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Exploring the world of 1886

Presidential reflections

OBU memories & milestones

I distinctly remember walking into my second floor dorm room in Francis Crawford East freshman year after gracious WOW leaders had unloaded my minivan full of “essentials.” Eager and anxious, I had no idea how significant my next four years would be and how many important milestones I would pass on my way to shaking Dr. Horne’s hand at commencement on Cone-Bottoms lawn.

As we begin another academic year at Ouachita, that same sense of excitement is undeniably present. Athletic teams have hit the practice fields, upperclassmen are getting settled in coveted apartments and Student Village suites and a new class of Tigers is on its way.

Looking ahead to the many events planned to celebrate Ouachita’s 125th anniversary, this year marks an important milestone in the university’s history. As we take time to appreciate our past and how it has shaped Ouachita as an institution (Dr. Jeff Root takes us back to the world of 1886 on page 4), OBU’s continuing impact and vision for the future is also at the forefront of our minds.

President Horne reflects on Ouachita’s commitment to its ideals in his closing column, saying, “Often I have driven by Dr. Conger’s grave and wondered what the good president would think of the college he founded and loved. I believe he would be proud that we are still Ouachita, Baptist and an incredible university.”

This issue of *The Ouachita Circle* celebrates other important university milestones such as Dr. Horne’s 5th anniversary at Ouachita, the graduation of yet another class of difference makers and the retirement of well-loved professors. It also offers a glimpse into *Ouachita Voices*, our commemorative history book due out in September.

Trennis Henderson, VP for Communications, served as editor of the book and says in its introduction, *Voices* “seeks to capture the spirit of the Ouachita experience through the eyewitness reflections of Ouachitonians from across the years.”

So many times when Ouachitonians are asked what makes this place special, “the people” is their answer. It is not the bricks and mortar, the river or even our beloved Tiger, but rather the people—the Ouachita community—that set it apart. *Ouachita Voices* not only celebrates many significant milestones in the university’s 125-year history, but perhaps more importantly celebrates the personal memories and milestones of Ouachitonians themselves.

I believe this is why Class Notes continues to be the most popular section of *The Circle*. We want to celebrate those personal milestones with our friends: the weddings, promotions, babies and anniversaries. So, go ahead, flip to Class Notes to check on your classmates, but then turn back and take a few minutes to appreciate Ouachita’s storied past and bright future. There are many milestones yet to come.



Brooke (Showalter) Zimny ('08)
Assistant Director of Communications

“Direction is more important than speed. We are so busy looking at our speedometers that we forget the milestone.”

Unknown

“It’s when ordinary people rise above the expectations and seize the opportunity that milestones truly are reached.”

Gov. Mike Huckabee

“In America, every day is a new beginning, and every sunset is merely the latest milestone on a voyage that never ends.”

President Ronald Reagan

“I look at victory as milestones on a very long highway.”

*Joan Benoit Samuelson,
first women’s Olympic marathon champion*

“Mark the milestones of your mercy and love, God; Rebuild the ancient landmarks!”

Psalms 25:6



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As the Ouachita family celebrates 125 years of university history this fall, one significant milestone marker is the publication of the commemorative history book, *Ouachita Voices: Celebrating 125 Years of Academic & Christian Excellence*. It is scheduled to debut on Sept. 6 as part of Ouachita's Founders Day festivities.

As editor of the 132-page coffee table book, I note in the introduction that *Ouachita Voices* "seeks to capture the spirit of the Ouachita experience through the eyewitness reflections of Ouachitonians from across the years."

"For many readers, this collection of essays, along with historical and contemporary campus photographs, will be a cherished stroll down memory lane," I added. "For others, it hopefully will be an engaging introduction to the 125-year history of Ouachita Baptist University."

Ouachita President Rex Horne, a champion of *Ouachita Voices* throughout the publication process, points out in the book's foreword that *Voices* "is a grand attempt to gather historical, personal and institutional perspectives of a number of contributors. Their words will join in creating a testament to this enduring work and the sustaining grace of God."

As this issue of *The Ouachita Circle* highlights milestones in the life of Ouachita Baptist University, a few historical milestones and personal reflections featured in brief excerpts from *Ouachita Voices* include:



"1886-1936: A Foundation for the Future" by Dr. Ray Granade:

Some begin Ouachita Baptist University's history with the state's first Baptist school, the Arkadelphia Male and Female Institute, in 1850. They trace Arkadelphia support of Baptist education through the Arkansas School for the Blind, Red River Baptist Academy, and its offer to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) of site, building and \$10,000. Others emphasize widespread Baptist

"1936-1986: From Survival to Success" by Dr. Hal Bass:

In 1936, fifty years after its 1886 establishment, Ouachita was struggling for survival, absent academic accreditation, in the midst of the Great Depression. This struggle persisted through World War II and the early post-war years. The ensuing era of progress coincided with the post-war economic growth. ... The centennial celebration in 1986 found Ouachita enjoying relative stability and prosperity.

The most noteworthy structural shift was the 1965 name change from Ouachita Baptist College to Ouachita Baptist University. ... Campus facilities underwent dramatic change during the second half-century, leaving

"1986-2011: Continuity and Change" by Dr. Tom Auffenberg:

A freshman enrolling in Ouachita as it began its 125th year entered a vibrant university firmly committed to a mission seeking "to foster a love of God and a love of learning." Such had always been the mission of Ouachita since its founding in 1886. However, the years 1986-2011 witnessed not only a continued allegiance to certain core values, but also became an era of significant change that helped propel a once rather obscure college into an institution ranked the No. 1 Regional College in the South for four years in a row by *U. S. News & World Report*.

The 1986 OBU catalog was emblazoned with the slogan "The

"Ouachita Voices" chronicles 125

interest in education: \$75,000 endowment lost in the Civil War, ABSC adoption of Mississippi College in 1870, and six Baptist schools formed around the state between 1871 and 1876.

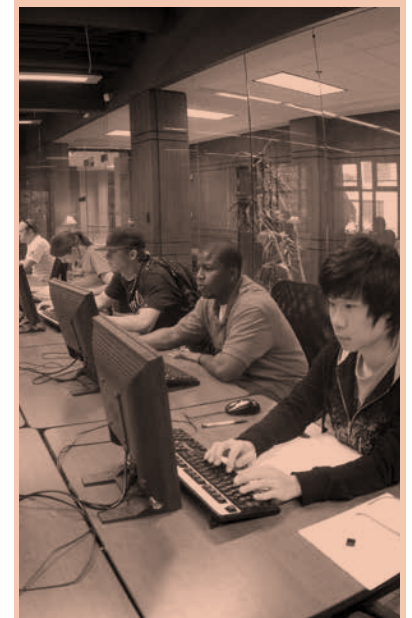
Both approaches merge at a state convention-selected self-perpetuating Board of Trustees in Little Rock on April 8, 1886, hearing eight proposals. After considerable debate the next day, the board members voted. Seventy-two ballots later came the telegram, "College located at Arkadelphia."

Ouachita trustees chose as president a minister with impressive educational credentials named John William Conger who, at age 29, had already presided over a Tennessee college, founded an Arkansas one and headed Prescott High School. ... "Dr. Jack" combined strong-minded optimism and determination with a deep interest in the poor's welfare, concerns that shaped the school's course.

the campus almost completely transformed. Indeed, only two campus structures present in 1936 remained in place fifty years later, and they continue to grace today's campus: Cone-Bottoms Hall and the Ouachita Tiger.



Best of Life!" Although that slogan has long since disappeared from the university's public relations portfolio, Ouachita remains a caring, vibrant institution of higher learning that has steadily improved its academic standing and opportunities for student enrichment.





**“My Turn at Bat for Ouachita”
by Dr. Daniel Grant:**

It’s impossible to explain OBU’s growing strength in the 1970s and ’80s without describing the Ouachita Student Foundation, its Tiger Traks and Tiger Tunes, its theme of “Students Helping Students,” its dramatic raising of scholarships, and my own evaluation of OSF as “institution building” and “individual building.” From its founding in 1974, OSF was an arm of Ben Elrod’s development program with the strong personal support of the president. Vital work for Ouachita is behind the fun and fame of Tiger Traks and Tiger Tunes. I believe OSF, broadly defined, was one of the top three or four secrets of Ouachita’s success in growing stronger from 1974 to 1988.



**“Reflections on a Decade of Progress”
by Dr. Ben Elrod:**

On March 1, 1997, a tornado ripped through Arkadelphia. It left grieving families and a path of widespread destruction. Our students, faculty and staff were

committed to go out into the wounded community to help wherever needed. Fortunately, we had a framework in place that was capable of organizing and directing the effort. The Center for Family and Community had been established by Ian Cosh just months before. The primary purpose of the center was to enlist and equip faculty, staff and students to help meet needs in the area. Sooner than had been expected, the greatest need imaginable confronted us. In the months following the tornado, an army of Ouachita people fanned out throughout the community to help meet the challenge for clean-up and restoration.

The Center for Family and Community has carried on that tradition through Tiger Serve Day which is held each semester. The most recent Tiger Serve Day registered 920 participants responding to one hundred expressed needs in the area.

**“I Would Still Choose Ouachita”
by Gov. Mike Huckabee:**

The loyalty of Ouachita alumni is a factor that is not to be underestimated. I have met fellow Tigers on literally every continent on the earth, and the fraternal spirit among those who have shared the Ouachita experience creates a bond of friendship and camaraderie that transcends age, race, ethnicity, gender or faith. ... If I were 18 again and had to decide where I could best be prepared for life, even with all I have experienced and done, I would still choose Ouachita. I felt it was right then. I know it was now.



By Trennis Henderson,
OBU Vice President for Communications



**“Pursuing a Standard of Excellence”
by Alyse Eady,
Miss Arkansas 2010:**

In the days since my graduation from Ouachita Baptist University, I have approached life with a deep sense of respect for my liberal arts education that I received in the valley of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. My education at OBU gave me not only a diploma; it gave me a values system that has helped me become more of the person I want to be. It has instilled in me a high standard of excellence which I believe has helped me reach some of my highest aspirations in becoming Miss Arkansas and going on to compete in the Miss America Pageant.

My OBU experience is something I will cherish for all my days and always will look back on fondly as I walk through life.

years of university milestones

Ouachita roots

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF 1886

By Jeff Root

Editor's Note: "Life in 1886," a chapel presentation created by Dr. Jeff Root and Dr. Ray Granade, set the stage for the celebration of Ouachita's 125th anniversary by describing the world into which Ouachita was born. The presentation included many visual illustrations, music of the period performed by Ouachita faculty and staff, and Professor Glenn Good's live experiment proving the existence of electromagnetic waves. The following article by Dr. Root is based on that presentation.

