

organizations

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*



A member of Pew Society listens to Dr. Tom Greer during a discussion. The club met weekly to discuss different topics of interest as well as having guest speakers. *photo by R. Kibbe*





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 Secret said. The 12-member show choir, under the direction of Secret, 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 Secret, 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.”

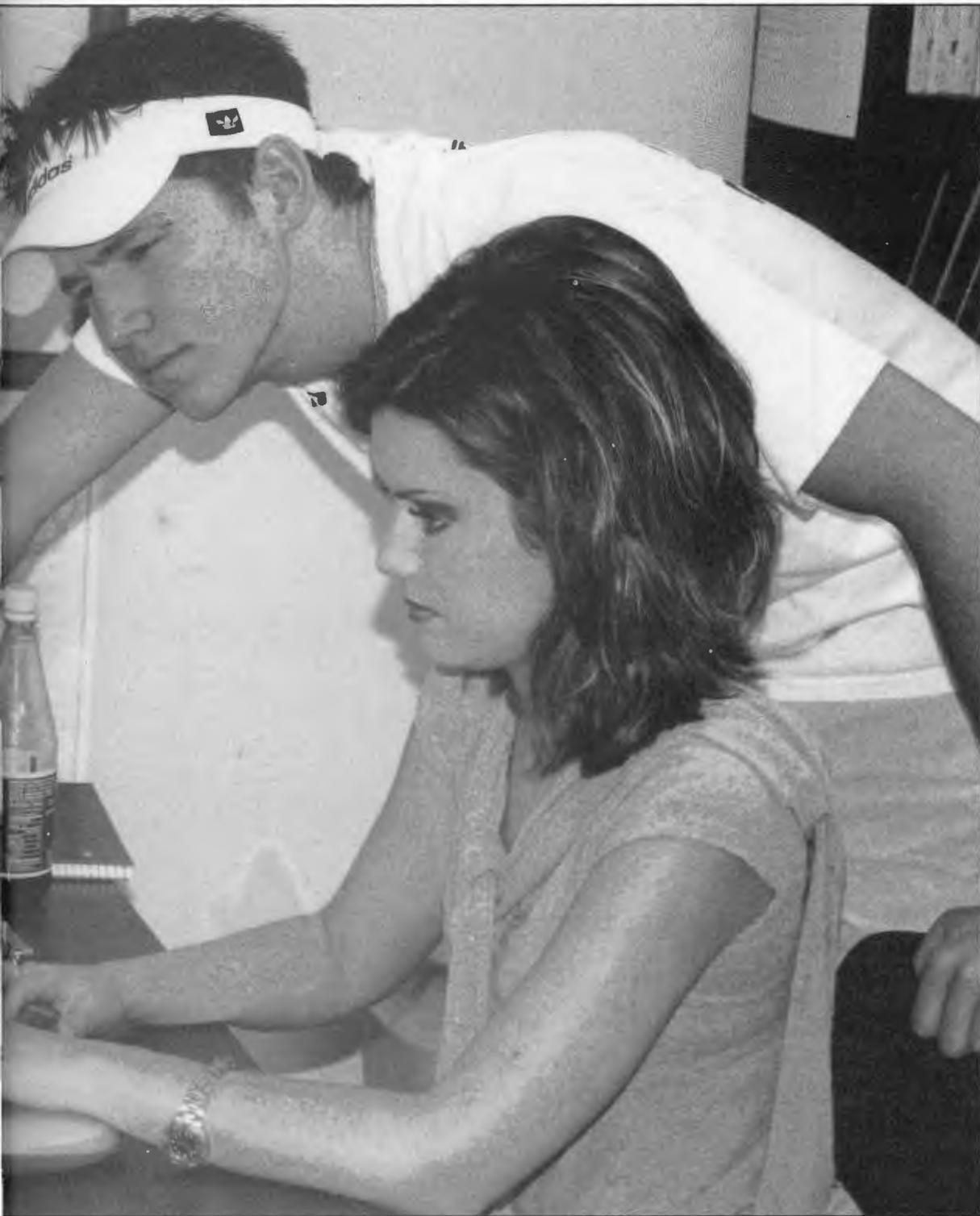
Along with the news bureau, the photography lab greatly helped the other publications. The Lab was led by senior Travis Robertson. Photographers were seen at concerts, Tiger Tunes, Tiger Traks, Refuge and any other campus event. Senior Ben Baxter was a photographer since high school and found photography 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*





Sophomore 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 sophomore **Bethany Jones** diligently 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 category 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 village 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 participate in "One Last Waltz." 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 parties 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 brought 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



displaying a difference

"Survey says..." rang out of the Tiger Den as the Chi Iota 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 Iota 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 Iota Sigma sought to make a difference within the club, campus, and community.

