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The Ouachita Circle: It's all about vision

Welcome to the new and (hopefully) improved version of *The Ouachita Circle*.

This issue of *The Circle* explores Ouachita's commitment to "vision," one of three watchwords highlighted on Ouachita's institutional seal. Future issues of *The Circle* will explore the university's focus on the other two watchwords – "integrity" and "service."

As we emphasize various aspects of Ouachita's vision, our somewhat abstract cover photo reflects Ouachita's unfolding vision of a state-of-the-art Student Village. The project's 17 residentially scaled "houses," which will provide housing for more than 520 students, will include study rooms, fitness rooms, game rooms and laundry facilities. The first phase is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2009 with the second phase completed the following year.

There is a lot of buzz on campus as students, faculty, staff and guests witness the rapid construction progress. The vision portion of the project includes the long-term vision of Dr. Rex Horne and other Ouachita officials, trustees and donors to guide this ambitious project to reality.

A vital aspect of this vision is to help strengthen student recruitment and retention as Ouachita continues to invest in campus improvements for the benefit of current and future students. A related article on page 7 details the Gosser family's vision of providing a generous financial gift to help fund the Student Village's inaugural named house.

But Ouachita's vision isn't limited to physical improvements. A page 2 article by Dr. Danny Hays, dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies, examines the significance of developing spiritual vision. Other articles cite the university's ministry vision through such initiatives as the President's Global Service Project in Phakamane, Zimbabwe, and the ongoing work of the Daniel and Betty Jo Grant Center for International Education.

As you sit back for a few moments, learn more about Ouachita's vision and catch up on other campus news and activities, our vision for *The Ouachita Circle* is to provide you a quality publication that clearly communicates Ouachita's unwavering commitment to the principles of vision, integrity and service.



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“Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others.”

Jonathan Swift

“Where there is no vision, there is no hope.”

George Washington Carver

“When I think of vision, I have in mind the ability to see above and beyond the majority.”

Charles Swindoll

“It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision.”

Helen Keller

“Then the Lord answered me and said, ‘Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run.’”

Habakkuk 2:2



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Developing spiritual vision: A Biblical perspective

by J. Daniel Hays

Occasionally when Christians (or politicians) speak of “vision,” especially in regard to leadership, they cite Proverbs 29:18 from the King James Version: “Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

Those who cite this verse are usually using the English word “vision” in the sense of being able to understand the current situation so well that they can develop (or “see”) future possibilities and can plan out wise future actions.

The Hebrew word in Proverbs 29:18, however, does not really carry this nuance, but rather refers specifically to a prophetic, visual revelation from God; that is, Proverbs 29:18 speaks of vision in the sense that Isaiah or Ezekiel saw visions. In fact, the NIV translates this word as “revelation” and the NRSV translates it as “prophecy.” It doesn’t really have anything to do with the spiritual vision that you and I desire to have.

The spiritual vision that most Christians want is not the frightening, awesome, visual appearance of winged cherubim and spinning wheels (covered with eyes!) that Ezekiel saw, but rather the quiet, spiritual insight, wisdom and understanding that enables us to live today and to plan for tomorrow in a manner that pleases God. Does the Bible have anything to say about this kind of “spiritual vision”?

Absolutely!

Paul speaks of this concept in 1 Corinthians 2 as he explains the nature of true spiritual wisdom and understanding. True spiritual wisdom (i.e. “spiritual vision”), Paul writes, comes only from God (2:6-9), is revealed through the Spirit (2:10-13) and can only be fully appropriated by those who are mature in the faith (2:14-3:4).

Although true spiritual wisdom can only be grasped by mature believers, Paul nonetheless desires that all of us acquire such spiritual wisdom, insight and understanding. He wants every believer to have spiritual vision, and he frequently includes this goal in his opening prayer for the early churches. For example, in his letter to the Colossians, Paul writes: “We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding” (Col. 1:9).

Note that Paul connects

spiritual wisdom and understanding (what we are calling “spiritual vision”) very closely to the knowledge of God’s will. One who has spiritual vision is one who can discern God’s will. Thus spiritual vision plays a huge role in our decision-making process, for only through spiritual vision can we discern what God’s will is.

Yet Paul is not interested merely in an intellectual exercise by which we theoretically or esoterically define God’s will. In the very next few verses of Colossians 1, the apostle clarifies the practical goal of “spiritual vision,” anchoring it firmly into the day-to-day world in which we live.

The desired outcome of spiritual vision (wisdom and understanding), Paul explains, is that we “may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ... being strengthened, ... joyfully giving thanks to the Father” (Col. 1:10-13). Thus our spiritual vision has a profound effect on our day-to-day behavior as well as on our long-term decisions. Furthermore, a solid spiritual vision will lead us into an even richer knowledge of God, strengthening us and filling us with a joyful and thankful attitude.

Likewise, Paul addresses the concept of spiritual vision in his opening prayer for the Philippians, writing, “And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ” (Phil. 1:9-10).

In this passage Paul connects the growth of our love with knowledge, insight and discernment. The implication of this passage is that spiritual knowledge and insight (i.e. “spiritual vision”) plays an important role in the proper growth and expression of Christian love. According to Paul, head and heart are integrally connected and cannot be separated or set in opposition to each other. Spiritual vision is both intellectual and emotional. It properly combines how we think and how we feel into a lifestyle and decision-making process that pleases God.

Wow! Spiritual vision is an important aspect of our Christian lives! It includes wisdom, understanding, insight and discernment, as well as love and an attitude of joyful thanksgiving.

Developing spiritual vision is a vital part of maturing in the faith. Without it, we simply will not grow. Yet God wants all of us to develop in this regard, constantly improving in our knowledge and understanding of His character and His will.

Likewise our spiritual vision will guide us day by day as each of us strives to lead a life that is pleasing to God, bearing good fruit while abounding more and more in love toward God and toward other people.



Dr. J. Daniel Hays, dean of Ouachita Baptist University's Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies, also is a professor of Christian studies. He is the co-author of “Preaching God’s Word,” “Grasping God’s Word” and “Journey into God’s Word.”



Children wait to receive school supplies and other gifts from the Arkadelphia mission team.

Ministry vision:

Ouachita project aids villagers in Zimbabwe

by Rebecca Rambin

With a determined vision to provide practical assistance to a hurting country, Ouachita Baptist University began its first campus-wide mission project during the spring 2008 semester.

Through fundraising efforts and a summer mission trip, the Ouachita community began making a difference in the lives of people halfway around the world through the President's Global Service Project in Phakamane, Zimbabwe.

"I think it is a part of life's experience to have challenges that can be met only with the cooperation of others," explained Ouachita President Rex M. Horne, Jr. "Recognizing that our young men and women desire to better humankind, there seemed to be no better tangible way than constructing wells in Zimbabwe. I must say that the response of our student body exceeded my expectation."

The tremendous human needs in the small African village first came to Ouachita's attention through conversations between Ian Cosh, director of Ouachita's Elrod Center for Family & Community, and Ray Motsi, pastor of Bulawayo Baptist Church located near the Phakamane village.

In the year 2000, Zimbabwe was hit by Cyclone Eline, which had formed in the Indian Ocean. "Eline dumped massive amounts of water in Zimbabwe," Cosh noted. The cyclone caused approximately 1,000 direct fatalities but also produced other devastating, long-term effects.

The terrain of the country has many low areas that held the water dumped in the region by Eline. Flooding forced entire villages to abandon their homes and relocate to surrounding plateaus.

Unfortunately, life on the plateaus was not much better for the Phakamane people during the past eight years. "You had flooding in one

extreme and in the other, the water was very scarce," Cosh said. Children as young as age 6 had to walk several miles to school since there weren't available schools nearby.

Natalie Carroll, a sophomore music education major from Harare, Zimbabwe, wrote an open letter to the Ouachita community earlier this year. Citing political unrest, food and water shortages, frequent power outages and runaway inflation, she wrote, "We are falling apart at the seams, and I can only appeal to you for prayer."

Expressing hope that "the people in Zimbabwe may sense God's presence and comfort in this uncertain time," Carroll added, "It is so easy to become discouraged in a time of struggle and strife that has been going on for several years. Please pray that God's comfort and encouragement would be so evident in the country through small things each day."

In addition to prayers, Ouachita already had begun its campus-wide fundraising campaign with a goal of \$10,000. In an effort to reach the ambitious goal, social clubs and other campus organizations hosted a variety of fundraising activities. Those events, coupled with generous donations, helped Ouachita exceed the campaign goal. The total amount of \$14,000 was announced during the final chapel of the spring semester.

Katelyn Cash, a junior Biblical studies and speech communications major from Southlake, Texas, served as the student coordinator of the campus project. Affirming the over-and-above efforts of Ouachita students and organizations to raise funds, she remarked, "It says something about the type of people we have at Ouachita when we take something great and make it even better."

In addition to the fundraising emphasis, Cosh was part of a 19-member

Top: Ian Cosh reviews building plans with a project leader in Zimbabwe. **Center:** Senior Danny Brown went barefoot to raise money for the project. *photo by Klayton Seyler* **Bottom:** A local woman assists Sharon Cosh in using a bush pump.

team from Ouachita and Park Hill Baptist Church in Arkadelphia that visited the Phakamane village this summer. Partnering with Bulawayo Baptist Church, the group witnessed firsthand the region's overwhelming challenges.

Declaring that it was evident why the area was chosen by the university for assistance, Cosh said, "The place with the greatest need at the time was Zimbabwe."

During their trip, Cosh and other team members saw the foundations of a building being laid for the Phakamane village that will serve as both a church and a school. On each end of the multi-purpose building will be an office for the pastor and the headmaster. Cosh said workers had stacks of handmade bricks ready to use in the construction project.

With a commitment to address other vital needs in the area, Cosh said up to six wells could be funded through the resources provided by Ouachita. He said the wells will be fitted with bush pumps to bring water to the surface. The pumps, which are locally made, are known for being rugged pieces of equipment that are simple but effective. He added that Peter Goosen, an elder at Bulawayo Baptist Church, is refurbishing a jump drill in South Africa that will be used to dig the wells.

While the initial work is underway, Cosh noted, "It's an ongoing process. The next step will be to get the jump drill up to Zimbabwe and Phakamane.

"Implementation places a huge burden" on Bulawayo Baptist Church, Cosh pointed out, adding that the accountability of having a local partner in Zimbabwe is very significant in the project. Although their entire nation is under tremendous economic stress, the leaders of Bulawayo Baptist Church continue to pursue ways help those in need. "They are a church that really does take outreach seriously," Cosh said. "They'll get it done."

Over the next six months to a year, Cosh said he plans to give progress reports to the students who made the bush pumps possible. "I want people to be able to see, visually, the actual pictures showing that their efforts produced fruit," he explained.

"We're taking a step-by-step approach," he added. "We need to find out if we were successful."

