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■ Dr. Ben Moody Elrod, the thirteenth president of Ouachita Baptist University.

# OUACHITA!

## BEN'S BACK!

Dr. Ben M. Elrod becomes Ouachita's 13th president

The fact that Dr. Ben M. Elrod, who on Sept. 1 became the thirteenth president of Ouachita Baptist University, has been closely associated with Ouachita for 40 years is causing some of the older faculty and staff members to wonder if they should call him "Ben" or "Dr. Elrod."

For him, that's no problem.

"When people ask me that question," he said, grinning broadly, "I tell them that my family calls me 'Ben.' And so far as Betty Lou and I are concerned, Ouachita is family."

With hardly a ripple having been stirred, the shift from Dr. Daniel R. Grant, 65, who retired Aug. 31, to Dr. Elrod, 58, has to be ranked up there among the smoothest transitions in the history of higher education. It shouldn't be all that surprising, however, since the two of them have been close friends for almost 20 years. They are, in fact, charter members of their own mutual admiration society: Elrod for having planned and directed a development program at OBU that added more than \$10 million to operating and capital funds and Grant for having led Ouachita from one of its worst years in 1970 to what Elrod describes as the best condition in its history.

In his first official day in office, Elrod talked about the shape of the university today and what he intends to do in the years ahead.

### OUACHITA TODAY

"In making the statement that Ouachita is in the best condition in its history," he said, "I believe this is

true in several respects."

■ **Financial resources:** The endowment is at an all-time high, the school has operated in the black for practically every year during Dr. Grant's tenure, and an aggressive development program has been maintained that has continued to grow through the years.

■ **Faculty and administrative staff:** What has always made this a quality school has been the strength of its faculty and staff. Since I believe very much that an institution is basically comprised of people and that the strength of an institution can be measured largely in terms of the strength of the people, it's especially gratifying to me at this point to find that this strength is at a record high, so far as I can tell.

■ **Students:** Evidence clearly indicates that, in terms of the test scores of entering freshmen, this is the best student body since the ACT was installed as a requirement for admission. Other measurements of student quality indicate that the strength of our students is at an all-time high.

■ **Arkansas Baptist State Convention:** I believe that we now enjoy the best relationship in our history. And I would cite no less an authority on the subject than Dr. Don Moore, the executive secretary of the convention, who in a recent letter made just that statement. I sense the same thing as I move among Arkansas Baptists.

■ **Programs for spiritual growth:** We're a literal beehive of activity in terms of good, substantial measures that are being taken to set the stage for spiritual growth for students and for faculty and staff as well.



■ Dr. Ben M. Elrod: "Ouachita is in the best condition in its history."

### WHAT'S AHEAD?

■ **Continuity:** Because I have been associated with Ouachita in one way or another for 40 years, I have a deep sense of the history of Ouachita. With this being so, I should be expected to give a great deal of attention to what has been going on here as I try to guide us into the future.

■ **Quality and compassion:** I can also be expected to continue to maintain the delicate balance between "quality and compassion" in dealing with each other as members of the

institutional family and in dealing with the outside world when we go out there in whatever occupational pursuits we follow after Ouachita. In fact, I think that this combination of "quality and compassion" is a distinguishing mark of a Ouachitanian that is evident both inside and outside the classroom.

■ **Arkansas Baptist State Convention:** This is not just window dressing but a real commitment of sensitivity and substance. We will continue to carry out our part of what has through the years been a mutually beneficial relationship. The convention is our

life blood in terms of students who come here in large numbers and in terms of financial support and many other benefits.

We, in turn, certainly provide many benefits for the denomination in terms of ordained and lay leadership for the churches and a quality society in which to operate.

■ **Financial resources:** There will be a continued commitment to securing resources to provide the framework within which intellectual and Christian growth can be encouraged.

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## Tribute paid to Dr. and Mrs. Dan Grant

International studies program is established in his name

Before a jam-packed audience that paid \$25 a plate to honor them, Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant left Ouachita in a blaze of glory. They also left in a new Mercury Marquis presented to them by Board Chairman William H. "Buddy" Sutton on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Development Council.

All in all, what Dan Grant had expected to be a start-to-finish "roast" turned out to be an evening of lavish praise and nice surprises for the president who in 18 years succeeded in guiding the university from one of the worst times in its history in 1970 to the best of times in 1988.

"Surprises" in addition to the new car included:

■ the announcement of a new international studies program established in his name;

■ the announcement by Virgil Waggoner, president of Sterling Chemicals in Houston, that he was giving Ouachita a check for \$200,000 in Dr. Grant's honor to pay off the remaining indebtedness of Sturgis Physical Education Center;

■ a stitched wall hanging prepared by the Grant children depicting the major stages in his life;

■ and the unveiling of the architectural model for the Daniel R. Grant Plaza in honor of his leadership in developing the construction of the "megastructure" consisting of Evans Student Center, Mabee Fine Arts Center, McClellan Hall and Lile Hall and Riley-Hickingbotham Library.

### PLAZA model on page 2

The nine speakers on the program, each representing an important "public" of Ouachita, included Oren Harris, senior judge of the U.S. District Court; Jimmy Hobgood, former president of Merchants and Planters Bank in Arkadelphia; Don Moore, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Mr. Waggoner; and Dr. Martin Garrison, former president of Henderson State University.

Other speakers included Dr. Wesley Kluck, president of the Former Students Association; Christopher Lawson, president of the Ouachita Student Foundation and the OBU Student Senate; Helen Roark, Dr. Grant's secretary; Betty McCommas, the Betty Burton Peck Professor of English at Ouachita; and Jeral Hamp-



■ Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant stand beside their new gift-wrapped Mercury Marquis. The car was presented during the dinner in their honor Aug. 11 at Ouachita. The Grant's new home in Arkadelphia is in the background.

ton, former president of the OBU Board of Trustees.

Kathleen Burton, also a former board chairman, gave the invocation, and Dr. Lynn Worthen, a board member and the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia, gave the benediction.

A slide presentation, "Daniel R. Grant: The Right Man at the Right

Time," was also presented. Considering what he has accomplished as president, it seemed to be a particularly appropriate title.

During a faculty-staff dinner Aug. 11, the Grants were given a personal computer. In addition, Mrs. Grant received a check to help furnish their new home. Dan Grant is now enrolled in a word-processing class at Ouachita.

### Calendar

#### Friday, Nov. 11

- 6:00 p.m. — Reunion Dinner: Classes of 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983 and friends, \$6.50 reserved. ESC Banquet Room A.

#### Saturday, Nov. 12

- 10:45 a.m. — Reception for President and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod, ESC Bridge. Student-Alumni Get-Together.
- 11:45 a.m. — Alumni Buffet, \$5 by reservation, ESC Banquet Room.
- 2:00 p.m. — OBU v. Harding
- 4:30 p.m. — Class after-game supper, \$2 reserved

For information on these and other homecoming events, please contact the FSA office, 246-4531, Ext. 506.

### 1988 fall enrollment jumps 4.5% over '87

The freshman class of 1988 showed a gain of 4.4 percent over the record-setting increase in 1987. The 1,207 undergraduate students come from 56 of Arkansas' 65 counties, 28 states, Canada and nine foreign countries.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

# A new top 10

by Dr. Wesley Knuck, M.D.  
President, Former Student Association

Football season is here, and with this sport comes the competition for getting your team to place among the top teams in the state or in the country. The Fighting Tigers are working toward this achievement in their quest for an AIC Championship. However, many of our alumni have already made it to the Top 10. This group is not a team of football players but is a list of occupations that are most often pursued by Ouachita graduates. Many of you are in the Top 10.

