



Dressed to the western nines, senior Marti Downey visits with a potential inductee at Shantih's Cowboy and Indian themed first round mixer Sept. 17. With three rounds of mixers and a visitation week before induction week, future inductees received ample opportunities to learn about the clubs on campus. (Photo by Lindsey Taliaferro)

# **Clubs** *stand together for a common* **PURPOSE**

For those who experienced it, induction was nothing less than memorable. Open house, mixers, decisions, visitation, hours of waiting and induction week were all part of the process. Each element brought inductees one step closer to membership in one of the 27 social clubs on campus.

While 2003 meant continued traditions for most clubs, a few groups took steps toward finding their own places on campus. Second year men's club Gamma Sigma Phi welcomed their first induction class and King's Men made an appearance on the large club athletic scene.

Each social club was different. They wore different colors, sang different songs, excelled in different areas and organized different functions. This variety brought life to the social club atmosphere. It provided an array of choices to help each student find his or her niche.

When looking at the bigger picture, jerseys quickly faded away and revealed a group of students standing together under a common purpose—devotion to God. Ultimately, social clubs and everything surrounding the induction process existed to lead students one step closer to Him.

—Lisa Lauterbach  
*Social Clubs Editor*

# Head for the Hills

Omega Lambda Chi girls retreat for unity

Unity was the underlying theme for Omega Lambda Chi members during their first fall retreat away from Searcy, Sept. 27-28.

In years past, the women's social club held fall retreats in the homes of sponsors or other convenient locations. The four-year-old club hoped to do things a little differently this year, and traveled to Crowley's Ridge, near Paragould, Ark.

"We decided to make it a real retreat with a camping experience," senior Leah Eddy, president of Omega Lambda Chi, said. "We wanted to just fellowship, which we don't always have the chance to do [on campus]."

Blessed with good weather and surrounded by nature, the club stayed in three cabins with a lake nearby.

"We wanted to go there to really get away from the distractions around campus," junior Amber Larson, devotional director, said. "It was nice to be able to hang out with just the girls."

Friday night included a handful of unity building activities for the club. The ladies made new door signs for themselves and the upcoming induction class.

The retreat also included singing around a campfire and smores. Christy Thompson, Omega Lambda Chi sponsor, spoke to the club. Her message for the weekend came from Philippians 2:1-4.

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**- Senior Leah Eddy**

"It was great to hear from her," Eddy said. "She was just really excited about being around us and that was nice."

After a water balloon fight, members retired to the cabins for group devotionals and prayer requests.

"Part of [the purpose of the retreat] was becoming more unified before we [inducted] the new pledge class," sophomore Chrissie Martinez said.

Saturday, the club had a chance to split into groups for more devotional time.

The club believed everyone came away with a stronger sense of unity and a better understanding of the club motto, "sisters for eternity."

"For me, it was getting to know the girls I didn't know before and it was getting even closer to the ones I did know," Martinez said.

With unity as the theme, many of the girls returned feeling closer and

appreciated the focus on serving others.

"Because we are a newer club, we are still developing a personality but we have always wanted to be seen as a group of girls serving others," Eddy said.

The women of Omega Lambda Chi kept more than just t-shirts for memories. They kept what they learned about each other.

"It made me really appreciate the club more and the tight-knit bond we have," Eddy said. "I could just tell we needed that time."

Many other social clubs provided activities to encourage spiritual growth for members. Delta Gamma Rho, Kappa Gamma Epsilon and King's Men also organized spiritual retreats.

A number of clubs formed prayer groups. These smaller gatherings provided an opportunity to connect with other members on a personal level.

Delta Chi Delta members were responsible for praying for another member for the entire year.

The club opted for this new format because they wanted to do away with any groupings that might cause cliques to form within the club.

Pi Kappa Epsilon met on Wednesday nights to have their own time of devotion.

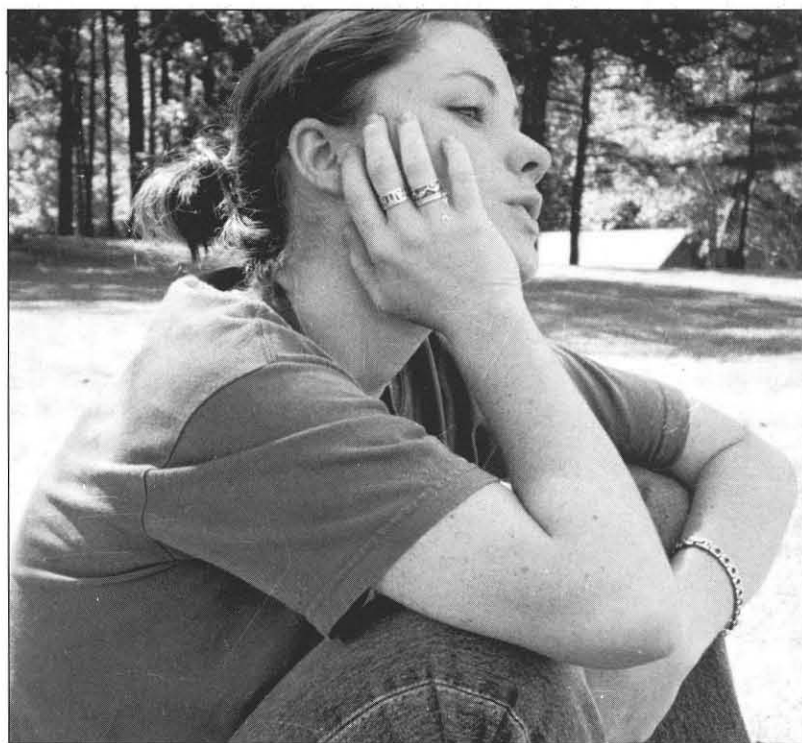
Social clubs provided another opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth on campus.

—Ryan Saul



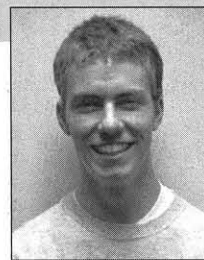
Members of Omega Lambda Chi pray together during a retreat to Crowley's Ridge. The group's escape from campus, Sept. 27-28, allowed members to spend time together away from the distractions of campus life. (Photo courtesy of Jenny Aven)

At Omega Lambda Chi's fall retreat, sophomore Leigh Anne Seymore reflects on a message from one of the weekend's speakers. The retreat was an effort to grow closer to both God and each other. (Photo courtesy of Jenny Aven)



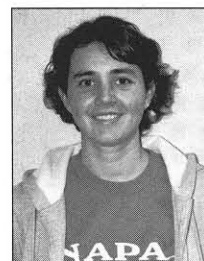


## experience Spiritual Life



**"I've never experienced accountability and encouragement as I did at the Chi Sigma Alpha spiritual retreat. The club has taught me true Christian brotherhood."**

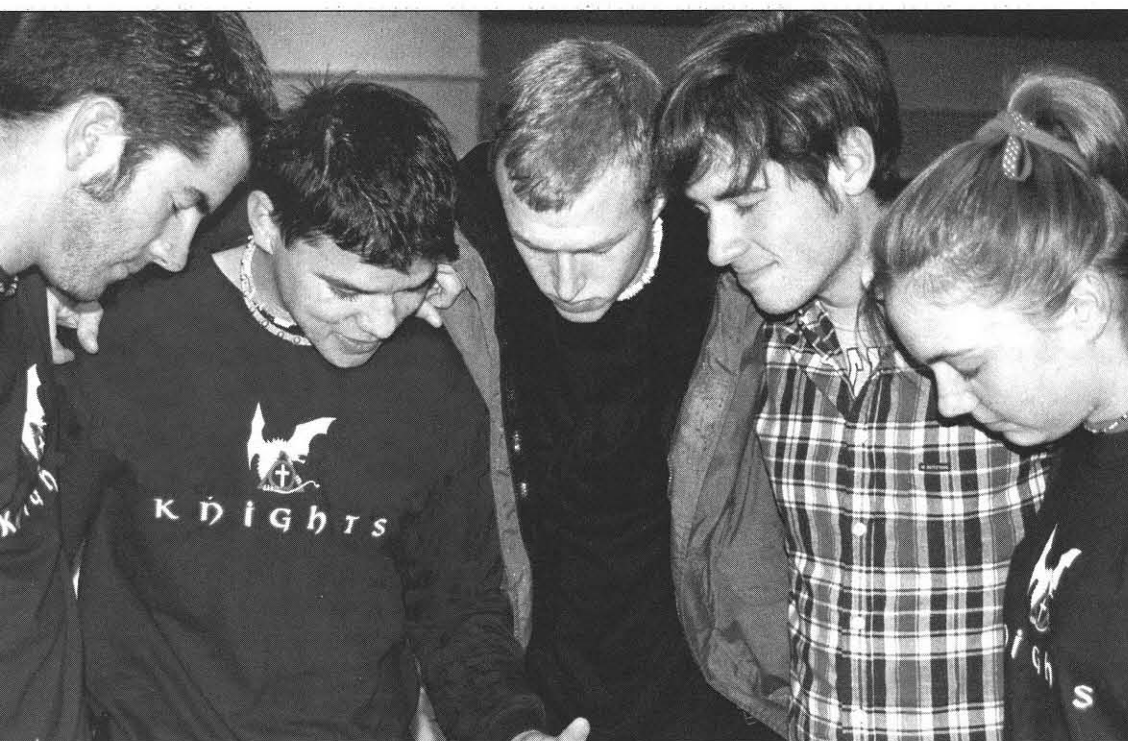
—Robert Meyer, junior



**"I realize that we share so much more than club traditions or our favorite color. We share our love for God through devos, service projects and friendships."**

