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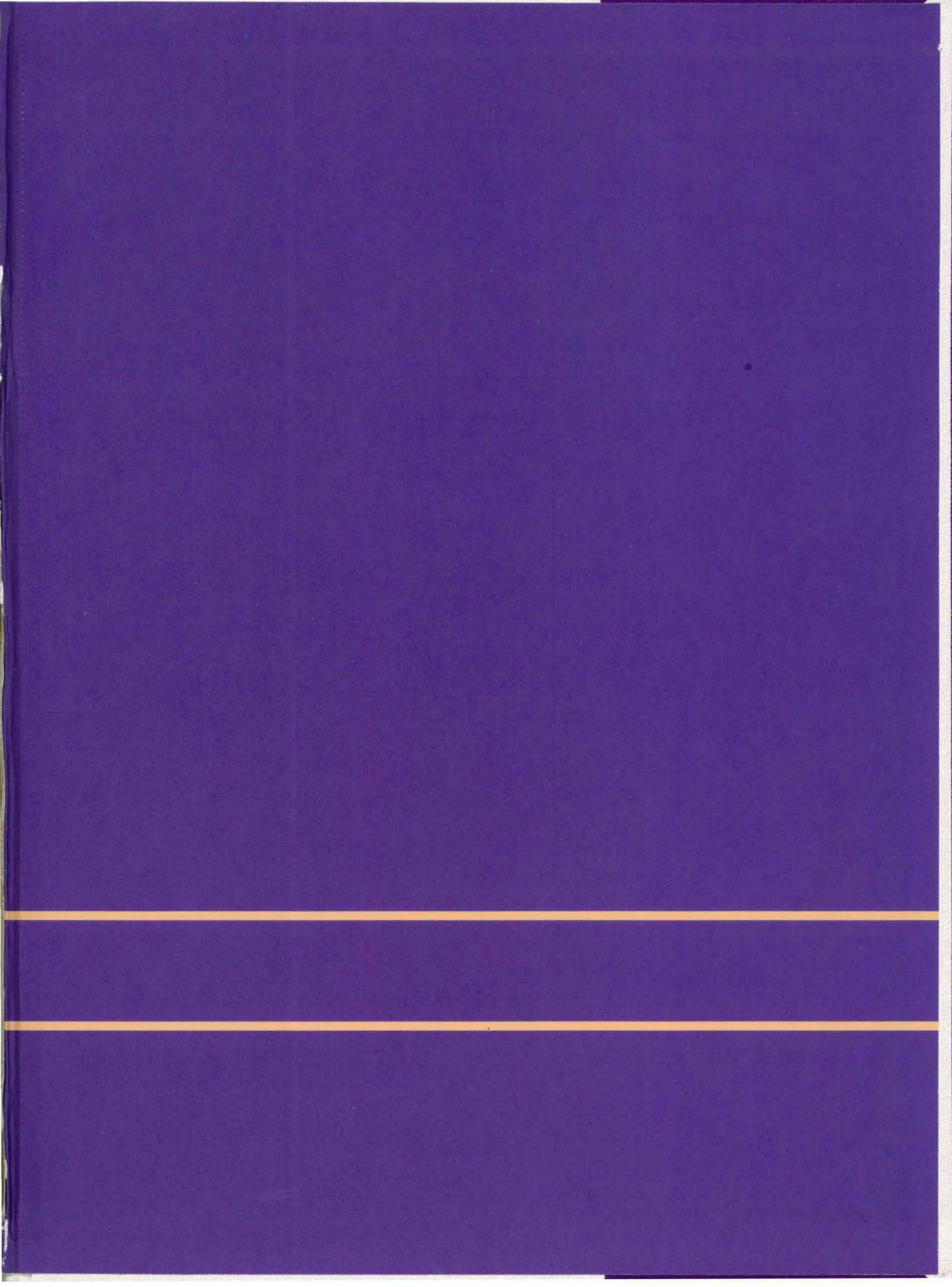
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Life at Ouachita is something no one truly understands until experiencing it for themselves. To the outsider, Tiger Tunes looks like any other greek sing and the Tiger for Life ceremony with our freshman beanies seems a little odd. Larger schools will never experience an intense rivalry separated by a single ravine or a class that could fit around a conference room table. The bond of our shared traditions makes meeting a fellow Ouachitonian a meaningful experience accompanied by an immediate connection. Friendships made on this campus last for a lifetime and transcend all distance and time apart. Life at Ouachita is **LIKE NO OTHER.**

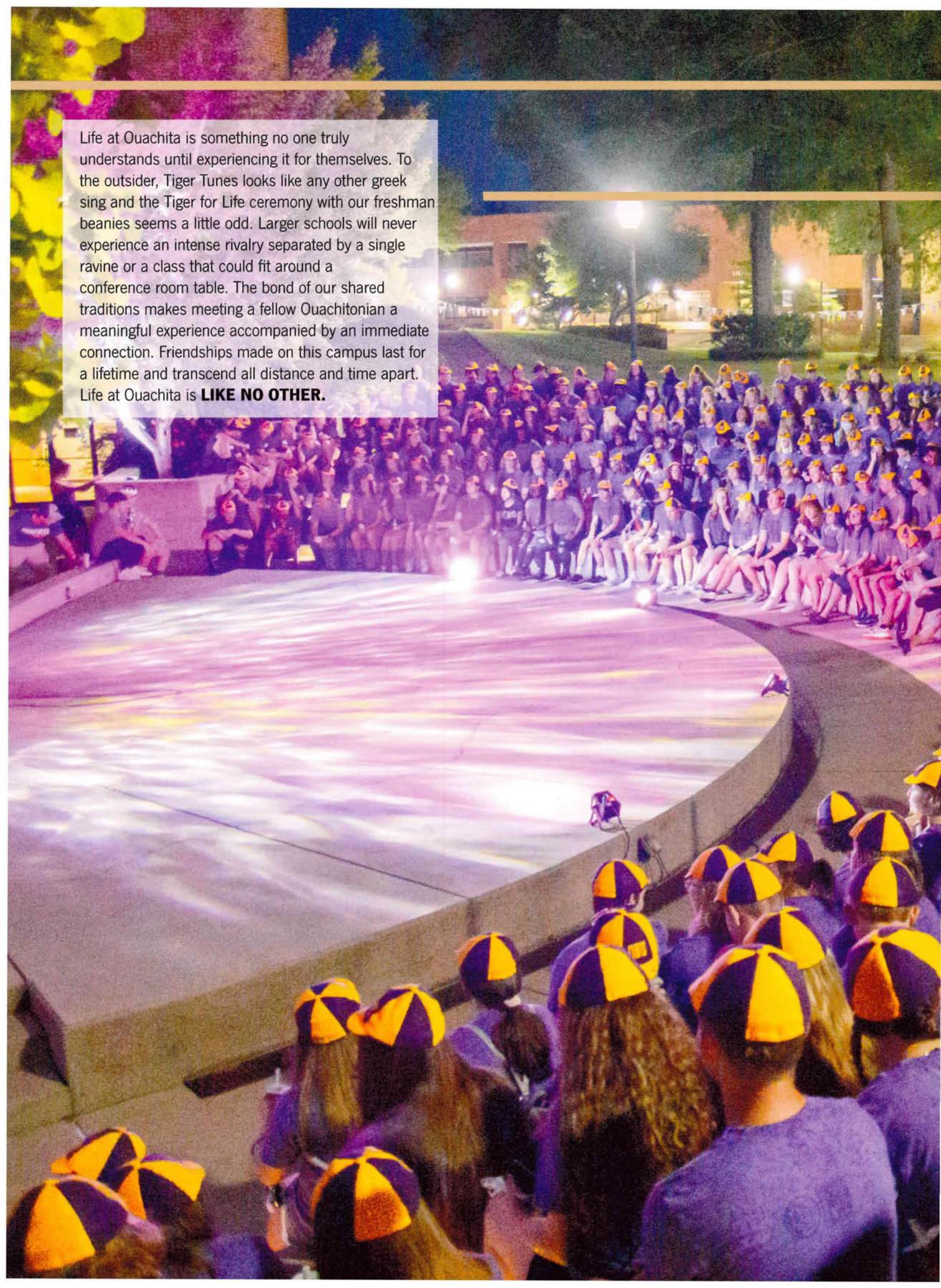





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After normal Ouachita campus life was put on hold for two years, the 2021-22 year ushered in the revitalization of sacred Ouachita traditions. Masks were slowly taken off, and the freshman and sophomore classes finally got a taste of Ouachita with no restrictions. The senior class was instrumental in showing their peers what campus life should look like as they were the only remaining class who had experienced a normal year. In the face of uncertainty, Ouachita students were certain of one thing: this was going to be an amazing year. Because of the determination of these students, this was a year **LIKE NO OTHER.**

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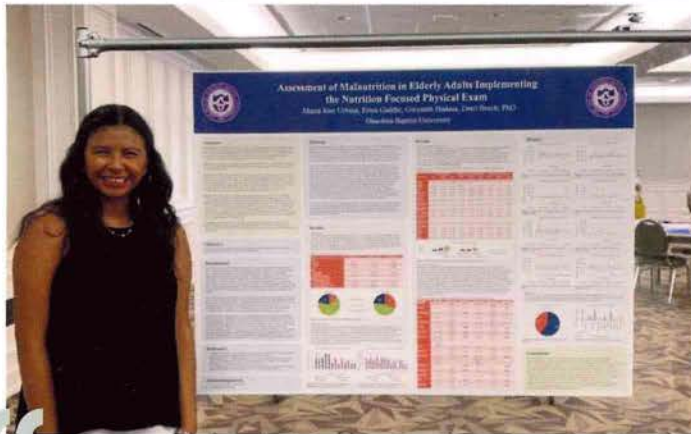


JOSHUA KALLEN
 Smith leads Campus Ministries in a chant after performing their Tunes show for another club. The theme of their show was Church Choir.
 photo by Abby Blankenship

Student Life

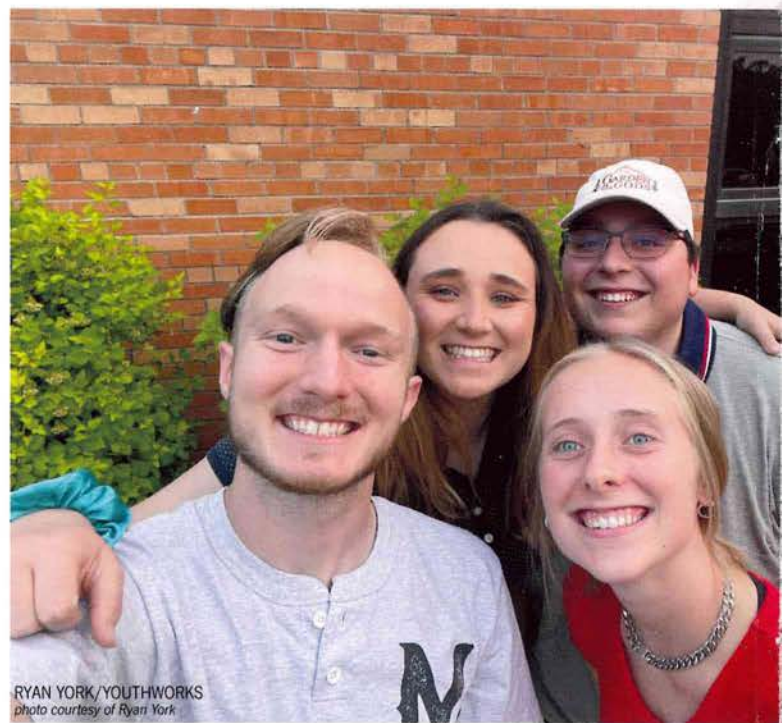


WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



I am so grateful to Ouachita for giving me the opportunity to do summer research. I was able to expand my knowledge in Nutrition and Dietetics by doing hands-on activities, such as interacting with patients, and by teaching me how to do deeper research in the field. This experience has truly equipped me to pursue research in future."

Maria Urbina



RYAN YORK/YOUTHWORKS
photo courtesy of Ryan York

MAKING A difference

SUMMER OF STUDENTS

In 2020, many summer plans and dreams were taken away due to COVID-19. This year was a breath of fresh air and filled with hope as most places returned to normal.

Ouachita students took advantage of the summer to work in churches, summer camps, internships and to travel abroad.

Julia Shands, a junior mass communications major from Searcy, had the opportunity to be the editorial intern for Arkansas Publishing Group in Little Rock.

"I wrote articles and profiles for several of their publications, including: Arkansas Bride, 360 West Weddings, Arkansas NEXT and Arkansas NEXT: PROS. When we would start a publication, I helped brainstorm and brought my own creative ideas to the table," Shands said. She also helped run the social media for Arkansas Bride and 360 West Weddings.

Noah McCallum, a senior Christian studies major from Jonesboro, spent his summer in Fraser, Colorado. He served at Fraser Valley Church and worked at Winter Park Resort. Thankfully, COVID-19 did not affect his experience, and he was able to learn and grow in different areas.

"I learned about how to find ways to relate to people that are different than me," said McCallum. "I learned what it meant to truly love people, even when it was hard. There's a whole world outside of Arkansas, and outside of the Bible Belt, of lost people that need to be reached with the gospel. This summer really awakened a desire in me to church plant in an area with little gospel presence, be that Colorado, somewhere else in the U.S., or overseas."

Some students were able to fulfill their dream of serving abroad. Jacob Cates, a senior Christian studies and Spanish double major from Houston, Texas, spent two months volunteering in Central Mexico with a program through the International Mission Board (IMB) called Summer Sojourner. Cates shared the good news to unreached communities, taught English at a local school, and had music lessons. This experience came with its challenges.

"I LEARNED WHAT IT MEANT TO TRULY LOVE PEOPLE, EVEN WHEN IT WAS HARD."

"A big challenge for me this summer was getting out of my comfort zone and doing things that I had never done before," said Cates. "I had never taught English before, or taught the Bible or guitar in Spanish. Likewise, this summer was the longest I had ever lived in a foreign country, and I had to learn to do basic things differently and in a different language."

This summer was full of adventures and new experiences for Ouachita students. They embraced a time with fewer COVID-19 restrictions and were able to push through the challenges and grow professionally and spiritually.

VALERIA GOMEZ

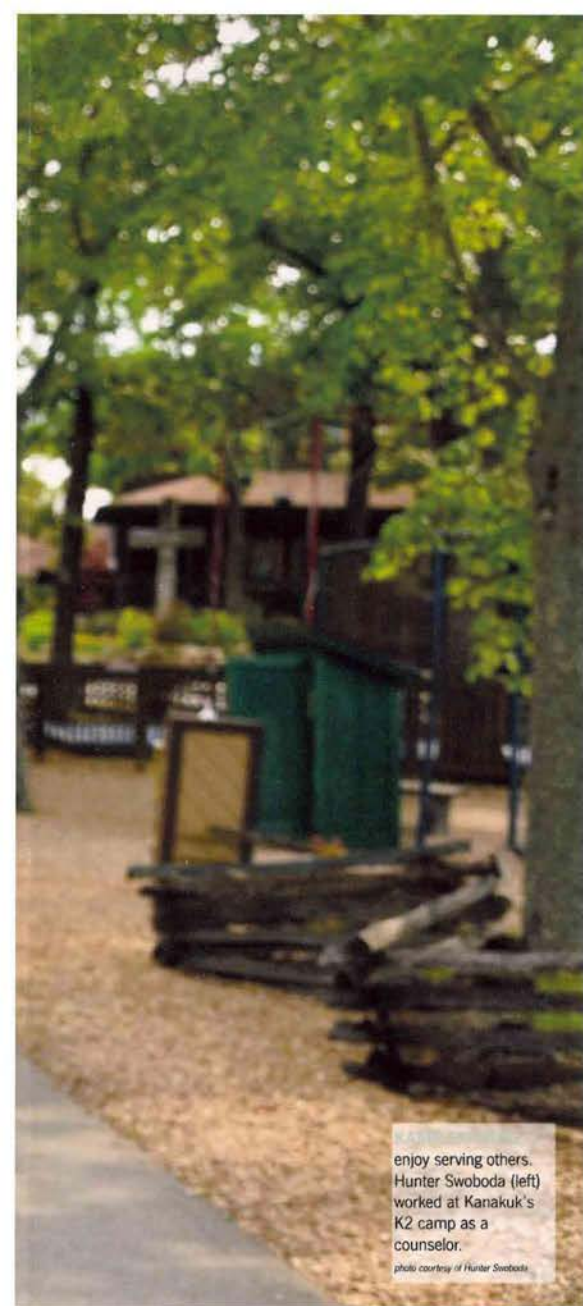
Students enjoy serving others. Hunter Swoboda (left) worked at Kanakuk's K2 camp as a counselor.

photo courtesy of Hunter Swoboda

ARKANSAS BUSINESS interns celebrate at an event. Julia Shands (center) spent her summer writing for the company's publications. photo by Julia Shands

LYDIA DEAN poses for a snapshot with a camel during one of her many adventures. Dean lived in Africa for the majority of her summer. photo by Lydia Dean

GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON gives an address accompanied by intern Sarah Spakes. Spakes' main job during the summer was helping to run the Governor's Mansion. photo by Sarah Spakes



A *fresh* START

TIGERS WELCOMED HOME

Welcome to Ouachita's World, also known as WOW, was Ouachita's freshman orientation weekend. This weekend was an important part of the Ouachita experience as it allowed freshmen to make new friends and get adjusted to their new season of life as a college student. Ouachita placed an emphasis on making incoming freshmen feel welcome, as well as introducing them to important traditions at Ouachita such as the beanie ceremony, the Tigers4Life ceremony, and the Purple and Gold party.

To ensure that WOW ran smoothly, a team known as the WOW Steering Committee was put in place. Michaelyn Ferrell, a senior marketing and mass communications major from White Hall, shared, "Steering is a group of eight students that help Tim Harrell (director of student life) plan WOW weekend. We move in a week early and spend three days planning, then train the leaders when they move in."

Ferrell saw WOW as an opportunity to serve her campus and fellow students. She also emphasized what made WOW different from other university's orientation weekends.

"We joke that WOW feels like church camp and VBS combined, but it gave new students so many opportunities to meet people, said Ferrell. "At Ouachita there is more of an emphasis on worship, visiting a local church, and traditions that other schools don't have."

WOW was a great way for freshmen to meet other students in their class as well as get acquainted with campus. Brianna Cantrell, a freshman elementary education major from Little Rock, spoke about her experience at WOW and how it impacted her time at Ouachita already.

"WOW is important because it prepares freshmen for the upcoming school year and it's a good distraction for the home sick," said Cantrell.

"Already having good friendships with others on the first day of school was very helpful," Jeremiah Mainor, a freshman political science and communications double major from Carrollton, Texas, shared. "I got to know my WOW leaders really well and made some new friends. I had the most fun going to church with my WOW group and learned a lot about the traditions at Ouachita."

While WOW was created and catered to the incoming freshmen, it's also a great way for upperclassmen to get involved. Nic Hazlett, a senior engineering major from Greenville, Texas, spoke about his experience of being a WOW group leader.

"I have done WOW in the past and every time I have loved being able to meet the freshmen and introduce them to the college world. I would definitely recommend everyone to try and be a WOW leader," said Hazlett.

An important tradition to Ouachita, WOW weekend was instrumental to starting the school year at Ouachita in an uplifting and welcoming way.

HANNA WILLIAMS



MOVING IN her belongings, freshman Paige Tankersley is eager to begin her Ouachita journey. All freshmen moved in at the beginning of WOW weekend.
photo by Abby Blankenship

SMILING EAR to ear, sophomore Madison Lovell exits the slip and slide at water day. Inflatable waterslides, water balloons, and a slip and slide were set up in the Village Circle.
photo by Abby Blankenship



FRESHMAN LACEY Lewellen and senior Katie Gray enjoy conversation with Ouachita professors. Faculty and staff served ice cream outside the Student Center to welcome the freshmen.
photo by Abby Blankenship





FRESHMAN BRODY Horton and his WOW group perform karaoke at the Purple and Gold party. This party was held to celebrate their first weekend at Ouachita. photo by Levi Dade



ABIGAIL JANSEN / FAMILY PRAYER
photo by Will Reed



ANTICIPATING THE frisbee, freshman Allie Jane Wilson competes in Kan Jam during WOW weekend. Lake day was held at nearby Lake Degray. photo by Levi Dade

OUT *of the* ORDINARY

TIGERS FOR LIFE CEREMONY

“It was really cool to have our entire class together to participate in a tradition that has been going on for so long. It’s a night that I will always remember, and I am glad I was able to be there with my friends.”

Rachel New

“The Tiger for Life Ceremony is the climax of WOW weekend. The ceremony never ceases to make me smile seeing the new freshmen start their Ouachita journey. It’s unlike any other tradition, but it’s just another thing that separates Ouachita from the rest.”

Noah Sanders

“There is something special about putting on your beanie for the first time that gives you a sense of unity with your class. You’ve only been on campus a few days, but you already know that you are a part of the Ouachita legacy”

Gabe Chandler



WADE WILSON
photo by Abby Blankenship



ZACHARIAH LANE / BERRY CHAPEL
photo by Will Reed



A LASTING legacy RETURNS TO JPAC

Tiger Tunes 2021 was a show to remember. Clubs worked hard for many weeks to put on an entertaining show. After long practices, late nights, stressful moments and costumes, it all paid off on Saturday night when four of the shows placed and were rewarded for their performance.

The Women of EEE Roaring Twenties show had a deeper meaning this year that was connected to

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their legacy and was a way to honor their sister who passed away. Emily McMaster, a senior communications sciences and disorders major from Texarkana was one of the directors, along with Katie Gray, who led the Women of EEE to have a first-place show.

“You Can't Stop the Beat” was also the finale song in the EEE Sheep show in 2014,” said McMaster. “It was the final winning show in the last EEE three-peat. Shelby Seabaugh directed this show and left a lasting legacy for the EEEs. She was known for her Christ-like character and Tunes joy. She passed away the year after directing the sheep show, so it was a privilege to honor Shelby in our finale song.”

Kallen Smith, a junior biomedical sciences major from Jonesboro, was one of the directors for the Campus Ministries Church Choir show. Unfortunately, he got quarantined and had to miss the first week of practices. This was a challenging situation, but it did not stop him from creating a community and sharing the excitement with the freshman class. Their show won second place.

“Being able to lead and disciple the freshmen was the biggest reason I signed up to direct,” Smith said. “Placing was the best feeling ever, but the community that was formed during the whole Tunes season was very special.”

Beta Dojo received the OSF Award for their great respect and behavior. Parker Zucha, a senior finance and business administration major from Wylie, Texas, shared how special it was as a club to celebrate. The Men of Beta Beta also won third place with their show.

“I couldn't be prouder of this group of guys,” Zucha said. “We know that OSF works so hard to make Tunes such a great experience for everyone participating and everyone who comes to see the shows, and it was an honor to receive the OSF award.”

Student life had not placed in a long time, so their show “Scouts” made history and was an exciting moment for their participants. Hallie Vaught, a freshman elementary education major from Little Rock, shared how impactful winning fourth place and this experience was for her.

“I was shocked but excited that we placed,” Vaught said. “I am very proud of our group. Tiger Tunes impacted my first semester in college by giving me many of my good friends.”

HANNA WILLIAMS



THE FLAPPERS entertain the crowd during their jazz dance. The Women of EEE took first place with their show “The Roaring TwentiEEEs.”
photo by Abby Blankenship

TUNES HOSTESSES

sing the song “Crowded Table” in between club shows. Eight students helped host Tiger Tunes by learning lyrics and choreography to popular songs.

photo by Abby Blankenship

BULL RIDING

comes to the JPAC stage during the Rho Sigma show. Isaac Sanders was one of the club's featured soloists.

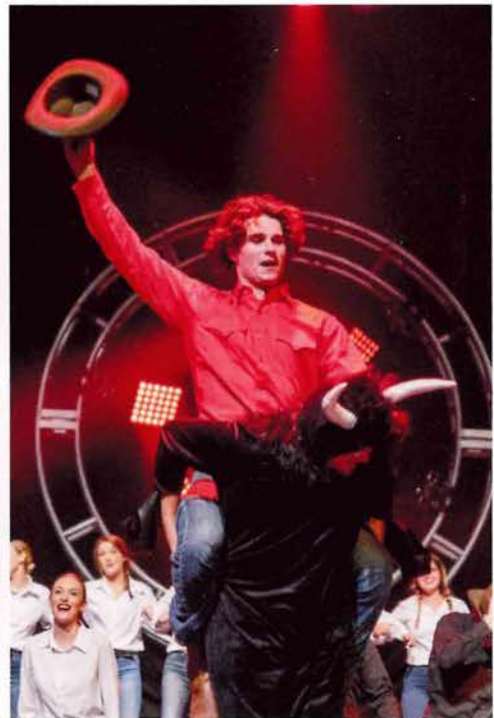
photo by Levi Dade



GAMMA'S ANGELS

take the stage to save the day. This was Gamma's first Tiger Tunes show since their re-founding in 2019.

photo by Levi Dade





JANNA WILLIAMS



ETA VIKINGS, HARRY JEFFREY
 photo by Abbie Blankenship

WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



Growing up coming to Tiger Tunes and hearing stories about it from my family and friends, I admired not only the fun, but the community and engagement that Ouachita had. This year, being in the Campus Ministries show, I felt exactly that. Tunes is a perfect example of life at Ouachita—a tight knit community built of fun, memories, relationships, support, friendships, and most of all, the love for others and Jesus. No where else can a school be found that has such a love and support system for their students, and a desire to build community among them; Tunes being just one small glimpse."

Brooks Bell



Women of Gamma Phi, "Gamma's Angels"



Fourth Place, Student Life, "Scouts"

The Return of **TIGER TUNES**



Men of Kappa Chi, "Kappa Chi Pharmacy"



People's Choice, Women of Chi Delta, "Campers"



Third Place, OSF Award, Men of Beta Beta/"Beta Beta Dojo"



First Place, Women of EEE, "The Roraring TwentiEEEs"

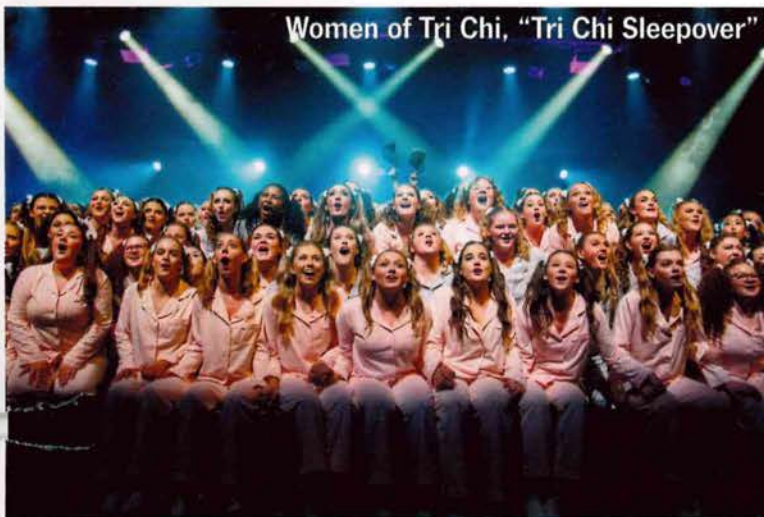


Men of Eta Alpha Omega, "Eta Vikings"

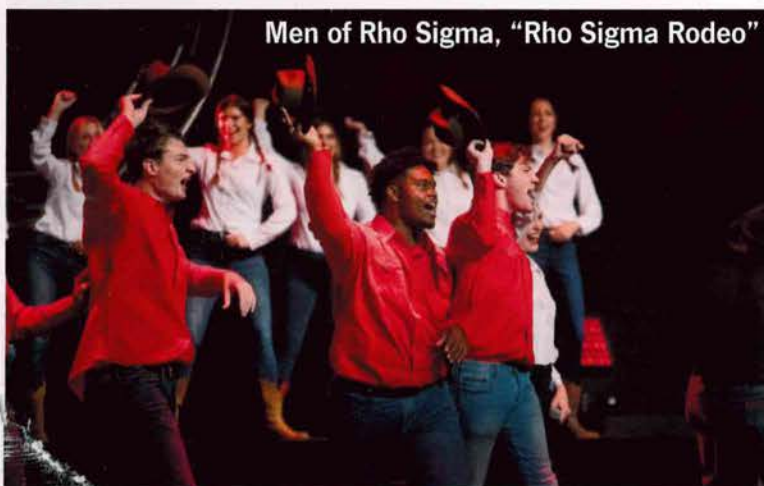


Second Place, Campus Ministries, "Church Choir"

Ouachita students waited 726 days to take the JPAC stage again and perform their Tiger Tunes shows. While the audience was half capacity, there was no lack of spirit in the auditorium. Because of practice protocols and students' hard work due to the desire to see a "normal" Tunes, shows were able to be performed unmasked and with everyone on stage. Tiger Tunes 2021 was regarded as one of the best shows yet and helped to raise over \$80,000 for student scholarships.



Women of Tri Chi, "Tri Chi Sleepover"



Men of Rho Sigma, "Rho Sigma Rodeo"



Women of Chi Mu, "Fangirls"



Tiger Blast, "We're All in this Together"



THE MEN of Eta Alpha Omega cheer on the Tigers at the Homecoming football game. Within the first quarter, a rainstorm hit Arkadelphia which left the fans to experience part of the game in the rain.
photo by Levi Dade

HOMECOMING COURT finalists are announced during pre-game. They were third runner-up Anna Roussel, escorted by her mother Amy; second runner-up Emily McMaster, escorted by her father Clay; Homecoming Queen Erica Dixon, escorted by her father David; 2020 Queen Holly Shipp; first runner-up Jazmyn Parker, escorted by her grandmother Lisa Maryovich; and fourth runner-up Jael Winterholder, escorted by her faculty adviser, Dr. Scott Duvall.
photo by Levi Dade



OUT *of the* ORDINARY



GRANT JETTON, TANNER SLIPMAN
photo by Levi Dade

PURPLE PLAZA PARTY

“As the special events chair of Student Senate, I had the opportunity of working with the Homecoming court. Being able to work with such deserving girls while also preserving the tradition of the Purple Plaza Homecoming parade was an amazing experience.”
Kathryn Totty

“The Purple Plaza Party was greatly missed last year during the pandemic, as it is always a great opportunity for everyone in the Ouachita community to relax and fellowship. This year, I had the privilege of representing the Carl Goodson Honors Program and updating the rest of the campus on recent Honors events and research. Nearly every organization on campus is represented, so it provides a great chance to catch up with a wide range of people.”
Dane Jester

“I had a lot of fun getting to play keys and getting to work with a band. It was a busy week of Tunes and Homecoming, but I think it made the week even better getting to do something like that.”
Erlyn Riley



REGANNE DUMAS
photo by Will Reed

BACK *on the* FIELD

HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS

O Ouachita Homecoming was always a very special tradition held on campus each year, and it was unpredictable how this year's events were going to play out. With COVID-19 happening in 2020, it caused Tunes and other dearly beloved Homecoming events to be changed or cancelled in order to keep everyone safe. However, at the beginning of this academic school year, things slowly started to go back to normal, including Homecoming and all its sweet traditions.

Homecoming preparations for the fall of 2021 started in February of that same year. Jon Merryman, director of Alumni Relations and Ouachita Student Foundation, was excited to plan one of his favorite Ouachita traditions.

"Planning Tiger Tunes was the same as years past, but we had to keep COVID-19 in the back of our minds and have different plans lined up just in case," Merryman said.

Ouachita hosted five shows this year after adding an additional Friday late show due to 50% capacity in Jones Performing Arts Center. Amidst the changes, OSF did all they could to bring the heart of Tunes back to campus, all while putting on a successful show to raise money for student scholarships.

Another new addition this Homecoming season was a ferris wheel in Tiger Alley for alumni and families to enjoy while being back at their alma mater.

All the Homecoming festivities were brought back including the Purple Plaza Party. It took place on Friday afternoon and it was a great feel of normalcy.

"The food is great, the music is great and the environment is great, and that is why it is one of the best days of the year," senior Alex Bryan, a business major from Dallas, Texas, said.

The pre-game ceremonies included the crowning of Erica Dixon as Homecoming Queen. The experience of getting to be on Ouachita's Homecoming Court is a bittersweet feeling that all the women will cherish forever.

"I am overjoyed to have been crowned queen and it is an unexplainable feeling to know that my peers thought I was worthy of the title," Dixon said. "All I could think about was my dad next to me, my family in the stands, and how much Ouachita means to me."

Student Senate had a huge part in helping these festivities happen as well. Senior mass communications and political science major Madison McGhee served as the Senate president and enjoyed organizing and planning the events.

"In the end it went smoothly and could not have gone better," McGhee said.

LUCIE SHEPHERD



FILLED WITH excitement, senior Erica Dixon hears her new title as Homecoming Queen while being escorted by her dad. Dixon represented the Women of Tri Chi. *photo by Levi Dade*



SWAYING TO the Alma Mater, sophomore Victoria Bourgeois sings with the rest of her cheer team. The cheerleaders continued the cheer at the game despite the rain. *photo by Levi Dade*

SPRINTING DOWN the field, freshman Xaylon Falls moves the ball for the Tigers. Ouachita beat Northwestern Oklahoma State 64-17. *photo by Levi Dade*

DANCE THE night away

ORGANIZATIONS HOST TWIRP

Poodle skirts, square dancing, masquerade masks, angels, carnival games, and neon colors mean one thing: TWIRP. In years past, TWIRP consisted of one week of different parties with themes hosted by The Women of Chi Delta, EEE, Gamma Phi, Chi Mu, Tri Chi, and Campus Ministries with one condition that is made clear in the name: The Woman is Required to Pay. This year, the parties were split up into two different weekends that gave students extra time to

TWIRP HELPED ME MEET PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE DATE ASPECT.

enjoy every party. Andrew Ellis, a freshman accounting and finance double major from Ruston, Louisiana used TWIRP as a way to delve into Ouachita's traditions.

"TWIRP helped me meet people because of the date aspect and getting to go with different people every night," Ellis said. "This made me branch out and go with different groups and was really enjoyable."

Ellis attended every TWIRP event and gave him something to look forward to. His favorite TWIRP was Campus Ministry's Barn Bash because he was able to learn how to square dance and meet new people.

One of the parties hosted was Chi Mu Masquerade. Angela Webb, a sophomore communications and

business administration double major from Pleasant Plains, was able to learn more about her club's history and got to know the freshman.

"Last year it was held outside and was more of a "mask"querade instead of the usual masquerade," Webb said. "This year we were able to serve finger foods, and it felt more intentional as we got to know more girls as well."

One of the fan favorite TWIRPs was Barn Bash hosted by Campus Ministries. Last year, Barn Bash was held on campus due to COVID-19 restrictions, but this year it was held off campus at a barn and included square dancing. Barbecue was also served for students to eat as they fellowshiped with one another.

One of Barn Bash's planners, Caroline Massey, a junior mass communications and Christian Studies double major from McGehee, was able to bring the traditions of a normal Barn Bash.

"We have a man in town who has always been so kind to teach students how to square dance, and the students love getting to learn something new with friends," Massey said. "I think that is what makes Barn Bash so fun. Different groups of people all come together and get to participate in something regardless of their background or experience."

Another one of Barn Bash's planners, Emma Donley, a sophomore Christian Studies major from Frisco, Tex., reflected on the new aspects of this year's Barn Bash.

"Part of the fun of Barn Bash is the atmosphere," Donley said. "Getting to work together to make each year different and fun for students allowed me to have a change of pace and was relatively easy to get together!"

ADDIE WOODS



DRESSED IN his best suit, freshman Cody Pallen dances at the Chi Mu Masquerade. This TWIRP night was held in the Walker Conference Center. photo by Coleman Callan

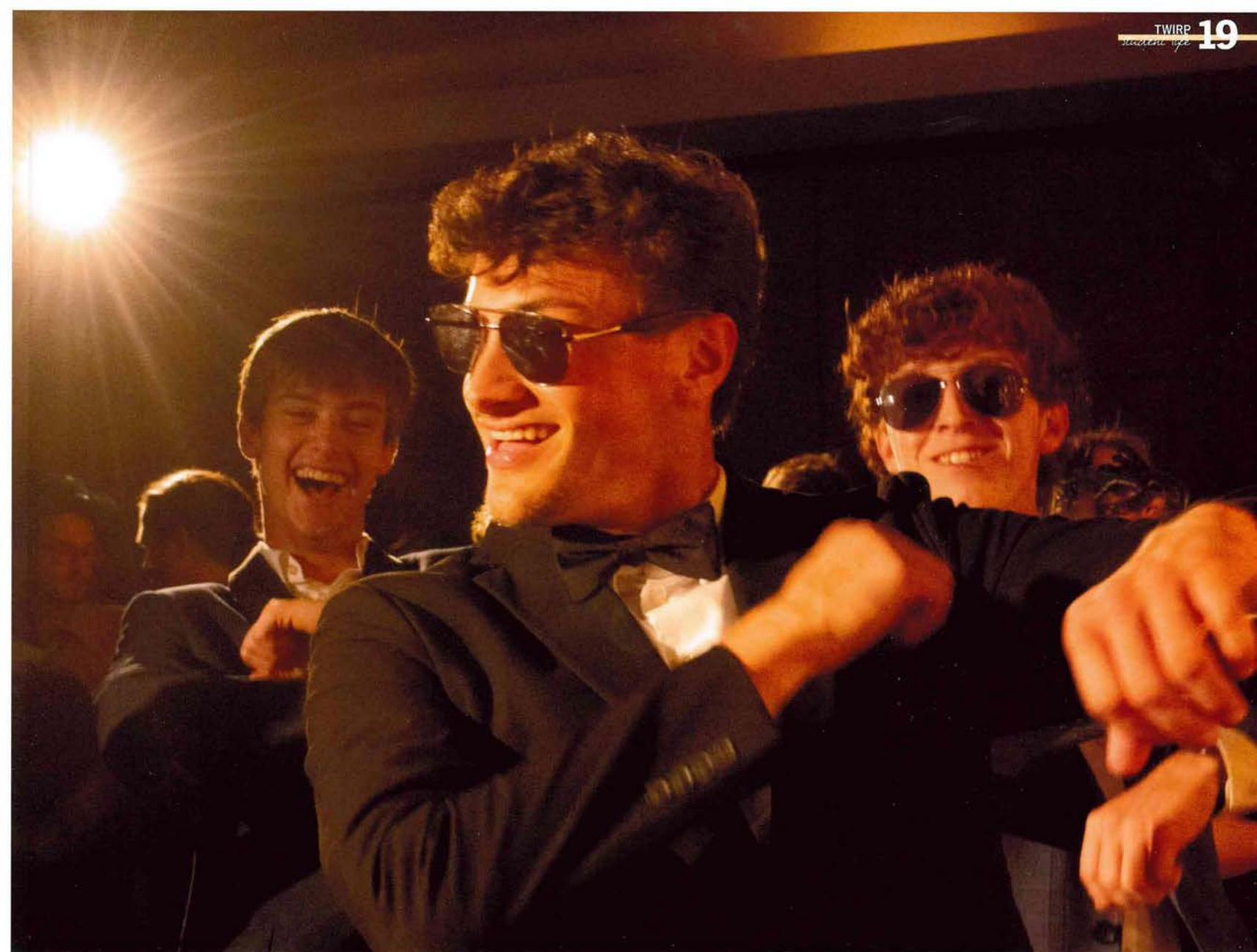
AT TRI CHI 80's night, juniors Taylor Barnhart Alexandra Dupree along with sophomore Kaylee Johnson dance the night away. Students wore their favorite 80's clothing to this event. photo by Lydia Dean



FRESHMEN MAGGIE Moore and Brianna Cantrell smile big at the Gamma Phi Angels in the Outfield. It was held in the Tiger Den. photo by Coleman Callan

THE SWING DANCING competition begins with Haley Shourd and Micah Belue practicing their moves at EEE 50's night. This TWIRP took place at the Village Circle. photo by Coleman Callan





SAM SCOTT / CM BARN BASH
photo by Madison Melcher

WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



As a freshman at Ouachita, TWIRP was the first event that my class could actually meet people and find out what Ouachita was all about due to Covid-19. I made so many friends, and it helped me come out of my shell just in time for rush. This year I was able to put on TWIRP with The Women of Chi Delta and it was so much fun. Getting to welcome the freshmen and help show them that Ouachita is their home, just like the upperclassmen did for me, was an unforgettable experience!"

Kara Burns

A triumphant RETURN

LONG ANTICIPATED VICTORY

Nearly two years after the last competition, the Ouachita Tigers hosted and defeated Henderson State as the Reddies crossed the street for the 94th Battle of the Ravine. In addition to the return of the highly anticipated football game, the activities surrounding the excitement of the oldest Division II football rivalry returned in full force.

Since 1935, the men of Rho Sigma have guarded the tiger, but they began their weeklong tradition of guarding the tiger in 2007 while also participating in all the different traditions that surround the busy week.

"I think that Rho Sigma offers a sense of peace, knowing that we are watching the tiger intently to keep it safe from any possible vandalism," said Alex Savage, a junior biology major from Smackover. "I think these traditions of ours contribute to a sense of school pride throughout the Ouachita Bubble and with Ouachita alumni."

Although the Men of Rho Sigma have guarded the tiger for many years, the entire campus began guarding the tiger in the early 2010s.

"Guard the tiger has been a tradition for about six years now. Ouachita students stay up and guard the tiger statue that was made by Ouachita student B.F. Worley in 1935. Student Senate thought it would be a great way for students to show school spirit while meeting one another in their respective classes and making new relationships," said Student Body President Madison McGhee, a senior communications and political science major from Alma, Arkansas. "This year we had the largest turn-out with each grade level having over 100 students participate."

Coming out of a year without the Battle of the Ravine traditions, students from all classes met to honor the Ouachita tradition and create new memories with their classmates.

"Guard the tiger night was probably the best night out of the week because there were so many different things for us to do to make it through the night," said Madison Gray, a freshman kinesiology major from Fordyce. "Rivalries are always fun, and Ouachita created one of the best atmospheres for students and alumni to enjoy the Battle of the Ravine."

Although the traditions surrounding the Battle of the Ravine are always fun, ending the week with a big win makes the long and busy week worth it for the entire campus. With one minute left in the game, Gabe Goodman kicked the game-winning field goal which sealed the team's huge victory over Henderson State, 31-28.

"The town of Arkadelphia is divided by two schools that battle it out in one of the oldest rivalries in college football," said Xaylon Falls, a sophomore kinesiology major and football player from Camden, Arkansas. "Being in that type of atmosphere is surreal, and it felt great ending the year with such a huge win."

KATHRYN TOTTY



JUNIOR NATHAN

Turner lifts up his teammate in victory at the BOTR football game. This game was played at home in Cliff-Harris stadium.
photo by Abby Blankenship

CHEERLEADER TORI

Bourgeois encourages the crowd to get loud at the football game.

The Ouachita cheer team was at every home game to cheer on the Tigers.

photo by Abby Blankenship

STUDENTS SHOW

their spirit at the Battle of the Ravine football game. Members of the Men of Beta Beta painted their chests for the rivalry game.

photo by Abby Blankenship





SENIOR FOOTBALL player Ethan Gasaway participates in the Battle of the Ravine pep rally. This annual tradition included a large bonfire for the student body.
photo by Levi Dade

OUACHITA TOOK home the victory in the Battle of the Ravine flag football game. This game was an annual tradition during Battle of the Ravine week.
photo by Coleman Callan

BOTR PEP RALLY
photo by Will Reed

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GUARDING THE TIGER

“Guarding the tiger is an important tradition because it brings everyone on campus together. We did not get to guard the tiger last year, so when the tradition was brought back this year, you could really feel the team spirit at an all time high.”

Chris McCuiston

“This tradition is important to Ouachita not only because it is the biggest rivalry but because it brings the whole campus together. It was so fun staying up all night laughing and playing games with my classmates, making memories we will always remember.”

Mikayla Long

“This was my first year guarding the tiger and it was so fun. I loved how we spent the night hanging out with our class. It was so cool to take part in this tradition, especially since my parents got to do it when they were students.”

Laynie White



SENIOR CLASS
photo by Abby Blankenship



KENDEL GIVENS
photo by Will Reed

ENABLING Service 50th TIGER SERVE DAY

The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community hosted Tiger Serve Day, an event allowing students, faculty, and staff to go out into Ouachita's community in teams of six to 10 people for three hours to complete service projects. Participants completed a wide variety of projects including mowing someone's lawn, painting fences, and picking up trash on the highway.

“THERE IS GREAT COMMUNITY OF SERVICE AND ACTION ON OUACHITA'S CAMPUS.”

Judy Duvall, a director at the Elrod Center who had overseen Tiger Serve Day for 15 years, shared the purpose of Tiger Serve Day was to serve as a gateway for Ouachita volunteers to discover the joy of service, as well as cultivate relationships with community members outside the school's walls.

“As volunteers have this experience and see the value in serving, we hope that this day sparks an interest to be involved in other ways throughout the year,” Duvall said. “As a Christ-centered university, this day gives our campus a chance to live out their faith in very practical and relational ways with the community.”

Cabb Batson, a sophomore biology major from Arkadelphia, served as a member of the Tiger Serve

Day leadership team and had the opportunity to help plan the event through the logistics committee. His job on the committee was to ensure they had all of the necessary tools and supplies for a successful day. After all of this work, Batson enjoys seeing the impact it makes throughout the community.

“For me, it is very rewarding to see the excited smiles on the faces of those whom our volunteers serve,” Batson said. “I know that these Ouachita students, faculty, and staff are doing meaningful work for all of these individuals and groups as they serve Arkadelphia.”

Through his work on the leadership team, Batson gained insight into the hearts of his peers on campus. While he was able to give back to the town he grew up in, he also had the chance to enable his campus to make a difference in the lives of the people they serve.

“Something I've learned from my year and a half on the team is that there is a great community of service and action on Ouachita's campus,” Batson said. “I think it is an amazing thing that the campus as a whole teams up to be servants to the community.”

Duvall confirmed the work of the leadership team and their crucial role in making the day a success. She enjoyed seeing their selfless contributions to aiding Ouachita's students in serving the Arkadelphia community, as well as seeing their relationships form as they worked together as a team.

“Our desire is to continue to deliver a quality day for our campus and community,” Duvall said. “This takes a lot of time and effort, and this day would not be possible without the leadership team. This team of students is the backbone of the day.” ANNA ROUSSEL & ANGELA WEBB



BIG SMILES are seen on freshmen Jalon Davis and Kristopher Garcia. Over 800 students, faculty and staff signed up to serve on Tiger Serve Day.
photo by Abby Blankenship

IN DEEP focus, senior Chase Foiles works in the yard of a community member.

Tiger Serve Day teams dispersed all across the Arkadelphia community.
photo by Levi Dade

FRESHMAN JILLIAN

Covington rakes leaves during her Tiger Serve Day project. Yard work was a common job given to the students.
photo by Levi Dade



TIGER SERVE

Day leadership members hand out job assignments for the day.

The leadership team was a group of students selected by the Elrod Center to organize and assign jobs.
photo by Levi Dade





CHI DELTA
photo by Abby Blankenship

WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



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One of the words on the Ouachita seal is "service" which I believe is a part of the DNA of Ouachita. You see the importance of service in our campus on Tiger Serve Day each semester. On this day approximately 800 students, faculty and staff join together to serve our community in very practical and relational ways. Tiger Serve Day is a reminder to me of what makes Ouachita special. We are a community who loves God and loves people."

Judy Duvall



SPEAKING TO the audience, Dr. Terry Carter preaches a message during Christian Focus Week. Ouachita faculty were always willing to step in and serve during this important week on campus.
photo by Sarah Dean



WORSHIP IS led by guest worship pastor Grant Harrison. Campus Ministries worked hard to bring in many outstanding guest speakers and leaders for the week.
photo by Sarah Dean



OUT *of the* ORDINARY



NATALIE FLETCHER
photo by Madison Melcher

CFW BREAKOUTS

“The Christian Focus Week breakouts were amazing. I loved how diverse the topics were and how they connected to the week’s theme. I loved getting to hear from so many professors and alumni that provided so much insight because they could relate to life at Ouachita.”
Allie Jane Wilson

“Through the Christian Focus Week breakout sessions, every student can get something out of this special time Ouachita provides. This year I got to attend alumni Hayden Walker’s session about walking with God through suffering. Her deep relationship with the Lord and her love for scripture flowed through her so beautifully. I was so encouraged by her story and how the Lord is near through every season we walk through.”
Natalie Fletcher

“I was able to learn about God’s work around the world and in the personal lives of those who love him. I was encouraged and challenged and God used those to reveal more about his character and his work.”
Noah McCallum



ANNA ROUSSEL
photo by Will Read

IMPACT *across* CAMPUS

CFW ENCOURAGES GROWTH

C Christian Focus Week (CFW) impacted campus in a big way this year. The Campus Ministries leadership team worked very hard to facilitate many events to further students' relationship with Christ, meeting every other week throughout the fall and early spring semester.

Tom Tran, a senior finance major from Little Rock, helped to lead this planning team along with Ashlyn Ham, a junior engineering physics major from Jonesboro.

"Our leadership team worked together to find a theme that we felt met the needs of our campus," Ham said.

The team ended up choosing "With Me" to be the overall theme for Christian Focus Week. This theme was chosen because it was relatable to everyone; everyone is going through something. Psalm 23 was also an inspiration for the theme.

"We need to trust in God's guidance and providence. We felt that the campus needed to be reminded of the importance of relying on the Lord even through hard times and suffering," Tran said.

Throughout the week, professors canceled classes that conflicted with CFW events. This support allowed even more students to attend events.

"Christian Focus Week has been happening on campus for decades. I feel like Ouachita always makes it a priority for people to be able to participate in one way or another. Campus Ministries staff were all very helpful in guiding Tom and I throughout the planning process," Ham said.

Many events that happened during the week are traditional to CFW and take place every year. One difference this past year was the addition of a coffee and dessert night with breakout sessions.

"That event created a more intimate and informal time during the week. We had never done something like that since I've been here," Tran said.

There were a variety of events that went occurred during Christian Focus Week. It was not just services that were similar to Chapel. The week included worship nights, hiking, art nights, and breakout sessions.

"My favorite part of CFW was definitely the hiking trip. I heard a lot about CFW going into the semester and everyone seemed to be really passionate about it," Tanner Roberts, a freshman Christian studies major from Hot Springs, said. This was Roberts' first CFW as a Ouachita student. He described how strongly supported the event was by faculty and staff and the enthusiasm that students had leading up to the week. The week also impacted his life spiritually.

"After that week I learned what it truly meant to abide in God and have Him with me," Roberts said. "I really gave my future plans that I had with people and my career to Him on a bigger scale after CFW."

CAROLINE JOHNSON

FRESHMAN
SCARBOROUGH Richards and Senior Ben Scarborough welcome students to an important week on Ouachita's campus. There were multiple worship sessions held during the week.
photo by Sarah Dean

ALUMNI HOLLY

Shipp Woolbright and Ainsley McDonald Webb lead a breakout session about life after college. Additional breakout sessions were held during the week.
photo by Erica Wilmath

MAKING HIS plate, freshman Joel Allen is ready to hear a speaker at a breakout session. These sessions were hosted by speakers with different backgrounds and testimonies for students to hear.
photo by Madison Melcher





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“ I have always loved competing in Tiger Traks because it is so different than the usual intramural I participated in. This is a fantastic way to just have fun with your friends and do all the crazy fun events. Win or lose, it is always one of my favorite memories at Ouachita. I have made some of my best friends through Tiger Traks and playing around in the mud!”

Nic Hazlett



KAYLA STEINMAYER
photo by Levi Dade

HEALTHY competition

OSF HOSTS TIGER TRAKS

a Arkansas' most exciting college weekend came back in full force with 24 teams totaling to 192 participants. Members of the Ouachita Student Foundation spent countless hours in the weeks leading up planning and preparing to give their peers an exciting day on campus.

Josh Spiva, a junior biomedical sciences major from Malvern, AR was one of the OSF volunteers for the event and believed two of the group's committees were integral to making the day happen.

"Special Events has to think up and prepare all of the wonderful games that students get to enjoy the day of Traks, and every year they are trying to tweak and adjust so that the games can be more fun than they were the year before," Spiva explained. "Traks would also not be possible without Fundraising and Finance securing sponsorships and donations."

After the behind the scenes work was completed, OSF members had the chance to work each of the games throughout the day, which allowed them to interact with their friends who were participating. Spiva had worked Tiger Traks for two years and loved to watch everyone's competitive spirit.

"The Mega Relays and Egg Relays were so much fun to work," Spiva said. "It was all a team effort and watching each of the teams go at the challenge in different ways was super entertaining because they all seemed to have a great time."

Lindsey Ward, a sophomore communication sciences and disorders major from Harrison, AR played on a team with seven of her friends that they named "Traks Stars." Ward felt that Tiger Traks was a good way

to meet new people on campus and have fun with your friends in a new way, all while raising money for student scholarships.

Traks Stars took home a third place win, securing gift cards for their entire team and a sense of pride. Ward felt that the secret behind her team's success was their attitude throughout the entire day.

"We did so well because everyone on my team was having fun, encouraging each other, and bonded really well," Ward said. "It felt awesome to win third place because we were not expecting to place, but we felt we did our best, and had fun while participating in Tiger Traks."

Spiva agreed that the event was not only a day of playing games and having fun, but a time for the campus to come together as a whole. He also felt Traks was a way for friends to spend time together in the midst of crazy schedules.

"I personally have met many people on campus through Traks," Spiva said. "I think it is definitely a time where people who would not normally know each other can become friends through healthy competition."

ANNA ROUSSEL

“WE DID SO WELL BECAUSE EVERYONE ON MY TEAM WAS HAVING FUN, ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER, AND BONDED REALLY WELL.”

TEAMMATES
ARE fighting hard in the tug-of-war competition. The team pictured, Trak Stars, won third overall this year.
photo by Abby Blankenship



PEDALING FAST
in the trike race is freshman Brooks Bell. The tricycle race was an iconic event every year of Tiger Traks
photo by Levi Dade

BALANCING an egg on a spoon are freshmen Brianna Cantrell and Anna Grace Rankin. The egg games consisted of a relay race where an egg must be held at all times.
photo by Abby Blankenship



KAREN FERNANDEZ cheers on her team during the Tube Turbo race. This event took place in the Ouachita pool and involved teams paddling in their tubes across the pool.
photo by Levi Dade

AN *adventurous* BREAK

STUDENTS ENJOY OUTDOORS

R From hardcore, yet nonetheless rewarding, Tiger Tunes practices, to writing that glorious exegetical paper for Bible Interp, Ouachita has so much going on at all times of the school year. Students stay actively busy, and at times, can need a break from all the beautiful chaos. Thankfully, Ouachita offered numerous RecLife outdoor activities that benefit students in many different ways.

Disc golf was a popular RecLife activity as a handful of BETA brothers enjoy doing this together. Both senior engineering physics majors from North Little Rock, Andrew Boatman and Ben Morris, actively participated in disc golf tournaments.

"Playing in a tournament is a great way to increase your confidence and skill level, but most of all you get to play with a lot of great people," Boatman said. The laid back sport of disc golf consists of 18 holes of nothing but a good time, and in Boatman and Morris' case-brotherly bonding.

The weekly Zumba classes offered are yet another student body RecLife event favorite. Junior graphic design major from Bentonville, Madeline McKay, is a regular attendee, and could not enjoy it more.

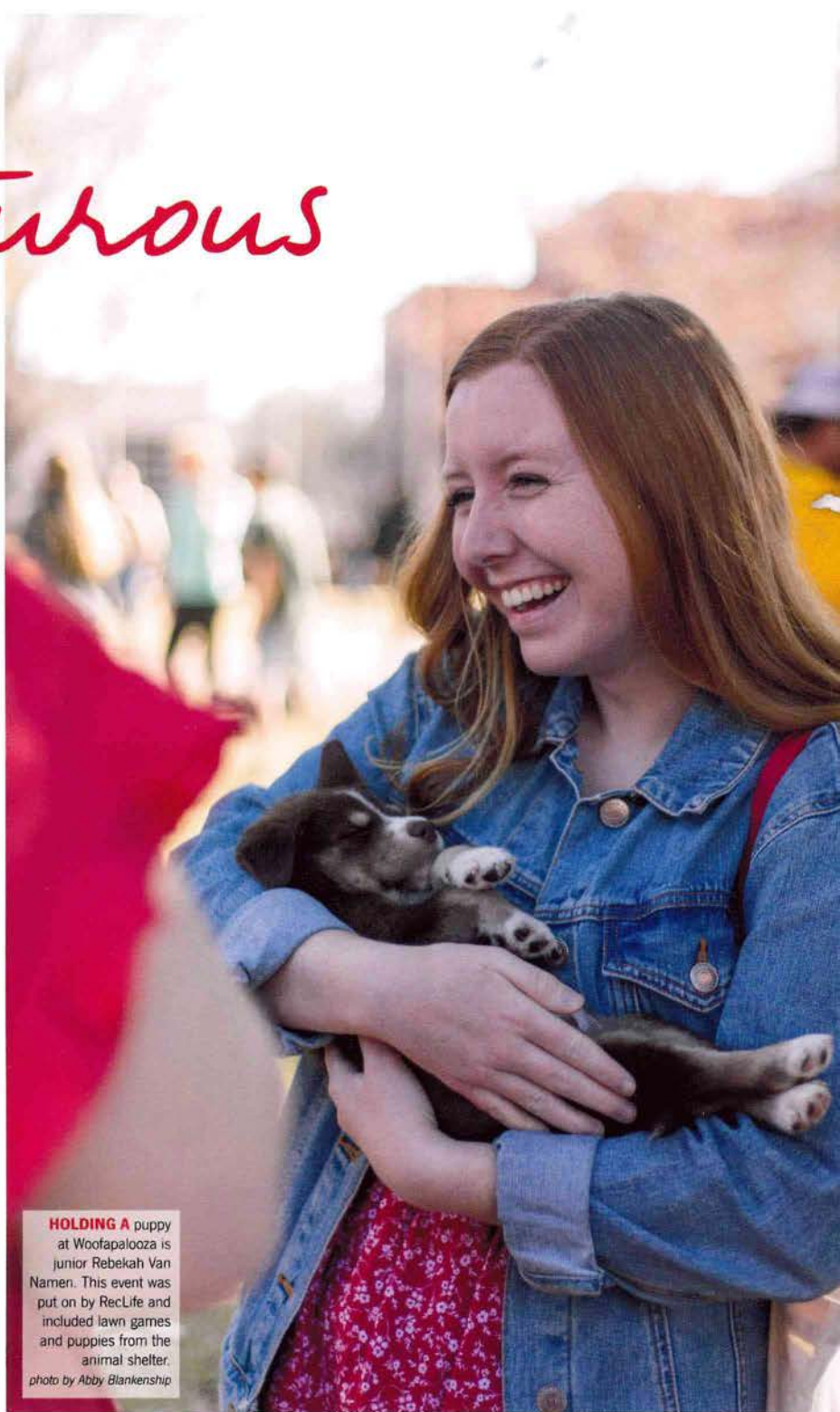
"I like Zumba because dancing is so much fun even if you're not great at it, and it's a great way to exercise," McKay said. This live version of Just Dance referred to as Zumba is a great addition to the many epic events RecLife gives us the privilege of making possible. It may take two to tango, but it only takes one to Zumba.

One of the most well-known RecLife events was FOOT camp that takes place each summer. FOOT stands for Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trip. It's a trip for the incoming freshman to fight off not only mosquitoes and sunburns, but the fear of starting college too as they spend time together before school starts to help calm nerves. Campers get to do all sorts of fun outdoor activities all while learning their new classmates names, making new friends, and having sweet fellowship with one another.

"Everyday we would split off into groups and there were three different activities we could choose from: river floating, cliff jumping, and rock climbing," freshman business administration major, Gabe Mills, from Frisco Texas said.

FOOT campers would cliff jump by day, and gather together to do devotionals in small groups at night. This is the balance every organization should strive to have. There truly was no better way to prepare students for their new season of life at Ouachita than FOOT. Making the transition from camper to student not only helps freshmen get their foot in the door here at Ouachita, but is overall the very beginning of all the amazing things they have yet to experience in four short, sweet years of college.

ROSE ROBINSON



HOLDING A puppy at Woofapalooza is junior Rebekah Van Namen. This event was put on by RecLife and included lawn games and puppies from the animal shelter.
photo by Abby Blankenship

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED in weekly yoga classes as a way to exercise as well as de-stress. Yoga classes were held on Wednesdays in the Tiger Den.
photo by Sarah Dean

ERICA DIXON stretches during a RecLife yoga session. Afternoon yoga was a popular activity for students wanting to find a new way to get active.
photo by Sarah Dean





RELAXING IN their tubes students enjoy floating down the Caddo River during a RecLife event. This was a common activity for Ouachita students on a hot Saturday.
photo by Sarah Dean



DR BYRON EUBANKS
photo by Sarah Dean



HAMMOCKING WAS a fun way to relax during the Pumpkin Carving Cookout hosted by the Eubanks. The Eubanks lived close to campus and hosted many RecLife events.
photo by Sarah Dean

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REC LIFE

“ I really enjoyed going to Zumba through rec life because it was a great study break and I got to do it with friends. Stephanie always had high energy and made me feel welcome.”

