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Shaping The Future
The day had arrived. Students, faculty, and guests gathered at the spot where Old Main had once stood. People anxiously checked their watches every few minutes. Finally the music started, and the family and friends of Southern Arkansas University lifted their voices in a resounding: "Happy Birthday, SAU!"

This year marks the anniversary of our Alma Mater, and her birthday celebration was no different from anyone else's. Doesn't everyone have family and friends, music, and cake on his birthday? The festivities, which kicked off an entire school year of celebrating, began with a picnic dinner of hot dogs, potato salad, and barbecued beans. Jed Clampet, a campus favorite, provided music for dining and for a sing-along after the meal. The celebration continued with speeches honoring SAU from President Harold T. Brinton, the Honorable George Wray, Mayor of Magnolia, and Mr. Ted Honeycutt, President of the Student Government Association. Following the speeches, Dr. Dan Feud and Dr. Dan Kelhan read greetings and well wishes from SAU alumni both far and near. Then, all the guests moved to the center of the student mall to form a human "SAU" which was photographed from the top of Hamrick Theater. Afterwards, the candles were lit, and the giant 24-inch wide X 12-inch high X 5-foot long birthday cake was cut and eaten. Thanks to Barry Cheatham and his staff.

During the 1984-5 school year, the SAU family will remember and celebrate the past in a special way, for we share in a long tradition of honor, and we will look forward to the future, dedicating ourselves to shaping it for the better as did those who went before us.

The spirit of Southern Arkansas University is seventy-five years old, but it is strong, and it will continue to burn as long as SAU lives in our hearts and minds.
DIAMOND JUBILEE

Southern Arkansas University is celebrating 75 years of educating, growing and succeeding. From an agricultural high school, to a junior college, to a college, to a university, SAU proudly remembers its roots and founders. Our Diamond Jubilee is meant not only to recall the past, but also to shape the future. In a century when change is the most constant factor, SAU is changing and growing to meet the needs of a complex society.

The first classes were held on January 3, 1951, with five teachers and 75 students in attendance. Holt, Jackson, and Old Main were the three buildings on campus. Now, only Jackson stands to remind us of the way things used to be. Past presidents and supporters are forever remembered by their names inscribed on buildings. Outstanding Alumni are remembered and commended each Homecoming. This year is a celebration not only of those outstanding predecessors but of all who helped make SAU what it is today. This year is a season to celebrate and a season to remember.
Do you remember the first time you saw SAU — the very first time, when you barely knew how to get around, what to major in, and least of all what the next four years of your life would hold? These four years are your RiderLife. The time that you spend here will determine the rest of your life. Anticipations will be altered, and experiences will become memories. So, this is it. Your RiderLife is here and now, and everything around affects you in one way or another for the rest of your life. So when you come back to visit, either at a game or just by taking a look at your old college annual, books and papers, things will never be the same. You can’t go home again, but you will take it with you. At least part of it.
There are obviously two educations, one should teach us how to make a living, the other how to live.

James Truslow Adams
One of your first concerns about going away to college is "Which hall will I live in?" Of course you want the best, but it's hard to discern which hall is the best exactly. And since the Mulerider staff doesn't want to poll and calculate the results, we sent out our one and only Ace Mulerider Detective. You might have seen him lurking near a trash can in the shadows on some dark and foggy night. Ace doesn't know much about anything, so we thought he'd be the best man or maybe person for the job. He also works cheap. So we gave Ace a secret mission to find out the best residence hall. It's a dirty job, so naturally Ace took it. So if you didn't see him, his plan worked. But if you did see him, don't say I didn't try to warn you.

We equipped Ace for action in the face of danger. (This included Deputy Dog.) From his trench coat to his Sherlock Holmes Detective Kit, Ace was outfitted for action and off he went. He found his first clue in the Student Affairs Office. There was a big banner on a back wall spelling out the meaning of hall life. Ace was pretending to be a normal, run-of-the-mill student who needed a bulb for his room. Debra Black, the secretary for the Student Affairs Office, questioned him on his way in. "Can I help you?" she asked. "Take me to your leader," Ace dramatically said. "You gotta be kidding," Debra said and started laughing hysterically. "Follow me," she said still laughing. She led him into the office of J Courson, the Assistant Dean of Students.

"Which hall is the best residence hall?" Ace asked peering at him. J shook his head in disgust and replied, "No comment.

"That's good enough for me," Ace replied. "That's all the info I need to know." Thus Ace started out on his secret mission. Halls.....the final frontier. This is the voyage of Ace Mulerider Detective. His five day mission.....to seek out students and their civilizations.....to boldly go where everyone already goes.
Having shaved his legs and opened a charge account at Merle Norman's, Ace Mulderider Detective is in drag and hoping not to be seen wobbling into Bussey's entrance as he goes undercover to find the best women's hall. He wonders as he clanks down the street in three inch heels how women can learn to walk so sexy in shoes that hurt so badly and while being suffocated in the vice grip of a bra.

Ace spots a door with a sign of a list of whereabouts of a shady character — the hall director. "Ah ha, my first clue," Ace thinks to himself. "The door says 'OUT.'" Ace knocks on the door anyway, but finds no one at home.

Still pondering on this clue, Ace sits by the door and twiddles his thumbs, unaware he is being watched by a young, blonde coed. After observing him and finding him to be harmless, the mysterious woman walks over to Ace and asks "Do you need something?" she asks. Startled, Ace jumps up. "Don't do that!" he exclaims. Recovering from fright, he states in a feminine imitation, "I hear you have ghosts."

"I've never seen one, until lately," she replies in a sick voice. "Just what do you have here?" Ace asks, "I haven't got all day. I have to do my nails."

"We have a beau, parties at Christmas and Valentine's Day, PIG NIC at Spring Fling . . . . but no creature like you!" she exclaimed and ran. "How flighty these college students can be," Ace mutters to himself. "I wonder if she would let me borrow her girdle for the dance next week."
Childs

A ce donned his western gear. He was going to get the scoop on Childs Hall and wanted to identify with the good ol’ boys in Childs. He strode in whistling the theme from High Noon.

As soon as he entered the door, some guys wearing boots, jeans and hats came down the hall. Wishing to establish an immediate friendship with them, Ace calls out, “Howdy do, pod-nuts.”

Since the guys wanted nothing to do with Ace, they merely replied, “Yeah.”

Ace continued in spite of their right tipped reply. “Whatcha got here?” he asked with a sickening grin.

“We live here,” they firmly replied. “What business you got here?”

“Just lookin’ around,” Ace nervously answered, eying a quick escape. “Where’s the RA?”

“Got no RA,” they responded. “Don’t really need one. Most of the guys who live here work on the farm with the cows and other livestock for their classes. They call this the ‘Agri Hall’. You ever touched a cow?”

“Just when she wasn’t lookin’,” Ace replied. “Guess I’ll be moseying down to the waterin’ hole.”

Harrod

S triding into Harrod’s lobby imitating the savvy of a Mickey Spillane character, Ace Mulerider glances around with seeming casualness, absorbing as much info as his 22 I.Q. mind can absorb. He takes notes of the soap opera airing on the television against the wall, and the few engrossed females sitting in front of the one-eyed monster.

Posing as a representative of the Collegiate Officials Now (CON), AMD gets invited in to the apartment of Sue Krauser to have a cup of coffee while he supposedly gathers info for a national survey on the bathroom conditions of residence halls. Ace jots down Sue’s facts and details, wishing she would cut the “Harrod Hugger”, two-movies-per-month, active-hall-council, cookouts, games and parties junk and get to the really important stuff like who gets locked out of her room the most.

We won the ‘Best-Decorated Bed’ in the Bed Race, and the ‘Best-Decorated Hall’ Award; and we were the RHA Women’s Tug-Off Champions. “Ace struggles to keep up with Sue’s list, but the list continues. He sees from his Ronald McDonald Watch that he is late for the Scooby-Doo show and tries to sneak out the door with Sue still speaking,” and “The Happening,” and games and
In the continuing search for the best men's hall, AMD, Ace Mulder, Acting Detective, acting on a tip that Greene Hall really is green, sneaks up on Greene Hall Director, Charlie Davis.

"Greene Hall doesn't have a pit," Charlie whispers. "Very interesting," says AMD thinking ahead to Plan B.

After many hours of secret investigation, AMD finds that not only does Greene not have a pit, but neither have they lost the bed race for the past three years. As suspected, Greene also has the best janitor on campus. The pieces are starting to fall into place for AMD. He starts to sort out the pieces of the puzzle. Unfortunately, he's working on a Mickey Mouse puzzle and has lost a piece of Mickey's ear. Oh yes, back to the case, AMD realizes that the key to unlock the mystery is in the past. And who better to ask about the past than a senior? They'll tell anything. So he asks a real, uh, male jock about Greene's shady past.

"What makes Greene famous is the Shower party of 1980," the jock replies.

"So," muses AMD to himself. "that's the ugly truth. And they thought they could keep the showers to themselves."

As this point in his investigation, AMD is feeling pretty as an undercover guy. He believes that he's outdone his choice of disguise. Ace decides to don the staff writer disguise. AMD proceeds to locate the hall director, yearbook staff writer, Ace an extremely intelligent detective. He finds the interview surprising and revealing.

Ms. Jameson candidly tells Ace that Nelson houses all but three members of the women's basketball team, the intramural women's touch football champs, and is awaiting repairs like new furniture and paint. Activities like the election of a Nelson Nerd, Lip-synch contest, Riderette Appreciation Day, and a big spring festival are in the works.

Puzzled, Ace looks at Sandra and asks, "Could you spell Nelson for me?"
It's a dark, foggy night: Ace Mullerider Detective is in his office on the second floor of Wilson. He's got a tough assignment ahead. He must find Talbot.

Ace ventures out into the strange underworld of College students. After asking directions from a tall man driving a blue car with a SAU license plate in front, he heads out towards Talbot Hall. He was a nice enough fellow, thinks Ace. He's probably the guy who parks cars since he has his own parking space reserved in front of Overstreet. If only AMD knew. He finds Talbot about two hours later and demands to see the Hall Director.

"I am the Hall Director," Bob Martin replies. "Any more stupid questions?"

"Yeah," AMD replies putting out his size 30 chest. "I got a lot of stupid questions. Like, what's so great about Talbot anyway?"

"Talbot is the most renovated, most outstanding hall. Any normal person would know that," Bob replies.

"I didn't know that," AMD says amazed.

"Like I said, any normal person."

Bob quipped. "Our staff is also outstanding."

"Outstanding in their field?"

AMD laughs. "That's a joke, get it?"

"Standing... field?"

Ace spies several men going into Talley Hall with strange symbols on their shirts. Some new mystery for AMD. They are also carrying pieces of wood, little black books, doing secret handshakes, and mumbling strange incantations.

"It sounds Greek to me," AMD says to himself while stroking his chin. He walks up to Scott Raney, unaware that Raney is Talley Hall Director. "Say Bud, I'm a freshman here on campus," AMD begins to say.

"Yeah," Scott replies. "I can tell."

"What's that those guys have on their shirts?" AMD slyly queries.

"Those are the Greeks. Talley houses the fraternities," Scott replies.

"Oh, right," AMD says pretending intelligence. He wouldn't know a sorority from a fraternity. "Say, what else do they do here?"

"Just about everything from a Ford Roping contest to chess tournaments. And we've got a sweetheart."

"Ah, a sweetheart," says AMD. "You're not thinking about living in Talley, are you," Scott asks nervously.

"Heh, heh, heh, wouldn't you like to know," AMD chuckles and vanishes behind a trash can.
In this year of SAU's Diamond Jubilee, intramurals sparkle as brilliantly as ever. They have long been a Mulerider tradition. "As long as anyone can remember," remark three members of the HPER faculty, Dr. Carter, Dr. Brown, and Coach Overturf.

Dr. Kathryn Brown can vouch for that fact more than any of her associates and also tell you how different the games were then as compared to now. When Dr. Brown joined SAU in the mid-1940's as the women's physical education director, there were only about eleven activities offered in intramurals. Maybe half have survived the forty-year transition to the present. She will also tell you about those that are now gone, like speedball, fast-pitch softball, and flickerball — a rather complicated combination of soccer, basketball, and football. In their stead are events like table tennis, raquetball, "hot shot" basketball, and even the Cross-Country Turkey Trot. Gone, too is the award system of medals, which was replaced by T-shirts.

One of the things that has remained is the major system of organization, the Intramural Council made up of unit directors, two members of the faculty — Ed Kardas and Andy Kean, and the overall intramural director.

The philosophy of intramurals seems to attract people and keep them coming back year after year. Former athletes from high school who are not, for one reason or another, in collegiate sports, play intramural sports to stay close to the game and have fun. Others are purely the recreational types. Students play their hearts out so that Poison Ivy leagues flourish. The college's administration, faculty, and team members all advocate, almost gallantly, the cause of simple, honest fun. There are no really heated team rivalries, and it seems that most everyone likes it that way.

Christine Phillips
Above: Snowfight anyone? Students were able to enjoy the week of winter when classes were cancelled and there was little else to do.

Top Left: Back off man. Steve Bleifus grabs the rope and gets ready to pull in the tug-off.

Bottom left: Skill and finesse were required in the three-legged race, a SAAU favorite event. The perils of wrong timing can be seen in the background. Steve Penney (left) and Mark Woods lead the way.
The daily routine of breakfast, books, breaks, and bed is easily broken. There’s a lot more to academics than just studying, and a lot more to learning than just sitting in a classroom. Work, rest, and play all go into developing an education; education teaches us how to live. That education, like the diamond, will last forever. This is just the start of something bigger and better — To Life!
There's not much we can say about being a senior that hasn't already been said. It's a beginning true enough, but it's also an ending to over sixteen years, more or less, of education and the security of it. Life, as a senior knows it, will drastically change. Bills will have your name on them. And old, familiar friends will be scattered. The cold, harsh realities of life hit a senior in the face. Panic, despair and anxiety often flood a senior's thoughts, but their main thoughts are ultimately focused on that one special day. Here are a few thoughts about seniors:

"I like the thought of being able to leave Magnolia in a red convertible."  
Shanna Nunnally, Special Ed.

"I don't have a full class load." 
Becky Shepard, Mass Comm.

"Getting away from Dr. Blanchard." 
Anonymous

"The good part is that we get excited because seniors finally finish what they came here for. The sad part is that just about the time we get to know them, they graduate. Parents have that same problem. We get attached to students and have a vested interest in how well they do."
Dr. Harold T. Brinson, President

"I like getting credit card applications in the mail. I love junk mail." 
Mark Keith, "Red Eyed and Rowdy"  

"Being able to think this is the last time I'll do this." 
Beth Caldwell, Accounting

"I'm unhappy about them leaving because their money goes with them."
Dr. Scott Boaz, Prof. of Economics

"The worst part is finding out you'll be one for another year."
Nancy Williams, Marketing

Seniors take final steps to their future after SALL.
And Then

It's the year for making choices. For the first time since you were five, you're facing a September without school and a future without any definite structure except what you choose to give it. It's the year for wondering if you'll ever do those same things again. As an hour turns into a day, so September turns into May. You feel like screaming. "But I'm not ready yet!" And then the scream turns to laughter or tears.

Classes become optional and homework becomes less than immediate. The weekend often starts on Wednesday and lasts till the next Tuesday. And you try never to miss a social event, fearing that it might be the last good time with the old gang. Pep rallies actually have that same spirit that they had when you were a freshman. You never thought that you'd be the one to say, "I'm really going to miss this place."

FOGLE, Joseph C.
Camden, AR

FREEMAN, Geraldine T.
Magnolia, AR

GALWAY, Daniel J.
Lena, IL

GARNER, Lori A.
Bearden, AR

GATES, Carol L.
Camden, AR

GAUGHAN, Patty L.
Camden, AR

GEORGE, Michael D.
Texarkana, AR

GLASS, Wayne
Prescott, AR

GOODWIN, Michael L.
Hope, AR

GREEN, Michael B.
Little Rock, AR

HALE, Sharon K.
Camden, AR

HAM, Debra E.
Lewisville, AR

HAM, Kristy K.
Berryville, AR

HARDEN, Mary D.
Queen City, TX

HARDIN, Michele L.
Bismarck, AR

Once the black, ceremonious robe is donned, and the cap is straightened, and the tassel is moved, there will be no turning back. You try to act dignified, yet nonchalant. It could be any senior class, anywhere, anytime. But it's not. Tomorrow you'll be somewhere else, something else. 

