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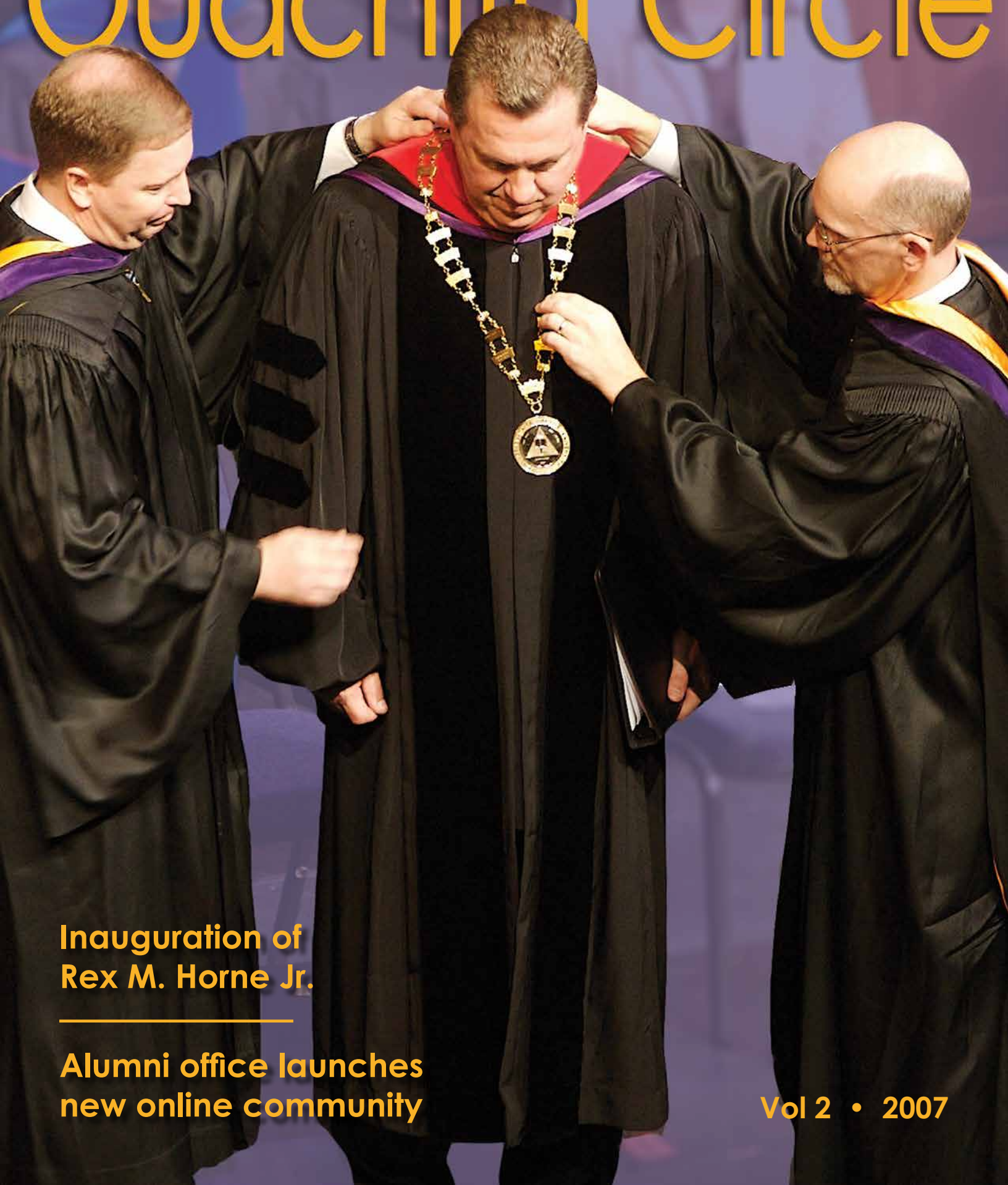
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# The Ouachita Circle



**Inauguration of  
Rex M. Horne Jr.**

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## A WORD FROM OUACHITA

Greetings from Ouachita!

June has arrived and with it the beginning of my second year as president of this wonderful university. It is a natural time to express my deepest appreciation to the faculty, staff, students, trustees, churches, and all alumni and friends of Ouachita who have encouraged me in this year. I have a sense of satisfaction for the foundation we have laid, yet greater anticipation of building upon the mission and possibility of Ouachita.

The week of my inauguration will never escape my mind and gratitude. To quote from that timeless work, "The Three Bears," it was "just right." My hope is that the impact of the week would be felt by all our publics and especially our students. There are no limits to what our students can accomplish in this ever-shrinking and needy world.

Your university is strong, but must become stronger. Without apology I ask for your prayers, your gifts, your influence with people who need to know Ouachita and the introduction of potential students to our people here. Our strength comes from the gratitude of those who have come before and in establishing new friends who would love to be a part of our kind of institution.

We are pressing forward with exciting plans for the fall. Stay tuned. If you are able to attend the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Van Buren this November, I will preach the annual message on that Wednesday morning. I would be encouraged by your presence.

I closed my inaugural address with these words: "At the end of the day we are not about curriculum, accreditation, endowment, or budgets, but impacting lives. We want to produce students who are grateful to God for an education from a place called Ouachita, where they interacted with students from Arkansas and all over the world, learned from committed men and women, and found a deeper faith. That is the beauty and duty of Ouachita."

May the Lord continue to bless us all along this journey.

Rex M. Horne, Jr.

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**7 campus news**

Senior Keith Barrett pitches for the Tigers during an NCAA Tournament game against Angelo State. Ouachita set a school record with 50 wins this season, won its first-ever GSC West Division title and hosted its first NCAA Tournament appearance. *photo by Lannie Byrd*

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photo by Stephen Carter

“What kind of president have you selected? One who admires and appreciates the Ouachita legacy, community and possibility. What kind of president? One who affirms academic freedom in the context of one’s expertise and a Christian community. One who affirms there is one infallible Book unlike any other that guides us daily, prepares us eternally and reveals the way of salvation for all who would believe in Jesus.”

—Dr. Rex M. Horne Jr.  
in his inaugural address

# Inauguration

of Ouachita’s 15<sup>th</sup> President, Dr. Rex M. Horne Jr.

The inaugural convocation service for Ouachita’s 15th president, Dr. Rex M. Horne Jr. on March 29 featured a processional involving members of Ouachita’s faculty and staff in full academic regalia, as well as delegates from other universities and higher education organizations.

“Two former Ouachita presidents had a special role in the ceremony, demonstrating the remarkable continuity and stability in the university’s leadership over the last 35 years,” said Dr. Stan Poole, vice president for academic affairs and chairman of the inauguration committee.

The two former presidents, Dr. Daniel R. Grant and Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, participated in the presentation of the presidential

medallion and chain of office, along with Horne’s son Truett; Dr. Ken Shaddox, vice chair of the board of trustees and chair of the presidential search committee; and Mike Vinson, chair of the board of trustees. Former president Dr. Ben Elrod was unable to attend the convocation but watched the service via the Internet broadcast.

Following the inaugural convocation, the university hosted a reception in honor of President and Mrs. Horne in Grant Plaza.

Horne became president of Ouachita in June 2006. He served as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock for nearly 16 years.

Horne is a professor of Christian ministries and teaches a class in the Pruet School of Christian Studies.

“It is hard for me to express in words what an incredible man of God Dr. Horne is. He is a true man of virtue, leadership and outstanding character. I challenge you to take the opportunity to get to know this awe inspiring man, who has a heart for those around him, follows Christ, seeks God’s will and who has so greatly impacted my life.”

—Rachel Wait, junior  
Christian studies major  
from Little Rock and member  
of the inauguration committee



photo by Stephen Carter

“It is our prayer that under Dr. Horne, Ouachita will continue to promote the cause of Christ and higher education around the world.”

—Dr. Bob Agee, executive director  
of the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities



photo by Stephen Carter

“Ouachita is fortunate to have Dr. Horne pick up this charge. Just as higher education is that door that opens opportunities for us all, so too the leadership of those higher education institutions is key to their success.”

—Arkansas Governor  
Mike Beebe

# Difference Maker

Former president Bill Clinton was the guest speaker for the Birkett Williams lecture on March 27. The lecture was held as part of the activities honoring President Rex M. Horne, Jr. during inauguration week.

Horne has known Clinton for 16 years, serving as his pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock. The two men remained close during Clinton's presidency and in the years that have followed.

Horne told the audience Clinton had been invited to speak because of his love for his state, education and "your president."

"He's a man who was born, grew up and spent much of his life less than an hour from this campus," Horne said. "We want to have difference-makers on this campus."

Clinton was the second former president to visit Ouachita, and the first to make a speech before the student body. He said he had been visiting Ouachita's campus since the 1960s and mentioned the influence of emeriti faculty Francis McBeth and Paul Root.

Clinton told an audience of more than 1,600 how students could make a difference in their world. He said that understanding the contemporary world is crucial for people who strive to make an impact on the world around them.

Before answering questions from students, Clinton issued a challenge to the audience. "Everyone of us can make a difference," he said. "And because we can, we should." • by Myra Houser

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difference-makers  
on this campus."

