal of Birkett-Williams Dining Hall.

In addition to structural changes, the physical plant staff was continuously working to keep the campus in shape both inside buildings and out. Hours were spent in groundskeeping, which made for a pleasant atmosphere for students, faculty, and staff and provided a positive first impression for visitors.



Above: Dr. Andy Westmoreland, senior Amber Wilson and other students and staff cut the ribbon to the new cafeteria. **B**elow: The A.U. Williams football field undergoes repairs, with a new surface and eventually plans for new seating. *photo by K. Shelby*





The weekend was co-sponsored Foundation and Campus Activities on the main campus with Sprin popcorn, cotton candy and inflatioust, the human fly and a tsuman f with Spring Fling, which will be and inflatable games and a terminal to the summer.

popcorn, cotton candy and inflatable games such as the joust, the human fly and a tsunami slide.

The fun continued as the 500 students participating in Tiger Traks competition gathered on the football practice field for the egg toss. Pigskin pass followed and the 59 teams rotated in SPEC for their shot at darts, Jenga, Pictionary and the basketball relay. Each team consisted of four males and four females.

Saturday morning found students rising early to go to the raft races held at Waggoner Pool. A new rule allowed "Trakers" to leave the paddle in the raft and use their hands to cross the pool, which many students found made the race easier.

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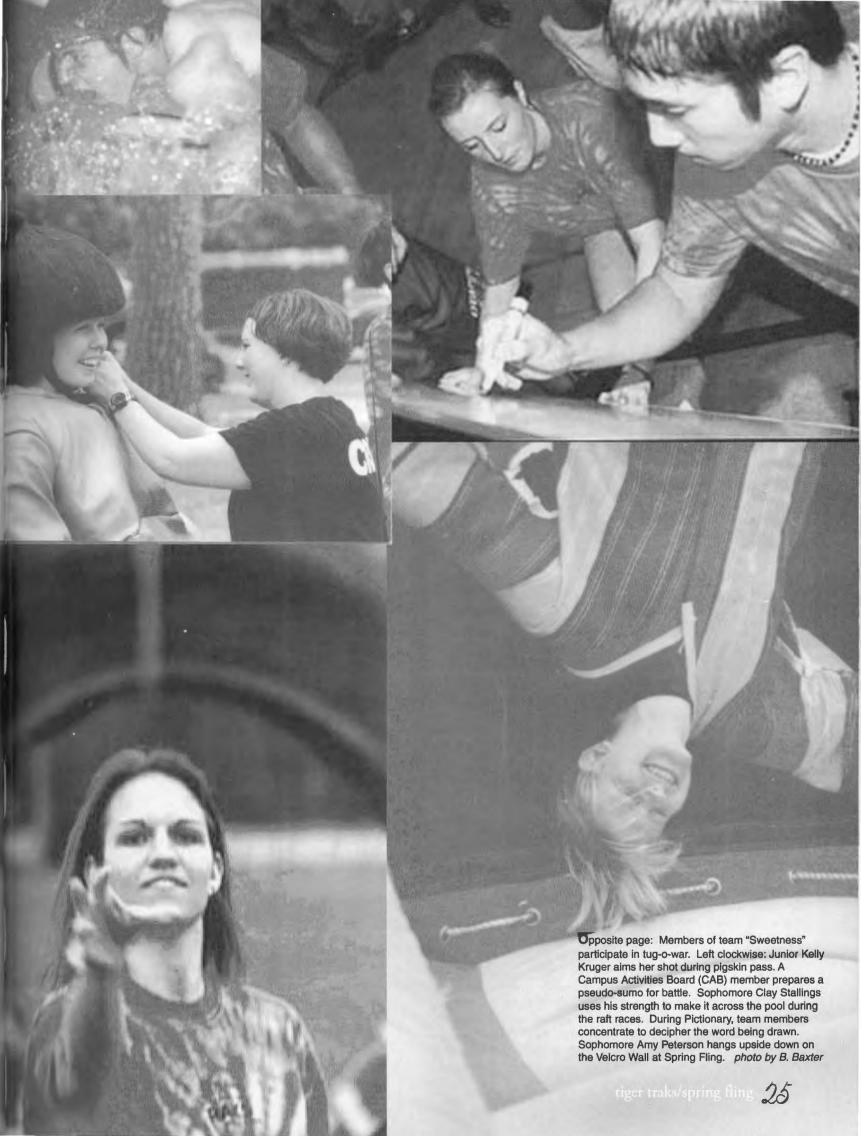
Flying eggs, cotton candy, sumo wrestling, and mud volleyball-who would think these had anything in common? They were all part of "Arkansas' Most Exciting College Weekend."

A picnic lunch was provided before Traks really got dirty. Competition intensified as the last few events were held in an enormous mud pit. Junior Dustin Freeman said, "Winning feels good, but winning with friends feels great. I know we feels good, but winning with friends reels great. I know we finished third, but it felt like we won it all because we had so much fun." While participating in the obstacle course, mud volleyball, and tug-o-war, many students found time to throw friends in the mud and run around having fun.

At the end of the day, however, only one team could claim the championship. For the second consecutive year Sweetness, led by Wes Engram, edged out legacy team. E Nino IV. Sweetness pulled out the win by just one point. Junior Jeremy Nottingham, a recruit to Sweetness, said, " was thrilled to be asked to be part of the team and it w

was thrilled to be asked to be part of the team and it was even more thrilling to pull off the win."

Over the course of the weekend, students learned exactly what flying eggs, cotton candy, sumo wrestling, and mud volleyball had in common. And, in fact, it did make for "Arkansas' Most Exciting College Weekend."



The Wolf tries to give Little Red Riding Hood, sophomore Lana Hancock, new directions away from Grandma's house. "Into the Woods" was a mixture of different fairy tales intertwined. photo by T. Robertson



singing, dancing and

by gary miller

PERFORMING.

A filled house and attentive audience were two items that those in the productions and musicals hoped for. Time and much effort went into the three main shows, and the performers wanted it to be perferct.

In the fall, senior Rick Dildine had his directing debut of "How Mr. Mockinpot was Cured of His Suffering." A slapstick comedy, the theme was of a man who spent his entire life in a structured environment, void of variety. Mr. Mockinpot and his guide, Jack Pudding, traveled to doctors, the government and even God to find an answer to his "sufferings." "The play is a comedy in the style of vaudeville and Chaplin-esque humor. It is a very entertaining piece of theatre," said Dildine.

Another comedic production was the fall operetta "Mikado." Containing a strong element of British humor, the piece was challenging for the performers. However, Dr. Jon Secrest, music professor and director, felt that it exposed them and the audience to a new genre of art. "We really worked on developing our operatic productions," he said. "Hopefully, when more people are exposed to this type of opera it will generate even more interest on our campus."

"The Mikado" told the story of Nanki-Poo, son of the Mikado who roamed throughout Japan to escape the romantic attentions of an elderly admirer. Yum-Yum, the fianceé of the Lord High Executioner, finds herself admired by both Nanki-Poo and Katisha, a man eventually

condemned to death for flirting. "The story was funny and the talent was amazing," said sophomore Robert Ramsey.

Bringing a enjoyment of fables to the stage, the spring musical, "Into the Woods," allowed the audience to experience the collection of fairy tales adapted by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine. It was a "musical comedy with a message," explained director Dr. Scott Holsclaw, associate professor of theatre arts. It had a strong message about life, and the basic moral was that getting what you wish for does not always have the results you expected, he said.

The show centered on the baker, his wife and the witch and the stories of Cinderella, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk. Snow White and Sleeping Beauty also made brief appearances. In the first act, the characters made wishes; in the second, they saw the outcome.

Freshman Lana Hancock described the musical as very "bright and colorful. The play was really neat and the music was different and sometimes difficult to do," she said.

Senior Josh Shaw echoed Hancock's beliefs about the production. "I think people laughed a lot, but I also think they were impressed with the scale of the show," he said. "There were a lot of big-scale special effects and a lot of work went into this."

The many hours put into each of the productions resulted in three "outstanding" shows. Performers, technicians, directors and audience saw the end result to be well worth the effort.





Senior Jeremy Bishop, and other members of the opera, rehearse for the production of "The Mikado." Performed during the fall, the musical was part of the opera workshop. photo by C. Shera

Jack Pudding, played by Spencer Sutterfield, advises Mr. Mockinpott, played by Stephen Boutwell, on who exactly can "cure" his suffering. The play was directed by senior Rick Dildine. photo by R. LeMay

Miss OBU 2001
sophomore Erin
Pittman, poses
with the runner
ups (I to r)
sophomore
Danna Wagnon,
freshman
Melissa Golden,
and sophomore
Amber Franks.
photo by B.
Baxter





miss obu proves to be more than

by gary miller

Big hair. Bell bottoms. Capris. Denim jackets. These fashion crazes, along with many others, have come and gone through the years since Miss OBU pageant was formed in 1967, but much of the procedure has stayed the same.

The Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, sponsor of the event, was encouraged by officials at the Miss Arkansas pageant in Hot Springs to begin the pageant. The fraternity approached school officials, and facing no opposition, began the pageant in 1967.

The four phases of competition were talent, private interview, eveningware and swimwear. Mac Sisson, news bureau director, said the basic judging criteria has not changed since Miss OBU's early days.

"I think the main difference was the platform issue [added in 1989]. This was established by the Miss America committee to change the emphasis from beauty to a well-rounded young lady," he said.

Each contestant choose a platform issue which they advocate. These issue varied: self-esteem, Medical issues, the arts, and young people.

The nine pageant contestants this year were freshmen Cameron Dodson, Melissa Golden, Amy House, Cara McCone, sophomores Leslie Fodge, Erin Pittman, Danna Wagnon, Stephanie Lochala and Amber Franks. Each of the girls spent countless hours preparing for the one-night event. However, it was Pittman, a missionary kid from Brazil, who was named 2001 Miss OBU, she was sponsored by the men of Sigma Alpha Sigma. For Pittman, it began with

helping in Miss Diamond Lake, held in Jones Performing Arts Center weeks before Miss OBU, that caught her interest. "After that, when Mac approached me with the idea of being in the pageant, I thought it would be fun," Pittman said. "I never expected to participate in a beauty pageant, much less win one," she added.

Her view of pageants changed after Miss Diamond Lakes and especially after Miss OBU. "I think it's important to let people know that pageants are more than just beauty," she said. "They are also about promoting women who are talented and good with people. It gives women a chance to express themselves."

Using her experience of living in Brazil, Pittman's platform was cultural awareness. She said that in Brazil, people weren't as driven by work, weren't as concerned about race and were more accepting than in America. She believed that everyone should see different cultures and see new places.

First runner-up was Franks, and second runner-up was Golden, who won the swimsuit portion of the competition. Third runner- up was Wagnon, who tied Pittman for interview. and House was named Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants.

For Pittman, the pageant not only brought about scholarship, but a chance to share her view of culture to the world as well as gain a personal view. "Not all of the girls [in the Miss Diamond Lakes pageant] looked like models," she said. "I realized that the pageant allows an avenue for expression as well as promoting a personal talent."

28 student life



Sophomore Sophomore
Lauren McNair,
2000 Miss OBU,
sings a tribute
song before
giving away the
crown. McNair
won the talent portion of the 2000 pageant. photo by K. Selby

New Miss OBU, sophomore Erin Pittman, is filled with excitement as she receives her crown. Pittman would go on to participate in the Miss Arkansas Pageant. photo by B. Baxter



With a big smile, freshman Melissa Golden models her evening gown. Golden won the swimsuit portion of the pageant. photo by B. Baxter

more than a

by rachel lemay

"She was the best package," said Gregg Frizzell of the new 2001 Ouachitonian Beauty, 19-year-old freshman Lacy Fleming.

Frizzell, who chaired this year's five-member judging panel, said that Fleming embodied what a Ouachitonian Beauty should be because she possessed both outer and inner beauty.

"Not only are these girls pretty, but a 'Ouachitonian Beauty' needs to be able to communicate in order to show her inner beauty," said Frizzell. "[Lacy] is very poised and very polished, and she's just a freshman."

Despite her age, this Ouachita freshman had a variety of experiences that "polished" her into a Ouachitonian Beauty.

"I don't think the pictures do them justice," said Frizzell, who commented that each of the contestants was pretty. First through fourth runners-up honors went to: Bridget Stroope, Katie Kirkpatrick, Tamara Rossworn, and Erica Kimbrough and Sharesa Williams tied for fourth.

Fleming has everything from teaching dance to performing on a Disney cruise ship. She has been featured in a promotional health video and was part of the Citrus Bowl halftime show. She held the 2000 Arkansas Junior Miss title and was the Miss Southeast Arkansas representative for the 2001 Miss Arkansas Pageant Fleming had even been in an exercise segment with Cindy Crawford.

"My mom and I were just

waiting in line to see 'Good Morning America,' and they asked if we would like to do a workout segment," explained Fleming. It was only after they agreed that they were told the leader would be Cindy Crawford. "It was really fun," said Fleming.

Fleming classifies all her experience and especially her pageant involvement as having helped her to mature and build her character. "I don't classify myself as a pageant child," said Fleming. With her 5'6" height, blonde hair and blue eyes, the freshman said the scholarshios were one of the primary focuses of pageant and it was those scholarshios that enabled her to come to Ouachita.

In pagead competition, Fleming had child abuse as her platform, an issue that affected her personal, when a friend was a victim of abuse. "You never realize how serious this issue is until it happens close to you," she said.

Fleming was also an avid dancer. Having studied tap dance for 16 years, she now teaches. She uses a combination of her dance and vocal skills for the talent portion of pageant.

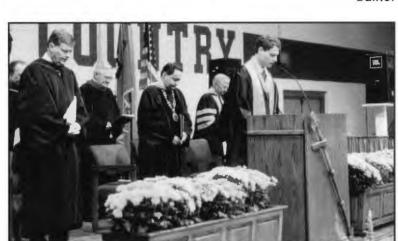
This beauty said she hoped to have a "happy little school family" meaning that her fiance, who attends disiana Tech, would coach basketball while she areo taught kindergarten.

With her many talents and aspirations, she simply wants a usual life. "I'm ready to get on with establishing my family and just living the normal, happy life," said Fleming.



Dr. Andrew Westmoreland introduces the Distinguished Alumnus Dr. John S. Jackson. Jackson was a 1962 graduate of Ouachita and was the interim chancellor and professor of political science at Southern Illinios University. photo by B. Baxter

Senior Alan
Bagley leads the
prayer at the
beginning of
commencement.
As senior class
president, Bagley
was selected to
lead the prayer.
photo by B.
Baxter





graduation symbolizes a time of

by gary miller

With the advancement of technology, universities were changing more and more. One way of using this technology was broadcasting events via the internet. During the spring commencement, international and missionary parents unable to attend were able to log on and view the ceremony in progress.

Empowered by a grant from Firstar bank, the viewing allowed anyone to view the ceremony via the world wide web. "The grant from Firstar allowed us to move further into wireless technology, which has great potential for enhancing our web site," said Bill Phelps, director of computer services. "We have had live coverage of football and some basketball games, but we hope to add live broadcasts of several other events next year. We're excited about starting the process with commencement because it gives family and friends of our graduates who can't travel to campus an opportunity to participate in the experience."

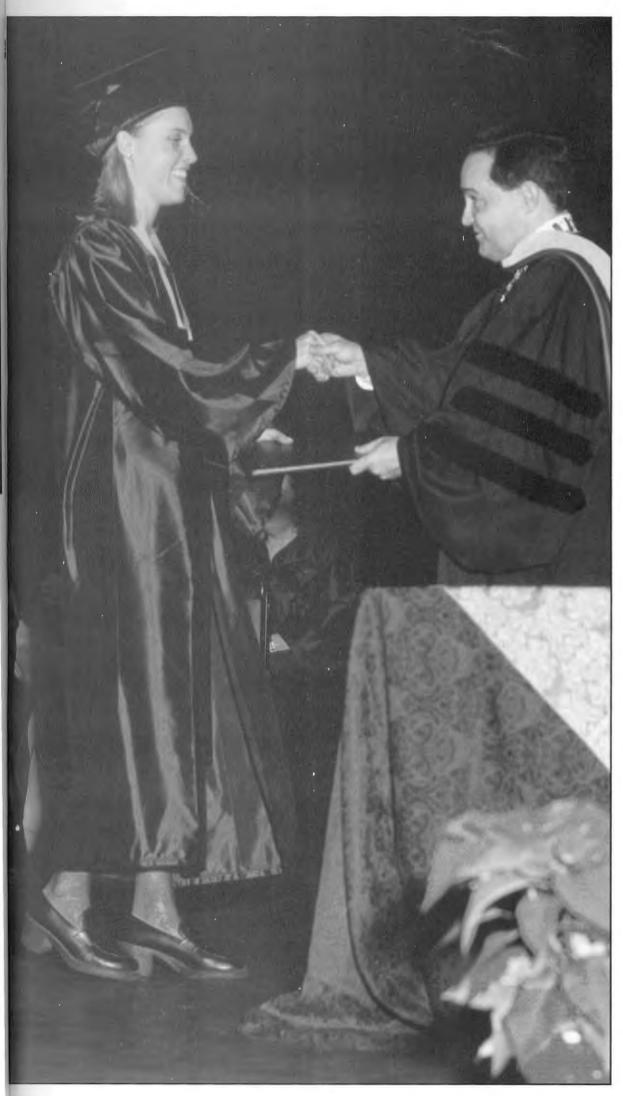
The families of the 234 graduates who couldn't attend were able to listen to that "proud" moment.

During Baccaularate, Rev. Ben Rowell of First Baptist

Church, Rogers, gave a message of encouragement. The distinguished alumnus award was presented to Dr. John S. Jackson, interim chancellor and professor of political science at Southern Illinois University. Those attending listened to his words of what to expect from the new century. "I felt what he said applied to us more than anyone because we are the first class of the new millennium," senior Amy McCormick said.

In its second year, the university held December graduation. Eighty-three students received the bachelor degrees during the ceremony. To help reduce the number of those walking in the spring, December graduation offered students who finished in the summer and fall to not have to wait until May to walk. "Fall graduation was a necessity because of growing enrollment numbers and senior classes too large for a single springtime commencement," Judy Jones, registrar, said.

Whether it was December or May, graduation was a time of completion, finalizing and completion of another chapter in the life of a student.



With a firm handshake, Dr. Andrew Westmoreland congratulates senior Signe Vang during during fall commencement. Eighty-three students graduated in December. photo by B. Baxter



Senior Ben Cantrell accepts his diploma from Dr. Andrew Westmoreland. Cantrell graduated with a perfect 4.0 GPA. photo by B. Baxter



Ouachita
students watch in
anticipation to
see who will
become the next
president. The
election party
was held in the
Student Center
and was open for
all students.
photo by S.
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george w. bush verses al gore in

by kathryn stewart

From the early days of the presidential campaign season, it was clear the race would be a tight one between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush. Few, however, would have predicted that the contest would not only come down to the wire, but to a single state, and beyond that, a few hundred votes.

It was clear from Election Day, November 7, that the election of 2000 would be one for the record books. Indeed, at different times on election night and in the wee hours of November 8, each of the candidates was declared the winner, later to be stripped of the title "president-elect." On November 11, after the mandatory machine recount of the state of Florida revealed that the candidates were only a few hundred votes apart. It was at this point that the election began its tortuous journey through the judicial system, when the Bush camp sued in federal district court and ultimately ended in the U.S. Supreme Court.

The long-awaited results of election 2000 elicited yawns from the public, but the drama in Florida engrossed the nation and undoubtedly signified the influence of the public's

reliance on the cable news stations, which offered round-the-clock coverage and commentary on the spectacle. It seemed that just when voters had enough of the litigation, a bomb would drop, providing ample fodder for new debate and discussion. "I have always been extremely interested in politics and the direction of this year's election was so exciting to follow," sophomore Amanda Wiley said. "Every afternoon I tuned into the news to get the daily update. The never-ending debates between the two parties was like a political scientist's dream!"

Almost one month after the election was over and the countless lawsuits, counter suits, appeals and arguments were heard, Texas governor George W. Bush became the president elect, prevailing over Vice President Al Gore in the electoral college by the narrowest of margins, 271-267. Gore dominated the popular vote however, winning 50,158,094 votes over Bush's 49,820,518. When Bush took the oath of office in January, he was the fourth president in history to have triumphed in the Electoral College, but not the popular vote.



During the Victory 2000 rally, president-elect George W. Bush speaks to Arkansans about some of his reforms and presidential plans. The rally was held at the Little Rock Riverfront in October. photo by B. Adams



From the White House press room, Al Gore announces his candidacy for the 2000 presidential election. Gore represented the Democratic party.



On Christmas Day, families gathered around the tree to celebrate, when suddenly their electricity made the celebration dim. A wintry storm, including freezing rain and sleet, blanketed much of Arkansas. The tremendous amounts of ice caused many power lines to break from falling trees. This left 300,00 Arkansans without electricity for several days, even up to several weeks. On Dec. 29, President Bill Clinton signed major disaster declarations for 52 counties in Arkansas. Signal Staff

On campus, the ice broke several of the trees. Up to a quarter of an inch of ice fell on the ground on Christmas Day.

photo by

Maintenance

With nearly 70 million people using Napster, the on-line MP3 downloading program, the recording industry saw this as a serious copyright infringment. In December, the Recording Industry Association sued Napster, accusing it of encouraging an unrestrained, illegal, online trade of music. Heavy metal band Metallica also sued the company for copyright enfringment after realizing more than 300,00 users were trading their songs online. In March, Napster shut down its music shopping cart, thus ending

the world-wide share of music. The Associated

Press

An unidentified aide clears a path through the waiting press as Napster founder Shawn Fanning leaves the federal courthouse in San Francisco. photo by Lou Dematteis

/ ith the incresing price in gas, travel became less and less of an option. In March, price of gas began averaging at \$1.55 and by May it was \$1.76. Gase prices were expected to reach \$2 by the summer. And part of the cause came from an attempt to save energy by the Bush administration. Also, the spike of prices was linked to the cost of U.S. refineries refinery, fires and refinery maintenance. A result of the hike in price was a gas tax that would ease prices at the pump, and wholesale

price caps on electricty to force California's energy market back into a more consumerfriendly balance. Frank Pellegrini, Time.com



While making a speech at an Exxon Gas Station, Democratic leader Richard Gephardt touts his party's energy plan. photo by Shawn Thew/AFP

Cocially awkward and fascinated by guns, Timothy McVeigh found himself wondering what happened. Those thoughts haunted him as he awaited to be put to death by lethal injection. His involvement in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing resulted in the sentence ordered in April. Timothy McVeigh argued that the arrogance of the Federal Government, the government that wanted to take his guns and cramp his rights, was so vast and so dangerous that he needed to blow up a building, start a revolution. "I did it for the larger good," he claimed, and if innocent people had to die, well, that's what happens in war. He called the 19 dead children "collateral damage," and

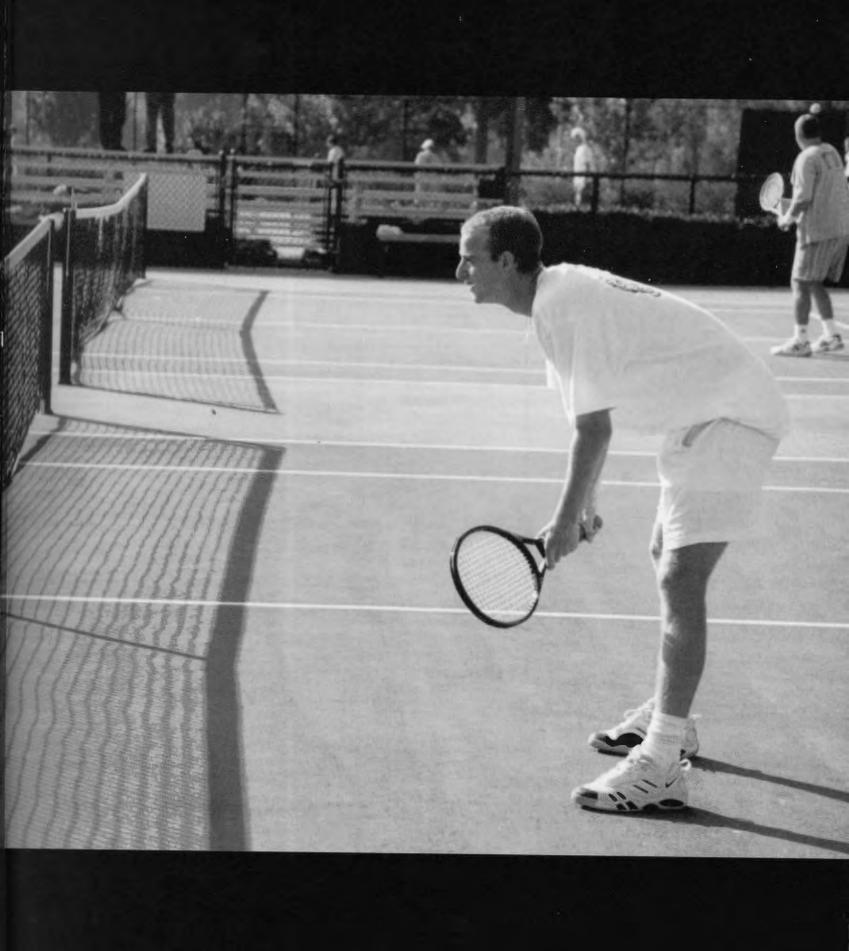
bragged that even if he is executed, he still wins: the final score will be 168 to 1. His May execution was postponed when it was learned that FBI had not turned over all of its documents to the attorneys.



Timothy McVeigh on the day of his arrest. McVeigh was sentenced to death by lethal injection. photo by Associated Press

Junior Daniel Vejman and other members of the tennis teams put in hours of sweat and dedication from day one of practice, which led the men's and women's teams to win the division titles. The women's basketball worked its way to the playoffs, ending the season with a 20-8 record. Senior John Berry made waves by winning the first place in the swimming national championship. With every pass, throw, kick and stroke, athletes were continually in motion. photo by T. Robertson





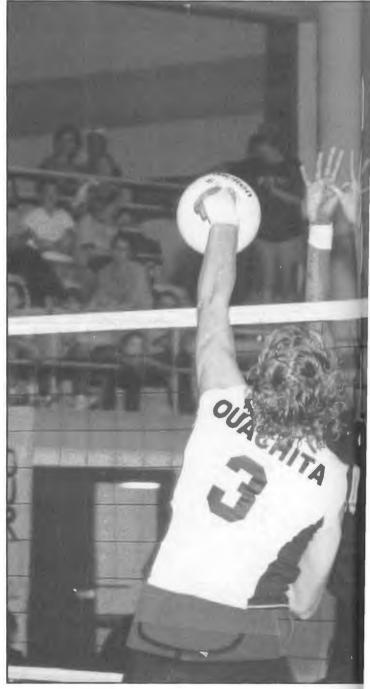
Sophomore Amy
Pace leaps to set
the ball to the net.
Pace, a middle
hitter from
Richardson, Texas,
was selected to the
All-GSC Second
Team. photo by B.
Baxter

Senior Susi Kurth
hits around two
Henderson State
blockers. Kurth
was second in kills
(262) and kills per
game (2.45) for the
Lady Tigers,
second only to
freshman Katja
Muller. photo by
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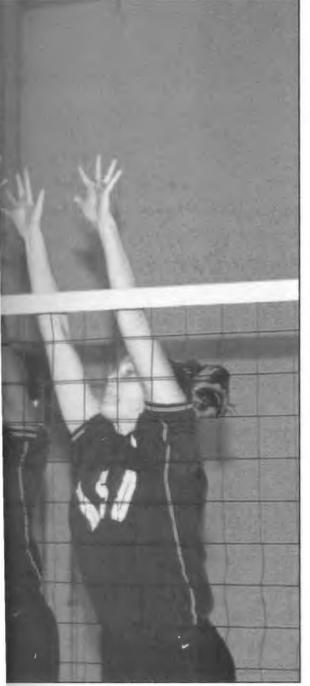
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Junior Kelley Johnson takes the pass while freshman Katja Muller (back) and senior Susi Kurth (front) move into position to hit. Johnson was a team leader on and off the court. photo by T. Robertson

AIM AND MANUEL FOR THE WIN



In their first year of the Gulf South Conference, the Lady Tiger volleyball team fared quite well. With four senior starters returning, the team began the season with a positive outlook.

Under the leadership of Coach Bill Sutton, the Lady Tigers began with a loss, but quickly bounced back with a 3-1 win over East Texas Baptist University. A formidable opposition, senior Robyn Kuntz felt that the team was capable of doing its best. "We were in a new conference and faced a lot of strong teams," she said. "However, all of us felt that our ability to play together and play well would help us."

And it did. The Lady Tigers rallied together and pushed their way to the top. Through a series of wins and losses, the team had some reservations about what to expect from other teams. However, when the team gained a four-game winning streak, their outlook quickly changed. "When it came down to it, we really pulled together and played as a team," said sophomore Amy Pace. "After our fourth win against Rhodes, we felt very confident about playing."

The Lady Tigers took that "togetherness" and had another series of wins. Edging out University of Central Arkansas, Southern Arkansas University and taking three victories in the Le Tourneau Tournament, the victories helped to strengthen the team. And those victories would soon show their results.

With the regular season drawing close to the end, the Lady Tigers would soon find

themselves ranked in the upper ranks of the Gulf South Conference standings. The team's record provided them a first-time appearance in the GCS Tournament. "We were really excited about being in the tournament," said Sutton. "The team's hard worked had paid off."

Facing the University of North Alabama, the team became aware that they had their work cut out for them. UNA downed the Lady Tigers 3-0, but the Lady Tigers had played a difficult team. The Lady Tigers went down 15-4, 15-10 and 15-2 to UNA. However, this being the first appearance in the tournament and tying for third with Harding University, all members of the team were happy with the results. "We couldn't have asked for a better season," said Karen Cunningham. "We had a strong team going into the new conference and that, I feel, helped us more than anything." **story by Laura Mezzo and Gary Miller**

"We couldn't have asked for a better season." Karen Cunningham, senior Freshman Melissa
Golden plays the
flute as she waits to
move into the next
formation. The
marching band
performed Latinstyle numbers such
as "La Suerta de los
Tontos" and "Lock
You Up." photo by
B. Baxter

Senior Michael
Lusk, freshman Keith
Dixon and senior
Geoff Brown play on
the sideline.
Standing formations
provided for musical
emphasis and were
often the most
powerful sections of
the show. photo by
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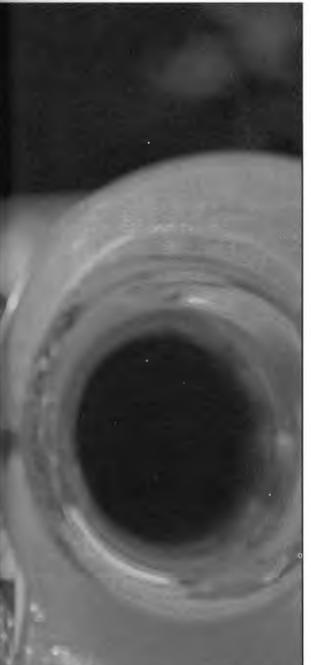


Senior Jeremy
Bishop plays
flugle horn
behind
protective
eyeware. Band
members often
dealt with the
typically hot and
sunny weather
of the early
season with
sunglasses and
sunscreen.
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PLAYING THE SOUNDS OF THE GAME



Sweat and time combined with a a multitude of musical talent. This formulation was the foundation of the marching band. Many hours were spent in practice to achieve one thing: the best performance possible.

The marching band had several new members from the freshman class of 2000. Freshman Jennifer Wilkins, who played the flute, chose to come to Ouachita simply because it is where she felt God wanted her to come. She enjoyed college band more than high school band because more motivated players were together to make a more perfect sound pleasing to the ear. Freshman Jessica Jacks played the saxophone and was in the color guard.

Her older sister had told her good things about Ouachita, and when she visited, she enjoyed the friendly atmosphere. "There are many talented musicians who know how to make band fun and light-hearted," Jacks said. Jennifer thought that music was a gift from God. "It is a way to express one's self and praise God," she added. In her opinion, band was a way for a group of students to get together with the same interest, and to have fun. Jacks liked band as an extra curricular activity because it gave the music majors a chance to play different instruments and the non-music majors a chance to play for fun, scholarships and as a stress reliever.

The halftime show consisted of Latin music such as La Suerta de los Tontos and Lock You Up. The band hosted the Region III Marching Contest for the second straight year and performed as the exhibition band for the event.

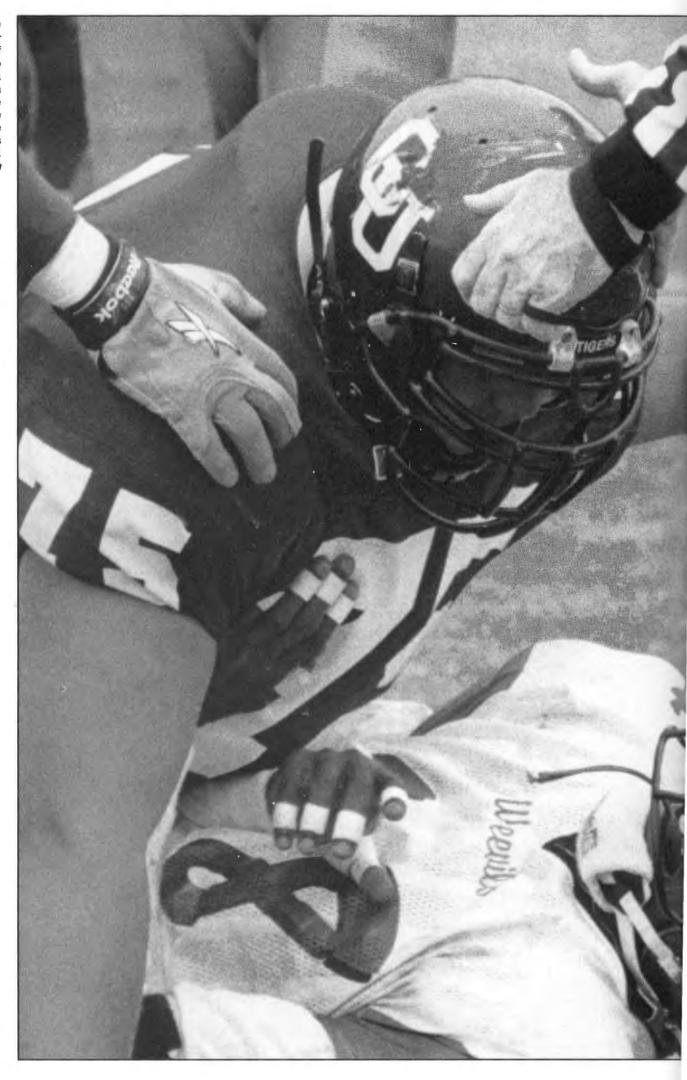
The band played an assortment of tunes in the stands to get the crowd pumped up. The

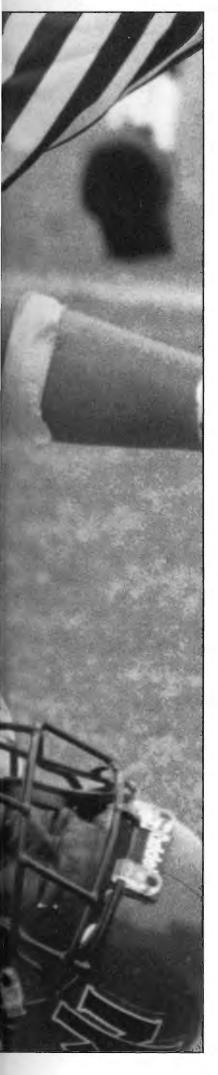
main objective of the marching band was to let the football team know that they had support. After all, the marching band was there to boost school spirit.

