In the **1920s** picnics were held on the campus lawn. In the **1980s** frisbee was a common afternoon activity on the lawns. Today is the same. The **PEOPLE** who make up the **OBU** community used the lawns to get from one building to another, to play catch, to take in the **FESTIVITIES** of Lunch on the Lawn.

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The lawn was a place where people visited and gained even more knowledge of the incredible **DIFFERENCE MAKERS**. People learned of faculty members like **ALEX NISBET** who announced his retirement after 46 years and Coach **ALEX DENNING** who went straight from class to coaching. They heard stories about **ANNA TOHLEN** who traveled to Antarctica and **AMANDA SEELEY** who planned a charity event. They saw **BRAEDEN ROGERS** take pictures and **STEVEN HARVELL** ride his unicycle.

The lawn that was walked by TODAY'S students was trotted on years ago by YESTERDAY'S students. The LEGACIES they left then made Ouachita brighter today.





Afternoon Relaxation Freshman John Gomez takes a moment after class to catch up on sleep. The lawn was a common place for afternoon recreation and relaxation. photo by: Laura Cox

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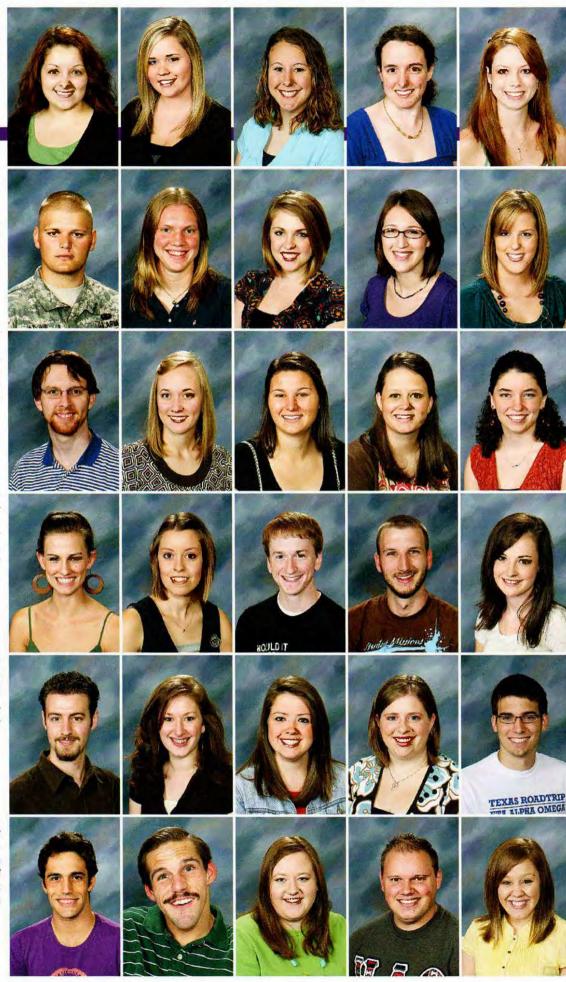
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Amy York and Jon Cole FACES HON Audra Hinson

They were familiar names. They were seen in the caf, the student center and the music building frequently. They were people who others wanted to be friends with. Jon Cole and Amy York were active individuals on campus who were honored as outstanding seniors at the culmination of the Academic Awards Banquet.

Cole, a senior music major and Christian studies minor from Dallas, Texas, was shocked when he learned the award. He said, "First I thought the votes had been miss counted. And then, it was very humbling."

Cole was active in International Club through a Japanese Bible Study and Three Degrees eternational Bible Study. Cole was a member of the band and choir. He studied abroad in Japan ming his junior year. In the fall of 2008 he dedicated many hours to practice and performance as Tiger Tunes host.

Cole was more than the tall, skinny, blonde guy. He was awarded Outstanding Senior member in and for 2009, Dream Date of International Club in 2008 and Who's Who among American College scudents for the 2008-2009 school year.

After college he planned to serve with the International Mission Board as a Journeyman in Asia ber two or three years. He then planned to return to the states for seminary in order to go back merseas for long-term missions.

York, a senior musical theatre major from Dallas, Texas, was equally shocked and humbled by = results. York said, "I thought that President Horne messed up the names! I was truly in shock and cill don't feel even remotely deserving of this award!"

York was involved in many aspects of the theatre department from acting in numerous productions, operating the sound board and even directing the fall performance of "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe." York was a member of Theta Alpha Phi Theatre Arts Honor Fraternity, Alpha Chi ational Honor Society, Theta Alpha Kappa, Concert Choir, Women's Chorus, and Rough Draft. ork also worked for Dr. George Keck and as a theatre intern.

Not only was York awarded with the Outstanding Senior award, she was also awarded Theta Alpha Phi senior Award, The Rotary's "Service Above Self" Award, and Theta Alpha Phi's "Best Actress" Award. With mumility York said, "I don't think that is true, all of our actresses are extraordinary."

York said she loved learning and that she did not have trouble motivating herself to get all of her work cone. "God has given me a very specific passion/calling to glorify him in the theatre. So, I suppose I was zotivated to soak up any bit of information I could so that I could one day use it in the theatre."

York hoped to one day move to Russia to start a theatre group at an orphanage in St. Petersburg.





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Lindsey Forga HER AL by: Audra Hinson

"God says to do everything we do as if we were doing it for him, so why wouldn't I give 110 percent," said Lindsey Forga. "I feel like God has given me so much and it's my responsibility to honor him with the gifts he gave me." The senior mass communications and musical theatre double major from Glenwood lived her life with this in mind and was rewarded for her hard work by being named the Overall Academic Achiever.

"I was really surprised when I got this honor. It was a shock," said Forga. "Overall I guess I'm just honored to have many people think so much of my studies. It's very humbling." Forga had a 4.0 and was chosen for the award by the faculty.

Forga gave part of the credit for her academic success to her parents. She said, "My parents have always encouraged me to be the best I can be and then that motto just sort of stuck." Forga also fell honored by the wonderful professors she learned under while at Ouachita. She mentioned Dr. Sim Flora, Dr. Scott Holsclaw, Dr. George Keck, Dr. Kevin Motl, Eric Phillips and Dr. Jeff Root all 📰 having been influential in her life. Then she said, "but the two that really stand out in my mind are Mary Worthen and Mary Handiboe. Mrs. Worthen is such a wise woman and has been there for me since the beginning of my freshman year when I was cast in Ouachita Sounds. She is so encouraging and my voice has grown exponentially under her tutorship. Likewise, I have also learned so mucfrom Mary Handiboe. My first acting class was with Mary and I don't think I've ever been so nervour in my entire life, but she was so open and accepting. She really wanted to make sure everyone = that class learned something, and created an environment that was friendly and inviting which is keep for nervous acting students."

Forga was a member of Ouachita Sounds, Theta Alpha Phi national theatre honors fraternin and Alpha Chi national college honor society. She also served as the EEE women's social club song leader, a freshman class senator, sophomore class secretary and junior class president. She represented the senior class at Homecoming in 2008. In 2006 she performed as a Tiger Tunes hostess.

While this was the only award Forga earned while in college she said her years at Ouachita were a reward themselves. "Ouachita provided the environment that I needed to have to spread my wings and fly. Right now I feel like I have the world by the tail, and I can't thank this university, my family, my friends, and most importantly my Heavenly Father enough," said Forga happily.

Forga planned to give 110 percent for one more semester at Ouachita and then graduate. After gradation she planned to continue to strive to be the best by pursuing a career in musical theatre.

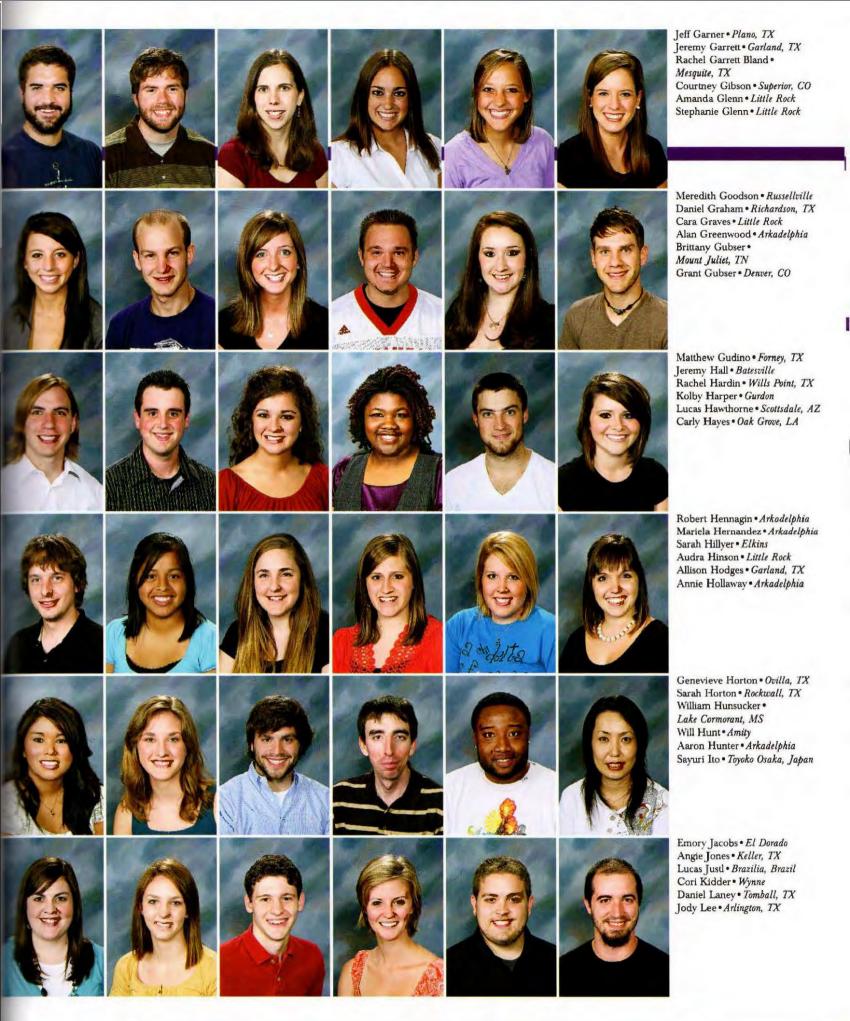
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Tyler Lee • Greenwood Deborah Leech • Stuttgart Beth Lewis • North Little Rock Lauren Lewis • McKinney, TX Kim Lindsey • Sheridan Joy Livers • Benton

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Rachel Oswell • Garvin, OK Neal Ozmun • Arkadelphia Kim Parker • Paragould Kim Patton • Plano, TX Greg Peterson • Stuttgart Lauren Pierce • Grand Prairie, TX





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Kelsey Redmond E by: Megan Lindsey

In the words of Richard Petty, "In the kind of business we're in, you have to have faith. Racing the way se do, you put your life in God's hands." Senior Kelsey Redmond from El Dorado lives by these words when e drag races. Redmond has been racing since 1999, but never expected to develop such a lasting interest in E Her brother began racing a Junior Dragster at age 8, but she didn't truly become interested in racing until er best friend from high school started racing. She then decided to give it a try and quickly found terself gaining a new hobby.

