

## **STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

Student services and activities are under the direction of the Vice President for Student Services and include housing, food service, student government, clubs and organizations and their activities, health services, student social life, counseling, recreational sports, multicultural services, traffic and safety. The official guidelines are published annually in the **Tiger Handbook**.

### **Food and Housing**

Ouachita Baptist University is committed to be a residential campus. The university views its mission as educating students twenty-four hours per day, so that learning experiences are not limited only to the classroom. Because of this philosophy, all unmarried students are required to live in university housing unless (1) they are living with immediate family and commute daily, (2) they are given special permission by the Off-Campus Housing Exceptions Committee to live off campus (granted only in unusual circumstances), (3) they are 22-years old or older, or (4) they have completed eight semesters of residence hall life. Students who report that they are living with immediate family but are actually living off campus in violation of the university policy will be subject to disciplinary action that may include disenrollment from the university. All resident students must purchase a meal ticket. The food service is leased to Sodexo, Inc., and the ticket may be used in Ouachita Commons or in the Tiger Grill.

Housing for single men is provided in Daniel (North and South), Ernest Bailey, Conger, and Anthony Halls. Women live in Flippen, Perrin, Frances Crawford (East and West), Perrin West, O.C. Bailey, and Maddox Halls. Each residence hall is under the direct supervision of a Hall Director and a staff of student Resident Assistants (RAs). A limited number of unfurnished apartments are available.

A housing deposit is required of students living in any university housing. Priority in housing assignments is determined by the date the housing deposit is received and the date of acceptance to the university. The housing deposit will be refunded to both new and returning students if a written cancellation is received prior to July 1 for the fall semester and December 1 for the spring semester. For those applying after July 1 (or December 1) and those withdrawing during the semester, the housing deposit is non-refundable. Waivers and/or extensions may be granted, but only in unusual circumstances.

Students already in residence may reserve accommodations for the next year provided they do so at the designated time. Thereafter, housing is accessible for continuing and new students on the same basis.

Students living alone in the residence halls will be charged for a private room except (1) if, after the first three weeks of the semester, a roommate withdraws from school or marries, the room rate will not change for the remainder of that semester as long as the student stays in the same room and is willing to take a roommate if the university deems it necessary; (2) if a student is willing to move in with another roommate, but one is not available. Anthony Hall and Maddox Hall have no private rooms.

## **Medical Services**

First Aid, health education and simple diagnosis and treatments for minor illnesses by a registered nurse on campus are available at little or no cost. Medical services for more serious cases may be received at the Baptist Medical Center Arkadelphia or at the office of local physicians. The costs for medications and supplies used during an illness are not included in university general fees. Hospitalization insurance is available at a nominal cost during the summer or at registration. It is recommended that every student be covered by this or some other form of health insurance. International students are required to take the medical insurance policy before registering. All students must complete health records consistent with state and university requirements, i.e., the student must show proof of one MMR and a second measles and tetanus-diphtheria within the last ten years. In addition, a tuberculosis screening is required for any student who has lived outside the United States within the past 12 months. Arkansas Act 1233 of 1999, requires all universities to notify both students and parent of an increased risk of meningococcal disease among individuals who live in close quarters such as students in college residence halls.

## **University Counseling Services**

Counseling services are provided by the University Counselor at minimal or no cost to currently enrolled students. These services are available to students who are experiencing any of a broad range of personal or interpersonal difficulties. The University Counselor is licensed by the State of Arkansas. Appointments may be scheduled by contacting the Counseling Office. Students who require assistance beyond the scope of the University Counseling Services will be given a referral to a community-based professional counseling agency.

## **New Student Orientation**

(Welcome to Ouachita's World)

New student orientation (WOW) is provided at the beginning of each semester. This orientation is designed to introduce new students to the services and activities of the university, to acquaint them with available resources, and to assist them in developing relationships and adjusting to the campus environment. WOW is under the direction of a student steering committee and involves over 100 upper class student leaders.

## **Social Activities**

Through cooperative efforts, the more than forty campus organizations plan a variety of activities throughout the school year that will fit the needs of all students, regardless of their interests. These activities include both formal and informal gatherings, parties, entertainment and campus and community service activities. Some organizations offer practical experience for future careers. Local churches frequently sponsor activities that are planned especially for the college young person.

Ouachita has no national fraternities or sororities, but there are ten local social clubs; for men, Beta Beta, Chi Iota Sigma, Eta Alpha Omega, Kappa Chi, Rho Sigma, and Sigma Alpha Sigma; for women, Chi Delta, Chi Rho Phi, E.E.E., and Tri Chi. Within the framework of the University's objectives and ideals, these clubs induct new students during a stipulated period in the Spring

semester. Hazing is forbidden. All clubs are required to have a faculty sponsor, as outlined in the **Tiger Handbook**.

## **Standards of Conduct**

By accepting admission to Ouachita Baptist University, each student assumes the responsibility to abide by the standards of the University as well as local, state, and national laws. In general, the rules are based on the desire of the faculty and staff that students demonstrate good citizenship, respect the rights of others, and achieve in their studies in a Christian educational environment. Specific regulations are given in the official University handbook, the **Tiger Handbook**.