The two major games for the band was the first game of the season, which was Henderson, and then finally homecoming. The band's hard work was all worth it with the triumphant applause that was received from the crowd at Homecoming. **story by Charity Bennett**

"There are many talented musicians who know how to make band fun and lighthearted." Jessica Jacks, freshman

Senior offensive lineman Roger Boyer is pealed off a UA Monticello opponent by a referee and a teammate. The Tigers lost the conference game to the Boll Weevils 21-43. photo by M. Doom





BACK TO THE OF THE GAME

Ouachita had the look of a young team as a fourth-quarter lead in the Battle of the Ravine slipped away. Two wins came for the Tigers after the opening loss to the Henderson State University Reddies as Ouachita gave its young starters valuable playing time and built for the future. That future appeared to be within sight by the end of the season when three underclassmen were named to the Gulf South All-Conference team.

Ouachita had three kicks blocked - two relatively short field goals and an extra point. OBU also fumbled on three late possessions, including one inside

the HSU 10-yard line and one on the only play the Tigers ran in their first-ever overtime game. Ouachita had the ball for 43:12 compared to just 16:48 for Henderson, but the Reddies out gained the Tigers 228-178 yards. Ouachita had 154 yards rushing and 24 passing. The Reddies, showing a one-back offense, had the opposite approach. They passed for 244 yards and ran for -16, thanks in part to a school-record nine sacks by the Ouachita defense. Junior defensive end T.J. Bingham led the way with four sacks. Ouachita scored on its first possession following an interception at the OBU 29 by Marcus Freeman. The Tigers drove to the HSU twoyard line but had to settle for a field goal. Freshman kicker Stephen Jennings converted on the 21-yarder and Ouachita led 3-0. Fullback Greg Gibson scored two plays later, but the PAT was blocked, leaving the Tigers with a 9-0 lead. Two possessions later, the Reddies got their first score moving 41 yards in seven plays to set up Elbert's 24- yard field goal. The 9-3 halftime lead held for Ouachita until late in the fourth quarter.

really come together this year. Next season, we'll be more competitive." **Nathan Syer**

"I saw a team

The Tigers moved into Henderson territory four times in the second half, but they were restricted by two fumbles, a blocked field goal and a failed fourth down conversion attempt. Henderson took advantage of one of the fumbles with a long touchdown pass. With 3:33 left in the fourth quarter, the game was tied. The Tigers failed to move the ball on their last possession, and then the Reddies ran out the clock, playing for the overtime they would eventually win. "The Henderson game was very discouraging because we had wanted to start the season off with a win. But even though we didn't have a very successful season, we played hard. Having youthful play-(story continued on page 46)

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THE GAME

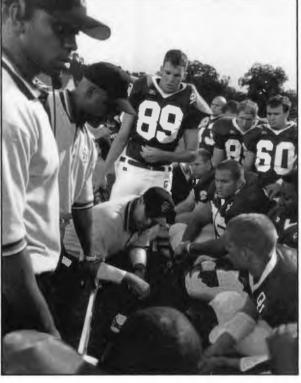
ers on the team gives us great expectations for the future as we work hard. We are determined to have a wonderful season next year," said Martin Bryant. "These teammates have become my friends for life, we are all like a family."

The (0-1) Tigers then played the University of Central Arkansas Bears at Ouachita's A.U. Williams Field. It was a close game and the Tigers held tight to win 20-16 in front of an estimated 3,200 fans in OBU's first- ever Gulf South Conference game. Ouachita senior linebacker Kennis Mumphrey stuffed the Bears running back at the two-yard line as time was running out, sealing the victory. As the game ended, screaming OBU fans, along with emotional players and coaches, united on the field to celebrate Ouachita's first win over UCA since 1982. "I was so excited so be presented with the opportunity to make such an important play for the team because as a senior I have tried to be a leader. We were prepared to make the play as a result of hard practice. It was important for the college stats for me to come through but also important to the players. This program is building and becoming strong, and it has been such an honor to be a building block for the team," said Mumphrey.

Ouachita was led by Montoya Brown, who rushed for 134 yards on 18 carries. Defensive end T. J. Bingham, wearing number 25 in memory of former teammate Antoyne Edwards who died last spring, ended the night with three quarterback sacks to give him a total of seven in two games. Linebacker Marcus Reese led the Tigers with 10 tackles. Junior cornerback Derrick Flowers, Mumphrey and senior safety Jeremaine Wilson each had eight tackles.

The Tigers lost the next three games, but they had a close win over the University of North Alabama 30-29. Freshman quarterback Jett Furneaux, who entered the game for injured starter Richard Allen, drove 92 yards on 12 plays and scored with 23 seconds left in the game. The Tigers had four more loses including the Homecoming game against the University of West Alabama.

The Tigers ended the season 2-8. Even though the Tigers had a tough season, they improved in some important areas, and had bright plans for the future. The previous year, the Tigers received a new field house and new uniforms. There were plans for improvements in the locker room, they renovated the dorms, and planned to improve the field. The next season the Tigers would be playing on the number one field in division II. Fullback Greg Gibson foresaw the next season to be a strong one. "Nine out of eleven defensive starters and all of the offensive starters will be returning, giving the team an advantage. Our new coach, Todd Cooley is a great asset to the team," he said. "He is young motivating, and has brought us new ideas and strategies." New to Ouachita from Northeastern State University in Oklahoma, Todd Cooley was the new quarterback and receiver coach. Another change for next year was the naming of Deron Huerkamp, assistant head football coach, as the offensive coordinator. At Ouachita, he has implemented strength and conditioning programs, and also coached the offensive line. Story by Jennifer Crawley











Head coach Todd Knight (right), running backs coach Kent Laster (middle) and graduate assistant Wilmer Wade (left) huddle with the offense. With young players and a 2nd-year coaching staff the season was primarily one of rebuilding. photo by B. Baxter

Running backs coach
Kent Laster gives sideline
instruction to freshman
running back Montoya
Brown. Having entered
the program with head
coach Todd Knight in '99,
this was Laster's second
season coaching the
Tigers. photo by T.
Robertson

| Football | 2-8 | GULF | SOUTH | 2-7 |
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First Row: Bruce Johnson, Jimmy Johnson, Jeremaine Wilson, Cary Wheaton, Jett Furneaux, Jeff Conaway, Richard Allen, Josh Floyd, Marcus Reese, Jason Lee. Second Row: Eric Allen, Marcus Freeman, Derrick Flowers, Brandon Williams, Andrew Fellows, Greg Cobbs, Travis Johnson, Kennis Murphey, Rickey Rogers, Tommy Potts, Seth Stowell, Montoya Brown. Third Row: Donte Walcon, BJ Rider, Matt Klopfer, Nathan Wagnon, Jeff Skaggs, Stephen Jennings, Ahkim Shittu, Jared Stowell, Jim Woolard, Greg Gibson, James Horton, Trent Nuckolls, John Bachman. Fourth Row: Ryan Roberts, Dan Lincoln, Aaron Clemmons, Justin Burlison, Nathaniel Doddridge, David Hogue, Jacob Lanehart, Chase Ellis, Josh Cary, Chris Cochran, Josh Burch, JR Eldridge. Fifth Row: Russ Pinkett, Tom Nai, John Ed Trusley, Nathan Syer, Brandon Grant, Joe Ramsey, Matt Euler, Daniel McFarland, Jeremy Miller, Michel Whitten, Daniel Andrews, Broderick Holmes, Roger Boyer. Sixth Row: TJ Nelson, John Hart Greg Robinson, Taiwan Dickerson, Mike Murphy, Zach Edwards, Martin Bryant, TJ Bingham, Richard Hall, Jonah Williams, DeMarquise East, Gabe Jackson, Lee Ruiz, Billy Frances, Michael Perry. SeventhRow: Steve Lewis, Jared Green, Terry DeWitt, Daniel Turnbow, Greg Rudolph, Deron Huerkamp, Rustin Gortmaker, Todd Knight, James Bolin, Jay Derby, Kent Laster, Wilmer Wade, Brent Busie, Michael Head, Mark McGowen

LIFT UP A CHEEN FOR THE TEAM

Standing on the sidelines, wearing their school name and school colors with pride. They smiled and encouraged the crowd and players by cheering them on. Who are these people? They were the OBU cheerleaders.

The football season cheer squad consited of ten girls and two guys. There were four freshmen: Marie Bryant, Kate Elliot, Brittany Morris and Jamie Mosley. Jo Anna Judd, Laura Hafer and Kati Huryta were the sophomores on the squad; and Sarah Hollingsworth, Alicia Ritter and Alicia Willingham were the juniors. The only seniors on the squad were the men, Luke Hollingsworth

and Jeremy Conrad.

"Cheerleading has been one of my most memorable experiences at Ouachita."
Luke Hollingsworth, Senior

The cheerleaders arrived early to school for the fall semester. In the time that they had, learned different stunts and cheers for the first time as a squad. Staff members of National Cheerleading Association came to campus during that time and instructed them mostly on stunting. "As a flyer, I have had to build trust in my squad, and because of that I have grown closer to them," said Elliot.

During the school year the squad practiced twice a week for two or three hours. For a fundraiser they also hosted a fall and spring mini cheerleading camp for the Arkadelphia public school children. The ages ranged from kindergarten trhough the six grade. They averaged about 40 kids at each camp. The mini camp kids learned cheers and stunts and performed them during half time at an OBU football and basketball game. They also sold spirit shakers and cheer checks to raise money for new uniforms.

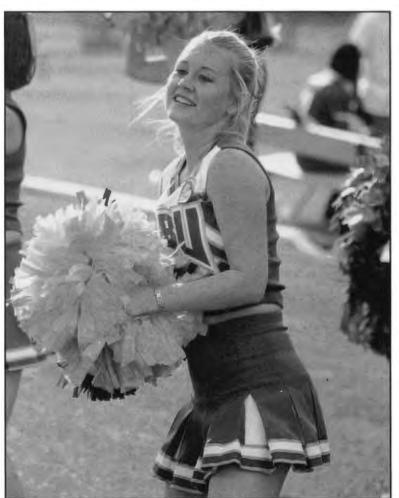
Coming back from Christams break, there were many changes that accured. There were three additions to the squad, freshman Clay Steelman, sophomore Scott McNeese and freshman Heath Mertens. As a result of their hard work, the whole squad received new uniforms. "I love the new uniforms and the boy shorts we get to wear under them," said Morris.

For Hafer, Huryta and Mosley, being a cheerleader was something they had never done before. Huryta said, "It has been a great experience and I am loving it. I love working with the people. They are really great." Although it was not his first year, Luke Hollingsworth said, "Cheerleading has been one of my most memorable experiences at Ouachita." **story by Alaina Huber**



Senior Luke Hollingsworth waves the giant tiger paw flag high in the air. The flag was raised at kick-offs and when the Tigers scored against their opponents. *photo by B. Baxter*

Junior Sarah Hollingsworth performs a cheer on the sidelines. The cheerleaders worked to create crowd involvement and encourage the team. *photo by B. Baxter*





Freshman Kate Elliot, junior Sarah Hollingsworth, senior Alicia Ritter and freshman Marie Bryant lead the crowd in a cheer at an afternoon football game at A.U. Williams field. The cheerleading squad was young, consisting of only two seniors. *photo by M. Doom*

The men's soccer team kneels to pray following a home game. Prayer played an important role in university athletics. photo courtesy of soccer team



While in Flordia, the men's soccer team play soccer volleyball. The trip gave the team time to enjoy the beach. photo courtesy of soccer team

David Kinyanjui, freshman, works the ball down field. The team relied on key players to help move the ball toward the goal. photo courtesy of soccer team





Soccer 5-16 **GULF** SOUTH 0-7 Southwest Baptist University 3-2 Freed-Hardeman University 5-0 Letourneau University 2-1 Louisiana College 0-2 Southwestern Okalahoma St. University 1-6 Wiley College 6-1 Northeastern State University 1-6 **Dallas Baptist University** 2-3 Hendrix College 1-0 University of Central Arkansas 2-3 Harding University 1-3 Lincoln Memorial University 0-7 University of Alabama-Hunstville 1-4 University of West Florida 3-10 University of Montevallo 0-2 Christian Brothers University 0-7

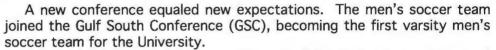


Front Row: Robert Rubio, Chris Bingham, Jeff May, Jeff Works, Shannon Dodge, Gus Calderon, Takumi Chayama, David Kinyanjui Back Row: Head Coach Rod Spears, Logan Ellis, Nick Arnold, Lucas Azevedo, Clint Blackwood, Luke Nipper, Shawn Leverington, Robert Spears, Shawn Stern Not Pictured: Jason Bolley, Michael Brunner, Matt Elkins, Paul Morgan, Ryan Owsley





NEW CONFERENCE EQUALS NEW EXPERIENCE



Previously, the team played as a club, scheduling their own practices and games. By joining the GSC, the team was able to travel and play in Flordia, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Oklahoma. This required the team to begin a rigid practice schedule in order to prepare for the season.

Rod Spears, the new head coach for both men's and women's teams, was

a true assest to the team. "He's a hard-working coach who puts a lot of time and effort into the team," said sophomore Luke Nipper. "It's too bad he has to coach both teams, because that keeps him from being able to focus totally on one or the other."

Although he did have to split his time between the two teams, Spears kept each team conditioned and prepared for their games. Being a part of the GSC allowed Spears to bring in more recruits and create a better quality, more unifed team.

The Tiger soccer team had a season of triumphs and trials. "The most memorable game of the season was the first one, which we won," said Nipper. The Tigers began their season with a bang, winning the first game 3-2 against Southwest Baptist University. Another important victory was a 5-0 shutout of Harding University. The team was on the road most of the season as work was being done on the University's soccer field. The men completed the season with a record of 3-12-0.

"The most memorable game of the season was the first one, which we won." Luke Nipper, sophomore

In order to prepare for the next season, the team began off-season practice in the spring. The hard work and dedication looked to be promising for the team's future. "I am very satisfied with the effort each of the guys have produced," said Spears. "With a strong inaugural year, the future of the team is very, very promising." **story by Laura Mouhot**

Senior goal keeper Jeff Works looks to clear the ball out of the defensive zone. Works was a kicker for the football team in the fall. photo courtesy Photo Lab



Junior goalkeeper Lindsey Cox prepares to block sophomore Kara Haase's shot-on-goal. This was Cox's second season as keeper for the Lady Tigers. photo by B. Baxter

While attending a match in Flordia, members of the women's soccer team enjoy time on the beach. Joining the Gulf South Conference allowed the team to travel and compete outside Arkansas. photo by B. Baxter

Members of the team stretch before beginning an afternoon practice. The Lady Tiger soccer team was in its second season as a varsity sport. photo by B. Baxter





| Soccer | 3-13 | GULF | SOUTH | 0-8 |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|---------|------|
| Southwest | 0-3 | | | |
| Texas A8 | M Cor | nmerce | | 0-8 |
| Freed-Hard | leman L | Iniversity | | 4-0 |
| Letourneau University | | | 6-0 | |
| Louisiana (| College | | | 5-1 |
| Northeaste | ern Stat | te Univer | sity | 0-8 |
| Dallas Bapt | tist Univ | ersity | | 0-4 |
| Hendrix Co | llege | - | | 2-3 |
| University | of Cent | ral Arkans | sas | 1-3 |
| University | y of N | orth Ala | abama | 1-6 |
| Harding U | niversi | ty | | 2-4 |
| Lincoln Me | emorial | Universit | .y | 0-6 |
| University | of Alab | ama-Hun | stville | 0-3 |
| University | of W | est Flor | ida | 0-4 |
| University | y of | Monteva | llo | 0-5 |
| Christian | Brothe | ers Univ | ersity | 0-11 |



Front Row: Lindsey Cox, Rachel Payne, Joei Baker, Morgan Montgomery, Allison Lavendar, Rachel McDuffee, Stefan Gillespie, Christina Overton. Back Row: Kathy Daniel, Jenny Gable, Jennifer Hancock, Brooke Hundall, Kara Ketner, Arwen Hays, Andschana Temesvary, Angela Garcia, Coach Rod Spears





BUILDING A TEAM OF STRENGTH



This was the second year that the University had a women's soccer team. The team worked very hard all the time, in and out of soccer season. Team members trained during the spring semester for the fall. They also came to school two weeks earlier than most students to get ready for the upcoming season. Road trips were the norm as the University's soccer field was under construction most of the season. The team traveled to several different places, as close as Conway to as far as Pensicola, Fla.

The team took a three-day trip that included staying two nights in Pensicola, Fla., and Birmingham, Ala. In Florida, the team played the University of West Florida, which was known to be one of the best in the conference. At this game, the team members believed they played one of their best games. Junior Rachel Payne said, "This trip and this game made us grow closer together as a team. We are all very proud of the way that we played in Florida." Even though they lost to the University of West Florida, 0-4, they were still very happy with how they played.

This trip also included two outings to the beach, a reward for playing so well.

This was the team's first under the leadership of Coach Rod Speares. Spears came to the University from Marshall, Texas, where he was the head soccer coach at Marshall High School. He was very pleased with the season and has high hopes for the team. Even with a 3-13 record, the team

"This trip and this game made us grow closer together as a team." Rachel Payne, iunior

gained valuable experience and in building the team's unity. "I was pleased with the team's performance," said Spears. "I felt that working with the team has given me the opportunity to know what to work with in the future and that gives me high expectations for the future of the team." **Caryn Bridges**

Basketball 5-21 GULF SOUTH 3-13

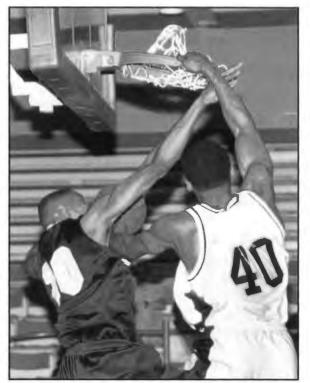
| Texas A&M Commerce | 99-90 |
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| Lyon College | 73-69 |
| Louisiana Tech University | 51-90 |
| Lyon College | 64-93 |
| Texas Weslyan University | 59-80 |
| Arkansas Baptist College | 101-92 |
| Texas A&M Commerce | 102-108 |
| East Central OK University | 58-90 |
| Texas Weslyan University | 70-83 |
| Delta State University | 62-93 |
| East Central OK University | 55-72 |
| Arkansas Tech University | 86-71 |
| University of Arkansas Monticello | 61-88 |
| University of Central Arkansas | 66-72 |
| Henderson State University | 60-73 |
| Southern Arkansas University | 88-93 |
| Harding University | 92-96 |
| Christian Brothers University | 62-85 |
| Delta State University | 82-78 |
| Arkansas Tech University | 78-68 |
| University of Arkansas Monticello | 84-95 |
| University of Central Arkansas | 90-66 |
| Henderson State University | 51-73 |
| Southern Arkansas University | 85-71 |
| Harding University | 92-96 |
| Christian Brothers University | 78-64 |



Front Row: Ross Kirk, Hassan Conteh, Richard Whaley, Justin Carpenter, Lloyd Fusilier, Tim Lane, Mauricio Watson, Jordan Cowart. Back Row: Michael Wagstaff, Joseph Richards, T.J. Jones, Joshua Buckley, Jarris Kentle, Ben Sinclair, Ryan Taplin, Michael Medlin, Mike Reynolds.

Senior forward
Mauricio Watson
dunks on his
opponent.
Watson was the
team MVP for the
2000-2001
season.
photo by B.
Baxter

Junior guard T.J.
Jones maneuvers
around a
Henderson Reddie.
Jones was named
to the 2000-2001
West Division All
GSC Basketball
second team. photo
by T. Robertson









Senior guard Michael Medlin protects the ball from a Henderson State opponent and looks to pass. The Tigers were unsuccesful against the Reddies in both match-ups. photo by T. Robertson

BACK TO THE OF THE GAME



For any team, beginning the season in a new conference was somewhat overwhelming. However, beginning the season in a new conference and playing a Division I team was a test of ability. Thanksgiving week the Tigers traveled to face the Bulldogs of Louisiana Tech University.

A new member to the NCAA Division II Gulf South Conference, the Tigers

faced a challenging opponent. The Division I Bulldogs held a 19-1 record at their home arena and owned a 9-2 record over Ouachita. Despite the dominance of the Bulldogs and their victory over the Tigers, the team remained

positive for the season. "There was a real determination to achieve this season. something we noticed in the off-season and continued in fall practices," said head coach Mike Reynolds.

He and his four starters and six lettermen prepared for a new and challenging season in the conference. "Going into the season, we were more focused and knew each other's capabilities," Reynolds said. "We wanted to step up the level of conditioning and hope the results would show."

Gaining experience from the Tech game, the Tigers began with a strong win over the Lyon College Scots in overtime. As the buzzer sounded, the score was 57-57. But sophomore forward Hassan Conteh became the pinnacle for the Tiger's victories. "I felt that Hassan would step up this year," Reynolds said, "because his is active, a good athlete and a hard worker."

Using his strong players like Hassan, Reynolds fought to gain successes. With

other strong opponents, the Tigers stayed on top during each game, despite a 5-21 season record. Many of the games went into overtime, sometimes double overtime. "We kept up with the teams we played, and usually had close games running into overtime," said sophomore Jarris Kentle.

It was the ability of the team to keep a tight reign on each game that allowed them to succeed. Even if the game wasn't a victory, the Tigers held confidence in their performance. "I felt that every game we played, we gave it our best," said senior Michael Medlin.

The new conference proved to be just what Reynolds and the team needed to be a strong team. "Going into the season, we were excited," Reynolds said. "We are a part of a great league with a rich basketball tradition. We had fun this season and expect future seasons to be just as fun.'

story by Gary Miller

"There was a real determination to achieve this season." Mike Reynolds, head coach

TAKING THE BY STORM

The Lady Tigers took the Gulf South Conference by storm. Garry Crowder's Lady Tigers were the number four-ranked team in the GSC's West Division going into the Gulf South Conference Tournament. The win by the Lady Tigers against first-ranked Lincoln Memorial University led the team to its first ever 20-game winning season since having begun intercollegiate competition in 1976.

The Lady Tigers went all the way to the semi-final game, but lost to the Arkansas Tech University Golden Suns. The Lady Tigers dominated Tech during the regular season, beating the Golden Suns twice. Crystal Allen, a

"My favorite games of the year were when we beat Arkansas Tech twice."
Crystal Allen, sophomore

sophomore transfer from Louisianna Tech commented, "My favorite games of the year were when we beat Arkansas Tech twice. I also enjoyed beating Henderson both times, even though that was expected."

In her first year in the league, Allen was named to the 2000-2001 West Division All-GSC Second Team, Daktronics All South Region Team and to the 2000-2001 West Division All-GSC Basketball First Team. When asked about the 2000-2001 season, she said, "It was a combination of a couple of things. First of all, we had a lot of new people on the team this year. I was anxious to see the results. There were a lot of girls that had a lot of talent." Allen also looked forward to next basketball season. "Everyone expects us to do better next season, in conference, and in the GSC tournament."

Allen, a health, physical education and recreation major, led her team to its first Gulf South Conference Tournament berth. She finished the year as her team's leading scorer and the conference's fourth leading scorer. Allen was eleventh in steals in the GSC with a 1.93 per game average. She was thirteenth in three-point field goal accuracy, hitting 38 of 105 for 26 percent. Allen was fifteenth in blocked shots with 22 through 27 games.

Allen's teammate junior Robyn Anders was named West Division All GSC Basketball Second Team.

Anders, a three-year starter for the Lady Tigers, was sixth in the league in assists with 92 for a 3.29 per game average. Anders, a health, physical education and recreation major, was also sixth in the assist/turnover ratio category with a 1.32 ratio.

The Lady Tigers ended the season with a record of 20-8. **story by Charity Bennett**







| Basketball | 20-8 | GULF | SOUTH | 11-5 |
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In a quick break, sophomore Crystal Allen drives the ball to the goal. Allen, a guard, used her quickness to benefit the team. photo by T. Robertson

Junior Robyn Anders goes up for a shot over members of the Henderson State University team.
The Lady Tigers
went on to win the game 94-84. photo by T. Robertson



Front Row: Stephanie Sangster, Stephanie Grimes, Jennifer Eront How: Stephanie Sangster, Stephanie Grimes, Jennier Edwards, Mary Ann Caldwell, Kristen Hurdle, Mandy Blackwood, Lindsey Snow, Erin Turner. *Back Row:* Coach Garry Crowder, Vivi Dees, Shannon Sangster, Crystal Allen, Tracy McBryde, Robyn Anders, Lindsey Hawkins, Tracy Denney, Assistant Coach Jason Jones.

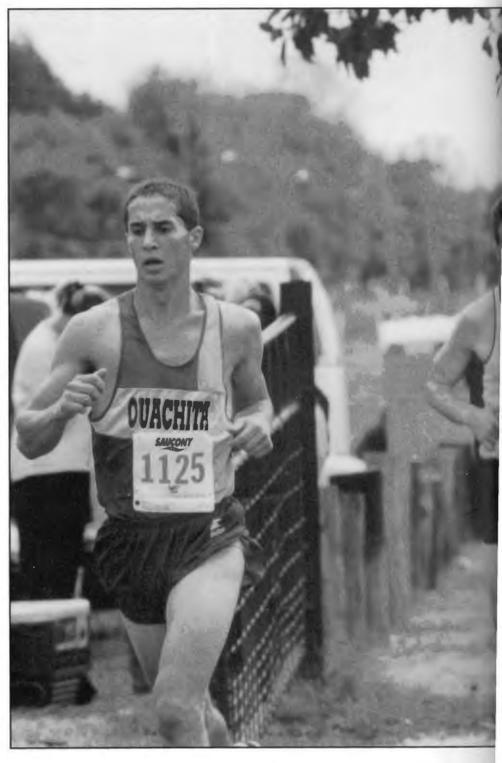
With a minor injury, sophomore Jason Gerber is helped off field by his father, brother and senior Brandon Jeffus. Injuries were a major battle for the team at the beginning of the season. photo by courtesy of team

Senior Darren Hull takes the lead during an invitational match. The cross country teams competed against several Arkansas teams, including Harding University. photo by courtesy of team



GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP MEN'S RESULTS 19 **Harding University** West Georgia University 82 University of Alabama-Huntsville 96 Southern Arkansas University 101 Valdosta State University 110 West Flordia University 151 **Ouachita Baptist University** 182 Lincoln Memorial University 239 North Alabama University 272 **Christian Brothers University** 313 West Alabama University 336 **WOMEN'S RESULTS Harding University** 44 West Georgia University 49 Arkansas Tech University 78 University of Alabama-Huntsville 95 Southern Arkansas University 145 Valdosta State University 146 North Alabama University 186 **Ouachita Baptist University** 234 Central Arkansas University 238 **Delta State University** 246

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Henderson State University



PUSHING TO THE RACE



The men's and women's cross country teams had a very challenging season. The teams dealt with a number of circumstances that they could not avoid. A change in coaching staff and difficult weather were just a couple of their obstacles. "Then we were plagued with injuries, especially late in the year. That proved to be the final straw that we didn't have time to overcome. Given a few more weeks we would have overcome that one too," said senior Darren Hull. Among their struggles, the men of the cross country team struggled with the possibility that their program would be cut.

The men's team faced possible elimination as a team, but was able to continue

competing for the university.

Despite all that was against them, the team remained unified and kept going. "They helped keep me accountable. We prayed together each morning. We are never shy about pointing out weakness in each other to try and make each other succeed," said Hull. Jeffus felt that helped the team. "This team has more unity and brotherhood between its members than any other team I've had the privilege to run with," said Jeffus.

The women's team shared a similar "Whatever we did, our focus remained on supporting one another," said

junior Anna Stuckey.

For the men, the year provided positives and negatives. "The best part of the season was when we found out that cross country would be allowed to compete for one more year. The worst part of the season was the night before conference knowing that our team wasn't going to produce the results

that we were capable of. I know that we all put 110 percent into the season and in the end ultimately injuries took a toll. It was the most helpless and

empty feeling I've ever experienced," said Hull.

Both teams pressed on, worked hard and gave the season their all. The team members were very appreciative of the efforts of some administrators to help keep their program alive. "I have to give props to Dr. Taylor, we asked him to assistant coach us and he really knew what he was talking about. I praise him for everything he did for us, without him there's no telling how we would have done this year," said Jeffus. "I would like to thank Dr. Westmoreland for giving us one last chance to try and prove ourselves. He believed in us, listened to us, and supported us," said Hull. story by Laura Mouhot

"This team has more unity and brotherhood than any other team I've run with." **Brandon Jeffus.** senior

TigerShark members work on their times during the intra-squad meet. This was a meet that allowed the team to compete against itself and to help improve times.

photo by B. Baxter



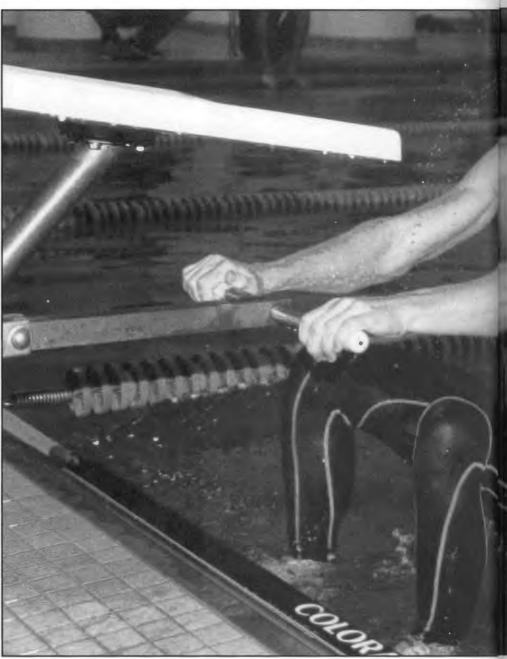


Junior Moss
Duvall races to
the bulkhead via
the fly. Only
three of the
team's 18
swimmers
competed in this
difficult event.
photo by K.
Selby

| NSISL | CHAMPIONSHIP | RESULTS |
|-----------|---------------------|---------|
| Delta St | 949 | |
| Ouachita | 922 | |
| Henderso | on State University | 596 |
| McMurry I | University | 371 |
| John Bro | wn University | 222 |
| Austin Co | ollege | 101 |

2000-2001 TigerShark Members: Chris Bass, Joey Barr, Jesse Barton, John Berry, Justin Boyd, Scott Cole, Chris Crane, Moss Duvall, Eric Goodwin, Ty Jordan, Chris Landreneau, Ray Miller, Jon Oynes, Archie Prentice, David Prentice, Brandon Silder, Garrett Smith, Micah Smith, Mike Waldrop, Chris White.

Sophomore
Chris White
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buzzer. A strong
take-off was
essential:
sometimes a
mere tenth of a
second was the
differce between
winning and
losing. photo by
B. Baxter





HOURS OF RAGIE EQUAL SUCCESS



The Tiger Sharks had one of the longest seasons of all of Ouachita's sports. The 22 men who swam for OBU had a successful season, and finished second to Delta State University for the conference championship. "We have always had a strong team which gives us an edge of the competition," said Coach Jim Dann.

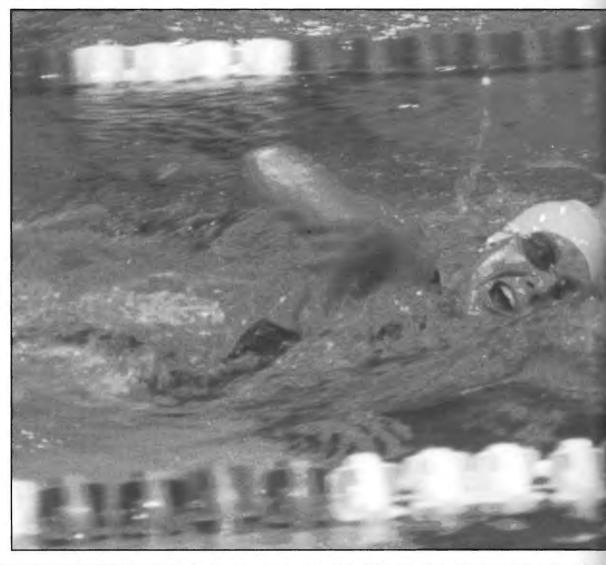
Practices began 5:30-6:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. and those afternoons were spent in the weight room and swimming. On Tuesdays and Thursdays there was no morning practice, but the team was

there at 3:30 to swim. When the guys couldn't wake up and be in the pool on time, Coach Dann would call and wake them up, via answering machine. Justin Boyd laughed and said, "One morning Coach Dann was making the calls and Adam and I were sitting there, half asleep, when we heard him (in this gruff voice) leaving a message for us on our machine, and we were like, dude, we are here!"