Does a connection really exist between the world of Ouachita's founding in 1886 and the world of today? It's a fair question. What possible effect could events of 1886 have on the life of a current Ouachita student?

There are many viable answers, but perhaps one stands out as a reason to remember our founders. The people who established Ouachita were real people who were formed by their faith in God and by the times in which they lived. They weren't perfect, but they were intent on creating a campus where the love of God and the love of learning were not just compatible but worked hand in hand.

Ouachita's mission, which they put in place, has a direct impact on the experience students, faculty and staff have on campus every day. Likewise, the degree to which our current generation embraces that mission, tries to change it or ignores it will have a direct impact on the experience of students at Ouachita 125 years from now.

BRIDGE TO MODERN TIMES

To fully appreciate Ouachita's steadfast nature, however, requires at least a cursory understanding of life in 1886 and a bridge to modern times. It's a history professor's daily challenge—to bring history alive and help students see its value in the lives they lead today.

The Second Industrial Revolution was in full swing in 1886. Times were changing like never before. People were moving from farms to cities. Transportation was faster and more readily available, and families found themselves spreading out, sometimes with states instead of counties between them.

The 20th century was looming, and in many ways, arriving early. And yet if a new world was being born, surely an old one was breathing its last.

Geronimo, the great Apache war chief, surrendered in Arizona in 1886 after 30 years of resistance. It was the end of the last great Indian War. The Native Americans, who had fought for generations, had finally succumbed.

As President Grover Cleveland contemplated the fate of Geronimo and the Apaches, he also thought about the two women in his life: first, his new wife (Cleveland had gotten married at the White House that year), and then the lady he left in the bay—the Statue of Liberty.

The Statue of Liberty had been delivered to New York the previous year as a gift to the American people from the French, but Cleveland dedicated it in 1886. The celebration also was the occasion of New York's first ticker tape parade.

While there were celebrations in New York, the Gulf Coast saw its share of death and destruction in 1886. Indianola, Texas, which had rivaled Corpus Christi as a port, was wiped out by a hurricane, as was Sabine Pass, Texas, and Johnson's Bayou, La. More than 250 people were killed.

In the east, an earthquake in Charleston, S.C., left 40,000 homeless, and snow storms in the Midwest killed buffalo, cattle and crops. Teddy Roosevelt suffered such heavy losses in Dakota Territory, he gave up ranching to return to New York and a life in politics.



1886
in 2011

During the “Life in 1886” chapel presentation, a group of Ouachita faculty and staff members led the audience in a rendition of the late 1800s folk song, “Sweet Betsy from Pike.” Use a QR reader on your smart phone to scan the code below to watch a video of the performance, recorded by OBU’s online *Signal*. Those without a smart phone can visit tinyurl.com/OBUSweetBetsy.



While some industries struggled, others were moving forward. Karl Benz patented the first successful gasoline-driven automobile in 1886. Gottlieb Daimler, founder of the company that now owns Mercedes-Benz, put a combustion engine on a bicycle to create the first motorcycle.

The year also saw the birth of other industries. Richard Sears had been a railroad agent who enjoyed selling watches to other railroad agents, but he quit his job in 1886 to start a new company with his watchmaker friend, Alva Curtis Roebuck. In a few years, their catalog would revolutionize

the business world, allowing customers to order virtually anything and have it delivered—even Sears houses.

ENDURING ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

It also was a great year for art and literature. Sherlock Holmes was on the case with *The Adventure of the Second Stain*. Thomas Hardy, Leo Tolstoy, Louisa May Alcott and Henry James all produced new work in 1886, but Robert Louis Stevenson made two important contributions. He finished *Kidnapped*, and then in three feverish days and nights, he wrote *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. In art, John Singer Sargent, Mary Cassatt, Henri Rousseau, Winslow Homer and Childe Hassam all created major works in 1886.

Newspaper print wouldn’t have been confused with paint on canvas, but at least the newspaper would be easier to read in 1886 with the invention of the linotype. The breakthrough was the production of an entire line of type produced at one time, and the quality of printing increased significantly. Typewriters had many designs and employed different technologies until 1886 when the typewriter ribbon was invented, allowing a visible machine, meaning the typist could actually see what he or she was typing.

The year also marked the arrival of a new kind of soap from the Lever Brothers. Made from vegetable oil instead of tallow, Sunshine Soap was a hit for decades. H.J. Heinz of Pittsburgh traveled to London in 1886 and sold orders for every product he showed, all 57 varieties. Avon also debuted with an all-female staff selling door-to-door.

Dr. John Pemberton, a pharmacist in Atlanta, produced the first Coca-Cola in May of 1886. His bookkeeper, Frank Robinson, suggested the name and wrote it out in script. The style made it into the first ad for Coke, and the script lettering for Coca-Cola is now known as the most recognizable trademark in the world.

Meanwhile, in Waco, Texas, chemist Robert Lazenby and pharmacist Wade Morrison created Dr Pepper from a combination of 23 ingredients. They named the drink after a former Confederate Army surgeon, who had once fired Morrison for dating his daughter.

MAJOR SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH

Science offered more in 1886, though, than the chemistry of soft drinks. The major breakthrough came late in the year. On Nov. 11, 1886, Heinrich Hertz verified the existence of electromagnetic waves. His investigation of the electromagnetic spectrum would revolutionize many fields, from communications to medicine.

Previously, communication could take place anywhere you could hang a telegraph wire. In this new world, Hertz and those who followed him would move to wireless communication, from point-to-point to radio broadcasting and then television. Other locations on the spectrum would provide the benefits of x-rays and microwaves.

Oliver Lodge, a scientist from Liverpool, presented his own version of Hertz’s work to London’s Royal Institution a few years later. The Royal Institution was a lecture hall where England’s upper crust and her leading scientists came to hear lectures and glimpse into the future.

Lodge ignited a spark at one end of an apparatus. It made a loud crack and immediately a lamp was lit at the other end of the stage, without connecting wires. The audience gave thunderous applause. Afterward, a colleague told Lodge that he had found his life’s work. Lodge could spend the rest of his career unlocking the mysteries of electromagnetic waves.

Lodge, though, did not do that. Instead, he spent much time attending séances and talking with psychics. He thought that since he had discovered an invisible world of natural waves, perhaps it was related to the spiritual world. He was disheartened to find fake psychic after fake psychic as he searched desperately for a connection.

Lodge was illustrating why it was and is important that there be a Ouachita. He had a thirst for knowledge, and his scientific achievements netted him a knighthood and much acclaim in Great Britain. But his need for spiritual answers was perhaps even stronger, and as best we know, was never satisfied.

The burgeoning world of 1886 needed colleges and universities dedicated to the acquisition and the teaching of knowledge, scientific and otherwise. It also needed schools which recognized our spiritual needs and potentialities. Ouachita was established with both of these in mind—excellence in academics and spiritual growth through a relationship with Jesus Christ and in a community of believers.

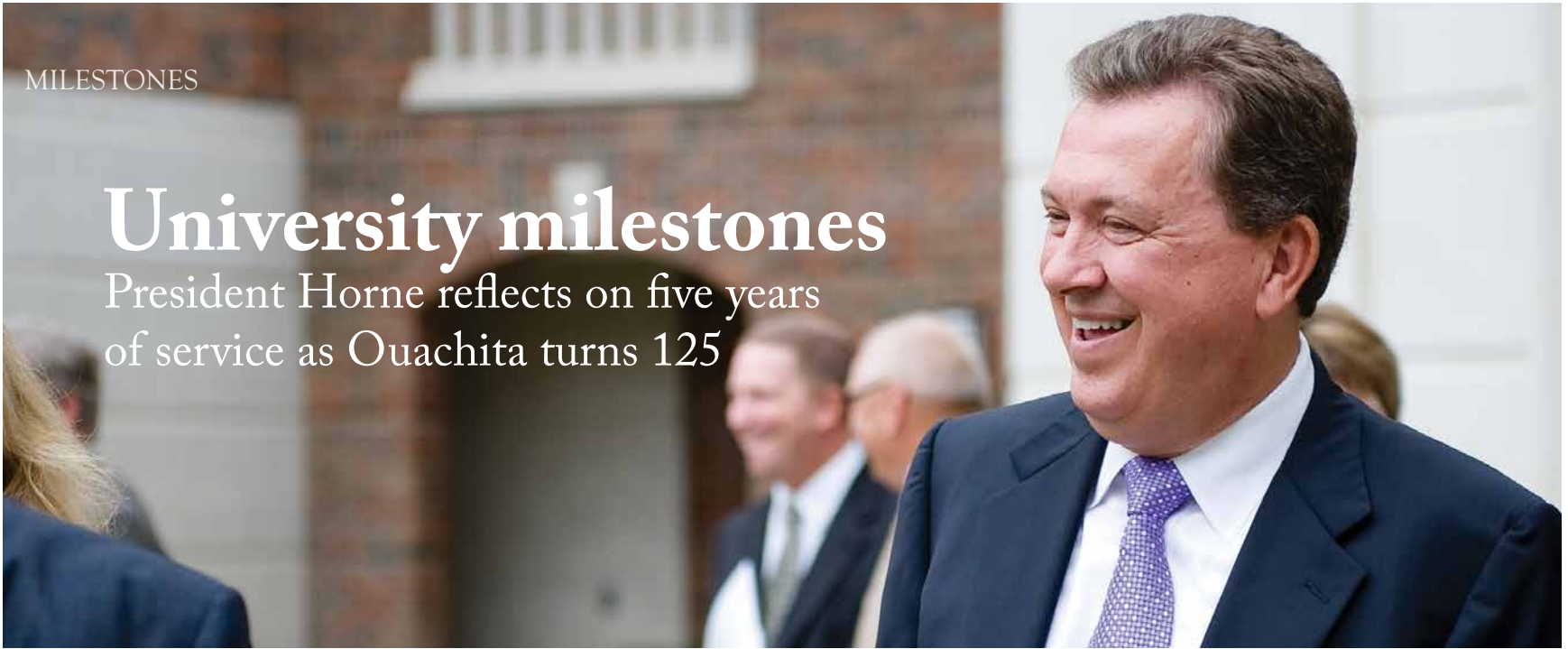
This was the mission of Ouachita when it was established in 1886, and this is Ouachita’s mission today.



Dr. Jeff Root, a 1983 Ouachita graduate, has served since 2002 as dean of Ouachita’s School of Humanities. Root, who also holds degrees from the University of Arkansas and Oklahoma State University, has been a faculty member at Ouachita since 1991.

