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# Social Clubs

## Unity, service provide challenges

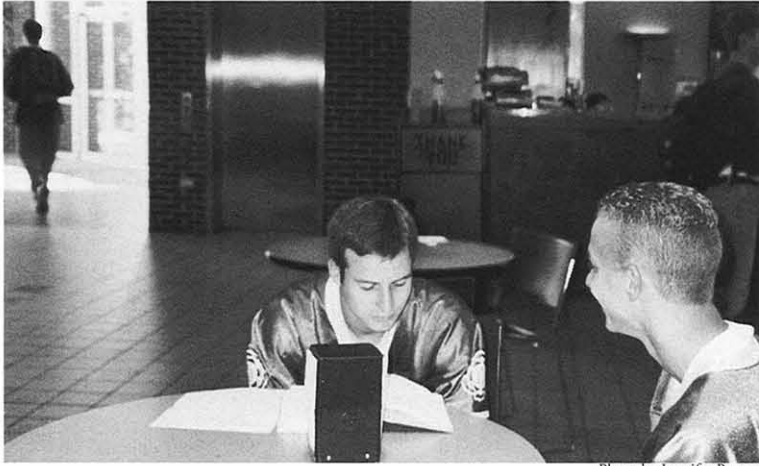


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Above: Josh Osborne, senior, chats with his TNT club brother Chad Cutts, senior, during a break between classes. Left: Knights' Queen Jenny Ruhl shows Jason Spreeman, junior, and Kevin Shelby, freshman, her class notes. Many students take the opportunity between classes to study and socialize in the Student Center.

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Two social clubs emerged at Harding University in 1924. Getting along together in the dorms and performing plays were some of their earliest challenges.

As social clubs have become more numerous and influential at Harding, so have their challenges.

One of the worthiest challenges social clubs faced this year was the numerous service projects they performed. Harding has always exhibited a spirit of service, and social clubs were just one outlet which students utilized when serving the community.

From raising money for mentally handicapped children at the Sunshine School to tutoring children at the Searcy Children's Home, social clubs were involved in numerous service projects this year.

Another challenge social clubs faced was the growing number of members. With capacities of over 100 people in some clubs, unity became, at times, difficult to maintain.

However, prayer groups, secret sisters and small group devotionals were some of the evidences that social clubs were more dedicated than ever at preserving unity.

With the addition of last year's new men's club, Omega Sigma, and this year's new women's club, Omega Lambda Chi, 27 different social clubs were active on the Harding campus at the turn of the century.

The growing number of members allowed for more diversity among each of the social clubs, something that will be influential in the decades to come.

— Jennifer Burton, social clubs editor



## Mixers...

# Club members meet new brothers, sisters during induction process

“**W**hat’s your name? Where are you from? What’s your major? Why did you come to Harding?”

These same questions direct our conversations every year at the beginning of the fall semester. For those new to Harding, this seems a little odd. However, to those who have been here for at least a year, this means only one thing – it’s time for club mixers.

While mixers are sometimes repetitive and time consuming, they provide club members with an effective way of getting to know possible members for their respective clubs.

This year’s process consisted of three mixers. The first two were open-invitation and the final mixer was by invitation only.

From the Delta Gamma Rho cookie dough mixer to the Titan’s super slip-n-slide mixer, clubs tried anything and everything to draw prospective members to their club.

The usual entertainment and activities that took place during the mixers allowed for club members to see prospects in a fun atmosphere rather than a drawn-out question and answer session.

Kristin Addison, freshman, was new to the process this fall.

“I think the whole process was a great way to get to know the girls,” Addison said. “All of the clubs that I visited were extremely friendly and eager to meet me.”

While many freshmen believe the questions

from club members make newcomers feel uncomfortable, Addison felt no such thing.

“I was very comfortable and enjoyed answering their questions,” Addison said. “I understand that it is the best way for them to look at possible members.”

Travis Smith, president of Delta Chi Delta, provided a look at the mixer process from another standpoint.

“As a senior I have spent time on both sides,” Smith said. “After being on this side for two years, I can really appreciate the purpose of the mixers.”

In regards to the various activities that take place at the mixers, Smith said he realizes the importance of seeing the newcomers in a different setting.

“You can really tell a lot about a person by how they interact with others in special activities,” Smith said. “It’s much more natural for us to play a game of football than to sit and ask generic questions. It relieves any nervousness or uncomfortable feelings that may exist.”

Aside from the time pressures and stress added to the lives of those wishing to join a club and those currently in a club, mixers provided an effective and fun way for people to see new faces and make new friends.

“We want the new guys to feel they can hang out with us and be a part of what we have,” Smith said.

— Bryan Jobe

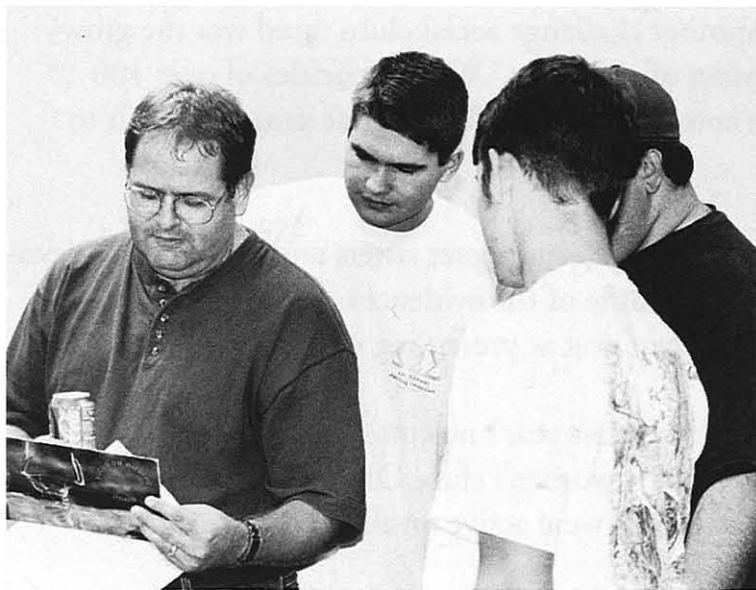
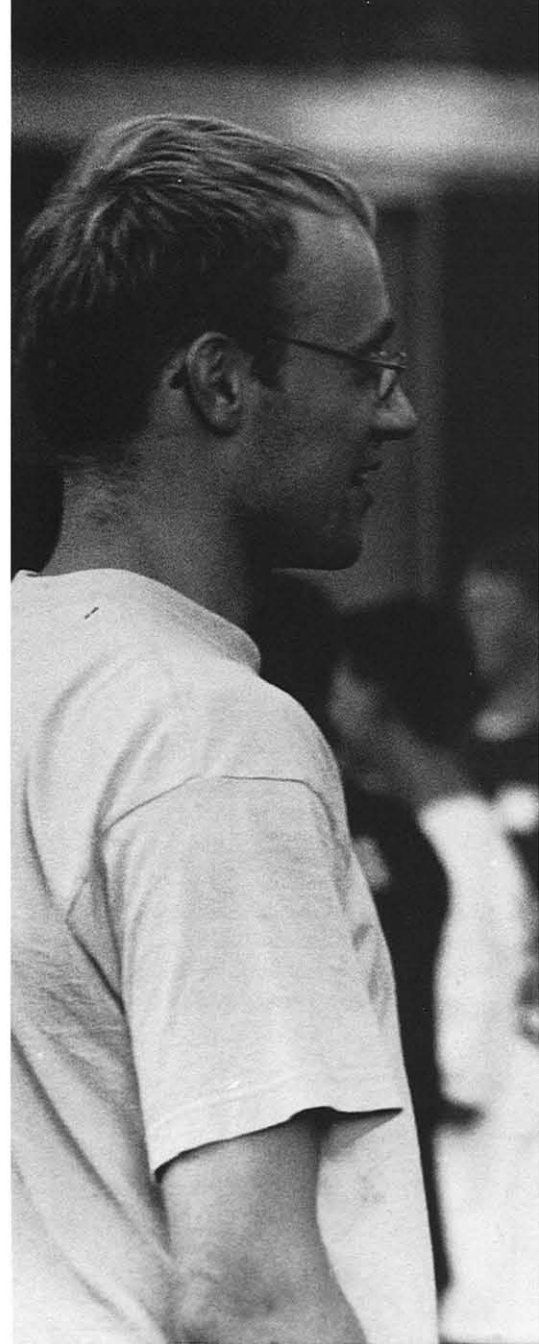


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Dr. Jim Johnston, Omega Sigma sponsor, looks at a wildlife magazine with Oscar Locklin, junior, and other club members during a club mixer.

Proudly displaying their orange jerseys, Alan Howell and Matt Milligan, Shantih beaux, sing “Shantih Bop” at the Social Club Open House, Sept. 2. Open House provided a time for freshmen and other prospective club inductees to meet the social club members.