—Dr. Rex Horne

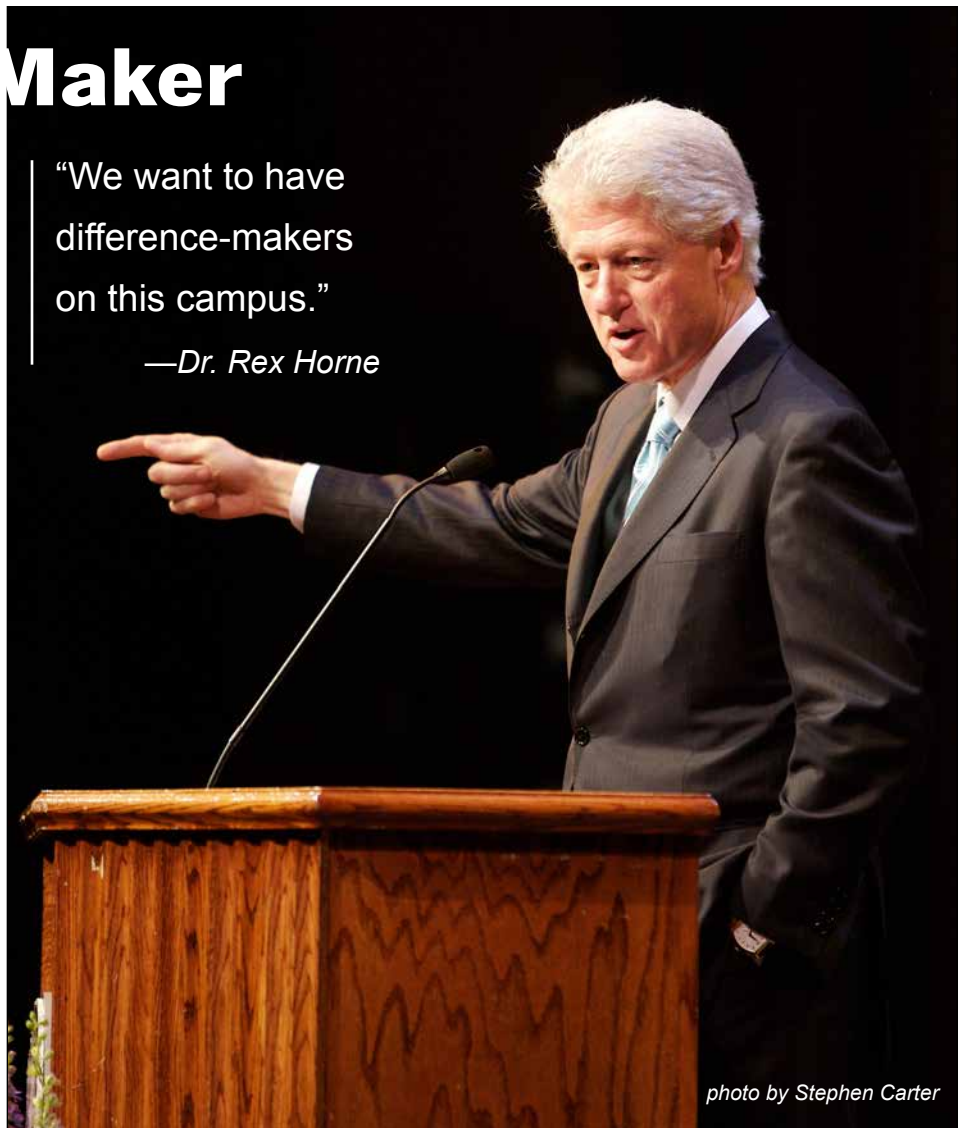
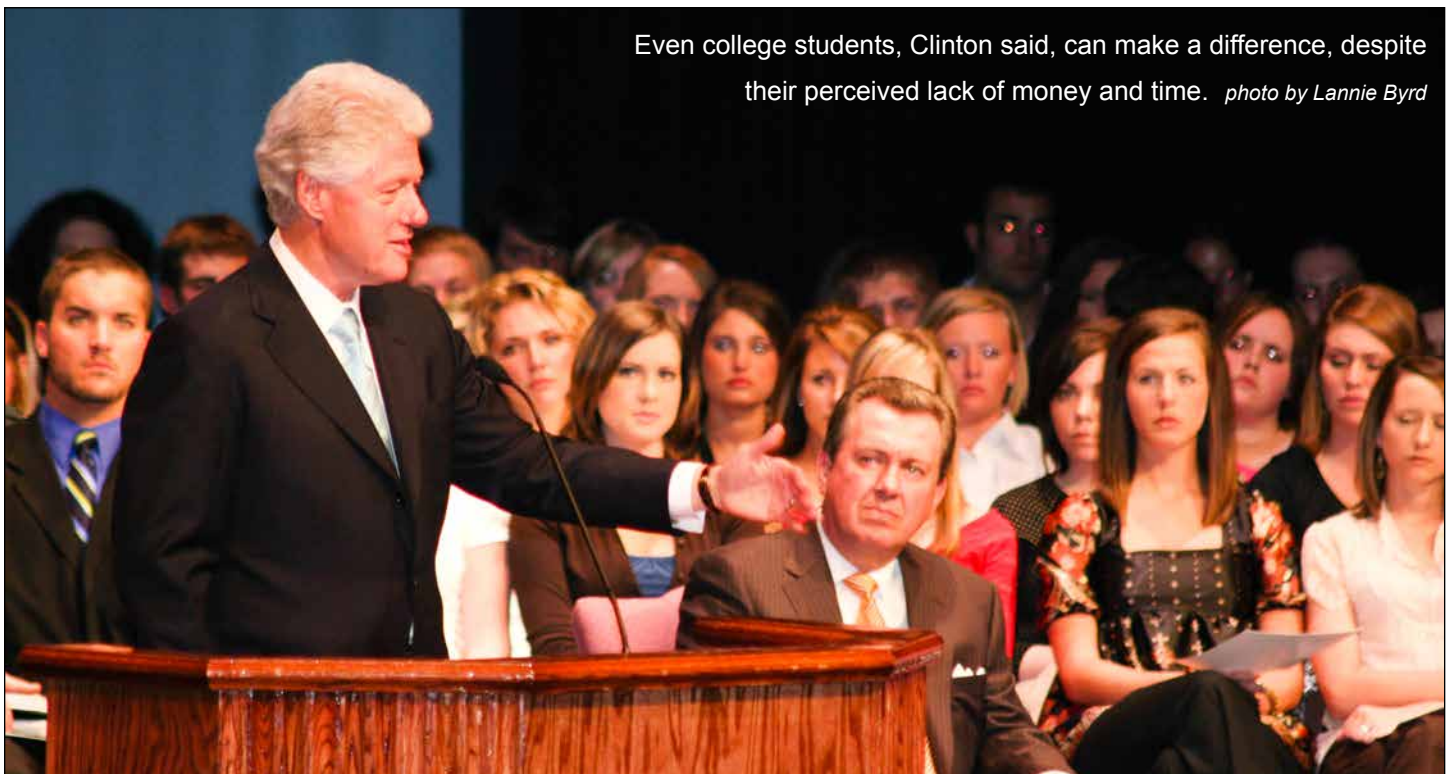


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Even college students, Clinton said, can make a difference, despite their perceived lack of money and time. photo by Lannie Byrd



From emeriti faculty to current students, the campus celebrates

# Inauguration Week



(Above) Faculty emeriti Tom Murphree, Margaret Wright and Charles Wright, along with Murphree's wife Pat, visit during the faculty emeriti luncheon. (Inset) Trustees pray for Dr. Horne during the inaugural prayer service. photos by Stephen Carter



(Above) Dr. Horne takes a moment to play with his new granddaughter, Abby Anne, and daughter Holly (Horne) Carlisle ('02) during a luncheon for student leaders. (Right) Dr. Horne meets actor Gary Richardson, the storyteller for "The Rock and the Rabbi." The off-Broadway musical production was part of the inauguration week activities. photos by Stephen Carter

An inauguration committee consisting of 35 faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends were given the responsibility of planning a week of activities in honor of the investiture of Ouachita's 15th president, Dr. Rex M. Horne, Jr.

Dr. Stan Poole, vice president of academic affairs, was the chairman of the committee, and former trustee William H. "Buddy" Sutton was vice-chairman.

Poole said that the committee sought to involve all of Ouachita's constituencies in the activities. "We had activities for students, a luncheon for emeriti faculty and a lecture and musical production open to alumni and the broader community."

Activities for students included a movie and midnight breakfast, a luncheon for student leaders and a "Party in the Plaza." The party, which featured inflatables and a fish fry, was actually moved to Sturgis Physical Education Center (SPEC) because of rain.

On Monday night, the campus community, alumni and the general public were invited to attend "The Rock and the Rabbi," an off-Broadway musical and Celebrity Attractions production. The musical was produced by Larry Payton, who once served as Student Activities Director for Ouachita. Payton is married to Kay (Moore '75). The cast and crew presented a shorter encore performance for students during chapel on Tuesday.

Other inauguration week activities included a Birkett Williams Lecture by former president Bill Clinton and an inaugural prayer service for faculty and staff. • by Jennifer Byrd





## Ouachita Circle readership survey

# 83%

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# 63%

of you “Never Read” or “Read Occassionally” the development news and donor lists. That information will now be included in a separate publication, coming later this summer.

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photo by Lannie Byrd

## Footprints of Ouachita

**A**lumni who attended May graduation were greeted with a new feature in the center of campus. Members of Ouachita's physical plant staff have been busy creating a Senior Walk in the sidewalk that runs from the new Rachel Fuller and Ouachita Singers Amphitheatre to Ouachita Street.

The names in the Senior Walk begin with the Class of 2000. The classes of 2001-2006 will be added this summer, and subsequent classes will be added each year.

The idea for a Senior Walk originated several years ago, but at the time Ouachita did not have the equipment needed to etch the names into the sidewalk. Former president Dr. Andy Westmoreland asked John Hardman, director of the physical plant, to research other schools with similar sidewalks.

"I visited UA [the University of Arkansas] twice to get a better measure on the equipment needed and to see exactly what the process involved time-wise," said Hardman. "Kevin Sullivan [of the physical plant staff] and I made a third trip so he could see exactly what secondary equipment was needed and to see a freshly finished production of one of their walks."

Hardman and Sullivan then designed equipment with the same principles that was more efficient and less costly than the equipment they had observed. "I found a company on the east coast that had what I wanted; they just weren't using it for the same application," said Hardman. "It wound up working better than we thought."

Hardman said that Sullivan built the trailer and assembled the equipment. "My main goals were to purchase something that would do the job, last for years, make the process affordable and, most of all, be safe during operation."

A bonus to the equipment they purchased was that the digital software could be used to make signs and banners for the university. Kris Treadway, who owned A-1 Quality Signs in Arkadelphia before working at Ouachita, used the equipment to make the new purple and white signs that appear in front of each building on campus.

Shirley Hardin, director of annual giving, said that those classes who gave to the Senior Walk as their class gift will soon be able to see their gift come full-circle. "For a number of years, classes have been giving toward this Senior Walk, and I'm thrilled that they will now be able to see it when they visit campus," said Hardin.

Each graduating class now works with Hardin to raise the \$3000 needed for the Senior Walk. "We now have a tangible, visible example to show the senior class when they give their first gift to the university," said Hardin.

David Goodman, director of alumni and special events, said that he hopes that alumni would look forward to bringing their children to campus to see the Senior Walk for years to come. "Their names will be permanently etched in the sidewalk," said Goodman. "It becomes part of the footprints of the history of Ouachita." • by Jennifer Byrd

"It becomes part  
of the footprints of the  
history of Ouachita."

—David Goodman

# Campus News

## Masses Man

In February, the cast and crew of "Masses Man" advanced to the regional level of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Tulsa, Okla.

The invitation to advance was based on their performance at the state festival in November. The performance earned both the Respondents' Choice and the Director's Choice awards. Seven productions from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico were presented at the regional festival.

## Student researcher

Emily Boeving, a psychology major from Sherwood, attended the Chimpanzee Cognition Conference titled, "The Mind of the Chimpanzee," at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago. The conference, which has been held once every 10 years since 1987, featured top scientists and primatologists from around the world, included noted primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall.

## Birkett Williams speaker

Sir John Walker, 1997 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, will present the Birkett Williams Lecture on Thursday, October 25, 2007. Walker shared the prize with Paul Boyer (USA) and Jens Skou (Denmark) "for their elucidation of the enzymatic mechanism underlying the



Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge at the time of his prize. He is now the director of the MRC

synthesis of adenosine triphosphate (ATP)."

Walker was a senior scientist at Britain's Medical

Dunn Human Nutrition Unit in Cambridge and a Fellow of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University.

Walker was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1999.

## Television segment

Ouachita will be featured in a segment titled "Planning for Your Future" for "Today's Family," an educational television series produced by New Line Media Solutions.

The segment will feature interviews with Dr. Rex M. Horne Jr., president of the University, as well as junior Whitney Swindler and Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the school of humanities.

The entire segment may be viewed on the University Web site at [www.obu.edu/broadcast](http://www.obu.edu/broadcast).

The program will air throughout the summer on ION Television (formerly PAX) affiliates in various markets.

A programming guide is listed on the University Web site at [www.obu.edu/news](http://www.obu.edu/news).

## Film producers

Several students produced an original movie which premiered to a student audience in March.

"Figured Out" was directed by Josh Burk, a mass communications major from Hurst, Texas, and written by Angela Harger, a mass communications and theatre arts major from Sugar Land, Texas. It was produced by the motion picture production class, a fall 2006 course taught by Dr. Dave Ozmun, professor of mass communications.

Burk started working on the film a year ago, choosing it over writing a paper for his honors senior thesis. The student producers began making plans for the film during the summer of 2006 and began shooting the film during the fall semester.



