

## people

Taking on a new business was an adventure for senior Luke Hollingsworth and junior Hunter Burroughs. Spending a summer in Africa was an adventure for sophomore Abigail Clark. Leaving home overseas to come to Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was a challenge for freshman Sammy Lange.

These students and others found different ways to be outstanding. Whether it was academic excellence or personal achievements, students stayed in motion. *photo*

*by B. Baxter*





Billy Adams • *Sherwood*  
 Stephanie Anderson • *Van Buren*  
 Daniel Ang • *Singapore*  
 Alan Bagley • *Lexa*  
 Bryan Bailey • *Plano, TX*



Joshua Baird • *Benton*  
 Aaron Baker • *Wynne*  
 Hollie Baker • *Texarkana*  
 Richard Ball • *Greenbriar*  
 John Barnum • *Higden*



Kammie Bass • *Independence, MO*  
 Jill Bates • *Little Rock*  
 Jamie Bauman • *Athens, TX*  
 Ben Baxter • *Alton, IL*  
 Grant Bennett • *Hot Springs*



Adam Benton • *Conway*  
 John Berry • *Houston, TX*  
 Jeremy Bishop • *Abbeville, AL*  
 Michael Bleecker • *Tucson, AZ*  
 Rachel Bohlen • *Rubio, Venezuela*



Jason Boley • *Chicago, IL*  
 Stacey Bowers • *Benton*  
 Christina Boydston • *Sachse, TX*  
 Begina Brawner • *Jonesboro*  
 Kevin Brown • *Loveland, CO*



Autumne Brunson • *Winnsboro, TX*  
 Carol Buck • *Sherwood*  
 Amy Bull • *Conway*  
 Rachel Burgess • *Arlington, TX*  
 Susan Burkhead • *Hot Springs*



Brandi Burnsworth • *Malvern*  
 Leah Bushey • *Little Rock*  
 Ben Butler • *Azle, TX*  
 Rusty Byrd • *Woodlawn*  
 Lori Cain • *Branson, MO*



Ben Cantrell • *Ada, OK*  
 Kathryn Cantrell • *Winnsboro, LA*  
 Melanie Ross Carlton • *Texarkana*  
 Brandon Carter • *Fort Smith*  
 Erin Carter • *Arkadelphia*





## alan bagley

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



## kammie bass

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



## ben baxter

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



## amy bull

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



## susan burkhead

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

WOW'S WHO

J.T. Carter•Arkadelphia  
 Julie Carter•North Little Rock  
 Sean Cathey•Alvarado, TX  
 Jennifer Clement•Shreveport, LA  
 Stephen Coker•Harrison



Brian Collier•Tyler, TX  
 Doug Connell•DeSoto, TX  
 Jessica Connell•Midlothian, TX  
 Amber Conrad•Pine Bluff  
 Jeremy Conrad•Orman, KY



Toni Cook•Garland, TX  
 Matthew Costner•Fort Smith  
 Tiffany Criswell•Garland, TX  
 Jennifer Croft•Little Rock  
 Karen Cunningham•Richardson, TX



JoAnna Cutler•Brookhaven, MS  
 Natalie Danna•Red Oak, TX  
 Clayton Danner•Arkadelphia  
 Molly Darden•El Dorado  
 Jennifer Davis•Austin, TX



Phillip Davis•Camden  
 Wesley Davis•Wynne  
 Rachel Deckelman•Olive Branch, MS  
 Deanna Denham•Searcy  
 Paul Denton•Tyler, TX



Courtney Dickens•Garland, TX  
 Rick Dildine•Wynne  
 Melinda Dill•Weimar, Germany  
 Donny Dixon•Knoxville, TN  
 Matthew Doom•Hazen



Hunter Douglas•Little Rock  
 Bakery Doumbouya•Cote d'Ivoire  
 Lauren Eagle•North Little Rock  
 Scott Edge•Paron  
 Jennifer Elliff•Little Rock



Rachel Elliff•Beaumont, TX  
 Rebecca Elliff•Little Rock  
 Joel Fankhauser•Shreveport, LA  
 Daniela Fernandez•Mexico  
 Kimberly Fisher•Sheridan





## dayle cosh

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



## clayton danner

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



## courtney dickens

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



## rick dildine

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



## lauren eagle

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



who's who

Jeff Flowers•Dallas, TX  
 Leah Floyd•Houston, TX  
 John Fogleman•Marion  
 Mary Frank•St. Louis, MO  
 Justin Franz•Thayer, MO