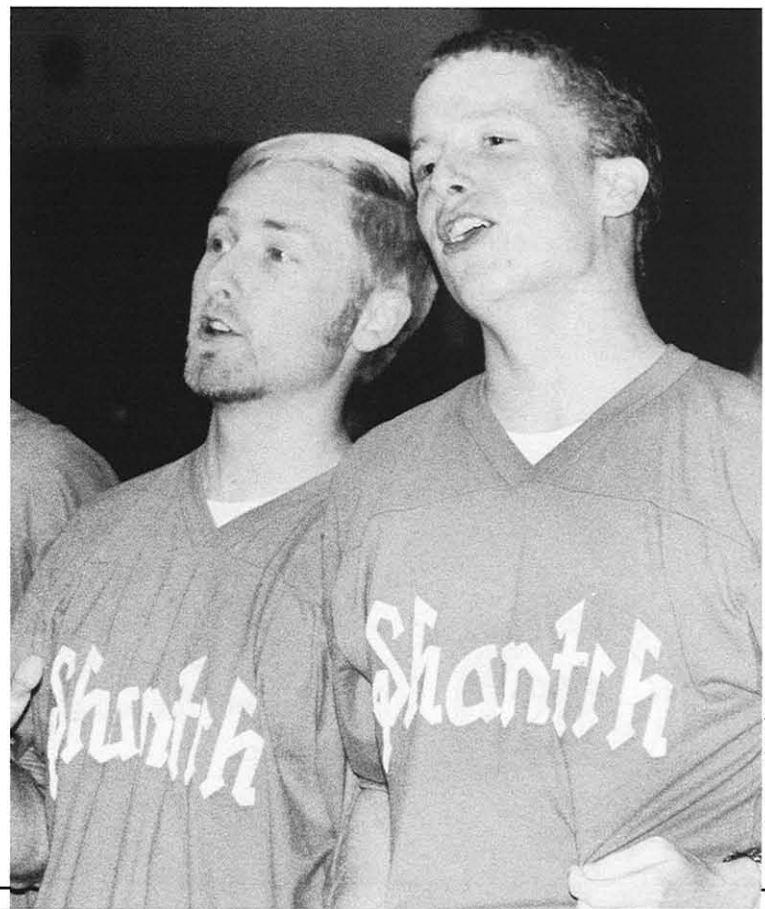


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Getting acquainted with Timo Kosonen, sophomore, is Shannon Cooper, senior member of TNT. Members of Zeta Rho and TNT social clubs donned '70's attire for their annual third round "Brady Bunch" mixer on the front lawn.



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Delta Gamma Rho members greet Emily Smith, junior, and her sister Abby, freshman, on the front lawn during Bid Day.

During Shantih's first round mixer, Nikki Coonts, sophomore, entertains members and prospective pledges with her singing talent. Clubs often chose themes for their mixers. Shantih's first mixer had a hillbilly theme where members wore overalls.

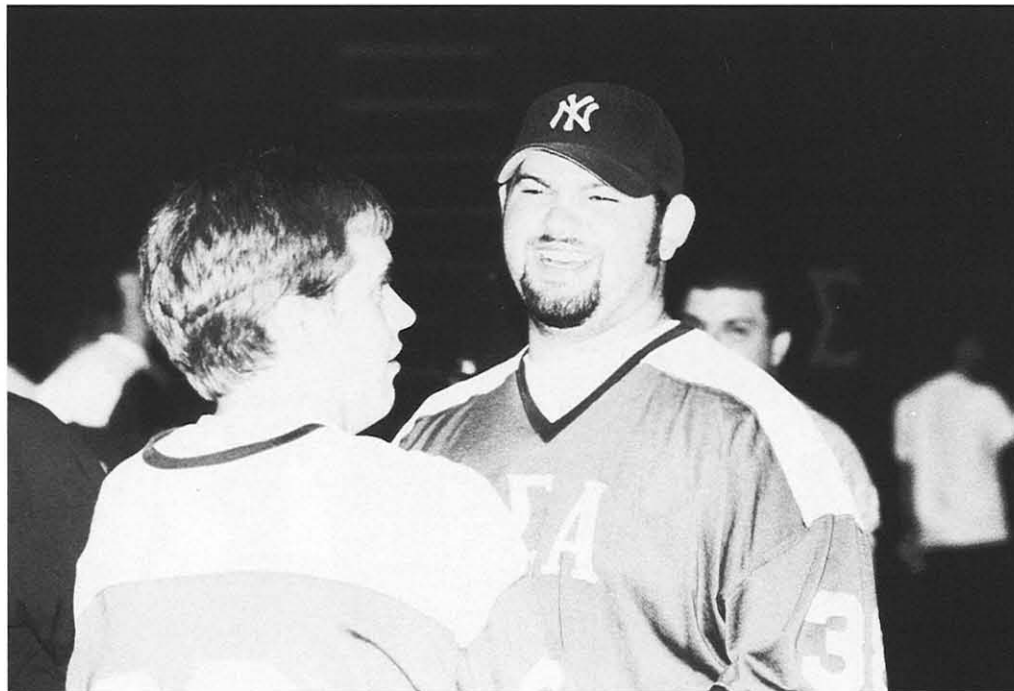


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Travis Gable and Carey Terry, seniors, joke around at the Chi Sigma Alpha table. Social Club Open House gave members a chance to visit with each other after summer break.

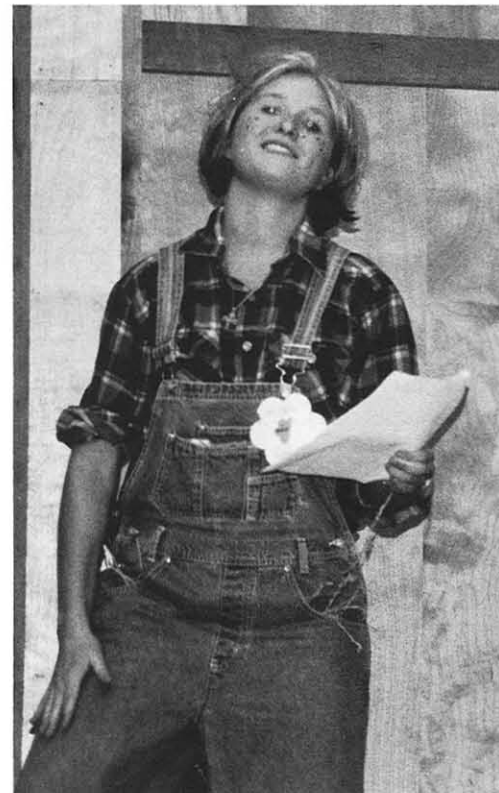


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Ryan Hinckley, Ron Scisson, Jeremy Shelby, Jamie McClay and Chad Kuepker, Knights members, encourage Jonathan Leijen and Dan Johnson, squires, during the club's inductees' annual Joust. Each commitment week the Knights joust for their girlfriends and queens as fair maidens. Squires must make their own armor and weapons and then compete against each other using shaving cream as ammunition.



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Sliding into Commitment week are Kyle Meyers, Jason Russell, Daniel Turner and Wesley Dozier, Pi Kappa Epsilon inductees. Pi Kappa Epsilon and Zeta Rho participated in a Slip-N-Slide activity on Monday night.

Shaving cream fights top off Commitment week for Sigma Phi Mu and Theta Beta Kappa members as Nick Mariotti, Sigma Phi Mu beau, attacks Jenifer Wick, freshman Theta Beta Kappa member.



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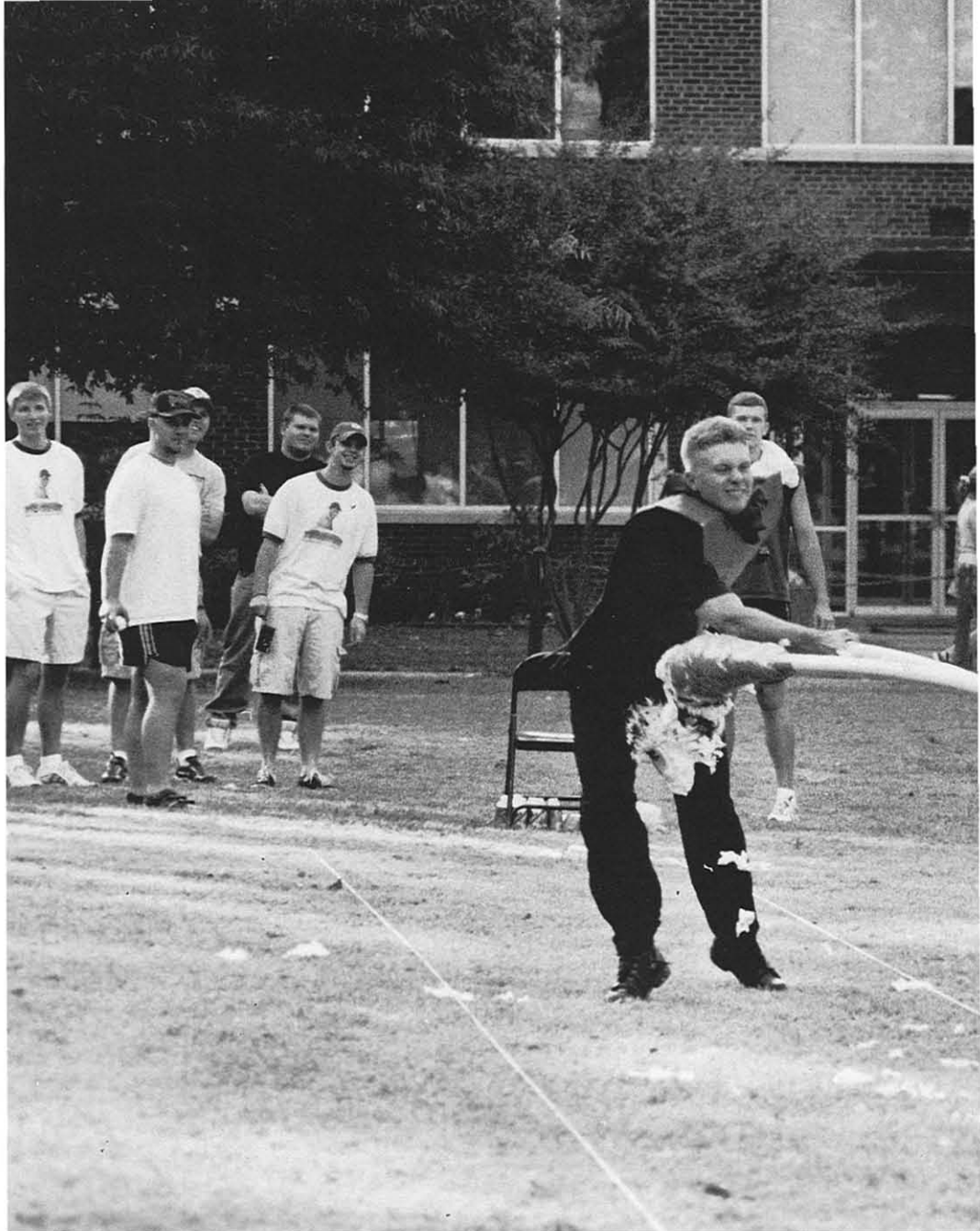