(top) Matt and Lauren Meares spot their families during commencement. One hundred ninety-one students participated in May graduation. *photo by Danny Brown.* (above) The school of fine arts presented "Children of Eden" for the spring musical. The production starred sophomore Chris Straw (center, in white) as "Father." *photo by Danny Brown.* (top left) The baseball team hosted the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Tournament in May, after winning the GSC West Division title. The Tigers lost their first game against Angelo State, despite (pictured) defensive play by Cody Shultz. *photo by Lannie Byrd.* (bottom left) Two deans—Dr. Scott Duvall of the Pruet School of Christian Studies and Dr. Charles Fuller of the school of fine arts—decided to step down this year. Dr. Danny Hays will replace Duvall as dean, and Dr. Scott Holsclaw will replace Fuller. Duvall will remain on faculty as professor of Biblical studies. *photo by Danny Brown.*

# class notes

- 1935 **Deaths**  
**J. Austin Capps**, April 14, Gurdon. Survived by sons Dr. James Austin Capps, Dr. William R. "Billy Roy" Capps and several grandchildren.
- 1936 **Deaths**  
**Frances (Swaim) Crabtree**, December 5, 2006, Heber Springs. Survived by children Larry Crabtree, Mike Crabtree, Jay Crabtree and Sandra Wheeler and 11 grandchildren.
- 1937 **Dr. David** and **LaMena (Nichols) Browning** celebrated their 73<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary and were featured in an article, "73 Years and Still Going Strong" in the *Opelika-Auburn News*.
- 1938 **Ruth (Meador) Davis** lives at West Shores in Hot Springs and is active in her local church.
- Deaths**  
**Evalena (Nolan) Woodell**, April 10, Marion.
- 1939 **Deaths**  
**Helen "Juanita" (Leggett) Litzelfelner**, March 16, Bald Knob. Survived by daughter Molly Goforth Kircher ('64) and husband Larry Kircher ('65).
- 1940 **Deaths**  
**Sara Lee Preddy Mitcham (f/s)**, March 1, Pulaski County. Survived by son Robert Max Mitcham, daughter Kay Mitcham Urbani, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
- 1941 **Ida Nelle (Daily) Hollaway** published a novel, *Lydia's Life*, a biography of Dr. R.C. Daily, former head of Ouachita's political science department. **Ida Nelle** and husband **Dr. Ernest Hollaway** live in Hermitage, Tennessee.
- 1942 **Walter** and **Martha (Whiteley) Ramsey** celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 3 with family on a Caribbean cruise.
- Deaths**  
**Alvin Ermon Webb**, April 21, 2006, Marionville, Missouri.
- 1943 **Al (f/s)** and **Mercedes (Ball) Wheeler (f/s)** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2006. They are retired and live in Oklahoma City. They have five children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
- Deaths**  
**P. Todd Landes, Jr. (f/s)**, April 6, Magnolia.
- Mary Ellan (O'Cain) Puckett (f/s)**, February 28, Mobile, Alabama.
- Herbert "Stanley" Stanford**, February 9, Little Rock. Survived by wife Louise (Hardage) and daughter Janice.
- 1944 **Deaths**  
**Mary (Pearce) Peacock**, April 7, Dumas.
- 1946 **Deaths**  
**Nellie Jean (Bailey f/s) Webb**, April 23, Hope. Survived by husband Joe Don and son Bruce.
- Leon Wheeler**, December 4, 2006, Kerrville, Texas. Survived by wife Mary Ellen, children Leon, Jr., Cathy, Barbara and Lee, 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
- 1947 **Mary Nell (Jernigan) Seaton** was diagnosed with macular degeneration but is traveling while her vision is still strong. Recent trips include Israel, Greece and Russia. Mary Nell has lived in Georgia for three years.
- Deaths**  
**Lloyd Barrett**, August 3, 2006, Jonesboro. Survived by wife Lucy Barrett and daughter Angel Jacqueline Barrett.
- Richard (Cal) Whorton, Sr.**, February 11, Riverside, California. Survived by wife Wanda A. (Irvin '47), children Richard Whorton, Jr., Pamela Norwood and Zella James; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.
- 1948 **Betty Jo (Patterson) Burnett** lives in Oklahoma City. She recently lost her husband of 51 years, Leon.
- Ernest** and **Vivian (Bachman '50) Mosley** are active in two church choirs and teach Sunday School. Ernest is a trainer for the Transitional Pastor Ministry Conference for LifeWay Christian Resources.
- Deaths**  
**Catherine (Powell) Bremerman**, February 1, Owensboro, Kentucky.
- Sunbeam (Raynich f/s) Tidwell**, March 19, Pine Bluff. Survived by husband Thomas Earl Tidwell, son Thomas Tidwell, Jr., daughters Gloria Allen, Elaine Howard and Marilyn Partin, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
- Calvin C. Ussery**, January 11, McKinney, Texas.
- 1949 **Gloyd** and **Iris (Eskew) Huckabee** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 29, 2006.
- Deaths**  
**Calvin H. Garner**, February 6, Augusta, Georgia.
- James Taylor**, January 28, Melbourne. Survived by wife Marie (Adair '49), sons Tim Taylor ('96) and James Anthony Taylor and five grandchildren.
- 1950 **Oscar Golden** is a retired minister and is leading interim ministry at Old Union Baptist Church in Benton.
- Norvin T. Jones** leads Jones Bible Ministries, Inc., and preaches and speaks across the country. He lives in Rose Hill, Kansas, near daughter Gracia Burnham.
- Preston Taylor** recently published *The Eleven Commandments* through Xulon Press.

# class notes

- 1950 **Deaths**  
**L. Reed Hill**, July 1, 2006, El Dorado.
- 1951 **Jo Ann (Joyner) Spinks** is retired from a career in social work and lives in Columbus, Mississippi, with husband Heyward.
- Deaths**  
**Margaret (Yates) Mundie** (f/s), January 10, Little Rock. Survived by children David Mundie, Sherrill Cooper, Allyson Goodman, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.
- 1952 **Mamie Ruth (Stranburg) Abernathy** has served as church organist for 56 years. She is morning organist for Central Baptist Church in Hot Springs.
- Jack J. Bledsoe** is the emeritus director of missions for the Carey Baptist Association. He celebrated his 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to wife Myrta on January 15.
- Dr. Irma Helen (Hopkins) Collins** was honored for contributions to the new Graves County High School Performing Arts Center in Kentucky. She is an adjunct professor at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia.
- Agga Mae (Overton) Sanders** is a retired music teacher in Malvern. She has been married for 53 years to Clinton, and they have one son, David, and two grandchildren.
- 1954 **Robert Eubanks** retired as pastor of First Baptist Church in Diamond City in 2005 and now lives in Caddo Valley.
- Deaths**  
**J. Bedford Jackson**, May 15, 2006, Ozark, Missouri. Survived by wife Eva (White f/s).
- Leroy Summers**, December 13, 2006, Dallas, Texas. Survived by wife Carolyn (f/s '54), daughter LeCarole Moore and two grandchildren.
- 1955 **Marvin Reynolds** is pastor of First Baptist Church in Judsonia. He is married to **Cora (Haley '56)**.
- 1956 **Jim and Joyce (Weatherly) Brown** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 24 with a reception at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock.
- John Floyd** is chairman of trustees for the International Mission Board. He recently chaired the building committee for Mid-America Seminary in Memphis, Tenn.
- 1957 **Dennis and Ann (Seaton '58) Dodson** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 26, 2006, with a reception. They traveled to the northeastern U.S. to celebrate.
- Deaths**  
**Ernest E. Banton**, December 3, 2006, Benton. Survived by wife Joann, stepdaughter Donna, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
- Charles D. Cheatham**, February 6, McRae. Survived by wife Nona (Johnson '59) and children Susan Cheatham ('83) and Karla Tarkington ('85).
- 1957 **James Vaughan Coston** (f/s), December 31, 2006, Bryant. Survived by wife Pat and daughter Angelyn Finley.
- 1958 **Dwight and Ann (Salter '58) Clark** lead in ministry at Besonia Baptist Church in south Kansas City, Missouri.
- John Freeman** retired as president of the Bank of McAlester in Oklahoma. He owns and operates United Country Real Estate.
- Deaths**  
**Nathan Barrett**, January 25, Warren. Survived by wife Mary (King), daughters Edie Coleman ('82) and Laurie Moore and four grandchildren.
- Betty (Pogue) Garner**, April 29, Rison. Survived by husband Herschel, four children and five grandchildren.
- Louise (Edwards) Johnson**, December 27, 2006, Blytheville.
- Andy Kerr**, February 1, Little Rock. Survived by wife Alice (Moran), one son, two daughters and four grandchildren.
- John R. "Dick" McCowan**, March 2, Hot Springs. Survived by wife Barbara and children John Michael and Sandra Marie.
- 1959 **Jim Maxwell** retired in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from a career in nonprofit management. Jim was named co-chair of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra's 75th Anniversary celebrations.
- Gerald Perry** is the associate pastor at West Side Baptist Church in El Dorado. He lives in Smackover with wife **Betty (Holloway)**.
- Deaths**  
**Jerry P. Johnson**, February 13, Hendersonville, Tennessee. He is survived by wife Cindy, son Lance, daughter Julie Johnson Jernigan, stepson Dan Furmanik and two grandchildren.
- 1960 **Dr. Norton Pope** is enjoying retirement with his wife Jerry (Carter '57 f/s), his five children and ten grandchildren.
- Deaths**  
**Marilyn (Sawyer) Briggs**, December 9, 2006, Houston, Texas. Survived by husband Clint, son John, daughter Rebecca (Briggs '96) King, son Andrew and 3 grandchildren.
- 1961 **Bobby Duffer** retired as Director of Missions for the Neighbor Islands Baptist Associations in Kailua Kona, Hawaii. He and **June (Zimmerman)** plan to travel following his treatment for melanoma cancer.
- Richard Rogers** retired from the North American Mission Board and is now living in Jacksonville, Michigan. He has four children and nine grandchildren.
- Patsy (Caughman) Schlueter** retired after 25 years with the Huntington Beach City School District in California.

# class notes

1961 **Deaths**  
**Arthur A. Anderson**, February 19, Harrison. Survived by wife Veta Lavern, daughters Debbra Crow, Cindy Daniell and Barbara Anderson, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1962 **Mary Ahn** and husband Song Pak retired from 35 years of medical practice. They are enjoying their six grandchildren.

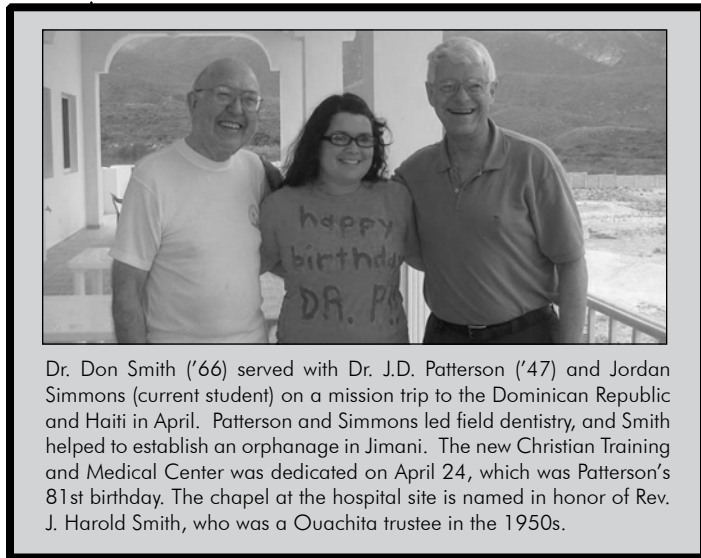
**Charlie Doggett** retired from LifeWay and IMB and lives in Nashville, Tennessee. He has a Nature Photography business, including arts & crafts fairs and online sales.

**Rhea E. McKinney** retired after 25 years as Director of the Polk Science and Engineering Fair. He teaches physics at the International Baccalaureate World School. Wife **Linda (Sanders)** retired as administrator of Florida's largest law firm and continues to consult with the firm.

**Rev. Don Reed** is interim director of missions in the Honolulu Windward Baptist Association. Don and wife **Wanda (Stephens)** plan to live in Honolulu for one year.

1963 **Melvin Brown** retired from the Montgomery County Department of Community Supervision and Corrections in August. He launched Mel Brown & Associates in 1979.

**Pat (Key)** and **Charles Chambliss** ('60) retired to Arkadelphia. Pat taught French at Little Rock Central High School, and Charles was an education professor at OBU for 38 years. They have one son, Kevin ('94).



Dr. Don Smith ('66) served with Dr. J.D. Patterson ('47) and Jordan Simmons (current student) on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic and Haiti in April. Patterson and Simmons led field dentistry, and Smith helped to establish an orphanage in Jimani. The new Christian Training and Medical Center was dedicated on April 24, which was Patterson's 81st birthday. The chapel at the hospital site is named in honor of Rev. J. Harold Smith, who was a Ouachita trustee in the 1950s.

**Sara (Brown)** and **Curtis** ('62) **Moore** retired in Waco, Texas, where he was a life insurance administrator, and she taught piano and music. They have been involved in many mission trips.

**Rev. Joel** and Joyce **Moody** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 15 with a dinner and reception.

**David B. Ray** is retiring as pastor of First Baptist Church of Kingsland after 50 years of ministry.

1963 **Gerry (Trussell) Taylor** moved to Frisco, Texas, and is active in Prestonwood Baptist Church. She retired from teaching elementary music in Plano and has 2 daughters, Joy Mason ('92) and Melody Parker, and 5 grandchildren.