After about a year of the fundraising and implementation phases of the Zimbabwe project, Cosh said he anticipates being able to evaluate the project's overall success. At that point, the university may continue providing assistance in Zimbabwe or possibly seek out another country in need.

For Ouachita, the President's Global Service Project already appears to be successful as a first attempt at getting the whole university focused on a coordinated ministry project. "We've done different projects before but never one so harmonized and organized," Cosh said. "We focused on it and kept disciplined."

It also appears clear that Ouachita's ministry vision will not go unnoticed. Voicing appreciation for her fellow students' efforts, Carroll said, "It is very important for the people in Zimbabwe to know and see that the international community is praying and is willing to get involved in their lives. I just knew this project would bless a lot of people."



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Birthday bash benefits global education

It wasn't your typical birthday party, but the guests of honor were thrilled with the results. Dr. Daniel Grant, Ouachita Baptist University's 12th president, and his wife, Betty Jo, were honored at a banquet earlier this year that celebrated the renaming of Ouachita's Daniel & Betty Jo Grant Center for International Education.

The center, established during Dr. Grant's tenure as president, previously had been named in his honor. Trustees voted recently to add Mrs. Grant's name to the center in recognition of the couple's shared interest and involvement in promoting international education opportunities.

Highlighting the theme, "Opening Minds to the World," the banquet was held in conjunction with Dr. Grant's 85th birthday and Mrs. Grant's 81st birthday. Rather than presenting gifts to the Grants, banquet participants had the opportunity to provide financial gifts and pledges for ongoing support of the Grant Center. Total gifts and pledges for the effort topped \$250,000.

Affirming the Grants' longtime service to the university, Ouachita President Rex Horne noted, "When I think of Daniel and Betty Jo Grant, I think of devotion: devotion to God, devotion to their family, devotion to the Great Commission, devotion to students and an undying devotion to Ouachita Baptist University."

Herren Hickingbotham, who emceed the banquet, emphasized that the Grants have consistently demonstrated that "there's not anything more dear to their hearts than international studies."

Voicing appreciation for donors' support of the Grant Center, Mrs. Grant told the banquet crowd, "There's no part of Ouachita that I would rather have my name associated with" than the Center for International Education.

"All I can say is, 'Wow, what a birthday party!'" Dr. Grant declared. "This has been the best birthday party in the life of these two octogenarians. Ouachita is the love of our life and the international center is making the whole world Ouachita's campus and helping us place Christ's Great Commission at the heart of what Ouachita is all about."



Missionary surgeon urges students to follow God's call

When Dr. Rebekah Naylor answered God's call to missionary service in India more than 30 years ago, she faced a number of cultural and spiritual barriers. In addition to being a woman and a surgeon, she was a Westerner and a Christian – in a predominantly Hindu nation.

Despite the incredible challenges, Naylor served 28 years as a renowned missionary surgeon at Bangalore Baptist Hospital. Since 1999, she has served on special assignment in South Asia for the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, working as a strategy coordinator to millions of people unreached by the gospel in the Indian state of Karnataka.

Sharing her life story recently at Ouachita Baptist University, Dr. Naylor spoke in chapel and addressed several classes. She was accompanied by Camille Lee Hornbeck, author of the recently released biography, *Rebekah Ann Naylor, M.D.: Missionary Surgeon in Changing Times*.

Noting that India has changed drastically since she was appointed as a missionary there in 1974, Naylor said the city of Bangalore has grown from a population of 1.5 million to 8 million.

Reflecting on highlights of her mission work, she emphasized it involved "people who were helped medically and physically, but more importantly those who were helped spiritually and came to know Jesus Christ."

Concerning her interest in visiting Ouachita, Naylor said, "If we invest

in young people, modeling for them, making them sensitive to God's call, I feel that will leave a mark for the future."

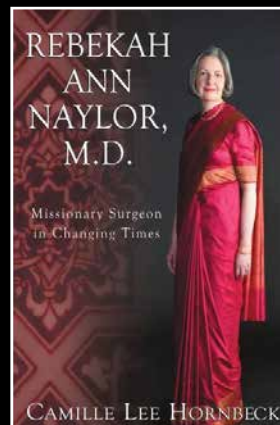
Young people today "have such an incredible opportunity to know about the world with communications and technology the way it is," she pointed out. "I think the visit here and the opportunity just to be with students is what it's all about; it's very invigorating."

Introducing Dr. Naylor to Ouachita's Nov. 4 chapel crowd, OBU President Rex Horne described her as "a great difference maker" and a gifted leader "we would all do well to emulate."

Detailing cultural and religious life in India, Dr. Naylor told chapel participants that millions of people worship idols and other false gods. She added that more than one-third of the population lives with inadequate food, clothing and shelter.

"Where do we begin when we talk about taking the gospel of Christ to all of the unreached people groups of the world?" she asked. "Certainly the first step is prayer. ... Pray for access to people groups who have never yet heard the gospel. Pray that entire communities and peoples will choose to follow Jesus Christ."

Naylor also urged students to "be available to be used in any possible way to reach people for Jesus Christ." Citing various opportunities for short-term and long-term missions service, she concluded, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few – and God may be calling you."





Gosser family's generosity impacts future generations

by Rebecca Jones



Bob and Marianne Gosser met at Ouachita in 1954 after Marianne's roommate pointed out "the cute new guy" Marianne needed to meet. Apparently, the meeting went well because soon the two began dating, and they got married the following year.

According to Mrs. Gosser, when they were students at Ouachita, the couple never dreamed that a campus building would ever be named for them, but they did dream of having a "large, loving family."

More than 58 years, five children and 13 grandchildren later, their dreams came full circle at Ouachita. They recently celebrated with their family the start of Ouachita's Student Village construction project and the complex's inaugural named house which will be called Gosser House in honor of Bob, a 1956 OBU alumnus, and Marianne, a 1955 graduate.

The ceremony commemorating the start of the project was held on the construction site Sept.11. The service concluded with trustees, students, faculty and staff joining hands with members of the Gosser family in a prayer circle of dedication for the project, which will include 17 houses and will be home to more than 520 students. Gosser House will be completed in the first phase of construction and should be open in December of 2009. Phase two is expected to open in August 2010.

The Gosser House recognition was made possible through gifts from the Gossers' children and their spouses: Jenny Gosser ('82), Bobby ('83) and Donna (McKenzie '82) Gosser, John and Glenda (Clifton) Gosser (both '84), Leigh Anna ('90) and Jonathan Askins, and April ('94) and Jeff Weeks. Family members said they selected this project as a fitting tribute to their parents who emphasized home, family, faith and Ouachita.

Speaking on behalf of her siblings, Jenny reflected, "Family means so much to us, and our parents are the root of that. We just feel pretty blessed to be able to do this for our parents. They sacrificed for us to be able to go to Ouachita, and they taught us by their example about giving and serving."

Anticipating Gosser House's impact on future residents, Jenny added, "We hope that in this place of gathering and community, students will make strong bonds and will become like a family."

Marianne Gosser affirmed the strength of the bonds and friendships she and her husband made while at Ouachita, noting that those experiences contributed to their desire to serve and support OBU.

It also influenced their decision to encourage their children to go to Ouachita, she pointed out. "We knew we could trust that the faculty would be interested in students, and they would be true to our faith."

All five of the Gossers' children and both of their daughters-in-law are OBU graduates. Today a third generation is carrying on the family's legacy at OBU. Jenny's daughter, Abby, and John and Glenda's daughter, Megan, are both sophomores.

Describing her feelings on the day of the groundbreaking, Mrs. Gosser said, "It was the epitome of happiness." She said having their children and grandchildren surround them and honor them in this way was more than they could have dreamed.



Rebecca Jones ('96) is a development officer at Ouachita.



Basketball "Sport's Place" dedicated

Ouachita basketball head coach Charlie Schaefer (left) and OBU President Rex Horne visit with former Ouachita basketball player Todd Denton (holding daughter Kate) after the dedication of OBU's new "Sport's Place" basketball film and meeting room named in memory of Denton's grandfather, Zola "Sport" Denton. Todd Denton, a shooting guard for Ouachita in 1989-93, helped lead funding efforts to equip the state-of-the-art facility. "This really does represent a great step for our university and for our athletic program," Dr. Horne declared. Denton said his goal is: "When people think Ouachita, we want them to think 'winners.'" *photo by Callie Phelps*

OBU names five to Athletic Hall of Fame

By Brian Howard, OBU Sports Information Director

Sports stars and coaches from baseball, football, track, and swimming and diving were inducted into Ouachita Baptist University's Athletic Hall of Fame Oct. 31. Among those honored this year:

Jim Dann coached 17 individual national champions and three Olympians, including two who earned Olympic gold. A four-time recipient of the National Coach of the Year Award, he also was named to the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Arkansas Swimming Hall of Fame in 2001. As head coach of both the men's and women's swimming and diving programs, he guided the men to 18 top-10 finishes, including three top-four finishes. On the women's side, he directed the squad to four top-10 finishes.

John Floyd was a two-sport athlete in the 1930s, playing on the Ouachita football and track and field teams. A four-year letterman and starter at Ouachita in football, he also was a four-time member of the All-State team. The Nashville, Ark., native, who played left tackle, was named captain of the 1934 team. In track and field, Floyd helped guide Ouachita to second place at the state meet, including taking first in the shot put and discus. He also earned a state record of 144 feet in the discus.

Doug Freeze was a letterman on the Ouachita football team from 1967-69. He was named to the All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference First Team in 1968 and '69. He also was on the All-AIC First Team of the '60s as a wide receiver. He was the all-time leading receiver in yards (2,353) and catches (149), records that stood for 38 years. He also was a two-year track letterman.

Travis Jackson was the captain and clutch-hitting shortstop on John McGraw's Giants teams of the 1920s, playing through the mid-1930s. Nicknamed Stonewall after the Civil War general and for the wall of defense he supplied at shortstop, he also hit 135 home runs and compiled six .300-plus seasons at the plate. Jackson was enshrined in 1982 in the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame. He played four times in the World Series (1923, '24, '33 and '36).

W. I. "Bill" Walton was Ouachita's football coach for nine years in the 1930s and '40s. Walton, who played halfback at Ouachita from 1921-24, coached several championship teams through 1942. During his years as Ouachita's coach, his teams compiled a record of 50-29-3. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1973.

Battle of the Ravine '08: Tigers win classic duel

Capping their first seven-win season since 1985 in grand fashion, the Ouachita Tigers defeated rival Henderson State University 43-36 Nov. 6 in the 82nd Battle of the Ravine.

Trailing by as many as 13 points in the second half, the Tigers scored four 4th quarter touchdowns to capture the Gulf South Conference victory in front of a crowd of more than 7,000 at Henderson's Carpenter-Haygood Stadium.

"I am proud of our team and what we have accomplished this year," Tigers head coach Todd Knight said prior to the game. "We've won some really close games and that brings a good team together."