University milestones

President Horne reflects on five years of service as Ouachita turns 125



As Ouachita celebrates its 125th anniversary this year, President Rex Horne is marking his fifth anniversary of university leadership. Evaluating both milestones in a question-and-answer session with The Ouachita Circle, Dr. Horne offered the following reflections and insights:

Q: What do you consider Ouachita's greatest accomplishments during your first five years as president?

A: "There are several things that come quickly to mind. I am proud to see our university growing in enrollment. We have weathered the worst of the economic downturn and are poised for much better days. I think what brings me the greatest satisfaction, however, is the morale, enthusiasm and commitment of our faculty, staff and students. This is a tribute to the entire Ouachita community."

Q: What are the greatest challenges you have faced so far during your presidential tenure? How have you addressed those concerns?

A: "I became a university president as our nation was entering a perilous economic time. This made our challenge as a private, Christian university even greater. I was most fortunate that the great majority of the leaders on campus were incredibly competent and supportive. There were hard choices and visionary commitments that I felt needed to be made early even though there were risks. I saw these as opportunities essential for our future. I believe they already are paying dividends for Ouachita."

Q: Describe your transition from pastor to university president over the past five years, including any positive or negative surprises along the way.

A: "I think a number of the gifts necessary to pastor a fine church come in to play as president of a university. I was told by some that a university could not be impacted as quickly as a church. I understand the reasoning, but have enjoyed seeing that you can make a difference in a reasonably short period of time. I think the contacts and relationships I have made over many years are helpful in my presidency as well as abiding faith that we serve a great and powerful God who knows no limits."

Q: You frequently highlight the importance of students, faculty and staff being difference makers on campus and beyond. In what ways are you seeing that accomplished?

A: "I see it every day. Our students are committed to service and relationships. This is expressed locally and globally. They serve this community in myriad

ways led by the Elrod Center and Campus Ministries. They are afforded world experiences in study abroad and service abroad through mission trips. Our faculty evidence their calling by pouring their knowledge, experience and life into young adults who will be forever impacted by these experiences. We are blessed with the best."

Q: Ouachita has been ranked the No. 1 Regional College in the South by U.S. News & World Report for the past four years. Beginning this year, Ouachita will be ranked among national rather than regional liberal arts colleges. What has been the significance of Ouachita's top regional ranking the past few years and what will be the potential impact of moving to a national ranking?

A: "A number of students, particularly from other states, have been drawn to us in part by the recognition we have received. There are stories of new friends who have been attracted to our university with more than a casual interest because they were introduced to us through these rankings. While the journey to the top of some rankings is now exponentially more difficult, the story is out about this strong university."

Q: As Ouachita celebrates its 125th anniversary this fall, what do you see as Ouachita's greatest legacy up to this point?

A: "This anniversary has caused me to reflect about our legacy even more than I usually do. I am so pleased that we have remained true to the dreams of our founders who planted a university here committed to Christ and to an excellent education. I think it is a tribute to all who have come before, but especially those who serve in these years. I truly believe we are as strong and vibrant now as we have ever been."

Q: What are a few of your hopes, dreams and goals for Ouachita during the next five years?

A: "I pray that we will continue to improve in every area of university life and will keep striving for excellence as long as the Lord gives us opportunity. I will not lead us to settle for small things and call it vision. We need big dreams that will inspire people today and impact generations to come."



MILESTONES



CELEBRATING OUACHITA'S CLASS OF 2011



photos by Lauren Lefler, Nicole McPhate & Brooke Zimny



Ouachita's class of 2011 gathered May 14 with family, friends and faculty for OBU's 124th spring commencement on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms Hall. University officials conferred a total of 263 degrees, including more than 100 students who graduated with honors. Challenging graduates to "use what you have gained here in service of God and humankind wherever you may go in this needy world," President Rex Horne concluded, "May God bless you as you go from this place."





photo by Callie Stephens

Longtime professors leave lasting campus impact

Dr. George Keck: “I was very lucky to teach at a university I loved”

Dr. George Keck never envisioned teaching at Ouachita for more than four decades. When he retired at the end of the 2010-2011 academic year and was named professor emeritus of music, Dr. Keck had completed 42 years of service at Ouachita, dating back to 1969.

“I thought I would come to Ouachita and get some experience and go somewhere else,” he reflected. “In those days, faculty members moved around fairly often.”

By contrast, Dr. Keck found a long-term home at Ouachita. “I loved my colleagues and really enjoyed working with them,” he said. “I enjoyed being able to do what I wanted to do. I felt free to accomplish what I wanted to accomplish.”

Among those accomplishments, Dr. Keck organized an annual faculty seminar for several years at Peking University in China, served in leadership roles in various professional organizations and participated in National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminars.

He said other highlights included the construction of Mabee Fine Arts Center which helped enhance the music program, the growth of the music faculty in both quality and quantity and acquisition of a Fazioli concert grand piano which he described as “a world-class instrument.”

Above all, Dr. Keck said, “I thoroughly enjoyed the students. I think Ouachita has as good of students as you will find anywhere at any school in America. I enjoyed watching them fall in love with music and grow and develop.”

Dr. Keck, who holds degrees from the University of Arkansas and the University of Iowa, also has studied at Harvard and Princeton. During his years at Ouachita, he served as chair of the Division of Music, chair of the Department of History and Literature and director of the Carl Goodson Honors Program.

“I know there are people who don’t like their jobs,” he said. “I am one of the lucky people. I knew since high school that I wanted to teach music at a university. I was very lucky to teach at a university I loved. Every day I got to talk about music and listen to music. There couldn’t possibly be a more wonderful career than that.”

Mary Worthen emphasizes service at Ouachita is “all about the students”

Reflecting on her favorite Ouachita memories, Mary Worthen remarks without hesitation: “It’s all about the students. We have such tremendous students who are so smart and talented and have such good hearts.”

Her students express similar perspectives about her. Worthen “is an outstanding vocal teacher and music educator and a role model for every young woman,” said Cortnie DeVore, a 2011 Ouachita graduate who majored in musical theatre. She said Worthen always has a positive attitude, adding that “her work ethic and desire to see her students succeed goes above and beyond.”

Worthen, who taught almost 20 years at Ouachita, began serving as an adjunct instructor in 1982 while she was completing her Master of Music Education degree. Ten years later, she and her husband moved out of the area, but she rejoined the faculty in 2001 and was promoted to assistant professor of music in 2005. Upon her retirement this past spring, she was named assistant professor emerita of music.

“The bottom line of being at Ouachita is just knowing, first of all, that I felt God had given me a magnificent opportunity to work with the students and to see their growth musically and who they are as individuals; they discover so much about themselves,” she explained.

Worthen said working with Ouachita Sounds was among the many highlights of her Ouachita experience. “Taking a group from the very beginning of the year and seeing what they could accomplish from choreography to music” was especially rewarding, she noted.

“Working with wonderful, talented colleagues also has always been such a draw at Ouachita,” she added. Describing Ouachita as “such a special and unique place,” she said, “You can feel the calling and the joy on that campus.”

“Mrs. Worthen’s unselfish commitment to Ouachita, but more importantly to her students, is her greatest legacy at this institution,” said Dr. Scott Holsclaw, dean of the School of Fine Arts. “She truly embodies the Ouachita mission, and her students love her and work hard to make her proud.”



photo by Wesley Kluck

Miss OBU Kristen Glover crowned Miss Arkansas 2011

By Tiffany Eurich

Most college graduates work hard to land a job right out of college. For one new Ouachita alumna, the hard work definitely paid off—and her new job includes a crown.

Kristen Glover, a 2011 magna cum laude graduate of Ouachita, was named Miss Arkansas on July 16. Glover's future plans include pharmacy school and a career as a clinical pharmacist. But for this year, she has a different job to master. "I expect a year of opportunities and life lessons," Glover said. "This job will be tiring, but beyond rewarding."

Glover, a native of Stuttgart, Ark., said her win was especially rewarding since she competed in this year's pageant as Miss Ouachita Baptist University. "Holding the title of Miss OBU makes this journey even sweeter," she explained. "Ouachita has given me so much over the past four years and it is now my time to give back!"

"Kristen Glover is a young woman distinguished by discipline, zeal, commitment and excellence in every area of life," said Ouachita President Rex Horne. "Ouachita could have no better ambassador. Now Arkansas will benefit by Kristen's grace and character."

Glover, 22, began her journey toward the crown in 2008 when she competed in the Miss Arkansas Pageant for the first time, but her preparation for her new role started much earlier. "Around third grade, I realized my dance talent and grew to love performing," she said. "I originally competed in pageants because it was another opportunity to dance. Once I realized

the challenge to improve my interview, public speaking, poise and fitness, I was hooked!"

In 2009, she took a break from pageants to volunteer at the Promise House, a home for pregnant teenagers operated by the Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes. Inspired by her experiences there, Glover said she was ready to reenter the pageant world with a new message. Her platform, "Second Chances: Empowering Youth to Rise Above," focuses on the importance of mentoring.

The Promise House position "required me to stretch beyond my comfort zone and helped form me into the woman I am today," she said. "I also learned the power of a mentor; how investing in the life of another can make a huge impact."

Glover also affirmed the significant role Ouachita has played in her journey. "Ouachita taught me the importance of service," she emphasized. "Because the professors, fellow students and administration emphasize a life of service, I grew to understand the importance and benefits of service. I now have the privilege to serve this incredible state as Miss Arkansas while sharing the lessons learned at OBU."

Justin Harper, a 2007 OBU graduate and co-executive director of the Miss OBU Pageant, said, "Kristen is such a great representative for OBU because she embodies what this university represents: service and integrity."

While at Ouachita, Glover majored in chemistry and was active in Tri Chi women's

social club and the Ouachita Student Foundation. "She has a passion for this university and is so well respected by her peers and the faculty and staff," Harper added. "The great thing about Kristen winning is that she had worked and prepared for this and was ready to take on the job of Miss Arkansas."

"During every phase of competition, her grace and elegance stood out," said 2007 OBU alumnus Kirt Thomas, co-executive director of the Miss OBU Pageant. "She is a very special young lady and will serve the state of Arkansas well."

Glover was one of five Ouachita alumnae who competed in this year's Miss Arkansas Pageant. Other contestants included first runner-up Lauren English, a 2010 graduate with a major in mass communications who works in the office of Gov. Mike Beebe. Bethany Whitfield, a 2011 graduate who majored in history, was a semi-finalist. Abby Turner, a 2011 business administration graduate, won the Miss Congeniality and Spirit of the Pageant awards. Cortnie DeVore, a 2011 graduate with a degree in musical theatre who served on last year's Miss Arkansas Court of Honor, also competed in this year's pageant.



Tiffany Eurich, an OBU instructor of communications, is a 2005 Ouachita graduate with majors in mass communications and political science.

She also holds a master's degree in communication studies from Stephen F. Austin State University.