Laura Fraser•Maumelle  
 Chris Frensley•Lexa  
 Lana Frensley•Lexa  
 Darryl Friend•Bulwayo, Zimbabwe  
 Norman Frisby•Sheridan



Stephen Fulton•Fayetteville  
 Amy Gaden•Covington, LA  
 Brent Gambill•Paragould  
 Laura Gannaway•Magnolia  
 Jeni Gannon•Garland, TX



Ibrahim Garba•Potiskum, Nigeria  
 Christy Gaskill•North Little Rock  
 Michelle Gates•Kilgore, TX  
 Greg Gladden•Benton  
 Clay Glasgow•El Dorado



Ronald Glass•Ashdown  
 Andria Gleghorn•El Dorado  
 Christy Gobar•Garland, TX  
 Emily Goode•Farmington, MO  
 Scarlett Grady•Dierks



Erin Greer•Star City  
 Robert Griffith•Biloxi, MS  
 Cory Gustke•Cabot  
 Bethany Hadaway•Brazil  
 Julie Hall•El Dorado



Justin Hall•Booneville  
 Meredith Ham•Texarkana  
 Emily Harness•Rogers  
 Eric Harrison•Camden  
 Melanie Hayes•Oak Grove, LA



Ryan Hayward•Dover  
 Garrett Heifrin•Red Oak, TX  
 Steven Helfrich•Godfrey, IL  
 Marla Hemingway•Keller, TX  
 Molly Higginbottom•Cave City





## jeff flowers

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



## justin franz

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



## amy gaden

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



## brent gambill

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



## laura gannaway

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

WOW'S WHO'S



Emily Hinton • *Sherwood*  
 Luke Hollingsworth • *Jonesboro*  
 Aaron Hood • *Bogota, Colombia*  
 Amanda Horton • *Burleson, TX*  
 Jonathan Huber • *Shreveport, LA*



Matthew Hudson • *Lewisville, TX*  
 Thomas Lynn Hudspeth • *Hurst, TX*  
 Mollie Huffstuttler • *Colt*  
 Stephen Humbard • *Hot Springs*  
 Faith Hunter • *Little Rock*



Megan Inman • *Cabot*  
 Peggy Itschner • *Corpus Christi, TX*  
 David Jackson • *Sheridan*  
 Katie Jackson • *Searcy*  
 Rebekah Jacobson • *Phoenix, AZ*



Megan Jantz • *Derby, KS*  
 Brandon Jeffus • *Fort Smith*  
 Brandi Johnston • *Arnold, MO*  
 Elizabeth Jones • *North Little Rock*  
 Sammy Karuri • *Nairobi, Kenya*



Allison Kemmer • *Brinkley*  
 Rachel Kibbe • *Huntsville, TX*  
 Kathryn Kirkpatrick • *Little Rock*  
 Elizabeth Knesek • *Van Buren*  
 Kristy Knowlton • *DeWitt*



Adam Koelling • *Tyler, TX*  
 Kelly Krueger • *Double Oak, TX*  
 Tracy Krueger • *Double Oak, TX*  
 Robyn Kuntz • *Arkadelphia*  
 Susi Kurth • *Germany*



Kyle Lane • *Paragould*  
 Mark Langley • *Springdale*  
 Courtney Lawson • *Richland Hills, TX*  
 Aaron LeMay • *Camden*  
 Rachel LeMay • *Searcy*



Kyara Lewis • *Hot Springs*  
 Steve Lewis • *Blytheville*  
 Lynn Libbey • *Arlington, TX*  
 Courtney Lipscomb • *Fort Smith*  
 Nathan Livers • *Benton*





## allisonkemmer

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



## garthlombard

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



## michaelmedlin

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



## joshuamoore

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



## adamnorwood

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

who's who

Anna Lloyd • Fayetteville  
 Garth Lombard • South Africa  
 Jesse Lopez • Aleutian Islands  
 Mary Lowery • Vandervort  
 Michael Lusk • Plano, TX



Erika McCain • New London, MN  
 Cristen McClure • Texarkana  
 Jon McClure • Texarkana  
 Amy McCormick • McCrory  
 Greg McDonald • Beebe



Kristin McDonald • Beebe  
 Kristen McKelvey • Oswego, IL  
 Lori McLaughlin • Magnolia  
 Emily Maifield • Eaton, CO  
 Jason Manuel • El Paso, TX



Torin Marracio • Lewisville  
 Noelle Mason • Dallas, TX  
 Amanda Matthews • Star City  
 Josh Mayfield • Quincy, IL  
 Michael Medlin • Cabot



Chad Melton • Garland, TX  
 Kevin Mergel • Farmington, MO  
 Sean Michel • Bryant  
 Jason Middlebrooks • Searcy  
 Gary Miller • Texarkana, TX