Anna Marie Plastiras

“ Intramurals are one of my favorite parts of campus. There's always so many memories we can take away from each game we play and it's great getting to play sports with my Kappa brothers.”

Tanner Shipman

“ I love all the events that RecLife puts on during the semester, especially intramurals. It is so fun not only competing but also going to watch friends play. It is friendly competition that helps distract from school work.”

Gracen Goudy



ANNA MARIE PLASTIRAS
photo by Sarah Dean



TANNER SHIPMAN
photo by Mikaela Monahan

SERVING *others* IN THE COMMUNITY

From spending time with elderly people in the Arkadelphia community to helping tutor kids from local schools, the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community gave students many opportunities to volunteer and get involved.

Each year, the Elrod Center offers different events, service projects, and activities to the local community and students. For many students, the Elrod Center

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encouraged students to get involved with community activities and acts of service while developing meaningful relationships.

Tehya Hinkson, a senior studio art and education major from Benton, worked with the Elrod Center to create different media graphics and designs since her freshman year. Her graphics were featured during Healthy Relationships Week, Tiger Serve Day, and many other programs.

“If I was asked to choose one thing that has made Ouachita special to me, then I would say the Elrod Center. It offers the largest array of community outreach that I have ever seen, and it is completely free for the community and students,” Hinkson said. “The Elrod

Center not only allows you to serve, but it also allows you to serve easily and in a way that you enjoy.”

Because of the Elrod Center’s wide variety of volunteer options, students of different majors and talents volunteered in unique ways. Juli Parsons, a sophomore business administration and entrepreneurship major from Celina, Texas, used her talent of baking to bring joy to the community and campus.

“Every week I come in and bake homemade goods for many of the outreach programs. I’ve made cupcakes for the community students that are tutored at the center on Mondays and Tuesdays,” Parsons said. “I’ve also made cookies and French macrons for ElderServe community members, desserts for faculty meetings, and gift bags for families serviced during Tiger Serve Day and our Thanksgiving meal program.”

Because of the Elrod Center’s involvement with and dedication to the community, students can get involved within the community beyond the campus.

Mary Madison Tolbert, a senior Christian studies and social justice major from Rockwall, Texas, served as the student leader for the annual Thanksgiving basket outreach program since her sophomore year. Tolbert discovered her passion for connecting people with service opportunities while also helping them discern their gifts.

“As college students, it can be so easy to live in a community for four years without ever getting involved in anything outside of Ouachita,” Tolbert said. “The Arkadelphia community has given so much to Ouachita, so it is extremely important that we give back to them.”

KATHRYN TOTTY



LOADING UP

his truck, sophomore Joey Whisenhunt helps deliver Thanksgiving meals to the community. This was an annual event sponsored by the Elrod Center.

photo by Abby Blankenship

POSING WITH

a community member, junior Valeria Gomez serves on Tiger Serve Day. Many students served in community members’ homes.

photo by Abby Blankenship



HARD AT WORK

senior Ryan Thompson and sophomore Isaac Crow help distribute tools at Tiger Serve Day. They were on the leadership team.

photo by Abby Blankenship



SERVING WITH A

smile are senior baseball players Garrett Hermes and Beau Burson. Sports teams and organizations commonly did service work through the Elrod Center as team bonding.

photo by Abby Blankenship





WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



“The Elrod Center has shaped my time here at Ouachita through giving me leadership opportunities and allowing me to discover my calling. Through my work here, I have found a passion for connecting people with service opportunities and helping them discern their gifts. Besides just shaping my time at Ouachita, it has helped shape me into someone who is committed to living their life out in faithfulness through service to others.”

Mary Tolbert



THE MEN OF RHO SIGMA AT
THE PLAZA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY
photo by Coleman Callan

ON THE ROAD *again*

TRAVELLING BEGINS AFTER COVID-19 CAUSED A PAUSE

North, West, East, and South, students hit the road travelling across the United States with COVID-19 restrictions being lifted. Longer breaks also allowed for students to travel further away without fear of missing classes.

In the fall the women of EEE went to Tulsa, Oklahoma over Halloween weekend. Along with seeing impressive costumes Katie Gray said "My friends and I did a spin class in the morning and spent the evening bowling at a really cool local bowling alley." The girls spent their weekend exploring downtown Tulsa and honoring the coming officers for the club.

Outside of social clubs, the International Club spent their time in St. Louis, Missouri during Fall Break in early October. They visited landmarks such as the famous Gateway Arch and establishments such as the City Museum. They spent their days exploring the Delmar loop eating at various restaurants and shopping. They ended each of the days with a group devotional and board games in their Air BnB.

COVID-19 restrictions kept international students home for longer than they expected to be. Pietra Camargo came to school from Brazil her freshmen year and didn't get to go back home until winter break this past

year. She spent a month back in Itapeva-São Paulo with her family and friends and visited places such as the beaches in Santa Catarina and Curitiba-PA. "The best part of the trip was probably having everyone I love in the same place." Pietra said "I felt to thankful and glad to be back after such a long time."

The arrival of spring provided more opportunities for students to travel. The Department of Public History were able to travel to historic sites and museums in three cities in Mississippi over the first weekend of March. "Getting to experience and learn at each of these places was a highlight of my semester [along with] getting to know the other Public History majors better and engaging with history with them." said Isaac Lawson.

During Spring Break Houston was a popular location to travel to. Anna Kate Velasquez went to the Houston Rodeo with her friends and family and got to see Brad Paisley in concert. "The best part was getting to share the experience with friends and seeing Brad Paisley switch guitars over 15 times!" she said.

Travel has always been an integral part of Ouachita culture and we are very excited to be hitting the road again.

EMMA DENNIS

HOT AIR BALLOONS

sit on display for tourists. Abby Blankenship attended the International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta in New Mexico over fall break.

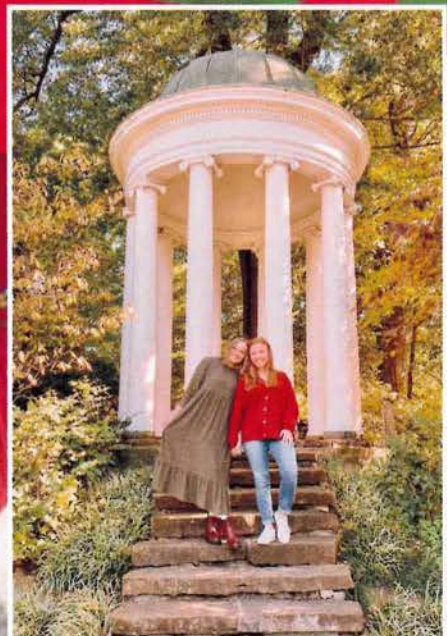
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VALERIA GOMEZ plays at the City Museum in St. Louis, Missouri. Students from the International Club visited the city together over fall break.
photo courtesy of Valeria Gomez



PUBLIC HISTORY students visit a historical site. The program took students to three cities in Mississippi one weekend in March.
photo courtesy of History Department



EMMA KATHLEEN Conner and Rebekah Van Namen enjoy the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa, Okla. The Women of EEE traveled to Tulsa for their fall outing.
photo courtesy of Emma Kathleen Conner





FRIENDS HANGING
out during the game night and karaoke held in Evans Student Center. This event was put on by Multicultural Student Programs as a part of their Black History Month events.
photo by Susannah Arr

KANEIL PURIFOY speaks during the Sexual Assault Awareness Month panel "In it Together". This was one of three panel discussions held during the month to spread awareness.
photo by Sarah Dean



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ANNA KATHERINE GREEN
photo by Levi Dade

WALK FOR FREEDOM

“It was such an amazing thing to see so many people show up to support this movement. I loved being able to take time to recognize how important our actions and prayer are in efforts to end human trafficking. It made me want to continue being involved in events for this cause.”

Anna Katherine Green

“I was brought to tears at the sight of so many people ready to fight for those without voices. This community is bold and courageous in their fight for the greater good of our town, state, and world. The walk against human trafficking is just the start of standing together and it is an opportunity for us to have real impact for those whose voices deserve to be heard.”

Katehyn Harris

“Being part of the walk was a highlight of my time at Ouachita thus far. The hurt that is being caused by human trafficking is an issue that is close to my heart. By putting on the walk, it felt like a small step towards something greater.”

Malea Borland



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS PANEL
photo by Sarah Dean

TALKING *about* CHANGE

OBU MONTHS OF AWARENESS



In April, Ouachita recognized its first Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is already observed both nationally and internationally to raise awareness and generate unity among both victims of sexual assault and those interested in educating themselves on the subject.

Christa Neal, Title IX Coordinator and Program Advisor for Community and Family Services, was eager to educate the Ouachita community on the topic of sexual assault through campus recognition of this globally Acknowledged event.

"There is a lot of benefit in education, awareness, and prevention," she said. "I've seen professionally that talking about a taboo or avoided topic really does improve things, it just shines light."

Sexual Assault Awareness month consisted of faculty-guided panels for both male and female students encouraging open discussion on the subject.

"I feel very strongly that any time there is a topic that is avoided it gives it power and allows it to thrive," Neal said. "I just wanted to openly talk about it and change that sort of climate that we all naturally fall into"

April also brought about the circulation of posts containing statistics on sexual assault on Ouachita's social media platforms and the distribution of student-designed blue buttons with the phrase, "In It Together."

"It really doesn't get talked about very much in general but especially here because it seems so uncommon. I really want to continue to do this with her and build on it," freshman community and family service major, Rachel Dunnam, who helped create the buttons, said.

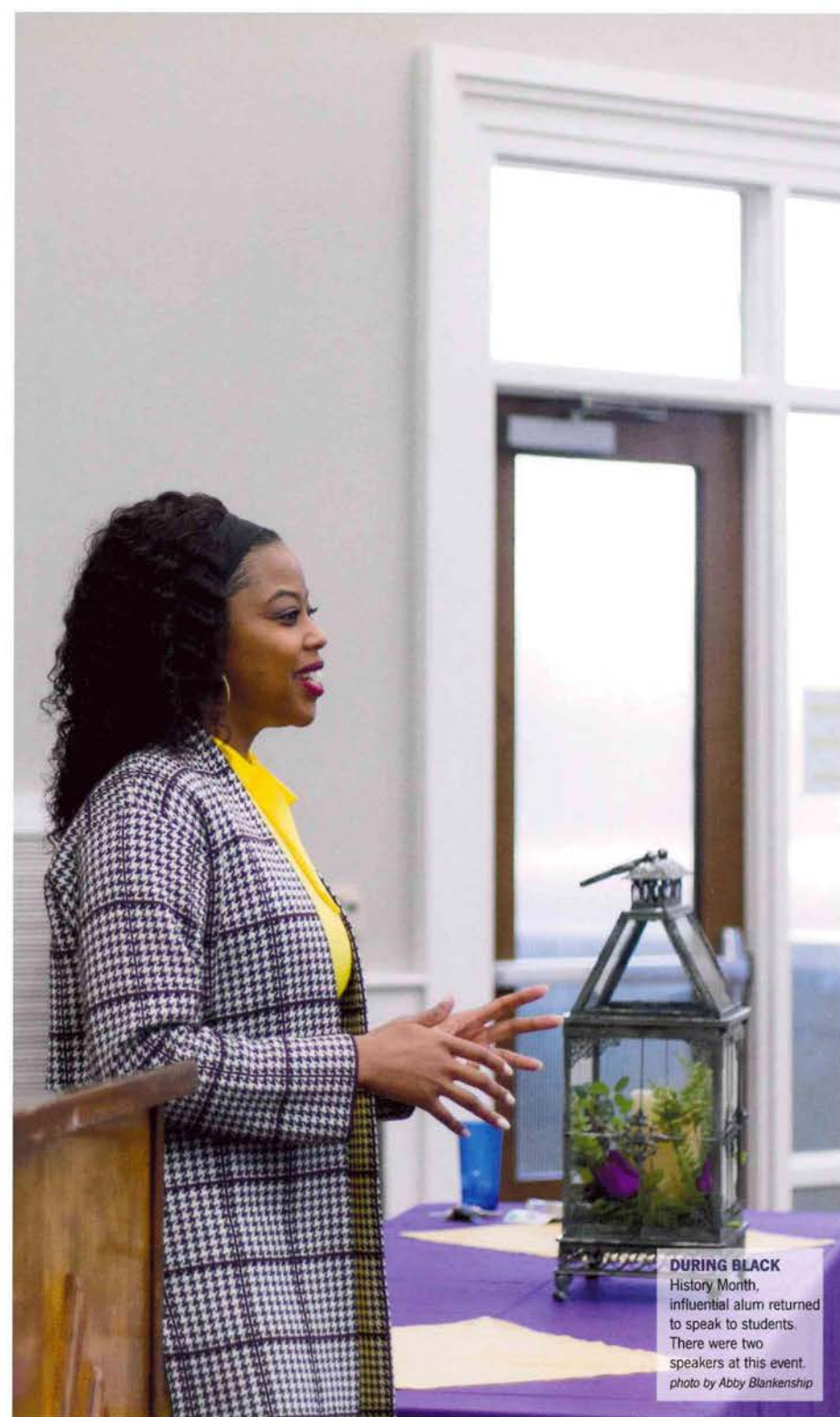
The month also served to inspire students who desire to work with victims of sexual assault in their future profession, like Malea Borland, a freshman community and family services and philosophy double major from Arkadelphia. Borland attended one of the panels and was present in classes where Neal came to speak about the impact of sexual assault, especially as it relates to the university culture.

"Her style of speaking and getting the word out is not sugarcoating things, it's just telling people straight up what the facts are and what's going on," said Borland. "I feel like there's always this stigma that's it's not a fun subject to talk about, and maybe it's not but it's really important."

Sexual Assault Awareness Month not only helped to educate, spread awareness, and push for prevention, but it also invigorated the Ouachita community to move toward unity in this discussion.

"What we wanted to communicate is that we all play a role," said Christa Neal. "Even if we aren't a victim of assault or we aren't the one doing the assault, we can still be a friend, we can still educate ourselves, and become aware of what to do if we know someone that experiences it."

BREANNA WATSON



DURING BLACK
 History Month, influential alum returned to speak to students. There were two speakers at this event.
photo by Abby Blankenship



A GROUP
 of Chi Mu members walk around the track in honor of Autism Awareness Month. The club hosted an Autism Acceptance Walk.
photo by Levi Dade



LEADING A
 discussion for sexual assault awareness month is Christa Neal. She was the Title IX Coordinator and program director for Community and Family Services.
photo by Sarah Dean



WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



Being in the theatre department is kind of like living on an island. We don't get to participate in as many things with the rest of the campus, however it is a really tight knit group and we have tons of fun. The theater department demands a lot of time and dedication, but it is really cool to get so close with people who are all working together every hour of the day until late hours."

Julia Letcher



H.M.S. PINAFORE
photo by Anna Weyenberg

TALENT ON *display*

FALL AND SPRING MUSICALS



CORDELL HUFSTEDLER raises his cap as he crew surrounds him. H.M.S. Pinafore was an opera.
photo by Anna Weyenberg

Whether it's dancing the night away in JPAC as large crowds of audience members watch you, or the uproar of applause that signals you just put on a successful opera show, there's no debate that OBU's musical production department is top notch. Having had past OBU alumni take the glorious Broadway stage, These talented groups of students never fail to shine wherever they are.

In the fall semester, the theater department put on the H.M.S. Pinafore Opera. When he's not singing in the Student Center on a Friday or on stage worshipping in Chapel on Tuesday mornings, junior music industry major from Bryant, Arkansas, Brennan Humphry, was usually found participating in musical productions. Humphry has played countless characters in his impressive career, but added some diversity to his acting resume as he played a role in the H.M.S. Pinafore Opera like no other he's ever had before. He was a great addition to this show, and never failed to put on an outstanding performance.

"I loved playing the comic relief of the show," Humphry said. "I've played characters with high energy in the past, but none quite like Sir Joseph."

Although his character's estimated age was between 75-80, Brennan willingly accepted the challenge of this complex role, and executed his character beautifully.

Senior musical theater major from Plano, Julia Letcher, put her many talents to good use as she was a lead in the H.M.S. Pinafore Opera. Letcher has been involved in many productions in her time at Ouachita, and has had the opportunity to work with numerous different music majors. Cast members spend a rather

large amount of time together. Between the long hours of reading over lines, participating in dress rehearsals, or attending the many practices it takes to bring a show to life, these talented students become very close to one another in just a short amount of time.

Unbreakable bonds are formed through the early mornings, late nights, and all the wonderful chaos in between. Letcher exclaimed, "The people really

“EVERYONE IS REALLY TALENTED AND WE ALL HONESTLY MESH PRETTY WELL.”

become your close friends because you spend so much time working really hard all on the same task to create a really good product. Everyone is really talented and we all honestly mesh pretty well."

The thriving musical productions department is one of the many amazing assets to Ouachita. This department prepares its students for the future as students have the opportunity to do things such as playwright, directing, and performing. Every single student involved in this department has a bright future ahead as Ouachita continuously pours into them what they need to have in order to excel in the world of theater. Students in this department will continue to represent OBU well, from opening act to curtain call.

ROSE ROBINSON



AMAYA HARDIN embraces her solo during Godspell. There were 31 students in the cast of the musical.
photo by Coleman Callan

HANNAH GOTHARD raises her bouquet during a scene in H.M.S. Pinafore. The musical took place on a ship.
photo by Anna Weyenberg



STUDENTS ACT in awe during a scene in Godspell. This performance was hosted during the spring semester.
photo by Coleman Callan

A *dramatic* SEASON

THEATER PRODUCTIONS

The Theater department put on several successful productions in the fall and spring semesters. From the war torn set of *Into the Breeches* to the fantastical land of *Tanglewood* with *One Acts* and *All-Night Theater* in between, it was a busy year for the students in the theater department.

Into the Breeches, the fall production, was about a theater during World War II being saved by a group of women actors producing Shakespeare's *Henriad* and breaking down barriers of the time.

Sophomore musical theater major from Mesquite, Texas, Maddy Moore played Grace, a quiet girl who grew in confidence as the play goes on.

"I loved playing Grace because she inspired me – and hopefully other people as well – to break out of our shells and be confident in who we are," Moore said.

In the spring semester, the students had the opportunity to produce a play written and directed by one of their peers. Senior musical theater major from Waxahachie, Texas, Sam Campione spent two-years writing *Tanglewood* before it was performed on stage.

"[It was] truly a dream to get to see it come to life so beautifully," Campione said, "I felt incredibly lucky to get such an amazing opportunity and I'm so grateful to the theater faculty for putting that much faith in my work."

A lot of work went into making the production work. Each actor had their own obstacles to overcome. Junior musical theater major, Noah Warford, worked hard in order to perform great.

"To prepare for the production, I had to brush up on my British accent and drill the lines over and over again," Warford, who played Ferdinand, said. "Many seemed to think that because most of my lines contained alliteration, that memorization would be easy. They are wrong. I had to work on those alliterate lines more than any lines I've ever worked on before."

Sophomore musical theater major from Fort Worth, Halle Jones, who played Pyke, also explained that she had a difficult time with the music and fighting in the complex costume pieces. However everyone overcame their obstacles before the show went on.

Amongst the larger productions the theater department also hosted *One Acts* where small groups of students direct and act in five-to-ten-minute plays of their choosing. In the spring semester Alpha Psi Omega, the theater honors society, hosted *All Night Theater* where students of any major could participate in the entire production process. Students wrote plays to be produced and then students directed, acted in, and designed costumes and sets all in one weekend. The theater department was always on their feet and their many productions prove that.

EMMA DENNIS



ISABELLA OWEN

plays Ridley in the production of *Tanglewood*. This play took place in the spring semester.

photo by Abby Blankenship

ACTORS PARTAKE

in full character within their scene. The *One Acts* Play Festival took place in December and May.

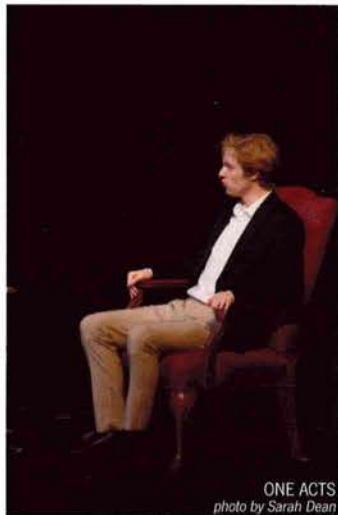
photo by Sarah Dean

THE CAST

for the *One Acts* Play Festival takes a final bow after their performance. Each *One Act* was student directed.

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ONE ACTS
photo by Sarah Dean



THREE MAIN
characters within
Tanglewood gather
together for a scene.
Tanglewood was
selected for the
annual Muse Project.
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Blankenship

KENZIE BURKS
strikes a pose during
a scene. Burks played
the role of Windy.
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Blankenship

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THEATER PRODUCTIONS

“Tanglewood has been everything I possibly could have asked for, working on this show with all these passionate people bringing their talents to it. There are really no words to describe the fulfillment and joy it brings.”

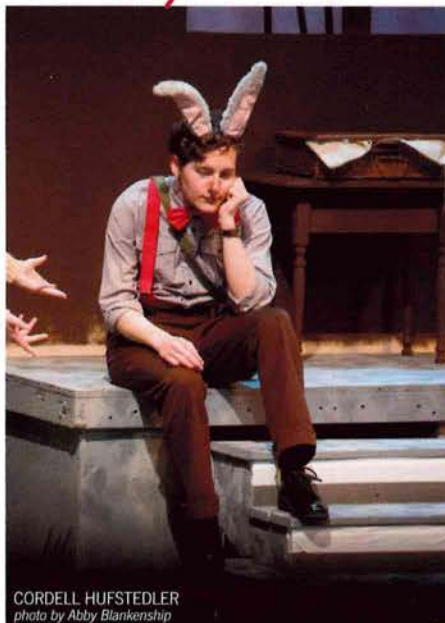
Sam Campione

“Students direct, perform, design, crew, assist and run the shows. For directing students, this festival provides the opportunity to enjoy their work alongside an audience.”

Matthew Murry

“The Muse Project slot is a great place for Ouachita students to do applied creative work in theatre that goes above usual undergraduate work and features a fully-produced performance of their work supported by the entire department.”

Eric Phillips



CORDELL HUFSTEDLER
photo by Abby Blankenship



LOGAN BABEL
photo by Abby Blankenship

COMMUNITY

returns TO FULL CAPACITY

T As a Christ-centered learning community, Ouachita fostered a program to deepen students' spiritual lives, to broaden their cultural appreciation, and to realize their role as a part of the Ouachita community. The year of 2022 was the first year that chapel was able to be held at full capacity without masks for the first time since COVID-19 began.

“ I HAVE GOTTEN TO SEE HOW POWERFUL CHAPEL IS FOR STUDENTS ”

James Taylor, director of Campus Ministries, led chapel in unprecedented times.

“My first semester leading the programing of chapel was spring of 2020, so it was tough. In the summer of 2020 we made the decision to produce videos for chapel and not have in-person chapel. That was a tough decision, but it was the right one to give us the best chance of staying in-person for other classes,” Taylor said. “The path from 2020 to now was made so much better by the help of all the people that coordinate on chapel and by Ian Cosh sharing his wisdom and experience from leading it for so long.”

Student-led worship, along with campus and guest speakers, allowed for students and staff alike to deepen their relationship with the Lord while they ministered to their fellow peers. Cloe Humphry, a worship arts major from Benton, reflected on how chapel has strengthened her spiritual walk.

“Leading worship in chapel has reminded me that I cannot lead people to God if I am not following or seeking God. I have been challenged to continue my relationship with Christ and spiritually grow,” Humphry said. “I want to grow closer to God and take people with me on that journey.”

Humphry has been involved in leading the worship at chapel since her freshman year and was called to ministry while she was still in high school.

“When I was a junior in high school, God called me to music ministry,” Humphry said. “I have loved being a part of this ministry since my freshman year. I have met many incredible people, thus building lifelong relationships and ministry partnerships.”

Chapel was held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and allowed students to enjoy a break spent in God's word. Kennedy Johnson, a sophomore biology major from Fayetteville, used chapel as a way to deepen her spiritual journey.

“This year, after moving from half capacity to full capacity I have gotten to see how powerful chapel is for students developing their faith,” Johnson said. “I look forward to Tuesday mornings because it gives me a break in my busy week to slow down and hear a message that encourages and strengthens me as a believer.”

ADDIE WOODS

JUNIOR KARIS

Staley leads worship during chapel. Every week a student-led band would lead students, faculty, and staff in worship.

photo by Natalie Moore

MICROPHONE IN

hand, James Taylor shares with the audience during chapel. Taylor was in charge of organizing chapel each week.

photo by Natalie Moore

SPREADING AWARENESS

for Black History month to the student body is senior Dayja James. Chapel was a requirement for all students.

photo by Caroline Massey



SHARING THE

benediction is junior Ashlyn Ham. At the end of chapel each week, a student would give the benediction to dismiss everyone.

photo by Coleman Callan





DUSTIN AND JULIE WAGLEY
 photo by Natalie Moore

WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



“Leading with Ouachita Worship in Chapel has been a wonderful outlet to carry out and practice God’s calling on my life and discover new passions in ministry. I have observed leaders while also learning to become a leader myself. Since being in Ouachita Worship, I have had many opportunities to share the gospel and lead worship through music at Chapel. This experience has encouraged me to continue following God and seeking Him with my whole heart. While following God can be challenging, it is rewarding to see others come to know God and learn more about Him.”

Chloe Humphrey

A resilient CLASS

GRADUATES CELEBRATE SUCCESS

The class of 2022 was recognized at their commencement as a class that had overcome significant obstacles. The ceremony was held on the lawn of Cone Bottoms for the first time in six years, and celebrated the students and all of their accomplishments.

In his address to the class, Ouachita's president Dr. Ben Sells commended the class for their leadership the past four years.

"We will forever remember you as the class who guarded and revived essential Ouachita traditions for us and all who follow," Sells said. "I'll forever be grateful for this."

Jazmyn Parker, an elementary education major from White Hall, AR remembered how difficult it was being sent home when her class was in their sophomore year. For her, many treasured traditions were put on hold and it was up to she and her peers to reintroduce them to campus.

"It was a privilege to be able to instill and teach other students about these traditions," Parker said. "We taught them to treasure them and never take them for granted."

Looking back on her four years at Ouachita, Parker was thankful for the lessons she had learned. The people and community she was surrounded by helped prepare her for life after school.

During the commencement ceremony, several students had the opportunity to play a part in honoring their classmates. Senior class president Bennett Hasley, a biology major from Fort Smith, offered the invocation, and the students with the top four GPA's in the Pruett School of Christian Studies read scripture for the crowd.

Noah McCallum, a christian studies major from Jonesboro, was one of the four who read scripture. McCallum felt the ceremony was the ideal way to reflect on years of hard work, friendships, and memories. He felt the program did an excellent job of recognizing how the graduates' accomplishments were possible because of their faith.

"We reflected on how our work to this point has been for his glory, and the ways in which we will take what we've learned and put it into practice," McCallum said. "It's a great time of celebration with friends, family, and professors who have invested in us well."

McCallum had a special moment on stage as he embraced his grandfather Dr. John McCallum, who served as vice president for the board of trustees.

"I'm so thankful I got to experience that moment with him," McCallum said. "It only made sense that since he was such a big influence in my choosing OBU, he would see me all the way through and I would get to celebrate on stage with him in the end."

ANNA ROUSSEL



CLOE HUMPHRY takes in the exciting day during the ceremony. Graduates enjoyed getting to sit by many different classmates. photo by Levi Dade

AFTER GRADUATION

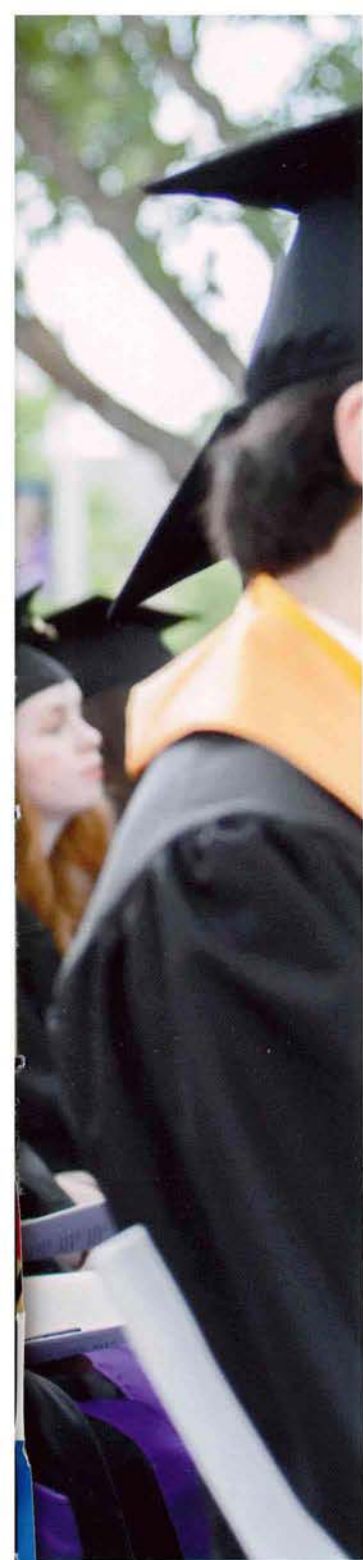
Ethan Elkins and Dr. Viser pose for a photo. Professors waited after the ceremony to say their goodbyes to graduating seniors. photo by Levi Dade



GRADUATING FRIENDS

Anna Roussel, Maddie Bailey, Bennett Hasley, Becca Janke, and Kate Vernon celebrate after the ceremony. Students enjoyed spending their last moments on campus with their friends. photo by Levi Dade





CHRIS MCCUISTION
photo by Levi Dade



SUPPORTERS GATHER to watch the class of 2022 walk across the graduation stage. This was the first time in six years that graduation was able to be held at Cone Bottoms.
photo by Levi Dade

SENIOR FRIENDS Erin Williams and Clara Taylor take a photo after the ceremony. Graduates said many of their goodbyes on campus that afternoon.
photo by Levi Dade

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HANNAH DWIGGINS
photo by Levi Dade

GRADUATION

“ Graduation was one of the highlights of my time at Ouachita. Being able to celebrate all that we have achieved with some of my closest friends made it extra special.”

Hannah Dwiggins

“ I don't think graduation could have been any more special. The ceremony was a perfect time to reflect on and appreciate all of the hard work we have done the last four years.”

Mitchell Waite

“ Witnessing the love and support from the families of my classmates as well as the professors who led us to Cone Bottoms that day made receiving my diploma so special. We worked so hard and getting to celebrate our accomplishments together is something I will never forget.”

Kate Vernon



SARA PATTERSON AND QUANTEL WILLIAMS
photo by Levi Dade



**ATHLETICS AT OUACHITA HIT
THE GROUND RUNNING. CROSS
COUNTRY WELCOMED IN A
MEN'S TEAM, TENNIS AND
BASEBALL MADE THE DIVISION
II TOURNAMENTS, AND TIGER
FOOTBALL SAW ITS FIRST
PLAYER DRAFTED TO THE NFL.
AFTER COVID ADAPTATIONS THE
PREVIOUS YEAR, ATHLETES AT**

like no other.



ONCE ENTERING the stadium, the Tigers make their way to the center of the field. The Tigers came away with the Homecoming win.
photo by Levi Dade

Sports

THE ROAR

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OBU vs

38-31 OKBU
41-3 SNU
38-24 ATU
21-38 HU
64-17 NWOSU
30-10 SWOSU
34-0 UAM
42-7 SAU
43-28 ECU
21-35 SEOSU
31-28 HSU

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It was an awesome feeling to be a part of something that is so special and important to this community that I've grown up in.”



QUARTERBACK GRANT Allen drops back to pass while Hunter Jackson blocks. Allen led the Tiger offense by completing 83 passes for over 1,000 yards of total offense.
photo by Levi Dade

TUCKER SWOBODA, #13 for the Tigers, catches a pass. Swoboda had 179 receiving yards on the season, including two touchdowns.
photo by Levi Dade



soaking it in

TIGER FOOTBALL RETURNS TO THE FIELD

The Tiger football team ran onto the turf at Cliff Harris Stadium ready to fight as they returned from nearly two years without playing a game. It was evident from the huge crowds each game that the community missed the games just as much as the team did.

Jack Pillow, a senior finance major from Conway, used his extra year of eligibility to play for the Tigers. "It felt like freshman year all over again, having so much nervous excitement with it being my senior year and not playing football for almost two years," Pillow said.

Being the first season back after COVID-19 canceled their 2020 season, the Tigers were prepared to win. Peyton Stafford, a senior triple major in finance, marketing, and entrepreneurship, was eagerly anticipating being on the field again.

"Coming into this season I was extremely excited to play some ball with my brothers; after the year without it, I was itching to get back out on the field," said Stafford. "I was so excited about the talent and leadership that we had going into this season."

For much of the team, this year was the first time they had the opportunity to play at the collegiate level. The cancellation of last football season gave the team a chance to come together and push each other to their limits. The Tigers took the opportunity to attack the weight room and use it to their advantage.

Returning players had a whole year to get familiar with their playbook, coaches, and teammates. All players knew they had the chance to be excellent and were excited to represent Ouachita. The team spent hours preparing every week practicing, watching film,

lifting weights, and going to treatment.

The year of no competition with continued hard work and training paid off as the Tigers won their first three games. After a tough loss to eventual GAC champion Harding University, the Tigers won six of their last seven games to finish the season 9-2. The Tigers closed the season with a tough Battle of the Ravine. The players on this team had never lost to ravine rivals Henderson State. The game was decided on a field goal by OBU placekicker Gabe Goodman, with a final score of 31-28.

This unprecedented time taught the Tigers how to work hard without knowing the outcome of any situation. They came to realize the value of the game and each other, and worked not to take this season for granted. Connor Flannigan, a sophomore business administration major from Fayetteville, explained that there were many factors that went into winning a football game. Despite this hard work, he felt the time was worth it when he could look up to see a winning score board.

"I know football doesn't last a lifetime, so I try to soak in every moment I can," said Flannigan. "Of course, the season is long and grueling, but that is what makes it so great."

Xaylon Falls, a sophomore kinesiology major from East Camden, felt that a huge part of the season's success was made possible by the support they received at Ouachita from coaches, to friends and family, and the fans in the stands.

MADI DARR





KENDEL GIVENS
dodges a defender while running the football. Givens rushed for 743 yards this season on 130 attempts.
photo by Levi Dade

TIGER NATION



photo by Levi Dade

"Coach Knight and his coaching staff have built a culture not only of success on the football field but success in the type of men that we produce. Our team prides itself on holding each other accountable and going the extra mile not only to be better as football players but to be better as men. Our goal when we leave here is not only to have been better athletes but to leave here as better men ready to take on the world in whatever facet God has set aside for us."

HUNTER SWABODA

220 1st downs 55 touchdowns 39,991 fans attended



KAYLON FALLS
a running back from Camden, returns a punt. This was Falls' first year with the Tiger Football Team.
photo by Levi Dade

THE ROAR

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OBU vs

- 0-3 TNU
- 1-3 UAH
- 0-3 EC
- 2-3 TAMUK
- 3-0 FIT
- 2-3 UTPB
- 3-2 SBU
- 3-1 TWU
- 0-3 HSU
- 3-2 MC
- 0-3 AUM
- 1-3 MC
- 0-3 HU
- 3-2 UAM
- 1-3 ATU
- 2-3 SAU
- 3-0 CBC
- 0-3 SWOS
- 3-0 NWOSU
- 0-3 UCOL
- 1-3 SOSU
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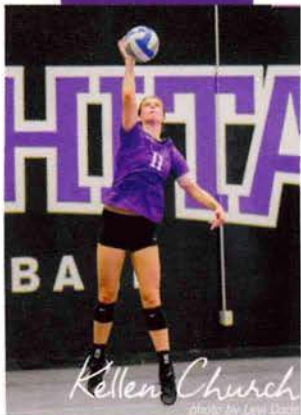
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KAYLA STIENMEYER and Karlie Bonam work together to block the opposing team's hit. Bonam had 24 total blocks this season.
photo by Anna Weyenberg



EJ DAY signals to her team at the net. Day had 253 kills on the season.
photo by Levi Dade



Kellen Church
photo by Levi Dade

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This year was different because we had a good amount of injuries. We really pushed through and came out stronger as a team.”



ANDREY GALLAGHER, JIMMY LOW
photo by Levi Dade

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PRIDE

“This season we played as a unit. No one played as an individual. It was truly like a family. We won as a team, and we lost as a team.”

Sydney Ellason

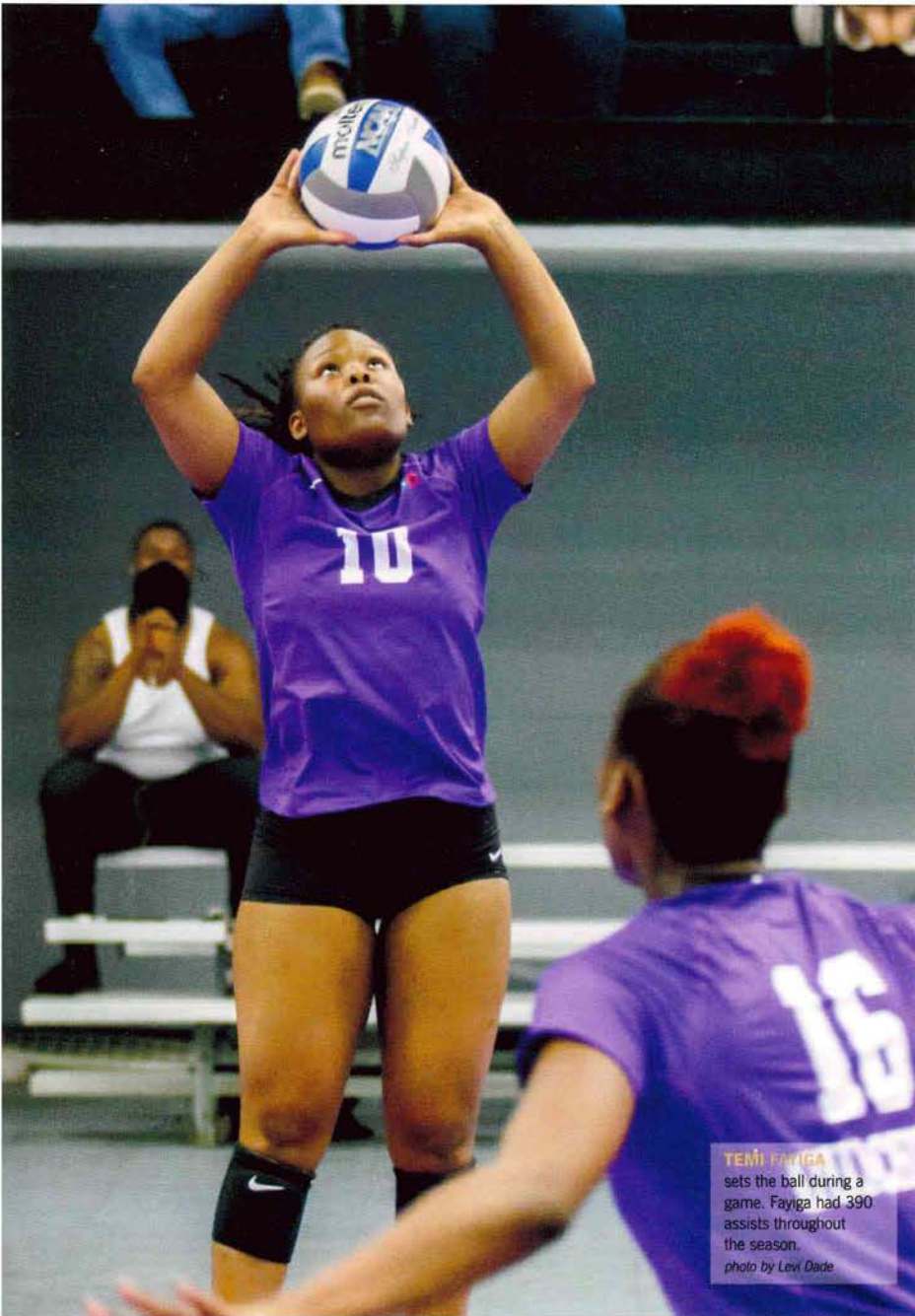
“Despite the adversity we faced this season, our team created a strong bond that ultimately bled into the way we celebrated each other's successes. I believe we set a good foundation for years to come.”

Abigail Roberts

“Every day we came in ready to work hard. Each person made each other better and that was helpful in achieving success. With lots of adversity we remained together, which is another win.”

Lexie Castellon





TEMÍ FAYIGA sets the ball during a game. Fayiga had 390 assists throughout the season.
photo by Levi Dade

This volleyball season was not the easiest. It started with a lot of trials that set back some of the athletes. Players were quarantined because of COVID-19, and others were impacted by serious injuries. Even through unexpected events and hardships, the team grew closer together and gave their best every time they took the court.

For the freshman girls, it was always uncertain if they would fit in and what the transition would look like. Avery Jauz, a freshman communications sciences and disorders major from Midland, Texas, was able to find her home away from home.

"I got to meet a whole new group of girls who instantly became my best friends and sisters, and the bond we have grown is crazy," Jauz said. "They really welcomed me with open arms and made me feel like I was at home and continue to do that every day for me."

Being a student athlete was not easy and it took practice to find the balance between school and athletics. Kyla Steinmeyer, a sophomore nursing major from Saint Charles, Missouri, explained the biggest struggle.

"Some struggles of being a student athlete include knowing how to manage your time and stay on top of your studies," Steinmeyer said. "You are missing a lot of school so being organized and having good time management helps a lot."

Despite the various challenges the team had to overcome this season, the players had victories and highlights in their 9-20 season.

"One of my favorite games this year was when we were at the TWU tournament, and we went to a 5 set match with Southwest Baptist," Jauz said. "We ultimately ended up winning by a couple of points and the celebration on the court was the best feeling ever. Later on that day, we went to beat the host team TWU in 4 sets."

The volleyball team showed resilience by staying strong despite the challenges and giving their all every time they stepped on the court.

VALERIA GOMEZ

BETTER TOGETHER

volleyball players perseverer as a team



THE TIGER volleyball team huddles together during a match. The team was led this season by head coach Allison Frizzell-Kizer.
photo by Anna Weyenberg

AUDREY GALLAGHER jumps to hit the volleyball over the net. Gallagher played the middle blocker position for the Tigers.
photo by Levi Dade

THE ROAR

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OBU vs

- 0-4 UCOL
- 1-4 CBU
- 2-2 DSU
- 0-5 MC
- 2-3 SNU
- 0-1 NSU
- 1-7 FHSU
- 4-3 NU
- 0-2 RSU
- 0-0 HU
- 0-2 RSU
- 2-1 SNU
- 0-1 NSU
- 0-6 FHSU
- 0-5 NU
- 0-3 HU

2-12-2



THE TIGERS huddle together to talk as a team. The team was lead by head coach Chris Lawson.
photo by Levi Dade



DAVID STANKOVIC kicks the ball up the field. Stankovic scored three goals this season.
photo by Levi Dade



EBON JORDAN
photo by Levi Dade



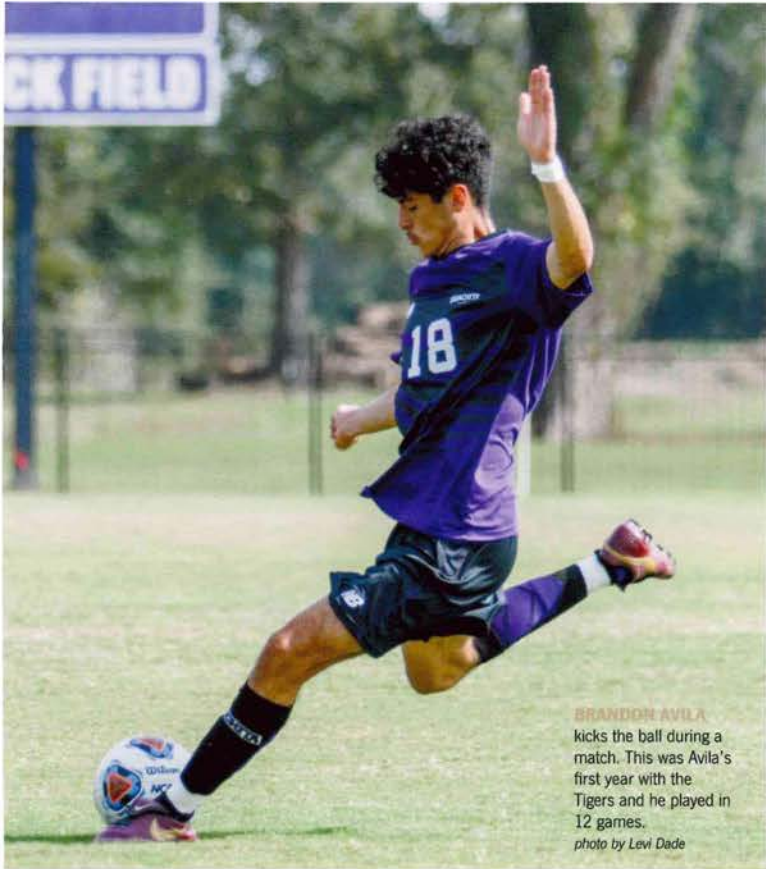
Armani Atilano
photo by Levi Dade

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This was my first year starting at the collegiate level. It was a step up, but I was ready for the new challenge ahead of me.”



MAX KENYAN prepares to kick the ball. Kenyan played in nine games for the Tigers.
photo by Levi Dade



BRANDON AVILA kicks the ball during a match. This was Avila's first year with the Tigers and he played in 12 games.
photo by Levi Dade

TIGER NATION



photo by Levi Dade

"This being my last year made everything that much more special and important to me. I hope I served the program well and I look forward to seeing my teammates and the program thrive in the future. Ouachita Soccer is special because of the great players and the fantastic facilities that we have access to. I am very grateful to have been a part of this program. Tigers for life!"

KYLE J. KELSON

12 goals **168** shots **82** saves

unbreakable bond TEAM UNITES DESPITE HARSDSHIPS

To the men of Ouachita soccer, the sport was more than just a game. The hours of hardwork and dedication these men brought to the field showcased their love for the game.

There was a lot more to soccer than just making the GAC tournament and scoring goals.

"My favorite part about being on the soccer team is the bond we create off the field. I have built a lifelong bond with all of my teammates," said junior kinesiology major, Alex Brown, from Dallas.

Those tough three-hour practices, along with far away games, and tied together with tough losses were all a part of the brotherhood referred to as Ouachita's men's soccer.

"My favorite part about being on the team is the friendships I have made," said sophomore psychology major from Shreveport, Louisiana, Joseph Lattier.

As a center, Lattier's job made him one of four defenders whose main goal was to keep the other team from scoring. He was basically the bodyguard who does everything in his power to keep the ball from the opponent.

Before lacing up their cleats, the men of Ouachita soccer rid themselves of doubt, and prepared their minds for the battle ahead. Players prepared for games in numerous ways. Some players enjoyed getting to the field early to take in the calm before the storm. Other players liked to go over the playbook in their head until they knew it backward and forward. The players also stuck to their pregame tradition each game.

"Before the game, we listen to music and stretch as

a team," said sophomore accounting major, Marshall Prather, from Dallas, Texas. The soccer team utilized music as a way to get themselves in the zone and prepare themselves mentally for the opposition ahead. Music not only helped calm nerves, but was also a pregame must in this brotherhood's locker room.

The friendships and positive atmosphere of the Ouachita's men's soccer team made the sport so much more than what's visible to the public eye. These men honor God through the game. Whether it's huddling up to pray before a championship game or thanking Him for the abilities He has blessed them with, these men recognized the goodness of God through their sport.

"I glorify God through the abilities that He has given me, and know that my purpose is to glorify Him outside the field," said senior secondary education major, Kyle Kelson, from Frisco, Texas. This group of players strove to honor God not only on the field, but also off.

Although the team didn't have the season they had hoped for, they chose to leave the field with a positive mindset and an attitude of appreciation. Just as soccer is more than a game, this talented group of 27 was more than a team; it was a family.

"Uncommon to popular belief, it feels good not to talk about soccer sometimes and just enjoy the team's company. We have a good laugh every time," said junior finance and marketing major Kobe Coleman, from Georgetown, Texas.

ROSE ROBINSON



THE ROAR

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OBU vs

- 0-0 TWU
- 1-3 NSU
- 2-0 UCOL
- 1-0 CBU
- 3-0 UT TYLER
- 1-0 HU
- 4-1 SNU
- 1-0 OKBU
- 1-2 SWOSU
- 0-1 NWOSU
- 2-1 ECU
- 7-0 SNU
- 0-2 OKBU
- 0-3 SWOSU
- 1-1 NWOSU
- 2-3 HU
- 2-1 ECU
- 0-2 SWOSU

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Ouachita soccer is special because it is such a tight knit group of girls. It is a competitive environment, but at the end of the day I know everyone wants the best for each other.”

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Stepping onto the field, the Ouachita Lady Tigers Soccer Team played harder than ever this season. Additionally, the team faced many challenges physically through injuries, but the Lady Tigers were able to become stronger as a

result, better learning how to depend on one another in the midst of adversity.

“Soccer season this year was definitely a bumpy road considering all the injuries we had,” said freshman kinesiology major Jordan Nelson, from Frisco, Texas. “Overall it was definitely a lesson for all of us, and we know now better than ever what we need to work on for next year.”

Many key players were severely injured during the season allowing the team to become closer as a team. The Lady Tigers had to focus on becoming stronger with the loss of several players.

“Within those injuries, I tore my ACL in the second to last regular season game,” said senior communications major, Jamie Fowler, from Mesquite, Texas. “I’m so lucky to have my whole team behind me pushing me so I can be back on the field.”

The Lady Tigers had to look for support from family, friends, and their teammates to get through the difficulties of the season.

Many of the players have played soccer for the majority of their lives, and chose to pursue their passion for the sport at Ouachita to further grow.

“I wanted to play soccer in college because my mom was coaching me in it and I wanted to make her proud,” said freshman communication sciences and disorders major, Abbey Inman, from Benton. “When everything around me is crazy, being on the field and playing the game makes my head forget about everything and gives me peace.”

Soccer was an avenue for many of the players to escape from hard things in life, and a place to not only improve in their soccer skills but all areas in life.

“Playing soccer at Ouachita is important to me because it’s my escape from the world,” said freshman nursing major, Sophia Valencia, from Lawton, Oklahoma.

JULIE ANN ZIMMERMAN

A WAY TO ESCAPE

soccer provides relief for players

JAYMEE DOTSON prepares to throw the ball to one of her teammates. Dotson started every game for the Tigers, and scored six goals on the season.
photo by Levi Dade



MICHELE SNOW blocks a shot on goal from the opposing team. Snow had 120 saves on the season.
photo by Abby Blankenship





JAMIE FOWLER moves the ball up field during a game. Fowler started 16 games for the Tigers before an injury ended her season early.
photo by Levi Dade



SOPHIA VALENCIA prepares to kick the ball. Valencia played in all 18 games this season as a freshman.
photo by Levi Dade



GRACE HUNTER throws the ball in bounds to her teammates. Hunter played defense for the Tigers this season.
photo by Brooks Bell



MICHELLE SNOW
photo by Levi Dade

"Ouachita soccer is special to me because every practice is fun, and the coaching staff really cares about each of us, on and off the field. My teammates also have made it special. I look forward to practices because of them."

Michele Snow

"We graduated quite a few seniors last year. Because of this, a lot of the younger girls had to step up and play important roles on the team."

Gracen Turner

"Every girl who stepped out on the field was playing for one another instead of themselves. This year was different because we were a very young and positive group of girls."

Jaymee Dotson

purple
PRIDE

DREAM BECOMES

A reality

Gregory Junior solidifies his legacy by becoming the first Ouachita athlete drafted to the NFL

Tyreek Hill. Adam Thielen. Austin Ekeler. For football fans, these names sound quite familiar. What may not be all that familiar is the fact that these three athletes came from Division II colleges, and they aren't the only ones. The list of players from Division II colleges span over 22 of the 32 NFL teams. Gregory Junior III, a cornerback from Ouachita Baptist University, is looking to expand that list. After being named to the D2 Football Elite 100 and selected for the Reese's Senior Bowl, Junior is determined to utilize his talents in the next level.

A kinesiology major from Crossett, Arkansas, Junior has spent the last five years at OBU excelling academically, but also perfecting his craft on the field. Each season since his freshman year in 2017, Junior has only improved as a player, playing in a majority of the games and racking up double digit tackles. Junior played a crucial part in helping the Tigers to win back-to-back-to-back GAC Conference Titles.

Junior returned to OBU for one more year in 2021 after the Covid-19 pandemic cancelled the 2020 season. After the Tigers finished third in the Great American Conference with a 9-2 record, Junior received an invite to the Reese's Senior Bowl. Junior was the first Ouachita player to play in the bowl game, where he showcased his skills as a defensive back on a much larger scale. Junior even assisted in a tackle in the opening kick-off of the bowl game.

For former teammate Jason Jackson Jr., seeing Junior get the invite was no surprise to him. "I remember a road game we had and I think it was Jim Nagy, the guy over the Reese's Senior Bowl, tweeted at him. Greg was sleeping and he woke up...and his phone was like glitching out on Twitter. And from that moment forward I never doubted that he could have the opportunity to play in the Senior Bowl."

Junior's leadership and hardworking attitude helped him to get recognized and receive numerous accolades. "He came to work every day with a great mindset, trying to get better and improve his craft," says Kenta Jones, another former teammate of Junior's. "Greg is a natural leader, he doesn't even have to say much; he is going to lead by example."

When asked about the senior bowl, Junior told former teammate Kendel Givens, "I really just went out there and competed in front of the NFL scouts and displayed my skills. I went out there and showcased that I can play with the top guys in the draft." It is fair to say that Junior's determined mindset and drive to prove himself paid off: Junior caught the attention of multiple

NFL scouts, earning himself invites to official visits.

After almost three months of training and team visits, Junior was drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars as the 197th pick in the sixth round of the NFL Draft; on April 30, 2022, Junior became the first player from OBU to ever be drafted into the NFL. OBU has a small history of players making it to the NFL, with the most recent before Junior being Philip Supernaw, who played from 2012 to 2017. Junior's much deserved accomplishment helped to put the small, private university on the map. "It's been a dream my whole life to play in the NFL," said Junior. "It's a real blessing...there's moments like this that I'll never forget."

OBU defensive back coach, Dionte Dean, coached Junior for four years and three seasons, getting the chance to see him grow into the player that would eventually go pro. Even in the early days of coaching Junior, Dean had a hunch that he was working with a potential NFL player; "Man, when I saw his body when I first got here and I looked at the board and he had a 40-inch vertical; it was like, 'That's the corner? He has dreadlocks and he has a 3.6 GPA? Yeah, the kid has a shot.'" Dean got to be a part of the growing process Junior had to go through in order to make it to the league, but to him, a lot of it consisted of Junior understanding what kind of talents he already possessed.

Despite all of the glamour of the making it to the NFL, Junior hasn't lost sight of the people who were by his side in the beginning. Jackson Jr. said, "He's going to make sure to check in and see how you're doing. I know he has a lot going on in his life, but he still takes the time out of his day to make sure he's checking on the people that he loves." When first drafted, Junior took time to thank those who supported him through this process; God, his family, his home town of Crossett, and of course, OBU.

Junior is taking a leadership mentality and an array of athletic ability to the NFL, but he's leaving something behind at OBU; a legacy. Jones said, "Everybody respected Greg. He didn't even have to demand respect; his actions on the field and off of the field gave people no choice but to respect him...he was just a standup guy. There's not any bad thing I can say about Greg."

Dean explained what he believes Junior's legacy is for the team; "I think the legacy that Greg leaves has actually helped us in a time like this; don't quit early on when it's not your shot...he stayed true to the course and never cheated the system." Gregory Junior will be remembered by his coaches and teammates as more than "the guy that made it big"; he'll be remembered as a leader, an incredible athlete, and most of all, a friend.

MITCHELL WAITE



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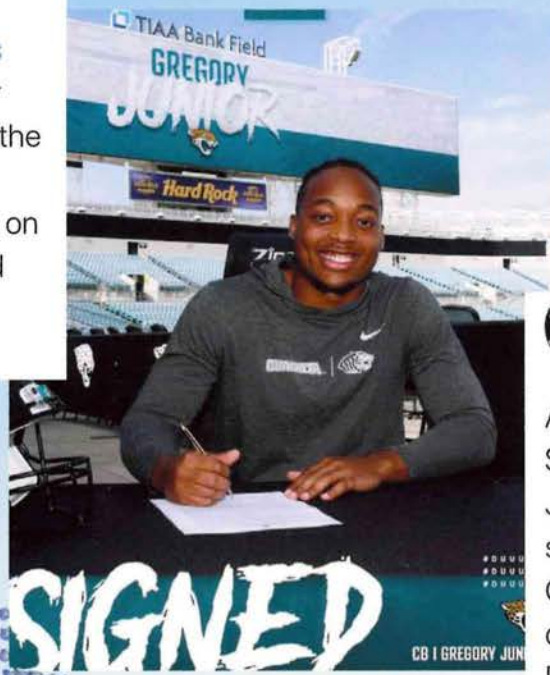
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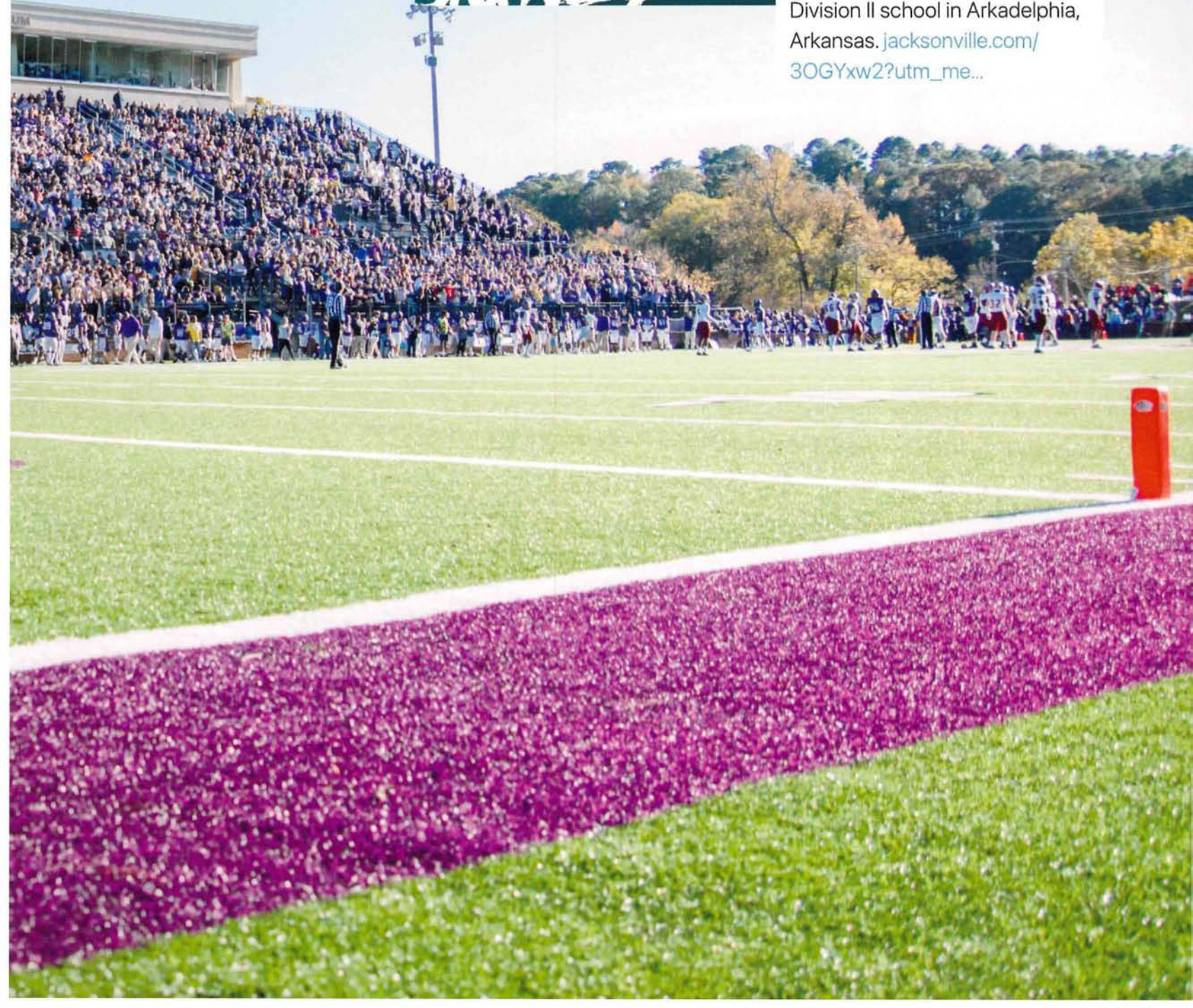
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@GACAthletics

Congrats to @OuachitaTigers
@OuachitaFB Gregory Junior
(@objunior27) on becoming the
4th player from #theGAC
selected in the NFL Draft and on
becoming the highest drafted
player in league history!
@Jaguars #NFLDraft



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A bit of history was made Saturday afternoon when the Jacksonville Jaguars made their sixth-round pick. Cornerback Gregory Junior is the first player drafted from Ouachita Baptist, a Division II school in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. jacksonville.com/3OGYxw2?utm_me...