Melody Voss
HENRY, Ricci N.
Waldo, AR
HERNANDEZ, Cyndi A.
Port Lavaca, TX
HENES, Ronald K.
Strong, AR
HODGE, David W.
Mt. Vernon, AR
HUGHES, Chris A.
Camden, AR

HUMPHREY, Leon K.
Grand Saline, TX
JACKSON, Ivoryann
Little Rock, AR
JACKSON, Pamela K.
El Dorado, AR
JACKSON, Phyllis A.
Leavsville, AR
JACKSON, Valerie L.
Camden, AR

JACKSON, Vannile O.
Little Rock, AR
JACOB, Brenda J.
Magnolia, AR
JAMESON, Sandra K.
El Dorado, AR
JOHNSON, Laura L.
Magnolia, AR
JOHNSON, Wanda D.
Junction City, AR

Keeping the red straight, Shelly Fuller &
and Carol Gates do
work in the registrars
lice as student labor.
Watch the bouncing ball. Gravity's Last Stand performs for SAU students.
"But I Just Washed Last Week"

Oh, this can't be... not my last pair of jeans already. Mom just washed eight loads three weeks ago. Maybe if I sprayed them with Lysol or hung ‘em out the window for a while. Or just stand ‘em in the corner. I might as well face it. I'm going to have to do the dirty deed. Laundry. Augh! Just the mention of the word makes my skin crawl. Maybe I can survive till I get home next week. Yeah... I can dress up for a change. No, everyone always notices when someone dresses up. Besides, there's a dance on Thursday night and nobody wears anything but jeans. Ok, I'll get it over with. First, the change for the machine. Oops, not very many quarters. Well, I'll just borrow some from my dear, old roommate. He'll never notice a few missing. Might as well use his detergent while I'm at it. What, no dryer sheets? What a tightwad! Now, for the sorting. I'll just dump ‘em out all over the floor and pick ‘em up in piles where they fall. Sort of like 52 pick-up. Better use his basket, too. I'll just stick his clothes in his closet for the time being. Now, have I got everything I need? Money. detergent. clothes that's just about got it. Now, if I'm lucky, ten other people won't have the same idea." (Walks down the hall.) "Crappspilled half of the towels already." (Arrives at laundry room.) "Now, I'll just load them and set the machine on automatic while I finish watching TV. Looks like my roommate will be needing more detergent soon." (Two hours later.) "Clothes done already... all right, who's the jerk who put them on top of the dryer? I'll just stick ‘em in the dryer here. Not bad! They almost fit. I wonder if I can fit my bedspread in there with the rest of the stuff. No, better not try it. Now, for my midday nap. I'll be up in time to get everything outa here. (Three hours later.) Augh crap! Everything is wrinkled! And my shirt has blue patches all over it, and my jeans shrank. But, come to think of it, it looks the same as when it went in. That does it. From now on, I'm leaving the rough stuff to Mom."
Working Your Way Through

"We who are about to graduate, cheer you." — Virgil O. Strain

"To be anything less than a Senior is so demeaning." — Melanie Sweeney O'Doyle

"To be other than a senior is to be innocent, of serious arrogance." — Anthony "Button" Scarbino

"I ain't no senior, and I ain't gonna be no senior. I been a freshman for three years now, and I like that just fine." — Billy Clyde Bunch

The viewpoint changes along with the classification, and there will probably always be a good-natured rivalry existing between seniors and underclassmen. No one would go so far as to say that underclassmen are merely seniors in training, but the truth of the matter is that, just as every senior longs to graduate, every underclassmen yearns to be a senior. The road to senior status is long and hard; it's also fun and rewarding. There are many challenges along the way, many pitfalls to avoid, and many honors to be won.

Somewhere there must be a sociologist who has cataloged the average number of sleepless nights endured by the average underclassman, who has charted the cups of coffee, the cigarettes, the vino, the cokes, etc. consumed, who has graphed the care-packages from home, the rainy late mornings when the hair frizzed and the stockings ran and the puddle was really ankle deep and the professor dismissed class anyway because his car drowned-out three blocks from school, who has graphed the number of disappointments over an empty mailbox, the hopes engendered by smiles from those special someones who just have to be impressed, the near coronaries from a flunked paper, the euphoria of passing the LSAT, MCAT, PMAT or any other hazardous evaluation, the thrill of making the team, winning the part, earning...
the "A", making first chair in band, being elected to office, and being pledged, who has drawn some meaning from the bull sessions bullied through or from the tears shed over some "dumb" soap opera, who has found quarters, panty raids, jock raids, run-ins, pranks, skipping class, and watching TV to be essential to a well-rounded education.

Somewhere there may be someone who has compiled all these hopes and fears and sorrows and joys, but until that expert surfaces and presents his findings, we recommend, if you're interested in knowing, that you check with the following experts on underclassman life.

Spring cleaning. Wingo Johnson gets his truck in shape.
Where There's A Will

"I was try to do every­thing my way. I wanted to prove something to everyone. Then I realized everything was going wrong. I wasn't satisfying my­self or anyone else," Steve Chenoweth said with conviction. Steve is a Physical Education major from Gilham, Arkansas, and he wants to be a coach. "If God allows me the time, I can do it. If everything goes alright, I'll be a coach," he smilingly said. Steve's determina­tion comes from one source — God. And it is that determination that gives him the strength to do what many might think impossible. Steve has a mild form of cerebral palsy, or CP as it is more commonly known. "It never stopped me from playing sports, except track and field. I never knew anything was any different till I was 15. My parents always let me do anything I wanted. Every Tuesday and Thursday, I got on a bus to Texarkana for treatment, but I never realized why I was doing it. I never wanted to be treated special. I wore a brace to correct my feet when I was little. No one ever said anything to me until we were pushing a merry-go-round and a friend suggested I sit on top. My parents never stopped me, rather they encouraged me. They never expected anything less of me. I want folks to treat me the same as everyone else. I did have a spoiled rotten childhood, though," Steve recalled.

Steve's at most sports events, either as a spectator, concession stand worker or a referee. "Basketball used to be my favorite sport, but I really love them all now," Steve said. When he was asked why he wanted to be a coach, he replied, "I want people to realize that PE is not just kicking a ball around. I want them to learn why they do that." Steve is a Founding Father of Sigma Tau Gamma and a member of HPER. "I like gospel music, and I love to watch Jimmy Swaggart." His final statement was, "Anything you want to do, you can do it. The only person that's stopping you is yourself."
CAREY, Michael D.  AR
Hope, AR
CARROLL, Lewis S.  FB
Camden, AR
CAULE, Sarah E.  JB
Bodcaw, AR
CAULE, Sharry M.  FB
Horatio, AR
COWLING, Eric O.  FB
Foreman, AR

CHAMBERS, James R.  FB
Nashville, AR
CHARLES, Lisa A.  FB
Stephens, AR
CHAUDOR, Leah C.  JB
Camden, AR
CHEATHAM, Craig J.
Magnolia, AR
CHENDWORTH, Annmarie M.
Graham, AR

CHELLE, Lee H.  JB
Magnolia, AR
CHRIS, Vicky L.  FB
Nashville, AR

CHRISTENSEN, Melanie J.
Harfield, AR
CLARK, Cammy E.  SD
Stamps, AR

CLAYBORN, Robert N.
Camden, AR
CLIFTON, Kimberly A.
Prescott, AR

COX, Ronnie D.  JB
Minden, LA
COLEMAN, Carleen P.
El Dorado, AR

Above: Better safe than sorry.
Rene Belkett, left, and Charlene Russell take a student's
Chris Hughes relaxes after a
CURREY, David L. 80
Grand Saline, TX
CURTIS, Mark H. 82
Springhill, LA

CURTIS, Robert H. 80
Camden, AR
CUTSHALL, Tammie J. 88
Doddridge, AR

DARDEN, Pamela K. 80
Smackover, AR
DAUGHERTY, Roger D. 80
Bradley, AR

DAVIS, DeVera A. 80
Magnolia, AR
DAVIS, Freda W. 80
Mt. Holly, AR

DAVIS, Kristin D. 80
Magnolia, AR
DAVIS, Tiffany E. 80
Magnolia, AR
DELORES, Melissa L. 80
Bradley, AR
DELOREY, Angela J. 80
Texarkana, AR
DELOREY, Keith A. 80
Mineral Springs, AR

DILLY, Kelly A. 80
Nashville, AR
DINGLER, Mary C. 80
Kirby, AR
DISHONGH, Monica L. 80
DeQueen, AR
DIXON, John W. 80
Magnolia, AR
DODDSON, Robert A. 80
Magnolia, AR
Let It SNOW

obody believed it. REAL snow. Not a measly quarter-inch leftover the South usually gets from those Yankees. This was enough snow and ice to cancel classes for two entire days. Of course, this blizzard also cancelled church, the symphony, numerous parties, and many other engagements, but the most important thing in everybody's mind was, "Do we have class?" On February 2 through February 5, 1985 every student's ear was glued to the radio and television listening for those three glorious words, "School is cancelled." Dean Logan couldn't have said anything sweeter. He might have assumed that every student would take this time to catch up and get ahead in his studies. Not a chance! Most students threw snowballs, made snow ice cream and angels, and slept to their hearts content. After three or four days, however, we true worshipers had had enough of the winter wonderland. Then, the beautiful white snow turned to dirty, brown slush. "Cabin fever" reached epidemic proportions and students got out of their room for any reason. Frankly speaking, four days of winter is probably enough for any true southerner. The snow had a hypnotizing effect on us. For hours, we found ourselves just staring out of the window. And every so often, we turned on the radio or TV just to see how bad we really had it. And every now and then, just for kicks, we might have gone out and played in it just enough to get winded, two or three minutes tops. Do you see what snow can do to us southerners?
And The Ducks Have It

Allow me to introduce you to some of SAU's most popular residents and some close personal friends of mine — the ducks. Most of the time, they're quite shy so shaking hands might be difficult. They live, of course, at the scenic and beautiful duckpond. The number of residents varies according to season - the warmer months being the busy season.

You might see them taking a quick look at students in bathing suits "layint out," but they politely turn their heads and paddle away. Since ducks don't get out to eat much, their main meals consist of worms, pond life, and stale bread crumbs. Usually their supply of bread crumbs comes from compassionate students or friends. They enjoy listening to the radio and thoughtful students play it loud enough for them to hear.

I'm sure the ducks enjoy our company every now and then, but we could be invading their privacy. Oh, sure the duckpond is owned by SAU, but if it didn't belong to the ducks, why would we call it the duckpond? Take for instance Spring Fling. The ducks had to waddle out of the water while we had canoe races and got thrown in the pond. And at night while they're trying to sleep, someone is always parked in a car watching them. How embarrassing! For the ducks that is.

I hope our friends, the ducks, will be here long after I'm gone. I would hate to ever think that SAU might become "duckless."
Above: Donna Reinartt thinks that pictures are just peachy.

Opposite page: Oh, I don’t believe it! Freshman Jimmy Lynch (left) and Kim Pearce (right) learn some amazing new things about college life.
A Guide To Better Eating

Everyone knows that the cafeteria doesn't provide the most satisfying food in the world, or even Magnolia. Students can usually be found dining out in metropolitan Magnolia and outlying areas. Here is a guide to the most commonly frequented restaurants by Riders:

McDonald's — A perennial favorite for any college student on a budget! It features fast food favorites. Their new surprising addition, Lettuce and Tomato Special is fast becoming a favorite. Prices range $2.50 to $5.00 for athletes. Atmosphere — bright and plastic. Dress — shoes and shirt required.

Mazzar's — Features every student's desire — from nachos to salad to pizza. Very popular among SAU students! The deep dish pizza is a winner. Atmosphere — very collegiate. Dress — jerseys to jeans.

Pizza Inn — This is the place to eat if you're starving at lunchtime! It specializes in all you can eat buffets. Convenient location. Price range $3.79 to $17.00 for a large monster. Atmosphere — congenial. Dress — decidedly casual.

Chick-a-Dilly — A must for chicken lovers! They feature hot 'n spicy fried chicken in large, generous portions. Price depends on your preference of dark meat or white meat. Atmosphere — agreeable. Dress — drive through if you're not dressed.

Pizza Hut — Their Super Supreme pizza is the best for deep dish lovers! They will deliver for those late night cravings. A favorite for dates. Price varies according to size of pizza. Atmosphere — cozy. Dress — clothes are appropriate.

Bill's Catfish 'N — A surprising change from pizza and burgers. Featuring seafood buffets. Open nights only. Price range is very reasonable for seafood of this quality and quantity. Atmosphere — folksy and down home. Dress — jeans and up.


Hamm's — For special occasions such as Homecoming and popping the question! You will eat till you pop. Features all you can eat seafood. Anyone who calls himself a Rider likes Hamm's. Price expensive for a student, but worth it. Atmosphere — There's no place quite like it. Dress — Whatever you want to wear.

We hope that the next time you are pondering about what to eat, this guide will come in handy. Maybe this will be the end to the cafeteria dilemma, and a way to please your palate and tickle your taste buds.

Melody Voss
PENNINGTON, James D. AR
Warren, AR
PHARR, Keitha J. AR
Leola, AR
PHILLIPS, Patricia S. SO
Crossetti, AR
PHILLIPS, Peggy E. SO
Crossetti, AR
PHILLIPS, Richard B. SO
Magnolia, AR

PHILLIPS, Terri E. FR
Magnolia, AR
PIGOTT, Steven H. FR
Camden, AR
PINKERTON, Darla K. SO
Umpire, AR
PINKERTON, Ricky P. FR
Umpire, AR
PIPKIN, William W. FR
Willisville, AR

PITTS, Martha M. SO
Haynesville, LA
PLATT, Holly L. FR
Richardson, TX

PLEDGER, Tammi S. SO
Gardens, AR
PORTER, Alva E. SO
Camden, AR

Brenda Archer (right) and Retae Woods (left) model the latest style in shades.
Have A Break And A Smile

To many it's THE most important week of the year. Even the name itself has a sort of serenity about it. Spring Break. It's that long awaited, wonderful week in every student's year when books are pushed aside and school halts. Whether your idea of a break is skiing down the alps or lying on the beach, that special week is treasured.

Spring fever runs high and is broken by this one week of rest. It hits that first slightly warm day when you see all the girls catching rays behind Bussey or the first frosty day that by mid-morning has you peeling out of your jacket. You notice other people are infected with it as sleeves blare from open windows, shorts are worn to class and everyone's smile becomes brighter.

But just one week won't cure you of Spring fever. It lasts from the first frolics of Spring Fling through finals. Then comes summer, and you're home free.

Gayle Walker enjoys a break in the Spring.

PRAIRIE, Frederick A. SO
Hope, AR

PRICE, Leonard S. JR
Earle, AR

PURBON, Virgil E. FR
Green Central, AR

RAHDALE, Michael F. JR
Camden, AR

RANEE, Patricia A. JR
Dierks, AR

RAPPEATER, Tina R. JR
El Dorado, AR

RAUSCH, Rhyna J. JR
DeKalb, TX

RAY, Lisa R. SO
Lewisville, AR

RESEW, Lloyd A. JR
Nashville, AR

RICHARD, Wendy L. SO
Hermage, AR

RICHARDSON, Allieva A. JR
Camden, AR

RICHARDSON, Barry A. SO
Tuscarora, AR

ROBBEN, Edna M. SO
El Dorado, AR

ROBERT, Dolores J. JR
Marshineboro, AR

ROBERTS, Rhonda J. FR
Wickers, AR
Above: Eating in the cafeteria can't be all bad. After all, nobody's died from it, yet.
Southern talk is a curious thing. Ask any Southerner where it came from, and you will probably get an answer much like, "I don' rilly know," with the addition of, "Never rilly thawt about it."

It is speculated, and seemingly accurately so, that the particular American dialect called Southern evolved out of the potpourri of peoples who settled the sub-Mason-Dixon before it was the Mason-Dixon. The English, French, some Irish and Germans, plus the already native New Englanders who trekked Southward.

all, at one time or another, had some blending with the true native Americans — the Indians, such as the Cherokee, Crook, Seminole, and several others.

Due to this unique mixing, the Southerner — a virtual mutant of his ancestors — is a unique creature. He even walks and talks differently than any other breed of American.

Here, "walk" is not meant literally, but rather as a simple expression for the way of life demonstrated. The Southern walk is basically simple and unhurried.

Southern English. It is not always good English, it is not considered cultured not cultivating in any way. However, what it lacks in "body" — the outward appearance — it seems to make up for in "spirit," and isn't that what really counts?

Just remember, whoever said, "Southern done well is Southern done proud" certainly wasn't from Pittsburg.

Christina Phillips

"If heaven ain't a lot like Dixie ... " We Southerners have a lot of pride from our fried chicken down to music. And we wouldn't change that for any yankee. So, "be proud you're a rebel cuz the South's gonna do it again."
TURNER, Victor R. SO
Magnolia, AR

TURNER, Roy C. FR
Fulton, AR

TWITTY, Cynthia D. SO
Magnolia, AR

UNDERWOOD, Lon A. SO
Camden, AR

UNDERWOOD, Michelle R.
Camden, AR

UTSEY, Angela M. FR
Mt. Holly, AR

VANCE, William J. FR
El Dorado, AR

VAUGHAN, Sharon G. SO
Springhill, LA

VICTORY, Lee A. SO
El Dorado, AR

WALDROP, Melanie S. SO
Lewisville, AR

WALKER, Barbara G. FR
Magnolia, AR

WALKER, Kenneth W. JR
Cove, AR

WALKER, LaFrisca D. SO
Camden, AR

WALLACE, Wayne B. SO
Hope, AR

WALLACE, Vicki L. FR
Magnolia, AR

WARD, Lesa L. JR
Shongaloo, LA

WARD, Terah B. FR
Pine Bluff, AR

WATERS, James B. SO
Hope, AR

WATERS, Gayla L. FR
Willsville, AR

WATSON, Gregory A. III
Crossett, AR

"Crowd Pleases" — There's always time in the schedule of a busy student to attend functions. Andy Alford, a freshman from Jacksonville, AR enjoys college antics.
Above: Pam Jones (left) makes a song request to Nelson Miles (right).

