

They sported different colors, mottos and names, but each social club shared a common bond — unity. People **established** what would end up becoming lifelong friendships through social clubs.

“For me, social clubs provide a close network of people, who I know I can go to when I need prayers of support, and who I know will always be there for me,” junior Stephanie Ringold said.

Despite the diversity of all clubs on campus, each was united by its loyalty to its school, community and faith. “Clubs create a community among otherwise dissimilar people,” senior Michaela Rolen said.

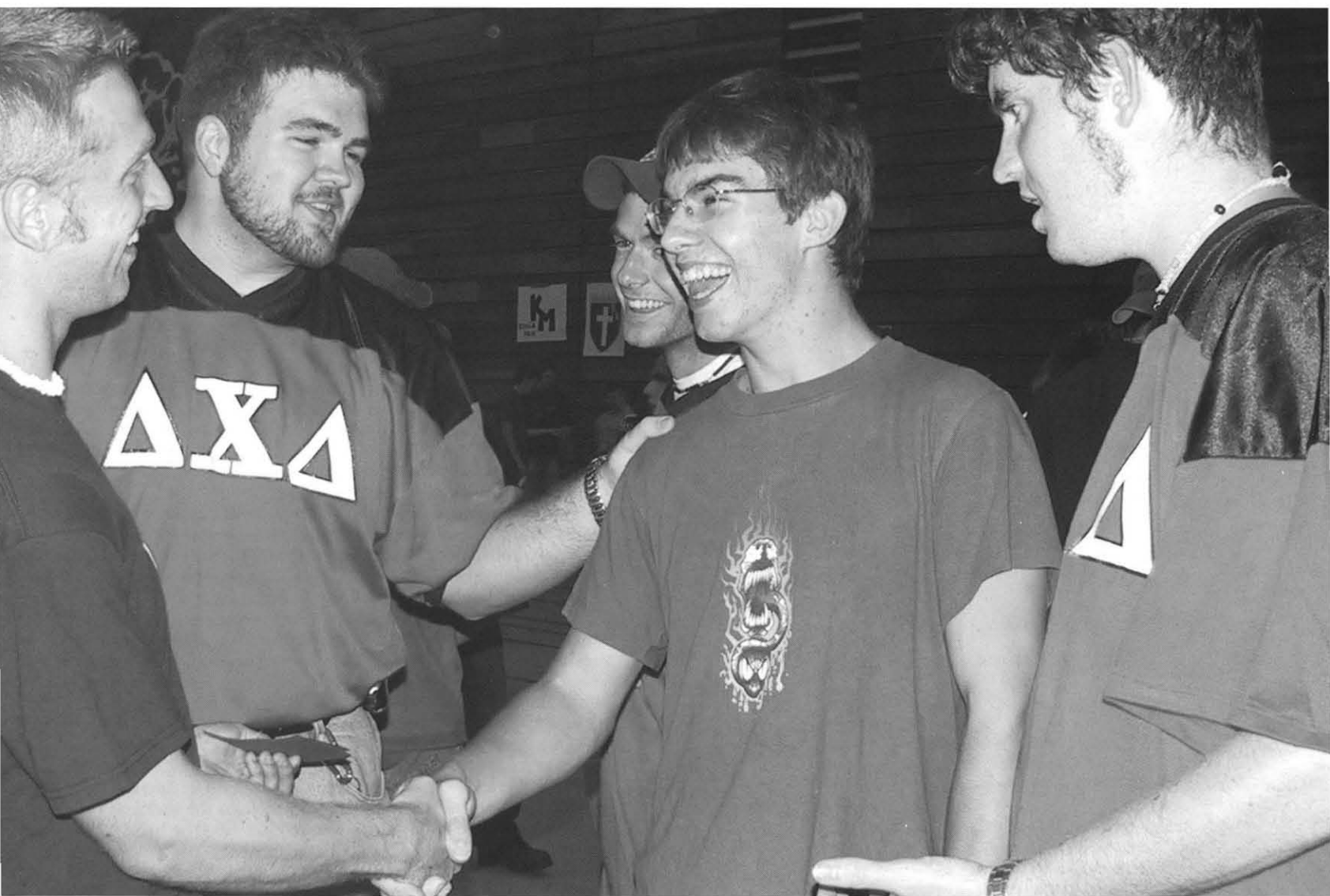
Rolen said social clubs provided permanent relationships for club members all over campus.

“These are friends we’ll hold on to for the rest of our lives,” she said.

“ Meghan Michaelson “ social clubs editor “



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**Junior Greg Mead and freshman Daniel Ockay** shake hands while graduate student J Ashlin and seniors Nathan Swain and Ryan Aherin join in the conversation at the Delta Chi Delta booth at the men's social club open house Sept. 2 in the Ganus Athletic Center. Club open house was one of the first steps of the social club process. (Photo by Amy Beene)

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— senior Melissa Ziegler

**Sophomore Audra Norris** and Ruth Brown, Harding Place resident, play cards Oct. 30 during a Tri Kappa Induction Week service project. "It helps to know you're making them feel better just by listening," Norris said. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



**Senior Tony French** and his wife, Adrienne, a junior, study scripture at the Gata Bible study Oct. 14. Many clubs formed small prayer and devotional groups to grow closer spiritually. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



## Spiritual life

### Clubs offer links of love, service

All-club devotionals, service projects and prayer groups offered a close-knit bond between individuals with jerseys. Club members became connected with others through various activities, which all linked back to God's love.

Women's club Tri Kappa participated in several service projects throughout the year to reach people. In the fall, Tri Kappa raised money for Camp Quality, a camp for children with cancer, by placing a piggy bank in the student center. The club also worked with the Searcy Children's Home and Harding Place, helping with chores and visiting with residents.

"I like to think that I've influenced these people somehow, being around the older people and hearing them share their stories about what it was like to be a Christian when they were younger," sophomore Audra Norris, Tri Kappa member, said. "How they did things is comforting to me. It helps to know you're making them feel better just by listening."

Shantih was another women's social club involved with the Searcy Children's Home. Every other week members of Shantih visited the home to clean and help out with different projects. The club also financially sponsored three Compassion International children and decorated the Beverly Nursing Home.