The Tigers (7-3 overall, 5-3 GSC) entered the game ranked 10th in the NCAA Division II Super Regional Two poll. The victory evened the Battle of the Ravine standings at 38 wins for each school and six ties, snapping a two-game Henderson State winning streak.

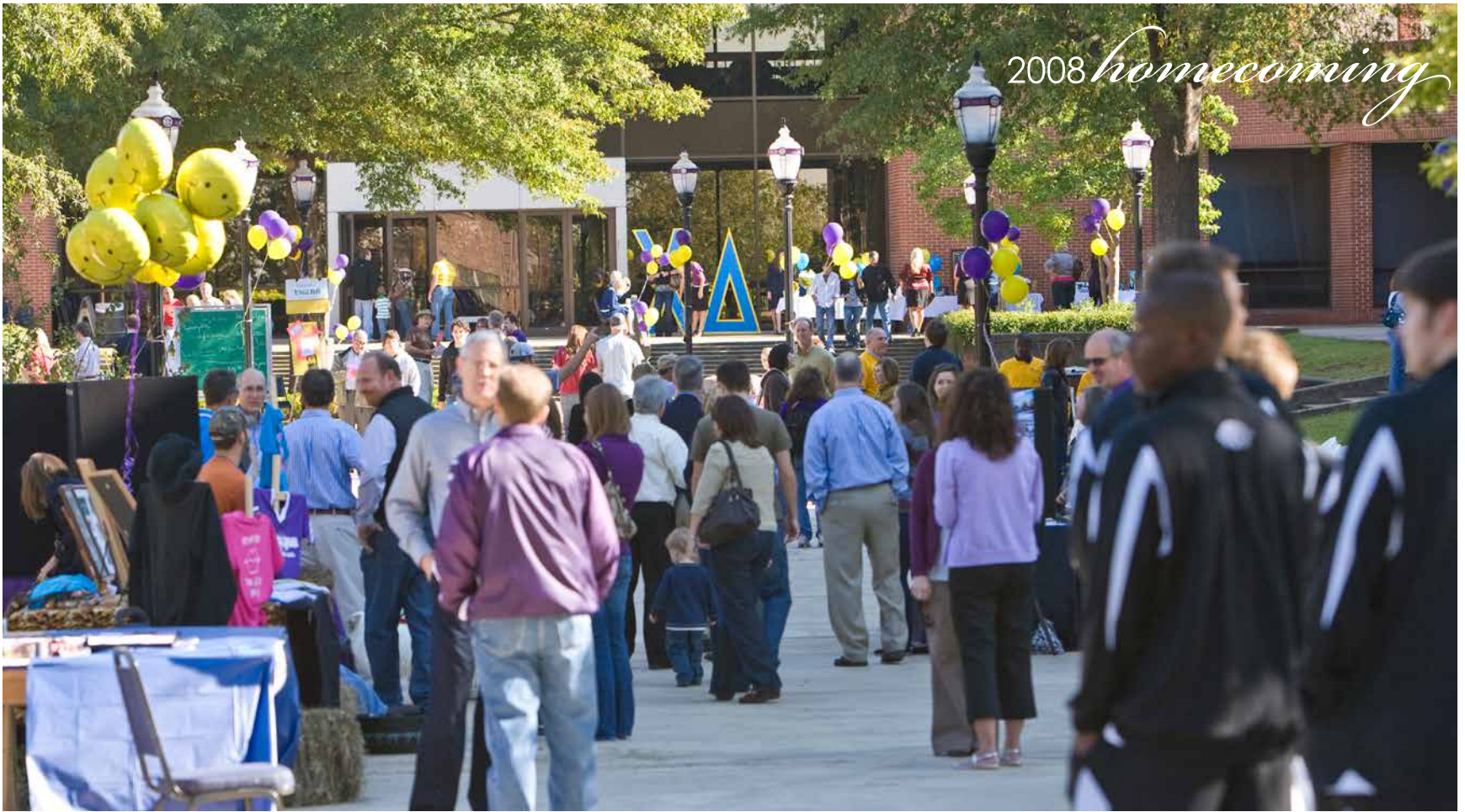
The season's final game was the fifth straight victory in which Ouachita scored more than 30 points. The Ravine victory followed the previous week's 45-43 triple overtime win against the University of West Alabama.

During the Battle of the Ravine, Ouachita scored the game-winning touchdown with 3:13 remaining on a 2-yard run by quarterback Lance Parker. The Tiger defense forced a pair of interceptions to seal the Ouachita victory.

Julius Pruitt set a school record with 250 receiving yards on 10 catches with a season-high four touchdowns. Jeremy Young, who became the all-time single-season leader in kick return yards, also had 10 catches for 111 yards. Parker, who was 28-of-44 in the air, finished with a career-high 415 yards, along with four touchdowns.

Zach Wright, who was named a national semifinalist for the prestigious Draddy Trophy, added three field goals. The Draddy award recognizes the top player in the nation based on combined academic success, football performance and community leadership.

Pruitt and Bob Ruffing were named to the 2008 All-Gulf South Conference First Team. Four players were named to the second team: KJ Johnson, Terrence Garrett, Jerry McNeil and Antwon Thompson.



Totally Tigers!

Tigers young and old returned to Ouachita's campus to celebrate Homecoming festivities Oct. 13-18. A key group of student leaders worked closely with the alumni staff to introduce several new events, enhance traditional gatherings and help current students plug into the festivities.

Under the leadership of the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF) and the new online Signal, Ouachita celebrated the 30th anniversary of Tiger Tunes with an alumni dinner and silent auction, as well as a live simulcast and webcast.

New in 2008, the alumni team introduced OcTiger Fest, an all-campus alumni drop-in on the plaza hosted by social clubs, organizations, sports teams and academic departments. The Saturday morning event also featured a special pep rally by the Tiger Band. Returning events included the Clark County Alumni Dinner, Alumni Golf Scramble, class reunions, Tiger Tailgate Party and the Homecoming court presentation and football game.



Top: Ouachita Alumni hosted the first annual OcTiger Fest – an all-campus drop-in event held on Saturday morning. **Center Left:** Homecoming court candidates prepare to be introduced at the new Lunch on the Lawn, hosted by the Student Senate. **Center Right:** Business leaders and alumni from the Arkadelphia area celebrate Ouachita's Homecoming at the weekly Chamber of Commerce Coffee. **Bottom Right:** Tiger Tunes hostesses Bethany Briscoe and Alyse Eady preview one of the Host & Hostess numbers at the Clark County Alumni Dinner. *photos by Wesley Kluck*



Totally Tradition

Top: Ouachita cheerleaders rally the crowd during the Homecoming football game. *photo by Wesley Kluck* **Center Top Left:** Terry (Griffen) Peeples, Carlos Ichter, Rick Briscoe, Barbie (Wright) Briscoe and Susan (Voris) Atkinson gather with classmates in Evans Student Center after celebrating their 25th reunion at a special alumni dinner. *photo by Cheryl Williams* **Center Top Right:** Mitch Bettis ('90) shares club history with son Jackson at the inaugural OcTiger Fest. *photo by Danny Brown* **Center Bottom Left:** Junior Katelyn Cash of Southlake, Texas, reacts with surprise after learning that she has been named Ouachita's 2008 Homecoming Queen. *photo by Danny Brown* **Center Bottom Right:** The 2008 Homecoming Court (L-R): co-third runner-up, senior Whitney Burger with her escort, Jimmy Richardson; co-third runner-up, sophomore Kristen Glover with her escort, Keith Glover; second runner-up, sophomore Bethany Whitfield with her escort, Donny Whitfield; first runner-up, senior Paige Cate with her escort, Alan Cate; and Homecoming queen, junior Katelyn Cash with her escort, Pat Denton. *photo by Danny Brown* **Bottom Left:** The Tigers beat Southern Arkansas University 30-14 during the traditional Saturday afternoon Homecoming football game at A.U. Williams Field. *photo by Danny Brown* **Bottom Right:** The Tiger Marching Band performs at half-time. *photo by Danny Brown*



2008 *homecoming*



Totally Tunes

Top Left: The Hosts and Hostesses perform "I've Got the Music in Me" during the Tiger Tunes finale. *photo by Wesley Kluck*

Top Right: Members of the Tiger Blast band wait backstage to re-enact Michael Jackson's classic "Thriller" performance during Tiger Tunes. *photo by Danny Brown*

Center Left: Junior Rance Collins, who served as the show's video director, keeps a trained eye on the monitor while filming the Tunes performance. *photo by Danny Brown*

Center Top Right: The women of EEE take a few moments to touch-up their makeup before hitting the stage for Tunes. The EEE Carhops took 3rd place in Tunes this year. *photo by Danny Brown*

Center Bottom Right: Campus Ministries celebrated Ouachita's golden alumni during their "Reunion" show, which earned them 2nd place in this year's Tiger Tunes competition. *photo by Danny Brown*

Bottom: The men of Kappa Chi react to winning Tunes for the third year in a row. *photo by Danny Brown*



Students & faculty serve as AETN Forum panelists

Ouachita Baptist University hosted one of three AETN College Forums designed to engage college campuses in discussions about the national elections and related issues. Ouachita's episode of "Election 2008: AETN College Forums" aired on AETN Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.

Veteran journalist Steve Barnes moderated the forums taped on three campuses across the state. Student panelists for the Ouachita forum included Chloe O'Connor, editor-in-chief of *The Ouachita Signal*; Andrew Ford, treasurer of OBU's Young Democrats; and Philip Williamson, chair of OBU's College Republicans. Faculty members serving on the panel were Dr. Doug Reed, chair of OBU's Department of Political Science, and Dr. Jeff Root, dean of Ouachita's School of Humanities.

Discussion during the hour-long forum at Ouachita addressed such diverse issues as the national elections, the current economic crisis, Social Security and church-state separation.

"We were pleased with the opportunity to partner with AETN on this significant project," said Trennis Henderson, Ouachita's vice president for communications. "Our panelists provided valuable insights for the benefit of viewers."

Ouachita Singers release new CD, "Our God Is God"

The Ouachita Singers released their fifth audio recording Oct. 2. According to Dr. Gary Gerber, "Our God Is God," one of the Singers' favorite and most meaningful songs to perform, is the title of their new CD.

Gerber, associate professor of music and conductor of the Ouachita Singers, said he was delighted with the project. The 16 song selections are live recordings chosen from two concerts, one from each semester of the 2007-08 academic year. The selections range from the Renaissance period to the 21st century and include both sacred and secular text.

Gerber explained that this recording will benefit the students emotionally, saying, "These students will have this 'record of time' for the rest of their lives. They will look back at OBU and remember their time here on campus and their time in the Ouachita Singers."

The 1,000 copies of the CD will be used both as a recruiting tool by the admissions office and a fund-raising tool by the Singers. The Singers will offer the CD for sale at concerts, and members can sell CDs to raise money for their spring tour to Washington D.C. and New York City.

Student-produced "Movie Musical" debuts in JPAC

Ouachita Baptist University's Campus Activities Board sponsored the premiere showing of "A Movie Musical" in Jones Performing Arts Center Sept. 19.