Opposite page: Walter Henry (left) dances to keep warm at the pavilion.
It's that time again. It always seems that
Left, Working hard. Rhonda Roberts, freshman from Wickes, AR, earns her way through one of the work plans offered by the school.

Right, Coolin' off. Richard Castor, a sophomore from Mena, AR, takes a drink from the hose while washing his car.

Lower left, Steady now. Rodrick "Rockhead" Henderson balances himself on skates as he takes some to relax in the afternoon.

GRADS

The Division of Graduate Studies offers programs leading to the degree of Master of Education with emphasis in the areas of Elementary Education, Secondary Education, and Counseling and Guidance.

BAILEY, Carl V.
Little Rock, AR
FORT, Ernie
Camden, AR

GENT, Deni L.
Magnolia, AR
SCHWARTZ, Donald R.
Reynolds, OH
The President

Dr. Harold T. Brinson

An Interview With The President

When I got the assignment to interview Dr. Brinson, I must admit I was nervous. (Tall people do that to me.) So, I meekly called and asked his secretary, Ms. Ann Bridges, when I could see him. "How about right now?" she helpfully replied.

I thought there would be at least a two-day waiting period, and I really wasn't dressed for the occasion. However, I said, "That would be great!" and walked over to his office wondering what I could possibly ask him that he hadn't already been asked. When I got to his office, I had only to wait a few minutes, and then he was ready to devote his full attention to me. I felt like I was in the principal's office, but he actually seemed happy to see me. Me, a mere student!

So I charged right in with my questions. First of all, I asked what his thoughts were about SAU on this anniversary celebration. "We have had a good year planned," said Dr. Brinson. "Several activities not otherwise planned were held. It is a celebration for all of us. After 75 years, there is a tendency to look back and see how far we've come as an institution. We also look forward to what the next 75 years will bring. Will there be as many changes in the next 75 years as in the first 75? Probably not, I think, but there is no way of knowing."

I decided to get down to business and asked what he thought were the strengths and weaknesses of SAU. Dr. Brinson candidly replied, "The main strength of SAU is the willingness of faculty and staff to work with students. We have a very low faculty turnover rate in comparison with other universities. A number of faculty members have been here over 30 years which provides continuity with our programs. Also, students are drawn from the locale. They are willing to work, there are some very hard workers at SAU. They look up to someone who had had an education. Most of the students come wanting an education and are willing to work for it. The work ethic and values of the rural area are evident in the student." He stopped and said laughingly, "I realize that all students don't stay up till midnight studying. But some students who otherwise would not have gone to college have come here and have been successful. If SAU were not here, there would have been a void."

He honestly stated the weaknesses also. "Our major weakness is that we are small and cannot afford to offer some activities or programs, which limits student opportunities somewhat, but this is offset by the strengths I already mentioned. It's a tradeoff, but it doesn't solve the problem."

By this time, I wanted to get into some personal aspects. So, I asked him what was his favorite thing about SAU. He quickly said, "My favorite thing is the people, students." I kinda figured he'd say that.

I wanted something different in the interview, so I gave him a chance to reminisce. I asked him how he first heard about SAU. Now this took some digging and he came up with a memorable story. He started, "I was in high school and came to SAU on an FFA judging trip in 1945. Then I came once or twice before graduation. I was a football player and had the feeling that one day I would be good enough play for the University of Arkansas. Since SAU was a junior college and had an agri department, I decided to come here for two years. I always had it in the back of my mind to play football for the University of Arkansas, so I figured that I would come here for two years, then go there. I did real well here, better than I expected. And after two years, I was good enough to play major ball. But it seemed that everyone but the University was interested in me.

"I planned to go to Oklahoma A & M. All I wanted to do was to study agr and play ball. Tulane called and invited me down for a free trip to New Orleans. The coach were great and did their best to recruit me. I stayed for three days, then flew back to Shreveport. It was snowing when I got back and I had to hitch-hike back to Magnolia."

"Back in DeQueen, my father had chores lined up for me for the summer. I was out there doing them by myself because my father worked in town, and I suddenly was not sure that I wanted to work on the farm. I kept thinking about Tulane, so I called the coach and told him that I wanted to start school right then. I got to start for them, too. But I never got the chance to play for U of A. And if I had it to do over again, I still would have come here."
A Visit with
The First Lady

Just as the White House has its first lady, so SAU has its own first lady—Mrs. Gene Brinson. "My main job is to help Harold in whatever way he feels necessary. There's really no way to describe all the duties of my position," said Mrs. Brinson about the duties of a first lady.

Mrs. Brinson was born in Elliott, Arkansas and graduated from Huttig High School. She came to SSC where she met her future husband and president of SAU, Dr. Harold T. Brinson, and graduated with a B.S. in secondary education.

"Entertaining is probably my biggest function. We play host to faculty groups, student groups, and visitors on campus. It's fun being a college president's wife," stated Mrs. Brinson. She also enjoys reading, cooking, fishing, and camping with the family and traveling.

Our first lady is also involved in many organizations outside SAU. She is a member and sponsor of the SAU Women's club, an officer of the South Arkansas Symphony Guild, a board member of the Magnolia Arts Council and a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.
Dr. Donald A. Haefner  
V.P. For Student Affairs

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio  Came to SAU in 1967  
Degrees:  B.A. Psychology — Ohio State  
          B.S. Education — Ohio State  
          M.A. — University of Kentucky  
          Ed.D. — University of Tennessee  
Family:  Wife, Mary Ellen  
         2 Children — Chris 17, Susan 17  
Hobbies:  sailing, snow-skiiing, bicycling, water sports, and making repairs around the house.

"The most important thing to me about SAU is that it represents a group of people I've gotten to know over the past 17 years who have become the most important people in my life and have made greater contributions to me than any other single group of individuals I've had a chance to know."

Dr. L.A. Logan  
V.P. For Academic Affairs

Hometown: Magnolia  Came to SAU in 1967  
Degrees:  B.A. Biology — Henderson State University  
          M.S. Botany — University of Arkansas  
          PhD. Botany — University of Missouri  
Family:  Wife, Cherry  
Hobbies: Plant identification, gardening, fishing

"SAU takes pride in its outstanding faculty, students, and curriculum. The academic program available here are exceedingly strong, and this has been substantiated by the success of our graduates."

Dr. Robert W. Pearce  
V.P. For Admin. And Finance

Hometown: Enid, Oklahoma  Came to SAU in 1977  
Degrees:  B.S. Management & Economics — Phillips University  
          Masters of Ed. Adm. — Phillips University  
          PhD. in Admin/Higher Ed. — Oklahoma State  
Family:  Wife, Marie  
         5 children — Kim 19, Robert 17, Eric 16, John 11, Gretchen 9

"SAU, like a lot of regional colleges, makes specific contributions; it makes this region of the state aware of higher education. SAU is the kind of school that if it weren't here, some students wouldn't go to college."
The Board of Trustees is appointed by the governor to five year terms to govern administrative policy at Southern Arkansas University. The Board meets once a month to approve budgets, consider recommendations made by administrators, and to set policies. Five members comprise the Board which is the governing body of the school. Dr. Brinson must present reports and requests to the Board.

Above: Board of Trustees meet. Left: Dr. Harold T. Brinson, Perrin Jones, Bill Handy, Chairman, Bob Burns, Vice-chairman Virginia Todd, Secretary, and Roy Ledbetter.

Left: Dr. Pearce, vice-president for Financial Affairs and Mr. Billy Machen, Plant Supervisor, and others attend board meeting.
The School of Business Administration celebrated the 75th Anniversary with a concentrated effort to bring outstanding speakers to our campus. Some of the events and speakers were: An International Trade Seminar featuring trade representatives, Mr. Charles A. Langham, SAU graduate and former president of Joske's of Houston, spoke on "Trends in Retailing"; the annual Business Day featured SAU alumni and business leaders from around the state, Mr. Walter Smiley, President and Chairman of the Board of Systematics, Inc., spoke on the future of data processing; and the sixth Murphy Foundation Lecture Series featured Irving R. Levine, NBC News Correspondent.

Dean White
To commemorate the progress of education and of SAU, the college of Education sponsored a display of specific projects describing the progress of both women's and men's physical education in the last 75 years, and guest speakers who spoke on the topic of progress at SAU and in the field of education.
The School of Liberal and Performing Arts carried out the 75th Anniversary Celebration in all areas ranging from speakers to the logo contest. Some of the highlights were a slide presentation entitled "Africa in the 80's," "Knowing William Faulkner," presented by Dr. Jo Marshall and Jimmy Faulkner, nephew of William Faulkner; Annual meeting of Arkansas Teachers of College English on the 75th Anniversary Theme; Historian Walt's "Visions from the past" printed in the Banner; News Band work at Homecoming on the theme, Bray; coverage of 75th events; Dean Ford helped in the dedication of the Founder's monument by the tower; Dean Ford and Dr. Skeilson emceed the 75 birthday picnic and spoke at the Faculty Banquet on the 75th theme.
The School of Science and Technology hosted various events which were related to the anniversary. Some of the events were the Southwest Arkansas Regional Science Fair and Junior Academy of Science. Dr. Robert DeWitt and Dr. Linton Yarbrough presented a robot show and Dr. Carson Davis presented a geology slide show for the High School Senior Recognition Day. VIP Weekend and the Science Fair. Dean B. C. Dodson was the chairperson of the Silver Anniversary committee that prepared the time capsule for burial at Honors Convocation, and the Biology, Nursing, Physics, Engineering, and Geology Departments prepared exhibits for VIP Weekend.

Dean Dodson
"I was surprised and grateful, of course," said Dr. Daniel R. England of his being named Honor Professor for the 1984-85 school year. This honor is bestowed on an outstanding professor voted on by the students and faculty in the spring. The award is presented at the Honors Convocation at the end of the year.

Dr. England is a professor of Biology and head of the Biology department. He grew up in South Central Missouri and completed his undergraduate studies at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. He then taught in Missouri for 10 years at a variety of public schools ranging from 300-12,000 students. He obtained his Masters in Science Education and his doctorate in Biology from Texas A & M. He also taught comparative anatomy labs and supervised the freshman biology program while at A & M.

Biology hasn't always been his chief interest. "I became interested in biology through doing an outside report in college. I didn't take biology in high school, I was more interested in sports. In college, I was required to take a course in biology and developed an interest while doing the report."

To interest students, he tries to be enthusiastic. "That enthusiasm carries over from instructor to student. I also try to show a practical application between what they're learning and how it affects their life. I like the relationship between students and faculty here," he said. "It's informal and students can see a professor when the need to see him; the larger the school is, the greater the gap between faculty and students."

Dr. Daniel England
Honor Professor
Above: Artificial Intelligence --- it's For Real! Dr. Linton Yarbough explains concepts on the robot and answers questions.

Left: Grammatically speaking, Martha Forrey explains the basics to her Freshman Comp 1 class.
The Division of General Studies is organized to meet the needs of students whose achievement test scores and past academic records evidence underpreparedness in basic skills. Utilizing a wide variety of learning experiences leading to 2- and 4-year degrees, the Division of General Studies presents one-year curricula introducing the students to university life and preparing them for the demands of the classes in which they will later enroll.

Division of General Studies faculty, first row, l to r: Jill Smith, Dr. Jordan, Mary Reed, Alvin Brannon, Dorcas Moore, and Raymond Cammack. Second row: Dr. Robert Terry, Miss Pickens, Dr. Steely, and Mr. James Smyth.
Thanks

They're not just teachers, and they don't just have a nine-to-five job. They're people; you know them, and they know you by name, not number. You talk to them and learn from them. They are people who will influence you for the rest of your life in one way or another. They actually have a sense of humor, interest in your grade, and pride in their students. They're willing to listen and to help in whatever way they can. They're often sympathetic; they've been there before. Getting to know them can be a pleasure and an experience. There's no teachers like our teachers. Sometimes they open their homes to you for socializing outside of class, and to add something extra. But most of all, They Care.

From cooking to participating in ball activities, teachers at Southern Arkansas University are usually glad to oblige.
Student Affairs

The Student Affairs Division is designed to provide experiences, activities, and services to assist the Southern Arkansas University students in performing at a maximum level.

The Student Affairs Committee, composed of both students and faculty, is considered the major governing body in the making, advising, and recommending of major policies, non-academic in nature, pertaining to student life at SAU. J Courson is the Assistant Dean of Students.

Student Affairs Office personnel includes, l to r: Sue Krauser, J Courson, and Kim Anderson. Seated is Debra Black.

Student Activities

The Office of Student Activities is responsible for all student activities—the wheres, whens, whys, whoes, and the hows of activities on campus. There truly is something for everyone: Student Publications, The Campus Activities Board, honor societies, political organizations, professional and departmental organizations, recreational organizations and special interest groups, religious organizations, social fraternities and etc. Andy Kean is the Director of Student Activities.

Student Activities office personnel includes, l to r: Andy Kean, Cheryl Canty, and Devera Davis.
SAU Business Office

The Business Office provides the university with many services: purchase all supplies, equipment, etc., payroll, insurance, retirement, issue PELL, scholarship, work study, and loan checks, collect all fees, tuition, room & board, fines, etc., loan collections, pay all university bills, meal ticket validation, and cash personal checks.


Word Processing

The Word Processing Center is a resource department for the entire campus. The Center is equipped with word processing equipment, copy machines, and one high speed printer. The Center types repetitive letters, documents, schedules, catalogues, and other typing jobs for the various departments. Also, all duplicating is done in the copy room of the Center. The Word Processing Center has two full time persons and 7 student helpers.


Office Of Financial Aid

The University recognizes that many prospective students of ability and promise need help in meeting their post-secondary expenses, the University makes every effort to encourage and assist such students. Various types of assistance are available, including scholarships, grants-in-aid, student loans, and student employment. The financial aid office handles all applications and requests for aid.

Financial Aid Office personnel, seated: Dot Bennett. Standing, I to r: Bronwyn Sneed, Mary Massey, and Dot Duncan.
Admissions

The responsibilities of the Admissions/Recruiting office are to cause students to be interested in Southern Arkansas University, to provide prospective students with information about University programs, services and admission procedures, to admit students into the university and to compile and disseminate information about students to various university units. The overall result is maintenance of student enrollment with an orderly pre-registration process for students.

Admission Office personnel, seated: Beverly Bearden. Standing, l to r: Jackie Daniels, Sheila Thomas, Teresa Knight, and Sherry Goodheart.

Registrar

The operation of the Registrar's office recognizes the necessity of service orientation and the inherent rights of those to be served. Service is provided for current students, former students, administrators, staff, faculty, and community. Emphasis is placed on service as well as client-centered relationships, confidentiality, and consistency of effort.

Alumni And Placement

The SAU Alumni House houses the Alumni, Development, and Placement Offices. All students who have attended SAU are members of the Alumni Association and the employees in the Alumni Office attempt to keep current addresses of former students, former faculty and staff, and friends of the university. A quarterly publication, the SAU STATER, is mailed to all former students. The Alumni Office also sponsors events such as Homecoming activities, class reunions, and dinners honoring graduates. The Placement Office assists current students in finding jobs off campus and graduating students and former students in securing permanent positions.

Alumni Office personnel, l to r: Nancy Smith, Sharon Eichenberger, and Pat Weaver.
SAU Counseling Center

Located in Cross Hall - Room 38, the staff is available for listening, without criticism, to any problems - ranging from time management to unwanted pregnancy, chemical dependency, to roommate problems, undecided major to tests necessary for jobs after graduation. The counseling staff serves students and faculty with a smile! Be sure to ask about SIGI, the computer program designed especially for you!

Ann K. Thomas (top) and Alvin Brannon are always available for the student. Counseling is kept confidential. Some of the services are counseling, individual, group or career advising, and testing on the local and national levels.
Doing your best. Whether your best shines through in academics, sports, or organizations, in just four years a diamond is discovered and the rock is polished. And the diamonds are sometimes found in the most unlikely places. And so, we honor our own, those, like the diamond, who shine the brightest. It is not the applause that inspires, it is the final accomplishment of goals and the realization of dreams.
Shelly Brown

Shelly Brown, a business-computer science major from Texarkana, was a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Computer Programmers Unlimited, and the Bray Staff. Shelly was an RA 1983-84 and Susse Hall Director 1984-85. Shelly was president of Sigma Alphalota and the Compass Club 1984-85 and a Sigma Tau Gamma White Rose. Shelly was a member of Who's Who 1983-84. She is the daughter of Louis Wright and Judith Wright.

