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Homecoming 2007
Tiger Spirit Abounds



A WORD FROM OUACHITA

Homecoming has just passed and the holidays are staring us down! This has been a refreshing semester. There are so many fine occurrences on campus that I would like to tell you about. I will use this opportunity to highlight a few.

Our students remain the best. The U.S. News & World Report recently and rightly rated us #1 in the South in our category! There are a number of factors that contribute to this. Our faculty is the primary reason. If, however, there was an evaluation of students, we would be first every year. I see young men and women who are committed, courageous, and contagious! This campus is alive with the energy young adults generate.

Our friends extend around the world. Becky and I traveled this semester to Indonesia where we found Ouachita highly esteemed by old and new friends. We stopped on our way home in New York City where we met with alumni whose devotion to Ouachita is constant. One weekend next spring we will be visiting cities in Arkansas where an exciting program from some of our students will be presented. At home and abroad Ouachita is making a difference.

Ouachita is a place of tradition, spirit, and advance. We are currently planning an impressive entrance to campus that is likely to be constructed behind the tennis center. It will be impressive with a sign thirty-one feet long and eight feet high. No longer will we say go to the Henderson fountain and turn left (or right)! In the next few years the north campus will be radically changed with a new student village that will house more than 500 students. The trustees are working, planning, and praying that the project can be approved soon and the building started next summer.

Do we need your help? You know we do. We need your gifts large and small. We need your continual prayers. We need you to recommend students to us and to take opportunities to share what Ouachita means to you. Anything you can do will be used properly and with our deepest appreciation.

I am blessed to lead Ouachita as president. Enjoy the Circle and thank you for being a part of it!

Rex M. Horne, Jr.

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Members of the Tiger football team run onto the field for the October 13 Homecoming game against South Arkansas University. The Tigers won the game 38-17. photo by Danny Brown

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**U.S. News and
World Report ranks
Ouachita as #1**

The 2008 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by *U. S. News and World Report* ranked Ouachita as the #1 baccalaureate college in the South for academic quality, and the #2 baccalaureate college in the "Great Schools/Great Prices" category. • See p. 19

DIFFERENCE MAKER

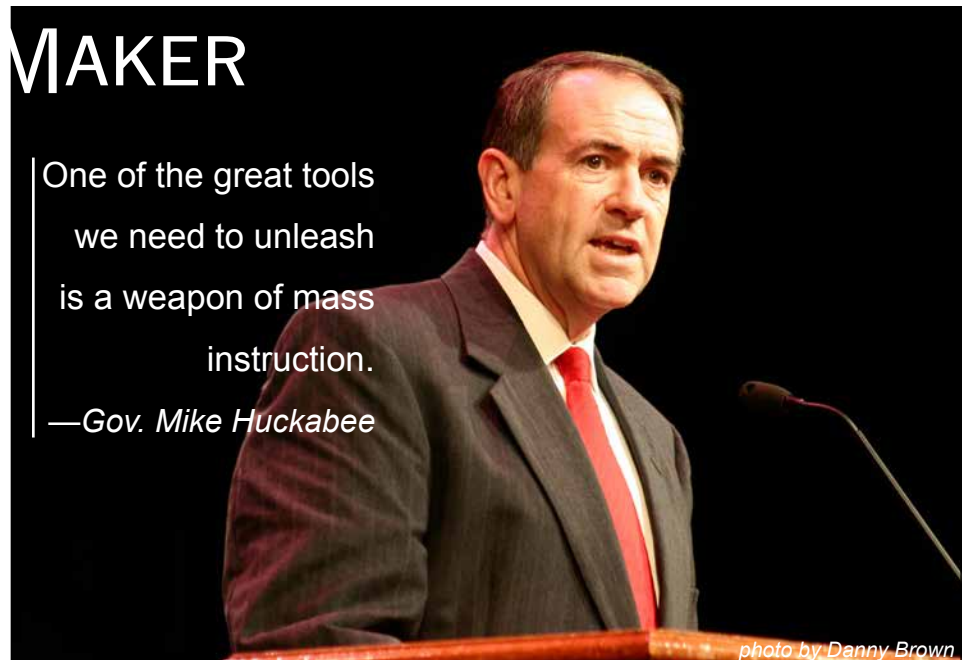
"You're going to have an academic education here [at Ouachita] you're never going to have to apologize for," Mike Huckabee told a room full of current Ouachita students. The Republican presidential candidate and former Arkansas Governor had just delivered a lecture about the integral role of the arts in the education system on September 24 in Jones Performing Arts Center.

Huckabee, a 1976 Ouachita alumnus, spoke on behalf of Ouachita's new Center for Education and Public Policy (CEPP), which hosted the lecture as the first in a series of lectures pertaining to the future of education reform.

After a warm welcome from Ouachita President Dr. Rex Horne, Jr., Huckabee was quick to express his gratitude for having received a Ouachita education before moving on to the wider subject at hand - the importance of obtaining a "true music and arts education." He pointed out that the education system suffers whenever funds for the fine arts are cut or when certified teachers do not teach these classes.

"If we are truly going to see not only an educational environment that challenges students, but also that builds the kind of economy that will help us to be competitive and not just survive but thrive in the future of what we often speak of as a global economy, then we better make sure we do not neglect nor cancel out the importance, the value, and the significance of an education that includes music and the arts," Huckabee said.

He emphasized that the future economy depends upon human creativity, a God-given characteristic. Huckabee said, "If God is the creator . . . and we have been created in His image, it would be the logical conclusion that . . . part of what He has created in us is a creativity that ought to be stimulated and



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—Gov. Mike Huckabee

enhanced."

Huckabee believes people's creativity is increasingly being stifled and that the U.S. has focused on the logical left side of the brain to the extent that the capacities of the brain's right side have been limited, leaving thousands of students bored at school.

"Music and art can be life-changing," he said. "If we take it out of the hands of a child . . . we may have taken something not just from their hands, but from their hearts."

Huckabee demonstrated the value of the arts as he cited studies revealing that students who study music will improve their academic scores in math, science, foreign language, and even spatial reasoning. He said that music teaches students how to learn, and he described music as a cultural norm that transcends generations.

"The arts become an important part of who we are," Huckabee said.

He referred to another study that showed

that the best predictor of which high schoolers will attend and finish college was not race or poverty but "exposure to and participation in a broad, wide, and rigorous curriculum, including music and art, at the high school level."

He believes that the educational system today cannot deny the power of the arts.

"One of the great tools we need to unleash is a weapon of mass instruction," Huckabee said. "It is the power of music, the power of art, the power of creativity. It can change not just individual lives; it can change our nation and change our future."

Huckabee's efforts echo Dr. Horne's familiar call for a generation of difference makers. Huckabee received an education at Ouachita that he is proud of, and he hopes to help provide, in his plans for educational reform, a similarly rewarding education to the rest of the nation's students.

• by Jessica Terrill



Boom-a-lacka! Boom-a-lacka!



photo by Wesley Kluck



photo by Wesley Kluck

**Boom-a-lacka, boom-a-lacka,
Bow wow wow
Ching-a-lacka, ching-a-lacka,
Chow chow chow
Boom-a-lacka, ching-a-lacka,
Who are we?
Ouachita Tigers! Victory!**



photo by Monica Modesto



photo by Casey Cobb



photo by Danny Brown



photo by Danny Brown

A resurgence of Tiger spirit

From the revival of a long forgotten cheer to the inception of the Tiger Tailgate parties, there has been a marked effort to increase Tiger spirit on campus this fall.

Beginning with Welcome to Ouachita's World (WOW), a week-long orientation program for new students, traditions old and new have been emphasized in a way that has been unfamiliar in recent years. Dean of Students Keldon Henley unearthed the "Boom-a-lacka" cheer from former Ouachita administrator and historian Mike Arrington's book of Ouachita history, and the WOW executive team decided to introduce it to the new students in an effort to revive forgotten tradition and promote school spirit.

Throughout the year, various groups have adopted the mission to restore Tiger pride. Everyone from faculty and staff to social clubs contributed to the spirit of excitement on campus this semester.

The men of Rho Sigma reinstated their all-night bell ring and organized a campus-wide festival for the week leading up to the Battle of the Ravine. Dr. Wesley Kluck ('77), vice president for institutional advancement, Mrs. Debbie Kluck, Elk Horn Bank, the OBU Alumni Office, and the OBU Cheerleaders sponsored Tiger Tailgates before each home football game, featuring food provided by Sodexo. Under the leadership of Vicki Utterback and Chris Babb, and in conjunction with Campus Activities Board, a Spirit Committee was formed to search for new ways to improve the spirit both on and off campus.

All sporting events have been publicized in new, innovative ways, and the introduction of a female tiger mascot has added to the excitement at games and on campus.

Student Senate President Jeff Garner wrote in a September 7 column in *The Signal*, the campus newspaper, "There's definitely a new wind of excitement blowin' through Ouachita's campus this fall." That wind is strong and is making it even more exciting to be a Tiger.

HOMECOMING

THE QUEEN

Molly Magee, a sophomore mass communications and Spanish major from Conway, Ark., was elected by the student body to represent the university as the 2007 Homecoming Queen.

Magee was crowned by Dr. Rex Horne, president of Ouachita, and 2006 Homecoming Queen Stephanie Whitney of Mesquite, Texas.

Magee, 19, is a member of Student Senate and Tri Chi Women's Social Club and is a Campus Ministries TNT Discipleship Leader. She represented the sophomore class. Her escort was her father, Jimmy Magee.

The first runner-up was Ashley O'Sullivan, 20, a sophomore sociology and Christian studies-missions major from Longview, Texas. She is a member of Tri Chi Women's Social Club, is an OBU Cheerleader, and is a campus ministries ministry leader for missions. She represented Tri Chi Women's Social Club Pledge Class of 2007. Her escort was Rick Gabehart, in memory of her father, John O'Sullivan.

The second runner-up was Brooke Belcher, 19, a sophomore mathematics and secondary education major from Alma. She is a member of EEE Women's Social Club and is involved with the Big Brother/Big Sister program. She represented EEE Women's Social Club Pledge Class of 2007. Her escort was her father, Marty Belcher.

The third runner-up was Jennifer Kluck, 21, a senior early childhood education major from Arkadelphia. She is president of Tri Chi Women's Social Club, a member of Kappa Delta Pi, and has served as a tutor for America Reads. She represented Tri Chi Women's Social Club. Her escort was her father, **Dr. Wesley Kluck** ('77).

The fourth runner-up was Chase



(above) The 2007 Homecoming Court (left to right): Jennifer Kluck, Ashley O'Sullivan, Molly Magee, Brooke Belcher, and Chase Crane. *photo by Wesley Kluck*



(left) 2006 Homecoming Queen Stephanie "Tate" Whitney congratulates 2007 Homecoming Queen Molly Magee. *photo by Danny Brown*

Crane, 22, a senior business administration-management and marketing major from Texarkana, Texas. She is president of Campus Ministries and is a member of EEE Women's Social Club and the Business Student Advisory Board. She represented Campus Ministries. Her escort was her father, Joe Crane.

The queen and her court were announced during pre-game activities on Saturday, October 13, at 1:00 p.m. at A.U. Williams Field. Following the coronation, the Ouachita Tiger football team took on Southern Arkansas University in a Gulf South Division II conference game. Ouachita

played to a 38-17 victory against the Muleriders.

The contestants, who were nominated by campus clubs, classes, and organizations, were presented to the Ouachita student body during the weekly chapel service. Following the chapel service, students cast their ballots for their top five choices. The results were not revealed until the pre-game ceremony on Saturday.

Homecoming queen activities at Ouachita are sponsored each year by the University's Student Senate. In addition to the field activities, the new queen and her four runners-up were introduced on stage at the conclusion of Tiger Tunes on Saturday night.

THE GAME

Behind the solid running of Willie Hopson and the passing of Lance Parker, the Tiger football team played to a 38-17 victory over Southern Arkansas in front of 5,818 during homecoming at A.U. Williams Field.