1964 **Don Duren** authored *Boiling Out at the Springs*, a history of Major League Baseball's spring training in Hot Springs from 1886-1940.

1965 **Marcus Everett** retired from a career in education in both Texas and Arkansas and is now teaching math at National Park Community College in Hot Springs. He lives in Hot Springs Village.

**Ellajane (Inman)** and **Cecil** (professor emeritus of religion) **Sutley** celebrated their 65th anniversary in February with a reception at First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia.

## Deaths

**Mary Frances (Hayes) Pogue**, January 15, Heber Springs. Survived by husband James ('60), daughters Rebecca, Leah (Pogue '93) Beets, Jennifer and three granddaughters.

1966 **Ken** and **Jean Ann (Melton '68) Andrews** live in San Antonio, Texas. Ken works with the University of Texas Health Science Center. Jean Ann is retired from the local school district.

**Freddie Gay** is the pastor of Gillett First Baptist Church.

**Thelma (Hardcastle) Hopkins** retired and is traveling with husband John. She taught elementary school for the Pattonville (Mo.) School District for 30 years.

## Deaths

**Eula Mae (Thomas) Hobgood**, January 19, Arkadelphia. Survived by husband John ('63), son John M. "Mac" Hobgood, daughter Mary Willmon and two grandchildren.

1967 **Clayburn** and **Jessie (Hice f/s) Bratton** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 7, 2006.

1968 **Charles Hatch** is a substitute teacher in the Avondale School District in Arizona. He lives in Goodyear, Arizona, with wife Theresa and son Brandon.

**Alan K. Rawley** has worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Kansas City for 39 years. His wife of 42 years, Beverly, recently passed away after a long bout with cancer. He has two children Brian and Sarah and three grandchildren.

**Dwight Weaver** retired from Lockheed Martin in January and relocated from the Washington D.C. area to join wife Sharon in North Carolina.

1969 **Diane Murray Congdon** retired after 33 years as the Personnel Manager for the Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation Department and moved to Deland, Florida.

**David L.C. Lau** teaches mathematics (adjunct) at North Lake College in Irving, Texas. He is also active with his church's music missions.

# class notes

1969 **Sheri (McFall) Hardman** and husband Billy Bob retired to Hot Springs from Arkadelphia, where they lived for 35 years.

**Jay Miller** was featured in the NW Arkansas *Morning News* for winning the 2006 Master Interpretive Manager Award at the National Interpreters Workshop in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Jay serves as the chief of interpretation for the Arkansas State Department of Parks.

**Judith (Kuykendall) Stone** retired in June 2005 after 33 years in education (six in Home Economics, 27 as a Media Specialist). Most of her career was spent in the Fort Smith Public School system.

**Marilyn Turney** is teaching Family and Consumer Science (FACS) courses at Greenbriar Junior High School.

1970 **Mickey DeLemar** retired from the Mesquite Independent School District, where he rose from freshman football coach to athletics director. He is married to **Beth (Garner)**.

Correction: **Vickie (Toland) Gill** is the manager of the Arkansas Cancer Research Center Gift Shop in Little Rock. She has three sons and three granddaughters.

## Deaths

**Clyde Waldo Coleman**, December 15, 2006, Little Rock. Survived by wife Vera, son Curtis, daughter Janice Jobes, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Patsy (Hill) Dickens**, Rutherfordton, North Carolina, March 30. Survived by husband Dr. Douglas M. Dickens ('67) and daughters Kristen and Lori.

**Dr. Tom E. Ward**, April 2, Sulphur Springs, Texas. Survived by wife Lynn and son Aaron.

1971 **Lin Gamble** is a retired high school math teacher. She plays Senior Olympic basketball.

**Euodias Goza** was promoted to senior vice president and director of internal audit for Southern Bancorp in Arkadelphia. Euodias was also elected to the Board of Directors of the WP Sturgis Foundation.

**Bill Morgan** is the director of missions for the Autauga Baptist Association in Prattville, Ala. **Dianne (Heard)** retired from teaching and now keeps two of their four grandchildren and is a Discovery Toy consultant.

1972 **Dr. Lee McGlone** is the new pastor of Arkadelphia's First Baptist Church, moving from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is married to **Brenda (Vowan '73)** and has three children: Chris (f/s), Ashley and Nick (current student).

**Sandy (Hughes) Peoples** retired after 28 years of teaching. Husband **Steve** ('71) coaches track and football at Southside High School.

## Deaths

**Thomas Dundee** (f/s), October 15, 2006, Texarkana. Survived by his wife Mary Lou (Herrera '68).

1972 **Robbie Milam**, December 20, 2006, Pine Bluff.

1973 **Anthony Powell** is the design team leader at the ConocoPhillips Refinery and lives in Sugarland, Texas, with wife **Marcia (Majors '75)**.

**LTC(R) Eddy "Wormy" Watson** directed "God's Trombones: The Baghdad Cast" in November 2006. He said he had worked with "God's Trombones" several times, "But this is by far the most rewarding."

**Pam (King) Young** recently achieved National Board Certification. Pam is a teacher at G.R. Taylor Elementary School in White Hall.

## Deaths

**Davie Elaine (Coffey f/s) Allen**, March 11, Camden. She is survived by husband Charles, son William David Allen, daughter Caryn Allen Lender and one grandson.

1974 **Mac Stroud** was promoted to chief operations officer at Cranford Johnson Robinson Woods in Little Rock.

## Deaths

**Ernie Romero**, January 11, Paducah, Kentucky. Survived by wife Marianna and daughters Olivia and Karina.

1975 **Dr. Cathey (Sparkman) Powers** received the Magdalene McKinnon Ingram Professorship in Geriatric Education from UAMS. She will develop and expand curriculum for medical trainees related to the care of aging adults.

## Marriages

**Stephen Cox** (f/s) married Elaine Martin in June 2005.

## Deaths

**Wallace Austin Tarpley**, November 19, 2006, Little Rock. Survived by wife Frances (Shackelford '80), son Richard, daughter Carol Fran Rangel and five grandchildren.

1976 **Mark Baber** was promoted to agency manager for Cross County Farm Bureau. He and **Janie (Hankins)** live in Wynne.

**Doug Badertscher** and wife **Jamie** recently relocated to Sarasota, Florida, from Denver, Colorado.

**Carol (Miller) Gresham** was named vice chancellor for development at Arkansas State University at Mountain Home.

**Diana (Edmondson) Lewis** was featured in the *Arkansas Baptist News* for her work with the "Mississippi River Ministry," which encourages churches to support missions in the lower Mississippi River region.

**Debbie Montavon** is the program director for the Dalit Freedom Network and leads ministries with the "untouchable" caste in India.

1977 Deaths

**Larry Loyd Duke**, April 21, Friendship. Survived by wife Linda, son Jordan Duke and daughters Lauren Duke and Larinda Floyd.

# class notes

1978 **Lynn (Brooks) Hargis** received the Joan of Arc Medallion from the National Guard Bureau. The nomination and presentation were made by General Ronald Chastain, adjunct general of the State of Arkansas.

**Brenda (Ingram) Klockenga** accepted a position at Trinity Oaks Christian Academy in Cary, Illinois, as Technology Instructor/Curriculum Development.

**Carol (Young) Pinkston** is chair of Fine Arts at Cincinnati Christian Schools and was the 2005 Cincinnati Teacher of the Year. She has two sons, Luke and Morgan.

**Ken Sutterfield** is the chief development officer at Subiaco Abbey and Academy in Subiaco, Arkansas.

1979 **Daniel and Janet (Robertson f/s) Berry** live in Cape Girardeau, Missouri with children Daniel, David and Rachel. Dan is vice president of legal affairs at Southeast Missouri Hospital, and Janet is a special education teacher. Dan plays "all that great stuff we were blasting in Daniel South in the '70's" for his band "Midlife Crisis."



Col. Andrew Verret ('79, left), commander of the 930th Army Liaison Team, was featured in the *Florida Guardsman Online* for collecting and distributing blankets, school supplies and soccer balls to children in Kabul, Afghanistan.

**Garth Smith** is the worship and arts director of First Baptist Church in Winter Garden, Florida. He and his wife **Vickie (Garrison f/s '76)** have three sons: Garin (22), Ben (20) and Alec (13).

**David Uth**, pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando, Florida, was highlighted in a *National Geographic* spread featuring the city of Orlando.

1980 **Deborah (Runyan) Caddy**, director of Rape Crisis and Victim Services at the Women's Center of Tarrant County, won the Vivian Miles Lifetime Achievement Award by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA).

**Jill (Jones) Holland** moved to Denver, Colo., from Shawnee, Okla., where she worked for First Baptist Church for 25 years. She and husband Travis have two children, Tyler (23) and Bryce (19).

1980 **Tim Shrader** is the pastor of First Baptist Church in Litchfield, Illinois. He is married to **Debbie (Grisham '80)** and has three children: Elizabeth, Rachel and Nathaniel.

1981 **Andy Pierce** is the associate pastor of worship at Comite Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Wife **Laurie (Murfin '82)** is the national sales director for Clear Channel Communications.

**Robbie (Clifton) Pinter** received the Belmont University Presidential Faculty Achievement Award in May 2006 for her work with students outside the classroom.

**La Juana (Terrell) Warner** was named Distinguished Director of 2007 by the Northeast Arkansas Choral Directors Association. She is choral director at Annie Camp Junior High School in Jonesboro.

1982 **Deaths**  
**John Gary Brown** (f/s), January 20, Little Rock, was killed in the line of duty while serving his country in Iraq. Survived by wife Donna, step-daughters Brandy and Crystal, and grandsons Christian and Joshua Edmondson.

1983 **Lt. Col. Joey Cunningham** is the director of the Information Management Support Center in Arlington, Virginia. He was previously the director of space and networks at the Headquarters Department of the Army. Joey and his family live in Ashburn, VA.

**Maj. Doug Keeton** is the consulting practice manager for Oracle Corporation's National Security Group in Washington D.C. He and wife Pam recently celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and have two children, Chelsea and Joshua, and one granddaughter.

**Mark Stallings** co-led the writing and photography for *The Season, A Photographic Look at the Sport of Duck Hunting* with alumnus **Steve Bowman** ('86).

## Deaths

**Debra Quarles**, March 6, Camden.

1984 **Mary Ann (Wasson) Brinkman** moved from Van Buren to Springdale, where she teaches first grade at Lee Elementary School. She and husband Dave have four children. Daughter Leanne will attend Ouachita this fall.

**Alan Moore** is the worship pastor at the International Baptist Church of Singapore. He and his family left Conway on January 9, and plan to serve their new church for three years. See feature article, p. 24.

**Nathan Rose** was promoted to president at Texas Mortgage Hunter located in McKinney, Texas.

1985 **Julie (Benafield) Bowman** was elected secretary-treasurer of the southeastern zone of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. She is the insurance commissioner for the state of Arkansas.

# class notes

1985 **Denise (Leverett) Elliott** is an anesthesiologist at Parish Anesthesia in St. Francis Medical Center in Monroe, Louisiana. Denise had worked at Anesthesia Associates of Ruston since 1993 and was managing partner.

**Gerald Harkins** lives in Laurel Springs, New Jersey and is preparing to return to Senegal, West Africa under a new mission board (WorldVenture). He will help translate the Bible into the Wolof language. Gerald and wife Alice have one son, Nathan (9).

**LTC Steve Russell** was featured in *American Thinker* for his role in capturing Saddam Hussein. He commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, recognized as the operational core of the effort to capture Hussein.

## Deaths

**Deborah Elaine Lacy**, February 27, Benton.

1986 **Lance Cansdale** is the head provincial coach of Swim Nova Scotia in Canada and was formerly the head coach of the Halifax Trojan Aquatic Club. He is married to Patricia McGrath and has three daughters, Jillian (12), Lauren (9) and Grace (2).

**Keldon Henley** was appointed to the State Board of Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors. He is vice president for student services and dean of students at Ouachita.

**Philip Prime** is coordinating a ministry to bring a bookmobile from Little Rock into Mexico. He and his family are missionaries in Mexico through the Barnabas Project International.