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Campbell named football defensive coordinator

Shepherd "Shep" Campbell has been named defensive coordinator for the Ouachita Tigers football team effective June 1, according to Head Coach Todd Knight. Campbell succeeds J.R. Eldridge who was named head football coach for the Arkadelphia High School Badgers after coaching nine years at Ouachita.

Campbell has been an assistant football coach with the University of Arkansas at Monticello, University of Tennessee at Martin and Lambuth University. A graduate of the University of Arkansas, he also played three years of college football at the University of Central Arkansas.

Knight also announced that John Johnson, a graduate assistant running backs coach, will become running backs coach as well as strength and conditioning coordinator. Johnson, who has been on the OBU coaching staff for two years, is a graduate of Oklahoma State University. He played his final year of eligibility as a running back for Ouachita.

Vaughn named Ouachita's head athletic trainer

Paul Vaughn has been named Ouachita's head athletic trainer, according to OBU Athletic Director David Sharp. He succeeds Bryan White who has accepted a position at his alma mater, Salisbury University in Maryland.

Vaughn, a 1995 graduate of the University of Arkansas, has served the past nine years as the athletic trainer for Sterlington High School in Louisiana.

Kuhlmann named Tennis Player of the Year

For the eighth straight season, Ouachita is home to the Gulf South Conference West Division Tennis Player of the Year, as sophomore Tobias Kuhlmann became the latest winner. Ouachita also placed three players on the All-GSC Men's Tennis Team.

Kuhlmann, who earned a spot on the All-GSC Team, was joined by senior Till Heilshorn and freshman Ramon Abaitua. Heilshorn becomes just the 16th player in league history to earn four straight selections to the All-GSC Team.

Kuhlmann, ranked the No. 7 singles player in the nation, compiled a 14-2 singles mark. He was the 2010 GSC West Division Freshman of the Year as well as a member of the 2010 All-GSC Team.

Heilshorn put together a 10-6 singles record and teamed with Kuhlmann to go 10-8 on the season at the No. 1 doubles spot. Abaitua finished his freshman season with an 8-7 singles record and went 11-7 in doubles play.

OBU Softball earns six spots on All-GSC Team

Ouachita earned a school-record six spots on the 2011 All-Gulf South Conference Softball Team. The Lady Tigers placed four members on the All-GSC First Team: senior Kristen Rigsbee, junior Alexis Johns, sophomore Megan Askew and freshman Rayn House. Named to the All-GSC Second Team were senior Sarah Bell and sophomore Bailey Sanders.

Rigsbee, who earned four straight All-GSC First Team selections while at Ouachita, led the Lady Tigers with a team-high .315 batting average. Johns, tabbed as the top catcher in the GSC West Division, recorded a .258 average. Askew, the 2010 All-GSC West Freshman of the Year, had a .277 average and scored a team-high 27 runs. House, who earned back-to-back GSC Pitcher of the Week honors, compiled a team-best 2.57 ERA.

Bell, who earned her second straight Second Team honors, led the Lady Tigers with 41 hits. Sanders hit .264 and recorded 18 RBI.

Three baseball players named to All-GSC Team

The OBU Tigers placed three players on the 2011 All-Gulf South Conference Baseball Team. Senior Kolby Moore earned First Team accolades, while senior Kyle Zimmerman and junior Brock Green were named to the All-GSC Second Team.

Moore finished the season at 9-5 with a 4.04 ERA, including 67 strikeouts in 78 innings. He has signed a professional contract to play for the River City Rascals in the St. Louis suburb of O'Fallon, Mo.

Zimmerman recorded a .329 batting average, including 33 RBI and 37 runs in his final season at Ouachita. Green, who compiled a team-high .381 average, earned his second consecutive spot on the All-GSC Second Team.

Ouachita names Dennis Nutt as men's basketball head coach

Former NBA player Dennis Nutt was named head coach of the Ouachita Baptist University men's basketball team effective June 1, according to Athletic Director David Sharp. Nutt succeeded Mark Price who resigned after two seasons at Ouachita to become assistant coach of the men's basketball program at Belmont University.

Nutt, who played in the NBA for three seasons with the Dallas Mavericks in 1986-88, also was a top student-athlete at Texas Christian University and Little Rock Central High School.

Nutt served as men's basketball head coach at Texas State University from 2000 to 2006. He also has been an assistant coach at Coastal Carolina University, Arkansas State University and Westark Community College. Most recently, he has been a consultant and fundraiser for Coker College and an NBA scout for the Charlotte Bobcats.

Among his many accolades, Nutt is a member of the TCU Hall of Fame, was selected to the All-Time Southwest Conference Team and was on the 1985 All Southwest Conference First Team.

"I am thrilled that Coach Nutt is joining our staff," Sharp said. "His experiences playing on the collegiate and professional levels along with his coaching and scouting experiences will bring a new dimension to our program."

"I could not be more excited that Dennis Nutt has agreed to be the men's basketball head coach for Ouachita," agreed Ouachita President Rex Horne. "Dennis is a man of great integrity coming from a legendary family that embraces faith, work and discipline."

"There are opportunities when a man and the times come together," Dr. Horne noted. "I think this is true concerning Coach Nutt and Ouachita. I know our young men, our student body and the Tiger Nation will embrace the Nutt family as they come to lead our men's basketball program to great years of success."

"I would like to thank President Rex Horne and Athletic Director David Sharp for this tremendous opportunity," Nutt said. "I am very excited and honored to come to Ouachita Baptist University and be a part of the program and the community."

Emphasizing his goal of playing "a fundamentally sound, exciting brand of basketball," Nutt said he will seek to build on Coach Price's efforts "and try to keep getting better every day and win championships."

Nutt, a native of Little Rock, is the youngest of four brothers with successful coaching careers: Houston Nutt is the head football coach at the University of Mississippi, Dickey Nutt is the men's basketball head coach at Southeast Missouri State University and Danny Nutt is the assistant athletics director for player development at the University of Mississippi.

A 1986 graduate of TCU, Nutt and his wife, Vicki, are the parents of twin daughters, Macy and Myca, who will be freshmen this fall at OBU.



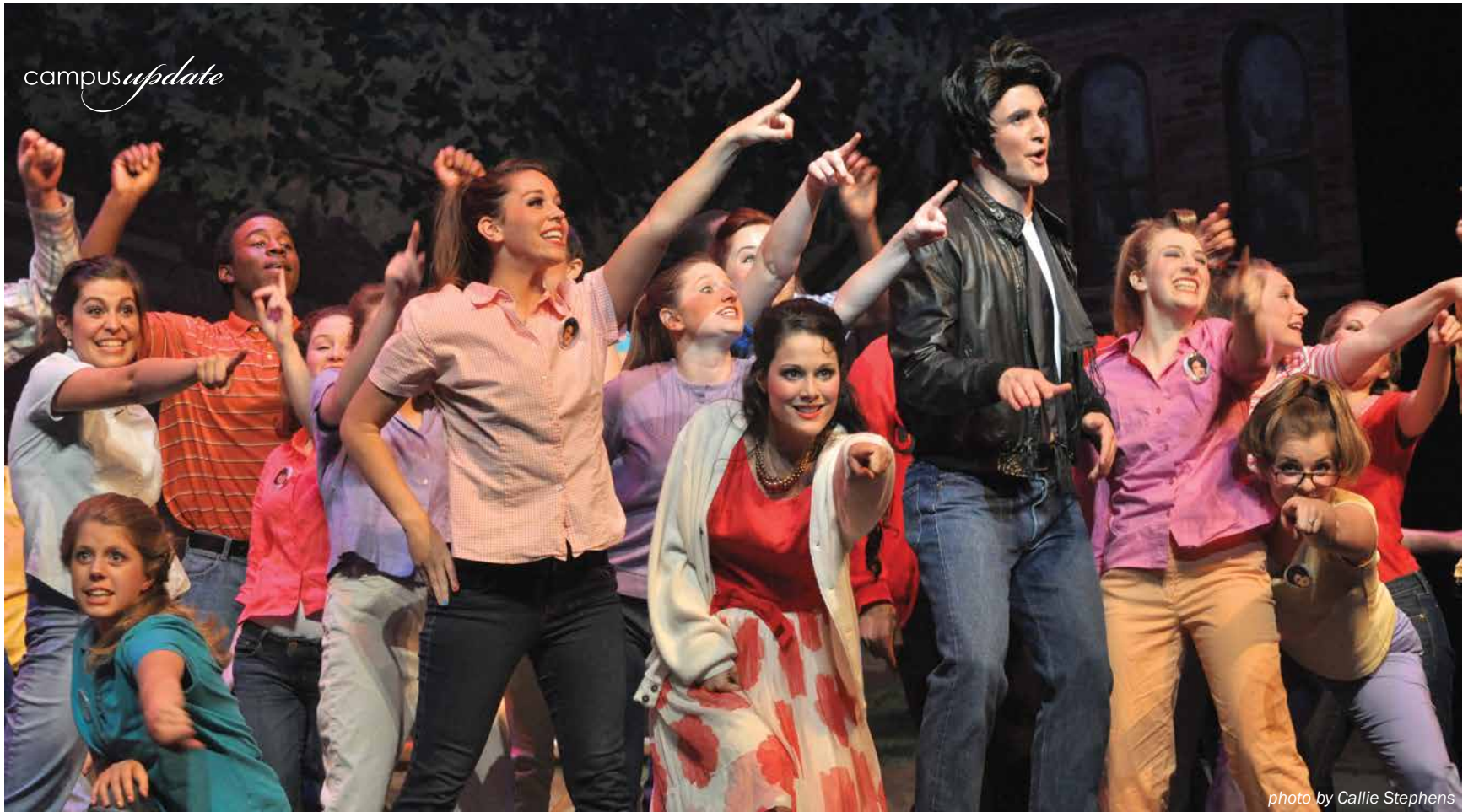


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“Bye Bye Birdie” brings ’60s nostalgia to JPAC

Ouachita’s Department of Theatre Arts and Division of Music presented *Bye Bye Birdie*, a satire of American society in the 1960s, as this year’s spring musical.

Mary Handiboe, OBU associate professor of theatre arts, served as the show’s stage director, and Dr. Jon Secrest, OBU professor of music, was the show’s musical director and publicity supervisor. Grace Whitaker, a 2011 graduate from Hillsboro, Texas, served as choreographer for the production.

“*Bye Bye Birdie* is a good show for us right now,” Handiboe said, “due to the cast size, the number of female roles, and the great featured roles it has to offer.”

Jacob Watson, a senior musical theatre major from Wynne, Ark., starred as Albert Peterson. “A lot of people know and love the musical” because of the 1963 film version, he noted, “but the stage version offers much more excitement than the movie. The extra scenes and dance numbers combine with the energy of live theatre to really make it something special.”