"I am really proud of the staff, Shane Handy and Jay Derby, for preparing a great game plan," Tigers head coach Todd Knight said. "Because of the game plan that was designed, the players bought into it, which helped cause a few turnovers on defense. The special teams did great on both punts and kickoffs.

"For our seniors, this was a big win, especially since it was on homecoming." • *by Brian Howard*



photo by Danny Brown

THE HALL OF FAME

The Ouachita Baptist University Athletic Hall of Fame inducted nine new members during homecoming festivities.

The class was introduced at the 2007 Ouachita Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet Friday, October 12, in the Walker Conference Center and was presented on the field during the homecoming football game on Saturday, October 13.

The 2007 class features Ouachita greats from the 1910s to the 1970s, including representatives from football, baseball, women's basketball, men's tennis and men's track.

Those honored as part of the 2007 class include: **Bill Arrington** (football, track, baseball and basketball, 1953); **J.L. "Nick" Carter** (baseball and track 1914-17); **Jay Freeman Sr.** (tennis, 1936-39); **Lin Gamble** (women's basketball, 1968-71), **Jim Hamilton** (basketball and baseball, 1970-74); **Johnnie Johnson** (football, 1964-67); **Cecil Kemp** (football, basketball and track, 1940-42); **Robert L. "Red" Nelson** (football and men's basketball, 1947-48); and **Walter "Jiggs" Ramsey** (football, 1963-66). • *by Brian Howard*



photo by Harold Harrison



photo by Wesley Kluck

Above (L-R): Walter "Jiggs" Ramsey, Jr.; Maxine Kemp (representing Cecil Kemp); Johnnie Johnson; Jim Hamilton; Lin Gamble; Martha Nix (representing J.L. "Nick" Carter); Dr. Bill Arrington; not pictured: Robert Nelson; Jay Freeman, Jr. (representing Jay Freeman, Sr.)

A DEVOTED TIGER

Taking in the sights and events of his 71st OBU homecoming was **Bruce Lowe** ('36). Lowe walked the entire campus, met many of the current students and faculty, and even attended the tailgate party hosted by the men of Beta Beta.

"Bruce has been an inspiration to many of us in the Dallas area for the past 35 years as a friend, mentor, counselor, conscience, Christian ethicist, Bible scholar, minister and teacher," said **Harold Harrison** ('64).

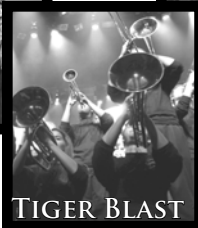
Harrison also took Lowe to see the tiger statue for the first time since 1936. When Harrison asked Lowe if he knew any of the names from the class of '35 that are listed on the statue's base, "he identified every member and told me unique things about most of them."

TIGER TUNES

TRI CHI



EEE



TIGER BLAST



KAPPA CHI

photos by Danny Brown

photo by Wesley Kluck



HOSTS AND HOSTESSES



CHI DELTA



ETA ALPHA OMEGA

KAPPA CHI WINS TIGER TUNES 2007 EEE AND TRI CHI WIN SECOND AND THIRD PLACE

Members of Kappa Chi men's social club earned the grand prize at the conclusion of the 2007 Tiger Tunes competition on Saturday, October 13, in Jones Performing Arts Center.

Nine organizations competed in the 29th Tiger Tunes production, a three-night competition that is held annually in conjunction with the university's Homecoming festivities. The acts were judged according to choreography, costume, music, and theme/lyrics.

Tiger Tunes is sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation as a fundraiser for scholarships awarded to upper-level Ouachita students.

Dressed as golfers, the Kappas took home seven individual awards and tied for an eighth during the first two nights of competition. Music majors Andrew Riddle, a junior from Ashdown, and Lance Talley, a sophomore from Magnolia, were co-directors for the Kappas.

In second place were the members of EEE women's social club, who dressed as spies. Juniors Erica Dierich, a psychology major from White Hall, and Lindsey Wright, a mass communications and musical theater major from Greenwood, were co-directors for the EEEs.

The members of Tri Chi took third place as farmers. Senior Bekah Caraway, a mass communications major from Little Rock, junior Brittney Selvidge, a mass communications major from Hot Springs, and junior Amy Crecink, a Christian studies major from Virginia Beach, Virginia, co-directed the Tri Chi show.

The hosts and hostesses were, as pictured above (clockwise from front left), Michael McCracken, a junior Biblical studies major from Carrollton, Texas; Angie Bloodworth, a senior musical theatre major from Cedar Hill, Texas; Catherine Raines, a junior mass communications major from Camden; Justin James, a junior mass communications major from Fort Worth, Texas; Michael Krikorian, a sophomore musical theatre major from Rockwall, Texas; Cori Kidder (choreographer), a junior musical theatre major from Wynne; Chris Straw, a junior musical theatre major from Little Rock; Kyle Huey, a junior musical theatre major from Grapevine, Texas; Katy Kaufman, a senior pre-nursing major from Fordyce; and Emily Smith (director), a senior chemistry and biology major from Little Rock. They were chosen after an audition process which, for the first time, incorporated both singing and dancing.

2007 TIGER TUNES RESULTS

OVERALL

FIRST PLACE: KAPPA CHI
SECOND PLACE: EEE
THIRD PLACE: TRI CHI
FOURTH PLACE: CHI DELTA
CONGENIALITY: ETA ALPHA OMEGA

FRIDAY 8:30PM

THEME & LYRIC: EEE
MUSICALITY: KAPPA CHI
COSTUME: KAPPA CHI
CHOREOGRAPHY: KAPPA CHI

FRIDAY 5:00PM

THEME & LYRIC: BETA BETA
MUSICALITY: KAPPA CHI
COSTUME: CHI DELTA
CHOREOGRAPHY: KAPPA CHI

THURSDAY 7:30PM

THEME & LYRIC: KAPPA CHI/ RHO SIGMA
MUSICALITY: KAPPA CHI
COSTUME: CHI DELTA
CHOREOGRAPHY: EEE

Campus News

Will Smethers named Pew Scholar

Will Smethers, a senior history and Biblical studies double major from Hot Springs, has been named a Pew Scholar by the Pew Advisory Board.

"To be named a Pew Scholar, a student must exhibit the highest level of academic achievement with the goal of serving Christ as a scholar in the university community," said Dr. Doug Sonheim, professor of English and coordinator of the Pew Scholars Program.

Rayanne Gonzales presents guest recital

Rayanne Gonzales, soprano, performed in a Guest Young



Artist Recital on September 18. Her success as the 2007 winner of the Young Artist Audi-

tions of the National Federation of Music Clubs brought her to OBU.

Plaque dedicated to former OBU professor

Ouachita hosted a ceremony on September 11 to dedicate a plaque in honor of the late Bob Riley, former political figure and Ouachita professor.

Woodman of the World chose to honor Riley as a part of their tradition to honor everyday heroes.

Roberts and Taunton named Ambassadorial Scholars by Rotary

Rotary International District 6170 awarded April Roberts and Brooke Taunton Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Roberts is a senior education major from Idabel,

Oklahoma. Taunton is a senior history and political science major from El Dorado.

"They will be given opportunities to speak to Rotary Clubs in their host country and will be effectively connected to the international family of Rotary," said Ian Cosh, director of the Daniel R. Grant Center for International Programs and past district governor of Rotary International District 6170.

Both girls will study abroad during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Judge Bobby Shepherd delivers guest lecture

The Honorable Bobby Shepherd ('73) of El Dorado, a member of the U.S. Court of Appeals 8th Circuit, delivered a guest lecture in recognition of Constitution Day on September 20.

Brown's documentary wins award at national film festival

Danny Brown's documentary about voluntarily homeless individuals in Austin, Texas, titled "The Drag," received an honorable mention in the 2007 Berkeley Video and Film Festival.

Brown, a junior mass communications major from Mesquite, Texas, said, "Hopefully this film will inspire the viewers to reach out to these kids and make an impact in their lives."

Byrd interns with the Denver Broncos

Daniel Byrd, a senior athletic training major from Arkadelphia, worked as an athletic training intern this summer for the Denver Broncos. He worked primarily at their training facility in Dove Valley, Colorado.



(top) Blake Sisson, a junior business administration major from Vilonia, was one of nearly 600 participants in this semester's **Tiger Serve Day**, which took place on September 22. With 60 teams and 62 projects, participants completed approximately 1900 service hours in the community. *photo by Joseph Taub.* (top left) **Dutch Van Kirk** (seated), navigator of the *Enola Gay*, the B-29 that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, spoke on September 18 courtesy of the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community and Arkansas Education Television Network (AETN). Van Kirk's visit was in conjunction with the release of the documentaries "Their Journey - A Veterans Tribute Tour" and Ken Burns's "The War," which aired September 23 on AETN. *photo by Danny Brown.* (bottom left) **Emily Boeving**, a senior psychology major from Sherwood, conducted summer research at the El Zota Biological field station in the province of Limon, Costa Rica. She was continuing her research on the development of hand preference in primates.

class notes

1935 **Deaths**

Edith Vivian Tobey Harvey (fs), June 15, Batesville. Survived by a daughter, Barbara Jean Harvey Kimble, grandchildren Karen Kimble Melton, Jimmy Harvey, John Paul Harvey, Jeanette Woolard, Teresa Singleton, and Julie Harvey; and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband **Rev. William Edgar Harvey** ('44).

1936 **Deaths**

Jane Daniel Cole, July 22, Little Rock. Survived by three daughters, Elisa Cole Ross, Carol Cole Levin, Dr. Susan Cole Noble, seven grandsons and eight great grandchildren.

1937 **Deaths**

Annice Cagle Tracy, April 9.

Dewey Blackwood, September 24. Survived by wife **Christine Chaney Blackwood** (fs '37); sons Robert Blackwood and Bill "Butch" Blackwood; a brother, R.M. Blackwood; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

1938

Maj. Gen. Lewis Lyle, retired, and his wife Betty had World War II books titled "A Group of Heroic 8th Air Force Comrades" donated in their honor to the Garland County Library.

Deaths

Ruth Meador Davis, July 24, Stephens. Survived by her sister, Maybelle Provine; three daughters, Ruth Ellen Harrison, Rose Anne Adams, and Kathy Davis; four grandsons; six great grandchildren and two step-grand children.

Elaine (Millsapps) Boyd Robertson, July 24, Searcy. Survived by sons David and Steve Boyd, daughter Brenda Engle, one brother and several grandchildren.

1939 **Deaths**

Raymond Richards, August 19, Benton. Survived by his daughter Penny Gatt; a brother, Jack Richards; and two granddaughters.

1940 **Deaths**

Dorothea (Maner) Beaumont (fs), June 6, Van Buren. Survived by her son Wayne Beaumont, daughters Anne Oliver and Vicki Turner, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Truman Lollar, December 11, 2006. Survived by his wife **Margaret** (fs '41), daughters **Rachel Halaby** ('79), **Margaret Anderson** ('63), sons-in-law **Raouf Halaby** ('68) Larry Anderson and grandsons **Ramzy Halaby** ('99) Ryan Halaby. We are very sorry to have left this out in our last issue of The Circle.

1941

Deaths

Ida Nelle Hollaway, July 4. Survived by her husband Ernest ('41); sister Phyllis Young; sons Lee III, Bill, Stephen, and Mark; daughter Rebecca; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and 7 nieces and nephews.

1942 **Deaths**

Dr. Earl Humble, September 2, Walnut Ridge. Survived by wife **Mable** (fs '42); son **Daniel Humble** ('80) and his wife **Larna (Acklin) Humble** ('80); son **David Humble** ('76), and 3 grandchildren.

1944 **Deaths**

Emma Cathern (Wood) Ehler, August 20, Battle Creek, Iowa. Survived by husband Orlan L. Ehler; two brothers, Jack Wood and Roy Glen Wood; two children, Paul Ehler and Ann Lohmeier and six grandchildren.