"My favorite thing about drag racing is the adrenaline rush. I also like it when I race against guys cat say they can't lose to a girl. But they do!" Redmond said. Her family owned a 2002 Undercover Dragster with a 565 horsepower motor. She considered drag racing a very family-oriented activity and always had her family there to support her and be her own pit crew as they fixed the motor, manged tires and oil and made sure everything was running smoothly during the race.

Her brother alternated racing with her every other weekend. Redmond raced almost everywhere east of the Mississippi River from Georgia to Ohio, along with more local areas around Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana. In the summer she raced at Quaker City Raceway in Salem, Ohio, and Putsburgh Raceway Park in New Alexandria, Penn.

Redmond obtained her share of wins and various awards from drag racing. She took wins at cultiple local tracks and was an Outlaw 330 qualifier and a Quick 16 qualifier, which included racing under specific guidelines with some of the fastest cars in the race.

"I wanted to race because it looked really fun to go fast, but I also enjoy the social atmosphere secause I have so many friends all over the United States that race. I always thought I couldn't do because I always thought that it was an all boys sport so, I wanted to show that girls could too." Redmond said.

Redmond was known to eject the parachute if there was not enough stopping distance and to lift the front cres off of the ground a few times at the starting line. "Imagine going 170 mph in a quarter of a mile and only being a couple of inches from the ground," she said. "Going from 0 to 170 in seven seconds can be pretty intense. The only problem is I want to go faster."

She recommended that everyone try racing or at least go to a real drag race. "I must warn you, if you get ato a race car it is very likely you won't get out. After experiencing the thrill of going so fast in a car like mat, you will have that adrenaline in your blood for a long time!"



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Anna Tohlen A TRIPTO REMEMBER by: Ariel Bealer

Some people counted the states they visited this year, others the countries traveled to, but senior biolog major Anna Tohlen, from Grapevine, Texas, counted continents. Her most recent addition included watching elephant seals, discovering that penguins are harder to catch than it first appears and noticing that glaciers look striped. That's right, she's traveled to Antarctica for one surreal research expedition.

The trip started as a part of the Carl Goodson Honors Program. Her original plan was to stud in Alabama, but when that fell through she began looking at other options. "It almost seemed like a joke at first," Tohlen said. "Dr. Amy Sonheim suggested I request some information from Oregon State about a trip they were taking to Antarctica, just to see if I would be interested. Next thing know, I'm filling out an admissions application and requesting financial aid."

Although honors students were not required to travel for research projects, it was encouraged and a joint effort was made to fund students' trips. "Part of the purpose of the Honors Program to encourage students to explore the world. That is why we provide funds for them to travel," said Sonheim. "Her sponsoring professors [in the biology department] literally wanted to see her go the extra mile, so they assisted in enabling her to make it to Antarctica."

First, Tohlen took an online class during the fall semester, participating through weekly webcasts response papers and tests that covered a multitude of subjects about Antarctica. "The information covered everything I ever wanted to know about Antarctica, including history of exploration and exploitation of the region and information about the flora, fauna, and climate," Tohlen said.

And when other students headed home for winter break to relax and forget about school, Tohlen boarded a plane for a two-week excursion in Argentina and Antarctica. "The semester of studying before we left made me feel very cut off from the material we were studying," Tohlen said. "But once I got the plane in Ushuaia [Argentina], everything I had seen in the PowerPoints was suddenly there, right in from of me, in real life. I can't describe the feeling; it's like walking into a movie you've just been watching."

The trip was from Dec. 15 to Dec. 31, with four days in Argentina and a ten-day cruise around Antarctica "On Christmas Day at Deception Island, we did what's known as the Polar Plunge," Tohlen said. "You have to jump in and completely submerge yourself in 30 degree Antarctic waters. I have pictures and a certificant to prove I did it."

Despite some work, like presenting research on Antarctic whaling, Tohlen said most of the trip we experiencing what she had been studying for a semester. The group made landings twice a day for five days eight locations to explore wild life and historic sites, like Larsen's hut. "People go to colonial Williamsburg experience American history and people go to the Amazon rainforest to experience an extreme environment and ecosystem," Tohlen said. "Going to Antarctica is experiencing everything at once."

Tohlen said people's favorite question to ask her was if she saw penguins. Unlike many in the world, saw thousands of penguins and other animals in their natural habitat. "On Paulet Island alone, there are over 100,000 Adele penguins," Tohlen explained. "I've seen enough penguins to last a lifetime."

Tohlen concluded her journey by presenting her research before her peers at Scholar's Day. She was a sure what life after graduation held for her, but knew traveling would continue to remain a part of it. "The now been to four of the seven continents, including the one that is the hardest for most people to traveling Tohlen said. "I now have a goal of visiting all seven continents. So if you hear of anyone planning a trip Africa, Asia or Australia, let me know."





courtesy: Anna Toh

















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Christopher Straw • Little Rock Nicole Stuart • Prescott Elizabeth Sturm • Garland, TX Joseph Taub • Cabot Sara Terlecki • Hot Springs Molly Throgmorton • Jonesboro















Anna Tohlen • Grapevine, TX Hayden Tucker • Arkadelphia Grant Turner . Fort Worth, TX Leah Turner • Carrollion, TX Candace Veatch • Texarkana, TX Lauren Veatch • Texarkana, TX

Allison Vire • Burleson, TX Emilee Wade • Big Sandy, TX Cody Walker • Mountain Home Jessica Walley • White Hall Annette Whitehead • Hot Springs Katie Widdig • Allen, TX









Lindsey Wright-Forga • Glenwood Megan Yoder • Searcy













Who's Who

Forty students were selected for inclusion in the 2008 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The students were chosen for Who's Who by the faculty, staff and senior class based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Tracey Beckett

early childhood education major • recipient of the Maude Wright Award • President's List • 2005 Homecoming Queen • Eta Alpha Omega men's social club sweetheart • Freshman Family Group leader • worked in Ouachita's development office and as missions intern • America Reads • Big Sister program • volunteered with the Human Development Center in Arkadelphia • Alpha Chi national college honor society • Kappa Delta Pi honor society • plans to become an elementary school teacher

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JulieAnne Bowen

mass communications and speech communication double major • Welcome to Ouachita's World Executive Team • Photo Lab editor • intern and life group leader at the Church at Rock Creek • production assistant, grip and camera operator for Screensurge Studios • produced documentary films on Ethiopia, Kenya, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, New Orleans and Austin, Texas • director of Ouachita's motion picture production class's feature film • plans to pursue a career in the television and film industry as a camera operator

English major • producer and ministry leader of Rough Draft drama team Tiger Serve Day team leader • presenter at Ouachita's Scholar's Day and Sigma Tau Delta's National Convention • Ouachita's Wind Ensemble • Marching Band • Tiger Blast • Sigma Tau Delta international English honor society . Alpha Chi national college honor society · Batesville First Baptist Church youth intern • Sky Ranch Camps counselor • Speer Writing Center consultant • Community Outreach English teacher • visiting English teacher in China • plans to teach English as a second language

Whitney Burger

Biblical studies and Christian ministries double major • member of EEE women's social club • Panhellenic Council • Pruet Sisterhood • Campus Ministries (ministry leader for both Publicity and Freshman Family Groups) • Tiger Serve Day • Relay for Life • worked at Kanakuk Kamps, Heritage Baptist Church, Texarkana First Baptist Church and Arkadelphia First Baptist Church • 2008 Homecoming Court as 3rd runner-up to the queen • plans to pursue a career in women's ministry

> mass communications major • vice president of chapter of Alpha Chi national college honor society • Kappa Chi men's social club little sis • opinion editor for The Signal • Ouachita Scholar • Welcome to Ouachita's World leader • Freshman Family Group leader • President's List • Tri Chi women's socia club • Theta Alpha Phi national theatre honors fraternity • enjoys languages, travel, photography, theatre and painting

Sam Bushey

accounting and business marketing double major • Welcome to Ouachita's World Executive Team • EEE Beau • Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team • Freshman Family Group ministry leader for Campus Ministries • worked with Arkadelphia Fellowship Church's children's church • intramural sports participant • plans to pursue a career in the accounting division of Windstream Communications

Heather Ferguson

biology and Spanish double major
Dean's List
President's List
Homecoming Queen pominee

Homecoming Queen nominee • Governor's Distinguished Scholar • Tri Chi women's social club (pledge class chaplain, club chaplain, and sisterhood chair) • secretary for Ouachita's American Chemical Society • Welcome to Ouachita's World group leader • Tri Beta biological honor society • volunteered with ElderServe, Transerve and Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a career as a medical doctor

early childhood education major • director of special events for the Ouachita Student Foundation • recipient of the Betty Oliver Grant Endowed Award • member of the Welcome to Ouachita's World Executive Team • Kappa Delta Pi honor society for education • volunteered with Arkadelphia's Human Development Center • Tiger Serve Day team leader • worked with Geyer Springs Baptist Church and Arkadelphia Fellowship Church's children's ministries • worked in the registrar's office and education lab • 2008 Homecoming Court as 1st runner-up to the queen • plans to pursue a career in elementary education or children's ministry