"To me serving people is obviously encouraged and commanded by the Lord," senior Melissa Ziegler, Shantih president, said. "It not only helps these people ... it helps us as Christians to step out of our comfort zones, remembering the world doesn't revolve around us. By having these experiences, we end up being blessed and encouraged by them too."

Hope Cottage, a local shelter for battered women, was suffering from financial difficulties. Members of King's Men social club discovered the need and decided to help by sponsoring a football tournament where they raised \$500 for the shelter.

"I think it's a great way for our club to give back to the community, and as men, it's a good thing for us to show our support for," senior Logan Light, King's Men president, said.

Members of clubs grew closer together as they involved themselves in the community.

"It's amazing how close I have gotten to my sisters through our service projects," senior Cortney Pangle, Ju Go Ju vice president, said. "It's an opportunity for us to see each other through our strengths and weaknesses. That's when we can truly grow as a group and individuals."

— Cairey Tai

**Sophomore Brandon Shirey** secures a Searcy child's harness for the rock-climbing wall at the Land O'Frost Carnival at the Carmichael Center Oct. 5. Royal Food and Entertainment, which was hired by Land O'Frost to put on the carnival, recruited Chi Sigma Alpha and Regina members to help run booths, games and rides for local families. (Photo by Russell Keck)



**Freshman Myriah Gilbert** sings with the Shantih induction class Oct. 30 before the all-club devotional. Devotionals were a common occurrence among clubs not just during Induction Week, but throughout the entire year. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



**Sophomores Sarah McKeever, Ashley Alexander, Amy Hahn and Sara Steelman** play the cup game during free time at the Chi Omega Pi "You Gotta Be You" spring 2003 retreat. During the retreat, club members encouraged each other by sharing stories of struggles in their lives and how they overcame them. (Photo courtesy of Ashley Alexander)



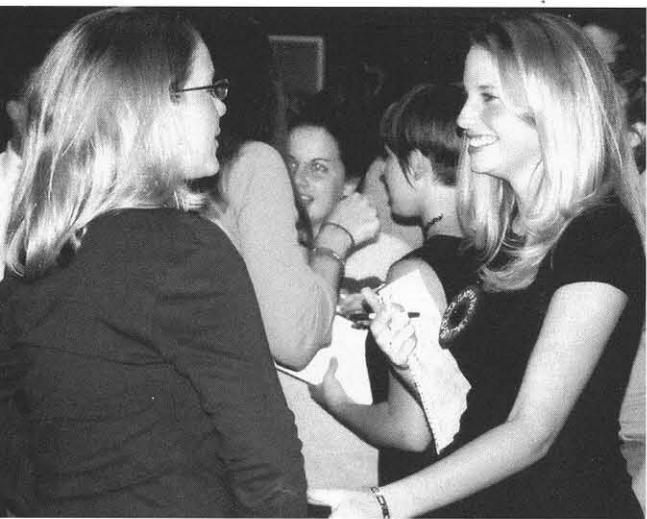


**Sophomore Jeremy Dennis** jams on his guitar at the TNT and Zeta Rho second-round "Brady Bunch" mixer Sept. 18. The mixer was an annual event that began in 1996 to strengthen the ties between the brother and sister clubs. (Photo by Amy Beene)



**Freshmen Amber Brown** greets juniors Jamie Crumbaugh, Rachel Arnold, Jenn Lowery and Sarah Mitchell at the baking table at Ko Jo Kai's "Looking for Lovely Ladies" first-round mixer Sept. 9. The women of Ko Jo Kai dressed as women from various decades and set up tables depicting different aspects of being a lady, such as tea parties and manicures. (Photo by Amy Beene)

**Freshmen Katie Bradshaw** and Carrie Brown laugh as they try to identify sophomore Krista Lee's mysterious stuffed animal at the Regina first-round "Pajama Party" mixer Sept. 11. "It's actually an ugly sheep," Lee said. "You have to love the ugly sheep. I mean, someone has to." (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



**Sophomore Brittney Burcham** greets freshman Tasha Turney at the Delta Gamma Rho first-round mixer in the McInteer rotunda Sept. 8. Mixers were a way for inductees to get to know a club's personality and meet club members. (Photo courtesy of Emily Felker)

## Club mixers

### ZP, TNT continue 70s theme

From roots that were meant to bring two clubs together, the "Brady Bunch" mixer became a staple of TNT and Zeta Rho's fall induction process in 1996.

The "Brady Bunch" mixer was the second-round mixer for TNT and Zeta Rho. The brother and sister clubs held the annual mixer Sept. 18 to share their unique bond and get to know potential inductees.

Senior Jenny Bell, Zeta Rho president, described the mixer as informal and laid back.

Dress at the "Brady Bunch" mixer was also a tradition. "Brady Bunch" costumes were open to interpretation and attire ranged from short dresses to bell-bottoms.

Junior Nathan Collier had been a part of the "Brady Bunch" mixer for three years.

"The way I take 'Brady Bunch' to mean is preppy 70s," Collier said. "The thing I like about [the 70s clothes] is watching people wear wigs and aviator shades. Then it is hard to tell who people are, and the freshmen get really confused."

Another tradition was for senior Zeta Rho members to perform a choreographed routine and song, and several TNT members performed a live concert, playing the AC/DC song "TNT."

However, the trash can milkshake seemed to be the most popular attraction at the mixer, Collier said.

"It's a bunch of ice cream, a bunch of chocolate syrup, a bunch of milk, all in a trash can, and you mix it with an outboard motor," Collier said. "We give the freshmen a cup, and the members have pitchers and we just serve them up shakes."

Zeta Rho and TNT demonstrated their bond through friendships, functions and mixers.

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— Gary Luna

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**Junior Lydia Carpenter** hangs around on the climbing wall at the King's Men "Get A Grip" rock-climbing function Oct. 25. "It was totally the best function for guys — there's nothing like rock-climbing to make you feel like a man," junior Dustin Osborne said. (Photo courtesy of Jonathan Freese)



**Junior Trey Cook** gets down on one knee to present a gift to his date, junior Lauren Duncan, at Shantih's "Tacky Function" Nov. 18. The women's club dressed in wild clothing and enjoyed dinner in the cafeteria at the annual event. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Junior Kristi Ensor and senior Ryan Dishongh relax during the Chi Omega Pi "Yippee Chio!" function Oct. 4. The function, held on a farm off campus, avoided a disaster when a fireworks tube fell over, causing fire to spread to a barn full of hay. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



# Functionfollies

## Club plans fall to unexpected pieces

Most fall functions involved a bonfire for roasting hotdogs or marshmallows, but at the Chi Omega Pi function Oct. 4, someone decided to have a barn fire instead.