Rosie Lee Matlock

Rosie Lee Matlock, a social work major from Stamps, was a member of SGA, BSA, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Drill Team, Color Guard, and Scabbard and Blade. She received Superior and Military Excellence awards. Who's Who Among Distinguished Military Students, Charter line member of Scabbard and Blade, vice-president of Delta Sigma Theta 1982, and president 1983. Rosie was also named Who's Who 1983-84. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Matlock.

Mark D. Keith

Mark Douglas Keith, a mass communications major from Magnolia, was a member of the Society of Collegiate Journalists, a columnist for the Bray, and a Xi Gamma Nu Knight. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Keith.

Sherry E. Penix

Sherri Elizabeth Penix, an elementary education major from Crockett, was a member of Alpha Chi and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Sherri was also a member of the 1983-84 Homecoming Court. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bridges.

Cathy Denmon

Catherine Estelle Denmon, a speech education major from Springhill, LA, was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Encore, CAB, MENC, and the Heritage Singers. Cathy was also a majorette in the SAU Marching Band, chaplain of Sigma Alphalota, a member of the Dean’s List, Miss SAU 1984, and received the Award for Outstanding Performance in a musical in “Oliver!” for a female. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Denmon.
Terri Toland, a physical education major from Carbondale was a member of the Riderette volleyball team for three years and a member of the tennis team for four years. She was also a member of HPER and served as vice-president of the Women's FCA. She was named All-Conference in tennis and volleyball and voted the Scholar Athlete award in 1984. She is the daughter of Jewel and Patsy Toland.

Wayne Glass, a physical education major from Prescott was named All AIC Baseball player in 1983, AIC All-Star from 1982-84, Honorable Mention All-AIC 1982, 1984. He holds school records in most games won in a season, most innings pitched season, and best winning percentage season. He is the son of Mr. Jerry Glass.

Monica Dishongh, an accounting computer science major from DeQueen was named to the Dean's List. Her activities included softball, water skiing, basketball and playing piano. She is the daughter of Mummy and Kay Dishongh.

Ronald Hines, an accounting major from Strong was a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Computer Programmers Unlimited, Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity and the Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship. He participated in Intramurals and was the Films Chairperson for the Campus Activities Board. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold O. Hines.

Beverly Townsend, a physical education major from Spring Hill, Arkansas was a member of HPER and president for 1984. She also lettered in Riderette basketball and softball in 1982 and 1983. She was the president of FCA from 1983-85, and received the FCA Leadership award for 1984. She served as staff on the Riderette basketball team from 1983-85. She was also named Who's Who in 1983-84. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Townsend.
Roger Dunlap

Roger R. Dunlap, a physical education major from Marshall, Texas was a member of Phi Lambda Chi Fraternity and HPER. He participated in intramurals and was an RA 1983-84. He received the Outstanding Senior in HPER award and the Residence Hall Achievement award. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Dunlap.

Pam Rogers

Pamela Sue Rogers, an accounting major from Camden was a member of the Student Foundation, National Honorary Residence Hall Association and Alpha Chi Honor Society. She was also a Sigma Pi Orchid. She was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha and president 1984-85 and a member of Phi Beta Lambda. She is the daughter of Owen and Bettie Rogers.

Danny Montgomery

Danny Montgomery, a business/computer information systems major from Blevins was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma, College Republicans and Talbot Hall Council Representative. He was a Student Government Association Representative, a member of Computer Programmer’s Unlimited and Public Relations Chairman. He was a member of Phi Beta Lambda and on the Free Enterprise Team. He was active in the Baptist Student Union and a member of the Worship Committee. He was the recipient of the Irvin E. Bruce Academic Scholarship.

Rita Hamilton

Rita Glynn Hamilton, a biology major from Stamps was a cheerleader 1982-85 and captain 1983-85. She was a Phi Lambda Chi Little Sister and a member of the Bio-Medical Science Club and vice-president 1984-85. She was also a Homecoming Maid 1983. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hamilton.

Chris A. Hughes

Chris Allen Hughes, an agriculture/business major from Camden was an officer of Talbot Hall Council, a member of Overstreet FFA Chapter and vice-president of Education of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. He was a member of the Agri club and participated in Intramurals. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hughes Jr.

Sarah E. Caudle, a pre-physical therapy major from Bodcaw, was a member of the Baptist Student Union, Harrod Hall Council, Medical Science and Biology Club and SAU Homecoming Council. She also participated in Intramural basketball and was a Resident Assistant. Sarah was on the Homecoming Court in 1982 and 1983 and was elected queen in 1984. She was 1983 Miss BSU and a Sigma Tau Gamma White Rose. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Caudle.

Jo Beth Fincher, an accounting major from Prescott, was a member of the Phi Beta Lambda and was the 1983-84 vice-president and 1984-85 president. She was a member of Alpha Chi and the 1984-85 president, a member of the Student Foundation 1983-85, a member of Xi Gamma Nu Sorority and treasurer 1983-85, assisted in the VITA tax program, chaired the 1984-85 Homecoming Alumni Events Committee, and participated in the women's intramural program. She was also a member of Alpha Honor Society and the Dean's List.

Jim Pennington

Left: James Edward Pennington, a vocational-agriculture major from Warren is a member of Sigma Pi Fraternity, FFA and Agri Club. He held offices in FFA and served as vice-president of Agri Club. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Pennington.

Nancy K. Patterson

Right: Nancy Kaye Patterson, a marketing major from Mena, was a member of Xi Gamma Nu Sorority, Baptist Student Union and Compass Club. She received a scholarship from the BSU given to a student actively involved in missions. She was the BSU missions chairman and secretary for the Compass Club. She is the daughter of W.L. and Katie Patterson.
Who's Who

Vincent Dawson

Vincent Jerome Dawson, a business education major from El Dorado was a member of Residence Hall Association, Student Government Association, Phi Beta Lambda, Band, and Kappa Kappa Psi. He was also president of RHA and Taibot Hall Council. Vince received a National Residence Hall Honorary Award. His Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dawson.

Lisa Dumas

Lisa Kay Dumas, a music major from Springhill, LA, was a member of the Heritage Singers, SAU Chamber Singers, SAU Theatre, Sigma Alpha Iota, MENC, and Compass Club. Lisa is also a second year Who's Who, a recipient of the 1982-83 SAU chapter MENC Music Award. 1983 recipient of 1 of 10 scholarships awarded annually by Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, and a member of Alpha Chi. Lisa is the daughter of Mrs. Sandra Dumas and the late Lamah Dumas.

Diana Marty

Diana Jeanne Marty, an administrative services major from Buckner was a member of Phi Beta Lambda, and Tau Beta Sigma. She was editor of PBL's Business Account and secretary of Tau Beta Sigma. Diana attended the National conference and was a voting delegate, PBL State Conference two years and won 1st place in the Administrative Assistant Secretary division, and PBL National Leadership Conference for two years. She volunteered for Special Olympics two years and was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha for one year. Diana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Marty.

Mike Neal

Left. Richard Michael Neal, a management major from Magnolia was a member of ROTC, Intergreek Council, Student Foundation, Sigma Pi Fraternity, Phi Beta Lambda, and the Free Enterprise Team. Mike was also nominated for the George C. Marshall Award, president of IGC, and vice-president of the Student Foundation. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Neal.

Jeff Canterbury

Jeffrey L. Canterbury, a music education major from Springhill, LA, was a member of MENC and the SAU Concert Choir 1980-85. He was president of MENC 1982-83 and vice-president 1980-82. Minister of music and youth at Temple Baptist Church and Salem Baptist Church, and participated in several musicals at SAU. He won the MENC music award in 1984.
Karen Perry

Karen Elizabeth Perry, a business administration major from Taylor was member of the Student Foundation, Computer Programmers United, and Phi Beta Lambda. She was secretary of the Student Foundation, treasurer of the March of Dimes in 1982-83, and a charter member of the March of Dimes Foundation. She was one of the 1982-83 Braymates. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Perry.

Ted Huneycutt

Ted V. Huneycutt Jr., an agriculture-business major from Dalark was a member of Phi Beta Lambda, FFA, Agri Club, Rodeo team, the Student Foundation, and Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. He was also SGA president, a resident assistant, Talley Hall’s “Freshman of the Year” for 1982-83, Sigma Tau Gamma president and won 2nd place in the PBL state parliamentary procedure team.

Malinda Winton

Malinda Jester Winton, an accounting major from Mineral Springs was a member of Phi Beta Lambda, the Student Foundation, Kappa Gamma Nu Sorority, and Delta Chi Charities. She served as historian of PBL 1982-83, standards chairperson of Xi Gamma Nu 1982-83, and was a charter member of Delta Chi. She also participated in the VITA tax program, intramural sports including softball, basketball, and volleyball, varsity softball and the Homecoming queen committee. She was a member of the Dean’s List Fall of 1982 & 1983 and a 2-year letterman in varsity softball.

Robert Gunnels

Left, Robert Dee Gunnels, a history major from Magnolia was a member of the marching and concert band, the Baptist Student Union, Kappa Kappa Psi and Phi Alpha Theta. He was president of Kappa Kappa Psi and made the Dean’s List and the President’s List. His parents are Edward and Lorene Gunnels.

Mark Smith

Right, Mark Alan Smith, a agriculture-business major from Bearden was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Agri Club, FFA, and the Rodeo team. He served as president of Sigma Tau Gamma and the Rifle team. His parents are Elmer and Barbara Smith.
Melissa Pearson

Melissa Jayne Pearson, a marketing major from Magnolia, was a member of the Baptist Student Union, Xi Gamma Nu Sorority, Phi Beta Lambda, and the Compass Club of SAU. She was named to the Alpha Honor Society and was elected president of Compass Club 1983-84. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Pearson.

Vickie Cross

Vickie Mesha Cross, a marketing major from McNeil, was a member of the Riderette Basketball team, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Women's Intramural Basketball Champion. Vickie was elected treasurer of Delta Sigma Theta. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hurlen Cross.

Sandra Young

Sandra Kay Young, a computer science major from Camden, was a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Computer Programmers Unlimited, Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, Chamber Singers, Heritage Singers, and the Concert Choir. She was named to the Dean's List, received the Alpha Sigma Alpha Certificate of Scholarship, and the Highest GPA in pledge class Award, and was a Homecoming nominee. She was also Philanthropic Chairman on Alpha Sigma Alpha. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Young.
Queen For The Season . . .
Homecoming '84

Sarah Caudle

Sarah Elizabeth Caudle, a 20-year-old junior from Paducah was elected Homecoming Queen '84. She is a T & T honor roll student and a third-year member of the Homecoming Court. She was named to the Dean's List, Who's Who Among American College and Universities, Sigma Tau Delta, Who's Who, Outstanding Rho Kappa, and second honors in 1982 and 1983.
Anne Marie Humphries, a 19 year old freshman from Texarkana, Arkansas was crowned 1985 Miss SAU. Anne is a 5' 6", blue-eyed blonde accounting major. "I went out for a good time and just had fun," Anne said about the pageant. "My sister May really helped me a lot, but I was really nervous in the interviews," she stated. "My philosophy for success is that hard work and determination must be present in any situation; no dream is unrealistic or unattainable."
The Honors Convocation, held each May, is SAU’s time to honor its own. Every year an outstanding professor, an outstanding student from each school, and an outstanding athlete are publicly acclaimed. Other contributions and services are also singled out for honors and commendation.

Those winning awards were Dr. David Sixey, Honor Professor; Evan Guggerich, Outstanding Student School of Business; Frances Louise Heats, Outstanding Student School of Education; Lisa Kay Dumas, Outstanding Student School of Liberal and Performing Arts; Mary Antoinette Taylor, Outstanding Student School of Science and Technology, and Sammy Epps, Auburn Smith Outstanding Senior Athlete.
Special events help add a little something extra to our stay at SAU. They make us sparkle and glitter with excitement. Basically, anything from rolling in the mud to chasing a ball will entertain the average college student, but creativity is the spice of life. And that's why there's Hallfest, Greek Olympics, Homecoming, Special Speakers, Sports Festival, Miss SAU Pageant, Spring Fling and anything else you can think of!
A Forever Tradition

It was a bright, clear day. The “heart-beat” was throbbing, Rider fever ran high. Preparations were made to welcome alumni home. A parade, reunions, maids-and, of course, the big game all went into the making of a Homecoming to remember.

The class of 1934 held its 50 year reunion, the Overstreet chapter of FFA won the parade float contest, students elected seven pretty maids, and the Riders rolled over the Henderson Reddies 29-25. The Varsityians provided music for Alumni and students danced to sounds of “The Maxx”.

The day came to an end under ballroom and disco lights. The Homecoming Committee Chairmen made Homecoming 1984, “Celebrating the Past, Shaping the Future”, a success.

Distinguished Alumni: Harlan T. Holmes, Charles A. Langphere, Dr. Betty F. Smith, and Dr. Robert D. Stuart were recognized for their achievements and support of SAU.

Above: Homecoming Royalty. Maid Leslie Kelway, escorted by her father, Dr. Gene Kelway, receives congratulations from Dr. Brinson.

Top right: Hugs from Harrod. The Harrod Hugmobile was entered in the parade along with other organizations that submitted entries.

Bottom right: Alpha Siga entered their version of “What the heck is a Reddie?”

Opposite page: Members of the 1984 Homecoming Court, 1 to r, Roberta Thomas, Darbie Robertson, Macaylan Luns, Leslie Kel-
Left: Homecoming Queen Sarah Caudle escorted by her father, Ben Caudle.

Below: The SAU Marching Band leads the parade.

Middle right: Darla Pinkerton, Tally Hall Sweetheart, rides in the parade.
Jesse Comes To Town

The fever rose. Areas were roped off, and the sound equipment went up. Technicians, journalists, and politicians alike were polishing up on their skills to meet the man who monopolized the Democratic Convention of 1984 — the Revered Jesse Jackson. Jesse Jackson came to SAU to gain support for the Democratic team consisting of Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro. 1984 marked the first time a woman ran for the office of Vice-President.

Jesse Jackson held the attention of both Democrats and Republicans alike with his emphatic speech, common sense beliefs, and humorous sayings. He charmed the entire crowd, and even Republicans admitted to enjoying listening to him. Jackson spoke of the South, the poor, women, foreign affairs, and the White House. "It is a great moment for the South and for the nation. The character and fabric of the South has changed. It is time for a new day," Jackson said in the opening lines of his speech.

"I’d rather have a man in a wheelchair with compassion in the White House than a man from California riding a horse," Jackson said criticizing the policies of Reagan. You must measure leadership by character, and that means not by the car you drive, but who he picks up for a ride. Reagan has failed that test.

While urging students to register to vote, Jackson got the crowd yelling chants like "Respect me, Protect me, Never neglect me!, "I am someone!", and "Give peace a chance. Give Reagan a ranch!".

Jackson closed his memorable speech by saying, "There’s a freedom train coming, but you’ve got to register to ride, to vote; Get on board!"
Murphy Lecture: Irving R. Levine

The Murphy Foundation presented Irving R. Levine for its sixth annual speaker in its Lecture Series. Levine is a world renowned journalist and an expert on the nation's economy. He is currently NBC's News Economic Correspondent. Levine's topic was "The Second Reagan Administration and the Nation's Economy." He focused his comments on the federal budget deficit, the economic recovery of the U.S. taxation, and foreign trade. Levine has authored four books and has received several awards in journalism. He currently serves as an economic consultant in Washington.
"Diamonds are Forever" was the theme for the star-studded Miss SAU pageant. The night saw a wealth of talent as well as beauty as twelve girls vied for the crown and privilege to compete in the Miss Arkansas pageant to be held during the summer.

Christi Taunton, second runner-up to Miss Arkansas, was mistress of ceremonies with special entertainment provided by Cathy Denmon, Miss SAU 1984. The pageant was sponsored by Phi Lambda Chi Fraternity and James R. Staggs was pageant adviser. Contestants were Teresa Bradshaw, Paige Wirth, Jennifer Swilley, Laura Childs, Glynn Corley, Yvette Lee, Anne Humphries, Sarah Caudle, Stephanie Anderson, Sandy Beasley, Mickie Nall, and Melinda Christensen.
THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Movies, plays, jugglers, comedians, speakers, Broadway productions, leadership conferences, dances, caricatures, magicians, slide shows, etc. That's Entertainment! And it's all right here, usually at no charge to the students. Your activity fee helps to defray the cost of bringing these acts to SAU. Although the big names can't always come to SAU, due to limited seating facility and numbers in attendance, the entertainment presented at SAU is quality entertainment. And at prices you can't afford to miss. There is usually something every week which provides students the chance to get a break from the books and have a good time. Every year, more entertainment is brought to SAU to better serve the students. So dim the lights and enjoy the show ... THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

Top: Denny and Lee, a magic show amazed and delighted students.
Right: Ken Richters humored the audience as Mark Twain, with some of his readings and wit.
CAB Spotlights

Sunday Activity Night
- Jeff Edman Show
- Jed Clampit
- Caricatures Unlimited
- Mark Twain on Tour
- The Maxx
- Williams & Ree
- Jack Swersie
- Mike Shirkey
- Music Factory
- Tom Deluca
- Gene Cotton
- Benjamin Williams - BSA Speaker

Ain't Misbehavin
- Experience Africa in the 80's
- Mark Weiner and the weinerettes
- William Faulkner by Dr. Jo Marshall and Jimmy Faulkner
- Evan Johnson
- Gravity's Last Stand
- Peter Lance
- Ragtime Riverboat Revue
- Steve Gipson
- Denny & Lee

Above. GENE COTTON performs with many of his original songs. Laidback and mellow, Gene Cotton manages to make the crowd feel relaxed and at home.