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Andrew Ford

Laura Cox

English major • named a Governor's Distinguished Scholar • recipient of Ouachita's English award • EEE women's social club • Sigma Tau Delta international English honor society • Theta Alpha Kappa national honor society for religious studies and theology • Alpha Chi national college honor society • assistant editor of "Scope" literary journal • President's List • women's soccer team • member of Lake Valley Community Church • plans to teach English as a second language overseas

political science and business marketing double major • International Association of Business Communicators • EEE Beau • Homecoming planning committee • executive treasurer of Ouachita's Student Senate • co-chair of fundraising and finance of the Ouachita Student Foundation • treasurer of Ouachita's Young Democrats • Dean's List • President's List • awarded the Maddox Scholarship for social sciences • worked at the Arkadelphia Area Chamber of Commerce and the Clark County Community Foundation • held an internship with United States Senator Blanche Lincoln • Tiger Serve Day • founding member of Project RELOAD • plans to attend law school

Biblical studies major • sophomore class president · senior class president • student body president • Pruet Brotherhood • International Club . theatre program · varsity football squad · Reaching Out to Multicultural Students . Big Brother program • Tiger Serve Day Operation Christmas Child Alexander youth prison ministry ·Beach Reach · worked as a library assistant • intramural sports referee • resident assistant • Disciple Now small group leader . Noonday ministry leader . Rookie Counselor of the Year at Camp War Eagle • plans to marry the love of his life, Sarah Grace Kampfe, and attend seminary to train for either the mission field or church ministry

Alan Greenwood

mass communications major • helped found and lead Arkadelphia High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes • Ouachita's Student Senate as freshman class president and sophomore class president • president of Kappa Chi men's social club • sports editor for the Ouachitonian yearbook • sports editor for The Signal campus newspaper • "Tripp the Tiger" mascot • worked in sports information, admissions and computer services offices • host of "The Brad Harris Show" . play-by-play announcer for KDEL radio . New Student Retreat Leader • Welcome to Ouachita's World leader • Beach Reach • Tiger Serve Day •

> plans to pursue a career either in student ministry or sports journalism

Jeff Garner

Biblical studies major • EEE women's social club (intramural director) • Women's Soccer Team • Welcome to Ouachita's World Executive Team • Campus Ministries • Arkadelphia Fellowship Church • Tiger Serve Day • ElderServe • Camp Wamp • Beach Reach • Campus Ministries' prison ministry • Pine Cove Christian Camps • plans to enter the mission field

Daniel Graham

Christian studies major • president of Theta Alpha Kappa national honor society for religious studies and theology • co-chair of fundraising for the Ouachita Student Foundation • Alpha Chi national college honor society • student planning team • Pruet Sisterhood • member of Arkadelphia Fellowship Church

• Tiger Serve Day • student leader for Outdoor Discipleship Ministries • worked in Ouachita's development office and president's office • hall director in Frances-Crawford Hall • plans to pursue a master's degree in spiritual formation and soul

care from Denver Seminary

Brittany Gubser

business management major • Campus Ministries president • Backyard Bible Clubs ministry leader
• Freshman Family Group leader • Carl Goodson Honors Program • Alpha Chi national college honor society • Beta Gamma Sigma international honor society for business • Arkadelphia
Fellowship Church • Transerve • Tiger Serve Day
• Sunday School programs • youth discipleship programs • Dean's List • President's List • recipient of the Botany Club Ray of Light award
• resident assistant in Daniel and Anthony Halls
• plans to pursue his dream of owning his own business

Grant Gubser

Christian studies major • Marching Band • Rough Draft drama team • Ouachita's Outdoor Discipleship Ministry • youth pastor at Arkadelphia Fellowship Church • worked in Ouachita's Print Shop • hall director of Frances-Crawford Hall • Tiger Serve Day

 plans to pursue a master's degree in outdoor men's ministry from Denver Seminary

Lucas Hawthorne

accounting major • treasurer for Campus Activities Board • Tiger Tunes leader for Campus Ministries • Freshman Family Group leader • Dean's List • Beta Gamma Sigma international honor society for business • worked as a business tutor • intern at Grant Thornton LLP • tutor at Sylvan Learning Center • volunteered at Osburn Health and Rehabilitation and with Rio Vista Church's homeless ministry • plans to pursue a career in microfinancing at an accounting firm

> Spanish and mass communications double-major

 Dean's List • President's List 2008 Homecoming Queen nominee • student life editor, assistant editor and editor of the Ouachitonian yearbook EEE women's social club • Handbell Ringers . Ouachita's Photo Lab . Tiger Serve Day · intern at the Promise House · summer missionary to Peru · youth intern at Geyer Spring First Baptist Church • 2009 Arkansas Yearbook Editor of the Year . received Gold Medalist rating for the 2008 Ouachitonian from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association • plans to enter the Journeyman program with the International Mission Board

Audra Hinson

biology major • EEE Beau • President's List • Academic All-American on the men's tennis team • Beta Beta men's social club (social chair, secretary, and vice president) • treasurer of Ouachita's American Chemical Society • tennis instructor at Ouachita's Heflin Tennis Center • Big Brother program • Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team • plans to pursue a career as a medical doctor

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Cori Kidder

musical theatre major • Ouachita Singers • theatre intern • box office manager for the Jones Performing Arts Center • president of Theta Alpha Phi national theatre arts fraternity • leader for Campus Ministries' Tiger Tunes show • 2007 Tiger Tunes hostess • Dean's List • Irene Ryan Acting nominee • plans to pursue a career in musical theatre or worship ministry



Rowan Ledbetter

business management and accounting double major • Men's Basketball Team • Academic All-Conference award for excellence in academics and athletics • School of Business Advisory Board • Tiger Serve Day • plans to attend graduate school or play basketball internationally accounting major • America Counts • Big Sister program • Tiger Serve Day • member of the Ouachita Student Foundation • Beta Gamma Sigma international honor society for business • Chi lota Sigma men's social club little sis • President's List • worked in Speer Writing Center as a writing consultant • plans to work

with PricewaterhouseCoopers

graphic design major • EEE women's social club • studied abroad in Salzburg, Austria • Dean's List • member of Second Baptist Church in Arkadelphia • Tiger Serve Day • Disciple NOW small group leader • worked in the News Bureau • intends to pursue a job in graphic design

Brittany Cosh McClain Dillon McClain

mass communications and Christian studies double major · Beta Beta men's social club (president and chaplain) . Alpha Chi national college honor society · Theta Alpha Kappa national honor society for religious studies and theology . International Association of Business Communicators . Tiger Serve Day . Riverfest • Disciple NOW leader • Ouachita's Campus Ministries . plans to pursue a career in communications, marketing or public relations



Christian studies major • Chi lota Sigma men's social club (president vice president, and chaplain) • publicity chair of the Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team • Webmaster and speaker for Campus Ministries • Backyard Bible Clubs • Tri Chi Beau • youth intern at Preston Trail Community Church in Frisco, Texas • children's intern for Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas • interim youth minister for First Baptist Church of Saint Jo, Texas • worked in Ouachita's Information Technology Services office • plans to preach in an itinerant setting or serve as pastor of a church

Matt Morrison

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mass communications major • reporter, lifestyles editor and editor-in-chief for The Signal student newspaper • The Online Signal • Film Society • screenplay writer and codirector in a motion picture production class • panelist on the Arkansas Educational **Television Network's College** Forum • received a Kluck Student Enrichment Grant for The Signal and for her motion picture production project · received Gold Medalist rating for the 2007-2008 Signal from the Columbia Scholastic

Press Association • Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a career in the print, design or film

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The Signal

mass communications and speech communication double major • recipient of the Governor's Distinguished Scholarship • Trustees Scholarship • Mrs. J.R. Grant Award • E.L. Keith Scholarship • President's List • church soloist • Disciple NOW leader • Lighthouse ministries • Courage House • counselor

and financial director for Centri-Kid camps • advertising manager for the Ouachitonian yearbook • Tri Chi women's social club (corresponding secretary and Tiger Tunes director) • 2006 Tiger Tunes hostess • Ouachita Student Foundation Steering Committee • plans to attend graduate school for advertising or public relations

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Andrew Pyle

industries

sussian language and speech communications double major · President's List • Dean's List Distinguished **Russian Language** Student • president of the Ouachita Student Foundation chaplain, sergeantat-arms and vice president of Chi lota gma men's social club . rector of the Rough Draft frama team • Tiger Serve Day Mountain Home Marathon for Kenya • worked as a youth intern and camp counselor . college ministry at First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia plans to pursue a career as a college professor

Brittney Selvidge

mass communications major
member of the Rough
Draft drama team • Tiger
Blast • Marching Band
Saxophone Ensemble
Tiger Serve Day •
Fellowship Church of
Arkadelphia • received
honors in the 2007
Concerto Competition
Tri Chi Beau • plans
to pursue a career
as a professional
photographer

Christopher Straw

musical theatre major • vice president of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia national fraternity for men in music • Campus Activities Board • Theta Alpha Phi national theatre honors fraternity • Agape Church in Little Rock • volunteered more than 200 hours at the American Red Cross • 2007 Tiger Tunes host • winner of the Mary Shambarger Competition for singers • National Association of Teachers of Singing regional finalist • plans to pursue a career in performing, artistic directing or teaching

Nicole Stuart

mass communications major • co-president of the Ouachita Student Foundation • vice president of Reaching Out to Multicultural Students • treasurer of Ouachita's International Association of Business Communicators • EEE women's social club · worked as a tutor at Ouachita • mentor for TRIO programs · resident assistant in O.C. Bailey dorm • aide in the president's and vice president's offices • named to the Academic Enrichment Center's hall of fame • Dean's List • Homecoming Queen nominee • Big Sister program • Tiger Serve Day . Greater Pleasant Hill Baptist Church's college ministry . plans to pursue a master's degree in student affairs administration