Rance Collins, a junior mass communications major from Hillsboro, Texas, served as the movie's director, co-writer, co-producer and editor. Collins also acts in the movie as a part of the ensemble cast. He plays a film director who is forced to make a cheesy musical with an Elvis-like matinee idol, Guy Johnson, played by Matthew Landers, a senior music theory and composition major from Dallas. Rachel Street, a junior musical theatre major from Mahomet, Ill., plays Val, a girl who is emotionally conflicted about pursuing Guy.

Collins wrote the movie over the course of a year with long-time friend Grace Whitaker, a junior at Baylor University, after being inspired by movie musical "Hairspray." "A Movie Musical" is the sixth movie Collins has made.

The cast and crew began filming for "A Movie Musical" in July at various locations on OBU's campus, using Verser Theater as their primary stage. They then moved to Collins' hometown to complete the two-week filming schedule.



OBU presents “The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe”

Ouachita’s Department of Theatre Arts presented the children’s play “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” Sept. 25-30 in Verser Theatre.

The production was directed by Amy York, a senior musical theatre major from Dallas. York said that she chose “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” because it has been one of her long-time favorite stories.

“We love giving senior students the opportunity to explore work beyond the classroom,” said Mary Handiboe, assistant professor of theatre arts. “Amy is a talented young lady with a gracious heart and a desire to minister through her art.”

Starring in “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” were: Chris Straw as Aslan, a senior musical theatre major from Little Rock; Cori Kidder as the White Witch, a senior musical theatre major from Wynne, Ark.; Michael Krikorian as Peter, a junior musical theatre major from Rockwall, Texas; Leah Nixon as Susan, a senior theatre and Spanish double-major from Celeste, Texas; Xavier Lagunas as Edmund, a freshman music education major from Arlington, Texas; and Lauren Casteel as Lucy, a sophomore musical theatre major from Garland, Texas.

OBU presented employer award by Dept. of Defense

Ouachita Baptist University recently received the *Pro Patria* Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR) organization, an agency of the U.S. Department of Defense. Ouachita was nominated for the honor by Dr. Terry DeWitt, associate professor of biological sciences and director of Ouachita’s Athletic Training Education Program.

Don Morrow, ESGR Arkansas chair, said, “This award was created by ESGR to publicly recognize American employers who provide extraordinary patriotic support and cooperation to their employees, who like the citizen warriors before them, have answered their nation’s call to serve.”

Brett Powell, OBU’s vice president for administrative services, accepted the award on Ouachita’s behalf. He said the recognition affirms that Ouachita is “a university that cares about its faculty and staff.”

DeWitt said he nominated Ouachita for that very reason. “Ouachita was supportive of my family while I was away on my first deployment,” DeWitt recalled. He said faculty members “even bought one of three airline tickets to send my family to meet me in Germany during my two-week R & R.”

Holocaust survivor tells her story at Ouachita

Rosa Hirsch Blum entered McBeth Recital Hall Nov. 18 to a standing-room-only crowd of Ouachita Baptist University students, faculty and staff. Members of the Arkadelphia community added to the packed audience, which Dr. Kevin Motl described as “an embarrassment of riches.”

Blum was invited by Motl, associate professor of history at Ouachita, as a guest of the history department to visit campus in conjunction with his senior seminar class studying the Holocaust. Originally from Romania, she is one of fewer than 500,000 living Holocaust survivors and has been involved with the Dallas Holocaust Museum and Center for Education and Tolerance. She moved to Dallas in 1950, six years after entering Auschwitz-Birkenau as a 15-year-old.

In her thick Romanian accent, Blum told how luck, cunning and the kindness of strangers contributed to her survival in the concentration camp at Birkenau-Auschwitz. “It was unlivable,” she said of conditions in the camp. “I mean it was unreal.”

As Blum closed the question-and-answer portion following the lecture, she said, “I am very happy to be here to help the youth not make the same mistakes we did.” She added, “It was not time for me to go. My time is not finished here on earth. ... God kept me here for some reason.” Her hour at Ouachita ended with a standing ovation.

class notes

connecting the circle

—1940s—

Marjorie (Allen) Bishop ('42) and her husband, **Richard ('41*)**, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Sept. 12. They have seven children, 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

William Hargis, Jr., ('43) and his wife, Betty, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. The couple lives in Warren, Ark. They three children and six grandchildren.

Edna Mae Pugsley Brantley ('45) currently lives in Tucson, Ariz. Her husband, Maurice, died in July after a four-month illness.

—1950s—

Norvin Jones ('50) and his wife, **Betty Jo (Grimes '51*)**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 22. They ministered together in churches, on the mission field and at Christian colleges for more 50 years. Upon retirement, they moved to Rose Hill, Kan. The couple has six children, 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dr. Fred Davis ('53) and his wife, **Peggy (Bull '53*) Davis**, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Alaska. The couple lives in Batesville, Ark., where he serves as an interim and supply minister. They have four children, seven children and two great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth (Ryburn) Ferguson ('56) and her husband, S.A. Ferguson, of Pine Bluff celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 25. The couple has two children and one grandchild.

Gerald Schleiff ('57) and his wife, **Barbara (Robertson '61*) Schleiff**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Park Hill Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. The Schleiffs are retired missionaries who served in Zimbabwe and Southern Asia. They have two children and six grandchildren.

Bill Goff ('57) was recognized as the Lion of the Year by the Arkadelphia Lions Club. He has been a Lions Club member for more than 20 years.

Charles Bowen ('58) and his wife, **Patricia (McClellan '59*) Bowen**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 2. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

Dr. John Crawford ('59), professor emeritus of Henderson State University, was invited to publish one of his poems in the International Society of Poets (ISP) Showcase Journal. Crawford is a Distinguished Member of the society, having won the Grand Prize of the 2007 ISP Symposium.

Calling All Gold Tigers!

Ouachita Alumni will host the annual Gold Tigers Luncheon on **Friday, April 24**, in the Walker Conference Center. All alumni of 50 years or more are invited to attend and help welcome the **Class of 1959** into the Gold Tigers circle. Registration information will be mailed in early 2009. In the meantime, please contact Lauren Land at landl@obu.edu or call (870) 245-5111 for additional details.

—1960s—

James Powell Pogue ('60) married **Chloye Gowen Bailey ('60*)** on April 11 in Fort Smith, Ark., at the home of **George and Arlene O'Neel ('60)**.

Charles Coffield ('62) and his wife, **Suzanne (Cobb '61*) Coffield**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 20. Coffield is retired from farming. They have three children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Rev. A.C. Uth ('62) and his wife, **Joan (Beard '62)**, celebrated their 60th anniversary Aug. 28. Uth is a retired Southern Baptist pastor. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

Hank Wilson ('63), Henderson State University's director of aviation, started an Aviation Camp for high school students at the Caplinger Airway Science Center in Arkadelphia.

Hank Dempsey ('64) joined the aviation department at Averett University in Danville, Va., as an associate professor.

Alfred Duncan ('65*) recently published the book *The Fields of Yesterday*. He is a retired Baptist pastor who now lives in Bastrop, La.

George Baker ('67) and his wife, **Beverly (Leonard '68)**, of Arkadelphia celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1. George taught and coached football at Henderson State University for more than 30 years and Beverly recently retired after teaching at Henderson for 31 years.

Dr. Mary Ann (Briscoe) Campbell ('67) of Little Rock received the 2008 Family Relations and Human Development Outstanding Student Research Award for a study she conducted at the University of Central Arkansas.

Dr. Doug Dickens ('67) recently served as a keynote speaker for Hot Springs' Rosenweig Fund for Interfaith Activity, lecturing about faith and grief. He is a professor of pastoral care and counseling at Gardner-Webb University's School of Divinity in North Carolina.

Judith (Kuykendall) Harris Stone ('69) retired from Fort Smith Public Schools after 33 years in education. She and her husband, Grady, live in Fort Smith.

—1970s—

Ken Reece ('70) is serving as pastor of Fairfield Bay Baptist Church. He previously served at First Baptist Church of Mayflower, Ark.

Bob Stover ('70) was recently named the executive editor of *Florida Today*. He previously served as managing editor.

James Guthrie ('71) is serving as interim pastor of Second Baptist Church of West Helena, Ark.

Chaplain Jack Ryan ('73) was awarded the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Chaplaincy by James B. Peake, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, on July 21 in Washington, D.C. Ryan serves as the chief of chaplain service at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System in Little Rock/North Little Rock, as well as chaplain with the 90th Regional Readiness Command of the Army Reserve.

Yevonne (Fleming) Conrad ('74) retired after 30 years of teaching in Colorado. She lives in Colorado Springs with her husband, Bill, and has one son, Brian.

Dr. Dorris R. Robinson-Gardner ('75 MSE), dean of the Division of Graduate Studies at Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Council of Graduate Schools.

Nelson V. Shaw ('75) of Dodson & Dodson, LLP, was recently named "Lawyer of the Year" by the Texarkana Bar Association. He and wife, Cheryl, have five children and one grandchild.

Steve Lewis ('76) recently published the book *Step into the Fire* through Publish America.

Paula Cooper Matthews ('76) has a website to provide fee sheet music to musicians: www.paulacoopermatthews.com. Paula has been a church pianist for many years and has compiled some of her favorite hymn arrangements. She lives in Louisville, Ky., with her husband, **Tim ('76)**. Their son, Jon, is a student at Pepperdine School of Law.

Nancy (Pinkston) Phillips ('77) recently published her first illustrated children's book titled *God's Blessings at Farm Creek Pond* through Lifevest Publishing Inc.

—1980s—

Butch Haley ('80) works for the U.S. Department of State and is assigned to the American Embassy in Warsaw, Poland. He and his wife, Linda, and children Will (15) and Rachel (13) have been in Warsaw for one year and are looking forward to returning to Lynchburg, Va.

Rosalind (McClanahan) Mouser ('80) of Pine Bluff was recognized as Jefferson County VOCALS Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the Center for Arkansas Legal Services.

Linda (Anderson) Gray ('80) recently was named resource librarian at the Jefferson County (Ky.) Public Schools' Gheens Professional Development Academy's Professional Library. The library serves thousands of teachers and administrators in the county-wide district.

Charles Smith ('81) is in his 20th year on staff at First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie, Texas, where he has served as children's minister and minister of education. He is pursuing an EdD at Dallas Baptist University. His wife, **Debbie ('81)**, directs the church's weekday ministry. They have two children, **Erin ('06)** and Jordan.

Marcia Carswell ('82), a licensed clinical social worker, serves as an outpatient auditor/trainer for APS Healthcare in Little Rock.

OBU welcomes new faculty members

Ouachita Baptist University welcomed 14 new faculty members for the fall 2008 semester, the university's largest group of new faculty since 1999.

"The caliber of the men and women coming to Ouachita is very high," noted Ouachita President Rex M. Horne Jr. "It brings a good mix to our campus which strengthens our campus community and speaks well for Ouachita."

