

COMMUNITY

Being a private university sometimes seemed to include being private from the world around us — most students were so involved on campus we forgot another university existed across the street. But a closer look revealed a deeper awareness. Students depended on the Arkadelphia area for jobs, supplies, and recreation.



OOD TIMES
Arkedelphians of all ages
supported athletics by
their presence. — photo
by Ken Shaddox

EACHING.
The Arkadelphia community enabled students like Billy Gay Clary to teach children in child development programs. — photo by David Nash

REAMS. Two
Arkadelphia boys look
on as the Tiger footbell
team completes drills
during practice. —
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magine a nightmarish world with no job openings, no open grocery stores, gas stations or banks, and no place to go for entertainment. Take the Arkadelphia community away from students and the bad dream would come true. Students depended on the small town of 10,169 for money earning part time employment, the equipment to survive on one's own, and entertainment for a break away from hectic scholastic endeavors.

"You're always hearing somebody joke about there not being anything to do in Arkadelphia, but

by John Moore

they find enough things to keep busy," Dean Taylor commented. "For dates there are plenty of places to eat, and the movie theatre, we can go to the Spaceport or Lynn Lynn's and play video games, and Lake DeGray is just up the road."

With obtaining college credit being their main reason for making a three season home of Arkadelphia, students spent much more time in the classroom or dorm room than out on entertaining ventures. School supplies and the necessary items to live

away from mom and dad were in great demand, with Arkadelphia furnishing most of the goods.

"I'm always having to run to Wal-Mart to get one thing or another," laughed Sheila Cloclasure. "You'd think they'd get sick of seeing me in there so much, but my gosh, there're so many little things you need that you take for granted when you're at home."

The responsibility of looking after one's self often carried the added responsibility of also paying the bills. Forced

to finance their own at school, many stud took to the streets of Arkadelphia job hun

"I couldn't afford live here if I didn't part time at the sh store," David Binns admitted. "Luckily I the job this summer before some other costudent snatched it

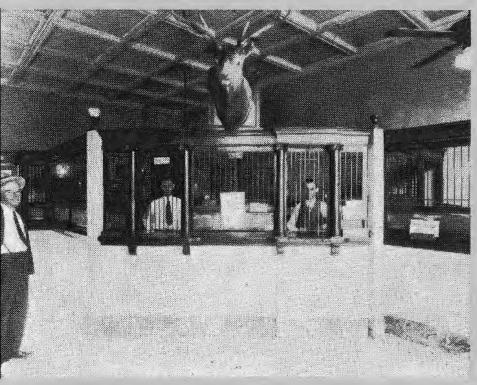
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t cost big bucks to attend a private university. So much, in fact, that many parents didn't have much more cash to help their kids meet general living expenses. If students didn't have money in the bank or parents with generous pocketbooks, they often relied on Arkadelphia to give them money-paying jobs.

I earn a lot of extra spending money by working for the local power company,"
freshman Mark Warner
revealed. "The money's
useful, and I like my job.
The only problem is that
with the Arkadelphia
weather the power is
prone to black out at any
time which means that I
may have to work an
unexpectedly long shift at
any given time."

While most employment secured by students involved very little specialized skills with extra cash as the only reward, some fortunate students found more valuable career development in their jobs.

"After graduating I'd like to go into social work," Senior Kar Davis stated. "The experience I gaine through my job at Arkansas Human Development Cente just as valuable as extra income."

Of course studer discovered that job reduced their amo free time, and the forced to cut eithet leisure time or the work time to not compromise their

"When I worked Bonanza I only we two nights out of week," Byron Hall offered. "I would liked to work mor make more money.



David Bins took a part time job at a shoe store in town to make extra cash for college expenses

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didn't dare trespass into my study time."

Unemployment rates so talked about by the media was also evident in Arkadelphia. A community of 10,000 could not offer near as many part time jobs as students from two universities demanded.

"I'd love to get a part time job and earn a little extra money," Jeff Thomas expressed. "But jobs are really hard to find. I'm so desperate for money that I worked part of my Christmas and Spring Breaks for the school post office."

The lack of part time jobs in the Arkadelphia community helped promote the schools striving for academic excellence by not taking away from student's study time. But students continued to hunt for any employment that might just offer career development and would certainly offer extra bucks to those affected by the school's high tuition price.

As a sales clerk at West's department store, Sonja Wiley tidies clothes racks for customers while earning extra money to help meet expenses common to college life. — photo by David Nash



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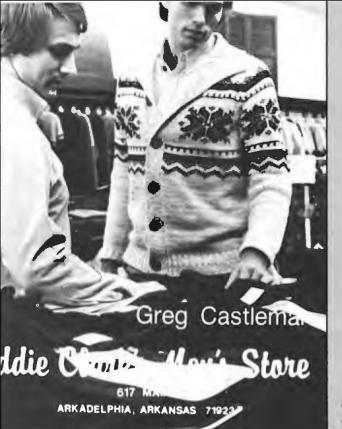
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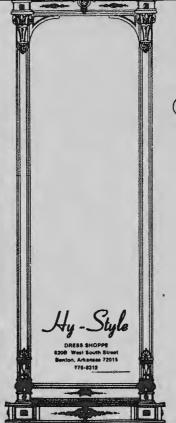
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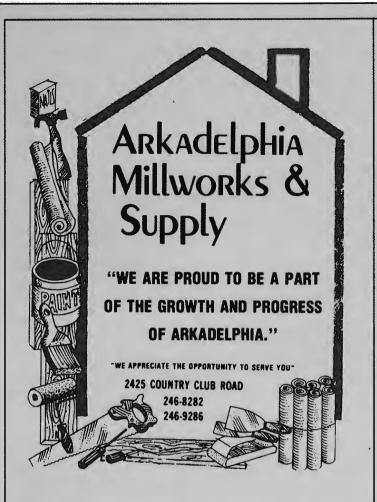
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months out of the year required certain equipment. Students depended on the Arkadelphia community to supply the seemingly endless list of supplies needed for simple

existence.
Perhaps listing
such generalities as class
materials, toiletries
food, medicine, banking,
automotive supplies,
laundries and general
maintenance could knock
off a large portion of