In addition to Watson, lead members of the cast included Cortnie DeVore of Beebe, Ark., as Rose Alvarez; Elisabeth Hipp of Memphis, Tenn., as Kim Macafee; and Justin Ratliff of Whitehouse, Texas, as Conrad Birdie.

OBU student publications earn major awards

Ouachita’s student publications received 27 awards at this year’s Arkansas College Media Association Conference in Conway, Ark.

“I am very proud of our students for the recognitions they received at Arkansas College Media,” said Dr. Deborah Root, chair of the Rogers Department of Communications and faculty advisor for the *Ouachitonian*. “Our students worked very hard to produce quality publications, and it’s nice to see them honored for their hard work and dedication.”

“I think one thing Ouachita stands for is excellence,” said Becca Watts,

co-editor-in-chief for the 2011 *Ouachitonian* yearbook. “Our book not only shows Ouachita’s excellence but also shows the effort we put into achieving excellence at the school.”

The *Ouachitonian* earned 17 awards including second place for general excellence. The awards are based on the 2010 edition of the yearbook. The book also received six Golden Circle Awards and a Gold Medalist rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) and was featured in the Jostens’ 2011 *Gotcha Covered Look Book*, Volume 9. *The Signal* student newspaper staff earned five awards and the Photo Lab staff added five recognitions. *The Signal* is also a CSPA Gold Medalist publication.

Tiger Serve Day named Organization of the Year

In an evening emphasizing partnerships and regional cooperation, Ouachita Baptist University’s Tiger Serve Day program was recognized along with Henderson State University’s Reddie to Serve program as Volunteer Organizations of the Year at the first annual Arkadelphia Regional Economic Development Alliance and Area Chamber of Commerce banquet and membership meeting.

Tiger Serve Day and Reddie to Serve Day both “have a tradition in place to serve our community,” said Donnie Whitten, Chamber of Commerce president. “We are very proud tonight and privileged to honor these organizations.”

“For 125 years it’s been good to be a neighbor to Arkadelphia,” responded Ian Cosh, Ouachita’s vice president for community and international engagement, “and on behalf of the students, I want to say thank you so much.”

Tiger Serve Day is a program of Ouachita’s Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community and has been serving the Arkadelphia community semi-annually for 14 years. Ouachita students, faculty and staff have logged more than 47,300 hours of community service through Tiger Serve Day since the program’s inception in 1997.



photo by Molly Johnson

Arbor Day volunteers help spruce up ravine

More than 50 Ouachita Baptist University volunteers partnered on April 29 with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Stream Team to observe Arbor Day by planting trees, working to improve the condition of the ravine that runs through campus and participating in other activities emphasizing environmental stewardship.

"This has been a good day for Ouachita," said Dr. Brett Powell, OBU vice president for administrative services. "The ravine area was filled with students and faculty planting trees and working on other erosion control efforts. I was pleased with the turnout for our first Arbor Day celebration and hope we can build on it in future years."

The Arkansas Stream Team provided erosion control matting, technical assistance and litterbags, and Ouachita provided the volunteers.

"I love working in a partnership with Ouachita to complete this task," said Steve Filipek, assistant chief of programs for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. "I have never been to a school with this many volunteers."

Sigma Tau Delta celebrates 80th anniversary

Ouachita's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta international English honor society, celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, was recognized at the organization's recent international convention in Pittsburgh.

"This milestone is certainly cause for celebration," said William Johnson, executive director of the international English honor society. "Supporting and maintaining a chapter for this length of time is a notable achievement."

"It is exciting that the same year Ouachita celebrates its 125th anniversary, Sigma Tau Delta celebrates its 80th anniversary," said Dr. Amy Sonheim, professor of English and faculty advisor for Ouachita's Sigma Tau Delta chapter.

Sigma Tau Delta, founded in 1924, includes more than 750 chapters

located throughout the U.S., the Caribbean and Europe. The Ouachita chapter coordinates multiple campus events such as publishing the OBU literary journal, *SCOPE*, hosting lectures and conducting high school writing contests.

This has been a year of firsts for OBU's Sigma Tau Delta chapter. The club welcomed 12 new members, competed in Tiger Traks and partnered with the Rogers Department of Communications to produce a new and improved *SCOPE*. Five members of the club were also invited to present their work at the Sigma Tau Delta International Convention.

Cone-Bottoms Hall featured on 2011 ornament

Christmas came early to Clark County this year as the Clark County Historical Association unveiled its fifth annual Christmas ornament. The Historical Association, which designs ornaments of historical Clark County structures each year, is featuring Ouachita's Cone-Bottoms Hall on the 2011 ornament.

A reception was held Aug. 9 in the lobby of Cone-Bottoms to announce the recognition. Previous ornaments in the series have highlighted the Clark County Courthouse, Clark County Public Library, the old Arkadelphia train depot which now houses the Clark County Historical Museum, and the Captain Henderson House.

The timing of this year's tribute is especially significant as Ouachita Baptist University observes its 125th anniversary this fall. Cone-Bottoms, the oldest facility on the Ouachita campus, was built in 1923 at a cost of \$125,000. Serving as a women's dorm for more than six decades, it closed in 1985 but was refurbished a decade later and reopened in its current role as home to the university's Grant Administration Center.

For information about purchasing a Cone-Bottoms Hall Christmas ornament, contact Bill Phelps, Ouachita's director of IT Services and past president of the Historical Association, at phelpswr@obu.edu.

class notes

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—1930s—

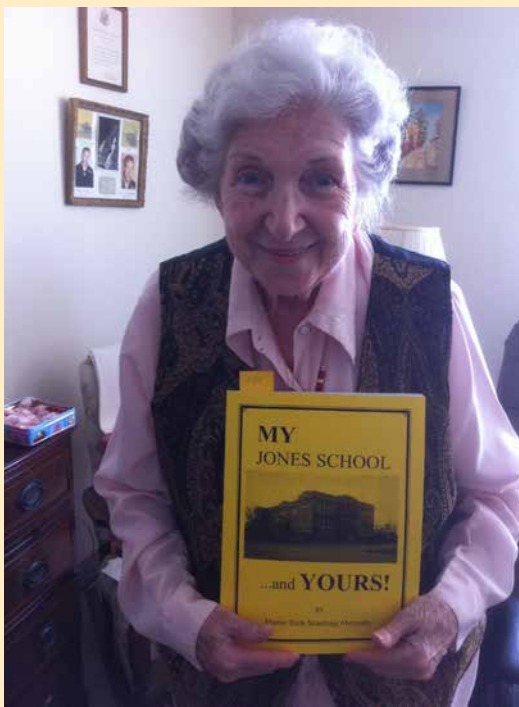
Frances (Benton '32) Meador celebrated her 101st birthday on Jan. 28. She resides in Fordyce, Ark.

—1940s—

Sidney "Otho" Hesterly ('49) and his wife, Bobbie, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 22. They live in Little Rock.

—1950s—

Dr. Bob "B.B." Hartsell ('51) and his wife, Elinor, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year.



Mamie Ruth (Stranburg '52) Abernathy has completed her second book, *MY Jones School ... and YOURS!*, at age 92. She held a book signing on June 5 at Hot Springs Baptist Church.

—1960s—

Ed Snider ('60) and his wife, Betty, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 15. He is a retired bank president and she is a retired schoolteacher and tutor. They live in Arkadelphia and have two sons, **Steve Snider ('86)** and **Scott Snider ('90)**, and six grandchildren.

Richard Rose ('67) is serving as minister of music at Coronado Baptist Church in Hot Springs Village.

—1970s—

Leroy Brownlee ('71*) has announced his retirement as chairman of Arkansas' parole board after more than two decades of service in corrections.

Dr. Patricia L. (Green '72) Griffen was recently promoted to associate professor of psychology at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, where she serves as chair of the Department of Psychology. She also continues to maintain her private practice in Little Rock.

Rex Terry ('73) was appointed to serve as an alternate member of the Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission of Fort Smith, Ark.

Col. Dan Pike ('74) returned to the States in March 2011 after completing a civilian deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan. He rejoined his wife, **Judy (Komorous '74)**, in Alexandria, Va., where they live and work for the Department of Defense in the greater Washington, D.C., area. She previously deployed to Iraq in 2009 with a Department of Defense agency.

Kathy (Bittle '74) Potts has retired after 35 years of teaching kindergarten at East Baton Rouge Parrish School. She lives in Baton Rouge, La.

Rebekah (Ray '75) Bray retired after 31 years in education. She taught math and served as math department chair at Crowley High School.

Luther Guinn ('76) was inducted into the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame on June 11.

—1980s—

Tony Woodell ('83) has been named the new chief operating officer for the Lions World Services for the Blind in Little Rock.

Russell Strickland ('84) of Arkadelphia has been helping raise funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society since 1999 and reached a milestone of \$250,000 this year.

Dr. Regina Sullivan ('86) recently published a biography of Lottie Moon, *Lottie Moon: A Southern Baptist Missionary to China in History and Legend*. She holds an MA from Yale University and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina.

Steve Roberts ('87) has been named athletic director at Cabot High School. He formerly was the head football coach at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

Delaney Todd Bagwell ('88) was featured in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette's* "High Profile" section for his achievements in event planning.

Gary Wade ('88) and his family were featured in the June 2011 issue of *Grand Rapids Family*. His 9-year-old daughter, Sydnie, is undergoing treatment for neuroblastoma cancer.

Tom Compton ('89) was promoted to vice president of finance for Roller Funeral Homes and Citizens Fidelity Insurance Co., in Little Rock.

John Moore ('89) was promoted to manager of the law department and corporate secretary of Murphy Oil Corporation, where he has served as senior attorney since 2005.

Angela (Stracener '88) White was featured in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette's* Tri-Lakes "Front and Center" section for her

accomplishments in teaching music at Benton High School and directing multiple choirs, including First Baptist Church of Benton.

—1990s—

Lamar ('90) and Jennifer (Dale '91)

Trieschmann will serve as the honorary host family of the annual Splash of Red fundraiser for the Arkansas Children's Hospital. He is pastor of Lake Valley Community Church in Hot Springs.

Cindy (Allison '91) McDill has been named vice president of Southern Bancorp. She will manage the bank's Arkadelphia market in residential and consumer real estate lending. She has two children, Bret-Allison (5) and Andy (2).

Tony Price ('91) has been named the head coach of the men's basketball program at Central Baptist College in Conway, Ark.

Cris Blevin ('94) has been named director of athletic media relations at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He previously served on the media relations staff at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., including the last six years as assistant athletic director.

