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## Spring Fling brings inflatables, carnival



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On the average weekend, Ouachita's campus looks like a ghost town. Tomorrow, however, Spring Fling will bring activity to the quad with inflatables, dinner and a carnival.

"[Tomorrow] afternoon, there will be inflatables out in the plaza, and dinner on the lawn [tomorrow] evening," said Grace Janzen, co-chair of Campus Activities Board. "Clubs who are interested will have booths set up that evening for a carnival, also." Tim Harrell, director of campus activities, said several other events are

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Photo by Callie Stephens

## Annual career fair has opportunities for all students

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"Do you want fries with that," is a phrase no college graduate ever wants to have to utter.

After four years of studying science, English or the arts in an accredited university, the idea of working for a fast food or retail industry can seem almost like an insult. "Why did I pay thousands of dollars to do something I could have done if I had dropped out of high school," graduates may wonder. Yet between 2008 and 2009, the number of 25 to 34 year olds who are employed in food service, restaurants and bars has grown to 17 percent, according to The New York Times.

For seniors, about a month and a half remains to decide on after college plans, and while that may seem scary when the statistics seem so bleak, Career Services is hoping to alleviate those fears by helping students prepare resumes and connect with professionals who can help them get hired in their chosen fields.

The spring Career Fair will give students the opportunity to meet with a variety of employers and business representatives who have open part-time, full-time and internship positions.

"It is very important for any student on cam-

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## Spring Tiger Serve Day enters 15th constant year

By **LACEY BROOKS**  
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Ouachita's annual spring Tiger Serve Day will be held Saturday, March 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Hosted by Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community, Tiger Serve Day is in its 15th consecutive year of facilitating student, faculty and staff service throughout the Arkadelphia community.

"Tiger Serve Day mainly impacts the senior adult population of Arkadelphia. Many are not able to do the work themselves and the free labor is a huge cost savings to them," explained Judy Duvall, assistant director of the Elrod Center. "The volunteers also work in the homes of the disabled and single-parent households, as well as others who need the help. Each year a few of the projects are carried out at non-profit organizations, such as Courage House and Lucas Gardens, as well as area schools.

"The students genuinely have hearts to serve and care about the community," Duvall added. "I don't know of a college anywhere else that has two thirds of the student population show up to serve on a Saturday. I'm really proud of our students."

"Service is a major value at Ouachita for two

reasons. The first is that it is a Christian value, and the second is that the Elrod Center has brought structure to our service efforts and works to facilitate service," said Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagement. "You have to have a spirit of service, but you also have to be practical and provide the structure that allows many people to contribute."

In addition to the Elrod Center staff, a team of students helps coordinate Tiger Serve Day each semester.

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"The day would not happen without the leadership team's involvement. They are involved with every aspect of the day. They are a smart and creative group of servant leaders that work hard to make this day happen for our campus and the community," Duvall said.

"They begin meeting about six weeks before the event to publicize, recruit volunteers, visit and document projects, buy and organize tools and carry out the event."

"Being a part of the Tiger Serve Day leadership team is my favorite thing I am involved in at Ouachita," said Jessica Stewart, a sophomore mass communications and Christian media major. "Being on this team has taught me that service is

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BRITTA STAMPS, first from left, and Stephanie Batsel, third from left, present a laptop to board members of the Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Arkansas, including assistant professor of finance Dr. Chris Brune, farthest right.

## SIFE fundraisers benefit coming pregnancy center

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Ouachita's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) presented board members of the Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Arkansas (PRCSA) a new laptop, customized software and a more than \$750 donation on March 16 in Hickingbotham Hall.

The SIFE team was awarded a \$1,500 Walmart Women's Economic Empowerment grant, which it used to purchase the laptop and software. The team was also awarded a \$300 Kluck Student Enrichment Grant and collected \$459.92 in a student fundraiser, which it donated to the center for marketing and start-up

costs.

A fundraiser among faculty and staff members continues.

"The PRCSA hopes to help young pregnant mothers in a crisis situation find resources to help them through their pregnancy and after the child is born," said Britta Stamps, a senior business management, marketing and political science major and president of SIFE. "They will connect these young women with doctors, counselors, pregnancy tests and other resources to help turn their crisis into a blessing."

Beverly Hankins, a member of the center's board, said she "would like

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