Top left. GRAVITY'S LAST STAND did a double take for students at Spring Fling. The comic jugglers got the whole audience involved either by participating, singing or just having a fun-in-the-sun time.

Bottom left. T-shirts with everything on them. Harriet Hall sponsored the air-painter for the student who bail everything.
Spring Fling was revived this year and was greeted gleefully by all participants. The banana split line was back by popular demand along with some old favorites like the egg toss, tug-of-war, and relay races. SGA organized and coordinated all events. It added new dimensions to the usual events with a crate stacking contest, canoe races, and a jello-eating contest. CAB sponsored Gravity's Last Stand, a three man tug of war act that delighted the fling with audience involvement. The half day extravaganza gave students a chance to frolic and to fun in the sun after what seemed an interminable winter.

Above:
Crate contest. The crate stacking contest was a new dimension in Spring Fling.

Top right:
Students stack jello. Spring Fling gave students a chance to be bizarre.

Right:
Don't take it all. Dr. Cortez, Faculty, administers fun and students get in on the fun.
Above:
Brett Carmody and Kevin Chapman lead the pack in the three-legged race.

Top:
Jimmy Penny and Jan Halliburton bravely bear the arms of Gravity's Last Stand.

Left:
Ted Huneycutt officiates events in the day's events.
Bring Down The Lights

Comedy, drama, music, and action—no, it's not some overrated TV sitcom, it's live theater. Each year the SAU Theatre Department presents four plays for your pleasure. The plays presented this year were: The Wake of Jamie Foster, directed by Dr. Dan Skelton, takes a comical look at the reaction of a death to those surrounded by it. Angels Fall, directed by Dr. Jerry Cortez, takes place in a remote corner of New Mexico where four very different, confused people find themselves confined due to a nuclear accident and they act out what is a rehearsal for the end of the world. The Fantasticks, directed by Dr. Jerry Cortez, was one of the longest running shows on Broadway. It is a mysti-

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SAU THEATRE presents

the Wake of Jamie Foster

Top, "Pop" Jake Whitehead, "Mary Halen" Renee Parish, and "Richard Halen" Mark Keith in a small bar room in Sunray, Texas.

Share a moment of mourning for Jamie.

Sonya Lou, glorifies love and sings "Much More."

The Fantasticks
Words by Tom Jones
Music by Harvey Schmidt
FEB. 28, MAR. 1, 2, 1985

WHO'S HAPPY NOW?

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY Theatre presents

"Marshall Foster", Allison Schultz; and "Leo Darnell" Mike Whitfield, share a moment of mourning for Jamie.

Top, "Laia" Sonya Lovelace glorifies love and sings "Much More."

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY THEATRE production
by OLIVER WISE
Directed by Joe Stalton
Barton Theatre April 17, 18, 19, 20

SaU Theatre presents

Angels Fall

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY THEATRE production
by Richard Loo

The SAU Theatre personnel worked many hours rehearsing, building and making costumes in order to provide students with a name entertainment. Entertainment of this caliber enriches and absorbs your attention, and gives students a re-run. Whether you like it or not, the audience at the Theatre Department has something for you.
Almost Anything Goes day of Hallfest '85. Hallfest is the annual Residence Hall Association's week of festivities. There truly was something for everyone. In the "Hall Night Long", Talley Hall featured a gong show, while Talbot Hall boasted a real, live, beach party. And if that didn't suit your fancy, "Almost Anything Goes" gave "bizarre" a new meaning. For all the game show lovers, "Hall Feud" was a nightmare come true. It was fun to see Dr. Brinson answer questions about college students' likes and dislikes. It was a week to expect it when you least expect it.
Thank goodness it was a clear night. It was the most important night for 287 seniors, the graduating class of 1985. Mike McLean, General Manager, Land, Shell Oil Company gave the graduates a piece of advice in his Commencement Address. For the last time, the would-be graduates were to sit and listen to something to last them a lifetime. And so four years was over in one night, but not soon forgotten. Even more, graduation is a commencement — a new beginning. So, on the anniversary of SALU, the graduates became part of what is and was, a proud heritage. And we wish them Godspeed.

A New Beginning

After receiving degrees, the graduates are less formal and are ready to greet the well-wishers.

Dr. Brinson confers the degrees upon the graduates and gives them a farewell.
Top: The Graduating Class of 1985. Graduation exercises were held May 17, 1985 in Wilkins Stadium.

Above: The Heritage Singers perform for the graduation ceremonies. Several performers can be seen performing in cap and gown for the last time with the group.

Left: "This is really it!" Lora Craig turns her attention from the speakers.
A Celebration Of Lights

In this year of celebrating the traditions of the past, the Residence Hall Association was establishing new traditions. This year RHA presented "A Celebration of Lights" to make this Christmas celebration special. RHA, with the help of Andy Kean, J Courson, and Dr. Haefner, scouted and chopped a 23 foot, beautifully shaped cedar tree in Waldo. It was placed in the front of Overstreet as a Christmas greeting to all. Then, over three thousand lights were put on the tree and candles were put in the front windows of Overstreet. A ceremony was held to turn on the lights. Refreshments were served afterwards to give both faculty and students a chance to marvel at the wonder and beauty of the lights and to share a bit of the Christmas spirit.

RHA worked hard to make this Anniversary Christmas extra special and gave the whole campus something to be proud of. The students, faculty, and staff were overwhelmingly impressed with the beauty, solemnity, and grace the scene lent to the campus. There are many people who say that SAU has no tradition. Well, starting a tradition can be just as sacred as following an old one.
Welcome additions to campus. The bright, new sign at the north end of campus gives a big, southern welcome to all visitors and new students. At left: a new sprinkler system is installed to water the lawn, not the students and sidewalks.
I was visiting Shelly Brown when I first heard of ghosts on the campus. I laughed. This is nineteen-eighty-five, who believes in ghosts, and haunting SAI at that? I thought the girls at Bussey were crazy and wondered if it weren’t a joke to make Bussey a campus novelty. I had had a few “strange experiences” in my early teens that were never explained by reason or fact, just as some of these stories I was hearing about, but I would not call myself a true believer in ghosts. Ghosts are for Hollywood B-movies and six-year-old’s imaginations. But it made me curious. So, I jotted down the names of a couple of girls that Shelly said knew more about these “ghosts.”

Leann Morgan was the only one I found. She told me more detailed accounts of the lights in the attic (sounded like Lizzie Borden’s house, I thought) and the room in which a girl named Rayla had hanged herself in the 1950’s, and even about some strange occurrences in her own room. I dismissed the furniture having been moved while she was in class, a pile of ashes in the sink, and some of the volume problems with the radio as being pranks pulled by a quick girl with a masterkey and a perverse sense of humor. But the name Rayla and room 315 made me a little more curious, especially when Leann stated with conviction that there were three girls to have occupied 315 before last Thanksgiving.

I wanted to know if this Rayla really did exist as a student in the 1950’s, so I spent a few hours two days later in the library with my nose in mountainous stacks of old yearbooks. Starting with the 1950 Mulerider, I found an artist’s rendition of the proposed new dormitory, Bussey Hall, and several photos of the beginning construction. (Set on a very nice site, it had a wonderful north view of ever so gently rolling hills with a lot of open space — much different than now.) It was completed, and opened in 1951 for the fall semester. A thorough search for Rayla somebody through the “52 Mulerider brought no results, nor did the ‘53 edition, and I wished that I had more to go on than a first name.

However, just when my headache was beginning to scream at me, way in the back of the 1954 yearbook, there was a picture of a freshman girl. It was the closest thing to Rayla. So, I then checked the Sophomores of ’55 to see if she was there. She wasn’t. I went back to the photo in the “54 Mulerider. Could this be “Rayla”?

I hoped to find a clue, a possible clue, to a suicidal nature in this girl’s picture. She was an elementary education major, according to the printing under her name. She looked like a would-be teacher too. Miss “Rayla” had brown hair, on the curly side, seemed to be rather small in stature, with a plain almost sad expression on her face but mostly in her eyes. She wasn’t really unattractive, but she wasn’t exactly candidate material for Playmate of the Year, either. The photo gave no real information beyond being a picture of a girl who didn’t look especially thrilled at the time, which doesn’t necessarily mean anything. For some reason though, I couldn’t help but feel that this might be the girl. Then came common sense arguing “What if Rayla didn’t have her picture taken for the yearbook? You’re not the only person who’s never bothered with it, you know.”

While I was at the Mulerider office the next day, I was told of another “ghost” — in Harton Theatre. (This ghost-chasing was beginning to get ahead of me.) So I checked for a “Beatrice.” Sure enough, there it was — Beatrice, Class of 1924. The cool wind beat on me because I had neglected to wear a jacket when I impulsively dashed out. I wondered if there was much of a demand for this sort of work, chasing down information on supposed ghosts.

Another trip to the library turned up, in the diploma-sized 1924 Mulerider, a wealth of information on Miss Beatrice, much more than on Miss Rayla. I found first, in the age-worn indigo cloth bound book, Miss Beatrice’s senior photo. I envied her beautiful complexion — one of those horribly healthy, wholesome, cream-smooth faces. She had thick and very dark hair, seemingly black.

A girl fitting the basic description of Beatrice has supposedly been seen for a number of years visiting many a rehearsal, rocking in a certain rocking chair in the wings before turning and walking away. No one quite knows when Beatrice started “haunting” Harton. Unlike “Miss Rayla” of Bussey, Beatrice apparently doesn’t believe in keeping a low profile. This one cannot be so readily reasoned as some of Bussey’s “disturbances” — Many people over the past ten years have seen Beatrice, and one that I know of, has even talked to her. (Unfortunately, this girl who talked to Beatrice about three or four years ago since graduated, gotten married, and moved to another part of the state. No one seemed to remember her name, so it was impossible to find her.) With the testimonies of so many people supporting the existence of these “ghosts”, it can really make one wonder if there really are such things as “ghosts.”

The answer to that question, though, will probably never be really known, to those of us who inhabit this present material world. Besides, what makes us think that it is really any of our business? Maybe the ghosts just want to be left alone. Who knows? Who really knows? 777

CHRISTINA PHILLIPS
Dance, Party, Let's Jam!

No, it's not the place, the drink or even the time. It's the people who make parties. It's being with friends or trying to make new ones that defines fun. No matter how you look at it, people make the party.

College years are the growing years. They are a time for experiencing new activities and indulging in life's final pleasures as an adolescent. It is the time for getting in the last of the "wild años." Whether it's the "TGIO", "End of the World", "Red Light", "Mardi Gras", "Sadie Hawkins", "Welcome Back" or just hangin' around. Let's Jam!

We're Havin' a Party. We caught you having fun again. We know there's a party going on somewhere and you're invited.
Involvement — It's an important part of a well-rounded education. In contributing our talent and time to an extracurricular activity, we give of ourselves. But, we gain tenfold in experiences and abilities that last a lifetime. We work with each other and find we have not only created a project, but also we have added something to ourselves. We mine the diamond together and shine. We make it happen together.
The Student Foundation of SHU promotes the University and the benefits of a college education.
The Student Government Association is the governing organization of the student body. The organization is comprised of one member for each 50 residents in the residence halls, 3-5 commuter, the president of each residence hall, and an executive council consisting of a president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

SGA has sponsored Spring Fling since 1980. Spring Fling is an afternoon of competitive games for the entire student body in early spring. SGA hears and grants budget requests every spring for the cheerleaders, Phi Lambda Chi's Miss SAU pageant, CAB and SGA. These monies come from each student's activity fee. In the past years the SGA has sponsored a float in the homecoming parade. In 1984, the organization was given charge of the "Queens and maids" float. Members of SGA are on standing campus-wide student-faculty committees such as the Building and Grounds, Student Publications, Intercollegiate Athletics, Library Public Information, and Scholarship and student aid.


Above: Attention please. Larry Myers (back) and Scotty Parker (left) in SGA activities
The Residence Hall Association is one of the largest and most active on campus. RHA is comprised of officers, the president, vice-president, and two representatives from each hall.

RHA annually sponsors The Bed Race, Afternoon Games, book exchange, a lawn dance, Great Tug-off, Casino night, Hallfest, and a very special Honors and Awards Banquet to celebrate outstanding members. The Hall Council within each hall also plans activities for each hall. Some of the individual hall activities this year were: Bussey Pignic, Harrod Hall spectacular featuring "The Wheel of Fortune hosted by Scott "Sajak" Boaz", Talbot Beach Party with real sand, and the Talley Gong Show. Countless other activities such as midnight breakfasts, study breaks, tournaments of all kinds, and roommate games are a weekly matter.

RHA also started a new tradition of "A Celebration of Lights" for the Christmas season which proved to be a huge success. With everything happening, it's pretty hard not to become involved in one way or another with RHA.

Top left, Ducking, Jerry Jones, president of RHA, tries to avoid the camera. RHA is constantly planning bigger and better events for all students to enjoy.

Top right, Keeping tabs, J. Courson (left), Chris Tague, and Bob Martin check the score for Almost Anything Goes.

Bottom left, Shush, shush. The fireman's race—you try to keep as much water in the boot as possible while scurrying back to your teammate.

Bottom right, And the answer is, Hall Feud was one of the highlights in Hallfest. Talbot Hall Council decides whether to pass or play.

RHA Hallfest
The Campus Activities Board has one of the hardest jobs at SAU. It must entertain the whole campus. And trying to entertain over 2,000 people from different backgrounds who have different tastes can't be very easy. CAB members must attend different talent sessions to determine which acts would be suitable and entertain the majority.

Unfortunately, some of the CAB productions aren't very well attended. Students are often not interested or simply don't think the performances warrant their presence. However, some of the performances are culturally and comically worth the time spent. So, the next time CAB sponsors an event, watch it; you may be surprised.

Members of CAB, front row, l to r: Marsha Cox, Ken Walker, and Jerry Langston. Back row: Barbara Walker, Jeff Carter, and Andy Keen.

Top: Jerry Langston (left) president of CAB and Andy Keen (right)
Phi Beta Lambda, Future Business Leaders, is one of the largest and most active student organizations on the SAU campus. PBL is a professional business organization. PBLA-PBL, Inc. is a growing organization, with membership of more than 220,000 in 1984.

SAU has one of the largest chapter memberships in the state as well as the nation. SAU is not only strong in membership, but in quality. Twenty awards were received by SAU students at the 1985 State Leadership Conference in Little Rock.

The 1st place winners will compete at the 1985 National Leadership Conference in Houston, TX. For the first time ever, SAU won the Collegiate Sweepstakes at the 1985 SLC. SAU students have won 205 state awards, 43 national awards, and have held 13 state offices in the past 13 years.

Rodney LaGroné was the 1984-85 state vice-president of PBL. Deborah Odom was the 1984-85 state secretary, and Rodney is presently serving as 1985-86 state president.

Let's Victory! Jo Beth Fincher, president of PBL, receives the 1985 PBL Sweepstakes Trophy.

Right: Another first. Diana Marty takes first in Administrative Assistant-Secretary.
The main goal of the Black Students Association is to assist students in making the transition from high school into college. The Black Students Association also encourages participation in academic, social, and political activities. BSA sponsors events every month: Student Information Programs, Talent Show, Motivational Program, Play, Christmas Program, Black Awareness Month, Fashion Show, and a Banquet. BSA officers are Mickey Jasper, pres.; Rebecca Shepherd, vice-pres.; Lisa Cunningham, sec.; Gwen Greer, treas.; Fay Greer, rep.; Michael Henanche, treas.; and Anthony Young, parl.

Top: Mr. and Miss BSA winners of the pageant, Valerie E. Wyatt and Roderick B. Henderson. She was also the talent winner with an original song, "So In Love With You." Roderick is a sophomore general business major from Marquette, TX.

Middle: BSA Meeting.

Bottom: Mickey Jasper, left, President of BSA and Rebecca Shepherd, Vice-president of BSA.
They're important: Student Foundation members work with students on campus during VIP Weekend as well as high school seniors.