In an effort to excite and impress the crowd, the beaux decided to light some fireworks. The show went smoothly until the fireworks tube fell over, shooting fireworks into trees, bushes and crowds of people. But if that wasn't bad enough, the fire spread to a barn full of hay.

The following scene depicted events from an action movie. Once he saw the fire, sophomore Phil White yelled, ran to the barn and attempted to beat the fire with his shirt. The barn was saved and little hay was lost. His shirt, however, was incinerated.

"The owner wasn't upset at all," senior Rachel Scott, Chi Omega Pi activities director, said. "He just said that if we wanted to shoot off more fireworks, we needed to go down away from the barn."

"It's kind of frustrating," she said. "All the time and effort we put into planning the function went up in flames."

While bad situations arose at some functions, others didn't even get the opportunity for something to go wrong. Such was the case for men's club Gamma Sigma Phi and its fall function.

"We had planned a really great function with a bonfire and a hayride, but it was scheduled to rain that night," senior Sam Peters, activities director, said. "So we changed our plans."

Peters and the club's other activities director, junior Jay Caldwell, planned an evening, which included dinner at CiCi's Pizza and a movie at the Tandy 10 theater in Little Rock.

However, when the deadline to sign up for the function rolled around, nobody signed up.

"I guess because it was CiCi's Pizza and a \$1 movie people decided not to go," Peters said. "I suppose people thought they could do that without a big group of people."

Naturally, the function was canceled.

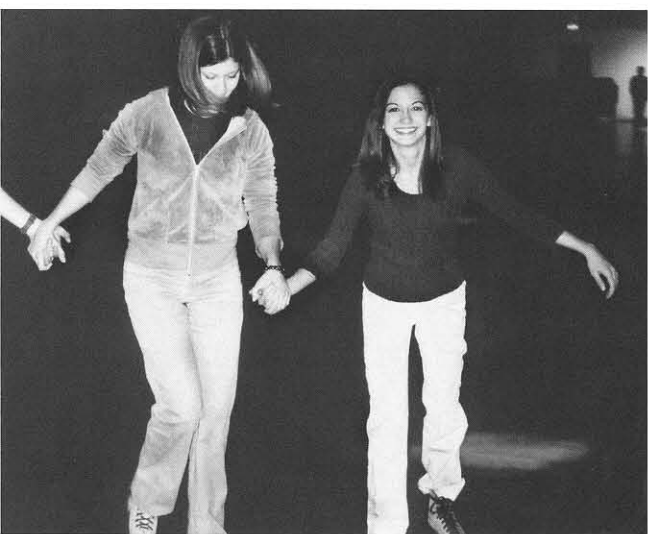
"I thought it was a pretty good idea for a function," Caldwell said. "I know a ton of guys who have used the very same idea for a first date. I don't see why more people didn't sign up."

Planning a function was no easy task, as many activities directors would say, but it became even more difficult with sudden mishaps.

— Todd Ramsey

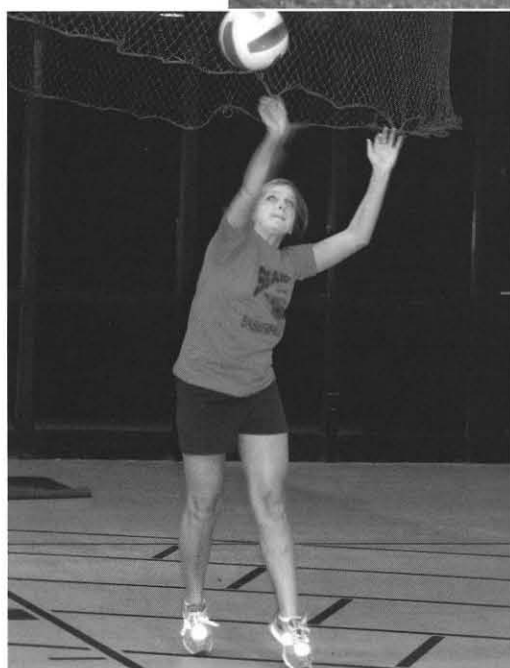
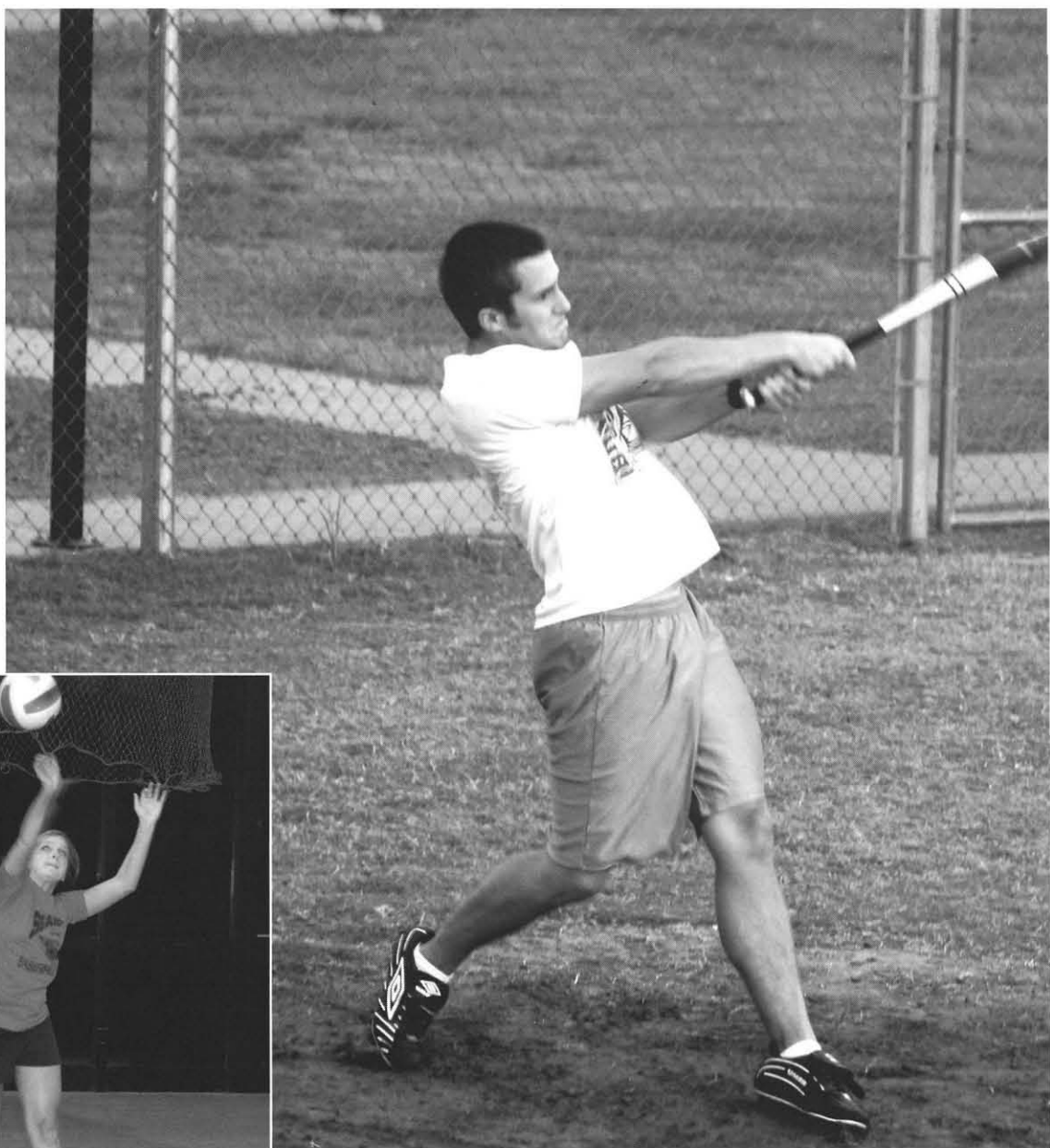
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Sophomore Daphne Fritz and junior Bethany Speyer join hands as they glide around the rink at the Omega Lambda Chi roller-skating function Dec. 5. "It was probably the most fun function we've had all year," Fritz said. "We acted like little kids again." (Photo courtesy of Heidi Hipp)