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Members of the Seminole induction class come to the All-Club devotional Thursday night prepared to perform their famous "Seminole Stomp." After the devotional, the club performed the Stomp between Cathcart and Kendall dorms at 10:45 p.m.



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## Commitment week... Inductees strive to find balance

**B**riana Curtis spent Induction Week perfecting her juggling act. But she wasn't juggling bowling pins or chainsaws, she was juggling commitments.

Curtis, a freshman music major from Little Rock, was trying to survive the rigors of the induction process while maintaining a full load of classes and homework.

To keep up with work in her major, she devoted five hours a week to piano lessons, two to four hours a week to voice lessons and also worked in several hours of guitar lessons — in addition to her 15 hour load of classes. Induction Week only made her schedule more hectic.

"You always have to keep practicing," Curtis said. "There's no room to not do your homework when it comes to music."

As a Ko Jo Kai pledge, Curtis was required to keep an Induction Week scrapbook as well as maintain and guard her pledge book at all times.

Over the course of the week, Ko Jo Kai pledges also designed a map to their club president's dorm room and wrote numerous letters to alumni and club sponsors.

Pledges also copied current events articles off the Internet, kept a prayer journal, acquired the signature of each club member and attended club events in the evening.

"The week was very time demanding, but I had a great time with the girls," Curtis said.

Curtis was one of 316 women and 279 men to accept bids from one of the various social clubs on campus.

For many freshmen, Induction Week was one of their first experiences with college life at its most harried pace.

"You really had to learn to prioritize," Curtis said.

Most pledges agreed that the time and effort spent during Induction Week was worth it, according to Rebekah Chandler, freshman.

"I tell myself it's just this week and once it's over, I'll have a group of girls that I'll be bonded to," Chandler said.

The Inter Club Council (ICC), which is comprised of presidents and vice presidents from each social club, voted during the spring semester to enact a few changes to the induction process.

First, the entire process — going to mixers, visiting club members in their dorms, accepting a bid and going through Induction Week — was held two weeks later in the semester.

This additional time allowed pledges to have two weeks to visit club members in their dorm rooms instead of one week, as had previously been the practice.

The ICC also voted to have an all-club devotional each night of Induction Week.

The student-led devotionals provided time for all the clubs to come together and refocus during the busy week, according to Peggy Huckleba, assistant dean of students.

"The ICC decided that there needed to be a more spiritual element during the week," Huckleba said.

The nightly devotionals were a success for pledges, members and deans. "It's the only activity of its kind where all the clubs were brought together," Huckleba said. "I'm really grateful for that type of event."

— Sarah Terry

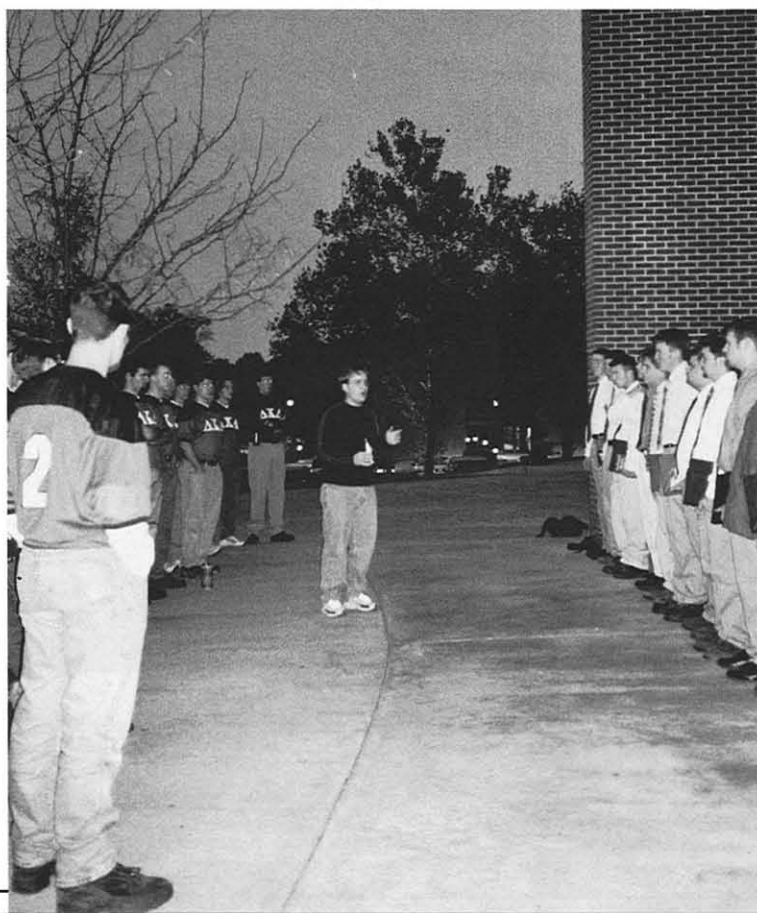


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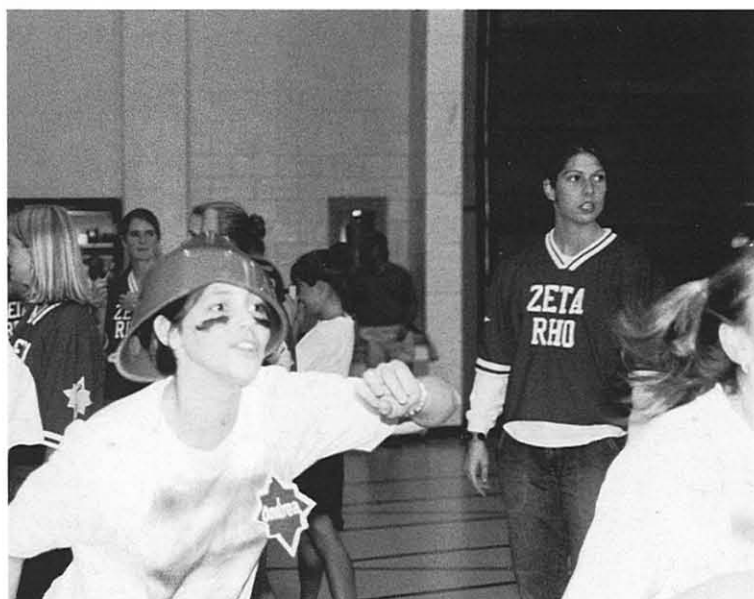


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Andrea Kloske, Zeta Rho inductee, marches under the watchful eye of Kelli Fager, junior. Zeta Rho participated in the Silly Olympics Thursday night with Ju Go Ju, Kappa Kappa Kappa and Ko Jo Kai.

Travis Smith, president of Delta Chi Delta, instructs pledges to "Be on Their Guard" during Monday night's activities. The theme that night came from I Corinthians 16:13-14.

## Functions...

# Club members decide what to do, who to take

Potlucks. Hayrides. Scavenger hunts. Luaus. Formals. Informals.

When it came to planning a club function, the possibilities were endless.

However, a little imagination went a long way toward creating an unforgettable event.

The activities director of a club was typically responsible for organizing the club's functions for a semester.

Still, they often sought assistance when coming up with a suitable theme for each function.

"I had a group of people that got together and helped me brainstorm," Shantih activities director Mandy Isom said.

"I also paid attention to what other clubs were doing. I tried to be creative and do something that hadn't been done before."

Successfully pulling off the function also required reinforcements from other club members.

"Organizing a function takes a lot of volunteers and a lot of time," Isom said.