The season started out with an intrasquad meet on September 29 and ended with the NCAA Division II tournament on March 14-17. The Tiger Sharks placed second in the 2001 New South Intercollegiate Swim League Conference Championship Meets held February 15-17 at Delta State University. The conference meet qualified a group for nationals. The men who qualified were John Berry, Jesse Barton, Justin Boyd, Moss Duvall, Ty Jordan, Chris Landreneau, Ray Miller, David Prentice and Mike Waldrop.

"We had a strong team which gave us an edge over the competition." Jim Dann, head coach

The Sharks headed to Canton, Ohio, from March 14-17 where they placed ninth overall. Several OBU men were named NCAA Division II All American swimmers including Boyd in the 400 medley relay; Berry in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 medley relay, and 500 free relay; Duvall in the 200 fly, 200 medley relay, 400 medley relay, and 400 free relay, Miller in the 200 free relay and 400 free relay; Landreneau in the 200 free relay; and Barton in the four medley relay. "I was very proud of the team's results because they worked to get there," Dann said. **story by Amy Garrett**



Freshman
Sydney Barker
takes a breath
during a freestyle race.
Barker broke the
school record in
the 50 meter free
at the first meet
of the season.
photo by B.
Baxter

Sophomore
Sarah Brown and
junior Angie Cody
compete in the
breastroke.
Brown and Angie
were the only two
women swimmers to participate in this event.
photo by K. Selby

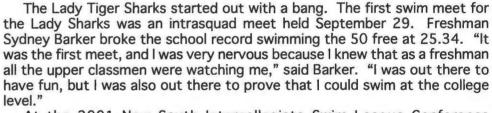
Katie Tuner, Danielle Young

| NSISL | CHAMPIONSHIP | RESULTS | | |
|---|------------------------|---------|--|--|
| Delta Sta | te University | 852 | | |
| Ouachita | Baptist University | 804 | | |
| | on State University | 492 | | |
| Austin Co | ollege | 319 | | |
| | wn University | 297 | | |
| McMurry | University | 237 | | |
| Universit | y of the Incarnate Wor | rd 55 | | |
| 2000-2001 Lady TigerSharks: Riley Allen, Cindy Allred, Sally Allred, Sydney Barker, Sarah Brown, Angie Cody, Erin Felts, Alison Gooding, Joanne Gorecki, Beth Grossman, Kelly Krueger, Tracy Krueger, Jen Lovette, Catherine Manning, Kelly McGowan, Dana Power, Kadi Prikryl, Melody Stilwell, | | | | |

Freshman Yukiko Sawaki practices her one meter diving. Sawaki was one of only three women divers on the team. photo by R.Kibbe







At the 2001 New South Intercollegiate Swim League Conference Championship Meet held Febuary 15-17, at Delta State University, the Lady

Tiger Sharks placed second. Setting a school record clocking at 1:40.85, Barker, freshman Kelly McGowan and seniors Tracy and Kelly Krueger placed second in the 200 yard free relay. "We really pulled together this year and did our best at Conference. Even though we got second place, the joy of working so hard as a team and pulling together made it all worth it," said McGowan. Nine Lady Tiger Sharks received All Conference honors. These ladies were Tracy Krueger, Katie Turner, Angie Cody, Kelly Krueger, Cindy Allred, McGowan, Jen Lovette, Sydney Barker, and Sally Allred.

From the results at Conference, four Lady Tiger Sharks qualified to swim at the NCAA Division II Women's 2001 Swimming Championship Meet held March 14-17 at C.T. Branin Natatorium at Canton, Ohio. The National qualifiers for the OBU Lady Tiger Sharks were Tracy Kruger, Kelly Krueger, Angie Cody, and Katie Turner.

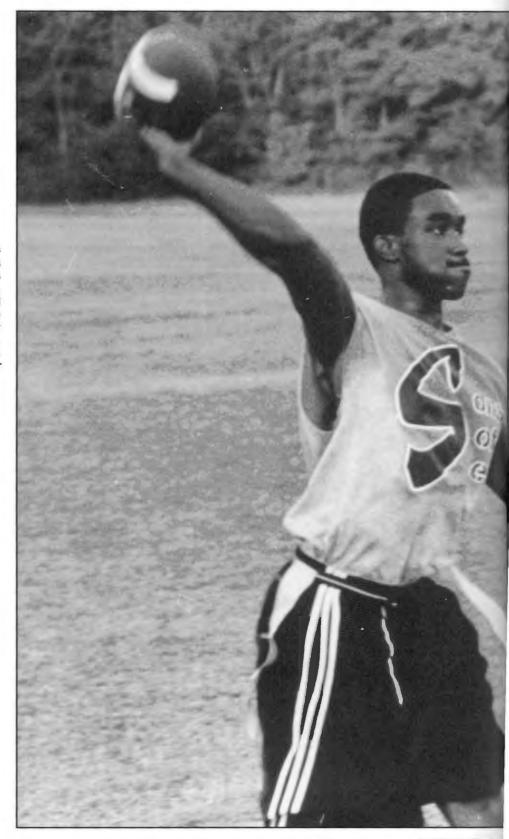
At Nationals the Lady Tiger Sharks tied with the University of Nebraska-Omaha for

eleventh place. Turner finished sixth in the 1000 yard freestyle. Tracy Krueger placed fifteenth in the 200 yard IM and was fourth in the 400 yard IM. Kelly Krueger placed sixteenth in the 100 yard butterfly.

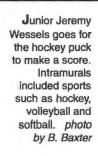
Turner was named an NCAA Division II All-American swimmer in the 1000 freestyle and in the 1650 freestyle. Kelly Krueger was named Honorable Mention All American in the 100 yard fly. Tracy Krueger was named Honorable Mention in both the 200 IM and 400 IM. story by Alaina Huber



"I was out there to have fun, but I was also out there to prove that I could compete at the college level." **Sydney Barker,** Freshman



Junior Marcus
Wright prepares
to make a pass
to his teammate.
Students found
intramurals to be
a setting to foster
friendships.
photo by B.
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STUDENTS HAVE FUN

Standing at the painted line, he looked up to make aim. With a deep breath, he released the ball and watched it soar toward the goal. Swoosh! The final shot helped to win the game.

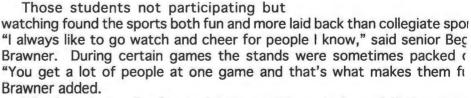
This wasn't a Tiger basketball game, but an intramural game. The purpose of intramurals was to give students not participating on collegiate teams a chance to stay competitive. "I enjoyed playing ball in high school and wanted to do it at college," said senior Chris Shelton.

Sponsored by the recreational sports program, students had the oppor-

tunity to hang out with old friends, make new friends and enjoy solid competition. Teams were formed by various organizations and clubs, or simply a group of friends wanting to play. "We formed our team to build us closer together and have a good time," said senior Josh Mayfield.

With a new year came improvements in the intramural world. Students were able to participate in six different sports throughout the entire school year. Some teams competed to have fun, while others were playing to uphold a standing legacy. The BSU Powerhouse football team won state for the third year running. Advancing to regionals, they placed third and received the sportsmanship award. Traveling to nationals, the team finished eighth. "We were excited about the season," said T.K. Zellers, staff member. "When we played Henderson, they eventually quiet keeping score when we were ahead 77-0."

"We formed our team to build us closer together and have a good time." **Josh Mayfield** senior

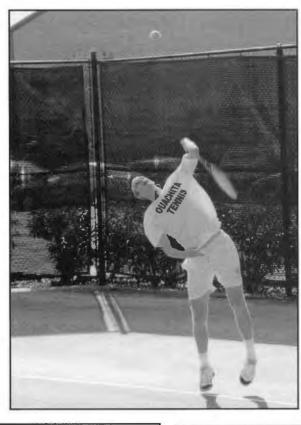


Whether playing for fun or for competition, students felt the prog was a great asset to the university. "Having intramurals gives student. chance to get involved in something and generally ends up being the best part about college," said senior Patrick Hicks. story by Gary Miller



Senior Daniel
Vejman serves
during an
afternoon
practice. Players
spent most of
their afternoons
at the Heflin
tennis courts.
photo by T.
Robertson

Sophomore Raul
Bermudez
watches his
serve cross the
net to an
opponent. photo
by B. Baxter





Men's Tennis 18-6 GULF SOUTH 4-0 Delta State University 9-0 Southwest Baptist University 7-2 6-3 Drury College Oklahoma Christian University 7-2 Elite Eight Tournament 8-1, 7-2, 1-8 Harding University 9-0 Henderson State University 9-0 Delta State University 8-1 Christian Brothers University 5-0 Hawaii Pacific University 4-5 Bringham Young University 3-6 Hawaii Hilo University 8-1 Oklahoma City University 0-9 West Flordia Tournament Northwood University 7-2 West Flordia University 5-4 5-2 **Lander University GSC Tournament** Lincoln Memorial University 5-0 West Flordia University 5-2 3-5 Valdosta State University NCAA Div. II Championships Armstrong Atlantic State University 5-4 Belmont Abbey 5-0 3-5 Hawaii Pacific University



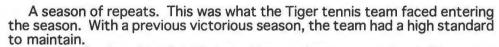
Lefte to Right: Coach Craig Ward, Raul Bermudez, Tjeerd Star, Andrew Morgan, Ryan Kirkpatrick, Gilles Lagardere, Andre Edwall, Johan Eriksson, Daniel Vejman





During Homecomiria, Coach Craig Ward is honored by his players for his service to the team. This marked the 10th anniversary of his OBU coaching career. photo courtesy of team

STILL IN THE OF THINGS



And that's what they did. The team began the season with a solid winning streak. In February, the second-ranked team was undefeated in the division. With nearly all returning players, the team came out strong against its

A two-game win over Drury University and Oklahoma Christian University

left the team with the perfect 4-0 season mark. "Having an unblemished record in the middle of the season gave us reason to work harder and focus on the game," said freshman Ryan Kirkpatrick.

During Spring Break, the team traveled to Hawaii for several matches. Only seven of the eight members of the team were able to go. Junior Raul Bermudez suffered a punctured lung days before leaving the trip. This dampered the spirit of the team, but they remained focused on the game. "It was unfortunate for us as a team to leave behind Raul," said Ward. "He tends to be a Raul," said Ward. prominent player."

Leaving the tropical setting with upset losses to highly ranked Hawaii Pacific University and Brigham Young University-Hawaii, and a 8-1 win over the University of Hawaii, the Tigers began preparing for the Gulf South Conference championship. Going into the regionals, the team owned a 16-5 record. The Tigers, playing with strong enthusiasm, finished as a runner- up in the overall Gulf South Conference race, but captured the GSC West Division. "We were a little disappointed at not winning the overall

unblemished record in the middle of the season gave us reason to work harder." Ryan Kirkpatrick, sophomore

conference, but we feel confident in our West
Division win," said junior Tjeerd Star.

The team began the NCAA Division II Championships ranked fourth. This was a positive beginning amidst the fierce tournament. After day one, the team won its opening rounds, edging out Belmont Abbey 5-0. Advancing to the quarterfinals, the team would face previous competitor Hawaii Pacific University. In a three-round battle, Hawaii Pacific won the two and three doubles pairings and numbers two, three and five singles, to advance. The Tigers finished in third place.

Ward and the team felt confident about their matches and thought the strong competition had a positive roll. "When two solid teams compete, you can only expect a good match," Ward said. "The team gains valuable experience each time we play a team with records as good or better than ours." story by Gary Miller men's tennis



Freshman
Sabrina Benitez
hits a backhand
from the
baseline. As a
doubles team
Benitez and
freshman
Barbara van der
Gutenburg were
ranked 23rd in
the nation. photo
by C. Talbert

Sophomore
Sylvia Sieval hits
a forehand shot
while freshman
Brenda Magnetti
prepares to
serve. Sieval
was the lone
sophomore on
the young Lady
Tiger team.
photo by C.
Talbert



Women's Tennis 17-6 GULF SOUTH 8-0

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| Central Arkansas | 5-2 |
| Arkansas Tech | 5-0 |
| UA-Monticello | 5-0 |
| Harding | 6-3 |
| Delta State | 5-4 |
| Christian Brothers | 9-0 |
| University of North Alabama | 6-3 |
| Flagler University | 5-4 |
| Henderson State | 7-2 |
| Oklahoma City University | 0-9 |
| Brigham Young University-Hawaii | 0-9 |
| Valdosta State | 6-3 |
| University of West Flordia | 1-8 |
| Lynn University | 1-8 |
| Harding | 6-3 |
| Oklahoma Christian University | 4-5 |
| Central Arkansas | 8-1 |
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| Harding | 5-2 |
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Lefte to Right: Barbara Van der Gugten, Casey Danner, Sabrina Benitez, Coach Betsy Danner Ashley Raine, Brenda Magnetti, Sylvia Sieval.





HOLDING UP HIGH AND PROUD



The Lady Tiger tennis team held their heads high as Coach Betsy Danner called off their many accomplishments at this year's athletic banquet. Five freshmen and one sophomore made up the women's tennis team and a successful one at that. The players finished this year with a win-loss record of 17-6. All of the six losses were to teams ranked among the top four in the nation in NCAA Division II and the NAIA.

The team, including Coach Danner, decided to set for themselves three goals to accomplish. The first was to win the West Division of the Gulf South

Conference. The second was to qualify to play in the finals of the Gulf South Conference Championships. Last, their goal was to be ranked among the top 20 teams in the nation. "Not only did the women accomplish every goal, but went above and beyond in skill and in academics," said Danner. After winning the West Division of the Gulf South Conference, they traveled to play in the Gulf South Conference Championships placing second at the tournament. Their loss came in the match played against the University of West Florida, who was ranked number two in the nation. This was an outstanding accomplishment for the women's tennis team and something they had worked hard for all year. Barbara van der Gutenburg was awarded the title of GSC West Division Player of the Year, as well as Freshman of the Year. Brenda Magnetti and van der Gugten also were named to GSC first team.

Faring well in Gulf South, the Lady Tigers traveled to Flordia to compete in the NCAA

Division II Tournament. They were defeated in the first round by Lynn University, 0-5, but the experience and hard work showed in their strong performance during the season. "The girls have not only worked hard on the court, but have stayed focused academically as well," said Danner. "There will be several added players next fall, and with their skill we are hoping to go even farther." **story by Kaylan Christopher**

"The girls have not only worked hard on the court, but have stayed focused academically as well."

Betsy Danner

SMALL NUMBERS EQUIAL LARGE RESULTS

Hitting the little white ball with iron clubs into a small hole was a hard task, but the 2000 – 2001 Tiger Golf team made it look easy. The members of the team were senior Beau Bishop, juniors Jeff Maneth and Kris Seyler, sophomore Randy Southerland, freshmen John Allison, Justin Bates, Jason Fanning, Kyle Johnson, John Rogers, Aaron Sharp and Kevin Walker.

This was considered to be one of the strongest recruiting classes in recent history for the golf team, and it had golf coach David Sharp eagerly anticipating

"I was very pleased with the play of our team." David Sharp, coach the start of the spring season. "The spring season was exciting because it was our first season to be a part of the Gulf South Conference," said Bishop.

Highlights of the spring season included finishing second in Division II of the Pizza Hut/Bell South Invitational Golf Tournament. Seyler shot a hole in one during the tournament. At the Doyle Wallace Classic sponsored by Henderson State University, the team finished sixth out of eight, and Rodgers carded best team placing sixteenth. In the Burris Inc. Collegiate Golf Classic the team finished fifth among ten teams. Rodgers shot a 75-70 and placed third. Bates placed ninth with a 73-75. The team won the Southern Arkansas University Invitational

Meet. The team scored a 598 beating Harding University, which came in second with the score of 619. Maneth, Bates, Sharp and Southerland all placed in the top six.

Finishing the season at the Gulf South Conference Championship Golf tournament, the Tigers placed fifth. Bates placed eighth with a 223 and Seyler tied for tenth place. "I was very pleased with the play of our team," said Coach Sharp. **story by Alaina Huber**





Junior Kris
Seyler tees off
during practice at
the DeGray Golf
Course. Seyler
was named to
the All-GSC
Second Team,
with a total score
of 224. photo by
B. Baxter

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2000-2001 Tiger Golf: John Allison, Justin Bates, Beau Bishop, Jason Fanning, Kyle Johnson, Jeff Maneth, John Rogers, Kris Syler, Aaron Sharp, Randy Southerland, Kevin Walker.

Gathering to celebrate, the Tigers give highfives to each another after winning a game. Early in the season, the team faced a series of losses but made a rebound in final games. photo by B. Baxter

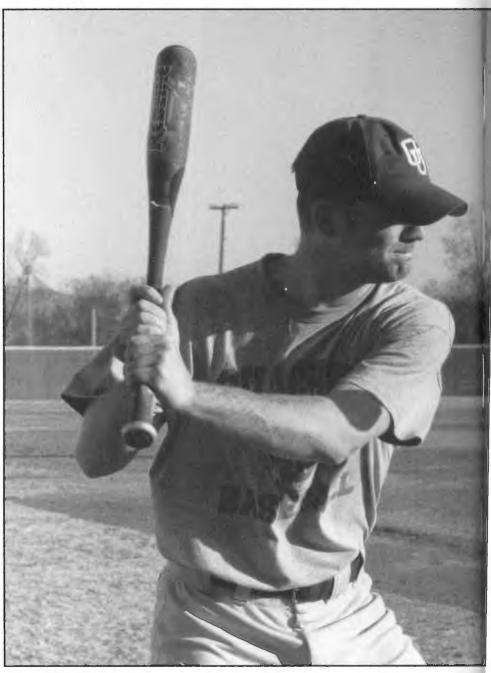


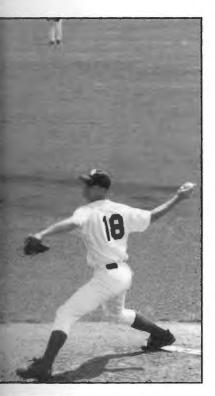


After making contact with the ball, senior Eric Harrison prepares to run to first base. photo by B. Baxter

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| ١ | University of Central Oklahoma 3-15 |
| | Texas Wesleyan 2-13, 8-11 |
| | Arkansas Tech University 7-10, 1-8, 13-17 |
| | Arkansas Tech University 1-8 |
| | Graceland University 8-10 |
| | Union University 2-3, 6-9 Texas Wesleyan 1-8, 3-12 |
| | Delta State University 0-22, 0-26, 4-16 |
| | UA-Monticello 2-9, 6-11, 2-8 |
| | Williams Baptist 0-10, 0-12 |
| | University of Central Arkansas 13-10 |
| | Southern Arkansas 1-6, 4-5, 1-14 |
| | Harding University 3-4, 6-5, 4-3 |
| | Christian Brothers 8-2, 7-6, 5-4 |
| | Louisiana Tech University 3-20 |
| 1 | UA-Monticello 6-5, 1-4 |
| | Henderson State 4-8, 7-4, 5-3 |
| | 2000-2001 Tiger Baseball: Heath Bays, Steven Bertram, Tony Carozza, Colin Chandler, Clay Combs, Will Crumb, Adam |
| | DePriest, Nathan Doddridge, Marlin Evans, Michael Ferguson, |
| | Andy Gee, Frank Graham, Eric Harrison, Kris Jayroe, Bryan |
| | Jones, Jeremy McKey, Michael McLanahan, Scott McLaughlin, Brett Parker, Douglas Riley, Adam Roberson, Trent Smith, Kyle |
| | Spooner, Scott Wheeler |
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With ball in motion, senior Kris Jayroe takes aim during practice. The Tigers practiced several hours each day to prepare for games. photo by S. Shupe





Freshmen Scott McLaughlin prepares to release a pitch duirng a game against Henderson State University. Though new to the team. McLaughlin proved to be an asset during the season. photo by Ben Baxter

PUTTING EVERY EFFORT INTO THE GAME



As newcomers to the Gulf South Conference, the Tiger Baseball team struggled through a rough season going into the last nine conference games with only two wins and no wins in conference play. But the Tigers would not be counted out yet. At the end of the season, the team went on a five-game winning streak to end the year with eight wins and an all important victory over the Henderson Reddies.

The team hoped that its end of the year run was a preview of what's in store for Tiger baseball in the coming seasons. This year's team was marked

by youth. The 26-member squad had only four seniors and four juniors. In fact, almost half of the squad was freshmen. "On paper, we are a better team, but we are young," said head coach B.J. Brown. "We can move from paper to the field, and we will be a ball club with which to contend."

Beyond the team's inexperience, it had another major setback with the loss of starting sophomore catcher Bryan Jones. The Tigers had a 7-3 lead over Graceland College when Jones blocked homeplate from a runner. In a head first slide, the runner's shoulder hit Jones' knee causing a severe dislocation. Despite the injury, Jones held the ball,

completing a double play.

The injury tore three of the four supporting ligaments in the knee and ended Jones' season; however Brown hoped to have Jones classified as a medical redshirt. "Bryan's love of the game proved strong, as he continued to hold his double play ball for the hard play at the plate," said Brown. "He

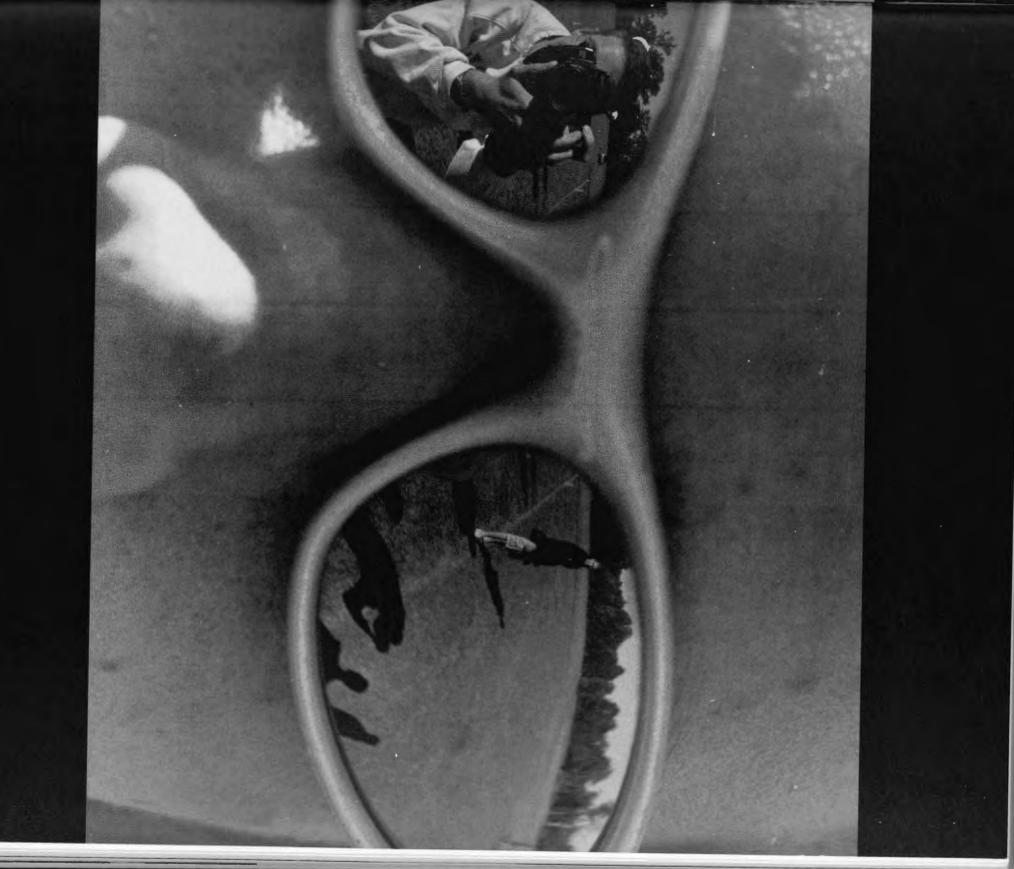
was determined to make the best recovery so that he will return for the 2002 season."

Ending with a "come-back" attitude, the team felt that the younger players would prove to be an asset to the team. Brown felt that team had the potential to achieve a level of winning. "We know where we want to be and know what it takes to get there," said Brown. story by Sports Information

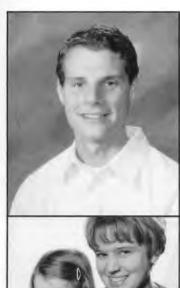
"We know where we want to be and we know what it takes to get there." **B.J Brown.** coach

Taking on a new business was an adventure for senior Luke Hollingsworth and junior Hunter Burroughs. Spending a summer in Africa was an adventure for sophomore Abigail Clark. Leaving home overseas to come to Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was a challenge for freshman Sammy Lange. These students and others found different ways to be outstanding. Whether it was academic excellence or personal achievements, students stayed in motion. photo by B. Baxter





Billy Adams • Sherwood Stephanie Anderson • Van Buren Daniel Ang • Singapore Alan Bagley • Lexa Bryan Bailey • Plano, TX Joshua Baird • Benton Aaron Baker • Wynne Hollie Baker • Texarkana Richard Ball • Greenbriar John Barnum • Higden Kammie Bass • Independence, MO Jill Bates • Little Rock Jamie Bauman • Athens, TX Ben Baxter • Alton, IL Grant Bennett • Hot Springs Adam Benton • Conway John Berry Houston, TX Jeremy Bishop • Abbeville, AL Michael Bleecker Tucson, AZ Rachel Bohlen • Rubio, Venezuela Jason Boley • Chicago, IL Stacey Bowers • Benton Christina Boydstun • Sachse, TX Begina Brawner • Jonesboro Kevin Brown • Loveland, CO Autumne Brunson • Winnsboro, TX Carol Buck • Sherwood Amy Bull • Conway Rachel Burgess Arlington, TX Susan Burkhead • Hot Springs Brandi Burnsworth • Malvern Leah Bushey • Little Rock Ben Butler Azle, TX Rusty Byrd • Woodlawn Lori Cain • Branson, MO Ben Cantrell • Ada, OK Kathryn Cantrell • Winnsboro, LA Melanie Ross Carlton • Texarkana Brandon Carter • Fort Smith Erin Carter • Arkadelphia



alanbagley

a chemistry and biology major, was a member of Beta Beta men's social club, Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, Student Senate, American Chemical Society president, vice president of Alpha Chi National Honor Fraternity, and senior class president. He was on the president's list.



kammiebass

an elementary education major, was president of the Ouachita Student Educator's Association, leader of the BSU Backyard Bible Club ministry and a member of Kappa Delta Phi Education Honor Society. She was on the dean's list and president's list. She enjoyed golf and tennis.



benbaxter

a graphic design major, was a campus photographer for three years, 2000 Taiwan team leader and WOW leader for two years. He was on the dean's list, president's list, and won third place in the Arkansas College Media Associtation in sports photo two consecutive years. He enjoyed ice hockey and photogra-



amybull

a Spanish major, was a member of Tri Chi women's social club, Barnabas ministry, Campus Activities Board, president of Kappa Delta Phi, and chair of the Christian Focus Week committee. She was on the dean's list, president's list, and national dean's list. She enjoyed reading, snow skiing, and taking pictures.



a speech pathology major, was a Baptist Student Union ministry leader, participated in the Big Sister program, Backyard Bible Clubs, Barnabas ministry, and Servant Leadership Program. She was on the dean's list. She enjoyed photography, playing the piano, traveling, reading, spending time with children, and playing hockey with En Fuego.



J.T. Carter • Arkadelphia Julie Carter • North Little Rock Sean Cathey Alvarado, TX Jennifer Clement • Shreveport, LA Stephen Coker • Harrison Brian Collier Tyler, TX Doug Connell • DeSoto, TX Jessica Connell • Midlothian, TX Amber Conrad Pine Bluff Jeremy Conrad Orman, KY Toni Cook • Garland, TX Matthew Costner • Fort Smith Tiffany Criswell • Garland, TX Jennifer Croft • Little Rock Karen Cunningham • Richardson, TX JoAnna Cutler • Brookhaven, MS Natalie Danna • Red Oak, TX Clayton Danner • Arkadelphia Molly Darden • El Dorado Jennifer Davis • Austin, TX Phillip Davis • Camden Wesley Davis • Wynne Rachel Deckelman • Olive Branch, MS Deanna Denham • Searcy Paul Denton Tyler, TX Courtney Dickens • Garland, TX Rick Dildine Wynne Melinda Dill • Weimar, Germany Donny Dixon • Knoxville, TN Matthew Doom • Hazen Hunter Douglas • Little Rock Bakary Doumbouya • Cote d'Ivoire Lauren Eagle • North Little Rock Scott Edge • Paron Jennifer Elliff • Little Rock Rachel Elliff • Beaumont, TX Rebecca Elliff • Little Rock Joel Fankhauser • Shreveport, LA Daniela Fernandez • Mexico Kimberly Fisher • Sheridan



daylecosh

a graphic design major, was member of the EEE women's social club, Gridiron Girls, and was involved in intramural. She enjoyed participating in intramural football and traveling.

claytondanner

a biblical studies major, was the Baptist Student Union Noonday ministry leader, BSU International Mission Trip leader, Servant Leadership graduate, and was involved in intramurals. He was on the dean's list and was the OBU Male Intramural Athlete of the Year for '98-'99. He enjoyed intramurals, singing, playing the guitar, hunting, and fishing.

courtneydickens

an early childhood education major, was a member of the EEE women's social club, Kappa Delta Phi Education Fraternity, Homecoming Court, Core Council, and a Sigma Alpha Sigma men's social club sweetheart. She received the Maude Wright Award and the Phi Beta Kappa Award. She enjoyed dancing, reading, and spending time with friends.

rickdildine

a theatre arts major, was president and vice president of the Kappa Chi men's social club, president of Theta Alpha Phi National Honor Society, vice president of Alpha Chi National Honor Society, a member of Student Senate, and a Tri Chi women's social club beau. He was on the president's list, was a Trustee Scholar, and was a nominee for the Irene Ryan National Acting Award. He enjoyed reading, watching movies, playing tennis, and traveling.

laureneagle

a communications disorder major, was president of the EEE women's social club, Panhellenic vice president, a Rho Sigma men's social club sweetheart, and involved in the BSU Big Sister program. She was on the dean's list and was an honor graduate for 2001. She enjoyed reading, traveling, and spending time with her BSU little sister.

SENIORS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

Jeff Flowers • Dallas, TX Leah Floyd • Houston, TX John Fogleman • Marion Mary Frank • St. Louis, MO Justin Franz • Thayer, MO Laura Fraser • Maumelle Chris Frensley • Lexa Lana Frensley • Lexa Darryl Friend • Bulwayo, Zimbabwe Norman Frisby • Sheridan Stephen Fulton • Fayetteville Amy Gaden • Covington, LA Brent Gambill • Paragould Laura Gannaway • Magnolia Jeni Gannon • Garland, TX Ibrahim Garba • Potiskum, Nigeria Christy Gaskill • North Little Rock Michelle Gates Kilgore, TX Greg Gladden • Benton Clay Glasgow • El Dorado Ronald Glass • Ashdown Andria Gleghorn • El Dorado Christy Gobar • Garland, TX Emily Goode Farmington, MO Scarlett Grady • Dierks Erin Greer • Star City Robert Griffith • Biloxi, MS Cory Gustke • Cabot Bethany Hadaway • Brazil Julie Hall • El Dorado Justin Hall • Booneville Meredith Ham • Texarkana Emily Harness • Rogers Eric Harrison • Camden Melanie Hayes • Oak Grove, LA Ryan Hayward • Dover Garrett Heifrin • Red Oak, TX Steven Helfrich Godfrey, IL Marla Hemingway • Keller, TX

Molly Higginbottom • Cave City



efflowers

a biblical studies and biology major, was president of the Baptist Student Union, Spring Break ministry leader, Monticello Children's Home ministry leader, was involved in the Big Brother program and was a member of the swim team. He was a youth intern during the summer of 2000. He enjoyed art and playing the guitar.

justinfranz

a biology major, was a member of Kappa Chi men's social club, WOW New Student Orientation Committee, Campus Activities Board Assistant for Special Events, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, and Beta Beta Beta Biological Society. He was on the dean's list, president's list, national dean's list, and was a Trustee Scholar. He enjoyed basketball, tennis, traveling, and swimming.

amygaden

a choral music education major, was a member of Ouachita Singers, Praise Singers, a member of Sigma Alpha lota Music Honor Society for women, involved in intramural sports, freshman family group leader, social outreach, and mission awareness. She was on the dean's list and the president's list. She enjoyed playing the piano, photography, athletics, and traveling.

brentgambill

a political science and communications major, was a member of the Student Senate, leader of Christian Focus Week, Baptist Student Union ministry leader, member of Beta Beta men's social club, Blue Key National Honor Fraternity and Sigma Alpha Chi Political Science Honor Fraternity. He enjoyed reading, sports, and collecting books.

lauragannaway

a professional accounting major, was a member of the EEE women's social club, Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity, Alpha Chi National Honor Fraternity, and the Business School Student Advisory Board. She was on the president's list and was a Trustee Scholar. She enjoyed music and friends.