THE ROAR

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OBU vs

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 10-7 Rogers St.
 9-3 MWSU
 10-9 Pitt St.
 5-8 St. Cloud
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 12-13 TAMU TK
 9-8, 12-2, Harding,
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 11-14, 5-3 CBU
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 14-4, 6-8, 15-7 SWOSU
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 10-9 Delta St.
 1-3, 2-5, 12-3 ATU
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 5-7 SAU
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NOAH BACHMAN raises his glove to catch a pitch. Bachman transferred from a junior college in Arizona to play for the Tigers.
 photo by Levi Dade



G. ALLEN fields a foul ball that was hit down the third base line. Allen started every game for the Tigers.
 photo by Sarah Dean



BLAKE LUEB
 photo by Sarah Dean



Isaac Nowell
 photo by Sarah Dean

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One of the best feelings in all of baseball is rounding the bases after a home run.”

historic season

BASEBALL ATTENDS TOURNAMENTS

The 2022 season for Ouachita Baseball was historic. The team was transitioning from a rebuilding period into a highly competitive team. With a winning season, a conference tournament appearance, and an at large bid to the NCAA regional tournament, the Tigers set new school records along the way.

“This year’s team just put up more of a fight and never quit,” Garret Hermes a senior mass communications and media major from Royse City, Texas, said.

This was Hermes’ second season with the Tigers and he believed that the determination to never give up is what made this team successful. Hermes was a key pitcher for the Tigers throughout the season.

The Tigers dominated teams early on in conference play. This made a statement that the team was a bigger threat within the GAC than in years past.

“A big moment that defined the season was when we played Harding,” Wyatt Core, a freshman computer science major from Fayetteville, said. “We went down early against them but fought back to beat them in all three games of the series securing a sweep.”

The Tigers relied on freshman players to step up and contribute throughout the season. Core is a great example of this; he maintained a .309 batting average with 8 home runs. These accomplishments earned him the title of GAC Freshman of The Year.

While the freshman on the team made a huge difference, veteran players also led the team to success. Cooper Timmons, a junior business management major from League City, Texas, was the Friday night starting

pitcher for the Tigers. He led the team with a 9-3 record and a 3.83 ERA, including three complete games. This was Timmons’ third year playing on the team. Since Timmons has been a Tiger, the team had never made the conference tournament, much less been invited to the NCAA Tournament, but this year was different.

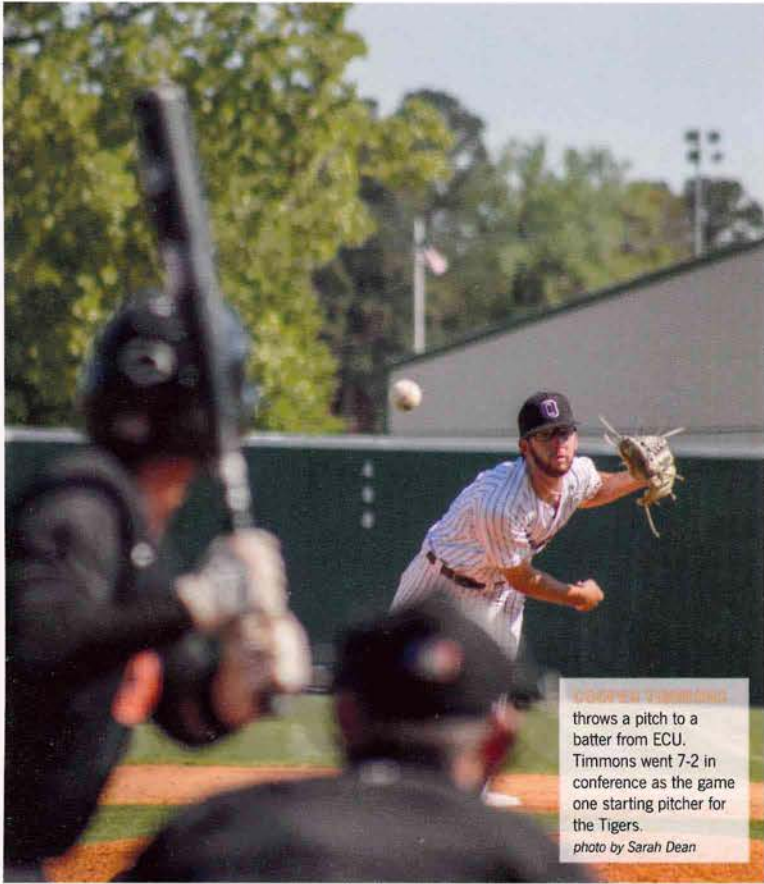
“I will never forget when we clinched a chance to go to the conference tournament by beating ECU at home,” Timmons told the Ouachitonian. “We have been working so hard for that moment since I got here and it was truly so rewarding.”

The team set a new school record with 20 conference wins and had its first 30-plus win season since 2012. The Tigers made their first appearance in the GAC tournament since 2017. They lost in the semi-finals to Henderson State University after defeating Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Harding. The team thought their season was over after that game. As the semester came to an end, the team turned in their jerseys, packed up their dorm rooms or apartments, headed home, and some even graduated.

The night after graduation the Tigers were surprised to find out that had been selected as an at-large team to the NCAA Division II tournament. The team traveled back to Arkadelphia to prepare for the tournament, its first appearance in the NCAA tournament since 2008. Ouachita shocked Central Missouri, the No. 1 seed, by sending them to the loser’s bracket in the first game. The 5-4 win proved that inclusion in the tournament was well-deserved, but the Tigers could not duplicate the magic, falling in its next two games to Augustana and in a rematch with UCM.

CAROLINE JOHNSON





ANDREW TIMMONS
throws a pitch to a batter from ECU. Timmons went 7-2 in conference as the game one starting pitcher for the Tigers.
photo by Sarah Dean

TIGER NATION



photo by Levi Dade

"It is still hard to grasp how much of a milestone a 30 win season is. For a team to reach 30 wins for the first time in 30 years and punch a ticket to the conference tournament for the first time in five years is huge for this program. The weight of having a 30 win season shows a lot about the type of program that is being built here, and I can't wait to see it continue its upward trend."

CADE BURRIS

.254 *40* *47*
batting runs hits



WYATT CORE
explodes out of the batters box and runs toward first base. Core was a utility player for the Tigers.
photo by Sara Dean

THE ROAR

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- 0-4 SWBU
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- 0-2 TAMU Int.
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- 4-1, 12-4 CBC
- 2-1 MWSU
- 6-3 CBU
- 1-4, 0-8, 9-11 OKBU
- 3-5, 5-6, 7-6 Harding
- 5-1, 11-7, 2-5 HSU
- 1-11, 1-10, SAU
- 4-11
- 11-6, 4-9, 3-9 SWOSU
- 4-3, 10-7, 4-9 NWOSU
- 0-5, 1-5, 2-7 ATU
- 4-2, 5-3, 6-4 UAM
- 1-7, 3-1, 7-10 SEOSU
- 3-1, 9-8, 9-1 ECU
- 1-5 SNU

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LACEY ORNELAS dives back to first base. Ornelas was a utility player for the Tigers.
photo by Sara Dean



JILLIAN JONES, a senior, prepares to catch a pitch. Jones has been the primary catcher for the Tigers since her freshman season.
photo by Sara Dean



TALLY TURNBOW
photo by Sara Dean



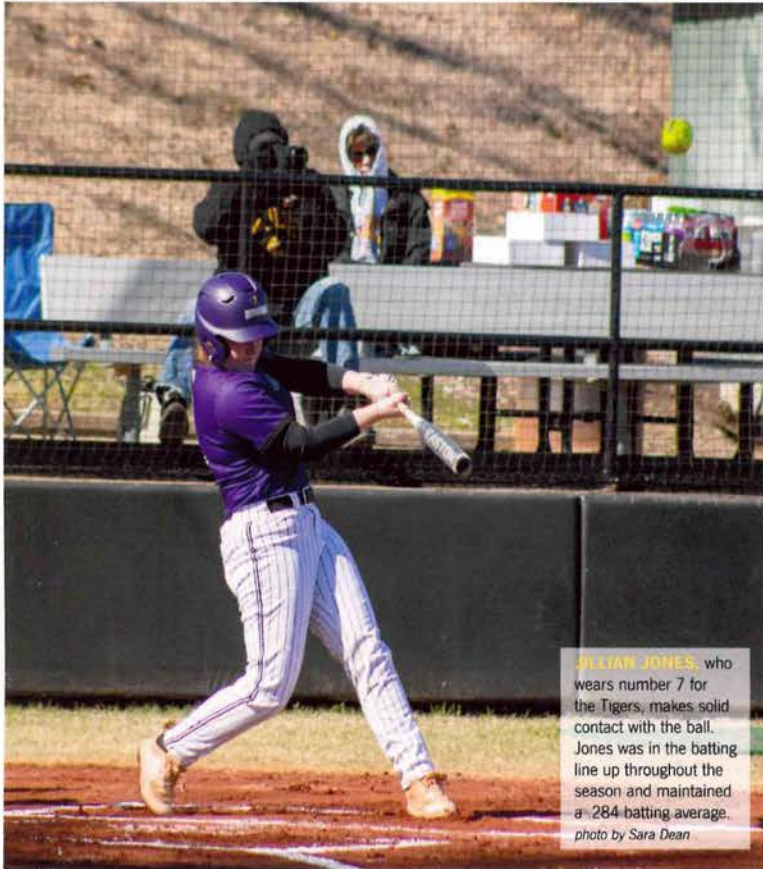
Heather Brown
photo by Sara Dean

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These girls are some of my best friends. I know they will always have my back on and off the field.”



MADISON MILLER pitches the ball towards the batter. Miller started every game for the Tigers either as an infielder or a pitcher.
photo by Sara Dean



JILLIAN JONES, who wears number 7 for the Tigers, makes solid contact with the ball. Jones was in the batting line up throughout the season and maintained a .284 batting average. photo by Sara Dean

TIGER NATION



photo by Sara Dean

"This season was off to a rocky start but with early mornings and long afternoons, we worked together as a team to turn this season around. We've grown closer together throughout this year and have an overall great team dynamic. We overcame a lot of injuries this season, and eventually figured out what worked best for us to be successful. We're hopeful and looking forward to next year."

ERIN WILLIAMS

23 starts 25 position 21 assists

on & off the field GIRLS CREATE UNBREAKABLE BOND

From the pre-game team TikToks made, to the hotel bonding time, there's no doubt that Ouachita's softball team have made countless memories not only on the field, but off the field as well. Although each season brings different things, one thing remains the same. Through braving the summer heat together during hot practices, to long bus rides on game days, an unbreakable bond was formed each and every season for our beloved Lady Tigers.

Each player prepared for the battle to come on the game day field in their own way. For some, getting game day ready meant going over plays to be prepared for what was to come. For others, it was pregame stretching and warm-ups that got them in the game day mindset.

Freshman business administration and sports management double major from Hensley, Arkansas, Reagann Harper stated, "If we had a home game, I would usually go sit in my car at the field and eat Dunkin' Donuts while listening to a mix of Christian and pump up music to get my mind right before the game. For away games, I would usually get up early and go eat breakfast with my hotel roommates."

Everyone had their pre-game ritual, and ribbon tying just so happened to have been one of senior Callie Jourdon's. In fact, Reagan Harper has never played a college softball game without the assistance of Jourdon tying her hair ribbon into her ponytail as this was a game day tradition last season.

Through the long hours spent sliding into bases and chanting cheers in the dugout, the girls truly

transformed from being strangers, to teammates, to becoming a family.

Freshman pitcher and biomedical sciences major from Bauxite, Tuesday Melton, said it best, "I love the commodore and the way we can talk to just about anything." The team formed a strong bond, and this showed on and off the field.

Junior biology major from Lucas, Texas, Rebecca Holiman exclaimed, "My favorite part of being on the softball team is being able to have fun with my friends playing the sport that I love."

Whether it's accidentally busting each other's eyebrows open, or just talking to each other for hours on the bus, some of the Lady Tiger's fondest memories have been made with their teammates.

Junior elementary education major from Fort Worth, Hope Waid, recalled, "My favorite softball memory was when we went to Portland, Texas for a tournament. We were swarmed by seagulls on the beach because we thought it would be a good idea to attempt to feed them pretzels."

Through the well-deserved wins to the heartbreaking losses, OBU Softball has been through it all. The talented women of Ouachita Softball not only hit walk off doubles and score head-turning home runs, but truly experience doing life together for a short-but sweet four years.

After an impressive 15 years of playing her favorite game, senior mathematics major from Shreveport, Louisiana, Tally Turnbow said, "My favorite part of being on the field had to have been having the opportunity to hangout with 20-something of my best friends each and every day."

ROSE ROBINSON



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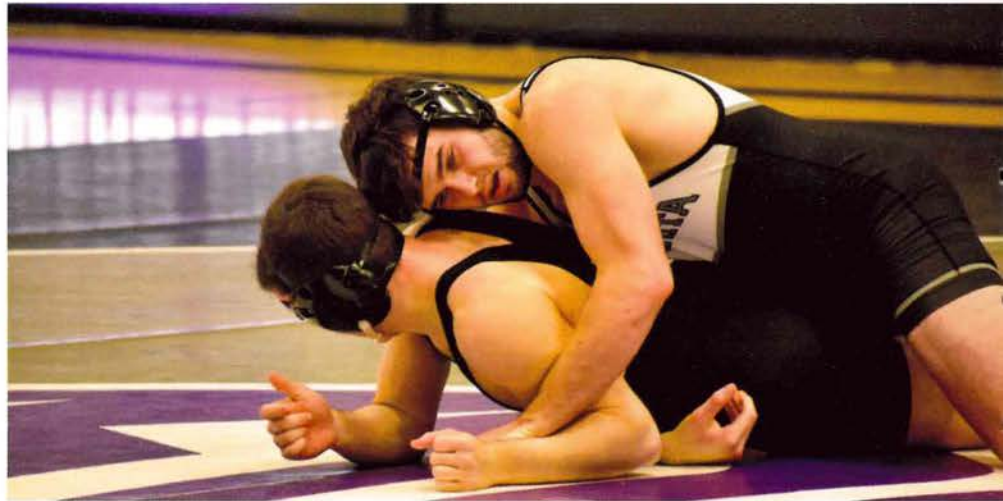
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- 15-28 MU
- 37-12 WJC
- 15-29 DU

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Coach Crutchmer



TRACE MORROW pins his opponent to the floor. Morrow was a contributing rookie throughout the season.
photo by Hannah Adamson



WYATT COMPTON prepares to begin a match. Compton was a freshman competing with the Tigers for the first time.
photo by Hannah Adamson



BRANDON ANDERSON
(photo by Hannah Adamson)

bouncing back

WRESTLING COMPETES POST COVID

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Maturity amongst my guys made this year different than past years. The team had a lot of respect for each other.”

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After battling back from seasons plagued by the COVID-19 virus the Ouachita Wrestling team had a season worth remembering. This season began with a lot of hard work and preparation. The athletes wanted to help each other succeed.

“We helped each other get the weight off. We came in together to get more work in when we had time off. Most importantly, we made sure that guys made it to practice on time,” Cole McCartney, a sophomore Christian studies major from Nashville, Tennessee, said.

McCartney was a second-season returner for the Tigers and worked hard to make this season more successful than his rookie season. This accountability allowed the team to work hard in the off-season to prepare themselves for competition. This preparation paid off when the team saw some major success during the season.

“A major turning point was beating the reigning Junior College National Champs at our place. It really gave us a boost of confidence and helped us see our true potential and what we were capable of doing,” Terrence Murray, a sophomore kinesiology major from

Garland, Texas, said.

This mid-season success propelled the team into the last half of the season. Although the win over the Junior College team was not a conference win, it made a statement that the Tigers were ready to compete and be a threat during conference match ups.

“The team was a lot more bought in. Even though the ups and downs, we bent but never folded and kept picking up steam throughout the season,” Murray said.

The second half of the season included a great showing at the regional tournament. At this tournament the Head Coach, Kevin Crutchmer, was awarded Coach of the Year. Crutchmer also agreed that the team was growing towards the end of the season.

“This season the team did a very good job of not overlooking the end goal,” Crutchmer said. “We came to the last event of the season as a complete package.”

The Tigers went on to end the season competing in the Super Regional competition. Crutchmer described this moment as a major turning point for the team as three wrestlers finished in the top five of their brackets. It will set the Tigers up well to start next year off just as successfully as they ended this season.

CAROLINE JOHNSON





A QUACHITA wrestler goes head to head with an opponent. The team competed in 12 matches this year.
photo by Hannah Adamson

TIGER NATION



photo by Hannah Adamson

"My best memory during a match this season was when I got my first heavyweight victory. Wrestling is a challenging sport, and going to match up with guys that are about 50 pounds heavier than me sounds crazy. After I got that first heavy weight victory it was a great accomplishment, and it boosted my confidence as a wrestler."

CHANDLER COOLEY

4 wins 285 weight class 5 duals



EVAN KENNEDY stares at his opponent before the match begins. Kennedy was a returning veteran and team leader for the Tigers.
photo by Hannah Adamson

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- 1-6 UWF
- 7-0 UAFS
- 5-2 SEOSU
- 5-2 SAU
- 7-0 TA&M
- 6-1 HU
- 4-0 HU
- 4-1 SAU
- 4-3 Washburn
- 3-4 Indianapolis

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TOBIAS FUERSCHUSS eagerly waits for his opponent to serve the ball. Fuerschuss was a senior from Bregenz, Austria.

photo by Abby Blankenship

SANTIAGO KEARNEY

talks to his teammate Chico during a doubles match. The pair consistently ranked among the top doubles pairs in all of Division II throughout the season.

photo by Abby Blankenship



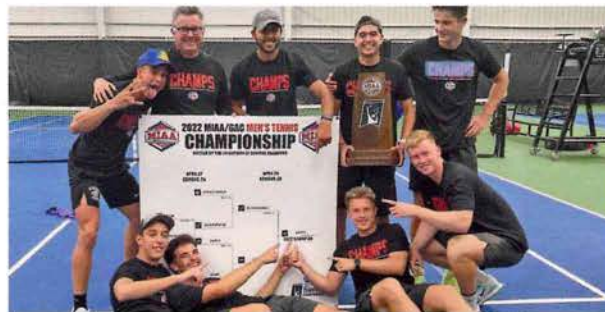
Francisco Oliveira
photo by Abby Blankenship

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I will never forget winning the regular season and the conference title. We also got to travel to Pensacola for Spring Break.”



photo by Abby Blankenship



“Some of the best moments of the season were winning big matches and beating great teams. That feeling gives you confidence to use in the next match.”

Seth Hernandez

purple
PRIDE



SANTIAGO KEARNEY follows through after he served the ball to his opponent. Kearney is ranked in singles on a national level as well as doubles.
photo by Abby Blankenship



Francisco "Chico" Oliveira is a graduating senior and a vital member for the men's tennis team. The team won the MIRA/GAC title and made it to Nationals before falling to Indianapolis 4-3. The success was due in no small part to the contributions from their 16th individually ranked star.

Oliveira and Santiago Kearney (ranked 42nd himself in singles) were ranked 22nd in doubles. Alex Blanchar and Phil Exner join their fellow Tigers in the rankings by holding the 50th spot in doubles.

Oliveira is a native of Porto, Portugal, a daunting 4,471 miles from Arkadelphia. He began to have the desire to go overseas to play collegiate tennis through a convincing friend. After getting connected with a recruiter, Oliveira was put in contact with Ouachita's men tennis coach, Craig Ward.

Oliveira did not get to see much of the beauty of campus due to an untimely storm, but he was sold based on the general friendliness of the people he met on his visit.

He would soon become one of the best tennis stars in all of Division II. After starting out his freshman season going 10-4, he continued to improve.

His sophomore season was cut short by the pandemic, but not before seeing him go out on a 3-game win streak. In his junior season, he was named MIAA Player of the Week and UTR ITA Player of the Week, finished 12-3 and finished the season ranked No. 10 in singles in all of Division II.

During the season, Oliveira was named MIAA/GAC Player of the Week on April 20, adding to his accolades. Oliveira points to professors as a key source of support. He compared the drastic difference in the mindset and attitudes of Ouachita's professors compared to those back home.

"Everybody wants to help you," Oliveira said. Oliveira's advice to his teammates and incoming collegiate tennis players is simple: "Trust your coach." He also emphasized that "It is all about relationships," as tennis has given him connections that go past the sport.

The men's tennis team was selected to host the NCAA Regionals tournament and competed as number 11 national seed in the NCAA Division II national championship after winning the MIAA/GAC championship. **MATTHEW CHEATHAM**

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

tennis competes in NCAA Division II nationals



ALEX BLANCHAR uses a fluid forehand stroke to make contact with the ball. Eight athletes from six different countries make up the team.
photo by Abby Blankenship



SANTIAGO KEARNEY anticipates the ball as his doubles partner looks on. The team plays matches consistently throughout the fall and spring semesters.
photo by Abby Blankenship

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- 0-7 HU
- 0-7 ATU
- 0-7 NWMUSU
- 1-6 MWSU
- 1-6 Montevallo
- 1-6 ATU
- 2-5 HSU
- 1-6 SAU
- 1-6 SEOSU
- 7-0 TAMU TK
- 2-5 HSU
- 0-4 SEOSU

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Olivia Gaston
photo by Levi Dade

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I love being on a team with such unique girls. I have learned so much from them on and off the court.”

W What sets the Women's Tennis team apart from other teams is not the amount of matches won or adversities overcome. Instead, it is the camaraderie the team holds. Being on and off the court has helped to create

this bond that only athletes share.

Senior Taylor Hansard, a kinesiology major from Fort Stockton, Texas, knew she wanted to be a tennis player once falling in love with the sport. Teammates meant everything for her when it came to this sport.

“I appreciate my teammates mostly for showing up everyday and putting in the work to accomplish our goals individually and as a team,” Hansard said. “I appreciate my coach for always being a positive light in our lives and always encouraging us to do our best on and off the court.”

A common theme between the tennis players was a love and appreciation for their coach, Kourtney Chumbley. Sophomore Austynn Crocker, a communications major from Little Rock shared the impact their coach has had on her this season.

“I appreciate my coach because she expects us to perform our best on and off the court,” Crocker said. “Her encouragement has made me a better person which will benefit me even after my tennis career is over.”

Working hard to improve after every match while navigating academics and relationships can become a heavy task. For the girls, their teammates made it all worth it.

“It's always difficult in season balancing school, friends, and tennis but the life skills and relationships you are able to build on the tennis team negate any difficulties,” Crocker said. “I have appreciated my teammates throughout the season because whether I won or lost, they were encouraging and comforting.”

Sophomore Oliva Gatson, a business administration and marketing major from Greenwood, Arkansas started her tennis career at the age of 7. She had dreamed of playing at Ouachita and reflected on her time on the team this season.

“We have each improved a lot because of how much we push each other. I've also never seen a coach as dedicated and encouraging as Coach K, we are lucky to have her,” Gatson said.

GRACEN GOUDY

ON YOUR SIDE

women's tennis pushes each other to grow

OLIVIA GASTON prepares to return the ball. Gaston was a second year returning player for the Tigers.
photo by Abby Blankenship



CLARISA VALENZUELA hits the ball back to her opponent. The Tigers played the battle of the ravine match at home.
photo by Abby Blankenship





MAKEILAH TURNER anticipates the next serve. Turner was selected to All-GAC Second Team for her performance during the season.
photo by Abby Blankenship



CLARISA VALENZUELA plays in the match against Angelo State. Valenzuela played singles and doubles for the Tigers.
photo by Levi Dade



SHELLY DAVILUS tosses the ball up and begins her swing to serve the ball over the net. The team competed in the GAC conference tournament in Bentonville.
photo by Abby Blankenship



photo by Abby Blankenship

"We competed to the best of our abilities, we each gave it our all and left it all on the court. I would not want to compete with any other group of girls."

Taylor Hansard

"It is difficult to put in 110% effort on the court when you have essays, exams, and assignments to worry about. With each member of the team putting all their effort into practice and matches showed how strong our team is."

Austynn Crocker

"Being a part of this team has given me some of the best friends and family anyone could ask for! I'm so proud of all the things we have accomplished as a team and can't wait to see what the future holds."

Keelan Williams

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THE ROAR

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OBU vs

144-113 OC
 57-203 UIW
 84-121 HSU
 109-64 LA
 99-123 DSU
 107-129 HSU

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ELIJAH CHRISTENSON takes a breath as he competes in the breast stroke event. Christenson was a rookie who contributed throughout the year.
photo by Sara Dean

NOLAN GERFERS completes a pike dive and prepares to enter the water. Gerfers also competed in the 50 yard freestyle, and placed first at the conference championship in that event.
photo by Sara Dean



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A key moment for me this season was making it into the finals at the conference meet in the three out of the four events that I swam.”



“This season was different because the team is no longer in a re-building era. We are becoming a serious threat within our conference. I can't wait to see what the team does in the future.”

Nolan Gerfers

“I realized that I could be a threat as a freshman. I was even able to get a National Cut in the 200 yard breaststroke, and that was my favorite memory from the season.”

Miles Schutze

“A key moment for me was when I won the 200 yard backstroke at the mid-season meet. I dropped time for the first time in a couple of years, and then I ended up dropping even more time at the conference meet.”

Jeff McCoy

purple
PRIDE





ANGEL MEDINA powers through the lane and toward the wall during a breast stroke event. This was Medina's rookie season. *photo by Sara Dean*

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The men's swim team had the drive to work hard and improve as individuals but ultimately learned how to come together as a whole to accomplish their goals.

One goal the team focused on this season was team building. Over the winter break, both the men's and women's swim teams traveled to Destin, Florida, for their training trip. This was a positive memory for the team and had a great impact on their morale for the season.

"My most memorable moment from the season was our training trip in Florida where we were able to train hard and grow as a team," Joseph Ragsdell, junior kinesiology major from Columbia, Missouri, said.

This trip allowed them to not only grow in their athletic ability but to grow their bond as a team, which was the most important thing to get them through the season. Senior captain Nolan Gerfers, a kinesiology major from Houston, Texas, shared his appreciation for how the team came together this season.

"As a senior captain, I learned a lot about building relationships and patience this season," Gerfers said. "I love this team and getting to have a unique relationship with each person on this team means the world to me."

The Tiger Sharks greatly improved this season. They shattered both personal records and team records all while learning how to work well as a team as well as the importance of self discipline.

"A lesson I have learned is that improvement in swimming is my responsibility and something that I have to work on every day," Duncan Troup, freshman biomedical sciences major from Conway, said.

The team had a great performance at the annual New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championships. Junior Elijah Christianson beat the team record in the 200 butterfly and the team as a whole placed third overall and had the second-best improvement rate in the conference.

"I seriously cannot stress enough how thankful I am to have been a part of this team," Gerfers said. "I'd like to thank Coach Bostick for giving me this opportunity and our outstanding donors that continue to support us in everything we do."

HANNA WILLIAMS

IN IT TOGETHER

swim prioritizes team bonding for victory



A MEDLEY RELAY

race begins as a Ouachita swimmer dives into the water. This races included four individual swimmers competing together. *photo by Sara Dean*



JAYDEN HERRON

competes in a freestyle swim for the Tigers. Herron was a returning veteran on the team. *photo by Sara Dean*

THE ROAR

rundown

OBU vs

133-139 OC
52-224 UIW
74-191 UALR
113.5-104.5 HSU
121-83 LA
85-156 DSU
118-112 HSU

3-4



Rachel Sansanos
photo by Sara Dean

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The freshmen brought so much energy to the team this year and it was contagious. I loved seeing everyone feed off of them.”

Ouachita's women's swim and dive team, like many other teams on campus, had their fair share of losses and victories along with team struggles and synchronized teamwork. Yet, their story was unique as it was one of struggle, redemption, and promise. Anna Kate Velasquez, a sophomore from Pearland, Texas, and Biblical Studies major, reflected on the happiness she felt in her very first moments on the team.

"I remember feeling so excited and hopeful," Velasquez said. "I was smiling so big my first practice that I was literally smiling while I was swimming."

Velasquez joined the team as a freshman in 2020, full of hopes and enthusiasm after desiring for so long to swim for a college team. Though the team struggled in that pandemic year in more ways than one, she was confident in her team's abilities and determined to persevere.

In 2021, just one year later, the team environment had completely changed, and the collective excitement grew rapidly. One of the factors that led to this revitalized energy was the eagerness of the class of 2025, who were driven to succeed.

Freshmen Elise Henderson, a biology major from Columbia, Missouri, quickly became one of the team's top scorers. Having had shoulder surgery her junior year of high school, Henderson was unsure as to what her future of college swimming might look like. However, her apprehension was short-lived, and she realized that she was more than able to take on the challenges that long distance swimming demanded of her. She expressed her gratitude for the family-like environment that the team provided and spoke on the importance of teamwork in a sport like college swim.

"That's what brings everyone a lot closer, because you're trying to get points for everyone," said Henderson. "You're trying to do well for your team and not just for yourself."

The team is strong relationally as well as competitively. "Every day it's exhausting and there are moments that you don't want to push yourself," said Anna Kate Velasquez. "But I feel like in a lot of ways, we were able to push ourselves to be great and be a team even in the midst of those times where it was difficult."

BREANNA WATSON

NEW-FOUND PASSION

swim works together to grow stronger

LENA CONARD approaches her dive during competition at Waggoner Pool. Conard competed in the 1M dive for the Tigers.
photo by Sara Dean



LILLIA CLARKE competes in the breast stroke event. Clarke competed in three finalist events at the New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference.
photo by Sara Dean





JAVIER SEWELL counts the laps of her teammate. Sewell competes in 4 different events for the Tigers.
photo by Sara Dean



MARY O'SULLIVAN cuts through the water while competing in the breast stroke event. O'Sullivan was a contributing rookie throughout the season.
photo by Sara Dean



ANNA KATE VELASQUEZ competes in the butterfly. Velazquez swam in long distance events for the Tigers.
photo by Sara Dean



photo by Sara Dean

"A key moment from this year was when the team took a trip to Florida to train and prepare for the season."

Tori Weems

"One of my favorite moments from the season was the Battle of the Ravine meet. Our relay was losing to HSU and we came back late in the race to win. The whole arena was cheering and screaming."

Ariana Rizo

"During our mid-season meet I swam the 200 freestyle. I had not improved my time since high school because of a shoulder surgery, but this meet I improved my time. I will never forget my teammates cheering me on and sharing in that excitement with me."

Elise Henderson

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PRIDE

THE ROAR

rundown

OBU vs

- 76-64 PSC
- 71-84 SCSU
- 55-87 MSU
- 83-59 EC
- 62-74 UT TYLER
- 76-86 TAMU-CC
- 54-72 ATU
- 85-92 HU
- 79-66 ABC
- 67-71 SAU
- 95-72 CCC
- 60-70 UAM
- 82-81 SWOSU
- 67-83 NWOSU
- 71-77 OKBU
- 56-59 HSU
- 79-72 ATU
- 63-69 SNU
- 65-81 SOSU
- 57-60 OKBU
- 71-76 SNU
- 82-75 HU
- 49-57 HSU
- 69-75 NWOSU
- 70-79 SWOSU
- 61-76 ECC
- 56-72 SOSU
- 63-75 ECC
- 82-77 SAU
- 68-55 UAM

9-21



MA'DARIUS HOBSON

protects the basketball as he looks to make a pass. Hobson played guard and forward for the Tigers.
photo by Levi Dade



T'VONDRICK HENRY

dunks the basketball over the opponent. Henry was a freshman and started 11 games for the Tigers.
photo by Levi Dade



MATTHEW BRANKIN
photo by Abby Blankenship

building team

MEN FACE TOUGH CONFERENCE FOES



Marvin Williams-Dunn
photo by Levi Dade

“

We faced a lot of adversity, but we were able to take it as a team and grow from those challenges.”

Coming into another exhilarating season, the men's basketball team stretched themselves to play at the best of their ability. Despite the struggles of the season the team swiftly moved through setbacks and reached toward a greater triumph.

Freshman Adel Mellak, kinesiology major from Arkadelphia, enjoyed his first season on the team although it came with its challenges.

“We faced some challenges on the road and injuries were a big challenge for us,” Mellak said. “Some players were injured which affected our team as a whole, but it has been a good experience to learn from and prepare for the next one as we look for a better record next season.”

Every player on the team held significance, including one the newest additions to the team this season, basketball manager Nicholas Gillham. Gillham, freshman Christian Studies major from Jonesboro, supported the team in several ways and worked diligently to encourage the team.

“I was introduced to the coaches at the beginning of the semester, and shortly after they presented me with the position to be manager,” Gillham said. “The best thing about being manager has been the connections I have made with the coaches and team members.”

As the manager of the team, Gillham saw firsthand the hard work and dedication each player put in at every practice and game. Many players stepped outside of their comfort zones and strived to sharpen their skills.

The team environment has helped T'vondrick Henry, freshman business sports management major from Texarkana, Texas, grow as a player and a person.

“Being on the team has provided me with many opportunities to get better and become a stronger player,” Henry said.

With his basketball manager role, Gillham is able to attest to this growth he has seen first hand.

“One of the best experiences of the season was watching number 11, T'vondrick Henry, discover his role on the team,” Gillham said. “Henry got his starting role late in the season but I have been able to watch him grow to become one of the most pivotal players on the team.”

The team showed chemistry at every game. Win or lose the Tigers demonstrated an unbreakable brotherhood.

“Being on the Ouachita basketball team has been a surreal experience, especially the relationship that we have built as individuals and as a team,” Mellak said. “We have become brothers to each other. In general, basketball has changed my life to a whole different story. Coming from a different country at the age of 17, it was not easy for me or my family, but I took the challenge and it has been a great experience so far.”

The Tiger Basketball season ended with a 7-21 record, but it showed growth as a team. The foundation of the team was strong as the players learned from their challenges and set new goals.

JULIE ANN ZIMMERMAN





TYLAR HAYES
jumps to up to shoot the basketball. Hayes shot for 54% from the field during the season.
photo by Levi Dade

TIGER NATION

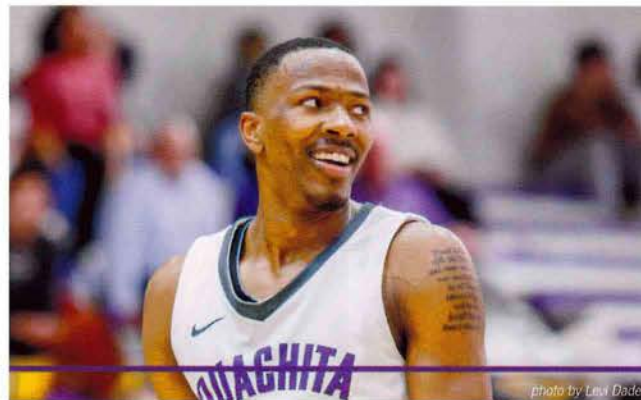


photo by Levi Dade

"The team dynamic was very eager to win and be successful, but we kept coming up short in games that we should have won. One key moment I'll never forget is when we beat SWOSU in overtime by a buzzer beater. Through all of the adversity we stuck together and found a way to get over the hump that we faced, and we finished the season strong."

DAEVEON BANKSTON

1919 *984* *264*
points rebounds steals



Home	46	1:43	48	48
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QUACHITA SHOOTS
the ball over a Reddie defender in an attempt to tie the game at 48 points each. The game was highly attended due to the rivalry with Henderson State University.
photo by Levi Dade

THE ROAR

rundown

OBU vs

- 67-69 A&M - C
- 92-54 CCC
- 71-82 RSU
- 84-90 ATU
- 82-60 HU
- 80-59 WBU
- 99-102 SAU
- 87-59 UAM
- 72-89 SWOSU
- 59-78 NWOSU
- 67-63 OKBU
- 89-91 HSU
- 92-82 ATU
- 56-57 SNU
- 72-51 SEOSU
- 59-70 ECU
- 86-90 OKBU
- 54-71 SNU
- 72-29 HU
- 73-71 HSU
- 48-61 NWOSU
- 56-80 SWOSU
- 50-66 ECU
- 59-53 SEOSU
- 82-86 SAU
- 89-54 UAM

10-16



Lacey Mears
photo by Levi Dade

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This year we beat a lot of teams for the first time in a long time. That was a big success for us and the program.”



ASPEN THORTON
prepares to shoot a free throw. Thorton shot 84% percent from the free throw line during the season.
photo by Levi Dade



CLAUDIA VANZANT
jumps to shoot over a defender. This was Vanzant's first season with the Tigers.
photo by Levi Dade



JESSI BENNETT
photo by Levi Dade



MAKAYLA MILLER
returns to the bench during a time out. Miller played guard for the Tigers.
photo by Levi Dade



MAKAYLA MILLER releases the basketball as she aims for the basket. Miller started every game for the Tigers. *photo by Levi Dade*

TIGER NATION



photo by Levi Dade

"One key moment that I will never forget is our game against Henderson State University. The atmosphere in the gym was unmatched. We won that game on a buzzer beater, and I loved seeing everyone storm the court afterward. Beating your rival like that is something that just sticks with you. That game was really something to remember."

ASPEN THORNTON

1897 *points* **984** *rebounds* **375** *assists*

breaking streaks

LADY TIGERS PROGRAM PROMOTES GROWTH

i It was a new season for the Lady Tigers. Grit and grind kept this team together on and off the court. The girls fought for a win every time they played and had their motto, "next play mentality" in action.

The foundation of Coach Robert Dallimore's program was still being laid and his tactics proving to do the job. Kailen Wright, a senior biology major from Wylie, Texas, attests to the growth the team made.

"From the two years that I have been at Ouachita, I have seen tremendous growth in the program," Wright said. "From recruiting star athletes to building work ethics, our program has changed in such a short time period."

Wright credits her personal growth on the team to Coach Dallimore.

"I have grown from being on this team because of the friendships I have made and the principles Coach Dallimore instills in us," Wright said.

Coming into the season the Lady Tigers were faced with a young team and several missing players due to COVID-19. The girls overcame these challenges by maturing, growing, and ending the season by winning their last game by over 30 points. The team's effort

never wavered despite their obstacles.

Mackenzie Schilmoeller, a sophomore biology major from Bedford, Texas, claimed that growth on the court transferred over to growth in their own lives.

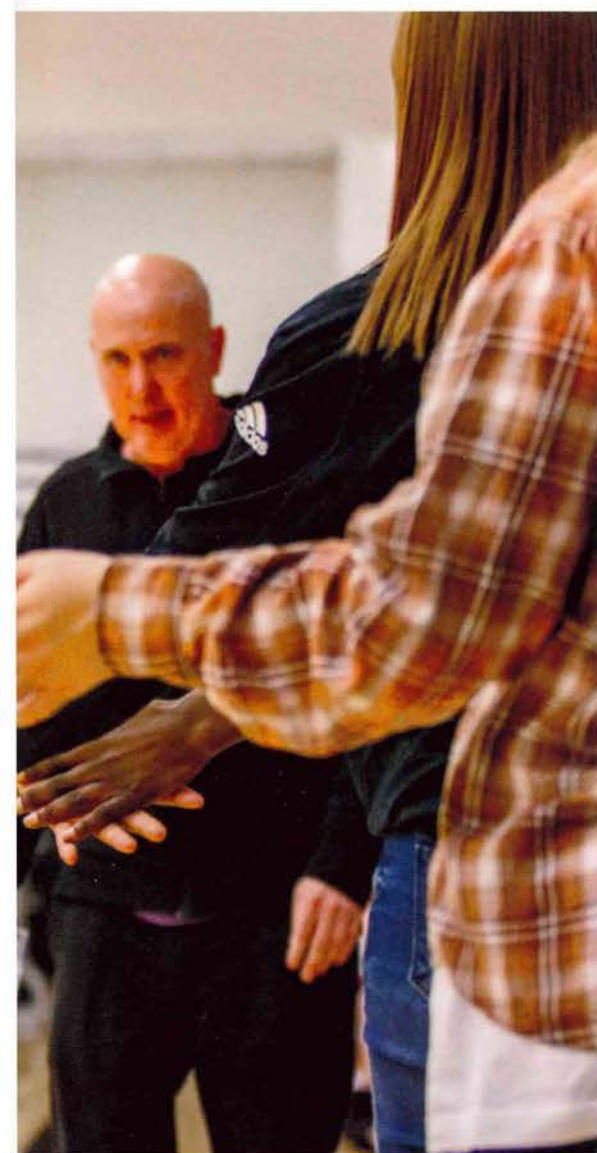
"Our team has grown in all aspects, not only on the court with our talent, improving our averages and setting new records, but also off the court with becoming more of a family and more involved on campus," Schilmoeller said.

Some lasting memories the team shared together were defeating Arkansas Tech University for the first time in nine years, Harding University for the first time in six years, and Southeast Oklahoma University for the first time in five years. They also had an exciting buzzer-beater versus Henderson State University at home where the fans stormed the court.

The Lady Tigers never failed to bring the energy. The girls played hard for each other and grew together to achieve a successful season.

Freshman guard Aspen Thornton was named the Freshman of the Year for the Great American Conference. She was also named to the All-Conference First Team. Junior guard Makayla Miller was named All-Conference Honorable Mention.

MADI DARR



THE ROAR

rundown

OBU vs

SOCCER

CO-REC SOUP-A-STARS
MEN'S AMIGOS

DODGEBALL

CO-REC DAJ MABALL
MEN'S THE KIDS ARE BACK

FLAG FOOTBALL

CO-REC BETA BLACK
MEN'S LOOKING TO SCORE

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

ULTIMATE
CO-REC LOSERS

VOLLEYBALL

AMATEUR AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROLLERS
COMPETITIVE TEAM DREW

BASKETBALL

M AMATEUR THE REBOUNDS
M COMPETITIVE TEAM SETH
WOMEN'S HARDCOREEE

DISC GOLF SINGLES

AMATEUR PARKER TWISDALE
COMPETITIVE CHRIS COUCH

DISC GOLF TOURN.

SCRAMBLE DAWSON MILLER

KICKBALL

CO-REC KICKBALL TEAM

INNERTUBE WATER POLO

CO-REC RUBBER DUCKYS

SOFTBALL

MEN'S BLACK SOX
CO-REC SOFTBALL TEAM



DREW DARBONNE

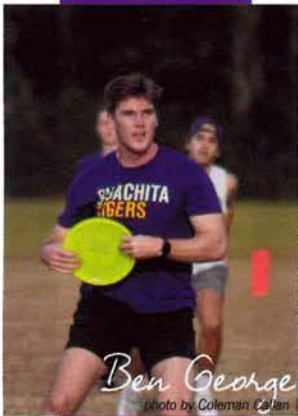
soars through the air to catch the frisbee. There were two different ultimate frisbee leagues, an advanced league and a beginner league.

photo by Coleman Callan

MARY GRACE

Cahalan passes the volleyball to her teammate. Cahalan played on a team with her social club, The Women of EEE.

photo by Brooks Bell



Ben George
photo by Coleman Callan

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An opportunity for the boys to have some fun in a competitive environment is something that we don't take for granted. College would not be the same without intramural sports.”



LINDSAY HATCHET
photo by Coleman Callan

“I loved playing soccer intramurals. I am able to enjoy playing soccer with my friends, laugh at our silly mistakes, and have friendly competition with other students at Ouachita.”

Lindsay Hatchet

“It was good being able to play normal intramurals after COVID-19. It didn't matter the score. We went out there forgot about any stress and just had fun”

Nic Hazlet

“I played flag football with a group of friends and got to share the sweet memory of winning the championship and beating Henderson for the first time ever in our Battle of the Ravine game.”

Sarah Collins

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PRIDE



ELISE HICKS runs past the defender as she carries the ball up field. Students competed in the flag football tournament for the chance to win a championship t-shirt.
photo by Brooks Bell

Granting students an environment to participate in healthy competition on campus, ReLife offers soccer, dodgeball, flag football, innertube water polo and various other sports for students to take part in. Each sport encourages students to get active, grow closer to their peers, and positively strengthens the atmosphere on campus.

Intramurals were a great opportunity to have fun and make new friends. Each sport created a light hearted fun environment with friendly competition.

"Intramurals are something every student should do," freshman Christian studies major, Heather Gray, said.

Many students joined a team as a free agent which meant they were placed on a team in need of extra players. In doing so, students built a greater connection with students they may not have met otherwise.

"I went in as a free agent because I did not know many people, and I am glad I did because I was able to meet several new people. As a free agent you are bound to meet neat people and create new friendships along the way," junior sports media major, Noah Brown, said.

Intramurals were certainly a high point at Ouachita. Students acknowledged that not every individual on the team had experience in the sport. Additionally, students fed off one another to learn new skills; win or lose students felt a sense of accomplishment at every game.

"I enjoyed soccer the most because I never played the sport before, so being on a team allowed me to sharpen my skills. Also playing intramural sports taught me that I do not need to be competitive about everything, and that it really doesn't matter if my team was the worst or the best as long as we are having fun," freshman business major, Andrew Martin, said.

The crowd favorite this year was innertube water polo because of its uniqueness compared to other sports. In innertube water polo, students enjoyed the thrill of being splashed while guarding their goals from competitors on tubes in the pool.

"The end of each game was the best part because no matter who won everyone was happy to play," business administration major, Breanna Watson, said.

JULIE ANN ZIMMERMAN

FRIENDLY COMPETITION

students participate in ReLife intramurals



CADEN MCCAULLEY prepares to catch a dodgeball that is headed towards him. McCauley played on a team with his social club, The Men of Eta Alpha Omega.
photo by Brooks Bell



BEN DEPRIEST and Luke House hold up signs and cheer at an intramural flag football game. Students used intramural sports as a time to take a break from studying and have fun with friends.
photo by Brooks Bell

THE ROAR

rundown



Elise Hicks
photo by Levi Dade

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Nothing compares to cheering at a Saturday football game. My favorite was when we won The Battle of The Ravine at the last second and the crowd went crazy.”

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The cheer team and marching band spent this past year supporting Ouachita athletics and promoting school spirit. Tiger Athletic events would not be the same without these two groups working hard to create an exciting and encouraging atmosphere.

“The cheer team allowed me to get out onto campus and get to know new people,” Staijah Taylor a freshman Sociology major from Texarkana, said.

Not only did the cheer team encourage others on campus to support Ouachita’s athletic teams, but they were also encouraging to one another. For Taylor this meant immediately having community when she stepped onto campus in the fall as a freshman. It was not only the freshman that felt this community.

“My favorite thing about the team is the love and community that we have. Cheer has totally impacted my time here at OBU. I have gotten to make the best of friends,” Cannon Fisher, a senior nutrition and dietetics major from Wynne, said.

Both the cheer team and the marching band created unforgettable memories throughout the year. One of these was a flash mob at the Battle of the Ravine rivalry game versus Henderson State.

“The flash mob during our last song of the half time performance was really special because we had members from all different clubs come out onto the field during half time. It was special event to share with the rest of Ouachita,” Savannah Pierce, a junior Christian studies major from Dover, said. Although very exciting, the flash mob was not the only fun event that the marching band created this year.

“I am on the drumline and our team dynamic is really good. We did a drumline battle with the other team at one of the games,” Noah Kelly, a sophomore history and political science major from Arkadelphia, said.

These two teams had a large impact throughout the entire year. Pep rallies, halftime shows, drumline battles, and flash mobs created unforgettable environments for students, fans, and athletes to enjoy.

CAROLINE JOHNSON

KEEPING THE SPIRIT

band and cheer take part in flash mob



JOSE GARCIA warms up in the stands before the football game begins. Garcia played the saxophone for the band.
photo by Madison Melcher



THE CHEER team sings the alma mater during pre-game ceremonies. The cheerleaders led the Tiger fans in support of the athletes.
photo by Levi Dade





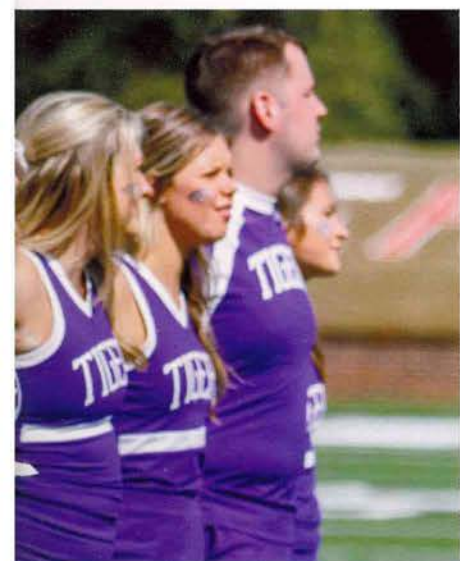
CONNOR HOWELL
plays the cymbals as the marching band performs on the football field. The theme for the halftime show was "On The Road Again" featuring road trip hits.
photo by Abby Blankenship



JOSIE WHITE
smiles as she sits with the band in the stands of the football stadium. The band played music throughout every home football game.
photo by Madison Melcher



GRACE TIDWELL
waves to the crowd and encourages them to cheer on the Tigers. The cheer team attended all home football and basketball games.
photo by Levi Dade



EMMY HIPPS
photo by Madison Melcher

"I loved getting to be in the middle of all of the excitement at football and basketball games. It was also so fun to work with the band and the social clubs for special halftime performances."

Emmy Hipps

"Our team worked to learn new routines and skills during each practice. The atmosphere at these practices are so encouraging and fun. Each year with this team has brought me precious memories and relationships."

Jaelle Morrison

"My favorite memories of cheer always include Dr. Kluck. He encourages and supports us throughout the entire season. He really goes above and beyond, especially at our end of year banquet."

Sydney Donaldson

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PRIDE

THE ROAR

rundown

Cross Country

Women's	
Bob Gravett	1st
Harding	1st
Ouachita Tiger	1st
UAH Charger	15th
GAC Conference	5th
NCAA Central	23rd
Regional	
Men's	
Bob Gravett	2nd
Harding	2nd
Ouachita Tiger	1st
UAH Charger	24th
GAC Conference	4th
NCAA Central	23rd
Regional	



LANIE WHITE takes off after receiving the baton. White competed in the 400 meter relay for the Tigers.
photo courtesy of obutigers.com

HANNAH BAILEY bounds off of the obstacle and into the water. Bailey was a freshman competing in the event for the first time for the Tigers.
photo by McKenzie Davis



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This season was a great, but challenging experience. I learned to persevere through my recent hip surgery.”

Track

Women's	
Pitt State Classic	
MC Season Opener	
Hendrix Opener	1st
Rhodes Invite	
UT-Tyler Ice Breaker	
OKBU	
SFA Invite	
Little Rock Twilight	6th
ASU Red Wolves	
GAC Championship	7th



“My favorite memory of the season was racing in Huntsville. The course was beautiful and I loved spending time with my teammates in Nashville after the race.”

McKenzie Davis

“Racing at the Huntsville Invitational in Alabama was exhilarating. There were gigantic hills, a ton of mud, and hundreds of athletes running.”

Brock Bivens

“When the team traveled to Nacogdoches, Texas the girls raced before the boys and I got to cheer for and watch Cade Swindle and Whit Lawrence break 15:00 in the 5k for their first time ever which is a huge feat for a freshman.”

Sara Holman

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PRIDE





VICTORIA BOURGEOIS fights to beat her opponent to the finish line. Bourgeois has competed on the cross country team for two seasons.
photo by Abby Blankenship

a After gaining thirty new runners since last season, the cross-country team grew significantly and achieved new accomplishments during the 2021-2022 season. The women's cross-country team began the year with three consecutive wins, setting the tone for the rest of the season. As the year progressed, both the men's and women's teams set new records for their average race times.

Mackenzie Davis, a freshman Biology major from Frisco, Texas, and Jaci McGregor, a freshman Kinesiology major from Salado, Texas, broke the program's records in both the women's 5k and 6k races over the season.

"Cross country has brought me so many good friends and memories. I enjoy being able to share my love of running with others," said Becca Beard, a sophomore Kinesiology major from Maumelle, Arkansas. "We love to run together as a team, but we also love to hang out with each other through doing different things as a group."

Led by Coach Steve Guymon, both teams grew closer, ran faster, and pushed themselves to a new level throughout the season.

"Not only have I grown as a collegiate athlete, but I've also learned more about the sport from the knowledge of my coaches," said Whit Lawrence, a freshman Chemistry and Biology double-major from Mountain Home, Arkansas. "This team has given me a built-in group of friends during my first year at Ouachita, and it has allowed me to have a stronger sense of Ouachita pride as I travel to represent the best school."

After the program was cut, the men's team returned this season with seventeen runners who have large plans and aspirations for the future of the program before their senior year.

"I am excited to see how the men's team grows. For many of us, we want to build up the team to eventually win conference and take on nationals. These guys are my best friends, and I know that as we grow, so will our ambitions and goals," said Cade Swindle, a freshman Christian Studies and Political Science double-major from Conway, Arkansas.

The men's team had one first-place finish, two-second place finishes, and finished fourth at the GAC championship meet while the women's team had three first-place finishes during the season and tied their program-best fifth-place finish at the GAC championships.

"With this team, you always have someone who is constantly encouraging the best of you. I am thankful for the support that the team has always given to me," said Kristen Holeyfield, a senior Biology major from Searcy, Arkansas. "Coming together as a team is always one of the happiest moments of my day, and after I graduate, I know that I'll miss the positive atmosphere that the cross-country team has created for me."

CAROLINE JOHNSON

A RUNNING START

cross country welcomes in men's team



STAIJAH TAYLOR leaps over a hurdle. Taylor competed in the 100 meter hurdle event for the tigers.
photo courtesy of aboutigers.com



KEAGAN POINTER runs in a cross country meet. This was Pointer's rookie season with the Tigers.
photo by Abby Blankenship

team photos



SOFTBALL FRONT ROW: Erin Williams, Maddi Terry, Heather Brown, Emma McCorkle, Mackenzie Amaya, Sarah Tuller, Tally Turnbow, Ryan Rector, Reagann Harper, Kyndal Moyer
SECOND ROW: Derrick Grimes, Janie Grimes, Emma Mayes, Hope Waid, Jillian Jones, Nikki Schneider, Tuesday Melton, Kellen Church, Rebecca Holman, Madison Miller, Lauren Lester, Macie Goff, Lacy Ornelas, Hannah Hunter, Callie Jourdan, Jessalyn Ahrens, Addison Miller



WOMEN'S SOCCER FRONT ROW: Madison White, Sophia Valencia, Sydni Perry, Carley Ho, Kristen Mann, Fernanda Valencia, Hope Pennington, Grace Hunter
SECOND ROW: Hayley Wood, Megan McKay, Ashlyn Lynch, Jamie Fowler, Carina Chavanna, Michele Snow, Taylor Read, Josilyn Kispert, Gracen Turner, Ashlyn Vana
THIRD ROW: Abbey Moore, Jordan Nelson, Alexis Perry, Ashton Inman, Jaymee Dotson, Shanley Rogers, Abbey Inman, Mia Paladini, Frankie Nine



MEN'S SOCCER FRONT ROW: Hagan Sanchez, Caden Pulliam, Ebon Jordan, Henry Terry, Bobby Boone, Brandon Avila
SECOND ROW: James Jolly, David Stankovic, Grant Isbell, Morris Tsuma, Eli Stuart, Payne Barrow, Emilio Garcia
THIRD ROW: Max Kenyan, Eli Jenkins, Armani Atliano, Natnael Abeje, Joseph Lattier, Marshall Prather



WOMEN'S CC & TRACK FRONT ROW: Kyndal Moyer, Grace Loftin, Kristen Holeyfield, Lexi Huse
SECOND ROW: Sara Holman, Nataly Nailling, Reyna Rogers, Jaci McGregor, Stajiah Taylor, Izzi Breaux, Becca Beard, Avery Howard
THIRD ROW: Sydney Degado, Taylor Koeth, Mackenzie Davis, Megan Monk, Emily Payne, Maci Cash, Victoria Bourgeois, Rebekah Wendt, Kristen Swanson
FOURTH ROW: Kennedy Stringfellow, Izzy Baughn, Adrenne Brown, Hannah Bailey, Brandi Rottman, Laynie White, Kloe Parsons, Jessica Jennings, Emily Castilaw



BASEBALL FRONT ROW: Isaac Nowell, Jaxon Rees, Ben DePriest, Bryce Smith, Tallon Heine, Noah Bachman, Cooper Timmons, Andrew Cox
SECOND ROW: CW Schrader, Wyatt Core, Pierce Mitchum, Jud Arrington, Zach Kuykendall, Dustin Bermudez, Carter Wade, Jaxson Chaney, Hayden Childers, Cade Burris, Blake Tubbs, Sean Rhodes
THIRD ROW: Luke Howard, Dave Brown, Beau Burson, Caleb Donoho, G Allen, Jacob Bowman, Luke House, Hunter Gautreaux, Tucker Anderson, Garrett Hermes, Jackson Lipscomb, Cameron Marchant, Andrew McDonald, Charles Bradley



MEN'S BASKETBALL FRONT ROW: Alex Scariolo, Leon Kalinic, Ma'Darius Hobson, Hamilton Hamm, Larenz Nero, Kobe Dunlap, Marvin Williams-Dunn, Jacob Street
SECOND ROW: Dennis Nut, Gabe Wilmath, Zachariah Lane, T'yondrick Henry, Stephan Tabé, Tylar Haynes, Adel Mellak, Deaveon Bankston, Kendarious Smith, Ben Wright, Jordan Bailey



SWIM FRONT ROW: Kate McCown, Samantha McCarty, Emma Starkman, Ariana Rizo, Anna Kate Velasquez, Erin Russo, Avery Sewell
SECOND ROW: Rafael Bustillo, Mary O'Sullivan, Jade Ashley, Torrie Weem, Lenna Conard, Siye Hoover, Jacob Lewis, Steven Bostick
THIRD ROW: Dawson Pritchard, Logan Langley, Joe Ragsdell, Kendall Wilson, Hannah Hickman, Tori Blum, Alex Schulze
FOURTH ROW: Bennett Bibza, Noah Smith, Jax Stevens, Elise Henderson, Lilia Clark, Lydia Medigovich, Rachel Sansano
FIFTH ROW: Thomas Morley, Barrett Troup, Duncan Troup, Tristan Richert, Parker Nelson, Elijah Christenson, Angel Medina



WRESTLING FRONT ROW: Jaylon Otero, Noah Yeamans
SECOND ROW: Brandon Anderson, Marcel Molu, Jake Sheehy, Evan Kennedy, Dylan Olivier, Trace Morrow, Hudson Herring, Carter Bierbaum, Will Martin, Chase Howerton, Adrian Salazar-Rivera, Zander Fields, Deryk Allen
THIRD ROW: Kevin Crutchmer, Jessie Hodge, Brady Marple, Jackson Carter, Ryan Cochran, Preston Fisher, Donald Paul, Johnny Green, R.J. Hild, Chandler Cooley, Brooks Schrimsher, Wyatt Compton, Rey Reyes, Jackson Bourne, Kyle Ash



VOLLEYBALL FRONT ROW: Abi Roberts, Bethany LaTurno, Lexie Castillow, Avery Jauz, Terni Fayiga
SECOND ROW: EJ Day, Karlie Bonam, Kellen Church, Sydney Ellason, Brooke Jones, Joni Schneider, Avery Jauz
THIRD ROW: Rileigh Fielder, Kayla Steinmeyer, Zhara Thomas, Jazymne Dorton, Audrey Gallagher, Karli Ferguson, Emily Low



TENNIS FRONT ROW: Fernando Docters, Phil Exner, Alex Blanchar, Francisco Oliveira, Santiago Kearney, Craig Ward, Tobias Fuerschuss, Seth Hernandez, Matias Parzajuk



MEN'S CC FRONT ROW: Sam Vickers, Jalen Becho, Josh Tibbs, Luke Lawson, Ethan Kailey, Chip Fournier, Brock Bivens
SECOND ROW: Luke Faddis, Cade Swindie, Neal Cole, Jeremiah Mainor, Lawson Sanders, Keagan Pointer
THIRD ROW: Dawson Goodwin, Whit Lawrence, Billy Swecker



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FRONT ROW: Laney Mears, Makenzie Schilmoeller, Kailen Wright, Jessi Bennett, Lauren Wright, Makayla Miller, Aspen Thornton
SECOND ROW: Robert Dallimore, Jordan Dallimore, Lanie Baxter, Claudia Vanzant, Kylie Jo Kilgore, McKenzie Jones, Kayla Tucker, Nxerro Maltuw, Abby Moseley



CHEER FRONT ROW: Anna Claire Newman, Reyna Rogers, Olivia Whittatch, Kenzie Cresswell, Elise Hicks, Kelsi Coleman, Grace Tidwell, Kristen Holeyfield, Victoria Bourgeois, Avery Howard, Kennedy Johnson, Emmy Hips
SECOND ROW: Audrey Fortner, Stajiah Taylor, Cris McGough, Melanie Halfacre, Jaelle Morrison, Athen Wilkerson, Sydney Donaldson, Julia Shands, Madison Jackson, Layne Wilson, Cannon Fisher



WOMEN'S TENNIS FRONT ROW: Olivia Gatson, Haylee Cannon, Davilus Shelly, Austynn Crocker, Clairsa Valenzuela
SECOND ROW: Keelan Williams, Carla Gallart, Taylor Hansard, Makeilah Turner, Ali May



FOOTBALL FRONT ROW: Cole Edrington, TJ Cole, Austin Guymon, Hayden Lassiter, Gregory Junior, Ja'Merrick Waller, Josh Burnham, Todd Knight, Jack Pillow, Rico Gonzalez, Jack Burnham, Ethan Gasaway, Dameyon McDonald, Ryan Perdue, Hayden Waller, Hunter McCord
SECOND ROW: Gabe Goodman, Keemontreae McKnight, Andrew Hayes, Drew Smallwood, Xaylon Falls, Jacobi Nolen, Connor Flannigan, Harris Walker, Dhante Gibson, Ty Compton, Jaylan Mosley, John Williams, Trey Proctor, Joel Allen, Riley Harms, Tucker Swoboda, Eli Livingston, Grant Allen, Jorameo Bragg, Hunter Swoboda, Jacob Yates
THIRD ROW: Justin Dean, Terrell Gibson, Jason Jackson, Parker Beene, Will Broussard, Mikey Gonzalez, Brock Howard, Dawson Miller, Dawson Guidry, Rickey Rogers Jr., Nathan Frater, Trey Flint, Hank Hatfield, Anthony Freeman, Bruin Barnes, Connor Schorp, Nathan Adams, Cole Turner, Cauty House, Jaraylon Burks, Jaxson Carter, Nathan Adams, Ben Carpenter
FOURTH ROW: Colby Hammontree, Mason Songer, Josh Wallace, Chance Taylor, Noah Pruitt, Hunter Jackson, Nathan Turner, Christopher McDaniel, Canaan Davis, Whitt Sparks, Clayton Nelson, Cole Pennock, Conner Whipple, Peyton Stafford, Jeremiah Wingfield, Jarvis Gullely, Jax Gasaway, Gaylon Williams, Rocco O'Keefe, Jake Norman, Anthony Chairez, Zacary Henson
SIXTH ROW: Tanner Nelson, Brett Barbaree, Charlie Parkinson, Buster Thomas, Jerimah Turner, Wes McCord, Dylan Clayton, Elias Hewitt, Joe Couch, Joey Benson, Josh Watson, Ryan McDavid, Nick Washington, James Hinch, Jack Stephens, Melvin Kummwenda, Braylen Butler, Lavery Shepherd, Malachi Bingham, Clark Yarbrough, Mason Martin, Boston Morris, Rovell Carter
SEVENTH ROW: Johnathon Callum, Jordan Macheem, Ashleigh Harris, Susannah Arnn, Ethan Russell, Joseph Webb, Cabb Batson, Kaitlin Bolton, Dione Dean, Jay Derby, Dakota Wilson, Roy Thompson, Brett Shockley, Kane Bryen, Julius Pruitt, Spencer Knight, Peyton Morris, Brady Carson, Madison Montgomery, Tamia Calloway, Lauren Jamell, Acacia Hunter, Cindy Alexander, Brody Kriegel, Caleb Woodfield



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NANCY HARDMAN
lectures to her students during a communication science and disorders class. These students worked diligently learning to serve others.
photo by Levi Dade

Academics

ACCOUNTING



photo by Caroline Massey

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The Hickingbotham School of Business is definitely one of my favorite places on campus, not only because of the professors, but also because of the opportunities that have been presented to me throughout my time here. The relationships that I've formed with my professors combined with their knowledge and wisdom is something that will prove to be beneficial in the future.”