—Terri Lee, junior

**A group of club athletes spends a moment together in prayer following a football game. At every club athletic event, club members prayed before and after games. (Photo by April Clem)**

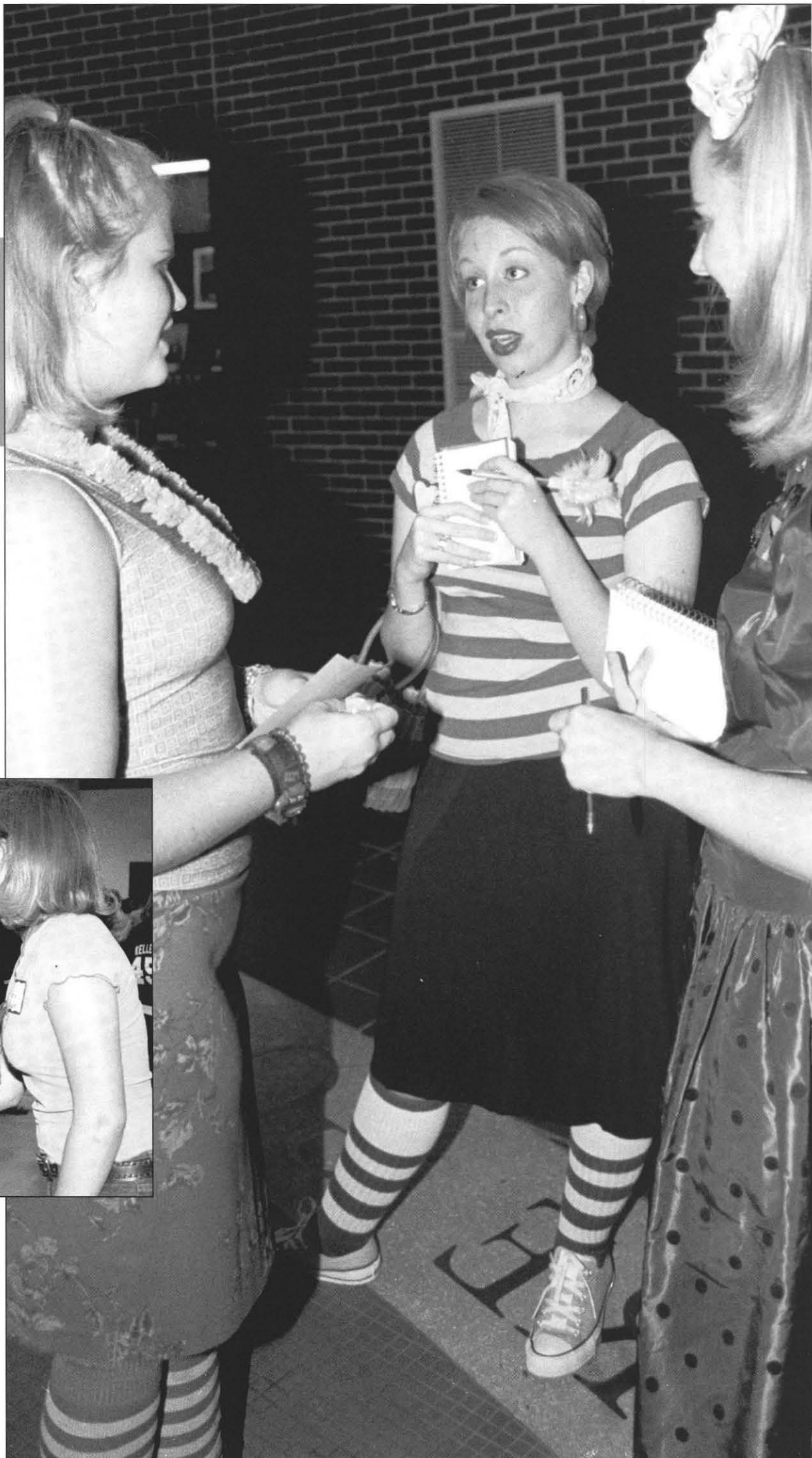


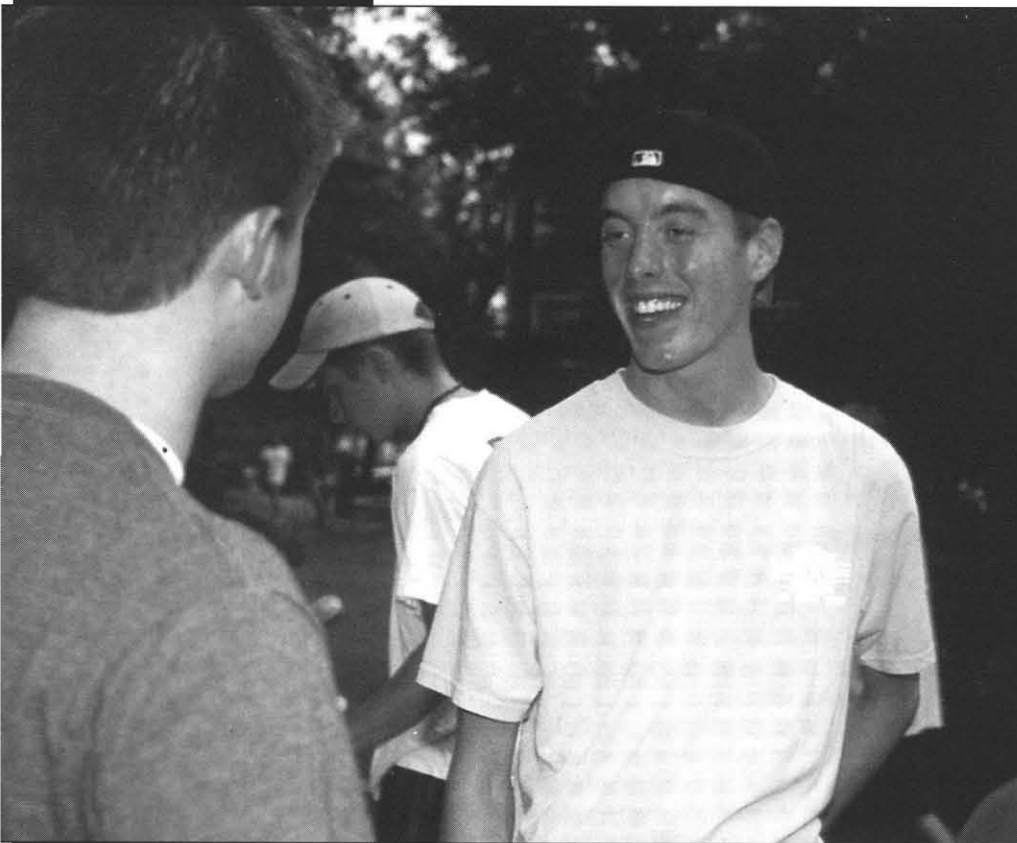
**Sophomore Kris Kyle, junior Gary Luna, sophomore Tom Johnson and freshman Earl Wigger, Knights members, pray with senior Mandy Emmersen, Knights queen, at the Midnight Breakfast Dec. 9 in the cafeteria. Club members took the opportunity to break from studying to get together and encourage one another. (Photo by Renee Lewis)**



**Sophomore Lisa Ervin talks with freshman Patricia Koski while clashing at the Chi Omega Pi first round tacky-formal mixer Sept. 19. Social clubs chose original themes to help set their clubs apart from the rest. (Photo by Lindsey Taliaferro)**

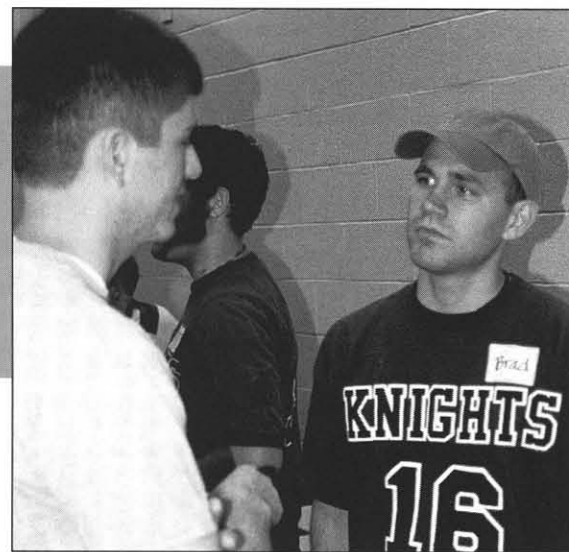
**Sophomore Omega Lambda Chi member Leigh Anne Seymore greets freshman Laurie Padgett at the women's club open house Sept. 10. Open house provided the first opportunity for prospective members to check out the variety of social clubs. (Photo by Lindsey Taliaferro)**





**Freshman Matt Niehoff, potential inductee, chats with junior Jordan Baskins at the first round Gamma Sigma Phi mixer Sept. 16. Gamma Sigma Phi chose to have an ultimate Frisbee mixer for their first round because of the convenient location on the front lawn. (Photo by Renee Lewis)**

**Senior Brad Poyet listens to a potential inductee at a Knights mixer. Mixers allowed connections to be made on personal levels. (Photo by Russ Phillips)**



# Getting into the mix

## Social clubs vie for new members

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—Ashley Jamison, freshman

Themes of social club mixers had a little bit of a twist this fall.