Christopher Campbell ('94) was featured in the *Memphis Daily News*' "Memphis Law Talk" for his work as a partner at Harris Shelton Hanover Walsh PLLC.

Kyle M. Wiggins ('94) was chosen by his peers as the 2010-2011 Outstanding Barrister Member of the Year for the Leo Bearman, Sr. chapter of the American Inns of Court for his "practice of law with integrity, ethics and civility."

William Bird ('98) has been named to serve a term on the Arkansas Ethics Commission.

Brent Black ('98) has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer of Summit Bank in Arkadelphia.

Laurie (Trull '98) married Todd Foreman on June 10. They live in Gilbert, Ariz.

Chris Babb ('99) is the new athletic director for the Arkadelphia Public School District. He previously served at Ouachita as a development



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Defining the Difference

State Sen. Percy Malone was recognized June 9 during a Ouachita Board of Trustees luncheon in appreciation for providing a generous lead gift for the Arkadelphia phase of Ouachita's "Defining the Difference" campaign.

Affirming his service as "a legislator, a successful businessman and a good citizen," Ouachita President Rex Horne told Sen. Malone, "What you have done will be an encouragement to others."

Responding that "I do love Ouachita," Sen. Malone said, "Anything I can do for this university, I will do."

Expressing appreciation to Sen. Malone (center) are Dr. Horne (right) and Richard Lusby, chairman of Ouachita's Board of Trustees.

Defining the Difference is a major fundraising campaign designed to help finance a variety of priority campus initiatives. The public phase of the campaign is scheduled to launch on Sept. 6 in conjunction with the university's 2011 Founders Day observance.



A group of Ouachita alumni enjoyed a recent informal gathering in Santiago, Chile. **James and Margaret Herzfeld ('62)** were visiting **Gerald and Debbie Johnson ('78)**. Joining them for a get-together were Southern Baptist international missionaries **Forrest and Becky Bohlen ('76)**; **Steve and Kathy Dewbre ('79)**; **John Hatton ('76*)** and his wife, Monica; and **Cliff ('84) and Cinthy ('81*) Case**.

—2000s—

officer and external director of Ouachita Alumni. He and wife, **Amy (Bridges '00)**, have three children: Carter (6), Millie (4) and Cooper (infant).

J.R. Eldridge ('01) has been named head football coach of Arkadelphia High School. He previously served at Ouachita as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.



Young Alumni Advisory Board

Ouachita's Young Alumni Advisory Board was created in 2009 to reach out to young alumni and keep them connected with Ouachita. There are currently more than 5,000 young alumni (classes of 1995-2011) living throughout the nation and world. The Young Alumni Advisory Board has three key goals: Connect young alumni to each other through social and networking events, connect young alumni back to the university and foster communication between young alumni and the university.

Advisory board members include (left to right): **Brooke Harris ('07)**, **Tim Dockery ('04)**, **Whitney Martin ('08)**, **Nathaniel Doddridge ('04)**, **Nicole Stuart ('09)**, **Katie Kirkpatrick ('01)**, **Cliff Conine ('08)**, **Andrew Ford ('10)**, **Chris Kear ('04)** and **Amy Witherow ('06)**.

Bryant Forrest Adams ('03) married Lauren Ashley Gallegly on May 14 at Marlsgate Plantation in Scott, Ark.

Eddie Morman ('03) has been named Teacher of the Year for the Northwest School District in Justin, Texas.

Jason Lankford ('04) has been called as youth pastor of First Baptist Church of Van Buren, Ark.

Sarah (Huckabee '04) Sanders has been named senior adviser for Republican presidential candidate Tim Pawlenty's campaign.

Celeste (Mayo '04) Smith has been promoted to coordinator of the corporate education department of Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff, Ark. She and husband, Bo, are expecting their first child in November.

Hannah (Farmer '06) married Adam Whitman on Oct. 16, 2010, in Texarkana, Texas.

Daniel ('06) and Ashli (Zumbahlen '07) Messina are moving to Wake Forest, N.C., where Daniel will start work on his master's degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Ashli, a recent graduate of St. John's School of Nursing, will work as an RN.

Eric Moffett ('06) is serving as pastor of First Baptist Church of Pocahontas, Ark.

Katie Marie Webb ('07) married Chad Evans on May 14 at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock.



Sarah (Hassell '08) married **Matthew Clarkson ('09)** on May 14 at First Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas. They live in Dallas, where she is an RN at UT Southwestern Medical Center and he is completing his MA in English.

Cameron Magby ('09) has been called as youth pastor of First Baptist Church of Hewitt, Texas, while he completes his studies at Truett Seminary.



Jennifer (Beaver '09) married Orrin Crow on Jan. 1 at the Old Mill Wedding Chapel in Hot Springs. They currently live in Hot Springs.

What's new?

Submit your **class notes**, including **wedding**, **baby** and **alumni reunion photos**, by logging on to the Ouachita Online Community at www.obualumni.org or by contacting Lauren Land at landl@obu.edu or (870) 245-5506.



Kelsey (Redmond '09) married Mark Zurales on June 4 at West Franklin Baptist Church in Franklin, Tenn. They live in Nashville, Tenn., where she will begin working as an RN and he works as a car sales manager.



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September 6, 2011



Hayley (Nolan '10) married **Mason Hayes ('12)** on Jan. 1 at First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia. They live in Arkadelphia.

Cassie (Harrell '11) married Aaron Franklin on June 11. She is serving as a summer intern with the *Arkansas Baptist News* in Little Rock.

AnnaLeigh Herrin ('11) is an art and elementary Spanish teacher at East Texas Christian School in Longview, Texas.



Sgt. Frank Vaughn ('10), chaplain assistant for the 99th Readiness Command of the U.S. Army Reserve at Fort Nix, N.J., was promoted to Staff Sergeant. He and his wife, Gloria, have two children: Zachary (2) and Scarlett Hope, born May 9.

—2010s—

Alana (Armstrong '10) married Spencer Eifert on July 16 in Berry Chapel on the Ouachita campus.



Haley (Barron '10) married **Corey Hiscocks ('10)** on Dec. 19, 2010, in Coppell, Texas. The couple currently resides in Dallas, where she teaches third grade math and science and he writes for collegemoviereview.com and thehumanproject.blog.com.

John Morgan ('10) married Natalie Hammond on June 11 at First Baptist Church of El Dorado, Ark.



Kaycee Jo (Rabb '10) married **Timothy Rountree ('09)** on Dec. 4, 2010, at Garvan Gardens in Hot Springs.

Becca Watts ('11) recently joined the staff of Central Baptist Church of Texarkana as minister of students.

Faculty & Staff Update

Boey named assistant professor

Dr. Jir Shin Boey has been named assistant professor of music. She holds degrees from San Francisco Conservatory of Music, the University of Michigan and Indiana University. She has served as an associate instructor in musicology at Indiana University and as a teaching assistant in music history and literature at the University of Michigan. Her performance instruments are violin, organ and harpsichord.

Isenhour named music instructor

Justin Isenhour has been named an instructor in music. He holds degrees from Appalachian State University and the University of Northern Colorado and is pursuing a doctorate in music performance from the University of South Carolina. Since 2009, he has taught trombone as a lecturer at Columbia College and has also served as a trombone instructor at the University of South Carolina. Isenhour has held trombone positions in the Union Symphony Orchestra of North Carolina and the Greeley Philharmonic Symphony and has been a private studio instructor since 2003.

Cash joins admissions counseling

Katelyn Cash, a 2010 cum laude Ouachita graduate with a double major in Christian studies and speech communication, has been named an admissions counselor. While studying at Ouachita, she was named to the President's List, Dean's List and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She also was the 2008 Homecoming queen, an officer for the Campus Activities Board and participated in the Carl Goodson Honors Program and Campus Ministries.

Atkins receives support staff honor

Sandy Atkins, a support staff member in the Office of Student Services, has been named Ouachita's 2011 Support Staff Member of the Year. Atkins, a graduate of Arkansas Tech University and a member of Third Street Baptist Church, has worked at Ouachita for 10 years. Dr. Brett Powell, vice president for administrative services, said those nominating Atkins cited her "professionalism and cheerful demeanor."

Describing the recognition by her peers as "an honor," Atkins said, "I have enjoyed working with the students, faculty and staff here at OBU. My job in Student Services is so diverse that each day brings a new challenge and joy to me."

future *tigers* —1980s—

Carrie (Casey '84) Davis and her husband, Kevin, have adopted Bradley Payne (5) and his sister, Irey Elisabeth (3).

—1990s—



J.J. Kindred ('90*) and his wife, Polly, welcomed son Nathan Calloway on Feb. 13.



Anna (Richardson '94) Walker and her husband, Cary, adopted 5-year-old Luke HaRam from South Korea in May. He joins siblings Scott (9) and CeCe (6).



Jessica (West '98) Castille and her husband, Reagan, welcomed son Luke Weston Castille on Feb. 25.



Shannon (Norwood '99) Speer and her husband, Brad, welcomed James "J.P." Phillip on April 28.

—2000s—

Rusty Byrd ('01) and his wife welcomed daughter Reagan Alexandra on March 29.



Bridget (Stroope '01) Schmidt and her husband, Paul, welcomed daughter Presley Addison on Nov. 8, 2010.



Todd and Jenny (Tidball) Bunch ('02) welcomed son Luke William on March 9. He joins big brother Benjamin (3). Todd has served as the children's pastor at Second Baptist Church of Conway since August 2010. Jenny is a stay-at-home mom.

Annual Community Service Awards honor Ross Whipple, Emily Talley

Ouachita's annual University Community Service Awards, presented by the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community, honored two community leaders and dozens of university students for their service to the community and region.

Ross Whipple, chairman and CEO of Summit Bank and Summit Bancorp, Inc., was honored with the Community Service Excellence Award, and Emily Talley, a volunteer foster grandparent to special-needs preschoolers, was honored with the Foster Grandparents Program Award.

Whipple also is chairman of The Ross Foundation; president of Horizon Timber Services, Inc.; and managing partner of Whipple Family Limited Partnership and Whipple Family Banking Partnership. A graduate of Henderson State University and the University of Arkansas, he also

is a board member of the Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute, Clark County Industrial Council and Economic Development Corporation of Clark County.

"Mr. Whipple's life provides a powerful example to our students of a successful businessman who has consistently given back to his community throughout his career," said Ian Cosh, OBU vice president for community and international engagement. "His support of the work of the Elrod Center demonstrates his commitment to empower organizations who want to enrich the community in creative ways."

Ouachita Chancellor Ben Elrod presented the award to Whipple, affirming his "distinguished service to the citizens of Arkadelphia."

Describing the award as "one of the greatest

honors I have ever received," Whipple said, "I'm very honored to be part of anything associated with Ben and Betty Elrod."