Jackie Miller • Keiser  
 Ray Miller • Texarkana, TX  
 Seth Miller • Ozark  
 Brian Mills • Hot Springs  
 Shelly Montalbano • Heber Springs



Bonnie Montgomery • Searcy  
 Collier Moore • White Hall  
 Janet Moore • Shreveport, LA  
 Andrew Morgan • Zimbabwe  
 Laura Moshinskie • Hot Springs



Jay Newman • Monticello  
 Brecon Nichols • Burlison, TX  
 Adam Norwood • Port Orchard, WA  
 Ashley Parker • Malvern  
 Erin Parker • North Little Rock





## benjamin peacock

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



## jane schaffner

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



## jamie scheppmann

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



## heather shupe

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



## stephanie sisson

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

who's who

Danielle Patricio • *Costa Rica*  
 Benjamin Peacock • *Searcy*  
 Andy Peeks • *Hope*  
 Lina Pereira • *Bogota, Colombia*  
 Amanda Perkins • *Wake Village, TX*



Rick Phillips • *Corinth, TX*  
 Angela Pickens • *Batesville*  
 Wendy Porter • *Bartlett, TN*  
 Hannah Pratt • *Camden*  
 Kelly Propes • *Allen, TX*



Natalie Putnam • *Colorado Springs, CO*  
 Nicole Rainey • *Batesville*  
 Joshua Ransom • *White Oak, TX*  
 Jared Ray • *Victoria, Australia*  
 Justin Ray • *Ennis, TX*



Amanda Richardson • *Benton*  
 Staci Robertson • *Bryant*  
 Travis Robertson • *Forney, TX*  
 Meredith Rose • *Atoka, TN*  
 David Roshto • *Tuscaloosa, AL*



Penny Rushing • *Collierville, TN*  
 Samira Sagidova • *Uzbekistan*  
 Jane Schaffner • *Camden*  
 Josh Shaw • *Laurel, MT*  
 Jennifer Shepherd • *Tyler, TX*



Heather Shupe • *North Little Rock*  
 Amanda Silvernail • *Krum, TX*  
 Lisa Simonfalvi • *DeSoto, TX*  
 Stephanie Sisson • *Arkadelphia*  
 Holly Smith • *Springdale*



Krista Smith • *Lisbon, Portugal*  
 Meredith Smith • *Gurdon*  
 John Spencer • *Salem, MO*  
 Sarah Spencer • *Kingwood, TX*  
 Ashley Stacy • *Jacksonville*



David Stanley • *Warren*  
 Erin Statham • *Bossier City, LA*  
 Laura Steed • *Springfield, VA*  
 Jared Stowell • *Shreveport, LA*  
 Seth Stowell • *Shreveport, LA*





## johnspencer

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



## juliespencer

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



## davidstanley

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



## signevang

a business marketing major, was a member of Ouachita Student Foundation, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Business Advisory Board, WOW leader, and Servant Leadership Training participant. She was named to the president's list and the national dean's list. She enjoyed traveling, music, swimming, movies, and learning about other cultures.



## wilmerwade

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

who's who

Bridget Stroope•*Hot Springs*  
 Anna Stuckey•*Van Buren*  
 Katie Steuart•*Nashville*  
 Ashley Sutherland•*North Little Rock*  
 Emily Tapson•*Cabot*



Tiffany Thomas•*Texarkana*  
 Brooke Thompson•*Cabot*  
 Jeffrey Tjahjadi•*Indonesia*  
 Michael Toller•*Springfield, IL*  
 Sato Toyohara•*Tokyo, Japan*



Ben Utter•*Hot Springs Village*  
 Signe Vang•*Denmark*  
 Steven Vuong•*Fort Smith*  
 Andria Ward•*Longview, TX*  
 Kim Ward•*El Dorado*



Emily Watts•*Arkadelphia*  
 Nathan Wagon•*Cabot*  
 Mary Anne Weis•*Magnolia*  
 Becca Weynand•*Garland, TX*  
 Daryl White•*Houston, TX*



Trina White•*Fort Smith*  
 Lisa Wiley•*Bismarck*  
 Jami Williams•*Waskom, TX*  
 Amber Wilson•*Pine Bluff*  
 Lori Wilson•*Malvern*



Rachel Winston•*Sheridan*  
 James Worrell•*North Little Rock*  
 Jodi Wozniak•*Fayetteville, GA*  
 Laura York•*Corner, AL*