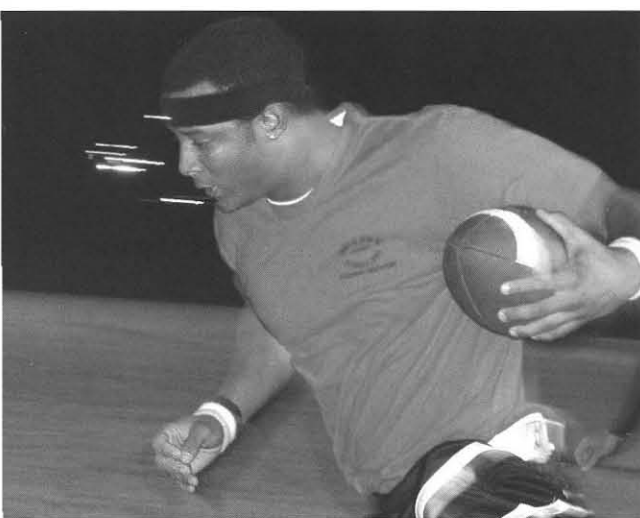


**Stretching her body**, freshman Laura Riley reaches out to hit the ball during a women's social club volleyball game in the Ganus Athletic Center Nov. 10. Zeta Rho took the championship in the A bracket for women's club volleyball. (Photo by Amy Beene)

**The new men's club**, Theta Psi Kappa, plays in its first club basketball game against Pi Kappa Epsilon Jan. 22. "We're very competitive, and we are determined," freshman Curtis Groves said. (Photo by Russell Keck)



With a look of determination, senior Will Copeland swings his bat at a TNT softball game Oct. 2. TNT won in the A, B and C brackets of men's club softball. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Senior Justin Jamerson, Titans member, cradles the ball as he rushes downfield Oct. 14. Club athletics gave students an opportunity to play competitive sports throughout the year. (Photo by Amy Beene)

# Beginning Teams

## New clubs establish athletic squads

Club and intramural sports enjoyed strong participation numbers this year, according to intramural officials.

Jim Gowen, director of men's intramurals, said approximately 65 percent of Harding men participated in either intramural or club sports.

"There is lots of participation in both club and intramural sports," Gowen said.

Dr. Jessica Moore, director of women's intramurals, said women's volleyball increased from 30 teams last year to 46 this year.

Students' reasons for playing club sports varied from enjoying competition to just wanting to hang out.

Junior Stephanie Wortham, a member of Shantih social club, said she got involved in club sports for the sake of pure enjoyment.

"I play at the B and C levels," she said. "At the C level, you can have fun and be serious without being at each other's throats. That is what makes it fun."

Many students who were not in clubs, like senior Dan Phillips, still enjoyed watching their friends compete in club athletics.

"I think club sports are neat," Phillips said. "It's just sports — no money, no Super Bowl trophies — it's just about having fun and playing sports."

Three new clubs began competing in club athletics this year. Chi Kappa Rho and Pi Theta Phi joined the women's side, and Theta Psi Kappa began competing in the men's small club division.

For these clubs, joining club sports for the first time gave them a chance to be recognized on campus.

Sophomore Katie Moran, athletic director for Chi Kappa Rho, said she was surprised at the number of women from the club who wanted to play.

Moran said first-time participation numbers were high.

"Everyone just wants to support the club and play," she said.

Pi Theta Phi, which chartered in January, also had a large number of women sign up to play basketball.

Junior Pi Theta Phi athletic director Katie Glover said club members were so eager to be involved that they signed up to play Jan. 12, the day Student Services approved the club's constitution.

"We're really excited," she said. "This is the first thing we all get to do together."

Gowen said new clubs have traditionally performed well on the basketball court.