When choosing a theme for a function, activities directors first had to decide whether the function would be formal or informal. Each type had its individual merits, according to Elizabeth Schuhknecht, junior.

"I like formals, because they give you a chance to get dressed up," she said.

On the other hand, Schuhknecht said informal functions offered a more casual environment for people to have fun and get to know one another.

"Functions allow you to see people in a

more relaxed atmosphere, what they're like when they're out having fun," Schuhknecht said.

Brad Hendrickson, junior TNT member, said his club got informal with their first Pig Roast.

"The pig chase turned out to be a messy fiasco," he said.

Some clubs held recurring functions, where a particular theme became a tradition and even an integral part of that club's identity.

Each spring Titans social club holds their annual Groundhog Day function where members get together and perform a talent show.

Last fall, members of Titans began sending invitations to alumni to attend Groundhog Day 2000, according to T.J. Whitehead, sophomore.

"We started a new tradition this year by inviting alumni and their families," he said. "It was a great time of fellowship which really helped unify the club."

Functions gave club members time to interact with each other socially, according to Meredith Hlasta, senior Delta Gamma Rho member.

"At meetings, there's club business you have to do, and you don't really have the chance to get to know each other," she said. "Functions give you a chance to talk and get to know all the people in your club. It brings unity to the club."

—Jennifer Burton

—Sara Hardesty



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Meagan Crews and Jordan Smith, sophomores, show off their muddy figures after the Ko Jo Kai Mudball function. The women's club held the function at the Searcy Municipal Park, October 9.



Photo courtesy of Myca Haynes

During the fall Sigma Phi Mu function, Myca Haynes, sophomore, and Brad Dunlap, sophomore, enjoy the hayride at the Blessing House in Judsonia. Many social clubs organized hayrides in the fall.





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Dates of Kappa Sigma Kappa members attempt to identify their date's knees at the Kappa Sigma Kappa Christmas function, Dec. 3. Each fall the social club hosts the Scottish Christmas function where each member makes his own kilt to wear.



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Jeremy Hinote, junior Chi Omega Pi beau, pauses to enjoy his dessert during the pie eating contest at the Chi Omega Pi annual "Pie Function." Members of the women's club baked a variety of pies for their fall function at the Carmichael Community Center, Oct. 16.

David Bagley, junior, and his date Kristi Woodward, sophomore, relax against a bale of hay at the TNT fall Pig Roast, Nov. 12. The club held the event at sophomore Dane Joneshill's farm.



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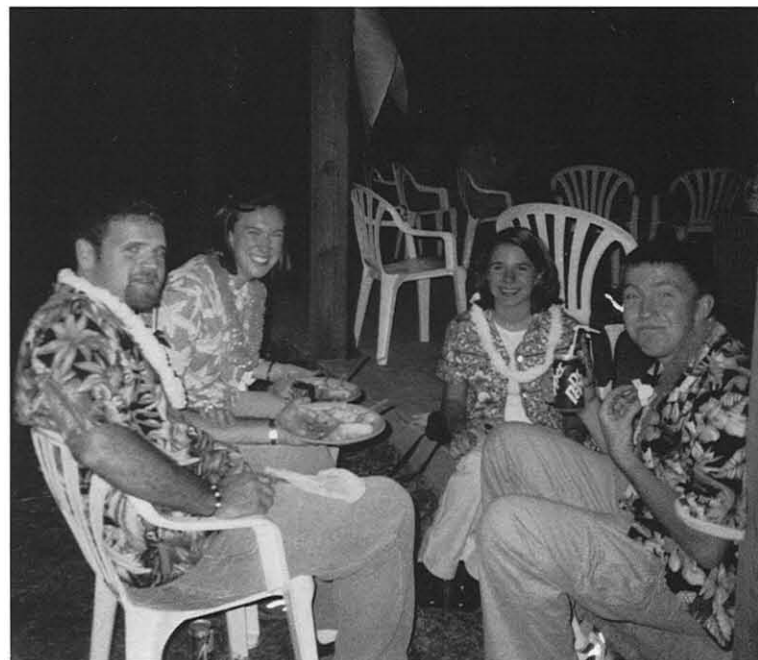


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Jeanine Philips, Josh Muller, Jimmy Allen, sophomores, and Christy Orr, junior, eat a roasted pig at the Delta Chi Delta Luau, Oct. 30. The club's luau theme provided fun costumes and a Hawaiian-style roasted pig for everyone to enjoy, according to Allen.

Brandy Carpenter, sophomore GATA member, and Edward Stillwell, GATA beau, worship during the All-Club Devotional, Monday night of Commitment Week. The devotionals gave social clubs an opportunity to meet together each night during Commitment Week.



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Joe Yale, junior, sings with fellow members of his club, Pi Kappa Epsilon, and friends during a Wednesday night devotional. Members of the club worship together each week in the Old Recording Studio.

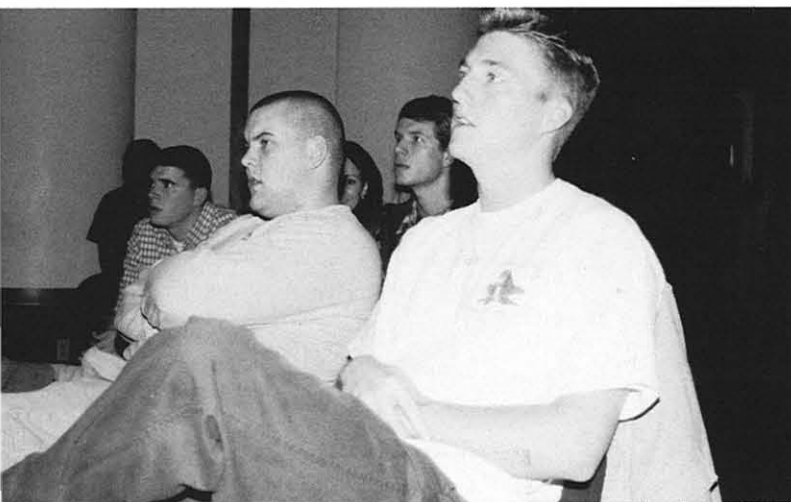


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Darla Dilks, senior, and Ginger Gerber, sophomore, members of Regina women's social club, sing during a devotional with Shantih. Many clubs enjoyed fellowshiping with each other and participated in combined devotionals during Commitment Week as well as other times throughout the year.



Sharon Grove, sophomore, speaks to the women of Tri Kappa during their meeting, Dec. 6, in the McInteer building. Social clubs elected devotional directors to be the spiritual leaders of their clubs and to organize retreats, service projects and other events.

## Spiritual Life...

# Retreats, devotionals unify clubs

While social clubs are an integral part of campus life, they are more than just induction week activities, functions and ring ceremonies, according to Jon Denman, a spiritual life director for Knights men's social club.

The focus of each club is the spiritual aspect that the club affords each member, Denman said.

"It's awesome seeing God pull everything together and change lives," Denman said. "It's definitely a humbling experience."

In addition to devotionals held during club meetings, a number of clubs organized prayer groups each week, which helped members stay focused on God and accountable for their sins, Denman said.

Clubs also used retreats to grow closer to fellow club members and to God.

Each fall Delta Gamma Rho holds an advance for club members; the focus of the event is to advance club member's spiritual beliefs.

"It allows us to express our struggles to each other and lean on God because He's our whole foundation," Amy Martin, the club's spiritual life director, said.

Last fall, 60 Delta Gamma Rho members attended the advance, which focused on spiritual reality checks, according to Martin.

"The focus was realizing what Jesus has done for us—that it is real, not just something you read about," she said.

According to Martin, the weekend advances have benefited the entire club.

"The advances have taught us strong communication within the club," Martin said.

"Every day I have someone encouraging me."

Knights men's social club also benefited from retreats.

For the past three years, club members of Knights have devoted one weekend a semester to a retreat that allows them to focus on God, according to Denman.

"The retreat lets everyone be open and creates a family atmosphere," he said. "It bases everything on God."

During the fall semester, more than 70 Knights and friends spent the weekend at Camp Tahkodah following a hectic induction week.

"The focus of the retreat was to give time to the Lord, getting away and praying and confessing together," Denman said. "It's probably the biggest and most important thing our club does."

Club members spent the week before the retreat praying for the success of the upcoming event.

While on the retreat, club members spent time in prayer and praise to God. The retreat ended Sunday morning with communion, Denman said.

"Every year the retreat is completely different, but God always opens up doors," Denman said.

Chi Sigma Alpha social club also begins each school year with a retreat and bonfire.

"We each bring a stick which we throw in the fire," J.A. Wiser, senior Chi Sigma Alpha vice president, said. "The stick gives each person a chance to speak and share personal goals for the upcoming school year."