Shirley McMillan, who coordinates the Elrod Center's Foster Grandparents Program, presented Talley's award. Declaring that Talley represents "the spirit of what foster grandparents are all about," McMillan said this year's recipient has volunteered "1,454 and a half hours of loving service with special-needs preschoolers."

In addition to honoring the two community leaders, the awards recognized Ouachita students, faculty and staff members in such service areas as America Reads, America Counts, Elder Serve, Tiger Serve Day, Transerve, Campus Ministries, Kluck Student Enrichment Grants and international student leadership.

Jojo (Gattis '02) Smithpeters and her husband, James, welcomed son Gavin Jace on April 18.

Jenna (Williams '02) Tucker and her husband, Jeff, welcomed son Jacob Alan on Oct. 4, 2010.



Austin and Beth (Hamilton) Reed ('03) welcomed their son Daxon Gil on May 7. He joins big brother Caedmon (3). They live in Tyler, Texas, where Austin teaches Bible and is assistant baseball and football coach at Brook Hill School and Beth teaches at Oak Hill Montessori School.

James Holston ('04) and his wife, Mandy, welcomed son Wyatt on March 29.

Kristen (Lindsey '05) Padilla and her husband, Osvaldo, welcomed son Philip Joshua on April 7.



Bryce and Stacia (Gage) Petty ('05) welcomed daughter Mary Emiline on June 8. The Gages live in Nashville, Ark., where he is the assistant technology coordinator for the Nashville School District and she teaches music at Nashville Primary School.



Audra (Burkhart '05) Savage and her husband, David, welcomed their first child, Elysen Ashleigh, on Feb. 18. They live in northwest Arkansas.

Joel and Rebecca (Rogers) Winters ('05) welcomed daughter Caroline Grace on July 1.

Brad ('03) and Jennilee (Hayes '06) Rogers welcomed daughter Millicent Hayes on Dec. 9, 2010.

Adam Sharp ('08) and his wife, Julie, welcomed daughter Addison Grace on June 22.

Hayli (Coon '09) Ellis and her husband, Ryan, welcomed daughter Addison Quinn on June 14.

Thirty-nine students named to Who's Who

Thirty-nine Ouachita students were recently selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The students were chosen for Who's Who by OBU's faculty, staff and members of the 2011 graduating class based on individuals' academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

The following Ouachita students will be included in Who's Who:

- Allie Baldwin**, a dietetics major from Arkadelphia, Ark.
- Caitlin Chapman**, a Biblical studies major from Van Buren, Ark.
- Stephen Chapman**, a Biblical studies major from Van Buren, Ark.
- Allison Cornell**, a mass communications major from Allen, Texas.
- Cortnie DeVore**, a musical theatre major from Beebe, Ark.
- Emmanuel Engulu**, a theology and Biblical studies major from Fort Worth, Texas.
- Kristen Glover**, a chemistry major from Stuttgart, Ark.
- Meg Gosser**, a mass communications and speech communication major from Coppell, Texas.
- Sarah Greeson**, an English and Russian major from Hot Springs, Ark.
- Natalie Gregory**, an early childhood education major from Jonesboro, Ark.
- Rachel Griffith**, a software engineering major from Greenwood, Ark.
- Drew Harper**, a biology major from Sherwood, Ark.
- Keaton Harper**, a church music major from Hope, Ark.
- Lori Hilburn**, a mass communications and business administration/marketing and management major from Monticello, Ark.
- Elisabeth Hipp**, a vocal performance major from Memphis, Tenn.
- Hannah Hurn**, a Spanish and secondary education major from Hensley, Ark.
- Wes Hymer**, a business administration/marketing and management major from El Dorado, Ark.

Leslyn Ichter, a choral music education major from Katy, Texas.

Greta James, a studio art major from Little Rock, Ark.

Ashley Knight, a psychology and biology major from Arkadelphia, Ark.

Beau Landers, a Biblical studies and speech communication major from Allen, Texas.

Jordan Lentz, a communication sciences and disorders major from Waterproof, La.

Jacob Lively, a biology major from Queen City, Texas.

Katie Luff, an early childhood education major from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Kelly Magee, a communication sciences and disorders major from Conway, Ark.

Keeson Martin, a business management and finance major from Plano, Texas.

Casie Neal, an early childhood education major from Gilbert, Ariz.

Chris Norcross, a business administration/finance and accounting major from Arlington, Texas.

Alex Ray, a political science major from North Little Rock, Ark.

Jessica Schleiff, an English major from Benton, Ark.

Mark Sumrall, a Biblical studies major from Tomball, Texas.

Maggie Taylor, a choral music education major from Russellville, Ark.

Julielle Vaught, a studio art major from Fayetteville, Ark.

Jillian Vire, an early childhood education major from Burleson, Texas.

Jacob Watson, a musical theatre major from Wynne, Ark.

Grace Whitaker, a biology major from Victoria, Texas.

Bethany Whitfield, a history major from Bryant, Ark.

Katie Willhite, a Biblical studies and theatre arts major from Rowlett, Texas.

Rachel Willhoite, a communication sciences and disorders major from Reelsville, Ind.

in *memoriam*

—1940s—

Irene Louise Land ('41) of Conway, Ark., passed away on March 20. She is survived by her daughter Janet Lockett, three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

William Carter Hargis, Jr. ('43) of Warren, Ark., passed away on May 22. A former Ouachita trustee, he is survived by his son, William Hargis III, and daughters, **Carol (Hargis '71) Isom** and **Gretchen (Hargis '80) Peacock**, and six grandchildren.

Emma Jean (Hollon '43) Hughes of Arkadelphia passed away on March 30. She is survived by her son Robby Young and daughter Debra Newman, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Katherine (Fox '44) Martin of Plano, Texas, passed away on Jan. 8. She is survived by her children Bill Martin and John Martin, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dixie (Land '46*) Marbury of Benton, Ark., passed away on June 14. She is survived by children James Marbury, Thomas Marbury and Nancy Smith, and six grandchildren.

Rev. Hugh Bentley Goldsby ('47) of Louisville, Ky., passed away on March 22. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, **Eloise (Landers '43)**, children Gail Reid, Carol Ward and John Goldsby, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

John Nutt ('47) of Social Circle, Ga., passed away on Oct. 3, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Nutt, and children Karen Nutt-Smith, Terry Nutt, Kathy Whitworth and David Nutt, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Dr. James Pleitz ('49), longtime pastor of First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fla., and Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, passed away on May 15 in Pensacola. He is survived by children Dan Pleitz and Nancy Hinson, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

For even more ways to connect with your Ouachita Circle, visit Ouachita's Alumni Online Community at www.obualumni.org

—1950s—

Bonnell C. Birkhead, Jr. ('50), of Hot Springs, Ark., passed away on May 15. He is survived by his wife, Lurline, daughters, Nancy Clark and Vada Hopper, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Charles Osborne ('50) of Cord, Ark., passed away on June 15. He is survived by his children Chuck Osborne, **Carol (Osborne '76) Fuller** and **Kay Osborne ('81)**, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rev. Dexter Blevins ('51) of Norman, Okla., passed away Aug. 2 at age 91. A longtime pastor in Arkansas and Oklahoma, he is survived by sons Paul, Bill and Dean and six grandchildren.

Rev. Carl Fawcett ('52) of Austin, Ark., passed away on April 22. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, children **Stephen Fawcett ('75)**, **Michele (Fawcett '79) Dodson** and **Mark Fawcett ('84)**, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Fern (Wilkins '52) Stanford of Little Rock passed away on May 30. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Edward Stanford, daughter **Cindy (Stanford '83) Berry** and two grandchildren.

Dr. J.C. Myers ('53) of North Little Rock, Ark., passed away on June 20. He is survived by his wife, **Margaret (Neal '53) Myers** and children **Bob Myers ('67)** and Judy Logan, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth "Betty" (Lester '53) Nutt of Lewisville, Ark., passed away on April 18. She is survived by her husband, **L.C. Nutt, Jr. ('53)**, sons Ed Nutt and **Ralph Nutt ('76)**, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Rev. Klois Hargis ('54) of Hamburg, Ark., passed away on June 27. He is survived by his wife, **Margie (Hickman '50) Hargis**, son Jimmy Hargis and two grandchildren.

Margaret Elizabeth (Steed '55) Davis of Pine Bluff, Ark., passed away on March 26. She is survived by her son, Brian Steed Davis.

Lois (Clinton '58) Dodson of Arkadelphia, Ark., passed away on May 2. She is survived by her husband, Don Dodson, daughter Cindy Layne and two grandchildren.

—1960s—

Dr. Bill C. Bryan ('61) of Alpharetta, Ga., passed away on May 29. He is survived by his daughter, Brenda Hollis, and three grandchildren.

Priscilla (Provine '61) Trussell of Conway, Ark., passed away on May 7. She is survived by her children Nona Boatright, Thomas Trussell, Jr., Lawrence Trussell and Charles Trussell and five grandchildren.

Rev. N.C. Bryan ('62) of Bismarck, Ark., passed away on June 21. He is survived by his wife, Maria.

Rev. Charles Baskin ('63) of Magnolia, Ark., passed away on Feb. 4. He is survived by children Anna Catherine Stone, Charles Baskin, Russell Baskin and Richard Baskin, 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

John Richard Tatom ('65) of Fayetteville, Ark., passed away on June 29. He is survived by his wife, **Ann (Pollard '65)**, sons John, Jr., and Matthew and one grandson.

John Estes ('66) of Columbia, S.C., passed away on May 7. He is survived by his wife, Celene, daughters Shely Allen and Angie DeLong and four grandchildren.

Martha (Littleton '66) Foster passed away on April 18. She is survived by her husband, **Roger Foster ('67)**, son Stephen and two grandchildren.

Rev. Clayburn Bratton Jr., ('67) of Fort Smith, Ark., passed away on March 30. He is survived by his daughters **Vicki (Bratton '70) Winkle** and **Luann (Bratton '82) Williams**, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

—1980s—

Vicki (Funderburk '80) LeMay of Myrtle Beach, S.C., passed away on April 15. She is survived by her husband, **Rickie LeMay ('80)**, and son Reece LeMay.

Jamie Ruth (Wofford '81) Merritt of Fort Smith, Ark., passed away on May 24. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Scott-Pitts, and three grandchildren.

—2010s—

Lauren Crook (2012*) of Benton, Ark., passed away on June 25 after a five-year battle with cancer. She is survived by fiancé Paul Hiblong, parents Lance and Lisa Crook and sister Leah Crook.

Faculty, Staff & Friends

Wilma King Maddox of Arkadelphia passed away on April 1. She was retired from Ouachita's business office. She is survived by her daughter, **Kim (Maddox '80) Hunter**, and two grandchildren.