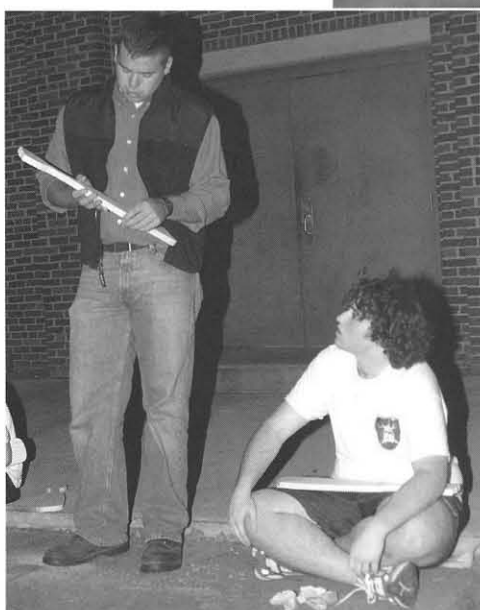
Freshman Curtis Groves, a Theta Psi Kappa member, said his club planned to be competitive, even though they were new this year.

"We're very competitive, and we are determined," Groves said. "It looks like we're going to do well."

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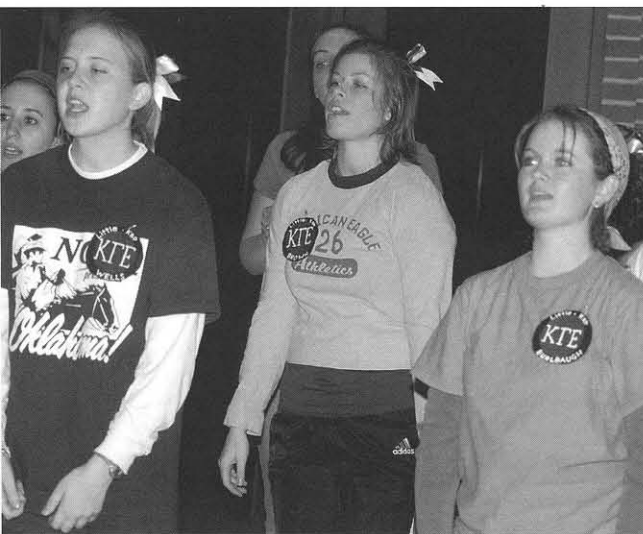


**Junior Cade Smith** examines an inductee's polishing job while freshman **Corey McEntyre** takes a break from working on his paddle during a Titans' Induction Week activity. "It's a tradition," senior **Aaron Snow**, Titans president, said. "They can put [the paddles] up in their rooms and remember Induction Week." (Photo by Renee Lewis)



**Junior Ashley Poole** takes a moment to sign sophomore Zeta Rho inductee **Melanie Switzer's** induction book. The student center was a flurry of activity as inductees scrambled to fill their induction books before the end of the week. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

Freshman Marshall Sexson moves to the Seminole Stomp Oct. 30. The Stomp, usually held on Friday of Induction Week, was moved to Thursday because the Bison football team, which many Seminoles members were part of, left for an away football game on Friday. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



Freshmen Carrie Brown, Mandy Burlbaugh and Heather Pottberg, Kappa Gamma Epsilon inductees, practice their cheer before roll call at the all-club devotional Oct. 30. Roll call served as a means of expression for each club's induction class. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

# Induction Week

## Changes surround club process

Shaving cream fights, induction books and All-Club devotionals became routine for 658 inductees during Induction Week Oct. 26-31.

However, the number of inductees was down from last year. The Student Services office reported there were 100 less men and 43 less women that applied than in 2002.

"Some students just did not accept their bids because they did not get in the club they wanted," Jim Miller, director of student life, said.

Peggy Huckeba, assistant dean of students, said the reason students joined social clubs was two-fold.

"Students join social clubs to gain an identity and become part of an intimate fellowship," Huckeba said.

Among those who did accept their bids was freshman Leah Nave.

"I pledged Delta Gamma Rho because I saw good spiritual girls," Nave said. "I wanted more spiritual friends."

Changes were made to Induction Week including the time clubs could meet for induction activities. In the past, clubs could begin their Induction Week activities at 4 p.m. This year, as a result of an Inter-Club Council vote, clubs could not begin activities until 6 p.m. Exceptions were made if clubs needed daylight to complete an activity.

In addition to Induction Week changes, two new clubs — Theta Psi Kappa men's club and Chi Kappa Rho women's club — chartered this fall. Pi Theta Phi women's club chartered in the spring.

Miller said the new clubs were needed, and he believed they would be strong additions to the social club induction process next fall.

"Even though we had a decrease in applicants this fall, the need for new clubs still exists," Miller said. "We need strong clubs that will survive the test of time. I believe these three new clubs will do that."

Roll call was one of the traditions upheld each night before the all-club devotional.

Students heard chants from induction classes like Kappa Sigma Kappa's, "We don't sing. We don't dance. We're the men in khaki pants."

Miller said the all-club devotional was an important aspect of Induction Week.