—Sarah Terry



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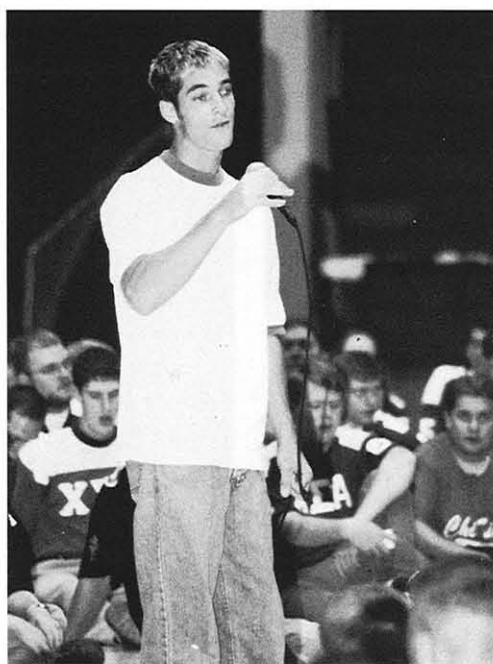


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Paul McMullen, junior member of Knights, leads singing during the Social Club Open House, Sept. 2, in the Ganus Athletic Center. Devotionals helped create unity among the social clubs on campus.



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Alisha King, sophomore, sings during a GATA devotional at their meeting, Dec. 6. Clubs took time out of their bimonthly meetings to worship and fellowship.

## Club Sports...

# Friendly competition for club brothers, sisters

With an air of solemn determination, the batter steps slowly up to the plate. She surveys the field, a blaze of artificial light in a sea of late-evening blackness.

Eying the pitcher warily, she takes a few practice swings, then assumes her stance next to the plate. The pitcher reaches back and lets the ball fly. The white sphere hurls through the air and a deafening crack resounds across the field as bat and ball connect.

As the players in the outfield scramble to stop the ball, the batter begins her race around the dusty diamond.

Softball was just one of many sports in which men's and women's social clubs competed. The more traditional sports — softball, volleyball, basketball and flag football — garnered the most interest. Students with more offbeat athletic interests could participate in club bowling, swimming and track and field competitions, to name a few.

Club sports gave some students a chance to compete in areas that had previously been off-limits to them.

"I play club softball, football and volleyball, but football is my favorite," Amy Cooper, sophomore Shantih member, said. "It's something I grew up with and always loved, but I was never allowed to play because I'm a girl. Club sports give me that chance to finally play football."

Depending on the size of the club and the popularity of the sport, clubs often fielded teams on the "A," "B" and "C" levels. The major difference between these teams was the level of competition, especially when the end goal was to win a championship trophy.

"Volleyball and basketball are much more competitive on the A-team level," Cooper said. "I play A-team because I like to be competitive and I really enjoy all the games. I don't like to play unless there's a prize involved."

When it came to competing for championship titles, rivalry between clubs was fierce, but mostly friendly.

"With most clubs, the competition was great," Kristen Jones, junior Shantih member, said. "It was healthy — a playful, fun, Christian atmosphere."

To win a championship, clubs needed not only skills, but a strong commitment to teamwork.

"We didn't necessarily have better players than the other team, but we stuck together and persevered in the end," Liz Null, sophomore, said. "That's how Shantih was able to win the A-team softball championship."

Time spent at practices and games helped build stronger bonds between club members — friendships that might not have developed outside the arena of competitive sports.

"Playing club sports gives you the opportunity to hang out with people in your club that you wouldn't normally get to spend a lot of time with," Jeremy Gibson, freshman Chi Sigma Alpha member, said. "It gives you the chance to get to know guys who aren't in any of your classes or that you don't see very often outside of meetings."

Even club members who did not actually play in games were able to participate as spectators.

"We did a great job supporting each other this year," Roseann Hittlet, junior Shantih member, said. "The stands were full at every game."

—Sara Hardesty



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Leigh Howard, sophomore Zeta Rho member, tries to run to the outside while Shantih members Ginny Hill, Chrissy Thornton and Kristen Jones, sophomores, pursue her. Shantih A-team captured the women's large club flag football title this year.

Patrick Jackson, junior King's Men member, attempts to sack Cameron Clark, the opposing quarterback, in a football game. King's Men C-team won the small club football title.

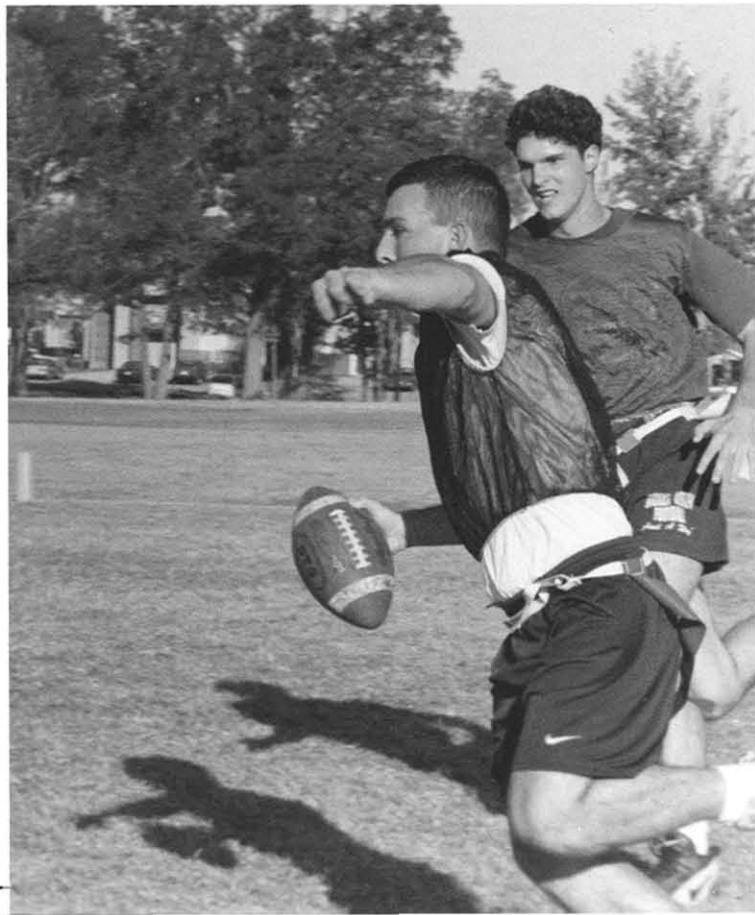


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Kelly Schepppegrell, sophomore, barely clears the bar on the high jump. Schepppegrell represented Ko Jo Kai in the club Track and Field competition at Alumni Field.

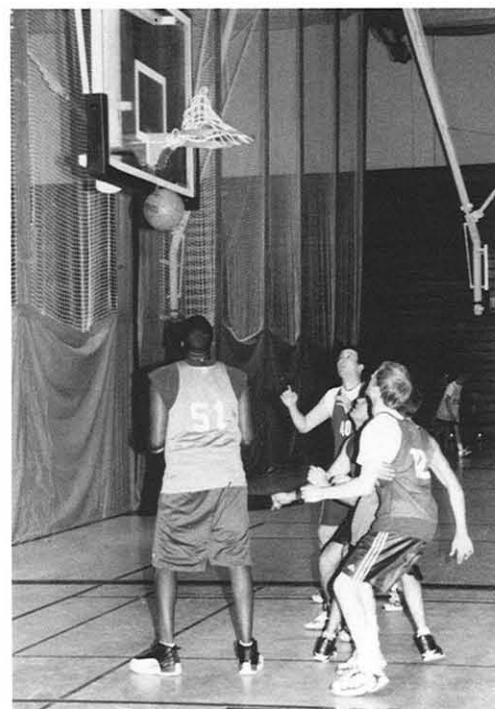


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T.J. Boyle, senior member of Pi Kappa Epsilon, and opposing players on the Titans B-team wait to see if the basket will be good. Club sports provided a chance for club members to play organized athletics.

Trying to score a point for Alpha Tau Epsilon, Luke Irvine, freshman, spikes the ball over the net. His club, Alpha Tau Epsilon, won the small club volleyball title.

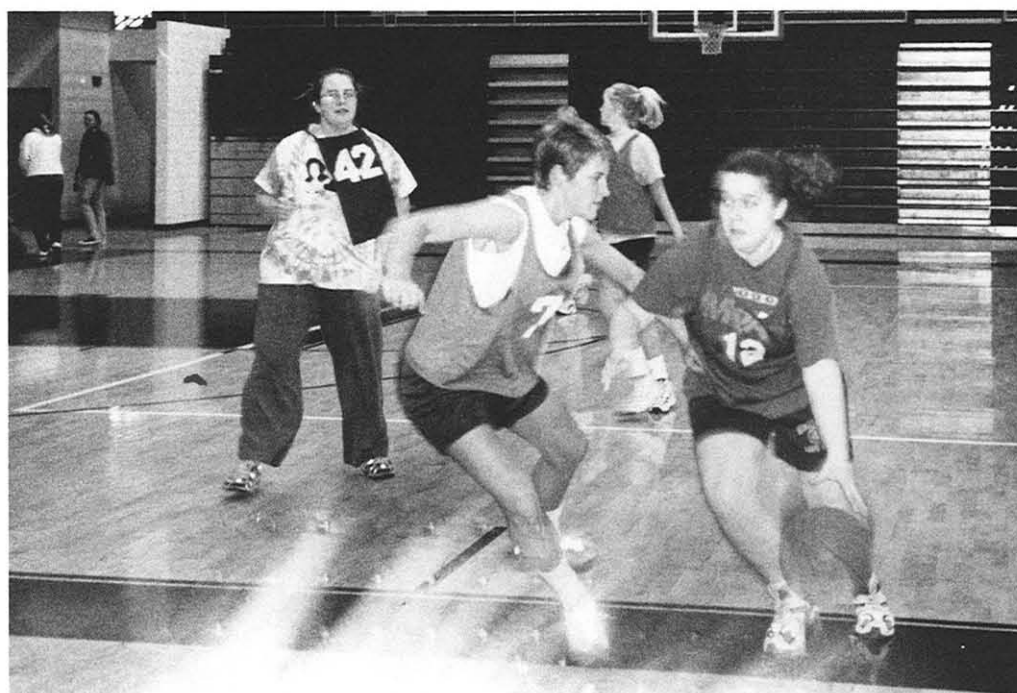


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Andrea Miesner, junior member of Tri Kappa, blocks Michelle Henry, sophomore member of Omega Lambda Chi, as she drives to the basket. Omega Lambda Chi, a new women's club which began in the fall, became eligible to participate in club sports just in time for basketball season.