1988 **Todd Bagwell** was featured in *Inviting Arkansas* for his leadership with Little Rock's 2007 Heart Ball. Todd owns Delaney T. Bagwell Associates, an event planning business headquartered in New York City.

**Sam Caery** joined the staff of Mount Carmel Church of Cabot as adult pastor, moving from Walnut Street Church of Jonesboro.

**Janet (Rico) Everett** is a composition and literature instructor for SAU-Tech in Camden. She has one son, Ian (3).

1989 **Andy Allison** is the Kansas State Medicaid Director and Deputy Director of the Kansas Health Policy Authority. He was recently quoted in a *New York Times* article. He and **Susan (Shell '91)** have four children, John (13), Caroline (12), Mark (8) and Michael (6).

**Dr. Joseph Cathey** is pursuing a master's degree in Library and Information Science at the University of North Texas and a Ph.D. in classical archaeology at the University of Leicester in England. He is a square supervisor at the Tel Gezer dig in Israel.

**Morris Mayers** was activated by the U.S. Army to serve in Iraq throughout 2007.

1989 **Ricardo Escobar** is president of the Escobar Company, a small general contracting firm. He is also the lay pastor for The Fellowship of Memorial in Houston, Tex. He and wife Amy have two sons, Sammy and Ricky.

**Chris Taylor** is the Teaching-Pastor of Legacy Baptist Church in Rogers, and wife **Wendy (Johnson '91)** is teaching kindergarten at Life Way Christian School in Centerton. The Taylors have three children: Caleb (12), Nathan (10) and Anna Kate (7).

1990 **Heath Mitchell** recently accepted a position as a tax accountant at Hix & Associates CPAs, P.A. in Little Rock.

## Marriages

**Karla Sue Stalnaker** (f/s) married Michael Andrew Shoemaker on June 2.

## Future Tigers

**Paul and Jennifer (Easter) Harrison**, daughter Chloe Faith, April 25, 2006. She joins sisters Kelsey Grace (11) and Ashley Hope (7).

1992 **Ashley (Ahrens) Davis** joined the Acxiom Corporation as a communications manager. She works in Little Rock's Rivermarket branch.

**Jason and Jennifer (Taylor) Petty** live in Dallas, Texas, where Jason is president of his own company. They have three sons: Luke (9), Logan (6) and Lawson (2).

**Randy Sikes** serves as the Worship/Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church in Mexico, Missouri. Randy and wife **Rachel (Bishop '90)** have three children, David, Jedidiah and Caleb.

## Marriages

**Stephanie Jeni (Freeman) Howell** married Brian Mark Kubacak on October 21, 2006. They live in Little Rock.

## Future Tigers

**Curtis** and Nancy **Arnold**, daughter Claire Patrice, January 16 in North Little Rock.

**Kelly (Upchurch) and Todd Bailey**, daughter Erin Elizabeth, September 27, 2006 in Barrington, Illinois. She joins brothers Ty and Trevor (3)

**Dennis and Jody (Roberson '93) Janz**, daughter Melody Kavelynn Janz, October 25, 2006 in Johannesburg, South Africa. She joins two brothers and one sister.

1993 **Chuck Dumas** is an Environmental Health Specialist in Garland, Texas. He recently participated in training exercises across the country and lives in Caddo Mills, Texas, with wife Michele and son Garrett (2).

**Holly (Futrell) Melton** lives in Cherry Valley with husband Mark and children Holland (7), and Carson Jo (4). She works for the Wynne School District as a 6th grade Language Arts teacher.



# class notes

1993 **Trent Ogle** (f/s) is the videographer for the the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette's* ArkansasOnline Web site. He was formerly the chief photographer for KLRT/Fox affiliate.

**Cindy (Waller) Stalnaker**, husband Dan and children Emma (7) and Evan (3) moved to Cabot after living in South Carolina for six years. Dan is director of engineering at KARK (Channel 4), and Cindy home-schools Emma.

## Future Tigers

**Larry** and **Amanda Dice**, daughter Lottie Elizabeth, June 16, 2006, in Little Rock.

## 1994 Marriages

**Tony Ranchino** married **Adiel (Looney)** on April 28 at his parents' home in Arkadelphia.

## Future Tigers

**Bryan** and **Erin (Berry f/s) Bolton**, son Keith Andrew, June 20, 2006, in Whitesburg, KY. Joins sister Kaitlyn Elizabeth (6).

**Heather (Brandon) Spruill** and husband **Kenny**, son **Jake Thomas**, April 1 in Hot Springs. Joins sister **Kenley**.

**Dwayne** and **Leslie (Tipton '96) Whitten**, son **Coby Lynn Asher**, February 15. Joins **Dacey (8)**, **Braeden (6)** and **Addison (5)**.

1995 **Joy (Mayfield) Amason** earned an M.S. in Communication Disorders from Baylor University. She works for Harmony Grove School District in Haskell and lives in Benton with husband **Andy** and daughters **Jessi (6)** and **Meg (5)**.

**Jason Cunningham** and wife, **Rebecca** live in Frankfort, Kentucky, where Jason is a social insurance specialist for the Social Security Administration. They have one daughter, **Lucy Kathleen (3)** and have a second child due this summer.

**Travis Nash** completed orthodontic training and service to the Navy and is buying a private practice in Charleston, South Carolina. He and wife **Allison (Robert '92)** have three children: **Jansen (13)**, **Jacob (9)** and **Isabelle (6)**.

**Carrie (Rinehart) Roberson** was promoted to Clark County Community Development Officer for Southern Financial Partners.

## Future Tigers

**Kris (Daniels) Martinez** and husband **Dave**, son **John Luke**, May 24, 2006. Joins sister **Halle**.

**Julie (Snider) Ramsey** and husband **Scott** adopted son **Aidan Cesar** from Guatemala, born September 11, 2005, and home June 12, 2006. They live in Fayetteville.

**Brandi (Byrd) and Richard ('97) Womack** adopted **Reid (3)** and **Ross (4)** from Medellin, Colombia. They join brothers **Richard (8)** and **Rhett (6)**. The Womacks are also foster parents to twin girls (2).

1996 **Drew Bledsoe** accepted a doctoral fellowship from Rice University in Houston and will begin this fall.

**Angela Lynn (Griffin) Gabel** moved from Texas to Colorado in 2006 and married **Mike Gabel**. They live in Grand Junction with daughter **Caitlynn McCollum (9)**.

**Matt Pryor** is pastor of First Baptist Church of Wooster, moving from South Side Baptist Church of Pine Bluff where he was associate pastor of youth and education.

## Future Tigers

**Penny (Erion) and Stuart ('97) Ray**, daughter **Allie Jane**, October 17, 2005, in Bartlett, Tenn. Joins sister **Maggie Rose (4)**.

**Angie (Bond) and Tyler Vance**, son **Nate Andrew**, January 25. Joins brothers **Jared (7)**, **Seth (5)** and **Ian (3)**. Tyler is vice president at Bank of the Ozarks in Little Rock, and the Vance family lives in Little Rock.

1997 **Elten Briggs** received a Ph.D. in marketing from the University of Oklahoma in August 2006. He was married in March 2006 to **Andrena Ferguson** and is an assistant professor at the University of Texas-Arlington.

**Dana (Campbell) and Steven ('07) Cole** have four children: **Maleah Elizabeth (2)**, **Ethan (3)**, **Sara Kate (5)** and **Weston (7)**.

**Yanci (Grady) Gibson** is the market development account manager with Boston Scientific Cardiac Rhythm management division for the Arkansas region. Husband **Brandon ('95)** is a sales representative with Takeda Pharmaceuticals. They welcomed daughter **Scarlett Conley** on November 12, 2006, and live in Conway.

**Marc** and **Charity (Feemster '99) Verlander** were appointed by the International Mission Board as Career Missionaries. They will return to Wales, where they served a three-year ISC term.

## Future Tigers

**Jamie** and **Tammy (Billings '99) Alexander**, son **Nathaniel Reid**, July 3, 2006.

**Scott** and **Meggan (Bauer '99) Bell**, son **Tyler Christopher**, April 21, 2006. Joins sister **Lauren Elizabeth (3)**.

**Kristen (Tache) Mizell** and husband **John**, son **Luke Charles**, November 12, 2006.

**Sarah (Beal) Watts** and husband **Herb**, son **Daniel Caleb**, October 29, 2006, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Joins sisters **Hannah (3)** and **Ella (2)**.

**Richard "Rix"** and **Susan (Jordan f/s '01) White**, son **Simon Jordan**, February 26, 2006, in Manhattan, New York. After five years in New York, they moved to Fayetteville, where Rix works in database development and is pursuing a career as a high school teacher.

# class notes

1997 **Jeff Williams** and wife Kim, daughter Allison Paige, January 3 in Indianapolis, IN. Joins sister Lizzie (2).

1998 **Robert Bader** was promoted to senior vice president for Morgan Stanley's Global Wealth Management Group.

**Liz (Smith) Evan** and husband Tim are stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama, while Tim is in flight school. Liz is a stay-at-home mom to Nathaniel (infant).

**Sarah (Stanley) Henry** is the director of Children's and Art Ministries for Mission First in Jackson, Mississippi. She teaches Pilates and helps husband Patrick lead worship at First Baptist Church. Their son, Max, is 2.

**Layne Johnston** joined Lockheed Martin Simulation Training and Support on the Little Rock Air Force Base as a CBT Specialist. Layne will design computer-based training modules for C130J pilots, including animation and visuals for C130J flight simulators.

**Kerri (Newborn) Jones** finished course work in Educational Administration at Texas A&M Commerce. She passed the Principal Certification TEXES Exam and is a middle school Assistant Principal in the Richardson Independent School District.

## Marriages

**Jeremy Wyllia** (f/s) married Elizabeth McInturf on May 12.

## Future Tigers

**Tracey (Lewis) Hughes** and husband Kyle, son Logan Henry, August 23, 2006. Joins big sister Meghan (4).

**John Kirtley** and wife Melanie, son Jack Henderson, January 11 in Little Rock.

**Sandra (Scucchi) Kleinert** and husband Shorel, son Schafer Ewald, December 30, 2006, in Hong Kong.

1999 **Jay Baker** joined FBC Ponchatoula, Louisiana, as Minister of Students. **Michelle (Vaughn '00)** stays at home with Samuel (2) and Abigail Grace (1).

**Chie Konishi** is a cost accounting manager for Tyson Foods in Council Bluffs.

**Jeff Williams** and wife Amy were appointed as Apprentice missionaries by the International Mission Board.

## Marriages

**Sarah (Clements)** married Brian Smith on March 24 at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church. They live in Sherwood.

## Future Tigers

**Rebekah (Spencer)** and **Doug** (current student) **Bryant**, daughter Elisabeth Grace, July 16, 2006, in Little Rock.

**Laura (Crow) Copeland** and husband Chad, daughter Abigail Leslie, August 5, 2005, in Little Rock.

1999 **Jamie (Hopper) Garner** and husband Lane, daughter Alexandra Reese (Alexee), February 2. Joins brother Rhett (3).

**Drs. Tad and Monica (Leagans '98) Hardin**, son Isaac Alexander, December 7, 2006. Joins brother Zachary.

**Jenny (McKissack)** and **Jed ('01) McGuirk**, twins Malcolm Douglas and Naomi Diane, October 25, 2006, in Birmingham, Ala.

**Stephanie (Risker)** and **Brad ('99) Purtle**, son Simon Joseph, December 1, 2006, in Dallas, Texas. Joins brother Jackson (2).

**Alicia (Gee)** and **Derek Spicer**, daughter Chloe Grace, October 30, 2006 in Little Rock. Joins sister Paige (2).



Misty (Nichols) Fox ('99) and husband Curtis of Gillett welcomed triplets on March 19: Bentley Isabella, Brick Willington and Berkeley Madeline.

2000 **Jay and Molly (Higginbottom '01) Davis** relocated to Rogers, where Jay is teaching elementary ESL. Molly is an assistant principal at Kirksey Middle School. They recently purchased their first home.

**Lora (Brown f/s)** and **Jon Mark (f/s '99) Parker** live in Bryant with sons JT (4) and Michael (1). Lora is a registered nurse and unit instructor for the 3-Gold cancer unit at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Jon is an insurance salesman and musician at First Southern Baptist Church.