## nathan wagnon

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



## kim ward

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



## emily watts

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



## amber wilson

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



## rachel winston

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



## jodi wozniak

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

who's who



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



Mason Atkinson•*Searcy*  
 Barrett Baber•*Marion*  
 Whitney Bailey•*Little Rock*  
 Chris Bass•*Knoxville, TN*  
 Christy Bell•*Russellville*



Jeni Bell•*Orlando, FL*  
 T.J. Bingham•*Houston, TX*  
 Natalia Bordacheua•*Kazakhstan*  
 Stephen Boutwell•*Shreveport, LA*  
 Julie Bowen•*Bella Vista*



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



Todd Bunch•*Texarkana, TX*  
 Jessi Burkey•*Coeur'd Alene, ID*  
 Hunter Burroughs•*Hot Springs*  
 Cherisa Calaway•*Whitehouse, TX*  
 Christa Campbell•*Kaufman, TX*





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

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# amber WILSON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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





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

“It is amazing to see what God can do, even through the barriers of communication. I was able to share the love of God to others.”

# kim WARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



Emily Gray•Gurdon  
 Guy Green•El Dorado  
 Sarah Green•Camden  
 Teresa Grinage•Carrollton, TX  
 Cindy Gwekwerere•Zimbabwe



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“We just decided  
it would be a  
good  
investment.  
There’s a lot of  
potential for it  
to grow in this  
town.”

~Hunter  
Burroughs

# hunter burroughs & luke HOLLINGSWORTH

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



Tristan Harry•St. Cloud, MN  
 Rebekah Hart•Mesquite, TX  
 Sarah Hart•Mesquite, TX  
 Joel Harting•Leola, PA  
 Rachel Hawkins•Garland, TX



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



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



Ryan Jones•Fordyce  
 Julie Jordan•Tyler, TX  
 Karen Kallaher•Memphis, TN  
 Mashiro Kawasaki•Japan  
 Kim Kern•Little Rock



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



*“ Learning to fly has been an experience I will never forget. It’s an amazing opportunity that not everyone has the chance to grasp, and if I had to do all over again, I would in a second. ”*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# allison KEMMER



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



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



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



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



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



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



“She was always happy even when she was hurting, and had the most positive outlook on her life.”

~Emily Goode

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# charlee MORRISON

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



Sam Myrick•Benton, LA  
 David Nelson•Russellville  
 Elitza Neytcheua•Bulgaria  
 Laura Norris•McGehee  
 Jeremy Nottingham•Waco, TX



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



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



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



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



*“It was really easy to see improvements, so I always wanted to go back and beat a route that I couldn’t get last time.”*

# darren HULL

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

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

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

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

Drew Rogers•*Magnolia*  
 Misty Rosinbaum•*Benton*  
 Alyssa Ross•*Plano, TX*  
 Blaine Sanders•*Pagosa Springs, CO*  
 Sarah Schmidt•*Arlington, TX*



Heidi Schneider•*Fort Smith*  
 Carrie Schweer•*Little Rock*  
 Vanessa Seals•*Heber Springs*  
 Heath Shearon•*Maumelle*  
 Levi Simpson•*Cave Springs*



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



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



Misty Stills•*Judsonia*  
 Michael Stines•*Phoenix, AZ*  
 Sarah Stockdale•*Conway*  
 Quincee Strickland•*Branson, MO*  
 Leah Stroope•*Camden*



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



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

# john BERRY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rachael Sykes•Nashville, TN  
 Ai Takiguchi•Japan  
 Carrie Talbert•Benton  
 James Tatum•Frost, TX  
 Kristen Thomson•Ashdown  
 Tanna Thornton•Grand Prairie, TX



Jenny Tidball•Little Rock  
 Mike Tihonchik•Latvia  
 Javan Townsend•Abilene, TX  
 Melissa Tuckfield•Russellville  
 Cale Turner•Arkadelphia  
 Brandy Ussery•Marmaduke



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



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



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



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



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



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# **laura NORRIS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

*story by Kristen McKelvey*



Junior Jeremy Nottingham surrounds himself with elementary school children. In Namibia, Nottingham ministered to all ages. *photo courtesy of J. Nottingham*



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

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

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

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

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

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

“A door has finally been opened that was closed until the OBU team came to Namibia.”