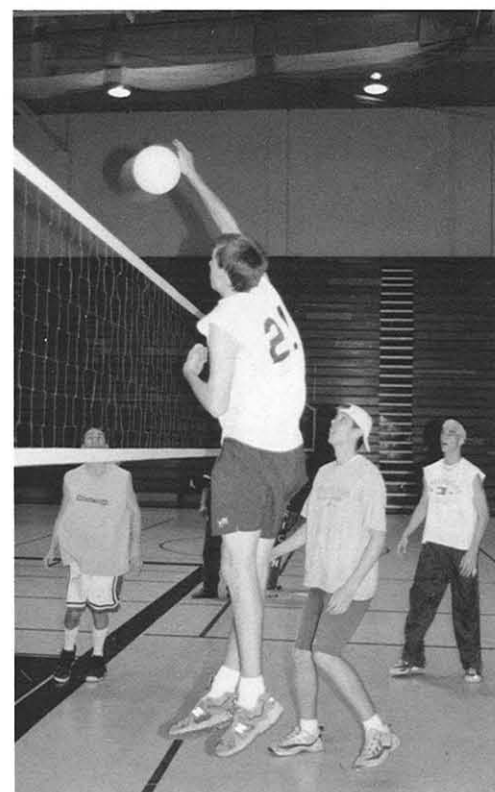


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Chad Hicks, Chi Omega Pi beau, protects the basketball while playing against the Kappa Gamma Epsilon beaux in the Beaux Basketball Tournament, Nov. 16. The tournament was a service project sponsored by Chi Omega Pi, Delta Gamma Rho, Kappa Gamma Epsilon and Shantih social clubs. Money was raised for the Davis House, an adult care facility, in order to prevent its closing.

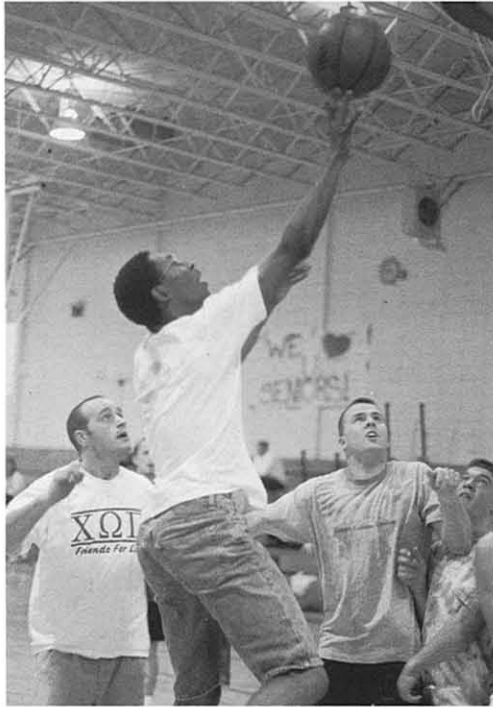


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Gene Bates, Kappa Gamma Epsilon beau, drives to the hoop during the Beaux Basketball Tournament, Nov. 16.



Michael Arnold, Regina beau, talks to RaDora Dinnan, sophomore, in the Student Center while eating a cookie he received from an inductee. Beaux and queens received a lot of mail from inductees during Commitment Week.

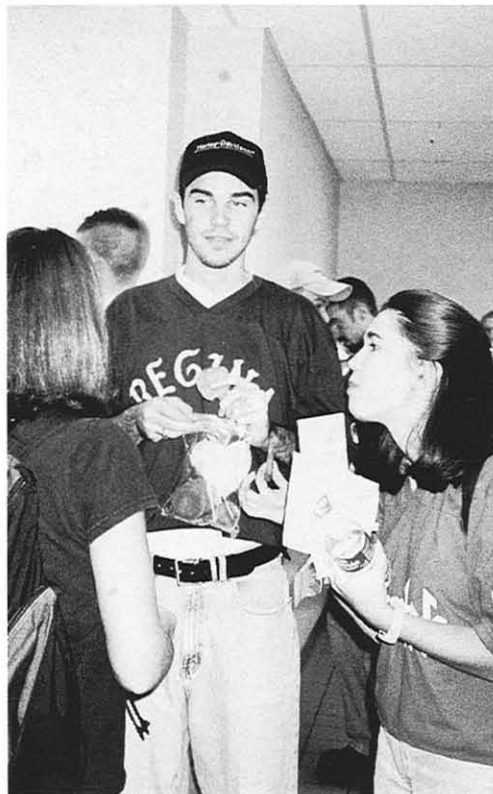


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Heather Seniker, Carla McCarty, Barb Demuth and Mandy Isom, Chi Sigma Alpha Queens, entertain at the first round Chi Sigma Alpha mixer. Beaux and queens participated in club mixers by entertaining prospective members or giving devotional thoughts.



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## Beaux and Queens... Always available for bonding, support

**I**t's an ordinary, uneventful Monday night. You're in your room, sprawled out on your bed, watching stale sitcoms and pretending to study chemistry. Suddenly, a knock at the door interrupts your reverie. The person in your doorway ushers you briskly downstairs. In front of your dorm, a noisy, clamoring mob of people wearing brightly colored shirts rushes at you, surrounding you in a crush of bodies.

This scenario may sound like cause for alarm, but for the lucky few chosen as social club beaux and queens, it was actually one of the most exciting nights of their college lives.

"I was in a club meeting and my brother-in-law came in and got me," Elizabeth Root, Chi Sigma Alpha queen, said. "He said I had a phone call from my brother and I needed to go back to my room. He was walking me back to my dorm, and when we got in front of the laundromat, about 100 people in blue started running at me and singing to me. I was totally shocked, but it was pretty cool."

Beaux and queens played a vital role in the clubs that chose to honor them with the titles. They attended meetings, functions, mixers and Pledge Week activities as a source of support and encouragement. They also shared their own special talents and abilities with the club.

Their function also included contributing to the club's spiritual growth and development.

"I feel that one of my responsibilities as a beau is to represent the spiritual goals of the club," Chris Whitman, Shantih beau, said. "We're there as spiritual leaders, to guide and serve the women of the club."

In return for their dedication and service,

clubs made it a point to express their appreciation to their beaux and queens.

"During Pledge Week especially, I felt really important because all of the girls were sending me mail," Mac Bell, Zeta Rho beau, said. "My mailbox was completely packed every day. It was a fun week."

Beaux and queens often struggled to find a balance between club activities and other aspects of their lives, such as academics.

Some also found themselves torn between two loyalties when duties as beaux or queens conflicted with commitments to their own social clubs.

"I couldn't go to TNT's final pledge night because I was involved with Zeta Rho's," Bell said. "I didn't really want to miss ours, but I'm willing to make those kinds of sacrifices this year because Zeta Rho chose to honor me in such a great way."

When circumstances forced them to choose between the two clubs, they usually decided to attend the activity where they felt they were most needed.

When club jersey days overlapped, they had to come up with creative compromises.

In spite of the split loyalties it occasionally caused, the beaux and queens felt that the benefits of being beaux or queens far outweighed the sacrifices involved in balancing the two clubs.

"I really cherish the times I got to sit down and talk and share with the guys," Root said. "Praying and singing with them, really being able to get to know them - those are some of my favorite memories."