Rebekah Chandler

FINANCE



photo by Abby Blankenship

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My favorite experiences in the Hickingbotham School of Business has been my involvement in the Ary Fund. All of us in the Fund have grown closer throughout the year which has helped tremendously with weekly discussions. Through the guidance of Dr. Brune and participation, my knowledge in investing has grown exponentially, and I am forever grateful for this opportunity.”

Grant Winger

ADMINISTRATION



photo by Sarah Dehn

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I have loved every semester of being a student in the Hickingbotham School of Business. Not only have my professors been helpful, but they have also empowered me to get out of my comfort zone and take advantage of opportunities that I otherwise wouldn't have. I am grateful for the education and the confidence that I have developed through this program.”

Heather Brown





ARY FUND
students discuss current holdings and recommendations with Dr. Chris Brune. The Ary Fund is a stock portfolio managed by senior finance students.
photo by Abby Blankenship



LECTURING IN
class, Ms. Debbie Francis engages with students during her class on Innovations and Entrepreneurship.
photo by Sarah Dean



STUDENTS TAKE
notes and listen in their Intermediate Accounting Class. The class was taught by Dr. Jim Files.
photo by Caroline Massey

preparing for the future

The Hickingbotham School of Business is loved by many students for its versatility and hands-on experience. The school continued to grow and provide new experiences for students. Professor Johan Ericksson was excited about everything the school and students have accomplished.

"Since I started last August, Hickingbotham School of Business completed the AACSB accreditation review. We also held the annual Business Plan Competition last fall," Ericksson said. "The amount of work our students completed to represent their business ideas was impressive."

The Hickingbotham School of Business prepared students to serve and lead well after college. Lauren Kinley, a senior accounting and finance double major from Conway, felt equipped to enter the work force and was grateful for all the connections made thanks to the school.

"They have communicated expectations that the work force will expect from us and constantly push us to do our best," Kinley said. "They connect us with people in the field and help us get jobs and internships. In the classroom, they teach us material that is useful to relate back to real work."

Business faculty were looking forward to bringing new opportunities and material for their students. The future of the school was bright.

"We are in the early stages of scoping out new entrepreneurship opportunities," Ericksson said. "We are thinking about creating additional exposure for a business plan competition partnering with faith-based

schools, how we can leverage industry experts to provide more exposure and experience opportunities for our students, and how we can expand our data analytics visibility and offerings."

Incoming freshmen did not want to miss out on this program. This growing field continued to be popular, attracting more students to be part of The Hickingbotham School of Business.

Kirsten Lu, a freshman business administration and psychology double major from Sherwood, has been impacted by how caring and Christ-centered the department is.

"The business department valued my studies and my efforts and were concerned for my success and goals," Lu said. "I am inspired by how the business department conducts their approach that Christ comes first before anything else."

This aspect is shown through how relational the professors within the school are. Students have created relationships with professors outside the classroom where they receive advice and help.

Through being a part of Ary Student Investment Fund, Kinley has been able to deepen relationships with fellow students and professors. Ary Fund is stock portfolio managed by a team of senior finance students with the Hickingbotham School of Business.

"Creating relationships with professors is one of the biggest blessings in my life," Kinley said. "They have pushed me, encouraged me and shaped me into the person I am today. I have been able to find a job after graduation, and I am thankful for how much they helped me with that."

VALERIA GOMEZ

PRESENTING TO the class, junior Heather Brown talks to her Social Entrepreneurship class. The class is taught by Dr. Eriksson.
photo by Abby Blankenship

BIBLICAL STUDIES



photo by Levi Dade



Christian Studies is great because it helps us not only learn in depth about what we believe as Christians, but it galvanizes our faith and teaches us how to live like Christ. While striving to best represent Christ's example, we must do God's word justice and bring glory to Him. In doing this, we show not only that God is worth knowing but that He is also worth believing in."

Garrett Nipps

MISSIONS



photo by Abby Blankenship



New religious movements is such an interesting class as it gives us a perspective on other religions and beliefs while also teaching us how to best share the gospel with those involved in other religions. Dr. Visor is one of the best, and I am glad that I got to spend time and enjoy this class during my last semester at Ouachita."

Bailey Case

MINISTRIES



photo by Abby Blankenship



I've enjoyed learning from many different speakers who explain the hardships and the rewards of counseling. I've loved seeing how counseling is a unique ministry and how as a Christian we can minister to people by helping them emotionally which ties into their spiritual life whether or not they are a believer."

Allie Graves



PHILOSOPHY



achita breaks down the fundamentals as an argument either good or flawed. It's applied throughout a range of majors, use in everyday occurrences. Ultimately, late fundamental thoughts that help us identify and solve everyday problems."

Cody Pallen

GREAT SENSE OF *community*

The Pruet School of Christian Studies prepared students to understand the historical, biblical, and theological context of the Christian faith while also being engaged in the world of ministry. Through classes such as interpreting the bible, spiritual formation, and christian counseling, students developed their own ideas about theology and lived out their purpose of being disciples in the world. Many students are called to ministry at a young age, and the Pruet School of Christian Studies equipped students to be followers of Christ.

For Nicholas Gillham, a freshman christian studies major from Jonesboro, professors such as Dr. Scott Duvall, Dr. Adam Jones, and Dr. Marvin Pate created a sense of community in the classroom that allowed him to gain knowledge while also ministering to his fellow classmates.

"The ability to apply what we learn flows through me, as a student because of the relationships we have with the classmates, the professors, and ultimately, Jesus Christ," Gillham said. "They have pushed me outside of the classroom to deepen my relationship with Christ."

The department also recently named Christina Neal the new head of the major of community and family services. She served as the Title XI coordinator and started the Child Advocacy Center in Arkadelphia.

Scarlet Bates, a Community and Family Services major from Little Rock, reflected on Neal's advances in the department.

"She has great connections because she served as a

therapist before working at Ouachita. She speaks from her own experience and really tries to get to know all of the community and family services majors," Bates said. "There aren't many of us, so it's nice to have someone that has been in our shoes to have as a mentor."

Neal also made a new degree plan for community and family services that included an emphasis in graduate clinical or human services. This allowed for students to delve deeper into counseling as a whole.

One important aspect of the christian studies major is to have an internship or service opportunity. The department put on various conferences where students could get service credits for serving along with The Pruet Sisterhood that allowed female students to serve one another.

Hannah Tullos, a sophomore christian studies major with a biblical studies and theology emphasis from Paris, TX, emphasized the importance of serving your community and classmates while in school.

"The christian studies professors promote the inerrancy of Scripture and the atoning work of Christ," Tullos said. "Discipleship in the Church with Dr. Pemberton opened my eyes to spiritual disciplines and how to strategically promote discipleship both in the church and outside it."

Whether in prayer groups in discipleship in the church or by volunteering at the Child Advocacy Center, christian studies majors had many practical opportunities within their majors.

ADDIE WOODS



DR. MARVIN PATE lectures on the method and content of the Christian faith during his Christian Theology class.
photo by Abby Blankenship



STUDENTS LISTEN as Dr. Barbara Pemberton teaches World Religions, a study of the major living religions other than Christianity.
photo by Coleman Callan



BIBLE SURVEY students, including freshman Erin Key, listen to Professor Quantel Williams in the core class that examines the redemptive story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.
photo by Alex Watson

EXAMINING THE discussion, Old Testament Theology students discuss different themes and theological concepts while enjoying class outside.
photo by Levi Dade





WORKING AS a group, students work on an assignment during class. This class was SEC Methods.
photo by Abby Blankenship



DR. KATHY Collins lectures during class. She taught Intro to Education.
photo by Susannah Arrn

FOCUSING IN class, freshman Rodney Scott listens to Dr. Collins. Scott desired to teach English within the classroom.
photo by Susannah Arrn

modeling the master

The Huckabee School of Education focused on preparing students for a career in education by practical experience, a welcoming environment, and fostering community. The dean is Dr. Jeff Root who exhibited the love of God and the love of learning in the classroom. Despite still having COVID-19 protocols in place for half of the year, the department adapted and made way for student teachers to get hands-on experience in the classroom.

For Brunson McDonald, a senior Kinesiology major with an emphasis in education from Arlington, COVID-19 mandates allowed her to connect with her students outside the classroom by attending sports games and learning about their life outside of school.

"I am intentional about having conversations with the students that show that I want them to do well not only in school but also in life as well," McDonald said.

McDonald reflected on the education department at her time at Ouachita and how it pushed her to strengthen her spiritual journey. The department's approach is to model after Jesus, the master teacher.

"I take my faith very seriously because I want to shine the light of the Lord to my future students because I might be the only way the students get exposure to the gospel," McDonald said.

For Jack Webb, a junior Spanish major and education minor from Memphis, the high standards of the education department prepared him to become

a teacher.

"The department runs you through scenarios and real-life problems to make sure you are going to be ready and prepared for teaching," Webb said. "I can say with confidence that by the time I graduate from Ouachita, I am going to be ready and fully prepared to step into a classroom and teach."

Webb has already learned things in his classroom that he hoped to implement in his own from various professors such as Mrs. Sharp and Dr. Pool.

"I think the biggest thing for me was one of the first days of my Foundations of Education class, Dr. Pool told us 'we as teachers need to be consistent in their inconsistent worlds.' She meant that there are no days off," Webb said. "You are going to have children come in and I might be the only thing consistent in their world," said Webb.

The education department modeled how to be a teacher in their classrooms before students even enter the workplace. They offered practical experience while pushing students to sharpen their spiritual journey and their love of teaching.

For Abbie Moix, a sophomore education major from Choctaw, OK, these values confirmed her love for teaching and reminded her why she wanted to become an education major to begin with.

"It's been helpful but also encouraging to go into schools and get hands-on experiences to be able to be around real kids and teach lessons," Moix said.

ADDIE WOODS



LISTENING IN her child and adolescent development class, freshman Caroline Jurkovich reads along as Dr. Carrie Sharp teaches.
photo by Levi Dade

ELEMENTARY



“ For the longest time, I have wanted to be a teacher, but the education department at Ouachita really solidified that dream for me. Ever since I have been welcomed in, I have felt so loved by the advisors and teachers. It truly feels like home! In the future, I plan on teaching 2nd grade, and I hope to live up to the amazing educators at Ouachita.”

— *Brianna Cantrell*

MIDDLE SCHOOL



“ Last summer I went as a leader on a mission trip, and ever since then, I've felt called to teaching this crazy age group. I absolutely love how encouraging everyone in the education department is. The professors are so inspiring and truly some of the best people I've ever met.”

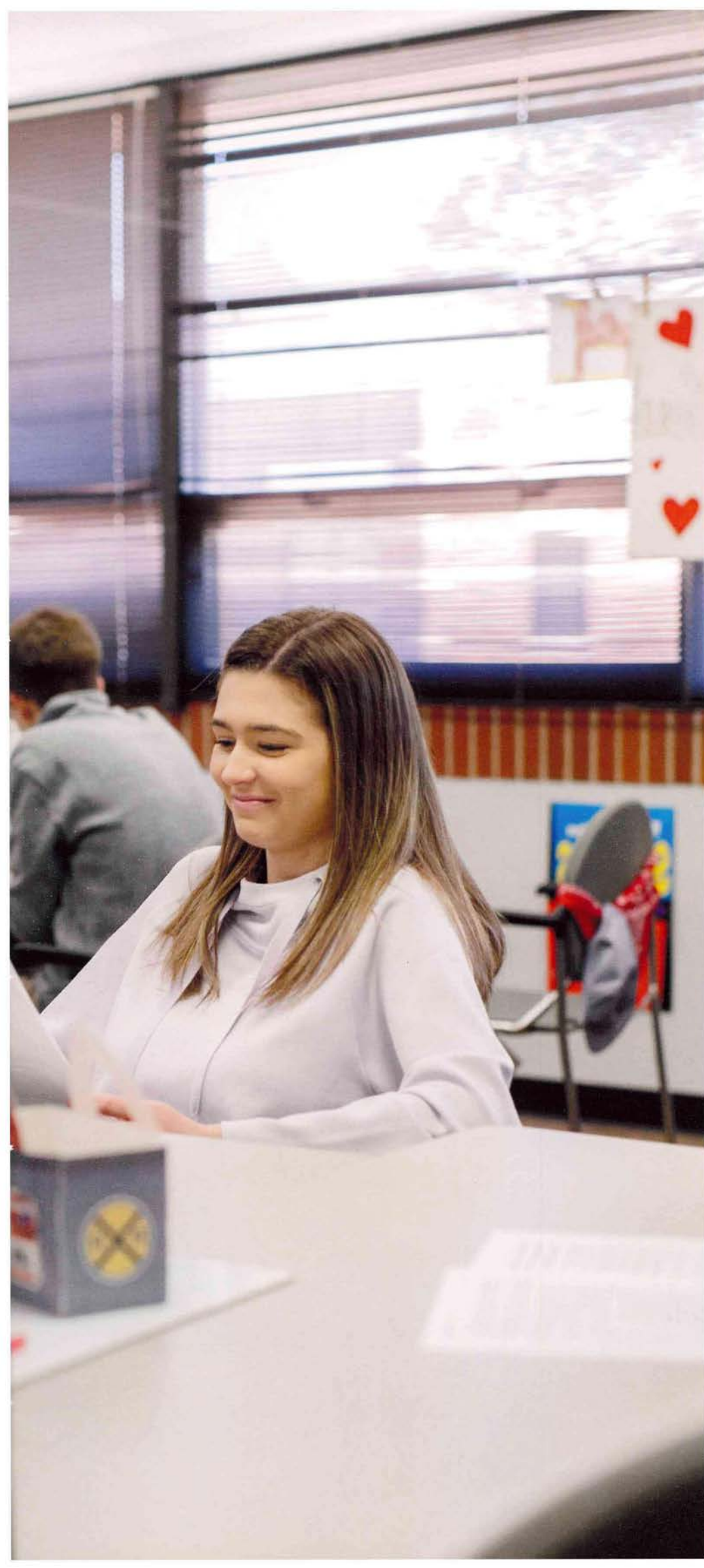
— *Rose Robinson*

SECONDARY



“ The education department has been invaluable to my experience at Ouachita. I have learned so much that I will take to my own classroom, and I will never forget the professors who cares so much about me both as a person and as a student.”

— *Haylee Cannon*



KINESIOLOGY



photo by Abby Blankenship

“ The kinesiology department is always finding ways to help students get real world experience within Ouachita and the Arkadelphia community. It encourages us to think outside of the box on how to involve people in physical activity. I am already feeling prepared for PT school due to real world experiences that professors give to take learning into my own hands.”

Erica Stillwell

LEISURE STUDIES



photo by Natalie Moore

“ During the spring semester, I took the backpacking and nature awareness leisure studies class with Shane Seaton. Mr. Seaton was a very fun professor for this class. I love the outdoors, and the opportunity to take a class that is dedicated on how to get out and enjoy nature was really incredible.”

Parker Nelson



FOUNDATIONS OF

kinesiology students practice taking each other's blood pressure at the Exercise is Medicine event held in December.

photo by Abby Blankenship





GROWTH FROM NEW *obstacles*

throughout the Department of Kinesiology and Leisure Studies, new programs were being offered to students. Both professors and students have adapted to the challenges of COVID-19 and the department has positively progressed more than ever before.

"Kinesiology focuses on the study of human movement and the way that we move through various sports, and any other kind of physical activity that is associated with movement," said Dr. Terry Dewitt, professor and chair of the department. "We try to prepare students to go into physical therapy, occupational therapy, athletic training, physician assistant, or chiropractic programs once they graduate."

One of the biggest draw factors for students in the kinesiology major is the study of human movement. The courses provided in the field are beneficial to students stepping into the career after graduation.

"I changed my major because I've always had an interest in studying body movements and learning more about exercise science and health," freshman Natalie Thomas from Maumelle said. "I would love to get my masters in physical therapy and continue my education after graduation."

Additionally, most students in the department have a strong passion for athletics and learning about the significance of human development.

"I chose kinesiology because I love athletics," sophomore Terrence Murray from Garland, Texas, said.

"I want to be around sports constantly, and give back in any way, shape, or form. The courses I've taken at Ouachita have given me great insight on the human body and how it works."

Exercise Science is a new program added last year. The program was introduced to enable students to gain a credit certification in exercise through the ACSM, so that they can work in heart hospitals and rehab.

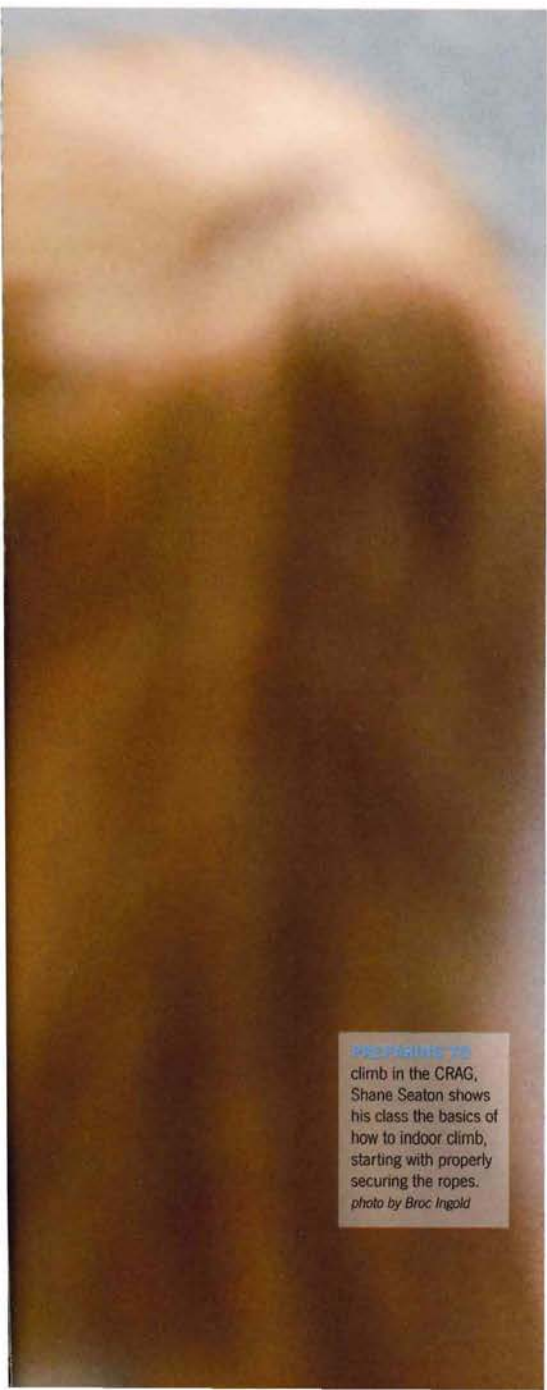
"The newest edition of the exercise science lab has allowed us to acquire another racquetball court to provide students with more lab space," said Dewitt. "We are just now seeing students graduate from the department and start to work in the exercise field."

Despite the obstacles of COVID-19, students were able to work closely together in and out of the classroom. Professors and students became educated on how to manivore through individuals being quarantined; allowing students the ability to continue to participate in class activities and events.

"The best event I took part in this year was exercise medicine on campus," freshman Nicolette Larkins from Haughton, Louisiana, said. "Dr. Dewitt came up with activities for students to run a class, and the rest was up to our assigned groups to plan and prepare the lesson."

The Kinesiology and Leisure Studies Department faced many adversities this school year, but ultimately expanded exponentially improving the department and students' experiences and education as a whole.

JULIE ANN ZIMMERMAN



GIVING A THUMBS

up to his friends, senior Nic Hazlett signals that he is ready to begin his indoor climb inside of the CRAG.

photo by Broc Ingold

TAKING NOTES

in strength and conditioning class, freshman Keagan Pointer engages in class lecture. The class was taught by Hallie Wallace.

photo by Abby Blankenship

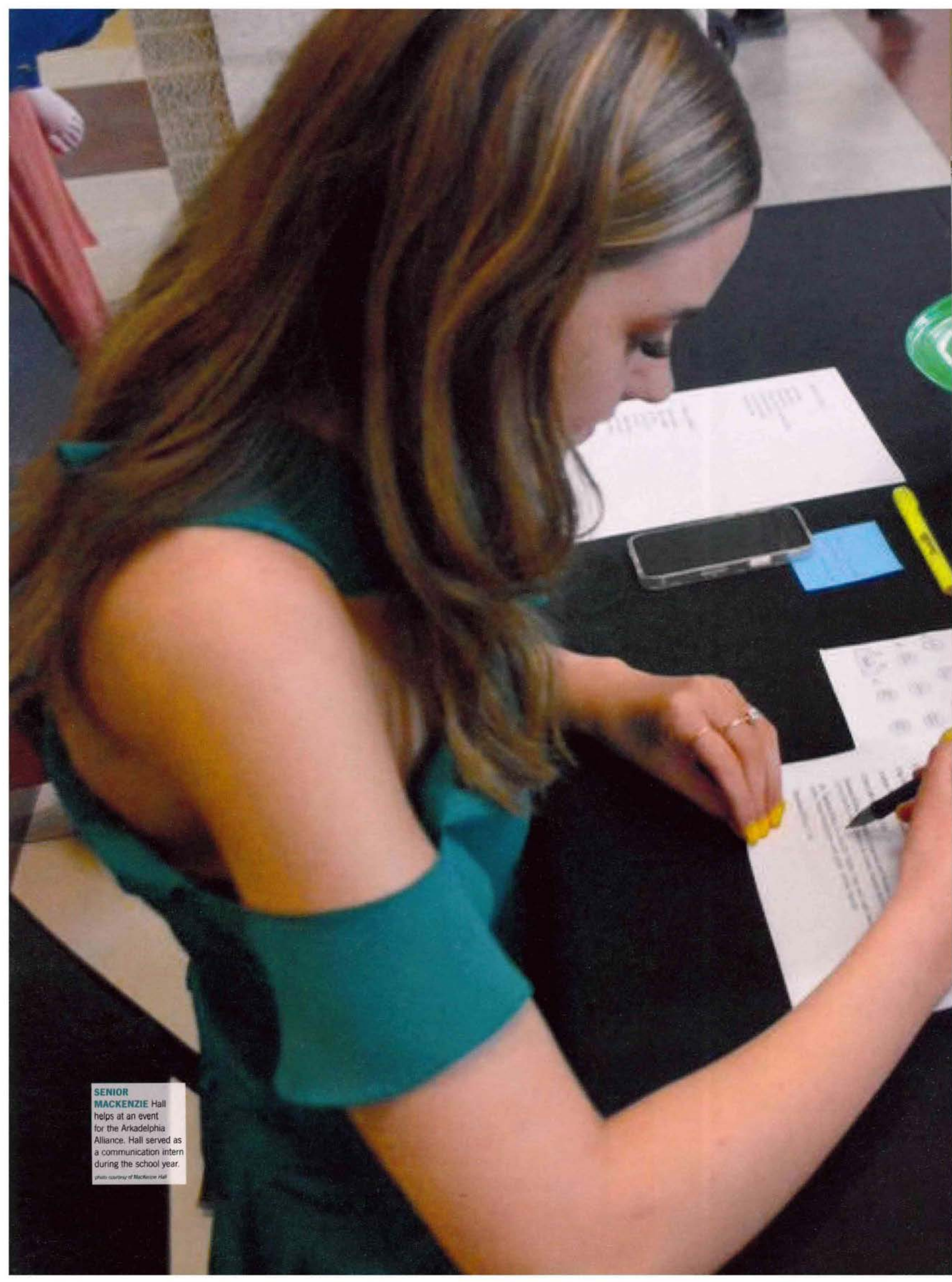


STUDENTS LISTEN

to Dr. Terry Dewitt in Personal Training class as he prepares them to take their personal training certification course at the end of the semester.

photo by Coleman Callan

PREPARING TO
climb in the CRAG, Shane Seaton shows his class the basics of how to indoor climb, starting with properly securing the ropes.
photo by Broc Ingold



SENIOR MACKENZIE Hall helps at an event for the Arkadelphia Alliance. Hall served as a communication intern during the school year.
photo courtesy of Mackenzie Hall

BACK IN THE *office*

STUDENTS EXPAND KNOWLEDGE THROUGH INTERNSHIPS

As college students, summer could mean you spend it getting professional experience in your field of study. Internships are popular among students and the summer of 2021 brought great memories and skills to those who spent it as interns.

Communications internships are some of the most competitive yet popular ones. Hands on experience is important in the creative field.

Erica Chapman, a senior business administration marketing and management major from Bentonville, interned with Mach 1 Financial Group and enjoyed her experience with a small business.

"The marketing team was made of one person who was, at the time, in transition out of the company," Chapman said. "I planned prospective client events, client appreciation events, marketing strategies for traditional and digital marketing, social media operations, internal and external communications, and more. Mach 1 also has a weekly financial podcast and I produced and edited the episodes."

There is an internship for everyone, no matter your interest. Junior political science and public history major, Sarah Spakes, interned at the Arkansas Governor's Office.

"I was an administrative intern at the Mansion. At the Mansion, I worked the front desk, so I answered phone calls, collected and distributed mail and answered emails. I got to do a lot more than that, though," Spakes said. "I gave Mansion Garden tours, I attended event planning meetings and the events themselves, and I started the process for archiving the First Lady's papers. The best part, however, was

playing with the First Dog, Bandit."

Gary Storment, junior Christian studies major from Little Rock, worked at a church in Texarkana.

"I lived in Texarkana for 13 weeks. I was the intern for the youth, 6-12th grade. I preached 6 of the 13 weeks, lead Sunday School most Sundays, and helped plan and execute events. We had a camp that we created, a mission trip, and an end of summer float trip," Storment said.

Being an intern is not always easy, but the job helps you grow and develop as a professional.

"This internship taught me a lot about confidence in myself. The nature of the smaller business model meant that I did not have anyone else to hide behind when it came to running the marketing department. It was just me," Chapman said. "This was intimidating, but also empowering. This gave me the opportunity to be confident in my decisions and in my skills and this will help me to be confident in myself going forward."

Ouachita played a key role in each of these students' lives. This school shaped, taught, and prepared them for the real world.

Mallory Gatson, senior mass communications major from Little Rock, was the social media intern for the Arkadelphia School District. Gatson knew Ouachita had prepared her well through classes.

"Ouachita prepared me for this internship by the courses that I was able to take. Social Media, Online Media, Media Writing, PR, Broadcast Journalism- there wasn't anything that I felt like I couldn't do," Gatson said.

VALERIA GOMEZ



JUNIOR NOAH

Sanders poses for a photo with his fellow interns. Sanders interned with First Baptist Church in Bentonville.

photo courtesy of Noah Sanders



JUNIOR MARY Charles West shakes the hand of Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin. West interned within his offices during the summer.

photo courtesy of Mary Charles West



JUNIOR GARY

Storment preaches at his summer internship in Texarkana. Storment was able to continue his experience while being an intern at First Baptist Church Benton during the school year.

photo courtesy of Gary Storment

APPLIED ART



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I didn't plan on pursuing a career as an artist when I came to Ouachita, but I fell in love with the art department my sophomore year when I added a graphic design major. The faculty in the art department are invested in the students' lives and are constantly encouraging personal growth and development.”

Grace Avery

MUSIC



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What I love most about the fine arts program at Ouachita is how close knit the community is. By the time I graduated, I had not only made best friends within my major, but I was also really close with my professors. I know that I'll be able to reach out post grad for advice and critique, and that is really special to me.”

Erica Dixon

THEATRE



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One of my favorite memories has to be the first time that I performed on Verser stage, and I felt my heart racing as I saw the stage lights. When I saw the audience for the first time, I felt all the fear and nervousness wash away. From then on, theatre at Ouachita has become an incredible passion of mine, and I will never forget all that I have learned and experienced.”

Landon Denman



EXPERIENCES ON THE *road*



ERICA DIXON
photo by Abby Blankenship

The school of Fine Arts was constantly offering students new opportunities to grow and gain hands-on experience. A group of music majors took a trip to New York City to perform in Carnegie Hall and explore the city.

Logan Talley, a sophomore music industry major from Sheridan, shared how relevant this trip was for him.

"The trip was relevant because it gave me an opportunity into the insight of working with a different conductor for a performance with limited rehearsal time," Talley said.

Music students were not the only ones who were able to experience their field outside of school. The visual arts department took their students to explore Northwest Arkansas and see different exhibits in person.

Grace Avery, a senior graphic design and communications double major from Durham, North Carolina, shared about the experience.

"We went on a trip to Fayetteville which was so fun," Avery said. "We visited the Crystal Bridges Museum as well as the Momentary. Then, we were able to reconnect

with alumni and hear all about life after Ouachita. We also visited DaySpring's headquarters. This was really exciting as they gave us a look inside the company and allowed us to see what it would be like working as artists for big organizations."

The safe and friendly environment in and out of the classroom made Ouachita different.

"My favorite thing about the art department is the community. Everyone is friends with each other, including the professors, which provides a really supportive and encouraging community," Avery said.

The Fine Arts school trained students for life after college. The musical theater program prepares students physically and mentally.

Payton Ixton, a junior musical theater major from New Caney, Texas shared how her education has shaped and prepared her for life after graduation.

"The department has taught me time management and commitment," Mixton said. "Theater is a lot of hard work physically, mentally, and time wise. Most of our extra time is spent in rehearsals for all sorts of different things. While we love to do what we do, it definitely forces you to choose how you spend your time wisely so you are being a good student, a good performer, and making time for yourself."

VALERIA GOMEZ



SHAPING THE
clay into a bowl, adjunct professor Logan Hunter teaches his Ceramics II class.

photo by Mikaela Monahan

WITH CAREFUL
attention to the costume's details, students sew pieces of clothing during their costuming class instructed by Kelsey Looney.

photo by Mikaela Monahan



PLAYING THE
piano, junior Katie Bayer performs a song in McBeth Recital Hall during her piano seminar class taught by Dr. Mary Chung.

photo by Susannah Arnn

PERFECTING HER
painting, sophomore Avery Womack makes the finishing touches to her project in her Painting II class led by Dr. Copeland.

photo by Abby Blankenship

MILESTONES FOR *nurses*

Ouachita Baptist University's Nursing Program had recently undergone changes from a two-year dual enrollment program to offering a traditional four-year BSN program on Ouachita's campus that will take place in there new building fall of 2022. This made it to where Ouachita's nursing students had the option of either staying on campus to complete their BSN or transfer to Baptist Health to complete their RN degree returning to Ouachita after 18 months to complete their last semester online.

Ouachita's nursing professors not only equipped their students with the resources and education they needed to become a successful nurse, but also a successful nurse with God as their sturdy foundation. Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honors society, was a club that had allowed Ouachita to partner with several other universities and had let many of their high achieving students be a part of. The Student Nurses Associate was a program that once a student declared nursing as their major, students can join this program and take part in projects like tiger serve day.

Dr. Becky Parnell was an associate nursing professor who had been at Ouachita for four years.

"There is a huge shortage in the nation for nurses and there is a critical shortage in Arkansas for nurses," Parnell said. "We wanted to meet the needs of both where they are still able to be a part of the dual enrolled program and transfer, but also stay for the four-year

BSN program. It wasn't until I arrived at Ouachita when I realized why students wanted to stay four years. It is a wonderful environment, and there is so much for students to take part in outside of their major."

Dr. Carol McKeever, another assistant nursing professor and a dear friend of Dr. Parnell's, joined Ouachita's nursing faculty last January in anticipation of the nursing program growing and to help meet the needs of Ouachita's online nursing program for the registered nurses who come back to work on their BSN degrees.

"When I went on to get my Ph.D. in nursing, I met Dr. Parnell as she was getting her doctorate as well," McKeever said. "God puts people in your life for a reason and little did I know that I would be working with Dr. Parnell in the future. This is inspirational to our students because we are living proof to them that they will make lifetime friends in nursing school."

Karlee Sutterfield, a sophomore majoring in nursing from Greenbrier and the social media chair for the Student Nursing Association stated that she wanted to be a nurse since she was 10 years old.

"I am super excited about the new four-year program just because of how invested the professors are in our lives already and I know they are going to equip to be even better nurses than they already are," Sutterfield said. "Being in the nursing program has grown me spiritual because I look at nursing as a ministry and my professors have taught us how to provide for our patients in the spiritual since as well."

ANGELA WEBB



NURSING STUDENT receives pin on graduation day. This was a special ceremony just for the program.
photo by Sarah Dean



OLIVA GASTON paints a pumpkin at an event the nursing students put on. It was called Pumpkins and Puppies.
photo by Levi Dade



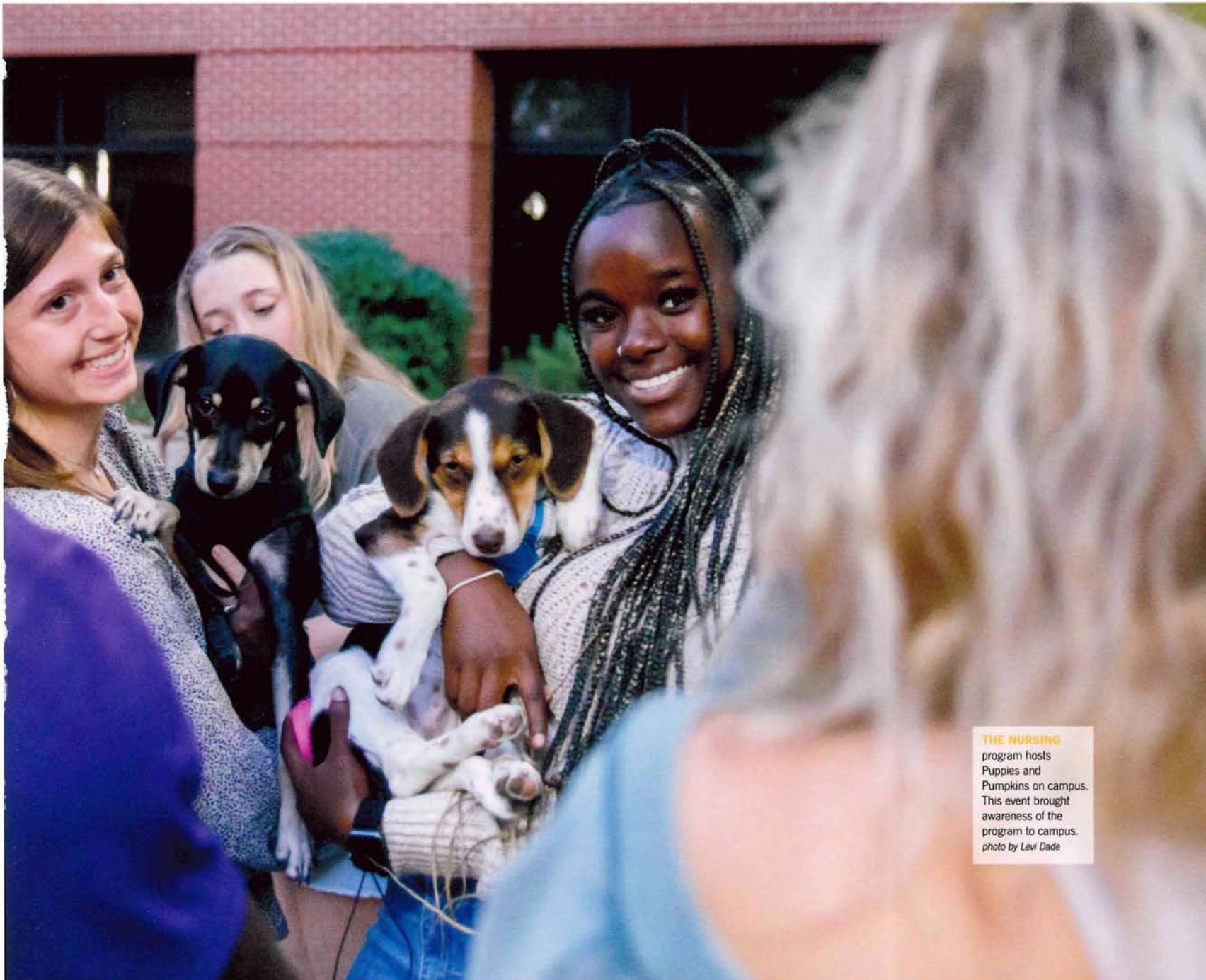
AVERY JACKSON walks through the line of faculty and staff on graduation day. This was the first time Ouachita celebrated a class of graduating nursing students.
photo by Levi Dade



WHAT USED to be Hammons House is soon to be the nursing department. Nursing students will attend classes here.
photo by Levi Dade



NURSING STUDENTS
celebrate their graduation on Ouachita's campus. The program allowed students to receive a faith-based education while also being in a clinical setting.
photo courtesy of nursing program



THE NURSING
program hosts Puppies and Pumpkins on campus. This event brought awareness of the program to campus.
photo by Levi Dade

COMMUNICATIONS



“ Being a part of the School of Humanities has allowed me to be myself. Communications is such a broad yet relatable major, and I love it. I switched my major during my junior year, and it was the best thing that I could have ever done. This department has given me so many opportunities. For example, I have been able to write for The Signal which has helped to sharpen my writing skills.”

Mallory Gatson

ENGLISH



“ During the spring semester, I had the chance to take World Literature with Dr. Utter,” Isaac Edwards, a biology major from Hawkins, Texas, shared. “World Literature with Dr. Utter has given me the great opportunity to explore the mysteries of foreign and ancient cultures through reading different works of literature.”

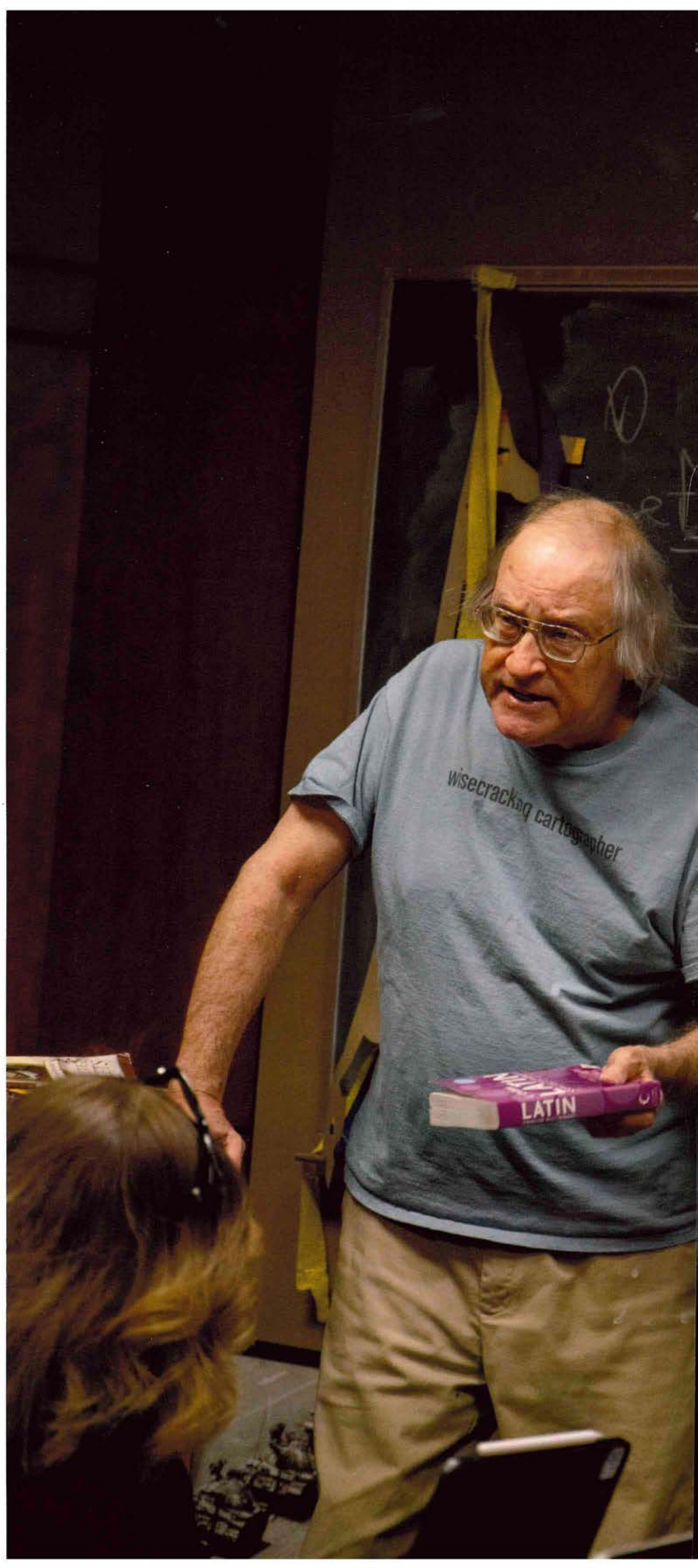
Isaac Edwards

SPANISH



“ By taking Spanish with Professor Lambeth, I have enjoyed going to the class and learning more about Spanish because of the way that she teaches. I like Professor Lambeth because she is funny and makes a the class more fun and enjoyable.”

Jude Clements





ADVANCED PUBLIC
Speaking students listen and engage as Dr. Lee McGlone teaches the class about different public speaking techniques. This class was offered during the spring semester.

photo by Sarah Dean

READING IN LATIN
class, sophomore Katie Dabrowski tests Dr. Johnny Wink's knowledge on their assigned reading. Wink taught English courses and Latin I and II.

photo by Sarah Dean



OUACHITA NEWS
anchors freshman Georgia Richards and junior Caroline Derby film their segment of the Ouachita News show in the production studio. Students chose to be a part of the show to enhance their broadcast skills.

photo by Abby Blankenship

straight off the press

P Practical experience was a key to the educational experience found in the School of Humanities, which includes The Rogers Department of Communication and The Department of Language and Literature.

Communications & Media offered courses in strategic communications, visual media & film, multimedia journalism, sports media and communications studies, while Language and Literature offered majors in English, English Education and Spanish. It was opportunities beyond the classroom that gave students avenues to use their skills and knowledge.

Elizabeth Hall, a junior double major in English and secondary education from Prairie Grove, was one of the editors of SCOPE, the bilingual literary and art journal of the Language and Literature Department.

"I was one of the design editors of SCOPE's 2022 edition," Hall said. "My job mainly focused on the aesthetics of the journal. We created a board based on older editions of the journal then made a mood board of all our different ideas. Once we shared it to the rest of the team, we were able to narrow down our ideas to create a cohesive theme. We also experimented with different prints to create a couple of motifs to help connect the variety of art and literature within the journal."

Students within the communications department used their skills and knowledge through the department's publications and productions, as well as organizations on campus. Senior mass communications major Lydia Dean, from Nashville, Tennessee, was a member of the photography staff, and also enjoyed

using her talents for the Women of Chi Mu.

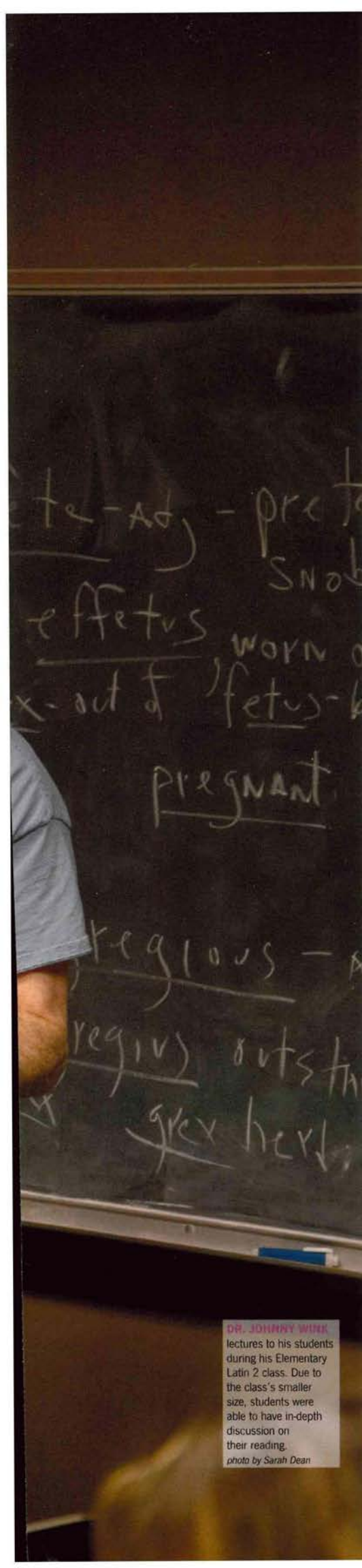
"I majored in mass communications to ultimately use the gifts that God gave me for the mission field," Dean said. "I have gotten a lot of experience as a communication major, such as social media chair for the Women of Chi Mu. I created posts, captions, as well as capture events, sports, and pageants that my sisters were participating in. I also did some graphic design on the side and had taken some classes at OBU to help me create excellent work. I have grown as a creator, an observer, and a critical thinker."

Communications & Media majors had the opportunity work with the photo, yearbook, newspaper, video production and sports media staffs. The valuable lessons learned in the classroom transferred to quality productions in student media.

Serving as dean of humanities since 2002, Dr. Jeff Root has seen much change and growth in the school. "We have a great mix of veteran professors and young guns in both departments, and it has been gratifying to see them work together to both preserve our ongoing strengths while embracing new ideas," he said. "The fact that Language and Literature calls itself 'the Bugtruck' shows that everything revolves around stories, whether it's a fun way to think about the workplace or the serious development of storytelling techniques in literature and writing courses. Communications also embraces the idea of telling stories and employs many different technologies and career paths in doing so. Whether students join the Ouachita Sports Digital Network or focus on strategic communication, we communicate by telling each other stories."

ANGELA WEBB

DR. JOHNNY WINK
lectures to his students during his Elementary Latin 2 class. Due to the class's smaller size, students were able to have in-depth discussion on their reading.
photo by Sarah Dean



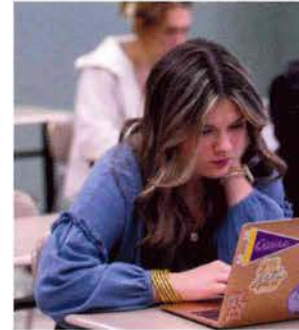
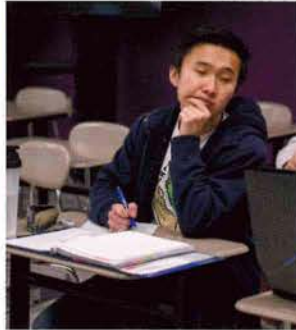
BIOLOGY

CHEM AND PHYSICS

COMM DISORDERS

MATHEMATICS

NUTRITION



“ My biology classes at Ouachita have prepared me very well for a future in the medical field. I'm not exactly sure what I want to do after graduation, but because of my classes and professors, I feel prepared for many different career paths.”

— Bryce Smith

“ I think of computer science in this way: you get to build small machines that organize and process information to produce a finished product. The joy of seeing my machines function and the satisfaction of discovering and eradicating issues is why I highly recommend computer science.”

— Yu Chan Jeong

“ Getting to be a part of the CMDS program over the last three and a half years has been such an unexpected blessing. I have learned so much about the field of speech pathology as well as the importance of building trust and strong professional relationships with clients.”

— Mary Grace Cahallan

“ By taking different math classes at Ouachita, I have grown to become a better math teacher. A lot of my classes have taught me how to teach math which has helped me in my other classes when writing lesson plans. These classes will help me as I apply these skills to my future students.”

— Sabrina Cheek

“ I have taken Nutrition with Mrs. Freeman during the spring semester and have loved it! She is very personable, and you can tell that she really enjoys teaching. She also does a great job at helping us consider how we could apply nutrition to our everyday lives.”

— Kassidy Gray



STUDY HARD TO *help others*



JOSH WALLACE
photo by Abby Blankenship

Every school on Ouachita's campus seeks to invite students into a world of discovery, fellowship, and valuable preparation for future job prospects, and the Patterson School of Natural Sciences is no different. Consisting of biological sciences, chemistry and physics, mathematics and computer science, communication sciences and disorders, nursing, and dietetics and nutrition, the school wishes to foster a learning environment where students develop critical and creative thinking skills, accompanied by a passion to further grow in their field of study.

"I've always been more of a science-oriented person," Joseph Stoupe, a sophomore biology, chemistry, and psychology triple major from Searcy, said. "It's just where I'm more comfortable."

Guided by professors and advisors from the school, Stoupe was well on his way to utilizing his scientific giftings to help others, especially children, live healthy and productive lives.

"I'm planning on being a pediatrician," Stoupe said. "What I really like doing is being able to work one on one with people. Especially as a doctor, I feel like being able to work with the parents so that their kid can grow up into a healthy, functioning adult will be very fulfilling."

The School of Natural Sciences is home to many students who share a similar desire to use science as a means to help others, including Kensley Flynn, a freshman chemistry and biology double major from Cabot.

"I have always wanted to be a doctor since I was little," Flynn said. "My sister suffers with severe anaphylactic allergies and seeing her struggle with that growing up I've always wanted to help her in some way. That's led me to wanting to become a pediatric allergist."

For Flynn, the department boasts an outstanding faculty who seek to better every student that walks into Jones Science Center.

"The professors are always wanting to help you," Flynn said. "There is a whole team within the School of Natural Sciences that comes, is willing to help you, and wants to get to know you. They are very personable people and it's just a loving environment."

Yet, the school is just as equally challenging as it is supportive and helpful.

"The Natural Science program here is one of the most rigorous in Arkansas," Alex Browning, a freshman biophysics major from Pine Bluff, said. He shared the ways in which the School of Natural Sciences prepared him to pursue a variety of possible interests, including Civil or Aris based engineering, becoming a surgeon, or working on NASA's Orion program.

While Browning remained uncertain of what he would be doing at the postgraduate level, he shared that he was content in his present studies and that he looked forward to growing academically in Ouachita's School of Natural Sciences.

"That's just what I feel like God is calling me to do with my brain and that's how I want to bring honor to Him," Browning said.

BREANNA WATSON



ENGAGING IN
class discussion, seniors Molly Maddox and Jaelle Morrison compare notes during their Articulation and Phonology Disorders class.
photo by Abby Blankenship



TEACHING SPEECH
techniques, Mrs. Carol Morgan teaches the consonant chart to her phonetics class. Morgan's class was offered in the spring semester.
photo by Sarah Dean

FINISHING HIS
class project, senior Nic Hazlett builds an electrical circuit. The junior level physics class was offered in the fall by Dr. Kevin Cornelius.
photo by Sarah Dean



TESTING THE
electricity of a sample, senior Jack Brent studies the principles of electricity and magnetism in a vacuum. Electricity and Magnetism I was taught by Dr. Kevin Cornelius.
photo by Abby Blankenship

WRITING ON
the white board,
Dr. Scott Duvall
explains his lecture
to his honors Bible
Interpretation class.
Duvall's class met
during the spring.
photo by Levi Dade



PARTICIPATING IN
their Scientific Inquiry
lab, sophomore Emma
Jane Donley and her lab
partner work together
to complete their
assignment.
photo by Abby Blankenship



PRACTICING HER
Chinese, sophomore
Allie Graves shows her
written characters to
her World Literature
classmates. The class
was taught by Dr. Utter.
photo by Abby Blankenship



expanding *our* grasp

O Ouachita's School of Interdisciplinary Studies provided students with a well-rounded background of knowledge throughout their college career. Learning topics outside their major allowed students to apply what they had learned in their Core classes to their future career, and life in general, by making them more educated and successful.

Dr. Benjamin Utter, assistant professor of English, appreciated his experience within a liberal arts education.

"It's hard enough to gain anything like mastery of even one field or subfield, and so the aim of a liberal arts education, with its many classes in various departments, is not to try to become expert in all of them," Utter said. "One of the hallmarks of an educated person is intellectual humility, after all. The point, rather, is to gain an appreciation of many areas of study, and in so doing to grow in one's appreciation and understanding of the people who have devoted themselves wholly to them."

Dr. Utter encouraged his students to understand all aspects of life within his World Literature classes.

"When teaching, say, World Literature, my hope is not to produce a roomful of people who are merely mediocre non-specialists in literature—what would be the point in that?" Utter questioned. "Instead, what I'm after is to add something to what they know precisely so that they can be more interested, interesting, and compassionate specialists in the world of business, medicine, sports journalism, or whatever their area of concentration may be."

For senior English major Elaina McKenzie from Gulfport, Mississippi, the liberal arts classes she was required to take helped shape her path in choosing her studies.

"The liberal arts experience helped me realize my passion for writing, though I did so in a roundabout way—enjoying Community & Family Services for the courses that taught me about theology, sociology, and the human experience; then, pursuing a Christian Studies major to gain a better framework for my faith; and finally, realizing that a holistic study of writing and literature connects all of those fields and embracing that connection through my English major and Christian Studies minor," McKenzie said. "None of these discoveries would have been made possible if I hadn't had the chance to experience a choose-your-own-adventure education via the liberal arts tradition at Ouachita, and looking back now as a graduating senior, I am so thankful I did."

As a freshman, Julie Ann Zimmerman, a communications major from Arlington, Texas, was introduced to the beginning of her liberal arts education through OBU Connections class. She enjoyed this class and learned the connection between God's creation and the liberal arts education.

Attending a liberal arts college has allowed me to step outside of my comfort zone and work harder than ever before," Zimmerman said. "The Core classes that I have taken so far as a freshman have not been the easiest but have stretched my comprehension skills, as well as allowed me to be a better studier when preparing for exams."

ANGELA WEBB



WORKING WITH
her classmates,
sophomore Jill
Parsons writes down
notes during Scientific
Connections. The
class focused on the
chemistry of art.
*photo by Abby
Blankenship*

CONNECTIONS



“Every day during my C.S. Lewis connections class, we would have strong and insightful discussion, including our class trying to talk Dr. Fayard into moving the class outside for the day. Diving into C.S. Lewis’ works with this group of people was a great experience that I will never forget.”

Isaac Lawson

BIBLE INTERP



“I enjoyed my Bible Interpretation class because Dr. Duvall was awesome and made the class super interactive and fun. This class has enhanced my knowledge on how to study the Bible by teaching me how to write an exegetical and apply every kind of passage to my life. Dr. Duvall made writing an exegetical enjoyable and easy.”

Alaina Moore

WORLD LIT



“It has been interesting to learn about different cultures in World Literature. I have gotten to learn about some things that go on in different cultures that I may not have learned if it wasn’t for the different texts that we have read and discussed. It has also been really neat how Christianity has been tied into the class through the views of different people groups in the texts.”

Addy Cassell



POLITICAL SCIENCE



“After three years at Ouachita, I can confidently say there is no better base of professors to learn from as I prepare for a career in law and politics. The Ouachita difference is having professors who will take the time to invest in your academic journey inside the classroom, and out, and I am forever grateful that I chose to start mine in the political science department.”

Izzy Baughn

HISTORY



“Even though I am not a history major, I loved taking US History since 1877 because Dr. Mortenson teaches the material in depth. He reviews the material in a way that is not only easy to understand, but in a way that is super interesting. Dr. Mortenson uses his humor and connects the things we learn to relevant topics that allow us to grasp the material easily.”