## **Student Senate and Campus Activities Board**

The Student Senate, composed of elected representatives of the student body, deals with matters concerning the student body as a whole. It is a deliberative and planning group which works in close liaison with administrative officials of the University, interpreting official policies to the students and student concerns to the administration. Guest speakers, concerts, art groups and other programs are sponsored by the Campus Activities Board (CAB).

## **Religious Life at Ouachita**

Attendance at a weekly chapel program is required. Policies related to chapel attendance may be found in the "Attendance" section of the catalog. The programs are planned by a chapel committee composed of students, faculty members and administrators. The programs are designed to deepen the students' spiritual life, to broaden their cultural appreciation and to realize their role as a part of the Ouachita "family." Not all chapel programs are religious in nature; some are informational programs presented by campus organizations.

**The Cordell Endowment** was created by the generous contributions of Mr. and Mrs. "Cotton" Cordell of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and other donors. The purpose of the Endowment is to provide funds to pay the cost for travel, honoraria, and other expenses related to the chapel programs in order to maintain a high quality in the selection of speakers and other types of presentations. It is the hope of the donors that the programs will serve ultimately as a positive Christian influence upon the lives of many generations of students.

**Campus Ministries** is the largest and most inclusive religious organization. The primary purpose of this organization is to deepen the spiritual lives of students. The campus ministry leaders, who are elected annually, plan, direct, and coordinate all types of ministries including Christian Focus Week, Bible studies, worship, discipleship, evangelism, and missions. In addition, Campus Ministries sponsors Refuge, a campus wide student-led worship gathering on Thursdays at 9:00 p.m. and Noonday, a student-led devotional time every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Berry Chapel. The organization works in cooperation with the Department of Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention through projects such as summer missions and campus evangelism. The Campus Ministries program is guided by the Director and Assistant Director of Campus Ministries.

## **Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports**

Ouachita strives for excellence in both intercollegiate athletics and recreational sports. The objective is for all students to participate in some sport as well as to understand and enjoy spectator sports. Ouachita intercollegiate men's teams compete in football, basketball, baseball, tennis, soccer, and golf. Conference sports for women include basketball, cross country, volleyball, soccer, softball and tennis. The men's and women's swim teams compete in the New South Intercollegiate Swim League.

Intercollegiate athletes must comply with standards and requirements set forth by the University, the Gulf South Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Division II.

All students are encouraged to participate in recreational sports. Such participation enriches personality by developing desirable attitudes toward health, social-mindedness, sportsmanship, competition, cooperative effort, institutional loyalty and other values and skills that carry over into later life. Sports for men, women, and combination teams are offered. The sports include flag football, volleyball, basketball, softball and floor hockey. Periodic tournaments are held for ping pong, and racquetball.

## **Campus Organizations**

There are many clubs and organizations that attempt to promote fellowship, stimulate academic and professional interest and foster a closer relationship with faculty members in a given area of concentration. They are as follows: Alpha Chi (Honorary Scholastic), Campus Ministries, Beta Beta Beta (Biology), Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, CAB (Campus Activities Board), CARE (Counselors and Religious Educators), Cheerleaders, College Republicans, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, International Student Association, Kappa Delta Pi (Education), Mathematics and Logic Society, National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association, Ouachita Psychological Society, Ouachita Student Educators Association, Ouachita Student Foundation, Ouachita Student Senate, Ouachitonian, Phi Alpha Theta (History), Phi Beta Lambda (Business), Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (Music), Pew Younger Scholars Program, Praise Singers, Reaching Out to Multicultural Students (ROMS), Sigma Alpha Iota (Music), Sigma Beta Delta (Business), Sigma Tau Delta, Signal, Society of Physics, Theta Alpha Phi (Theatre), and Young Democrats.

## **Publications**

**The Ouachita Signal**, a weekly newspaper published by a student staff and sponsored by the Department of Communications, is devoted to news about the University.

The Ouachitonian, the yearbook, contains pictures of students, clubs, and important events of the University year.

## **Career Center**

Students and graduates who need help securing employment, or employers scheduling recruiting visits, should contact the University Career Center. The office maintains files for students and alumni, provides career information, coordinates job interview sessions, and assists students with career fairs and

online applications. Additional services include resumé writing, preparing appropriate correspondence, preparation for professional interviews, mentor programs, a media center, and counseling for graduate school applicants. A computer based career information and guidance system provides extensive information about occupations, values, interests, skills, education programs and more. Extensive career information and career counseling is also available to all freshmen and sophomores. Juniors are encouraged to seek summer internships through the center. Emphasis is placed on individual attention, and all students, at all levels, are strongly encouraged to participate.

### **Multicultural Services**

The Office of Multicultural Services seeks to provide an environment in which students become an integral part of the Ouachita community and to stimulate and institutionalize the awareness of diversity through personal relationships and cultural programs involving students, faculty, staff, and the community. The Director of Multicultural Services supervises these activities. The goals of the office are to increase campus awareness of and appreciation for diversity; provide a Christian-nurturing environment for multicultural students; plan and implement programs and activities targeted for multicultural students; act as an advocate for multicultural students; increase the multicultural student population within the Ouachita community through active recruitment of students, faculty, and staff; establish a network of multicultural alumni and friends; and increase scholarships and other financial aid opportunities for multicultural students.