While only 67 percent of our graduates have reported their occupations, this list does at least give some indication of the leading career choices from among the 140 different job categories reported by our former students. We need to hear from the rest of you in order to get a complete picture.

Education	1264 alumni	21.7%
Business	610 alumni	10.5%
Homemakers	590 alumni	10.1%
Pastors	324 alumni	5.6%
Secretarial	268 alumni	4.6%
Accounting	252 alumni	4.3%
Military	189 alumni	3.3%
Music	189 alumni	2.7%
Religious Ed.	140 alumni	2.4%
Lawyers	119 alumni	2.0%

\*\* (These figures are based only on graduates since 1970.) \*\*

I feel left out! My profession didn't make the list, but there are 49 other physicians who graduated from Ouachita who were also left out. In addition to medicine, other leading career categories for Ouachita graduates included dentistry, communications, foreign missions, agriculture, sales, banking and engineering.

Let me give you an update on the Tiger Network. To refresh your memory, this is a group of 400 alumni who responded to a mailing last year and stated they would be willing to help in student recruitment and placement. Many of the seniors of 1988 have recently joined this working team, and we're excited about their enthusiasm. Hopefully, some of you who graduated longer ago than 1988 would like to join this network of alumni who are engaging in an effort to keep Ouachita in the forefront among other colleges and universities. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Tiger Network, please clip out the information card below and return it to the Ouachita Alumni Office, OBU Box 3762, Arkadelphia, AR 71923.

YES, I'll be willing to assist with student recruitment. Please send me more information.

YES, I'll assist with Ouachita's efforts in placement.

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Class of

## Cloud earns M.B.A., completing B.A.

John Cloud, director of planned giving at Ouachita, received the master's degree in business administration in August from Henderson State University. Cloud, who is only a few hours short of completing the requirements for a bachelor of arts degree, graduated from OBU in 1970 with a bachelor of science degree.



■ John Cloud



■ Betty Lou and Ben Elrod (left) are greeted by Dr. Don Moore (right), executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and his wife, Shirley, during a reception for Ouachita's new president. The event was sponsored earlier this month by the board of trustees at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Little Rock. Board Chairman William H. "Buddy" Sutton and his wife Peggy (center) joined the Elrods in the receiving line.

## ELROD (from page 1)

As we all know, such an atmosphere is one that is created by strong leadership, good facilities and well-financed programs. To provide these ingredients for growth requires a lot of money. My commitment is to do my part to secure the resources necessary for a maximum provision of that framework.

■ International studies: I'm also committed to preparing our students to become world citizens by providing students and faculty with opportunities for international studies. This is a continuation of a very keen interest of President Grant. I, too, am very interested in this area and would like to see such opportunities greatly expanded.

■ Communication exchange: I want there to be a good flow of information and contacts between the campus and the outside world. I think that through advisory groups and through other relationships with business, churches and organizations relating to the arts and similar entities, we can greatly strengthen the instructional program. These people and organizations have resources that they can make available to us to that end.

■ Advancement of higher education

in Arkansas: Although I am referring to both public and private education, I believe that there is a particular need for a stronger independent sector of higher education in Arkansas. In fact, I would like to see a study done relating to those states that have best succeeded in terms of economic well-being to find out if there is a relationship between their doing well in a high-tech society and the presence within those states — particularly Massachusetts, California, North Carolina and New York — of a strong independent sector of higher education. I believe that a relationship does exist between the two.

## FIRST THOUGHTS

And what are Ben Elrod's thoughts as he begins his administration?

"I've said before that coming back to Ouachita is very much like coming home for Betty Lou and me," he said. "It is also a great challenge. I feel that in the years ahead, we can all have a very pleasant experience in continuing to move Ouachita forward. With due regard for all the progress that has already been made, I can already see plenty of things that need to be done."

## Four new OBU faculty members hired

Four new faculty members at Ouachita this fall include Dr. Donald Anderson, the Harvey Jones Professor of Business and Transportation Studies; Dr. Keith Randolph, assistant professor of biology; Nona Anderson, instructor in Spanish; and David DeArmond, instructor in music.

Dr. Anderson has served as the chairman of the department of marketing at the University of North Dakota since 1963. In 1979, he received the alumni award for outstanding teaching.

### Business, Biology, Spanish, Music

Anderson has written 14 publications and has presented nine papers on marketing and business at regional, national and international conferences.

Dr. Randolph has been assistant professor of science and chief of health professions advisers at Wayland Baptist University for the past three years.

He completed his Ph.D. in comparative and experimental pathology

in 1983 at Wake Forest University and Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mrs. Anderson, who is not related to Dr. Anderson, has taught English and Spanish at Gurdon High School since 1977.

DeArmond (B.M.E., 1977), who was director of choral activities at McClellan High School in Little Rock, is completing his doctorate in literature and performance of choral music from the University of Colorado.

## Dr. Ben Moody Elrod

■ BORN: October 13, 1930

■ EDUCATION: B.A., Ouachita Baptist University, 1952; B.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1956; Th.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1962; Ed.D., Indiana University, 1975.

■ EMPLOYMENT: Pastor of Baptist churches in Arkansas, Texas and Oklahomas, 1951-63; Vice President for Development, Ouachita Baptist University, 1963-68; President, Oakland City College (Indiana), 1968-70; Vice President for Development, Ouachita Baptist University, 1970-78; President, Georgetown College (Kentucky), 1978-83; President, Independent Colleges of Arkansas; President, Independent College Fund of Arkansas, 1983-88.

■ FUND-RAISING RECORD: Led in planning and directing efforts at Ouachita Baptist University which added in excess of \$10 million to operating and capital funds; led in campaign at Georgetown College to raise \$6.5 million.

■ FAMILY: Married Betty Lou Warren in 1951. Two children, Mrs. Cindy Stroud of North Little Rock and William Searcy Elrod of Norman, Okla.

■ OTHER: Trustee, Ouachita Baptist University, 1960-63; Distinguished Alumnus Award, Ouachita Baptist University, 1979; Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Oakland City College; Trustee, Arkansas Baptist Medical System, 1978; Trustee, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1980-83; Centennial Achievement Award, Ouachita Baptist University, 1986; Who's Who in America, 1984-88.

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## Daniel R. Grant Plaza

■ An architect's model (left) of the Daniel R. Grant Plaza, which will honor the former president for his leadership in the development of the five-building "megastructure." The plaza is being constructed (below) at the intersection of side-walks in front of Mabee Fine Arts Center. It will contain seating areas and the names of all former presidents of Ouachita.

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## McBeth named 1988 'Man of Music'

Dr. W. Francis McBeth, professor of music and Ouachita's internationally recognized resident composer, has been named "Man of Music for 1988" by the national Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the oldest and largest professional music fraternity in America.

Among past recipients of the award have been Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, Howard Hanson and William Warfield.

Dr. William B. Dederer, national president of Sinfonia, said McBeth received the award "for his originality, sensitivity and creativity in composing and conducting, which have brought him worldwide renown as one of the most versatile composers and conductors."

The Sinfonia recognition, presented every three years, is the most recent in an impressive number of honors for McBeth, who has been the recipient of the ASCAP Special Award every year since 1965.

His composition, "The Gathering of the Waters," was premiered in Kansas City earlier this year. Commissioned by the Sinfonia Foundation, the piece was written for five brass, five woodwinds and male chorus.

In an article concerning McBeth that appeared in the Summer 1988 issue of "The Sinfonian," his intense interest in the wind symphony was said to have "been a shaping force in its literature."

"As a composer," the article continued, "(McBeth) has consistently been in the top few of the most performed American symphonic wind composers in the past 20 years."