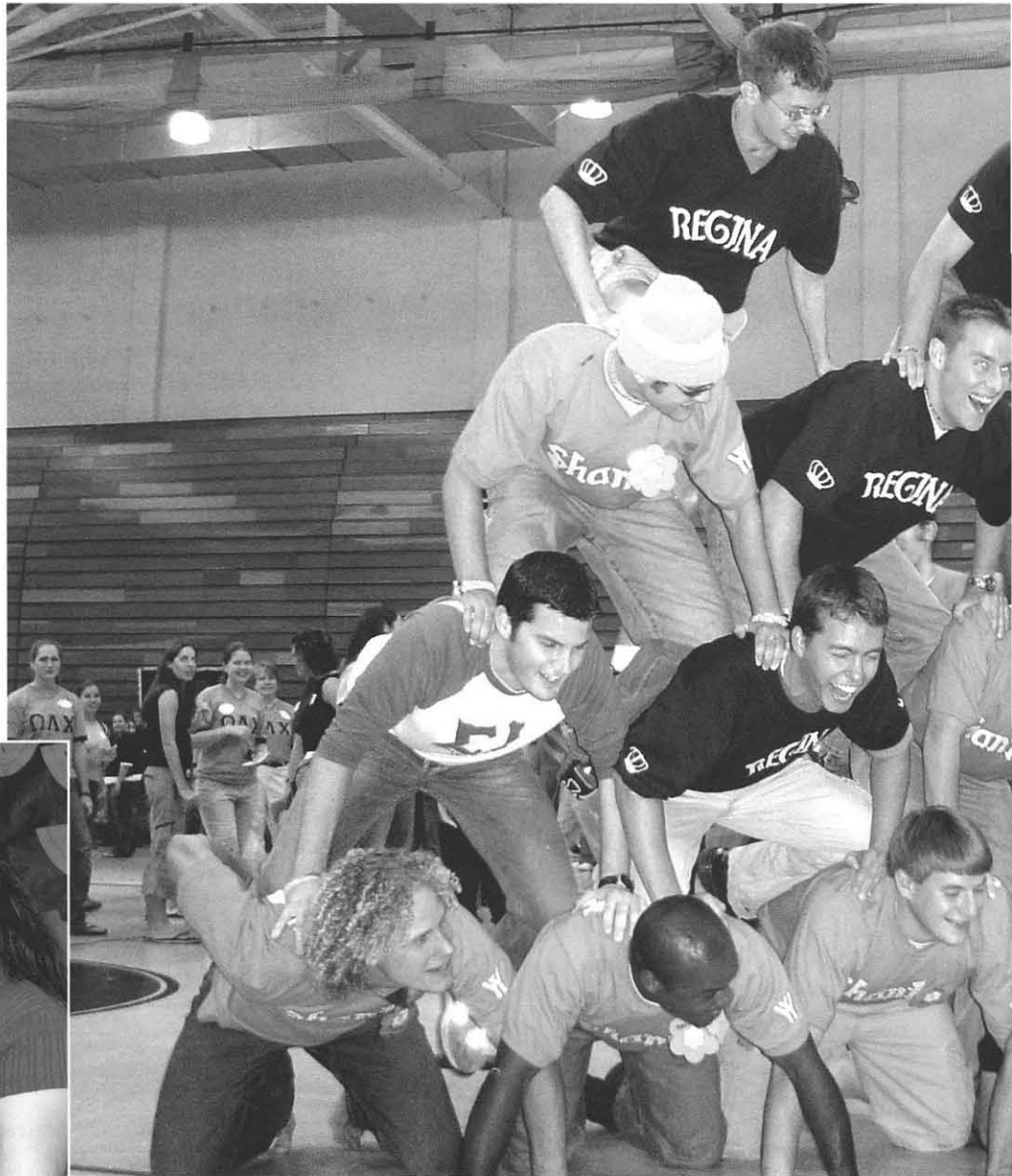
"The all-club devotional builds pride in the inductees while getting their focus back on what is most important — God," he said.

— Jamie Higgins

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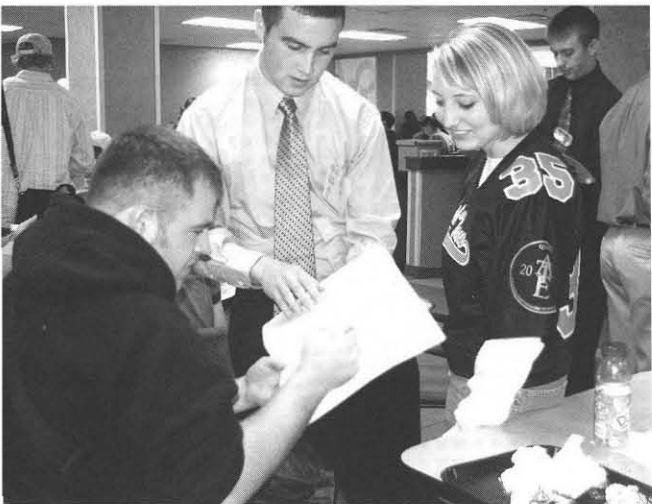


Graduate students **Ryan and Katrina Cook** lace hands at Oege's Oct. 3 meeting in the American Studies Building. "I noticed him because he was a beau," Katrina Cook said of her husband, whom she married in March 2003. "He went out of his way for Oege and all the girls in Oege." (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



The queens of **Gamma Sigma Phi** give the McInteer fountain a new look by posing as statues last spring. "They're special," junior Ben Wilkins, a Gamma Sigma Phi member, said. "They have the best character of anyone I've ever met ... They remind me of women in the Bible." (Photo courtesy of Ben Wilkins)

Shantih and Regina beaux form a pyramid at the women's club open house in the Ganus Athletic Center Sept. 4. Every year Shantih and Regina competed over which club could bring the most beaux to the event. (Photo courtesy of Robert Meyer)



Senior David Ezell, Alpha Tau Epsilon member, signs an inductee's induction book during Induction Week while senior Tracy Glenn, Alpha Tau Epsilon queen, waits her turn. Queens and beaux were often found socializing with club members in the student center. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

# Clubhonorees

## Beaux, queens offer appreciation

When several Kappa Sigma Kappa members threw junior Lauren Clark in the McInteer plaza fountain, she couldn't have been happier — even though the temperature outside was about 53 degrees.

After leaving a Ko Jo Kai meeting, around 45 men from Kappa Sigma Kappa social club greeted her by throwing a jersey over her head and then tossing her in the water.

"I was taken by surprise," Clark said. "It was a good kidnapping. A couple of guys threw me in the fountain, and it was so cold. I was freezing. However, it was definitely one of the most memorable nights of my Harding days. Being soaked and uncomfortable for a few minutes was worth the honor to be chosen queen for a year for such special guys."

Not all men's clubs used the fountain as means of appreciation for their newly elected sweethearts.

The men of Chi Sigma Alpha got on their knees, sang and pledged their loyalty to their queens.

"It's such a sweet thought," senior Kyleen Bontrager, Chi Sigma Alpha queen, said. "I think I'm going to cry when they sing it to me at the end of the year. When I look into their faces, I can tell they really mean it."

The beaux of Oege supported their members through the motto "Real men wear pink," and by wearing the color on Fridays.

"Oege had just started wearing pink," senior Nate Huddleson, Oege beau, said. "We were being made fun of by other beaux because we wore pink; so we made it our theme."

In addition to being honored by the clubs they represented, queens and beaux had duties to fulfill.

"We go to meetings and softball games," junior Teague Houseman, Chi Sigma Alpha queen, said. "We make an effort to see how their day is going."

For most beaux and queens, the relationships they formed with the clubs they represented were what mattered most.