Clubs tried to display their own unique personalities during mixers, the first opportunity new students had to meet club members.

With three rounds of mixers, rounds one and two were non-invitation, meaning all potential inductees could attend, while round three was an invitation-only event.

As part of the club orientation process, mixers were designed to "educate the new students about clubs and, specifically, the induction process," according to the social club handbook.

Choosing unique themes for mixers seemed to be a common thread among clubs this fall.

The women of Omega Lambda Chi hosted a Mardi Gras mixer. The event included everything from wearing the festive colors to tossing beads at potential inductees.

Ko Jo Kai themed their second mixer, "Proud to be an American...Kojies!"

"We chose it because of the events of Sept. 11," junior Emily

Bennett, Ko Jo Kai recruiting director, said. "We wanted the girls to gain an appreciation for our country and its blessings."

Freshman Ashley Jamison was one of more than 100 women who attended the Sept. 26 Ko Jo Kai patriotic mixer.

She said there was a different spirit present at the event than there was at other mixers.

"There was a different spirit inside that room," Jamison said. "Seeing all that red, white and blue... I think they felt it too. It was amazing."

Many men's clubs did not focus as much energy on unique themes as they did on planning fun and interesting activities.

Kappa Sigma Kappa members planned a cookout for their third round mixer.

Pi Kappa Epsilon chose to get potential inductees a little dirty with a mud-wrestling match.

Being a new club, Gamma Sigma Phi chose themes that would grab the attention of future inductees.

"This is our first pledge class,"

senior Jeremy Wallace, Gamma Sigma Phi vice president, said. "We wanted to grab the guys' attention."

Gamma Sigma Phi hosted an ultimate Frisbee tournament for their first round mixer.

"We wanted a relaxed atmosphere," Wallace said. "We also wanted something on the front lawn where other guys could see us."

Even with unique themes, most new students did not overlook the main reason for going to mixers — to get to know club members.

No matter what the theme, getting to know each other was a must for club members and future inductees.

"In some clubs the members want you to come to them, which makes it harder," freshman Angela Barnett said. "Then there are the ones where they come up to you and introduce you to other members, which is great. The mixers are fun, though, and the girls are sweet."

—Sara Rabon



# Up to the challenge

Inductees sacrifice time for commitment

Whether it was the crispness of a fall day or the anxiety of students waiting to receive their social club bids, there was a chill in the air that permeated nearly every nook and cranny of campus Nov. 3, club bid day. Two inductees shared their stories.

## Her Story

Freshman Emily Goodwin, who joined Chi Omega Pi, said she wanted to be a member of the club from the beginning of the process.

"I was drawn to them at open house because they were different and spunky," she said. "My personality matched nicely with the girls."

Goodwin said she saw induction week as an opportunity to solidify friendships and learn what being a member of Chi Omega Pi was all about.

When bids were finally delivered, Goodwin waited patiently for her bid, despite the rowdiness that could be heard on her hall in Cathcart.

"Everyone was really hyper and excited when they got the bid they wanted," Goodwin said.

The Chi Omega Pi induction class formally met for the first time Sunday night, Nov. 3.

"When I got my pledge book and learned what I had to get done that week, it was a little shocking," Goodwin said.

She admitted that all of the activities, interviews and memory work seemed intimidating at first, but she was ready for it.

As the week progressed, Goodwin

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**- Freshman Emily Goodwin**

said the pressure put upon her began to wane.

"In the beginning, I was tense because I had so much to do, but I relaxed as I got to know everyone so well," she said.

Reflecting on the last night of induction week, which was intended as a time for the induction class to develop a strong bond, Goodwin said the ladies of Chi Omega Pi accomplished their purpose.

"It really worked for our unity," Goodwin said.

At the end of the night, when Goodwin and her induction sisters were officially declared members of Chi Omega Pi, they celebrated.

"We were all so relieved the week was over with," she said.

## His Story

Freshman Matt Griffin joined Gamma Sigma Phi, which inducted its first class this year.

"I chose Gamma Sigma Phi mostly because of its strong Christian base," Griffin said. "I knew

many of the members had strong faiths and weren't afraid to show it."

Although Griffin knew he wanted to be a member of Gamma Sigma Phi, he wasn't confident the club would ask him to join.

"I wasn't sure at all if I was going to receive a bid," Griffin said. "I just decided that if I got in, I got in, and if I didn't, there was always next year."

The Gamma Sigma Phi inductees also bonded through service.

"I liked our service project," Griffin said. "We painted a house and raked leaves for an older lady and afterwards got to sing songs and pray with her."

Griffin was also relieved to have induction week behind him.

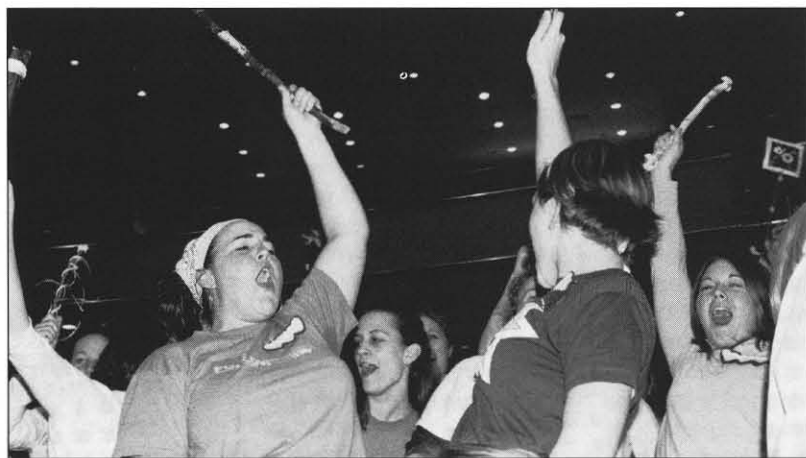
"I got frustrated several times throughout the week, but I just kept telling myself that it was for the best, that it was something our pledge class needed to become more unified," he said.

"One of my favorite things was getting to know my fellow pledges and trying to help each other overcome that frustration."

Friday finally came, the day club members anticipated and inductees dreaded. Goodwin, however, wasn't worried.

"I was pumped," Goodwin said. "I was so ready for the week to be over and be in the club. If I had known everything that was going to happen [that] week, I still would have gone through with it."

*-Christy Canady*



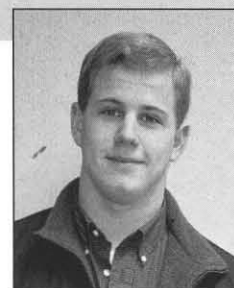
With their sticks in the air, freshmen Morgan Booth and Holly Ellis, and sophomores Sara Bukovatz and Stefanie Shea demonstrate their Chi Omega Pi spirit at the all-club devotional in the Benson Auditorium Nov. 4. At the end of the devotional, each club was given the opportunity to cheer during roll call. (Photo by Lindsey Taliaferro)

Freshmen Zeta Rho inductees Sarah Hernandez and Rachel Rivas use time in the student center between classes to get signatures for their induction books. Induction books required inductees to collect signatures from various individuals. (Photo by Renee Lewis)





## experience Induction



"It seemed really long at the time, but looking back I realize that during that week, I formed friendships that will

last for the rest of my life."