**Signe Vang** is the assistant director at Fuller Theological Seminary Southwest in Phoenix, Ariz. She received a M.S. in Human Resource Management from the Texas A&M Mays School of Business on December 16.

## Marriages

**Ashley (Medlin f/s)** married Shay Robbins on December 9 at Kanakuk Kamps in Branson, Mo. They live in Branson.

# class notes

2000 **Katherine (Hinkle f/s)** married Shane Henry, December 30, 2006, in Fayetteville. They live in Fort Smith.

## Future Tigers

**Sarah (Thompson)** and **Ryan (f/s) Alexander**, daughter Holly Grace, November 28, 2006, in Lawrence, Kansas. Joins brothers Zach (4) and Payton (2).

**Beth (Stubblefield)** and Jason **Davis**, son Sawyer Aaron, May 5, 2006, in North Africa. Joins big sister Lee Anna (2).

**Corey** and Somer **Gilbert**, son Gray Command, January 8.

**Gina (Carroll) Golden** and husband Grant, daughter Addison, July 13, 2006.

**Karlynn (Hughes)** and **Ryan ('99) Hillman**, son Sawyer Joseph, January 11. Ryan works on his family's farm in Almyra and operates a farming business with brother **Jonathan ('98)**. Karlynn stays home with Sawyer and is an independent consultant with BeautiControl.

**Rachel (Winston)** and **Jonathan ('98) Hillman** adopted daughter Jada Kathryn from Lebanon, January 2007. They are expecting a son in July.

**Kay (Denny)** and Casey **Holland**, son Wyatt Andrew, November 21 in Rowlett, Texas. Joins brother Walker.

**Kathy (Stawitz)** and **Robert ('99) Sproles**, son Jackson Samuel, January 15 in Little Rock.

2001 **Peggy Itschner** is an academic advisor at the University of North Texas. She is moving to Seattle in September to pursue doctoral study at the University of Washington.

**Jon** and **Cristen (Curtis) McClure** live in Dallas. Jon is in dental school at Baylor College of Dentistry. Cristen graduated from Baylor with her master's degree in community counseling in 2005 and works as a Certification Advisor at a university in Dallas.

**Sean Michel** advanced to Hollywood and passed the first three rounds of *American Idol* during the 2007 season.

**Krista Smith** joined Baptist Health Medical Center in North Little Rock as a Pharmacy Tech.

**Emily (Harness) Young** was featured in the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* for her starring role in "Smokey Joe's Café" at Murry's Dinner Playhouse.

## Marriages

**Molly (Darden)** and **John Telford ('04)** were married on April 28 in Little Rock.

## Future Tigers

**Tracy (Krueger)** and Jake **Allred**, son Declan Jace, April 5.

**Justin** and **Ashley (Fincher '03) Franz**, son Bradley Clark, May 25, 2006.

2001 **Ashley (Carroll)** and **John ('01) Beller** adopted daughter Emelia Louise from Guatemala in May. Joins Esther (1).

**Johan** and **Candace (Crouse '01) Eriksson**, son Elias Andrew, November 19 in Johnson. Joins Emelia (2).

**Kris Jayroe** and wife Zan Allison, daughter Belle Kristine, February 4 in Carrollton, Texas.

**Chad** and Amy **Melton**, son Caleb Michael, January 6, 2005, in Durant, Okla.

**Kelly (Krueger)** and **Ray ('01) Miller**, son Brayden James, March 8. Joins sister Kaelynn (2). They live in Texarkana.

**Danielle (Patricio)** and Dennis **Waterman**, daughter Natalie, January 27.

**Mitch (f/s)** and **Lindsey (McKenzie, current student) Plyler**, son Noah James, February 28.

2002 **Sean Culpepper** is the area director for ABCHome in Little Rock. Sean was a chaplain for the USMD Hospital in Arlington, Tex. and a NAMB missionary in Cleburne, Tex.

**Mark Vaughn** works for Sentry Insurance as a commercial representative. Wife **Erin (Pittman '02)** is in her third year of medical school at UAMS in Little Rock.

## Marriages

**Lauren (Adams)** married Luis Arguelles on December 30, 2006, at St. James Church in Orlando, Fla. They live in New Britain, Conn.

**Kara (Dexter)** married Todd Bradford on July 1, 2006, in Allen, Texas. They live in Allen.

**Jennifer (Karber f/s)** married William Sifford on February 3 at First Baptist Church, Batesville. They live in Batesville.

**Sabra (Walker)** married Garrett Hensley on January 6 at First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock. They live in Little Rock.

## Future Tigers

**Richard** and **Chrystal (Edwards '03) Ball**, son Ethan Michael, October 26, 2006, in Little Rock.

**Kimberly (Musgrove)** and Jason **Bates**, son Alex Steven, March 15. Joins sister Natalie Jane (2 ½).

**Melanie (Ross)** and Jason **Carlton**, daughter Riley Catherine ("Riley Cate"), October 5, 2006, in Searcy.

**Chris** and Brandlyn **Frensley**, daughter Aspen Brooke, November 19, 2006.

**Lindsey (Lefler)** and **Josh Pounders**, daughter Jordyn Riley, October 31, 2006, in Tacoma, Washington. Joins sister Lily Carolyn (2).

**Heidi (Klarhorst)** and Wilfried **Rolfsmeyer**, son Florian-Heinrich, October 17, 2006. Joins sister Eva-Maria.

# class notes

2002 **Jenny (Chung) Tsai** and husband Jason, son Tyler Caleb, August 2, 2006. They live in Allen, Texas.

2003 **Ryan and Amanda (Aldridge '04) Bush** are houseparents for Promise House in Little Rock, where Ryan is taking seminary classes. They recently served as missionaries to Lima, Peru, as part of the IMB's Service Corp program and have one daughter, Sophia (infant).

**Michael and Terese (Purkiple) Cox** are pursuing master's degrees in Biblical exegesis from Wheaton College. Michael is a G.A. for residence life at Wheaton.

**Josh Floyd**, athletic director and head football coach at Shiloh Christian School in Springdale, received two statewide "Coach of the Year" awards. His team won the state football championship.

**Robert Ramsey** is worship pastor at Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Cabot.

**Hall and Natalie Reynolds** live in Little Rock, where Hall is an advertising account executive for Dillard's corporate office. He recently received his MBA from UALR.

**Matt Turner** is the nightly news anchor at KNWA (NBC) in Northwest Arkansas. He was featured in *Celebrate Arkansas*. Wife **Julee (Bell '05)** works at Metropolis Hair Salon in Fayetteville. Matt and Julie married on January 13 in Arkadelphia.

**Holly (Willett) Walker** works for Smackover State Bank in El Dorado. She is also the bookkeeper for her family's oil company.

**Jennifer Waters** was featured in the *Dallas Morning News* for her work in Dallas-area schools through the 180 Degrees program, an abstinence education program.

**Stacie Winkler** received a MM from Texas State University in December 2006. She is teaching music at Miller Heights Elementary School in Belton, Texas.

## Marriages

**Abby (Harrell)** married Kurt Hulst on March 10. They live in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Elizabeth (Jett)** married Brent Lusk on April 28 in Texarkana, Texas.

2004 **Justin and Barri (Cosh) Bridges** moved back to Little Rock after living in Dallas. Justin is a buyer specialist with Truman Ball & Associates REALTORS.

**Billy Francis** was selected by the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* as one of the "Twenty to Watch in 2007." Billy is the Career Pathways administrator at Ouachita Technical College in Malvern. He is married to **Martina (f/s)** and has three children.

2004 **Erin (Turner) Hogue** joined the University of Arkansas's College of Education and Health Professions as assistant director of development. She received her master of arts in legislative affairs from George Washington University.

**Matt Morgan** is children's pastor at Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Cabot, moving from Heber Springs.

**Nathan Smith** represented the University of Arkansas Law School in "Moot Court Trials." The team won the New York Region for the first time in school history and competed in the National Finals in Chicago in March.

## Marriages

**Jean-Michel Hatton** and **Hannah (Brown '07)** were married on July 29, 2006, near Tyler, Texas.

**April (Reeder)** married Richard Smith on July 29, 2006, in Geyer Springs FBC. They live in Rogers.

**Rebekah Britt (Willis)** married **Michael Wallace ('05)** on November 4 in Parkway Place Baptist Church. They live in Little Rock.

## Future Tigers

**Laura (Bryant)** and **Gary ('03) Keene**, daughter Jamie Camille, November 17, 2006, in Hot Springs.

**Jennifer (Perkins)** and Steven **Adkins**, daughter Anna Elisabeth, February 1 in Richmond, Ky. Joins brother Simon McKenzie (3).

2005 **Wes Benjamin** is a district executive for the Boy Scouts and wife **Melanie (Jones '06)** is searching for a speech pathology assistant position.

**Sheila (Samantha) Hadikoesoemo** received an M.S. in communication sciences and disorders from Baylor on December 16. She recently worked as a speech language pathologist at Blessed Changes, Inc., in Little Rock.

**Ashlee Hill** lives in El Dorado, where she works with Families and Children Together (F.A.C.T.) Inc. as a family service advocate for preschool children.

**Jennifer Jerles** passed the exam to become a registered dietician and is a clinical dietician at LeBonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

**Kristen Johnson** joined Grant Thornton in Dallas, Texas, as assurance associate, moving from the Shreveport Convention Center, where she was a staff accountant.

**Kayla (Sandifer) Lance** is pursuing a graduate degree as a licensed professional counselor at Texas A&M-Texarkana.

**David Nelson** accepted a position as a programmer at Carlson Capital in Dallas.

**Jennifer Patton** is a creative artist at Onyx Laboratories in North Little Rock.

# class notes

2005 **Mandy Pierce** lives in Fayetteville and works for J.B. Hunt Transport as a pricing administrator in the finance department. She served as executive director of the 2007 Miss OBU Pageant.

**Scott Sanders** is an assistant store manager for Walgreens in Longview, Tex.

**Shannon Stewart** works for the Chickasaw Nation's video department. She lives in Ada, Okla., and recently bought her first home.

**Sean Townsend** works in Houston, Texas as a biology teacher/soccer coach at Cypress Ridge High School.

## Marriages

**Amanda Suzanne (Millender)** married Justin Robert Dreyer on October 28, 2006, in the Church at Rock Creek. They live in DeValls Bluff.

**Melissa (Miller)** married **James Spurlin** ('04) in June 2005. They live in Benton and work in Little Rock.

**Sheila (Samantha)** married Willy Hadikoesoemo on August 12, 2006, in Eureka Springs. They live in Little Rock.

2006 **Rebecca Akin** received the "Thunderous Applause" award for customer service during her internship at Disney World. She is head of marketing at Akin Industries in Monticello.

**Mary Lynn Burns** accepted a position as a Ouachita admissions counselor in January.

**Meredith "Murph" Holder** is pursuing a career in musical theatre, performing locally while she saves money to move to New York City in August.

**Princella Smith** is a consultant for a lobbying firm and is working on an education initiative funded by Bill and Melinda Gates. She is a visiting fellow for the Independent Women's Forum, where she writes articles and makes speeches and media appearances.

## Marriages

**Laura (Gathright)** married **Luke Woodard** on August 5, 2006, in Conway. Luke is the assistant manager at Whitley's Floor Coverings in Benton and coaches a Future Panthers football team. Laura is a graphic designer for Dillard's Corporate Headquarters.

**Gary Ross Grant** married **Julie Katherine (Jenkins)** on January 13 in Park Hill Baptist Church in North Little Rock. They live in North Little Rock.

**Melanie (Jones)** married **Wesley Benjamin** ('05) on June 17, 2006, in Berry Chapel. They live in Texarkana.

**Sarah (Lowrie)** married **B.J. Brooks** on September 9, 2006, in Fort Worth, Texas. They live in Whiteface, Texas, where B.J. is pastor of First Baptist Church.

2006 **Brandon Millar** married **Amy (Corley)** on February 3 in Lamar Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas. They live in Euless, Texas.

**Jennifer (Walla)** married Robert Furrey on December 30, 2006, in Cedar Heights Baptist Church in North Little Rock. They live in North Little Rock.