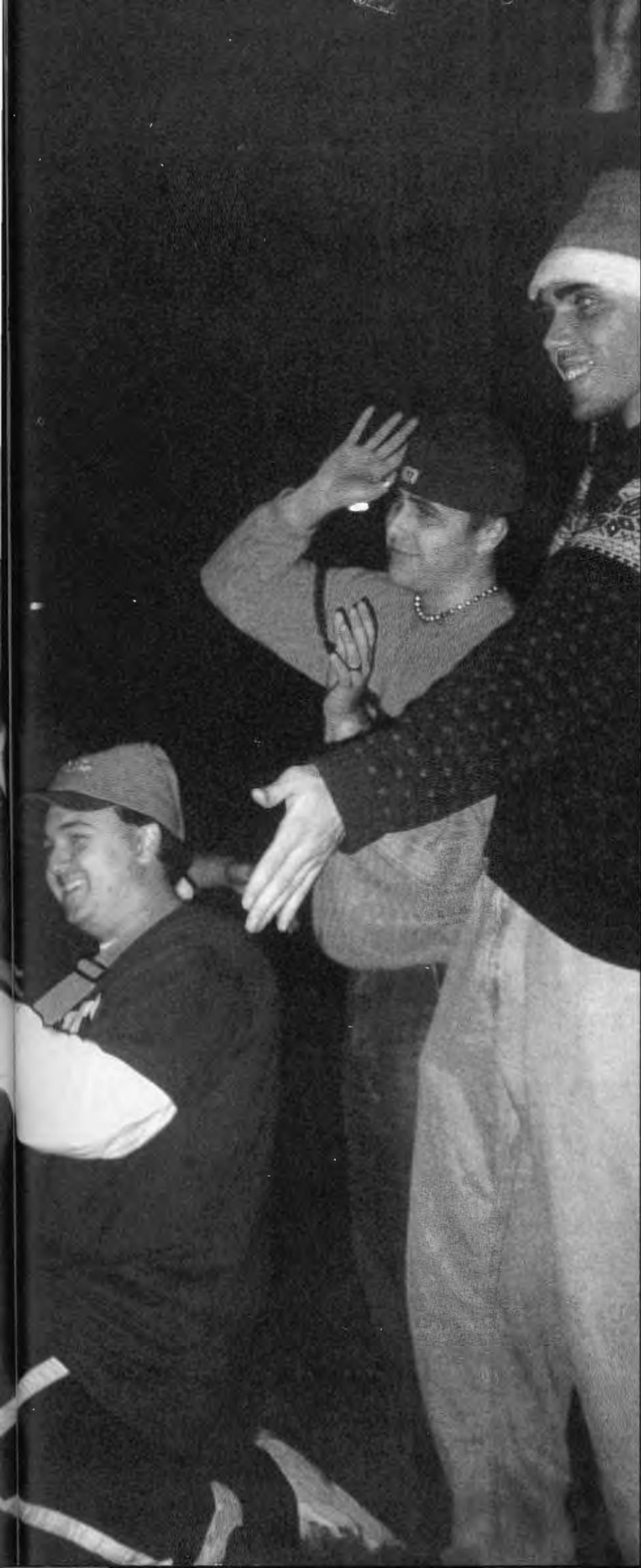
Being involved in the lives of others was something the group strived for. The men encouraged members of other clubs who were participating in Tiger Tunes by providing them with care packages of snacks during the long months of practice. Supporting the Women of EEE in the state Race for the Cure, a fund-raiser 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 Iota 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 Iota 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 Melton, junior Rico Aldape, senior Partick Hicks, and sophomores James Hullett and Sean Lowery give a Christmas serenade. The 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. Sponsored 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 "Oklahoma" 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 excitement

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 traditions

"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 sophomore 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.