Biblical studies and mass communications double major • EEE women's social club (historian and president) . chairman and vice chairman of College Republicans . Theta Alpha Kappa national honor society for religious studies and theology . Alpha Chi national college honor society . International Association of Business Communicators • **Tiger Serve Day** ElderServe **Operation Christmas** Child . Governor's Distinguished Scholar President's List Trustees Scholarship • intern at Community Bible Church in San Antonio, Texas • plans to pursue a career in public relations

psychology major • President's List • Dean's List • received the Psychology Faculty Award
treasurer and president of Psi Chi national honor society for psychology
Psychology Club • Carl Goodson Honors Program • Ouachita
Student Foundation • America
Reads • Big Sister program • Jingle Bell Run • Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a master's degree in psychology

Sara Ann Terlecki

Landon White

Ouachita's World Leadership Team
Ouachita's Student Senate
Ouachita Singers
Ouachita Jazz
Band
Refuge Band
studied abroad in Salzburg, Austria
Dean's List
Trustees Scholarship
Tiger Serve Day
music ministry assistant at First Baptist
Church of Benton
plans to pursue a career as a worship pastor or minister of music

Alan Thomas

music major with a percussion emphasis • creative leader for student ministry and a student ministry intern for the Church at Rock Creek in Little Rock • volunteered for various church events and has participated in several mission trips • plans to enter the music field where he is considering being a studio artist

Allison Winn

Christian studies major • recognized by Campus Ministries for servant leadership • Campus Ministries leader for missions promotions • EEE women's social club (chaplain) • Theta Alpha Kappa national honor society for religious studies and theology • small group and youth group leader • member of the choir and a Bible

study member at her home church • volunteered with a disaster relief trip to Louisiana • Tiger Serve Day • Race for the Cure • Relay for Life • Habitat for Humanity • part of a mission team to Australia • youth intern at First Baptist Church of Bentonville

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Biblical studies and theology double major • EEE women's social club • Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes program • Handbell Ringers • Alpha Chi national honor society • Theta Alpha Kappa national honor society for religious studies and theology • Ouachita Student Senate president • Freshman Family Group leader • President's List • Tiger Serve Day • active in her church's children's ministry and missions efforts • children's minister at Fellowship Church of Arkadelphia • worked in Ouachita's Christian Studies office • plans to either pursue a career in missions or attend seminary indsey Wright-Forga communications mass theatre double and musical major • junior and senior class Homecoming Queen nominee • Dean's List • Ouachita Sounds • Theta Alpha Phi national theatre honors fraternity . Alpha Chi national college honor society . EEE women's social club (song leader) · freshman class senator • sophomore class secretary • junior class president · Ouachita Student Senate's Food Fight • Tiger Serve Day • member of the church choir . Girls in Action leader and camp counselor . plans to pursue a career in musical theatre

Amy York

musical theatre major · Alpha Chi national honor society . Rough Draft drama team . Concert Choir . Women's Chorus vice president of Theta Alpha Phi national theatre honors fraternity . received a Rotary Scholarship . received an award from the American College Theatre Festival for excellence in directing · attended the William Inge Theatre Festival for directing . Irene Ryan Partner • Tiger Serve Day • captain of Shoes for Orphan Souls · drama director at her church . Sunday School teacher for the toddler class . worked as a teaching assistant and secretary . hopes to move to Russia where she plans to start a theatre program for an orphanage Who's Who 187

Ashley Wright

Christian studies major • Dean's List • President's List • Campus Ministries ministry leader for prison ministry . EEE women's social club (pledge class chaplain) • member of Arkadelphia Fellowship Church • sophomore ministerial award . Transerve award for over 50 hours of community service for her work with prison ministry • disaster relief teams • Tiger Serve Day • Beach Reach • Promise House pen pal program • worked at Gymnastics Plus, The Hamburger Barn, TRIO Talent Search, T Bar M Camps and San Antonio Community Bible Church . plans to pursue a career in school-based counseling

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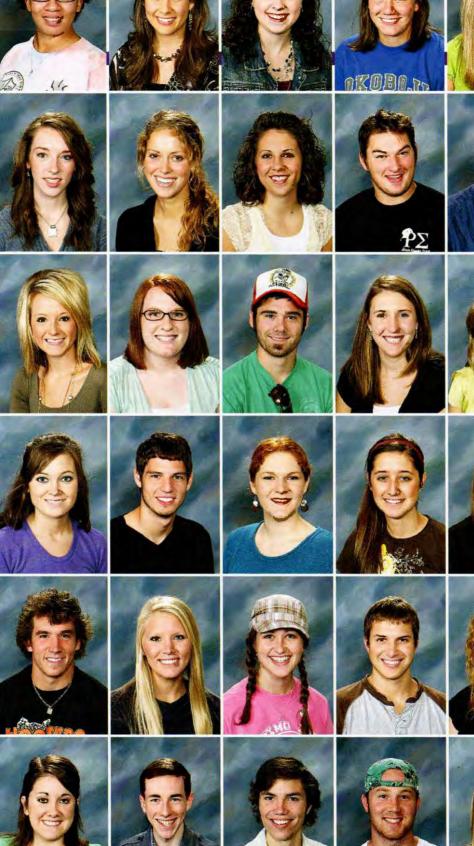
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Mark Cain was a Renaissance man of sorts. Technically, he was a Renaissance man of sports. However, it as an injustice to curb Cain solely to the realm of sports, for his aptitude stretches to many fields. The game celd was simply where Cain's star shines brightest.

The intelligent, do-it-all junior kinesiology major from Pine Bluff graduated fifth in his class in high school onth a 4.2 GPA. Impressive for someone with a velleity to dabble in every athletic and social domain possible.

Athletics for Cain was an analogical hokey-pokey. He would have an arm or a leg in and out of practically everything, and he certainly shook things all about by lettering in football, baseball, tennis and soccer. Truly a man can do all things if he wills, and Cain lives that to the core. "I wouldn't hange my high school experience one bit," Mark said. "It was tough at times juggling four sports in top of classes, but after the first year I got a hold of everything and was able to stay on track. It tept me in good shape for sure."

But he is no superhero who gets a funky high off the sun. Even Superman had his parents. That where David and Ann Cain came in. They enabled Mark to pursue his careers. The Cains, who are big sports fans, both played team tennis, as well as semi-pro baseball and softball. So Cain got taste of sports early. "Mark saw a lot of sports growing up watching us play," Ann said. "Our first restment was providing balls for him to play with and in turn for us to play with him. We never freamed that his multi-sport interests would continue into the collegiate level."

"My parents were a big part of me staying on track," Mark said. "They made sure I stayed arganized and got all my work done. I am very blessed with the parents I have." Most of Mark's tends and teammates have had a chance to meet his parents. Those who have not simply can attend any of his games. Ann and David consistently make the hour-plus long trip to support their pride and joy. "My parents have been my biggest fans," Mark said. "There is no telling how many miles

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and how much time they have put into my sports. There is no way I can pay them back for everything that mey have done for me."

Mark, whose first love is baseball, red-shirted on the field for football his freshman year. Then he decided redshirt off the field. Mark pledged Rho Sigma along with one of his teammates and now roommate Cody Matthews. "We're always together," said Matthews, a junior. "We live together, we ball together. We're best buds. Cain and I feed off each other."

"The thing I love about Cain is how he thrives under pressure," Matthews said. "He loves to be the guy that pulls the trigger in the clutch." His demeanor never lets on that he is too stressed despite a schedule with an abundance of practices, games, assignments and tests. He had to adjust to long road trips to Georgia ar Alabama and handle the responsibilities of a pledge year, but when the going got tough, Mark would persevere.

"To commit himself to school scholastic goals first and then to both teams is not easy," Ann said. "But Mark pulls it off and does not seem to show stress, nor does he put off his friendships, commitments to school «rudies and organizations or his family."

"Luckily, some parts of college have slowed down since freshman year," Mark said. "I think I've done a good job so far of juggling the busy life being a dual-sport college athlete while having other responsibilities "ke Rho Sigma and trying to keep a beautiful girlfriend happy."

Keeping his girlfriend happy? Even Superman had his kryptonite. Hopefully that is not Mark's.



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Heath Cariker MAKING A COMEBACK by: Jamario McClair

A member of the NCAA Division II national runner-up baseball team got a ring without evez lifting a finger. Junior Heath Cariker, a kinesiology business management major from Tunica, Mississippihad to red-shirt the first two seasons of his college baseball career. One year he had a freak accident when he got hit in the head and the other injury was from torn ligaments in his shoulder. That's just the beginning of what he had to endure during his injuries.

"It was a fun experience watching and going to the championship game," says Cariker. "I wished I was able to play but I was there to support my team anyway I could."

During his freshman year he experienced the accident when he was hit in the head by a pitch. The accident injured his optic nerve in his eye, which caused temporary blindness in one eye. He thought the injury was going to end his college career early. He eventually got his sight back and recuperated to return later his freshman year, since he red-shirted the previous year. The following season, the baseball team was the Div. II National Championship runner-up with a 51-16 record, and Cariker only played in one game for the Tigers before he injured his shoulder from wear and team constantly throwing the baseball. The coach then put him on his medical red shirt for that season.

He had to endure numerous hours of therapy to recover from surgery from both injuries to get back to 100 percent. Cariker did not let his time off the field become a waste; he took mental notes and learned a lot from older players, such as Jim Stricher. Last season Stricher was the catcher and now Cariker played the same position. He learned from Streicher that no matter what the situation is, you have to keep calm and collective, keep your head up no matter what happens, and play the best to your ability.

A new edition to the baseball team was Head Coach Chris Moddelmog, nicknamed Coach Mog-

Cariker could definitely tell the differences in coaches. Cariker said, "He knows what he's doing we have the capability of winning like last year. He doesn't have favorites and gives everyone a chance to show their potential." In his sophomore year of eligibility Cariker had high hopes for the season and knew he could contribute to the team having another successful season. He knows he's been injury prone the last couple of seasons but he hoped to succeed with his come back to the game. In the near future he has hopes of playing in the next level when he's finished with college, and if that does not work, he wants to coach. Cariker was always a good team player when he sat the bench and now he planned to prove that on the field.