—Sara Hardesty

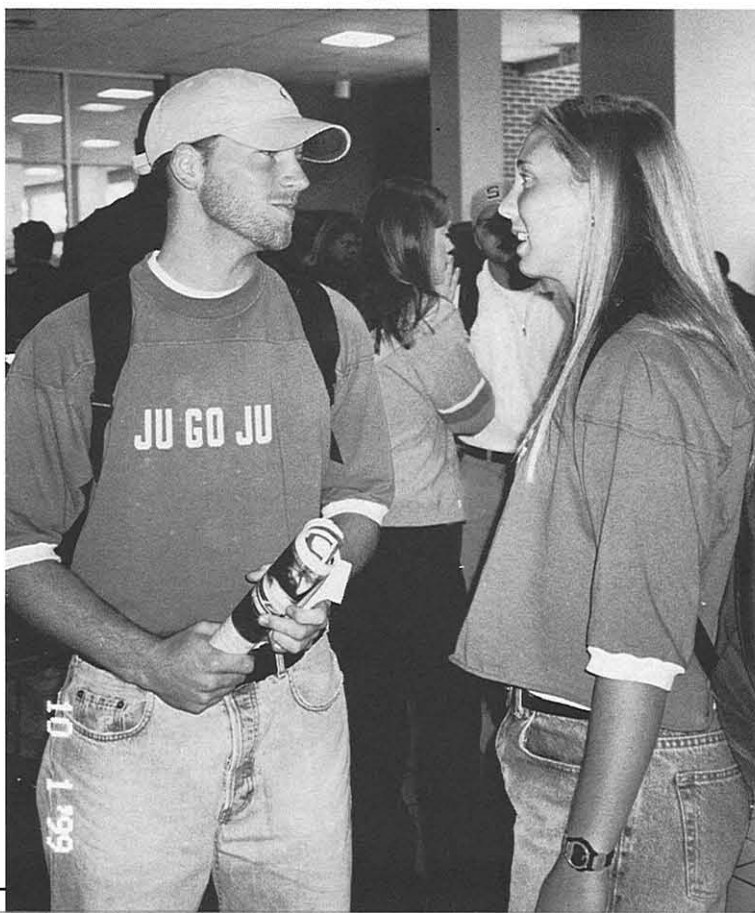


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Heather Roberts, Sub-T 16 Queen, talks to former and current Sub-T 16 members on the front lawn during the Social Club Open House. Homecoming weekend provided an opportunity for Social Club alumni to visit with current club members.

Jason Warner, Ju Go Ju beau, visits with Rachel Belcher, junior, in the Student Center between classes. Part of being a beau or queen was getting to know the members of the club.

## Service Projects...

# Clubs serve God, community members

**M**atthew 20:27-28 says, "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

All of the 27 social clubs on campus participated in service projects this year, each unique in their own way.

Those who were involved said the services provided were both rewarding and uplifting to all who took part — both those serving and those being served.

Elizabeth Fair, junior Ju Go Ju member, said her club held service projects at the Sunshine School for disabled children and Harding Place, a retirement village.

"The girls in Ju Go Ju scheduled a time with the residents at Harding Place to have a game night," Fair said. "It was a lot of fun to interact with the elderly of the community."

"Seeing the faces of the residents light up at the sight of all the girls made me know the residents really appreciated the company. They begged us to come back next year."

Tri Kappa makes a yearly trip to Dot Bec's, a supervised-living retirement home with 10-15 residents.

Several members of Tri Kappa, including Stacey Hammitt, senior, said they enjoyed visiting with the residents this year.

"It's a chance for the residents to sing and fellowship with people our age. It is so

fulfilling to know that you have helped to brighten someone's day," Hammitt said.

The members of Knights social club created a Halloween service project for the children of the community.

They constructed a haunted house in senior Jeremy Shelby's apartment in the Meadow Lake complex.

When the children from the area came to Shelby's apartment, not only did they get the traditional treat of candy, they also had the opportunity to tour the Knights' haunted house.

"I think it was a great way to get involved with the Searcy community," Jason Wilson, senior, said.

While many clubs served others outside of Harding, King's Men and Oege social clubs sponsored blood drives with the American Red Cross two times each semester.

Not only did club members participate in their own service projects, they were also involved in other club projects like TNT's Run for the Children.

In order to raise money for the Searcy Children's Home, TNT social club sponsored a one mile run during chapel in October.

Runners paid an entry fee that went solely to help support the home.

"I was very pleased with the student participation we had," Michael Cooper, president, said. "For what we were doing, it was very impressive."

—Jennifer Burton

—Ginger Wilson



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Angi Dickerson, freshman Kappa Gamma Epsilon member, picks up sticks in Spring Park. During Commitment Week, many clubs participated in service projects around the community.



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Pouring drinks for blood donors keeps Amy Elam, senior member of Oege, busy during the Oege and King's Men American Red Cross Blood Drive. The blood drive was held twice each semester.





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Sara Sanders, Andrea Garza and Ashley Adams, Class II Ju Go Ju members, cheer on Sunshine School students during an afternoon service project. Members of Ju Go Ju played Baci ball with students at the school during Commitment Week.



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Mandy Hopkins, sophomore Delta Gamma Rho member, helps a member of the Straachan family during a commitment week service project. Members of Delta Gamma Rho painted the Straachan's house.

Kim Ewing and Michelle Johns, members of Chi Omega Pi, anxiously await being dunked. Each year during the White County Fair, members of Chi Omega Pi raise money for the Sunshine School by sitting in the Civitan Dunk Tank.



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Kimberly Rampey, sophomore Ko Jo Kai member, takes orders for pizza from Jordan Smith, Kyle Watson, sophomores, and Brandon Siegel, freshman. Ko Jo Kai members waitressed at Pizza Inn for an evening in order to raise money for the Walk for Diabetes.

Marie Anderson, junior, helps a child from the Sunshine School show off his new toy. This Christmas, club members bought gifts for the handicapped students at the Sunshine School and then Santa delivered them at the school's annual Christmas Party.

During formal induction, on Oct. 31, Leslie Brooks, sophomore, washes freshman Angela Boyd's feet. The ladies of Chi Omega Pi served each other as well as the community.

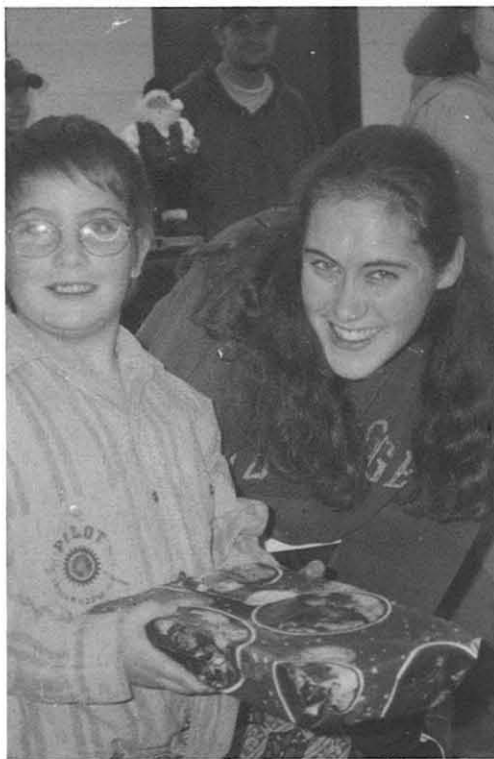


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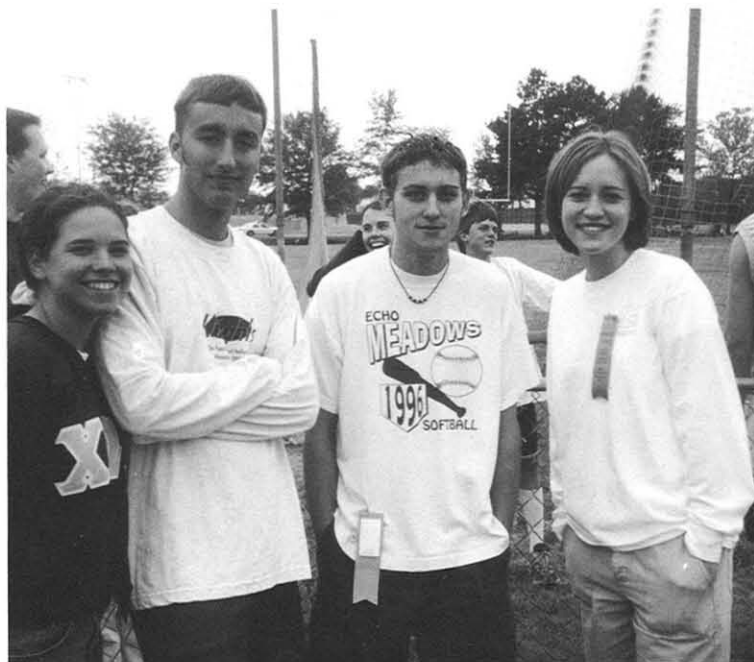


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Chi Omega Pi members DeAnne Tonnessen, senior, and Martha Pupko, junior, stop for a picture with friends Brian Hannel and Steven Garner before handing out ribbons at the Special Olympics held in April. Each spring the club supports Special Olympics contestants by cheering and helping with the awards ceremony.



Elaine Keller, sophomore, sorts cans for the food drive that Chi Omega Pi sponsored for the Battered Women's Shelter during the Christmas season. The shelter was just one of the many places that Chi Omega Pi members volunteered this year.

## Petit Jean Service Award...

# Chi Omega Pi exudes spirit of service

As Kim Ewing and Michelle Johns, juniors, sit on the bench watching people walk by, they wonder who will victimize them next. Then it happens. A young girl steps up, pays her dollar, and the two Chi Omega Pi members splash into freezing cold water.

Every September, members of Chi Omega Pi volunteer to sit in the Searcy Civitan Dunk Tank at the White County Fair in order to raise money for the Searcy Sunshine School. This, however, was just one of the many service projects the club participated in this year.