New faculty members include:

Linda R. Bass, assistant professor of education. Dr. Bass holds degrees from Louisiana State University-Shreveport and Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Mitch D. Bettis, assistant professor of mass communications. Bettis, a Ouachita alumnus, is also a graduate of Oklahoma State University.

David Bieloh, associate professor of visual arts. Bieloh is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, the Art Institute of Dallas, Texas Woman's University and the University of North Texas.

Tully Borland, assistant professor of philosophy. Dr. Borland holds degrees from Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Marquette University and Purdue University.

Donnie Copeland, assistant professor of visual arts. Copeland, a 2000 graduate of Ouachita, also holds two degrees from the University of Dallas.

Joey Dodson, assistant professor of biblical studies. A 1997 graduate of Ouachita, he also holds degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Margaret Garrett, assistant professor of music. Dr. Garrett holds music degrees from North Carolina School of the Arts, Indiana University-Bloomington and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Daniel P. Inouye, assistant professor of theatre arts. Inouye is a graduate of Wheaton College and Baylor University.

Jeff Lynn Matocha, associate professor of computer science. Dr. Matocha is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas, Louisiana Tech University and the University of Alabama.

Christopher Ryan Mortenson, assistant professor of history. Dr. Mortenson holds degrees from Cornell College, the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Texas A&M University.

Nathan Reyna, assistant professor of biology. Dr. Reyna is a graduate of the College of the Ozarks and holds two degrees from the University of Arkansas.

Sean A. Scott, assistant professor of history. Dr. Scott is a graduate of Bob Jones University, Ball State University and Purdue University.

Stephanie K. Smith, instructor of visual arts. Smith is a graduate of Miami University and Henderson State University and is currently completing her Master of Fine Arts degree from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco.

Steven M. Thomason, assistant professor of political science. Dr. Thomason is a graduate of the University of North Texas and St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., and holds two degrees from the University of Dallas.



L-R: Tina (Tolivar '81) Phillips, Courtney Taylor ('03) and Donald Williams ('79) were recently honored by the Arkadelphia School Board as three of the five 2008-09 Teachers of the Year. Photo by Daily Siftings Herald

Mitch Tapson ('82) is serving as interim pastor of Crosspoint Church of North Little Rock.

Angel (Davis) Cross ('83) is currently in her 21st year of teaching at Little Rock Central High School. She attends Fellowship Bible Church, where she has taught preschoolers for 18 years. She is married to Larry Cross.

Jim Yates ('83) is dean of academic affairs at Carl Albert State College in Poteau, Okla. He previously served 17 years on the English faculty at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. He and his wife, Maggie, have two children, Brendan (10) and Caitlin (4).

Sonja (Clinesmith) Keith ('84) is the publisher and editor of the new *501 Life* magazine, a monthly publication focusing on life and culture in Central Arkansas.

Peggy Sue Richmond ('84) is celebrating 10 years as a flight attendant with Southwest Airlines. She has one son, Charles.

Keith Wheeler ('84) has shared the message of God's love for all people by carrying a 12-foot wooden cross 18,500 miles through more than 180 countries since 1985.

Lt. Col. Clark Easter ('85), currently serving in Iraq, dedicated a flag that was flown over Iraq to the USA Olympic softball team. After flying in Iraq on June 10, the flag, along with a note of dedication, was sent to the U.S. Softball offices in Oklahoma City.

Darrin Mechling ('88) is serving as associate pastor at MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church in Valley Ranch, Texas.

Clifford Holcomb ('88) has accepted a job as central regional manager with SEMCO, an HVAC equipment manufacturer. He and his wife, Ginger, have been married for 22 years and have two children.

Julie A. Carpenter ('89*) was named president-elect of the Arkansas chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

-1990s-

Pastor Ambrose Nyangao ('91) has released a book titled *Taking the City*. It chronicles Joshua's victories over the cities in the book of Joshua.

Curtis Arnold ('92), a consumer educator/advocate and founder of CardRatings.com, recently released his new book *How You Can Profit from Credit Cards: Using Credit to Improve Your Financial Life and Bottom Line*. He hosted a book signing at West Little Rock's Barnes & Noble in October.

Brandon Helms ('92) has been named head football coach of the Natchitoches Central Chiefs. He previously was the team's offensive coordinator.

Phillip Miller ('92) has been called as pastor of Splitlog Baptist Church in Goodman, Mo. He previously was pastor of Second Baptist Church in West Helena, Ark.

Scott Bonge ('92) appeared on the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno* in its "Pitch to America" segment on June 20. His invention, the GoateeSaver, was featured along with five other inventions from the INPEX 2008 trade show in Pittsburgh.

Major Naomi Mercer ('94) recently graduated from the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. She is a Distinguished Graduate and received her Master of Arts degree in Military Operational Arts and Sciences. She also holds a Master of Arts degree in English Literature from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She resides in El Paso, Texas with her daughter, Aurora (4), and is the Brigade Personnel Officer for the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division.

Patrick Faircloth ('96) has auditioned for and enlisted in the U.S. Army Band. After basic training he will attend the Army School of Music in Norfolk, Va.

GyElla Swanigan ('96) married Jess Wayne Hinton on June 28 at First Baptist Church of Cabot. The couple resides in Brandon, Miss. GyElla teaches math at Brandon Middle School.

Ben Blackwell ('97) has lived in England for two years with his wife, Heather, and their two sons. He is currently working on a PhD in New Testament and early Christianity at the University of Durham and also works as a research assistant for N.T. Wright.

John Honey ('98) is the experimental learning coordinator at the Soderquist Center for Leadership and Ethics, a partner with John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark.

Brian Goodman ('98) gained board certification as an anesthesiologist this year. He is married to **Johnna (Walden '98)**. The family lives in the United Kingdom where Brian serves as a physician for the U.S. Air Force. Johnna is a stay-at-home mom for children Lance (6) and Sarah (2). Brian also recently completed a medical/evangelical mission trip to Ukraine and is working with a group from Nashville, Tenn., to establish a non-profit humanitarian/ministry organization for missions in Eastern Europe called Rescue the Nations.

Dr. J. Justin Seale ('98), an orthopedic spine surgeon, has joined the practice of the Arkansas Specialty Orthopedics.

Brent Baskin ('99) recently began PhD work in educational ministry at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served for four years as the youth minister at First Baptist Church of Wills Point, Texas. Brent and his wife, **Melissa (Ross '99)**, have two daughters, Lauren (4) and Julia (infant).

Clint Kolb ('99) was promoted by Chiquita Brands North America to the position of Wal-Mart retail sales manager. He is responsible for in-store sales support for all Chiquita brands in Wal-Mart's 1,650 stores. He and his wife, Cindy, have two children, Trent and Taylor.

Doug Hibbard ('99) is serving at Calvary Baptist Church in Monticello, Ark.

—2000s—

David Bowen ('00) and **Brent Baskin ('99)** have completed their second year with 414 Ministries, which features a youth camp at Ouachita Baptist University.

Dr. Cari Cordell ('00) married Lewis Blake Jumper at Destin Gulfgate Beach in Destin, Fla.

Mary Frank ('00) married David Grandstaff on Aug. 2. The couple resides in Mesquite, Texas.

Janna (Freibolt) McAfee ('00) teaches K-4 physical education at Malvern Elementary School in Malvern, Ark. Her husband, Kyle, is an assistant golf professional at Hot Springs Country Club.

Jennifer (Elliff) Rogers ('00) lives in Little Rock with her husband, Randy, and their son, Parker. Jennifer is a freelance graphic designer and Randy works for a financial services company.

Billy Young ('00) was recently promoted to supervisor for the Central Business Office of the Little Rock VA Hospital.

Matthew Landers Costner ('01) married Natalie Renee Doss July 19 at Fellowship Bible Church in Rogers. The couple resides in Fayetteville, Ark.

Brandon and Susi (Kurth) Jeffus ('01) live in Charlottesville, Va., where Brandon teaches AP and Honors Chemistry and coaches cross country at a local private Christian school. Susi is in her second year of pathology residency training. They have two daughters, Bailee (2) and Ava (infant).

Joshua Mayfield ('01) married Brooke Ashley in Oak Grove, Ark., on June 14. The couple resides in Vancouver, Wash.

Lori Breanne Wilson ('01*) married Caleb Crowder on Aug. 2 in Malvern, Ark.

Brett Albright ('02) married Nikki Hatcher on Sept. 27 in Scranton, Ark.

Mason Atkinson ('02) became a registered professional engineer in the state of Arkansas in June.

Terri Lynn Fowler ('02) married Junius Bracey Cross III on June 7 at Davies Farm on Petit Jean Mountain. The couple resides in Little Rock.

Tohlen anticipates Antarctic adventure

by Hannah Holmes

Anna Tohlen, a senior biology major from Grapevine, Texas, will leave Dec. 15 for Antarctica, where she will perform research for an online class hosted by Oregon State University. Tohlen will study various aspects of the Antarctic environment, including global warming, bacteria and penguins.

"Global warming is what I'm interested in," Tohlen said, "but whatever they ask me to study, I'll study."

Tohlen's trip will be jointly funded by the university's biology department and the Carl Goodson Honors Program, which she joined her freshmen year.

"I was asked to be in the honors program, and I asked around to see if it would be worthwhile," she said. "Everyone said it was a great opportunity, especially the research grants, which can help you get into graduate school."

Dr. Amy Sonheim, director of the honors program, is enthusiastic about the trip.

"The honors program now will have sent students to all seven continents," Sonheim said.

After a 34-hour flight, Tohlen's excursion will begin in South America.

"We land in Argentina, do a couple days of studies there, learn a little about South American culture and the effect Antarctica's tourism has on it, then we will board for a 10-day cruise," Tohlen said.

"It's not at all a luxury cruise," she pointed out. "It's very basic; the pictures reminded me of a National Geographic. We'll stop to research throughout the cruise."

Tohlen actually expected to perform her research in Alabama this summer, but when circumstances changed her plans, Antarctica was the alternative.

"Dr. Sonheim is the one who got me into it," Tohlen said. "One of her colleagues from graduate school works at Oregon State, and this past summer [Sonheim] sent me an e-mail saying, 'Sorry, Alabama didn't work, but we can go for Antarctica!'"

Although the Antarctica trip was a bit unexpected, Tohlen said she is happy with



photo by Danny Brown

the situation.

"I'm excited to go through Argentina and see the culture," she said. "I'm excited to go on the boat ride, and see what's untouched by human hands and how beautiful it is."

Tohlen emphasized that her true passion is animals.

"I actually did my directed study on the bull shark," she said.

After Ouachita, Tohlen plans to attend veterinary school.

"I worked for a vet this summer, with just dogs and cats, and that was fun, but it's not what I want to do for the rest of my life," Tohlen said. "I'm applying to vet school right now. I've been thinking about learning about these exotic places; I don't want to do normal vet work. I want to work with exotic animals."