1945

Dr. Daniel R. Grant and his wife **Betty Jo (Oliver)** ('47), of Arkadelphia, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 17 with a dinner at Pointe Royale resort in Branson, Missouri, hosted by their three children, Carolyn Walton, **Shirley (Grant) Hardin** ('74), and **Ross Grant** ('77). Dr. Grant served as president of OBU for 18 years.

1947 **Deaths**

Roy V. Whitten, May, Paragould.

1948 **Deaths**

Florence (Gocio) Walton (fs), May 24, Little Rock. Survived by five sons: Barry, Maynard, Joseph, Kenneth and Martin, as well as six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Paul M. Shipman, June 12, Mount Ida. He pastored Baptist churches in California and Arkansas. Survived by wife Lillian Shipman, four sons: George Lewis, Joseph Charles, James Robert, Edward Robert; four daughters: Carolyn Jeanne, Joanna Pauline, Janice Faye, Diane Ruth; 16 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

1949

Paul K. Henry was named King White River 2007. He was honored with a reception for his service to the Batesville community.

1950 **Deaths**

T.V. Sharp, June 5. Survived by three daughters: Brenda Joyce Ward, Dianna Lynn McMillan, and Sharon Ann Sharp as well as siblings Gerry Sharp and Evora Long and five grandchildren.

Dr. Phil Sims, March 2, Fort Worth, Texas. He was Librarian for the Moody Bible Institute. Survived by his wife **Muriel (Evans) Sims** ('53), sister **Carolyn Sims Kenyon** ('50), and two daughters.

Bernice H. (Howard) Watson, August 5. Survived by husband **Calvin B. Watson** (fs '50); children Teresa Watson Bryan, Aaron D. Watson, Brian A. Watson, Nathan L. Watson and 14 grandchildren.

1951

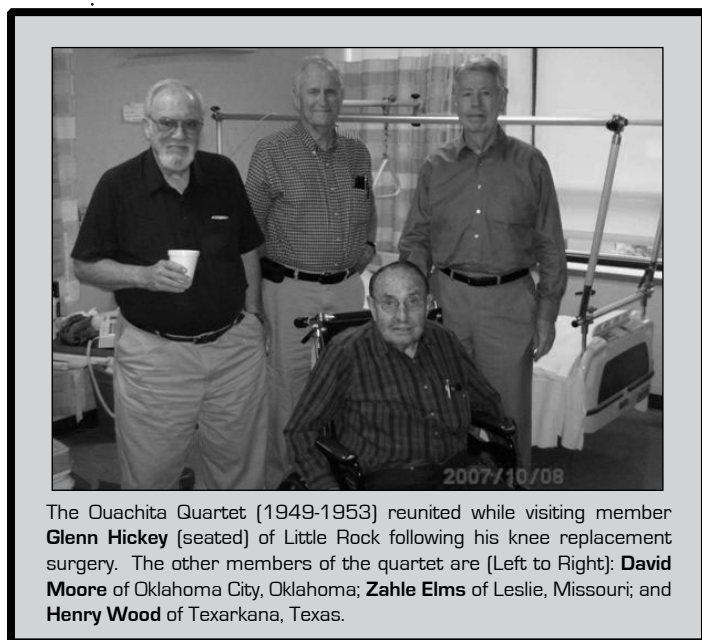
Noble L. Roberts, the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter Chaplain of the Sons of the American Revolution, took part in the 225th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Blue Licks on August 18 in Maysville, Kentucky. He sang Amazing Grace with former Miss America Heather French.

class notes

1951 **Deaths**
Charles L. Smith (fs), September 1, Arkadelphia. Survived by his wife Janis Crowley Smith, daughter Melinda Fowler ('80), son Blain Smith ('84), sister Wilma Hoyt and two grandchildren.

1952 **Billy D. Dunn**, Director of Chaplaincy Services at Lufkin State School in Lufkin, Texas, retired on December 31, 2006.

1953 **Mrs. Rebecca (McCuller) Jackson** (fs) and husband Stingley Jackson of Little Rock, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 30 with a reception at their home. The couple were married July 5, 1957.



The Ouachita Quartet (1949-1953) reunited while visiting member **Glenn Hickey** (seated) of Little Rock following his knee replacement surgery. The other members of the quartet are (Left to Right): **David Moore** of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; **Zahle Elms** of Leslie, Missouri; and **Henry Wood** of Texarkana, Texas.

Deaths

June A. (Williams) Osborne, August 15, Waco, Texas. Survived by her husband Dr. Harold Osborne.

Inez Reece Hoffmann, April 8, Bella Vista. Survived by her husband Thomas Hoffmann, her three children and eight grandchildren.

1954 **Deaths**
Reba Powell Stewmon, June 29. Survived by her husband Bobby, sons Scott and Jim, daughters Amy Brann and Susan Frazier and nine grandchildren.

Rev. Floyd Emmerling, July 8, Bee Branch. Survived by his second wife, Sarah Phelps Emmerling; his brother, Glen Emmerling; three children, David Emmerling, Laura Thomas, and Sherri Andrews; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

1956 **Charles Stender** and wife Jeanne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 11, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock. The couple were married August 11, 1957.

Thomas J. Privett (fs) and wife Linda celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner party with family and friends in August 2007. The couple were married August 9, 1957.

1957 **Gilbert Rainey** (fs) and wife **Jan (McPherson '57)** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary June 2 with a reception held by their children Steve Rainey and Paula Browning at Highland Drive Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

Bill Goff of Arkadelphia has been named a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Club International Foundation. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest form of recognition conferred by the Foundation.

1958 **Jim** and **Carolyn (Jordan) Byrum** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 11 at Trinity Chapel in Carlisle. The couple were married August 16, 1957.

Bill Pryor and his wife **Patsy (Norman) Pryor** ('61) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at First Baptist Church, Searcy, on August 19. The couple were married August 18, 1957.

1959 **John W. Crawford** of Arkadelphia won the grand prize of \$20,000 at the 21st Convention and Symposium of the International Poetry Society in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is a poet, musician, actor and an instructor of literature at the annual Shepherd Center learning sessions in Hot Spings.

1960 **George H. Watanabe** retired as the Pastor of the Nuuanu Japanese Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii, on August 31. He and his wife Amy retired as missionaries to Japan on August 1, 2000, after 32 years of service.

Deaths

Ernest Loyd Bailey, Jr., May 24, Little Rock. Survived by wife **Chloye Gowen Bailey** (fs '66); children Ernest Bailey III, Stacey Bailey Street ('85), Brad Bailey, Blake Bailey and Lane Bailey ('97); sister Linda Bailey ('57); brothers Robert Bailey and Colin Bailey ('66); and 15 grandchildren.

Lawrence Wong, June 6. Survived by his wife **Betty (Imal '60)**.

1961 **Robert R. Scott** received the Order of the Palmetto-South Carolina's highest civilian recognition. He was awarded the honor by the Governor for Leadership in Forestry and Conservation.

1963 **Deaths**
Dale Dung Kwai Wong, (Obit. date) July 17, Wahiawa, Hawaii. Survived by wife Edwina M.O.A.; sons Ryan-Li and Carlin K.; sisters Trudy Holder, Cheryl Kim and Joanne Lopez; and three grandchildren.

1965 **Kenneth Coleman** was honored by First Baptist Church of Godley, Texas, with a celebration recognizing his 20th anniversary as their pastor.

Deaths

Laura Belle Akins Meeks (fs), July 30, Prescott. Survived by two sons: Leo Meeks Jr. and Vernon Meeks; six daughters: Bettye Meeks Frazier, Nell Sample, Josephine Russ, LaFae Glasgow, Sandra McFadden, and Shirley Garman; 1 grandson she raised, Tony Meeks; 26 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

1966 **Thomas J. Cunningham** is now serving as pastor of Mountain Home Church.

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1968 **Bennie (Stene) Alexander** and husband Delaney celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, July 21, at Springlake Missionary Baptist Church in West Helena. The couple were married July 20, 1957.

Rose Anne (Davis) Adams and her husband Mike live in Mt. Ida. She is a retired school teacher and cosmetologist. They have a Bed and Breakfast (Rose Anne's Cabin). She has two sons, David and Brian Wooldridge, one stepson, Neil, and one step-daughter, **Amy** ('98). They have five grandchildren.

1969 **Clarence Wooten** and wife **Molly Kay (Brown '73)** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a reception at Unity Missionary Baptist Church in Bismarck on June 3.

Ron West and his wife Elinda will serve their 30th year as missionaries with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board in Taiwan next year. Ron was recently recalled to active duty with the Army. He and his family have been in Washington, D.C. since January of 2007 and plan to return to Taiwan this January.

Marriages

Susan (Gress) DeBoer married Donald M. Alldredge on Saturday May 26. The couple resides in Montgomery, Alabama.

1970 **Ronald A. Williams**, an attorney with Williams & Hutchinson in Rogers, announced his candidacy for the District 3 position on the Arkansas Court of Appeals. Williams lives in Springdale with his wife Robyn and three children.

Deaths

Robert L. Thompson, June 9, Hot Springs. Survived by his wife, Cecilia Thompson; son, Rian; daughter, Lisa Renee; three brothers, Lloyd, Jerry and Donald; three sisters, JoAnn, Ruth and Regina; and his father Lloyd P. Thompson Sr.

1971 **John Finley** was elected president of the Arkansas District Judges Council in Little Rock. He lives in Ashdown.

Dr. Judy (Grider) Harrison was named dean of the Teachers College at Henderson State University.

1972 **Dr. Jerry Kinnaird** recently accepted a position as Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at Salem International University in Salem, West Virginia.

Deaths

Joe Paul Fulkerson. Survived by wife Tammy and two daughters.

Correction for **Dr. James G. Haggard, Sr.** who passed away on April 29, 2007. He was predeceased by his son **James Haggard, Jr.** ('73) on September 6, 2004. He is survived by his wife Sarah Haggard; daughters **Sarah (Ceravolo) Haggard** (fs '69), **Cynthia (Harness) Haggard** ('71), Jenny Lind Allen, Nan Keathley and son **John Haggard** ('73).

1974 **Janet (Watson) Brewer** and husband **Mike** (fs '71) recently moved back to Rogers to be closer to family. Mike works for Fleetpride and Janet is an RN.

Deaths

William E. Rose, April 29, Little Rock. Survived by wife Evelyn, children Michael, Steven, Rodney, Eric, Alicia and Risa, and 10 grandchildren.

Julia Louise Friday Rettmann, June 3. Survived by children Alan Rettmann, Sandra Currey, and Angie Tipton, and seven grandchildren.

1975 **Dr. S. Allen Wilcox** was named the Paul W. Bryant Professor in the College of Education for the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa. Dr. Bryant currently works in the Department of Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology, and Counseling.

1976 **Ed Fry** was hired as a consultant for James Lee Witt Associates. He formerly worked as chief of staff for Arkansas congressmen Vic Snyder, Tommy Robinson and Ray Thornton. Ed will work in government relations for the crisis management and emergency preparedness unit of Global Options Group, Inc. of New York.

Dr. Gregory Meeks has been appointed the assistant chairman of the teacher education department at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

Mary Lois Banks is in her 32nd year of teaching in Marion. She likes to attend Memphis Redbirds baseball games.

Deaths

Larry P. Crank, July 15, Texarkana. Survived by wife **Kaye (Otwell) Crank** ('76) and son Patton.

1977 **Dr. James P. Cox Jr.** was appointed Dean of Students at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith. He is the former principal of Southside High School.

Stanley C. Allen was appointed Senior Vice-President of Technology and Business Development at Hemiwedge Valve Corporation.

1978 **Marc Bremer** was selected as the Rotary Club Teacher of the Year by his fellow teachers at Jessierville Middle School. For 11 years, he has also played the lead role of the Apostle Peter in Hot Springs' production of "The Witness," a musical drama about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Marc is married to **Janis (Knipmeyer) Bremer** ('80).