Members of the Foundation, seated, l to r: Christi Scherer, Jan Hultin, Karen Perry, and Pam Rogers. Standing: Ted Honeycutt, Jo Beth Fincher, Melody Voss, Sue Ellen Walls, Shelly Bucker, Malinda Wissing, James Riddick, Mike Neal, and Rob Martin.
The purpose of the College Republicans is to involve college students in the political process and to promote the Republican principles of free enterprise, self-reliance, and freedom. CR's membership grew from 12 to 85, the largest amount of students ever involved in CRs at SAU. They sponsored a political forum in the fall, participated in a political debate with the Young Democrats, door-to-door campaigned for candidates, co-sponsored a mock-election with SGA, attended a state executive committee meeting of the Republican Party in which the chairman was allowed to vote, and elected the first statewide officer, Jody Allen as State Treasurer. The highlight of the club's activities was a trip to Little Rock to hear President Reagan speak. The officers were Richard Williams, chairman; Ron Byrd, vice-chairman; Jim Andrews, secretary; Jody Allen, treasurer; and Max McMahon, event chairman. Dr. Rankin is their adviser.

Top: Officers 1984-85, l to r: Richard Williams, Max McMahon, Jody Allen, Ron Byrd, and Dr. Rankin.

Above: Victory celebration. The College Republicans celebrate Reagan.
Alpha Chi is dedicated to the cultivation of a spirit of sound scholarship and devotion to the truth wherever it may be found. The object of Alpha Chi is the promotion and recognition of honor and scholarship and of those elements of character which make scholarship effective for good among the undergraduate students in the academic divisions of colleges and universities.

This year’s officers were: JoBeth Fischer, president; Carie Nuss, vice-president; Pam Shinn, treasurer; Deborah Arnold, secretary, and Darwin Turner, voting delegate.

Alpha Chi attended the national conference in Louisville in Kentucky this March. Several students from SNU gave oral presentations of papers that were submitted for possible publication in the Alpha Chi Recorder. In November, Alpha Chi sponsored a scholarly program entitled “Understanding the Soviet Union.” These sponsors are Donna Minor and Jerry Filer.
Society Of Physics Students

The Society of Physics Students (SPS) is a self-governing society open to all undergraduate students interested in Physics. The chapter promotes discussions on the relation of science to other fields and provides students extra opportunities to speak, hear speakers, see films, participate in field trips and other activities related to physics.

Above: Members of SPS, l to r: Dr. R. DeWitt, K. Steely, K. Tabor, J. Penny, W. Alexander, and Dr. R. Eichenberger. Absent: G. Forester.

Phi Alpha Theta

The International Honor Society in History, Phi Alpha Theta, was organized at the University of Arkansas on March 17, 1921. Since that time it has grown to over two hundred and fifty chapters.

A scholar society, Phi Alpha Theta is composed of chapters in properly accredited colleges and universities. All students in these institutions, who have completed the required number of History courses and are maintaining high standards in their college or university studies, are eligible for membership.

At the same time, Phi Alpha Theta is a professional society, the objective of which is the promotion of the study of History through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning and thought among historians.

Society Of Collegiate Journalists

The Society of Collegiate Journalists (SCJ) was founded on Dec. 8, 1909, as Pi Delta Epsilon, the National Honorary Fraternity of Collegiate Mass Communications. The primary purpose of the Society is to recognize the efforts and achievements of college journalists.

The SAU chapter of SCJ was founded in the Spring of 1981. The initiators saw a need for an organization of this type to be at SAU. SAU's SCJ has participated in National Conventions at Evangel College, Springfield, MO; College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA; and Franklin College, Franklin, IN. Members of SCJ also benefit from several Society services. The group has also held Journalism workshops and fund raisers.

Top: Becky Shepherd, president of SCJ. SCJ has more than 2,000 active college members nationwide and thousands more alumni members working throughout the nation. Above: SCJ members, l-r, include Fred Alexander.
The Future Farmers of America (FFA) issued Collegiate Chapter Charter Number III to the Overstreet Collegiate Chapter located at A&M College, Magnolia, AR on April 11, 1939. Milton B. Talley was college adviser and Charles A. Overstreet was President of A&M at that time. Early records are scarce and it is believed that the chapter went inactive during the WWII period.

The chapter members assist with the Southwest District Judging contest on campus each year, assist area schools with parliamentary procedure and public speaking contests, assist at county, district, and state fairs, help with Special Olympics, assist in recruiting students, and sponsor an Annual FFA Greenhand Conference on campus. The chapter promotes the development of leadership, citizenship, character, scholarship, cooperation, service, thrift, recreation, patriotism, and improved agriculture among its members.
In the fall of 1981 SAU began its first organized Rodeo Team under the direction of Mr. Edman Smith. Perhaps the smallest sports organization on the SAU campus, the team records largely speak for itself. The lady riders have never failed to take 1st place honors in regional competition while the men have won 2nd in 1982, 3rd in 1983 & 84. The College National Finals Rodeo is held each June in Roswell, New Mexico, with SAU being well represented each year. The teams have never won a National Championship, but several individuals have won national honors throughout the year.

We expect this year to be the best ever.

Rodeo Team members, first row: L to R: Mr. Smith, adviser, Michele Hardin, Sherry Lynn Rosser, Pam DeRouen, Ted Hunyecz, and Jody Allen. Back row: Elston Green, Ricky Sutton, David Keith, Larry French, Rodney Hayes, Paul Cates, Mark Smith, Randy Beavers, and Terry Mays, president. Not pictured are: Nancy Kae, Tracy McCam, Shelly Brooks, Brian Mays, Barry Bradford, Bruce Hull, Darrell Livingston, and Tim Spradlin.
Health, Physical Ed., And Recreation

The Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Club is open to all HPER majors and minors. The HPER Club is designed for all members to get to know each other, as well as the faculty of HPER, and to give members a chance to practice their skills at the same time — to actually get hands on training. The HPER Club hosts a variety of activities: a fish fry, a Christmas party, and other activities for its members.
International Students Association

The purpose of the International Students Association is to allow SAU students from outside the United States to meet each other socially, regardless of course of study or national origin. The group wants to help newcomers find their way around the SAU campus and adjust to a new lifestyle. The Association seeks to foster better relations with American students and welcomes their participation, especially those with interests in geography, languages, and history.

The year's first project was to build an entry for the Homecoming Parade. The main theme for the vehicle was "Celebrating the Past, Shaping the Future Internationally," represented by party balloons and national flags of Association students. The entry won first prize in the "Decorated Car" division. A second project was the potluck supper of traditional foods from the students' home countries.

International Students Association, front row, 1 to r: Bobby Kirkpatrick, U.S., Roberto Seredini, Venezuela, Leo C. Davis, sponsor, Rosa Diaz, Columbia, and Herman Garcia, Colombia. Second row: Boon Wan Tan, Malaysia, Lei Mei Chi, Hong Kong, Elizabeth M. Davis, sponsor, Gopal Balachander, Malaysia, Kazuo Hagiwara, Japan, Teresa Knight, Canada.
The mission of the Drill Team and Color Guard is to provide extracurricular activity to any interested student enrolled at SAU. The team promotes teamwork, leadership training, community involvement and patriotism.

The Drill Team is composed of about 15 members currently and from those members Color Guard performers are selected based on availability of members, type of activity and scheduling of activity.

Activities which the team performs for are athletic events, parades, installation of officers (clubs), awards presentation, pageants and other activities considered appropriate for marching exhibitions or ceremonies, rendering honors, preserving tradition and stimulating esprit de corps. The Drill Team performs for all home football games and men's basketball games, homecoming and fair parades, civic groups and Honors Convocation.
Computer Programmers Unlimited

The Computer Programmers Unlimited is a club designed to serve students majoring and minoring in computer science. The purposes of the club include a need to voice the opinions and needs of computer science as a career among students at SAU as a whole, to develop programming skills and increase knowledge of the computer science field, to provide interest in computer science and to recruit computer science majors and minors at SAU as members of CPU. CPU usually takes field trips during the year to a large firm to increase their working knowledge of computers in the business world.

Top: Members of CPU include, back row, 1 to r: Ms. Sheila Jacks, advisor; Cindy Peace, president; Ernest Chiasson, Larry Myers, Mia Grice, and Mr. Sam Wallace. Middle row: Kenneth Walker, Bruce Mills, vice-president; Danny Montgomery, public relations director; and Karen Gilkey. Front row: Linda Mathis, Carol Lemon, secretary; and Vicky Eller.

Middle: GIGO — Garbage In, Garbage Out. CPU members use their skills in your in the computer lab. Cindy Peace helps out students Karen Gilkey and Lisa Irwin.
The goals of the Agri Club at Southern Arkansas University are to promote interest in agriculture and agriculture-related fields among the students. Throughout the year the Agri Club sponsors the Farm-City Week Banquet, and the FFA Judging Contest.

As a regular feature, occupational speakers were invited to discuss their particular field. They were invited in order to give the club members a good cross section of views held by different men or farm organizations.

Below: Just a pinch between your cheek and gum. Randy Beever takes a dip while Danny Fields looks on.

Below, Agri Business. Members Houston Taylor, Tracy McClelland, and Roger Daugherty discuss future projects.

Members of the Agri Club, l to r: Dr. Attebury, Donald Westerman, Roger Daugherty, Ricci Henry, Danny Fields, Jim Pennington (vice-president), Tracey McClelland, Sue Ellen Wallis, Mr. Porterfield.
Sigma Alpha Iota is an international music fraternity for women. It was founded at the University School of Music, Ann Arbor, Michigan on June 12, 1903.

The main purpose of Sigma Alpha Iota is to form chapters of music students who shall by their influence and musical interest uphold the highest ideals of a musical education. The activities of SAI's Lambda chapter include assisting for the South Arkansas Symphony, sponsoring the Faculty Follies, and other musical events, and promoting musical growth at SUI. Chapter members include Shelly Brown, president; Lisa Dumas, vice-pres., Beverly Jack, sec.; Stephanie Hicks, treas.; Cathy DeNoon, chaplain, and Mrs. Shirley Smart serves as advisor.
The purpose of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving and learning more about Jesus Christ and serving Him in their relationship and in the Fellowship of the church.

The SAU Women's Chapter meets twice a month. Other special events include camps, weekend retreats, and annual sponsor of the Great American Smoke-Out.

We who gather with FCA value our organization because we seek growth in relationships with each other, and with Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to question, discuss and share beliefs of how we as athletes view purpose and meaning in our lives spiritually, and how we can relate that to our everyday world. We hope that anyone interested in gathering with our group would feel free to contact the athletic department for more information. "Love one another warmly as Christian brothers, and be eager to show respect for one another."

ROMANS 12:10
The Heritage Singers have been performing as an ensemble for over 20 years. They have been performing as a concert choir for over 7 years. With 50 members, they have performed all over the state and surrounding areas, as well as Florida, Kansas City, with the Shreveport Symphony, and Opera Company, and with the South Arkansas Symphony. The Heritage Singers are currently planning their first European tour. They plan to take the standard 10-day tour of England and the surrounding countries to afford members an education and as much experience as possible. Dr. Gene Helow says of the group, "It's been a nice ensemble for a long time. I want other people to be aware of it and have the opportunity to hear them.

The Heritage Singers perform at several school functions such as graduations, Honors Convocation, and their Christmas program "Christmas Verses."
Kappa Kappa Psi

Kappa Kappa Psi is a National Honorary Fraternity for college bandsmen. The Delta Chi Chapter here at SAU was founded in 1986. KKPsi is a student service and leadership recognition society whose chief aim is to assist the director in developing the leadership and enthusiasm that he requires of his band. Our goals are to not only provide the band with organized and concentrated service activities, but to give our membership valid and wholesome experience in organization, leadership and social contacts.

KKPsi works hard each year marking off the practice field, reserving the band section at the stadium, and many other projects.

Members of KKPsi, first row, l to r: Steve Taylor, Second row: Ken Kelly, parliamentarian, James B. Waters, secretary, and David Fowler. Third row
Members of Tau Beta Sigma include, first row, from left, Rhyna Ramsey, and Penny McIver, president. Second row, Ronda Thurman and Melissa Tucker, treasurer. Third row, Mynda Dilbeck and Debra Ham, vice-president. Fourth row, Cynthia Smith, treasurer, and Diane Hightower, secretary.

Below: Get to work. President Penny McIver works on Tau Beta Sigma's efforts.

Tau Beta Sigma

Tau Beta Sigma is a National Honor's Band Sorority for outstanding band women. Our main purpose is to promote our college band. SAU's chapter, Gamma Omicron, was chartered on February 12, 1968. Delene Ramey and Dick Oliver worked hard to make it a strong organization.

Fundraisers and projects include organizing the Annual Sale and Envelope for high school students, second annual car-wash-a-thon, marked off practice field, worked with our brothers, KSKPs, to keep the spirit in our band high during a rough marching season.

We are here for the sole purpose of helping make our own SAU Band the best ever.
The "SOUND OF THE SOUTH"

One of the hardest working extra curricular groups on the SAU campus has nothing to do with strapping on shoulder pads or throwing strikes or making baskets. This group straps on shoulder pads or throwing "sticks" and musical instruments and, of course, is the SAU band. Eddie Epperson, director of bands, has brought about several great changes in the band system at SAU.

Epperson, beginning his third year at the Magnolia school, has increased incentive for potential band members and has greatly improved the SAU band's performance over the past couple of years.

More than just a marching band, the SAU band branches off into a concert band, jazz band, and a symphonic band. This year the band performed as guest band at the Arkansas All-State Band and Orchestra Concert in Pine Bluff. All-State is a three-day clinic held for outstanding Arkansas high school musicians. In March the SAU Band Department hosted the District IV Solo and Ensemble Contest for junior and senior high school band students. The band is looking forward to an even more exciting season next year, including more concerts and a Jazz band tour.
Encore

Encore has been in existence for four years and is still growing strong! Any student is eligible and can get the credit by signing up for SAU Encore, a public relations group. They travel to area high schools and perform concerts for the students. Encore developed from the SAU Singers and has now grown to over 35 members and sound technicians. The group includes all majors, and some of the members are performing for the first time when they enroll in Encore. According to Mrs. Judy Vasser, director of Encore, members frequently sign autographs for high school students after a performance. One member even received "fan mail" for a year. The musical selections are popular, contemporary songs and dances and Encore stresses audience participation in concerts. Music includes recent hits from WHAM to favorite Broadway selections. Mrs. Vasser or "Judy," as she is known to members, says of Encore, "When I began working with Encore, I was more interested in expanding our musical experiences to reach our audiences. We concentrate on giving our audiences a good, fun-filled performance. We have a wonderful time together, and we love it when our audiences share our enthusiasm."

Encore visits several high schools during the year. Texarkana, Camden, El Dorado, Prescott, Springhill, DeQueen, Hooks, Hot Springs, Lewisville, and many others. Says Rhonda Burgess, "It seems like SAU Encore is one big happy family." Cherry Cunningham and Andrew Cazares have been in Encore longer than anyone else, four years. Special mention to Earl Miller "honorary Encore member". We all love him!
United Voices For Christ

The United Voices For Christ is a musical group sponsored by the Black Students Association. The choir this year was under the direction of DuWayne Davis, a senior music education major from Houston, TX.

During Spring Break, the choir traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to compete in the 49th session of the National Baptist Student Retreat. UVC received third place in the small choir division. The United Voices For Christ also sings at surrounding area churches, on campus for special occasions such as Jesse Jackson's speech, and at area high schools.

The United Voices For Christ officers are: DuWayne Davis, director, Michael Henagan, president, Michael Tarkington, vice-president, Sandra Johnson, secretary, Jacqueline Thomas, assistant secretary, Sandra Thomas, chaplain, Tim Jordan, sergeant of arms, and Valerie Wyatt, pianist.
Information, Please

The Bray

The Mulerider

KSAU

The Bray is KSAU's weekly newspaper, it serves the college community and provides the job training for many future journalists. It has sometimes fallen under scrutiny like most college newspapers but has stood the test of time and remains an integral part of the academic life at this institution.

The Bray not only has provided several students with the opportunity to perfect their craft, but it has provided some versatile leadership experience for many. Positions such as editor and managing editor provide valuable experiences in supervisory roles and in management.

Any student in the area of communication should consider positions on the newspaper staff as stepping stones that not only provide small salaries, but also meaningful experience for job resumes.

Working on the Bray has helped students realize the importance of the media and the importance of developing communication skills.

KSAU, the university radio station operates on the AM dial. It is a closed-circuit broadcast which is aired in all of the residence halls and the first floor of Overstreet Hall. The station format consists of album-oriented rock and some top 40, and also features special productions through affiliates, ABC Rock Radio Network (the King Biscuit Flower Hour) and Westwood One Supergroups in Concert and Mary Turner's interviews.

The station signs on the air at 8:00 a.m. and runs through 2:00 midnight, Monday through Friday. DJs are hired on a voluntary basis and usually work their board shifts around their class schedules. The station manager must fill out an application to be submitted to the Publications Committee after which an interview is conducted. The station manager is responsible for hiring staff, setting schedules, and commercial production.

The Mulerider is SPU's student publication to work on at SPU. A yearbook is just that - a book at the year. It starts out as a bunch of papers and some scattered pictures. As the year progresses, the copy sheets and layout sheets actually become something being: but from being an ordinary book. the Mulerider has a personality, it is its own to the Mulerider staff. You learn what you can and can't do in it.