A highly regarded conductor and lecturer, he travels nine months of the year and has conducted in 46 of the 50 states, Canada and Japan.

## Jan Barker competes on 'Wheel of Fortune'

Jan Barker (B.A., 1980) had finally fulfilled his dream: He was on "Wheel of Fortune." He had won \$2,250 so far and had picked all but one of the letters in "KANSAS CITY RO...ALS."

He knew that all he had to do was call for a "Y" and he would win the round.

But wait. The leader at the time had already won \$3,200, and this was the last round. If he stopped now, he would be \$2,250 richer but out of the running for the \$25,000 grand prize. His only chance to go ahead of the leader would be to spin the wheel just one more time and shoot for the \$3,500 space. After all, \$2,250 would be nice, but it wouldn't change his life. \$25,000 would.

He spun the wheel... and hit bankrupt.

Pai Sajak, the host, tried to console him after the show, and the \$550 in consolation prizes weren't all that bad: a new mattress and box springs and \$25 in Cue-Tips ("which should last us into the next century," he said wryly).

Nevertheless, Barker, who is director of personnel and support services for Pathfinder Schools, Inc., of Jacksonville, Ark., was feeling pretty rotten when he and his wife Lynn returned to the home of Elmer and Jacque Goble who were their hosts in California.

That's when Lynn said, "Jan, I'm sorry you lost. But I think you're going to be a daddy."

"All of a sudden," he said in a later interview, "my perspective changed. Not winning on 'Wheel of Fortune' didn't seem that important."



Judge Oren Harris receives the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Ouachita during a \$125-a-plate dinner in his honor Sept. 23 in Little Rock. The event drew 800 admirers and raised \$110,000 for the construction of R. A. "Brick" Life Hall. The doctoral hood is bestowed by Dr. Ben M. Elrod (right), Ouachita's new president, and Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton.

## \$1 million from Jones Foundation sets one-year gift record for OBU

Recent gifts totaling \$1 million to Ouachita Baptist University from the Harvey and Bernice Jones Foundation of Springdale constitute the largest contribution from a foundation ever received by OBU during any single year.

The money is being used to endow the Harvey Jones Chair of Business and Transportation Studies and the Harvey and Bernice Jones Centennial Scholarships for students majoring in business at Ouachita.

Dr. Donald G. Anderson, professor of marketing at the University of North Dakota, will join the Ouachita faculty in the fall to become the Harvey Jones Professor of Business and Transportation Studies. Mrs. Jones, who said she had been a Baptist for about 50 years, said the scholarship program was established at Ouachita

"because we need Christian business people just as much as we need preachers and teachers."

Dr. Daniel R. Grant, president of OBU, said, "The beautiful thing about this gift from Mr. and Mrs. Jones is that it helps to strengthen Ouachita in two strategic areas of our business program: scholarships for deserving students and the recruitment of outstanding faculty. With our growing number of students majoring in business, it could not have come at a better time."

The foundation was established in 1957 by Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who founded Jones Truck Lines in 1918. Mr. Jones maintained an active role in the company until it was sold in 1980. He continues to serve as chairman of the board.

## Gary Benson, '78, invited to referee in NBA this fall

By Richard McCormick

Gary Benson has come a long way from dressing up in his daddy's clothes and throwing yellow flags in the back yard. He recently received the call from Darel Garretson, chief of the National Basketball Association, to be the first official from Arkansas to referee in the NBA.

"The roof blew off my house," Benson said. "My wife Paula got on the phone, and if Garretson's got an eardrum left, he's lucky."

Benson, 32, is a former All-AIC defensive back from OBU and is the son of Ouachita's head football coach, Buddy Benson.

Gary credits his father's early officiating jobs as his motivation to referee. "I'd watch the way he'd carry himself and the immense concentration he had."

Gary was quick to credit some of his colleagues such as Norris Fox, Sonny Holmes and Buddy Coleman as being instrumental in his success; his credentials, however, speak for themselves. He has officiated both basketball and football for 13 years, everything from Parks and Recreation youth games to Arkansas Intercollegiate basketball and Southland Conference football and basketball.

When asked if it would be tough leaving his job of eight and a half years with Southwestern Bell Telecom, he replied, "It wasn't a hard



Gary Benson (left) and George Hern in 1977.

decision to leave because it's what I've always wanted to do."

Benson had to turn down an opportunity to officiate Southwest Conference football this season in order to take the NBA job. He began work Sept. 26.

As far as connections with the NBA, Benson said he has none.

"People ask me, 'How did you get in?'" he said. "I applied. It just happened. There's no magic to it. It's the pure, old American way. You see somebody do something good, you like 'em and hire 'em."

Benson's success hasn't sprung from nowhere, however. He applied to the NBA four years ago and paid his own way to work a Los Angeles pro basketball camp last year. It was there that he caught the eye of Garretson.

## Symphony selects Kimberly Wright, '85

Kimberly Wright (B.M.E., 1985) has been selected as a member of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra in Albuquerque beginning with the 1988-89 season, which will include 70 to 80 concerts.

Miss Wright received the master of music degree in French horn performance from North Texas State University in Denton in 1987 and the certificate in performance from Northwestern University in 1988.

While studying at Northwestern, Miss Wright was a member of the Chicago Civic Orchestra and performed a series of concerts with the internationally acclaimed Chicago Symphony Orchestra. She has also recorded several nationally televised commercials.



Kimberly Wright

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Wright of Arkadelphia. Dr. Wright is Dean of Ouachita's School of Music. Mrs. Wright is chairperson of the Department of Accounting.

## Newell Blakely, '43, honored by U. of Houston

Former dean of law school praised for providing 'pivotal' service to school

A professorship honoring Newell Blakely (B.A., 1943), former dean of the University of Houston Law School, has received initial funding of \$250,000.

The fund is continuing to grow, according to Kathryn Means, director of communications at UH, "as more and more alumni pledge their contributions in homage to the only professor who has taught all 41 graduating classes at the law school."

The silver anniversary issue of the *Houston Law Review* was dedicated to Dean Blakely earlier this year for his having created the publication in 1963 and for his "pivotal" service in moving the university into the state system of higher education.

According to the dedication statement, "Powerful forces within the State of Texas did not want a second state law school. There was even pressure to permit the University of Houston to join the state system if the law school was dropped from the program."

It was Dean Blakely, however, the statement continued, who "overcame these objections and managed to extract a commitment from the state legislature to build the law college its own multimillion dollar home. Joining the state system provided a strong financial base for the law school."

This action, together with the launching of the *Law Review*, the dedication statement continued, "contributed greatly to the law school's admission into the Association of American Law Schools in 1966. This was an important milestone for a young law school."

The statement also described Blakely as a person who "continues to make a difference. He continues to be a superb role model for students as well as practicing attorneys. He has an institutional loyalty that carries him beyond the day-by-day concerns and helps focus on the critical issues relating to quality legal education."



Regina Rogers of the University of Houston Law School's alumni office with Dr. Newell Blakely.

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## CLASS NOTES

## 1928

The Peninsula Baptist Association in Virginia has dedicated their annual in honor of **Bruce H. Price**. Dr. Price and his wife, Eve, live in retirement in Newport News, Va.

## 1941

**Ruth Neal** (f.s.) has retired as manager of the Indianapolis, Ind., Baptist Book Store following 18 years of service. She will return to her hometown of Benton and work part time for the Little Rock Book Store.

## 1943

**Andrew and Harriet (Grant) Hall** are completing their eighth interim pastorate at Ridgeview Baptist of Fayetteville since retirement in 1984. One interim was at Grand Cayman in the Caribbean for the FMS; two have been in Florida and five in Arkansas. In their work the Halls have set up student scholarship funds in seven of the churches. One church had an existing scholarship fund.