Mark Derrick (fs) announced his candidacy for the circuit judge position in Searcy. He opened a private law practice in 1992 and currently has an office in the Old Searcy Bank Building at the corner of Spruce St. and Arch Ave.

Deaths

Martha Louise Vastine, September 9, Rogers. Survived by her mother, Allie Roth Vastine, and two brothers, Lane and Douglas Vastine.

Deaths

1979 **Dean B. Parrish**, August, 2006 Survived by his wife Cindy Parrish.

Gerald W. Jones (fs), August 21. Survived by a son, Gerald W. Jones, Jr.

class notes

- 1980 **Cindy McClain** was named leader of the Missions Support Team of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. She will also serve as the state Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) director.
- Teresa Tidwell** of Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield is the new president-elect and webmaster for the Central Arkansas Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals.
- Blake Dunn** (fs) of El Dorado was appointed the director of Region 3 (Southern Conference) on the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' board of directors.
- Donna K. Robertson** moved into a new position with Camp Barnabas as Communications Specialist. She joined the staff at the Christian camp for individuals with special needs in June of 2006.
- 1981 **Cindy (Shelton) Kennedy** and her husband, Randy, have moved to Weatherford, Texas. Cindy works for the Social Security Administration and is also opening a second tire store with her husband. Cindy's son, **Justin James**, currently attends Ouachita.
- C. Denise (Duren) Edds**, choral director at National Park Community College, has been selected as the repertoire and standards chairwoman for the two-year colleges for the Southwest Division of the American Choral Directors Association.
- 1982 **Terri (Pierce) Lucas** is the owner of Precision Management, where she books and promotes musical artists while balancing her time as director of music at the Royal Theatre in Benton. She is married to Steve Lucas and has two sons, Neil and Nicholas.
- David Culpepper** has been selected as the new headmaster of Tupelo Christian Preparatory School in Tupelo, Mississippi.
- Maureen (Leonard) Thomas** has accepted a position as Computer Project Manager for Los Angeles County, Student Information Team. She will be in charge of configuration and distribution of a new automated student attendance system, involving all K-12 students in LA County, Head Start Preschool, Juvenile Court Schools, and Alternative Education.
- Vera (Brim) Rideout** was appointed assistant director of the Education Renewal Zone at Henderson State University.
- 1983 **James "Tiger" Jordan** is the general manager for Royal Windows and Siding in Royal. Wife **Laurie (Benson '81)** is the physical education teacher for Lake Hamilton Primary School in Pearcy. They have two children, Blair (19) and Benson (16). Blair is a sophomore at Southern Arkansas University on a basketball scholarship. Benson is a 10th grader at Lake Hamilton High School where he plays football and basketball.
- 1983 **Dr. Lynn Lisk**, program director and assistant professor in the Legal Assistance/Paralegal program at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, was appointed to the Mock Trial Committee of the Arkansas Bar Association.
- 1984 **Mike Moore**, the head baseball coach for Sheridan High School, is now also the assistant high school football coach at Sheridan.
- Keith R. Wheeler** and wife **Cherie (Dawson fs '84)** live in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with their two children, Hannah and Josiah. Since 1985, Keith has carried a 12-foot wooden cross around the world through more than 170 countries on all seven continents. Their website is www.kw.org.
- Benji D. Post** and his family recently moved to Mayflower. He is the pharmacist at Fresnius Medical Care in Maumelle. He has two sons, Matthew and Michael. His wife Tracie is a stay at home mom.
- J. Clay Price** was promoted to Section Chief, Tactical Operations Section, Operational Technology Division, FBIHQ on August 7. This is a Senior Executive Service position located in Quantico, Virginia.
- 1985 **LTC Steve Russell** spoke at Harding University on Tuesday, September 11, 2007. He is noted for his achievements during service in the U.S. Army, especially commanding the U.S. Army Battalion that captured Saddam Hussein. He speaks across the U.S. and Canada to rally support for U.S. troops.
- 1986 **Deaths**
- Rebecca Ann Kessinger**, September 18, Little Rock. Survived by her husband Bob Kessinger; son, Jeff Kessinger; three brothers, Tommy Padgett, Charles Padgett and Ronny Padgett; and sister, Lucy Cummings.
- 1989 **Brent Houston** was elected City Attorney in Benton. He is a partner in the law firm of Jensen Young & Houston. Brent and wife Lisa have twins, Harrison and Harmony (3).
- Angie (Bryant) Lechner** and husband **Charlie** ('90) have been with the International Mission Board since 1997. After six years in South Africa, they transferred to Mozambique where Charlie serves as the Strategy Facilitator for IMB missionaries in central and southern Mozambique. They have four children: Coleson (14), Will (12), Luke (8) and Abigail (5).
- Thomas Wayne Lowe** and wife **Karen (Gilbert fs '88)** have been married for 22 years and have a 10 year old daughter. The family resides north of Hope.
- Julie A. (Burbank) Carpenter** (fs) was elected secretary of the Arkansas chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association for 2007-2008.
- 1990 **Dr. Dennis Tucker**, associate professor of Christian scripture at Baylor's Truett Seminary, has been appointed associate dean of the seminary.

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1990 **Andrew A. Dean** (fs) spent the summer of 2007 filming a project in Louisville, Kentucky, depicting the life of Christ for an upcoming production at Southeast Christian Church.

Marriages

David M. Pollard (fs) married Martine L. Downs on Saturday July 7 in Calvary Church of the Nazarene. The couple will live in Centerton.

Future Tigers

Jana (Taylor) Becker and husband Scott welcomed their first son, Mark Ellam Becker, on February 4, 2007.

Scott Snider and wife Mary welcomed a son, Robert Pearson Snider, on September 4, 2007.

1991 **Hal Dixon** is serving as pastor of Calvary Church of Hope.

Christopher L. Rinehart has accepted a teaching/coaching position with Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis, Tennessee.



Noble Roberts ('51, right) sang "Amazing Grace" as the Benediction of the 25th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks, Kentucky, in August. He sang with Heather French (left), Miss America 2000. He is a member of the Kentucky Sons of the American Revolution.

Misty (Chafin) Garland began her 4th year of teaching high school science. She teaches 9th grade physical science and astronomy in Colorado Springs.

1992 **Lon Vining** and his family recently moved to Montreal in Quebec, Canada, where he is serving as a church planter for Mission Montreal and as pastor for Impact Church Montreal. Lon and wife Amanda have four children: Kaleb (11), Abigail (10), Noah (5) and Isaiah (4).

Craig Jenkins is serving as pastor of Beech Street First Church of Texarkana.

Karen (Stabley) Matros and husband **Brant** ('93) are currently working for Arkadelphia Public Schools. Brant serves as the 7th & 8th grade Social Studies teacher and the head high school baseball coach as well as the assistant high school football coach. They have two boys, John Franklin (12) and Brandon (9).

1992 **Marriages**

Amy Jo Anne Burns (fs) married Phillip Douglas Walter on July 21 in the Albert Pike Hotel. The couple will live in Little Rock.

Future Tigers

Darin "Spud" Buscher and his wife, **Alison (Daniel '04)**, welcomed a new baby girl, Zoe Grace, on July 17, 2007. Darin is an instructor of mathematics at Ouachita.

1993 **Beth Anne Rankin** and **Jane Marie (Dawson) Watson** lead a combined ministry of music and inspirational speaking, focusing on women's conferences, retreats and church concerts.

Darren Michael, former assistant professor of communication arts at Union University, began his new position as assistant professor of acting and directing at Austin Peay State University in the fall of 2007.

Future Tigers

Adam Jordan and wife **Jenni (Files fs '94)** welcomed daughter Jill on May 22, 2007.

Jasa (Dawson) Babb and husband J.R. "**Buddy**" ('92) welcomed a baby boy, Shepherd "Shep" Dawson, on May 14, 2007. He joins big sister Leighton (9) and brother Reece (7).

Dawn (Martin) Clower and husband **Heath** ('94) welcomed their third child, Harrison, June 5. Harrison joins Leighton (10) and Mykala (8). They live in North Little Rock where Dawn works for Abstinence By Choice. Heath is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in North Little Rock.

Christopher Walls and his wife Michelle welcomed a son, Hudson Samuel, on September 10. He joins Riley Elizabeth (6) and Carson Christopher (2).

1994 **Jason Bates** is the vice-president of Retail and Indirect Sales for ALLTEL and recently relocated to Rochester, Minnesota, from Mandeville, Louisiana. Wife **C'ella (Fry '89)** is busy with children Addison (7) and Scarlett (5).

Keri (Allison) Burkman, 4-12 Literacy Coach for Gurdon Public Schools, has been elected to serve on the Arkansas Association of Mid-Level Educators (AAMLE) Executive Board of Directors as the president of the association. Keri married Jason Burkman in December 2006.

Dr. Drew Smith, visiting professor of history at Henderson State University, has been appointed the new director of International Student Programs at HSU.

David Goodman and his wife Karrie are the new owners of Mary & Martha's Florist in Arkadelphia. They assumed ownership on August 1. David is the former Director of Special Events and Alumni for Ouachita.

Marriages

April (Works) Moreau was married to Brad Kappler on March 2 at First Assembly of Pine Bluff. She was escorted by her son Dustin (8). The family resides in White Hall.

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1994 **Future Tigers**
Major J.P. Arnold and wife Amy adopted daughter Olivia Hope on May 1. They live in Clarksville, Tennessee, where he is an Army Public Affairs Officer and attends Middle Tennessee State University's graduate school.

Chandra (Dawson) Martin and husband Nathan welcomed Canyon Sage Martin on March 30, 2007. Canyon joins big sister Diamond and big brother River.

Rebecca (Saunders) Wright and husband **Bill** ('96) welcomed daughter Sylvia Margaret on July 4. She joins big brothers William (10), Andrew (8), and Frederick (7), and big sisters Kathryn (5) and Lilly (3).

1995 **Jason Cunningham** is a social insurance specialist for the Social Security Administration. Jason, wife Rebecca and daughter Lucy Kathleen (3) live in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Sarah Green received her Master's of Science degree from Texas A & M University - Texarkana for school counseling.

Joy (Mayfield) Amason and husband Andy live in Benton. She currently does speech in the Harmony Grove School District in Haskell. Her husband works as a pipefitter/plumber in the Little Rock area. They have two daughters, Jessi (7) and Meg (5).

Jennifer (Norwood) Cross received her Master's of Science in Education in May and will complete her second Master's in Educational Administration in May of 2008.

Marriages

Melodie Carole Pike married Brian Copher on Saturday June 23 at Park Hill Baptist Church in North Little Rock. The couple will make their home in North Little Rock.

Future Tigers

Julie (Snider) Ramsey and her husband, Scott, live in Fayetteville. Their son, Aidan Cesar, was born in Guatemala on September 11, 2005. They completed their adoption and brought him home on June 12, 2006.

Stephen Granade and his wife **Misty (Clark '95)** welcomed their daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, on May 10, 2007. The family resides in Huntsville, Alabama.

1996 **Beth (Turner) Taggard** (fs) is currently working in sales for DeGray Lake Resort State Park. She has two boys, ages 12 and 7.

Marriages

Caroline Curry married Stephen Lewis at Calico Rock United Methodist Church on May 26. They now reside in Little Rock.

Future Tigers

Rebecca (Leach) Sanders and husband **David** ('97) welcomed their fourth child, Elijah Hanks Sanders on May 23, 2007. Elijah joins big sister Abigail (8) and brothers Noah (7) and Isaac (5). David is the Director of Advancement for the Arkansas Baptist School System and Rebecca teaches choir part time at Arkansas Baptist High School.

1996 **Future Tigers**
Andrea (Leagans) McCrary and husband **Matthew** ('99) welcomed daughter Juliana Kaitlin on October 6, 2006. She joins big brother Michael (4).

Kara (Mills) Oosterhous and husband **Tim** ('97) welcomed their third child, Benjamin Scott, on September 10, 2007. He joins big brothers Nathan (4), and Zachary (2).