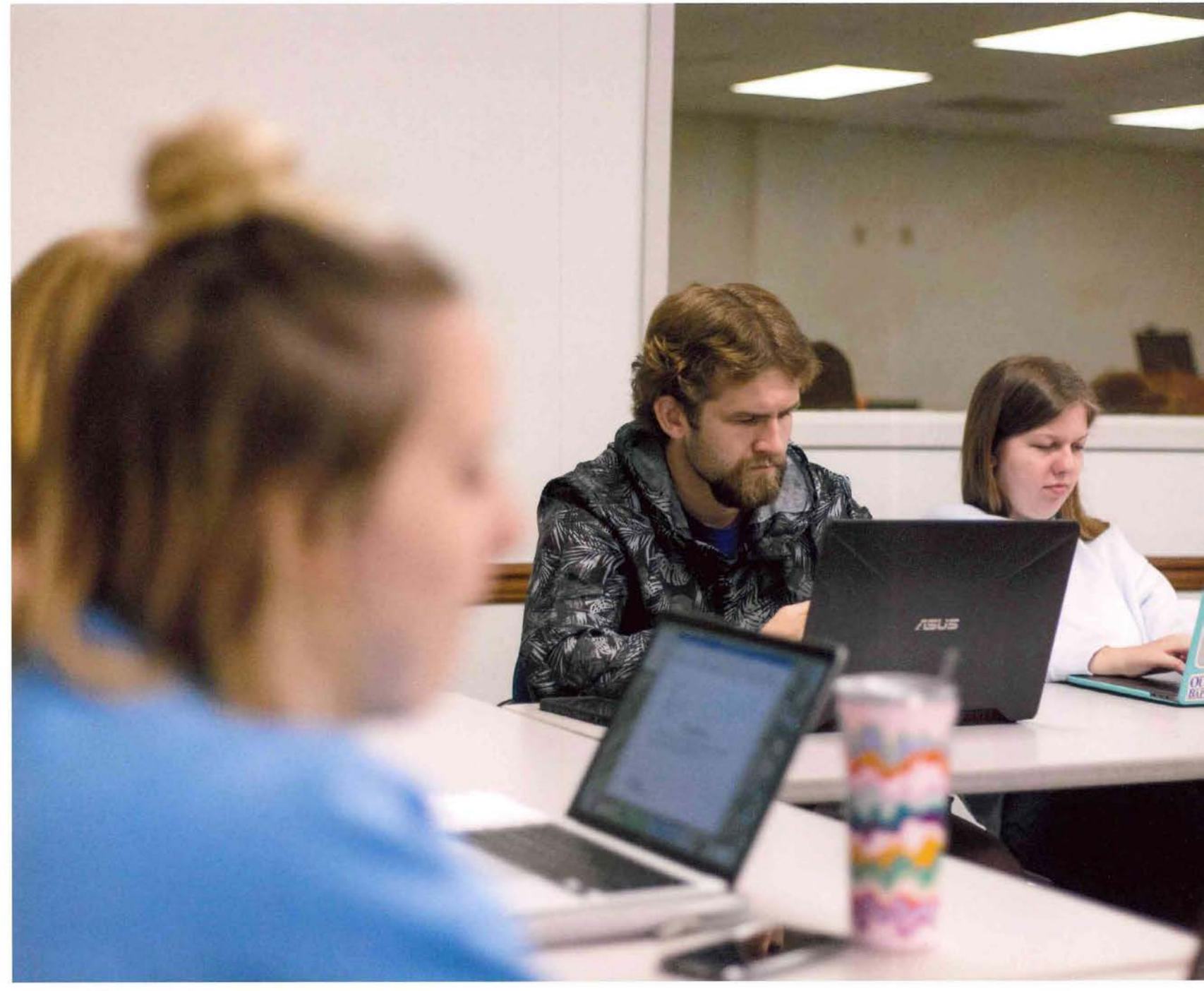
Cydney Alexander

PSYCHOLOGY



“Majoring in psychology at Ouachita is an experience that I have been blessed to begin. The professors never fail to ensure that their students are truly learning and retaining the information. I couldn't think of a better place to build my foundation so that one day I may get to pursue a career in the field of psychology.”

Trinity Tyre



SOCIOLOGY



The sociology department at Ouachita quickly became my home away from home. God has blessed me with this small, yet unique team that is the sociology department. The unconditional love that I have received from many

different staff members and my peers will forever be unmatched."

Kiki Youmans

CONNECTING WITH *others*

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With majors and classes offered in history, political science, psychology, social justice and sociology, the Sutton School of Social Sciences provided students with invaluable skills and opportunities for success beyond Ouachita. In the School of

Social Sciences, students studied how people behave and function within a society.

Jay Brumsey, a junior psychology and communications major from Southaven, Mississippi, discussed how the department has pushed him to better understand the world around him.

"I have seen how my classes have helped to shape and mold the way that I approach situations in the real world setting," Brumsey said. "These classes have taught me not only about what people have struggled with but also with how to approach those people when the time is right."

Throughout the school year, political science students explored the current political climate while they also learned about the vast world of politics.

"Not only do I now understand how to be a concerned and involved citizen at all political levels, but I also have a better understanding of what is occurring around the world and why," Parker Elynn Madlock, a senior political science and graphic design student from Hot Springs, Arkansas, said. "Because of my major, I am better capable of hearing both sides of conflict, understanding what someone in opposition wants, and ultimately making compromises."

Reflecting on her time spent within the political

science department, Madlock stated, "When you have professors that clearly care and make the most mundane political topics exciting, you can't help but enjoy your major."

Some students, like Sarah Spakes, a junior public history and political science major from Benton, Arkansas, studied two areas within the Sutton School of Social Sciences.

"The things that I have learned in my political science classes apply to any area that encounters interactions between people or entities. Knowing about politics will always be relevant," Spakes said. "The hands-on learning from my public history classes gives me experience, and hands-on learning is a fun way to conduct the class. The writing, reading, and critical thinking skills that both majors teach are helpful no matter what job I have."

Many professors within the School of Social Sciences did extensive research on different topics that prove beneficial to students. Because of their expertise, noticeable passion for the social sciences, and outside connections, students were prepared to enter the workplace or further their education after leaving Ouachita.

"Although the professors have their own specialties, they are knowledgeable about many other areas in the social sciences. They have connections to people you wouldn't even think of contacting, and they are always happy to give you a network to connect with. They are a tight-knit group, and not many careers could say that," said Spakes.

KATHRYN TOTTY



TAKING DETAILS
notes on their laptops, sophomore Luke Falco, junior Emily Horn, and senior Emma Kelley listen to Dr. Elizabeth Kelly. *photo by Levi Dade*



FOLLOWING CLASS discussion with her book, junior Chloe Schnaitman listens to Dr. Elizabeth Kelly in her Classical Sociological Theory class. *photo by Levi Dade*



STIMULATING CLASS discussion, Dr. Chris Mortenson opens conversation with his Research Seminar students. *photo by Levi Dade*

SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS listen as Dr. Kelly presents a power point in her Classical Sociological Theory class. Kelly's class was offered during the spring semester. *photo by Abby Blankenship*

SOCIOLOGY



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My research methods class worked with Dr. Fitz Hill and Derek Olivier Research Institute. We were tasked with highlighting trends in black-on-black violent crime with the mindset of reaching a solution. I chose to target school-aged extracurricular activities in correlation with adult criminal records in hopes to prove that actively engaged kids will become successful, working adults.”

— *Khennedy Brunson*

CHRISTIAN STUDIES



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I presented on the Hindu festival of Diwali. I initially wrote this paper for my World Religions class, and I really enjoyed the research process. Scholars Day gave me the opportunity to share with other students about the interesting facts that I found through my research. It also gave me the experience of doing a scholarly presentation.”

— *Mason Campbell*

BIOLOGY



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I worked with Dr. Taylor in the biology department to see how the effects of different light wavelengths and gravity effected the growth of Physarum. I found that light and micro gravity had no effect on Physarum growth and that the biggest factor was a good source. I really enjoyed working with the biology department team over the summer.”

— *Reese Chesshir*





ANALYZING THE graphs on his poster, senior Bennett Hasley explains his research on how to determine the sweetness of a watermelon through vibrational frequencies.
photo by Levi Dade

PRESENTING HER honors thesis, senior Kayla Whittington explains her research on photo sensitizers in photodynamic therapy.
photo by Natalie Moore



POINTING TO her bar charts, senior Kiki Youmans discusses her research and findings on adverse childhood experiences and violent crime within the Black community.
photo by Levi Dade

hard work pays off

Scholars Day, sponsored by the Carl Goodson Honors Program, celebrated the hard work and research of Ouachita's talented students. Open to anyone who dedicated their time and effort to a major study, Scholars Day honored the dedication and scholarship of Ouachita's scholars.

Throughout the day, students gave countless poster presentations, performances and presentations to their peers, faculty and guests. Members of the Honors Program shared their theses and directed studies, while others shared extensive projects from different classes.

"I presented An Analysis of the Arkansas Poll from 2000-2020 that I conducted in Dr. Doug Reed's Philosophy and Methods class to a group in Berry Bible Building," Kaitlyn Stoddard, a political science and English major from Paragould, said. "As for my reasoning behind the project, I wanted to see how public opinion in Arkansas measures up with the preconceptions we have about it. It was also a great way to evaluate the objectivity of poll questions."

In addition to the research presented by a wide variety of students, fine arts students gave musical and theatrical performances, participated in the juried art show and presented their art exhibitions.

"I entered an abstract painting and a couple of my photography pieces into the juried art show. I have entered every year because it is a good way for me and

others to get our art out there," Madeline McKay, a junior communications and graphic design major from Centerton, Arkansas, said. "During Scholars Day, we had the reception and presentation of awards. I think the juried show is a great opportunity for people to show off their art and get recognized for their talents. It's nice that we have an outside juror that chooses the pieces and the winners because it makes it more special."

Many students viewed Scholars Day as an opportunity to interact with and learn from their peers in a professional setting.

"I presented a poster on the research I did this past summer with Dr. Bradshaw where we tested a drug for cancer treatment. Scholars Day was such a fun way to present this research because it lets me interact with everyone who comes by and have a conversation with them about my work," Marly Welborn, a senior biology major from Fort Smith, Arkansas, said. "As a future dental hygienist, a huge part of my role will be educating patients on their oral health. The knowledge and skills I gained from my research will be great, but the experience of effectively communicating in this type of setting will be a necessity."

Scholars Day allowed students to not only study topics that they were interested in, but also allowed them to connect with passionate students in different fields of study.

KATHRYN TOTTY

PRESENTING HIS findings to Dr. and Mrs. Sells, John Peyton describes the process and the results of his research on phage discovery.
photo by Abby Blankenship



MAINTAINING TRUE *values*

*W*hile balancing technology with tradition, Ouachita Online worked to provide Ouachita's values and mission to students beyond the campus. Offering four different majors for students, Ouachita Online allowed students to pursue their degrees from any location.

"I decided to start the Ouachita online program because it was one of the few in-state universities that offered a degree plan with the subject that I was interested in," junior John Guttery, a Christian Studies major from Benton, said. "One of the best aspects of the program is that many of the courses build from previous courses. The format makes it easy to see how a core class relates to an upper-level class."

Because of the flexibility of the program, students could live off-campus and create a school schedule that works with their everyday lives. After feeling called to move to Alaska last year, Sabrina Russel, a senior Interdisciplinary Studies major from Camden, decided to switch from Ouachita's residential program to Ouachita Online.

"Because of the program, I had the opportunity to move to Alaska while continuing my education through Ouachita. I was able to continue my course work while traveling across the United States and through Canada," Russel said. "Switching to the online program allowed me to continue my education through Ouachita while also following my calling to Alaska. I couldn't have accomplished that with any other program."

Students within the program could complete

course work toward their degree while working a full or part-time job, balancing family commitments, or while living outside of Arkansas. Despite not being on Ouachita's campus, Ouachita Online provided an online environment for students that prioritizes faith and higher education.

"Many of our online degree-seeking students have jobs and families. They could schedule their studies around life activities and work toward a degree at their own pace. Ouachita Online's 8-week course format makes progress toward a degree attainable for these students," Dr. Rob Hewell, the Director of Instruction and Learning for Graduate and Online Education, said.

"Many of the things that make Ouachita's campus experience unique also apply to the online program including emphases on faith and learning, personal and relational faculty, a quality distance learning community, and the high standards of a fully accredited institution," he said.

Because of its flexibility, Ouachita Online's primary audience are adult learners who are typically older than the residential undergraduate student body. The program's goal was to meet the needs of a variety of learners while spreading the spirit and mission of Ouachita's residential campus.

"With Ouachita Online, we seek to nurture a love of God and a love of learning. We are creating new opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds to attain their educational and vocational goals," Hewell said.

KATHRYN TOTTY



WELCOMING

VISITORS. Dr. Hewell talks about Ouachita Online. The program hosted a promotional event in the fall.
photo by Levi Dade



CHILDREN VISIT

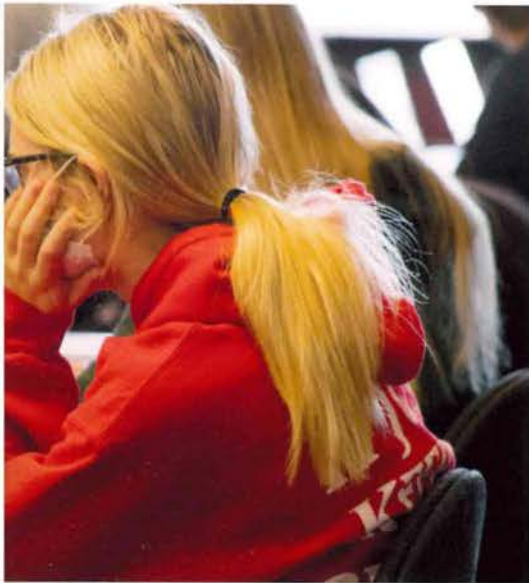
Ouachita Online's booth and take advantage of the treats. The booth featured cake pops in the school's colors.
photo by Levi Dade



OUACHITA ONLINE

and graduate studies staff pose behind their booth. These programs are newer to the Ouachita curriculum.
photo by Levi Dade





OUACHITA ONLINE is utilized by on-campus students. This helped students complete classes that did not fit into typical schedules.
photo by Sarah Dean

ONE STUDENT takes advantage of integrating his in person classes with Ouachita's online program. Online classes helped students balance their personal and academic lives.
photo by Sarah Dean



STAFF GREETS prospective online students. These students can study off campus from anywhere in the world.
photo by Levi Dade





THE ABA graduate students take a group photo on the bridge. These students took part in Ouachita's master's program.

photo courtesy of ABA Program



ABA GRADUATE students receive their hoods for completing the program. These students participated in this year's graduation ceremony.

photo courtesy of ABA Program

STUDENTS INTERACT with Ouachita's graduate program at the Grad School Fair. They had a booth to provide information to students.

photo by Madison Melcher

deepening their *studies*

Ouachita Baptist University was a special place always looking for further opportunities to help its students learn. In the year 2020, Ouachita decided to add a new program to grow students' education experiences. The program is a Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and a Certificate in ABA.

Director of the ABA graduate program, Julyse Horr, stated that "the program prepares students to be eligible to take the credentialing board exam and practice as Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs)."

In the program's first cohort, there were 30 students who graduated. In the second cohort, there were 30 students enrolled. In the program's third cohort, there were 36 applicants. The department also grew in numbers ending with two full-time faculty, one part-time faculty, and one adjunct faculty. The department was also looking to hire more adjunct teachers as well.

"The program has continuously worked out the kinks since its beginning in May of 2020, following the onset of the pandemic," said ABA student Jessica Daniell. I am a member of the second cohort of the

ABA program, but the professors and administrators have worked through logistical considerations since my cohort began classes."

Ouachita had been looking to continue adding new clinical partners to its list of clinical partnerships. They have added three large ABA clinics as clinical partners. This was a huge benefit of the ABA program. Something else that had put Ouachita on the map was that it was the first and so far the only M.S. in the ABA program in the state of AR.

The program had been successful so far and many were excited to see how the future of the program evolved and educated new students.

Ouachita has also expanded in additional graduate programs such as Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Senior elementary education major from El Dorado, Kate Vernon, planned to take part in this program once graduating.

"I chose to pursue my masters here at Ouachita because I knew the quality of education I would receive," Vernon said. "It's nice to be confident in knowing that my graduate professor has the same mindset of setting their students up for success and meeting them where they are at."

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DIETETICS INTERNS take a group photo on the steps on Cone Bottoms. These students participated in this year's graduation ceremony.

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the OUAACHITA

DIFFERENCE



Ouachita is a meaningful place to a wide range of people. This feeling spans across ages, is carried throughout generations, and touches a multitude of places. How is it that a university of this size carries such an impactful presence in the lives of current students and those far removed? It starts **in community** that it builds; one that is centered around the teachings of Christ. It continues over **on the field**, the courts, the track as athletes and fans come together to carry the Tiger legacy. It is seen **in the classroom** as professors do not limit themselves to teaching but each strive to develop meaningful relationships with their students. It is **in each organization** as they embrace community, tradition and influence. This is the Ouachita Difference. And this is what makes Ouachita *like no other.*

...in community

42,290

NUMBER OF HOURS STUDENTS SERVED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

A KEY factor that cultivates community are the events that take place within the semester. With each COVID-19 milestone of a decrease in cases, President Sells rewarded students with treats to encourage their endurance throughout the semester.
photo by Levi Dade



STUDENTS ACROSS campus served in various way whether it was within churches or through the Elrod Center and Campus Ministries. Students participated in 91 service projects during Tiger Serve Day during the spring semester.
photo by Levi Dade



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Students at Ouachita are encouraged to build community in everything they do. The friendships formed here are ones that last far beyond someone's college years. One of the first introductions students have to this relationship-centered environment is during Welcome to Ouachita's World (WOW), which is the school's freshman orientation weekend. Freshmen are placed into family groups, taught about the school's culture and traditions by older students, and often make some of their very first college friendships. Ouachita strives to see each student plugged into an area on campus that they love. Each student is more than an enrollment number – they are part of a family.



...on the field

384

STUDENTS ARE STUDENT-ATHLETES

MEN'S TENNIS

was selected as the No. 1 seed in the NCAA D2 Central Region and hosted the No. 4 seed in the regionals on campus, May 9. After a win, the Tigers advanced to Nationals in Altamonte Springs, Florida.
photo by Abby Blankenship



WITH ITS second year competing, the Women's Track team placed seventh at the 2022 GAC Championship. Eight athletes earned All-GAC honors and three school records were broken.
photo by Abby Blankenship



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Getting cut short in the GAC tournament, Ouachita baseball players went home seeking closure for their season. But to their surprise, they turned back around once getting a call from their coach that they made it to the NCAA Regional tournament in Warrensburg, Missouri. The Tigers proved they belonged by upsetting No. 1 seed Central Missouri 5-4. Ouachita was later eliminated in a rematch with UCM.



...in the classroom

1,764

HIGHEST TOTAL ENROLLMENT IN 55 YEARS

MARY PROFESSORS host Bible studies within their homes outside of school. Dr. Kathy Collins and her husband, Ace Collins, invite students into their "Variety Diner" for food and fellowship each Sunday night.
 Ace Collins '83

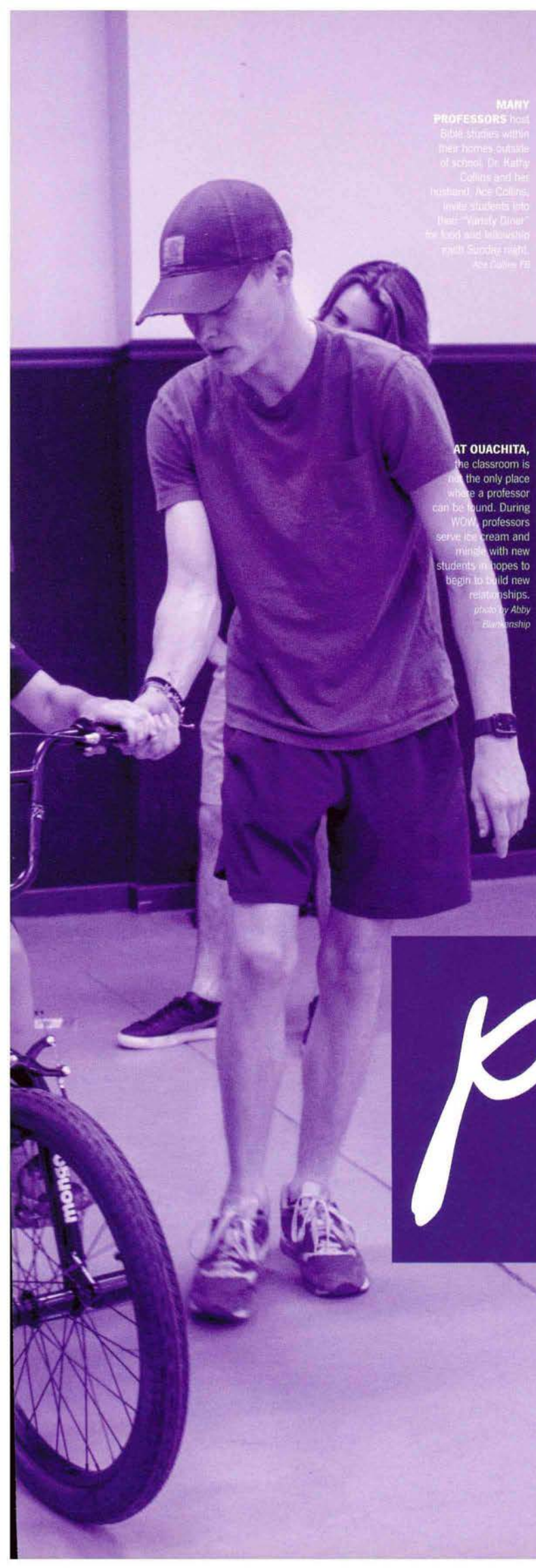


AT OUACHITA, the classroom is not the only place where a professor can be found. During WDW, professors serve ice cream and mingle with new students in hopes to begin to build new relationships.
 photo by Abby Blankenship



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Professors at Ouachita create experiences that not only teach lessons and skills, but also emphasize kindness and character. Johan Eriksson's Business Plan class experienced this first hand. What they thought to be a team building exercise turned into impacting kids within the community. Eriksson wanted his students to understand the power they have to help and bless others. At Ouachita, students gain a deeper understanding that goes beyond text books and lesson plans.





...in each organization

60

NUMBER OF CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

CONCESSION STAND shifts were just one of the ways the Ouachita Student Foundation raised money for student scholarships. The organization raised \$124K this year, totaling to the most money raised in any one year in their history.

photo by Madison Melcher



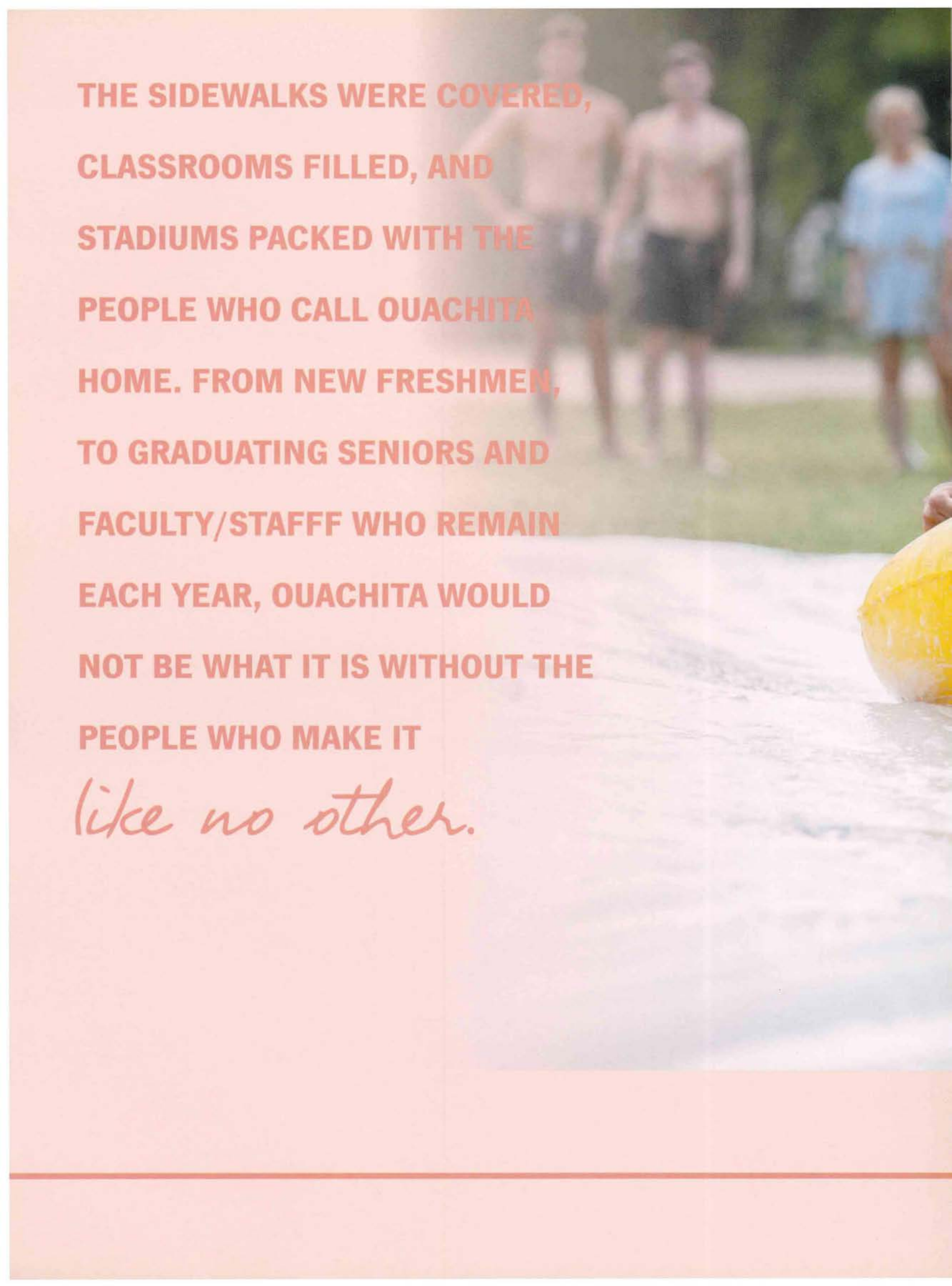
CAMPUS MINISTRIES life groups provide community and strengthen faith for students in all areas of campus. Ouachita was unique in having its own campus office dedicated to the faith lives of its students.

photo by Levi Dade



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The clubs and organizations of Ouachita are what makes the campus run and bring excitement to the lives of students. Tiger Tunes was expected to look different this year with a half capacity audience, and groups pre-recorded their voice tracks in preparation for all participants to perform with masks on. Because of the caution students showed to follow mask guidelines, campus leadership was able to allow students to go on stage with no masks. When participants' attendance of awards every night seemed unlikely, students banded together to advocate for seniors to view Mega Mix the last night of Tiger Tunes. It is because Ouachita's faculty and staff value students' experience and input that students have such a strong voice on our campus. The clubs who participate in Tiger Tunes, and every other area of campus, are the heartbeat of Ouachita.

The background of the page is a photograph of a beach. In the foreground, there are white, foamy waves crashing onto a sandy shore. To the right, a person's hand is visible holding a yellow beach ball. In the background, three people are standing on the grassy area near the water's edge. Two men are shirtless and wearing dark shorts, and one woman is wearing a light blue shirt and shorts. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

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PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT**

like no other.



JUNIOR JAY Brumsey slides down the Slip-n-Slide during Tiger Traks. Twenty-four teams competed in Tiger Traks. photo by Levi Dade

People

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Leaving all other sports behind, freshman Wyatt House, biomedical sciences major from Little Rock, decided to pursue powerlifting. House

achieved first place in the 90kg USPA for his junior class in April of 2021. He held the state record deadlift of 507 lbs. His current personal records include: 430 lbs. in squats, 245 lbs. in bench press, and 585 lbs. in deadlifts.

"I played sports through the beginning of high school, and while I did enjoy each sport in its own regard, my favorite aspect of athletics was resistance training that emphasized improvement in strength," House said. "I quit all sports my sophomore year of high school and made the gym my main hobby. I have met some of my best friends in the gym, and it has morphed into a haven for me when life is crazy. I try not to take it for granted because my body will only hold on so long, and I look forward to the years to come and I live by one motto: Work Harder."

Powerlifting competitions cultivate some of the most intense environments in weightlifting. Everyone is seeking to improve on a PRs and beat the next guy ahead; however, at the same time, everyone has each other's back and supports each other until the last rep. It has an atmosphere of intense focus as most powerlifters only compete two times per year. There is no room for failure when you prepped for 16 weeks.

A-Town Fitness in Arkadelphia provided an amazing environment and made House's transition from his home gym seamless. He had been preparing for a competition in December and hoped to qualify for USPA Nationals last February.

"Weightlifting has influenced me to be a better person through teaching me both discipline and the importance of consistency," House said. "If you want to increase your maxes you must be disciplined in the day in and day out grind. You are not going to progress after one workout but continuing to put yourself in the gym will build long-term results that cannot be taken away from you."

Weightlifting has grown House spiritually, not in the sport itself, but in the community that has come from immersing himself in this environment. He has met people from a wide range of viewpoints and backgrounds and through their shared love for the gym they have grown close as a community. It taught him to love and not judge people at first sight. Some of the most intimidating gym goers are the most compassionate people you will meet.

"Giving up is not an option, and it will never leave you happy with your decision to quit," House said. "Not every day is going to be glorious, and you won't always find success, but it is these days that build you the most. Always find a way to work harder and remember that we are stronger together."

ANGELA WEBB



WYATT HOUSE
wyatt house



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 Susannah Arnn // Celina, TX
 Zayne Ashley // Bismarck, AR



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 Hannah Bailey // Sunnyvale, TX
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 Macie Cash // Fort Smith, AR
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 Collin Clark // Lonoke, AR
 Kaelin Clay // Idabel, OK

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 John Colvin // Thornton, CO
 Wyatt Compton // El Reno, OK
 Tanner Connelley // Mountain Home, AR
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 Sarah Critton // Little Rock, AR
 Hannah Crosswhite // Paris, TX
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 Katharine Crowe // Benton, AR
 John Hunter Crum // Greenbrier, AR



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 Jordan Dallimore // Maumelle, AR
 Logan Daniels // Amity, AR
 Shelly Davilus // San Antonio, TX
 Autumn Davis // Waxahachie, TX
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 Logan Davis // Benton, AR



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 Julianne Fletcher // Little Rock, AR
 Kensley Flynn // Cabot, AR
 Rachel Forsythe // Amity, AR



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 Kristopher Garcia // Pine Bluff, AR
 Luke Garrison // Maumelle, AR





"My favorite part is sitting down with brides to talk about their wedding and love story."

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Many college students have struggled with time management when it comes to school, sports, and other extracurricular activities.

For Mallorie Warner, a freshman Christian Studies and graphic design double major from Benton, this included running a full time business.

What started as a hobby in the seventh grade, calligraphy became a full time-business for Warner. In 10th grade, she needed to fund a mission trip to Ecuador, and that is when her love for calligraphy really began to take off. She creates and sells custom wedding signage and day of details including acrylic and welcome signs, seating charts, and place cards.

"I funded my way to a mission trip in Ecuador in 10th grade by selling art prints, t-shirts, stickers, and canvas paintings," Warner said. "Gradually, I started doing wedding signs for friends and family. I loved it and have chased that full force ever since."

In her journey of creating a business, Warner was featured in *Arkansas Bride*, the biggest bridal magazine in the state.

"It was one of my 2021 goals for my business, so having it actually happen was amazing," Warner said. "I participated in several styled shoots this year in hopes of being featured and expanding my portfolio, so to be in the Fall/Winter 2021 issue was exciting. I made many connections with wedding vendors all over the state now that were made possible through putting my work out there and getting involved in styled shoots with wedding photographers."

While Warner made strides in her business, she also struggled with juggling it with being a full-time college student. On the weekends, she made local deliveries to keep up with the upcoming fall weddings.

"Time management is difficult, especially as a college student," Warner said. "A specific struggle in my business is out sourcing materials. Finding quality acrylic for signs was harder than expected."

Warner's plans after college include continuing and expanding her business after graduating with a graphic design major. She has plans to expand her services to include invitation suites and other paper goods for weddings and events.

"I love this business because it combines all of my passions," Warner said. "I can be creative and serve others. My favorite part is sitting down with brides to talk about their wedding and love story. I love hearing how God has worked through the couple's lives and seeing it all come together for their wedding day."

"I'm expectant and excited for what God has for me post graduating, whether that is continuing my Mallorie LaRue wedding signs business or something else," Warner said. "Open hands, eager expectancy."

ADDIE WOODS

MALLORIE WARNER
mallorie warner



Meghann Bledsoe was one of many people in America who grew up bilingual. Her second language is not spoken though. Bledsoe grew up fluent in American Sign Language.

Bledsoe, a freshman Christian Studies major from Plano, Texas, is the hearing child of two deaf parents. Bledsoe explained that both of her parents are the only members of their families that are deaf, and it not being genetic means that she, along with her older brother and younger sister, are all able-bodied in terms of hearing.

Despite what would seem to be a challenging life, Bledsoe had little to lament on in terms of growing up.

"Typically, if they didn't have a translator, I would be there to help translate, and there were times where I felt frustrated," Bledsoe said. "I felt really responsible for making sure that they understood what was happening. But I realize my parents didn't expect me to be perfect. They want to be included, but they don't want to make me feel like I'm the only way."

Growing up was a learning curve for Bledsoe. She learned ASL from her parents and spoke English with her grandparents, learning the languages simultaneously. Bledsoe had an open mind and open heart for where life will lead her in terms of deaf missions.

"We all have those things where we tell God like 'absolutely not this one thing.' And for me it was deaf ministries," Bledsoe said. "I was like 'absolutely not God, like that is not something I want.' It's actually so cool how He opened my heart up to it."

Bledsoe tells a story of a summer internship where she interacted with the deaf missions on multiple occasions, from her roommate being fluent in ASL as well, to speaking with a partially deaf woman who was healed after her ministry group prayed for her. Since then, she's had an open heart to the idea of deaf ministries.

Bledsoe explained that people regularly take advantage of deaf people. She herself had her rebellious phase in kindergarten before she understood the implications of her actions.

"It was easy for me to go behind their back, so I had to be more aware of like, I love my parents and it's really important that I honor them because if I don't I can seriously hurt our relationship," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe and her family were very close to each other, making a conscious daily effort to include each other in their lives, whether that be through signing at the dinner table so her parents are in on the stories being told or her parents comforting her from a storm they couldn't hear as a child. They choose to not let these roadblocks stand in their way.

EMMA DENNIS



"It's so cool how God opened my heart up to deaf ministries."

MEGHANN BLEDSOE

meghann bledsoe



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"It is okay if you have many different passions and things you want to do in life."

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The Ouachita Baptist University Elrod Center has provided many opportunities for students to get involved with various programs to serve the Arkadelphia community along with students and professors

alike on campus. In particular, ElderServe allowed students to be paired with an elderly couple or elder and visit them, bring them food, or write them letters.

Allie Bailey, a freshman biomedical sciences and psychology double major from Benton, was involved in TranServe on campus, and through the Elrod Center and TranServe became involved in ElderServe.

"I enjoy reading and writing poetry and learning about history, so when Mrs. Duvall sent an email asking for someone to just listen to and talk with a retired professor of literature who has written books on history and loves poetry. I knew immediately that it was something I wanted to do," Bailey said.

Bailey began visiting Charlie and Marie Hughes at their home in Arkadelphia at the beginning of her freshman year. Mr. Hughes is in hospice care and his wife, Mrs. Marie, is his full time caregiver. Mr. Hughes was a close friend of Dr. Wink and taught literature at Henderson State University for the majority of his life. Bailey jumped at the opportunity to visit with him and his wife because of their shared love of history and poetry.

"One of my favorite things about visiting them is to hear Mr. Charles recite some of his favorite poems by memory that he and Dr. Wink had loved decades ago," Bailey said. "It was just an incredible connection as I heard and appreciated the same words they had read and memorized years before."

Along with the countless poems and pieces of literature Bailey has learned, she has also gathered priceless life lessons from Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

"One major lesson I learned from Mr. Hughes was that it is okay if you have many different passions and things you want to do in life. In fact, it is adventurous and joy-filled to pursue everything you love in life at no matter what age you are," Bailey said. "Mr. Charles worked various jobs throughout his life including a medic in the Marines and a cryptanalyst."

Bailey used her time with Mr. and Mrs. Hughes to gain experience of talking to someone who has lived through so many years of change and to hear their story; ElderServe allowed her to have the opportunity to do just that.

"I knew immediately that meeting with an elderly couple was something that I wanted to do, and it turned into such a rewarding and humbling experience that I would not trade for anything," Bailey said.

ADDIE WOODS

ALLIE BAILEY
allie bailey

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Ever since he was young, freshman finance and business management double major Ryan Wheeler from Little Rock obtained a passion that would

follow him the rest of his life.

Wheeler grew up in his family-owned used auto industry called "Rock City Classics." His dad was also a pilot who flew major auto dealers from throughout Little Rock. These experiences allowed Wheeler to be influenced by the auto industry.

At the age of 8, Wheeler received his first car: an orange 1955 Mercury Monterey. He now owns around 18 cars and plans on restoring many more in the future. Some of his cars have been on display in shows around Arkansas including the Petit Jean Car Show. The car he used as primary transportation, a 2014 Mercedes ML-63-AMG, was an asset for his restoration business.

"Seeing a car go from such a sad state to its renewal was a very proud moment for me," Wheeler said. "The man who purchased one of the cars flew all the way from California to pick it up. Giving the car to someone that is going to appreciate it instead of letting it rot in a shop, brings me a great deal of joy. I love getting to pair the cars with the owners."

Aside from cars, Wheeler has also worked on restoring boats. He stumbled across a \$500 boat he found that had been buried in the woods for 12 years. The boat was in horrible condition, but it did not stop Wheeler from working hard to restore it. His philosophy, inspired by his dad, is "eat the elephant one bite at a time."

Some of his favorite projects include restoring a 1989 Mercedes 560 SL Roadster. One of the boats he worked on cost about \$12,000 to restore which he sold later for \$24,000.

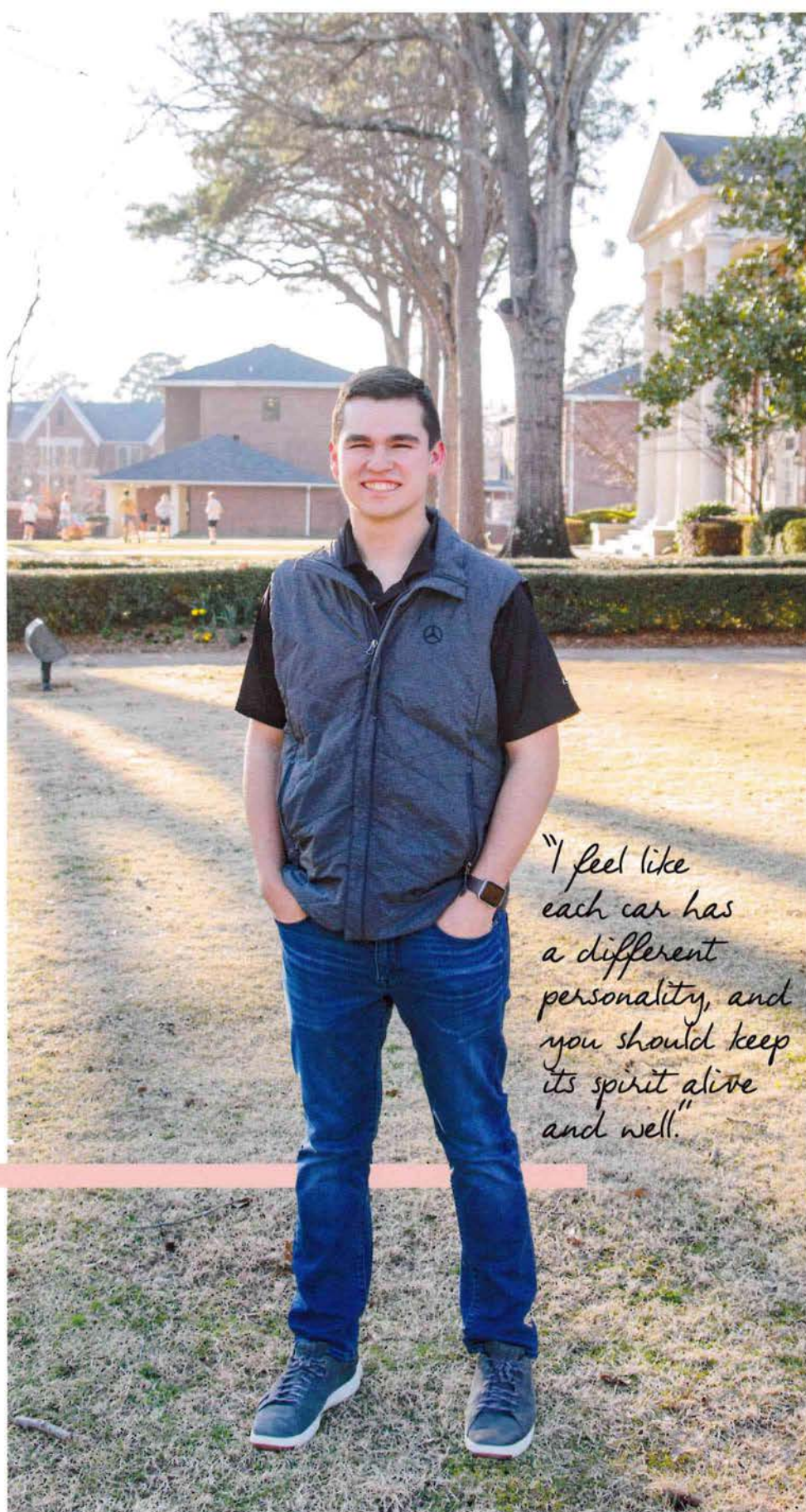
"Many of the youth today don't appreciate old cars and old things in general as much as they should," Wheeler said. "If we don't take care of these antiques now, they are going to be forgotten like they never happened. It hurts my heart imagining cars, especially older models, sitting in a shop not being used. I feel like each car I ride, or drive has a different personality, and you should keep its spirit alive and well."

Wheeler admits that as many successful restorations there have been, he had just as many, if not more, project failures. He claimed that he has learned so much about the auto industry because of the mistakes and success and has gained valuable marketing analytic skills from his 11 years of experience.

While Wheeler earns a good amount of money from selling his cars and boats, he generously gives them to the church which is another passion behind his projects.

"I love the car business, but I love God more," Wheeler said.

ANGELA WEBB



"I feel like each car has a different personality, and you should keep its spirit alive and well."

RYAN WHEELER

ryan wheeler



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Maggie Moore // Nacogdoches, TX



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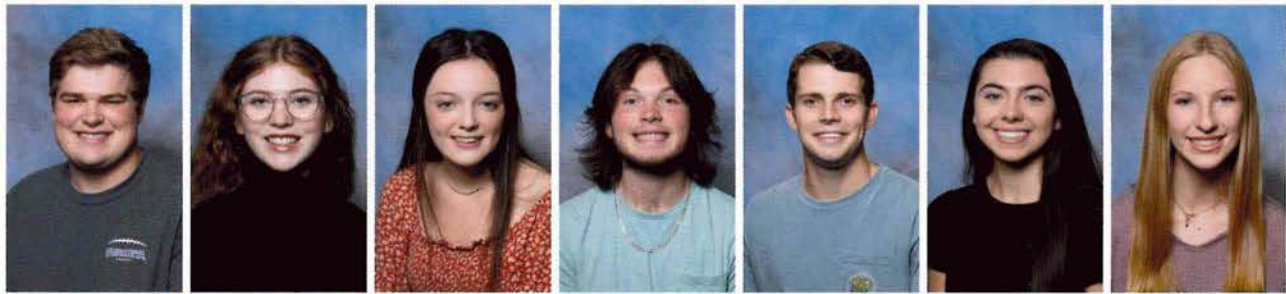


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At the age of five, a young girl established a love for a sport that would impact her for the rest of her life. Years following, a love for another

sport blossomed, leading her to play two sports throughout her life.

After years of practicing, growing skills and learning new techniques, it led this individual to live out her dream of playing at the collegiate level. Luckily, in this case she gets to play both of the sports she loves. Kellen Church, a sophomore business administration major from Jonesboro, had the opportunity to play both softball and volleyball at Ouachita.

In the years leading up to college, Church ran into difficulties during her high school years that caused her to rethink the ability of living out her dreams of playing in college. Church found it defeating sometimes when she was not being recruited for either sport.

"I wanted to play in college so badly that I decided to just go to school until I had the opportunity to play both sports," Church said.

Luckily with the help of her coaches and support system, she was able to figure out how to overcome her adversities.

"My family, friends, and coaches have pushed me to be the best I can be, and that has impacted my life in more ways than I could ever imagine," Church said.

The people she had in her corner are who got her here today.

While getting to the collegiate level was a challenge in itself, Church had to learn how to best balance academics, social life, and two sports schedules. It seemed like it was impossible to manage all of those. However, Church used her time management skills to make sure she stayed on top of her schedule. Along with that, the coaches and professors at Ouachita did a notable job helping their student succeed academically.

"My coaches and professors have been very supportive in anything I've done, and I really appreciate all their help," Church said.

Kellen Church lived out her dream playing not only one, but two sports in college. She was grateful for the opportunities she has had to grow in all areas of her life. Her favorite memory of being an Ouachita Tiger was creating strong friendships with her teammates.

"I have met some of my best friends through sports and I love that about these teams here at Ouachita," Church said.

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"My coaches and professors have been very supportive in anything I've done."

KELLEN CHURCH
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 Noah Barker // Batesville, AR
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 Brynlee Beams // Cabot, AR
 Josee Bebee // Arkadelphia, AR



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 Alyssa Beggs // Benton, AR
 Isabella Bejarano // Tyler, TX
 Ayden Bennett // Friendship, AR
 Spencer Benway // Forney, TX
 Bella Bevel // Mountain Home, AR
 Brock Bivens // Sherwood, AR



Luke Black // Ruston, LA
 Emily Blair // North Little Rock, AR
 Karlie Bonam // Kenille, TX
 Victoria Bourgeois // Bismarck, AR
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 Derek Cheatham // Van Buren, AR
 Addie Chumley // Benton, AR
 Kellen Church // Jonesboro, AR
 Brynn Clark // Arkadelphia, AR



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 Emma Kathleen Conner // Roland, AR
 Ella Cox // Rogers, AR
 Kie Crone // Little Rock, AR
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 Lawrence Davis // Little Rock, AR
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 Kinley Deaton // Maumelle, AR

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 Olivia Dixon // Arkadelphia, AR
 Ashley Drennan // Conway, AR
 Olivia Eggleston // Cabot, AR
 Luke Falco // Malvern, AR
 Chris Gay // North Little Rock, AR
 Bailey Gibson // Hot Springs, AR



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 Emily Greenwell // Benton, AR
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 Hannah Haessig // Rockwall, TX



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 Mavric Herrera // Wylie, TX
 Clara Beth Hill // Bryant, AR
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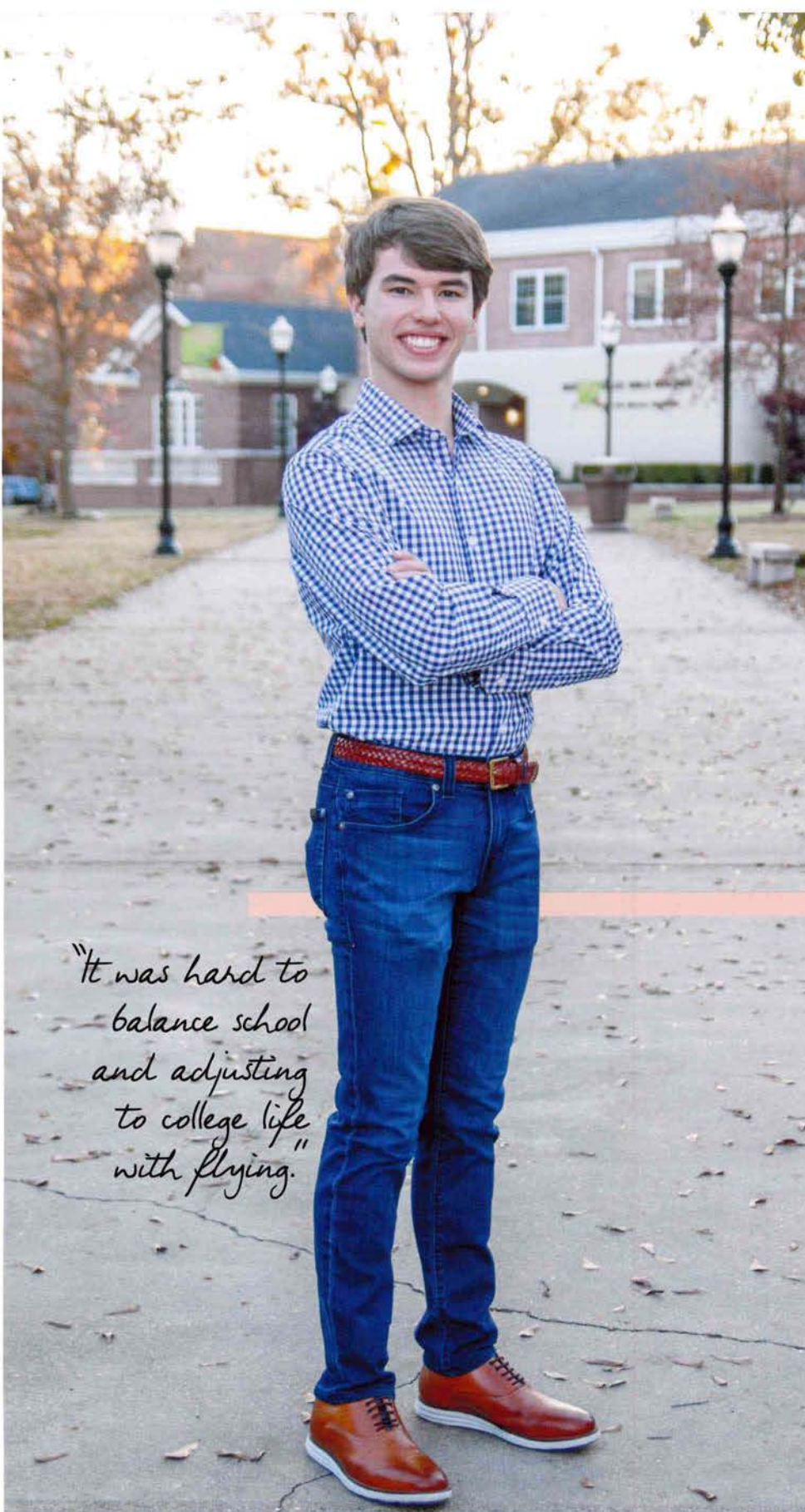


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 Cliff Lance // Hot Springs, AR
 Kelsie Lawhon // Cabot, AR





Joey Whisenhunt, a sophomore business administration major from Conway, grew up engaged in the world of piloting. When he turned 15, his own journey to become a pilot began.

"My first introduction to flying was with my dad," Whisenhunt said. "He is a private pilot and I started flying with him when I was eight years old."

Once Joey turned 15, he got to follow in his father's footsteps to become a pilot. He started training with a flight instructor to learn how to properly fly a plane. He would practice taking off, landing, as well as taking practice solo flights approved by his flight instructor.

"At this point it is a lot like having a driver's permit," Whisenhunt said. "I could practice within a certain radius of the airport, but there were still restrictions on what I could do by myself."

When Whisenhunt turned 17, it was finally time for him to take his private pilot license test. There were a few steps he had to take to obtain his license. He had to have a certain amount of flight time with an instructor, a certain number of hours of solo flying, and an extensive knowledge of the rules of flying and how to operate the plane. Whisenhunt passed each step with flying colors and was able to obtain his private license. As long as there were clear skies, he was able to fly wherever and whenever he wanted.

Whisenhunt's academic life challenged his flying career when he became a student at Ouachita.

"It was hard to balance school and adjusting to college life with flying; I couldn't fly as much as I used to," Whisenhunt said.

That was until he started preparing for his commercial license test. This license required a lot of responsibility, so he had to prepare months in advance for his exam. He took the written portion at the end of his first semester of freshman year, then halfway through second semester he took the oral and flying portion of the test.

"For these tests, you have to show the instructor that you know how to handle a plane so they can make sure you're safe enough to fly commercial," Whisenhunt said.

After weeks and months of preparation, Whisenhunt passed his tests and was able to add another license under his belt.

Since the beginning of his flight career, Whisenhunt gained licenses and ratings that make him a reliable and trusted pilot. Since he has been certified to fly, he enjoys taking trips with family and friends around the state and country. He also likes to get some practice in, usually flying 1-3 times a week around the area.

Whisenhunt looks forward to continuing his flight career and building upon the knowledge he has gained so far.

"It was hard to balance school and adjusting to college life with flying."

HANNA WILLIAMS

JOEY WHISENHUNT
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After witnessing a heartbreaking experience, she wanted to make a difference. She thought about those around her and desired to take a stand so that others could look out for it as well.

Isabella Bejarano, a sophomore double majoring in elementary education and Spanish from Bogotá, Colombia, led the 2021 Walk for Freedom at Arkadelphia High School in October. This event had a total of 130 attendees and 22 volunteers raising over \$700.

Bejarano explained that The Walk for Freedom is a walk meant to raise awareness for human trafficking, modern-day slavery. It is a silent walk held in cities around the world to show support for victims and survivors, to raise awareness in our communities, and to fundraiser.

"I found A21 as I investigated organizations against trafficking that I could get involved with," Bejarano said.

The event started seven years ago by the organization A21. A21 is a campaign that is global 501 non-profit, non-governmental organization that works to fight human trafficking, including sexual exploitation & trafficking, forced slave labor, bonded labor, involuntary domestic servitude, and child soldiery.

"When I was 16, I witnessed a human trafficking deal, and had no idea what to do to report it or how to help the girls being sold," Bejarano said. "So, I researched because I never wanted to be in that position again, and I don't want anyone else to be. I want people to feel informed and empowered about what they should do if they ever witness a situation like that or if they are trying to educate others to mitigate risk because if only 1% of the world becomes aware of this problem, we will have twice as many advocates as victims."

Bejarano created a committee with someone from each classification and an alumnus, with different talents and connections that allowed the committee to reach different clubs and organizations on campus, as well as engage local churches and businesses. They met up almost every week and discussed what the committee needed to do. On the night before the event, they gathered volunteers to make posters and assign them their roles.

"Mrs. Judy Duvall is my greatest encourager to serve and lead," Bejarano said. "She also sent it out to Transerve to help me get more volunteers."

After holding the first Walk for Freedom in Arkadelphia, Bejarano hopes that this event will be a yearly occurrence for Ouachita as well as the Arkadelphia Community. Ouachita students are encouraged to serve the community and help other students, like Isabella, change the world one step at a time.

ANGELA WEBB



"I want people to feel informed and empowered."

ISABELLA BEJARANO
isabella bejarano



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Camryn Manning // Russellville, AR
Daniel McCarty // Cabot, AR



Caden McCauley // Ozark, AR
Zach McClain // Batesville, AR
Jeff McCoy // Marshall, TX
Seth McDowell // Benton, AR
Zoe McGregor // Mountain Pine, AR
Carter McKissack // Conway, AR
Meredith Medford // Stuttgart, AR



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 Nikki Schneider // Traskwood, AR
 Sam Scott // Little Rock, AR
 Jonathan Shelby // Rogers, AR



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 Logan Smith // Fairfield, MT
 Margaret Smith // Jefferson, TX
 Noah Smith // Pearcy, AR
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 Victoria Sprague // Ponder, TX



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 Brooke Steen // Frisco, TX
 Kayla Steinmeyer // Saint Charles, MO
 Adam Stephenson // Mesquite, TX
 Erica Stilwell // Little Rock, AR
 Joseph Stroupe // Searcy, AR



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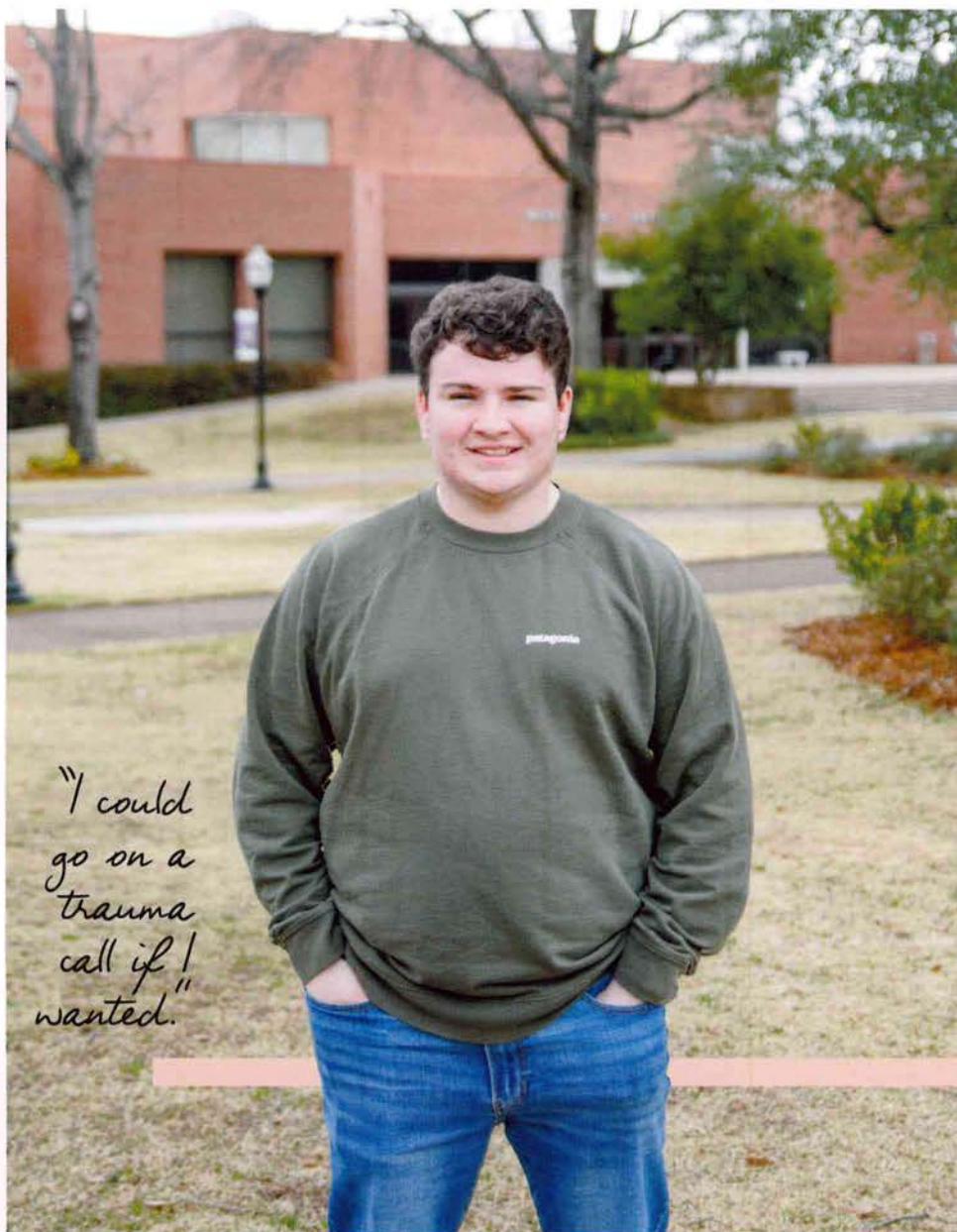




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 Nick Yates // Hope, AR



"I could go on a trauma call if I wanted."

NOAH BARKER

noah barker



Riding in ambulances, answering calls from patients in desperate need, and starting his day off at the crack of dawn each morning describes a small part of Batesville sophomore nursing major Noah Barker's fast paced job as an EMT.

Barker lives a bit of a double life as he tackles chemistry classes and three hour labs in the midst of life as an EMT. A typical day for this ambitious Ouachita student involved kicking his shift off at 6 a.m. and then proceeding to participate in what he refers to as a "morning check." This included making sure all equipment and medications were ready to go for the long day ahead.

Barker made sure everything was intact and ready at all times. He stayed alert and answered calls as fast as they came in.

He learned to never miss a beat in the world of EMTs, where sleep almost ceases to exist. As Barker checked off all his daily boxes and completed his early morning to-do's, the calls would come piling in.

"The only call I had in my first day of ride experience was a patient that needed transportation to the hospital with shortness of breath," Barker said.

Barker suited up, and even got to experience the patient first hand as he rode in the back and witnessed the patient's every move. His first ride as an EMT was transported by a relatively small ambulance service that had only one ambulance available.

Barker saw this as an opportunity to work his way up in the EMT world, and did just that, all while making Ouachita proud in the background. Barker decided to work for a different ambulance service where he gained more experience due to the number of ambulances. He even had the opportunity to pick and choose which calls he would go on.

"I really enjoyed this," Barker said, "because I could go on a trauma call if I wanted to or even more routine calls."

EMT and paramedics would even offer Noah advice to suggest which calls to go on. This not only benefited Noah's growth as an EMT, but will also help him in his new journey as a nursing student. As he juggled schoolwork, the pressure of nursing classes, and everyday life as a busy college student, Barker was putting in 12 hour days in this speedy profession. Barker answered many calls of hurting patients and people in need and jumped right to the task. He didn't hesitate to run straight where the problem was and learned the significance of being alert at all times. The 12 hour shifts and on-the-spot decisions will help Barker as he answers his next call: nursing school.

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Growing up in Arkadelphia and serving as Miss OBU has given Caroline Derby the opportunity of a lifetime. A junior mass communication and political

science double major, Derby has grown up dreaming about being a student at Ouachita. Derby has seen Ouachita from many different perspectives including coach's daughter, faculty and staff daughter, student leader, as well as Miss Ouachita Baptist University.

"Ouachita has been my home sometimes even more than the town of Arkadelphia has been," Derby said. "I am now living the life that I used to dream about and that is super special to me."