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To Grace Whitaker, dance was not just the body in motion. "Dance is not only beautiful," said Whitaker, junior biology major from Victoria, Texas. "It is a way to express in movement what the soul cannot say words. It is definitely a gift from God." She started taking ballet lessons when she was 3 years old and continued until she was 13, picking up tap, jazz and pointe. It wasn't until she was a freshman in high school tat she decided to truly begin to explore the world of dance and what it had to offer her.

Until her freshman year of high school Whitaker went to a private school where her mother was the cheerleading coach and Whitaker was expected to fall in her mother and sister's footsteps as a meerleader. But Whitaker knew that she wanted to dance and that in order to be a part of a dance where an another to transfer to public school.

So Whitaker auditioned for the dance team at Memorial High School where she became the reshman officer and therefore, moved to public school. Whitaker was then able to help produce everything from high kick to hip hop and lyrical dances. In 2005, Whitaker's dance team won the ational American Dance and Drill Team as well as the Crowd Pleasers award.

After graduation, Whitaker landed a job with ShowTime International Dance Company where de did camps for the organization, judged dance and drill team competitions in the spring and she continued to choreograph for them when she was needed.

The experience she gained from ShowTime inspired her to choreograph the opener for the Miss Ouachita Baptist University pageant as well as all of the Court of Honor's performances. Whitaker was also named the choreographer for the Tiger Tunes Hosts and Hostesses for 2009. "I hadn't felt ake my gifts were being used properly until I decided to come to OBU," Whitaker said. "God is so good and faithful to open doors for me here."

Grace described herself to be more inclined to do well in hip hop, lyrical and stylistic jazz dancing. But where does dance fit in to her future? "I have a job that allows me to work summer camps and judge competitions, so I plan to do that for as long as I can. But as for getting a studio or something like that, I'll eave that to the better of my peers," Whitaker said with a smile. "I think my brains are going to take me arther than my feet." She considered dance to be a learning experience that teaches hard work, dedication and responsibility, as well as the joy of performing in front of an audience. "Dance for me is a form of herapy," she said. "It's a way to connect with others, a way to express myself and a way to honor our Lord and Savior."



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Jillian Vire • Burleson, TX James Ward • Weatherford, TX Devin Waters • Frisco, TX Jason Wells • Gurdon Amy Wentz • White Hall Adam Wheat • Ruston, LA



Cody Willard • Collierville, TN Philip Williamson • Batesville Sarah Wood • Dallas, TX

Stephanie Beck DEDICATED DANCER by: Katie Simmons Laney

Dedicated and diligent, two words that described Stephanie Beck, a sophomore from Sheridan. A double major in French and Russian languages and a minor in mathematics, Beck was dedicated to Irish dancing and balanced her schoolwork with her love for dancing.

Beck was a traditional competitive Irish dancer, which she explains, "involves both hard shoe and soft shoe dances, group dances, and solo dances." With six years of experience, Beck said, "Ever since I was a little girl, I have denote been approximately and the Lord of the Dance I have denote the approximately approximate

loved watching Riverdance and the Lord of the Dance. I loved watching the performers dancing alongside one another in perfect beat to the beautiful Irish fiddle and bodhran."

Studying Irish dance under the direction of Mary Rose O'Donovan Fansler at O'Donovan School of Irish Dance in Little Rock, Beck has had the opportunity to participate in man competitions. "Over the years I have been to numerous Irish dance competitions (called "feisanna" in Dallas, St. Louis, Memphis, Fort Smith and Little Rock," said Beck.

Currently at the open/prize-winner level, Beck was looking toward moving to the Preliminary Championship level with a first place dance in a hard and soft shoe dance. Over the years she has won many medals for solo and group dances. "I recently won two first-place trophies for dancing the 'treble reel'—a solo dance—in competition," said Beck.

As a student, Beck had a busy schedule. "I go to dance class in Little Rock every Saturda for two to three hours. I also take time to practice two to three times per week on my own here at OBU," said Beck. "I am able to make this big commitment through dedication and love for dance."

Realizing that her talent is a gift from God, Beck gave honor and glory to Him for allowing her to manage everything. "God is truly the one who has given me the ability to juggle school and dance. He has blessed me with the diligence to finish my work early during the week so that I can make it to the classes on Saturdays," said Beck. She was also grateful to her parents for their love and support in this endeavor. "They always encourage me and help me out with the gas expense of driving back and forth between Little Rock and Arkadelphia," said Beck.

Beck's favorite thing about dancing was performing. "I absolutely love dancing in front of cheering audience knowing that they're not watching every little detail of my dance like judges in competition, but just enjoying it! I also know that God enjoys it when I dance to glorify Him, so that make dancing so rewarding!" said Beck With her dedication and diligence, Beck was able to be a full-time student and still do what she loves—Irish dancing.

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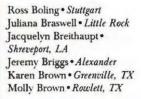












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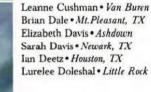








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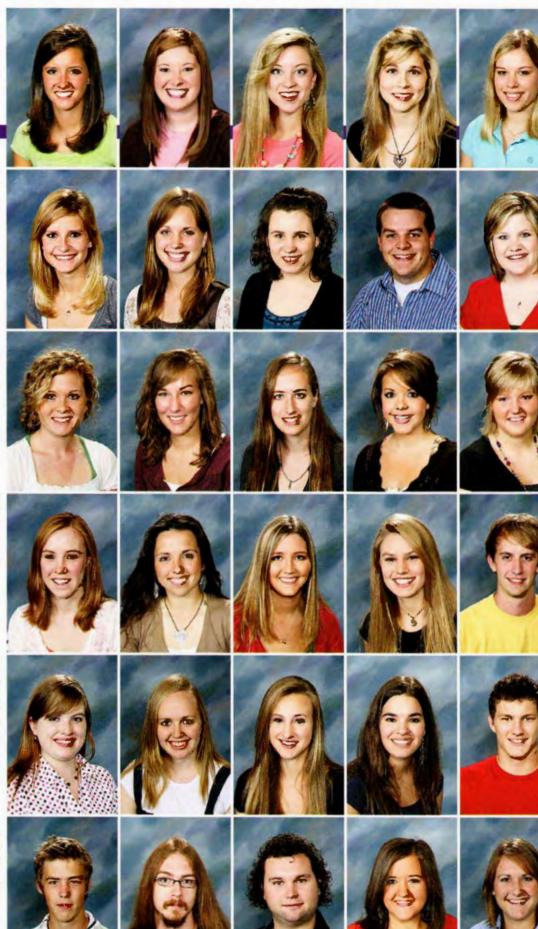
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Bethany Whitfield F'S THE CH BM by: Megan Lindsey

"I remember watching my first Teen Arkansas pageant and thinking I could never do anything like hat those girls were doing," said Bethany Whitfield, a sophomore history major from Bryant. She soon proved herself wrong and shattered all doubts. On February 28, Bethany was crowned Miss Ouachita Baptist **University**.

Having never done a pageant before, Whitfield had a unique appreciation for holding a title that would

catapult her into the world of pageants. Along with winning the crown, she also won the swimsuit and talent portions of the pageant. Winning Miss OBU meant she would be going to Miss Arkansas in July. "I was thrilled to be given the opportunity to go to Miss Arkansas!" Whitfield said. "I love this inversity and everything it represents. I look at this as an honor, privilege and a huge responsibility. I can't wait to get up on that stage!"

Whitfield served as secretary of College Republicans, sophomore class treasurer for Student Senate and worked in the admissions office. Bethany represented the women of EEE in the pageant and considered her pledge sisters the driving force behind her hard work. "The night I was crowned, here were 15 other girls who won with me. I had friends go to the gym with me, help me practice my song and interview me," Whitfield said. "It was definitely a group effort!" For her talent in the pageant, Bethany sang "The Greatest Star," a version by Barbara Streisand. Her platform was Manage for the Future: Personal Finance.

Whitfield was crowned by the former Miss OBU, Lauren English. Upon receiving her crown, Whitfield was awarded a \$1000 scholarship by the university. "Being crowned Miss OBU was certainly a moment I will never forget. I am extremely proud of the fact that this was my first pageant and I worked so hard while still having the time of my life," Whitfield said.

All 12 contestants of the Miss OBU pageant were nominated by campus organizations and clubs. First runner-up and winner of the interview portion of the pageant was Bethany Briscoe, a junior

graphic design major from Plano, Texas. Second runner-up and evening gown winner was Kristen Glover, a sophomore chemistry major from Stuttgart. Third runner-up and winner of congeniality was Melissa Elliot, a reshman from Little Rock. The other contestants of the Miss OBU pageant included Christina Albee, Melissa Collier, Andrea Jones, Kathryn Kellogg, Molly Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Katie Steele and Andrea Ross.

Bethany considered her first experience with pageants a thrilling and memorable one that, thanks to supportive family and friends, opened many doors into new experiences. "It was an amazing feeling laying in bed that night knowing I was Miss OBU," Whitfield said. "I felt like I had really accomplished something."



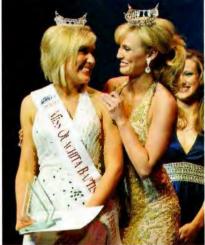


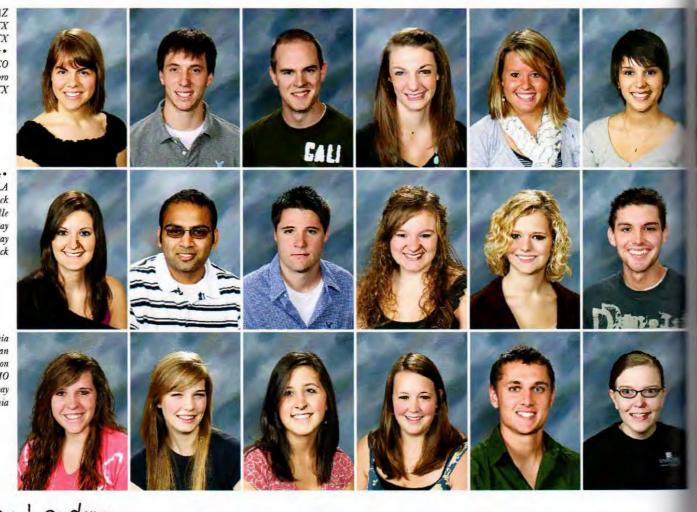
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Leslie Reynolds • Arkadelphia Liz Richardson • Sheridan Ramsi Richey • Benton Katie Roam • Pittsburg, MO Andrew Roberson • Conway Lola Runyan • Arkadelphia



Beau Landers APPLYING KNOWLEDGE by: Shea Higgerson

Beau Landers spent his spring break experiencing a different culture. He didn't travel overseas. In fact, he didn't leave American soil. Landers was in Wellington, Utah, ministering to people surrounded by strong Mormon influences. According to Landers, there are Mormon churches on every corner in Wellington just like there are Baptist churches on every corner in towns like Arkadelphia. Landers described the area as a place of neglect. "Christ has called us to low everybody," Landers said. "Even if someone's worldview is as distorted as a Mormon's, their souls are still lost. They are



suffering because of these beliefs." Landers and his friend Ajay Torres traveled to Utah and put together a worship team to help the new worship minister at First Baptist Church in Wellington.