After her research in Antarctica, Tohlen will return to Argentina, where she will present her findings.

"I'll write responses to everything I study while I'm there," Tohlen said, "plus two research projects, one before I leave, and another that I present in South America."



Hannah Holmes is a junior English major from Omar, Ark.

Faculty Update

Reynolds leads backcountry crew

Dr. Michael Reynolds, professor of kinesiology and leisure studies, was selected by the Student Conservation Association to lead a high school backcountry crew. Reynolds and a co-director led a group of six students and spent the month of July in New Hampshire working to conserve the parks in the area.

Faught named to Heflin Chair

OBU trustees appointed Kent Faught, associate professor of management, to the Jay and Lynn Heflin Chair of Business during their September meeting. Faught succeeds Bryan McKinney who was named dean of Ouachita's Hickingbotham School of Business earlier this year.

Flora is Tromblowin' 2008 guest

Dr. Sim Flora, professor of music and chair of the department of theory and composition, performed as a special musical guest in "Tromblowin' 2008: A Concert Celebrating the Musical Artistry of the Trombone." The concert, held in Charlottesville, Va., featured several of Flora's trombone arrangements.

Pruet School profs publish works

Three professors in the Pruet School of Christian Studies are being published for their academic research and specialties.

Dr. Joey Dodson's dissertation on "The 'Powers' of Personification: Rhetorical Purpose in the *Book of Wisdom* and the Letter to the Romans," has been accepted for publication by Walter de Gruyter publishers of Berlin. Dodson is assistant professor of Biblical studies.

Dr. William Viser, associate professor of Christian ministries, wrote "Preaching on Sexual Ethics: a Five-Sermon Series" to appear in "The Minister's Manual 2009."

Dr. Terry Carter, associate dean of the Pruet School, has contributed an article titled "Baptists and Racism and the Turn Toward Segregation: 1845" to "Turning Points in Baptist History."

Dustin Freeman ('02) married **Beth Grossman ('03)** on July 25 in Anthony Chapel at Garvan Woodland Gardens in Hot Springs. The couple resides in Little Rock.

Matthew Snow ('02) recently performed in the *Dickens' Christmas Carol* production in the Opera House at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo. He has appeared in numerous Branson productions.

Laura Mouhot ('03) recently accepted a job at Santa Fe Adolescent Services. She will be teaching interpersonal communication skills, empathy, anger management and curriculum to middle school students.

Jacob Lanehart ('03) is married to Kim and they have one child, Asher (1). Jacob works as a sales representative for Knox Nelson Oil Co. and his wife is an IT/data specialist for an electric company.

Nancy (Swanigan) Stephens ('03) and her husband, Joshua, moved to Louisville, Ky., in August to attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Chase Anderson ('04) is a senior associate of audit services for Grant Thornton, LLP, in Dallas. He was recently licensed as a CPA in both Texas and Virginia.

Ben Babcock ('04) received a master's degree in psychology from the University of Minnesota. He is married to Kate (Mandt) Babcock.

Julie Bradley Shepherd ('04) and her husband, **Lee ('06*)**, have been teaching and ministering in Istanbul for the past 10 months.

Emily Brumely ('04) graduated from the University of Baltimore in 2007 with a Master of Arts degree in publication design. She is currently working as a graphic designer.

Mary Kathryn Moore ('04) married **Christopher Clark Tennyson ('05)** on June 28 in Anthony Chapel at Garvan Woodland Gardens. The couple resides in Little Rock.

Amy (Price) Talbert ('04) is living in Bella Vista, Ark., and serves as the minister of worship arts and music at Peace Lutheran Church. She also is the director of the music school. Amy and her husband, Tony, are in the midst of the adoption process and hope to bring their baby home within the next year.



Several Ouachita alumni from First Baptist Church of Rogers, Ark., were part of a recent mission trip to Asia where they assisted Southern Baptist missionaries with their annual meeting. Pictured are (front row): Missionary **Ron West ('69)** and team member **Janet (Watson) Brewer ('74)**. Back row (from left): **Lance Faddis ('92)**, **Jennifer (Devorak) Faddis ('95)**, **Leslie (Proctor) Cauble ('96)** and **John Cauble ('95)**. Other OBU alumni on the team were **Iris (Le) Epting ('05)**, **Jana Harp ('93)**, **Mark Maier ('95)**, **Mary Claire (Proctor) Maier ('98)**, **Wade Tomlinson ('94)**, **Bob Wilson ('96)** and **Misty (Brewer) Wilson ('96)**.

Jessica Erin Gartman ('05) married David Alan Bubbus on July 19 at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church in Little Rock. The couple will reside in Little Rock.



Rebecca Akin ('06) married Ryan Copico on June 14. The couple resides in Monticello, Ark.

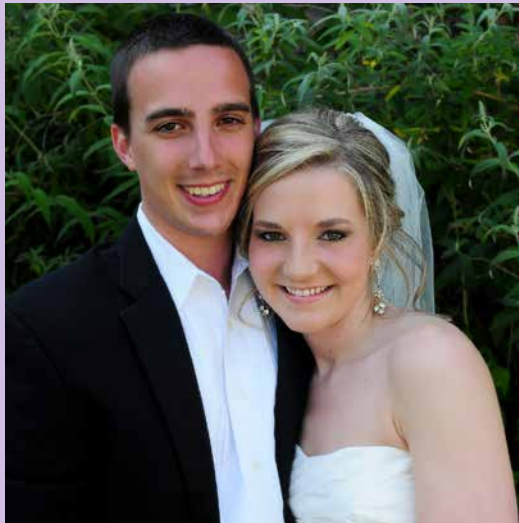
Meredith Grooms ('06) completed the Kanakuk Institute in Branson, Mo., and earned a Master of Arts degree in youth and family ministries from John Brown University in May. She is currently the women's director for Tulsa K-Life, a community-wide, interdenominational Christian ministry of discipleship and fellowship for youth and their families.

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-1990s-

Jon Stewart ('06) is the producer for ScreenSurge Studios in Los Angeles. In addition to producing, Jon has directed short films, worked as the camera operator for a documentary for the Caterpillar company and is currently producing a new show for the Gospel Music Channel.

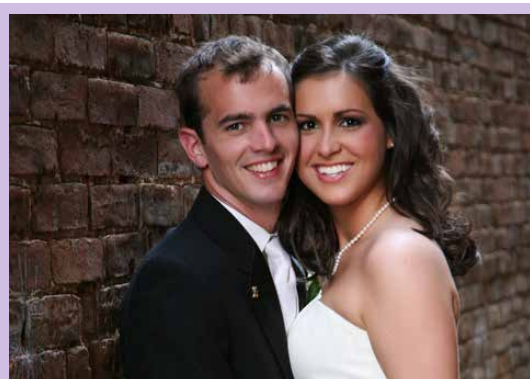
Theresa "Reese" (Denham) Walker ('06) currently lives in Springdale, Ark., with her son Jonathan (2). She works full-time as an Army National Guard Officer Recruiter for the Northwest Arkansas Region and part-time as an Army National Guard Public Affairs Officer.



Blake and Leslie (Magee) Duffield ('08) were married at Lake Degray Lodge on May 31. The couple resides in Fayetteville, Ark.

Julie Viala ('08*) married **Adam Sharp ('08)** on July 26 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock.

-Current Students-



Jaclyn Bates ('07) married Marshall Gooding at First Baptist Church of Texarkana, Texas. The couple resides in Texarkana.

Maggie Terrell (Starr) Perea ('07) and her husband, Ben, live in Fayetteville, Ark, where she is currently working at a local accounting firm, Hogan Taylor.

Emily Jeanne Rogers ('07) married Jeremy Scott Haworth on June 7 at Immanuel Baptist Church in El Dorado. The couple resides in Arkadelphia.

Katie Lynn McCormack ('08) married **Jonathan Grant Hardin ('05)** on Oct. 25.

Joy Elizabeth Shults ('08) married **William Blake Ligon ('08)** on July 12 at First Baptist Church of Benton. The couple resides in Cordova, Tenn.

Whitney Michelle Swindler ('08) married Daniel Lee Bell on July 26 at Fellowship Bible Church. The couple resides in Little Rock.

Elesea Smith ('08) married John Russo. The couple resides in Fort Worth, Texas.



Brittany Cosh married **Dillon McClain** on Aug. 9 at Ouachita's Berry Chapel. The couple resides in Arkadelphia.

Lindsey Wright married Benjamin Forga on Aug. 9 at First Baptist Church of Glenwood, Ark. The couple resides in Arkadelphia.

Greg and Dana (Roberts) O'Neal ('92) welcomed daughter Mary Grace on June 4. She joins big brothers Geoffrey and Andrew and big sister Kirsten.

David Yarbrough ('92) and his wife, Susie, welcomed son Cash Dillard on July 29. Cash joins big sister Daria (7).

Melissa (McMillon) Baird ('93*) and her husband, **Michael ('92)**, welcomed son Thomas Sullivan on June 21. He joins Jack (7) and Caroline (4).



Tara (Morley) Foster ('94) and her husband, Nathan, welcomed daughter Miriam Alice on May 23. She joins her big brother Jonah (2).

Jennifer (DeVorak) Faddis ('95) and her husband, **Lance Faddis ('92)**, welcomed daughter Emma Noelle on Aug. 20. She joins big brother Luke (6) and big sisters Sara (3) and Hope (2).

Jason McCord ('95) and his wife, Teresa, welcomed daughter Anna Love on October 1. She joins brothers Jacob (3) and Andrew (2).

Angela (Williamson) Rye ('95) and her husband, Jerry, welcomed son Jacob Charles on June 3. He joins big sister, Alyssa Grace (5).

Dixie (Morris) Shearer ('95) and her husband, Josh, welcomed daughter Anna Joy. Anna was born on Oct. 15, 2007, and her adoption was finalized in July 2008.

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Michael A. Cloud ('97) and his wife, Ginger, welcomed daughter Mallory Grace on June 2. She joins big sister Macy (3).

Dan Fore ('97) and his wife, Mary Evelyn, welcomed daughter Mary Margaret on July 22. She joins big sister Evelyn "Evie" Catherine (2).

Bryan Trimboli ('97) and his wife, Jenny, welcomed son Joey on Aug. 21. He joins his big sister Kylie (3).

Caroline (Reddin) Butler ('98) and husband, **Lance Butler ('92)**, welcomed son Carson Steven on Jan. 3. He joins big brother Landon (3).

Mike and Melissa (Adams) Carozza ('98) welcomed daughter Emorie Leigh on Nov. 21, 2007. She joins big sisters Mallorie (4) and Cassie (2).

Allison Coates Davis ('98) and her husband, Chris, welcomed son Connor Coates Davis on April 1. He joins big brother Cole.

Jodie (Matthews) Daniell ('98) and her husband, Mike, welcomed son Brady Clinton on May 21. He joins big brother Colby (5) and step-brother Tyler (13).