## Faculty, Staff and Friends

**Dr. Paul** and **Mary Root** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 7 in Arkadelphia. Paul is professor emeritus of education and Mary worked in the education department as a certification officer.

## Deaths

**William "Bill" Clark**, May 15, Little Rock. Survived by wife Margaret and children William Clark and Mary Catherine Conner and five grandchildren. Bill was a Ouachita trustee.

**Rev. William Lloyd Cloud, Sr.**, February 7, Arkadelphia. Survived by children Bill, John David Cloud ('70), Mary Ellen Jackson ('66), and James Andrew Cloud ('78), 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Lloyd was a Ouachita trustee and development officer.

**George H. Dunklin**, May 5, Pine Bluff. Wife Mary Elizabeth died May 15. Survived by two children, George H. Dunklin, Jr. and Deborah Dunklin Tipton. He was a Ouachita trustee.

**Dr. James G. Haggard**, April 29, Conway. Survived by wife Sarah (Cerauolu '69), son James Haggard, Jr. and daughters Jinny Lind Allen, Nan Keathley and Cynthia Haggard, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was dean of students (1968-70).

**Juanita "Manook" Williams**, February 2007, Arkadelphia. Survived by son William Owens, daughter Charlotte Neal and 11 grandchildren. "Mom" Williams was a dorm parent.

## Faculty/Staff Notes

**Dr. Hal Bass**, dean of the school of social sciences and professor of political science, was elected president of the Southwestern Social Science Association for 2007-08.

**Dr. Trey Berry**, professor of history and director of the Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies, received the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) History Award Medal at the Arkansas Division DAR Convention for his impact on the public understanding of regional history.

**Dr. Wayne H. Bowen**, associate professor of history, wrote a book titled *Undoing Saddam: from Occupation to Sovereignty in Northern Iraq*, published in January by Potomac Books, Inc.

**Dr. Stephen Garner**, assistant professor of music, delivered a lecture titled "The Life and Legacy of Clarence Dickinson" at William Carey University (WCU) in March.

# faculty/staff notes

**Dr. Craig Hamilton**, the Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music and director of bands, received a surprise presentation during the Ouachita Wind Ensemble concert in March, when the charter members of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma gave him a commissioned composition by Dr. David Gillingham of Central Michigan University. The band members kept the commissioning a secret from Hamilton for four years. Robert Hesse, instructor of music and director of athletic bands, led practices for the Wind Ensemble during odd hours, sometimes off-campus, so that Hamilton would not discover their secret. The composition read, "Commissioned by the Lambda Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Theta Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma in recognition of Dr. Craig V. Hamilton and his years of dedication and service to Ouachita Baptist University and the Ouachita band." The band played the composition, *Mansions of Glory*, which is based on the hymn *My Jesus I Love Thee*, under the direction of Gillingham, the composer, as the closing number for the Wind Ensemble concert. Several alumni members of the Wind Ensemble returned to perform the new composition.

**Dr. J. Daniel Hays**, the Elma Cobb Professor of Biblical Studies, spoke at *Interact 2007: a Conference on Racial Harmony*. He also presented a paper titled, "The Role of Cush in Isaiah" to the Southwest region meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. He will begin serving as dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies this summer.

**Dr. Ouida Keck**, professor of music, and **Dr. Lei Cai**, assistant professor of music, performed in a duo piano recital in March. The recital, titled "East Meets West," featured American, American style and Chinese music. **Dr. George Keck**, the Addie Mae Maddox Professor of Music, presented the program commentary. An exhibit titled, "Just Moments: Images and Words from China," featuring photography by **Larry Thompson**, associate professor of visual arts, and poetry by **Dr. Johnny Wink**, the Betty Burton Peck Professor of English, was featured in conjunction with the East Meets West recital. The recital and the exhibit were dedicated to the memory of **Dr. Tom Greer**, the Clarence and Bennie Sue Anthony Professor of Bible and the Humanities and the chair of the department of English, who passed away in November 2006. Greer promoted study and travel to China among students, faculty and staff, and established a relationship between Ouachita and Beijing University.

**Dr. Mary Beth Long**, assistant professor of English, was accepted to the Cathedral and Culture: Medieval York National Endowment for the Humanities Institute, held June 18-July 13 at the University of York and York Minster, England.

**Dr. David Ozmun**, professor of mass communications, received an Award of Distinction at the 13th annual Communicator Awards. His video, "Visit Historic Arkadelphia," was commissioned by the Clark County Historical Society.

**Dr. Mike Reynolds**, associate professor of kinesiology and leisure studies, made two presentations at the National Association of Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education (NAKPEHE) 2007 National Conference in January.

**Dr. Jeff Root**, dean of the school of humanities and professor of mass communications, was recently elected chairman of the Arkansas Humanities Council. Root is in his fourth year of service on the council.

**Dr. Amy Sonheim**, associate professor of English, presented a paper at the Nineteenth Century Studies Association annual conference at Susquehanna University in March. The conference was titled, "A Forum on Race and Ethnicity in the Nineteenth Century."

Three faculty members were granted tenure by the Board of Trustees in March: **Dr. Lei Cai**, assistant professor of music; **Dr. Tim Hayes**, assistant professor of chemistry; and **Margaret Reed**, assistant professor and director of instructional media services.

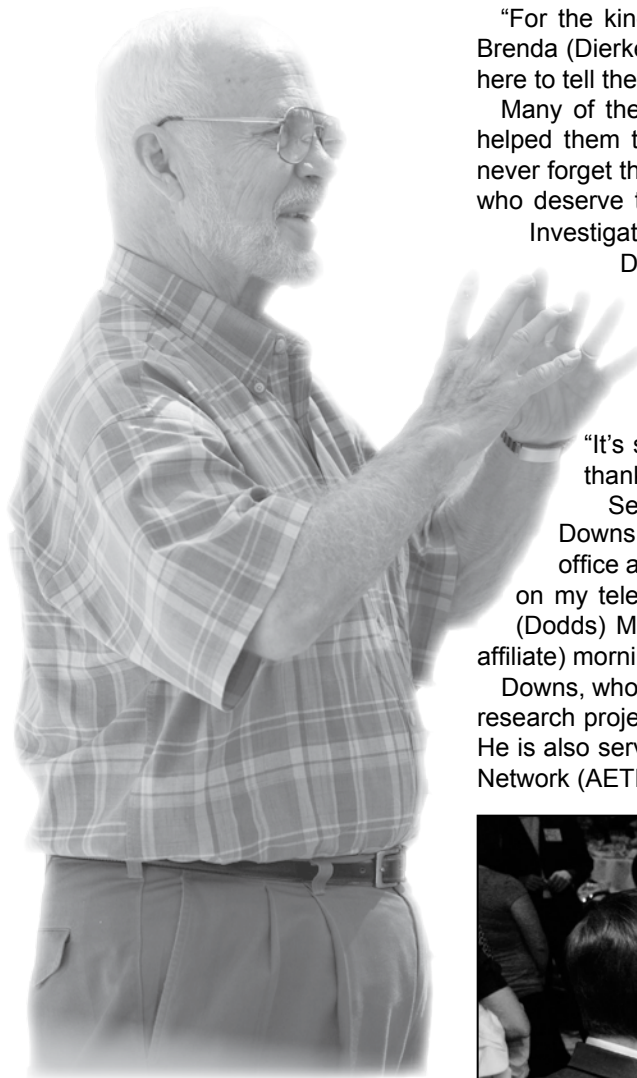
Eight faculty members were granted promotions by the Board of Trustees in March: **Misti Clark** (from instructor to assistant professor of mathematics and computer science), **Dr. Tim Hayes** (from assistant professor to associate professor of chemistry), **Bryan McKinney** (from assistant professor to associate professor of business law), **Dr. Barbara Pemberton** (from assistant professor to associate professor of Christian ministries), **Eric Phillips** (from associate professor to professor of theatre arts), **Dr. Jeff Root** (from associate professor to professor of mass communications), **Dr. Margo Turner** (from assistant professor to associate professor of education) and **Tona Wright** (from associate professor to professor of kinesiology and leisure studies).



Ouachita hosted a retirement reception for eight faculty and staff members in May. **Anne Selph**, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, and staff member **Larry Sparks** were unable to attend. The other retirees are pictured with Dr. Rex Horne, president of Ouachita (left to right): **Paul Bass**, **Dr. Bill Downs**, **Judy Green**, **Mike Kolb**, **Joe Franz**, and **Ronnie McMillan**.  
*photo by Lannie Byrd*

# Lasting Impressions

Dr. Bill Downs makes an impression on journalism students for more than four decades



Mass communications and journalism alumni hosted a retirement dinner for Dr. Bill Downs on May 5. Over 100 alumni representing each decade that Downs has been at Ouachita attended the dinner, traveling from New York, Tennessee, Missouri and Little Rock to pay tribute to Downs. (Right) Downs visits with members of his original 1998 "Around the World" trip: Aaron Black ('98), Kelly Tonti ('99) and Chris Babb ('99). photo by Lannie Byrd

One of Ouachita's longest-tenured faculty members, Dr. William D. Downs Jr., chair of the department of mass communications, retired this year after 41 years of teaching.

On May 5, over 100 of Downs' former students returned to Ouachita to honor him with a dinner in the Walker Conference Center.

In the weeks leading up to his retirement, alumni and former students sent samples of their work to be displayed during the dinner. They also sent tribute letters, thanking Downs for things that he taught them while they were journalism students at Ouachita.

"For the kind words I've received about my photos, I give you the praise," said Brenda (Dierker) Walker ('73), who works for Maritz Learning in Fenton, Mo. "We're here to tell the story, you would say to us. Tell it with words, tell it with pictures."

Many of the alumni pointed out that Downs had taught them key concepts that helped them to succeed as journalists. "You have taught countless journalists to never forget that our subjects and audiences are, in the final analysis, human beings who deserve to be treated as such," said Jeff Porter ('80), data library director of Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc. in Columbia, Mo.

Downs said that one of the most memorable things he was able to do as a professor was to take two groups of students on trips around the world, through the help of a grant from Dr. J.D. Patterson ('47), a Ouachita trustee and dentist from Searcy. Kelly Tonti ('99) was a member of Downs' 1998 travel group. "I was chosen to visit *Time* magazine news bureau offices in 13 different countries around the world," said Tonti. "It's something I will never forget and never lose, and I have Dr. Downs to thank for that."

Several alumni mentioned that they had opportunities to interact with Downs after leaving Ouachita. "Nearly 20 years after leaving the Flenniken office and OBU came a great opportunity—the chance to interview my mentor on my television show about his new book, *The Fighting Tigers*," said Melinda (Dodds) Mayo (f/s '86), who interviewed Downs on her KATV (Little Rock ABC affiliate) morning program *Daybreak* to promote the release of his book in 2004.

Downs, who was 75 in January, said that after retirement, he plans to pursue a new research project for a book about farmers in Arkansas during the Great Depression. He is also serving his third term as chairman of the Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) Commission. His term expires in 2014. • by Jennifer Byrd



# Online Community

Log on to [www.obualumni.org](http://www.obualumni.org) to see all the features for alumni's new online community. ▶

The alumni office launched a new online community, [www.obualumni.org](http://www.obualumni.org) in May.

The online community is powered by Blackbaud, which supports Ouachita's current database system, Raiser's Edge. "Whatever is updated in our alumni community is automatically updated in the alumni profile in our database," said David Goodman, director of special events and alumni. "Alumni can update their contact information, and they can also decide to make any of that information public or private so that other alumni can contact them more easily."

Goodman added, "Alumni can easily search for friends and classmates on the enhanced alumni directory. Not only can they search by name and class year, they can also search by city, academic major, social club, sports team and more."

The alumni staff, along with members of the Former Students Association (FSA) board, decided to pursue other

options for the online community when their contract ended in February. "Our former system was basically just a directory of names," said Goodman. "We wanted to pursue other options."

The new options for the online community will include personal Web pages (with photos, a blog and a news feed), enhanced online class notes, an event calendar and email for life. Other options coming soon will include online event registration, discussion groups, career networking and alumni chapter pages.