**Alvin and Katie (Jordan) Hattton** retired Aug. 1 after serving for 40 years as Southern Baptist missionaries in Brazil. They live with Katie's mother, Mrs. T. H. Jordan ('62) in Warren, Ark. Their children, spouses and grandchildren visited Brazil in July 1987, for a reunion and goodbye to where they had grown up. **Lidia Newman** ('72), with her husband Jimmy and children, now lives in Monticello, Ark.

**Bill Hattton** ('73) and his wife, Annie, live in Amiens, France, where they pastor a church. They have two children. **Sarah Drummond** (f.s. '72) and husband Jefferson live in New Jersey. They have three children. **John Hattton** (f.s. '76) and wife Monica live in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil, and they have one daughter. John owns a graphic business.

**Stanley and Margaret (Haynes) Jordan** have moved from Muskogee, Okla., to full retirement in San Angelo, Tex. Their daughter is church organist and son-in-law is minister of music of First Baptist Church in San Angelo.

## 1944

**Garland H. Allen**, retired faculty member from Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N.C., has been awarded emeritus status. Allen, who joined the college in 1961, was professor of religion and history and served as golf coach.

## 1945

**Leland and Bette (Cockran) '46 Hall** of Melbourne, Fla., visited with K. D. Archibald, former biology professor at OBU (early 1940's), and his wife. The Archibalds enjoy retirement during the winter months in Melbourne and Maine in the summers.

## 1946

**Sam Phillips** resigned the pastorate in Mobile, Ala., after 16 years. He was made pastor emeritus and has moved to Denton, Tex., where he is working with Mission Possible, an organization that ministers to churches in the European Eastern Block and Russia. He and his wife are developing curriculum materials for pastors and churches in these countries.

## 1947

**R. Calvin Whorton** is now in his 34th year as head of the math department at California Baptist College. Dr. Whorton plans to retire next year.

## 1950

**Alton Butler** recently completed his 25th year as pastor of Myrtle Grove Baptist Church in Pensacola. He has been elected to serve as chairman of the Board of Trustees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

## 1953

**H. K. "Ken" Reed** has been elected to serve as Jefferson County Treasurer in Pine Bluff, Ark. He will assume the office Jan. 1, 1989.

## 1954

**Dr. Robert Edwards** of St. Louis is now serving in a pilot program for the Home Mission Board at Tower Grove Baptist Church as church and community director and minister to seniors.

## 1955

**Joan (Gore) Allen** has been elected "Teacher of the Year," 1988-89, for Foster Elementary School in Dallas, I.S.D., where she is teaching the 4-year-olds English as a second language program.

**Marvin R. Reynolds** is now serving as director of missions for Mississippi County Association with offices in Blytheville, going there from seven years of service as DOM for Black River Association with offices in Alicia. He is married to the former **Beth Haley** (f.s. '56).

**Jim Whitten** has recently been promoted to president of FIDCO (Food Ingredients Development Corporation), White Plains, N.Y., a wholly owned subsidiary of Nestle Foods Company, and to vice-president of Nestle Foods Company, Inc., of Purchase, N.Y.

Jim also serves as vice chairman and is a member of the Board of Directors for Appropriate Technology, Inc. (ATI), of Stuart, Fla. ATI was recently established to provide recycling and waste reduction facilities while enhancing the environment.

In following his avocation along with his career, Whitten has earned his United States Coast Guard Master's License, allowing him to captain a passenger-carrying vessel up to 200 tons anywhere in the world.

## 1956

**F. L. and Edna Dawson** are now living in Rainsville, Ala. He is pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church and has retired as a school counselor.

## 1957

**John W. Gray**, chairman of the speech communication department at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, has been named dean of UALR's new College of Professional and Public Affairs. The college was established July 1 when the College of Communications and the Graduate School of Social Work were merged as part of a campus reorganization. Prior to joining the UALR faculty in 1970, Gray worked at Louisiana State University and Auburn University.

**Carolyn (Thompson) Nicholson** of Wynne, Ark., is now Cross County Coordinator for the East Arkansas Literacy Project. She has taught private piano and voice for 25 years.

## 1958

**Betty (Crowe) Fry** has joined the faculty at Central State University in Edmond, Okla. She was appointed assistant professor in the Department of Administration, Vocational, Adult and Higher Education. Her professional experience includes associate professor at the University of Wyoming, state business and office education supervisor and assistant state supervisor at the Department of Vocational-Technical Education in Oklahoma, business education teacher at Tulsa Public Schools and instructor at the U of A.

## 1961

**Mary Ellen Venable (Kimmer) Brogdon** teaches school in Holcomb, and her husband, Ed, is superintendent of North Pecos School District. She and husband live in Kennett, Mo.

## 1962

**Max and Joyce (Brown) Deaton** are living in Irving, Tex. Max is pastor of Meadowbrook Baptist Church. Former pastorate includes Otter Creek Baptist Church in Little Rock.

**Don W. and Wanda (Stephens) Reed** have moved to Shawnee, Kans. Don is the Director of Missions for the Kansas City, Kans., Baptist Association, moving from the staff of the Foreign Mission Board.

## 1963

**Martin and Patsy (Caughman) '62) Schlueter** live in Huntington Beach, Calif., where Martin is hospital chaplain with Memorial Medical Center in Long Beach, Calif. Memorial Medical Center is the largest single non-profit hospital on the West Coast.

## 1964

**John L. Gustavus** (f.s. '64) of North Little Rock recently opened his third family practice at Mabelvale. He is a member of the American Board of Family Practice, the Arkansas Academy of Family Practice and the American Academy of Family Practice.

## 1965

**William and Beverly Corp** live in Nairobi, Kenya, where Bill is now serving as a church developer working with the churches in the Kiambu Association.

## 1966

**Jerry W. Reeves** of San Antonio is a chaplain for the Bexar County Hospital District.

## 1967

**Robert and Donna (Prince) '68) Duncan** live in Ft. Worth, Tex. Robert is a hospital chaplain with Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, and Donna is the librarian at Morningside Middle School in Ft. Worth. They have two children, Laurie Elizabeth and Lisa Ruth.

**Beverly Slavens** (f.s.), chairman of the English department at Arkadelphia High School, received a \$3,000 grant from the National Fellowship for Independent Study in the Humanities. Slavens has been teaching nine years at Arkadelphia High School.

## 1969

**Carolyn (Thurmond-Boone) Brooks** is library media specialist and yearbook advisor at Tyson Elementary



■ **Lennox Adams**, a 3.8 pre-med student at Ouachita, competed in the triple jump in Seoul, South Korea, this fall, becoming the first Olympian to represent Ouachita and St. Vincent, his home in the West Indies. His work-study assignment at OBU is in the telecommunications department (above), where he assists David Ozmun, the director

School in Springdale, Ark. Her husband, Charles, is a corporal with the Arkansas State Police. Twin daughters Keelie Annette and Kimberly Ann are seniors at Springdale High School this fall.

**Mac Sisson** began serving June 1 as director of public relations at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mac served for 13 years as assistant director of public relations and sports information director at Ouachita. He and his wife, **Donna** ('70), have two children, Stephanie and Alan.

## 1970

**Mark Coppenger** assumed the duties of executive director-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana on Sept. 1 in Indianapolis. Coppenger was the unanimous choice of the SCBI Executive Committee for recommendation to the full board. He and his wife, the former **Sharon South** ('71), are parents of three children, Caleb, 11, Jeddiah, 8, and Chesed, 4.

