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## Students produce local TV show

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Lights, cameras, action — the “Ouachita” show, a student produced television program, airs every Tuesday at 8 p.m. on channel 10.

“The show is made up of a series of story packages that tell about different facets of Ouachita,” said Tiffany Eurich, instructor of communications. “People who aren’t here can learn more about Ouachita, and every month they have an opportunity to see what’s going on.”

The students involved are members of Eurich’s Broadcast Journalism class and the Advanced Video Production class led by Dr. Dave Ozmun, professor of communications and public relations associate. Other students involved do work study or earn their practicum credit with the video production program.

“We seek the students’ ideas and their creativity in it because they are plugged in a way that we [faculty] can’t be,” Eurich said.

According to student co-host Macy Buchanan, a junior mass communication and speech communications major, the project is a dream come true.

“When I was asked if I would like to co-host with [Eurich], I jumped at the chance,” Buchanan said. “I want to go into broadcasting so this is the best experience I can get.”

Senior mass communications and Christian studies major Nate Peace is the assistant producer for the show.

“My job is to organize and motivate the student workers to work with their reporters,” Peace said. “I will work through their story with them and let them know any necessary changes.”

In addition to planning and organizing assignments, Peace is responsible for making sure ev-



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TIFFANY EURICH, instructor of communications, interviews a guest on the “Ouachita” show.

everything is finished on time and is of good quality.

“I rely on [Peace] to make sure the stories are getting shot and, when they edit, that they are following the rules and look professional,” Ozmun said.

Eurich was a co-host on the show while she was a student at Ouachita, and said she is glad she gets the chance to work on the show now as a

faculty member.

“I started doing interviews about halfway through the spring and then co-hosting it here in the fall,” Eurich said.

The students in her broadcast journalism class are responsible for the reporting on the show.

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### Batsel crowned Homecoming Queen



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STEPHANIE BATSEL is crowned 2011 Homecoming Queen by 2010 Homecoming Queen Allison Cornell on Oct. 8. Complete story on page 2.

### Alpha Tau charter approval creates honors community

By **ADAM WEBB**  
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After a year of discussion and planning, the Alpha Tau Honors Society’s charter is now approved, recognizing it as an official organization on campus.

“Alpha Tau is a community of scholars dedicated to promoting excellence in academics and research,” said senior biology major Abby Dekle, the chairwoman of Alpha Tau. “It brings together the students involved in the academic track of the Carl Goodson Honors Program into an organization.”

Members of the society are participants in the Honors Program and use the society to communicate with each other and share ideas and experiences.

Senior history major Trevor Huxham, the academic chair of the society, was part of the composition team that created the charter.

“We looked at other schools’ charters and at [the Ouachita Student Foundation’s] charter and decided what we wanted to do,” he said.

They decided on three main goals:

- **Academic excellence** — in addition to fulfilling the Honors Program’s strong academic requirements for membership, members will encourage each other to excel in the classroom and will promote scholarship across the campus.

- **Independent research** — members will create a supportive environment for research outside the classroom by fostering involvement in the Honors Program’s extracurricular opportunities.

- **Community of scholars** — members will engage with those who share academic goals and interests and will form relationships with all society members.

There are currently 68 members in the society. The only requirement is membership in the Honors Program, which, among other things, requires participants to have a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Though it may appear unnecessary to have an honors society when there is already an honors program, the society gives students a way to communicate with each other.

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### Speech seniors plan Halloween Run to benefit children’s hospital

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Not every day can Spiderman be seen running around a cross country track, but Oct. 27 may be an exception.

Dr. Nancy Hardman, professor of communication sciences and pre-med studies, assigned her Senior Seminar students to create a project that correlates with what they are learning in their class and that would help give back to the community. Two of her students, senior speech pathology majors Laura Sikes and Haley Whisenhunt, decided to host the Halloween Fun Run, a 5K and a one-mile run supporting the Arkansas Children’s Hospital in Little Rock.

“Our only assignment this semester is to put on a big project that applies to something that you

have learned in your major,” Sikes said.

They chose to support the children’s hospital because of the connection between the hospital’s speech pathology department and the students’ majors.

“We wanted to give back to something that related to what we were studying, and the clinic is something we really like a lot and wanted to be able to give to,” Whisenhunt said.

The runs will be held at the Ouachita cross country track. The cost is \$20 for each student. Students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for the run to keep up the festive nature of the event. There will be prizes for the three best costumes and the top three runners.

Students will soon be receiving an e-mail with an attached registration form for the runs. They can choose whether they want to run the mile, the

5K or both. Students can then send their completed forms and checks to Sikes or Whisenhunt or to the speech pathology office. There will also be a table set up outside of the cafeteria and Chick-fil-A next week where students can register for the runs.

The community, including local businesses and churches, are also invited participate in the Halloween Fun Run. Community members can register at the course on the day of the event.

“I’m excited about the creativity of the event, and I think it is an effective way to raise money for a great cause,” said Anna Sikes, a freshman Christian studies major who plans to participate in the run. “I hope to see a large number of students participate because I believe activities like the Fun Run really help in making OBU the unique place that it is.” ■