SENIORS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

Emily Hinton • Sherwood Luke Hollingsworth • Jonesboro Aaron Hood • Bogota, Colombia Amanda Horton • Burleson, TX Jonathan Huber • Shreveport, LA Matthew Hudson • Lewisville, TX Thomas Lynn Hudspeth • Hurst, TX Mollie Huffstuttler • Colt Stephen Humbard • Hot Springs Faith Hunter • Little Rock Megan Inman • Cabot Peggy Itschner • Corpus Christi, TX David Jackson • Sheridan Katie Jackson • Searcy Rebekah Jacobson • Phoenix, AZ Megan Jantz • Derby, KS Brandon Jeffus • Fort Smith Brandi Johnston • Arnold, MO Elizabeth Jones • North Little Rock Sammy Karuri • Nairobi, Kenya Allison Kemmer • Brinkley Rachel Kibbe • Huntsville, TX Kathryn Kirkpatrick • Little Rock Elizabeth Knesek • Van Buren Kristy Knowlton • DeWitt Adam Koelling Tyler, TX Kelly Krueger • Double Oak, TX Tracy Krueger • Double Oak, TX Robyn Kuntz • Arkadelphia Susi Kurth • Germany Kyle Lane • Paragould Mark Langley • Springdale Courtney Lawson • Richland Hills, TX Aaron LeMay • Camden Rachel LeMay • Searcy Kyara Lewis • Hot Springs Steve Lewis • Blytheville Lynn Libbey • Arlington, TX Courtney Lipscomb • Fort Smith Nathan Livers • Benton



allisonkemmer

a communication disorders major, was president of Tri Chi women's social club, vice president of Campus Activities Board, secretary of National Speech Language Hearing Association, head majorette, and Homecoming representative for Campus Activities Board. She enjoyed flying and twirling.

garthlombard

a theory and composition major, was a member of the International Club, Baptist Student Union Refuge Team, host of the International Food Festival, and host for the BSU Barn Bash. He was the recipient of the Betty Miller Scholarship, beau for Chi Rho Phi women's social club and was named to the dean's list. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, international traveling, friends, and music.

michaelmedlin

an economics major, was a WOW leader, member of the Tiger basketball team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and a member of the Big Brother program. He enjoyed reading, running, and playing basketball.

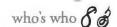
joshuamoore

a mass communications major, was a member of Kappa Chi men's social club, Ouachita Sounds, Young Democrats, and Blue Key National Honor Fraternity. He was a Tiger Tunes host, and was named to the dean's list. He enjoyed performing.

adamnorwood

a biology major, was captain of the cross country team, member of the soccer club, Big Brother program, and was involved in intramurals. He was on the dean's list, president's list, and named Academic All-Conference for cross country. He enjoyed hiking, biking, playing the guitar, and traveling.

SENIORS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE



Anna Lloyd • Fayetteville Garth Lombard • South Africa Jesse Lopez • Aleutian Islands Mary Lowery • Vandervort Michael Lusk • Plano, TX Erika McCain New London, MN Cristen McClure • Texarkana Jon McClure • Texarkana Amy McCormick • McCrory Greg McDonald • Beebe Kristin McDonald • Beebe Kristen McKelvey • Oswego, IL Lori McLaughlin • Magnolia Emily Maifield • Eaton, CO Jason Manuel • El Paso, TX Torin Marracio • Lewisville Noelle Mason • Dallas, TX Amanda Matthews • Star City Josh Mayfield • Quincy, IL Michael Medlin • Cabot Chad Melton • Garland, TX Kevin Mergel • Farmington, MO Sean Michel • Bryant Jason Middlebrooks • Searcy Gary Miller • Texarkana, TX Jackie Miller • Keiser Ray Miller • Texarkana, TX Seth Miller • Ozark Brian Mills. Hot Springs Shelly Montalbano • Heber Springs Bonnie Montgomery • Searcy Collier Moore • White Hall Janet Moore • Shreveport, LA Andrew Morgan • Zimbabwe Laura Moshinskie • Hot Springs Jay Newman • Monticello Brecon Nichols • Burleson, TX Adam Norwood Port Orchard, WA Ashley Parker • Malvern Erin Parker • North Little Rock



benjaminpeacock

a biology and chemistry major, was a member of the Signal staff, baseball manager, and an athletic trainer. He was named to the dean's list, president's list, Carl Goodson Honors Program, and was an Honors Council Scholar. He enjoyed Star Wars, astronomy, and sports.

janeschaffner

a missions major, was a member of the Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship, Big Sister program, Monticello Children's Home ministry, puppet ministry, international ministry, and was an America Reads tutor. She was on the dean's list, Homecoming Court, and Tiger Traks championship team. She enjoyed telling people about Jesus and digging in the Word.

jamiescheppmann

a psychology major, was a member of the Lady Tiger basketball team and Barnabus ministry. She won the Player of the Year Award, Most Valuable Player of Lone Star Conference, and All-American Honorable Mention. She enjoyed working with kids and playing basketball.

heathershupe

an accounting major, was chaplain of the Tri Chi women's social club and a Barnabus ministry leader. She was awarded the Women's Accounting Scholarship, Scholastic Excellence Scholarship and was named to the dean's list. She enjoyed the outdoors.

stephaniesisson

a secondary physical education major, was a member of the Gridiron Girls, Chi Delta women's social club, and co-chairperson of Intersocial Club Council. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and reading.

SENIORS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

who's who

Danielle Patricio • Costa Rica Benjamin Peacock • Searcy Andy Peeks • Hope Lina Pereira • Bogota, Colombia Amanda Perkins • Wake Village, TX Rick Phillips • Corinth, TX Angela Pickens • Batesville Wendy Porter • Bartlett, TN Hannah Pratt • Camden Kelly Propes Allen, TX Natalie Putnam • Colorado Springs, CO Nicole Rainey • Batesville Joshua Ransom • White Oak, TX Jared Ray Victoria, Australia Justin Ray • Ennis, TX Amanda Richardson Benton Staci Robertson • Bryant Travis Robertson • Forney, TX Meredith Rose • Atoka, TN David Roshto • Tuscaloosa, AL Penny Rushing • Collierville, TN Samira Sagidova • Uzbekistan Jane Schaffner • Camden Josh Shaw Laurel, MT Jennifer Shepherd • Tyler, TX Heather Shupe • North Little Rock Amanda Silvernail • Krum, TX Lisa Simonfalvi • DeSoto, TX Stephanie Sisson • Arkadelphia Holly Smith • Springdale Krista Smith • Lisbon, Portugal Meredith Smith • Gurdon John Spencer • Salem, MO Sarah Spencer • Kingwood, TX Ashley Stacy • Jacksonville David Stanley • Warren Erin Statham • Bossier City, LA Laura Steed • Springfield, VA Jared Stowell • Shreveport, LA Seth Stowell • Shreveport, LA



johnspencer

a music theory and composition major, was a member of the band, wind ensemble, and the jazz band. He enjoyed baseball and jazz.

juliespencer

an English major, was a member of the Baptist Student Union Rough Draft drama team, and Sigma Tau Delta Honor English Fraternity. She received the Mrs. J. R. Grant Outstanding Freshman Award. She enjoyed reading and singing.

davidstanley

a voice performance major, was a member of Phi Kappa Lamba Music Honor Society, Ouachita Singers, concert choir, opera worshop, musical theater workshop, Alpha Chi National Honor Fraternity, student director of Praise Singers, member of Ouachita Student Foundation, and was on the Student Faculty Council. He was named to the president's list, and was a Friends of Music Scholar, Trustee Scholar, and Shambarger competition winner. He enjoyed music, traveling, and being outdoors.

signevang

a business marketing major, was a member of Ouachita Student Foundation, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Business Advisory Board, WOW leader, and Servant Leadership Training participant. She was named to the presiden't list and the national dean's list. She enjoyed traveling, music, swimming, movies, and learning about other cultures.

wilmerwade

an education major, was a member of the Ouachita Student Foundatio, Eta Alpha Omega men's social club, Tiger Football team, and played intramurals. He enjoyed spending time with his family.

SENIORS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

Bridget Stroope • Hot Springs Anna Stuckey • Van Buren Katie Steuart • Nashville Ashley Sutherland • North Little Rock Emily Tapson • Cabot Tiffany Thomas • Texarkana Brooke Thompson • Cabot Jeffrey Tjahjadi•Indonesia Michael Toller•Springfield, IL Sato Toyohara • Tokyo, Japan Ben Utter•Hot Springs Village Signe Vang • Denmark Steven Vuong Fort Smith Andria Ward • Longview, TX Kim Ward • El Dorado Emily Watts • Arkadelphia Nathan Wagnon • Cabot Mary Anne Weis Magnolia Becca Weynand • Garland, TX Daryl White Houston, TX Trina White Fort Smith Lisa Wiley • Bismarck Jami Williams • Waskom, TX Amber Wilson • Pine Bluff Lori Wilson • Malvern Rachel Winston • Sheridan James Worrell • North Little Rock Jodi Wozniak • Fayetteville, GA Laura York • Corner, AL



nathanwagnon

a biblical studies and language major, was on the football team, was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Baptist Student Union discipleship leader, and a Refuge ministry speaker. He received the Academic Excellence Scholarship and was a Servant Leadership Graduate. He enjoyed sports, playing the guitar, piano, hunting, and hanging out with friends.

kimward

a biology major, was a member of the EEE women's social club, nurseing home ministry, Monticello Children's Home ministry, Big Sister program, Student Senate, Baptist Student Union ministry leader, and senior class secretary. She was the 2000 Homecoming Queen. She enjoyed dancing, running, laughing, singing, and snow skiing.

emilywatts

a mass communications major, was president of Ouachita Student Foundation, secretary of Campus Activities Board, team director of Adfed, member of EEE women's social club, and a Kappa Chi men's social club little sis. She was named to the dean's list and was a recipient of the Alltel/APA Scholarship. She enjoyed singing, reading, and writing.

amberwilson

a political science and mass communications major, was president of the Student Senate, vice president of the EEE women's social club, president of Young Democrats, president of the debate club, and a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Fraternity. She was named to the dean's list, president's list, the national dean's list, and was a member of the Carl Goodson Honors Program. She enjoyed politics, reading, and tap dancing.

rachelwinston

a christian counseling major, was a member of Tri Chi women's social club, Baptist Student Union Big Sister program, and went to China on a mission trip. She was fourth runner up in the Miss OBU pageant. She enjoyed running, biking, and scuba diving.

jodiwozniak

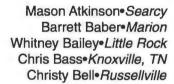
a speech communications and theater major, was the founder and president of Chi Rho Phi women's social club, chaplain for Theta Alpha Phi theater club, a member of Alpha Chi national honor fraternity, soccer club, Baptist Student Union Rough Draft drama team, and prision ministry. She was named to the president's list, was a recipient of the Scholastic Excellence Scholarship, and Barbara Hall Theater Scholarship. She enjoyed acting, singing, dance, painting, drawing, and discipleship.

Jim Abbott•Hannibal, MO Sally Allred•Marshall, TX Robyn Anders•Grapevine, TX Larissa Arnault•Searcy Sara Arnold•Springfield, MO

















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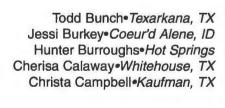
Brad Brannon•Conway
Ashley Bridwell•Conway
Ian Britton•Atlanta, GA
Brannon Brown•Texarkana, TX
Donna Brown•DeWitt























Senior Amber
Wilson stands
with Senator Jay
Dickey on the
Capitol steps.
She spent last
summer interning
with Dickey in
Washington, D.C.
photo courtesy of
A. Wilson

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Getting into law school was a pinnacle that many political science majors hoped of achieving after graduation. Grades, LSAT scores, and school activities weighed heavily in the decision for acceptance. Senior Amber Wilson, a political science/mass communications double major from Pine Bluff, was one of these students. Amber believed that her hard work paid off, considering the many activities of which she was a part.

Wilson was active in the many different facets of social life on campus. Wilson was a member of the EEE womens social club where she served as the second vice president. She also was a participant in the Carl Goodson Honors Program.

"I have tried to make education my first priority here at Ouachita. I believe that's what I am here for in the first place," said Wilson.

In the political arena, Wilson served as a researcher for Dr. Hal Bass in a study of "soft money." Bass had Wilson in many of his classes and thought very highly of her.

"I was very impressed by her leadership abilities, commitment, and organizational skills. She strikes me as a well-rounded person who excels in a variety of arenas," said Bass.

Wilson also had a special opportunity to intern for U.S. Representative Jay Dickey in Washington, D.C. Wilson experienced first hand many of the parts of government for most of the summer.

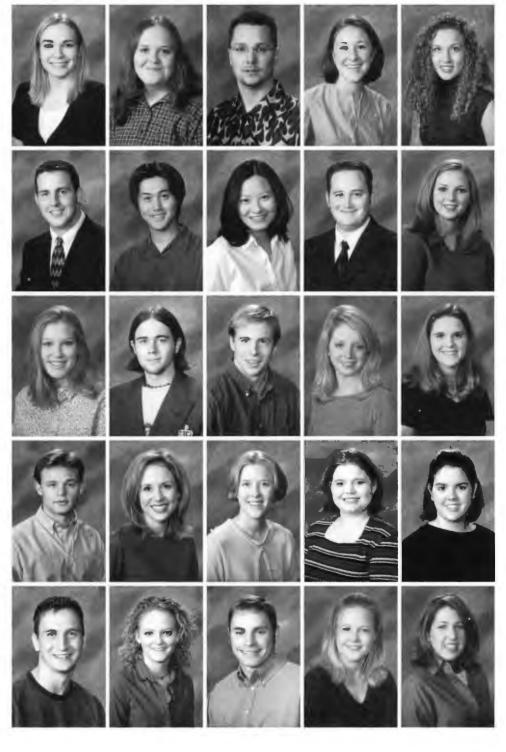
"It was the best learning experience for a political science major. The learning process becomes real and everything I had studied and learned about became a reality," Wilson said.

Being involved in so many activities required a lot of discipline and organization. Wilson said that time management was the biggest characteristic she used to complete her goals.

"I simply make a list of what I need to get done and how long it will take me, then I just do it. Learning to organize my daily routine in an efficient manner is the way to go in anything you do." story by Kyle Proctor

Jana Camper•Springdale
Lana Cantrell•Benton
Nic Carbonero•Monticello
Abigail Carnall•Olive Branch, MS
Tilly Carter•Arkadelphia

Cody Cates•Shreveport, LA
Takumi Chayama•Japan
Jenny Chung•Costa Rica
Bob Coleman•Houston, TX
Cara Collinsworth•Searcy



Anne-Marie Copeland•*Temple, TX*Michael Cozart•*Bryant*Chris Crane•*Memphis, TN*Jennifer Crawley•*Benton*Mary Elizabeth Crenshaw•*Collierville,TN*

Sam Cross•Sheridan Heather Davison•Springdale Karen Dearing•Plano, TX Ami Denham•Haysville, KS Kim Denham•Searcy

Adam DePriest•Mena Kara Dexter•Allen, TX David Donnell•Little Rock Jordan Douglas•Alma Suzanne Duncan•Little Rock



Senior Kim Ward speaks with college students in Taiwan. Ward was actively involved in the Taiwan mission trips. photo courtesy of K. Ward

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From Homecoming queen, BSU Ministry leader, and president of EEE women's social club, senior Kim Ward was constantly busy. Among her many activities, she stayed focus to her goal: serving God while serving others. "I want to use what God has given me," Ward said.

Ward, a biology major from El Dorado, said she enjoyed being active on campus. "Getting involved in different activities helps me to stay connected to what is going in around me," she said.

Ward has been involved with the BSU since her freshman year. She felt it played a major part in shaping her years at Ouachita. "Getting involved with the BSU ha been a greet blessing," she said. "It has allowed me to serve God in another way."

Through the BSU, Ward was able to travel to Taiwan as part of a mission trip. During her time there, Ward taught English to collegeaged students and shared her faith in the process. "It is amazing to she what God can do, even through the barriers of communication," Ward said. "I was able to share the love of God to others and tell them how he has blessed me."

Ward's involvement with EEE has also been a blessing for her. Her time as president again allowed her to serve God. Through the club, she was able to encourage her sisters and grow closer to them. She was also able to met one of the last living charter members during her time in EEE. "Being an EEE has been a wonderful experience, especially being able to grow closer to my friends," she said.

Through her many involvements, Ward was able to bless and be blessed. "I couldn't have spent my time better her at Ouachita," she said smiling. "Whether I was across the ocean, being crowned Homecoming queen or dressed as a puppet, I feel I was gave my best to God and in the process, learned what being a servant was about." story by Gary Miller



Moss Duvall•Shreveport, LA
Carey Elrod•Nashville
Missy Enloe•Harrison
Tara Ensley•Grand Prairie, TX
Kara Floyd•Fayetteville









Terri Fowler•Arkadelphia Dustin Freeman•Carlisle Clint Fulks•Beebe Ruth Gailey•Pine Bluff Abby Garlington•Fordyce









James Garner•Allen, TX
Catherine Garrett•Rowlett, TX
JoJo Gattis•Gurdon
Beth Gauw•Forrest City
Greg Gibson•Richardson, TX









Shannon Ginn•Benton Joey Gordy•South Africa Sarah Gore•White Hall Joanne Gorecki•Unionville, CT Dara Gray•Benton

























Junior Hunter
Burroughs and
senior Luke
Hollingsworth
stand in front of
the Donut
Hanger. The two
co-owned the
restaurant and
hoped to expand
their business.
photo by M.
Doom

it would be a good investment.

There's a lot of potential for it to grow in this town.

Burroughs

Junior Hunter Burroughs roped senior Luke Hollingsworth into many business adventures since the two met three years ago.

"Our first big thing was buying a house and moving off campus," Hollingsworth said of the house they shared with seniors Rob Griffith and Josh Moore on South 11th Street. "I still can't remember how we did that."

But their latest endeavor involved donuts. "We just decided it would make a good investment," Burroughs said. "There's a lot of potential for it to grow in town. It's kind of got the monopoly on the market."

Burroughs, a finance and management major from Hot Springs, learned the shop was for sale through his job as a realtor at Century 21. He said co-owning the business was a good learning experience for him.

For Hollingsworth, a church music/music education double major from Jonesboro, owning the shop was just another way to be involved. "I've never been one not to be involved," said Hollingsworth, who was a cheerleader, played intramural sports and was a member of Kappa Chi men's social club and Pure Hearts, the Baptist Student Union's musical ensemble. "It's enjoyable to work and see your business grow and make money," he said.

Burroughs' parents weren't too shocked to learn of his latest adventure. "They really expect stuff like this," said Burroughs, who was a member of Kappa Chi and Phi Beta Lambda, the business fraternity on campus. "They were happy with it," he added.

They're also working on getting a contract with Sodexho Marriott, the company that provides dining hall services. "This is how UPS and other companies started," Hollingsworth said. "Two guys when they're 20 years old. A little hard work and there's no telling where it will go." story by Karen Sines

hunter burroughs & luke HOLLINGSWORTH

Robert Hand•Shreveport, LA Kipp Harmon•Carrollton, TX Emily Harkreader•DeRidder, LA Stephanie Harper•White Hall Tami Harper•Mountain View

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Michael Head•Dallas, TX
Cassandra Heard•Hot Springs
Sarah Hollingsworth•Hampton
Brandon Horton•Grand Prairie, TX
Jessica House•Texarkana









Josh Howell•Richardson, TX
Mandy Jackson•White Hall
Daniel Johnson•Russellville
Kelley Johnson•Mesquite, TX
Stephanie Johnson•Little Rock

























Senior Allison
Kemmer stands
beside a 152
single-engine
plan. "Being
above the trees
and seeing the
earth from a
distance is
incredible," she
said. photo by S.
Wright

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While most college students spent last summer break traveling, working at summer camps, or lazing by the pool, senior Allison Kemmer spent her vacation up in the clouds. Kemmer, a communication disorders major spent her summer in a Cessna 152, a small, single-engine plane. However, Kemmer wasn't always the passenger. After her third time up she was the one behind the controls.

Being the daughter of a rice farmer, Kemmer was very familiar with planes used for agricultural means. Every summer she saw the crop dusters sweep over the fields near her home. However, it wasn't until her junior year in college that she knew she wanted to learn to fly.

After her first time at the control panel, Kemmer admitted that she had been a little nervous. "My palms were a little sweaty. I was scared, but it was fun. It felt like a really good ride at the fair," she said.

Before long, Kemmer was flying three or four times a week. Her favorite experience was on the Fourth of July, when she flew over the fireworks. "Being above the trees and clouds is incredible," said Kemmer, "but looking down below and seeing fireworks from a different angle is indescribable."

Her parents had a positive view on her pursuit. "I think it's wonderful," says her mom, Sandra. She added with a laugh, "The best part about it is that one day, when we're old and need checking up on, Allison can just fly into Brinkley and land in the field next to the house."

Kemmer's flying career wasn't over when she got back to school in the fall. She quickly enrolled in an aviation course at Henderson State University. This not only allowed her to continue flying, but also helped her learn more of the fundamentals while on the ground.

"Learning to fly has been an experience that I will never forget. It's an amazing opportunity that not everyone has the chance to grasp, and If I had it to do all over again, I would do it in a second. I hope to continue flying." story by Amy McCormick

allison KEMMER

Kara Ketner•Wichita Falls, TX
Tiffany Key•Hope
Fazliddin Khodjaberganov•Uzbekistan
Adam Langley•Bryant
Rebecca Lee•Lewisville, TX









Lindsey Lefler•Searcy
Joey Licklider•Angleton, TX
Lindsey Little•Little Rock
Jenny Logan•Texarkana
Sascha Lowery•Mesquite, TX









Marcie Lusk•Plano, TX
Janelle Lyon•Plano, TX
Lianna McCarthy•Holyoke, CO
Adam McClure•Ashdown
Gwendolyn McCollum•Nashville, TN









Natali McCoy•Birmingham, AL Julia McFerrin•Dallas, TX Megan McGraw•Stuttgart Lauren McNair•Fayetteville Douglas McPherson•Magnolia











Lillian McGee•Covington, LA
Darcy Maneth•Cabot
Chrissy Manning•Jonesboro
Chrissa Mansfield•Allen, TX
Katie Mara•Whitney, TX













Junior Charlee
Morrison passed
away during the
fall semester.
Morrison was
known for her
cheerful spirit.
photo courtesy of
J. Burge

She was always

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on her life.

~Emily Goode

Ouachita's campus was bursting with activities to commemorate homecoming. In one of the biggest events, Tiger Tunes, nine clubs fought for the right to call themselves grand champion. Meanwhile, in Little Rock, senior Charlee Morrison was fighting for something much more important than any championship, her life.

"Charlee's serious health conditions caused a reevaluation of how we live our days that God blesses us with. It puts in perspective the important things in life: loving one another, lifting them up and glorifying Christ," said junior Kim Kern.

Morrison was an example and a role model to many students on campus. She lost her battle with cancer on Monday, October 30, 2000.

Senior Emily Goode also rememberd some of Morrison's shining characteristics. "Charlee always joked about her health issues. She was always happy even when she was hurting, and had the most positive outlook possible for her life." Goode said.

Morrison's lifestyle not only influenced fellow students, but her professors as well.

Mrs. Margaret Wright, associate professor of accounting, had Morrison in many classes.

"I never heard her complain even though she often felt bad. She never asked to turn an assignment late even though she had good reasons to do so. In the few years that I knew her, she touched my life, as she did to many others. She made life more important to everyone around her," said Wright.

Dr. Richard Mills, chairman of the sociology department, also remembers the committed Morrison. "I had several conversations with Charlee about all aspects of her life. She was always positive about her life and was very hopeful for her future. I thought that we were always feeding Charlee about the things of life, when in fact, she was really feeding us. She was one remarkable person, and one of my personal heroes," Mills said. **story by Kyle Proctor**

charlee MISON

Michael Martin•Irving, TX
Jenna Mazoch•Texarkana, TX
Jamshid Mirtalibov•Uzbekistan
Jessie Morgan•Lucas, TX
Deondra Morris•Paragould



















Rachel Nowell*Longview, TX
Rachel Payne*Memphis, TN
Susi Pittman*Cotter
Emily Pope*Crossett
Josh Pounders*Portland, OR











Kyle Proctor•Wynne Shella Qualls•Monticello Bethany Rawley•Mesquite, TX Courtney Ray•Fayetteville Michael Redding•Little Rock











Anna Reese•Harrison Cristi Rickett•Benton Christopher Riddle•Ashdown Alicia Ritter•Garland, TX Jason Roe•Mulberry













Senior Darren
Hull looks for his
next hold on a
mountain face in
Hot Springs. He
spent many
weekends
climbing with
friends. photo
by B. Baxter

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darren |

A beautiful Tuesday afternoon. His 2 p.m. class had dismissed, and senior Darren Hull raced back to his apartment to get his gear. He was out to face a challenge he offen faced-climbing. "Each time was a new and different challenge," said Hull. "It was really easy to see improvements, so I always wanted to go back and beat a route that I couldn't get last time."

Hull, a sociology major from Laurel, Mont., grew up enjoying the outdoors, so it was easy for him to take advantage of all that "The Natural State" offered. When Hull was not studying, running cross country for the university or working off campus, he spent weekends and afternoons climbing at various indoor and outdoor spots all over the state. It was not unusual to find Hull in Little Rock at Fellowship Bible Church's climbing wall on Sunday nights. The wall, open to college students, gave Hull the opportunity to meet new people who shared similar interests in outdoor adventure sports. "It's an awesome ministry tool," said Hull. "It's a great place to build relationships. Climbers meet at the wall and take trips to climb other places."

In order to test his skill and abilities, Hull entered a weekend adventure race with two other university students, Adam Benton and Anna Stuckey. The April 6-7 event required the competitors to hike 16 miles, trail ride 20, canoe 16, climb and orienteer. "It has always been my dream to do the Eco-Challenge [the most difficult and well-known adventure race]," said Hull. "I saw this as kind of a first step to that goal. I see adventure racing as almost a perfect sport. You are tested physically and mentally. You have to race with your whole body."

Hull returned to his home state following graduation, where he worked as a counselor at a group home for children. He intended to pursue a masters in social work and desired to eventually begin a group home of his own in Montana. There, he would try to satisfy his thirst for outdoor adventure while teaching his skills to his youth. story by Paul Rayburn and Emily Maifeld

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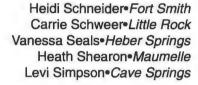




















Angelique Smith•Arkadelphia Jennifer Smith•Texarkana, TX Lisa Smith•Sherwood Micah Smith•Denison, TX Stacie Smith•Denison, TX









Matt Snow•Prairie Grove Charles Stanley•Nashville Shannon Starks•Sheridan Nathan Statton•Shreveport, LA Casey Stevens•Longview, TX

























Senior John Berry dives into the water. Berry was a vital member of the swim team. photo by B. Baxter

From here on out, it's not my call whether I've hit my peak or not, so I'm going to keep doing what I do and see how long I can continue to win.

Senior John Berry understood mental barriers in competition. He realized that many times, those barriers were the only difference between winning and losing. For that reason, Berry developed a philosophy on overcoming mental barriers in every swim meet he entered. "I don't just do it to swim," he said confidently. "I swim to win."

And winning was exactly where Berry's belief has taken him. As a member of the Ouachita Tiger Sharks, Berry found his place as an outstanding performer, even amidst one of the most talented swim teams in the nation. His individual achievements included being recognized as a 27-time All American, a six-time National Champion and a national record holder. "That was an amazing feelings," said Berry, who was also named NCAA Division II Male Swimmer of the Year in March of 2000.

Berry's individual performance numbers didn't go unrecognized by Olympic officials, as he was invited to compete in the United States Olympic Trials in Indianapolis. "A lot of people talk about the international meets, and how fast they are," he said. "But the U.S. Olympic Trials is the fastest in the world."

The meet took place from August 9 through the 16 of 2001. The trip was a first-time experience for Berry. The excitement of being at the Olympic trials didn't make Berry nervous. He stayed confident as usual, even while being surrounded by the elite swimmers of the world. "I knew this was a very special thing and I wanted to enjoy it," Berry said.

Even as he swam, Berry realized the prestige of what was involved. "I jumped in the water and as I swam by, I saw the sponsors on the wall: Cadillac, Speedo, Compaq. Then I saw the cameras under water, the press area and stadium seating. I wanted to take it all in," he said.

As Berry began to compete in his senior year, he realized that he was fortunate to have received the experience he had. "I have bad shoulders," he explained, "and I was told that I wouldn't make it to Nationals last year, but I did. From here on out, it's not my call whether I have hit my peak or not, so I'm just going to keep doing what I do and see how long I can continue winning." story by Sean Cathey

john can continue winning." BERRY

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Ai Takiguchi•Japan
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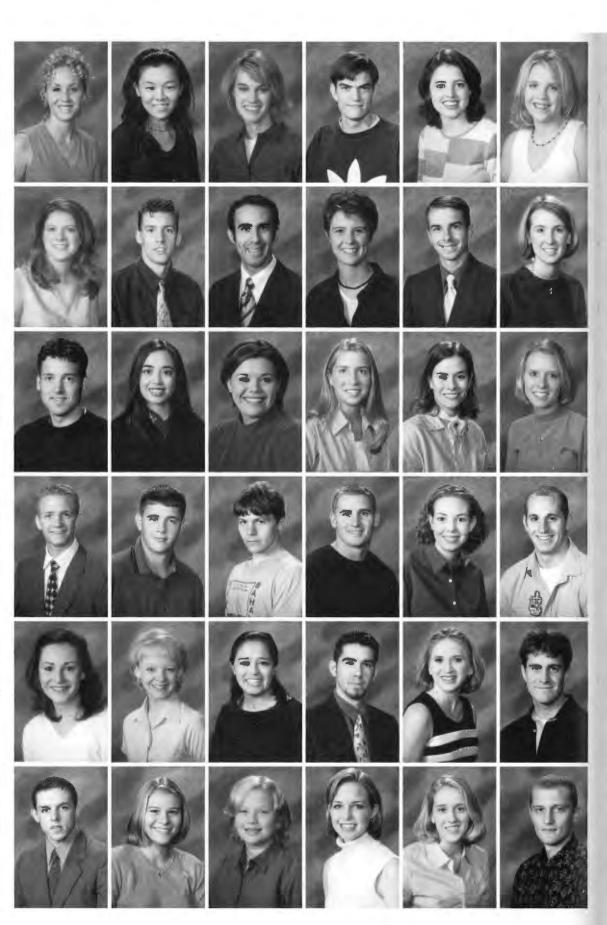
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Mark Vaughn•Oak Grove, LA
Sabra Walker•Harrison
Sarah Walker•Booneville
Abby Ware•Chillicothe, MO
Sarah Washum•Cape Fair, MO
Cendi Lea Weatherford•White Hall

Bennett Weidemann•Arkadelphia Jeremy Wessels•Broomfield, CO David Westbrook•Texarkana Cary Wheaton•Arkadelphia Alison White•Allen, TX Chris White•Memphis, TN

Amanda Williams•Russellville Jenna Williams•El Dorado Alicia Willingham•Arkadelphia Derek Wingfield•Arkadelphia Laura Woodbury•Pine Bluff Brent Woolley•Booneville

Chris Wright• Texarkana
Courtney Wright• Dallas, TX
Linda Yarbrough• Dallas, TX
Mary Carole Young• White Hall
Rebecca Zellmer• Sherwood
Igor Zimin• Kazakhstan





Junior Laura
Norris takes time
to play with
Honduran
children. Norris
shared Christ's
love in Honduras
in February.
photo courtesy of
L. Norris

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Christian love

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between two

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With butterflies in her stomach, junior Laura Norris boarded a plane to Honduras for a week long mission trip with her home church in McGehee, Ark. The trip was a medical mission that provided residents with health care that was desperately needed to treat minor and severe illnesses.

Among those who participated in the mission were one doctor, 12 registered nurses, two pharmacists, one dentist and an eye doctor. The group set up a clinic in a school building which didn't have electricity or running water. "Many of the people had lice, worms, cold infections and needed basic vitamins," said Norris.

The people of Honduras traveled for miles to come wait in the lines to get help from the team. Everyone had to attend a church service before they could see the doctor.

Norris said, "Our poorest conditions are good to them. Many of them have dirt floors and build fires inside. It is an extremely poor culture and there is a lot of sickness. It was a humbling experience because we worry so much about our outward appearance and what we're going to eat; these people had none of this and they didn't know it. They did the best they could with what they had."

It was a six hour bus ride into El Viajo where the clinic was set up. The team usually worked from seven to four and then went to dinner and a church service. There the mission team sang songs to the Honduran people and they in turn sang songs to the team. "We didn't understand them nor did they understand us but it was the bond of Christian love that bridged an understanding between the two cultures," Norris said.

Norris said she realized how much we take for granted living in the United States. "I will always be grateful for hot showers now because they do not have that luxury." She said she definitely plans to visit Honduras in the future for other mission trips. "It was an experience unlike any other and it made me realize what is important in life." story by Kristen McKelvey

laura NORRIS



Junior Jeremy
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In Namibia,
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Thirty Americans looked out airplane windows as the plane began its descent into Windhoek, Namibia. The view was unfamiliar to all but one of the travelers. A student yelled across the airplane, "Jeremy! Do you live in a hut or what? I don't see anything for us to land on!" Junior Jeremy Nottingham looked out at the familiar land, knowing his home was down there somewhere.

Nottingham lived in Namibia, a country just above South Africa on the west coast, for four years before coming to college in the States. He began talking with lan Cosh, who wanted to plan a mission trip to South Africa. Nottingham told Cosh about his parents and Cosh began email contact with Bryan Bullington, Nottingham's father. Plans for the trip began to fall into place and a year later, fruits from the trip were still growing.

Nottingham had many concerns about the trip to his home as the team spent several months preparing to go to Namibia. He hoped the team would share his love and respect for the people they would meet and was relieved when, "the team just fell in love with the people and the country. I was so excited our team got to see my home and my life."

Nottingham knew there were needs in Namibia that a team of American students could help meet. "Ninety-seven percent of Namibians claim they are Christians because their parents are. They need to see the meaning of being born again."

Nottingham said the team opened doors his parents had tried to open for years. He was able to speak at a school and Nottingham said, "My dad is still counseling people months later and a door has finally been opened that was closed until the OBU team came."

Of the trip, Nottingham said, "I really didn't expect that much to happen. We were able to show them a "cool" example of Christianity." Taking a mission trip to his home proved to be a unique experience for the Americans and the Namibians. story by Pegav Itschner

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Americans and the Namibians. story by Peggy Itschner





Junior B.J. Kyle pleases the ears of those around him with his guitar. Kyle often played guitar to practice for his summers in Branson. photo by J. Tohlen

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On a warm July evening, the lights were down on the stage as the band prepared to entertain the crowd gathered in Branson, Missouri. Suddenly, music burst forth, and junior B.J. Kyle was spotlighted leading the band with his guitar and vocal talents.

Kyle spent his summer in Branson as band leader in the Sho' Nuff Show at Kirkwood Theatre. As the band leader, he played the guitar and sang solos in the show. The show required long hours and serious dedication to the iob.

The Sho' Nuff Show was not the first time Kyle performed in Branson, a city well-known for its musical shows and good talent. Kyle won a talent show when he was thirteen years old and said, "the guy that ran that talent show asked me to perform with the Young Branson Stars when I was sixteen."