**Army Maj. Ed and Kay (Fisher) '69) Buffington** have been transferred from Ft. Bragg, N.C., to Ft. Riley, Kans. He has been selected for early promotion to Lt. Col. and to command a battalion in the 1st Infantry Division (MECH). Ed and Kay have three children, Heather, 16, Rodney, 15, and Brady, 5.

**Bill and Susan (Sims) '71) Visser**, are furloughing in Arkadelphia where Bill is teaching in Ouachita's Religion Department.

## 1971

**Robert Dickson III** received the general studies religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in May.

**Glen McNeal** rejoined Houston-based McFaddin Ventures, Inc., as vice president-marketing and has recently been appointed to the company's board of directors. McFaddin Ventures owns, manages and creates entertainment and restaurant developments nationwide. He was formerly in senior management with Vista Host, Inc., a national hotel management and development company.

## 1972

**Rex Babcock** lives in Chanute, Kans., where he teaches high school mathematics. His wife, **Jennifer (Jordan) (f.s. '72)**, teaches third grade in Lincoln Grade School. She was named Outstanding Young Educator for the year 1987 by Chanute Chamber of Commerce. Rex was selected to attend a workshop in July for New Mast, a division of NASA, in Johnson Space Center in Houston. Rex and Jennifer have one child, Benjamin, age 7.

**James Robert Debusk** received the doctor of ministry degree in May from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

## 1973

**Richard and Sherry (Doubling) French** live in Garland, Tex. She has taught English for 14 years and is now assistant principal for instruction at O'Banion Middle School in Garland.

## 1975

**Ricky L. Hyde** of Murfreesboro received the master of arts in religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary July 15.

**Gary F. Rothwell** has accepted the pastorate of Temple Baptist Church, Richmond, Calif. His wife, Carol, is a sales manager for a San Francisco-based toy company.

## 1976

**Jan (Mosley) Hill** currently serves as minister of childhood education at Broadway Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, Tex. Her husband, **Marty**, recently completed his master's degree at North Texas State University and is employed as an acoustical design engineer in Dallas, Tex.

## 1977

**Randy Sims**, executive vice-president of First National Bank of Conway, has been elected to the board of directors of FURST, a national banking software users group. He was also elected to the board of directors of Counseling Associates, Inc., a four-county non-profit organization for mental health.

**Mike Walker** is currently teaching English and gifted/talented students at Gravette High School and also teaches for Northwest Arkansas Community College at the Bentonville-Rogers branches. **Loft (Schopp) '78)** teaches fourth grade at Gravette Elementary. They have two children, Justin, age 5, and Paul Michael, age two months.

## 1978

**Rebecca Brazzel** of Austin, Tex., is currently enrolled in archaeological studies at the University of Texas. Prior to moving to Austin Rebecca lived in Richardson, Tex., where she taught art.

**Alan Lynch** is a freshman in the University of Arkansas College of Medicine. Alan received a B.A. in religion and philosophy from OBU.

**Robert and Carole (McKenzie) '77) Paraley** have moved to Dardanelle, Ark., where he is pastor of the First Baptist Church. They have two children, Robert and Timothy.

**Judy (Smith) Ther** is now a full-time mother after teaching for several years. Her husband, **Richard**, is completing his anesthesia residency in Toledo. They have one child, Haley Elizabeth, age 1.

## 1979

**Ron Bohannon** graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1986 and is now the pastor of Whites Run Baptist Church in Carrollton, Ky. His wife, Robin, is a claims adjuster for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. They adopted a Korean baby May 12. Lauren Elizabeth was born January 18, 1988.

**David Garrison** is working on his dissertation from the University of Chicago and expects to finish this fall. He still enjoys working with the Foreign Mission Board and meeting Ouachita graduates coming through for missionary candidate conferences. **Sonia (Hutchins)** ('80) Garrison is busy with her son, Jeremiah, age 1, and running her food advertising/publicity business. In addition, she is taking care of their turn-of-the-century house in Richmond, Va.

**Paul Holt** recently began serving as pastor of First Church, Sparkman. He formerly pastored Second Church in Pine Bluff and is a graduate of Boyce Bible School. He and his wife, Belinda, have two children, John Paul, 18, and Rebecca, 13.

**Rick Pruitt** has been named vice president and loan officer of Landmark Savings Bank of Hot Springs. Prior to that Pruitt was assistant vice president of Farmers Bank and Trust of Magnolia.

**Forrest (f.s.) and Nancy (Owen)** ('82) Simmons are stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo. Forrest has been promoted to an E-6. Nancy is a homemaker enjoying Tegan (18 months) and raising Pomeranians.

## 1980

**Don Finley**, former assistant to the BSU director at OBU, and his wife, **Angie (Coston)** (f.s.) Finley, will live in South Brazil, where Don will be working with students and youth. Angie is a graduate of Dakota State College in Madison, S.D. The Finleys have two children, Kristin Nicole and Lauren Elizabeth.

**Jeff Porter**, who while on campus served as managing editor of the *OBU Signal*, is now managing editor of the *Batesville Guard*.

**Michael D. and Leanne Sharp** were named by the Foreign Mission Board July 20 at Gloria to serve in Venezuela, where he will teach sacred music at the seminary. His wife, the former Leanne Mullins, is the daughter of retired Southern Baptist missionaries. The Sharps have two children, Bethany Lauren and Britany Michelle.

## 1981

**Mark and Donna (McCoy) Evans** live in Pine Bluff. Donna is choir director at White Hall Junior High School. Mark is a cartographer with the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department in Little Rock.

**Randy Hill** of Arkadelphia has been appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association by J. Bruce McMath of Little Rock. Hill, a 1984 graduate of UALR School of Law, is a partner in the law firm of Sanders and Hill and co-owner of Clark County Abstract Company. His wife, **Lisa (Davis) Hill**, is assistant business manager at OBU.

**Andrew William Pierce** received the master of music degree from Northeast Louisiana University in May.

**Barry and Suzanne (Campbell) Sims** live in North Little Rock where both are lawyers in Little Rock. Barry works with the United States Bankruptcy Court, and Suzanne works for U.S. Bankruptcy Judge James Gordon Mixon.

**Michael R. Williams** completed his residency in emergency medicine and has been assigned to Walston Army Hospital in Ft. Dix, N.J., as a member of the emergency medicine staff. His wife, **Beth (Hunt)** (f.s. '84)

**Williams**, has begun her master's studies in nurse anesthesia at Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia.

## 1982

Three Ouachitians were among the May graduates of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The graduates included **Keith Douglas Brickell**, master of divinity; **Mike Alan Hart**, master of arts in religious education; and **Randy Paul Johnson**, master of divinity.

**Timothy Ray Everett** of Benton received the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, July 15.

**Mary Elizabeth (Eudy) Gomez** received a Ph.D. in chemistry from Rice University in May. She and her husband Oscar live in Houston, Tex.

**Raymond Britt** and **Meredith Mahan** are entering their second year at Oschner Medical Foundation in New Orleans. Britt's training is in internal medicine, and Meredith is in pediatrics.

**Kyle and Lisa (Thompson)** ('84) Ramsey live in Benton. Kyle is working on his Ph.D. in microbiology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Lisa is teaching kindergarten in the Benton Public Schools.

**Mike Talley** is now minister of youth and education at Sunset Lane in Little Rock. Prior to this Mike worked with youth and education at Third Baptist in Malvern.

**Ken and Linda (Darling) Williams** live in North Little Rock. Ken is pastor of Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Jacksonville. They have one daughter, Megan, born June 8.

## 1983

**Barry Scott Burnett** and **Ken F. Shaddox** received the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary recently.