A good yearbook requires dedication, creativity, and lots of sweat. The book develops a curious intensity for its creators. Being on the staff is no simple student work job. A yearbook demands thinking, as well as planning, and organizing. Working for the Mulerider might not be easy, but it forces you to think and create. The staff is directed under the Editor who is chosen by the Publications Committee. Anyone wanting to work on the publication should contact the editor. Working for the Mulerider can not only be challenging, but also rewarding.

Terry Bentz, editor of the Bray; Terry is a junior majoring in Secondary Education.

Rusty Anderson, station manager for KSAU; Rusty is a senior majoring in Mass Communication.

Scott Adams; editor of the Mulerider; Scott is a sophomore majoring in Finance.
Takin' over. Mrs. Kurtz fills the position as Bray advisor.

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Managing the machine. Becky Shepherd, managing editor at the Bray, fights weekly with the computer.

That's not news to me. Philip Atchberry, news director for KSALJ grim.

Get to work. Rhonda Mularider right. Rhonda Stokes did all the dirty work.

Bottom left: Takin' over. Mrs. Kurtz fills the position as Bray advisor.
Nursing Students Association

The purpose of the Associate Degree in Nursing is to provide a general education in the liberal arts and sciences together with nursing education. The nursing program at SAU consists of four academic semesters. The Department of Nursing at SAU is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League of Nursing.

Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation, with the supervision of new director Joe Arnold and the support of a dedicated Youth Committee, began a revitalization during this school year. Members were determined to make the Foundation the best it could be.

They have organized a Tuesday dinner meal which now serves 25-30 members regularly, allowing students to have a little time to fellowship with each other. There is also a Wednesday Bible study dealing with a broad historical perspective on the teachings of Jesus Christ. A fellowship team was organized to go out and show area churches that the Wesley Foundation is alive and ministering again.

The whole environment of Wesley is a comfortable Christian atmosphere with new and exciting things happening all of the time to help the student meet new friends and make an easier adjustment to college life.

The officers of the Wesley Foundation are Barbara Hasley, president; Kerry Jones, vice president; and Lynn Smith, secretary treasurer.
The ministry of the "Association of Baptist Students" began on this campus in October of 1965 as a mission outreach of the church of the Columbia Baptist Association. The work this chapter at SAU served as a pilot work. ABS chapters on a national level. 

ABS is short for Association of Baptist Students. We are an organization that promotes Christian fellowship and maturity. We try to provide a Christian environment, Bible study, training in discipleship and evangelism for those who desire spiritual growth. We also provide a number of Christian service opportunities in our community and in many of our churches.

The organizational programs consist of various guest speakers, skits, music specials, films, Bible games, and food fellowship. Meetings are held on Tuesday nights in the Columbia Baptist Church fellowship hall.

The group photo shows the members of the ABS chapter at SAU in 1965.
The Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship is a Christian organization sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church. The MBSF Student Center is located at Ill W. University across from the National Guard Armory.

The purpose of the MBSF is TO PROMOTE the cause of Christ and Calvary Missionary Church on the campus of SAU; TO PROVIDE spiritual guidance and soul winning opportunities to our students while they work on their academic degree; TO ENLIST resident students in the local Church and to encourage their participation and leadership in various church activities; TO ENRICH our students' lives through devotions, singspirations, films, bible studies, guest speakers; TO GIVE instruction in the Bible in an effort to attain the highest Christian development and dedication possible; TO PROVIDE college students with activities which will help them overcome some of the temptations of the world; MBSF is a fellowship of SAU students allowing God to work in their life which makes COLLEGE LIFE more enjoyable.

The MBSF is very active during the school year with meetings each Tuesday night at 7pm & devotionals Thursday at 9pm. Other activities include a choir which travels to various churches presenting programs, a Retreat in the fall and spring, cookouts and much more. COME GROW WITH US AT MBSF.

The MBSF also has a home church which provides classes for college students and a place they can worship. The MBSF provides a meeting place on campus at Ill W. University that has a library, lounge, kitchen, assembly room, basketball court. MBSF is home away from home and tries to make college life as enjoyable as possible.
The Baptist Student Union at SAU is a fellowship of students dedicated to promoting the cause of the Christian faith both on the SAU campus and beyond. Through activities such as noon worship, Bible studies, mission trips, intramurals, and ministry projects, students are encouraged in their faith and challenged in their commitment to Jesus Christ.

The BSU has a rich heritage at SAU. For 25 years, the Baptist Student Center, located across from the Greek Theatre at the intersection of University and East Lane, has served as a place of relaxation for students, a "headquarters" for the BSU, and a meeting place for many BSU activities. 1985 will be an important year for the BSU, as the Student Center will experience a much-needed expansion and renovation which will allow for new and expanded ministry opportunities.

The Student Center is open and available for all SAU students, faculty, and staff. Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the BSU meets at noon for Noonday, a time of spiritual refreshment. This program features speakers from our student body, faculty and staff members, and community members as worship leaders. On Wednesday, a full meal is provided by local Baptist churches. The BSU is led by Robert Turner, Director, and the Executive council, composed of SAU students. They extend an open invitation to visit at any time.

They're enthusiastic, energetic, and eccentric — they're Greeks. They participate more in school events, are more supportive in SAA, and tend to be more active alumni. They are roughly about 10% of the total enrollment. But what's more is they care enough to get involved to make things happen. They're proud and have something to be proud of. United, they will stand.
The InterGreek Council represents the eleven fraternities and sororities on the SAU campus.

Each Greek organization appoints a representative to serve on the InterGreek Council. The Council helps to set policies and regulations for the Greek system.

This year the IGC sponsored the first Greek Olympics with seven "sporting events." The two-day event was a big success with the Greeks and IGC plans to make it an annual event. By the way, the winner this year was Sigma Pi; Phi Lambda Chi came in second, and Xi Gamma Nu was third.

Also every semester the IGC keeps records of the grade point average of each group and offers special recognition to the fraternity and sorority with the highest GPA.

**THE GREEK SYSTEM**

Greek organizations offer their members a chance to belong where they can learn about leadership, build character and develop long-lasting friendships. The Greeks are some of the most active participants in school functions. Fraternity and Sorority members share common goals and ideals which other non-Greek organizations cannot always offer.
Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest black sorority in America. Its origin dates back to Howard University where eight ambitious, young, college women ignited a spark that has burned brightly for 71 years. Ethel Hedgeman along with the other founders worked diligently until they had molded one of the most distinguished sororities alive today.

The Iota Zeta chapter, founded here at SAU in 1974, also works toward rewarding goals. In 1984 the sisters were volunteer huggers in the Special Olympics. AKA has always tried to participate in social service projects. In 1985 AKA will be striving for bigger and better things. Some of the goals we will be trying to reach are encouraging high academic achievement among black students, getting more students involved in SGA, and helping to present the best picture possible of what Greek life is really all about here at SAU.

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, from left to right: Irene Brannon, advisor, Marie Watson, reporter, Sharon Brown, parliamentarian, and Gwen Kirland, dean of pledges.

Alpha Angels

Members of Alpha Angels, from left to right: Jackie Butler, Louise Smith, Sonji Ross, Angela Jones, Valerie Wyatt, and Debra Boyd.
Alpha Phi Alpha. GOODWILL is the root of our heritage. Alpha Phi Alpha, the first black and largest Black letter Greek organization, began as the idea of seven black men at Cornell University. Men, unacquainted, enter, exchange greetings and depart friends; cordiality exists among all who abide within. Since its beginnings, Alpha has dedicated itself to the goals of scholarship, leadership and service to mankind. Projects undertaken by Alpha have included voter registration drives, scholarships, tutorial and summer youth programs and aggressive civil rights campaigns. The Kappa Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha was established at SAU in 1974. Kappa Iota has sponsored many activities in the past such as scholarships for the needy, food drives, and social services. We extend our bands to any young man who wishes to succeed, to excel, and most of all to achieve.

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha. L to r: Walter Lacy, Zachary Smedley, pres; Don Lovett, dean of pledges; Sammy Lovett, vice-pres; and Orval Haley, sec-treas.

Alpha Sweethearts are, front to back: Saveti Thomas, Betty Lovett, Devere Davis, and Freida Marshall.
Formally Tau Delta Theta, the sorority was chartered as a part of the national organization, Alpha Sigma Alpha, in the Fall 1981 semester on the Southern Arkansas campus. Now, there are about thirty members who have met the taskful requirements for becoming an Alpha Sig.

Some activities sponsored annually by SAU's Epsilon Alpha chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha are the fall Sadie Hawkins dance and the Spring Hawaiian dance. It also sponsors the Mardi Gras dance and donate some of its proceeds to a local charity organization. Annual philanthropic projects include a party for the orphans, Christmas carolling at the nursing homes, and working at Special Olympics each Spring.

This year the Alpha Sigs formed UA at Monticello, and HSU met on the SAU campus for the annual State Day Convention which the SAU chapter of Alpha Sigs hosted! This is a first for this chapter and something to be proud of!
Delta Sigma Theta is a public service sorority. Each year, the group sponsors such activities as The Little Miss Delta and Little King of Hearts pageant, two Greek shows, the Mr. Ten contest for males, and as a final project, they conduct the Jabberwock, a variety show where students have a chance to show off their talents. Delta Sigma Theta also puts on fashion shows and participates in several service activities.

Delta Sigma Theta members, seated, l to r: Alberta Richardson, Shantina Pierce, and Roberta Thomas. Standing, Lucinda Campbell, Renee Cook, and Vicki Cross.
The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was founded in 1911 by ten illustrious black men on the campus of Indiana University at Bloomington. Their fundamental purpose being that of achievement in every field of human endeavor. Their prowess brought them title of "Men of Distinction."

On the campus of Southern Arkansas University, the members are continuously upholding the purpose of the founding brothers, engaging in drives to raise money for needy groups, and helping out at charitable events in the community and surrounding areas. This is just part of this multi-dimensional group's efforts.

Officers are: David Bryant, Polemarch; Jerrold Merrick, Vice-polemarch; and Hollis Epips III, Keeper of Records.

Kappa Alpha Psi members: Vince Holyfield, Hollis Epips, Michael Wilson, Michael Green, Greg Stuman, Fred Weatherspoon, Kelvin Gilkey, Mark Harris, and David Bryant.

Sweethearts of Kappa Alpha Psi: Sandra Johnson, Angela Bradford, Lisa Harris, Glenda Wilson, Connie Harris, Sheila Ogden, Wanda Austin, Cindy Dunn, Angie Saith, and Michelle Anthony.
The Dyta Era Chapter of Omega Psi Phi was established at SAU in 1973, becoming one of the first Greek organization on campus. They sponsored such events as a canned food drive, scholarships to the needy, social functions, Greek shows, and various other functions.

This year Omega Psi Phi donated money to several different organizations such as the community canned food drive, blood drive, United Negro Fund, and Health Community for Handicaps. The Omegas participated in Special Olympics and each year award an academic scholarship to one student each year.
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was started at SAU in 1975. The national fraternity was founded in 1914 at Howard University. Members are Cecil Bland, Leron Trotter, Michael George, and Roderick Henderson.

Above: Cecil "Scooby" Bland and Michael George demonstrate Sigma Fraternity.
The SAU chapter of PHI Lambda Chi was named National Chapter-of-the-Year at the national conclave in Little Rock. The award presentation is based on special chapter activities and brotherhood within the chapter. Each chapter in the country wrote an essay about its activities in the past year, and an alumni committee selected the winner. Some of the activities the chapter sponsored included coordinating two blood drives, assisting in the Special Olympics, raising funds for the American Cancer Society, and sponsoring Boys Club football, basketball, and soccer teams. The chapter also raised money for the Methodist Children's Home by dribbling a basketball from Magnolia to Little Rock.

Phi Lambda Chi officers include: Staley Cash, pres., Patrick Mosley, vice-pres., Gene Parsons, sec., Todd Self, treas., Jeff Haynie, pledge trainer, Tyron Lewis, parl, Jeff Barnhill, sentinel, and Steve Peppers, chaplains.
Sigma Pi Fraternity colonized at SAU in 1975 and was chartered in 1977. Since then, Sigma Pi has grown to be the largest fraternity on campus. Sigma Pi is one of 15 fraternities, sororities and social auxiliaries at SAU. The national fraternity was founded at Vincennes University and has more than 115 chapters.

Sigma Pi offers its members various activities such as private functions and open parties. On top of this, Sigma Pi gives its members a chance to grow socially and academically, as well as to develop each member's leadership potential.
Sigma Tau Gamma is one of the newest and fastest growing fraternities at SAU. They are dedicated to the principles of learning, leadership, value, brotherhood, and integrity. In the community, Sigma Tau Gamma worked for the Children's Home, Special Olympics, and held a dance in which all proceeds went directly to a burn victim in Columbia County.

They received their national charter this year, February 11, 1985. Several chapters from the area participated in the initiation and the celebration banquet.

We're not your average sorority. Xi Gamma Nu gives college women an opportunity to meet new people, to give a little service to the community, and to gain invaluable leadership experience. The sisterhood also gives lifetime friendships and memories.

Xi Gamma Nu is a local sorority chartered in the Spring of 1962. The sisters sponsor fun and fund-raising activities such as the Tush contest, window washes, the Red Light Dance, study breaks, spring and fall outings, swamp parties, and other events. This year the sisters honored their mothers at a Mother-Daughter Banquet that was a large success. Xi Gamma Nu also has a commitment to the community and hold special fund raisers for a needy cause within the community.

SPORTS

We've got what it takes — drive and endurance. Athletics are important to many individuals whose efforts and achievements will never be captured on TV or in a headline. We had it all — from controversy to champions. Like the mule rider, we are stubborn; we stick with it and usually surprise a few disbelievers along the way. Sports is the unifying factor, when the band strikes up the fight song, and the team takes the field or court, we are the one and only — the Muleriders. 🔴
A Turn For The Better

After a slow start, the SAU Muleriders rebounded to finish in second place in the AIC. The Riders did not lose in the final 5 weeks of the season, with 4 wins and 1 tie in that time period.

The Riders opened the season defeating Southeastern Oklahoma 31-9. Rocky Burks, sophomore defensive tackle from Warren, Texas was named NAIA District Player defensive player of the week for his play against the Savages. Rocky was the first of 7 to win player of the week honors for the Muleriders.

The next week, East Texas State University trounced the Riders 35-14. The Lions are an NCAA Division II school and a traditional power year in and year out.

The following week, the Muleriders returned home to meet Cameron University of Lawton, Oklahoma. Cameron had beaten East Texas State 36-23 earlier in the year, and most predictions were for an easy win for Cameron. Someone forgot to tell the Riders this though. The Riders put forth a valiant effort, only to fall to defeat 28-27 when a 2 point conversion attempt after a touchdown with 35 seconds remaining in the game was thwarted by Cameron. Chris Milligan, a sophomore defensive back from Atlanta, Texas was the second Rider to earn district player of the week honors after he intercepted 3 passes in the game.

Ouachita started the Riders' conference season out on a sour note by defeating the Riders 34-31. An 18 yard field goal by OBU in the final seconds of the game negated a furious fourth quarter comeback by the Riders. Junior quarterback Jerry Copeland from Texarkana, Texas was named district offensive player of the week for his efforts against the Tigers.

The UCA Bears pinned the fourth and final loss of the season on the Riders the next week. The Bears had to come from behind to defeat the Riders 48-28. Once again, the Riders had a district player of the week. This time it was freshman linebacker Glenn Davis of Magnolia, who returned an interception 67 yards for a touchdown in the game.

Just when it appeared the Riders were in for a long season, the Riders began to turn things around. The Riders got back on the winning track by defeating UAPB 27-18. The hero of the

Above: Tearin' In. The Riders blaze onto the field and break the spirit banner amid the screams and cheers from the fans.

Middle: On the sidelines, Defense Coordinator and backfield coach Charles Mosley (left) and Offense Back coach Harry Starnes pace the sidelines.

Right: Disappointment. An injured and disappointed Rider sits out.
game was junior fullback Tim Jordan from McGehee. Jordan had 171 yards rushing and scored 4 touchdowns in becoming yet another Rider to win district player of the week honors.

Henderson was the next victim of the Mulerider express. After SUL ran up a 22-0 lead, the Reddies fought back to take a 25-22 lead. But with just 45 seconds remaining in the game, backup quarterback Cody Vanderford, a sophomore from Sulphur Springs.

Texas, playing in place of an injured Copeland, connected with Michael Green, junior from Little Rock, for 41 yards and a touchdown to give the Riders a 29-25 victory. Vanderford was named district player of the week. This time it was Milligan who garnered player of the week honors for the second time.

The Riders returned to their winning ways the following week by defeating Arkansas Tech 33-7 in the final home game of the season. The biggest surprise of the game was that, for only
was named district player of the week.