PIZZA DELIVERY. Jennifer Sevier and Robin Harwell pay for steaming hot Pizza Hut pizza - a popular Sunday night meal for students wanting service without leaving their dorms. photo by David Nash

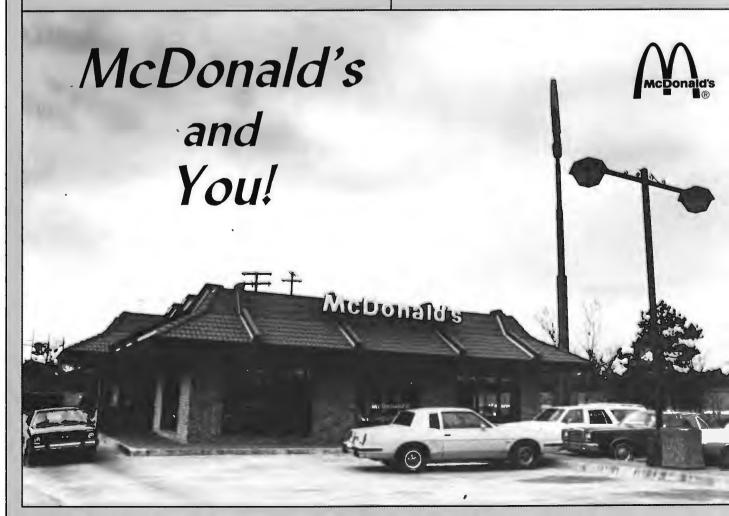




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y supplies, but of ther spur of the needs remained. The students complaining about kwards Arkadel-I think that they stop and consider businesses freshman from Arkadelphia, pointed out. "If the merchants can supply the citizens of the community year round with all that they need, then I don't think that college students have much to complain about."

A trip to a discount

but then again, department stores didn't keep their doors open 24 hours a day and they also didn't fulfill every need of a student.

"I find myself going to Lynn's Food Mart at least once every day," Greg Davis admitted. WINDOW SHOPPING. Sonja Clinesmith admires a pair of shoes at one of Arkadelphias many clothing stores. — photo by Ken Shaddox

QUICK CASH With bank doors being closed for the weekend, Judy Waight uses the automatic teller at Elk Horn Bank to obtain some money for school supplies. — photo by Ken Shaddox





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automatic teller," Reade Mitchell explained. "It's an advantageous service and just goes to show how important having

a bank account is."

Whether with cash or check, students dished out big bucks in paying for the countless number or necessary supplies provided by the Arkadelphia community.







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ontrary to worldwide opinion, the famed community of Arkadelphia

was not a sensationally fascinating hotbed of glamourous, exciting entertainment offering thrills-per-minute fun. But seriously, though most of the community rolled up the sidewalks by 7 p.m., Arkadelphia and the surrounding areas did hold many attractions to students.

"I can't say that Arkadelphia exactly bores me to death. In fact, there's plenty here to keep me busy," Mike Thomas stressed. "On any night I can catch a movie and afterwards head to the Sonic for a coke. But my favorite pasttime is playing video games, and both the Spaceport and Lynns have the current best."



While they indulged in the entertainment offered by Arkadelphia, students quite expectedly showed interest in the opposite sex. Arkadelphia sufficiently supplied a setting for those playing the dating game.

"When it comes to taking out a date, I have no problem finding a place to eat," Braynt Moxley stated.



"On the ends Bon Pizza Hut Ken's Pizall get a of busine and the

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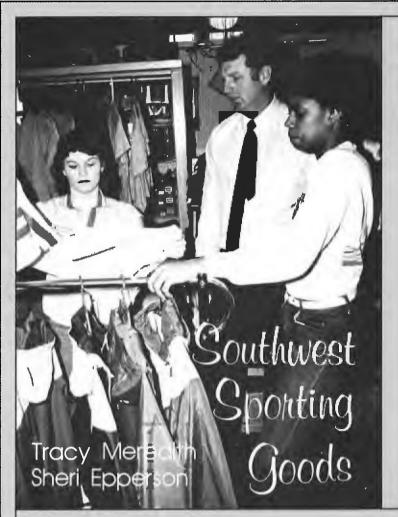


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laying out or throwing a football or frisbee around."

Thirty one miles north of Arkadelphia, the tourist town of Hot Springs lured many students to its large shopping mall, fine restaurants, National Park and historic tourist attractions.

"My buddies and I often make a trip every week to Hot Springs," Allen Rakeley said "We feel that Hot Springs has a lot to offer. I can safely say we've had a blast every time we went."

But students didn't always have to go out into the community for entertainment.

Through radio stations and a local cable television company, services offered by the community came to the students right in their dorm

I couldn't live without my cable hook up," Dennis Lawrence insisted. "It might cost eight dollars a month, but I couldn't handle working on my homework

without the companionship of my t.v. stars. And I enjoy watching my scaps in the privacy of my room instead of the crowded dorm lobby."

Though the small community of Arkadelphia lacked the massive number of entertainment features common to a large university in a large city. the fact that students could take a date out for dinner and a movie, play their favorite video games, sun bathe at a beautiful lake or enjoy cable television and quality radio programming pointed out that when it came to fun. Arkadelphia had plenty to offer.



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