They also led Bible studies and held a concert in the park. Twenty people attended the concert which Landers said was more than expected. He described his time in Utah as a diverse, random time. "I just learned that you have to meet people's needs where they are," he said. "Whether prayer for a test or just a coke, everybody has needs at some point throughout the day."

Landers described the churches in Wellington as being very independent from one another with a lack of unity among the Christians. He taught the worship minister guitar charts and helped him get back into the rhythm of playing again. Landers and Torres also encouraged the paster and helped him with the skills he needed to develop, because he was never formally trained.

"There is a need to get outside of Christians and share the Gospel," Landers said. "For me to just sit back is arrogant." Landers realized that it was easier to hang out with only Christian friends than to go out and minister to or bang out with people from different backgrounds. He believed that whether someone is Buddhist, Mormon, Hindu or any other religion, Christ called us to love them. "Faith becomes real when you share that faith," he said.

The experience in Utah allowed Landers to apply things he had learned in his classes. Moimportantly, he was able to help people in need and he realized that the tiniest deed can make the biggest impact on someone's life. "Jesus washed the disciples' feet not just to set an example but because their feet were dirty," he said.

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On the evening of April 28 the title of Ouachitonian Beauty was passed to Megan Lindsey. Describing the moment she won, Lindsey said, "A huge smile spread across my face because I was both extremely honored and very excited to be given such a wonderful honor and very excited to be given such a wonderful title that represented a university that I love so much."

The annual competition was hosted jointly by the office of student activities and the Ouachitonian. The competition was heavily judged on a ten-mintue individual contest interview with a panel of alumni judges. The interview posed questions about the interviewee, their involvement at Ouachita and how Ouachita impacted their life. Contestants were also judged on beauty and poise during the interview.

The men of Kappa Chi, whom Lindsey served as a little sis, sponsored her in the competition. Lindsey, a junior mass communications major from Camden, was also active on campus as a member of the women of EEE. In the fall she served the women as social chair and in the spring she served as keeper of the beaus. She was assistant editor of the Ouachitonian, a writer for the news bureau and a member of International Association of Business Communicators.

"Megan is one of my pledge sisters in the EEEs and I am so excited for her," said first runner-up Megan Fida. "She truly has a heart of gold, just as all the other ladies were extremely beautiful." Fida, a junior mass communications major from Allen, Texas was sponsored by the women of EEE. She was also involved in College Republicans, IABC, Photo Lab and Student Senate.

Second runner-up was Julie Hagar a sophomore mass communications and political science double major from Mansfield, Texas. The 2009 pledge class of the women of EEE sponsored Hagar in the competition. She was active in Campus Ministries and in the video department in the production of the monthly "Ouachita" show.

"The title of Ouachitonian Beauty means being an example of Ouachita that represents what a hardworking and respectful Christian woman is, inside and out," said Lindsey, summing up her feelings on the award. "And to me, it also mean receiving one of the greatest honors."



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Frostiney 201



The girl in the ruby red slippers or the ruby red TOMS became one of the biggest trendsetters on campus. It all started with her first and favorite pair or bright red TOMS shoes.

On November 1, freshman Amanda Seeley, a Christian studies major from Garland, Texas, made an impact on campus as leader of the "Take the Walk Event." After having taken part in it in Dallas she knew

that she wanted to do it again and she knew that "Ouachita was the perfect place for it." Amanda and 80 other students participated in a walk and made donations in support of the non-profit organization, Friends of TOMS. Amanda found a way to include everyone in something that was important to her.

While surprised that people actually showed up, she claimed that "it was a pleasant surprise to know that she went to such a great place where even a freshman could get people involved and to know that people really do care."

TOMS shoes were a new type of shoe whose founder, Blake Mycoskie, lived the slogan "one for one." For every pair of TOMS shoes that were bought a pair was given to a child in need of shoes.

Amanda, like Mycoskie, wanted to make a difference in the world. The walk that she organized helped to fight poverty, HIV, and AIDS in Africa. For every person that walked in the event, \$1 was donated to "Take the Walk." "Take the Walk" immediately sparked Amanda's interest since it was founded by her favorite band Hanson. The knowledge of this charity and the bands involement with TOMS led led to even a bigger interest in TOMS where she found a pair of shoes that became her favorite, even to this day.

While the "Take the Walk" organization almost reached its goal during the school year, Amanda hoped to become involved in similar non-profits. After seeing such great results she was encouraged by the students on campus that another non profit event could be and would be just as successful.

She said, "While, Eighty may not be the biggest number in the world, but I know that those who did show up knew what they were walking for, and it was great to see people who really did support the cause."

Amanda Seeley showed everyone on campus and even some in other areeas of the world how important this cause was to her and planned to continue making just as bold of statements in days to come. Seeley said, "I wanted us all to be able to make a difference together, and while it may not be huge every little bit helps." According to her friend, Hannah Pheiffer, a freshman from Benton, "Her interest in the event alone made a difference not only to the charity but also to us because it provided us all with the opportunity to become a part of something greater than ourselves."

After hanging a countless number of flyers, having conferences with Nathan Shelbourne, waiting for approval from Take the Walk, ordering T-shirts and then walking a mile in her bare feet Amanda Seeley claimed that it was all worth it for such a good cause. She said, "I was so proud of everyone and can't wait to see what else our students can do."

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On the evening of April 28 the title of Ouachitonian Beauty was passed to Megan Lindsey. Describing the moment she won, Lindsey said, "A huge smile spread across my face because I was both extremely bonored and very excited to be given such a wonderful honor and very excited to be given such a wonderful honor and very excited to be given such a wonderful title that represented a university that I love so much."

The annual competition was hosted jointly by the office of student activities and the Ouachitonian. The competition was heavily judged on a ten-mintue individual contest interview with a panel of alumni judges. The interview posed questions about the interviewee, their involvement at Duachita and how Ouachita impacted their life. Contestants were also judged on beauty and poise during the interview.

The men of Kappa Chi, whom Lindsey served as a little sis, sponsored her in the competition. Lindsey, a junior mass communications major from Camden, was also active on campus as a member of the women of EEE. In the fall she served the women as social chair and in the spring she served as keeper of the beaus. She was assistant editor of the Ouachitonian, a writer for the news bureau and a member of International Association of Business Communicators.

"Megan is one of my pledge sisters in the EEEs and I am so excited for her," said first runner-up Megan Fida. "She truly has a heart of gold, just as all the other ladies were extremely beautiful." Fida, a junior mass communications major from Allen, Texas was sponsored by the women of EEE. She was also involved in College Republicans, IABC, Photo Lab and Student Senate.

Second runner-up was Julie Hagar a sophomore mass communications and political science double major from Mansfield, Texas. The 2009 pledge class of the women of EEE sponsored Hagar in the competition. She was active in Campus Ministries and in the video department in the production of the monthly "Ouachita" show.

"The title of Ouachitonian Beauty means being an example of Ouachita that represents what a hardworking and respectful Christian woman is, inside and out," said Lindsey, summing up her feelings on the award. "And to me, it also mean receiving one of the greatest honors."



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The girl in the ruby red slippers or the ruby red TOMS became one of the biggest trendsetters on campus It all started with her first and favorite pair or bright red TOMS shoes.

On November 1, freshman Amanda Seeley, a Christian studies major from Garland, Texas, made a impact on campus as leader of the "Take the Walk Event." After having taken part in it in Dallas she knew

that she wanted to do it again and she knew that "Ouachita was the perfect place for it." Amanda and 80 other students participated in a walk and made donations in support of the non-procesorganization, Friends of TOMS. Amanda found a way to include everyone in something that was important to her.

While surprised that people actually showed up, she claimed that "it was a pleasant surprise know that she went to such a great place where even a freshman could get people involved and know that people really do care."

TOMS shoes were a new type of shoe whose founder, Blake Mycoskie, lived the slogan "or for one." For every pair of TOMS shoes that were bought a pair was given to a child in need shoes.

Amanda, like Mycoskie, wanted to make a difference in the world. The walk that she organized helped to fight poverty, HIV, and AIDS in Africa. For every person that walked in the event, \$1 we donated to "Take the Walk." "Take the Walk" immediately sparked Amanda's interest since it we founded by her favorite band Hanson. The knowledge of this charity and the bands involement with TOMS led led to even a bigger interest in TOMS where she found a pair of shoes that became her favorite, even to this day.

While the "Take the Walk" organization almost reached its goal during the school year, Amar a hoped to become involved in similar non-profits. After seeing such great results she was encourage, by the students on campus that another non profit event could be and would be just as successful She said, "While, Eighty may not be the biggest number in the world, but I know that those who did show

knew what they were walking for, and it was great to see people who really did support the cause." Amanda Seeley showed everyone on campus and even some in other areeas of the world how important this cause was to her and planned to continue making just as bold of statements in days to come. Seeley same "I wanted us all to be able to make a difference together, and while it may not be huge every little bit helps Amanda to be able to make a difference for the set of the

According to her friend, Hannah Pheiffer, a freshman from Benton, "Her interest in the event alone made difference not only to the charity but also to us because it provided us all with the opportunity to become part of something greater than ourselves."