Ginny (Loarie) Weber and her husband Bob welcomed a son, Zachary Robert Weber, on August 24, 2007. He joins big brother Alex and big sister Abby.

1997 **Chris Meseke** is the new men's basketball coach at Fountain Lake High School. He is married to Heather and lives in Hot Springs.

Nathan Andrew Bagley of Crowley, Texas, was recently selected as a new political science and history instructor at Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas. He will be stationed on the Helena campus. Andrew and his wife Donna have one child, Collin. Collin will turn four years old on July 25th.

Michael Cloud accepted the position of Minister to Children and Families at First Baptist Church, Russellville, in May.

Hayden Hendrix has joined the staff of Life Line Church of Little Rock as part time interim children's minister.

Chad J. Fielding, assistant dean of students for Henderson State University, was named dean of students for Henderson State University. He is also currently working on his Ed. D. in higher education administration at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Rebecca Boyett is an English for Speakers of Other Languages facilitator at Joe Mathiea Elementary in Rogers.

Justin Hardin received his Ph.D. from Cambridge University and is currently the R. Strickland Assistant Professor of Religion at Oklahoma Baptist University. He and his wife Jill have two children, Ethan (4) and Drew (2).

Cara (Ooten) Bernales and her husband Rolito "Rolo" live in Las Vegas where she is a stay-at-home mom and continues to work on the side as an independent contractor for Good Speech Inc. They have one child Elijah (21 months) and are expecting a second child in January of 2008.

Deaths

Reginal James Comeaux (fs), September 2. Survived by wife Kathy.

Marriages

Jamie J. Smith (fs) married J. D. Barrow on December 30, 2006, in Weatherford, Texas.

Matthew S. Jackson (fs) married Tracie M. Pozarek June 30 at Garvan Woodland Gardens in Hot Springs. The couple will reside in Farmington.

class notes

1998 **Susan Harrell** accepted a position at Sedgwick Claims Management in Irving, Texas, as a disability Specialist. In her new position she will be making disability recommendations for a major telecommunications company.

Dr. Sara (Vester) Owen received her medical training and completed her internal medicine residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences School of Medicine in Little Rock.

Dana Lee Hubbard will have her first short story published in the fall/winter of this year in an anthology of Christian writing. It will be available through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and other book stores across the country. Dana also works as a television producer for Kenneth Copeland Ministries on the daily Believer's Voice of Victory broadcast.

Leslie (Tapson) Harper joined the Nunsensations as the convent pianist. The show is based on the original hit Nonsense by Dan Goggin and was performed at Murry's Dinner Playhouse in October.

Marriages

Jeremy Wyllia (fs) married Elizabeth McInturff on May 12 at Markham Street Baptist Church. The couple lives in Benton.

Future Tigers

Jennifer (Johnson) Haaser and husband Joel welcomed son Jonah David Haaser on June 22, 2007.

Alison (Wilson) Hendricks and husband John celebrate the birth of Henley Caroline on June 24, 2006. She joins big brothers Will (4) and Sam (3).

Licia (Samuels) Matute (fs) and husband Luis welcomed a son, Maddox, on May 26, 2007. Licia is currently employed as Assistant Asset Manager for Healthcare Realty Services in Dallas, Texas. The family resides in Coppell, Texas.

Allison (Coates) Davis and husband Chris welcomed son, Colby "Cole" Daniel Davis on March 7, 2007. He joins big sister Ella Marie (3).

Laura (Burns) Baker and her husband **Todd** ('98) recently adopted a baby girl, Avery Grace, born April 20, 2007. Todd is deploying to Baghdad, Iraq, with the 86th Combat Support Hospital in the fall as the chief of emergency medicine. The family resides in Searcy.

1999 **Jon Mark Parker** (fs) and wife **Lora (Brown)** (fs '00) live in Bryant with sons JT (4) and Michael (1). Lora is a Registered Nurse and Unit Clinical Instructor for 3-Gold at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. Jon is a P.E. teacher, assistant football and head basketball coach at the Arkansas School for the Deaf.

J. Daniel Robertson and his wife Anne celebrated their first anniversary in June. They are both studying at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Anne will graduate in May of 2008 and James in May of 2009.

1999 Marriages

Sarah Clements was married to Brian Smith in March. The couple lives in Sherwood, where Sarah is a project manager for CWR Construction, Inc. and is also a realtor. Brian is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in North Little Rock.

Future Tigers

Tammy (Billings) Alexander and husband **Jamie** ('97) welcomed son Nathaniel Reid on July 3, 2006. Jamie is a manager with Allstate and the family lives in Madison, Mississippi.

Rachel (Osborne) Bennett and husband Brian welcomed daughter Mollie Ruth on March 29, 2007. Mollie joins big sister Ellie (3). Rachel was named WEE Care Director at Little Rock's First Baptist Church in the fall of 2006. She also works part-time doing freelance public relations work.

April (Petty) McFarland and husband Mike welcomed son Andrew John on April 11, 2007. Andrew joins big brother Ethan Michael (3). The family lives in Bryant.

Jill (Fowler) Bobo and husband Mitchell welcomed daughter Addison Blaire on June 12, 2007.

Sarah (Jones) Adams and husband Jeremy welcomed son John Turner on May 29, 2007. He joins big brother David Stewart (3). The couple live in Little Rock.

Elizabeth (Kennedy) Hallum and husband Patrick Hallum celebrated the birth of their daughter Caroline Diane on September 16, 2006.

2000 **Denise (Masters) Jones, Heather (Floyd) Payne** ('92), **Shelley (Phillips) Breen** ('91), and Leigh Cappillino are the members of the Christian singing group Point of Grace. Their new album "How You Live" was released in August.

Shari (Payne) Davis (fs) and husband Scott live in Hot Springs where she is teaching choral and instrumental music at Hot Springs High and assists her husband's magic show.

J. Ryan Perry has been added as a commercial property and casualty broker for the Dallas branch office of Higginbotham & Associates.

Jennifer (Eliff) Rogers and husband Randy live in Little Rock, where Jennifer stays home with their son Parker and does graphic design work. Randy works for a financial company in town.

Michael Aaron Hawley is attending the University of North Texas to pursue a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting.

Marriages

Franklin Neal Vaughn (fs) married Gloria Dawn Gatlin on August 4 at First Baptist Church in Batesville. The couple will live in North Little Rock.

Kristi Foster married David Ballard on March 17 at the Marty Leonard Chapel in Fort Worth, Texas.

class notes

2000 : Future Tigers

Amy (Henderson) Arnold and husband Neil adopted a baby girl from Vietnam in May, 2007. Her name is Sophie Le and she was born October 24, 2006. She joins big sister Hillary Ashton (3).

Cindy (Miller) Calvert and husband Stephen welcomed daughter Allison Grace on February 6, 2007.

2001 **Susanne (Kurth) Jeffus** graduated from medical school at UAMS and she and husband **Brandon** moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, for her residency in pathology.

Wendy Porter is currently teaching 6th grade at Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya.

Carrienne (Cassandras) Eller was recently accepted into the nursing program at Baptist College of Health Sciences. She currently lives in Memphis, Tennessee, with husband Matthew and daughter Emma Bess.

Roseana L. Smith is currently manager of Government Hiring Programs at Werner Enterprises in Omaha, Nebraska. She is also involved in a singles ministry where she leads worship.

Benjamin Peacock of Little Rock was named Pulaski Technical College's site director at Baptist Schools of Nursing and Allied Health in Little Rock.

Marriages

Molly Darden married **John Telford** ('04) on April 28 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock. The couple lives in Little Rock.

Future Tigers

Erin (Elrod) Carter and husband **J.T.** (fs) welcomed son Samuel Edward on May 12, 2007. He joins big brother Jackson.

Lauren (Eagle) Walker and husband Brent ('00) welcomed daughter Sydney Elise on March 9, 2007.

Katie Holland and husband Sean welcomed a new baby boy, Scott Reuel, on July 24, 2006. Scott joins big sister Kennedy (3).

Autumne (Brunson) Hart and husband Michael were blessed with the birth of their baby daughter, Paisley René Hart, born March 19, 2007. Autumne and Michael live in Mount Pleasant, Texas, where she is a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice.

2002 **Laura Norris** is the communications specialist at Southwest Power Pool. **Micah Robert Smith** is a graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School and is employed by Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Government in Nashville, Tennessee.

Fazliddin S. Khodjbergenov was named to loan review specialist II by Simmons First National Bank in Pine Bluff.

2002 **Micah Robert Smith** is a graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School and is employed by Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Government in Nashville, Tennessee.

Marriages

Jenna Kay Mazoch married Jonathan Tomberlain at First Baptist Church in Texarkana, Texas, on June 9. Jenna recently graduated with her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas A&M University-Texarkana. She is currently working on a Master's Math Teacher Certification and she recently accepted a position teaching first grade at Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics and Engineering Elementary School.

Rebecca Sue Zellmer married Samuel Ray Atcherson on Saturday August 11 at Chenal Valley Church in Little Rock. The couple will reside in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



(left to right) **Dr. Charles Wright** ('60), **Dr. Tom Murphree** ('62), **Mike Murphree** ('87), and **Wally Landrum** ('88) won the 2007 USBank Ouachita Homecoming Golf Tournament with a 19-under par score, 53.

Future Tigers

Cody Frazier Cates and wife **Jessica (Eiland)** '04 welcomed daughter Addison Elaine Cates on June 14, 2007.

Kaitlin S. (Huryta) Lusk (fs) and husband **Michael** ('01) welcomed daughter Liliahna Nicole Lusk on July 11, 2007. Kati is the middle school and junior high music/choir teacher for the Marion School District. Michael is the youth minister at First Baptist Church in Marion.

Hollie (Baker) Gustke and husband Cory welcomed daughter Lily Kei Gustke on June 29, 2007. Cory continues to work at MLG Productions and Hollie is now a stay-at-home mom to Lily.

Lindsey (Little) Gray and husband Brandon welcomed a baby boy, Ethan Brandon Gray on August 9, 2007.

2003 **Rachel (McDuffee) Hulett** and husband **James** own and operate three Firehouse Subs in Frisco, Texas. They have two sons: Peyton (2) and Carter (infant).

class notes

2003 : **Marriages**
Elizabeth Jett married Brent Lusk on April 28 at Elliott Lake in Texarkana.

Julie Tohlen married **Trey Pelz** (current student) on May 19 in Crossett, Arkansas. The couple lives in Bryant, Arkansas.

Russ Barriett Pickett married **Kristin Brooke Lindsey** on June 7 in Destin, Florida. They live in Fort Scott, Kansas.

Raul Ricardo Bermudez married **Kacie Lynn Littlejohn** on May 19 in the Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock. They live in Little Rock.

Jamie Thigpen married **Michael Pelfrey** on July 1. Mike works at the University of Kentucky in their kidney transplant center. Jamie will graduate from Asbury Theological Seminary in May with an MA in Christian Ministries: Congregational Care.

Future Tigers

Sarah (Harger) Gunter and husband Jared welcomed son Ethan James Gunter on November 26, 2006.

Lori (Drake) Eason and husband **Nick** welcomed their first child, Carter Lee, on November 2, 2006. The family lives in McKinney, Texas, where Lori is a customer service manager/buyer for www.hitrunscore.com in Plano and Nick is the manager at Finish Line in Frisco.

2004 **Rita (Ebson) Nickell** and husband **David** (fs) just bought their first house in Nevada. They moved into the home in May.

Hylan (Winkle) Pickett and husband **Joe** ('03) live in Little Rock. Joe is an Arkansas state trooper and received his master's degree in criminal justice. Hylan received her M.S. in speech pathology and works for UAMS in Little Rock.

Sarah (Crutchfield) Goodman is writing her first novel which is set to come out later this year. She and her husband **Jeff** (fs '97) have two boys.

Nathan R. Yates and wife Lisa live in Bossier City, Louisiana, where he works as an advertising executive at The Times newspaper.

Jennifer Wagner teaches 8th and 9th grade US History at Elmoood Junior High in Rogers. She has started an alumni soccer team.