# jeremy NOTTINGHAM



Amanda Adams•Farmington  
 Bryant Adams•DeWitt  
 Mandee Akin•Minden, TX  
 Heather Alexander•Norman, OK  
 Jacynnda Ammons•Bismarck



Krista Anderson•Rowlett, TX  
 LeAnn Arnold•Flower Mound, TX  
 Kelly Bain•Texarkana, TX  
 Angela Balch•Camden  
 Jessica Balzen•Piedmont, MO



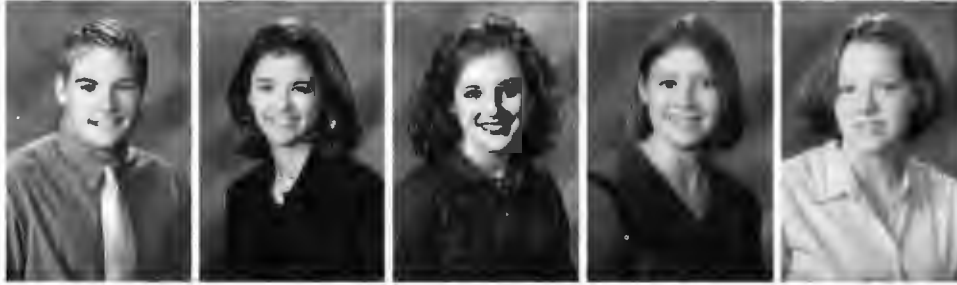
Emily Bankhead•Boise, ID  
 Joseph Barnes•Fort Smith  
 Lori Bell•North Little Rock  
 Matt Bell•Conway  
 Amanda Besco•Plano, TX



Jodi Blackwell•Pineville, LA  
 Leslie Blake•El Dorado  
 Charla Blakelock•Carrollton, TX  
 Kellie Blalock•Cabot  
 Stephanie Blocker•El Dorado



Lindsey Boeltger•Hot Springs  
 Angie Bolin•Jacksonville  
 Tamra Boucher•Irving, TX  
 Allison Boyd•Fayetteville, GA  
 Daniel Bramlett•Hope



Austin Breaux•Dallas, TX  
 Caryn Bridges•Richardson, TX  
 Sara Bridges•Arkadelphia  
 Stephanie Brogdon•Hot Springs  
 Sarah Brown•Picayune, MS



Jennifer Bruce•Sherwood  
 Crystal Brumley•El Dorado  
 Julie Burrow•Paragould  
 Mary Anne Caldwell•Wynne  
 Becca Capper•Fayetteville

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



*“There are some things I experienced that I will never forget. I learned how to deal with all different types of people. Almost everyone was thirty to forty years older than me.”*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b.j.  
KYLE



Stephen Carlisle•Little Rock  
 Stephen Chapman•North Little Rock  
 Lois Cheng•San Jose, CA  
 Abigail Clark•Germantown, TN  
 Matt Cleveland•Searcy



Caleb Coats•Green Forest  
 James Cole•Lithia Springs, GA  
 Jeff Conaway•Paragould  
 Jennifer Cook•Panama City, Panama  
 Kyle Cook•Sachse, TX



Adam Copeland•Cabot  
 Marcus Costner•Fort Smith  
 Cheryl Cowart•Arkadelphia  
 Bryan Cox•Hope  
 Erin Craig•Marked Tree



Ashley Crouch•Grapevine, TX  
 Camille Crouse•Harrison  
 Becky Crow•North Little Rock  
 Holly Cuthbertson•Cedar Hill, TX  
 Alison Daniel•Coppell, TX



Rebecca Daniels•Montevideo, Uruguay  
 Anna Davis•Hamburg  
 Jill Davis•Sherwood  
 Mark Day•El Dorado  
 Christen Dean•Cabot



Anna Dereviankina•Russia  
 Ketrina Dickey•West Memphis  
 Laura Lee Dill•Weimar, Germany  
 Akramov Dilmurod•Uzbekistan  
 Keith Dixon•Greenbrier



Jennifer Donley•Green Forest  
 Lori Drake•McKinney, TX  
 Nick Eason•McKinney, TX  
 Chrystal Edwards•Little Rock  
 Matt Elkins•Rowlett, TX

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



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

# kara FLOYD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Junior Barrett Baber agreed. “Every chance that I’ve had to see her perform I’ve been really impressed and have no doubt that she is one of the most talented people on campus,” he said.

story by Kyle Proctor



Emily Fankhauser•Shreveport, LA  
Rachel Farmer•Arkadelphia  
Erin Felts•Riverside, CA  
Ashley Fincher•Searcy  
Rebekah Finfrock•Graham, TX



Natalie Flemming•Lonoke  
Laura Fletcher•Nashville  
Josh Floyd•Fayetteville  
Leslie Fodge•Rowlett, TX  
Ariane Franklin•Okinawa, Japan