**Bobby and Donna (McKenzie)** ('82) Gosser live in North Little Rock. Bobby is a project manager/estimator for Baldwin & Shell Construction Co. Donna is an assistant controller for Goff & Associates who own Holiday Inns and Ramada Inns in Arkansas and surrounding states. They are members of Second Baptist Church where Bobby was recently ordained as a deacon. They have one dog named Kenzie.

**Jeff Humphrey** of Little Rock recently passed the CPA examination. **William Keaster** lives in Nashville where he is a coach-teacher. His wife, Lyn, is a special education teacher. They have twin boys, Andrew Glen and William Blake, born in February 1988.

**Steven Kiefer** of Ft. Worth received the master of arts in religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary July 15.

**David and Alisa (Cole) Sandusky** live in Verdigris, Okla. Alisa teaches music in the Verdigris Schools grades 1-9. David works for Zebo, Inc. They have two children, Emily June, age 2, and Nicolas David, 5 months.

**Keith Waldin** lives in Cabot where he is junior high school basketball coach. His wife, **Mandy (Jones)** ('82), teaches first grade. They have two children, Joshua Tyler, age 3, and Whitney Nicole, 9 months.

**Jim Yates** is currently living in Stillwater, Okla., where he is a teaching associate in the English department at Oklahoma State University and working toward his doctorate of English degree.

**Kale and Connie (Doy)** ('84) Magness live in Texarkana, Ark., with their 3-year-old son David and are expecting their second child this fall. Kale and Connie own a traditional men's wear store. The Oxford Shoppe is located on the Texas side of Texarkana and has been in business two years.

## 1984

**Carol Burnett** of Wynne has been

nominated and elected as a member of Who's Who in American Education.

**Hugh Garland Donnell** was an honor graduate from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in May and is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha honor society. His wife, **Regina (Cato)** (f.s. '83), has completed her second year of teaching in Little Rock. She taught first grade and kindergarten. They are living in Ft. Smith where Hugh is in the family practice residency program at Sparks Memorial Medical Center.

**Glenda (Clifton) Gosser** of Irving, Tex., and **Rebecca Meggs** of Little Rock were among the six OBU graduates to pass the CPA examination recently.

**Mitchell (Mitch)** and **Linda (Anderson)** ('80) Gray live in Texarkana, Tex. Mitch has accepted a position as marketing director for Basic Software Systems. Linda is an educational consultant for Discovery Toys. They have one child, Chet, age 2, and are expecting their second child in October.

Four OBU graduates from the class of '84 were among the May graduates of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The graduates included **Timmy Joe Cyper**, master of divinity; **Larry David Killian**, master of divinity; **Rex Eugene Pilcher**, master of divinity; and **James Edward Sinclair**, master of divinity.

**Jeff Moore** is beginning his pediatric residency at Oklahoma Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City. His wife, **Deanne (Sumler)** ('86), is at home with their daughter, Andrea Leigh, age 9 months.

## 1985

Three Ouachitians from the class of '85 were among the six who passed the recent CPA examination. The graduates included **Kristal (Johnson) Conine** of Arkadelphia, **Kenneth Joe Trigg** and **Guy A. Wade** of Fayetteville.

**Mark and Wendy (McInvale) Kizar** are living in Lansing, Mich., where Mark is a project manager for Electronic Data System's Oldsmobile account. Wendy is the print production manager for O'Briens Agency, an advertising vendor for several divisions of General Motors. They have a son, Michael Alan, born in February.

**David Marc McCord** of Ft. Worth received the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary July 15.

**Jim (f.s. '83) and Christie (James) Neal** have recently moved to Tucson, Ariz., where Jim has accepted a position as a medical representative for Lederle Laboratories.

**Ritchie and Angela (Morehead) Shields** live in Glenwood, Ark. Angela is teaching fifth/sixth grade at Glenwood. Ritchie is vice president of Shields Lumber, Inc., and a farmer.

Among the May grads from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary were: **Julie Ann Churchwell**, master of arts in religious education; **Dwight Lee Magnus**, master of divinity; and **David Pierce Wilcox Jr.**, master of music.

## 1986

**Steve and Terry (Melson)** ('87) Castleberry have recently moved to Russellville, where Steve is news editor of the *Courier Democrat*.

**Keldon Henley** of Ft. Worth received the master of arts in marriage and family counseling degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary July 15.

**Andy and Tammy (Holstead)** ('87) Herzfeld live in Ft. Riley, Kan., where Andy is an M1 platoon leader for 1-34 Armor Charlie Company. He will go to Germany with the division in the fall. Tammy is a kindergarten school teacher and is working on her master's degree at Kansas State University.

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## 1987

**Mike Norwood** is beginning his second year as head coach at Pleasant Grove Junior High School in Texarkana, Tex. Mike is also assistant football and track coach at Pleasant Grove High School.

**Tonya (Turner) Pierce** is a graduate student at Texas A&M University at College Station. Her husband, Scott, is a student at the university.

**Paul Stemas** of Kingsport, Tenn., was among the six graduates to pass the CPA examination recently.

## 1988

**Deborah Aronson** has been named

an associate in the department of communications in Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc., in Thomasville, N.C. She has been writing for *World Mission Journal* and *Mission USA* magazine. She will edit a new staff newsletter, "Just Between Us," assist in production of "Charity and Children" and write news releases for local media about the work of Baptist Children's Homes.

**Carla Drake**, recent graduate, has currently attained an internship with Joyce Schwarz of Joyce Communications which is a publicity firm within the entertainment industry. Carla lives in Buena Park, Calif.

**Terri King** of Arkadelphia was among the six graduates to pass the CPA examination.

# 'A DOORWAY TO

## Ouachita's new international stu



■ Ouachita students take a break during their hike on the Great Wall of China at Badaling.



■ Becky Combs (second from left), who wrote the story below, and other students are greeted on their return to Little Rock from their five-week study program in China.

## CHINA: Summer institute stresses language, culture

By Becky Combs

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Rebecca Combs was one of 19 Ouachita students and sponsors who attended a five-week summer institute at Zhengzhou University in China to study Chinese language and culture. This was the first student group to go to China since an exchange program was established with Zhengzhou in 1986. Becky wrote this article the day after she returned to America.

■ As my summer draws to a close and once again I face the task of packing my belongings for yet another year at Ouachita, I sit cross-legged on my bed, my chin propped up by my elbows. I am literally surrounded by a sea of photographs, 324 to be exact, scattered across the comforter like a patchwork quilt of my fondest memories, a collage of my summertime spent in China.

Directly in front of me lies my favorite: All 19 of us are perched proudly upon the Great Wall. The awe and wonderment of the moment is reflected on our faces as we are literally standing atop history. Ruins stretch far across the rolling greenery only to disappear into the stately blue sky, creating a fitting background for the ancient wonder.

Below this picture lie dozens of other snapshots which serve as sole reminders of the Forbidden City, botanical gardens, ancient pagodas, Buddhist and Confucius temples, the Terecotta Warriors, the modern streets of both Shanghai and Hong Kong and the various government buildings of Tian'anmen Square. Each picture stirs my memory, conjuring

up vivid re-creations of the sights, sounds and smells of each place we visited.

As I continue to dig through the pile I uncover a picture of my teachers at Zhengzhou University. During our five-week stay in Zhengzhou, they worked patiently as we stumbled our way to eventual competency in the Mandarin dialect. I am reminded of how they encouraged our learning by inviting us to ask questions, any questions, and by teaching us about common Chinese situations that differ greatly from the common American experience. We learned about everything from their socialist government to religious practices, to education to recreation. We were even invited into their homes! They gave us so much more than just three hours of college credit.