In I Peter 5:5, Peter commands the Christians to "clothe themselves with humility," reminiscent of John 13 when Christ washed the disciples feet, providing the ultimate example of servanthood.

Each year the Petit Jean staff, along with a panel of judges, chooses one social club to receive the Petit Jean Service Award. This year the Petit Jean staff proudly awarded the women of Chi Omega Pi the award for service to their school and community.

"It's humbling to know that others see our service projects as beneficial," Shauna Lee, junior, said. "We always try to keep God and others ahead of ourselves."

Marie Anderson and Deidre Mathis, service project directors, set a goal for the club to be involved in a different service project each month.

"We wanted the girls to have a variety of projects to get involved in," Anderson said.

Besides supporting a young boy in Haiti through Compassion International, Chi Omega

Pi worked regularly with Searcy's Sunshine School, a school for the mentally handicapped.

Additional service projects this year included volunteering at the Battered Women's Shelter, raising money for the Davis Center, an adult daycare facility, and baking cookies for all of the dorm mothers on campus.

"The girls are always focused on serving others. Every day there seems to be a new note in the club box about someone needing prayers or an upcoming service project," Beau Chad Hicks said. "Their hearts and minds are very focused on serving."

Participating in service projects helped the girls establish relationships with members of the Searcy community, according to Lee.

"The children at the Sunshine School are a blessing everytime we visit them," she said. "They are always so cheerful."

Many of the girls also found the experiences valuable to their training in vocational ministry and missions fields.

"The people are such a blessing because they give me an opportunity to serve them," Sara Mulliken, sophomore, said.

In the future, the ladies of Chi Omega Pi hope to continue serving the community and the school.

"The joy on the faces of the people we help is such a reward," Lee said. "I hope everyone at Harding takes advantage of the opportunities we have to serve."

—Jennifer Burton



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Alaina Belch and Andrea Hall, juniors, bake cookies for the dorm mothers on campus. Chi Omega Pi showed their appreciation to the dorm mothers each semester by making them goodies.



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Martha Pupko, junior, talks to Melody Bryan, freshman, on the Front Lawn during Bid Day, Oct. 24. Commitment Week provided the first opportunity for new members to get involved in service projects.

## Regina Spirit Award...

# Students honor Alan Howell, Becky Pratt

Alan Howell and Becky Pratt, this year's Regina Spirit Award recipients, were a logical choice for the honor presented to them in chapel. Among their many accomplishments as student leaders, Alan and Becky are probably best known for their positions as Student Impact Co-Directors last August, a position that highlighted their spirit of dedication and service to others.

Alan and Becky exhibited qualities of leadership and service during Student Impact, according to Jim Miller, director of student activities. They spent their summers planning activities for the new freshmen and getting upper-classmen involved and ready to make Student Impact 1999 a success.

Alan and Becky both agreed that Impact is one of the fondest memories of Harding University they will take with them when they graduate in May.

"The closing ceremony is something I will always remember," Becky said. Seeing all the faces and the candles is very memorable."

This dedication of Christian service and remarkable Christian attitude are what earned Alan and Becky a nomination for the Regina Spirit Award.

Each year, Regina Women's Social Club nominates male and female seniors whose Christ-like examples and service to others are exemplary. The student body then votes on the nominees, and the two recipients receive a plaque during a chapel ceremony.

The award has its basis in I Timothy 4:

12, which states, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity."

Becky said that one individual who has inspired her to be a Christian servant is Mrs. Murray, a lady she visited each week through her club service project. Murray is an English teacher who takes care of her sick husband.

"I can call her anytime and talk about anything," Becky said.

Alan and Becky have been positive role models in the lives of many students on the Harding campus.

One life Alan has touched has been that of his fiancée, Rachel Wilson, senior.

"I realize more every day how much he loves God and desires to serve him," Wilson said. "It's incredible to be able to see that every day."

Becky's sister, Molly, said that Becky has been influential in her life as well. "Her dedication to God is something I admire and wish I had more of," Molly said.

As two prominent seniors of the Harding student body, Alan and Becky exhibit a Christ-like spirit that each of us can strive for. "They provide a breath of fresh air to the Harding campus," Miller said.

When asked what Bible verse they try to live by, both Alan and Becky said John 3:30: "He must become greater; I must become less."

—Jennifer Burton

—Casey Neese

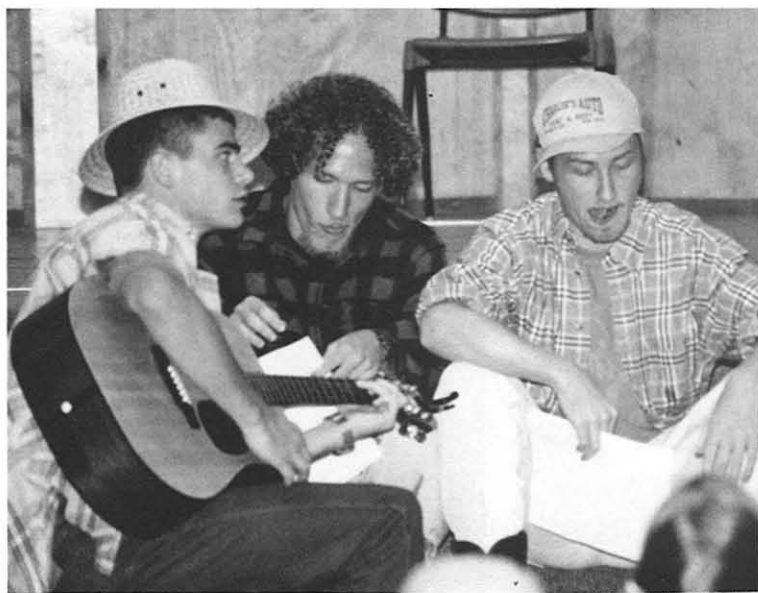


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Alan Howell, senior, joins fellow Shantih beaux Jacob Baker, junior, and Heath Amos, senior, in the entertainment at a Shantih mixer in the fall.

Alan Howell and Becky Pratt, seniors, make an announcement during Student Impact. The two served as the co-directors of this year's program.



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Becky Pratt, senior, pins a corsage on her father, Bill, before the Homecoming game, October 23. Pratt represented her class in the Homecoming Court both her junior and senior years.

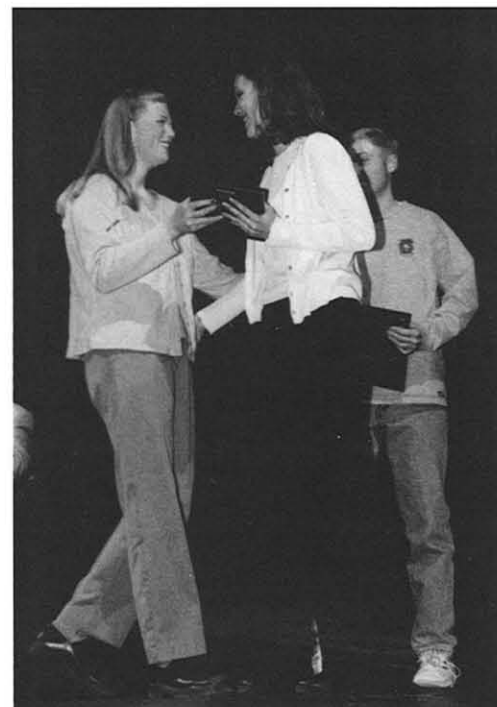


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Becky Pratt, senior, receives the Regina Spirit Award from Amy Gable, President of Regina Social Club. Regina nominated eight male and female seniors which the student body voted on to receive the Spirit Award.

During chapel, January 27, Amy Gable, senior, presents Alan Howell, senior, with the Regina Spirit Award. The honor came as a surprise to Howell who was nominated last fall by Regina Social Club.

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Photo courtesy of Becky Pratt

Becky Pratt, senior, poses for a picture at the Inner-City Carnival in Little Rock last fall. Pratt participated in many service projects, including the carnival and visiting the elderly, during her four years at Harding.

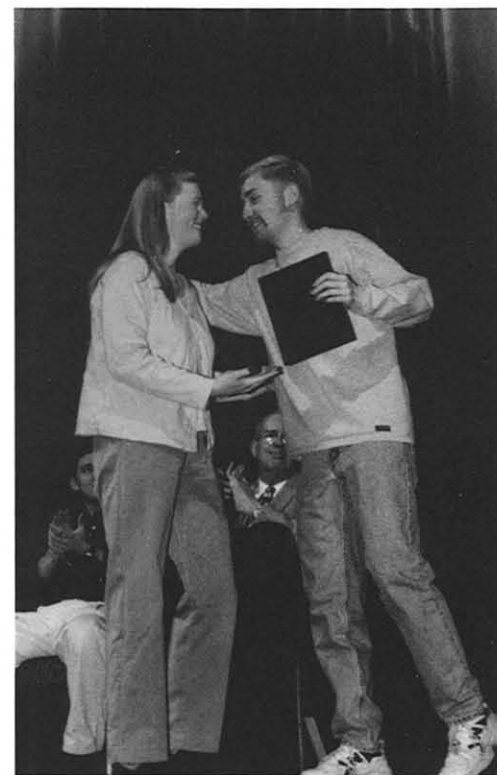


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