Darren Bell recently began studies in the Masters of Arts program in History at UCA to focus on Diplomatic History. He is also a graduate assistant in the department.

T. Neil Greenhaw (fs) and wife **Lauren (Davidson fs)** have recently moved back to Northwest Arkansas. Neil has accepted a position as a worship pastor at Fellowship Bible Church. Lauren is finishing a master's degree as a physician assistant and has accepted a job with a doctor in Fayetteville.

Meredith McMahon is currently working on a Master's in Missions at Oral Roberts University.

2004 : **Martha Lois Smith** has finished her master's degree in piano performance and pedagogy at the University of Oklahoma. She is now setting up a private piano studio in San Antonio, Texas.

Marriages

Lindsey Marie Bland married **Matthew Randle King** on Saturday June 30 at Graves Memorial Baptist Church in North Little Rock. The couple will reside in Maumelle.

Sarah Wright married Jon Sorensen on March 17 in Memphis, Tennessee. The couple now resides in Plainview, Texas, where they are serving the communities of the South Plains.

Rachel Brackett married John Austin on June 9 at First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. Rachel is the dean of students at Central Baptist College in Conway. The couple resides in Conway.

Julie Bradley and **J. Lee Shepherd** (fs '05) were married July 29 in Hot Springs. They moved to Istanbul, Turkey, in August, where they both will be assisting in an English Bible club-Julie with preschool and Lee with youth. Lee will also be helping with the youth ministry.

Kelli Wolf married Jake Wineman on September 1 in Hot Springs. The couple live in Springdale, where Kelli teaches second grade and Jake works as a landscape architect with CEI Engineering.

Sharla Danette Tanton married John Campbell on August 25 in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Sharla recently finished a Master of Business Administration at the University of North Texas.

2005 **Kayla (Sandifer) Lance** is living in Texarkana. She is working as a probation officer and going to school at Texas A&M for her master's in counseling. She is married to James Lance and they have two cats.

Rachel Glover recently graduated from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth with an MS in Speech Pathology. She is now working in outpatient rehab at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, North Carolina.

Beth Woolley recently bought Firefly Studio in Little Rock, which is a paint your own pottery studio on Rodney Parham. She is now the President of Firefly Studios, Inc. and hopes to open another store in the near future also in the Little Rock Metro area.

Shanna M. Harris is working as a Staffing Specialist at Staffing Professionals, Inc. in Houston. She is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Human Resource Management at the University of Houston.

Marriages

Rebecca Pedrick married Stephen Wagner on May 19. The couple currently live in Pasadena, California, where Stephen writes and speaks for the Christian training organization Stand to Reason. Rebecca works for a pro-life training organization Justice For All.

class notes

2005 : **Kyle A. Thomas** married **Jessica White** ('07) in July. He has begun teaching at Wesminster Christian School in Miami, Florida, where he is also pursuing a graduate degree. He is teaching drama/theatre and will be chair of the drama program in one year.

Sean Townsend married Laura Sansom on August 4. Sean is teaching and coaching at Cypress Ridge High School and Laura works at an advertising agency in Houston.

Future Tigers

Tara (Reese) Thornton and husband Mat welcomed son Huck Adam Thornton on September 5, 2007. Tara is currently an admissions counselor at Ouachita.

Jade (Williams) Huitt and husband Blake welcomed a new baby girl, Stella Grace, on January 7, 2007.

2006 : **Amber (Reineck) Satterwhite** and husband **Chris** ('04) live in Greens Ferry. He is a full time youth minister at West Side First Baptist Church, and she is an accountant for Smith Implement.

Stephen M. Myers lives in Flint, Texas, where he works as the head video producer for Pine Cove Christian Camps.

Ashlee E. Hill currently lives in El Dorado where she works with Families and Children Together, Inc. as a Family Service Aide for the Head Start & Early Head Start Programs.

Marriages

Sarah Norris married **Joshua Farmer** ('05) on June 2 at First Baptist Church in McGehee. The couple resides in Memphis, Tennessee.

Drew Greenway married **Paige Misenheimer** ('07) on May 27 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas. The couple lives in Arkadelphia.

Joshua Paul Davenport married **Beth Ann Ponder** (fs '07) on July 7 at East Side Baptist Church in Mountain Home. The couple resides in Little Rock.

Meredith Buelow married **Nathan Morgan** on June 16 at First Baptist Church in Hope. The couple resides in Fayetteville.

Melanie Beth Adkins (fs) married Kevin John Lager on June 16 at The Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock. They live in Manhattan, Kansas.

Shannon Kay Davidson (fs) married Ryan James Palmer on August 11 at Bethel Baptist Church in Jacksonville. The couple resides in Sherwood.

Future Tigers

Ashley (Evans) Plyler and husband **Jake** ('07) welcomed daughter Kennedy Ann in June.

Amy Lyn (Adair) Benson and husband Kirk welcomed daughter Izabel Lyn Benson on July 2, 2007. The family lives in Marion.

2007 : **Helena Besovic** (fs), a pro circuit tennis player, has joined the Penn State women's tennis staff as an assistant coach.

Bryan P. McCauley and his wife Rebekah live in Ft. Worth where he works at Regions Bank and attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Rebekah is working on her master's degree in speech pathology at UNT.

Lauren Farabough was hired as the sports editor of the Daily Siftings Herald in June. She was the previous editor of the Ouachitonian yearbook.

Adam McCampbell (fs) has joined the staff of Shepherd Hill Church of Pine Bluff as a youth pastor.

Keith Barrett began classes in the fall at University of Oklahoma Law School. He was also a nominee for the Gulf South Conference "Top Ten" Award.

Rachel Kettlewell is participating in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program. She will be living and working in Miyazaki Prefecture, Japan, for the next year as an Assistant Language Teacher.

Marriages

Rachel Anne Sims married **Robert Keith McDonald** on June 9 at Second Baptist Church of Conway. The couple reside in Conway. Robi was hired by the State Bank Department as a financial examiner trainee in June.

Kelly Runyan married Donny Benson on July 14 at Beech Street Baptist Church in Gurdon. The couple lives in Little Rock where Kelly is pursuing her master's degree at UAMS.

Ashley Michelle Hall married **Robert J. "B.J." Eason III** (current student) on June 9 at First Baptist Church in West Memphis.

Richard Garrett Ham married Callie Leigh Aist on June 23 at First Baptist Church in Cabot. The couple will reside in Fayetteville.

Future Tigers

Amanda Jane (Bowien) Reed and husband **Keith** (fs '07) welcomed son Christopher Peyton on June 5, 2007.

faculty, staff and friends

Dr. Raouf Halaby, professor of English and visual arts, has been given the distinction of featured artist on the Web site www.arkansasartists.com. The site displays the works and biographies of artists and musicians from the entire state of Arkansas.

Dr. Glenda Secrest, associate professor of music, and **Dr. Jon Secrest**, professor of music, accompanied by **Dr. Christian Baker** and **Mrs. Cindy Fuller**, presented a faculty recital September 6. A portion of the recital was the Arkansas premiere of "Race for the Sky," a song cycle by Richard Pearson Thomas written to commemorate the events of 9/11. **Dr. Glenda Secrest** also had her article, "Songs from Letters and Cowboy Songs by Libby Larsen: Two Different Approaches to Western Mythology and Western Mythological Figures," published in the September/October edition of *Journal of Singing*, the official publication of the National Association of the Teachers of Singing, Inc.

James Guthrie ('71), current director of church relations from Ouachita Baptist University will serve as interim director of Campus Ministries for '07-'08 academic year.

Mike Reynolds ('77), associate professor of kinesiology and leisure studies at Ouachita, was selected out of more than 2300 to map the Continental Divide Trail.

Dr. J. Scott Duvall and **Dr. Daniel Hays** (professors at Ouachita '80), who wrote the book "Grasping God's Word," recently celebrated the book's release in Chinese. The book became a best-seller this summer.

Richard Brown and his wife Alta, of Arkadelphia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 5, 2007. They were married July 5, 1957 at Warren. Brown is a retired professor and pastor and his wife is a retired nurse.

Marriages

Joanne Crawley, former financial aid counselor (1983-1997) and widow of professor of mathematics and computer science **Dr. Alton Crawley**, was married to Larry Friesenhahn of Austin, Texas, on July 7. They will make their home in the Austin area.

Deaths

William E. "Bill" Clark, May 15, Little Rock. Survived by wife Margaret Windsor Clark, children William Clark and Mary Catherine Conner and five grandchildren. He was a former university trustee.

James G. Haggard April 29, Conway. Survived by wife Sarah, one son, three daughters, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He served as dean of students at Ouachita from 1968-1970.

Thomas Wesley Miller, June 27, Beebe. Survived by two sons, Tom B. Miller and Wesley Miller; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren; sister Margaret Womack and brother John E. Miller. He was a veteran of WWII where he earned two bronze stars.

Clois Rothwell, July 19, Fordyce. He was a Navy W.W. II veteran. Survived by his wife, Wanda Fawcett Rothwell; two sons, Jim and John; one daughter, Ruthie Andrus; three stepchildren, Angela Willibey, Miranda Fawcett and Leann Savage, and 12 grandchildren.

Henry Earl Casey, August 29, Hot Springs Village. Survived by his wife, Betty Casey; daughter, Carrie Davis; daughter-in-law, Denise Purdy; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. Thomas L. Gambrell, September 4, Overland Park, Kansas. He is the former Dean of Students and Professor of Religious Studies at Ouachita. Survived by his daughters, **Joy (Gambrell) Turner** ('66) and **Marie (Gambrell) Clark** ('64); grandsons, Joe Greenwood Jr., John Greenwood, Robert Clark, Jr., and Thomas Clark; and nine great grandchildren.



Dr. Jay Curlin, Kathryn Maddox Professor of English, and **Dr. Johnny Wink**, Betty Burton Peck Professor of English, gave a presentation at the Arkansas Philological Association on October 12 in Little Rock. They presented Dr. Curlin's "lexical rhymes," poems based on Daily Words chosen annually by Dr. Wink.

Dr. Nancy Whitten Hardman ('79) recently graduated from the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Leadership Arkansas class. Leadership Arkansas is a program established to take a statewide view of the economic and political challenges that are presented to the state.

Wayne H. Bowen, associate professor of history, spoke and signed copies of his latest book, "Undoing Saddam: From Occupation to Sovereignty in Northern Iraq," September 25 at Cox Creative Center at the Little Rock Main Library. Bowen was a U.S. Army Reserve civil affairs officer in charge of higher education and antiquities in the provinces of Nineveh, Dohuk, and Erbil.

Dr. Robert Webster ('68), professor of accounting and holder of the George Young Chair of Business, along with co-authors, Dr. Kevin Hammond and Dr. Harry Harmon, has recently published two articles. The first was published in the *Academy of Marketing Sales Journal* and the second was published in the *British journal, Marketing Intelligence and Planning*.

TWO MINDS FOR MISSIONS

MCCLAIN AND MOORE JOIN THE ABSC MISSION SUPPORT TEAM

Cindy McClain ('80) and **Debbie Moore** ('74) have a friendship that extends over 24 years and two continents. Debbie was serving as a first-term missionary in Liberia, West Africa, in 1983 when she took Cindy, then a Foreign Mission Board journeyman, under her wing. Cindy says, "She taught me how to drive a stick shift car over there, helped me understand the culture, gave me leadership opportunities and served as part of a big substitute family on the mission field."

Cindy and Debbie are now serving together on the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's (ABSC) Mission Support Team. Formerly the marketing communications and promotions team leader for LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, Tennessee, Cindy moved back to Arkansas in May 2007 to fill the role of Mission Support Team leader and Women's Missionary Union (WMU) director.

Cindy says, "A primary message we want to communicate with church leaders is what mission education is and what it isn't. It isn't just studying about missionaries, it isn't only for kids, it isn't just for traditional churches and it does make a difference in churches.... Missions education awakens believers to their God-given call to be on mission in their own lives."