Liz (Smith) Evan ('98) and her husband, Tim, welcomed son Joshua Timothy on May 30. Joshua joins brother Nathaniel.



Amy (Campbell) Floyd ('98) and her husband, **Michael ('97)**, welcomed son John Michael on Aug. 21. He joins big brothers Aaron and Caleb.

Keving and Mendi (Stiles) Schutte ('98) welcomed daughter Emerson Marie on July 11.

Kate (Bailey) Smith ('98) and her husband, **Lane ('97)**, welcomed Jonathan Brooks Smith on Oct. 22. He joins Grace Ann (4½) and Blake (2½).

Angie (Stephens) Wilson ('98) and her husband, Tim, welcomed son Graham on Aug. 29. He joins big brother Garrett (3½).

Brent and Melissa (Ross) Baskin ('99) welcomed daughter Julia Faith on Feb. 6. She joins big sister Lauren (4 ½).

Elizabeth (Kennedy) Hallum ('99) and her husband, Patrick, welcomed son John Daniel on April 4. Daniel joins big sister Caroline (1½). **Daniel Lane ('99)** and his wife, Ruth, welcomed daughter Sarah Rose on Aug. 20. She joins big brothers Nathaniel, Phillip and Matthew.

Derek and Alicia (Gee) Spicer ('99) welcomed daughter Lyla Claire on July 1. She joins big sisters Paige (3) and Chloe (1).

-2000s

Kristi (Foster) Ballard ('00) and her husband, David, welcomed son Liam Thomas on April 2.

Deanna (Denham) Atkinson ('01) and her husband, **Mason ('02)**, welcomed son Grant Mitchell Atkinson on Aug. 18. Grant joined brother Miles Ethan (1½).

Brandon and Susi (Kurth) Jeffus ('01) welcomed daughter Ava Peyton on Sept. 19. Ava joins her sister Bailee (2).



Brandon and Kristi (Ellison) Berry ('02) welcomed son Grayson Thomas on July 16.

Adam DePriest ('02) and his wife, **Carol (Buck '00)**, welcomed son Wylie on April 26. He joins sister Ella (3).

Jeremy Nottingham ('02) and his wife, **Jenna (Ely '05 *)**, welcomed their first child, Emma Grace.

Austin and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Reed ('03) welcomed son Caedmon John on July 11.



Eric and Rachel (Payne) Harrison ('02) welcomed daughter Addelyn Ryne on June 10.

Jo Kathryn (Garner) Keith ('03) and her husband, **John ('03 *)**, welcomed son Jacob Rylan on June 20.

LeAnn (Arnold) Smith ('03) and her husband, Dustin, welcomed daughter Isabelle "Belle" Grace Smith on July 15.

Joey and Jacqueline (Balazs) Barr ('04) welcomed son Jacob James on July 14.

Josh Francis ('05) and his wife, **Jennifer (Jones '07)**, welcomed their first child, Joshua Brody, on Oct. 3.



Maggie (Hambrice) Sheridan ('06) and her husband, Brandon, welcomed son Carter Brown on Aug. 15.

Share your latest news!

Send your recent news and career updates to Lauren Land at landl@obu.edu, submit online by logging on to the Ouachita Online Community at www.obualumni.org or call (870) 245-5506. We also seek to publish as many **wedding, baby** and **alumni reunion photos** as space allows, so do send them our way. Thanks so much!

in memoriam

—1920s—

Hazel McAlpine Smith ('22*) passed away on June 24. She is survived by her daughters, Sandra Hardberger and Cynthia Price; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

—1940s—

Juanita Gill Hatfield ('43) of Lewisville, Texas, passed away on Sept. 12. She is survived by daughter Gracie Hatfield Hilton, sons Jerry Hatfield and Dr. Stephen Hatfield, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Angie McClendon ('49) of Fort Smith, Ark., passed away on June 25.

Bromo Wilson ('49*) of Fayetteville, Ark., passed away Aug. 11. He is survived by his wife, Ute Wilson; children Gary Wilson, Judy Alexander and Sarah Ward; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

—1950s—

Grover "Zip" Eugene Adams ('50) of North Little Rock, Ark., passed away on Sept. 14. He is survived by daughters Dr. Susan Adams Marik and Catherine Adams, sons Randolph Adams and Paul Adams and four grandchildren.

Helen Neeper Hooker ('51) of Byram, Miss., passed away July 2. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Orvel E. Hooker; daughter Cynthia Sears; son David Hooker; and seven grandchildren.

F.W. Turner ('51) of Pine Bluff passed away July 31. He is survived by sons Lee, Robert, Andy and Jeff Turner; daughter Susan Turner Shuff; 11 grandchildren; and one 1 great-grandchild.

Robin (Berry*) Trimble ('55) of El Dorado passed away on Sept. 27. She is survived by her husband John Trimble, Jr.; children John Trimble V, **Elizabeth (Trimble) Robinson ('81)** and James Trimble; and nine grandchildren.

Bette Jo (Harris) McDougal ('57) passed away on Aug. 21. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Norman McDougal; daughters Kellie McDougal and Kim Gorczykca; and three grandsons.

Robert "Bob" A. Carnes ('57) of Katy, Texas, passed away on March 20. He is survived by daughter Cindy Kozlowski, son Richard A. Carnes and several grandchildren.

—1960s—

Dewey Hall ('62) of Biscoe, Ark., passed away on Aug. 16. He is survived by his wife, **Della (Mason) Hall ('63)**; son Christopher Hall; daughter Beth Hall Prine; and three grandsons.

Robert A. "Bob" McClung ('63) of Chadds Ford, Pa., passed away Aug. 8. He is survived by his wife, Lucy McClung; son Joseph McClung; daughter Lori Puckett; and six grandchildren.

Varessa Nellie Louise (Threet) Miller ('64) of Salisbury, N.C., passed away on Aug. 19. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Rev. Ted Miller; daughter Maurilissa Jones; son James Miller; and one granddaughter.

Patricia Stipek Adland ('67) of Hot Springs, Ark., passed away.

Dr. Ralph Bradley Hoshaw ('69) of Conway passed away July 10. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Reta (Carter) Hoshaw.

—1970s—

Eva Hudgens Dixon McGraw ('71) of Stephens, Ark., passed away on Oct. 4. She is survived by sons Jim Dixon, Joe Dixon, Robert Dixon, Lt. Col. (Ret.) William Dixon, John Dixon, Tommy Dixon, Dr. Mark Dixon; daughter Nan Alexander; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Louise Barton ('74) of Little Rock passed away July 20. She is survived by three children, Ella Mobley, Lafonza Barton and Bruce Barton; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Carol Dian (Davis) Hendrick ('75) passed away on June 29. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, **John R. Hendrick ('78*)**; daughter Lillian Hendrick; and son Robert Hendrick.

Bill Lewis Brown ('76) of Texas City, Texas, passed away on Sept. 17. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Mona Brown; son Bryan Brown; and one granddaughter.

James E. Hyatt, III ('76) of Memphis passed away on Oct. 8.

Donna Koen Randell ('77) of Carrollton, Texas, passed away July 7. She is survived by her daughter, Rachael Marie Randell, and her father, Hillman Koen.

—1980s—

Bobbie Lee Smith-Babbs ('82) of Cotton Plant, Ark., passed away on Oct. 12. She is survived by son Junious Babbs, daughter Jade Babbs-Bolton and five grandchildren.

Pauline Suellen Rayford Brown Allen ('83) of Little Rock passed away on Sept. 21. She is survived by son William Mitchell Brown.

Brenda F. Belk ('84) of Ozan, Ark., passed away on Oct. 26, 2007.

—1990s—

Jennifer (DeVault) Bunch ('97*) passed away June 22. She is survived by her husband, John Bunch, and daughter, Abby Lynn (4).

—Faculty & Staff—

Pearl "Neno" Flaig of Arkadelphia passed away Oct. 12. She is survived by Edward Guy Flaig, her husband of 64 years; and daughters Gay Burch, **Gail Flaig ('71)** and **Linda Sunny Flaig ('76)**. She served as Ouachita's dean of women until 1989.

Dr. Maurice Hurley of Sherwood passed away on Oct. 6. Dr. Hurley served for 22 years as a professor in Ouachita's psychology department, retiring in 1982.

Melba Dianna Jones of Arkadelphia passed away on Oct. 7. She is survived by her husband, Johnny Jones; son Fredrick McClure; and four grandchildren.

* denotes former student

Dr. Alex Nisbet, Professor of Chemistry

Joining the Ouachita Baptist University faculty in 1963, Dr. Alex Nisbet was recognized during this year's faculty/staff banquet for 45 years of service to Ouachita. As the university's longest-serving faculty member, Dr. Nisbet has seen thousands of students come through his classroom and laboratory, gaining a greater understanding of the complex world of chemistry.

Nisbet received his Associate of Arts degree from San Angelo College (now Angelo State University) in 1957 and his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin (UT) in 1959. He went on to earn his Ph.D. from UT in 1963.

After graduating from UT, Nisbet accepted a teaching position at Ouachita and has been here ever since. He teaches Quantitative Analysis and Physical Science each year, as well as Instrumental Analysis when there are any takers.

Nisbet said he enjoys teaching lecture classes but feels he does his best work in the laboratory. He initially taught General Chemistry and moved to Introductory Chemistry in 1968, focusing on students who want to be nurses or dieticians.