Finally, I came across pictures snapped on the streets of Zhengzhou. These include college students with whom we spent many hours playing volleyball or conversing about the Bible, politics and American history.

There are pictures of merchants on the street selling watermelons or cooking meat on bicycle spokes. There are open markets with produce and livestock, and bicycles are inevitably a part of every picture.

As I sift through the remaining snapshots, it occurs to me that something must be done with them all; I can't just let my picturesque memories lie scattered in my room. I may possibly find an album large enough to accommodate them all, but can I ever find the volumes necessary for the stories behind them?

## EUROPE: Music professor studies in Italy, France, England and Austria

By Dr. Tom Bolton  
Professor of Music

■ The goals of my summer sabbatical were threefold: 1) to study voice after 15 years' layoff, hopefully with a reputable teacher; 2) to learn more about the Italian language, which I had sung for years but had not had the opportunity to study; and 3) to study art and architecture within a historical context as I continue to integrate the arts when I teach music history, a course required of every music major.

I located a summer program called *Sessione Senese per la Musica e l'Arte* in Siena, Italy, during July and August. It offered everything I wanted, with a program for singers and instrumentalists, language study, art and architecture class with field trips and opportunities to perform concerts throughout central Italy. I applied and was accepted as one of about 60 participants in the program.

I actually began my cultural tour about two and one-half weeks early with a tour of Europe with my family. Our itinerary included London, Paris, Salzburg, Venice, Florence and Rome. Our main goal was to experience as much history, art and architecture as possible. We visited almost every major historical site in these cities as well as some of the world's great art museums — the National Gallery in London, the Louvre in Paris, the Uffizi and Academia in Florence and the Vatican Museum in Rome. Other highlights included attendance of a session of Parliament in London and visiting many of the cathedrals, such as St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey in London, Notre Dame and St. Chappelle in Paris, Notre Dame in Chartres, St. Mark's in Venice, Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence and St. Peter's in Rome.

After my family flew home from Rome, I went to Siena to spend five weeks at the *Sessione Senese*. Siena

**"We always performed to a full house . . . and they would often hum along when you sang a favorite operatic aria."**

itself was extremely interesting. A town of around 60,000, it once rivaled Florence as a commercial and art center, reaching its peak in the 12th to 14th centuries. The town is encircled by ramparts and extends over three converging red clay hills from which the color burnt sienna is named. The narrow Gothic streets are lined with palaces and patrician mansions. The main square, the Piazza del Campo, is one of the most beautiful authentic medieval squares in the world. The house where I lived was just off the square and dated from the 13th century. My room was on the top floor — up 63 stairs.

Classes were held at the University of Siena in a Gothic structure just down from the cathedral. I studied voice with Anastasia Tomaszewska, a Polish soprano living in Italy. She has sung in some of the great opera houses with stars such as Marilyn Horne. Unfortunately, she spoke no English, so lessons were in Italian.

A typical day included voice class and choir in the morning, with Italian and culture class in the afternoon. Italian was taught by a native professor who also spoke no English.

An important part of the program was the presentation of concerts in many cities and towns in the regions of Tuscany and Umbria. Concerts began at 9:30 p.m. when they began on time, which is rare in Italy. We often returned to Siena at 2:00, and occasionally 3:00, in the morning. Most concerts consisted of a mixture of chamber music, orchestral music, solo vocal music and choral music.

We auditioned for the solo movements of a Bach cantata, and I was fortunate to sing the tenor solo. My "European debut" with orchestra was singing this Bach cantata in the 13th-century Siena Cathedral on my birthday. I also got to sing in a concert hall in Siena where Mozart once played. Another interesting concert was in a monastery at Valombrosa in the hills outside Florence. We were served a most delightful dinner by the monks. The building had been used in the film on Michelangelo, "The Agony and the Ecstasy."

Italian audiences were very appreciative. We always performed to a full house, and they were generous with their applause. They especially liked operatic arias, and they would often hum along when you sang a favorite melody.

Some musical highlights of the summer included a trip to Puccini's villa at Torre del Lago, where we attended the Puccini festival and a spectacular outdoor production of "Turandot." I was also awe-struck when I went to La Scala in Milan. I was honored to be asked by the "maestro" of the Siena Cathedral to sing at the Feast of the Assumption, the most important feast of the year and a national holiday in Italy.

The following day I witnessed the pageantry and excitement of the "Palio delle Contrade," a festival that has been celebrated continuously since the 13th century. There were processions in colorful medieval costumes and armor and a bareback horse race around the town square.

Museums in Siena are full of medieval and early Renaissance art of masters such as Duccio, Lorenzetti, Giotto, Martini, Il Sodoma, Pisano and Michelangelo. These paintings and sculptures were everywhere and quite taken for granted, though they would be priceless jewels in the collection of any museum in the world.



■ Dr. Tom Bolton (left) joins other singers in taking their bows after a performance of a Bach Cantata in Siena. His teacher is Siena, Anastasia Tomaszewska, is third from left.



# O THE WORLD'

## udies program blossoms in 1988



■ A Brazilian woman in the tiny village of Paracari in the Amazon valley.

## BRAZIL: Mission trip to Amazon basin involves OBU students, staff, trustees

By B. Aldon Dixon  
Dean of Students

■ Christians everywhere are experiencing the joys and the fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) through volunteer missions. Because the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was involved through the AMAR (Portuguese for "love") project in Brazil, the appetite for missions and the love of the lower Amazon River basin became a very real part of the lives of many people connected with Ouachita.

During this, a trustee, several staff people and a number of students volunteered to be a part of the Amazon mission project through their local churches. They worked in small towns like Paracari and Alenquer and cities like Itituba and Sourte. Although the Arkansas Baptist-Amazon Region Mission Project officially ended in October 1987 when several hundred Arkansas Baptist went to Manaus for a great crusade, the interest and

participation in the Amazon region did not cease.

Many people expressed continued interest to Boyd Walker, who graduated in 1988, and to me. With the blessing of the Foreign Mission Board and other assistance, four additional groups totaling 104 people were organized for the summer of 1988. Our outreach was significant. These groups were organized at First Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.; First Baptist Church, Russellville; Beech Street First Baptist Church in Texarkana; and Gracemont Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla.

As a result of the evangelistic efforts, more than 100 professions of faith were recorded. These names were left in the hands of the local pastor and his congregation for follow-up.

Word of mouth is an effective way to spread a message, and these 105 volunteers are doing that! Already there is planning going on for six more groups for the summer of 1989. Once again, these will involve a num-

ber of Ouachita students, faculty and staff.

Surely, a part of the mission of Ouachita Baptist University is to be a part of the "leaven in the lump" (Luke 13:21) and to have an effect upon the world for the cause and purposes of Jesus Christ. This is one of my personal goals.

Although the real significance of such mission trips cannot be found in statistics, one can see the blessing of the Lord through such a report. Each group completed a construction project including three wooden churches and one parsonage. The medical teams were composed of one or two physicians, one or two dentists, medical assistants or nurses and, with the Russellville group, an optometrist. Typically, in the 10-day period of each trip, the physicians treated between 275 and 300 patients. In addition to the daytime activities, each group held worship services at night, preaching and singing about the good news of the gospel.

## AFRICA: Students spend three weeks on mission trip

By Dina Teague

■ Graceland, Sun City or simply South Africa is a country very much in need of prayer and Christian concern. But how many people would actually volunteer to spend part of their summer vacation time to go and do God's work in a land of political unrest?

Last May, 40 students and sponsors from Ouachita flew to South Africa where they spent three weeks in Durban and Pietermaritzburg; Manzini, Swaziland; and Harare, Zimbabwe. The group's activities included leading revivals and church services, conducting door-to-door surveys and witnessing. In the public schools, the group presented skits, testimonies and music. In their spare time, the students went sightseeing in the cities, jungles and on the beaches.