Debbie's post on the Mission Support Team marks her third stint with the ABSC. She served as the Girls in Action (GA's) and Mission Friends director in the late 1970's and again as a consultant for preschool, children and student programming from 1999-2002. After two blocks of service as a foreign missionary in West Africa



Debbie Moore (left) and Cindy McClain (right) recently joined the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's Mission Support Team.

(1982-1999) and Northern Africa/Middle East (2002-2007), Debbie returned to Arkansas and the ABSC in September to join the Mission Support Team. She focuses on women's enrichment, evangelism and missions.

According to Cindy, discipleship isn't complete until a person discovers their own gifts and uses these in service and witness to others. The Mission Support Team hopes to bridge women's and men's ministry and missions so that churches can have a comprehensive approach to personal discipleship. The team can help churches

with missions education for all age levels and has programming designed to guide believers towards a missions-focused lifestyle.

Ouachita alumni can be involved in the ministry of the Mission Support Team by praying, giving and serving. Additionally, the team has a women's mission trip to Marseilles, France, planned for the next two summers and is also looking into a North America-based trip. Alumni who are in these trips or other service opportunities can contact Debbie at dmoore@absc.org.

• by Lauren Land

Ouachita Ranked Number One by *U. S. News and World Report*

On August 17, *U. S. News and World Report* released its annual college rating guide, "America's Best Colleges," listing the top colleges and universities in several regional and academic categories. Among the Baccalaureate Colleges in the South, Ouachita was ranked number one.

Ouachita is no stranger to the upper tier of schools in its category, having placed in the top five since 2002. This year the rankings score, based on factors totaling 100 points, placed it at the top of the list.

The annual rankings are based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Baccalaureate Colleges are those whose major focus is undergraduate education and who offer majors in the arts and sciences and other specialized fields like business and education.

Approximately 100 institutions fall into the Baccalaureate Colleges category in the South. The other schools in the top five were Erskine College (South Carolina), LaGrange College (Georgia), John Brown University (Arkansas), and Florida Southern College.

The rankings are based on points assigned according to fifteen widely recognized indicators of excellence. The factors include academic reputation, average graduation rate, average freshman retention rate, average enrollment

in class sections, percentage of full-time faculty, student-to-faculty ratio, average test scores, and percentage of alumni support.

In addition to its number one ranking by *U. S. News and World Report* for academic quality, Ouachita also was notified that it was ranked the number two Baccalaureate College in the South in the "Great Schools/Great Prices" category. This comparison of best values among colleges "relates a school's academic quality to the net cost of attendance for a student who received the average level of need-based financial aid. The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the deal."

This ranking reflects the university's comprehensive program of financial aid, along with the information and advice available to assist students and their families in planning for college expenses. Admissions counselors and financial aid officers inform students and parents of opportunities for scholarships, grants, student work, education loans, and other options. They also assist in the application process for government-sponsored aid programs and help locate outside sources of financial aid.

More than 94 percent of Ouachita students receive some form of aid and about 54 percent receive need-based aid.

• by Phil Hardin

FROM THE FORMER STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

BY DOUG WEST ('73), FSA PRESIDENT

Greetings from your Former Student Association! As I write this article, school is well underway, it is officially "Fall" and football season is in full swing. Students have settled into the routine of attending classes, taking tests, completing projects and all other aspects of going to school.

As a public school administrator, I constantly think about school. One project I perform at the beginning of each school year is to start a file for the next school year. As I go through my current year and find new ways to improve on tasks, meet deadlines and organize projects, I place those notes in my file. Thus, I have already begun to fill my file with ideas for the 2008-2009 school year.

As alumni, let me encourage you to begin your own file for the upcoming school year. Are there high school seniors who might be prospective Ouachita freshmen for the

2008-2009 school year? How about those students in your church youth group or Sunday School class?

Recently I spoke with a couple at my church about the possibility of their son, a high school senior, attending Ouachita. They moved to Arkansas about three years ago and were not too familiar with Ouachita. They had the usual concerns of cost, his friends planning to attend somewhere else, etc, but scheduled a visit to campus. They spent several hours at Ouachita and met with an admissions counselor and financial aid personnel, toured campus and ate lunch in the cafeteria. I spoke with them the following day about their visit and they were quite excited. The gentleman said, "I had no idea it is that nice!" Ouachita is now a real possibility for their son.

The point of this illustration is that

now is the time to promote Ouachita to prospective students. Take time to tell your Ouachita stories to high school students in your town and in your church and consider bringing them to campus for a tour.

In addition to promoting Ouachita to prospective students, use your time and talent to give to Ouachita in any way you can. Start by connecting with other alumni and sharing ideas through the Ouachita Online Community (www.obulaumni.org). You could also think about establishing a Ouachita love offering in your church or inviting current students to share their testimony during a service, thus keeping Ouachita alive in your congregation's thoughts and prayers.

I would love to hear from each and every one of you, especially friends from my time on campus. Until "next time," stay safe and be sure to start your own 2008-2009

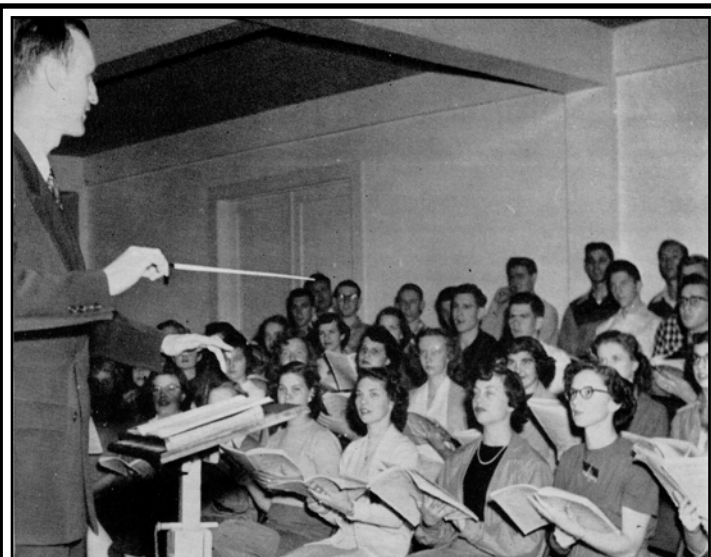
Remembering Dr. O. Fred Becker

Former Ouachita music faculty member and choir director Dr. O. Fred Becker died May 22, 2007, at the age of 89 in Nashville, Tennessee. Becker served at Ouachita from the fall of 1949 to the spring of 1953 when he left to pursue his doctorate. He was known for his sense of humor and commanding six-foot wingspan as a conductor.

Betty Baldwin Gwatney ('53) recalled his impact on students. "Mr. Becker had the wisdom of Solomon," she said. "He was a mentor. He was a counselor. He was an encourager. He had the tenacity of

led former choir members to present a short program for the group.

David Moore ('53) recalled, "There were



Dr. Becker served as Ouachita's choir director from the fall of 1949 through the spring of 1953. His former choir students plan to place an engraved marble bench on Ouachita's campus to honor his memory.

Paul and never missed an opportunity to tell others about Christ."

During the 2003 Gold Tiger reunion, Becker returned to the Ouachita campus and

about 30 former choir members there. Although we spent a lot of time visiting, when it was time to rehearse, Mr. Becker could still crack the whip! He was very sharp – very focused on

the music. It was like old times. We almost wanted to get on the bus and head out for parts unknown!"

"I've never been in a group that was so close knit," Moore continued. "The Ouachita Choir was truly a family and Mr. B. was our father away from home."

Although Becker's career included conducting and teaching at three universities and numerous churches, his years at Ouachita appeared to be as meaningful to him as they were to his students. Before his death, Becker requested that a recording of the 1953 Ouachita Choir performing "There Is a Balm in Gilead" be played at his memorial service.

Former members of Becker's choir are making plans to honor his memory by placing an engraved marble bench on Ouachita's campus. Contributions are being collected by the Development Office at Ouachita: Fred Becker Tribute, OBU Box 3754, Arkadelphia, AR 71998. Tribute committee members include Betty Gwatney, David Moore, and Billie Sharp.

Becker is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley; son and world-renowned violinist, Robert Becker; daughter and music educator, Becky Sweet; and their families.

• by Shirley Grant Hardin

Get Plugged In *Ouachita Online Community*

file.

• by Doug West

Have you wondered what ever happened to your junior-year roommate or your biology lab partner? Are you looking to make a career change and would like to network with other alumni in your field? Or, have you moved to a new city and are hoping to get in touch with fellow Ouachita graduates?

The Ouachita Online Community can help you reconnect with old friends and can also put you in touch with alumni in your town or career field. Membership is free and is open to all alumni and former students. Register today at www.obualumni.org.

Be sure to let the alumni team know where you are and what you're up to! You can easily update your contact information on the Ouachita Online Community so that you continue to



receive important information, such as *The Ouachita Circle* alumni magazine, Homecoming and Tiger Tunes details and much more.

The alumni team is always looking for ways to update the online community and appreciates your feedback. E-mail questions and suggestions to alumni@obu.edu or call (870) 245-5500

CALLING ALL GOLD TIGERS!

The Ouachita Gold Tigers Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2008, in the Walker Conference Center. All Gold Tigers are invited to celebrate as we induct the Class of 1958 into the Gold Tigers circle. More details will be mailed to our Gold Tigers in early 2008 – stay tuned!

Tiger Network Leadership Award

We are excited to introduce the 25 recipients of the Tiger Network Leadership Award. The freshman students were recommended by alumni and selected based upon the leadership they've demonstrated in school, in church and in the home. In addition to receiving a scholarship, the students will take part in three Leadership Breakfasts featuring alumni speakers and will support student recruitment efforts during the fall and spring.

This exciting program is driven by recommendations by alumni. Applications for the 2008 Tiger Network Leadership Award scholarship will be due on **January 15, 2008**. If you know a high school senior in your church or community who is interested in attending Ouachita, nominate them for this prestigious award. Recipients receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be allotted over four years.



The 2007 recipients of the Tiger Network Leadership Award

Front Row: Amy Guiomard, Katie Osment, Rachel Willhoite, Natalie Gregory, Allie Baldwin, Caitlin McBride, Leann Cushman, Whitney Moore

Second Row: Michael South, Oliver Thomas, Sarah Henley, Callie Miller, Stephen Chapman, Kati Baldwin, Ryan Ellis, Drew Harper

Third Row: Craig Denison, Matt Marsh, Alex Ray, Andrew Roberson

For an application, go online to www.obualumni.org or

contact Lauren Land by phone at (870) 245-5111 or e-mail at landl@obu.edu

BUILDING a Better PLACE TO CALL HOME



This fall, Euodias was selected to serve as board chairman for the new Economic Development Corporation of Clark County (EDCCC). Fellow alumna **Frances Eason-Nelson** ('74) serves with Euodias on the five-member board of directors and will spend the coming years shaping economic development activities.

"The foundation that I built at Ouachita taught me to be community-minded. I learned to be a good citizen at Ouachita and I believe that being a servant to my community during this critical time is the right thing to do," Frances said.

Highlighting the needs of many Ouachita students and alumni, Euodias says, "Successful economic development promises to provide more opportunities and resources for students during their college years, as well as giving these students the choice to stay and begin their career in Clark County following graduation."

According to Euodias and Frances, Clark County is on a roll. The comprehensive Clark County Strategic Plan (www.clarkcountyplan.org), co-chaired by **Wesley Kluck** ('77), was finalized this past summer. A key element of the strategic plan, a new ½ cent sales tax, was passed by voters in June. The tax will secure an estimated \$1 million annually for seven years with all monies used by the EDCCC for economic development.