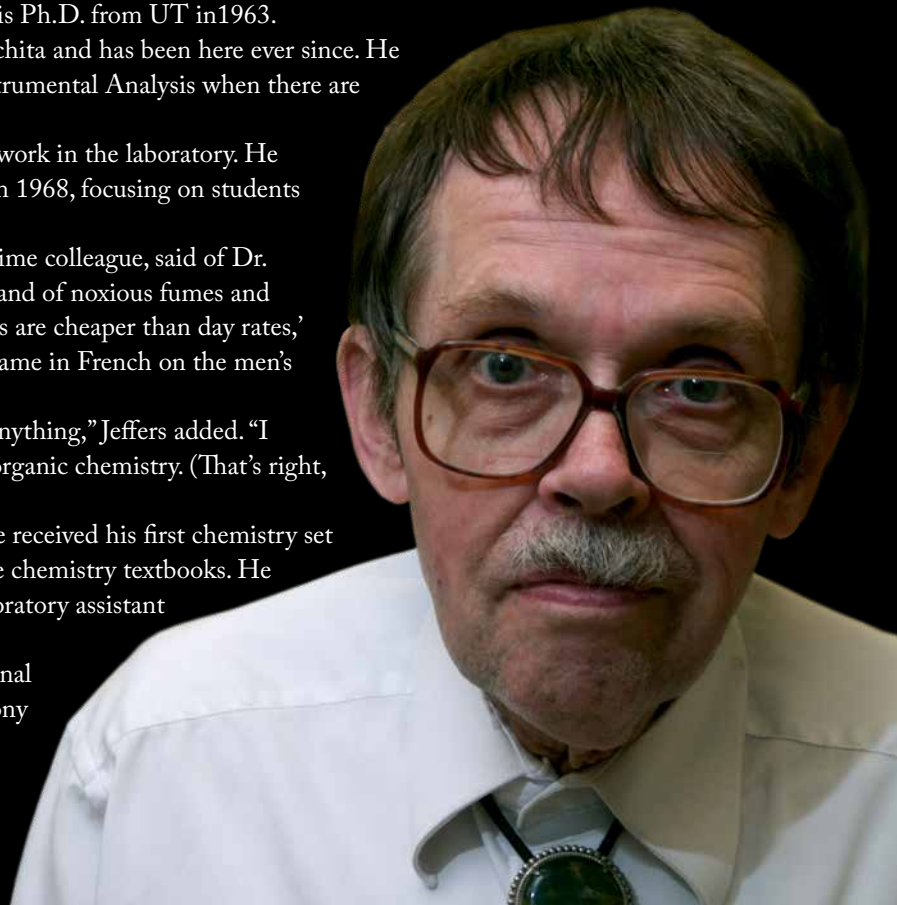
Dr. Joe Jeffers ('66), dean of the School of Natural Sciences and a longtime colleague, said of Dr. Nisbet: "Ever the punster, legions of students have heard, 'Welcome to the land of noxious fumes and odors,' 'It's raining cats and dogs; be careful not to step in a poodle,' 'Nitrates are cheaper than day rates,' and the list goes on. My personal favorite was the posting of Joan of Arc's name in French on the men's room door when the light bulbs were burned out – Jeanne d'Arc.

"Dr. Nisbet has always been ready and available to help anybody with anything," Jeffers added. "I liked his testing pattern so much when I was a student that I adapted it to organic chemistry. (That's right, blame Dr. Nisbet!) He's a jewel and we will miss him next year."

Nisbet said several things sparked his interest in teaching chemistry. He received his first chemistry set at age 5 and, when he was 10, an uncle gave him a couple of his son's college chemistry textbooks. He thoroughly enjoyed his high school chemistry courses and served as the laboratory assistant for two years at San Angelo College.

Nisbet also is an accomplished cellist and performs regularly with regional string quartets. In past years, he performed with both the Arkansas Symphony and South Arkansas Symphony. He also is a talented composer.

Nisbet is married to fellow musician Meredith and the couple has two children, Carl and Audrey. The Nisbets are active members of First Presbyterian Church in Arkadelphia, where he serves as an elder and sings in the choir.



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Barbara Harvel

Director of Career and Corporate Development

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“My vision is to be the best resource on campus to help the students leave OBU and pursue their dreams,” explained Barbara Harvel, Ouachita’s Director of Career and Corporate Development. Harvel works toward this vision each day as she helps guide both current and former students on their own career journey.

Harvel previously served more than 13 years as the director of the Arkansas Institute for Performance Excellence, which manages the Arkansas Quality Award program. She also served for four years as the president of the Arkansas Better Business Bureau. She is married to Paul Harvel, who is the chairman and CEO of the Arkadelphia Regional Economic Development Alliance.

Since joining the Ouachita staff in 2007, Harvel and her team have implemented a number of new programs, including:

The Ouachita Career Fair: “Our office hosted the university’s first career fair in 2008, giving companies a chance to visit with students and discover the type of student Ouachita produces on a whole. It gives the students a chance to network with the representatives from those organizations, asking questions that will help them decide what type of organization they would most like to work in.”

The All-Majors Fair: “The new All-Majors Fair is geared toward freshmen and sophomores and gives them the opportunity to visit with all eight schools in one day. This event gives all students a casual atmosphere to meet faculty and ask questions about degree plans, etc.”

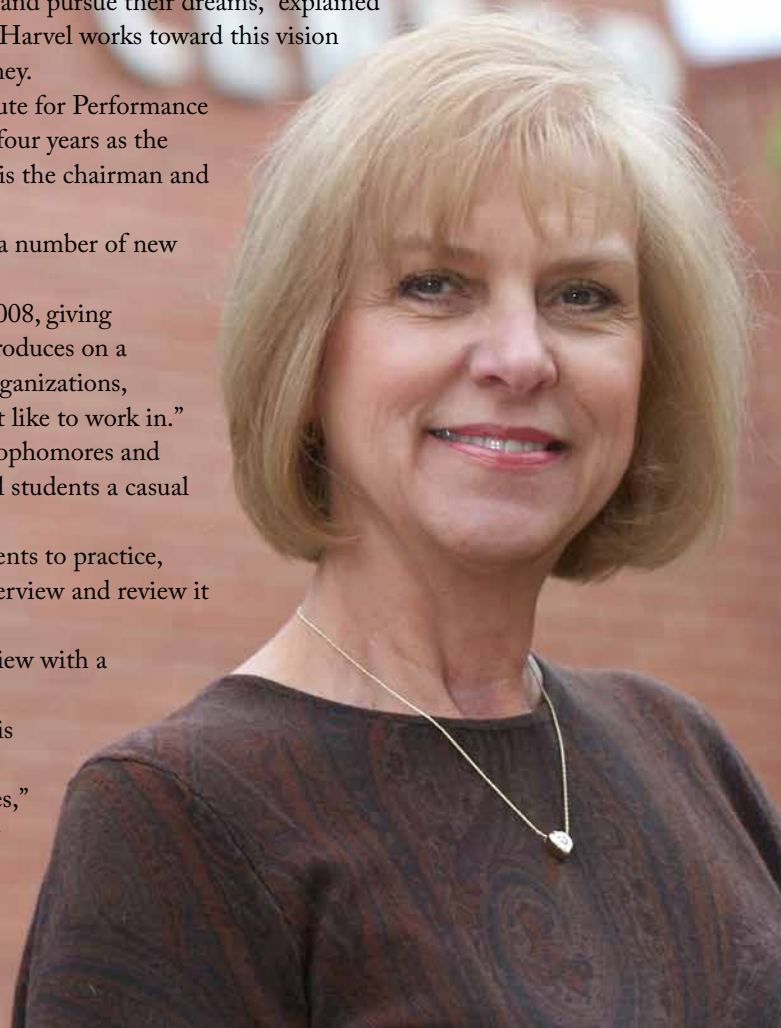
The Perfect Interview: “This interactive, online interviewing program allows students to practice, practice and practice their interviewing skills. The student can choose to record the interview and review it and, as director, I can also review the interview and make suggestions to the student.”

CareerCam. “Students now have the ability to have a live, real-time, online interview with a company.”

CareerTV. “This is a new 30-minute informational segment on our web page. This month’s episode is about the ‘Top Socially Responsible Employers’ in the nation.”

“Our alumni can be a tremendous link to our students in the next step in their lives,” Harvel pointed out. “Networking is such an asset, not only for securing the first job, but also to give them someone to visit with about the career they have chosen to pursue.”

A program she hopes to soon develop is a spin-off from the old shadowing program. Giving it an updated name of “externships,” Harvel said she wants to encourage alumni to invite students to visit their place of work for a period of three to five days for a hands-on “discovery process” during a school break.



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Vision requires foresight & faithfulness

We would all agree that vision is very special. This becomes especially evident if one's vision dims or is lost.

Some time ago, I began to complain that the lighting in restaurants made it difficult for me to read the menu. Becky suggested it had more to do with my sight than the lighting. Eventually I went to Dr. Williamson who complimented my vision, but thought reading glasses would help a lot. He

by God to participate in His plan for our world, families, institution and as individuals. We know God is capable of doing this without us, but what a privilege to participate in His Kingdom work.

The devotion of you, friend and reader, to Ouachita is most heartening to all of us who serve here. Your kind words, notes, e-mails and calls mean so much. We stand, however, at a very pivotal moment in the history of Ouachita. Your participation in the

“The Lord will honor those who are willing to walk by faith when our sight is not clear about the details.”

was right (as was Becky). I do enjoy reading with my glasses when I remember where I left them! Eyesight is so important. The blessing of looking into a child's eyes, a parent's face, the moon, sunset or a beautiful lake is not to be taken for granted. Each day at Ouachita I drive by our construction sites and gaze upon the steel being erected in our new Student Village and the road being prepared for our entry from the highway. You must see these for yourself.

The vision that makes a difference at Ouachita is foresight. Enough of our leaders, trustees, donors and friends have had foresight to form Ouachita into this great university. I am captivated by vision casting. I am in my element when I can attempt to inspire people to see what can and should be. I am blessed that so many are sharing the vision of moving Ouachita a quantum step forward. With construction underway, what began as a vision is becoming reality.

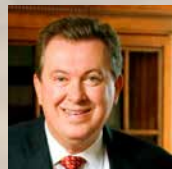
I think foresight is where we begin. Specific steps come next, but the vision is not complete until there is participation. Our faith journey is an invitation

vision is vital to its completion. We are facing great challenges with even greater faith. Our faith is first in our Lord, then our friends. As we all our faithful, we will share in the great success of Ouachita that can nearly be seen.

There is never a good time to build. When times are good, we over commit to too many noble causes. Then when times are not good, we decide not to do much anywhere because of the uncertain days. I do believe the Lord will honor those who are willing to walk by faith when our sight is not clear about the details.

Thank you for your time. I ask for your prayers, good word and participation in the vision that is unfolding for Ouachita. I pledge to you that we will be faithful stewards.

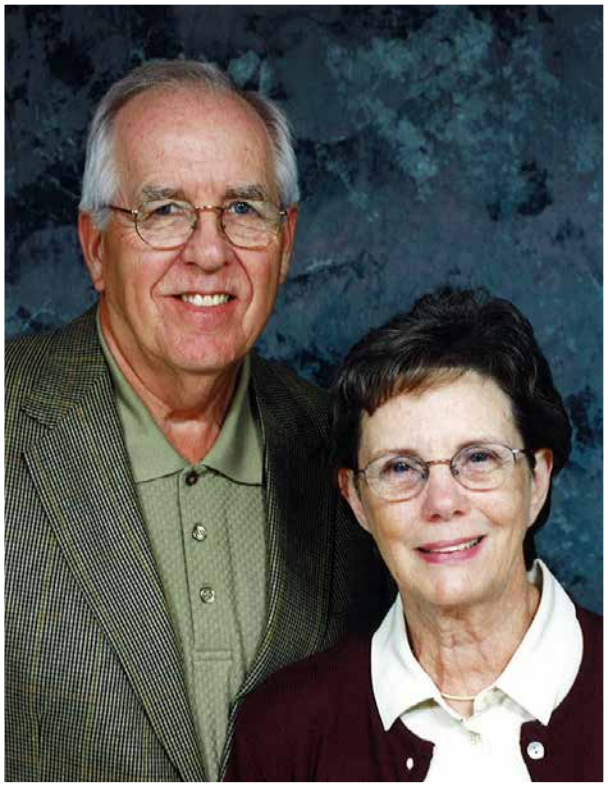
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