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DANIEL & BETTY JO GRANT CENTER  
FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION  
OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY  
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Dear Friends of the Grant Center,

The Daniel and Betty Jo Grant Center for International Education is being transformed this summer. Its facilities are being expanded and completely remodeled. Charlie and Cindy Fuller have made this possible through their very generous gift. A ceremonial re-opening of the Center is planned for Sept. 12.

With the Fullers' encouragement, we are inviting others to join them in supporting the Grant Center by contributing to its endowment. Increased earnings from the endowment will enhance our ability to assist international students and those who participate in one of the Center's numerous study abroad opportunities. I hope you will consider sending a gift soon. Becky and I plan to send a donation in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Grant during August to help celebrate Dr. Grant's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Elsewhere in this issue, you will read about those who benefit from the programs of the Grant Center. Please join me in praying for this important part of our work here at Ouachita.



**Dr. Rex M. Horne, Jr.**  
President,  
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From the desk of Director Ian Cosh...



This summer I traveled to five countries: Zimbabwe, South Africa, Australia, Indonesia and the United Kingdom. Each trip was related to a particular element of the work of international education at Ouachita and highlights the fact that international education is a highly relational discipline. The trips to Zimbabwe and South Africa were international student recruitment-driven. Sharon Cosh, coordinator of our ESL program, and I were able to visit numerous private and faith-related high schools to explain the benefits of seeking a liberal arts degree at Ouachita. We were joined in our efforts by a strong contingent of current students who added great interest as they shared their international education experience with their fellow countrymen.

Dr. Tim Knight, dean of the Patterson School of Natural Sciences, and I traveled to Universitas Pelita Harapan, in Jakarta, Indonesia, to strengthen our partnership and explore possible options for natural sciences faculty and students to engage in study and research. We also travelled to Murdoch University in Perth, Australia, to engage in discussions with international education staff and natural sciences faculty about the possibility of study abroad and research opportunities in the future.

A delegation of CGE leaders, hosted by Dr. Carolyn Bishop, president of the Consortium for Global Education, visited Liverpool Hope University as part of the consortium's "sharing" program. This visit allowed Ouachita to introduce other university leaders to the strong partnership we have enjoyed with Vice Chancellor Gerald Pillay and his leadership team.

International education is a constantly changing and evolving area of focus at Ouachita. We continue to bring academic and Christian excellence to the forefront of the task of educating students for work and ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



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AMY GARRETT  
NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Joining the team at the Grant Center this Spring is Amy Garrett. Amy graduated from Ouachita in 2004 with majors in mass communications and history. Amy's love for all things international was cultivated during her study abroad experience at Salzburg College while she was a student at Ouachita.

Her background includes three years of teaching English in China and two years as part of the mobilization team at English Language Institute/China, a non-profit organization that sends Christians to teach in Asia. Amy earned her Master of Arts degree in intercultural studies/TESOL from Wheaton College and looks forward to teaching a few classes in Ouachita's ESL program.

Student Spotlight: Craig Martin



Craig Martin, the 2011 recipient of the Grant Scholarship Award, hails from Harare, Zimbabwe. A graphic design major and talented artist, Craig is actively involved on OBU's campus through the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF) and Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team and serves as a work study student in the Grant Center. When asked what his favorite things about Ouachita are, Craig notes, "I really appreciate how personal Ouachita is. As a relatively small school our classes are very small, which allows us to interact personally and build relationships with fellow students and professors. This has been especially helpful to me as an artist pursuing such a practical field. I feel like

more than just a number in a multitude of students, and a member of a close-knit community. As an international student, people have been overwhelmingly welcoming and friendly toward me. Put simply, I have been blessed by the people I have encountered from day one and Ouachita did not take long to feel like home. I am blessed beyond measure to be at Ouachita."

European Study Tour

Twenty-one Ouachita students were led on a three-week journey through Europe by faculty members Terry DeWitt and Barbara Pemberton this May. Students were given the invaluable opportunity to experience history firsthand by going to the Sistine Chapel, Notre Dame, Westminster Abbey, the Louvre, the Colosseum and other historic sites. The European Study Tour, which is offered on a yearly basis, provides six hours of credit and is an excellent way for students to connect what they're learning in the classroom with tangible experiences in the real world.

Dr. Pemberton explained, "The European Study Tour is Ouachita's version of the Grand Tour, a tradition long enjoyed and documented in Western culture by the likes of Keats, Twain and Hemingway. The students study hard all semester in order to truly appreciate what they will see and experience on the trip. But there are additional benefits like becoming confident world travelers able to read maps and navigate subway systems, all while having a great time with good friends."



Global Junction: 2013 International Food Festival

Ouachita's International Food Festival, sponsored by the International Club and the Grant Center, has become an annual event during the Spring semester. International students and MKs prepare traditional food from their respective countries. This year, food stations represented four regions: Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe.

Held on Feb. 19 in the Walker Conference Center, the theme was "Global Junction." The atmosphere was made even more festive by live entertainment provided by several students.

Sponsor Sharon Cosh commented, "The food festival is an excellent example of the way that our students truly do bring the world to this campus."



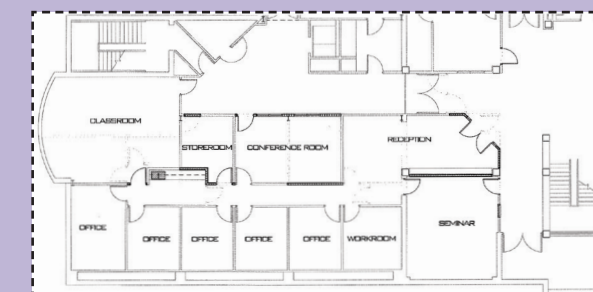
Zimbabwe Recruiting Trip

From May 17 to 26, Ian and Sharon Cosh traveled with six current Ouachita students to recruit future Ouachitonians from Zimbabwe. This group was able to share in more than 10 schools in nine days about opportunities to study at Ouachita. It was especially beneficial to work with current students, four of whom are Zimbabwe natives and to have the added perspective of both an American and Venezuelan student as well. All were very encouraged by the open doors provided and the strong interest shown in pursuing a Ouachita education.



RENOVATION PROJECT

During the summer months, the Grant Center is being remodeled! Due to the generous gifts of supporters like you, the Grant Center will have a fresh configuration with more classroom space, a cutting-edge technology center, office space and conference room. Ian Cosh, director of the Grant Center, said, "Having a central location from which to facilitate activities for both Ouachita students planning to study abroad as well as welcoming our international students will be incredibly helpful to the Grant Center. We are truly excited about the ways that this renovated space will be used and are thankful for those who have contributed to make this possible."



NAFSA HELD IN ST. LOUIS, MO.

The Association of International Educators, known as NAFSA, held their annual meeting from May 26 to 31 in St. Louis, Mo. On behalf of the Grant Center, Amy Garrett attended the conference, which featured workshops on immigration and student visas as well as networking and learning from colleagues in the field.

One highlight from the conference included hearing former secretary general of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, share about the influence and importance of international education in the global sphere. Hearing from representatives from the U.S. State Department and seasoned professionals in the arena of international education was also very beneficial.