Both Euodias and Frances agree that economic development within Clark County is vitally important to Ouachita. First and foremost, a vibrant community will help attract new students to campus. Once these students arrive, continued community growth will enable them to plug into their "home away from home" through part-time job opportunities and internships, as well as unique local shopping, dining and outdoor recreation. Euodias and Frances both stressed the need for superior

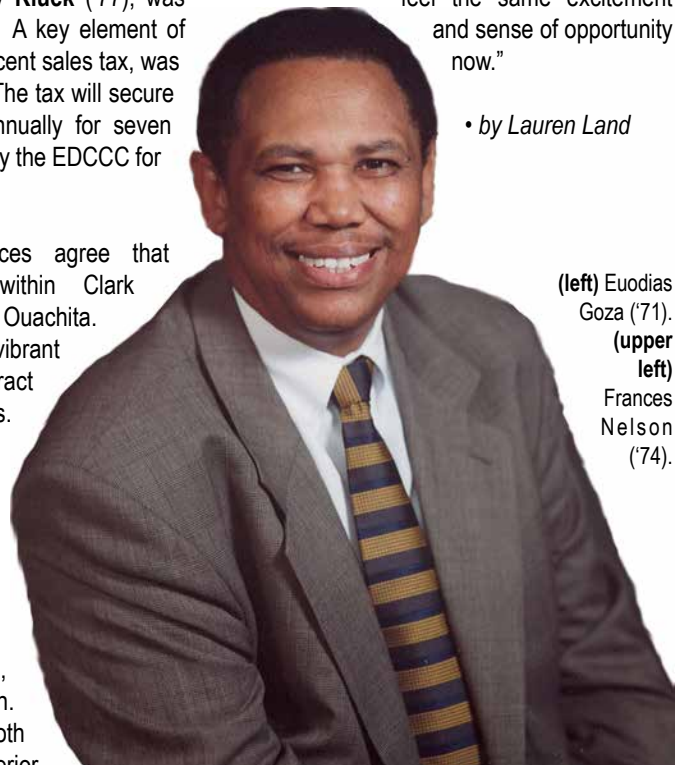
career opportunities for alumni who would like to establish their careers in Clark County. Additionally, community enhancement will give out-of-town alumni something even better to come back to when visiting campus during Homecoming and other events.

A number of alumni are working alongside Euodias and Frances by serving on the EDCCC's advisory committee: **Wesley Kluck**, **Lewis Shepherd** ('80), **Tom Calhoun** ('78), **Rosboro Hendrix** ('73) and **Randall Turner** ('75).

Frances says that the EDCCC's next step is to hire an executive director with proven experience leading economic development efforts. They began accepting applications on October 31st and hope to hire a director in early 2008. Job information is currently posted at www.clarkcountyplan.org.

Euodias said, "I was so proud when I got my acceptance letter to Ouachita, so proud that the university wanted *me*. I ran all around the house, reading the letter over and over again. I feel the same excitement and sense of opportunity now."

• by Lauren Land



(left) Euodias Goza ('71).
(upper left) Frances Nelson ('74).

Arkadelphia – It's a great place to call home! These words serve as both a motto and a mission for the city of Arkadelphia, extending into Clark County. However, like so many small towns across the country, the community has been in a slow state of decline. Most residents agree that strategic growth and renewal is needed to secure Clark County's position as a dynamic center of higher education, commerce and overall quality of life.

A group of community leaders is taking aggressive steps to secure economic development for Clark County. A number of our alumni are serving in leadership positions and are drawing from lessons learned at Ouachita to guide them in this challenging task.

Euodias Goza ('71) is originally from the small Clark County community of Gurdon but moved to Michigan as a child. When it was time to apply for college, Euodias knew he wanted to return "home" and selected Ouachita for his higher education. After receiving a degree in business administration, Euodias launched a successful career in banking and is now working tirelessly to support and strengthen the community that gave so much to him. Euodias said, "I feel like Ouachita is a part of me. I want to be a mentor to current students and inspire them to be future Clark County leaders who will continue the work and the growth we're starting today."

OUACHITA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

A DIVISION OF THE DANIEL R. GRANT CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Coming in June 2008:

Costa Rica

See next issue for details!

The Holy Land (Israel & Jordan)

December 31, 2007 - January 11, 2008

Cost: \$3099 from New York or Washington

Points of interest include Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Sepphoris, Tiberius, Mr. Tabor, Nazareth, Mt. Precipice, Bet She'an, the Jordan River, Tiberius, the Mount of Beatitudes, Caesarea Philippi, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Sheik Hussein Crossing, Jerash, Jabbok, Bethany, Mt. Nebo, Medaba, Petra, Moab, Wadi Mujib, Amman, Allenby Bridge, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Masada, the Dead Sea, and in Jerusalem the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Mt. Zion, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea Scrolls Museum, the Old City, the Western Wall, Davidson Center, the Garden Tomb, and Gorden's Calvary.



Egypt & the Nile Cruise

(from a Christian perspective)

April 4-16, 2008

Cost: \$3295 from Little Rock (includes all airfares, transportation, taxes, food, first class hotels, admissions, gratuities, and transfers)

Points of interest include Cairo, Alexander, the Fort at Quit Bay, the Catacombs of Kom, Pompey's pillar, the Coptic Church, Abu Simbel, the Nubian Monuments, the Aswan High Dam, Philae Temple, the Agh Khan Mausoleum, then board a ship for Kom Umbo to see the Kom Umbo Temple, Edfu, Luxor & the Temple of Karnak; the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Hatshepsut; then fly back to Cairo and visit The Pyramids, Cheops and The Sphinx, The Egyptian museum to see King Tutankhamen's treasures; the Land of Goshen, Marah (Spring of Moses), the Oasis of Elim, and finally, Mt. Sinai (Mt. Horeb) and back to Cairo.

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Admissions Takes it to the CUTTING EDGE

In September, a film crew from the public relations firm Cranford, Johnson,

Robinson, and Woods (CJRW) was seen around the campus, capturing images and recording interviews with 36 members of the Ouachita community.

The result of hours and hours of taping was "Answer the Call," a new DVD that will be used to tell the Ouachita story to prospective students, parents, churches, and other interested groups.

The new DVD, which lasts eleven minutes and fourteen seconds, communicates a wide

range of impressions about the university. Participants included Ouachita President Rex M. Horne, Jr., twelve faculty and staff members, twenty students, and four alumni.

A consistent message in the student interviews was the importance of God's leadership in selecting a college. Many said they felt led to come to Ouachita and that they enrolled because "this is where God wanted me." The strength of this theme in the interviews led to the naming of the project: "Answer the Call."

Faculty and staff members interviewed on camera expressed a similar sense of purpose in their work. They reflected on the outstanding qualities of Ouachita students, the close-knit atmosphere on campus, and the unique opportunities they

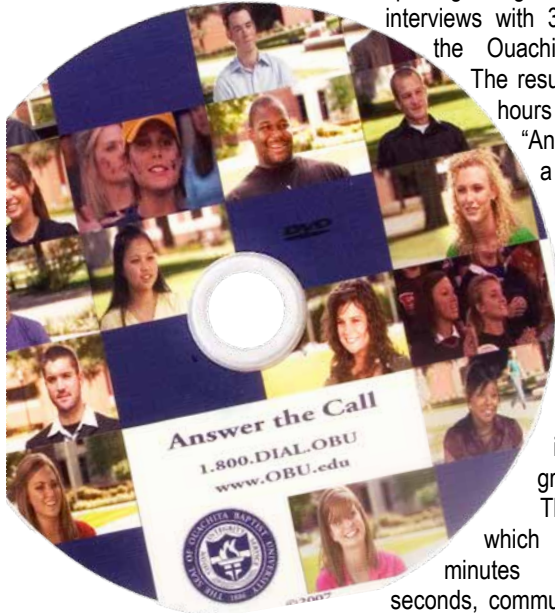
have to interact with students both inside and outside the classroom.

The project was conceived after conversations between President Horne and David Martin ('79), CJRW Chief Executive Officer and Ouachita alumnus.

"David Martin and his team did an excellent job of capturing the Ouachita spirit in this project," said Dr. Horne. "They will help us explore new ways to tell the Ouachita story for future generations of students."

Staff in the Admissions Counselling Office began distributing the new DVD recently. Anyone interested in receiving a copy may contact the office at 1-800-DIAL-OBU or admissions@obu.edu.

Answer the Call • by Phil Hardin



Another DVD about Ouachita was developed last year by Ouachita former student Scott Crider ('87) of Aristotle Integrated Marketing. Crider worked with Dr. Wesley Kluck ('77), vice president for institutional advancement, to create an interactive DVD that would appeal to students and would replace the traditional print viewbooks. The result was an innovative recruiting tool that combines video images and internet connections.

Ouachita was recognized recently for this new marketing strategy. "Admissions Marketing Report," the national newspaper of admissions marketing professionals, published a feature article about this innovative product. The DVD was also reviewed for upcoming national contests and made the final round of judging by the American Marketing Association for its San Diego convention this fall. "We didn't intend for the

DVD to be used for marketing competitions, but when we submitted the DVD to the Admissions magazine, they liked the idea so much that they came interviewing for a feature story," said Dr. Kluck. "The new marketing tool fit so well for other competitions, so we entered them."

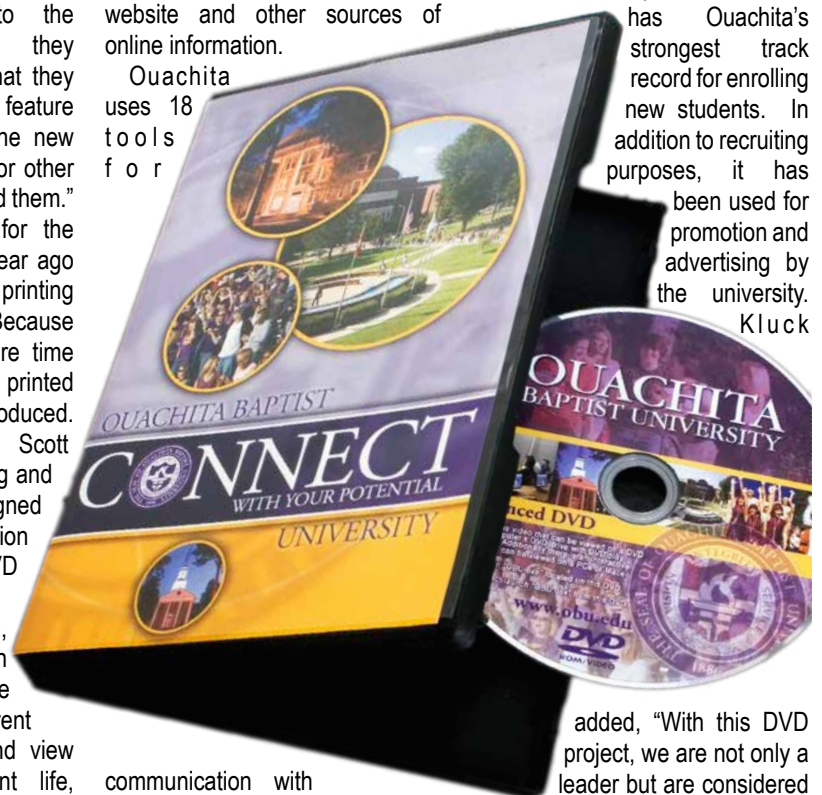
The creation process for the new DVD began over a year ago with an effort to reduce printing and postage costs. Because many students spend more time on the computer than with printed materials, a CD was produced. The next step involved Scott Crider, who oversaw filming and marketing for a DVD designed for viewing on a television or a computer with DVD capability.

With this new approach, prospective students can see video footage of the campus, hear what current students have to say, and view information about student life, areas of study, and financial aid. Prospective students can see things that they can't see in

printed material. In addition, there are several links to the Ouachita website and other sources of online information.

Ouachita uses 18 tools for

DVD has succeeded in attracting students for campus visits, which has Ouachita's strongest track record for enrolling new students. In addition to recruiting purposes, it has been used for promotion and advertising by the university. Kluck



communication with prospective students, including e-mail, letters, campus visits, and now, the new interactive DVD. The

added, "With this DVD project, we are not only a leader but are considered on the 'cutting edge' in our field."

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