—Chesley Martin, freshman

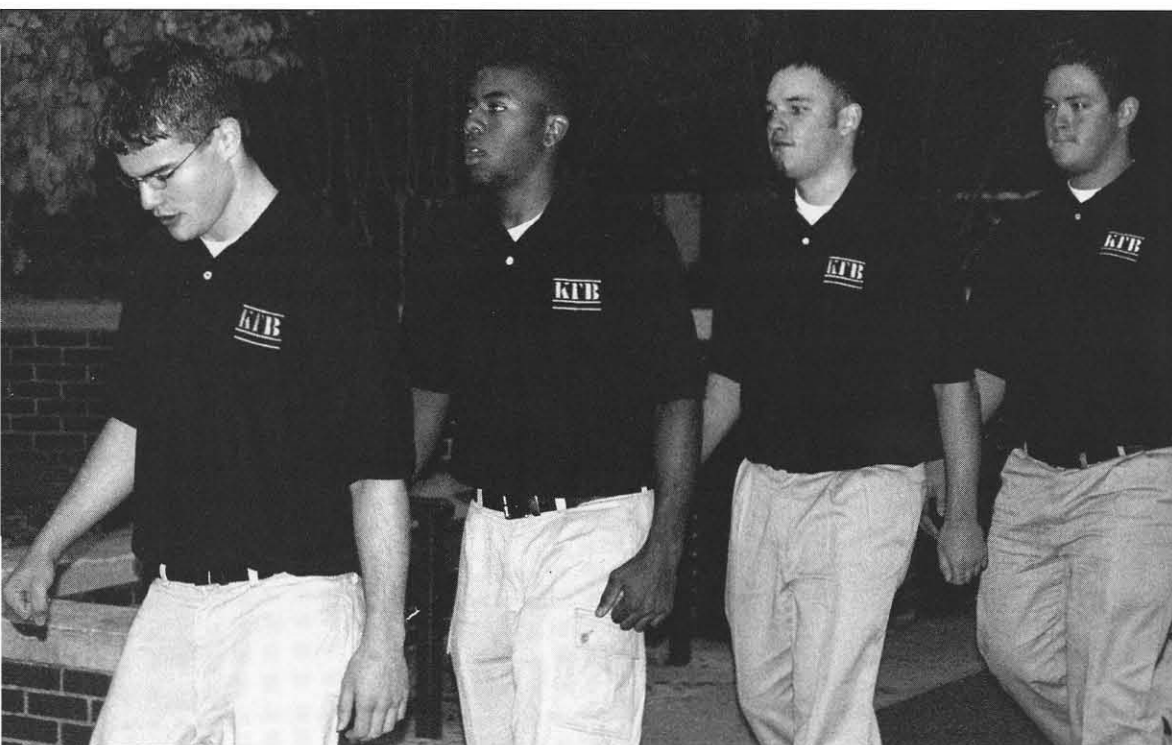


"Even though the week was physically exhausting and stressful, I was very impressed with our induction class."

—Emily Arnold, freshman

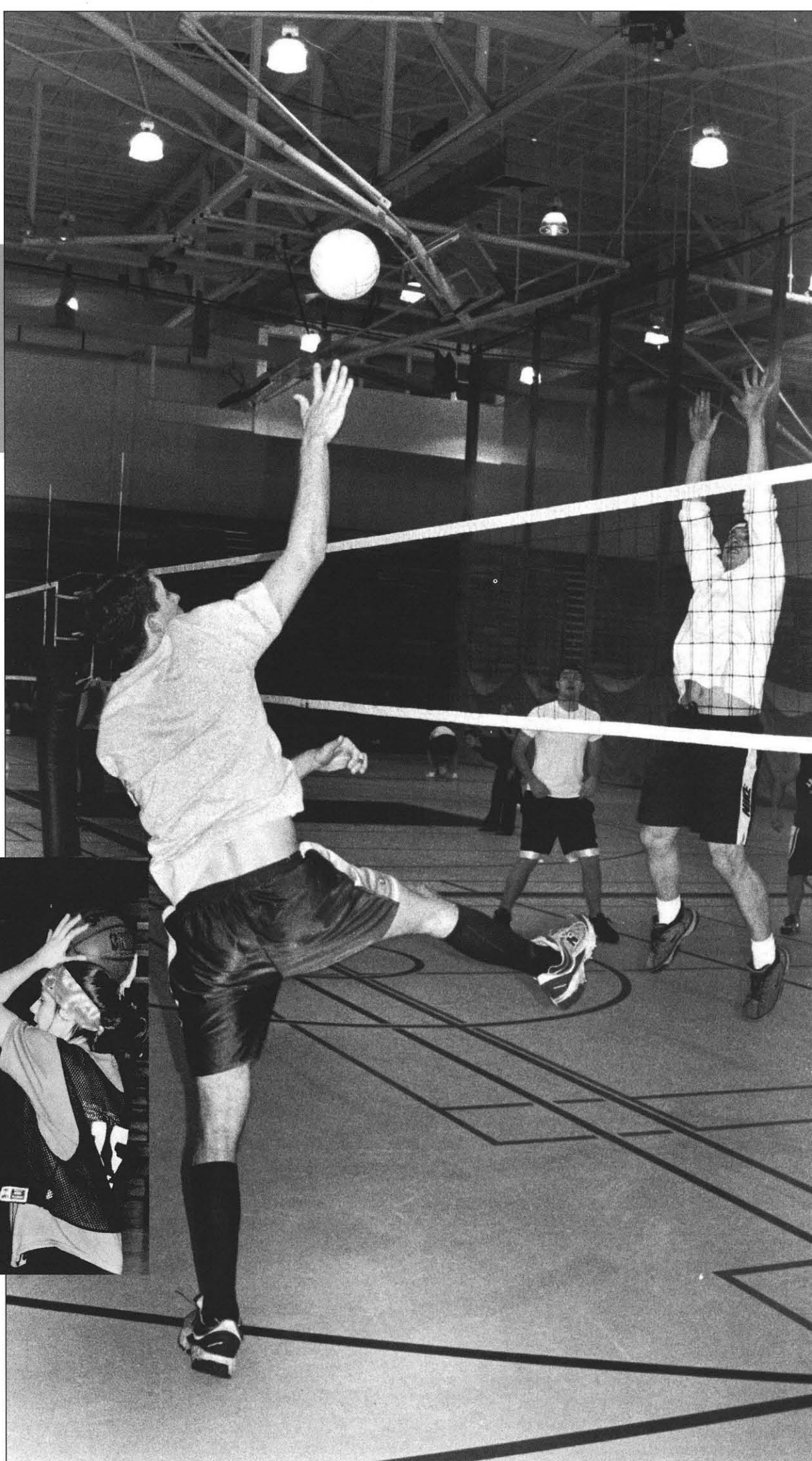
**Sophomores Glennett Smith and Kayanne Jones** and freshman Lana Gilbert, Ko Jo Kai inductees, race to mummify a Ko Jo Kai beau at Silly Olympics Nov. 8. Ko Jo Kai, Zeta Rho, Ju Go Ju and Tri Kappa inductees participated in the event. (Photo by Lindsey Taliaferro)

**Freshmen Mark Boomgaard, Chris Ray, Ryan McCormic and Nathan Smith**, Kappa Gamma Beta inductees, march to a picnic with Tri Kappa Nov. 4. Kappa Gamma Beta served the women dinner as part of the week's events. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



**Senior Brian Davis shows off his form** during a King's Men game in early December. Ending just before dead week, volleyball season wrapped up fall club sports. (Photo by Lindsey Taliaferro)

**Freshman M.J. Fosha, Tri Kappa member,** guards sophomore Hillary Kennington, Kappa Gamma Epsilon member, during a game Jan. 21. Club basketball provided an opportunity to escape the winter cold. (Photo by Lindsey Taliaferro)





**Poised for action, juniors Justin Shubert and Gary Lashley and senior Beau Howe wait for the snap during a Knights flag football game. Flag football, which took place in October, was a popular club sport. (Photo by April Clem)**

**Senior Emily Wade contemplates her next move during a Ju Go Ju softball game in September. Many athletes enjoyed the opportunities softball provided to show off their athletic prowess. (Photo by April Clem)**



# Defining team effort

## Members look for competitive edge

"It's a great mix. Everybody is playing on different levels with different backgrounds."

—Matt Price, junior

The club sports fall season kick-off meant it was time for athletes to put on their game faces. After a summer hiatus, students were ready to get back into the swing of things.

Junior Matt Price studied abroad last spring as part of the Harding University in Australia program and missed the opportunity to play sports with his Kappa Sigma Kappa brothers. Although he was able to work out in Australia, he said he was happy to be back in the lineup.

"It's great to be back and play actual team sports again," Price said. "It provides a great opportunity to hang out with the guys I don't see as often."

The opportunity to compete in a variety of sports, including softball, flag football, basketball, swimming, track and volleyball, guaranteed athletes would find their niche.

Price, who played football and baseball in high school, said club sports ensured athletes a chance to practice their skills.

"A lot of people played sports in high school and now can get back out there and play some more," Price

said. "It's a great mix. Everybody is playing on different levels with different backgrounds."