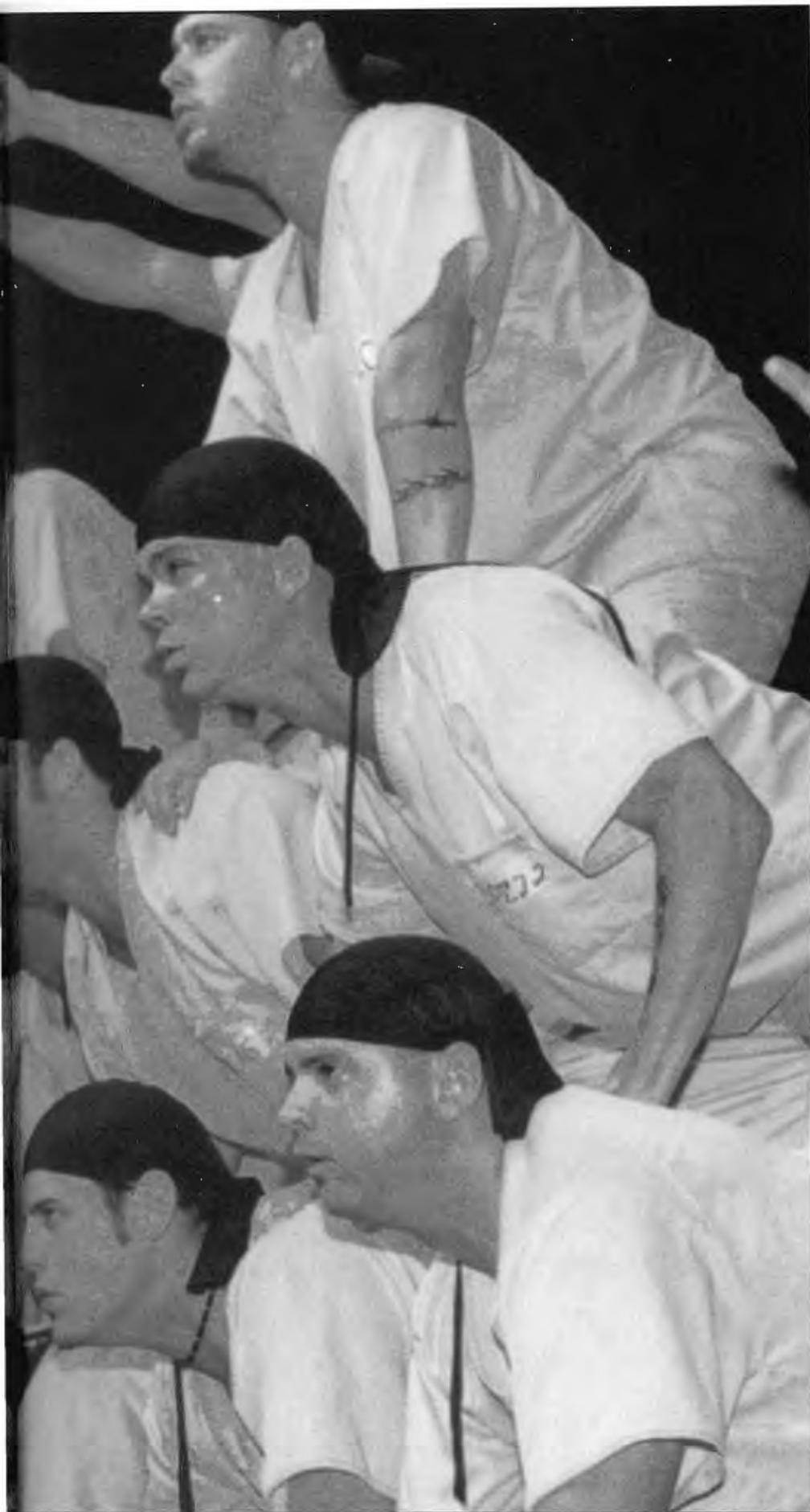
"Things are pretty much the same as far as our traditions. We still have the float trips, the football team run-throughs and pep rallies," he said. One thing that was out of the ordinary for the returning club was Tiger Tunes. "We only do Tiger Tunes every four years and this year was time," said senior 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-n-roll 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 Chi. 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*



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*

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*

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. Morris



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 Hawaiian dance during their TWIRP week Luau. The luau ended a week-long schedule of nightly events hosted by the women's social clubs and the BSU. *photo by B. Baxter*



Junior Natalie Danna leads several male audience members 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 existence. 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



Making a fast break, senior Nathan Livers looks down field to try and score a touchdown. The Betas took part in intramurals throughout the year. *photo by M. Doom*



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

foundation of unity

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 on. 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



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. *photo courtesy of J. Croft*



Sophomore Joy Mills, seniors Jamie Bauman, Jennifer Croft, Amanda Silvernail and sophomore Mandee Akin display their Gamma Phi memorabilia. Clubs were asked to set up tables during Preview Day in the fall. *photo by courtesy of J. Croft*



During Homecoming, members of Gamma Phi show their Tiger spirit. Gammass attended every home game and placed posters on the railing in support for the team. *photo by courtesy of J. Croft*





holding 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 Phi! 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 non-conference games, signified a touchdown for the Tiger football team. *photo by B. Baxter*



At Playboy Club, sophomore Archie Prentice watches the table as freshman Justin Boyd enjoys the game. Playboy Club was part of the S's rush parties. *photo by C. White*

Freshman Justin Bates and sophomore Chris Landraneau play with the food during the S Crawfish Boil. The mixer was a time for the members to relax and enjoy the southern cooking of crawfish. *photo by P. Denton*





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