After hanging a countless number of flyers, having conferences with Nathan Shelbourne, waiting approval from Take the Walk, ordering T-shirts and then walking a mile in her bare feet Amanda See... claimed that it was all worth it for such a good cause. She said, "I was so proud of everyone and can't wat to see what else our students can do."

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Steven Hanel **IG ATTEN F1**()

For many people, Steven Harvel was a face and a name that stood out. Although he was only a freshman, Steven was well known. Maybe it was his unique beach-like attire complete with bright colors, light fabrics, a unique hat and bare feet, or possibly it was his desire to get to know everyone on campus. There was just something about Steven that set him apart in a good way.

On any given day, one was likely to find Steven riding around campus on his unicycle. After watching a friend ride a unicycle, Steven decided he would teach himself how to ride one. "It's a blast!" said Steven. "You can ride anywhere because there aren't any signs that say 'No Unicycles."

When asked why he chose to ride a unicycle, Steven was modest in his answer. "It's a talent. I enjoy riding and it gains attention, but that's not the main reason." When Steven was not riding his unicycle, he could be seen riding on a scooter "just to change it up a little."

By simply watching Steven, it was easy to see that he had a love for people. Not many people have a desire to learn everyone's name on campus. Steven did. "I love to be social," said Steven.

Steven's love of being social combined with his desire to "go where God sends and plant churches" led him to a desire to go on a mission trip with Campus Ministries to the Pacific Rim in May.

As a way to raise money for the trip, Steven decided to sell scarves. Because his dad was in the military and stationed overseas, Steven was able to have his dad mail the scarves to him. "They're from the Middle East," said Steven. "I sell the scarves for \$10 and I've already made over \$500 profit."

With a passion for the Islamic world and the Muslim people group, Steven would live in Morocco if he could choose anywhere to live. He said, "It's a cultural hub where you can reach everyone."

While attending Ouachita, Steven, who is from Camden, Del., was working on earning a degree in Christian studies. He hoped to be able to take his ministry wherever God calls him to plant churches and reach out to people.



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Elisee Habimana UNBELIEVABLE JOURNEY Mana Manasat

Elisee Habimana, a freshman computer science major came from Rwanda to study at Ouachita in 2008. But Ouachita was not his first stop of his journey.

In February 2008, Habimana was chosen from the Rwanda Government as one of 100 students who made the highest scores in science. These students' names were published in various mass media, and Habimana, who had just finished high school, heard his name for the first time on the national radio. "It was exciting enough to hear my name on the radio without it being the invitation from our government," laughed Habimana.

The 100 students were invited to compete in a writing and interview challenge both in English. Those who passed were told they would be given a scholarship from the government to study abroad in the United State. Habimana passed the challenge, along with 25 others.

They first arrived at University of Arkansas in Little Rock where they studied English in summer classes. When the summer was over, the 25 Rwandan students were given choices of which academic schools attend. "We were given six choices, one in South Carolina, five in Arkansas; Wofford, UALR, Hendrik Harding, Philander, and OBU." Habimana counted down. "For OBU, only one student was accepted. And my choice was accepted," said Habimana.

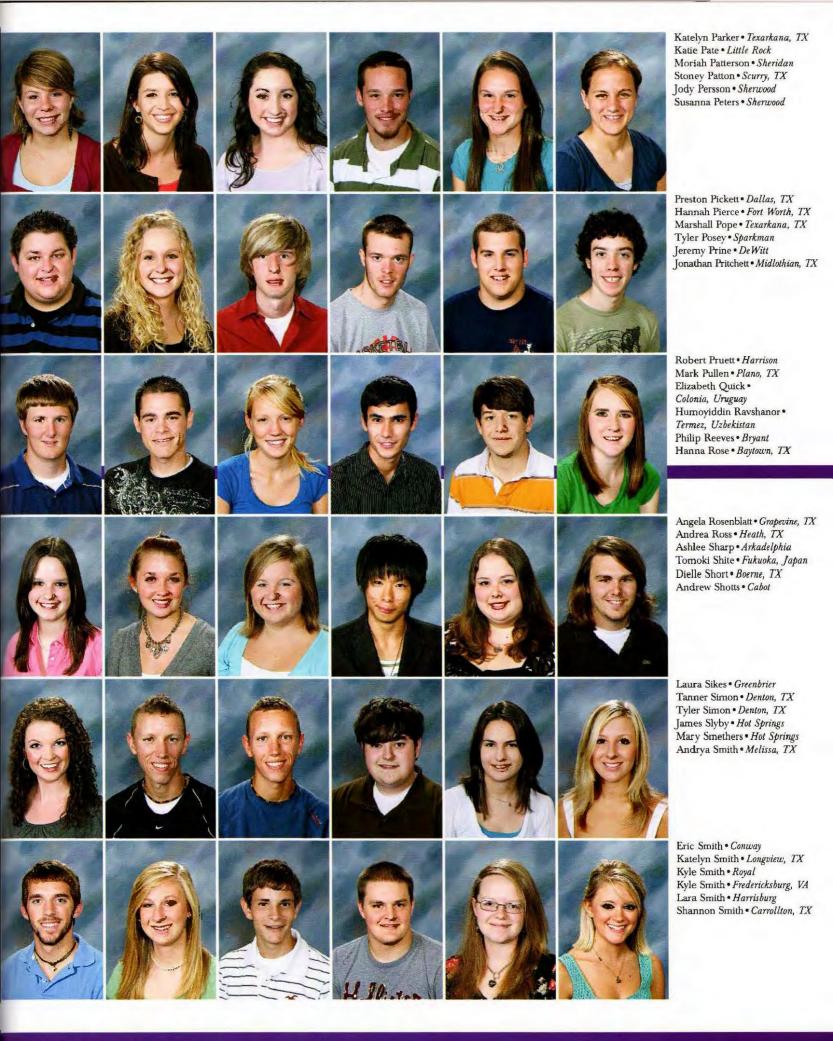
Habimana was very happy with his decision. "I wanted to go to OBU because it had fewer people that other schools. I thought that environment will make it easier to recognize new people and become frien with them. Other schools seemed too big, and to have too many people to do that." Habimana's stance being honest and developing good relationships with others came from the environment where he grew = "In my hometown, all neighbors knew each other. Our neighborhood relationship was very tight and stab." I liked it."

Habimana got his wish. At OBU, his favorite event was to hang out with his friends. "I love watching movies, play games and go on a picnic. And not with just specific friends either, I enjoy being with roommate and suitemates, classmates and friends from International Club, with a variety of majors graders. In OBU, there are many chances to meet and talk to people, and teachers are always very carrier toward their students. I love being here."

Habimana completed another challenge just by studying abroad. At the end of his first year he receiver an award at the Academic Awards Banquet. Habimana, along with eight other students from the math computer science department, were awarded the Rowland Memorial Awards in Mathematics & Computer Science.

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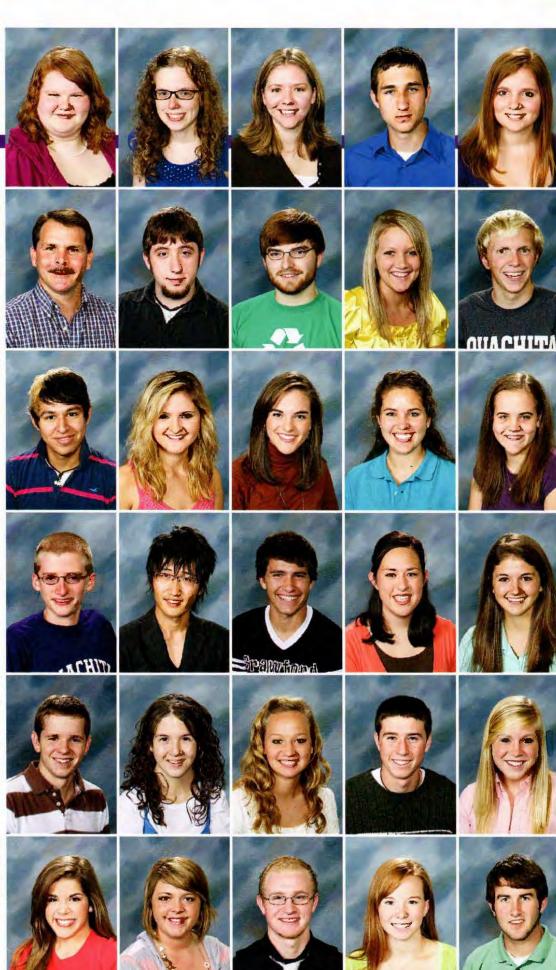
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Braeden Rogers AMBIENT ESCAPE by: Megan Lindsey

For years, students looked forward to getting on Facebook and seeing a particular student's updated photo albums that boasted professional, gorgeous, and unforgettable images. These images were captured with the naturally talented eye of Braeden Rogers, a senior mass communications major from Garland, Texas.

To many a person's disbelief, Rogers started shooting a mere two years ago. But when someone was to view his work, it seemed as though he had been taking photos for much longer. "Something about [photography] still amazes me. Its really awesome just to see the honest emotions and feelings that can be caught only by the camera," Rogers said.

Surprisingly, according to him, the easy part was the technical issues of composition and exposure because "it's just simple math and guides." He described the element that interested him the most about photography was the way one can see through the camera and not through the eyes. "I think shooting wedding receptions are pretty high on my list of favorite things to shoot. Two people just got married so they are happy. They have all their friends, loud music, and a dance floor and flashy lights. Pretty much, it's a massive party. Got to love it," Rogers said.

Doing mostly portrait and wedding work, he also photographed individuals and couples or as he phrased it, "people having good hair days or couples in love." "Braeden seemed to focus on his subject's strong points and not necessarily captured the same thing in every photo," sophomore music major Sarah Partida said. "I loved to watch him study a setting and suddenly have an idea of what he wanted to capture."

What he wanted to capture." His work spanned many locations around not only Arkansas and Texas, but he shot weddings everywhere from the beaches of California to the mountains of New Mexico to San Francisco. Rogers made a name for himself on campus and throughout the country by word of mouth and business cards. He acquired his own business license and marketed and branded the name of Ambient 11 Photography complete with a Web address, www.ambient11.com, as well as a blog he set up himself. "I think the branding process overall is the toughest part because it is going to be what makes or breaks you," Rogers said.