Members of King's Men competed against clubs of similar ability as they were classified as a large club for the first time this year. With 75 active members, the club maintained consistent domination in nearly every sport, warranting the promotion, Jim Gowen, director of men's intramurals, said.

"It takes a couple of years to determine where a club should be," Gowen said. "We try to keep as much of a balance as possible and some of the very small clubs are not able to compete. Competition-wise, King's Men is able to compete on a higher level."

Sophomore Trevor Goertzen, athletic director for King's Men, was initially skeptical of the change, but later realized the reasoning behind the decision.

"At first I was disappointed because I figured we'd get lit up all the time, but then I stepped back and realized it will benefit the club," Goertzen said. "The move has been a

good thing for our club and done a lot for us."

Gowen said he believed the league change was a good decision.

"King's Men has very much been competitive so far this year," he said. "They did very well in softball and took third place in the large club A-team bracket."

Women's club Kappa Gamma Epsilon also experienced growing pains as its membership moved up to large club status. However, because the change was so recent, the club still competed against both medium and large clubs.

Senior Kellsey Smith, Kappa Gamma Epsilon athletic director, believed the spirit of competition and sportsmanship was most important.

"I like being in Kappa Gamma because if we win, it's a bonus and if we lose, it's not a big deal," Smith said. "Some of the competition, like A-team against large clubs, is hard. It's aggressive, it's tough competition. But the girls playing are really good sports about it. It's just fun playing. That's what's important."

—Christy Canady

# Functioning as one

## Social clubs combine forces for memorable night

Whether they sponsored horseback riding, a scavenger hunt or dinner and a movie, social clubs offered something for most members to enjoy this year.

Each semester, social clubs planned functions for members and their dates to attend.

Fall functions often included outdoor activities and games, as well as Christmas functions. Spring functions were sometimes theme dinners and formals.

Club activities directors searched for new and different ideas when planning functions.

In the search for excitement this year, activities directors for Ko Jo Kai and Ju Go Ju planned a combined function.

Juniors Morgan Setzler and Lauren Smelser, activities directors for Ju Go Ju, came up with the idea early in the fall semester.

"Because everyone loves flag football and football season is a fun time, we thought everyone would be in the mood to play some football," Setzler said.

The women of Ko Jo Kai and Ju Go Ju invited their dates to join them for a game of flag football at the intramural fields Oct. 4.

More than 200 people got together to show off their football skills.

The group sat down to an Aramark-catered meal of hamburgers and hot dogs. The clubs distributed t-shirts according to team colors.

**"With both guys and girls on a team, it made it a little harder to play, but it was different and it was fun."**

**- Senior Sara Beth Sanders**

"They divided us into teams of eight to 10 guys and girls," senior Sara Beth Sanders, vice president of Ju Go Ju, said. "With both guys and girls on a team, it made it a little harder to play, but it was different and it was fun."

Before the function, members chose the teams on which they wanted to play.

The women of Ko Jo Kai and their dates faced off against the women of Ju Go Ju and their dates.

"It was competitive, but it was still a lot of fun," Sanders said.

At the end of the evening, one of the Ko Jo Kai teams captured the win.

"The great thing about this function was that everyone walked away a winner," sophomore Robert Hatfield said.

In addition to the flag football

function, several other clubs came up with creative function ideas.

Delta Gamma Rho held a disco roller-skating function where members dressed in 1970s costumes and raced around the rink.

For its Christmas function, Delta Chi Delta purchased toys for the Friends Program and went to Little Rock's Chucky Cheese restaurant.

Chi Omega Pi added a different spin to the traditional fall hayride by planning a trip to a corn maze in Newport, Ark.

However, due to rain, plans had to be changed at the last minute. Members of Chi Omega Pi and their dates ended up visiting a haunted cathedral in Little Rock.

Although planned at the last minute, senior Gilly Jones said everyone was cooperative with the switch.

"I think they were disappointed when they heard [the corn maze function was canceled]," Jones said. "They were okay with it once they heard what we were going to do instead. They had a really good attitude about it."

Jones said she enjoyed the experience of being the activities director, although it was challenging.

"I gained a lot of respect for the people who have planned functions," she said. "It is a good feeling to do something that 100 people or more will be able to enjoy."

—Sara Rabon



**Junior Courtney Fant, Ko Jo Kai member, watches a flag football game alongside senior Ashley Wyatt, Ju Go Ju member. The social clubs combined Oct. 4 at the intramural fields for a flag football function. (Photo courtesy of Emily Hoggard)**

**Junior Jenny Aven smiles on horseback at Omega Lambda Chi's fall function Oct. 12. Members and their dates went to Chief Whitehorse Stable in Mayflower, Ark. and spent the day horseback riding and fellowshiping. (Photo courtesy of Jenny Aven)**



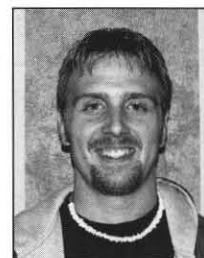


## experience Functions



**"Functions are the** main reason I joined a club because they provide a chance to hang out with friends away from the school atmosphere."

—Rebecca Myers, senior

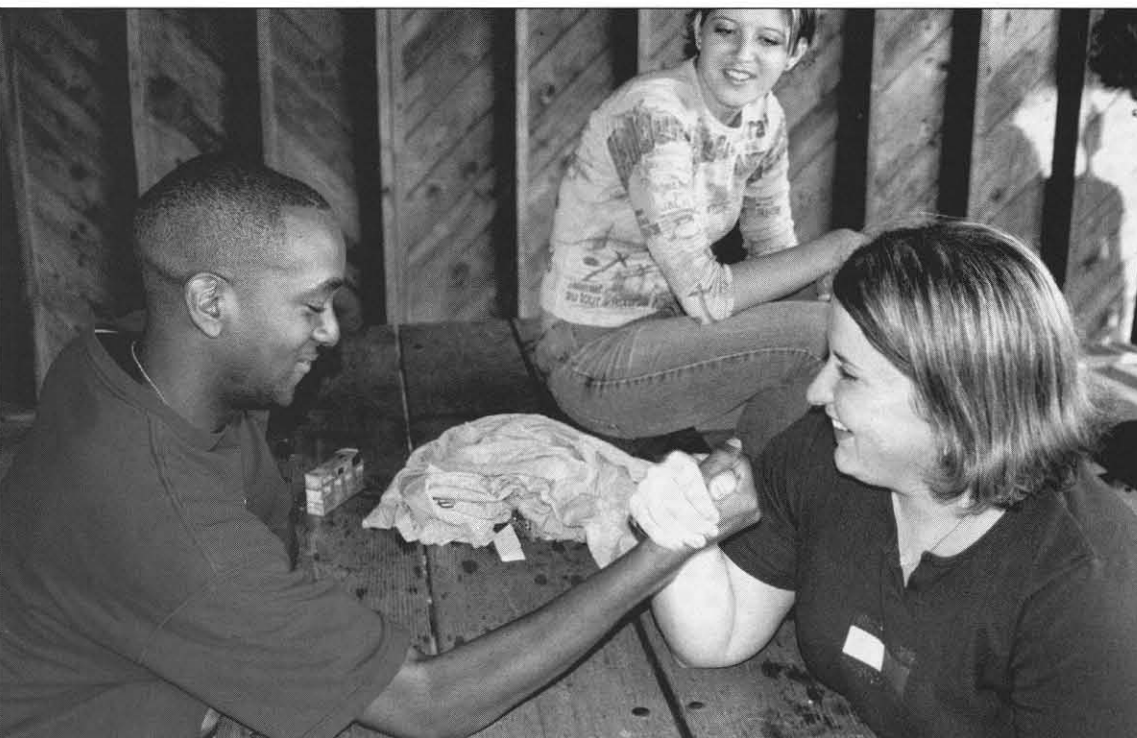


**"Functions are a great** time to get together with other club members off campus. Besides all the food, it's fun to be able to see everyone together in one big group."