Before entering the college scene, Derby had competed in only one pageant her junior year of high school. She ended up walking away with a crown on her head and was hooked. She knew in that moment that she wanted to become Miss OBU one day. Dancing on stage, having an impactful platform, and wearing an evening gown has been on Derby's mind since she saw Miss OBU for the first time. She did not, however, know that her dreams would come true so quickly.

"I was randomly nominated to represent Student Senate at the Miss OBU pageant as a freshman," Derby said. "I remember being so nervous when the awards were being announced and then my name was called and I just lost it. It was a moment I will never forget."

Derby got to share what she loved about Ouachita, dance her heart out, walk across the stage in her beautiful green gown, and share her platform with all of her peers. She experienced more love that night than she had ever experienced before.

Derby has had the opportunity since winning to meet new people and form new connections. She was promised one year of getting to promote her platform, attend events, and represent the place that was written across the sash on her chest. When COVID-19 took the world by storm, Derby quickly came to realize that she would be Miss OBU for two years, which has never been done before.

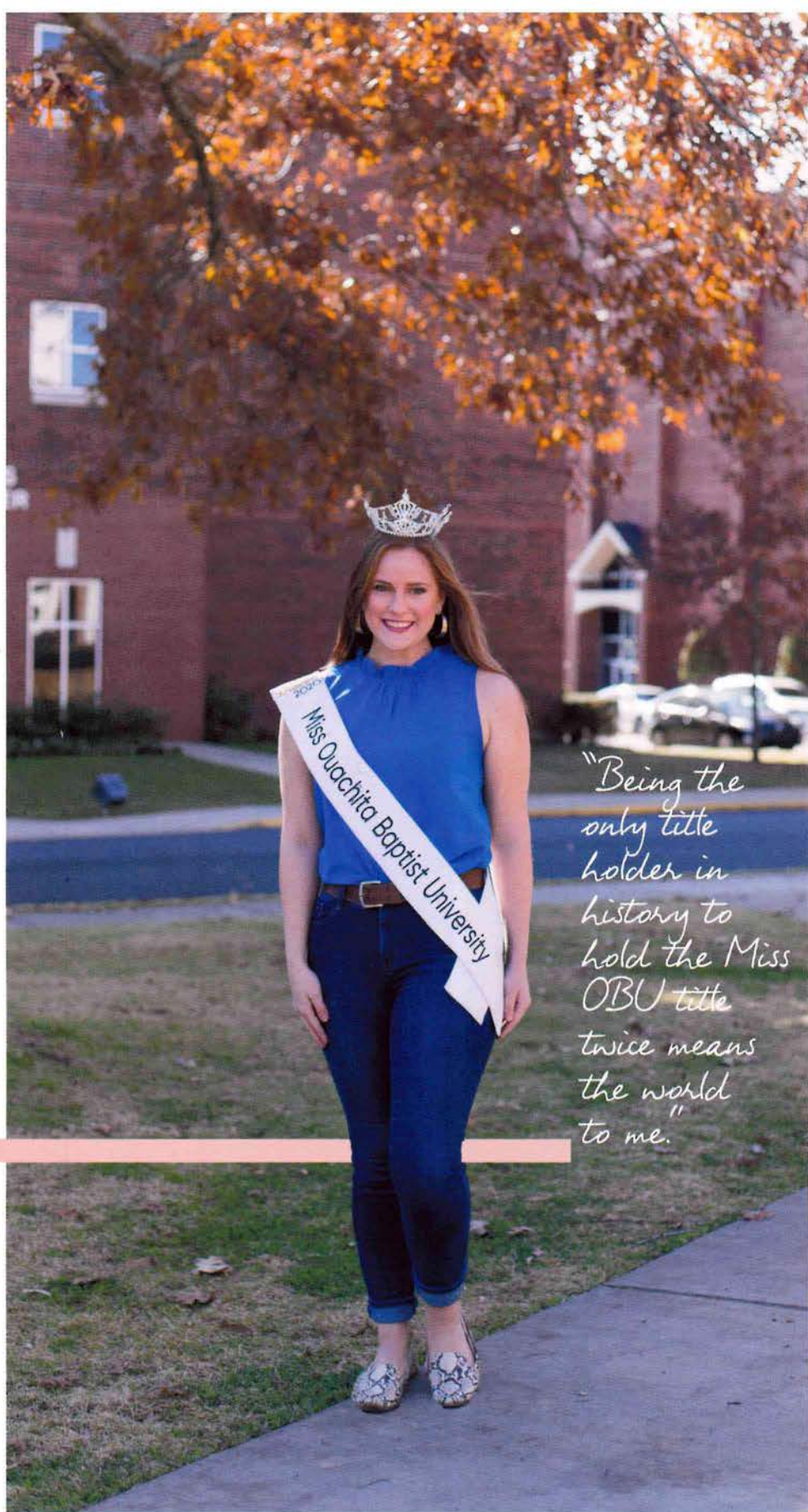
"Being the only title holder in history to hold the Miss OBU title twice means the world to me," Derby said. "I am excited to see what the future holds and whoever takes this title next."

Derby is currently living the life that she had always wanted to live. She cherishes her time here at Ouachita because of the legacy others before her have left.

"Ouachita will forever be a large part of who I am," Derby said. "I hope to leave the legacy of someone who was kind, gentle, outgoing, and a great leader."

Derby can only hope that the future of Ouachita as well as the future Miss OBU cherishes their time at school no matter what. She will always be proud that she got to represent the queen of the college world.

MADI DARR



"Being the only title holder in history to hold the Miss OBU title twice means the world to me."

CAROLINE DERBY

caroline derby



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 Valeria Gomez // Costa Rica
 Nathan Gray // Rogers, AR



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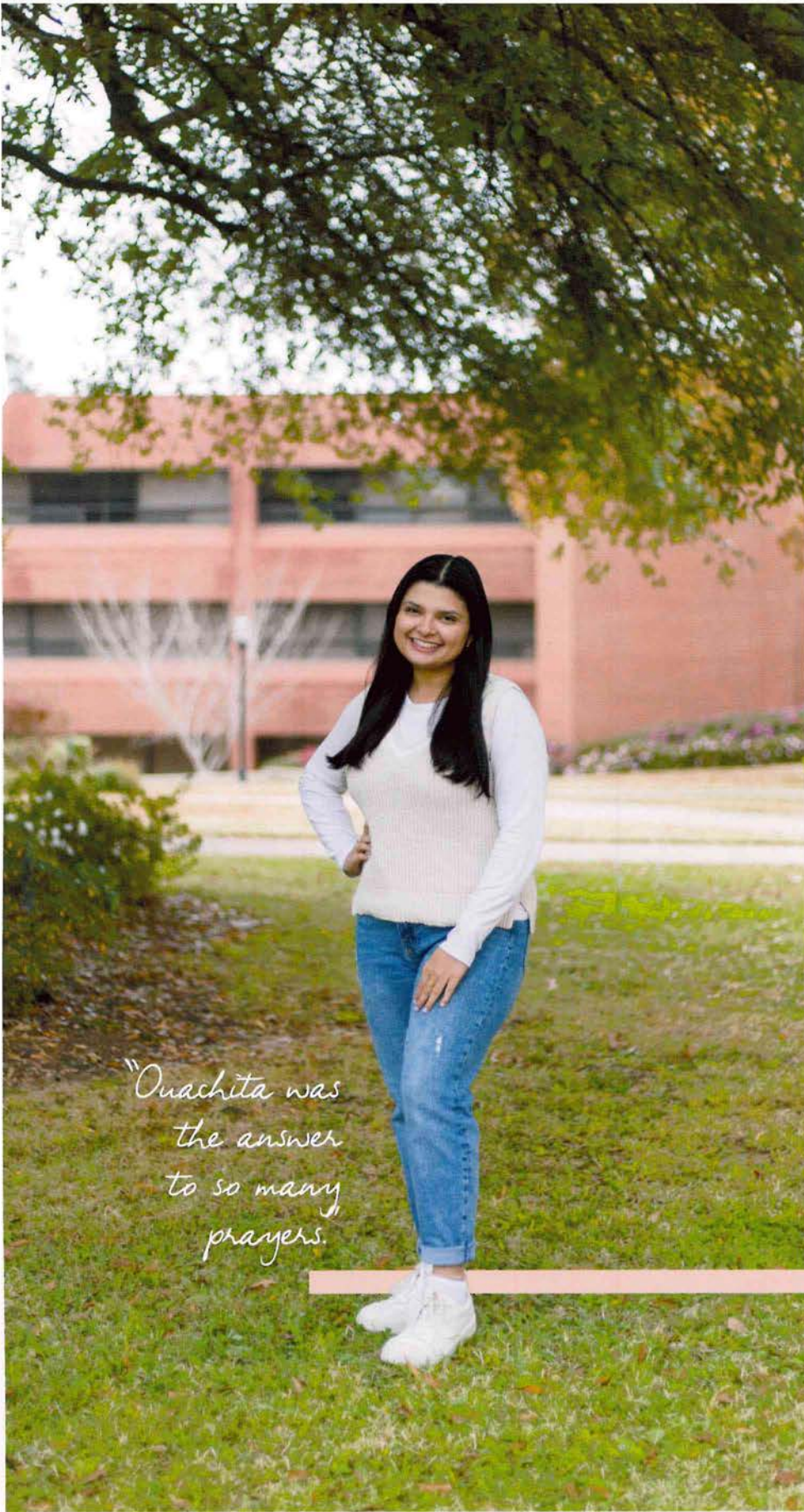


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"Ouachita was the answer to so many prayers."



One thing that high school does not teach in classes is what happens when your dreams do not work out. Junior mass communications major Valeria Gomez, from San Jose, Costa Rica, has a testimony that encompasses this challenging path she had to navigate.

"Since I was a little kid, I have always wanted to be a doctor," Gomez said. "My mom is a nurse, and she would always come home with all these fascinating stories. I knew I wanted to be on that side. I dreamed of working as a doctor and helping people for many years. I loved everything about how our bodies worked and all the things I could do to make others feel better."

Once graduating high school in December of 2017, Gomez flew to Wisconsin for a five month long exchange in an American high school. After returning, Gomez knew she wanted to pursue medical school. Due to expenses and options in Costa Rica, Gomez attended her fourth option for a medical school.

"We all had to wear blue scrubs and white coats," Gomez said. "I still remember the excitement of buying the uniform. I looked at myself in the mirror and couldn't believe I was about to start medical school. My dreams were finally becoming a reality."

Gomez experienced all the excitement that came from learning how to use a scalpel to getting to hold and observe different organs. But classes began to get difficult, and her mental health started to decline rapidly. It was a challenge going from high school straight to medical school.

Making friends was also a challenge for Gomez. While attending Christian schools her whole life, medical school felt like a different universe. She battled daily the feeling of failure because she was not happy doing the thing she had always wanted to do.

"After a few days of looking at different universities, praying, and talking to my parents, I decided to drop out of medical school," Gomez said. "It was the hardest decision yet the easiest. I didn't want anyone to know that I had dropped out. I kept it a secret for months."

Ouachita was not on Gomez's radar for a potential school to attend, but after meeting with a recruiter she knew this was where she needed to be.

"After I applied to Ouachita, I was consumed by a sense of peace," Gomez said. "I was not worried anymore. Even when I was just waiting to hear back, I knew this was it. I patiently waited, knowing that everything was going to be OK. Ouachita was the answer to so many prayers."

Although medical school was not what God had in plan for Gomez's life, she still values the experience she had.

"My experience with going to medical school not only serves me as a fun fact every time someone asks me for one, but it transformed my faith," Gomez said. "I have never seen prayers being answered in such a tangible way. What I didn't know was that God crushed my dreams before they crushed me. He always has better and bigger plans for my life."

ANGELA WEBB

VALERIA GOMEZ

valeria gomez



It was the fourth quarter with 57 seconds left. The Henderson Reddies and the Tigers were tied at 28-28. The Ouachita fans were silent as

Gabe Goodman, a junior finance major from Arkadelphia, prepared for a 53-yard field goal to win the game. The Henderson Reddies' cheers shook Cliff Harris Stadium as he approached the football.

Goodman found himself in the same mindset as the Harding versus Ouachita game back in 2019 where he kicked a field goal to win the game, and Ouachita won the conference title. As every Tiger fan held their breath, Goodman kicked the field goal, and the Tigers won the battle 31-28.

In the seconds before the field goal was kicked, Goodman relied on his instincts and tried not to think too much about the actual kick. He spent the majority of the fourth quarter calculating how he knew the game would come down to a field goal.

"I knew I could make the field goal, but the pressure was on," Goodman said. "I wanted to win the game for my family and friends and to give back to the campus that has given so much to me."

As the 94th Battle of the Ravine unfolded, the Tigers and Reddies stayed close behind each other on the scoreboard.

"I was feeling pretty good that day," Goodman said. "I had some issues pulling the ball right earlier on in the game but, once that final kick came around, I was feeling good about hitting a clean, straight ball. After the kick, I felt a sigh of relief and a lot of pressure fall off of my shoulders just because of all the stress that was built up throughout that week."

This year's Battle of the Ravine stakes were high as a win for Ouachita would guarantee Henderson would not win the conference championship. Henderson had been a dominant team this year, but each team played the best they could, and it all came down to who wanted it more.

Because Goodman grew up in Arkadelphia, he has attended Battle of the Ravine since he was a child. Goodman said kicking the game-winning field goal in the Battle of the Ravine is something he has dreamed about since he was a kid.

"I've grown up watching this game and I've seen how much it means to so many people, so to be a part of it is just indescribable," Goodman said. "It was an awesome feeling to be a part of something that is so special and important to this community."

MADI DARR



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GABE GOODMAN

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 Brad Richardson // Lonoke, AR



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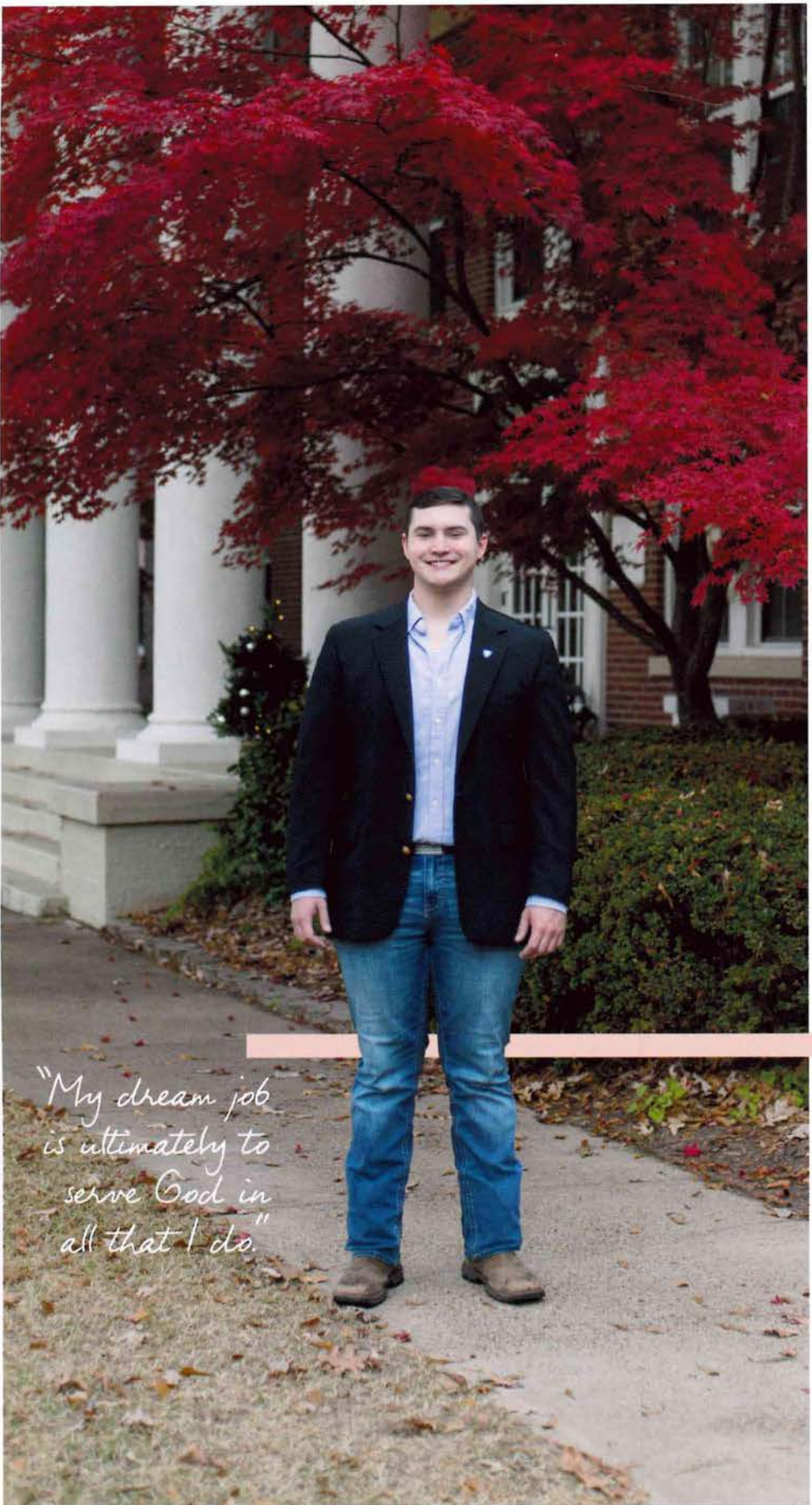


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"My dream job is ultimately to serve God in all that I do."

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Brad Richardson, a junior Christian studies major with a military science minor from Lonoke, grew up in a family with a tradition of military service. The Richardson family can trace their military history all the way back to the

Revolutionary War. Because of this rich history, Richardson had a great example of what service looked like while he was growing up, and he started his journey with the military during his freshman year of high school.

"I always knew that one day I would want to serve, but I didn't know exactly how," said Richardson. "However, after learning about the Army values, and truly learning what service was, I embraced it and continued to rise through the JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) program at my high school."

Richardson dedicated countless hours to this service and was awarded the Cadet Battalion Commander Position. This meant that he was the highest-ranking Cadet and that he would be responsible for leading the entire program during his senior year. This led him to enlist in the Arkansas National Guard and pursue ROTC at Ouachita where he will graduate as a Second Lieutenant. Not only did Richardson feel strongly about serving his country, but he also felt called to ministry.

"The Lord called me to ministry in high school, and God made it clear to me that all I needed to do was commit my life to serve Him," Richardson said. "I didn't know what I was supposed to do, I just knew I was supposed to trust Him."

Richardson has spent his time at Ouachita preparing for this calling to vocational ministry. He has led his social club, The Men of Beta Beta, as the chaplain, led Campus Ministries life groups, and worked as a youth intern at a local church. Ouachita has equipped him for a job in the ministry after college as well as a career in the military.

"My dream job is ultimately to serve God in all that I do," said Richardson.

Richardson plans to combine his two callings to service by becoming a military chaplain, and later working as a youth pastor while he is enlisted in the National Guard.

"If things go according to plan, the things that I have learned in my Christian Studies classes and in my experiences as a spiritual leader will most definitely set me up for success as a youth pastor and chaplain. Not only this, but my time in ROTC has prepared me for a life of service in the National Guard," said Richardson.

CAROLINE JOHNSON

BRAD RICHARDSON
brad richardson



Mary Madison Tolbert spent her summer interning in San Francisco, California. She was located in the middle of the Tenderloin district with

San Francisco City Impact, a non-profit organization. Tolbert was connected to this organization through a longstanding relationship with her home church in Texas and a past mission trip where she worked with City Impact. Tolbert described the Tenderloin district as an area concentrated with homelessness and poverty.

City Impact's mission was to serve the transient population of the Tenderloin district. They achieved this by facilitating a church on Sunday mornings, running a soup kitchen, providing a grocery service, and working a children's program. Although Tolbert spent her summer involved in all of these different aspects of ministry, her favorite was a ministry called Adopt a Building.

"Many of the buildings in the tenderloin were SROs or single residency occupancy. That means that they had very small rooms without bathrooms or kitchens," Tolbert said.

These SRO buildings were typically in very bad condition. Each floor of these buildings had a shared bathroom and one shared kitchen for the entire building. Despite these living conditions, the buildings are filled to the brim.

"It's crazy because getting into these buildings and having a place to live is so competitive. I talked to so many people who were homeless for ten years and waited to get into a dirty building that was infested with mice and roaches because it is better than the streets," said Tolbert.

Tolbert loved this ministry because she was able to go into these buildings and build relationships with the residents.

"I loved this ministry because it was so consistent. I could go back and see the same people over and over again. This was different than the other ministries we did because the population is so transient that you might serve someone in the soup kitchen and then never see them again," Tolbert said.

Mary Madison lived in the Tenderloin district along with other members of the City Impact team. She shared a room with two other girls who were interning with City Impact that summer as well.

Tolbert's summer of serving ignited her passion for the people of San Francisco so much that she began to lead mission trips in the Tenderloin. Church groups from across the country partnered with City Impact to serve in San Francisco, and as part of her internship, Tolbert lead these groups during their week of service.

"I don't know exactly what I want to do in the future, but I've learned that I have a passion for connecting people to opportunities for service that will transform their lives," Tolbert said.

CAROLINE JOHNSON



"I loved this ministry because it was so consistent."

MARY MADISON TOLBERT
mary madison tolbert



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 Sydney Donaldson // Benton, AR
 Reganne Dumas // Texarkana, TX
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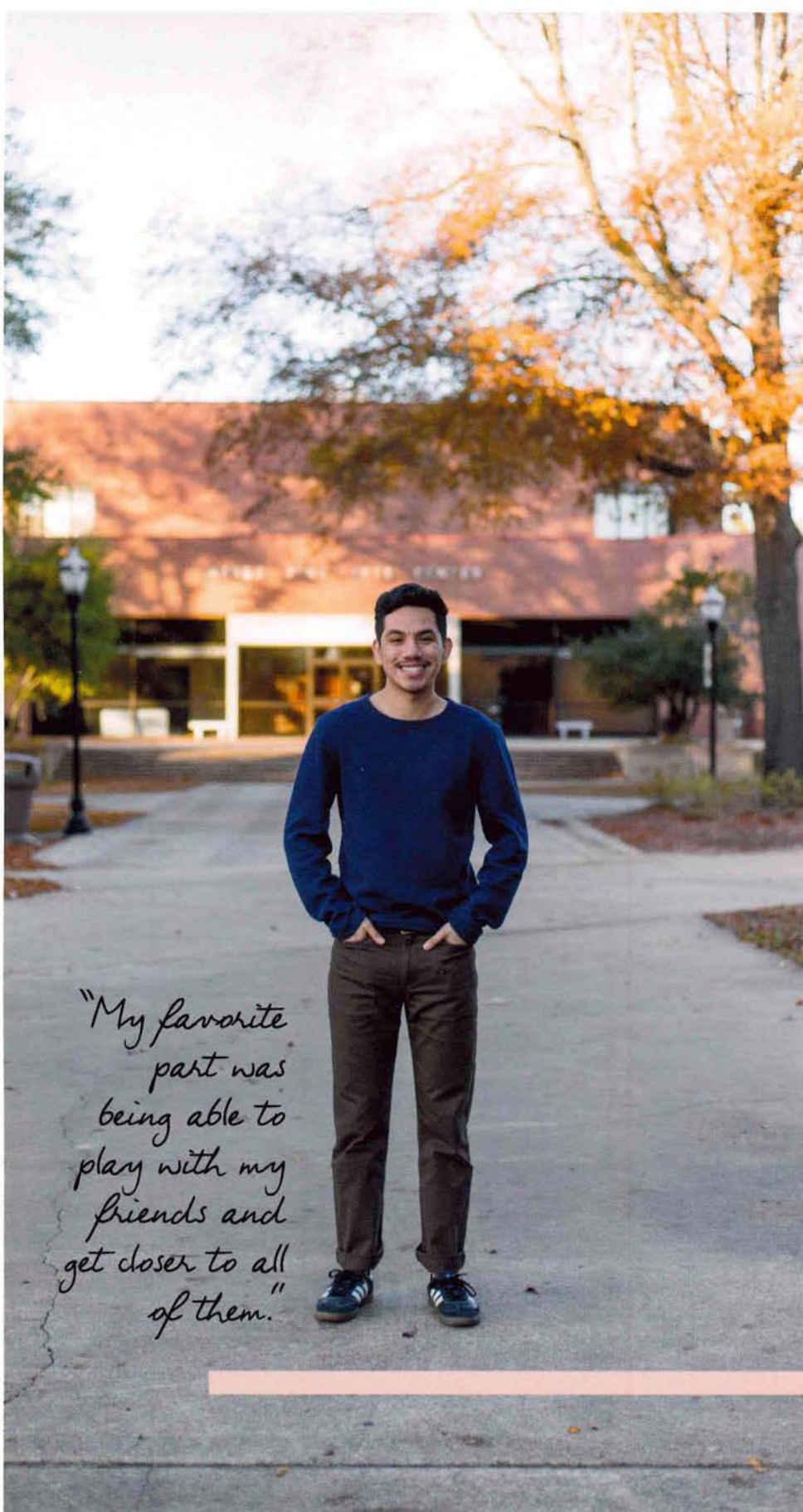


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"My favorite part was being able to play with my friends and get closer to all of them."

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The Ravine Rovers began their journey during the first semester of the 2021-2022 academic year at Ouachita as a group of OBU students looking for an organized league in which to play soccer. The team was initially created

by two individuals, senior biology major Kevin Merino from Wylie, Texas, and senior business administration major Logan Daust from Plano, Texas.

The motivation for such a team stemmed from many small soccer games played on and off the Ouachita campus by this group of students. After committing themselves to a league, the team played every Sunday evening in Burns Park of Little Rock against many other adult teams in the league.

Although the team did not begin competing until the fall semester of 2021, the team began to form a year ahead of time. According to Merino, developing the Rovers started with discussions between himself and Daust over the desire to play at a more difficult level. As these conversations furthered, Merino was sure this was what the group wanted.

"We were playing a lot of futbol with our friends all of last year and as we got more into it, we thought that it would be a lot of fun to just have some of us be on a team together and play some organized futbol," Merino said.

Once the basic idea was formed, the team needed a name and look, pushing Merino and Daust to spend time in design mode. Daust began trial and error of many designs, resulting in the current logo for the team. The next step the duo took to form the team required established members, subsequently sharing the vision with their desired circle of players. Once the potential members were involved it didn't take long for the excitement to spread and the team to be set in stone. However, the most vital component of any athletic organization was still up in the air; a name.

As expected, much thought went into the process of choosing a name, as the team took a vote on a list of four potential titles and landed on "The Ravine Rovers." This name was chosen as a way for the group to represent Ouachita in some fashion, as the ravine that runs through Ouachita Baptist was included as well as rovers, a common English soccer team name. The jerseys were a shade of green to represent the "Natural State" of Arkansas. According to Daust the process of getting jerseys made took quite some time but now the team is stronger than ever.

The final piece in this puzzle was creating an Instagram account with the handle, @ravineroversfc. Once fully constructed The Rovers were able to begin their season in the fall and are proud to be a part of a life-long memory.

"My favorite part of Ravine Rovers was being able to play with my friends and get closer to all of them," Merino said. "Going out to eat and congregate with all of them afterwards was also always a joy."

KATIE MOORE

KEVIN MERINO
kevin merino



Years before attending Ouachita, Harry Jeffrey, a senior biology and chemistry double major from Conway, Arkansas, knew that he wanted to become a Tiger

Tunes director.

"The first thing that I came to at Ouachita was Tunes. I saw all those people dancing and singing, and I knew I wanted to do that too," Jeffrey said. "I saw the hosts and hostesses and knew that I wanted to do that, but then I realized that, logically, I can't dance. After realizing this, my sister told me about how you can direct a show. From that moment in the eighth grade, I decided that I was going to become a Tiger Tunes director."

Jeffrey's dream of becoming a Tiger Tunes director became a reality during his junior year when he was asked to be a junior director for the ETA Tiger Tunes show. However, his dream was suddenly ripped away as COVID-19 surged across the nation and led to the cancelation of the fall 2020 Tiger Tunes. When the opportunity of leading a possible spring Tiger Tunes show emerged, Jeffrey volunteered to assume the role of the head director.

"I chose two other directors to help me. We were excited, then it got canceled. I was heartbroken, my dream of being a Tunes director was slipping away," Jeffrey said.

As COVID-19 began to settle down, ETA began elections for the 2021 Tiger Tunes directors. Jeffrey decided to run for the position again in hopes of finally fulfilling his goal of becoming a director. Jeffrey won the election and began his eight yearlong dream of directing a Tiger Tunes show.

"I worked at UAMS over the summer and any chance I had, I was working on Tunes. I would set up a reaction or put something in the gel purifier, then while I waited, I would work on Tunes. After work, I worked on Tunes. This dream that felt impossible was finally coming true."

After many practices and long nights, Jeffrey's long-awaited show became a reality. Jeffrey and his two co-directors created the show ETA Vikings with the intention of having a fun and memorable experience. Jeffrey's dream had finally come true, but little did he know, his attitude and pure excitement toward Tunes carried over to everyone around him.

During the final night of Tiger Tunes, Jeffrey received the Spirit of Tunes award. The Spirit of Tunes award was awarded to the person who embodies the energy, spirit, and excitement of Tiger Tunes.

"When they announced the Spirit of Tunes award, I stood there in shock for a moment. I don't think there is any way to put it into words, but the emotion and happiness that I felt in the moment was truly indescribable," said Jeffrey. "Tunes is coming together from all backgrounds, majors, locations, and producing this one thing that brings so much joy to the community. It allows us to come together as one, and it will always be something that I can look back at with overwhelming joy."

KATHRYN TOTTY



"Tunes is coming together to produce joy to the community."

HARRY JEFFREY

harry jeffrey



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 Mason Jarrett // Coppell, TX
 Lindsay Jefferson // Allen, TX
 Harry Jeffrey // Conway, AR



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 Holly Jones // Conway, AR
 Julianna Jones // Little Rock, AR
 Emma Kelley // Roland, AR
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 Chrisleigh Longlois // Orange, TX
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"It was fun dreaming about all the possibilities and then seeing it come to fruition on the wedding day."

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After expressing interest in helping a friend on her big day, senior communications major, Lucie Shepherd, from Rowlett, TX was offered a job that has influenced her desires and passions post graduating. Shepherd now desires to find a job in the wedding planning industry with dreams of owning her own business one day.

"I will forever cherish this experience," Shepherd said. "Since I have only fully planned one wedding, I would have to say that was my favorite. I absolutely loved growing closer to the couple and seeing their love for one another grow as they planned their wedding. I have been a helper in other weddings and my favorite part is seeing the bride's face light up as everything starts falling into place, and that is why I want to get into this business."

A challenge for Shepherd was carrying the responsibility of being a wedding planner and a student at Ouachita at the same time. While trying to stay up to date with classes, Shepherd was also responsible for calling vendors, staying organized and meeting with the bride and groom weekly. She expressed that this challenge helped to grow her and her time management skills.

"One thing I really enjoyed as her wedding planner was getting to meet weekly with the bride to see and hear what she has always envisioned for her big day," Shepherd said. "It was fun dreaming about all the possibilities and then seeing it come to fruition on the wedding day. I felt very accomplished as her wedding planner after her wedding day."

Shepherd starts the process by asking the bride to share with her all the dreams and inspirations she has.

"When I ask the bride first what she wants, it helps me stay on track of what we are trying to accomplish," Shepherd said. "After that we take it detail by detail and talk through it, then search for vendors and reach out. Obviously, there are bumps along the way and for budget or availability reasons we must change to our back up options and that is okay."

Once getting closer to the wedding, Shepherd believes that communication is key. It is her job to make sure everything goes smoothly the days leading up to the wedding and the day of.

"The wedding day it is most important to make sure the bride does not worry about anything," Shepherd said. "The job of a planner is to let the bride plan her perfect day, but when the day comes, let her relax and work your magic."

Throughout this process, Shepherd has learned to be an advocate and friend to the brides she meets with.

"Being a wedding planner is challenging yet exciting, but always a humbling experience and now I am in the process of planning my own," Shepherd said.

ANGELA WEBB

LUCIE SHEPHERD
Lucie shepherd



Many university students begin college life and choose to become involved in something that brings them joy and fulfillment, and this case is no

different with senior soccer player, Jaymee Dotson from Princeton, Texas. At the age of six, Dotson developed a deep appreciation for the sport, a passion that continues as she reflected upon God's plan in bringing her to OBU through her devotion to soccer.

"I played other sports, but soccer always stuck with me," Dotson said.

Her love for the game began at the age that brought tiny cleats and small-scale soccer goals which grew alongside her. As she advanced to play at the high school level, she was presented with the opportunity to enter the U.S. Soccer Development Academy, or DA. Throughout this time, she had been noticed by various D1 colleges who expressed an interest in her and her advanced capabilities in the sport. However, her development as a player would soon be stunted by a circumstance that not even Dotson expected.

"My junior year of high school I broke my leg," she reflected. She was no longer able to pursue DA and instead played at the high school level for the remainder of her junior and senior year to heal and reevaluate her next steps. Although this devastating injury was not in Jaymee's plans, it eventually led to her coming to Ouachita where she is convinced that God wanted her all along.

"Me breaking my leg pushed me back and allowed smaller schools to show interest," Dotson said.

Her positive and compassionate disposition remained untouched even after the injury, and she soon took to encouraging her coach's daughter who had also suffered from breaking her leg in the height of her soccer career.

"I was able to relate my experience with hers, and it got her through it," she recounted. "Now she's their starting goalkeeper."

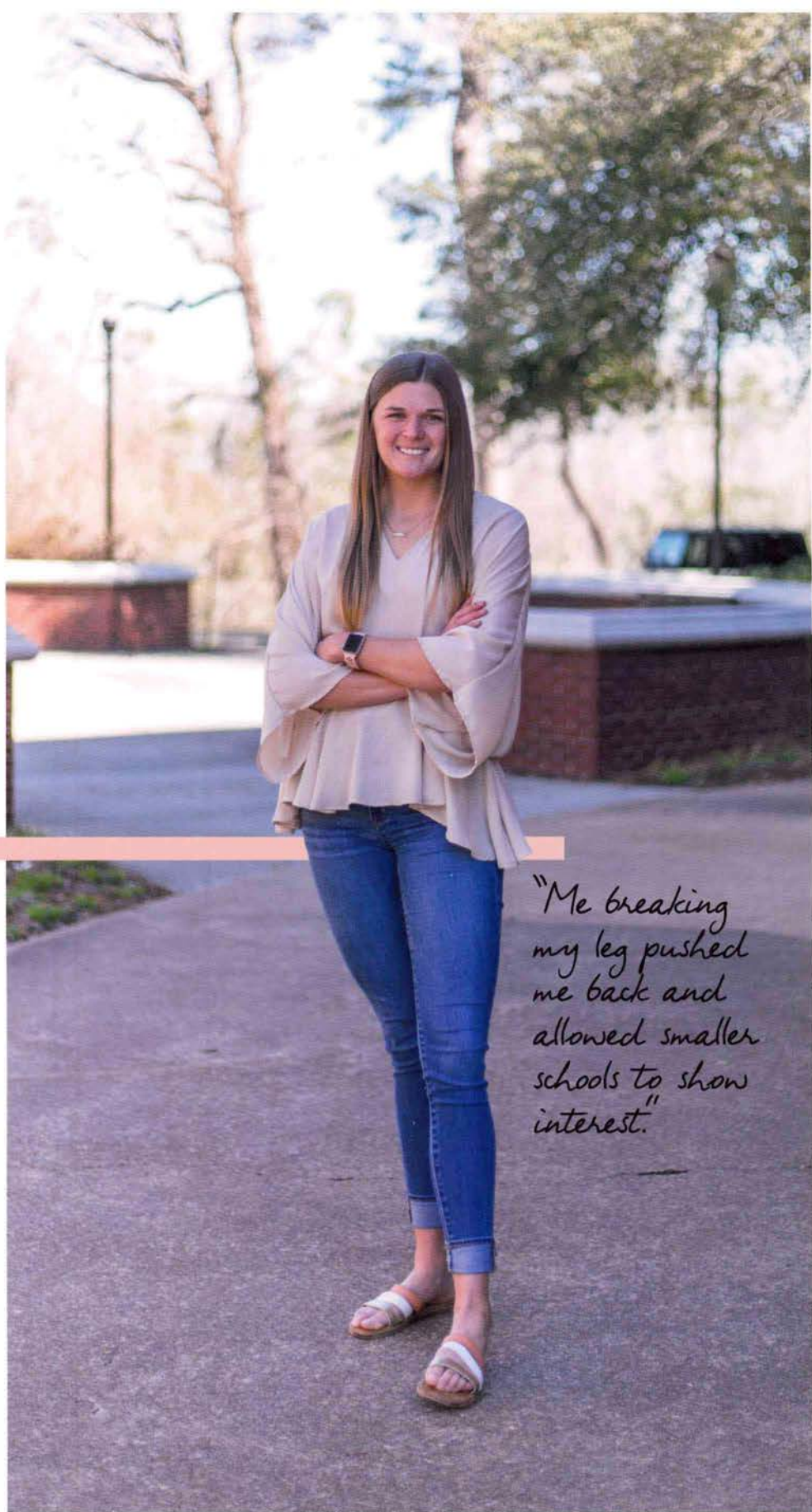
Since coming to Ouachita and joining the soccer team, Jaymee has been awarded several honors, such as "GAC Freshman of the Year," "First Team All-GAC," and "First Team All-Great American Conference." Yet, according to Jaymee, these wins are not solely based on her efforts.

"My team helps me accomplish everything," Dotson said. "They make me look good."

For Jaymee, her time at Ouachita will quickly be coming to an end which evokes bittersweet feelings for the college senior. As she considered how soccer will be involved in these next life steps, she expressed her gratitude for the experiences that she has been able to have playing the sport that she cherishes so greatly.

"The Lord just wants me playing," she said. "I've played pretty much my whole life and I feel like that was my calling."

BREANNA WATSON



"Me breaking my leg pushed me back and allowed smaller schools to show interest."

JAYMEE DOTSON

Jaymee Dotson



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 Mitchell Waite // Fort Smith, AR
 Mallory Wallace // Longview, TX



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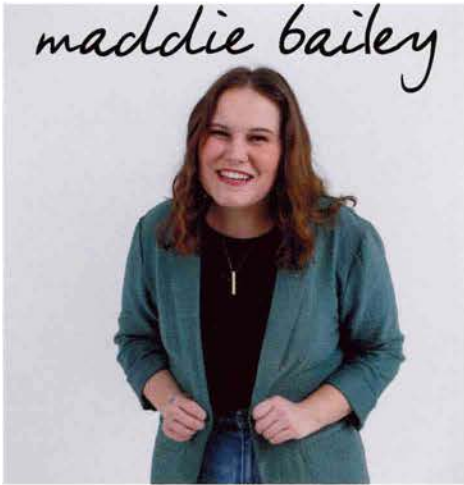


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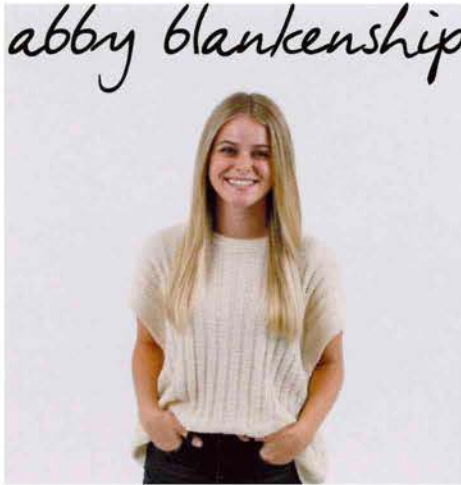
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abby blankenship



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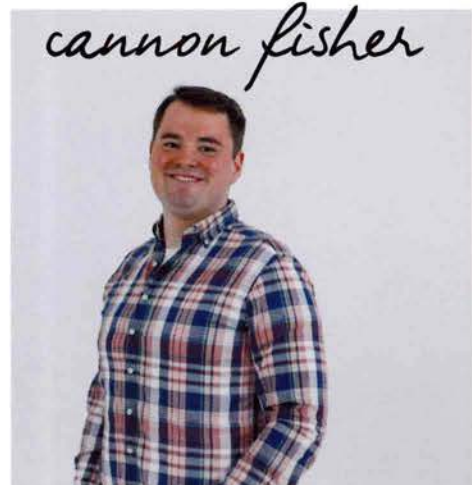
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Involvement: Women of EEE, Kappa Delta Pi Chaplain
Next Steps: Teacher

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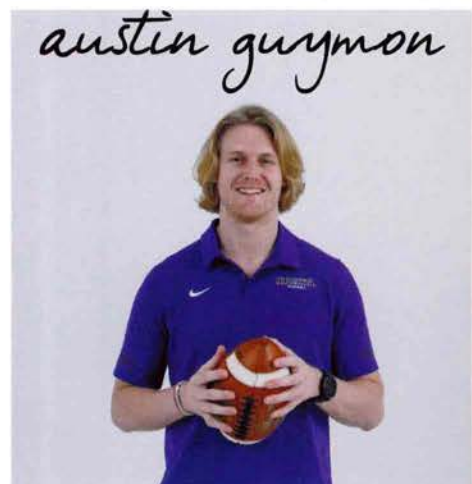
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Next Steps: Pursue a career in communications

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MUSIC INDUSTRY MAJOR FROM LITTLE ROCK, AR

Involvement: Kappa Chi President, OBU Saxophone Quartet, OBU Jazz Band, OBU Wind Ensemble, Tiger Serve Day

Next Steps: Professional Doubler in Multiple Woodwinds and Performer

sebastian bustillo



ENGINEERING PHYSICS MAJOR FROM TEGUCIGLAPA, FM; HONDURAS

Involvement: Resident Assistant, Apartment Manager, Academic Success Center Tutor, Tiger Serve Day

Next Steps: Continue to scale EdTech start up

erica dixon



GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJOR FROM ARKADELPHIA, AR

Involvement: Tiger Steel, Kappa Chi Little Sis, Women of Tri Chi President

Next Steps: Pursue a career in design and communications

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nicholas hazlett



PHYSICS ENGINEERING MAJOR FROM GREENVILLE, TX

Involvement: Kappa Chi Vice President, Tri Chi Beau, Tiger Tunes Director, WOW Leader, Backyard Bible Club, President's Leadership Circle, Tiger Serve Day

Next Steps: Work as a civil engineer

cloe humphrey



WORSHIP ARTS MAJOR FROM BENTON, AR

Involvement: Ouachita Worship, Ouachita Worship Travel Team, Life Group Leader, Refuge Worship Leader, Ouachita Singers, Concert Choir

Next Steps: Lead worship in a church

harry jeffrey



CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY MAJOR FROM CONWAY, AR

Involvement: American Chemical Society President, ETA Assistant Tunes Director, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Tri-Beta, Student Senator and Treasurer, WOW Steering Committee, Tiger Serve Day

Next Steps: Attend Physician School at UAMS

dane jester

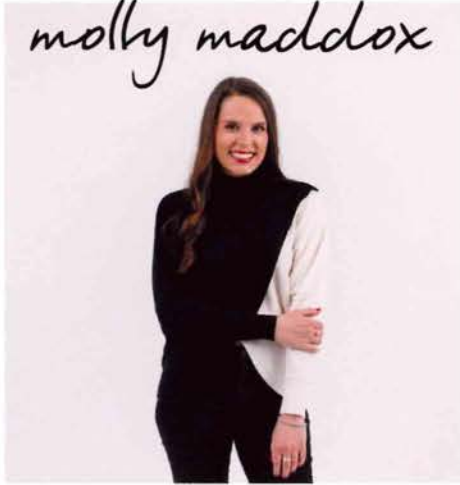


BIOLOGY MAJOR FROM HOT SPRINGS, AR

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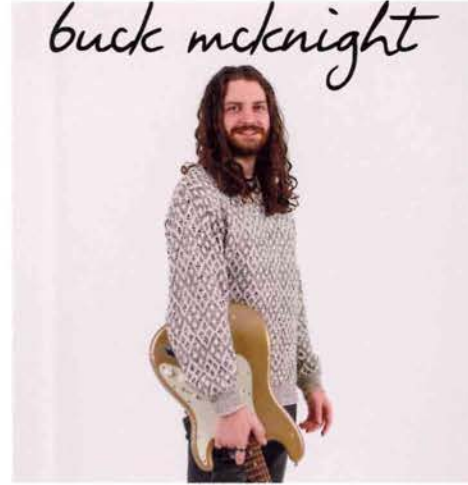


COMMUNICATIONS SCIENCES AND DISORDERS MAJOR FROM JONESBORO, AR

Involvement: Women of EEE Pledge Mistress, OBU National Student Speech Language Hearing Association President, OSF, Transerve

Next Steps: Attend graduate school and work towards my goals of receiving a Master's in Speech Language Pathology

buck mcknight



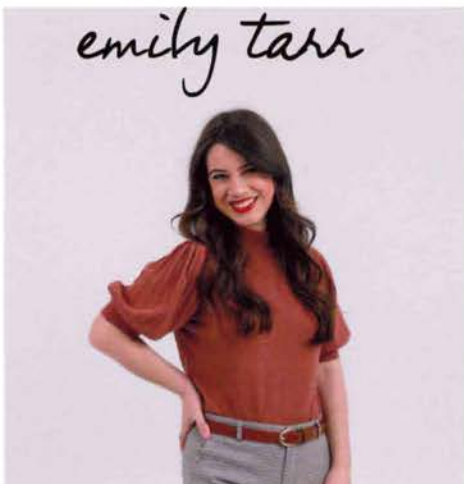
CHRISTIAN STUDIES MAJOR FROM EL DORADO, AR

Involvement: BETA BETA, Ouachita Worship, Refuge
Next Steps: Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR FROM FORT WORTH, TX

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Next Steps: Pursue a career in Elementary Education

kate vernon



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR FROM EL DORADO, AR

Involvement: Women of Tri Chi Fundraising Chair and Tiger Tunes Director, OSF, Student Senate, Kappa Delta Pi, WOW, Tiger Serve Day

Next Steps: Elementary Education teacher

kayla whittington



CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, AND SPANISH MAJOR FROM NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR

Involvement: Women of Gamma Phi Panhellenic Chair, Chaplain, and President, Carl Goodson Honor's Program, Alpha Chi, American Chemical Society, Gamme Sigma Epsilon, Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team

Next Steps: Attend medical school to become a Pediatric Pulmonologist

jazmyn parker



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR FROM JEFFERSON, AR

Involvement: Women of EEE Keeper of the Beaus, Kappa Delta Pi President, WOW Leader, President's Leadership Circle, Tiger Serve Day
Next Steps: Career in elementary education and pursue Master's in Curriculum and Instruction and in Reading

sara patterson



CHRISTIAN STUDIES MAJOR FROM WYLIE, TX

Involvement: The Signal Editor-in-Chief, Women of Tri Chi, Pruet Sisterhood, Carl Goodson Honors Program, Theta Alpha Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta, Tiger Serve Day, Life Group Leader
Next Steps: Attend seminary to obtain Master's of Divinity with hopes of becoming a Bible Prof.

james renschan



BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAJOR FROM NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR

Involvement: Refuge Speaker, BETA BETA Chaplin and Historian, Monticello Children's Home Leadership Team, OSF, Life Group Leader, Tiger Serve Day
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cora saddler



ENGLISH AND SPANISH MAJOR FROM CABOT, AR

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lucie shepherd



COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR FROM ROWLETT, TX

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Next Steps: Pursue a career in event planning

anna rousset



COMMUNICATIONS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR FROM SEARCY, AR

Involvement: OSF President, Ouachitonian Yearbook Editor, Women of EEE Historian, Life Group Leader, College Republicans, WOW Leader, Model UN, Tiger Serve Day
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jael winterhotter



CHRISTIAN STUDIES MAJOR FROM FORT WAYNE, IN

Involvement: Pruet Sisterhood Student Assistant, Women of Tri Chi Chaplain, Alpha Chi Chaplain, Campus Ministries Leader, President's Leadership Circle, Theta Alpha Kappa, Feed Arkadelphia, Tiger Serve Day
Next Steps: Pursue a Master's of Divinity in hopes of teaching in the field of biblical scholarship

ryan york



COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR FROM PLANO, TX

Involvement: ETA Social Chair and Fundraising Chair, Ouachita Sports Digital Network, Signal Staff Writer and Sports Editor, Life Group Leader, Men's Basketball Team Manager, Chi Mu Beau, Tiger Serve Day
Next Steps: Pursue full-time ministry

parker zucha



FINANCE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAJOR FROM SACHSE, TX

Involvement: BETA BETA Tunes Director, OSF, Women of EEE Beau, Tiger Serve Day, WOW Leader
Next Steps: Pursuing a career in insurance

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Christa Neal accepted the position of program advisor for Community and Family Services in June of 2021. This major trained and equipped students

to pursue careers in fields of community, family, and social services as well as graduate education for counseling, social work, and more. This program needed someone with a variety of experiences in these fields, and Neal was the perfect fit.

Neal graduated from Ouachita in 2008 with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology. She then earned dual Master's of Science in community counseling and marriage & family therapy from John Brown University. She started her career working in school-based therapy as well as private practice. In 2013, she was hired to help start a non-profit called the Percy & Donna Malone Child Safety Center, an organization that responds to child abuse. There she served as the director and provided counseling and forensic interviews, applied for grants, did fundraising in the community, and much more. Her favorite aspect was educating others about child abuse.

Due to Neal's wide range of experience in this field, it was clear that she would be a perfect program advisor. Her drive and passion for educating others effortlessly carried over into her role at Ouachita. When asked about her desires and goals for this program, Neal emphasized the importance of combining both the heart and passion for this field as well as the understanding and applying best practices and standards.

"I want to educate and empower competent, well-trained, and passionate people to go into these fields," Neal said. "I'm really passionate about this being an integrated program that allows students to be the hands and feet of Christ but also have the knowledge of how to best help people."

Since starting her position here, Neal has also started teaching a new class called Child and Family Advocacy. "This course is an entry overview of the human services field that introduces students to a broad variety of elements of child and family advocacy and an in-depth overview of trauma," Neal said.

This course is for the student that knows they are called to help people but aren't sure where to start. Here, they could learn about the many different opportunities there are to help with a focus on children and families.

Neal plans to build the program by continuing to develop courses for Community and Family Services majors. She also still serves as a part-time therapist at the Child Safety Center in Arkadelphia. She is passionate about helping students develop a healthy integration of their faith and their practice.

"I want to help students realize that their faith goes hand in hand with the work they are called to do," Neal said.

HANNA WILLIAMS



"I want to educate and empower competent, well-trained, and passionate people to go into these fields."

CHRISTA NEAL
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"I'd have to say there were no boundaries between workmate with our colleagues and a friend."

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The infectious laughter of Dr. Amy Sonheim and the careful clicking of a keyboard from Dr. Doug Sonheim would help fill the language and literature department for years before their combined retirement from Ouachita

in Spring 2022. In the years that they have worked at Ouachita, the couple has made some amazing changes to the university.

Amy Sonheim has spent her time as the faculty sponsor of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, before passing the torch to Dr. Benjamin Utter prior to her retirement. Doug Sonheim helped lead the Sundance class, established by Dr. Rebecca Jones, and has taken his wife Amy with the class to Park City, Utah, for the festival many times. "We got to share that with each other and the students and with the Jones," Amy Sonheim said of the Sundance class.

"We loved our department. I'd have to say there were no boundaries between being a workmate with our colleagues and a friend. And those friendships were born out of common interests and common sensibilities, and we just love the friendships. And we loved working with them."

The Sonheim's have both made an impact on the department with the other professors and with the students that go through the offices. The palpable connection that they have with every other professors in the department helped make everybody feel connected and like they belong in the department. The same courtesy was extended to the Sonheims when they first came to Ouachita.

"We early on weren't sure about moving to Arkadelphia. We came in '92 and it was somewhere in like '94 I think I had an interview somewhere else... but then we thought 'we don't want to leave Johnny Wink'," Doug Sonheim explained, remembering how difficult it was to come to Ouachita at first, a feeling now mirrored with the departure from the school. "The little culture of the Bug Truck convinced us that we really could find a place here in spite of not being Ouachitinians."

The two professors didn't have many plans for their retirement. They moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and planned to spend most of their days taking care of their grandson who was the driving factor for their retirement.

"Our labor of love is that we get to take care of our little grandson Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. We are also looking forward to volunteering in the community," Amy Sonheim said.

With no jobs planned, the professors were keeping an open mind what jobs they will work. "We've toyed with the idea of being a greeter at Costco or Walmart, which is a real possibility just for something completely different," Doug Sonheim explained.

The Sonheims were a whirlwind force in the department and their retirement was a sad affair, but it brings a bright new beginning to their lives.

EMMA DENNIS

THE SONHEIMS

amy and doug

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KaNeil Purifoy served a mental health therapist in Ouachita's Counseling Center and the RD of Anthony Hall. KaNeil had been at Ouachita for three

years, where he started right around the time COVID-19 came, and interned at Ouachita a couple years prior.

"When COVID-19 hit, it intensified the anxiety that was already there through the isolation when students were sent home in March, and a lot of students didn't really have the same social structure at home as they do here, so when we implemented "Telehealth" (a counseling session over the phone) at the counseling center, we focused more on how our patients can maintain and tread through those COVID-19 waters," Purifoy said. "There was a drastic increase in numbers of patients from before COVID-19 to when COVID-19 reared its ugly head."

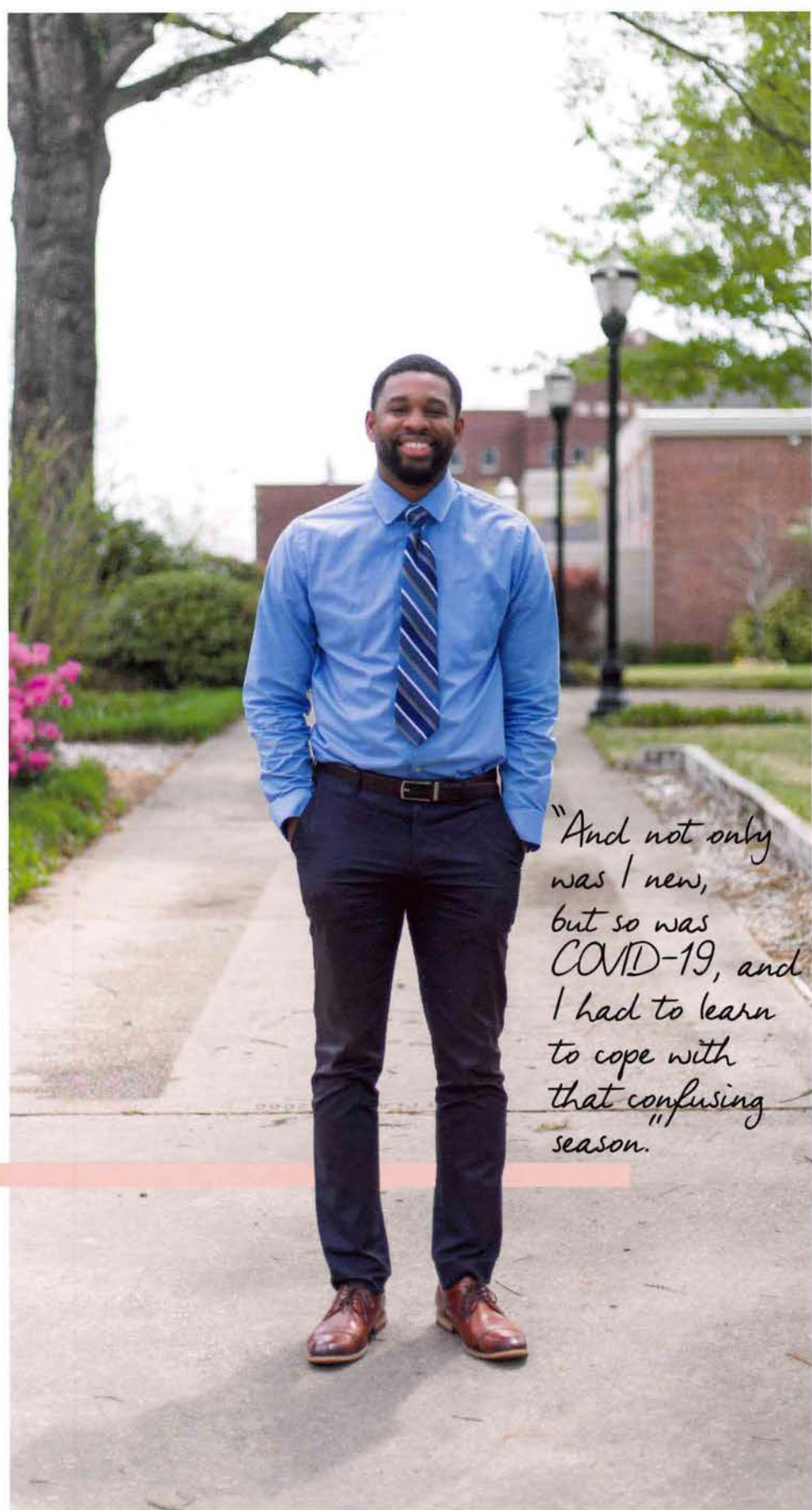
The advice he gave students to get through these confusing times was to not allow the present situation to convince them that there is no other way of doing things. Even with social distancing and staying at home, they could work on utilizing what they did have available whether that was connecting with others through talking on the phone or through social media and just being as connected and sociable as possible. He also encouraged them to continue to build that relationship and connection with the Lord and take advantage of streamed church service, life groups, and Bible studies that were available to them.

Purifoy reflected on a podcast on SoundCloud titled "I Can Face Tomorrow" he created upon a request by Campus Ministries' director James Taylor for an online chapel while students were sent home. Purifoy did an episode based on the old hymn, "Because He Lives." Purifoy also explained that there was a lot of reframing that needed to take place which is a term they used in the counseling center which meant taking a healthier perspective of the present situation while dealing with cognitive roadblocks.

"Since I was a new counselor for Ouachita, I had to get use to counseling sessions over the telephone despite all the counseling training that involved strict face to face contact with the patients," Purifoy said. "And not only was I new but so was COVID-19, and I had to learn how to cope with that confusing season. My fellow counselors and I came together to support each other during this time reassuring each other that we are not alone in this. It was a whole growing experience, and it still is." When Purifoy was asked what his favorite part about being a counselor was, he answered simply, "Being a reservoir of life."

Purifoy brings in another famous hymn "Thou has taught me to say it is well." He continued, "that by embracing one another we can lift the ones that are struggling when they feel worthless or insane. No matter what physical or mental problem someone may have, God can use whoever He chooses no matter how strong or weak you may seem to the outside world."

ANGELA WEBB



"And not only was I new, but so was COVID-19, and I had to learn to cope with that confusing season."

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"Ouachita has left such an impact on our entire family."



Ouachita's favorite set of faculty football brothers, Head Football Coach Todd Knight and Dean of Natural Sciences Tim Knight, continue to make a lasting impact on OBU's campus. As Coach

Knight led his team to wins on the football field year after year, Dr. Knight experienced his victories in the classroom. This purple-and-gold bleeding set of brothers truly make Ouachita a better place. Coach Knight keeps OBU's successful football program on the map as his brother is the face behind the entire Jones Science Center operation. These two brothers are special assets to Ouachita, and OBU wouldn't be the same without the Knight family.

At Ouachita graduation ceremonies in years past, the last name "Knight" has been called out from generation to generation. Coach Knight said, "OBU has left such an impact on our entire family as all of our kids graduated with a Ouachita degree, and even our wives went here."

From both Coach Knight and Dr. Knight attending OBU themselves, to meeting their wives here, to coming full circle and taking over their desired departments, this family is the definition of a Ouachita family.

As Dr. Knight's days were filled with back-to-back meetings, teaching biology, and keeping Jones Science Center a thriving place, Coach Knight's schedule consists of hard practices and leading Ouachita's football program, all while managing his bonus sons' football careers.

"We really only have time to see each other on the weekends," Coach Knight said. With long hours and busy days, the Knight brothers did at times have trouble finding time to see each other, but when they do, the family reunion is that much sweeter.

"Sometimes the only time we get to spend together in a week was when we sit down on the church pew on Sunday mornings," Dr. Knight said. Although both Knight brothers have much on their plate on a daily basis, they both enjoy having the other on their team rooting for them-whether it's on the football field, or inside the classroom.

Having been at Ouachita for practically their whole lives, the Knight brothers have truly left their mark here. "God brought us here," exclaimed Dr. Knight, "and we're all in."

The Knight name will continue to carry a legacy here for generations to come. Coach Knight leads his pack with loyalty all while holding the title of being the GAC's longest-standing head football coach. Dr. Knight guides his ambitious students with passion as he educates young minds on top of running his school. The Knight brothers passionately utilize their God-given gifts to benefit students' lives in any way possible. They go above and beyond to make Ouachita home for all kids they're around.