Kyle was invited to perform for the Sho' Nuff Show and because of the invitation, did not have to audition or train in any way. "Being invited to perform is nice because you know they really like you and want you to perform," Kyle said.

Kyle, a music major, found his experience in Branson to be a valuable experience for his future in music. Kyle planned to move to Nashville after graduation and knew working in Branson would make connections he needed in order to have a successful future in music.

Working in Branson, Kyle learned some lessons he could take with him into the future. Kyle stated, "There are some things I experienced that I will never forget. I learned how to deal with all different types of people. Almost everyone was thirty to forty years older than me."

Kyle said his summer involved in the Sho' Nuff Show was a blast and he would definitely do it again if asked. On campus, Kyle was involved in Ouachita Singers, Ouachita Sounds and the Jazz Band. Many students had a first impression of Kyle that involved his musical capabilities. Freshman Charity Bennett said of Kyle, "I first met him at the Barn Bash when he played the banjo. It's funny that he worked for something called the Sho' Nuff Show because his talent and personality fits that perfectly." story by Peggy Itschner







Junior Kara
Floyd spent her
summer interning
at the Granbury
Opera House in
Granbury, Texas.
Floyd, a musical
theater major,
said she gained
valuable
experience.
photo by T.
Robertson

Several people encouraged me to pursue singing. It is hard at times, but I know that it is something that I want to devote my life to.

"Every opportunity I can get to be on stage I've pretty much taken," junior Kara Floyd said. It was her desire to perform and gain experience that motivated her to apply for an internship at the Granbury Opera House in Granbury, Texas.

"While still looking for a summer job, I was contacted by my former piano teacher, Patricia Epperhart. She told me about the audition, so I decided to go and try," Floyd said.

She auditioned by singing two songs, reciting a monologue and completing an interview. On top of already stiff competition, Floyd was sick during her audition. Even so, she was selected for one of the 16 spots for which more than 1,500 people auditioned.

During the summer, Floyd was involved in two musical productions. The first musical, "George M.," was a play about the life of the famous Broadway composer George M. Cohan, who is most well known for the song "Yankee Doodle Dandy." Floyd, who played various characters in the play, was also part of a variety show.

In the second show, "Annie Warbucks," Floyd played the role of Grace Farrell. There were seven performances a weekend for ten weeks, totaling 70 shows.

On top of a relentless practice schedule, Floyd and her cast mates were expected to make their own costumes, as well as build the sets for the musicals. "We stayed up many late nights making sure the sets would be ready for show time," Floyd said. "During these nights, I learned how to use many different power tools, a new experience for me."

The internship gave Floyd work experience and connections that helped her in the future, she said.

Her voice teacher, Dr. Glenda Secrest, believed Floyd was and would be successful in her performance career.

"Kara is a wonderful student with a terrific attitude and a great stage presence," Secrest said.

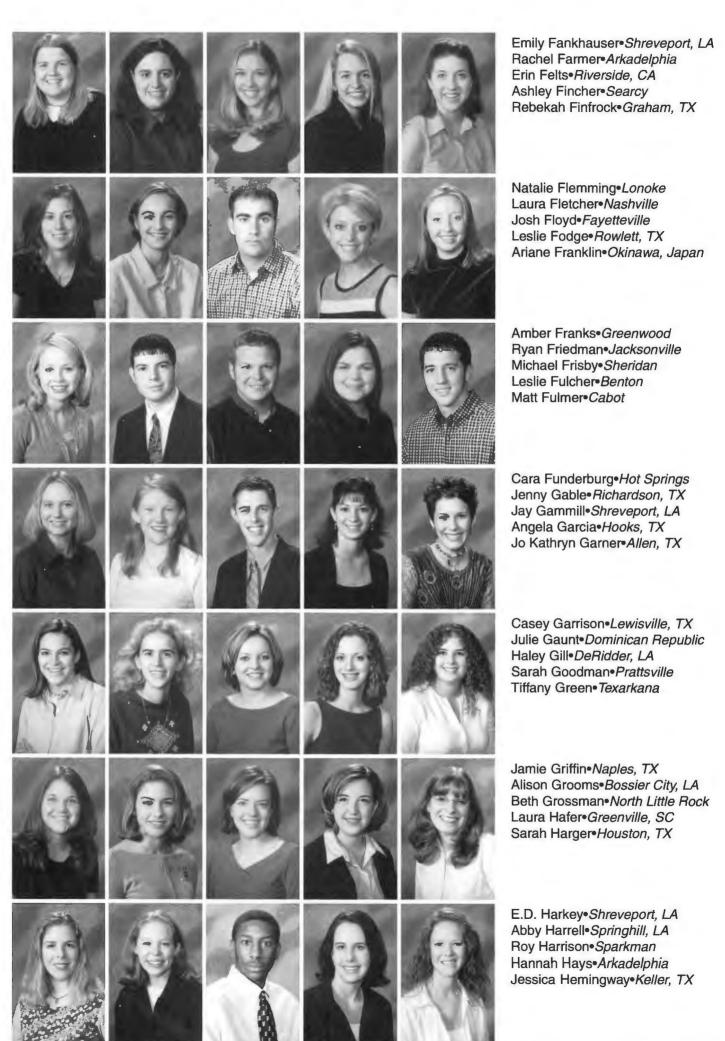
"People need to watch for her in the future and take any opportunity to see her perform."

Junior Barrett Baber agreed. "Every chance that I've had to see her perform I've been really impressed and have no doubt that she is one of the most talented people on campus," he said. story by Kyle Proctor

Kara story by Kyle Proctor

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The most talented people or story by Kyle Proctor





Vanessa Seals, a junior, had a major impact on the campus. Her involvement with the campus ministries and other clubs proved her true love for God.

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"All she ever really wanted was that real home where she could receive the love that she so deserved," said senior Gina Williams. "I know that she is getting the love she always wanted ... she's rejoicing with the Father right now, and I know that's the place she always wanted to be."

It was the idea that junior Vanessa Seals had finally reached that place of eternal security and unconditional love that comforted students dealing with her death.

"I just praise the Lord that she is there. Her prayers are answered," declared senior Jenny Ratliff who met Seals two years ago in a Bible study which spawned their friendship.

"She stayed up all night with me while I was doing homework, even until 4 o'clock in the morning. How many of you do that for your friends? I wouldn't, but she was so dedicated and so loyal," said Ratliff. It was a similar statement of friendship, loyalty and love that echoed throughout the week of Seals' death.

While traveling to her hometown of Heber Springs on Feb. 23, she was involved in a head-on collision. She and the driver of the other vehicle both died instantly.

The death of the 21-year-old junior Christian ministries major touched much of the campus because of her involvement in so many activities. A member of the Campus Activities Board and intramural sports teams, Seals also stayed involved in campus ministries through the BSU Big Sister program and being a campus Bible study leader. As a freshman, she was honored with the Mrs. J.R. Grant Freshman Woman Award, and during the summer of 2000 Seals traveled with the BSU on a mission trip to Africa.

"She put everything she had into ministry. Everything that she did was ministry," said junior Jeremy Nottingham, who came to know Vanessa while working together in Africa.

"She told me two weeks ago, 'Jenny, this is not my home," Williams said. "I just don't feel like I belong here. My home is in heaven, and I'm just ready to go be with Jesus.'" story by Rachel LeMay

vanessa by Rachel LeMay SEALS





At Miss Arkansas, junior Jenna Williams performs during the talent portion of the competition. Williams placed in the top 10 at the state pageant. photo courtsey of J. Williamson

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Some might have seen junior Jenna Williams and thought she was just one of the normal college students on this campus. When looking really close, one saw an intelligent, well-spoken, talented, mature, and godly young woman.

She was the 2001 Miss Ouachita River, representing her hometown of El Dorado, and was a semi-finalist twice in the state pageant. "This system is something that I do for the opportunity to further my education through scholarship, and to participate in my community," Williams said.

Her critical issue of education made her believe that Arkansas had an alarming college graduation and retention problem. She said, "A very low percentage of Arkansans have a college degree and a small percentage of entering college students graduate within five years...or ever. It is imperative that Arkansans-especially young people--are made aware of the long-reaching benefits of higher education."

As a college student, she was awarded many opportunities for intellectual, personal, and vocational advancement through her participation in higher education. She said the manifestation of her own experiences was a desire to see that every Arkansas student has this same opportunity for self-betterment. Her message of higher education was clear: go to college...stay in college...finish college.

She designed "Aim High for Higher Education," a message tailored to reach 7th-12th grade students. Her message also culminates with high school seniors by engaging in discussions of choosing a college, applying for scholarships, and preparing for college life.

She believed if students were encouraged at a young age to "Aim High" in order to seize the many wonderful opportunities available to them, there would be improvement in college graduation and retention rates. She maintained this improvement would not only be reflected in national statistics but also in an improved quality of life for Arkansas citizens. story by Jennifer Crawley

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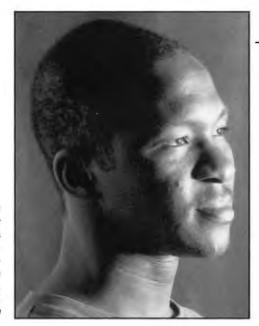
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Senior Ibrahim Garba looks for new challenges in his education. Garba participated in the elite Pew Society. photo by T. Robertson

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For some, graduate school was absolutely out of the question. For others, it was an easy solution to the all-too-often asked question - "what in the world am I going to do after I graduate?" For senior English major Ibrahim Garba, a Pew summer study program provided a new acdemic challenge while providing insight into graduate studies. "It was interesting to see that many people who are interested in academia and are also

Christians," Garba said.

A notice for a summer seminar, where students were placed with teaching assistants and professors who, as Christians, had made significant contributions in their particular field of study, was posted on campus every spring. Students applied by mailing recommendations from two professors, a copy of their transcript and a statement of interest to the Pew selection committee. Garba applied in the middle of March and was accepted in the first of April to attend the conference in June. He turned in applications for both the English and philosophy seminars and was accepted for the English seminar. "I didn't really think I was going to get into the philosophy," said Garba, "but I knew that I would have as good a shot as anyone else in the English."

The department chose 'Monsters in English literature' as its annual theme, so Garba attended three-four hours of classes each day, where he discussed with other students and his professor various pieces of literature, such as Beowolf and Frankenstein, and literary criticisms of those works. "It was interesting to see how ideas of 'the monster' had changed over hundreds of years but still kept some

basic characteristics," said Garba.

Apart from academics, Garba enjoyed the experience because of the new people he was able to meet. "I made a lot of friends," said Garba. "You assume that everyone else's time at college is just the same as your own. It was interesting to see how their college

experiences differ from ours."

Following the conference, Garba decided not to pursue a graduate degree in English. Nevertheless, "The workshops on applying for grad school were very helpful," said Garba. Instead, Garba was considering pursuing a graduate degree in philosophy at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, in the fall. story by Paul Rayburn

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In Santehiem. Brazil, junior Jason Roe stands outside one of the many stores in the city. He and others left from the city of two million people to travel down the Amazon River. photo courtesy of J. Roe

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Spring Break. A time for relaxation, kicking back and having fun. Students traveled to lakes, beaches and the mountains to unwind, but not junior biology major Jason Roe. He spent his break in equatorial Brazil on the Arapiuns River, a tributary of the Amazon, doing mission work.

"Our basic purpose was mission work through medical services," Roe said.

Two weeks before the medical personnel arrived, senior Rachel Caldwell's parents, who were missionaries in Brazil, went to these small river villages to tell the people the medical doctors were coming to their villages. They had people sign up on a list to see the doctors. However, word quickly spread of the opportunity. "As soon as we arrived, people started coming out of the woodwork," Roe said. "By word of mouth people in the sticks knew that we were coming. They began arriving in boat loads, 12 to 15 on a cannoe-sized boat. Many of them had never seen

The medical team resided on a boat for roughly five days, traveling to different river villages. Each day, Roe and the medical team performed both dental and medical work. After docking and setting up, the team went to work. Roe assisted a dentist in pulling teeth. "It was bloody! In one village I help to pull over 50 teeth," he said.

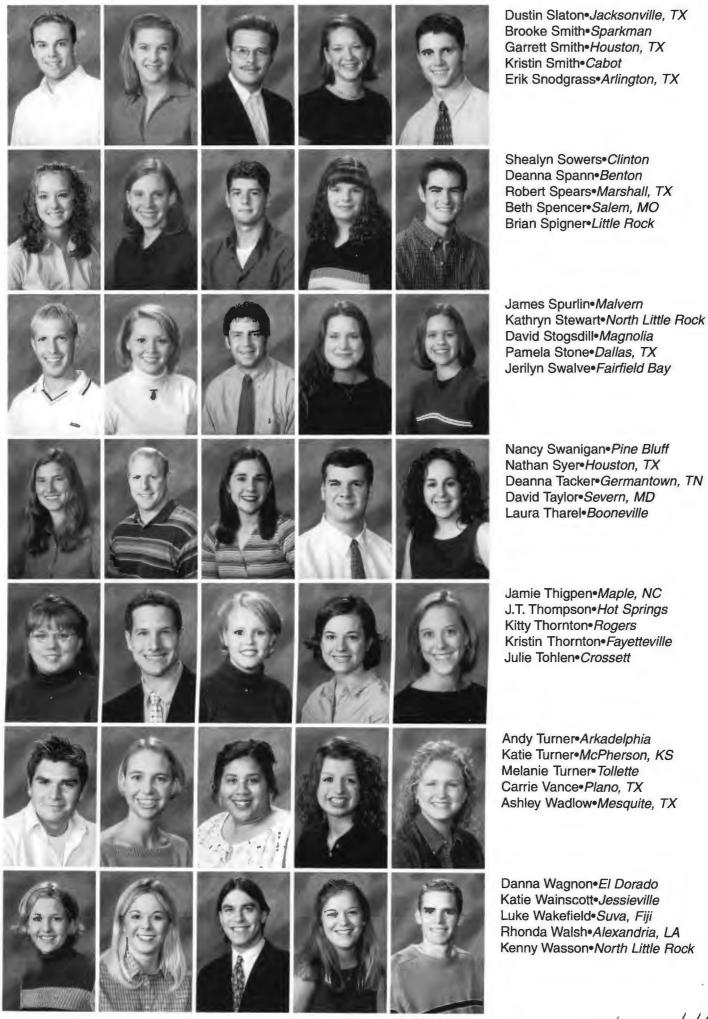
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The mission part of the trip occurred after any medical service was completed. The people were told of a church service that night. "In one city, Mr. Caldwell preached and about 11 Brazilians were saved," Roe said. "We also sang in Portuguese during the services. The only words that were a perfect match were some of the most powerful words of worship...'Glory, Glory, Hallelujah.'"

The trip reminded Roe of several things. One was the many amenities that Americans take for granted. "As we went through a town, I smelled a distinct third world smell," he said. "The living conditions were horrible. The people lived in such poverty. No cars, no electricity, no roads, no taxes, no Taco Bell or Wal- Mart. I wonder how one of these people would react if taken to the states. I am truly blessed and very fortunate."

With the many sights, sounds and smells, the trip enabled Roe to gain experience both academically and culturally. "I was given an opportunity to benefit myself, but in turn, I was able to benefit others," he said.

story by Gary Miller





Junior Linda
Yarbrough hangs
out at Monticello
Children's Home.
Yarbrough
participated in
the Children's
Home ministry.
photo courtesy of
L. Yarbrough

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Junior Linda Yarbrough, a Biblical studies major, was a part of many clubs and activities. Some of her involvements were Social Outreach Ministry leader, the BSU Nursing Home Ministry, and One Act Plays, and she went on two BSU mission trips, one to Las Vegas, and one to Daytona Beach. Yarbrough was the Monticello Children's Home ministry leader for the BSU, the vice president for public relations in CAB, a big sister in the community, and part of the BSU prison ministry.

In her summers, Yarbrough spent her time in service. The summer after her freshman year, she worked as a missionary for the state BSU. She served at Monticello Children's Home. While she was there her jobs included organizing and leading the Sunday and Wednesday night services, as well as various other jobs. Some of the other jobs included lifeguarding, directing recreation, and leading a crafts club. "I tried my best to be friends with the kids I lived with," said Yarbrough. "I also tried to help them in their Christian walks. I got to see two girls come to know the Lord." Yarbrough has continued this service going to the children's Home every other week for the past two years building relationships with the kids. "It has been a life changing experience. My family was non-Christian, poor, and there was a lack of love. So my desire has always been to share love with kids form similar backgrounds," said Yarbrough.

Yarbrough grew up in a broken home in South Dallas. She's spent times in her life without a home, feeling unloved. Because of her difficult childhood, she often found herself hopeless and doubting that she would ever make it in life. But she's found salvation in Christ and a home that she's never experienced before.

"Being at Ouachita has been a neat experience. I have learned about myself—I have gained a lot of strength and hope. I also have a vision for the future. Growing up in my situation, I had no hope of ever becoming anything great. I honestly thought I would die before I graduated high school. But I have realized that God has saved me because he is going to use me—and he already has used me." story by Laura Mouhot

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Melinda Williams•Junction City Melody Williams • Drasco Stacie Winkler• Temple, TX Emily Wiseman• Katy, TX Laura Witherspoon•Mount Pleasant, TX









Mendy Woodruff•Nashville Kristi Worley•Dierks Stephanie Wright• Texarkana, TX Danielle Young•Bryant

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Juniors Becky and Beth Hart study together often. The twins found they enjoyed college life together in and out of class. photo by T. Carter

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If you have ever watched "The Parent Trap" with Haley Mills and thought how much fun it would be to have a twin, Beth and Becky Hart were just the people to speak with.

Beth and Becky were junior transfers from Mesquite, Texas. They attended Eastfield Community College, and came to Ouachita to acquire degrees in sociology with minors in psychology.

The Harts were never allowed to be in the same classes while they were in elementary school. In junior high, they had five to seven classes together, and were separated once again in high school. College was a totally different story, though. They have had every class together for the past four years.

Plans of marrying and living by one another often made the two laugh. "We used to plan on marrying twins and living next door to each other when we were younger, but I kind of doubt that happens now," Becky said. "We will probably live in the same town, though!" Beth quickly added. Both girls wanted to work in schools as counselors or in some other facet.

The twins had never been apart for more than a few days, and that was only because Beth was in the hospital. The duo had never had a fight that lasted more than a few hours. They had their own "language" that they used to speak in when they were young, and they can still understand each other when no one else can.

One time Beth fell off of her bunk bed and Becky asked her if her stomach and back hurt. "I could feel her pain," Becky said. "People always talked about twins being able to feel each others' pain, but that was the only time it ever actually happened to us."

While that doesn't happen often, the Harts often tell their two other sisters the same story in the same way. Beth laughed and said, "We've gotten to where we start the story by saying, 'Have you heard this already?'"

Both of the twins pledged Tri Chi this spring, and were sure going into Rush that they would join the same club if they pledged. "Pledging together has made our relationship that much closer and allows us to be sisters doubly," Becky said. story by Amy Garrett

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Senior Jane Schaffner tries out her new language skills on three Berber children in a town in North Africa. She spent last summer in the Shara Desert.

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The sun in the western Sahara was the same one that shines down on the hills of Arkansas, but for some reason, the penetrating heat seemed a little more merciless to Ouachita senior Jane Schaffner and her younger brother, Joe, as they studied in North Africa during their summer break.

Natives of Camden, the two were part of a larger group of 12 from six other states who volunteered their summer vacation to travel across the world to study at the Arabic university. But more importantly, they came following the command to go to the nations sharing their faith.

"When I first got here it was a big let down," said Jane. "I was ready to dive in and we found we can't witness openly; we had to

be careful how we shared."

As part of their study requirements, Jane, Joe and fellow students spent several hours a day in class, learning basic Arabic and studying the culture and society of their host country. Following classes, the group spent time in the open-air markets, among women, veiled from head to foot in black robes with only small slits showing dark eyes, and men, weather beaten and rough, who cast curious looks at the American young people.

The group drew attention simply by the color of their skin and the smiles on their faces. Everywhere they went, they saw how God was overcoming the barriers of these unreached peoples, most of whom were tribal Berbers. Steeped in tradition and bound by tight family structures, the Berbers of North Africa practice Islam interwoven with traditional animistic religions. A hard life greets the peoples of this region. While the Berbers have seen their freedom encroached by tightening borders and government control, it is their spiritual freedom that concerned the group of students from America.

The barriers to the gospel were so strong, Jane said, but "I realized here in North Africa that I can't do anything apart from God. When I came to that realization, I felt God say, 'you're right about that.' He is in control.'

"When we go home, the main thing I can do is pray," Jane said. In time, she said, she may forget how hot the sun was in the Western Sahara, but "we can't go home and forget people," she said. "We've got to remember these faces – the face of the children who were dark with oppression because they don't know Jesus.'

"God didn't die for North Africa," she added, "he died for these people." story used with permission by the International Mission Board

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Hannah Day•Malawi Jaci Delamar Mesquite, TX Emily Devan•Cabot Erin Dewbre•Kimberley, South Africa Ashley Dimsdale Mesquite, TX Libby Dirk Ovilla, TX Tim Dockery Jackson, TN Shannon Dodge•Collierville, TN Cameron Dodson•Houston, TX Whitney Dunaway•Springdale Jordan Dupree•Arkadelphia Bradley Easley•Pea Ridge Jessica Eiland•Whitehouse, TX Kate Elliott•Favetteville Annabeth Epsen•Bartonville, TX Candace Estep•Van Buren Jill Evans• Garland, TX Stephen Evans•Baton Rouge, LA Jason Fanning Denton, TX Lydia Farmer Texarkana Lacy Fleming•Hampton Liz Frazier Maumelle Elizabeth Fulton•West Fork Amanda Furrey•Maumelle Amy Garrett•Hope Brandon Gattis•Gurdon Danny Gentry Mountain Home Eric Godwin Sulphur Springs, TX Melissa Golden Bowling Green, KY Alison Gooding Poquoson, VA Nancy Goodwin Conway Neil Greenhaw•Fayetteville Jana Greenwich Florianopolis, Brazil Michelle Guehler The Colony, TX

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Senior Brandon
Lee spends his
free time biking.
Lee was known
for his ability to
bike long
distances. photo
courtesy of B.
Lee

I don't have class on Tuesday and Thursday so I ride all day.
That's when I usually go to Hot Springs and back.

A trip to Hot Springs and back was nothing for most students. It was also nothing for senior Brandon Lee. The only difference was Lee preferred to ride his bike.

When Lee was a senior at Lexington Academy in Dallas, Texas, he played basketball and baseball. He planned to play one of the sports at Ouachita the following year. Then something happened that changed his mind and his life for good. Lee discovered the sport of cycling. "One of my friends got me into it," said Lee. "Since then it's pretty much all I do."

When he wasn't riding the 120-miles or more that was part of his weekly training regimen, he ran or lifted weights. "I don't have class on Tuesday and Thursday so I ride all day," he said. "That's usually when I go to Hot Springs and back." This type of training may have seemed outrageous to many people, but in the world of cycling it was a must. Lee competed in numerous races over the years including one that was 100 miles at Wichita Falls, Texas.

In August he competed in his first ever Tri-athlon which was held at DeGray Lake. It consisted of a one mile swim, 55 miles cycling, and a 13 mile run. Although Lee was infatuated with biking, he was not a prototypical cyclist. At 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighing 225 pounds, he carried more weight than most of his competitors. Many people looked malnourished if they trained as vigorously as Lee, but he continued to maintain a healthy weight. "I eat right, and I believe that's why I've never had a problem with losing a lot of weight," said Lee.

Eating right was only part of the responsibility of cycling. It also required a lot of time and money. While Lee owns five bikes, his most expensive mountain bike was worth \$4,000.

Money was also required in order to get to and from each race. "The money you spend is brutal, there's not much time for school either," he said. "Those are some of the reasons I haven't raced in about a year."

Whether he was riding a bike or promoting one, as long as he was around them, Lee did what he loved. "It's my passion," he said. story by Matt Turner

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Senior Susi Kurth and transfer student Katja Muller stand side by side. The two were the tallest members of the team, 6'1" each. photo by B. Swihart

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because we play

better this way.

"Pass...schlag!" These are two words you might have heard senior volleyball player Susi Kurth say to transfer Katja Muller as she set Muller up for the spike. Kurth and Muller, who came to Ouachita from Germany, were the "Twin Towers" of the Lady Tiger volleyball team.

Kurth and Muller knew each other since living on the same floor at boarding school in the seventh grade. During this time, they played together on the same volleyball club team. "In Germany there are no school volleyball teams. There are only club teams, and if you are really good, they will pay you," Muller said.

Kurth moved to Atlanta, Ga., her senior year of high school, while Muller stayed in Germany where she continued to play for her club team. Kurth said she heard about Ouachita from a friend who visited the campus. She decided to visit as well. She was offered a volleyball scholarship and decided to attend.

Muller attended a university in Salzburg, Austria, before coming to Ouachita. She said she came to Ouachita because of Kurth. "Last year, Katja told me she wanted to take the year off and come to America. She wanted to go to Kansas, but it didn't work out. I told her to come to Ouachita because it would be better for her here. I could help her learn English, and it would just be fun to play together again," Kurth said.

According to Coach Bill Sutton, Kurth and Muller were great assets to the team. "Susi and Katja have taken us to another level," he said. "They are outstanding athletes and are good role models for us."

Team captain Courtney Lawson said the two were silent leaders. "A lot of times they don't lead with their words, but they do lead with the way they play. They keep everybody on their toes," she explained.

Kurth and Muller both expressed that they were glad to be playing volleyball at Ouachita. "Everything about playing here has been great, and it's all paying off. I feel I have become a more developed player, and I couldn't wish for a better senior year," Kurth said.

Muller added, "At first, I was not sure about Ouachita because I didn't know the coaches or the other players. Now, I love it here. The people are so friendly, and it made it easy for me to feel good about being here. Our whole team is close together now, and that is important because we play better this way." story by Brett Swihart

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Sammy Lange plans to help lead worship in Austria. As a freshman music and biblical studies major, he hopes to combine the two to do God's work. photo by B. Baxter

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"Praise the Lord," said Sammy Lange. Lange, a freshman church music major, was from Salzburg, Austria, where his parents were missionaries.

His decision was to come to Ouachita was sort of a "last minute thing" he said. After graduation, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do. "I hadn't really given college a consideration," he said," especially going to college in the United States."

However, it was the Ouachita Singers and Dr. Charles Fuller that gave Lange some indication. "When the Singers where here [Salzburg] two years ago, I thought they were a really great choir and how awesome it would be to sing with them," Lange said.

Lange and his best friend and roommate applied and both were accepted. Lange said it made it easier knowing that he had at least one person he would know coming to the U.S. "I feel it a huge miracle to be here," he said. "Not totally having the money for it, I never thought it to be possible."

Lange auditioned for the Singers and was placed as a bass in the choir. He found this to be a blessing, especially after hearing them in Salzburg. "I only sang in the choir at the music school, and had no formal training," he said. "This helped me even more because I was able to bless and be blessed."

Lange felt that his main reason for coming to the university was to help foster his gifts. "I felt it to be a blessing from God, to be able to combine my two gifts - music and biblical studies," he said. "I want to definitely use what God has given me."

Using his gifts, Lange planned to help spread the gospel. "Christianity is an old tradition in Austria and is very different from our way of worship," he said. "I feel God has laid it on my heart to do some type of mission work."

Because of the message shared with Lange and his family, he was able to come and take part in that ministry. "What we sing about, what we present, is a ministry," he said, "and is presented even more so in our actions and expressions."

With the contact made with Ouachita two years ago, Lange was able to find his call. "I had never had a goal of what I wanted to be," he said. "After coming here, I know that God wants me to use what He has richly blessed me with." story by Gary Miller

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Freshman
Lauren Davidson
participates in
several pageants
each year. She
was named Miss
Ouachita River
2000, which took
her to the Miss
Arkansas
pageant. photo
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Lauren Davidson, a freshman biology major, enjoyed spending her time competing in pageants. Davidson started participating in pageants when she was a child. She entered a couple then, and when she was old enough, she entered a couple in her area teen system for pure fun. "It was not until I was older that I became serious about pageants," she said.

When Davidson was a senior in high school, she competed in the Miss division of pageants. She became very dedicated and worked extremely hard, while praying about the outcome of her entry in pageants. After a lot of hard work and prayer, she won the Miss Ouachita River. This was the title that took her to Miss Arkansas competition in 2000.

In preparing for Miss Arkansas, Davidson participated in community service projects. She also started an exercise and diet program to get her into better shape. Davidson worked with her voice coach on her singing. She also worked on her platform, "heart smart kids." "Heart Smart Kids" was an idea to help teach kids and their parents about cardiovascular disease. "I had a lot on my plate, juggling my school with the pageant," she said.

Davidson came away from the 2000 Miss Arkansas pageant placing fourth runner up and winning the new comer award, along with winning the swimsuit preliminary award. Davidson also walked away with an experience that will last her a lifetime, full of irreplaceable memories. Davidson headed back to Miss Arkansas 2001 as one of the only two returning girls that placed in the top five. She returned with a new title, Miss Diamond Lakes.

Davidson was involved in many Ouachita activities. She was a member of the OBU court of honor and an active member of the EEE women's social club. She was a spring inductee into the Carl Goodson Honors Program.

"I would not change a minute of anything," said Davidson, "I believe that pageants are a wonderful program for girls." story by Caryn Bridges

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Working on one of her pieces, junior Kirn Kern concentrates to be precise. Kern was a dedicated and hard-working student, according to Larry Thompson, art professor. photo by M. Doom

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Junior Kim Kern was "completely shocked" when she received acceptance into New York's Pratt Institute "Pratt in Venice" program. Kern was invited, along with 24 other students, to spend three weeks taking a painting class with five faculty members from Pratt.

"I honestly did not think I was going to get in," Kern said. Students from across the nation applied for the four openings.

Before applying to the program, Kern had not sent out any of her material. She said, "I applied to get my name out."

To apply, Kern sent in a portfolio containing eight slides of paintings she had completed while a student, along with a one-page paper explaining why she wanted to be in the program.

Her biggest concern in being accepted to the program was paying for the trip. "It's truly way too expensive. But I got accepted so I guess that's what God wanted me to do," Kern said. She knew it was going to be hard to raise the money, but she was determined to find a way.

A declared studio art major from the beginning of her college career, Kern never doubted her decision to be an artist. She was glad to be a part of the art department. "I'm so impressed with how our art department is growing. The professors are helping to open up so many opportunities for us," she said.

With all the hard work, Kern should receive "a well- deserved pat on the back," according to Larry Thompson, chairman of the department of visual arts. "(Kim is) dripping with natural ability. She's one of our best." story by Stephanie Haynes

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Junior Barrett Baber perfroms one of his songs during Kappa Chino. Baber taught himself to play two years ago and has develpoed his skills. photo by G. Miller

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After only two and a half years of playing the guitar, junior Barrett Baber wrote and produced his own CD.

During the Christmas break, Baber sat down with his guitar in Raney Recording Studio in Drasco and recorded and mixed his first CD. After 10 hours of work Baber completed the CD, titled "Songs of the Broken Hearted."

"It's seven songs about love and about falling in and out of it," Baber said. The songs weren't particularly about anyone, Baber said, but reflect the heartbreaks he experienced in high school. The songs also reflect on the tough emotional times he has dealt with.

"I have found that I write some of my best music when emotional events happen in my life," he said. "I'll do a lot of thinking and a lot of soul searching and so that influences my writing."

Baber describes his music as "easy listening with a lot of emotion." "This is a great CD to buy if you are learning to play the guitar because you can learn how to play all the songs in no time," Baber said. "They're really simple songs, and that's cool because I think the best songs are the simple ones."

Baber, a health and physical education major from Marion, began writing songs his freshman year. The first song he wrote, "What More Could I Ask For," got him started in recordina.

"A friend of mine heard the song and fell in love with it," he said. His friend asked him to go to West Memphis to record the song, offering to pay for the whole thing. Baber

Through a connection with his roommate, Baber got in contact with Jon Raney who owns a recording studio in Drasco. As it turned out, Raney Recording Studio was the least expensive and, according to Baber, the best. "I decided to go ahead and get some copies made and if I sell them, then great! I'll just make my money back and maybe someone might hear it," Baber said. "I might send a couple of them off to record companies, but I'm not planning on the CD hitting it big. But if it does I'll be really happy."

He has not sent the CD to any stores to be sold, he said. For now he is "just selling them out of the back of [his] car." story

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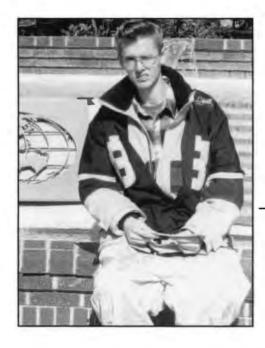






Brandon Young San Diego, CA





Freshman Jean-Michel Hatton studies by the fountain. The French exchange student enjoyed America's atmosphere. photo by K. Hare

I love Ouachita
and I feel I'm
very fortunate
to be able to
attend such a
great school.

Jean-Michel Hatton, the oldest of three children born to an American/Brazilian father and a French mother in Paris, France, led an interesting life.

Accepting Christ at the age of eight, Hatton explained that it wasn't until his teen years that he really grasped the kind of life and ministry that God was directing him to. "In France there are a lot of things that you can get involved in on the streets. It wasn't until I put aside other things that I really began to follow God. Now, because of that decision, it feels like I'm constantly at peace. It's a great feeling," he said.

Most Americans had complete misconceptions about Europeans, and the French in particular. Many assumed that they still wear knickers and berets. Americans also believed they eat cheese and drink wine all the time. Hatton explained that contrary to what many people believed, he is not much different from an American. Most of the younger generation in France dressed very "American" and watched some of the same movies and television programs.

When Hatton first came to America, he was under the impression that it was a utopian society in a way. He felt that America was hyped up to be more than it really was. He claimed a lot of people in America were just as prideful as people in France. "I don't know if this is just a part of American culture or a general attitude of the South, but I cannot find a church in the area that has a large representation of different ethnicities. Churches in France, Paris especially, are just huge melting pots of different people," Hatton explained. **story by Cameron Connell**

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Board member
Johnny heflin
speaks during fall
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The board
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We have a
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Ouachita
continues to be
great.
~Dr. Wesley
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The board was responsible for approving the budget, campus construction and improving the quality educational environment for students, faculty and staff.