Amber Franks•Greenwood  
Ryan Friedman•Jacksonville  
Michael Frisby•Sheridan  
Leslie Fulcher•Benton  
Matt Fulmer•Cabot



Cara Funderburg•Hot Springs  
Jenny Gable•Richardson, TX  
Jay Gammill•Shreveport, LA  
Angela Garcia•Hooks, TX  
Jo Kathryn Garner•Allen, TX



Casey Garrison•Lewisville, TX  
Julie Gaunt•Dominican Republic  
Haley Gill•DeRidder, LA  
Sarah Goodman•Prattsville  
Tiffany Green•Texarkana



Jamie Griffin•Naples, TX  
Alison Grooms•Bossier City, LA  
Beth Grossman•North Little Rock  
Laura Hafer•Greenville, SC  
Sarah Harger•Houston, TX



E.D. Harkey•Shreveport, LA  
Abby Harrell•Springhill, LA  
Roy Harrison•Sparkman  
Hannah Hays•Arkadelphia  
Jessica Hemingway•Keller, TX

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



*“She put everything she had into ministry. Everything that she did was ministry.”*  
~Jeremy Nottingham

# vanessa SEALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Wesley Higgins•Alexandria, LA  
Tara Hoffman•Siloam Springs  
Kim Holland•Irving, TX  
Chad Holsclaw•Arkadelphia  
James Holston•Searcy



Brooke Honnell•Flower Mound, TX  
Holly Horne•Little Rock  
Anna Hoyt•Fort Drum, NY  
James Huber•Shreveport, LA  
Brooke Hudnall•Jacksonville, TX



Hayden Huey•Highland Village, TX  
James Hulett•Baton Rouge, LA  
Aaron Hunt•Jonesboro  
Ashley Hunter•Rossville, TN  
Yuki Ishida•Yaizu, Japan



Stephanie James•Thornton  
Elizabeth Jett•Ashdown  
Sara Johnson•Benton  
Bethany Jones•Benton  
Griffin Jones•Hot Springs



Laurin Jones•Garland, TX  
Jennifer Jordan•Texarkana, TX  
Ty Jordan•Shreveport, LA  
JoAnna Judd•Rogers  
Dustin Kahler•Azle, TX



Trixie Kartiarso•Bogor, Indonesia  
Jonathan Kelley•Benton  
Erica Kimbrough•Bryant  
Courtney King•Waskom, TX  
Ryan Kirkpatrick•Plano, TX



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Krystal Knight•Cabot  
Chris Landreneau•Alexandria, LA  
Becky LePoint•Shreveport, LA  
Casey Lockett•Sulphur Springs, TX



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

jenna  
WILLIAMS



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John Lowery•El Dorado  
Sean Lowery•Sherwood  
Tara Loyd•Dumas  
Matt Lumpkin•Mulberry



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Cristin McBride•Billings, MT  
Ben McDonald•Beebe  
Chris McGee•Star City  
Jennifer McInturff•Springdale



Kristen McKay•Longview, TX  
Steven McMorran•Little Rock  
Heather Manning•DeRidder, LA  
Niki Marlar•Fordyce  
Elizabeth Mason•Lewisville, TX



April Meyer•North Little Rock  
April Mills•Madrid, Spain  
Dee Miller•Ashdown  
Brad Monk•Heber Springs  
Adam Moody•Paron



Whitney Moody•Rosebud  
Cathy Moore•Germany  
Paul Morgan•Parsonsburg, MD  
Eddie Mormon•Hugo, OK  
Sarah Moseley•Memphis, TN



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Lisa Musick•Azle, TX  
Jamie Sue Nance•Camden  
Richard Nease•Little Rock  
Jaci Newman•Monticello



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Elise O'Brien•Waco, TX  
Christina Overton•Horseshoe Bend  
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Tate Parker•Memphis, TN



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

“You assume that everyone else’s time at college is just the same as your own. It was interesting to see how their college experiences differ from ours.”

# ibrahim GARBA

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

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

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

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

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



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



“ No cars, no electricity, no roads, no taxes, no Taco Bell or Wal- Mart. I wonder how one of these people would react if taken to the states. I am truly blessed and very fortunate ”

# jason ROE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

story by Gary Miller



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 Kristin Smith•*Cabot*  
 Erik Snodgrass•*Arlington, TX*



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 Deanna Spann•*Benton*  
 Robert Spears•*Marshall, TX*  
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 Deanna Tacker•*Germantown, TN*  
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 Melanie Turner•*Tollette*  
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Junior Linda Yarbrough hangs out at Monticello Children's Home. Yarbrough participated in the Children's Home ministry. photo courtesy of L. Yarbrough



