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TEAM MEMBERS participate in mud tug-o-war during last year's Tiger Traks. The event, sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation, features games like mud volleyball, relays and tricycle races.

'Most exciting weekend' raises scholarship funds

By NOAH HUTCHINSON
Signal Writer

The cool squishiness of mud under foot, the rush of giving the correct answer to a trivia question, the exhilaration of stealing more bacon than the opposition. These, along with an \$800 prize for first place, are the rewards anyone participating in Tiger Traks can expect. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on April 13 and end April 14 before Tiger Idol. Teams consist of eight people. Known as "Arkansas's Most Exciting College Weekend," all proceeds go to student scholarships.

"Tiger Traks is a weekend-long event put together by the Ouachita Student Foundation," said Jessica Winston, a senior biology major and co-director of Tiger Traks. "It's full of games like mud volleyball, mega relay, egg toss, raft race, trike race, mud tug-o-war and steal the bacon."

This year, Tiger Traks will feature a large list of games from past years, as well as a few new ones to replace less popular games such as ice fishing.

"Our new game this year is called steal the bacon," said Kayla Kagel, a senior Christian studies major and the co-director of Tiger Traks. "You have to run to the center of the circle whenever your number is called and try to steal 'the bacon.' It'll be something like beach balls or pool noodles. Different numbers of points will be awarded for different sizes of objects."

To make sure the teams are balanced, four of the eight members must be girls. That being said, the games will not come down to just strength and athleticism.

"I would definitely look for well-rounded individuals," Winston said. "You'll need people who are athletic but also really intelligent so they can



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BRADLEY LINDSEY jumps over teammates during an event at Tiger Traks last spring.

handle trivia questions and the game center."

Trivia questions will be doled out in the Tiger Trek, where students will be expected to know various odd facts about Ouachita.

"For Tiger Trek, teams will have to run to 18 different locations all over campus," Kagel said.

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Keeping cool

Student owns, operates local snow cone stand

By SAM CUSHMAN
Signal Writer

Senior Christian and Biblical studies major Mary Smethers of Hot Springs owns and operates her own snow cone stand in Arkadelphia. Caribbean Snow is located on Pine Street in Arkadelphia next to Auto Zone and has 60 flavors to offer customers. Smethers opened the snow cone stand on June 1, 2011.

"I was talking to Julia Jones; she was like a catalyst for how I got started," Smethers said. "She asked me what I wanted to do, and I told her that I wanted to run a snow cone stand. She said she knew a lady in town who was willing to sell one that she had. At this point it was sort of a pipe dream and [Julia Jones] asked me 'why not?' I guess just in talking with her more I saw that it was do-able."

Smethers took out a couple of loans and bought the snow cone stand from a woman in town who had bought it so her kids could work it during the summer.

"I think her youngest is a senior now, and she didn't really want to work it so she was looking to sell," Smethers said.

Smethers described running her own business as "terrifying but exciting." She said if you have the opportunity to do something like this, then you should definitely try it — unless it involves opening up another snow cone stand in town.

"[It's terrifying because] you invested all of your money into this one thing," Smethers said. "If it doesn't work, then you're stuck. You also have to run all the [equipment] by yourself. I had to become an adult really fast. But it's fun and worth it. So far it's going really well, and it was definitely a good investment."

Smethers runs the snow cone stand by herself. She said her routine on a normal day is to go to the bank then purchase ice. She arrives at her stand around 12:30-1 p.m. and stays open until 9 p.m.

"That's during the summer," she said. "I'll have to set everything up and make sure I have all the supplies and keep track of inventory. At the beginning of summer, when everybody is really excited about it, I'll have a lot of business. But when it's ridiculously hot, people don't really want to get out of their cars or their house."

Smethers said around the Fourth of July is also a busy time for her stand. She said she serves a lot of moms and their kids, high school students and a lot of working people.

Although she does not have any employees, Smethers enlisted the help of Grace Janzen. Janzen is a senior art and graphic design major and Smethers's close friend.

"When Mary bought the business, it didn't

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Professors' book selected as finalist in two competitions

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"The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook" by Ouachita professors Dr. Danny Hays and Dr. Scott Duvall has been selected as a finalist in the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association's 2012 Christian Book Awards and as a finalist in the Retailers Choice Awards sponsored by Christian Retailing magazine.

The Christian Book Awards were established in 1978 as the Gold Medallion Book Awards by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. Based on excellence in content, literary quality, design and impact, the Christian Book Awards are the oldest and among the most prestigious in the religious publish-

ing industry. Awards are presented in seven categories: Bibles, Fiction, Children, Inspiration, Bible Reference, Non-Fiction and New Author.

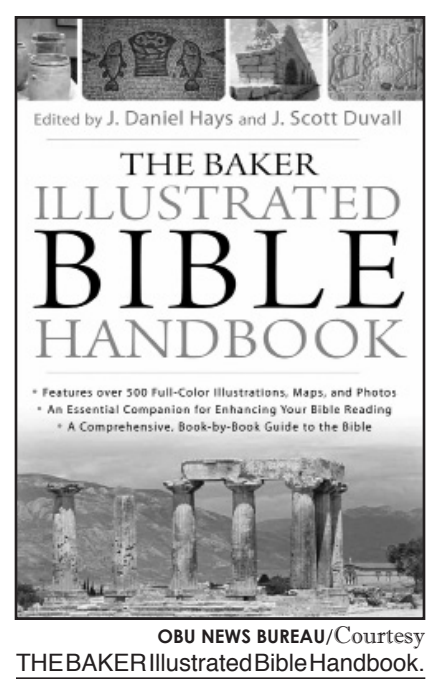
One title from each category will be chosen as the Christian Book Award winner. In addition, one title will be chosen among all the finalists to receive the top honor of 2012 Christian Book of the Year.

Hays and Duvall's book is one of six selected as a finalist in the Reference category, along with "Acts" by Derek Thomas, "Dictionary of Christian Spirituality" by Glen G. Scorgie, "Did Adam and Eve Really Exist?" by C. John Collins, "Galatians, Ephesians: Reformation Commentary on Scripture Series" edited by Gerald L. Bray and "Operation World" by Jason Mandryk.

"Scott Duvall and I are certainly honored and thankful that "The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook" was selected as a finalist for the 2012 Christian Book Award in the Reference category," Hays said.

"While Scott and I selected the pictures, edited the book and wrote a major portion of it, several other OBU professors, former professors and former students contributed important articles. These OBU-related contributors include Marvin Pate, Joey Dodson, Scott Jackson, Preben Vang, Randy Richards, Christine Jones, Dennis Tucker and Justin Hardin," Hays said. "Likewise, a strong editorial and layout team from Baker Publishers played a critical role

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