Whether it's impacting a player's life or helping a student pursue the career they desire, both Coach Knight and Dr. Knight have made Ouachita a better place as they carry on their family name.

ROSE ROBINSON

THE KNIGHT BROTHERS

tim and todd

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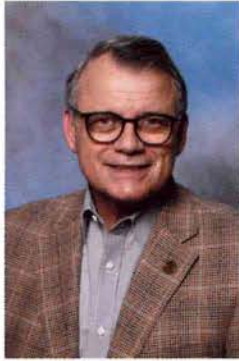
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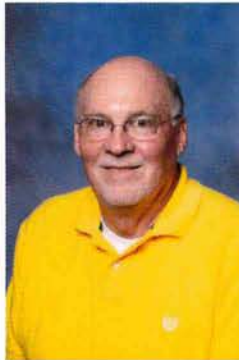
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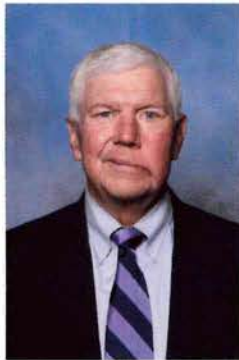
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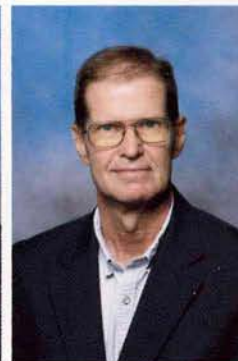
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A person wearing a grey hoodie is waving their right hand. The background shows a blurred building and trees with bright yellow autumn leaves. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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like no other.



SENIOR RYAN York aims his Nerf gun in the air alongside his ETA brothers. This event was an ETA and Tri Chi mixer. photo by Levi Dade

Clubs & Organizations

A COMMON BOND

academic club members join together to succeed in special interest



Ouachita offered a variety of academic clubs on campus. Honors groups and special interest clubs filled peoples times with projects, friendships, and opportunities for leadership.

Isabella Wood, senior psychology major from Port Orange, Florida, is appreciative of the opportunities she has been given through Alpha Chi.

"Serving in Alpha Chi has given me opportunities to expand my interest and work closely with students from other majors," Wood said. "It has given me a better insight into how to get connected with others on campus while simultaneously working hard in school."

Alpha Chi hosted two book clubs over the course of both fall and spring semester and conducted a research project that allowed the students involved to present their findings to an audience.

In the way of the arts, Alpha Psi Omega also had a successful year. Kinder Hinrichs, sophomore theater arts major from Harrison, Arkansas was inducted into Alpha Psi Omega at the end of the fall semester.

"Being in Alpha Psi Omega is so truly humbling," Hinrichs said. "It's a place where you are surrounded by people who love theatre. It's a family that cares about each other and wants nothing more than

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The English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, made strides for themselves. In March, two English students, junior English major from Plano, Lauren Bridgman, and sophomore English major from Arkadelphia, Sydney Motl, went to the Sigma Tau Delta convention in Atlanta and presented papers there.

Along with this, Sigma Tau Delta had a book sale each semester raising money for Dolly Patrons Library of Imagination. The annual publication of the bilingual art and literary journal SCOPE happened in the spring semester on Scholars day.

The International Club also holds notoriety on campus from their many fundraising events.

"International club has accomplished many things this year. In the fall, we had a fundraiser to support GRACES, a nonprofit NGO that provides education for students living in poverty in Guatemala and it was a successful event. We, partnering with the Grant Center for International Education, also hosted International Food Fest in the spring," senior nutrition and dietetics major from Arkadelphia, Gwyneth Hadasa, said. Hadasa is the president of the International Club.

Ouachita's clubs are many and each of them provided an unique experience for each student who take part in them.

EMMA DENNIS



A MEMBER of the Alpha Chi book club, Gwyneth Hadasa discusses this semester's reading. The book club began last year, and many students have joined it.
photo by Susannah Arnn



CHEMISTRY WEEK AT DR JACKS
photo by Mikaela Monahan



THETA ALPHA KAPPA DINNER
photo by Susannah Arnn

the Ouachita bubble INSIDE OF SNA

"This year I have had the amazing **OPPORTUNITY** to be apart of the Student Nursing Association. I currently hold the webmaster position, so I take photos, make graphics, and update the social media. It allowed me represent the **FUTURE** of nursing at Ouachita. This year our biggest fundraiser was pumpkins, puppies, and pies. This event was so much fun and brought our school together for a night full of laughter and **COMMUNITY.**"

Karlee Sutterfield

SABAOTH ESHO receives 1st place in the juried art show. The art club competed in various juried shows that allowed students to showcase their talents and hardwork from the past year.
photo by Abby Blankenship



KRISTEN COLEYFIELD and Katarzyna Baker help sell baked goods to support the kinesiology department. The department held various fundraisers this year to raise money.
photo by Alex Watson

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DIVING INTO studies

e Earnestly engaged within the classroom, students strived to be the best version of themselves. Almost every student stepped into a leadership role in one form or another while attending Ouachita.

The Carl Goodson Honors Program provided an avenue for many to expand their education, and allowed space to step into positions that stretch them to be more vigorous students.

"As an Honors student, we are introduced to a world outside our own through course requirements like OBU Connections, sacred places, seminars, and directed studies," freshman Elizabeth Phifer, family and community services major from North Little Rock said. "These courses expand our minds, introducing us to spaces of academics we wouldn't typically be able to explore outside of our personal majors."

The Honors program provided the space for students to showcase the work done within the club. Furthermore, it was beneficial for students when filling out resumes, going to job interviews, and when applying to graduate school.

"You also have opportunities to take seminars which are interdisciplinary. If there's a particular seminar you want, then you can ask professors if they'd be interested in putting it on. You have the chance to look at topics from the perspective of multiple disciplines at once," senior Isabella Wood, psychology major from Port Orange, Florida, said.

As a result of COVID-19 many of the regular events were canceled. This school year, things started to get back to normal as students could attend annual events once again. Such as, BBQ Day and the Black and White event.


"We were finally to have our yearly BBQ day in the fall, and Black and White event in the spring. Black & White was a great time to celebrate people who have achieved certain milestones within the program, like starting or finishing up the thesis," senior Gwyneth Hadasa, nutrition and dietetics major from Arkadelphia, said.

Every member in the honors club eventually writes a thesis that is presented on Scholar's Day. The thesis revolve around interdisciplinary studies, or any interesting topics that are not specifically in the student's major.

"The thought of writing a senior thesis is intimidating to a lot of students, other honors students included, but these types of studies have given me the opportunity to research something I'm really passionate about one-on-one with a faculty member in ways that would not have been offered otherwise in my required classes for my major," junior Julianna Parsons, business administration major from Arkadelphia, said.

"I would highly recommend being in the honors club to any student who is extremely determined, and would like to dive deeper into learning about and applying that passion to their future career."

JULIE ANN ZIMMERMAN



MASON CAMPBELL receives the Garrett Ham Honors grant to work with Mr. Adam Jones on his thesis. The award was presented by Dr. Jeremy Greer.
photo by Susannah Arnn



LACEY PETTIGREW speaks at the Black and White ceremony where new members are inducted. This annual event honored students' hard work over the past year.
photo by Levi Dade

MEMBERS OF THE Carl Goodson Honors Program celebrate after presenting their Scholar's Day presentations. Each student spent countless hours researching with professors.
photo by Levi Dade

MADDIE BAILEY receives a travel grant from the honor's program. Bailey used this money to travel to Washington D.C. to fund her research for her thesis.
photo by Maddie Bailey



ALPHA CHI
photo by Susannah Arn



HONORS PROGRAM director, Dr. Pemberton celebrates with a student at the Black and White ceremony. Dr. Pemberton has been the head of the honors program for many years.
photo by Susannah Arn

Honors Program

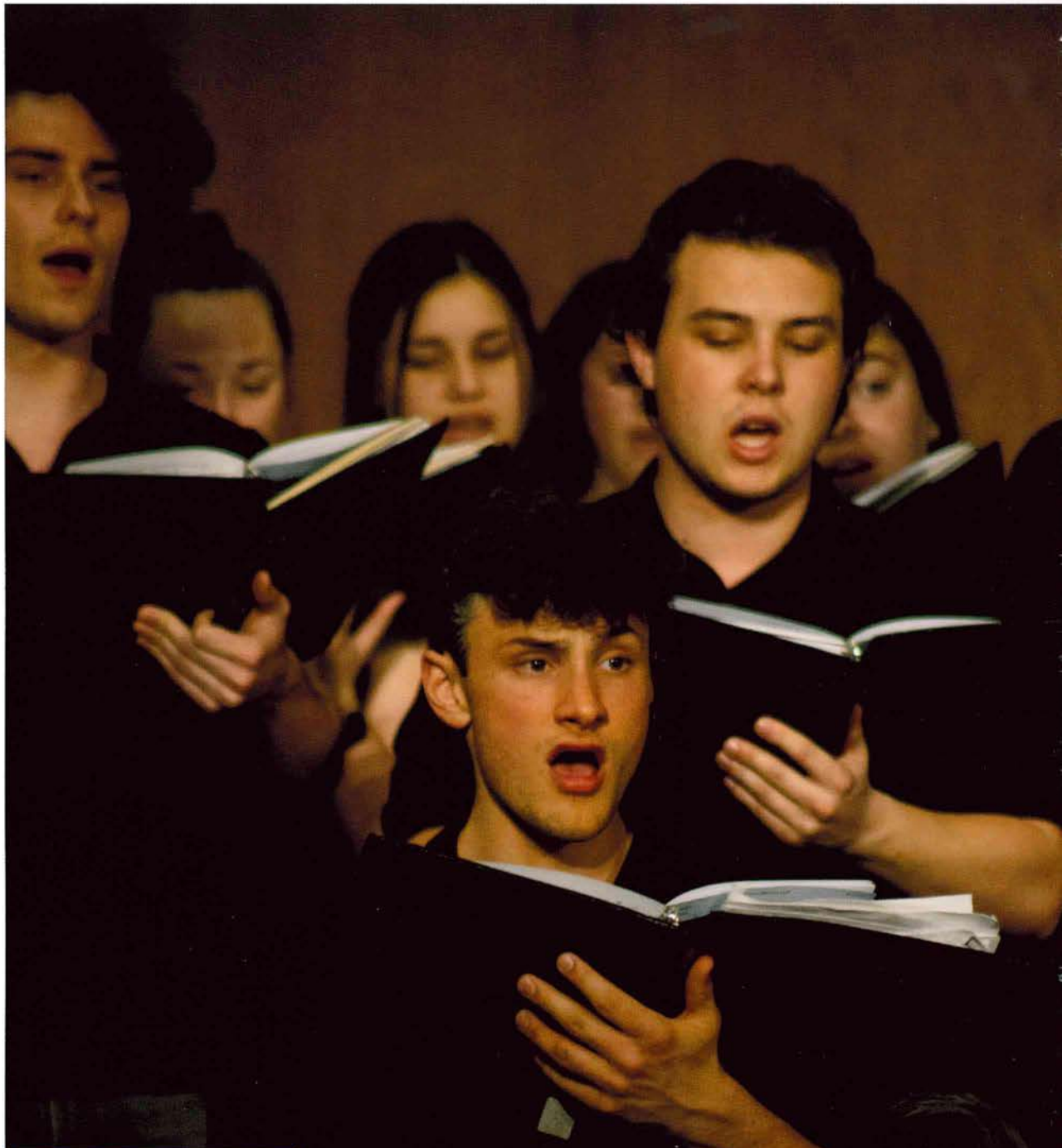
ACADEMIC CLUB
403 MEMBERS
6 OFFICERS

"The honors program is one of my favorite programs on campus because it offers students the chance to further their education however they choose to. A student directed study and thesis can be about anything they choose to study or not. I was given the opportunity to further study the effects of anxiety and the different ways it can be treated."

MIKAYLA LONG



MUSIC MAJORS, minors, and other students who enjoy music sing in a percussion ensemble concert. They perform a mixture of standard and new percussion ensemble each year.
photo by Sarah Dean



STUDENTS OF the steel drum ensemble class learn the basics of steel drums. The class performed in campus concerts while earning a half-hour of academic credit.
photo by Abby Blankenship



WORKING IN HARMONY

music and non-music majors produce art within music ensembles

a At Ouachita, students took great pride in the arts and found avenues to express their gifts. Whether a student's talent was in vocal performance or instrumental performance, there were several ensembles that provided opportunities for students to further their interests and educations. Some instrumental ensembles included wind ensembles, symphonic band, jazz band and steel drum band. Some choral ensembles were concert choir, Ouachita singers and women's chorus.

Joshua Brown, a music professor at Ouachita who is the Director of Choral Activities, stated, "The music ensembles provide me an opportunity to get to know a lot of students, both music majors and non-music majors. They push me to grow as a conductor and teacher, and give me great musical and non-musical memories."

Eli Butler, a sophomore musical theatre major from Greenwood, Arkansas, was a member of Ouachita Singers and Concert Choir. Butler had found several ways to make connections through these ensembles.

"I have loved being a part of these ensembles because it has given me a group of people who love the same things as me and is personally fulfilling because I get to do what I love."

Butler added that "I have learned a lot about discipline being involved in these ensembles. We have a lot of commitments and we have to devote a lot of time into performances, rehearsals, and music."

At Ouachita, students were able to be involved in several ensembles at once, whether they were auditioned or not. Cross Brandon, a senior music industry major from Little Rock, was involved in jazz band, Ouachita wind ensemble, and the Ouachita saxophone quartet. Brandon gained valuable experience by being a part of these ensembles.

"I have learned how to efficiently work as a team to produce great

music. I have had plenty of friends come and go from the jazz band and it is a great place to understand the basics of jazz and how to really play," Brandon said.

A fundamental aspect of the ensembles was that students did not have to be music majors to be a part of the group. They also participated in several events throughout the year, which gave several students opportunities to explore beyond the walls of Ouachita.

"We have performed numerous concerts and had several choral worship experiences on campus. We have also shared our annual Festival of Christmas performances in Jones Performing Arts Center," Brown stated. "We have performed at the Arkansas Capitol, at assisted living centers during the holiday season, and even in New York."

Ouachita was a great place to grow in personal interests and education.

MADI DARR

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the Ouachita bubble INSIDE OF ENSEMBLES

"I like steel drum because it feels like a stress relief class. I am able to make music while being yourself and **GROWING** along side your peers. Even though I am not a music major, it allowed me to meet people from different majors while **LEARNING** how to understand music. I enjoy it because the professor makes it so much fun. We are able to travel all while playing music such as pop and other genres that normally aren't played on a steel drum."

Bennett Hasley



CHI DELTA TURNS 50

social club celebrates 50 years on campus after event was postponed



photo by Hannah Adams



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After two years of postponed festivities, the Chi Deltas gathered together to celebrate 50 years of their club on campus. Founded in 1970, the club began with 18 charter members and came from a necessity to have more women's social clubs at Ouachita.

In April, many of their past members traveled from around the country to reunite with old friends and relive memories of their years in the club. Dana Dixon, an accounting instructor and 1988 graduate from Ouachita, served as Chi Delta's sponsor. Dixon noted how significant the anniversary was and that the current members still hold fast to the principles the club was founded on initially.

"The reunion was a great example of how Chi Deltas continue their friendships for life," Dixon said. "It was encouraging to see so many girls that came with their friends for life and others that reunited at the celebration."

As advisor, Dixon has the unique opportunity to invest in the club firsthand even as an alumni. She enjoyed helping the girls solve problems, as well as knowing each member.

"I'm still really new at this, but spending time with the girls in small groups has helped me get to know them as individuals and gain a better understanding of the club," Dixon said. "My goal is not to tell them what to do, but present options so that they can learn from the problems that arise."

Zoe McGregor, a junior psychology major from Mountain Pine, AR, served as Chi Delta's historian this year. She enjoyed having a position that allowed her to see all that her sisters had done to invest in each other and the people around them.

"I have the opportunity to document all things that Chi Delta does for the club, the school, and the community," McGregor said. "Knowing that I would be the reason future Chi Deltas knew about the history felt like a great opportunity to help the club grow."

When getting to interact with past members, McGregor found herself excited for the future of Chi Delta and how the members will grow in their love for God and each other.

"Getting to connect with the alumni was a great experience to see how much they really cared for the club and still do," McGregor said. "The ladies that first brought Chi Delta together still stay in touch and still want what is best for the club."

ANNA ROUSSEL

PAST AND PRESENT

Chi Delta members gather for a picture. Over 100 women came to celebrate the significant anniversary together.

photo by Hannah Adamson

KEREN FERNANDEZ

and Jake Greenwich perform at coffeehouse in the Stu on Fridays.

The club sang international music from different cultures.

photo by Susannah Arn



VOLUNTEERS OF the

international club hand out passports to each person that attended the event. It was the first international food fest since 2020.

photo by Caroline Massey



AN INTERNATIONAL

formal is hosted by the international club. The formal was open to any international student, and their choice of their date.

photo by Coleman Callan



STUDENTS MINGLE

in Walker during the International Food Fest. The food fest served food from many different countries and allowed international students to showcase their culture.

photo by Mikaela Monahan



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL
photo by Caroline Massey

International Club

34 COUNTRIES
50 STUDENTS
8 OFFICERS

"With events like the international food fest and formal, it allows us to share our culture with other people on campus. I think it is important for non-international students to learn more about different cultures and the world in general. There are people that have never traveled outside of the United States, so it is nice to give them a glimpse into that"

VALERIA GOMEZ



Immersed with students from all around the world, the international club encourages inclusion and has a great sense of community on campus.

The international students make up a large portion of Ouachita's student population, and every member brightens up the atmosphere at Ouachita and brings a unique aspect of diversity to the campus.

"What I enjoy most about the international club is that it's a very special place where you can be fully yourself. It feels like these people are more than my friends, they have become my family because of our shared experiences," sophomore Isabella Bejarano, elementary education major from Arkadelphia said.

Many members in the club hold a leadership position, and are part of the committee that plan and facilitate club events.

"I am part of the International Club committee," Bejarano said. "I hold the title of a philanthropist, I essentially help organize and host events, and encourage students to participate as well."

One event that the club put on this year is the annual International Food Festival where students bring in delicious dishes specific to their countries. Guests at

the fest get a small taste of extraordinary foods from all around the globe. Many students from campus attend this event in order to explore other foods from their peer's countries.

"International Food Festival is my favorite event because it is a moment for international students to bring a piece from their home and share it with guests. It is the biggest event we have every year, and hundreds usually attend," freshman Jake Greenwich, communications major from Arkadelphia said.

Unlike last year the club was able to host almost every usual club event. They also planned and hosted a formal for those within the International Club. It took place in Walter with formal attire, plated dinner and dancing. With all these events, the club learned how to navigate better and built an even greater connection.

"Not only is it an encouraging community, but it's also a fascinating opportunity to learn from different cultures," junior Vanessa Vives, an elementary ed major from Botoga, Columbia, said. "I love that we can relate to each other and celebrate together. There is a unifying love of Christ among believers from different countries within the club. I love that I can be supported by a community that genuinely cares for one another."

JULIE ANN ZIMMERMAN

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A TASTE OF *home*

THE INTERNATIONAL
Club hosts the International Food Fest. It allowed students to experience different foods from countries across the nation.
photo by Caroline Massey



HUNTER SWOBODA

leads a message during a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting. The club was open to all students who wanted to have fellowship with their fellow peers.
photo by Levi Dade



ATHLETES GATHER
on the tennis courts beside Gosser to enjoy worship by Peyton Stafford. Fellowship of Christian Athletes hosted several events that included games and a message.
photo by Levi Dade



DEEP COMMUNITY

athletes from all sports unite for one purpose

From the intense Wednesday night kickball tournaments to engaging in fellowship together by indulging in pizza, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization was one of Ouachita's best. FCA was a Christ-centered community where students could grow with and from each other. It's a place where students could get away from stress, and reset their minds on what truly matters. Senior kinesiology major from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Jonathan Callum benefited from this community.

"At FCA, we prioritize relationships and fellowship as a base for our student athletes," Callum said. "With great food, games, and devotion, we aim to provide a fun outlet for athletes that want to connect with other like-minded individuals."

FCA bonded athletes together by building community not only on the field, but off of it as well. The long hours of practice, tough games, and just learning how to juggle school and being a student was a lot on our student athletes. They did so much all in a day's time, and rarely got a break from their busy schedules. When they attended FCA though, they had the opportunity to take a break from all the stress, and learn about God in a relaxing environment. It gave them a chance to get away and get in the Word. Although students may show up for delicious cinnamon rolls offered or s'mores at the end of the semester bonfire, they left with not only a full stomach, but a full heart as well.

FCA not only brought students closer to God, but to each other as well. Many of the football players as well as cross country team members faithfully attended FCA together every Wednesday. It helped them not only grow closer to each other, but God as well. It was a fruitful experience all around, and the organization was an asset on Ouachita's campus. From knockout games in SPEC, to pre-Bible Study spike ball tournaments, FCA was an amazing environment. Senior kinesiology major from Shreveport, Grace Loftin, enjoyed

getting to open up with this group of people.

"FCA has been another home for me on campus these past few years," Loftin said. "It's a place where I can be myself and learn more about Christ while fellowshipping with others. Everyone is so welcoming and each meeting is always tons of fun."

FCA was an outstanding community of believers that truly invest in each other to better their relationships with Christ. They encouraged one another, and built each other up. English and secondary education major, Junior Taylor Koeth, from Greenwood, Arkansas, was thankful for her time in the club.

"Everyone is so friendly and welcoming," Koeth said. "It was great to be surrounded by a community of Christian athletes from a variety of sports who encouraged and uplifted each other."

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Organization showed just how significant and entertaining growing alongside other Believers can truly be. FCA members grew in their relationship with God through exciting activities and shared experiences.

ROSE ROBINSON

"It was great to be surrounded by a community of Christian athletes from a variety of sports who encouraged, and uplifted each other."

the Ouachita bubble INSIDE OF FCA

"FCA at OBU has played a major role in my life. It has encouraged me to long more after Christ and has helped me build a **COMMUNITY**. I think it is important to join FCA on any campus because it can be the beginning of a relationship with **CHRIST** and others. I am surrounded by like-minded Christians who strive to have a **RELATIONSHIP** with Christ. It has shaped my time at Ouachita by giving me a space to grow."

Kendel Givens



KRISTEN SWANSON attends the guest speaker meeting that FCA held. FCA was held every other Wednesday at 8 p.m. and was open to all OBU students.
photo by Levi Dade



FCA GUEST SPEAKER
photo by Levi Dade



FCA FINAL MATCH
photo by Levi Dade

OSF PRESIDENT

Anna Roussel and Special Events Chair Maddie Bailey speak during Tiger Tunes. Ouachita Student Foundation was in charge of putting on Tiger Tunes.

photo by Abby Blankenship

OSF MEMBERS

congratulate the newly inducted class of OSF members. There were 90 new members that joined OSF this spring.

photo by Levi Dade

EMILY HORN

and Ashton Hurst smile while participating in OSF's annual fund run. This year was the first year the fund run was organized, but it will now be an annual event.

photo by Caroline Massey



ALEX SAVAGE takes score during tug of war in the mud. This took place at OSF's annual event, Tiger Traks. *photo by Levi Dade*



NOTES AND FLAVORS
photo by Mikaela Monahan

Ouachita Student Foundation

SERVICE CLUB
186 MEMBERS
12 OFFICERS

"Serving with OSF this year has been a true testament of the Lord's work. We have raised the most money in OSF history, \$124,000, and that was with a half capacity Tiger Tunes. I love serving students and raising money so that everyone can have the true Ouachita experience and stay on campus for four years."

CAROLINE DERBY



Since 1974, the Ouachita Student Foundation has been dedicated to its mission of students helping students. Forty-eight years later, this mission still remains true as OSF raised over \$124,000 in scholarship money so that

Ouachita students could remain on campus.

This year, the Ouachita Student Foundation welcomed 90 new members to the organization. One of their new members was Sam Scott, a sophomore business major from Little Rock.

"I wanted to join OSF because I have a heart for serving others and I saw this as a great way to make a meaningful impact both on and off campus," Scott said. With the addition of 90 new members, the organization doubled in size and is now at the largest it has ever been. "It feels special to be a part of the largest group of new members and knowing that we have the opportunity to make an even larger impact on campus."

Along with Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks, OSF sponsored new events this year. The first annual OSF Fund Run was a 5k held on campus and it was a huge success. Students, faculty, staff, and community members were able to walk or run the race and it ended with a party on Cone-Bottoms lawn. Another event that was re-envisioned was Tigers for Life week. With the leadership of OSF Philanthropy chair Jade Dorman, a biology major from Benton, they were able to enhance this week to encourage students to live philanthropic lives.

"With guidance from Dr. Sells' vision and a desire for a week that was best for students at this stage of life, a new purpose was decided: foster gratitude among students for the donors that make Ouachita possible and encourage service in whatever way students are

passionate on campus and in the community," Dorman said.

This week included difference maker awards where students could write letters to a professor that had inspired them, students wrote letters to donors thanking them for their contribution, and the philanthropy fair where campus organizations and local community organizations set up booths so students could go around and hear about the local and on campus organizations they could serve through. "I am excited to see how this week grows and improves in the future and how the philanthropy committee will become more involved in OSF campus relations," Dorman said.

This year was a monumental year for OSF. After a year of no normal Tiger Tunes or Traks, the organization was tasked with re-establishing these campus traditions as well as forming new ones. They truly outdid themselves as they welcomed in the largest class of new members as well as raising more scholarship money than any other year in OSF history.

Anna Roussel, a senior communications and political science double major from Searcy, served as OSF president and spoke on the record-breaking year this organization had.

"I think the biggest lesson I have learned as president is that a successful year is not always marked by the most money or the largest events," Roussel said. "I was a little discouraged after my year as vice president when we could not host Tiger Tunes or many other events, but because we were able to persevere through those hard times, we have had our most successful year ever in OSF. I have learned so much about working with a team, communicating with others, and how to represent Ouachita well. I wouldn't trade my years in OSF leadership for anything." HANNA WILLIAMS

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A YEAR OF NEW *records*



SOPHOMORES
VIVIAN Pryor and
Kamy Treat run around
Ouachita's campus.
They participated in
the fund run to raise
money for student
scholarships.
photo by Hannah Adamson

IMPROVING CAMPUS

student senate leads the campus through traditions and events

Student Senate strived to promote student representation around Ouachita while they also planned important traditions and events. Student Senate planned and assisted with Homecoming, Guard the Tiger, Miss OBU, and the Academic Awards Ceremony. Beyond the events and traditions, Student Senate also held bi-weekly meetings and traffic court which were open to all students.

Student Senate was a large group composed of different students from varying classifications who were excited to serve their peers. Brock Bivens, a sophomore secondary education major from Sherwood, served as one of the class senators throughout the school year.

"Student Senate is constantly looking for ways to improve campus life in many ways. From helping run Miss OBU to ensuring that homecoming ran smoothly, Student Senate helped this campus grow in so many ways," said Bivens. "What makes Student Senate special is the collaboration that takes place between all the senators. We all work extremely well together through brainstorming ideas and helping better the campus."

In addition to having class senators, each class voted for their class president and vice president. In a contested race, Jillian Covington, a freshman mass communications major from Alexandria, Louisiana, won the freshman class presidency.

"Serving my peers this year has been such an honor. I could not think of a better way to show this school my gratitude than by serving her."

As the class president, Covington organized the activities for her class' night of guarding the tiger.

"My favorite memory from this year was Guard the Tiger! Nothing screams a true college experience than staying up until three in the morning with my peers as we sang karaoke. Even the planning that went behind the event was fun, and my fellow senate members made it all easier," said Covington. "Serving my peers this year has been such an honor. I could not think of a better way to show this school my gratitude than by serving her. I am so thankful I have gotten to be a part of so much on campus and made my first year at Ouachita that much more special."

This year, Madison McGhee, a senior mass communication and political science major from Alma, was selected to serve as the Student Body President. McGhee's roles included overseeing the activities within Student Senate, running the meetings, and acting as a liaison between the faculty and student body. McGhee described Student Senate as being like the city council of the Ouachita community.

"This campus has some of the best and brightest students. Being on a smaller campus you get to know your peers well, which is unlike many universities. We grow educationally, mentally, and spiritually together, which is something special," said McGhee. "I loved serving this campus and getting to better the student body. This role taught me so many lessons I will hold with me for the rest of my life. This role was so special, and I can't wait to see how the next president will lead."

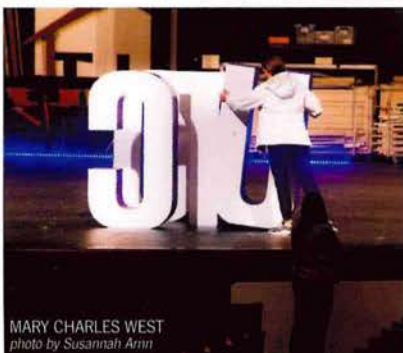
KATHRYN TOTTY



SENATE MEMBERS

discuss upcoming events at their weekly meeting. Student Senate was involved in many different areas of campus during the year.

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MARY CHARLES WEST
photo by Susannah Arnn



KATHRYN TOTTY
photo by Susannah Arnn

the Ouachita bubble INSIDE OF SENATE

"Student Senate functions as a team of servant-minded **LEADERS** that work to represent Ouachita's student body. I am thankful to represent my class and to work to make a difference on Ouachita's campus. My favorite part was getting to help with Guard the Tiger and upholding the **TRADITIONS** that make Ouachita what it is. Student Senate provides students with a **VOICE** to enact change in their campus community.

Emilee Webb

DAYJA JAMES asks a question at the President's Leadership Forum. Student Senate hosted this two-morning event while partnering with Dr. Sells.
photo by Erica Wilmath



PRESIDENT JAMISON McGhee directs a Student Senate meeting. Student Senate was in charge of traffic court, guard the tiger, and the academic awards banquet.
photo by Caroline Massey

"We were all just so excited to perform and proud of our shows, we weren't looking to place at all."

KEEPING CAMPUS *active*

The office of Student Life did a great job of putting on campus events throughout every year for students to enjoy and this year was no exception. Tim Harrell, Director of Student Life, organized these events to give students activities to do as well as build new friendships and make memories together. From movie nights held on Cone-Bottoms Lawn to Springo Bingo to Bob Ross Paint Night, there was an event for everyone to enjoy.

One successful event from this year was glow in the dark capture the flag. This event was organized by students in Dr. Jones' event planning class. It was held on Friday November 5th and the game stretched across campus. Teams of eight came together and got to decorate and hide their flag. Players had 90 minutes to find others flags as well as protect their own from other teams. Points were scored through tagging other players and returning their glow necklaces, turning in other teams flags, and keeping your own teams flag hidden.

Jamie Fowler, a senior Communications and Media major from Mesquite, TX, shared about her experience putting this event together.

"In class we had a planning process that we followed throughout the whole event," Fowler said. "The hardest part was actually figuring out how to play with the amount of people we were expecting. Ouachita has never done a capture the flag event so we wanted to make it special. After countless of meetings, we were able to call the event a success."

Student Life not only put on events but encouraged student involvement through their Tiger Tunes show. This was a great opportunity for Freshmen to get involved on campus and meet new people. This years directors were Kyleigh Stevens, Cannon Fisher, Kylie Radabaugh, and Kaitlyn Bolton and they decided on the theme "Scouts".

"The theme scouts actually came as a bit of a surprise. I was set on another theme, and the night before themes were due I saw my little sister's girl scout sash hanging over the couch, and I caught the vision. As we locked down songs, lyrics, formations, choreography, costumes, and every little detail of the show, it didn't even feel real. Reality hit the night of the interest meeting, when we met all of our students in Berry Chapel, that's when I realized we were really creating something," says Stevens, a Senior Vocal Studies major from Hot Springs.

The Student Life Scouts did very well this year as they took home multiple costume awards throughout the week and 4th place overall at Saturday Late.

"We were all just so excited to preform and proud of our show, we weren't looking to place at all. I knew the students could be loud, but I had no idea the roar that would meet us as we ran out of JPAC after winning costume the first night. And every night it just got louder! The cheers got longer, the jumps got higher, and there was not a dry eye when we celebrated our 4th place award."



THREE young women pose for the camera during "Movie on the Lawn" put on by Student Life. Students could enjoy sno cones and popcorn while they watched the movie
photo by Levi Dade



HANNAH WALKER contemplates her next move in a giant game of connect 4. Many lawn games were put out for the purple plaza party at homecoming. *photo by Levi Dade*

MEMBERS OF the Student Life Tiger Tunes show perform during one of the club's performances. Their theme was "Scouts" for this year's Tiger Tunes. *photo by Abby Blankenship*

CHLOE WALLACE prepares to smash a car in spirit of Battle of the Ravine. Students were allowed a certain number of seconds to smash the car. *photo by Levi Dade*



STUDENTS ENJOY painting during a "Bob Ross Paint Night." The event was free and allowed students to follow one of Bob Ross' painting tutorial. *photo by Levi Dade*

Student Life Scouts

TUNES SHOW
80 MEMBERS
3 DIRECTORS

"I really enjoyed Tiger Tunes. I'm still friends with several people from my group who I never would've gotten to know otherwise. It's a beating on your schedule for sure, but the end result was a lifetime of memories and raising money for students to stay on campus. Tiger Tunes was one of the best things about freshman year."

JEREMIAH MAINOR



JAMES RENSHAW

speaks during Refuge. It was held every Thursday at Second Baptist Church at 9 p.m. and allowed students to worship and hear a message.
photo by William Read



STUDENTS GATHER

during a life group party early in the semester. Life groups tackled the day to day problems while creating a community of like minded believers.
photo by Abby Blankenship

LIFESTYLE OF WORSHIP

campus ministries leaders learn to meet students where they are

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With faith being an integral part of the Ouachita experience, the office of Campus Ministries played an important role in providing students a way to practice their unique gifts in the church. Any student could get involved with the different ministries as a participant, but some chose to

take it a step further and serve as leaders.

James Renshaw, a senior Business management major with a minor in Christian studies from Little Rock had been involved with Campus Ministries since his freshman year. His junior year, he felt a call to seek out and learn how to present the gospel better, which led to his desire to serve through the Refuge ministry.

"During my years at Ouachita, Refuge had been such a blessing to my own walk with the Lord," Renshaw said. "I have grown a ton in humility. I've been praying for it every day this year just because I know how tempting our own pride can be when placed in front of the campus in this way."

Renshaw saw himself grow in numerous ways and was able to practice patience in this leadership position. Because Refuge was a year-long activity, the number of people there every week fluctuated. No matter the venue or number of people, Renshaw knew he had a duty to show up for those people.

"Though it was discouraging at times when people didn't show up to Refuge, I remembered our job is to proclaim the name of Jesus for all who come to hear it, whether that was one person showing up to Refuge or the whole campus," Renshaw said. "Refuge allowed me to sit and talk to people I wouldn't have had the chance to meet otherwise."

Katelin Cotton, a senior double majoring in worship ministry and Spanish from Bryant helped lead the music side of Refuge. Cotton felt a call to pursue full-time worship ministry her senior year of high school, and after visiting Ouachita, knew she wanted to some day serve in this role.

"I loved getting to use my spiritual gifts to show others how to live a lifestyle of worship and getting to lead others in worship through music each week," Cotton said. "Getting to serve and be obedient to the Lord's calling will always grow you closer to Him. The Lord had continuously humbled me as I served as a ministry leader on campus, and I am constantly growing in my dependence on Him as I lead."

While Refuge was a very central part of campus ministries, students found ways to serve in other areas such as Noonday, Backyard Bible Club, and the Monticello Children's Home. Aiden Doss, a junior biology major from Van Buren, served his second year on the life groups ministry team. After being invested in by older students in his freshman year life group, he knew he wanted to pour back into the ministry.

"I wanted to help lead a ministry that could meet people where they are, Christian or not," Doss said. "I've been able to see God move through different lenses than most people, just because of my regular contact with life group leaders. I got to hear the stories and see the excitement in their eyes. There's no way that experiencing that can't grow your faith."

Campus Ministries was important to the spiritual lives of many students on Ouachita's campus, and looked toward a bright future with the selection of new ministry leaders for the next year.

"I remembered our job is to proclaim the name of Jesus for all who come to hear it, whether that was one person showing up to Refuge or the whole campus."

the Ouachita bubble INSIDE OF CM

"Although I've only been a campus ministry leader for a year, it has definitely been one of the best experiences during my time at Ouachita. Helping lead Refuge has been such a blessing and a great **LEARNING** experience as well. The opportunities we have here through Campus Ministries are **UNIQUE**, and they provide lots of different ways that students can **GROW** in their relationship with the Lord."

Jacob Cates



SENIOR KATELIN
Cotton worships during a Campus Ministries retreat. Cotton led worship during chapel and refuge this year.
photo by Levi Dade

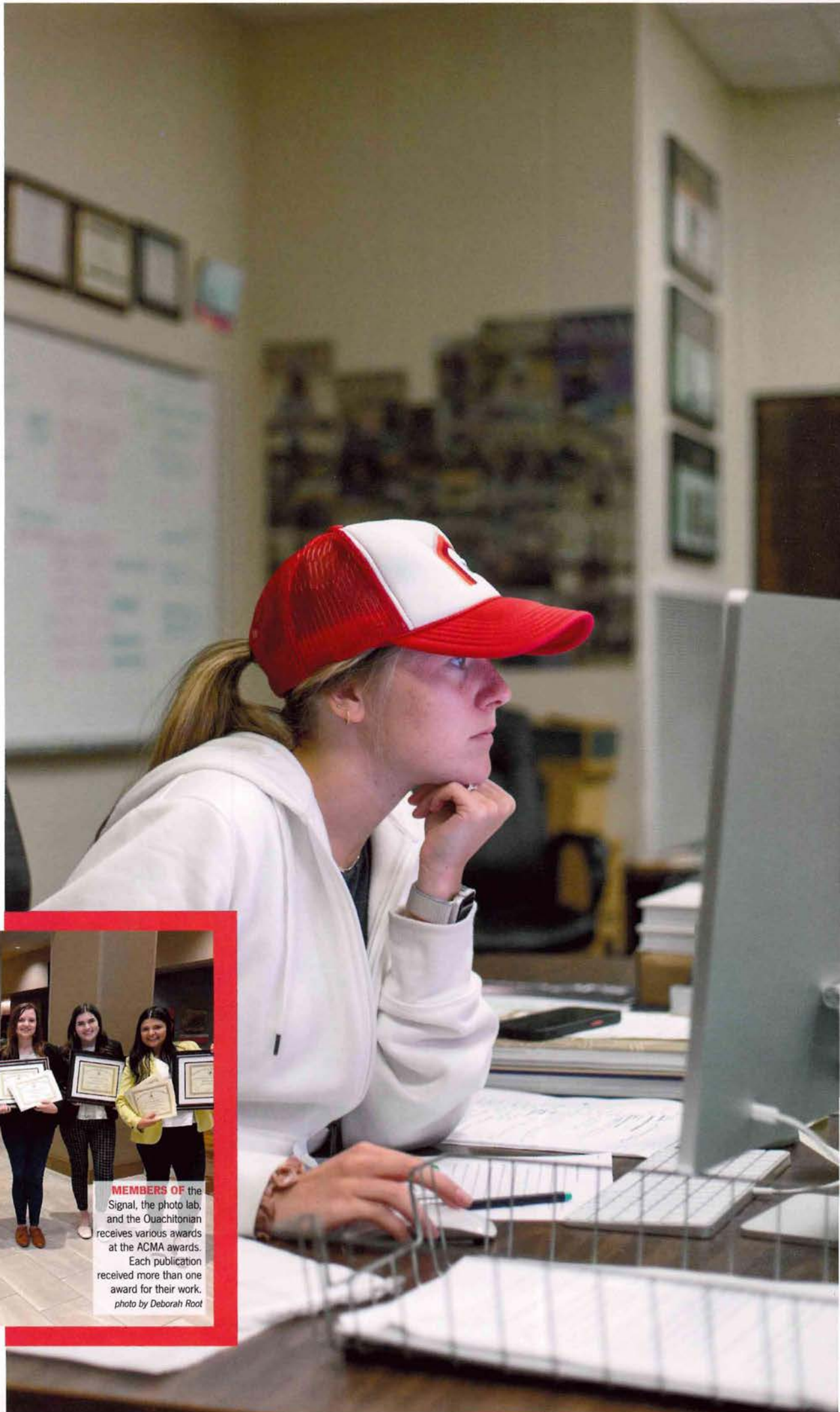


TIGER TUNES
photo by Abby Blankenship



HANNAH PILCHER
photo by Levi Dade

CO-EDITOR
GRACEN Goudy edits the yearbook, The Ouachitonian. The yearbook captured memories from the past year for students to always have memories from their college days.
photo by Abby Blankenship



MEMBERS OF the Signal, the photo lab, and the Ouachitonian receives various awards at the ACMA awards. Each publication received more than one award for their work.
photo by Deborah Root

TELLING OUR STORY

students document Ouachita's year through their publications

Publications at Ouachita were a vital part of campus life whether it was in the broadcast studio, press box, or even the newsroom. Without the work that several faculty members and students had put in, the publications at Ouachita would not be where it was. The publications at Ouachita were also known for receiving a record 64 awards from the Arkansas College Media Association (ACMA).

The publications at Ouachita offered several students the opportunity to grow their skills and gain real-life experience in the realm of communications. Valeria Gomez, a junior Communications major from Costa Rica was involved in the Signal newspaper and the Ouachitonian yearbook.

"I have learned that organization is important since you always have to meet deadlines. This job will get you out of your comfort zone and allow you to meet new people," Gomez stated. "Being on staff for both publications has helped me build my resume and portfolio, which is absolutely necessary when working in this industry."

Another key part of the publications family was the Ouachita Sports Digital Network (OSDN). These students were in charge of broadcasting Ouachita's sports. They also produced the Roar Rundown. Senior Communications major from White Hall, Ark, Matthew Branch was involved in starting the program and has worked diligently to keep it up and running as its student director.

"I think the publication staffs at Ouachita are amazing opportunities to get real-world and hands-on experience in the areas you may end up working in after graduation," Branch said. "They are some of the best in Arkansas and our countless awards speak to that."

There are other areas in the publications department that offered unique opportunities for students, such as the Ouachita News Show, which was started by Caroline Derby, a Junior Communications and Political Science double major from Arkadelphia, Ark. Derby and her staff worked hard to keep the students and faculty updated on the

happenings in Arkadelphia and Ouachita.

The Ouachitonian was another staff that students had the opportunity to be involved with. The yearbook was a challenge to complete due to the size of the book, but with the hard work of the staff and students, a finished book was able to capture the past year's memories on campus.

Gracen Goudy, a senior communications major from Bryant and Anna Roussel, a senior communications and political science major from Searcy had the chance to lead the yearbook staff. The two made history by being the first co-editors to ever win the editor of the year award from ACMA.

"Having the honor of documenting such a special time on Ouachita's campus is something I will treasure for the rest of my life," said Roussel. "There is something really special about knowing the book we are creating is one people will pull off their shelves in 50 years to look back on some of their favorite memories."

The practical experience students gained from the school's publications helped them to find jobs, internships, and interact with Ouachita and their peers in new and exciting ways.

MADI DARR

"There is something really special about knowing the book we are creating is one people will pull off their shelves in 50 years to look back on some of their favorite memories."

the Ouachita bubble INSIDE OF PUBLICATIONS

"It has been really fun to see what happens around campus that I probably wouldn't have known about otherwise. It has **CONNECTED** me to Ouachita in unique ways. It's been a great way to get **REAL WORLD** work experience with other students who are also learning and **GROWING**. It's been a fun, creative outlet for me, and I really appreciate how the communications department allows for students to try their hand in various outlets."

Sara Patterson



WILLIAM READ takes pictures at various events on campus. Photo lab students are responsible for capturing pictures that are used in the yearbook and the Signal.
photo by Levi Dade



OUACHITA NEWS SHOW
photo by Abby Blankenship



SARA PATTERSON
photo by Abby Blankenship

DAYJA JAMES leads worship during MORE's gospel choir night. The choir brought a new and exciting form of worship to campus.
photo by Hannah Adamson



MORE MEMBERS compete during the Battle of the Ravine karaoke night. This event created a lively atmosphere in Ouachita's student center.
photo by Susannah Ann

A PLACE TO BELONG

minority student clubs create community and awareness on campus

What does it look like to open unique spaces on a college campus for students whose backgrounds and home cultures may not align with those of the majority? MORE, Multicultural Organization Reaching Equality, and La Fuerza, "the strength," were two multicultural student organizations on Ouachita's campus that pursued this work humbly and enthusiastically. These groups offered community and leadership positions to a wide variety of students, including Latinos, African Americans, and Asian Americans who are seeking on-campus involvement.

"A lot of the goal has been to figure out the needs of students, especially of minority students," Dayja James, junior and president of MORE, said. "We're here to love and unify and do whatever we can to bridge gaps."

MORE excelled at doing just that. In order to bridge the gaps, members of MORE took to integrating their culture into the overall Ouachita culture, something that has become evident over the past few months.

Brandon Holloway, Ouachita freshman and member of the gospel choir and MORE, said that he involved himself in MORE after joining the choir and that it all took off from there. "MORE has the mission of making African Americans feel comfortable while being here," Brandon said. He also shared the importance of pursuing black excellence, leadership opportunities, and being willing to share one's culture with those around them.

MORE's student-run activities were another fundamental part of the organization, as they act as outreach events for the campus community and allow for the club to have a voice at Ouachita.

Events like the Soul Food Kickoff and chapel worship not only lead to meaningful conversations about cultural backgrounds, but also give opportunities for students to experience one another's culture firsthand.

"It's really easy to get involved with MORE," said Brandon. No matter your race or ethnicity, MORE is the place to be for anyone who identifies as a minority on Ouachita's campus. It also put forward a plethora of opportunities for personal growth and growth in a community. "We offer community, mentorship, a way to get involved on campus, service opportunities... if you don't know where you fit in or belong, start here," said Dayja.

Another on-campus organization that aims to open safe spaces for minority students was La Fuerza. It aspired for great things and hoped to see more growth in the years to come.

"Our mission is to empower Hispanic/Latinx students on campus and create a community for those students and even educate others to see that we are here too," said Karla Montiel, Ouachita junior and one of La Fuerza's lead ambassadors. "We want to celebrate who we are."

According to Karla, La Fuerza, "creates a sense of community with other students and offers diversity to OBU." The organization also allowed students to maintain their own heritage and values and share them with Ouachita's campus culture.

Both MORE and La Fuerza are invaluable communities at Ouachita that gave us an opportunity as a campus to not only recognize and celebrate our differences but also appreciate how these differences affect us on a personal and social level.

BREANNA WATSON

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the Ouachita bubble INSIDE OF MORE

"We offer **COMMUNITY**, **MENTORSHIP**, a way to get involved on campus, service opportunities... if you don't know where you fit in or **BELONG**, start here. This isn't just **AFFECTING** people that look like me—This is going to people in my classroom where I could be the only black person in class."

Dayja James



SETH HUNTER prepares pancakes during an ETA rush party. The rush parties allowed for rushees to get to know the members of each social club better.
photo by Levi Dade



THE MEN of Rho Sigma greets rushees at their rush party. The club welcomed in a large pledge class during Spring Rush.
photo by Levi Dade



BETA MEMBER, Franco Zuniga, talks to a rushee during a BETA rush party. Every club was allowed all in-person parties this year.
photo by Levi Dade



SENIOR ASHTON Roots talks to rushees during rush week. Gamma Phi received 34 new members at the end of rush week.
photo by Abby Blankenship



Panhellenic

10 REPRESENTATIVES
5 SOCIAL CLUBS
201 RUSHEES

"I loved my time serving on Panhellenic with so many great girls. To see the week end with so many girls finding their home in a club made all the workload of President worth it. I formed close and unique relationships with my fellow Panhellenic members and the rushees that I might not have been able to create otherwise."

JOSIE PRINGLE





Rush 2022 was a busy yet exciting time. 2021 rush was different. Half was online, and all the clubs were restricted by COVID-19 protocols. This year, protocols were less strict, and it was all in person, were restricted by

COVID-19 protocols.

Emily Tarr, a senior elementary education major from Forth Worth, TX, was the co-president of panhellenic this year. She explained how the clubs adapted to transitioning from last year's rush.

"The transition was fairly smooth. Everyone was definitely excited to have rush in person again this year. We did have a virtual option set up for anyone who was quarantined during the week, and that went well too. Members and clubs were so flexible and helpful with everything we did," Tarr said.

Tarr shared how the rush process is an exciting time for everyone and all the opportunities it gives to the rushees and the social clubs.

"I think the most exciting thing about rush is the process of getting to meet so many new people," Tarr said. "Friendships are formed, connections are made, and you may even get some encouragement from someone you didn't know beforehand. It's such a great opportunity to get to know others, whether you pledge a club or not."

Rushees went into rush week expectant and with an open mind, hoping to find their community.

Kasey Dumas, a freshman art education major from El Dorado, rushed and pledged trusting that God opened doors for her to walk through them and grow.

"I went into rush with a completely open mind. By the end, I was torn between one club, or not pledging at all," Dumas said. "I eventually concluded that God left that door open for a reason, so I might as well see what He had in store for me. It could be the best decision I ever made, and I didn't want to be asking myself, 'what if?' had I not pledged at all."

The guys were also able to find their home away from home. Men wanted a place where they could be themselves completely, a fun brotherhood, and feel wanted.

Clayton Fitzpatrick, a freshman undeclared from Little Rock, pledged his social club because it matched his personality and aligned with his values.

"I pledged my social club for a few different reasons. I felt the most wanted and welcomed by this club throughout the rush process. This club matches my personality and allows me to be my true self without caring what those around me will think, and I really value the importance that this club places on Christian ideals and chivalry," Fitzpatrick said.

Rush was an exciting season where students got the chance to find their place and people. Social clubs were an especial component that made Ouachita such a unique and rewarding place to call home.

VALERIA GOMEZ

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FINDING LIFELONG Friends



NEW MEMBERS
and Graca Webster
celebrate Tri Chi's
bid day with current
members. Tri Chi's bid
day was candy
land themed.
photo by Coleman Callen

TIMELESS TRADITIONS

members create lasting memories through an unwavering legacy



Founded in 1989, The Women of Tri Chi have empowered women for decades with their motto, "Togetherness in Christ." The Women of Tri Chi strived to foster a sisterhood in Christ while they created a genuine community. The Women of Tri Chi found new ways to serve their community and their fellow sisters. Deeply rooted in traditions, The Women of Tri Chi had many traditions such as their presence in Tiger Tunes, Space Jam, and their passion for intramurals.

Tri Chi's president, Madison Mosier, a senior Christian studies major from Howe, Texas, wanted to serve her club to become a role model for younger girls, much like she had when she was an underclassman.

"It has made me realize that Tri Chi is more than just a club full of people who are completely different, but rather it is a group of women who have a common theme of wanting to serve Jesus as well as each other to the best of their ability," said Mosier. "I have experienced a deepening of love for the individuals that are in Tri Chi along with the club."

COVID-19 put a damper on Tri Chi's annual events for almost two years, but now they were able to get back to their normal schedule.

"It's been so fun seeing girls around campus and knowing that were in the same club. We have the same, secrets and share the same letters."

They brought back traditions such as Tunes, Tri Chi Tye-Die, and Space Jam that have not been done in two years.

Madeline Babb, a junior Christian Studies major from Little Rock, reflected on the memories made through Tri Chi. "My favorite Tri Chi tradition would have to be Tunes. It is such a fun way to spend a lot of quality time with my sisters and get to perform with them," said Babb. It was my first Tunes with Tri Chi because of COVID-19, so I became closer and met girls that I normally wouldn't have."

Through traditions and friends, Tri Chi connected women from all different backgrounds to honor Jesus while creating long lasting friendships. Throughout the years. For Malea Borland, a freshman community and family services and philosophy major from Arkadelphia, Tri Chi was the place she found her forever friends.

"The girls there just felt like family. I knew a lot of them from past semesters and I knew some people who had graduated that were Tri Chi's," said Borland. "It's been so fun seeing girls around campus and knowing that we're in the same club. We have the same secrets and share the same letters."

Tri Chi has stood the test of time with their traditions and will be chanting "chi, chi, chi til I die, die, die," on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms for years to come.

ADDIE WOODS



Tri Chi members wait to sneak a Nerf gun attack against Eta Alpha Omega members. The Nerf War mixer was held with ETA being declared the winner. photo by Levi Dade



TRI CHI BEAU PARTY photo by Natalie Thomas



BID DAY photo by Colman Collins

the Ouachita bubble INSIDE OF TRI CHI

"If I had to describe Tri Chi in one word, it would be **HOME**. These girls, and how much I see Jesus in them every day, gave me an unmatched feeling of comfort, and I am honored to call them my sisters. From the moment I pledged Tri Chi, I knew that this was a **COMMUNITY** I could lean on and pour into. To have those people you can be yourself with and learn and **GROW** with is such a blessing. I have found those people in Tri Chi."

Rachel Dunnam

TRi CHI members catch Olivia Dixon during one of their Tiger Tunes performances. Their tunes show theme was Tri Chi "Sleepover."
photo by Abby Blankenship



TRi CHI members take pictures in front of Cone Bottoms before formal. Their formal was held at the Museum of Discovery in Little Rock.
photo by Malea Borland



Founded in 1970, The Women of Chi Delta celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2022 after their celebrations were canceled for two years because of COVID-19. Alumni from different states across the nation traveled to celebrate

Chi Delta's 50th year.

Hannah Martin, a senior psychology and business administration double major from Conway, shared how they planned to honor the club and their alumni in this special occasion.

"Our lovely alumni were in charge of planning and executing our 50th anniversary since it was originally canceled back in 2020," Martin said. "We planned to have a big get-together with our current members and alumni to connect with each other, share our memories, and really create unity within our club."

Members from different pledge classes were given the opportunity to share Chi Delta traditions and memories with alumni. Even though the alumni and current members each had different years in Chi Delta, they enjoyed sharing traditions and changes.

The road for The Women of Chi Delta had its ups and downs during their 50 years on campus. The club had to overcome challenges to get to where they are today.

Sydney Bufford, a senior psychology major from Austin, Texas, explained the struggle of Chi Delta being a smaller club but being encouraged by other

people's support.

"The biggest challenge for The Women of Chi Delta is that we are one of the smallest clubs on campus. This can make it hard for our voices to be heard sometimes, but when we get together and just have fun, it's hard to ignore us," Bufford said. "We have many outside supporters around campus including alumni that work here and even members from other clubs."

The club showed their values, morals, and undivided support to rushees during rush week in January of 2022. The Women of Chi Delta welcomed 11 new members into the sisterhood.

For Shelly Davilus, a sophomore kinesiology major from San Antonio, Texas, Chi Delta felt like it was the perfect fit for her during her college years. She was part of Chi Delta's 2022 pledge class. Davilus shared how appreciated she felt in the club's rush parties.

"I experienced a judgment-free zone from all the members during rush week," Davilus said. "I was able to show my true self while talking to them. They made me feel comfortable and was accepted by each individual."

Each member of Chi Delta focused on being their genuine self toward all rushees during rush week.

The Women of Chi Delta planned to grow their club even more in coming years by focusing on traditions, a genuine sisterhood, and creating relationships for years to come.

VALERIA GOMEZ

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VALUES, MORALS, *support,*



GABBY REED poses with current Chi Delta members on bid day. The bid day was held in front of the tiger and included various celebrations to welcome in the new pledge class. photo by Coleman Callan



ALIEE JEWELL and Lawson Lee take money for the Chi Delta Carnival. The carnival was held during TWIRP week where each girl was required to pay for herself and her date.
photo by Natalie Thomas

CHI DELTA members perform on stage during their Tiger Tunes performance. Each member contributed countless hours to prepare for show week and raise money for student scholarships.
photo by Abby Blankenship

CURRENT MEMBERS celebrate the new bids given to 11 girls on Chi Delta's bid day. The club's theme for bid day was Nascar.
photo by Coleman Callan



FLAG FOOTBALL
photo by Maddie Cargile



SAVANNAH STAGGS performs a solo during a Tiger Tunes performance. Chi Delta won People's Choice award during the Tiger Tunes week.
photo by Abby Blankenship

Chi Delta

SOCIAL CLUB
41 MEMBERS
6 OFFICERS

"Chi Delta is the sweetest and most genuine sisterhood I could've ever imagined being a part of. The friendships I have formed over the last year and a half will honestly last a lifetime. It feels so amazing to know that when I look back at my college years, and that so many of my happy and silly memories will be with The Women of Chi Delta."

KARA BURNS



NEW MEMBER

Kensley Flynn hugs one of her newest sisters on bid day. Bid day was held in front of Hickingbotham Hall, and the theme was "Bloom Where You Are Planted."

photo by Coleman Callan



CHI MU members dance on stage during this year's Tiger Tunes. Chi Mu's theme was "Fangirls" and won multiple awards during show week.
photo by Abby Blankenship

SERVICE AND SUPPORT

club emphasizes on making real and authentic relationships

a Anxiously awaiting rush week, students prepared both mentally and physically for a week-long event filled with big decisions and many new beginnings. For Chi Mu in particular, current club members prayed repeatedly throughout the week for the new members that would soon join their sisterhood. In order to join Chi Mu, new members took part in pledge week. After bid day, new members spent a week doing various activities to push them to become closer with their fellow pledge sisters. Pledge week embodied the uniqueness of the club while also being an environment to discover new relationships.

"I chose to pledge to Chi Mu because I wanted to make new friends. Many people told me that I would thrive in Chi Mu," said Valeria Figueroa, a freshman elementary education major from Benton.

Flexibility, service, and support were three core values that Chi Mu exhibited through their members and club. The club emphasized making real authentic relationships that last through serving their sisters and serving the Ouachita community.

"The best thing about being a member of Chi Mu would be the connections I have been able to make through it. In Chi Mu, we strive to have real authentic relationships, especially with our Chi Mu families," said Sarah Dean, a sophomore communications major from Nashville, Tenn.

Incoming Chi Mu members were instantly thrown into the special community. Pledge week allowed new members to create bonds with their new sisters, as well as build new friendships with older members. Through the extended time spent together, the club as a whole built stronger relationships.

"One of the most memorable moments I have had in Chi Mu was going to breakfast with all my new sisters after running home to Chi

Mu. Eating with Chi Mu during meals allowed me to get to know the girls in the club very well," said Figueroa.

At the end of pledge week, Chi Mu took part in big little reveals where new members found out who will be in their family. A character theme was implemented, so that when the curtain fell the littles matched their bigs and grand biggs. The reveal was exciting each time a new member saw their family.

"After a week of buying gifts for my little, it was great to see them face to face and start getting to know them. We have been able to make many memories by spending quality time together," said Dean.

Additionally, every woman's club at Ouachita accepted honorable male students to become new beaus in the club. The tradition of inviting new beaus was an exciting process that allowed for more connections in the club.

"I was not expecting to be asked to be Chi Mu beau. I thought it was crazy, and my jaw dropped to the floor. I like being a beau because I am now a part of the sisterhood," said Dylan Bilbrey, a junior business major from Forney, Texas.

This year, the Chi Mu sisterhood was closer as a unit. Every new experience within the club came with new relationships and experiences.

JULIE ANN ZIMMERMAN

"The best thing about being a member of Chi Mu would be the connections, I have been able to make through it."

the Ouachita bubble INSIDE OF CHI MU

"Chi Mu has given me the sisters that I didn't know I needed. It truly is a **COMMUNITY** of women that support each other. I am so thankful for the memories that this has given me. Through Chi Mu, I have met some of the most amazing women. They constantly **ENCOURAGE** me to be the best I can be. Each member brings something **UNIQUE** to the sisterhood that makes us stand out from other social clubs."

Victoria Sprauge



SENIOR TAYLOR Hamilton poses for a picture with her dad during Gamma Phi's Dad Day. This event was held on Cone-Bottoms Lawn and included games and snacks.
photo by Natalie Thomas



ALLIE MOONEY spends time painting with her mom during Mom's Day. Mooney helped paint and design some of the club's banners this year.
photo by Natalie Moore



GAMMA PHI hosts Mom's Day in the Tiger Den. Gamma Phi members were able to hold Mom's Day after two years of not being able to have events due to COVID-19.
photo by Natalie Moore



GAMMA PHI holds Angels in the Outfield during TWIRP week. This event was one of the many women's social club parties where the women were required to pay.
photo by Coleman Callan



GAMMA RUSH
photo by Abby Blankenship

Gamma Phi

SOCIAL CLUB
80 MEMBERS
21 OFFICERS

"For the short time I have been a part of Gamma Phi, I have been impacted greatly. I have found sweet sisters and friendships. It has been such a wonderful experience, and I am thankful to be a part of this growing sisterhood."

LACI LARSEN



The Women of Gamma Phi had grown ever since reestablishing their club. They experienced some changes but that has not stopped them from creating a special bond with their sisters and welcoming with open arms the newest pledge class.