—Justin Shubert, sophomore

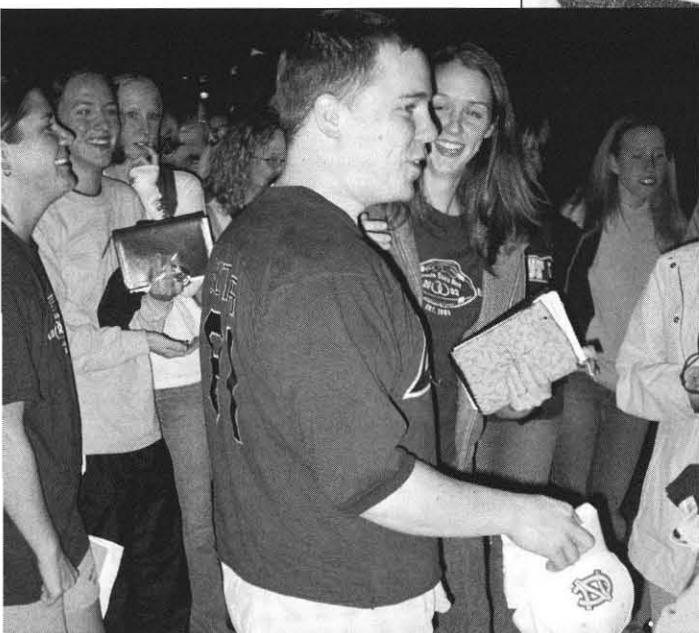
**Senior Matt Johnson takes a ride on a mechanical bull at the White County Fairgrounds Dec. 6. Pi Kappa Epsilon held a western-themed fall function. (Photo courtesy of Deidre Hulvey)**

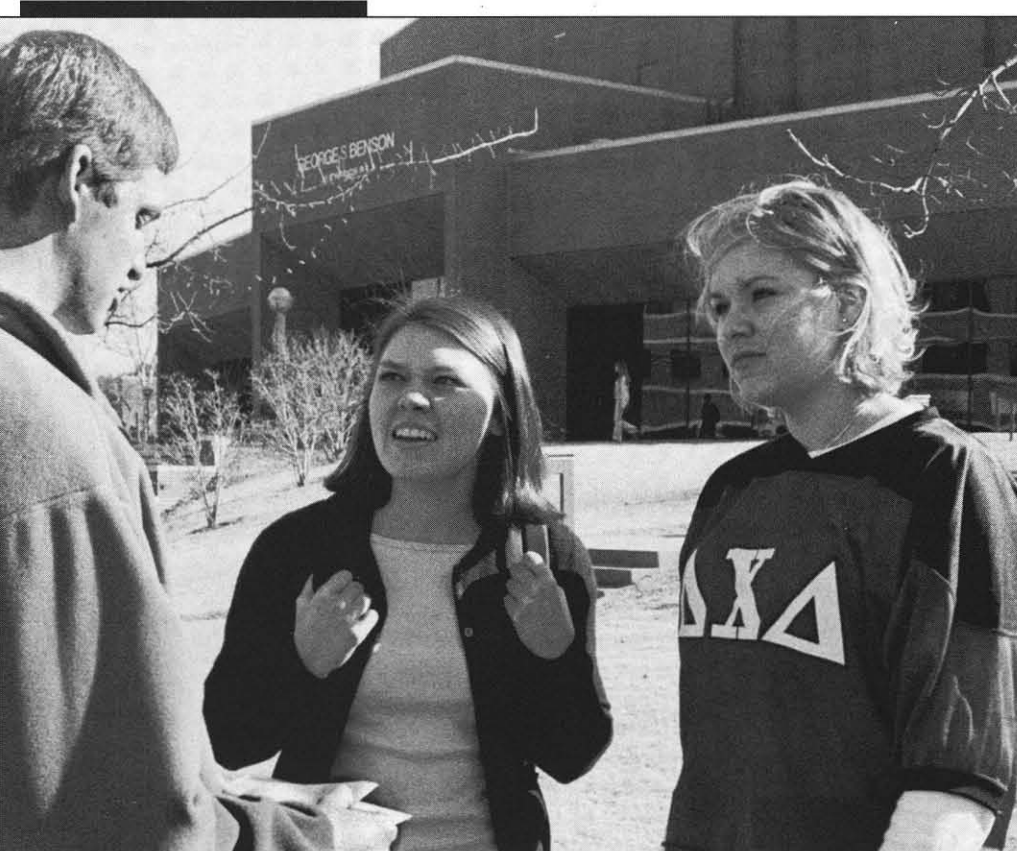
**Junior Tessa Owen watches as her date, senior Mace Thomas, arm wrestles junior Jennifer Stacy at Tri Kappa's blind date function Oct. 12 at Berryhill Park. Members paired up and chose each other's dates before the function. (Photo by Renee Lewis)**



**Senior Adam Kirkland, Tri Kappa beau,** hangs a banner in the Ganus Athletic Center, prior to the women's open house Sept. 10. Queens and beaux worked behind the scenes to help activities come together. (Photo by April Clem)

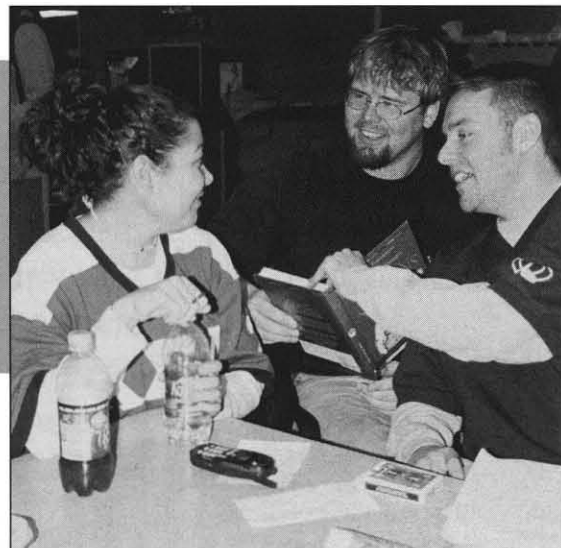
**Senior Jennifer Cole and junior Sarah Grubb** congratulate newly honored Delta Gamma Rho beau, junior Aaron Mount, Nov. 18, "It's an honor to know that out of all the people on campus, they chose me," Mount said. "It's a special feeling." (Photo by Lisa Lauterbach)





**Juniors Scott Walters, Lyndsey Lewis and Jeannie Petty,** Delta Chi Delta queen, catch up after Christmas break Jan. 10. The men of Delta Chi Delta voted to queen Petty Dec. 2. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

**Junior Alisha Frazier, sophomore Adam Bledsoe and graduate student Stephen Peters** socialize between classes in the student center Jan. 10. Frazier served as a queen for Chi Sigma Alpha and Peters served as a beau for Chi Sigma Alpha's sister club, Regina. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



# Royal treatment

## Beaux, queens share the love

"I like doing things to spoil them. It's part of being a queen."

—Brandi Wilson, senior

One late evening in April 2002 junior Emily Wade's crowning moment came. Literally.

Wade, then a sophomore, was hanging out with friends in Kendall Hall when she received a summons in the form of a phone call from one of her closest friends and cousin, senior Jonathan Reynolds.

"My roommate answered the phone and yelled down the hall for me," Wade said. "When I answered the phone, Jonathan said he needed to see me downstairs."

"He had never visited me at my dorm before and so he made me feel like I was in trouble," she said.

Wade anxiously made her way downstairs, unaware of the fact she was about to become one of Pi Kappa Epsilon's newest queens.

"I walked outside and about 40 guys rushed me, did their chant and put a jersey on me," she said. "I was definitely caught off guard. I was so honored and excited to become a part of a group of guys that are my greatest friends on campus."

Bestowing the honor of queen or beau upon friends and classmates was a tradition all social clubs upheld.

Near the end of each semester,

cheering and screams of excitement were heard across campus when men's and women's social club members chose a select few who they believed would best represent their club as queens and beaux.

Once chosen, queens and beaux made a special effort to support their crowning clubs in various ways. They were often seen on the softball fields or in the gym cheering on their team at club games and sometimes coaching or refereeing games.

After he was voted a Regina beau, senior John Hawkins said he attended as many games as possible because it was a fun way to show his support and get to know the girls who voted him into their social club.

"I get to see the girls in a different setting than usual," Hawkins said. "Out on the fields everyone is just hanging out and playing around. Some of the girls, though, really get into their sports."

Senior Mandy Emmersen, a Knights queen, said she enjoyed being involved with club sports.

"I just refereed my first softball game and loved it," Emmersen said.

"It was so much fun being out on the field with the Knights and feeling like I was part of the team. It was also fun to have an excuse to be a cheerleader for the guys that I enjoy the most."

Hanging out with club friends was not limited to the fields, however.

"I go to all their mixers and we get together to cook dinner a lot," senior Brandi Wilson, Omega Sigma queen, said.

Wilson also said she frequently made cookies and other goodies to mail to the men of Omega Sigma.

"I like doing things to spoil them," Wilson said. "It's part of being a queen."

The generosity and special attention shown to queens and beaux made them feel truly honored, junior Garrett Frith, Ju Go Ju beau, said.

"Getting cookies and stuff from the girls has been cool. I actually get mail now," he said. "It drives my soul to be included in all the mixers and games, the whole shebang. I like ... getting to know the ladies I didn't know before."

—Christy Canady

# Living Tradition

## Clubs continue in annual activities

Students connected with other students from the past and present to grow in brotherhood and sisterhood in social clubs.

By continuing and creating yearly rituals, club members perpetuated the sense of unity and kinship created by past classes.

Ju Go Ju social club, one of the oldest on campus, was established in 1925.