"I feel extremely honored and respected," senior Jeannie Petty, a Delta Chi Delta queen, said. "I never imagined that they would choose me to represent them. I'm honored to be a queen for a group of guys I respect so much."

— Emily Wade

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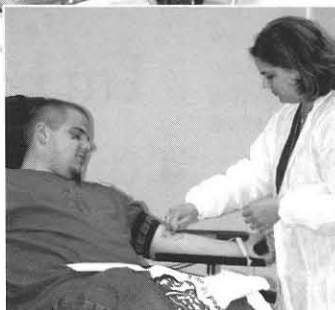
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— senior Matt Price

**Freshmen Brittany Garry** and Keri Jo Salisbury, sophomore Anya Burt and junior April Warren, members of Chi Kappa Rho, talk with each other before the All-Club Devotional during Induction Week Oct. 30. Chi Kappa Rho, the new women's club that chartered in the fall, made its first campus appearance during Induction Week. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



**Freshman John Weber** looks at his arm as he donates blood for the Oege and King's Men-sponsored blood drive Sept. 16 in student center 236. The blood drive was an annual event sponsored by the brother and sister clubs. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



## Clubtraditions

### Food, fellowship, fun rank high

From black socks to annual tea parties, each club had its own tradition to add flare to its uniqueness. Many club traditions focused on food, fun, service and Induction Week activities, which created memories and club customs.

Knights held its annual Dragon Roast while Kappa Sigma Kappa hosted an annual Bayou Bash.

"I look forward to Bayou Bash every year. There's really nothing better than shoving your face into a plate full of crawfish," senior Matt Price, Kappa Sigma Kappa member, said.

Gamma Sigma Phi started its own eating tradition with a clam bake minus the clams.

"It is a laid back function where we just hang out at Camp Wyldewood like they did in the old days and have noisy gatherings with hamburgers and hotdogs," senior Sam Peters, Gamma Sigma Phi activities director, said.

Girl's clubs didn't shy away from eating gatherings either.

"The Gata girls love to go down to B rock and have a barbecue with Alpha Tau," sophomore Kara Jones, Gata member, said.

Tri Kappa made its annual visit to McDonald's the last night of Induction Week to celebrate the club's birthday.

"We get together and have the inductees eat birthday cake without using their hands," senior Angela Rachels, Tri Kappa member, said. "It is so funny to watch them smear cake all over their faces."

Besides getting together with other clubs or getting messy, some women's clubs enjoyed just being with each other, which was the theme of the Shantih senior tea each spring.

"All the girls get together to drink flavored iced tea, and all the graduating seniors give a speech," junior Brenna Wood, Shantih member, said. "There is always lots of crying."

In addition, clubs set themselves apart through activities such as ring ceremonies and Induction Week activities.

For example, Ju Go Ju's inductees wore large purple bows in their hair during Induction Week. The girls were not allowed to cut the ribbon, and the bow needed to stay on top of the girls' heads at all times.

Clubs used their traditions to set themselves apart and create lasting memories.

— Justin Bronson



**Sporting a big purple bow,** sophomore Kayla Seaman, Ju Go Ju inductee, fills out her induction book in the student center Oct. 29. Ju Go Ju inductees have worn purple bows during Induction Week since the club's inception in 1925. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



**Freshman Chris George,** Omega Sigma inductee, visits with freshman Katelin Taylor during Induction Week. Omega Sigma inductees traditionally dressed in hunting garb and carried around plastic ducks during Induction Week. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



**Sophomore Earl Wigger,** graduate student Brett Emerson and junior Jay Cline prepare a Knights inductee's jousting stick with shaving cream at the Knights Joust on the front lawn Oct. 30. The joust took place every year on the Thursday of Induction Week. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)





**Sophomore Katie Moran** adorns freshman Caitlin Chester's hair with a veil of toilet paper during Induction Week. In addition to emphasizing service, Chi Kappa Rho established fellowship as an important part of the club. (Photo courtesy of Susan Ginn)



**Service Promoting Unified Devotion group members** junior Jessa Hilliard, freshman Kristen Tappe and sophomore Jennifer Eilenstein brainstorm ideas for future service projects. This was one of several SPUD groups that meet to create new avenues of service for Chi Kappa Rho. (Photo by Meghan Michaelson)

Junior **Jessa Hilliard** and freshman **Caitlin Chester**, Chi Kappa Rho members, wash their club sister's feet. Not only did the club serve the community, but it also served the club members by note-writing, foot-washing and other services. (Photo by Meghan Michaelson)



Freshmen **Julie Horn** and **Ginger Marcussen** examine a soda tab collection box Feb. 10 that Chi Kappa Rho placed in the Sears lobby. Inspired by the Social Work club, the women's social club collected the tabs to help pay for Academic Resources Coordinator **Carol Dowling's** chemotherapy treatment. (Photo by Meghan Michaelson)

# Servant Hearts

## Club builds a foundation of service

A social club that built its foundation on service was the recipient of the 2004 *Petit Jean* Service Award.

Chi Kappa Rho, chartered Oct. 20, was selected by the *Petit Jean* staff based on the club's amount of service, variety of service projects and number of club members who participated in the activities.

Junior **Jessa Hilliard**, Chi Kappa Rho president, said she was excited that the club received the service award.

"One of the reasons we [organized] this club was because we wanted to be service oriented," she said.

At the heart of the service club's involvement were what Hilliard called SPUD groups: Service Promoting Unified Devotion.

Each group, comprised of four or five women, was responsible for organizing one devotional for a club meeting and one service project in which the club could participate.

Chi Kappa Rho was involved in several service projects, including helping the staff of the White County Junior Miss Pageant and sending cards to service men and women working overseas.

The project that Hilliard said personally touched her was the club's work with the Cherokee church of Christ. Hilliard's father, a missionary to the North Carolina reservation, realized that if he didn't help the church, it would die.

He found a preacher to minister to the people, but even though the church brought in enough revenue to pay for the building maintenance, there was not enough money to support a preacher.

When Chi Kappa Rho discovered the Cherokee church's need, the club decided to step in and help by collecting spare change after chapel. With the students body's support, the club raised more than \$500.

"When they understood the need for the church, everybody seemed really eager to help," Hilliard said. "You could see it in their faces; they wanted to do it."