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

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

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

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

by *Laura Mouhot*

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Andrea Wilhagen•*Clinton*  
Amanda Wiley•*Van Buren*  
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Laura Witherspoon•*Mount Pleasant, TX*



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Kristi Worley•*Dierks*  
Stephanie Wright•*Texarkana, TX*  
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 Kinuko Aoyama•*Japan*  
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 Amy Beene•*El Dorado*  
 Charity Bennett•*Hot Springs*



Marvin Bentley•*Eutin, Germany*  
 Henley Bergstrom•*Camden*  
 Mark Berry•*Warren*  
 Katie Black•*Benton*  
 Crystal Bland•*Sulphur Springs, TX*



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 Julie Bradley•*El Dorado*  
 Matthew Brannan•*Prescott*



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

photo by T. Carter



“We used to plan on marrying twins and living next door to each other when we were younger.”

becky & beth

HART

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Carolyn Brickels•Russellville  
 Lauren Brown•Texarkana, TX  
 Caroline Broyles•Van Buren



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 Marie Bryant•Junction City  
 Rachel Bryant•Arkadelphia  
 Jenny Buck•Hope  
 Erin Buelow•Hope



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 Justin Burlison•Heber Springs  
 Eric Burton•Benton  
 Emily Byers•Hope  
 Jason Byrum•Highland Village, TX



Aaron Cardona•Cabot  
 Elizabeth Carlton•Singapore  
 Lindsey Choate•Mesquite, TX  
 Shayla Coker•Rowlett, TX  
 Keren Corley•Ruston, LA



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 Emily Coulter•Texarkana, TX  
 Krystal Cox•Hope  
 Michael Cox•Weatherford, OK  
 Matt Cozart•Bryant



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 Cliff Crawford•Bolivar, TN  
 Abraao Cristina•Angola  
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 Rebecca Dawson•Benton



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



“ We can't go home and forget people. We've got to remember these faces – the face of the children who were dark with oppression because they don't know Jesus. ”

jane  
**SCHAFFNER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Erin Dewbre•Kimberley, South Africa  
 Ashley Dimsdale•Mesquite, TX



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 Tim Dockery•Jackson, TN  
 Shannon Dodge•Collierville, TN  
 Cameron Dodson•Houston, TX  
 Whitney Dunaway•Springdale



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 Bradley Easley•Pea Ridge  
 Jessica Eiland•Whitehouse, TX  
 Kate Elliott•Fayetteville  
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 Jason Fanning•Denton, TX  
 Lydia Farmer•Texarkana



Lacy Fleming•Hampton  
 Liz Frazier•Maumelle  
 Elizabeth Fulton•West Fork  
 Amanda Furrey•Maumelle  
 Amy Garrett•Hope



Brandon Gattis•Gurdon  
 Danny Gentry•Mountain Home  
 Eric Godwin•Sulphur Springs, TX  
 Melissa Golden•Bowling Green, KY  
 Alison Gooding•Poquoson, VA



Nancy Goodwin•Conway  
 Neil Greenhaw•Fayetteville  
 Jana Greenwich•Florianoopolis, Brazil  
 Michelle Guehler•The Colony, TX  
 Mark Gustke•Cabot





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

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# brandon LEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jessica Guthrie•Arkadelphia  
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 Lana Hancock•Springdale  
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 Kristin Hare•Russellville  
 Holly Harris•Booneville



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 Jean-Michel Hatton•Paris, France  
 Stephanie Haynes•Sherwood  
 Arwen Hays•Cedar Hill, TX



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 Jessica Heath•Knightdale, NC  
 Cristi Heavener•Little Rock  
 Josh Hefley•Little Rock  
 Alisha Henderson•Seminole, OK



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 Nathan Howse•Conway  
 Alaina Huber•Garland, TX  
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 Kati Huryta•Omaha, NE  
 Natsuko Iida•Japan  
 Jessica Jacks•Magnolia  
 Nathan James•Bryant



Jill Johnson•Benton  
 Kyle Johnson•Richardson, TX  
 Amy Jones•Plano, TX  
 Chris Jones•Searcy  
 Jessica Jones•Little Elm, TX



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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-katja muller

susi kurth & katja

MULLER



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 Ryoichi Kamizono•Fukuoka, Japan  
 Chris Kear•Slidell, LA  
 Lindsey Keeling•Rogers  
 April Kennedy•Little Rock



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 Kevin Killingsworth•Dallas, TX  
 Alex Kittrell•Patterson  
 Austin Knott•Pine Bluff  
 Danny Knox•Little Rock