"We worked with a team of alumni for testing and feedback," said Lauren Land, associate director of alumni and special events. "We did an online survey in the fall and based a lot of our decisions on the features that they wanted to see. We also had a test group that used the community features before we rolled it out widely."

Goodman said that they explored options from 6-8 compa-



nies across the country before choosing Blackbaud. "The FSA board directed us to move forward with a more interactive community, and they tested it before we showed it to the test group," he said.

Beginning in July, the event registration will be "paperless" for alumni, thanks to another new feature from the online community. Rather than using paper forms that must be mailed

to alumni, completed and returned, the alumni office will have online registration forms for each of their Homecoming events. "We wanted to make event registration easier, instantaneous and something alumni can do on their own time," said Land. She added that alumni would also have the option to call the alumni office to make reservations or to request more information. • *by Jennifer Byrd*

## new features

an enhanced alumni directory

personal Web pages and email for life

online class notes

online event calendar

## coming soon

online event registration (July 1)

discussion groups (Fall 2007)

career networking (alumni to alumni)

alumni chapter pages

[www.obualumni.org](http://www.obualumni.org)

## Talk to Us!

The Ouachita Online Community is built for alumni, by alumni. The more detailed the information posted within the site, the stronger the site will be for everyone.

Please take a few moments to register. Be sure to regularly update your current contact information in the "Alumni Profile" section so both Ouachita and fellow alumni can maintain communication with you.



from the  
former students  
association

by Doug West ('73), FSA President

When you think of Ouachita, what comes to mind? Is it classes, professors and social activities? Is it games, concerts and intramural sports? Is it making new friends or even meeting a spouse?

When I think of Ouachita I remember all these things, but most of all I think of friends and what Ouachita gave to me. In addition to an outstanding education presented in a Christian atmosphere, Ouachita gave me a strong sense of commitment. So now, my thoughts have shifted to "What can I do for Ouachita?"

First and foremost, pray for our university. Pray that God will protect, nurture and guide students. Pray for the faculty and staff, the administration and the Board of Trustees. Pray that God will grant the university the wisdom to lead under His direction. Pray that lives will be changed. Pray.

Second, become involved in the life of Ouachita. Go online to [www.obu.edu](http://www.obu.edu) and cruise around. Attend Homecoming, Tiger Traks or an athletic event. Bring a prospective student to campus.

Finally, give back to Ouachita, both financially and in other ways. Form an alumni chapter in your area. Ask your church to periodically sponsor a "Ouachita Day." Take up a designated offering.

Reflect upon your time at Ouachita—it might have been one of the best times in your life! Pray that God will direct every facet of the university. Become involved and get reacquainted with Ouachita.

My prayer is that God will be with each and every one of you, and with Ouachita.

# Gold Tigers

Class of '57 celebrates their 50-year class reunion



Members of the class of 1957 were inducted as Gold Tigers during a luncheon in April. Pictured above are (row 1, left to right): Shirley (Tipton) Petty, Mary Jane (Coleman) Berthelot, Jessie (Neel) Williams, Janis (Crowley) Smith, Nancy (Lenderman) McKinney, Peggy (Caldwell) Robbins, Mary Beth (Routon) Brewer, Thelma (Conant) Trout and Bill Goff. (row 2): Doyle Echols, Beth (McClung) Williams, Jeff Campbell, Walter Brake, Donald Spradling, Max McElmurry, Ken Brewer, George Robinson and Ollie Trout. (row 3): John Johnson, Freddie Mills, Darrell Gray, Barbara Holt, Phelan Bone, Bill Bullington and Dennis Dodson. (row 4): Jerry Schleiff, Charles Ragland, Jo (Pendergrast) Dixon, Ina Sue (Jones) Hill, Lyla (Dunavant) Burton, Pat (Harkreader) Coston and Mary Louise (Hefley) Stewart. (row 5): Wayne Williams, Ben Hipp, Gayle Bone, Edward Elrod, Curtis Merrill, Mary Jo (Cross) McWhorter and Warren Haley. photo by Danny Brown.

# New Leadership

Former Students Association elects new board members

The Former Students Association (FSA) recently elected new officers for 2007.

The current FSA Advisory Board nominated alumni for a ballot that was sent via email to Ouachita alumni and former students. The FSA members voted for a first vice president, to replace Doug West ('73) of Sheridan, who recently became president of FSA. The members also voted to fill the second vice president position and five advisor positions.

"We have a fantastic group of alumni serving on the FSA Advisory Board," said David Goodman, director of alumni relations and special events. "Over the next year, we will work toward a number of goals and programs that will allow us to serve the

Ouachita alumni network in exciting new ways."

Tiffeny Thompson Crow ('95) of Conway was elected first vice president. Jeff Teague ('78) of El Dorado was elected second vice president. Crow and Teague will each serve a two-year term.

Sheri McMullan Swindler ('78) of Little Rock, Sharon Francis Plyer ('93) of Royal and Rebecca Meggs Harris ('84) of Little Rock were each chosen to serve a three-year term as Arkansas advisors for the FSA Advisory Board.

Rick Briscoe ('83) of Allen, Tex., and Christine Roberson Street ('85) of Duncan, Okla., were each chosen to serve a three-year term as out-of-state advisors.



Following the Gold Tigers luncheon, Athletic Director David Sharp presented Billy Dunn ('52), above center, with a letterman jacket for basketball. Dunn said that after he played for two years (1948-50), all of the basketball scholarships were discontinued due to campus-wide budget cuts. Pictured with Dunn are Chris Babb ('99), athletic development officer, and Rex Nelson ('82).

# Remembering Flight 1420

## Campus honors Rachel Fuller, James Harrison and the Ouachita Singers

Ouachita dedicated the Rachel Fuller and Ouachita Singers Memorial Amphitheatre on Tuesday, April 10. The service was held in the outdoor amphitheatre, despite a light rain that fell all morning.

The amphitheatre is located in front of McClellan Hall and serves as a permanent tribute to the 25 students, faculty and family members who were involved in the 1999 crash of American Airlines Flight 1420.

The members of the Ouachita Singers were on the final leg of a return trip from Europe where they had presented concerts in churches, schools and concert halls in Germany and Austria. Their flight crashed in Little Rock on June 1, 1999. Two members of the Ouachita group, James Harrison and Rachel Fuller, were fatally injured in the crash. Harrison was a senior church music major, and Fuller was the 14-year-old daughter of the Singers' director, Dr. Charles Fuller, and his wife Cindy, who served as the accompanist for the group.

During the dedication service, the current group of Ouachita Singers performed a piece that was written in memory of Rachel and James. The music for the piece was written by Craig Courtney, with lyrics by J. Paul Williams.

Speakers for the dedication service included Dr. Rex M. Horne Jr., president; Misha Perkins Parker, a 2001 graduate who was a member of the 1999 group of Ouachita Singers; Dr. David Ozmun, professor of mass communications who also accompanied the 1999 Singers tour; William H. "Buddy" Sutton, former trustee and lead patron for the building project; and Fuller, dean of the school of fine arts.

Earlier in the semester, Fuller announced that he would step down as dean in June. He plans to pursue a master's degree in theology from Truett Seminary and eventually become a chaplain or crisis counselor.

Fuller's wife Cindy said that she believes that God is using the loss of their daughter Rachel to prompt Fuller's decision.

"This decision has been a long time coming," she said. "We've both prayed for God to use our lives, our struggles, our pain and loss for His good."

Mrs. Fuller said that she believes that God is at work in this career decision even though it has been a "difficult decision" because of Fuller's "love for Ouachita." Fuller has served at Ouachita for 14 years—three years as dean and 11 as choral director.

"I think my experience as dean and choral director, and my earlier experience working



photo by Stephen Carter



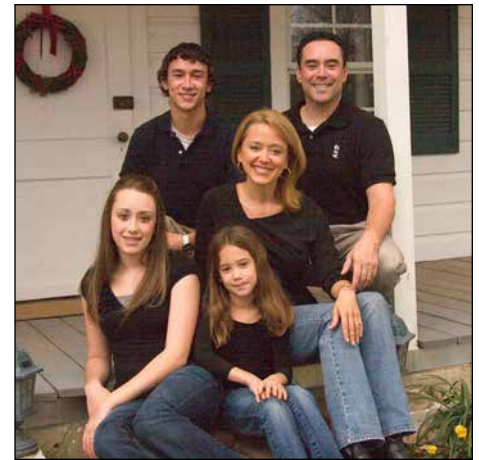
Alumni who returned to campus for the dedication of the Rachel Fuller and Ouachita Singers Memorial Amphitheatre include (front row, left to right): Barrett Baber ('02), Anna Lloyd ('01), Bonnie Montgomery ('02) and Dustin Taylor ('99); (back row): Jim Simmons ('01) and Jon Merryman ('00). photo by Misti Clark

in public schools and churches have given me a wealth of experience in dealing with lots of different kinds of people," he said.

"I will no longer be at Ouachita, although Mrs. Fuller will continue," Fuller said. "I'll be traveling to Waco and staying there only during the week. We would love to stay

in Arkadelphia after my school work, but we won't know about that until that time comes."

His wife said that she was excited about Fuller's new ministry. "I hope to be a part of this ministry as well," she said. • by Jennifer Byrd and Holland Powell



# Global Impact

Three alumni minister to a myriad of cultures in Singapore

Alumni often comment about how they find other Ouachita friends wherever they go. Three alumni serving in Singapore discovered Ouachita's influence reaches to the other side of the world.

Hua Kee "Matthew" Lim ('82), Alan Moore ('84) and Mark McGowan ('00) serve together at International Baptist Church in Singapore.

"I told God I would go wherever he would send me," said McGowan, who has served as pastor to youth and young adults at IBC for five years. "I was not thinking that it would mean going half-way around the world."

McGowan met his Canadian wife MySan in Singapore in 2004. He was able to help Moore's family adjust to their move in January by serving as youth minister to Moore's oldest children, Austin (17) and Emily (15). "I was able to explain some of the differences and similarities of life in Singapore and Arkansas," said McGowan.

Moore served as a minister of music in Conway before coming to IBC as worship pastor. He said that his wife Lynda had been an encouragement. "If it wasn't for her willingness to follow God's leading, we wouldn't be here," he said. He added that his youngest child Hannah (7) had made the easiest adjustment. "With all things considered, I think we are settling quite well," said Moore. "Our new church has been very gracious in making us feel welcome here."

Having a few familiar faces also helped. Lim, who joined the staff of IBC in 1996 and now serves as pastor for members' care, sang with Moore in the university choir at Ouachita. The accompanist for the sanctuary choir was another music major at Ouachita, Hwai-Khee Seow ('75).

"Most expat [expatriate] staff adjust well to Singapore," said Lim. "It is the

(Clockwise, from left): Mark McGowan with his youth group, Matthew Lim and family and Alan Moore and family.

easiest place to settle in Asia. There are many international schools and fast-food places, like Burger King and McDonalds."

More than 40 nationalities are represented at IBC. "In Singapore, you cannot go anywhere without seeing many different cultures," said McGowan.

All three alumni said that their experiences at Ouachita had helped prepare them for ministry in Singapore. "Being at Ouachita helped me relate to Americans at IBC," said Lim. He and his wife Lydia have a son, Wesley, who will graduate from Stanford University this summer.

"I consider OBU an important step in my journey to Singapore," said McGowan. "The wide ranges of students from different cultures began to open my eyes to the world that is out there ready to be explored." • *by Jennifer Byrd*

# Homecoming

Ouachita Baptist University  
October 8-13, 2007

## Events:

**Thursday**

**TIGER TUNES  
BEGINS**

**Friday**

**4-Person Golf  
Scramble**

**Athletic Hall of  
Fame Banquet**

**Saturday**

**Club and Organization  
Alumni Drop-ins**

**NEW! Alumni Tailgate  
Party!**

**Homecoming Football  
Game**



**Look for more information  
coming this summer.**



## From the Archives: Homecoming 1979

Evelyn Bowden ('30), Hazel Rogers Cooper ('19), Maude Wright ('28) and Frances Crawford ('18) re-enact their "glory days" during an alumni reunion for Homecoming 1979. The picture originally appeared in the February 1980 alumni newsletter. In response to several requests through our *Ouachita Circle* readership survey, we will once again feature pictures from our archives on the back cover of the *Circle*.



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