The club did not extend service just to those outside the club, but those inside it as well. Chi Kappa Rho practiced what Hilliard said was internal service.

A popular way the women ministered to one another was through flooding.

A member would tell Hilliard if someone in the club needed encouragement, and Hilliard would pass the word on to the other members.

Throughout the following week, everyone in the club would send a letter to the woman in need.

"I have been flooded, and it was so uplifting," sophomore **Katie Moran** said. "My mailbox was literally flooded. I would open the box and mail would all fall out."

Whatever projects the groups chose, for Moran, they all came down to one thing.

"It's all about serving God and doing good for others," she said.

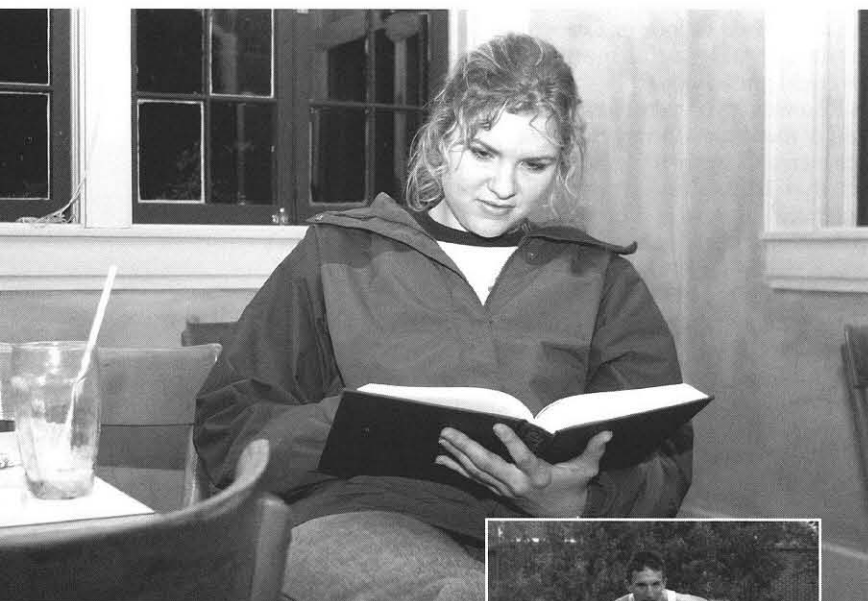
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— sophomore **Katie Moran**

// While you're here  
at Harding, embrace  
the time you have. //

— senior Ryan Bond



**Senior Jeannie Petty studies at Midnight Oil** Dec. 10. Petty and her suitemates spent the evening together at Midnight Oil to celebrate the end of fall semester. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



**Senior Ryan Bond leaps** over a hurdle at a track meet in the spring of 2003. Bond said his coaches at Harding were influential in developing his Christian faith. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)

## Regina Spirit

### Seniors honor 'energetic' students

Friends and family described seniors Ryan Bond and Jeannie Petty as "encouraging, energetic, caring and genuine."

Bond and Petty were this year's Regina Spirit Award recipients. Regina social club members selected the nominees, whom they believed best reflected Christ while at Harding, and then asked the senior class to vote on two honorees.

Both Bond and Petty engaged in several different activities while at Harding.

Bond served as co-chairman of the Student Association's Spiritual Life Committee, with his wife, Katie, and he was the director of youth forum. He worked on Homecoming musicals, Holiday to Honduras, the 2004 Month of Prayer and the student lectureship. Bond also was a member of the track team.

"Everything he does, whether it be athletics or academics, is spiritually grounded," Steve Guymon, Harding track coach, said. "Honestly, when I was asked to speak in chapel, I called Ryan for advice."

Katie Bond, a senior, said her husband's future after Harding looked bright.

"I know he'll do great things in his life," she said. "I'm proud of who he is and thankful that Harding has been able to foster a good beginning for him."

Petty served as a queen for Delta Chi Delta and devotional director for Delta Gamma Rho. She was a member of the Spiritual Life Committee and the choir. She has also served on spring break and summer campaigns, including a six-week stay in New Zealand.

"She is a stable base I know I can go to when I need encouragement," senior Eric Myers, Delta Chi Delta vice president, said. "When I look back at Harding, I will remember her and how when things were at their worst, she was at her best and always there for me."

After graduation in May 2004, Ryan Bond planned to relocate to St. Louis, Mo., where he will serve as the director of financial sales for a division of Visa. Petty planned to go to dental hygiene school. She hoped to return to New Zealand for mission work later in life.

Petty and Ryan Bond both had advice for those who would stay behind at Harding.

"While you're here at Harding, embrace the time you have," Ryan Bond said. "Invest in people, and seek to empower others; make meaningful relationships."

Petty urged students to serve.

"God has blessed us with many opportunities," Petty said. "To whom much is given, much is expected. We have so much to give. Find a place to serve, and in using your gift in serving others, you will be serving our Lord."

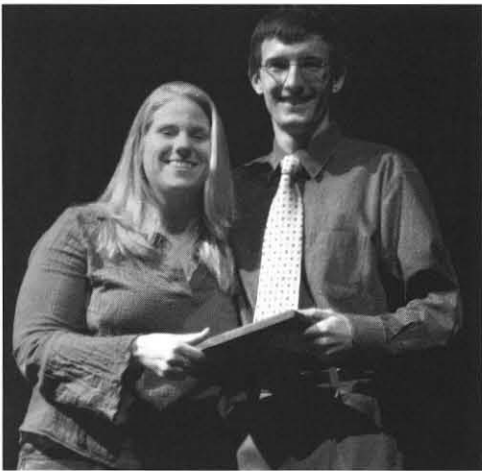
— Amanda Sember



**Senior Jeannie Petty rakes** a Searcy lawn during Rake and Run Nov. 6. Petty participated in the event for three years and said she believed the act of service made a difference in peoples' lives. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



**Senior Ryan Bond reviews** vocabulary terms March 10 with his drama class at Searcy High School. Bond taught theater and speech at the school, where he fulfilled his student-teaching requirement. (Photo by Russell Keck)



**Senior Ryan Bond** and sophomore Betsy Stratton smile as Stratton presents Bond with the Regina Spirit Award in chapel March 11. Organized by Regina social club, the award was given to the male and female senior who best reflected Christ while at Harding. (Photo by Amy Beene)