Toshika Kodama•Hamamatsu, Japan  
 Katie Kolb•Arkadelphia  
 Bethany Kyzar•West Memphis  
 Rachel Laddusaw•Plano, TX  
 Kristi Lane•Rogers



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 Karen Langguth•Pine Bluff  
 Christie Laster•Arkadelphia  
 Allison Lavender•Texarkana, TX  
 Jessica Lawson•Wylie, TX



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 Mary Lee•Gurdon  
 Jenny Lewis•Little Rock  
 Joel Libertini•Springdale  
 Stephanie Lochala•Mena



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 Molly McCaskill•Little Rock  
 Cara McCone•Booneville  
 Leah McCord•Murfreesboro  
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 Daniel McNair•Little Rock  
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Sammy Lange plans to help lead worship in Austria. As a freshman music and biblical studies major, he hopes to combine the two to do God's work.  
photo by B. Baxter



“After coming here, I know that God wants me to use what He has richly blessed me with. I want to definitely use what God has given me.”

## sammy LANGGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Neal McNutt•Booneville  
 John McWilliams•Benton  
 Brandon Martin•Eureka, IL  
 Stephen Mathews•Houston, TX  
 Angela May•Allen, TX



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Freshman  
Lauren Davidson  
participates in  
several pageants  
each year. She  
was named Miss  
Ouachita River  
2000, which took  
her to the Miss  
Arkansas  
pageant. *photo  
courtesy of L.  
Davidson*



Lauren Davidson, a freshman biology major, enjoyed spending her time competing in pageants. Davidson started participating in pageants when she was a child. She entered a couple then, and when she was old enough, she entered a couple in her area teen system for pure fun. "It was not until I was older that I became serious about pageants," she said.

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

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

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

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

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

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# lauren DAVIDSON

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Kyle Pickens•Arlington, TX  
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 Vinita Rajah•Calcutta, India  
 Clint Recktenwald•Mountain Home



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 Trisha Reid•Jessieville  
 Tim Remington•Maumelle  
 Nicholas Riddle•Ashdown  
 Katie Roberson•Heber Springs



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 Julie Sandlin•Sachse, TX  
 Ashot Sarkisov•Uzbekistan  
 Chris Satterwhite•Carrollton, TX



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 Andrea Signaigo•Little Rock  
 Jake Simmons•Bryant



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



“ I honestly didn't think I was going to get it. I applied to simply get my name out.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# kim KERN

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 Karessa Smith•*Garland, TX*  
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Fazil Sultanov•*Uzbekistan*  
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 Kristen Teague•*Prescott*  
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 Cindy Virden•*Clarksville*  
 Jennifer Wagner•*Rogers*



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



“*I have found that I write some of my best music when emotional events happen in my life.*”

## barrett BABER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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 Hylan Winkle•Winnsboro, TX  
 Andrea Witherow•Sheridan  
 Kelli Wolf•Hot Springs



Beth Woods•Danville, KY  
 Sarah Wright•Memphis, TN  
 Rebecca Wylie•Oshkosh, WI  
 Elizabeth Xiques•Heber Springs  
 Tomo Yamazaki•Hokkaido, Japan



Brandon Young•San Diego, CA





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

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

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

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

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

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

# jean-michel HATTON

Board member Johnny Heflin speaks during fall commencement. The board remained active both on and off campus. *photo courtesy of James Burge*



“*We have a common love for God and that love blends us together to help ensure that Ouachita continues to be great.*  
~Dr. Wesley Kluck”

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The board was responsible for approving the budget, campus construction and improving the quality educational environment for students, faculty and staff.

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

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

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



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

*“ I need to improve a little more, but hopefully I can compete professionally in the throws in a year or two.”*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dr. Wayne Bowen teaches students the importance of history. Bowen's love for history was known across campus.  
photo by K. Scattergood



“As a captain in the Army Reserves, I gained instant rapport. I’m not sure when, but I will be writing again.”

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

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

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

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Dr. Raouf Halaby, now in his 28th year at Ouachita, was recently selected to be included in the "Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2000" publication. Halaby was nominated by 1999 graduate Meggan Bauer. photo by B. Chandler



*“As a Palestinian, the doors were closed in the Mid-East and my hometown, Jerusalem. In a sense, I had to seek my fortune in the United States.”*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



“It is definitely unique the way he presents the material. He unveils the truths to how history really occurred and has helped me to realize the importance of such truths.”

~Kimberly Fisher

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

story by Kristen McKelvey

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



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

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

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

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



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

The title of the paper was “Correlating Professional Wrestling on Television With Children’s Views of Aggression.”

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

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

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

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



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