The Riders closed out the season on a sweet note by rolling over UAM 44-14. Greg Stuman, junior linebacker from Plain Dealing, Louisiana, became yet another Mulerider to earn district player of the week honors.

With no seniors on this year's squad, the future looks bright for the Riders. With the entire starting unit on both offense and defense having played together for an entire year, the Riders could very well be the favorite to capture the AKC championship next season.

Left: Do it. Offensive coordinator Gerald Nobles watches his offense in action.

Above: One, two, three ... Riders Top: Obstacles. A Rider runs into
Top right: Get it right. Head coach Steve Arnett quietly reasons with a Rider.

Top left: A way out. QB Cody Vanderford looks for an open Rider.

Bottom left: Run with it. Rider guns the ball and runs for the play.

Below: Keeping the spirit. The Band kept Riders' and Sam's spirits up.

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HALFTIME ENTERTAINMENT

The cheerleaders, flag line, and majorettes are all spirit boosters for the Riders as well as entertainers. They all work hard in and out of season to make games and events shine. A usual week consists of 8-10 hours practice choreographing routines, practicing routines, and critiquing performances. Each group is directed by students, who with faculty advising, decide on the major part of the performance. It all looks like fun and games out there on the field, but they put in almost as much work, if not more, than the Riders themselves. Try sitting at halftime, you might like what you see.

Flag line members include: Angela Lightsy, Rebecca Bock, Rhonda Burgess, Vhonda Burgess, Amelia Burgess, Cissy Campbell, Holly Heart, Melondy Wakeup, Jackie Butler, Janet White, Ronda Thurman, Danielle Thurman, Melanie Barnes, Lori Brown, and Stephanie Anderson.
A Tough Battle

The Mulerider Basketball team found the going hard in the 84-85 season. The Riders ended the year with a 14-15 record overall and a 7-11 record in the AIC. Several of last year’s players graduated or were ineligible, and these losses had a devastating effect on the team; however, Mulerider fans will readily admit the team still played some exciting games.

Jerrald Merrick, a 6’1” senior from Florence, was the top scorer for the Riders with 414 points. Merrick averaged an impressive 15.3 points per game with a game high of 31. Merrick also shot an impressive 84% from the free throw line. Other high scorers for the Riders included junior Gary Allen with an average of 13.5 per game and Fred Weatherpoon (also known as "Spoon") with an average of 10.3 per game. Spoon led the rebounders with an average of 6 per game.

The Riders were a smaller team this year with more emphasis placed on speed. There were five starters returning this year with seven seniors departing. Coach Monroe Ingram will depend on recruitment of new players heavily for the upcoming season.

This year was perhaps a disappointing year for some of the players score-wise, but in terms of spirit, the team was equal with any team of roundballers in the country. The hallmark of the SAU basketball program is spirit and sportsmanship and in this aspect of the game, the disappointments were nil. The players as well as the spectators were treated to an exciting contest every time the Muleriders stepped onto the court.

What's in store for next year’s Muleriders? Check the 1986 Mulerider to find out.
On The Rebound

1984-85 was the beginning of a successful rebuilding program for the Riderette Basketball team, according to head coach Judy Bourner. The Riderettes upped their season record from 1-17 in 1983-84 to 12-14 in 1984-85.

"These young ladies have worked hard all year, and I'm proud of their accomplishments," Bourner stated. "If I had to pick one thing I was especially disappointed in this year, it would have to be our over-all free throw percentage. We finished last in the conference in that category, and it caused us to lose several close games that went to the buzzer.

The Riderettes, assisted by coach Donna Schwartz, fared better in other AIC final statistics. SAU finished fifth in the "Field Goal Percentage" category out of 9 AIC schools and placed two players in the "Individual Scoring" category. Phyllis Jackson led the field of ten girls averaging 18 points a game while Gail Sanders was fifth with 15.1 points a game. Jackson tied for third leading "rebounder" with 23 rebounds a game, while taking the number 8 spot in "Field Goal Percentage" with 53%. The Riderettes placed three girls in the "assists" category. Gena Moore was second with 4.7 assists per game while Sanders placed eighth with 3.2 and Tammy Pickering finished in tenth place with 2.9 assists per game. Phyllis Jackson was named ALL-AIC, All-NAIA Dist 17, and Kodak All-American Area 5. Gail Sanders was named ALL-AIC and All-NAIA Dist 17. Honorable Mention.

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Top right: Up in the air, Tammy Pickering goes up to win the ball.
Middle left: Out of the way, Sharon Shorter gets to the ball and shoots.
Middle right: A sure thing, Gail Sanders goes for two.
Left: Listen to your coach, Judy Bourner gives the court coaching.
Above. Apprehensive. The Riderettes cheer for teammates and wait for their call.

Right. Here it comes. Tammy Picker- ing, junior from Parker's Chapel, looks for an open teammate.
A Tough Job

The hardest part of my job is scheduling the use of the facilities. Someone always needs to use some part of the field or court at the same time," said W.T. Watson, Athletic Director. "Coach Watson is known for going out of his way for any sports events, varsity or non-varsity.

He has been on the coaching staff since 1981 and has led the Muleriders to victory in basketball for 13 seasons. "I started out playing sports at a very young age, and my family’s encouragement helped me to stay in them. I like all team sports, but I don’t spend a lot of time watching sports, except for the Muleriders," he said grinning. "In school I was All-District baseball, and in basketball I was All-District and All-State.

He has many plans and goals for the SAU Athletic Program. "In order to have a well-rounded program, we need to improve the facilities as well as get better student-faculty support and fan support. Athletics are a very important part of SAU; in the future we hope to see better financial support and more people involved," Coach Watson said. With his enthusiasm and work, he makes sports something extra.
As The Ball Bounces

Left: Up and over, Julie Morgan puts one in for the Riderettes.

Below: Take it away. Veronica Colman at left stands her ground.

Left: Ready... set... shoot! Gerald Brown aims to put another in.

Right: Stealing: Tyrone Harmonick of Wilmette High for the Riders.
Homeward Bound

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District 17 Playoffs

Arkansas Tech: 9-2
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Arkansas Tech: 11-5
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Top: Makin' it. Rider makes it with time to spare.

Above: One last prayer. Steve Warley takes a moment a minute before batting.

Right: Right here. Rider fielder gets in position for a sure catch.

Middle: It's in the bag.

Right: Keepin' his eye on the ball. Keith "The Butcher" Stroud solemnly watches the game.
Top: Using an infrared Lee Linde and videocam to get the whole picture

Top: At home, Mulenoshe try to strike out the opponent.

Right: Time out.

Right: Concentration. Jim Meng scoops oil the game at band.
In The Swing Of Things

Left, Get a grip on: Coach Steve Goodheart shows Al Baird the proper way to hold the bat.

Below: Warming up, John Crowder, student trainer, helps Mack Ide to stretch before the game.

Left: Give us a smile. Foster Storey grins in the dugout.

Right: In form, Lee Linderman watches the play and retrieves the fly.

Left: Warming up, John Crowder, student trainer, helps Mack Ide to stretch before the game.
"It's Not Your Average Nine-To-Five Job"

"It's not your average nine-to-five job. That's why I love it so much. I get to get out of the office a lot and not sit at a desk all day long," said Candy Adams, SUU's Sports Information Director.

Most male chauvinists would think that a pretty, blonde-haired, blue-eyed SID with ribbons in her hair wouldn't be too interested in sports. In the last two years Candy has proven that she is not there for decoration. Candy has a sharp mind for sports and has many ideas to improve the Sports Information Office. She travels everywhere the Riders do . . . "I really love the job, except for the stats," Candy said smilingly. Her enthusiasm adds something extra to Mulerider sports.
In The Swing Of Things

Slide, Al, slide. Al Rodri, a sophomore VPSR major comes in safe. Al is an infielder.
Another Close Season

John Whitley

For the second straight year, the Riderette volleyball team, coached by Ginger Hurst, took runner-up honors in the AIC. The Riderettes finished the season at 19-9 overall and 10-2 in the conference.

The only thing that kept the Riderettes from a conference title was Arkansas Tech University. ATU gave SAU its only two conference losses of the season, and also defeated the Riderettes in the district 17 championship. ATU, who was ranked in the top ten nationally for most of the season, went on to claim the NAIA District 17 title.

SAU was led this year by seniors Delores Ashbrooks and Terri Toland, junior Pam Opiela and sophomore Andrea Fritz. All four were ALL-AIC selections.

Along with the second place conference finish, the Riderettes added a third place District 17 finish to their credit. The Riderettes placed second in the prestigious Incarnate Word College Tournament in San Antonio, Texas, earlier in the season.

Next year, SAU will return four starters in Opiela, Fritz, Traci Smith, and Denise Wilder. With a good recruiting year, SAU figures to vie for the conference title once again.

AIC Standings

Arkansas Tech
SAU
Ouachita Baptist
Henderson
UCA
Harding
Hendrix

Top: Returning the favor. Riderettes Andrea Fritz (front) and Terri Toland make the set.

Bottom: Sportmanship. Riderettes congratulate the Bears on a well-played game.
Top: Psyching up. Andrea Fritz and teammates help set up for the match.

Middle: Get it over. The Riderettes must work together.

Bottom: Serve it up. Kim Pearce gives it to 'em SAU style.
Congratulations

For the second consecutive year three teams, SAU, Harding, and ATU, have tied for the AIC Championship. For the fourth consecutive year, and five of the last six years, SAU has been at least tri-champions of the conference, and when a team wins like that, there is always one word that comes to mind ... dynasty.

The Rider team was young, without the benefit of any seniors on the team, but inexperience was not a factor. Coach Baylor Guy and the team look forward to another winning season.

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Left: Love-Kip. Kip Humphrey knocks the ball around in practice.
Two In A Row

Champs Again

The Track Team has once again garnered the AIC championship and has captured fourth place in the nation in the NAIA Indoor Invitational.

Track coach Charles Moseley has improved the track program considerably in his three years coaching. He has used quality athletes in small numbers and excellent graduate assistants to fortify the track program to bring it to the level where it is presently.

Sammy Epps, who led the Riders in both the Indoor Invitational and The AIC Championships, was named Outstanding Performer of the meet and captured the men's title.
Going The Distance

Fourth in NA/A Indoor.

Above And Beyond

Each Coach honors the outstanding player of the year at the All Sports Banquet held in the Spring. The player must be one who has truly been an invaluable player as well as demonstrated leadership, scholarship, spirit, and loyalty to SAU. He is the one who has gone above and beyond the call of duty and have been a source of pride for SAU.

Outstanding Athletes, 1984-85, from l to r: Michele Hardin, Rodeo; Dolores Andreeks, Volleyball; Phyllis Jackson, Basketball; Terri Toland, Volleyball; and Connie Mitchell, Tennis. Back: David Whitmore, Golf; Jerrold Merrick, Basketball; Steve Warley, Baseball; Paul Cates, Rodeo; Rita Hamilton, Cheerleading; Richard Cox, Cheerleading, and Sammy Epps, Track.
Top left: Jason Epps receives the Auburn Smith Outstanding Senior Athlete Award for 1985.

Top right: Connie Mitchell was named the Female Scholar-Athlete for 1985 and Kevin Chapman was named the Male Scholar-Athlete for 1985.
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Uptown, Downtown

Top left: At the movies

Middle left: Ice cream

Right: Cafeteria relief

Top left: Flamingo Kid PG 13

Middle left: Missing & Action R

Mischief

Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream

Downtown Magnolia
Left: Careful, snakes
Right: Leave it to beaver
Below: That's just ducks
Top left: Just what I need.
Top right: Nothing left but the test.

Middle: Study groups help.

Bottom left: One final check.
Bottom right: Intensive research.
Pretty Faces

Left: Homecoming Queen
Below: Love that face
Middle left: A photographer's face

Above: Smiling faces
Middle: A worried face
Bottom: What me worry face
All That Jazz

Right: The Big Band Sound
Left: Waiting for a cue
Bottom: All together now
Left: He's a whiz

Below: Keep on working

Left: Taking a ride

Middle: Staying on top

Right: Holding on
Odds & Ends

Left: WPFR Fish Fry
Right: Science of Studying

Above: Fun in the snow
Right: Library Inspection

Move all books, backpacks, hand bags, and book bags on tables no checking.
Above: Uno time

Left: That's disgusting

Left: King and Queen of Hearts
Below: Standing proud
Odds & Ends

Below: SAU Jazz Band

Bottom: This one’s for you, Dr. Belmont.

Right: Rev. Jackson visits.
Left: Down by the old Duckpond
Middle left: Caught in the act
Below: Hall Feud '85

Left: Oops
Above: A picture is worth...
This writing marks the end of the yearbook. Having reached the end, we were moved to contemplate ends in general, to consider ends more or less philosophically. One interesting point about ends is that they are frequently also beginnings — black top ends, dirt and gravel begins; undergraduate life ends, earning a living begins. Another interesting point about ends is the rather wide variety of them which can be found in western society. Consider the following list, which is not intended to be exhaustive. Perhaps you can think of other ends yourself. To begin: TIGHT END means a position on a football team but not a tidy conclusion to affairs, though sometimes moms and dads can bring an end to discussion with a real tight mouth. LOOSE END, however, is what people are at when their orderly lives are disrupted by some happenstance, mostly misfortune of one sort or another. DANGLING END is a close relative of Loose but suggests more nearly an unfinished bit of business. Sometimes Dangling Ends are surprising, but strictly speaking, they are not SURPRISE ENDS, which are what ma de O. Henry famous as a writer of short stories, but Ambrose Bierce was no slouch either if you remember "An Occurrence at Owl-Creek Bridge," OPEN END, which is not exactly what the fellow in Bierce’s story found, is a reference to allowances made for the continuation of something — anything, like, for example, TV mini-dramas that just might make another miserable series. On the other hand, CLOSED END is what most TV series never are but should be. Some TV series, far too few, like the old Andy Griffith or Dick Van Dyke shows are the LIVING END, which is by-gone slang for something really neat, cool, boss, bad, etc. You know, the cat’s pajamas! But DEAD END is something else again, describing a group of one-time Hollywood actors led by Leo Gorcey and Huntz Hall, and Gabriel Dell. They were also known as the Bowery Boys. Dead End is also an expression meaning a no-where street or situation, as in a dead-end job; so, study hard and avoid this one. Finally Dead End is what my dad used to tell me to get up off of and get to work and what I wished I had when he laid his belt across it. Oh me! Precious memories! Somewhat related to Tight End is SPLIT END, another football term, which, like all football terminology was invented by a panel of male coaches and Howard Cosell to annoy american housewives. Some Split Ends eventually become SAD ENDS when they play out their contracts and are not picked-up by any other pro team. In addition, many a freshman who has scorned the advice of parents, teachers, and advisers has also come to a Sad End. And that is very nearly the same as coming to a BAD END, which is where boys and girls who hate Sunday School are bound to wind-up. Furthermore, my old gran used to say, "Whistling girls and crowing hens will surely come to no good end," which surely must mean they will come to a bad one. Now, as anyone knows, the opposite of a Bad End is a GOOD END, which is what one calls a movie finale in which boy gets girl, girl gets boy, parents reconcile, and all live happily ever after. Good Ends are also usually the kind referred to when someone says they justify the means, which are usually bad or questionable at best. Other ends can be Good Ends. For example, even a BACK END can be good. Rarely are back ends bad. Mostly they are neutral, but such is not the case with REAR ENDS. They are usually bad. Witness the expression "rear-ended," bad for the rear-ender and bad for the rear-ended, or how about "He's (She's) such a Rear End!?" Not so with the term TAIL END though, that usually only expresses someone or something struggling in last, and though one might think that the opposite, FRONT END, would suggest all sorts of positive meanings, it doesn’t. It just suggests the first part of anything. How boring! One that suggests some quite negative meanings, however, is BITTER END, which is where one half of all country and western singers relegate marriage. The other half seems to be for it (marriage). A Bitter End can also be found almost any time one is drinking home brew. At this point, we have very nearly run out of Ends, except for one, and that carries us to the final expression for which you have undoubtedly been longing if you bothered to read this far. Well, keep smiling! Having read this has been an unknown blessing in your life. It has built character! It has developed in you a sense of Christian patience, which is a virtue greatly to be desired and sought. OK! OK! Here it is. THE END!!!!
Dear SAU,

It is now 2:50 p.m. CST, Tuesday, May 28, 1985. The Mulerider is complete and the final deadline will soon be in the mail.

This has been a year of many trials, tribulations, and disbelievers. It has been a year that I shall never forget.

We’ve tried to give SAU something to be proud of and something to remember. We’ve attempted to cover as completely as possible every aspect of the University. If we have failed you in any way, we sincerely apologize and only ask for your continued support and input. Remember, we too are only human.

We would like to give special thanks to Mrs. Judy Pearson on business matters; and Tim Deaton and Candy Adams for information and needed pictures. Most of all thanks to Dr. Dan Skelton, adviser, for without his leadership, advice, and faith it would have been a tiresome task. Thanks again to you, good ole SAU.

Sincerely,

Editor-in-Chief

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Magnolia, Arkansas