Their main concern and interest was the university and what occurred there. "We are very interested in what's going on at Ouachita," said Dr. Wesley Kluck.

Serving his ninth year on the board, Kluck felt the commonalty of the board was their love for Ouachita. "As a whole, I would say we all truly love Ouachita and want the best for the school," he said. "We want Ouachita to be the best small, Christian liberal arts college."

Board members served three-year terms, with a limit of two consecutive terms before sitting out for at least one year. Kluck said the members were bound together by common values and often developed strong friendships throughout their work. "We have a common love for God and that love blends us together to help ensure that Ouachita continues to be great," he said.

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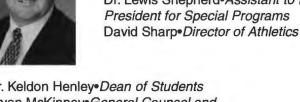
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Donned in his kilt, Dr. Clint Sheehan prepares for his next event. Sheehan participated in the "stone put" to keep in shape. photo courtesy of C. Sheehan

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Most male college professors wore slacks and toted leather briefcases. One professor, however, likes to don a kilt and carry 250 pound weights in each hand. Dr. Clint Sheehan, assistant professor of physics, competed in a series of sporting events known as the Highland Games or the Scottish Games.

The kilt was strictly competition garb, Sheehan asserts. "It was a little strange at first," he said, "but you get used to it. They give you a lot of freedom." Sheehan needed that freedom as he hurled 56 pound stones, competing for the farthest distance in the stone distance weight throw in one of the events found at the Highland Games.

The Games, which originated hundreds of years ago in Scotland, were "heavy" individual athletic competitions with many events similar to those in the Olympic Games. One event, for example, was the stone put. The only difference between it and the Olympic shot put was the contestant threw a rock instead of a discus.

The 250 pound weights Sheehan carried in each hand were part of the Farmer's Walk. Although he only participated in the Farmer's Walk twice, Sheehan towed the weights 160 feet. Considering only three people made it farther than him and that they had all been doing the walks for years, he was proud of his finish.

"It's not the weight that's the problem. It's the whole pace thing," he said. "You have to walk at just the right rate or you will start to wobble from the weight pulling on you. I plan on practicing this winter."

Highland Games took place every weekend somewhere in the world. Sheehan became involved in Ontario, Canada. Arkansas had two yearly competitions in Fort Smith and Hot Springs. Sheehan participated in both Arkansas events.

"I need to improve a little more, but hopefully I can compete professionally in the throws within a vear or two." story by Rachel Deckelman

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Dr. Wayne
Bowen teaches
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love for history
was known
across campus.
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As a captain in the Army
Reserves, I
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again.

"The past is prologue." Assistant Professor of History Wayne Bowen would agree that history does have a way of repeating itself, and thus it is important to study. Dr. Bowen was a historian of modern Europe, who specialized in research and teaching on World War II, the Holocaust, and Germany. Bowen published articles on military history, the Soviet Union, and Latin America. As a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, he served in a Special Operations unit. During 1998 he was deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of the NATO-led Stabilization Force. Dr. Bowen had spoken at conferences, before military audiences, and to the general public on the Holocaust, the fall of Yugoslavia, Kosovo, and human rights.

Bowen's research began through his dissertation from graduate school at Northwestern University in Before his dissertation, Bowen spent one year doing research in Spain, and returned to Spain after becoming a professor of history. Spaniards and Nazi Germany was about one-half content from his 1996 dissertation and one-half new material based on further research. When researching in Spain the first time, Bowen was a graduate student. However, when returning the second time as a professor, he had more open doors of opportunity. He was sent to Spain with a letter of formal introduction from then Ouachita President Ben Elrod. He used declassified documents from Spain and the United States, personal interviews, and Spanish, German, British, and U.S. records. Another advantage Bowen had in his second trip to Spain was military credentials. "As a Captain in the Army Reserves, I gained the advantage of instant rapport," said Bowen. Interviewing military veterans as one with personal military background helped build trust and objectivity.

This book was Bowen's first. Although, he said, "I am not sure yet, but I will write again. He planned on either a survey text for classrooms of modern history, or a review of collaboration efforts in Europe during World War II. With a proposal and introduction already complete, Bowen hoped to do research the following summer. story by Meredith Welch

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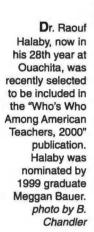
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Mid-East and my seek my fortune

"I was the only one to attend school in the South," said Dr. Raouf Halaby, a native of Jerusalem. "I wanted to take the unbeaten path."

Before attending Ouachita, Halaby knew very little about Arkansas. "I only knew of Arkansas because of the Central High School integration incident and William Fulbright's reputation. That was what people abroad knew of Arkansas," he said. "I liked the idea of attending college in a small community."

Halaby said that the customs and mores that shape a community intrigued him and he knew he would have more opportunities to interact and learn about the culture in Arkadelphia rather than in Los Angeles, New York or Chicago.

"The timing was perfect," Halaby said. "As a Palestinian, the doors were closed in the Mid-East and my hometown, Jerusalem. In a sense, I had to seek my fortune in the United States, a country that affords many immigrants opportunities." In his 28th year at Ouachita as a professor of English and art, Halaby received two honors.

The first was the inclusion of his biography in the 10th edition of the "Directory of American Scholars." This is a listing of professors who have excelled in their discipline. Being nominated as a "Who's Who" teacher and being included in the "Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2000" publication was the second honor. Students selected as "Who's Who Among High School Students" and "The National Dean's List" have the opportunity to nominate the one teacher who has influenced them the most during their has influenced them the most during their academic career. Meggan Bauer, a 1999 graduate, nominated Halaby. "This honor supercedes any previous honors I have been fortunate to have bestowed on me," he said.

Halaby said that receiving an honor from a fellow colleague is meaningful. However, it is even more meaningful when the honor comes from a student. "It affirms one's belief that one's efforts are helping shape and direct students' lives," he said. "The role of a teacher is a sacred role, because we can have a great impact on students' professional and personal lives." story by Sara Arnold

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Dr. Trev Berry tells one of his infamous stories during class. Dr. Berry was known for his innovative teaching style. photo by B. Jackson

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"He is an energetic teacher with a passion for students," said junior Stephanie Harper of Dr. Trey Berry. Berry was awarded the Lavell Cole Inspirational Professor Award, a student selected award, for his innovative teaching this year.

Berry said Lavell Cole was his mentor when he was here at Ouachita and with the award named after Cole, it "made the honor twice as special." He also said it meant a lot to him because the students vote on the recipient of this award.

Berry taught for 12 years and said he was inspired to teach by the professors he had at the University and also by his parents who were college professors. He enjoyed the "lifestyle and the interaction with students" and said he "felt called to teach as a career."

Berry said his role models when he was a student were Lavell Cole, professor of history, along with Hal Bass, the Herbert and LaDelle Moody Professor of Pre-Law Studies and Political Science, and Tom Auffenburg, the R. Voyt Hill Professor of History.

Freshman Eric Burton said, "He makes history come alive. He researches his lessons beyond the textbook and finds interesting stories to illustrate the time periods. He filters through the myths surrounding historical legends and presents the truth in a way that is captivating."

Students couldn't say enough about Berry's innovative teaching style. "It is definetly unique the way he presents the material. He unveils the truths to how history really occurred and has helped me to realize the importance of such truths," said senior Kimberly Fisher.

When asked how he obtained his way of teaching, Berry said, "The style I use to teach comes from watching other professors. I took the best ideas from the professors I had who were engaging and try to incorporate them into each lesson. I try to show my students that I am excited about the material and also how history is relevant to their life today." story by Kristen McKelvey

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Working with the
Advertising
Federation team,
Dr. Bill Downs
reads over some
of the final ideas
of the case.
Downs served as
the sponsor of
the team for the
past several
years. photo by
B. Baxter

Since it was
estbalished 75
years ago, the
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development of
high school
journalism in
America.

Excellence. That word quickly summarized the ideas and beliefs of Dr. William Downs, Jr. He extended this idea in his work and the work of his students. This word was also the basis for Downs receiving the Jubilee Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) in New York City. The award honored 75 national scholastic educators who have made special contributions to its history. "To receive this recognition from the CSPA is particularly meaningful to me," Downs said. "Since it was established 75 years ago, the organization has been the driving force in the development of high school journalism in America."

The CSPA was an association of student newspapers, yearbooks and magazines from throughout the world and was located at Columbia University in New York City. Under the direction of Downs, the "Signal" campus newspaper and the "Ouachitonian" campus yearbook have been a part of the CSPA. He has led several workshops and written many articles for the group. "During the 25 years I served as the executive director of the Arkansas High School Press Association, I had the privilege of being a frequent member of the CSPA workshop faculty at Columbia University each year," he said. "I judged yearbooks and newspapers for them and came to know and to work closely with the organization's leaders. One of the proudest moments during my years of association with scholastic journalism education was being named the recipient of the CSPA's prestigious Gold Key Award."

And now Downs boasts in his Jubilee Award. "I could not be more honored to receive this Jubilee Award," he said with a grin. "I guess it proves that the work I expect from the students actually reflects on me. But it doesn't mean I will be any easier on them!"

bill story by Gary Miller DOWNS



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Dr. Dave Ozmun
uses the
advanced video
equipment to edit
a tape for the
"Ouachita" show.
He has worked in
electronic media
at Ouachita since
1987. photo
courtsey Photo
Lab

Viewing of professional wrestling was moderately and significantly associated with more aggressive responses to someone cutting in line, teasing or showing off.

"And that's a wrap." Those words often said by Dr. Dave Ozmun, associate professor of mass communications and public relations associate, came back to suprise him when he was notified by the Broadcast Education Association that a professional paper of his won first placed in annual competition in the "open" competition of the BEA's Research Division.

The title of the paper was "Correlating Professional Wrestling on Television With Children's Views of Aggression."

The research was conducted in the spring of 2000 working with students in several Arkansas school districts. It reflected the viewing habits of 709 students in grades four to six concerning televised professional wrestling.

The percentages of those who consider themselves wrestling fans, and who regard it as a sport, without predetermined outcomes, were significantly higher than a Gallup sample of adults. Students were also asked to respond to hypothetical situations and to statements regarding television and fighting. "Viewing of professional wrestling was moderately and significantly associated with more aggressive responses to someone cutting in line, teasing or showing off," said Ozmun. "Positive correlation was also found with opinions that approve fighting in certain circumstances."

The paper was submitted to the Broadcast Education Association for presentation at its annual meeting in Las Vegas this April. The national convention was held in conjunction with the National Association of Broadcasters.

Ozmun received his bachelor of arts degree from Southern Illinois University, his master of arts degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of the Tennessee. He joined the Ouachita faculty in 1987. **story by Ouachita News Bureau**

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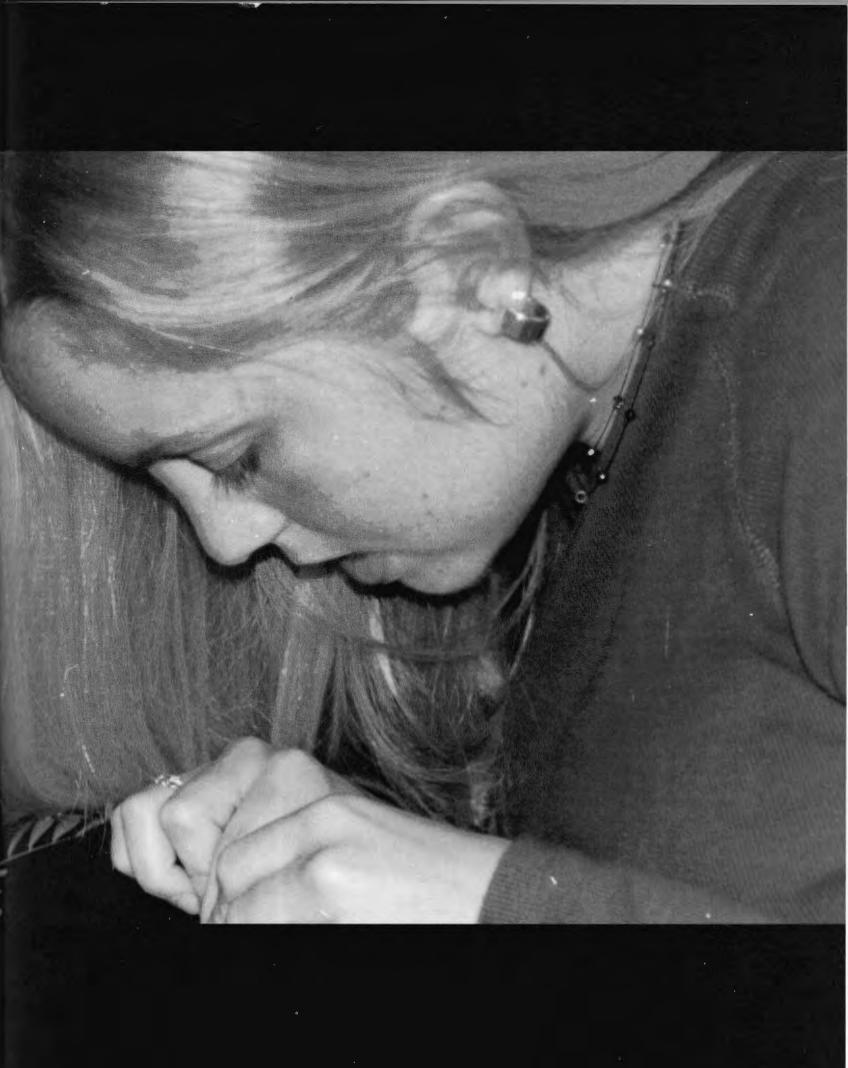
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With carefull precision, sophomore Stephanie Lochala prepares a slide for class. Precision was a key element in the world of academia. Placing sixth, the Adverstising Federation team combined ideas to make DaimlerChrysler the most-admired company in the world. The first Scholars' Day was held, displaying the work and talents in the different schools and divisions. In class, outside of class, and across the seas, students experienced a world in motion. photo by S. Shupe





MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO CHALLENGE STUDENTS

Who was Aristotle? How do I interpret this Scripture? What kind of reaction does this chemical with

What kind of reaction does this chemical with this substance create? These questions were asked by the professors of various new CORE classes. With its second year underway, the CORE curriculum looked to improve and make changes to challenge the students and give a more well-rounded education.

A major change was the addition of classes such as Liberal Arts, Sophomore Readings, Junior Readings and Senior Seminar. These classes presented various topics such as philosophy, mathematics, science, theology and art. Liberal Arts was added as a connection between other fields of study so students would have knowledge outside their concentrated major. Freshman John Allison said, "The class really challenged me to think more deeply and broaden my knowledge of subjects other than my major."

Another change that proved successful in unifying the students' education was the change from Old and New Testament to Survey of the Bible and Biblical Interpretation. The change allowed students to not only learn facts from the Bible, but also how to interpret and apply it to their lives. Sophomore Shannon Parks appreciated this change because, "it changed the way I read the Bible. Now, instead of taking it to mean whatever I think, I now ask myself what did the author intend it to mean. This allows God to teach me what He wants me to know."

The students also began taking a laboratory once a week with their Physical Science and Life Science requirements. The courses previously were four days a week of lecture, but were changed to three lectures and a lab. Students were able to experience firsthand what they had learned in lecture. Sophomore Julie Tohlen said, "It was nice to apply the things taught in class because it helped me understand the concepts better."

The goal of the changes made in the CORE curriculum were higher levels of academic achievement with a broader knowledge of various topics. Students and faculty strived to improve the quality of education and create an environment that fostered higher learning. story by Peggy Itschner





During Life
Science, senior
Kim Ward watches
sophomore Adam
Hicks compare a
slide specimen
with one in the
book. The class
helped students to
understand the
world in which
they lived.
photo by B. Baxter





During Fine Art: Art, senior Eric Harrison takes notes from his text while listening to the professor. The class emphaized the appreciation for all types of art. photo by G. Miller

Dr. Byron
Eubanks has a
dicussion with his
Liberal Arts class
during May Term.
The newly
formed class
focused on the
basics of modern
philosphy and
literature. photo
by G. Miller

PREPARING GODLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR MINISTRY

The changes that faced the campus echoed throughout

the different schools and divisions. In the first year as the Pruet School of Christian Studies, the school proved to be going in a positive direction.

With a donation from Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet, the Board of Trustees named the school in honor of the couple. Along with a new name came several changes.

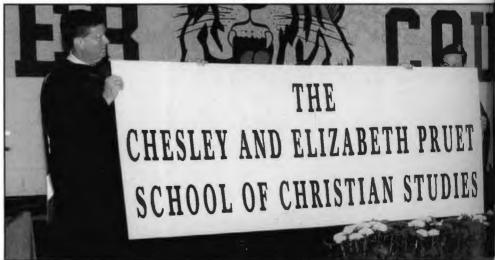
With plans of expansion, the School of Christian Studies was quickly becoming a popular major, which required more classroom space. With an increase in general enrollment and an increased number in majors, Berry Bible Building was not large enough for the class sizes. With the donation made by the Pruets, Dr. Andrew Westmoreland presented to the board of trustees a proposal to expand. "The generous donation by the Pruet's paved the way for an enlargement of the building," Westmoreland said.

In the process of rebuilding, several new offices were added as well as classrooms being remodeled. Also adding to the growth of the school was the addition of the philosophy and ethics department. The curriculum, taught chiefly by Dr. Isaac Mwase and Dr. Byron Eubanks, allowed biblical studies students to consider the principles within the ministry. "I felt that my philosophy class gave me a better insight about serving in the ministry and the ideals and practices of the church," said senior Michael Knight.

With an expansion of the building and addition to the curriculum, the school kept to its main focus: teaching men and women to serve in the ministry. One of the oldest academia on campus, the major of biblical studies itself was to prepare students to preach and teach the word of God.

With an expanding future, the Pruet School of Christian Studies continued to strengthen and encourage the purpose of the ministry. "What we teach and what the students learn are the basics of serving God in some way, shape or form," said Dean Scott Duvall. "Preparing Godly men and women to deliver the message or serve the spiritual needs of others it what we strive to accomplish. What we have seen is that very thing happening." story by Sarah Huckabee and Gary Miller





PLACING TALENT AND DEDICATION ON DISPLAY

Music, drama and art. These were the make-up of the

Jones School of Fine Arts. However, there was more to the school than just a name.

"The skills that I have gained from being involved in music at Ouachita prepared me to do well during my student teaching experience," said senior Mark Langley. Under this title, students learned several disciplines in performing, composing and teaching.

Learning worked hand in hand with performing. Music majors performed recitals or took part in the weekly performing arts class. Also, they were able to enter the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition, both regionally and state wide. "NATS gave me the chance to compete as well as gain performing experience," said junior Terri Grinage.

Displaying talent was also the key element for art majors. Through daily work on a sculpture, drawing or painting, art students put to use what they learned in class. "What the students learns in the classroom carries into their personal work," said Mike Jones, art professor. "Through the different mediums, students find their nitch and learn to improve upon it."

Senior art majors were able to showcase their work in a studio setting. For one week, one, two or several students hung their work in Mabee Fine Arts gallery. Opened to the school and community, the artwork gave worthy admiration to the talent. "By showing our artwork, we learn the element of preparation and sometimes gain feedback from professors and students," said senior Zack Stuckey.

For some, displaying talent moved outside the walls of the university. Those in performing ensembles traveled throughout the state, country and even the world. Members of the symphonic band, Ouachita Singers and Ouachita Sounds had the opportunity to share their abilities with others. The Sounds were invited to sing on a cruise ship. The experience was beneficial to the students. "Getting in front of people we don't know sometimes makes us want to work harder," said sophomore Robert Ramsey. "When we're in our comfort zone, it is easy. But being in a totally new environment pushes us to step up our performance." story by Gary Miller





Kim Kern, a junior, works on a painting during class. Art majors spent long hours preparing their work for displays. photo by S. Shupe





Junior David Buerman watches director Dr. Craig Hamilton during a concert. The symphonic band traveled during February to Texas high schools, performing their spring repertoire. photo by B. Baxter

Santa Claus, senior Jeremy Bishop, and members of the concert choir sing the closing number during Festival of Christmas. All performing groups took part in the the threenight event held in Jones Perfroming Arts Center. photo by T. Robertson

During the play, "How Mr. Mockinpott was Cured of His Suffering," freshman Spencer Sutterfield and junior Stephen Boutwell, on how exactly he could "cure" his suffering. The play was performed during the fall. photo by R. LeMay

INCORPORATING LEARNING THROUGH LECTURING

Unity, conflict and war. Beauty, music and creation. Service,

ministry, and leadership were all part of the Lecture 2000 series. The annual series is coordinated by a different office/academic division of the university each year and is meant to focus on subjects that have current interests to society in the new millennium.

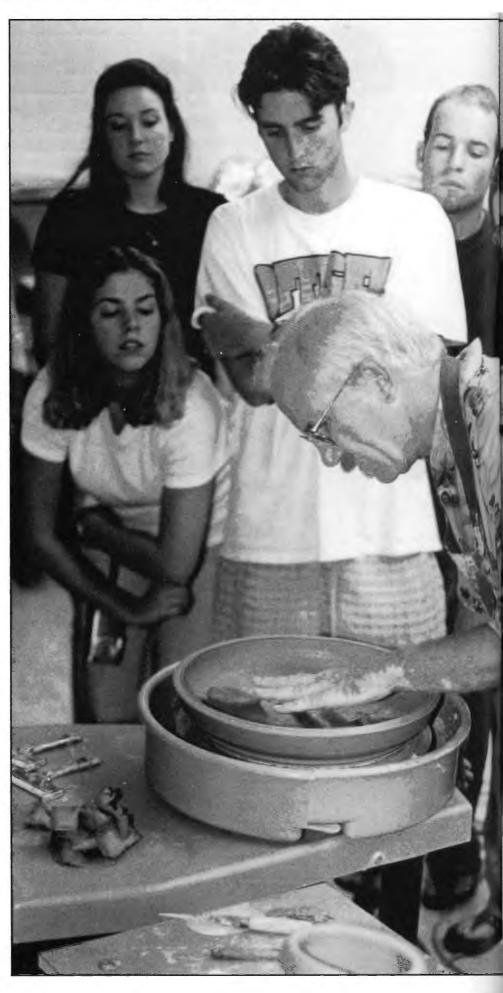
The Elrod Center coordinated this year's series with the support of personnel from the Servant-Leadership project. Each of the four featured speakers addressed the topic of servant-leadership. Various subjects included the theology of a servant-leader, leadership in the American War Between the States, and three unwise leaders in world history. "The whole concept behind the lecture series was to introduce to the campus what we were learning through the Servant-Leadership program," sophomore Kellie Blalock said. "Each speaker elaborated on the idea of willing to serve and able to lead, which is the program's motto. The lectures provided an overview of leading as a servant.

The Birkett Williams Lecture Series also sponsored lectures that sparked the interests of students. "At the beginning of the year a documentary film maker spoke. It was extremely fascinating. His work was entitled 'Prisoners of Hope' and it told stories of faith and survival of servicemen who were prisoners of war in Vietnam. I enjoyed it immensely despite the fact that I got extra credit," reflected sophomore Ben McDonald.

The Lecture Series honors the late Birkett Williams of Cleveland, Ohio, a 1910 graduate and benefactor of OBU. In 1977, Williams established a generous endowment to "extend the concepts of a liberal art education beyond the classroom environment," remarks Dr. Andrew Westmoreland. "We perceived the lecture series as the most efficient way to incorporate Mr. Williams' funds to reach the most students possible," said Westmoreland.

The lecture series had proved to be successful, for each session attracted a full house of both faculty and students. The series offered great learning experiences for students, and provided vital out of classroom learning by listening to and reflecting upon the scholars of the new millennium.

story by Kathryn Stewart





During ceramics class, guest ceremic artist Bob Howell gives a demonstration. In-class lectures and demonstrations allowed students to gain a new perspective on the subject. photo by B. Baxter



Speaking with Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, House member Jay Dickey explains some of his reforms. Guest speakers on campus often included political figures. photo by B. Baxter



Birkett Williams lecturer Bernie Hargis (third from left) visits with friends following a dinner. Hargis spoke of his career as a documentary film maker. photo by J. Root

ENDOWMENT ALLOWS SCHOOL TO UNDERGO CHANGE

With the aid of the Hickingbotham family, the School

of Business was able to add new features to improve the school. One of the improvements made was the enhanced MIS program. This year, instead of using Microsoft Office 97, students used Miscrosoft Office 2000. Using office 2000 enabled the students to work with newer programs. "By working with newer programs, it will help us find better jobs," according to senior Deondra Morris. "Although the curriculum and books are new, it's helpful to the students because these new programs are more up-to-date on new programs for future jobs."

Through Phi Beta Lambda and Students in Free Enterprise, students gained experience in the business world. Three business students were able to compete in the Arkansas Statewide Programing Contest sponsored by Acxiom Corporation. Placing second, the team earned its spot by solving four out of seven problems during the five hour contest.

Students interested in starting their own business found valuable information in a new course title Capstone Course, taught by Dr. Kent Faulk. According to Faulk, "The Capstone Course is a business simulation project that enables the students to see what it was like to run their own busines." Students had to do everything within a business, including the payroll, bookkeepingeverything that keeps the business running smoothly. During the semester the students were given the chance to face several teams in a business competition. Faulk said, "The competition gives the students valuable experience in running a business and to see how their competition is doing."

With new and expanding programs, the School of Business was in a constant state of improvement. "The business school is growing by leaps and bounds," said junior Hunter Burroughs. "I have no doubt that the School of Business is one of the best." story by Herbie Robison





Dr. Robert
Webster visits
with graduating
seniors from the
Hickingbotham
School of
Business. The
time of fellowship
was hosted by
Dr. and Mrs. Phil
Rice. photo by
P. Rice



After the
Academic
Awards
Assembly, the
business majors
who were
honored gather
for a photo. The
School of
Business
prepared
students in fields
such as
accounting,
finance, business
administration
and economics.
photo by P. Rice

DIGGLING INJOITHE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF LIFE

Occasionally in the storm of college life, there came an

eve of unsurpassed opportunity, a chance for undergraduate students to use what they had learned to do something of worth in the world outside of college. Students in the division of social science found that chance.

Seniors Katie Kirkpatrick and Amber Wilson, both political science majors, were given the opportunity by Dr. Hal Bass to go to Washington, D.C. to present the research they had accumulated concerning soft money in competitive congressional elections. "Soft money" was money used indirectly to aid a candidate in his or her campaign and was relatively unregulated.

"(Amber and Katie) did all the work," Bass said. Their mission was to discover the amount of "soft money" involved in this over \$8 million election. In addition to that, they also interviewed a number of people involved

in the Dickey and Ross campaigns.

The trip to Washington, D.C. was particularly special to Kirkpatrick who said, "It was exciting for me to watch the culmination, to see this all through to the end ... I felt really honored to take part in this because most scholars such as Dr. Bass feared to involve undergraduate students in a matter such as this. Amber and I were some of the only undergraduates at the meeting, and we owe it all to Dr. Bass because he found the money for us to be able to go.'

Digging into politics was only one area of the division. Students involved in the Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies archeological dig, centered around the Cobb House, uncovered useful information to learn about the past. "We have letters, but through the dig, we can learn about accomplished the dig. We can learn about a complete the dig. We can learn about a complete the dig. We can learn about t the dig, we can learn about economic status, what was used in everyday life, what children played with and what they considered trash," said Dr. Trey Berry, associate professor of

history and director of the Center.

The dig gave students a chance to "touch" history. The house was constructed around 1869 by a Methodist minister, James Cobb, and was the oldest in Arkadelphia still on its original foundation. Some items discovered at the site were a 18 karat gold ring and a

flint spear point.

Sociology students gained a perspective on people as whole by studying their daily activities. This included spending a day with police officers. Psychology majors shared a similar fashion a study of the human mind. Several students were able to attend a workshop in which the presented papers. story by Rachel LeMay and Adam Langley







Dr. Trey Berry explains life in the South, post Civil War. Berry taught history classes and was the director of the Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies. photo by B. Jackson



During their trip to Washington, D.C., students and Dr. Hal Bass meet with Senator Mike Ross. The trip allowed both majors and nonmajors to learn about the political scene in Washington.
photo courtesy of Dr. Hal Bass

Sophomore Brad Monk shifts through some dirt to discover a piece of an artifact. Students volunteered their afternoons in the fall to participate in the dig.
photo by T. Carter

LONG HOURS AND HARD WORK PAY OFF

Stumbling into bed during the wee hours of the night

was the life of a natural science major. Spending countless hours in class and in lab provided little time for sleep, but in the end, provided positive results.

Through labs, hands-on experience and work, students in natural sciences dedicated many hours to their major. In the afternoons, science majors were busy conducting various labs and experiments. The purpose of these lengthy, in-depth labs were to give the students experience in laboratory work. Junior chemistry major Kevin Burns said, "I feel like in labs, I learn more than I ever could in a classroom. I fell like a lab is just an extension from the classroom."

A new sect to the natural sciences and just as hard-working was the communications disorders majors. These students worked with actual clients in a clinical setting. Using basic communication skills, the majors met for a couple of hours each days with children and adults from the community. "I really gain so much from having actual people," said senior Lana Frensley. "If we only read and took tests, the information would basically do no good. Application is the key in this field."

Athletic training, also new to the division, practiced their work on the field. During any football, basketball or soccer game, an athletic trainer could be found on the sideline ready to assist the injured. "Sports medicine has and is an important part of our curriculum," said Terry DeWitt, assistant professor of the program.

Academic preparation was an essential to the dietetics and nutrition program. Stacy Freeman, assistant professor and coordinator, led the students in becoming well-rounded dietitians. "I strive to make the students realize that what we do can help prevent an early death or illness to someone," she said.

Because of the in-depth studies of natural science majors, these students were able to gain easy access to graduate and medical school. "Because of what I learn here at Ouachita, I know I will be that much more prepared for graduate school," Marcus Costner said.

story by Gary Miller







Another late night, senior Toren Morceno studies for an upcoming test in biology. The science library provided a quiet place of refuge for students. photo by S. Shupe



During a football game, athletic trainers discuss an injury that occurred during the game. New to the division, athletic training gave practical learning by hands-on experience. photo by J. Taylor

Working with a client, junior Rebecca Zelimer concentrates on verbal communication. Zellmer and other communication disorders majors spent many hours working with local clients. photo by L. Bell

SUMMER SCIENCE PROJECTS LEND VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

Giving up their time during the summer vacation, 12 students

and faculty took part in research programs designed to broaden scientific exploration and knowledge. The \$50,000 Wagoner-Patterson Undergraduate Research project was sponsored by Dr. J.D. Patterson, Virgil and June Wagoner, and the Waggoner Foundation of Houston. Patterson was a 1947 graduate of Ouachita and Virgil and June Waggoner were 1948 graduates.

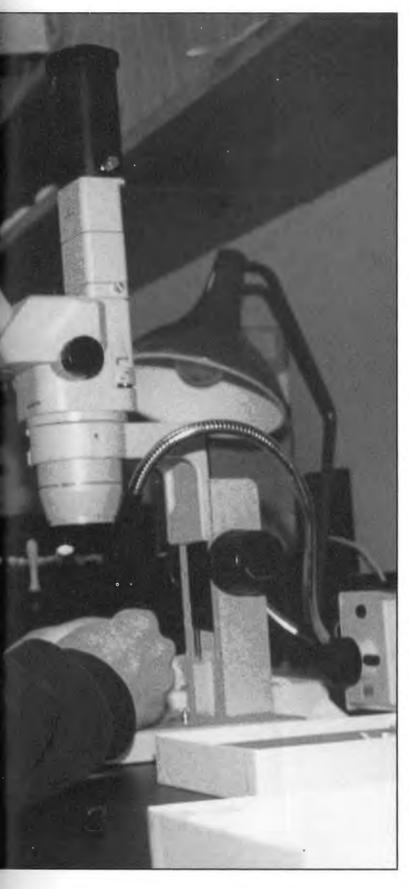
The projects chosen were selected by offcampus and on-campus science educators. The grants were given to Dr. Terry sergeant for studying "The Feasibility of a transparent World Wide Wed Proxy Cache," Dr. Tim Knight for "Determination of the Toxicity of the Herbicide 'Round-Up' to Vibrio fisherii and Eisenia foetida," Dr. Marty Perry for "Molecular Dynamics Simulations of Cathepsin B:A Collaborative Study with R. Lila Compadre," Dr. Joe Bradshaw for "DNA Modification by Novel Water Soluble Metalloporphyrin System," Dr. James Taylor for "Cell Wall Modification of Developing Plant cells in Response to coriolis Force and the Disruption of Normal Gravitational effects," and Dr. Joe Jeffers for "The Life and Work of Frederick Sanger: Two-time Nobel Laureate in Chemistry." The students who accompanied these faculty members on the projects were Joshua Franklin, Grant Bennett, Michael Reding, James Kitchens, Torin Marracino, and Nathan Livers.

Dr. Joe Jeffers, chair of the division of natural sciences, said, "Aside from the inherent classroom research skills being utilized in the conduct of the research projects, there is the element of collaboration between students and faculty that is invaluable to the learning experience." He also stated that because of the research projects "the students get to see how a hypothesis is developed, think through the possibilities, obtain results, and analyze the data."

The summer science project was valuable for both the faculty and the information they were able to gather, and to the students for the experience they were able to receive.

story by Alaina Huber







With careful precision, senior Grant Bennett places a trace amount of fluid into a testing machine. This allowed Bennett to determine the content of the fluid. photo by J. Tohlen

During his summer project, senior James Kitchens performs a titration. The experiment was used to test as well as neutralize pH levels. photo by J. Tohlen



Junior Nate Livers examines a live specimen using a high-power microscope. As part of his project, Livers was responsible for viewing different slide and determining their content. *photo by J. Tohlen*

STUDENTS LEARN TO BECOME BENEFICIAL EDUCATORS

"A teacher affects eternity; he can

never tell where his influence stops," said American writer Henry Adams. There were many reasons why students of education wanted to become teachers. For some it was the joy of working with children, and for others it was a call to ministry. Junior April Mills said, "I love kids. I want to help them become who they are and

contribute to society."