Kayla Whittington, a senior Chemistry, Biology and Spanish triple major from North Little Rock, was the president of the club and shared how the process of revising the club's constitution went.

"As this is only our third year after being refounded, our constitution is still new," Whittington said. "We are always looking for ways to be better as a club, and this is one of the ways we do that for current members and to help future generations of Gammas."

One of the things social clubs provide for members is opportunities to grow in leadership and develop new strengths.

"Serving has helped me grow so much. I have learned to listen and communicate better," Whittington said. "I have learned to approach challenges with grace and optimism. Most of all, I have learned to rely on my sisters for help and support. I can always count on them."

The club was able to experience many "firsts" since they got reestablished, one of them being their spring outing.

"For outing, our club went to Nashville, where we did goat yoga, square dancing, shopping and sight-seeing," said Emily Watson, a sophomore nursing major from Springdale.

Gamma Phi was able to participate in Tiger Tunes

for the first time in several years. Natalie Moore, a junior Public History and Communications double major from Ash Flat, was one of the tiger tunes directors that helped put on their show.

"Getting to be a director for my club when we hadn't been in Tunes for over 20 years felt groundbreaking. We got to set the standard for future Gamma Tunes shows, make new club traditions and shape our campus identity," Moore said.

The Women of Gamma Phi inducted a new pledge class during rush of 2022. Emily Hemund, a freshman Worship Studies major from Hot Springs Village, shared what stood out to her the most about Gamma Phi during rush parties.

"I felt most at ease at Gamma's rush parties," Hemund said. "I was very anxious going into rush, but they were so kind and welcoming. It honestly felt like home."

VALERIA GOMEZ

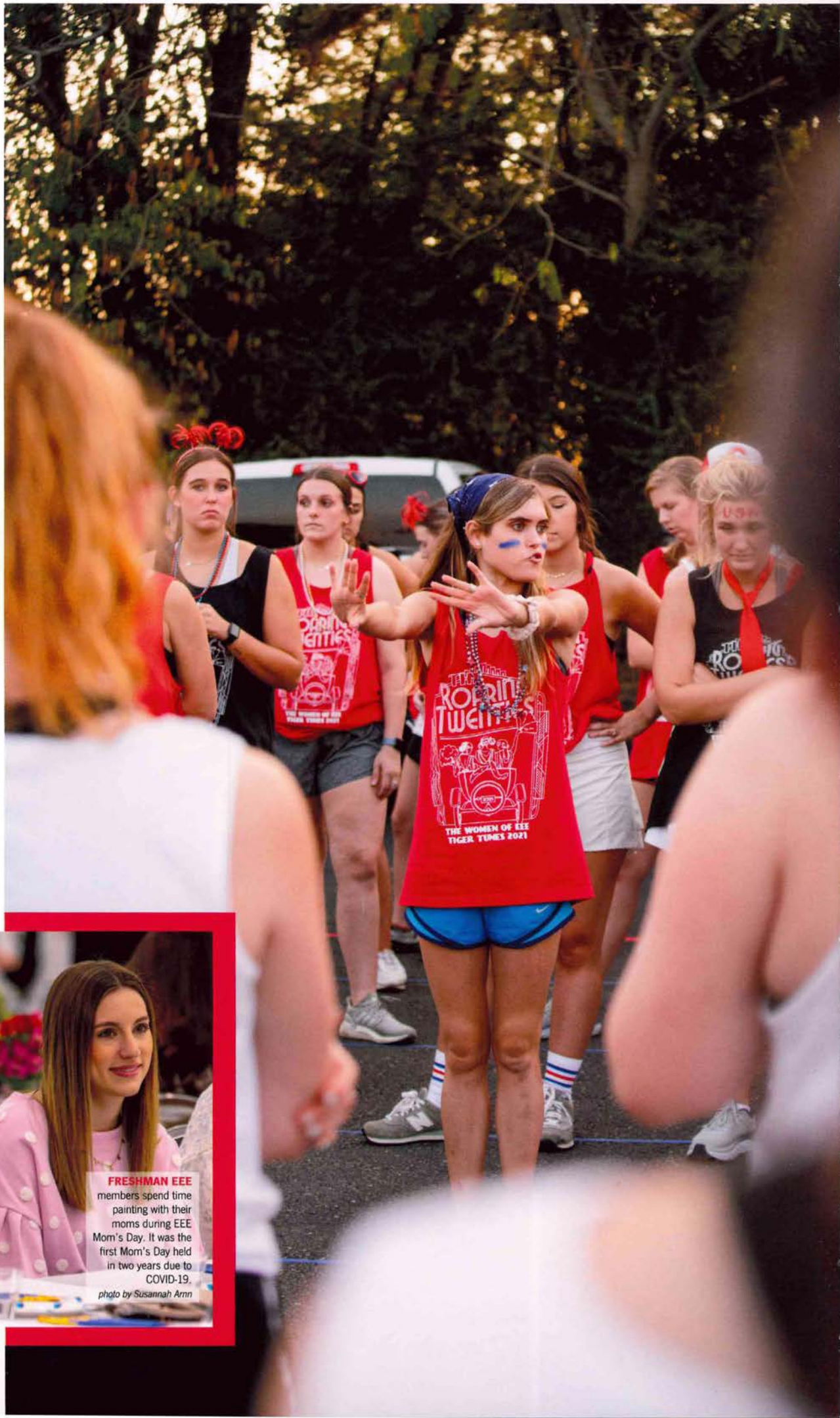
"We got to set the standard for future Gamma Tunes shows, make new club traditions and shape our campus identity."

SHAPING OUR *identity*



SHELBY CHEEK
hugs one of her new sisters on bid day. Gamma Phi's bid day was Disco themed.
photo by Abby Blankenship

TIGER TUNES
director Emily McMaster explains formations during a Tiger Tunes practice. Many practices were held outside due to COVID-19 protocols.
photo by Madison Melcher



FRESHMAN EEE
members spend time painting with their moms during EEE Mom's Day. It was the first Mom's Day held in two years due to COVID-19.
photo by Susannah Arm

UNBREAKABLE BOND

members create new position to help cultivate lifelong relationships

The Women of EEE started the past year out with a bang. To start off the year, the EEEs participated in Tiger Tunes where they performed their show "The Roaring Twenties." The club won their first place along with many other awards. This show paid homage to the founding of the club in 1925. The lyrics of the show even quoted part of the club's original constitution. These lyrics were "We are more than mere flappers; we stand for what's right."

"My favorite activity is Tunes. It was my last year and we got to go out winning, so that was so special to me," Madison Crow, a senior business major from Lonoke, said. "The memories I made during that time were like no other, and I will never forget stepping on that stage for the last time and running to Cone-Bottoms after."

In the spring, the Women of EEE held rush events and welcomed in 54 new members. Rush week consisted of multiple themed nights for the club including a patriotic night and a 50's night. These two themes have been a tradition for the club for years. Alumni came and spoke during the rush parties and reflected on their time in the club to the rushees. The week concluded at Cone-Bottoms Lawn with a "Howdy" themed bid day celebration.

"I loved participating in the whole rush and induction week process, and it is probably my favorite thing I have experienced with the EEEs," Jane Ellen Dial said. Dial, a freshman elementary education major from Little Rock, and was one of the new members inducted in the spring.

The Women of EEE hosted multiple events throughout the year including outing, formal, TWIRP 50s night, and Mom's Day, but some of the most important events were ones that supported their philanthropy. The Women of EEE's philanthropy is the Pregnancy Resource Center.

"The Pregnancy Resource Center seeks to help expecting mothers by providing them with information and resources during

their pregnancy. They offer counseling, ultrasounds, and classes to help mothers make informed decisions. They want to help pregnant women feel safe in an unsure time," Julia Shands, a junior communications major from Searcy, said. Shands served as the second vice president and was responsible for service opportunities for the club and supporting the philanthropy.

"I make sure that we fill any needs that they might have. This semester, we made 35 baby blankets to donate to the center and held three percentage days to raise money in support of their mission," Shands said.

This year, the Women of EEE took a new approach to developing sisterhood within the club. In the fall, the club elected its very first sisterhood chair, Rebekah Van Namen, a junior elementary education major from Little Rock. Following the pandemic, the club decided to create a position that revolved around building relationships. The goal of this position was to focus more on encouragement and intentionality throughout the club. This was done through an encouragement committee, sisterhood notes, and the club's first-ever sisterhood week.

"I am so thankful for the opportunity to pioneer this new position and help connect girls to people who will be their lifelong friends," Van Namen said.

CAROLINE JOHNSON

"The memories I made during that time were like no other, and I will never forget stepping on that stage for the last time and running to Cone-Bottoms after."

the Ouachita bubble INSIDE OF EEE

"EEE means having a **SUPPORT** system around you of girls who want to **GROW** with you and see you follow the Lord wholeheartedly while also being by your side and in your corner through everything. The Women of EEE do everything to the fullest whether it's supporting a sister, Tiger Tunes, or loving their club. To be an EEE is to be part of a rich **LEGACY** of loving people and loving the Lord."

Vivian Pryor



SOCIAL CHAIRS Izzy Baughn and Reese Chesshir hand out tickets for EEE Dad's Day. The event was held in front of the Student Center with donuts and coffee.
photo by William Read



KAPPA CHI MIXER
photo by Levi Dade



BID DAY
photo by Abby Blankenship

ETA SWEETHEART

Kelsey Bester shaves Mason Campbell's hair during ETA barbershop. ETA barbershop was a fundraiser to raise money for their club.
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THREE MEMBERS

play Smash Bros in the Tiger Den. Their club hosted a Smash Bros tournament that included cash prizes.
photo by Sarah Dean



ETA MEMBERS

dance on stage during their performance of ETA "Vikings." Their Tunes show included a story of Vikings and their troubles finding land to live on.
photo by Levi Dade



KENDALL JONES

dances at the annual Muggin party held by ETA. It was held in front of the Student Center and included music and root beer.
photo by William Read



CHRIS COUCH
photo by Levi Dade

Eta Alpha Omega

SOCIAL CLUB
75 MEMBERS
13 OFFICERS

"ETA has been a real blessing to me. Whether it's Tiger Tunes or just seeing my brothers in the hallway, I always feel loved by my club. We just all support each other through thick and thin, and I don't know of another group of people that feel more like home than my club."

GRAHAM SCARBOROUGH



Whether it's being the life of the party at Muggin' or hosting some of Ouachita's favorite events such as ETA Barber Shop, the men of Eta Alpha Omega never failed to light up any room they waltzed into. The men of ETA thrived best when they had a Bible in their left hand, a root beer in their right, and a viking helmet on their head.

Following in his older brother Jack Webb's footsteps, freshman education major Joseph Webb, from Memphis, Tennessee, had the blessing of joining the men of ETA as he became part of the 28 that made up the 2022 pledge class. As of recently, the Webb brothers officially became brothers in more ways than one, and could not be happier to share this legacy.

"I am most excited for Tiger Tunes and Muggin' because ETA always has fun with their practices and shows," Joseph Webb said.

Jack Webb will watch Joseph take the stage next fall, and will support him from the audience.

Biology major Thomas Harrington had served as ETA president for both fall and spring semester. Harrington not only steered his club's focus toward building a strong community and a sacred brotherhood, but also had a strong desire to teach his brothers the priceless teaching of faith.

"While doing more to increase the importance of faith in the club was already a significant part of what molds ETA into the Christ-centered community it is today, we have expanded upon that foundation by learning the importance of intentionality as well as strong involvement of bigs and littles," Harrington said.

Harrington was truly ETA's fearless leader and will

take his letters with him to medical school next year at UAMS.

Austin Roots, a Christian Studies major from Lindale, Texas, had the privilege of joining the Eta brotherhood in 2021. Being a part of Eta's iconic Viking Tiger Tunes show, Roots has made memories in this beloved brotherhood that will last a lifetime.

The long hours of practice and hard work not only bonded this knit-tight group of men, but also proved they were truly worthy of holding the title of being Ouachita's favorite vikings.

"The ETA atmosphere was definitely the best part of Tiger Tunes," Root said. "We were all having an absolute blast and it was so much fun to experience Tunes together."

Roots adored all things ETA, and was definitely a big addition to this God-fearing club.

Whether it's actively engaging in God's Word at their weekly Eta Bible studies, or intentionally being in prayer for each member, the men of Eta were truly gems on Ouachita's campus. This spiritually-driven group not only wore their letters every Wednesday, but never failed to clothe themselves in the full armor of God as well. They carried themselves with class and devotion throughout anything and everything they did.

ROSE ROBINSON

"We have expanded upon that foundation by learning the importance of intentionality as well as strong involvement of bigs and littles."

EXPAND THE foundation



JUNIOR JARED
Beehn lets two ETA members shave his head. This was the first year ETA Barbershop was held, but it will now be an annual event.
photo by Levi Dade

MORE THAN MUSICIANS

brothers band together across different background and perspectives

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The Men of Kappa Chi were known for their kindness, inclusion, and their musical abilities throughout the years. Kappa Chi was celebrated for their talent but proved that they were more than musicians, but a diverse band of brothers

who were welcoming to all people of different backgrounds and perspectives.

"Kappa doesn't strike me as a club that caters to a certain kind of person. We have members of many backgrounds and personalities, and now we all find common ground in our letters." said Ayden Bennett, a sophomore music industry major from Donaldson. "I found a group of people who took me in as I was and I know I can always call on, for both good times and bad."

Kappa Chi hosted many fun events on campus to boost morale for Kappa Chi and Ouachita as a whole, such as "Kappa Glow," a glow in the dark dance held in the Tiger Den, and its annual date auction. The club also had "Kappa Chi Pie a Guy," which was a club fundraiser where students could pay to pie a member in the face.

"I participated in Kappa Pie a Guy and date auction. Both of those events were very fun and helped us raise money for the club," Caleb Gumm, a freshman music industry major from Fayetteville, said.

"The fun we had was hilarious, and unforgettable, and it allowed us all to appreciate each other more for the different strengths and abilities we bring to our club."

These campus events not only helped the club raise money, but it allowed them to become closer as brothers. Kappa was also very involved on campus and participated in many events as a club.

One campus event that then men of Kappa always took part in was Tiger Tunes. Their theme this year was Kappa Chi pharmacy, and they put on a great show with their impressive vocals and choreography.

"Tiger Tunes really brought all of Kappa Chi together. The fun we had was hilarious and unforgettable, and it allowed us all to appreciate each other more for the different strengths and abilities we bring to our club," Alex Moore, a junior English and philosophy double major from Gulfport, Mississippi, said.

Rush was always an important time for every club. Welcoming new members in is always an exciting time, and the men of Kappa always made sure that all the rushees felt at home and included.

"I joined Kappa Chi because I could see that it was a club where I could really be myself. I also wanted to be in a club that really cared about each other and about the campus, and I could see that in the comradely of the Kappas and the way they treated the rushees. Their events were consistently fun and welcoming to everyone," Moore said.

The Men of Kappa Chi saw a lot of growth in the past year. They welcomed in nine new members during spring rush and learned to grow closer together as brothers who helped each other no matter the circumstances.

Cross Brandon, a senior music industry major from Little Rock, served as the club's president and had a lot of great things to say about the guys and how he served Kappa Chi this year.

"Being president has been such a great opportunity to lead these guys to continue to grow as respectful, God-loving and compassionate men," Brandon said.

HANNA WILLIAMS



KAPPA MEMBERS
sing at their annual semester serenade. The serenade took place at women's residence halls with different covers of songs sung by Kappa Chi members.
photo by Coleman Callan



KAPPA CHI PHARMACY
photo by Abby Blankenship



KAPPA CHI PIE A GUY
photo by Sarah Dean

the Ouachita bubble INSIDE OF KAPPA CHI

"Kappa Chi to me is about brotherhood. I know that in this club I have brothers that I can count on anytime, and brothers that I know want each member to **SUCCEED**. In my short time in Kappa Chi, I've seen the **UNITY** and friendship between all the members that have been in the club for longer. I know through this club that I have a support group, a **BROTHERHOOD**, and a family."

Brodie Horton

ALEX MOORE celebrates raising money for Kappa Chi at their Kappa Chi Pie a Guy. Students paid to pie a Kappa Chi of their choice.
photo by Sarah Dean



PREPARING TO hit the ball, Jude Clements spends time with his Kappa Chi brothers on Cone-Bottoms Lawn. Students spent their time playing games and reading books on Cone-Bottoms Lawn.
photo by Levi Dade

FRESHMAN BEN

Harrod performs during the Rho Sigma Date Auction. This fundraising event was one of the club's most successful events.
photo by Sarah Dean



FRESHMAN CODY

Pallen struts the runway at the Rho Sigma Date Auction. Pallen was dressed as Elvis Presley and included some of his famous dance moves in his talent.
photo by Sarah Dean



TIGER TUNES

directors take the stage during Mega Mix. This year's show was directed by Chris McCuiston.
photo by Abby Blakenship

RHO SIGMA members play baggo outside of the Student Center during their Egg Cracking fundraiser. Many of Rho Sigma's fundraising events was held outside the Stu.
photo by Abby Blakenship



Rho Sigma

SOCIAL CLUB
41 MEMBERS
5 OFFICERS

"Being the bull for tiger tunes was truly an honor. I know that I made that show sparkle. Each member played a vital role in making Rho Sigma what is it today. I cherish all the memories that were made this year whether they were at a Tunes practice or just hanging out with my fellow members. Rho Sig truly is a brotherhood."

HUNTER BOOKOUT



The oldest men's social club on campus, Rho Sigma, was founded on March 6th of 1935 in the Old North Dormitory where the Evans Student Center currently resides. Even though this was a club of longstanding brotherhood and tradition, Rho Sigma had its ups and downs. President of Rho Sigma and senior communications and media major from Harrison, Chris McCuiston was proud of the progress the club has made in regards to their increase in membership and dedication.

"Seeing Rho Sigma go from what it was two years ago when we had around seven members to seeing the club now with over 40 members has been a great sense of pride for me as I have been through the ups and downs of the club," McCuiston said.

With their long-standing presence on campus, there were memories made by this club and its members.

It was hard to pick out one specific person or memory to encapsulate how special this club was to Ouachita's campus. Several people have been touched by this club and loved to talk about their time as a Rho Sigma.

Isaac Sanders, a music major from Little Rock, appreciated the friendships he has been able to gain from being a part of the club.

"This club has shown me what it means to be a part of something more than yourself," Sanders said. "They are great guys that care about my future and like me for who I am. When we recieved our bids, we knew all of us were in it for the long haul."

Being a club founded on tradition, Rho Sigma was

known to be the ringleaders of Battle of the Ravine's "Guard the Tiger," where students pitched tents and guarded the famous mascot of Ouachita in the middle of campus during Battle of the Ravine week.

Alex Savage, a biology major from Smackover, Arkansas enjoyed the busy week that was filled with tradition.

"Rho Sigma has made it a point to have 24-hour surveillance of the tiger throughout the tension-high week," Savage said. "We offer fellowship, music, food, and games for the campus and this tradition brings a sense of Ouachita pride not only for current students, but administration and alumni as well."

This men's social club was often referred to as the "Rowdy Red Shirts." The history of this club was rich, and it was important to all members, past, and present. The legacy continued every day for these men. This club allowed for the making of lifelong friendships with one another and had a support system set in place for life. President McCuiston appreciated other members of the club that put in time and effort to help rebuild in its time of need.

"I had members like Will Broussard help me build the club and put in a lot of work," McCuiston said. "People like him need to be recognized for helping rebuild the legacy of Rho Sigma to what it is today."

The Rowdy Red Shirts were always the club on campus that is a mixture of crazy, organized, supportive, and true. Though these members only got four years in college, they will have a lifelong bond that will be with them forever.

MADI DARR

"This club has shown me what it means to be a part of something more than yourself."

HONOR OF THE *legacy*

ALEX SAVAGE eggs a fellow member on the head outside the stu. This event was a fundraiser to help the club earn money for yearly activities.
photo by Abby Blankenship



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Whether it's Beta dropping the love of their lives, or gearing up for the iconic "Beta Dojo" Tiger Tunes show, the men of Beta Beta were truly assets to Ouachita's campus. They're without a doubt a group like no other, and

their love for this club is sacred to them. Because of the infamous Beta date auctions, the way this band of brothers were always seen at church together, and the brotherly bonds formed, this well-respected club will continue to live on for years to come.

The men of the Beta Black intramural football team held the coveted title of being named Battle of the Ravine champions.

"My favorite part of the Battle of the Ravine football game was catching a long touchdown pass to basically seal the deal for us," senior business administration major from Plano, Logan Daust, stated. "Waving bye to Henderson and sending them back across the street was awesome, too."

Beta Black walked back to their dorms that day with a well-deserved trophy in hand, fans cheering for them in the background, and the aroma of a sweet victory against Ouachita's long-term rivals.

"Being a part of the Beta Black Team was a lot of fun," junior Christian studies major from Benton, Gary Storment, said. "It was also so cool to represent Ouachita against Henderson and to bring home the trophy."

The men of Beta never failed to leave places better than they found them. Beta means so much more to the members than taking pictures at Cone-Bottoms dressed in blue blazers or competing in water polo

games. These men wore their letters with pride as they consistently represent Ouachita so well.

Carrying on the 80 year old tradition of Beta was not something taken lightly to these men. Every member knows it's an honor to wear "Beta" across their shirts. Letters aren't the only thing that's shared between these 77 members as a sacred brotherhood is as well.

"To be able to walk through these four years and the rest of my life with guys that challenge each other, strive to be better, and ultimately love each other and God is something that fuels my excitement for Beta," freshman business administration major from Hot Springs, Brooks Bell, said.

The Beta's are each other's biggest encouragers, and make their presence known in any room they walk into.

"My favorite part of Beta is the people and relationships I have developed," said Andrew Ellis, freshman accounting major from Ruston, Louisiana. "It is an awesome experience getting to develop intentional relationships with all of the guys in this amazing club."

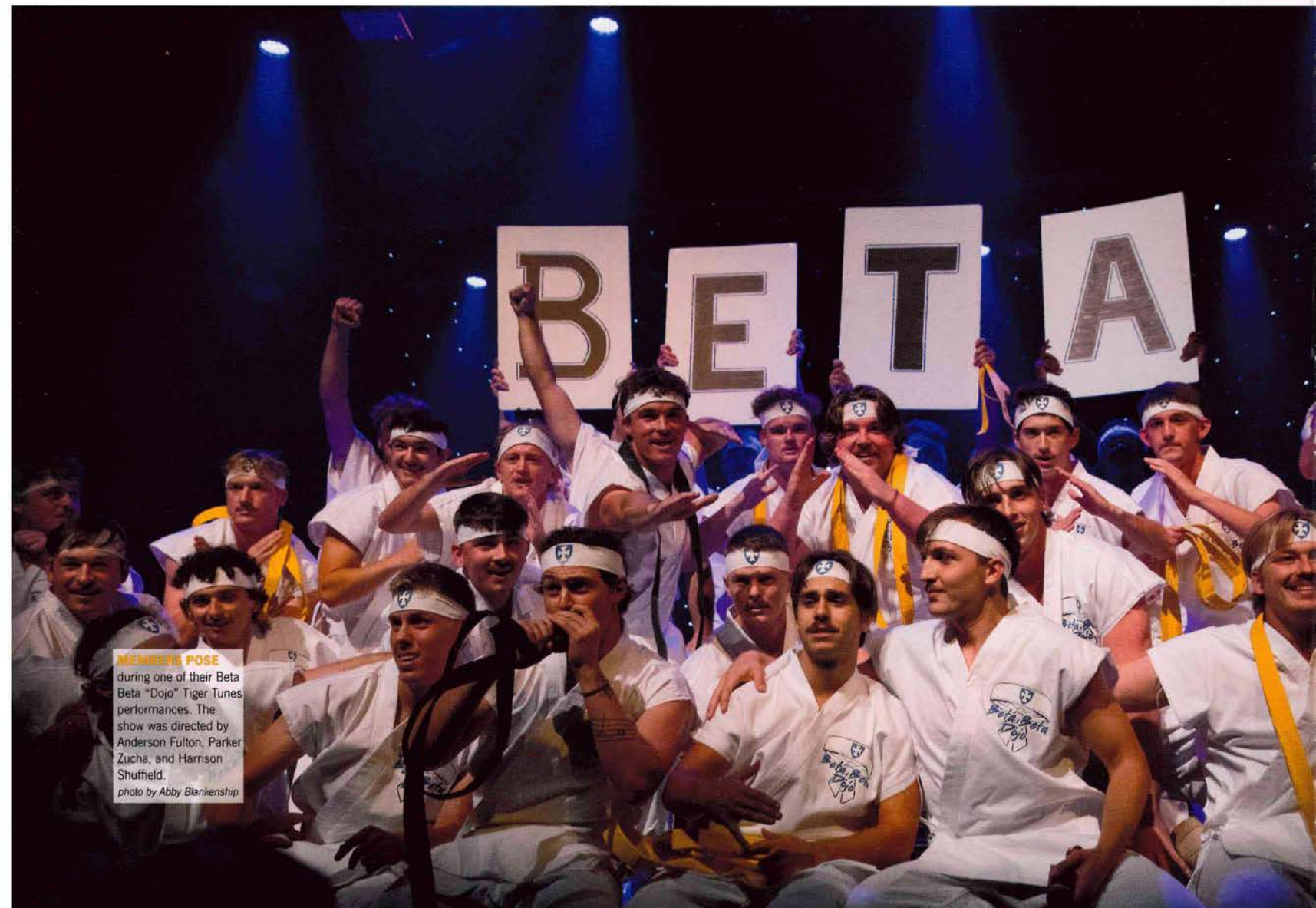
Eighty years ago a legacy was formed that would make Ouachita an even better place. Beta holds a special place in each of the members' hearts and will continue to do so for generations to come.

The way this knit-tight group of brothers were consistently seen fellowshiping together in the cafeteria, cheering each other on during Beta drops, and taking home Tiger Tunes awards were some of the many reasons Beta's legacy will continue to live on.

ROSE ROBINSON

"To be able to walk through these four years and the rest of my life with guys that challenge each other... fuels my excitement for Beta."

BROS FOR life



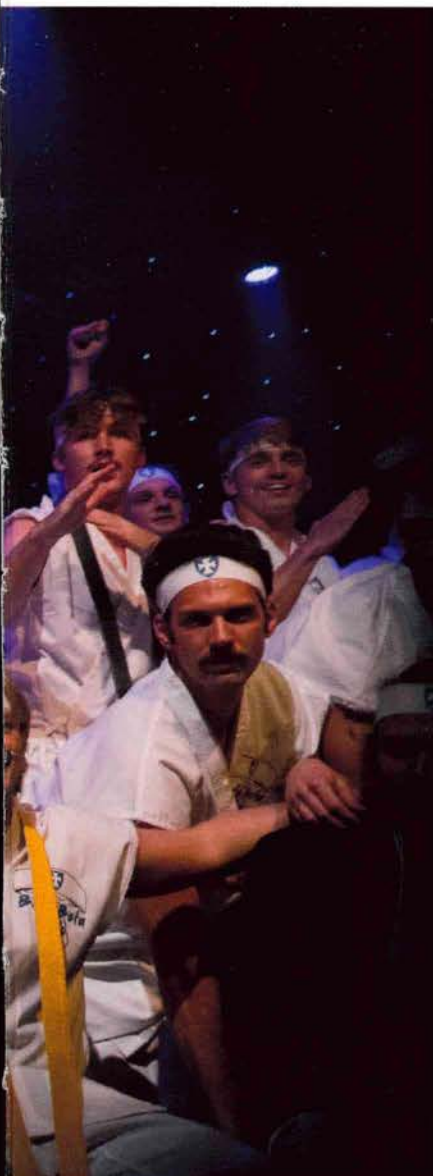
MEMBERS POSE during one of their Beta Beta "Dojo" Tiger Tunes performances. The show was directed by Anderson Fulton, Parker Zucha, and Harrison Shuffield.
photo by Abby Blankenship



BETA MEMBERS celebrate an intramural championship win. The game was played between the Beta team, and the Henderson intramural champions. *photo by Coleman Callan*

GAGE HILL runs a cutout moped during the Beta Beta Tunes' show. Beta Beta "Dojo" placed third in Tiger Tunes in the fall. *photo by Abby Blankenship*

BETA FANS support BETA member Jacob Street during a basketball game. The Betas were known to cheer on their brothers at every sporting event. *photo by Levi Dade*



WITH HIS hand raised, Baker Kendrick and John Ellis Peyton sing during a Beta serenade. This event was the first one of the semester. *photo by Sarah Dean*

Beta Beta

SOCIAL CLUB
77 MEMBERS
11 OFFICERS

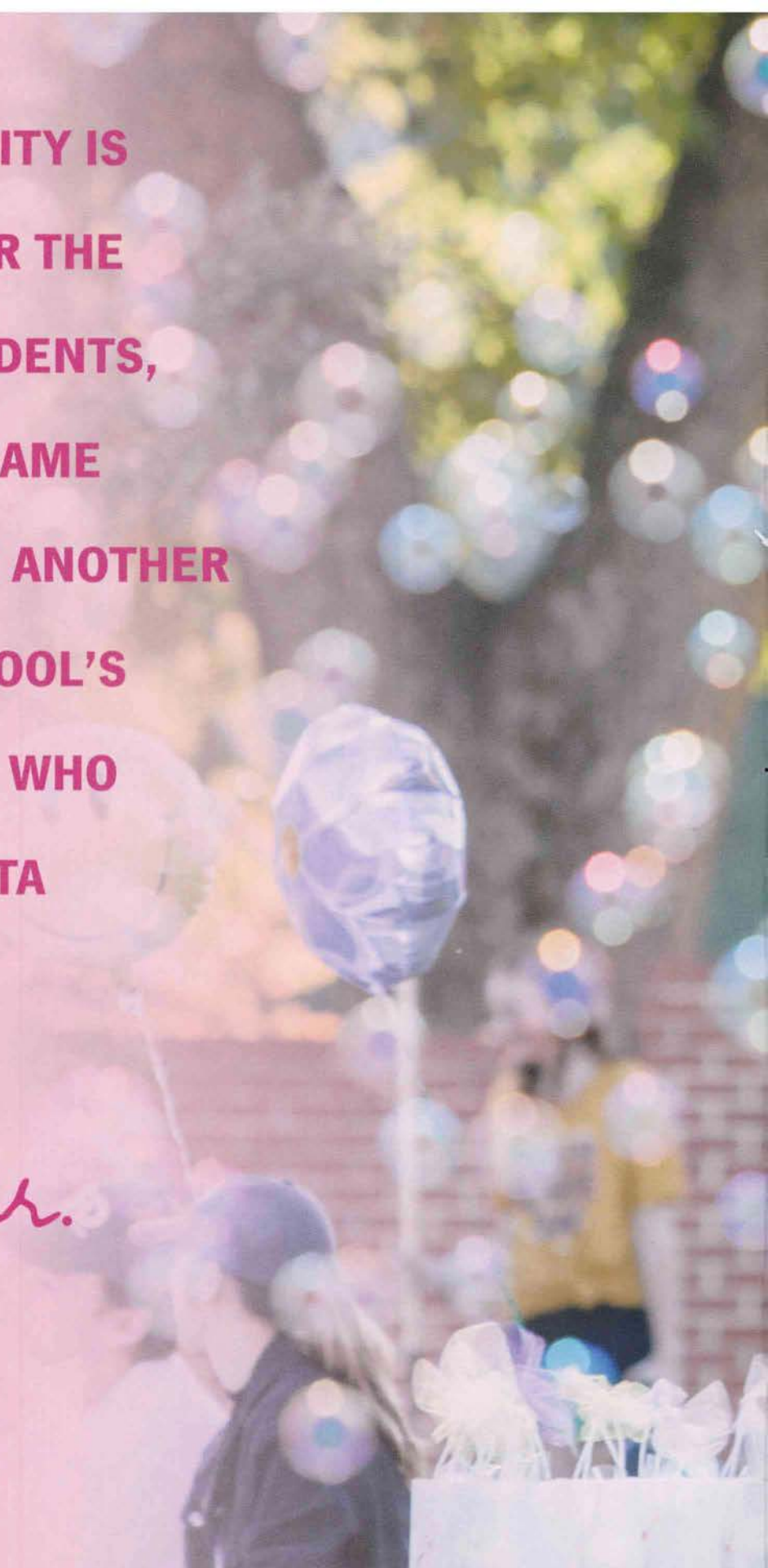
"Some of my greatest memories of my college years will be due to The Men of Beta Beta. I am so grateful for this group of guys who I have been able to share these years with. One of my favorite memories will always be participating in Tiger Tunes with this club. I am so proud of Beta 'Dojo' because of each and every one of the guys in the club who made it happen."

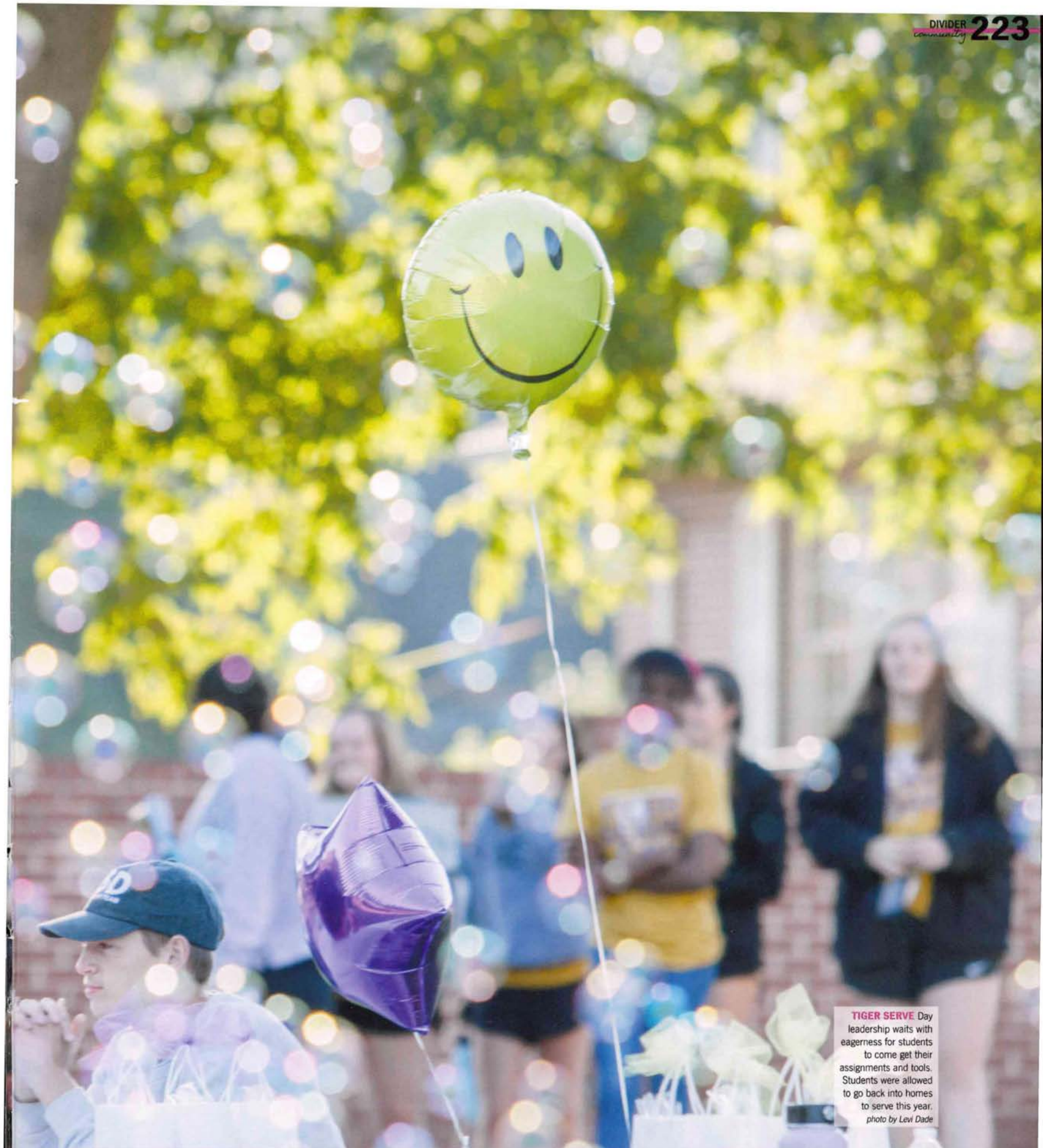
PARKER ZUCHA



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FACULTY AND STAFF CAME
TOGETHER TO CREATE ANOTHER
CHAPTER OF THE SCHOOL'S
HISTORY. THE PEOPLE WHO
POURED INTO OUACHITA
AND HELPED TO TELL
THIS STORY WERE**

like no other.





TIGER SERVE Day leadership waits with eagerness for students to come get their assignments and tools. Students were allowed to go back into homes to serve this year.
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The Women of EEE

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2021 Tiger Tunes Winners



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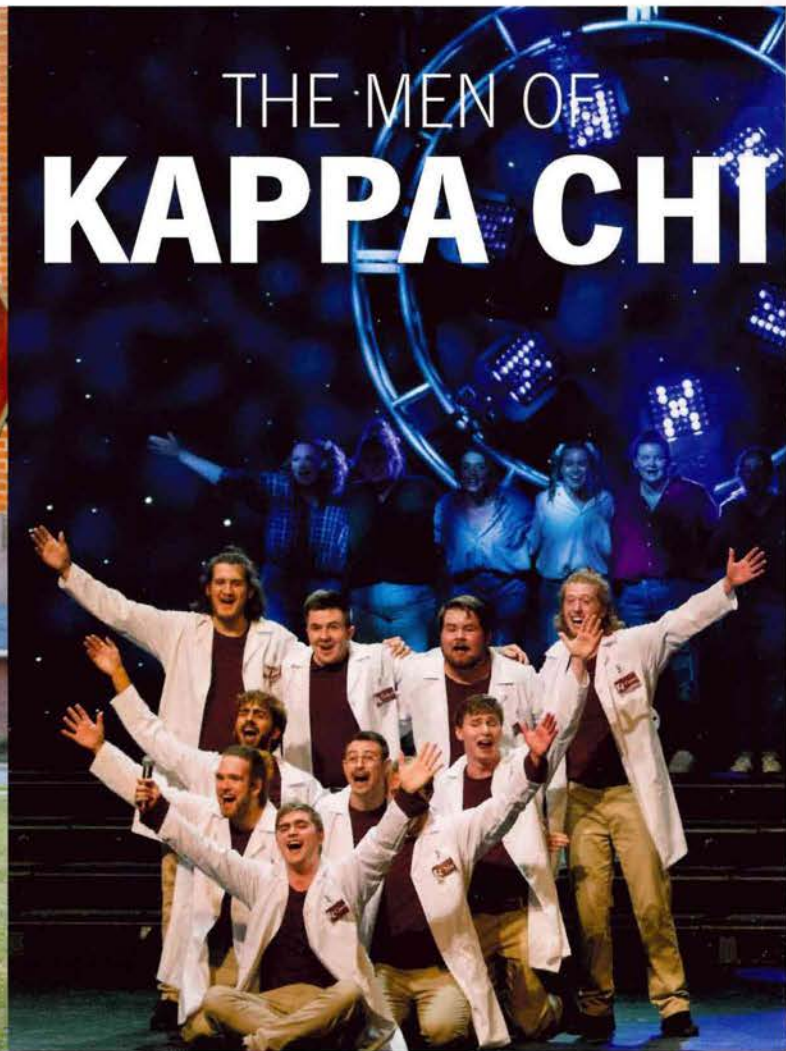
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MISS OBU 2022

Kaelin Clay

Miss Ouachita Baptist University Kaelin Clay, 19, competed for the title of Miss Arkansas 2022 from June 11-18 during the Miss Arkansas Scholarship Competition at Robinson Center in Little Rock.

Clay, a sophomore communications and music industry double major from Idabel, Okla., was crowned Miss OBU during the 54rd Annual Miss Ouachita Baptist University Scholarship Pageant on Saturday, Feb. 12. Reflecting on her win, she said that when she toured Ouachita as a prospective student two years ago, "I instantly knew that by choosing this university I would choose a world of opportunities. I had no idea that this choice would lead to me representing Ouachita on the Miss Arkansas stage."

"From the time I was a little girl," she added, "I knew I wanted to be Miss America. Representing the school that has given me treasured connections and representing the beautiful Natural State is, what I believe, the perfect path to reaching my dreams. I'm so grateful for Ouachita and the community for pouring into this journey. I wouldn't have it any other way!"

Sponsored in the Miss OBU competition by Ouachita Singers, Clay performed a vocal arrangement of the aria "Glitter and Be Gay" from the operetta *Candide*—a presentation she will repeat in the talent portion of the Miss Arkansas competition. Participating at the statewide level will give Clay a larger platform to advocate for her social impact initiative, "The Confidence Blueprint." She developed the four-part approach to building self-esteem based on her own experience enduring bullying as a young teenager.

When asked during the Miss OBU pageant how she could best share encouragement around building self-confidence, Clay replied, "I experienced in eighth grade being the girl who sat alone at lunch, who wanted to go to the bathroom and cry during the day because of how the words of my classmates impacted me. By sharing my story, I can let everyone know we share common ground and that it is okay if you're lacking confidence, because there is a possibility to build up that confidence. That is the most impactful way I can encourage others."

During the Miss OBU competition, in addition to the title, Clay earned the academic, eveningwear and talent awards, as well as the Alpha Eveningwear, Alpha On-Stage Question/SII and Alpha Talent awards. She tied for the photogenic award with third runner-up Kensley Flynn, who was sponsored by Chi Mu women's social club.

Other award-winning Miss OBU contestants included first runner-up Haley Shourd, sponsored by the Concert Choir; second runner-up Jillian Covington, 19, a sophomore communications & media major from Alexandria, La., sponsored by Student Senate; Miss Congeniality and non-finalist talent award winner Cloe Humphry, 21, a 2022 worship arts graduate from Benton, Ark., sponsored by Ouachita Worship; and Kylie Carpenter, 19, a sophomore biology and pre-medicine double major from Benton, Ark., winner of the Miss OBU Dreamer Award. Carpenter was also sponsored by Student Senate.

Sisters Jill Parsons and Juli Parsons, juniors from Celina, Texas, tied for the Spirit of Miss OBU award.

FELLEY LAWSON



photo by Levi Dade



MISS OBU Kaelin Clay performs at the pageant in JPAC. Clay's talent was opera singing.
photo by Levi Dade



Izzy Baughn

TITLE: Miss Northeast Arkansas
PLATFORM: Start Small, Lead Big
TALENT: Vocal
HOMETOWN: Jonesboro, AR
MAJOR: Political Science and
 Communications & Media



Kensley Flynn

TITLE: Miss Central Arkansas
PLATFORM: Read to Succeed
TALENT: Vocal
HOMETOWN: Cabot, AR
MAJOR: Chemistry and Pre-Medicine



Haley Shourd

TITLE: Miss South Arkansas
PLATFORM: Champions for
 Childhood Cancer Awareness
TALENT: Vocal
HOMETOWN: Conway, AR
MAJOR: Communications & Media



Melody Stotts

TITLE: Miss Diamond Lakes
PLATFORM: Pursuing Patriotism
TALENT: Vocal
HOMETOWN: Texarkana, AR
MAJOR: Middle School Education



Emilee Webb

TITLE: Miss Greater Hot Springs
PLATFORM: Foster the Future
TALENT: Tap Dance
HOMETOWN: Poyen, AR
MAJOR: English and Political Science

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 MISS ARKANSAS
 CONTESTANTS

A glimpse INTO

TALIBAN FORCES ENTER AFGHANISTAN CAPITAL AND TAKE CONTROL

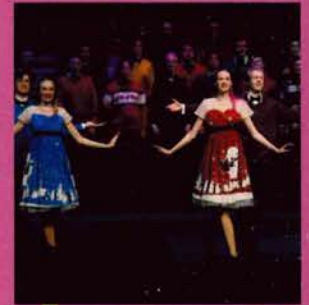


AUGUST
OUACHITA WELCOMED NEW STUDENTS AND CELEBRATED WITH AN ALL-CAMPUS LAWN PARTY TO KICK OFF THE START OF THE SEMESTER

NOVEMBER
STUDENTS GATHERED FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS AND TRAINED FOR BATTLE OF THE RAVINE WEEK



JUDGE RULES TO END BRITNEY SPEARS 14 YEAR CONSERVATORSHIP



OCTOBER
HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES FILLED STUDENTS SCHEDULES WHILE THEY WORKED HARD TO KEEP UP WITH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



FACEBOOK AND ITS APPS EXPERIENCE A GLOBAL OUTAGE FOR SIX HOURS

SEPTEMBER
STUDENTS BEGAN TIGER TUNES PRACTICES, ATTENDED SPORTS EVENTS AND PREPARED TO ENTER THE COMMUNITY FOR TIGER SERVE DAY



SPACEX LAUNCHES THE FIRST ALL-CIVILIAN SPACEFLIGHT FOR A THREE DAY ORBIT AROUND EARTH

US COVID-19 DEATH TOLL SURPASSES 2020 TOTAL OF OVER 800,000 DEATHS



DECEMBER
STUDENTS PREPARED FOR FINALS WHILE ATTENDING CAMPUS WIDE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

... 2021-2022

"THE POWER OF THE DOG" WINS BEST FILM DRAMA AND "WESTSIDE STORY" WINS BEST FILM MUSICAL OR COMEDY AT THE 79TH GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

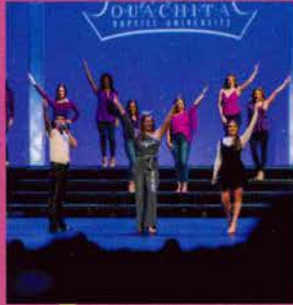


JANUARY
OUACHITA BEGINS CONSTRUCTION ON NEW APARTMENTS AS STUDENTS RETURN FOR A NEW SEMESTER

APRIL
THEATER STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE SPRING PRODUCTION OF GODSPELL AND THE TATUM CORNER APARTMENTS ARE DEDICATED



TWITTER SELLS TO EON MUSK



MARCH
STUDENTS ENJOY THE OUTDOORS AS THE WATCH SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL GAMES IN BETWEEN STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES



RUSSIA SENDS AIRSTRIKES ON UKRAINIAN CITY HITTING A HOSPITAL

XXIV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES OPEN IN BEIJING CHINA



FEBRUARY
THE MISS OBU COMPETITION RETURNED TO JPAC STAGE AND STUDENTS FLOODED THE COURTS AS INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL REAPPEARED

MAY
STUDENTS PREPARE FOR GRADUATION WHILE THE MEN'S TENNIS TEAM PREPARES FOR NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



US SUPREME COURT DRAFT SUGGESTING ROE V. WADE OVERTURN IS LEAKED

retirees

SHEILA BARNES
3 years of service

DENNIS BRASHIER
22 years of service

KAREN CLARK
21 years of service

LARRY DYESS
22 years of service

SHARON GATTIS
25 years of service

DEL HANCOCK
21 years of service

JOHN HARDMAN
33 years of service

JON SECREST
28 years of service

GLENDA SECREST
27 years of service

AMY SONHEIM
29 years of service

DOUG SONHEIM
30 years of service

ALTON (SAM) WALTON
38 years of service

MARSHA WHALEN
21 years of service

academic awards



Sam Youmans



Kayla Whittington



Cora Saddler

Outstanding Senior Man//Sam Youmans

Outstanding Senior Woman//Kayla Whittington

Overall Academic Achiever//Cora Saddler

Academic Achievers

Hickingbotham School of Business//Keith Matthews

Pruet School of Christian Studies//Jael Winterholter

Huckabee School of Education//Grace Loftin

School of Fine Arts//Sam Youmans

School of Humanities//Cora Saddler

Patterson School of Natural Sciences//Sebastian Bustillo

Sutton School of Social Sciences//Josie Collins

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Sophomore//Isabella Bejarano

Junior//Maria Urbina

Mrs. J. R. Grant Endowed Awards

Freshman//Georgia Richards

Senior//MacKenzie Hall

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All students, faculty and staff receive a copy of the yearbook at no additional cost.

OUACHITONIAN EDITORS

Gracen Goudy and Anna Roussel

DR. ROOT - I knew I had signed up for this position senior year of high school when I toured Ouachita and you claimed me for your publications. But what I did not know is that I had also signed up for a friendship with one of the best professors at Ouachita. You have played a massive role in why my time at Ouachita is so special to me. As an adviser, you patiently did my schedule for me when I was a lost freshman who was confused on where to go next. As a professor, you got to know your students personally while teaching them to perform to their fullest and to always refer to their AP Style book. As a Women of EEE sponsor, you reminded me to make decisions and lead in a way that reflects and honors the deep legacy and tradition. As an adviser to the yearbook, you coached, critiqued, and cheered Anna and I on. And as a friend, you listened to Anna and I's complaints, worries, and stresses and offered support, advice, and encouragement. Professors like you make Ouachita "Like No Other", and I am better because of it. Thank you for everything and all your help making this book!

NATASHA - How neat it has been to work with you all through high school and go to college just to get to work with you again! Thank you for answering all of our questions, keeping us on track, and keeping us stocked up with goodies. Anna and I are grateful for you!

TO OUR STAFF - Thank you, thank you, thank you!! This book would not be what it is without all your hard work! Thank you for being so eager to write stories, give us ideas, and always being a helping hand. I will miss Monday's at 3:30 and hanging with our fun all girls staff :) Thank you specifically to our Section Editors, Caroline Johnson, Hanna Williams, Addie Woods, Kathryn Totty, and to Haylee Cannon for being Copy Editor! I hope everyone can see the hard work and time you each put into of your pages. You should be proud!

ABBY AND LEVI - Wow, Anna and I were blessed with the best photographers ever to work with. Everyone will be blown away by your work as they flip through this book! Thank you for being patient and flexible with us unorganized yearbook editors who remembered things last minute at times. I am so excited to continue to gawk in awe at your photos for years to come. You guys are so talented, and I couldn't have pick two better people to make this book with! Thank you!

ANNA - Ohhh, Anna. What a journey it has been. I wish everyone could have seen us fall semester running around the newsroom like chickens with their heads cut off because we had millions of other things going on, but somehow we got it together just in time. I am so thankful I was able to make this book with you as a Co-Editor. You are so talented, a great leader, and such an encouragement to so many around you. I cannot wait to cheer you on as you take on Little Rock! You have been such a great friend to have all four years of college. I will cherish our time together in the newsroom forever! Thank you for being the absolute best!

Gracen

DR. ROOT - I still remember sitting in my high school yearbook room sending an email to say I wanted to join the Ouachitonian staff. Over the past four years, you have patiently walked beside me as my advisor in classes and yearbook, but also in life. Thank you for always having an open door to walk through whether I had exciting news or needed a shoulder to cry on. Your guidance has undoubtedly helped make me the person I am today, and I am so thankful for your friendship and mentorship. I am not sure what I will do without you next year, but I know I will carry the lessons you taught me into every season of my life.

NATASHA - You have supported this scatter-brained editor for eight years now, and for that I am forever grateful! Thank you for supporting my ideas, critiquing when necessary, and for offering your help and support whenever needed. Gracen and I have been so blessed by your encouragement!

ABBY AND LEVI - This book would not be what it is without the two of you. You have captured our sweet Ouachita in the most beautiful way, and it is mine and Gracen's honor to simply display all of your hard work. Thank you for your dedication to making sure our book succeeds and for supporting us always. I cannot express my gratitude enough!

TO OUR STAFF - Talk about girl power! While we may not be experts in sports, I am confident that we accurately and intentionally recorded every piece of Ouachita's history this year. Thank you for your grace and patience as Gracen and I navigated this year. Your stories will be ones I pour over time and time again, long after we leave this campus. You are all so dear to me!

TO MY SWEET FRIENDS - Thank you for supporting me when I was weary of creating spreads or had spent too many hours in front of my computer. Your visits to the newsroom to just say hi made my days brighter, and your excitement to see the book Gracen and I created helped me to push through on the long days. I am so thankful to have captured our Ouachita story!

GRACEN - Where do I begin? Our walks from Francie to sit in meetings with Addy Goodman freshman year turned into creating our own book more quickly than I ever expected. I am so thankful our time at Ouachita has been so closely tied to each other, and I could not dream of editing this book without you. Your kindness, excitement, and talent are unmatched and I cannot wait to cheer you on in this next season of life! You are one of a kind and the best of the best.

TO MY OUACHITA - Thank you for the honor of letting us tell this chapter of your story. There is not enough room to adequately thank every person who made this book possible or express my love for this school, but I hope this work serves as my love letter to you. I owe so much of who I am today to the queen of the college world, and hope each person who opens this book can see why Ouachita is truly "Like No Other."

Anna



PHOTO LAB EDITORS

Abby Blankenship and Levi Dade

DR. JONES - Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be on the photo lab's work study staff my freshman and sophomore years and for all your support as co-editor! You've been a big encouragement to me, Abby, and the entire photo lab staff. The photo lab would not be the same without you!

PHOTO LAB WORK STUDY AND PRACTICUM - You all are AMAZING and hard workers. Abby and I could not have done this without each and every one of you. Even when work study had all their hours completed and practicum had their events done, you still decided to keep covering events and helping us when we needed it. Thank you for going above and beyond what we asked so that every event could be covered. We appreciate you!

ANNA AND GRACEN - You two have done an amazing job with putting this yearbook together. I couldn't have asked for two better people to work with to help make this happen! This yearbook will definitely be one of a kind with you two putting it together! I can't wait to see where you both go from here!

ABBY - Thank you so much for being the best co-editor I could have asked for. You helped me in so many ways to adapt to this role, and you encouraged me and were always real with me. When I didn't feel fit for this position at times, your words of encouragement and affirmation always helped me push through that. I seriously couldn't have figured out what all goes into this position without you, so THANK YOU. Because of you, I feel prepared and ready for my senior year as co-editor. Thank you for making photo lab such a fun environment to work in! Above all else, thank you for being the friend and person that you are. Feel free to stop by the photo lab any time you're around!

SARAH - You are an amazing photographer, and I know you'll be an awesome co-editor as well! I can't wait to work alongside you this year and see what all we accomplish together (with the help of the photo lab staff of course)!

Levi

MOM AND DAD - My biggest supporters and encouragers these past two years as an editor. If it wasn't for you two, I wouldn't have a camera in my hand and would not be where I am today. Thank you so much for sending me to Ouachita! I love you dearly!

ALEX - To the best Ouachita editor in the history of editors, the person who I have looked up to ever since I started taking photos in high school, and best brother - I am so thankful for you. I am so grateful for the one year at Ouachita we had together, and one semester spent in the Photo Lab working for you. You are the reason why I wanted to be an editor one day and here we are two years later! I am proud to have followed in your almost exact footsteps while at Ouachita and wouldn't want it any other way. Thank you for being my person to call when I had a computer problem in the Photo Lab and for always being willing to let me borrow a lens. I couldn't have done these past two years without you!

PHOTO LAB WORK STUDY AND PRACTICUM - A huge thank you to the people I could not have done this job without - I appreciate you more than you know. I loved having the opportunity to watch many of you grow to love photography and grow in confidence of shooting events makes me teary eyed. I hope many of you come back to the Photo Lab these next few years and continue to challenge yourself, grow in your abilities, and make friends that will last a lifetime. I am so proud of all of you, and I am always a phone call away if you ever need anything!

SARA, GRACEN, AND ANNA - I am so proud of you three and the work you have accomplished for the Ouachitonian and The Signal. All your hard work and hours spent in the newsroom do not go unnoticed. Each of your publications are something Ouachita holds dear and give the rest of us something to look back on in the years to come. I can't imagine doing this past year without you three and I can't wait to see all the amazing things you are going to do!

LEVI - What a year of documenting Ouachita history it has been! I am so thankful we had to opportunity to be editors together as I learned so much from you! You are going to do a wonderful job next year leading, teaching, and growing even more in photography. I know the Photo Lab staff is in great hands with you and Sarah leading and I couldn't be more proud!

SARAH - I am beyond excited that you are going to be an editor in the Photo Lab! You are a hard worker, always willing to help others, and have grown so much since your first semester. I am proud of you and can't wait to see you lead alongside Levi! You are going to do amazing, and I can't wait to see all the photos you take.

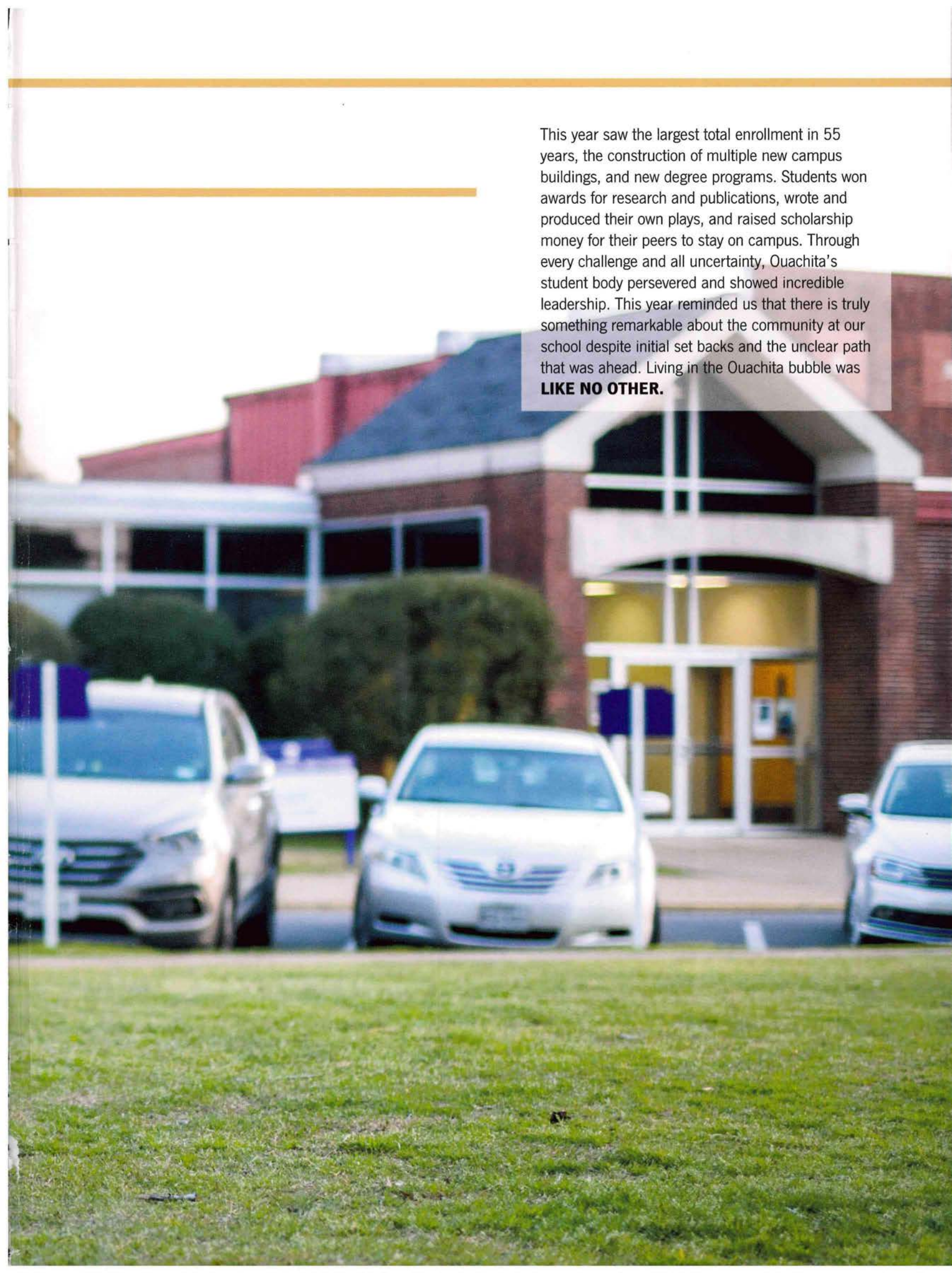
DR. JONES - You have been so kind and encouraging throughout my time at Ouachita and I am so thankful for you! I can't count how many times I have come into your office with tears streaming down my face, a fun story to tell, or just happy news to share - you were always willing to stop and talk. Thank you for investing into me and making my time at Ouachita and as an editor the best it could be!

Abby





photo by Levi Dade



This year saw the largest total enrollment in 55 years, the construction of multiple new campus buildings, and new degree programs. Students won awards for research and publications, wrote and produced their own plays, and raised scholarship money for their peers to stay on campus. Through every challenge and all uncertainty, Ouachita's student body persevered and showed incredible leadership. This year reminded us that there is truly something remarkable about the community at our school despite initial set backs and the unclear path that was ahead. Living in the Ouachita bubble was **LIKE NO OTHER.**



TIGER TRAKS

participants create a human pyramid. This was one of the events in the mud relay race.

photo by Abby Blankenship

THE OUACHITA DIFFERENCE