By requiring their inductees to wear dresses during induction week, Ju Go Ju members emphasized the importance of conducting themselves as ladies.

Ju Go Ju members also upheld the tradition of their club motto, "Friends always Friends."

"The friendships that I have made in Ju Go Ju will last throughout my lifetime giving truth to the club motto," junior Rachel White said.

Clubs also participated in the creation of new traditions. Pi Kappa Epsilon, Titans and Omega Sigma social clubs began the yearly tradition of hosting Octoberfest, which gave members the opportunity to compete in events such as archery, rifle accuracy and arm wrestling. Pi Kappa Epsilon hosted this year's third annual Octoberfest.

"Octoberfest started my sophomore year and I hope that this tradition continues so that it gives the members of these three clubs a time to grow closer as brothers within

**"One of the things that we look forward to all year is getting to serve the campus in this way and show the student body what our club is all about."**

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their own club and with the other two clubs' members," senior Joel Hoggard, president of Pi Kappa Epsilon, said.

Some clubs on campus shared the tradition of honoring brother and sister clubs.

This year marked the 30<sup>th</sup> year women's club Regina and men's club Chi Sigma Alpha have been affiliated.

To create a bond between these two social clubs, club founders established several traditions to help each generation continue the familiarity between the clubs.

One of these traditions included an annual dinner the Sunday before Thanksgiving break.

"This event is a good time to get together and build bonds and help

create a festive spirit for the holidays," junior Kimberlee Cox said.

Chi Sigma Alpha continued its holiday tradition of Christmas caroling outside of the girl's dorms Dec. 2.

"One of the things that we look forward to all year is getting to serve the campus in this way and show the student body what our club is all about," senior Chad Mims, Chi Sigma Alpha president, said.

Some club traditions included service projects.

Chi Omega Pi members treated the lady residents of River Oaks nursing home to fingernail parties. Members painted the ladies' nails and spent time visiting with the residents.

"These parties are a good time to connect with an older generation while doing something that every girl enjoys," junior Lisa Ervin said.

Ko Jo Kai members took time out of the year to connect with past generations by hosting a mother/daughter brunch during Spring Sing weekend March 18-20.

The luncheon allowed members to share their club and friends with parents.

From Shantih orange to the yearly Seminoles stomp, traditions old and new continued to flourish on the Harding campus this year.

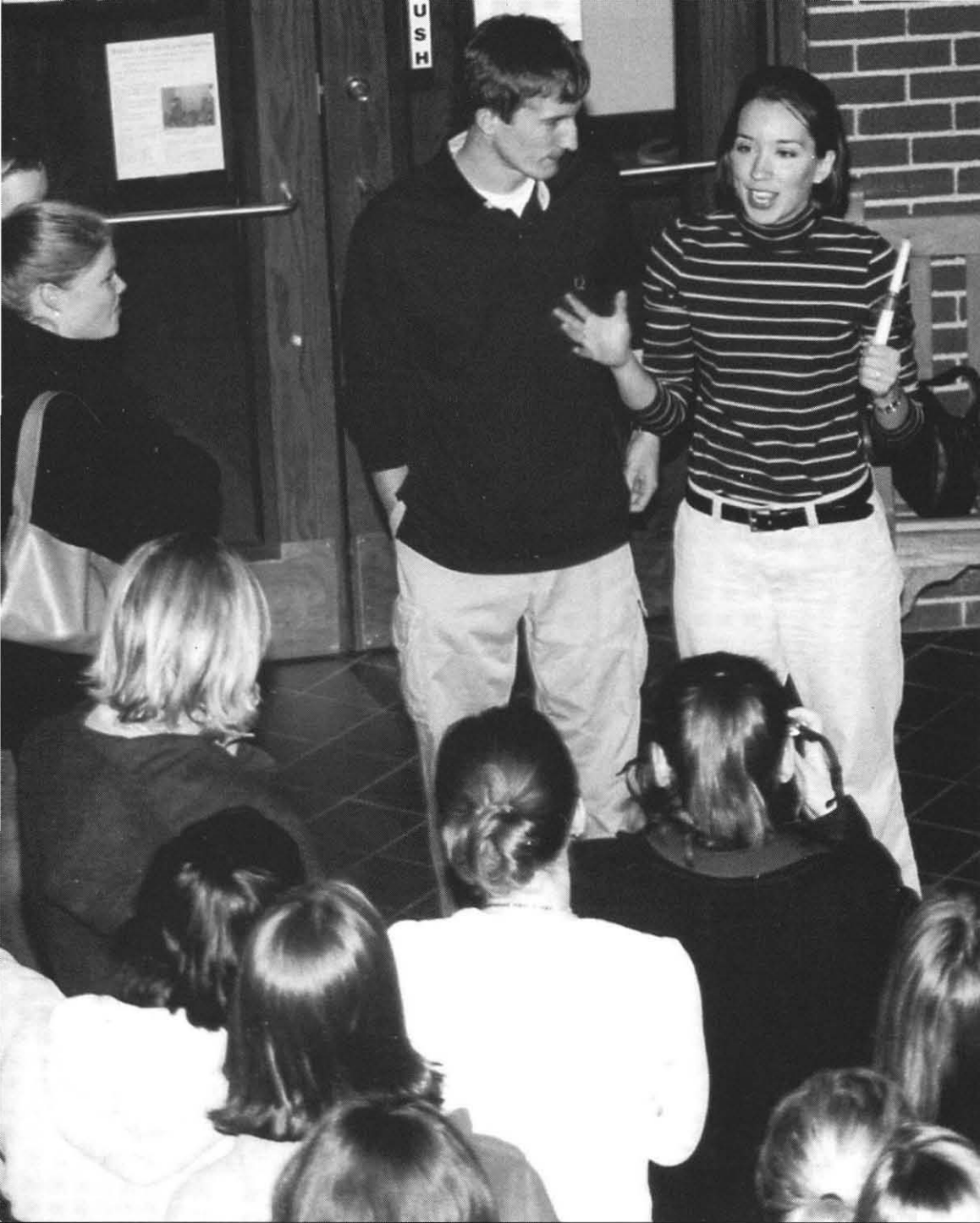
*—Elizabeth Stephens*



Kyle Laws, 1999 graduate, seniors Darron Mitchell and Ben Taylor, sophomores Adam Bledsoe and Tim Miller and senior Scott McFaddin, along with other members of Chi Sigma Alpha, drop to their knees to serenade the ladies of Shores Hall with Christmas carols Dec. 2. (Photo courtesy of Melissa Myers)

Junior Matt Price and senior Jordan Hix arm wrestle while sporting the Kappa Sigma Kappa ties at the Christmas in Scotland function in December. This year members wore the traditional ties once a month in honor of former student Kristin Altman, who died in a car accident in January 2002. (Photo courtesy of Deidre Hulvey)





## experience Traditions



**"My favorite club tradition is the Chi Sigma Alpha Christmas caroling. It's a great way to brighten the holiday season for all the lovely ladies on campus."**

—Tim O'Neil, junior



**"The blood drive is a great tradition because it provides an easy way for everyday people to help save lives. Plus, our country is always in need of blood donations."**