Demands for teachers were greater than years before. Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland said, "Five years ago it was difficult to find students teaching jobs, whereas now, students graduate and have multiple offers. Teachers are getting higher salaries, more benefits and bonuses." Westmoreland felt that the areas of Spanish, math and science were more in need, and lacked teachers especially in middle school and secondary education. The Division of Education prepared its students to meet these demands.

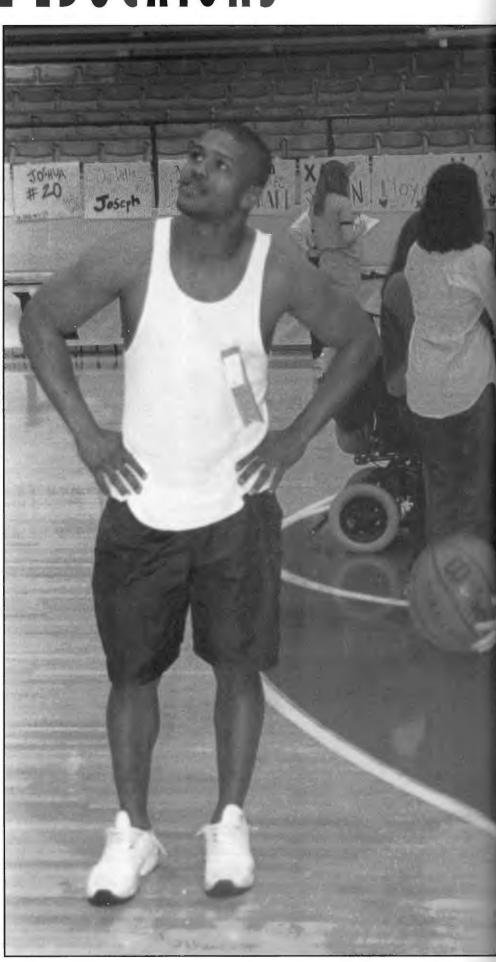
Graduating better educators was the goal in the Division of Education. Changes were made within the division, in order to improve the education program. As a student worker for Westmoreland for three years, Junior Vanessa Seals commented on the department's development. Seals said, "Over the years I have seen many changes. There are a lot of new assets to the department, like the Wetherington lab and new faculty member Dr. Margo Turner."

Additions to the department of education

were made possible by an endowment. One of these was the Wetherington Resource and Learning Center, a lab available for education majors rather than having to use facilities at Henderson. Delicacies to the elementary education major were things like the new dicut and lamination machines. The addition of a new classroom was also possible through

the endowment.

In addition to training students for the classroom, the university motivated students spiritually. Students were educated and challenged with issues they would later be encountering, like prayer in public schools. The integration of Christian faith in education was important to education majors. "God has called me to be a teacher, but he has also given it to me as a ministry," said freshman Shayla Coker. I want to give children the love and encouragement that Christ gives me, to show them the love of God." story by Meredith Welsh





Helping out during the Special Olympics was one of the ways that physical education majors worked with school children. The games were held in the gym during the spring. photo by B. Baxter



Senior Jennifer Croft attends a field trip with her class from Perritt Primary. The kindergarten students attended Zoo
Day in Little
Rock. photo by
D. Root



Heather Davison, a sophomore, reads to children at Perritt at Perritt
Primary's Family
Night. The
reading activities
were provided by
Corliss Cmith's
Children's Literature class. photo by D. Root

HUMANITIES STUDENTS GAIN REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

The combination of literature, language & communications

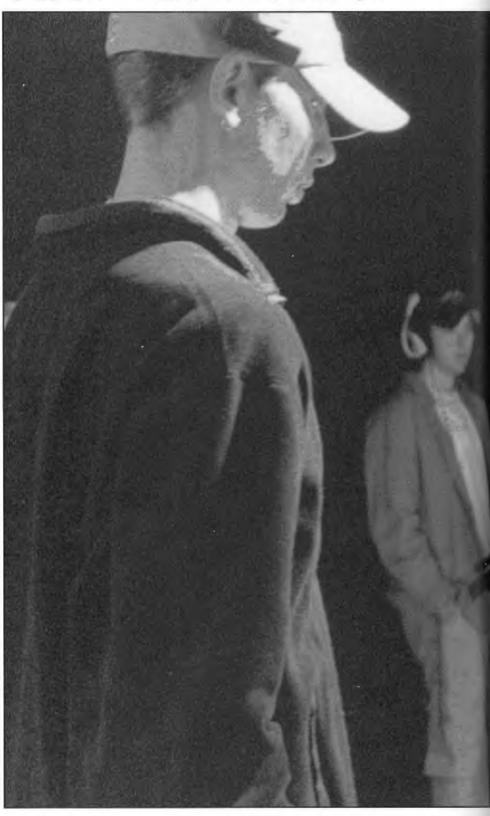
comprised the division of humanities. The diverse group studied four different areas-English, foreign languages, mass communications and speech communications. "My English classes have really opened up the world of classics to me," said senior Mary Anne Weis. "It's interesting to see society through the ideas of one person. Between freshman composition, British literature and American literature, an English student saw many ideas manifested in the works of a few people."

Learning about the world was part of the division's studies, as well as communicating in another language. "We are very excited about some new opportunities and possibilities for our students," said Spanish professor Nona Anderson. Several students are getting the opportunity to study abroad and use the Spanish skills they learned. In addition to Spanish and French, students were offered Russian, Chinese, Japanese and German. "The Chinese classes I took prepared me for the culture and language shock I experienced when I went to Hong Kong for a semester," said senior Lynn Libbey.

Students in the mass communications department were prepared for their field through hands-on experience. Students had the opportunity to study in print media, broadcast media, public relations and advertising. One of the classes offered was Advertising Federation, which was a national advertising competition. This year's case was a globalization plan for DaimlerChrysler. The team gained experience in the realm of advertising and placed sixth out of 17 schools at regionals. "AdFed was a taste of what working in an advertising company would be like-fast-paced and stressful!" said senior Emily Watts, student director of the group.

Using an everyday field were those students in the speech communications department. Dr. Roy Buckelew and Dr. Steve Phillips worked hard to ensure that the classes were both educational and relevant to the student's life. "Speech is an everyday thing," said Buckelew. "We try to base our curriculum on that fact and prepare our students to be good speakers with clear and precise thoughts."

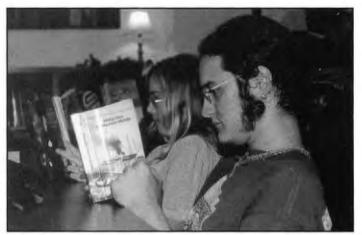
Within the division, students were taught what it took to be a communicator in all spectrums. The departments worked to create sharp English professors, fluent linguists, creative media personnel and prolific speakers by creating real-world opportunities both in and out of the classroom. story by Tiffany Thomas





Senior Jason Manuel watches his monitor during a taping of the "Ouachita" show. Part of the mass communications curriculum was gaining hands-on experience.

photo by T. Robertson





Senior John Fogleman scans the text to answer a question in class. Reading and understanding the classics were a basic element in the English curricu-lum. photo by S. Shupe

Sharon Cosh, ESL instructor, explains part of the English language structure to a student. As part of the foreign languages, English as a second language helped to teach international students the language. photo by R. Kibbe

PRALSING GOD WITH THEIR MINDS

Her bag had been easy to pack: clothes for the weekend, the essential personals-C.S. Lewis, J.R.

Tolkien, and Dorothy Sayers. Weekend conferences were common, but few required items such as these. And this was what she loved. Senior Lori Bailey, and other members of the Pew Society, looked forward to being at Baylor University listening to popular writers and musicians discuss both new and old topics on religion and the arts.

The Pew Society, existing on campus as only one of 12 in the nation, was dedicated to fostering Christian intellectualism. Pew's meetings and events were open to all students regardless of their field of study, GPA or social clique.

Throughout the fall semester, a group of 10-20 students and a handful of university professors met at the home of English professors Doug and Amy Sonheim each Friday for lunch. At the weekly meetings, named 'TGIF,' a student or professor presented a topic and led a discussion. Conversations on graduate school, culture and scholarship as it related to Christianity were most frequent. In addition, meetings included prayer for other Christian scholars at lvy League schools. "Here it is easy to be a Christian and a scholar," said Pew sponsor Dr. Amy Sonheim, "but at other schools, like Yale it is more difficult for them."

Led by professors Dr. Johnny Wink and Dr. Jay Curlin, Pew members attended Art and Soul 2001 at Baylor. Students submitted one-page creative works on various topics of faith, religion and the arts in October to be considered for the four-day conference in February. Bailey was given the opportunity to read her short story titled "I'm Happy" at the event.

In close relationship with Pew, the Pew Younger Scholars Program sponsored three students, paying for their GRE study materials, graduate school applications and research pursuits. An advisory board made up of faculty and staff who had expressed their own interests in Christian intellectual pursuits selected Bailey and seniors Josh Franklin and James McGuirk for the scholarship.

The Pew grant was set up to support and encourage aspiring scholars in the humanities, social sciences and theological disciplines who would eventually carry Christian perspectives into the secular arena. Sonheim recognized the importance of Christian thinkers as well, saying, "Their studies can be a ministry. They can praise God with their minds." story by Paul Rayburn





Students gather for a "TGIF" sessions at the Sonheim's home. These meetings were used to discuss intellectual topics of interest. photo by R. Kibbe



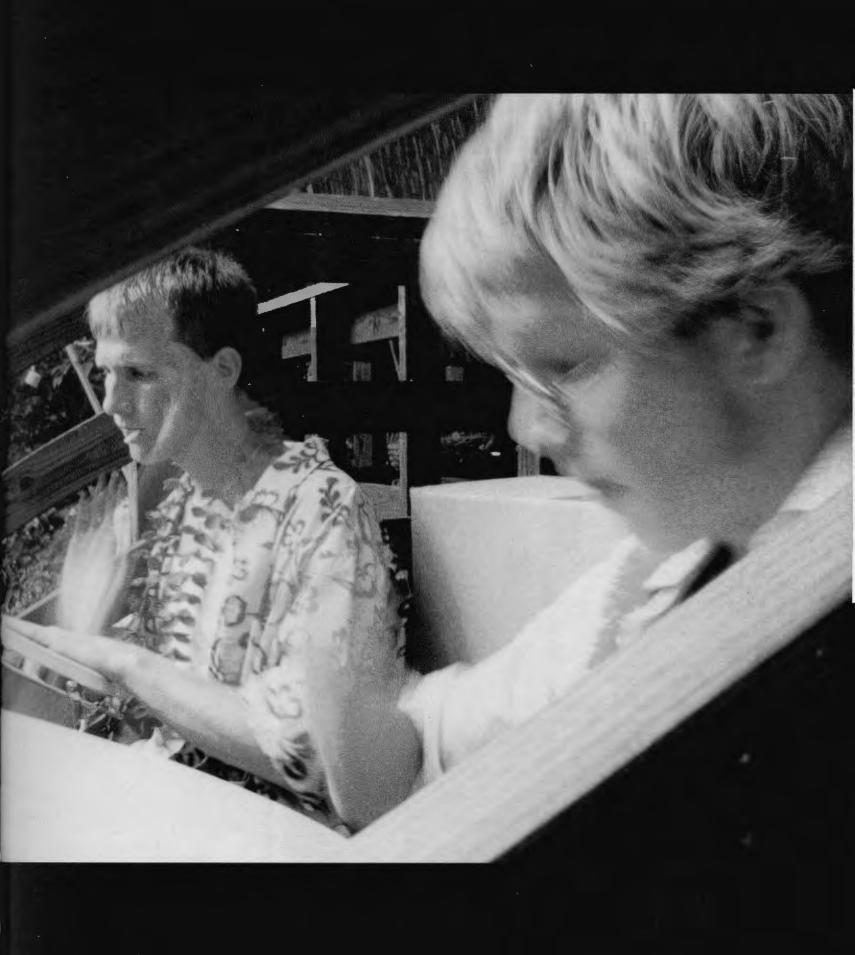
Dr. Tom Greer lectures to the Pew Society at one weekly gathering. Several professors were invited to share with the students. photo by R. Kibbe

Senior Bonnie Montgomery and junior Dacus Thompson listen intently to the topic of discussion. photo by R. Kibbe



Senior Clayton Danner and junior Joey Gordy entertain freshmen and upperclassmen during the Campus Activities Board "Welcome Luau." Spending countless hours typing, working and preparing, students involved in campus publications reported and captured the year's news. Members of social clubs became involved in community service, Tiger Tunes and intramurals, growing closer together. With the many different campus clubs and organizations, students were actively in motion. photo by T. Robertson

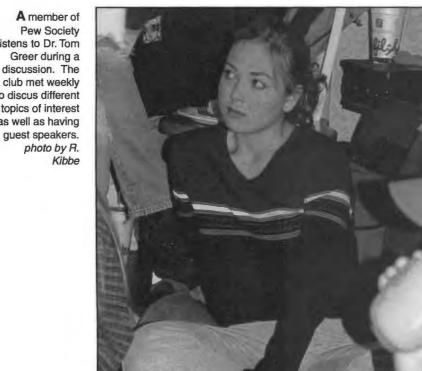




Tri Beta member senior Jennifer Clement works to examine a slide. The purpose of the club was to recognize excellence among science majors. photo by S. Shupe



Rebecca Zellmer, a junior member of National Society of Speech and Hearing and Language, works with a client.
NSSHL promoted
the study of communications disorders and members were able to attend a workshop in Memphis to discuss topics in their major. photo by M. Doom



Pew Society listens to Dr. Tom Greer during a discussion. The club met weekly to discus different topics of interest as well as having





recognizing excellence

Take a mixture of research, brainstorming and success. Add time, effort and intelligence. When totaled, the final product was the basis of any one of the academics clubs on campus.

One of the newer academic clubs on campus was the debate club. Seeing a need for students to experience collegiate debate, director Paul Bass sought out students to help charter the new club. While there was a debate class, a debate club hadn't existed in recent years for those wanting to improve their skills. According to Dr. Roy Buckelew, professor of speech, "a debate team did exist in previous years at Ouachita," he said.

Bass felt that the club would benefit those who had previous experience in formal debate. An interest was sparked in several students, and the club quickly took off. "I was glad to see such a high interest in forming the club," Bass said. "It helped lay the ground work for us and has helped the team succeed."

And success has been a strong point of the second-year club. One of the team's earlier tournaments provided a first place and grand sweepstakes prize. "I was pleased to have won," Bass said. "This was our first experience with parliamentary debate. Going into the tournament, we had hoped to just get our feet wet."

The club found that the early victories led to later successes. "Considering we were a young club, we ended up in the higher standings at most of our debates," said junior Josh Taylor. "Our victories helped give encouragement as well as the drive to not let down."

Success was also prevalent for members of Students in Free Enterprise, or SIFE. Three members traveled to Little Rock to compete in the annual contest. They placed second among 15 teams. "Placing second was a real encouragement for us, proving that what we are learning is applicable," said senior Ryan Hayward.

Encouragement was important not only to the debate club, but to those involved with "In Touch," an accountability group for student educators. The group matched members with students who were student teaching. The purpose was to have someone to be accountable to in the same field. "Having a person that checked on me weekly was a blessing," said senior Mark Langley. "My contact usually made me a care package or sent a card to make sure I was doing ok while student teaching."

The outcome of academic clubs was to recognize academic excellence as well as to provide an avenue to foster a talent. Whether it was using classroom knowledge or displaying academic talent, these clubs were a way to challenge students both intellectually and socially.

by gary miller

Sophomore
Charla Blakelock
and juniors
Cherisa Calaway,
Josh Howell and
Josh Pounders,
rehearse for an
upcoming
Ouachita Sounds
performance.
The select group
sang jazz and
pop style music.
photo by C.
Tallbert



Members of the
Ouachita Singers
perform during
Festival of
Christmas. In
May, the group
traveled and
performed
throughout
Germany. photo
by B. Baxter



Seniors Gary
Miller, Lynn
Hudspeth,
sophomores T.J.
Reinhart and
James Spurlin
and senior Andy
Peeks, charter
members of
Kappa Kappa Psi
national band
fraternity,
entertain the
audience during
the CAB
Christmas Party.
photo by T.
Robertson







reaping the rewards

Through an array of talent, ability and service, the different musical clubs and groups worked hard to show their talent while gaining rewards.

Beginning in the August, members chartering the national band fraternity and sorority, Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, worked alongside Dr. Craig Hamilton to prepare for the marching season. They took care of placing field markers to providing water during the afternoon practice. "Our main purpose is to service the band in any means possible," said sophomore T.J. Reinhart, K-Psi president.

Also working in the early months was the concert choir. The 150-plus group began working on music for Festival of Christmas. The December performance was a two set show, containing both classic and sacred Christmas music.

Of the selected choirs, members of the Ouachita Singers rehearsed three days a week for their demanding schedule. The group performed at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in the fall and was asked to sing as a select choir at the Church Music Directors Conference in February. Thirty-six of the 50-member group prepared for the May trip to Germany. "Our focus of the trip is to share the love of Christ with the lost and hurting as well as communicate the purpose of a performing ensemble," said Dr. Charles Fuller, director and professor of music.

Another select group, the Ouachita Sounds, "received an elite invitation to perform on a Royal Caribbean Cruise to the Bahamas," Dr. Glenda Secrest said. The 12-member show choir, under the direction of Secrest, performed a variety of music, including Broadway, sacred, jazz and pop numbers. "We were invited because of our strong history of being a great performing group," she said. "It was an honor for us to be invited."

Members felt that the experience was helpful to their performing careers. "It was an interesting opportunity," said junior Josh Pounders, a member of the Sounds. "We performed for the same people we sat by the pool with. I think it was more intimate."

The different groups put in a lot of hard work and many hours of preparation for their performances and activities, and most felt it was all worth it. For Secrest, the experience of working with the students was the outcome. "It is very rewarding to watch the group grow in their performing abilities," she said.

by gary miller

working late nights

On Wednesday nights, she could be found at her usual spot— sitting at a computer, calling total strangers to get a quote for her story. The staff had ordered food earlier in the evening, but her dinner had to be cold pizza, whenever she could squeeze in a moment to eat on these busy nights as her deadline drew near. Such was the life of members of the *Signal* newspaper staff.

The *Signal* was only one of the several publications whose inner workings happened down in the "basement" of Mabee. Students worked on these publications to keep the student body informed.

The TV production staff reported on various events in the Arkadelphia area on the Ouachita channel. Events such as Tiger Tunes were broadcast, as well as interviews and local advertisements.

The News Bureau consisted of 11 students who wrote press releases about various events, people and sports which were sent to newspapers, broadcast media and other campus publications. Senior Lori Wilson happened upon her news bureau by accident when looking for a work study job, but loved working there. "We know exactly what is going on around campus," she said. "Everyone makes fun of us and calls us Grand Central Station." Wilson also said the atmosphere of the News Bureau was relaxed. "We spend a lot of time together. It really is like a family."

Along with the news bureau, the photography lab greatly helped the other publications. The Lab was led by senior Travis Robertson. Photographers were seen at concerts, Tiger Tunes, Tiger Traks, Refuge and any other campus event. Senior Ben Baxter was a photographer since high school and found photography to be very rewarding. "Besides free admission to almost all events, it's great to see an event and capture an image of it with power and emotion." Baxter also said he enjoyed interacting with other students and seeing different ways the photography was used.

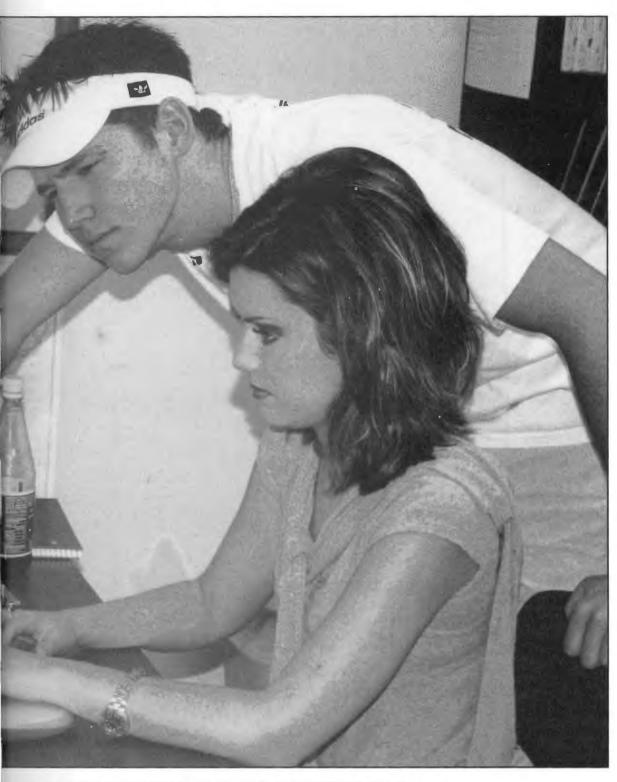
Putting the year into perspective was the job of the *Ouachitonian* yearbook staff. Practicum students wrote stories, while work study students helped with stories and designed layouts. Senior Paul Rayburn enjoyed working for the yearbook because of the relaxed atmosphere and typical success of the yearbook. He also enjoyed meeting new people. "I met with Mrs. Sonheim while doing a story on the Pew Society, which I never knew existed," he said. "She was a really neat person and I enjoyed getting to know her."

Dedication and hard work were definite disciplines required of the publications students. But the task was met and once again, fine publications were produced from the halls of the mass communications department.

by peggy itschner







Sophmore Clay Stallings curiously looks over senior Kristen McKelvey's shoulder at a yearbook ad. The yearbook staff worked all year to produce the book which arrived in the fall. photo by R. Dawson



Signal editor, senior Rachel LeMay, works restlessly to beat the Wednesday night deadline. The staff put in long hours to have the weekly paper out by Thursday afternoon. photo by B. Jackson



News buerau director Mac Sission and sophmore Bethany Jones dilgently work side by side. The staff wrote news releases that were used on campus and sent to local and hometown newspapers. photo by R. Dawson

Freshman Rebecca
Dawson patiently
watches as photo
editor, senior Travis
Robertson,
measures water
temperature. The
staff worked to
provide pictures for
campus publications.
photo by B. Jackson

The sun-god of
Tiger Tunes,
junior Dustin
Freeman, shows
off the splendor of
his costume. The
BSU Egyptians
tied for fourth
place and won the
costume catagory
during the
2000 Tiger Tunes
show. photo by
B. Baxter

Junior Sean
Michel gets
students into the
beat of worship
during Refuge.
This was a praise
and worship time
for students every
Thursday night.
photo by B. Baxter



Students carry
their
belongings and
hike up the hills
of Rachi to a
nearby villiage in
Peru. Twenty
students went to
Peru through the
BSU for Spring
Break.
photo by
T. Robertson



Sophomore Jill
Waldon gladly
shows pictures of
'home' to the
children of
Taiwan. Students
went on the
Taiwan mission
trip over Spring
Break with the
help of the BSU.
photo by B.
Baxter







spreading good news

"Tell of His Glory among the nations; His wonderful deeds among all the peoples." Psalm 96:3. This year was a very active one for Campus Ministries, in which missions became one of the main focuses of what was traditionally known as the Baptist Student Union. Students became more enriched as they shared the love of Christ with the people of the world. In the past, students traveled to Zimbabwe, East Asian, the Dominican Republic and Israel, just to name a few. This year, the students were given the opportunity to travel to four very different areas of the world, Peru, Mission Arlington, Boston, and Taiwan. All of these provided leadership opportunities for students, as well as a chance for them to see how other areas of the country and world live.

Here in the United States, two teams went to share the gospel. Arlington, Texas, was the setting for a social outreach ministry trip. The group of 17 provided assistance to Mission Arlington. "Even though we went to Arlington, we were still able to touch lives," said sophomore Melissa Tuckfield.

Traveling east, 49 students went to Boston to witness to one of the largest cities in Massachusetts. Kevin Inman said it was a good trip, but very frustrating. "Because the campuses of Harvard, MIT, and Boston College are so restrictive, it is illegal to have any outright witnessing," he said. But the team found ways around the rules. They conducted prayer walks, promoted activities that were taking place with the on-campus ministries, and passed out pop tarts to students while telling them that God loved them. "Boston is a city of over 100,000 college students and there we were able to be involved in some ministry work and prayer for the city's needs," said junior Brandy Ussery.

Twenty students, along with Outdoor Discipleship Ministries, took the Gospel to the Quechua Indians. "Activities included evangelizing, church planting, and hiking in the Andes Mountains," said senior Heather Shupe.

The last stop in the missions of the world tour was the small country of Taiwan. Although the group was small, they were very productive. "As a small group, we were able to work closely with the people and make an eternal impact," said senior Kim Ward.

by laura norris

service with a smile

Ever wondered exactly who was giving you this extra scholarship as you head into your junior year? Or who thought of allowing the entire campus to graffiti Walt's, eat donuts, listen to music, and rip anything imaginable or possible off of the walls? Who rented Sumo suits, passed out free snow cones and rents huge plastic balls for us to chase each other around in? These were the members of Ouachita's service clubs.

Student Senate sponsored several projects for the student body. Senate purchased a stereo for the Art department, bought weights for the weight room in Evans, and added an air hockey and fooseball table to the game room. "I enjoyed being on Student Senate because it gave me a chance to work with a very diverse group of people," said sophomore Michael Shartung. Senate also brought in live Tigers for Homecoming, bought books for the computer and education departments, and funded trips for many smaller organizations such as the American Chemical Society, the Debate team, and Ad Fed.

CAB, or Campus Activities Board, was an organization strictly for the purpose of entertaining students. CAB President Stephanie Harper said, "I like CAB because it is neat to be able to give back to Ouachita instead of always just taking." Freshman CAB member Shannon Rowe said, "CAB is a way of connecting to the campus and of giving fellow students the opportunity to get involved." CAB sponsored several events during the year including Spring Fling, a Christmas party in Evans, an Independents' Bowling Party, the WOW luau, and many movies, concerts, and coffee houses.

The Ouachita Student Foundation provided scholarships for upper classmen by raising money through the OSF phon-a-thon and from two of OBU's main events – Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks. OSF was responsible for all of the hard work that went into putting Tunes together in the fall, and they are responsible for "Arkansas' Most Exciting College Weekend," Tiger Traks. OSF members refed each event, keeping everyone in line while teams with very strange names competed in events such as "Oozeball," the muddy version of volley ball, raft races in the OBU pool, the "Pigskin Pass," where teams tried to throw a football through a tire, and many other games.

The service clubs helped to serve the campus through events, scholarships and fun.

by amy garrett







Junior Allica
Willingham calls for
another team to play
oozeball during Tiger
Traks. The Ouachita
Student Foundation
hosted the event in
the spring for teams
wanting to get down
and dirty in the mud.
photo by
B. Baxter

During the Campus Activities Board Luau, two students enjoy a game of hoola hoop. The event was held as a "welcome back" for students. photo by T. Robertson







Signing a farwell to the old cafeteria, sophomores Bryant Adams and Clay Stallings particpate in "One Last Walt's." Student Senate gained permission to have students give farwells to the building. photo by K. Hare

Dean Keldon Henley and other members of traffic court listen to a contested traffic fine by a student. Students were able to go before the court and possibly have the fine reduced or voided. photo by K. Hare

After receiving her Tri Chi bid, freshman Amy House greets her new sister with a hug. Bid day was exciting as the inductees began a week of initiation. photo M. Doom



Freshman Caroline Broyles speaks with an EEE member during the first night of women's Rush. This allowed rushees to gain information about the various clubs. photo M. Doom



As part of their traditional Playboy Club, senior Phillip Davis deals cards to attending rushees. Men's Rush parities varied from traditional nights, off-campus dances and dinners. photo B. Baxter

Freshman Erin Turner, smiles
big while sophomore
member, sophomore Emily
Bankhead pins her. The
purpose of a big sis was
having a certain person to
count on during the week and
through out the years in the
club. photo B. Baxter







making a decision

Rush may have been the same as always, but pledge week was anything but!

The men began Rush on Sunday night and finished on Wednesday. They were allowed to go to any of the parties they wanted the first night, and the last two were by invitation only. The girls' rush was a bit different. They started on Wednesday night and finished on Friday night. Girls were assigned to specific groups and were required to attend every party the first night. Then, invites were slid under the doors at all hours of the morning. Each invitation had to have a decorative response. Creativity was oozing out into the halls of Francis Crawford and Flippen Perrin.

Rush was all about smiling, eating while trying to say who you are, where you're from and what your major is, all without spilling the punch in your hand. There were tons of people to be met. The guys' rush parties consisted of several themes, from dances to the famous "Playboy Club," and they could bring a date.

The women's social club members entertained the girls by putting on a show each night. One could expect to see anything from clowns, to patriots, to swing dancers flapping around. After all the excitement of rush and the final bids were given out a new excitement began-induction week.

Pledge week brough many changes this year. With new policies and procedures, Keldon Henley, dean of students was responsible for keeping the pledging in line and on following the state laws on hazing. "New rules were instated such as clubs only being allowed to see their pledges between the hours of five to 10 every night. Pledges could not be forced to wear the same clothing everyday or anything that might have distracted class," said Henley.

Although there were many changes, some things did not change. Pledges were still tired, if not as tired and girls still guarded their precious notebooks and boards.

Beta Beta pledge Mark Berry had some mixed emotions about the changes. "We don't get to carry on the all the club traditions, but we do get more sleep!"

Overall, pledge week was still pledge week. Chi Delta pledge Bethany Watson summed up the true meaning of pledge week. "I'm glad that the changes were made. At the time, I thought the week was awful, but now I know it was a good experience because it brought my pledge class closer."

by amy garrett & deondra morris

isplaying a difference

"Survey says..." rang out of the Tiger Den as the Chi lota Sigmas hosted the third annual Social Club Feud. The mock gameshow allowed the various social clubs to unify with each other in a friendly contest. The men of Chi lota Sigma were known as the social club that included others in its activities to reflect a passion for service. Their motto, "Compassion, Integrity, Self-discipline" was displayed by their lives and ministry through service to others. Chi lota Sigma sought to make a difference within the club, campus, and community.

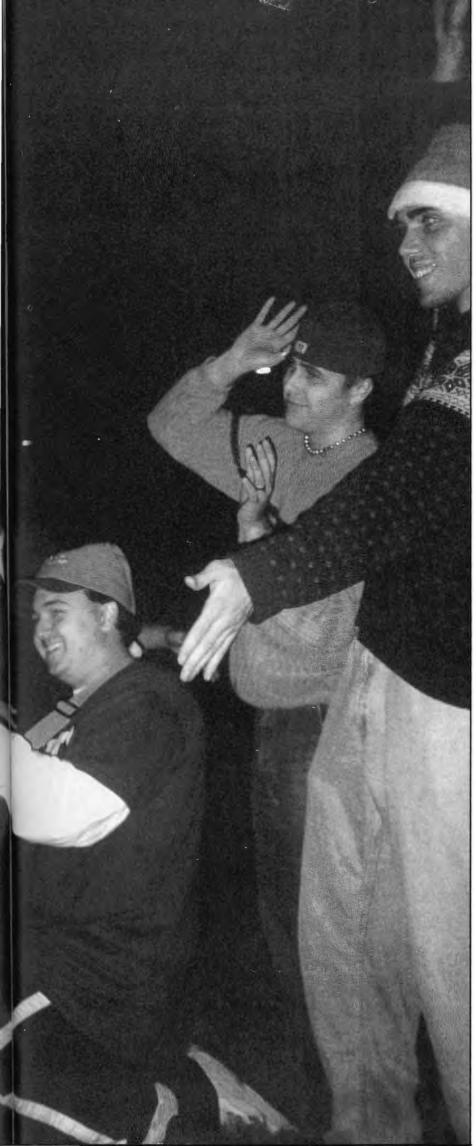
Being involved in the lives of others was something the group strived for. The men encouraged members of other clubs who were participating in Tiger Tunes by providing them with care packages of snacks during the long months of practice. Supporting the Women of EEE in the state Race for the Cure, a fund-raiser for breast cancer, also showed their commitment to service. They also participated in Tiger Serve Day and various volunteer opportunities throughout the year including "Madhouse," a Disciple Now weekend, and working at a local homeless shelter.

Chi lota Sigma also took time to minister to each other within the club through the annual spring outing and fall men's retreat. Sophomore Sean Lowery said, "The men's retreat is one of my favorite things we do. We went to Siloam Springs and gathered around in our cabins and had Bible Study and worship. We also participated in team-building games, which allowed us to bond together as brothers. I learned a lot about myself though the retreat's focus of accountability."

These events helped the men get to know each other and form a common bond with the new pledges. Spring president Patrick Hicks commented, "While most of us are in many of the same activities, we each have our differences. We are a very diverse group and being president has taught me tons about coming together as a team and learning from each other." Freshman Trey Patterson also commented, "My life has definitely changed by joining Chi lota Sigma. It has given me the opportunity to get to know some really awesome guys that I otherwise would have probably never met. They have made me a better person and I value the friendships."

by kathryn stewart





Senior Chad Senior Chad Melton, junior Rico Aldape, senior Partick Hicks, and sophomores James Hullett and Sean Lowery give a Christmas serenade. The club traveled to club traveled to each of the women's dorms singing
Christmas carols.
photo courtesy of
J. Miller



During Planet Ouachita, junior Julie Bowen and senior beau Brent Gambill watch as students gather in the Tiger Den. Sponored by Tri Chi, Planet Ouachita was part of TWIRP Week and allowed students to come dressed as Hollywood stars. photo by B. Baxter



Sophomores Jeremy Jackson and Taber Reynolds entertain rushees during the Tri Chi's "Oklahorna" Rush party. Rushees were able to visit with members and decided if Tri Chi was best for them. photo by B. Baxter

Performing as "Ants" during Tiger Tunes, junior Tilly Carter marches in line. The Tri Chi's placed third in the three-night event.

photo by B.

Baxter







After receiving her Tri Chi bid, freshman Amy Garrett greets her new sister with a hug. Bid day was exciting for the inductees, and was a day of planning for Induction Week. photo by B. Baxter

adding excitment

Oh, the pink and green! Colors like these on campus were symbolic of Tri Chi and its traditions, along with letters worn proudly on the ritual letter Wednesday.