According to Mark Baber, director of religious activities and the Baptist

Student Union at OBU, one of the most interesting aspects of the trip was encountering the Indian culture.

"You saw businessmen walking alongside a Zulu lady with a load on her head," said Baber. "They represented two centuries, two cultures there together on the city streets."

The students also visited a small village where people lived in grass huts. "They live their entire lives in a one-room grass hut," said Baber. It was like going back three centuries from modern times by driving just 30 minutes from the big city."

Overall the trip exceeded Baber's expectations. Noting that many deep relationships were developed with the nationals, he said, "When changing locations after the first week, 150 to 200 people came to see us off. It was the same in all of the churches we visited. Those people also gathered at the airport as we left to return home.



■ Dr. Jack Estes conducts the OBU language lab.

## FRANCE: Dr. Jack Estes recalls summer sabbatical

By Dr. Jack Estes  
Associate Professor of  
Modern Languages

■ I am indeed fortunate to have been granted a summer sabbatical for 1988. This one was as good as the one I received in 1982. For a teacher of French, the \$3,500 stipend, although not adequate for all of the expenses, did make it possible to spend most of the summer in the country where the language I teach is spoken.

During my previous travels in France, I have met a number of very kind Frenchmen. Several of them had offered to open their homes to me so that I was able to be accompanied by my wife. The experience of staying with a French family is a wonderful way to learn more about the country and its culture. I spent two weeks living just outside Paris with the Picat family and commuted daily to Paris along with thousands of the French who live in the suburbs but work in the city. I visited most of the old sights in Paris and many of the new ones.

Many dilapidated old quarters are being rebuilt, one in the style of Versailles, some in an ultra-modern style, but most which blend well with nineteenth century buildings. President Mitterrand's project of a new opera/theater building on Place de la Bastille seems out of place to me and is the subject of derision on the part of many Parisians. The new museum of the Gare d'Orsay has been well received by the French, but the changes at the Louvre with its new glass pyramid are met with protests of outrage. The French welcomed the Eiffel Tower in 1889 with much the same disdain but feel it is now an integral part of the landscape. Parisians seem to move at an even faster pace than in the past, but I found them quite receptive to one who speaks their language.

Paris is not France, although the Parisians tend to think so. To visit other parts of France, I rented a small car — gas is more than \$3 a gallon — and drove through much of the country. Three days in Aix-en-Provence where I attended university classes in 1974-75 were espe-

cially memorable. I observed the celebration of Bastille Day with parades, speeches, decorations and an amazing display of fireworks. I was disappointed, however, when a military band played the stirring French national anthem; the crowd did not sing as we would have with our "Star Spangled Banner."

The French rail system is excellent, but with a car I was able to visit villages not served by it. I met many French people who freely recounted their difficult experiences during World War II. The animosity toward the Germans seems to be slowly abating today, even with older generations. In fact, there were almost as many German tourists as Americans.

French cuisine has changed a little, but it is still excellent although rather expensive for a Quachita professor. In recent years there has been a proliferation of American-style fast-food restaurants, which I avoided but which the French youth patronize in great numbers. The small traditional French restaurant, however, is always a good experience. In a village with a population of about 150, we selected one of the two restaurants for our noon meal. There was no printed menu but a delicious six-course meal prepared and served by a middle-aged woman who had also gathered the vegetables from her garden that very morning. The price of barely \$10 made the meal far superior to one in a five-star restaurant.

Many of my friends tell me in jest that I had a long vacation last summer. In a sense it was that, a time of relaxation and renewal. What better use of a summer sabbatical for a French teacher than to spend it in France, submerged 24 hours a day in the language I teach our Ouachita students!

(Dr. Estes is also the director of Ouachita's Academic Skills Development program.)



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**Patti Jo Thorn, 'Miss Arkansas,' wins scholarship**

■ Patti Jo Thorn (left), 1988 graduate of OBU and the reigning "Miss Arkansas," receives a congratulatory hug (above) during a reception for her at OBU after her return from Atlantic City where she won a \$3,000 non-finalist talent award. Monte Edwards, the current "Miss OBU," is at right.

**Chairmen named in physics, biology**

Newly appointed chairmen in the division of natural science include Dr. Tom Turner in physics and Kenneth Sandifer in biology. Turner, the former vice president for academic affairs at Ouachita, is the Charles S. and Elma Grey Goodwin Holt Professor of Physics and Pre-Medical Studies. He spent the 1986-87 academic year in China as an exchange professor at Zhengzhou University. Sandifer, associate professor of biology, joined the OBU faculty in 1961.



■ Tom Turner



■ Kenneth Sandifer

**1988-89 Men's and Women's Basketball Schedules**

TENTATIVE MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE	
Nov. 14 Dallas Baptist University	Dallas, Tex.
15 East Texas Baptist University	Marshall, Tex.
25-26 Southwest Baptist Classic	Bolivar, Mo.
Dec. 1 Dallas Baptist University	Home
3 Centenary College	Shreveport, La.
10 East Texas Baptist University	Home
Jan. 5 Arkansas Tech University	Russellville
9 Arkansas College	Home
12 Southern Ark. University	Home
16 University of Central Ark.	Conway
19 Harding University	Home
21 University of Ark., Monticello	Monticello
23 Henderson State University	Home
26 Hendrix College	Conway
30 University of the Ozarks	Home
Feb. 2 Arkansas Tech University	Home
6 Arkansas College	Batesville
9 Southern Ark. University	Magnolia
11 University of Central Ark.	Home
13 Harding University	Searcy
16 University of Ark., Monticello	Home
20 Henderson State University	HSU
23 Hendrix College	Home
25 University of the Ozarks	Clarksville
Feb. 27-Mar. 9 NAIA District 17 Tournament	Kansas, City, Mo.
Mar. 15-22 NAIA Nat'l. Tournament	Kansas, City, Mo.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE	
Nov. 14 University of Dallas	Dallas, Tex.
15 East Texas Baptist University	Marshall, Tex.
28 University of Ark., Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff*
Dec. 10 East Texas Baptist University	Home
13 Arkansas State University	Jonesboro
Jan. 5 Arkansas Tech University	Russellville
7 Louisiana College	Home*
9 Arkansas College	Home
12 Southern Ark. University	Home
16 University of Central Ark.	Conway
19 Harding University	Home
21 University of Ark., Monticello	Monticello
23 Henderson State University	Home
26 Hendrix College	Conway
30 University of the Ozarks	Home
Feb. 2 Arkansas Tech University	Home
6 Arkansas College	Batesville
9 Southern Ark. University	Magnolia
11 University of Central Ark.	Home
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## Bill Vining ranked eighth in U.S.

Bill Vining Sr., athletic director, head men's basketball coach and associate professor of physical education at Ouachita, is the eighth winningest active men's collegiate basketball coach in the nation. The list was recently released by the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

In 33 seasons, Vining has posted 549 victories. Clarence Gaines, of Winston-Salem, leads the list with 758 victories in 42 seasons.

## Track members NAIA Scholars

Two members of the Ouachita track team have been named to the list of NAIA Scholar-Athletes, according to Dr. Bob Gravett, head track and field coach at OBU.

Robert Banks, a junior art major from Queens City, Tex., received the honor for outstanding academic achievement. He is the son of Margaret Oliver.

Also receiving the academic honor was Gary Wade, son of Ruth Ann Wade Hill of Nashville, Tenn. Wade received a B.A. in communications during commencement ceremonies in May.

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