In the realm of his college experience, he considered photography a nice escape from classes, tests, and late night studying. "It's nice when I am going to be out of town for a weekend to shoot a portrait session in Dallas or a wedding somewhere," he said, "In a way though, it makes me appreciate [Ouachita] so much, simply because I have seen so many different environments and people that I can see just how awesome this place is. Ouachita, though cliché, really is a special place. It's very rare to find a place like this."



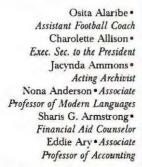
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Shirley Hardin **IGTH** GAP by: Katie Simmons Laney

Ouachita pride runs deep for Mrs. Shirley Hardin. The daughter of Dr. Daniel R. Grant, Ouachita president 1970-1988, and granddaughter of Dr. J. R. Grant, Ouachita president 1934-1949, Ouachita has an important place in Hardin's heart and family. She met her husband, Phil, while a student here. Hardin said, "Ironically, he has served as assistant to the president at Ouachita for the three men who followed my father." The Hardin's have two sons and daughters-in-laws who are Ouachita alumni.

With her strong connection to Ouachita, it is only natural that Hardin work for the school she loves as a development officer. Hardin said, "I encourage alumni and friends to financially support Ouachita's mission. My responsibilities include using mail, e-mail, and Phonathons to reach thousands of our alumni and friends all over the world." Ouachita is a private university, and as such, Hardin said, "Many people are unaware that Ouachita does not receive support from tax dollars, and that tuition covers about 60 percent of the cost of educating our students. We rely on contributions to bridge that financial gap and provided funding for scholarships and programs."

In her line of work, Hardin had the opportunity to make a positive contact with alumni in hopes to procure their prayer and financial support. This year, Hardin had the opportunity to apply for and receive a grant from a foundation of an alumnus. After the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Rogers Jr. Hardin was informed that the Foundation that had contributed to Ouachita for over 20 years was dissolving, and was given the opportunity to submit the proposal for part of the final distribution of funds.

To strengthen her proposal and document Ouachita's connection to the Foundation, Hardin turned to the archive of yearbooks. Hardin said, "It was discovered that the 1907 yearbook documented the senior year and accomplishments of William "Fenna" Rogers Sr. for whom the Rogers Foundation was named. An outstanding athlete, scholar and orator, Fenna Rogers later obtained a M.A. in

theology from Princeton and became a teacher and minister. The influence of this Ouachita graduate led his son to establish a charitable Foundation in his honor which supported schools and churches that impacted the lives of the father and son."

Hardin's hard work and dedication paid off. Hardin said, "A Rogers Foundation grant for \$800,000 was awarded to Ouachita to renovate space in Lile Hall to house the department of speech communication, which will now carry the Rogers name. The influence of a 1907 Ouachita graduate has, in effect, spanned 100 years to touch the lives of current and future Ouachita students."



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Dr. Levin "Casey" Motl ADDICTED TO LIFE by: Chloe O'Connor

It has been three years since Dr. Kevin "Casey" Motl, assistant professor of history, began teaching here. Already, it was clear Motl was here to stay. His office was overflowing with copies of The Washington Post for CORE class students. A coat rack stood in the corner – jackets included – and an Aggies quilt hung on the wall. And students were not surprised by the full-sized, Star Wars light saber on the edge of his desk.

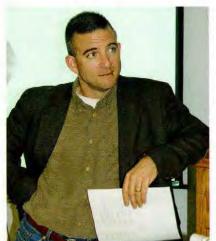


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"I don't expect I'll ever leave," Motl said, sitting behind his desk, surrounded by three coffee cups used to feed his addiction to the drink. "One of the things I find the most remarkable about being a member of the faculty here is how comfortable I am. I feel like I have been here for 10 years. God clearly knows what he's up to."

Students who had classes with Motl appreciated his deep knowledge of history. "You can tell that he knows what he's talking about," said senior Andrew Curtis, a history major from Wickes. "He's really laid back and he creates an atmosphere for discussion that leads everyone to get more interested in the topic and develop their thoughts."

Moth hoped, through his classes, students learned how "history is meaningful to their lives." Tracey Beckett, a senior early childhood education major from Garland, Texas, believed he did just that. "He has a talent for making students see how important history is," Beckett said. "He's really passionate and enthusiastic about what he teaches."

"Just because we're talking about people who have long since become fertilizer," Motl said, "does not mean that their choices, their ideas do not somehow impact the way they [students] live now. Our identity is the sum product of our historical experience."

One thing keeping this busy man from becoming fertilizer prematurely was caffeine. "You cut me open and caffeine's going to come spilling out," Motl said. Being the voice of the basketball games, announcing both the men's and women's home games in Bill Vining arena, it is understandable if he drinks a mug or two more than the average person. "I have the best seat in the house," Motl said.

His spectator side is best shown at the football games. "For my money, if I'm showing up at all, I'm going to make noise," Motl said. Being loud and proud is something Motl learned while attending Texas A&M. "The expectation at that place is you yell long and loud and constantly," he said. "I'd give a lot if we could capture something like that here at Ouachita. We have the capacity to do it."

"I come from a tradition where celebrating the school is a huge deal," Motl said, "and having been here only very briefly, I feel a more powerful sense of loyalty and love for OBU than I feel for my own alma mater. We have intellectual freedom, we have room for diversity of thought and we have space for open discourse... and that is the essence of what any university should be. We have captured it along with a real communitarian sensibility. I love this place."

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Being a college student can be stressful. Add coaching men's and women's division II soccer, and it can seem overwhelming. Not for Coach Alex Denning. In addition to being a part-time student, Denning successfully coached both the men's and women's soccer teams.

It all started for Denning last spring when it seemed as though the soccer program had come to an end. Denning stepped up and led the fight to keep the soccer program, and the administration, realizing the students wanted the program, decided to reinstate soccer. Denning was offered the interim coaching position for the fall, which became a full-time position after the season.

Denning could have graduated in May of 2008 as a political science major, but he choose to add a sociology major. Taking six hours to fulfill the requirements for the additional major, Denning began his new coaching job. He claimed it was pretty easy to manage his time between work and school. "The professors that I had were very understanding when I had to miss classes and I was sure to get all the work done and in as soon as possible so it wasn't a distraction to my job," said Denning.

The biggest challenge was managing his time as coach of both the men's and women's soccer teams. As both practices were held in the afternoon and overlapped by an hour each day, Denning had to simultaneously coach the teams. Coaching both teams' games was not a problem, as they were scheduled back to back. Denning said, "The only thing is trying to switch from a women's coach to a men's coach in the 20 minute time in between games, which is a very different type of coaching."

Having coached a college club in Canada, Denning came to the new coaching position with experience. However, the rules in Canada were different than the NCAA rules. "I was lucky to have a lot of help from the other coaches on campus who gave advice and helped me learn some of the NCAA rules quickly," said Denning.

Although Denning was a student and only a few years older than most of his players, he was able to obtain the respect necessary to effectively coach. Junior Haley Barron, a Christian studies major from Flower Mound, Texas, said, "Most of the girls did not know Alex before he was Coach, so there was not a problem as far as respect. Since we were all new, we were able to start from scratch without many biases or expectations."

Denning had no regrets about choosing to balance school and a full-time job. "This was a very rewarding experience. I am in a profession that I absolutely love in a great community, and I am able to start to put my fingerprint on the program." Luckily for Denning, the stress of being both a student and coach is behind him. Having graduated in December, Denning was no longer a student but continued to coach the men's and women's soccer teams.





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Alex Wishet REACHING THE GAP by: Katie Steele

After 46 years as a chemistry professor, Dr. Alex Nisbet decided to step in to the world of retirement. Since coming to Ouachita in 1963, Nisbet taught numerous chemistry classes as well as sections of Physical Science, "for those who hate science," he said.

As a West Texas native, Nisbet was not exposed to Ouachita as a prospective student. When a chemistry

department position opened in the fall of 1962, Dr. Wayne Everett was assigned to interview people for the job. Everett chose a Regional American Chemical Society meeting as the search location for potential candidates. As fate would have it, Nisbet was in attendance at that particular meeting. "When I met Wayne, I met Ouachita," Nisbet said. Nisbet interviewed for the position in January 1963 and started teaching the following fall.

Even after teaching for 46 years, Nisbet was still not finished learning. "When I retire, I'm going to catch up on my readings," he said, sitting at his desk which was engulfed in stacks upon stacks of books and magazines.

He also hopes to catch up on some old pastimes and hobbies. "One thing I'd like to do is continue with my music," Nisbet said. "I play the cello, organ and piano, as well as compose."

Dr. Joe Jeffers, dean of natural sciences, was a sophomore at Ouachita when Nisbet started working, but did not have Nisbet as a professor until he was a junior. "He was demanding as a professor," Jeffers said. "He gave exams during lab time, so he was able to ask more thought provoking questions. I give my exams during labs now too, because I liked his way of teaching." Jeffers appreciated Nisbet's willingness to help whenever needed. "He's leaving behind 46 years of timeless effort on behalf of students and staff," Jeffers said. "He's always willing to go the extra mile to help anyone with anything."

Dr. Nisbet was known by colleagues to be the "resident punster." "We can always expect on Mondays to hear 'OHIM' (Oh Heck It's Monday) and TGIF every Friday," Jeffers said. On a more serious note, Jeffers compares his learning from Nisbet in a classroom with what he learns daily as his colleague. "I learned more from him as a student, not only in the subject he was teaching, but pedagogically as well," Jeffers said. "He had a very positive impact on my own teaching skills and routine because of what I observed in his classroom setting as a student."

Nisbet thoroughly enjoyed his years at Ouachita and appreciated his time with other campus faculty and staff. "I work with great people and there is always something fun to do at work," Nisbet said. "And the pay is adequate, too."

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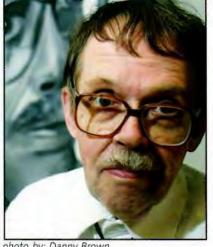


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