In the club's 11th year, it began the year by hosting the annual Planet Ouachita during TWIRP week. The evening was filled with laughter and entertainment provided by Tri Chi and their beaus. Adding to the excitement, students dressed as celebrities, some in couples like the Jolly Green Giant and Mrs. Chiquita banana, and the Big Bad Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood.

Shimmering purple ants were seen crawling around stage and singing songs, as Tri Chi participated in Tiger Tunes in the fall. The Tri Chi ants placed third in the competition. Sophomore Taber Reynolds said, "Tiger Tunes showed me what Tri Chi is all about. I never once dreaded going to practice. It was such a blessing to get to know 50 of the most amazing people on campus." The hard work in planning, organization and practice brought the club together, making an outstanding show that they would not soon forget. Reynolds also said, "It was about having fun and exhibiting the closeness and unity of our club. We had a blast with the show! Who would have thought ants could be so adorable?!"

In the spring, Tri Chi planned and hosted three parties for the annual Rush Week, including Oklahoma night, Jazz night, and Traditional night. At the end of Rush week, there were 32 girls as Tri Chi pledges. "Both Rush and Pledge Week were fun. Getting to know my pledge sisters was the best part," said freshman Shayla Coker.

Other events held were the Memphis outing, Crush Party, and Survivor mixer with the Kappa Chi. Togetherness in times like these were prime opportunities for club members to pause from a busy semester and spend time with their Tri Chi sisters.

by meredith welsh

keeping traditi

"Dong, Dong, Dong!" was a sound that was commonly heard from Rho Sigma Men's Social Club, better known as the "Red Shirts." The bell ringing was an old tradition for the club during the Battle of the Ravine and Ouachita's Guard the Tiger. "Guarding the Tiger is a big tradition with us. We just sit out there and ring till morning," said sophmore Cody Cates. Even though this was the social club's second year back in action since their charter had been revoked, they were still "keeping the same traditions," said senior Kyle Spooner.

"Things are pretty much the same as far as our traditions. We still have the float trips, the football team run-throughs and pep rallys," he said. One thing that was out of the ordinary for the returning club was Tiger Tunes. "We only do Tiger Tunes every four years and this year was time," said senior Kris Jayroe. The Rho Sigma Prisoners hit the stage with their orange jumpsuits and black do-rags to 'do their time' on stage singing and dancing. "I was really impressed with their show since they don't do this annually. They really know how to step in and out of character,'

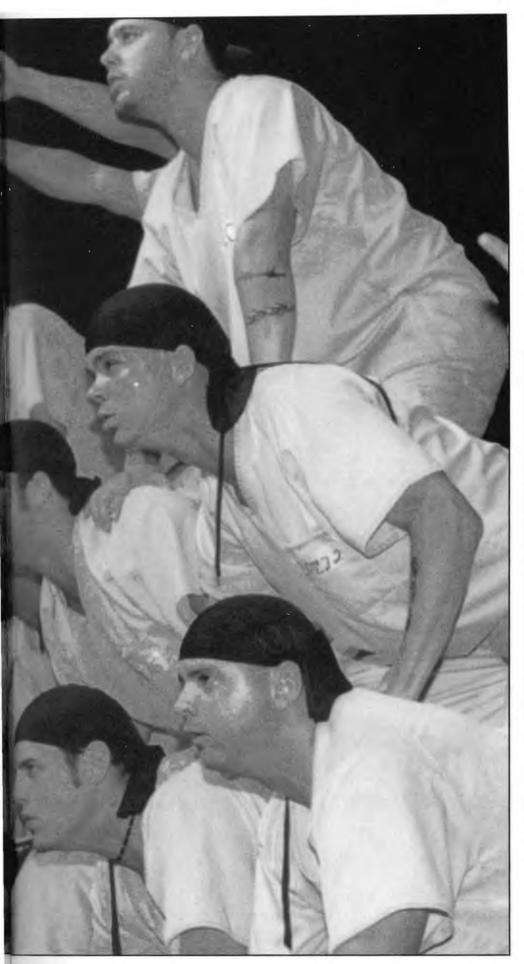
said junior Herbie Robinson.

Although they have only been back on campus two full years, they have grown by leaps and bounds. "When we had the open charter in December of 1999, we only had four members, now we have 24," said Jayroe. They gained 10 pledges during the open rush in December 1999, two in January 2000 and this past 2001 Rush they received five new pledges. They also elected seven new sweethearts into the club.

Jayroe summed up the feelings of the club by saying, "We haven't been back long, but it seems like we've never left. Everything is the same and these are the closest friendships that are made, and you can tell that our unity is one of the best on campus."

by deondra morris





The men of Rho Sigma warn the Tiger Tunes audience to watch out, as they are soon to be released. The club chose the theme of "jailers" for the performance. photo by B. Baxter



Sophomore
Cody Cates and
senior Trent
Smith cheer on
members of the
football team.
School spirit was
a major emphasis
of the club.
photo by M.
Doom

During a home football game, the women of EEE cheer for the Tigers while being caught on video. Supporting athletics was a major emphasis of the club. photo by B. Baxter



Sophomore Jill
Davis speaks
with a rushee
about EEE during
their "patriotic"
rush party. Rush
provided the club
a time to show
prospective
members what
the club had to
offer. photo by B.
Baxter



Students play a game of "twizzle" during the EEE's 50s Night of TWIRP Week. Games, coke floats and rock-nroll combined to equal a night of fun for TWIRP-goers. photo by T. Robertson







celebrating sisterhood

Gathered in a small room, the band of women laughed, told jokes, enjoyed candy and one another. What began as a simple time of fellowship between friends, grew into a long-standing tradition. Never in their minds would those women have imagined 75 years later their legacy would still be going.

Known as the oldest women's social club, the women of EEE celebrated their 75th anniversary during Homecoming 2000. Members and alumni gathered in First Baptist Church for a brunch to rejoice and reminisce. With almost 1,000 alumni spanning from California to Florida, the EEEs

learned of their beginnings in 1925.

During the brunch, a surprise note of encouragement was sent from Gloria Cliett Walker, the last living charter member. The note brought encouragement to all attending as they realized the full legacy of EEE. "It was neat to hear about our beginning and made us realize what we do in our years here will be noticed in future years," sophomore Laurin Jones said.

Senior president Kim Ward was able to meet with Walker in the fall to learn more about EEE's beginnings. "I wasn't sure what to expect from the visit, and was surprised to find a sweet little lady who was very vibrant and had much to offer about her memories of the women of EEE," Ward said. The time with Walker was especially meaningful to Ward because Walker passed away just a few months after their visit.

Walker spoke of the how the club began. She said that a group of friends living in Cone-Bottoms, then a women's dormitory, met every week to fellowship. "Every Sunday night we would pop some corn and share candy we had been

sent from home," she said.

Walker went on to tell her personal story of how she was befriended by a girl who became a charter member as well. She felt that particular friendship and the chain of events led to the beginning of EEE. "God must have had a hand it," Walker said smiling.

Because of Walker and the seven other charter members, the women of EEE have continued to grow stronger each year. Through TWIPR Week, Tiger Tunes, intramurals and outings, the club continued to build friendships and bonds. "Finding out where and how we began has made every one of us very proud in the fact that we celebrated 75 years of tradition and excellence," Ward said.

by gary miller

climbing to the top

With a steady hand, he reached slowly for the next rope. One wrong move and it would be a 20 ft. drop down to the ground. Up on the thin, metal wire, he winced at the thought of falling. However, with the support of his brothers on the ground edging him on, he knew he could finish the task.

The men of Kappa Chi traveled to Shepherd of the Ozarks in February for a retreat to fellowship and unite. President Rick Dildine, a senior, had a vision to host a retreat, which would be totally paid for, allowing all members to attend. "We began contacting alumni asking for donations," he said. "The time our deposit was due, we didn't have quite enough. But that same day an alumnus called and asked how much was needed and told me the check was in the mail."

With donations from alumni and grants from the school, the men of Kappa Chi raised the money for all to attend the retreat. "It was so awesome that everything came together and the

money was there," Dildine added.

The two-night retreat gave the club time to further its brotherhood with the members and with the 17 men of the 2001 pledge class. Part of the retreat was participating in the high ropes course. Members harnessed themselves and, with a spotter on the ground, each person guided himself across a series of ropes. "The scariest thing was not having anything solid to hold on to," said freshman Evan Bushey. "It was about trusting our partner on the ground, but more than that, it was trusting ourselves."

The course also included a high pole, requiring the participant to climb atop it, stand up and jump out for a bar. This proved to be the biggest challenge for many of the members. "The pole gave me the hardest time simply because it was a balancing act," said sophomore Bryan Cox.

The men were able to unite during this time as well as other events. In the fall, the group rallied together to win a second consecutive Tiger Tunes championship as bowlers. "Winning Tunes last year let us know we had it in us," said junior David Nelson. "A second win let us know we were the best."

That thought was carried throughout the year. "We work together to help one another and help the school," said sophomore Michael Schartung. "As a club, we wanted to come together and use our strengths to be unified. Diversity helped us in 'breaking the mold.'"

by gary miller







Barrett Baber, a junior, entertains students during Kappa Chino. The event was a fund-raiser for the 2000 pledge class, and included musical guests and skits. photo by G. Miller

After an intramural football game, members of Kappa Chi huddle together to celebrate a victory. Members participated in intramurals throughout the entire year. photo by B. Adams





Freshman John Stanley balances himself at the beginning of the ropes course during the club retreat. The retreat was held at Shepherd of the Ozarks. photo by M. Langley

Finishing off the last piece of cake, seniors Stephen Humbard and Justin Franz enjoy the food at the 2000 Homecoming drop-in. Members, alumni and little sisters gathered in the morning to catch up and hang out. photo by B. Adams

Junior Tami
Harper and new
beau sophomore
Clay Stallings
take a swim in
the Flag Plaza
fountain during
the Beau
initiation. The
Chi Deltas picked
their new beaus
each spring.
photo by D.
Morris

Chi Delta
members cheer
on their new
elected beaus at
the initiation
ceremonies. The
annual induction
took place at the
Flag Plaza where
they received
posters and their
new letters.
photo by D.
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Senior member
Maria Jackson
gets ready to hit
the ground so
she can pin new
pledge Jessica
Simmons. A fun
tradition of bid
day was that
pledges had to
get lower than a
member to be
pinned. photo
by M. Doom





experiencing chi delta

Like many of the other social clubs, the women of Chi Delta underwent many changes this last year. Not only did the size of their group increase, but the number of events in which they were involved did also. Activities with other social clubs and school spirit involvement took up most of their time.

Rush Week introduced 31 girls into Chi Delta. "It was so neat to see Chi Delta's traditions being passed down. Especially during Rush when the theme was 'Under the Big Top.' We really enjoyed their performances and the members encouraged us the entire time during rush," said freshman Lani Stine. The pledges held their first event, an organized dance with the theme 'Electric Cowboy' at the armory, only a few weeks after their initiation into the club. Stine also stated, "Pledge week was a time to get to know all the members. They really encouraged us to sit down and get to know each other individually." Many of the pledges of 2001 became involved in community service, helping out at the elementary schools, doing yard work for others and at the shelter.

Another priority in this club was the ladies' devotion to school spirit. Many times throughout the year, they decorated locker rooms, treated the athletes with candy, and hung posters for encouragement. "It was a time-consuming event, but we had fun doing it. Many of the athletes got to see that we supported them," said Bridget Stroope. Various members of Chi Delta were active in Diamond Dolls, attending to various projects in order to show their support.

The spring outing was replaced this year by the many mixers that the girls had with all the men's social clubs on campus. They also sponsored mixers with various fraternities from Henderson State University. "We were involved in many mixers with other men's social clubs. Although it could be very tiring at times, we had fun. We were involved in a mixer almost every week," said Courtney Lipscomb. Not only were the mixers a big event, but the Chi Deltas held their annual Daisy Ball and Float Trip in the spring as well as many Daisy Days.

Altogether, the Chi Delta's made this year's experience with the club a part of their daily routine. "Just this spring, I have stayed really busy in everything we've been able to participate in," said freshman Andrea Signaigo. "I have met so many members of Chi Delta I never knew before, and even more outside, just because of my affiliation with the group. It's been a blast!"

by kaylan christopher

new directions

Dressed as robots in silver from head to toe, the men of Eta Alpha Omega took the Tiger Tunes stage for the first time in their four-year history. The Etas agreed that Tiger Tunes, probably their biggest project of the year, was hard work, but worthwhile because, "it got our name out more and pulled us closer together," said junior Jeremy Nottingham, president.

Through Tunes and various other activities, Eta Alpha Omega sought to uphold its focus of "Honor God." Sophomore Brandon Jones said, "Our focus is to be men set apart. We don't want to be a typical social club, but men who strive for something better, to honor God in all

we do."

The club participated in several ministries and services such as Adopt-a-Highway, Tiger Serve Day, and adopting a "grandfather," whom the members visited and helped as they could. Eta Alpha Omega sought to integrate with other campus organizations, such as Chi Rho Phi, Chi Delta women's social clubs and the Lady Tiger basketball team.

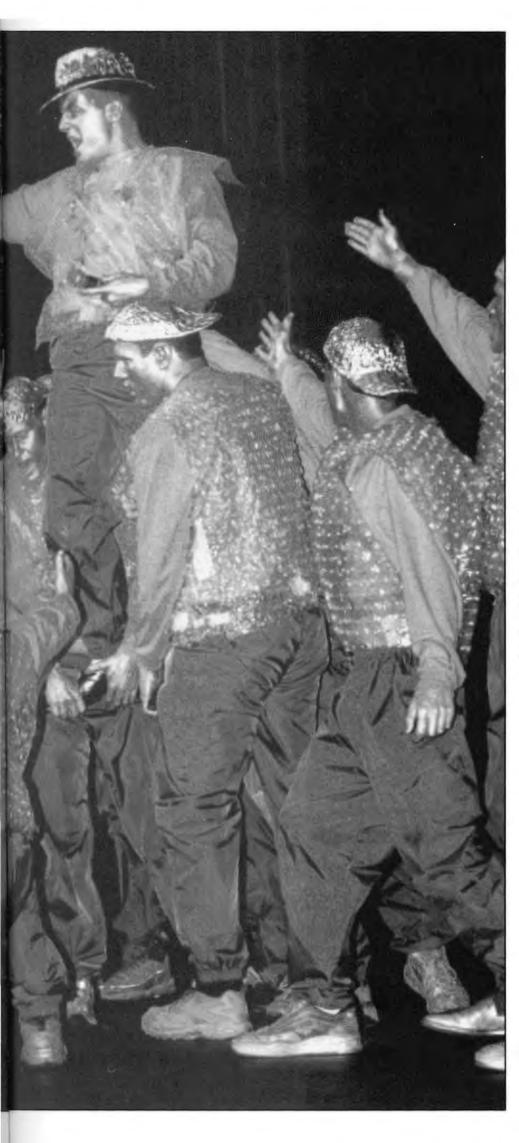
Rush week took the Etas in a new direction as the club doubled its membership with ten pledges. Senior Steven Vuong said, "Rush week allowed us to interact with students we didn't know and let the male student body see what kind of guys we are." This time was special for brothers Cory and Mark Gustke, as Mark pledged Eta Alpha Omega. Cory said, "We are now growing up together in God and are brothers in more than one way."

Pledge week brought the members and pledges closer as they spent time together. Sophomore Jeff Hatton said, "I've made a lot of new friends who have helped me grow physically, spiritually and mentally." Other pledges agreed that they saw new talents in each other as the week progressed. Freshman Eric Burton said, "I saw the leadership potential of my pledge brothers surface as we embarked on various adventures."

The men of Eta Alpha Omega took some new directions that helped them grow, yet did not lose their purpose and focus of honoring God. Jones said, "I've become friends with guys I would have never met, while maintaining my other friendships on campus and becoming better equipped to share Christ with others. God has truly blessed me through joining this club."

by peggy itschner





The men of Eta Alpha Omega lift up a robot version of Michael Jackson, senior Jeff Works, during Tiger Tunes. This was the club's first appearance in the show. photo by B. Baxter

The women of Chi Rho Phi perform a Hawiian dance during their TWIRP week Luau. The luau ended a weeklong schedule of nightly events hosted by the women's social clubs and the BSU. photo by B. Baxter



Junior Natalie
Danna leds
several male
audience
memebrs in a luau
dance. Audience
participation was
part of the
evening's events.
photo by B. Baxter



Chi Rho Phi big brothers perform during the Rush party. A relaxed and fun setting helped the rushees to better know club members. photo courtesy of club







iron sharpens iron

There was a certain dignity about them. They were the Chi Rho Phi women's social club, and they made a difference across campus just in the short time of their existance. The ultimate goal of the club was to remain Christ-centered in every decision made and action followed through.

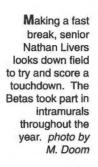
During pledge week, the Chi Rho Phi's almost doubled in size accepting nine girls as new members into the club. Members were given plenty of time to prepare activities and skits for the girls during Rush week, as compared to last year's short planning because of receiving their charter two weeks before rush. The members also experienced a great time incorporating their "big brothers" into rush week with skits, dance and a time of worship.

Pledges were allowed freedom to stray away from the duties in which fellow pledges of other social clubs participated. The pledge class had the chance to develop lasting relationships with current members, and truly experience a transition into sisterhood. Sophomore Emily Weismann said, "Pledging for this club allowed me to meet others who I would have never known otherwise. It gave me the opportunity to really get to bond with my pledge class and the members."

Their ultimate witness allowed them to minister to others, including fellow social clubs. Senior Jodi Wozniak, president of Chi Rho Phi, talked of several of the charter members graduating this year, and gave reassurance of the club's vision for years to come. "I believe that from the beginning this was God's will and as long as we keep our focus on Him, then our vision will be fulfilled."

The newfound club made a commitment to discipleship across campus as well as a specific verse adopted as an inspiration and motto. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another, Proverbs 27:17. This was our commitment to our friendships, relationships, and accountability to one another. We are dedicated to supporting each other," stated Wozniak.

by kaylan christopher





Senior Ross
Jagers and
sophomore Scott
Demment
perform as
Trojans soliders
during Tiger
Tunes. The club
tied for third with
the BSU. photo
by B. Baxter





During their fall outing to Gaston's Resort, members gather to "celebrate" the club's 59th birthday. The club was founded on December 8, 1941. photo courtesy of club



When it came to serving and protecting the Ouachita family, there was only one social club to ask, the men of Beta Beta. During Tiger Tunes, the Betas were Trojan Soldiers, winning third runner up over all.

The Betas began the year welcoming the freshman girls by helping them move in to Frances Crawford. A couple of weeks after the school began, they also held a freshman drop-in, where they invited the freshman girls to come, talk to them, and just hang out. They also were involved in several service projects within the Arkadelphia community.

"As a club, we are known for our involvement in intramural sports," said sophomore Chris Wright. "We play in every sport available and do our best to be the best at each of those sports."

In the fall the Betas had an alumni drop-in for homecoming. This was a special time for past and present Betas to share their experiences and tell the alumni everything new that was going one. The Betas held a mixer with the Alpha Z's at Henderson at which everyone was required to wear costumes. In the spring they went to Hot Springs for a mixer with the Chi Delta's, as well as hosting a disco night with the women of EEE.

In the spring the rush and pledging activities gave the Betas a good reason to return back to school after the long Christmas break. This year they had six new pledges. In order to acclimate the pledges into the club, the Betas had a time of Renewal. "Renewal was a time we set aside to concentrate on the Word and keep the tradition of why we were formed," said senior Eric Harrison.

"Bonding together in brotherhood" was the idea that the Betas focused on during the year. Through their mixers, outings and others events, they wanted to establish a foundation of unity with one another. "We set out to have a good time and grow together in a brotherhood that is almost 60 years old," said sophomore Kyle Cook.

by caryn bridges

beta beta 209



Seniors Amanda
Silvernail and
Jennifer Croft
and senior big
brother Partick
Hicks stop for a
picture during the
Christmas
Outing. The
group traveled to
Branson, Mo., for
their outing.
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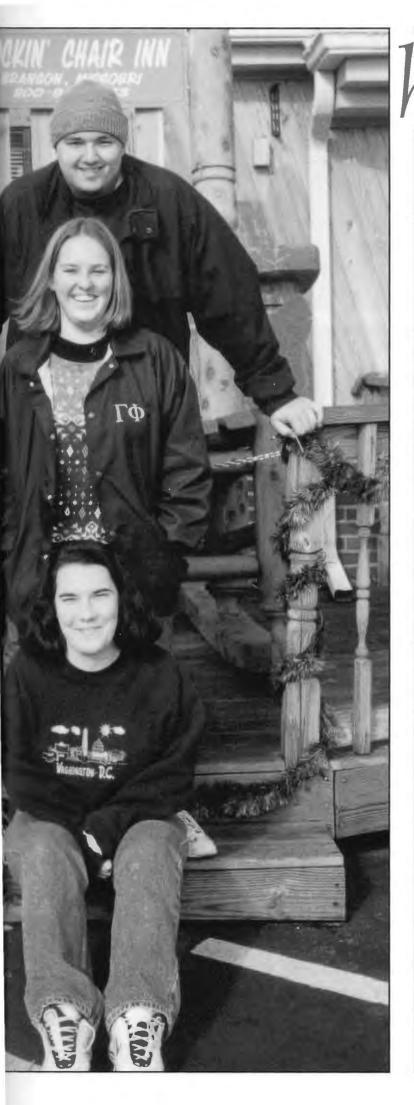






During
Homecoming,
members of
Gamma Phi show
their Tiger spirit.
Gammas
attended every
home game and
placed posters on
the railing in
support for the
team. photo by
courtesy of J.
Croft





to the focus

Carnival fun and games, and students dressed like rednecks, filled Grant Plaza once again this fall, as the women of Gamma Phi hosted the traditional Sadie Hawkins night. Sadie Hawkins was more than just a part of TWIRP Week – it was the event that inspired the seven days of events that Ouachita students fondly know as The Woman Is Required to Pay. TWIRP Week began with the Gamma Sadie Hawkins carnival in November of 1949. Club Historian and Vice President Heather Manning said, "Sadie Hawkins was a lot of fun, just being with my sisters and working together as a team to plan the event."

Tradition and an abundant history were part of Gamma, as the second oldest women's social club on campus. Even though the club faced some changes over the last decade, the members remained the same through their foundation in Christ. The women of Gamma Phi – Jennifer Croft, Heather Manning, Katie Mara, and Amanda Silvernail – held to the focus of spiritual growth and service, just as the ten charter members in 1944 and generations of Gammas have ever since. Encouraging one another through prayer meetings and working together in community service were the key moments of togetherness as a club.

The Homecoming Alumnae Teas were memorable for the Gammas because they were able to meet members of the past. Club President Katie Mara said, "I was able to hear stories about Gamma and learn history I never would have known. The most memorable tea was when I met a member from 1949!"

The club had seen a rise and fall in interest since the early 1990s. However, Rush Week this spring left the Gammas feeling a "blunt 'time to close' from God," as Mara said. "The alumni have been saddened by this as well, but have encouraged us to enjoy the rest of our days at OBU and keep our eyes focused on God."

For now Ouachita said "goodbye" to Gamma Phi, but the open charter stood as an invitation in years to come for students to claim, and build on to the sisterhood of Gammas. Club Corresponding/Recording Secretary Jennifer Croft said to her fellow club members, "I am so proud to have worn the letters of Gamma Phil For fifty-seven years, those letters have stood for virtues and attitudes founded in faith. As this chapter in 'Gamma Gamma land' comes to a close, remember that you'll always have your sisters."

by meredith welsh

At S Night Live, members have "Story time with Uncle Haddaway." The skits allowed members to display their "talents" and entertain the attending audience. photo by P. Denton



Sophomore
Steven McMorrin
waves the S flag
as the S cannon
is fired. The
cannon, allowed
only at nonconference
games, signified
a touchdown for
the Tiger football
team. photo by
B. Baxter







Freshman Justin
Bates and
sophomore Chris
Landraneau play
with the food
duirng the S
Crawfish Boil.
The mixer was a
time for the
members to relax
and enjoy the
southern cooking
of crawfish.
photo by P.
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through thick & thin

"The simple fact that where we go one, we go all, is a philosophy that all Ss live," said sophomore Wes Higgins. The men of Sigma Alpha Sigma celebrated their 69th year of existence on campus, and believed their diversity and dedication to the club was what has helped them "survive together through thick and thin," said Higgins.

The Ss, known for their humorous ideas and lyrics in Tiger Tunes, danced around onstage in yellow triangle costumes. Senior Norm Frisby said, "We wanted to be something no one else has been and thought the concept of a geometric shape, like a triangle, was way out there." With sarcastic lyrics such as "if we'd started practice back in June, what a wonderful show this would be," proved to be a comedic hit with the audience each night. While they didn't take home a cash prize, it was evident that the men of Sigma Alpha Sigma had a great time performing and enjoyed the feedback given by students and parents alike.

Besides being active in Tunes, the Ss participated in intramural football, basketball and softball. They also formed teams for Tiger Serve Day and were involved in campus life through hosting a winter luau, a reggae party, S night live, an alumni banquet and a spring float trip down the Buffalo River. They also took an outing to the AC/DC concert in Little Rock.

While the Ss were discouraged with the changes in pledge week and the loss of 69 years of tradition, they inducted 13 new pledges and made the best of it. Members and pledges both agreed that this group of guys was truly like a big family. They appreciated each others differences and learned to find common ground among them. Senior Steven Helfrich said he knew he wanted to be an S his freshman year because he swam with several of the guys and "grew to see how the club didn't try to change anyone but rather encouraged each other to shoot for their dreams."

Helfrich recalled his years at Ouachita and said they were greatly enriched with his association and membership as an S. He said, "From Dukes of Hazard to lobsters to triangles to sliding down a hall of soap and water trying to dodge my best friends as well as Pop Sharp, will be memories I will never forget."

by kristen mckelvey

e ommenty Senior Ben Baxter

gathers his team to help participate in Tiger Serve Day. Serving God while serving the community was an intricate part of Tiger Serve Day. Working with elementary schools, students served as mentors and tutors throughout the year. On Wednesdays, the plaza was filled with children and their Big Brother or Big Sister. Spotlight on Arkadelphia gave students an insight into local businesses. Serving and being served placed the school and community in motion. photo by T. Robertson







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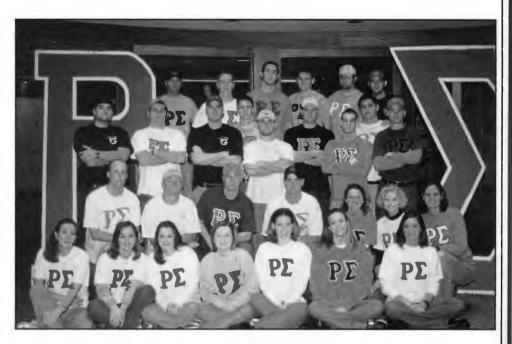




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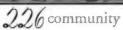
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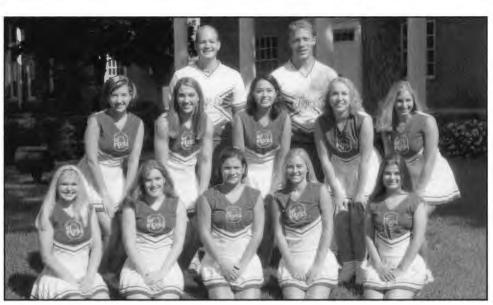
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Charlee Morrison

Charlee Morrison, a senior from Benton, who had battled cancer since the age of 13, died Monday, October 30, at UAMS in Little Rock. Her death was caused by complications with the cancer. These problems resulted in the failure of Charlee's lungs and kidneys, along with the shutdown of other vital organs. Students will not likely remember the way that Morrison died, but the way she lived. "Charlee's serious health conditions caused a reevaluation of how we live our days that God blesses us with," said junior Kim Kern.

Her professors had similar feelings. "Charlee was a remarkable student, always prepared, persistent and positive," said Mrs. Margaret Wright, associate professor of accounting. "I never heard her complain even though she was feeling bad. She never asked to turn in an assignment late even though she had a good reason to do so."

Dr. Richard Mills, chairman of the sociology department, also remembers the committed Morrison. "I had several conversations with Charlee about all aspects of life," he said. "I thought that we were always feeding Charlee the things of life, when in fact, she was really feeding us."

While traveling to her hometown of Heber Springs on Feb. 23, junior Vanessa Seals was involved in a head-on collision. She and the driver of the other vehicle both died in-

The death of the 21-year-old junior Christian ministries major touched much of the campus because of her involvement in so many activities. A member of the Campus Activities Board and intramural sports teams, Seals also stayed involved in campus ministries through the BSU Big Sister program and being a campus Bible study leader. As a freshman, she was honored with the Mrs. J.R. Grant Freshman Woman Award, and in the summer of 2000 Seals traveled with the BSU on a mission trip to Africa.

"She put everything she had into ministry. Everything that she did was ministry," said junior Jeremy Nottingham, who came to know Vanessa while working together in Africa.

"She told me two weeks ago, 'Jenny, this is not my home," senior Gina Williams said. "I just don't feel like I belong here. My home is in heaven, and I'm just ready to go be with Jesus."

Vanessa Seals

"I just praise the Lord that she is there. Her prayers are answered," declared senior Jenny Ratliff. "She stayed up all night with me while I was doing homework, even until 4 o'clock in the morning. How many of you do that for your friends? I wouldn't, but she was so dedicated and so loyal," said Ratliff.

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C ix Ouachita educators were • honored at a reception on the occasion of their retirement from the University. Those retiring: Dr. William Cook, the Elma Cobb Professor of Bible; Dr. Wayne Everett, the Charles S. and Elma Grey Goodwin Holt Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies: Dr. Tom Murphree, professor of health, physical education and recreation; Mary Root, academic coordinator of Student Support Services in the TRIO Program; Dr. Paul Root, director of Student Support Services in the TRIO Program; and Bob Sanders, adjunct instructor in the Frank D. Hinkingbotham School of Business. The six educators represent a total of



William H. Cook

Wayne Everett





Tom Murphree

Mary Root





Paul Root

Bob Sanders

102 years of service to Ouachita. Everett joined the faculty in 1961 and was the second longest serving faculty member, having served under four presidents.

my thoughts in motion



Sitting here thinking about what to write, it seems unreal that four years ago I was the new guy in the office. From day one, I was befriended by the other staff. That has been the best thing about being on staff and serving as editor. The friendships couldn't have been better. And the ones that have been there are those that have been in the trenches we call Mabee 116.

Laura, thanks a million. You have been a huge help since your freshman year. Your friendship and support are priceless. I couldn't have done it without you. Remember, the Ouachitonian isn't the Ouachitonian without the people. Never forget these things: the Memphis tattoo trip, River Fest and "YOU DON'T KNOW ME!"

Kristen, my long-lost sister. You have been the BEST friend any person deserves. I am glad you chose Ouachita over Baylor....who wants to be a bear? Thanks for the many, many wonderful and fun times we have shared. Your hard work and dedication to the book has made it that much easier. Don't worry, if we don't have jobs by now, we might want to consider becoming full-time students.

Paul, my yearbook brother. Thank you, thank you, thank you! You have kept me sane and have been an inspiration in several areas of my life. You made to sure to make me tell you what was up gave me an outside perspective on many things: 3rd Floor of Anthony. As far as I am concerned, we were tied in our wrestling match.

Peggy, you have dedication. Who else would have done the people section for three years. I deeply appreciate your dedication to the section and

to the book. Thanks for always volunteering for the stories and having them in on time. If every staff had a person like you......

Deondra, you have been my comic relief. Whatever kind of day either of us were having, we found mutual humor in the simplest things. I'm glad that you joined us last year and wished you could have been on staff sooner. Thanks for helping out and taking the not so fun story. Good luck!

Kathryn, my cohort in physical science. You always have a great, big smile and have a positive attitude. Thank you for taking a section by yourself. Also, thanks for always volunteering for a story. Sorry you have such a hard time with saving stories on disk. Maybe it will get easier. Keep focused and go with God.

Charity, the saxophone queen. Too bad you never pulled out the sax and played for us in the office; you only kept it there. Your willingness to learn and work makes you a super person. I am glad that you came aboard and continued the wonderful world of yearbook. Adios, mi amiga!

Alaina, the quiet one. I thought it was going to take a miracle to get to know you but you surprised me. You are fun and outgoing and that makes you YOU. Thank you so much for taking the people section. It isn't the easiest but you did great.

Sarah, the governor's daughter. I guess you were overly protected by your bodyguards that they didn't allow you to come down to the office. Just kidding! Thanks for staying with us. Good luck in all you do and don't forget the important things: Wal-Mart chats in the middle of the afternoon, remember?!

Practicum and volunteers, the unsung heroes. Words can't express the gratitude I owe you. You have made this year so easy for me. Don't think you aren't important, you are! Your willingness and dedication made putting things together that much easier.

Travis, Ben and the photo staff. You have been the best!! You helped capture the year and helped us show it. Thank you for your hard work. Travis, you made my job less stressful and I never once worried about having a photo. Thanks!

Deborah, my second mom. You have done your best to keep me in line. You never showed doubt or fear that the book wouldn't be finished on time. Instead, you supported me and give me encouragement. I hope the 20th book after your Ouachitonian makes you proud!

Mama, Daddy and the fam...You are and will be my biggest supporters. Without you, I wouldn't be at Ouachita producing this great book. You give me encouragement in everything I do. Your constant love helps me to be who I am. Without it, I could never had made it through the valleys. I dedicate this book to you.

And to my heavenly Daddy, this is your handiwork. You have blessed me with a loving family, great school, wonderful friends and the ability to produce a great book.

Thanks to any and all who had a remote contribution to the Ouachitonian. This has been an adventure which I would not trade for anything.



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Breaking away to make a touchdown, T.K. Zellers smiles at another completed pass. The BSU Powerhouse intramural team advanced to nationals, where it placed eighth. Finding ways to become involved in campus organizations, excel in classes, take part in sports or stand out above the rest, the university and its students were always in motion. photo by B. Baxter



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