—Tina Hall, senior

### Members of Delta Gamma Rho listen

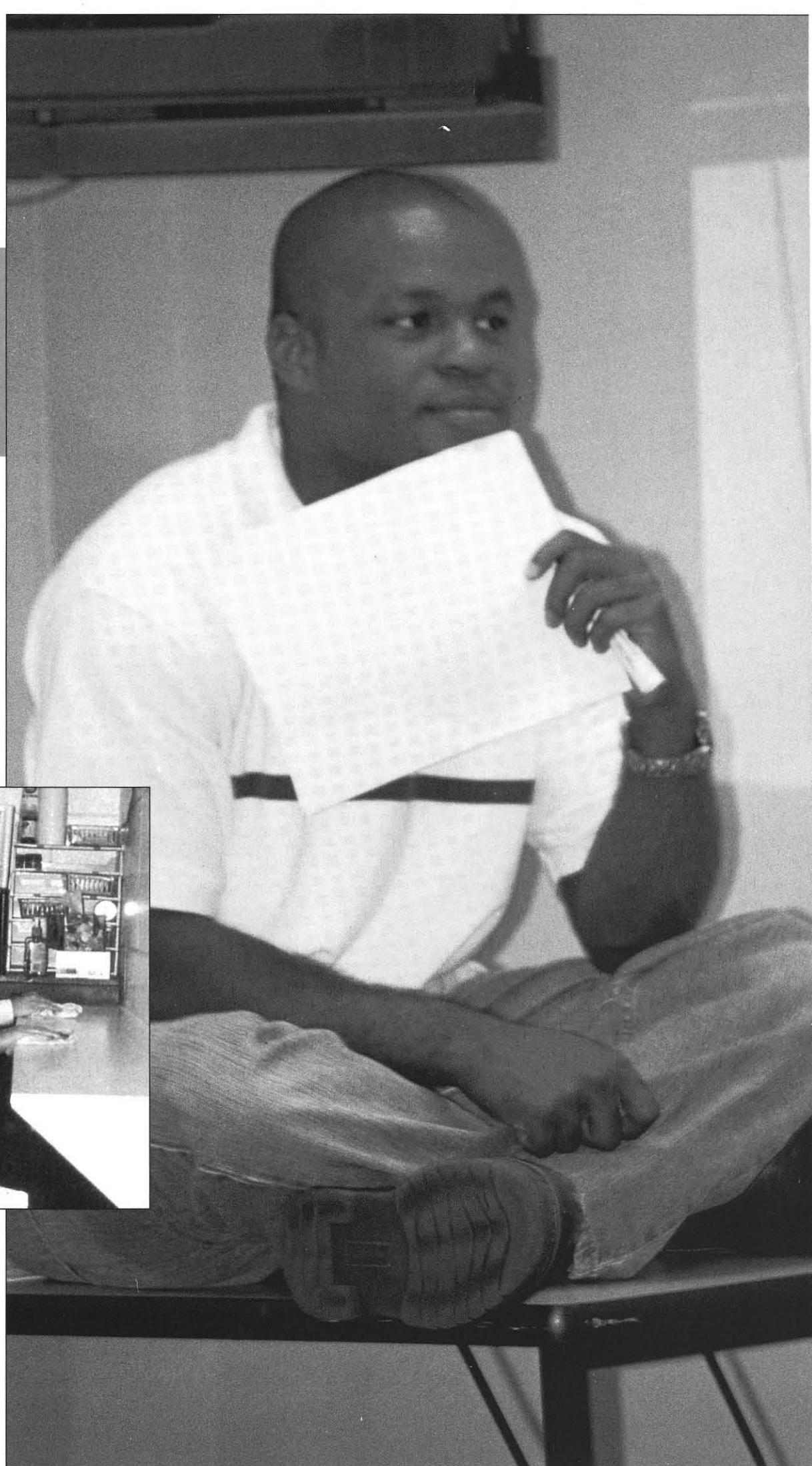
Jan. 7 as senior Katie Cornett shares the story of her engagement to junior Ryan Bond. Most women's clubs upheld the ring ceremony tradition this year. (Photo by Lindsey Taliaferro)

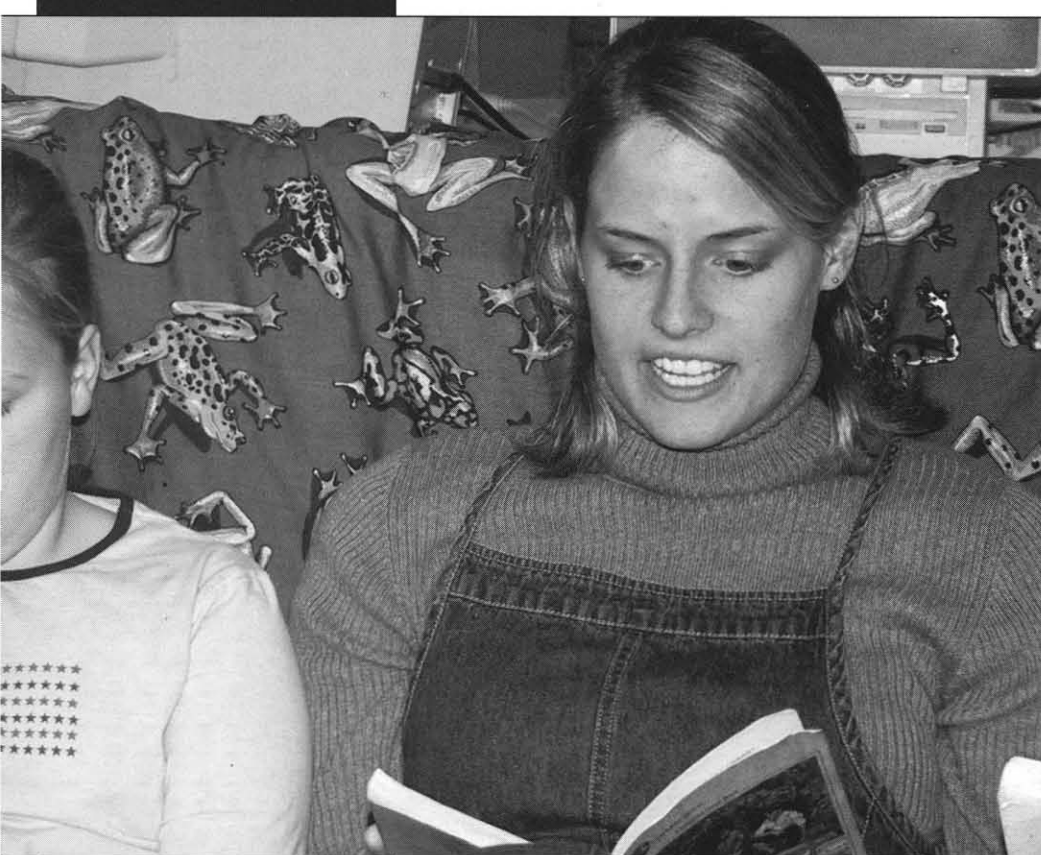
**Junior Terri Lee watches the medical attendant prepare her arm during the Oege and King's Men-sponsored blood drive Nov. 12. The brother and sister clubs sponsored four drives this year in an effort to provide opportunities for the Harding family to donate blood without having to leave campus. (Photo by Russ Phillips)**



**Senior Jimmie Douglass** takes a moment to sit back and watch during a Theatron rehearsal. The theatrical group provided Douglass with an outlet to profess his faith to people across the country. (Photo by April Clem)

**Freshman Emily Goodwin, Chi Omega** Pi member, and freshman Angela Keener, Shantih member, wipe down shelves at the Sunshine School as part of an induction week service project. Shantih members' extensive community involvement helped earn them the Petit Jean Service Award. (Photo courtesy of Alicia Roberson)





Senior Allison Alexander reads with children at McRae Elementary in Searcy March 12. Alexander, recipient of the Regina Spirit Award and education major, student taught a third grade class. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

Freshman Amanda Best, Shantih member, paints a bench at Searcy's Sunshine School. The club's members also conducted service projects at Beverly Retirement Center, Harding Academy and the Searcy Children's Home. (Photo courtesy of Alicia Roberson)



# Spirit of servanthood

## Awards honor Christ-like attitudes

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—Allison Alexander, senior

Members of Shantih social club held a time-honored tradition of service to the community. This year, they were recognized collectively, with the *Petit Jean* Service Award, and individually, with two members receiving the Regina Spirit Award.

The *Petit Jean* staff selected Shantih for outstanding service based on specific criteria: variety of projects, significance of service and percentage of members involved.

The number of projects with which Shantih established lasting relationships impressed the staff. Several services, such as supporting two children through Compassion International, corresponding with pen pals at Harding Academy and regularly visiting the Beverly Nursing Home, focused on building relationships that went beyond meeting a one-time physical need.

Graduate student Kristy Frazier, Shantih president, emphasized the bonds that were created.

"My favorite thing about our service projects is that they're personal," she said. "People can walk away with stories, saying 'I got to meet this really cool person.'"

Senior Alicia Roberson, Shantih service project director, echoed this sentiment.

"When we clean at Searcy Children's Home, we take time to talk with the girls and hear their stories," Roberson said. "When we leave, the girls [in Shantih] realize how much it helps; vacuuming and scrubbing toilets really helps."

While the *Petit Jean* Service Award honored the entire club for its efforts, the Regina Spirit Award recognized two individuals for their exemplary service. The Regina Spirit Award was presented by Regina each year to one male and one female of the senior class. Regina nominated and voted on students who exemplified Christian character and a servant heart. Recipients of the award were given plaques and recognized in chapel Feb. 13.

Senior Allison Alexander, female recipient, served through her involvement with education clubs and the Student Association's spiritual life and advertising committees.

"I'm really surprised and excited about getting this award," Alexander said. "I have had a lot of fun at Harding, getting to know

people and forming relationships with as many people as I can. I know I'll never have the opportunity to be around so many wonderful, godly people."

Alexander also urged the student body to appreciate their college experiences.

"I would encourage everyone to take advantage of the Christian relationships just waiting to happen," she said.

The other recipient, senior Jimmie Douglass, a Shantih beau, was involved in theater and was a member of Theatron. Douglass was also surprised to receive the award.

"When I do nice things for people, when I'm spirited, it's not to get an award," Douglass said. "It's more of a mindset. It's showing people that I care about them and trying to have fun with everyone I come in contact with. I have tried to do that during the four years I've been here. Getting this award is just a bonus."

According to senior Allison Johnson, Regina president, this was the 50<sup>th</sup> year the social club honored individuals for exemplary service.

—Michelle Scobba