Robert Rhodes of Arkadelphia, a former OBU Development Council member, passed away on April 21. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and daughter Carolyn Laser and two grandchildren.

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Merribeth Bruning, Dean, Huckabee School of Education



The vision of the Huckabee School of Education is to equip and empower students to become master teachers. According to Dean Merribeth Bruning, the school also works diligently to equip students to become teachers like the Master.

The school's vision is to prepare teachers who are student-centered, view teaching as a ministry and are dedicated to lifelong learning. "In addition to lifelong learning," Dr. Bruning said, "our team of instructors helps our students see the art of education through a global lens."

To further facilitate this global vision, Dr. Bruning led a pilot study abroad program to England and Ireland in May with four education majors. The Ouachita group toured various schools and interacted with educators in a series of visits scheduled primarily through Liverpool Hope University. The students were able to compare and contrast teaching styles and curricula as well as discuss pros and cons of government influence on a national curriculum.

Abby Faulkner, a junior early education major, said, "This study abroad experience provided me with wonderful lifelong memories while also opening my eyes to the various ways that education is achieved across the world. It made me analyze how our education system works, why we do what we do as educators and gave me new ideas for my future classroom. This experience was invaluable."

Senior Elizabeth Davis agreed. "We spent two short weeks touring all the sights of London, Liverpool and Dublin, Ireland. During that time 'relationships' (a word that is very important to Liverpool Hope University) were formed between all of us. I believe that I now have a longing to strive to be the best teacher I can be. Europeans take their education very seriously and I want to do the same."

The students will lead a campus seminar Sept. 22 to share their experiences with fellow students and encourage others to participate in the annual program. Additionally, Dr. Bart McGettrick, Dean of Education at Liverpool Hope University, will visit Ouachita next spring as the featured speaker for the Birkett Williams Lecture Series. His lecture will focus on global education.

Dr. Bruning is beginning her sixth year as dean of the Huckabee School. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., including a doctoral degree in elementary education with cognates in early childhood and music.

She and her husband, Dr. Earl Bruning, enjoy music, reading, hiking and spending time with their son, Brandon, a Ph.D. student in Biblical Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

photo by Wesley Kluck

"Training Up Tigers" legacy program

The Ouachita Alumni team is pleased to announce the new "Training Up Tigers" legacy program scheduled to launch this fall. The outreach project provides small gifts from Ouachita to enrolled legacies on milestone birthdays. Additionally, parents will receive a newsletter with helpful tips written by Ouachita faculty and staff.

Enrollment is free and is open to children and grandchildren of Ouachita graduates and former students. Enroll online at www.obualumni.org.

Special thanks to Dr. Wesley Kluck and the Ouachita Alumni Advisory Board for their leadership in creating and providing start-up support for this unique and exciting program!



"Training Up Tigers" gifts include:

- Birth: "Future Tiger" Baby Tee
- Age 6: Ouachita Tigers Coloring Book
- Age 8: Ouachita backpack
- Age 10: Ouachita pencil case
- Age 12: Ouachita pillowcase
- Age 16: Ouachita keychain

Todd Knight, Ouachita Tigers Head Football Coach

staff *profile*

TCC. Those three letters—representing Trust, Care and Commitment—are inscribed on purple dog tags that Coach Todd Knight ('86) will give to players who work hard, study hard and show integrity throughout the 2011 football season. Those words also describe the underlying character of Ouachita's football team.

Under Knight's leadership, the Ouachita Tigers have the highest winning percentage among all college football teams in Arkansas for the past three seasons. They also are the only team in the state with three consecutive winning seasons.

The coaching staff also works hard to produce outstanding alumni. "We have kids leaving our program who are successful dads, church leaders, community and business leaders," said Knight, OBU's head football coach since 1999. "These guys are Ouachita graduates first. Producing this caliber of alumni is just as important as our winning seasons."

"Coach Knight definitely had an impact on my decision to get into coaching," said Josh Floyd ('03), head football coach at Shiloh Christian High School in Springdale, Ark. "One of the main reasons I enjoyed playing for Coach Knight was that you can tell he genuinely cares about his players. ... Football players who play for Coach Knight leave the program as better men."

This fall will be the first season for the Tigers to compete in the new Great American Conference, comprised of Arkansas and Oklahoma schools. The new conference will intensify old rivalries as Ouachita has the opportunity to play every Arkansas school in the conference every season.

In addition to the coveted TCC dog tags, Knight's players wear a wristband with the words "15 Weeks Grind." This phrase refers to both the regular season and playoffs, including the national conference championship. Their commitment and relentless drive are enhanced by the support of the Ouachita community.

With the bulk of Ouachita's games played in Arkansas this year, Knight hopes for record attendance from alumni and students. "When fans show up before the game starts, our players see a wave of support the minute they hit the field," he emphasized.

Knight and his wife, Julie (Hartsfield '87), have three children: Casey (a junior at OBU), Spencer (a freshman football player at OBU) and Jake (a high school sophomore).

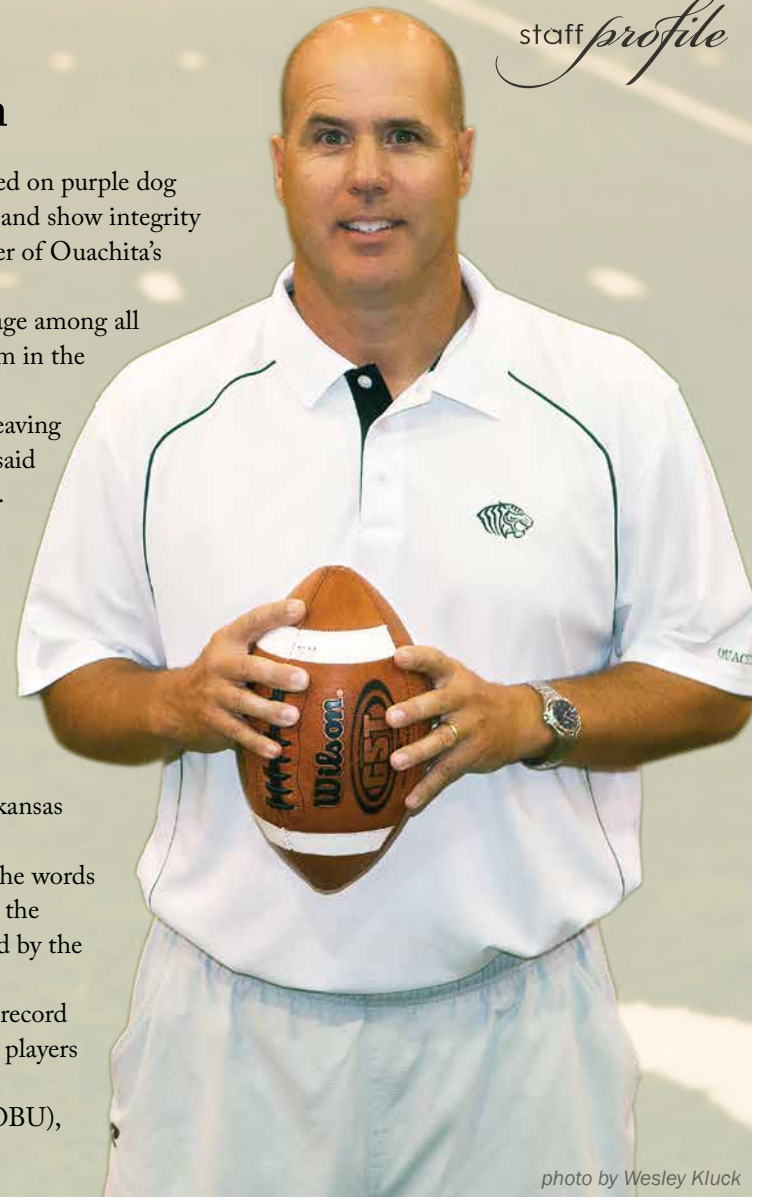


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Is your mom still getting your mail?

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Milestones: OBU stands strong at 125

I have asked that Dr. and Mrs. Conger's grave receive some attention during this year of our 125th anniversary. Dr. Conger was the first and longest-tenured president of Ouachita. Many people do not know the Congers are buried on campus. The vision of young Conger and other founders of Ouachita must always be remembered. Perhaps making the gravesite more prominent will serve as a testimony of vision, faith and steadfastness.

You will read most often our thoughts about the university's forthcoming anniversary. Anniversaries are important. I am pleased to have been able to serve Ouachita as president for more than five years at present. We think of anniversaries related to marriage, employment dates, remission from cancer and the significant victories in all sports of Ouachita beating Henderson!

Today, however, I am writing of milestones. Anniversaries are an annual recurrence of a date. A milestone relates to significant events or stages in the life, progress and development of a person, nation or university, among other applications. Ouachita standing strong at 125 years of age is an impressive milestone.

Our name speaks of milestones. Ouachita is a word that the unenlightened question the spelling, pronunciation and ask for an explanation! Those who know these things smile and speak of borders, rivers and a location. There have been fleeting thoughts of other names I am sure, but there is much integrity and gravity now in the name Ouachita.

For decades, many schools once known in Christian and denominational life have concluded that being known prominently as Christian or Baptist is a detriment to the mission of the institution. We have not. We are Baptist and should be proud. I am an old-line Baptist who believes we have the privilege and responsibility to

define and live out our tenets. While we are not perfect and surely not without conflict, there is greatness in a group that believes in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation; that prizes church autonomy, soul competency, the authority and inspiration of Scripture; has a heart for widows and orphans; and believes the good news should be carried to all nations of the world. Our founders established Ouachita Baptist College. Let us live worthy of the name.

“Our founders established Ouachita Baptist College. Let us live worthy of the name.”

We are a university of the highest order. When I reflect upon my years here, I am amazed at the expertise, education, ability and commitment of the men and women who teach our students. Any of our students who commit themselves seriously while here can go literally any place in this world and make a great difference. It is, in fact, that will and blessing of God that would call and keep such professionals here. I pray God will bless these friends now and reward them eternally.

Often I have driven by Dr. Conger's grave and wondered what the good president would think of the college he founded and loved. I believe he would be proud that we are still Ouachita, Baptist and an incredible university. I hope you are, too. I know I am privileged to serve as president.

Thank you, Lord, for your blessing through all these years.



Rex Horne




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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Clark County Alumni Dinner

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GROW (Getting Ready for Ouachita's World)
Tiger Tunes

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Ouachita Alumni Milestone Award Panel
125th Anniversary Reception
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Class of 2001 Reunion
Battle of the Ravine Swim Meet
Tiger Tunes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Homecoming Continental Breakfast
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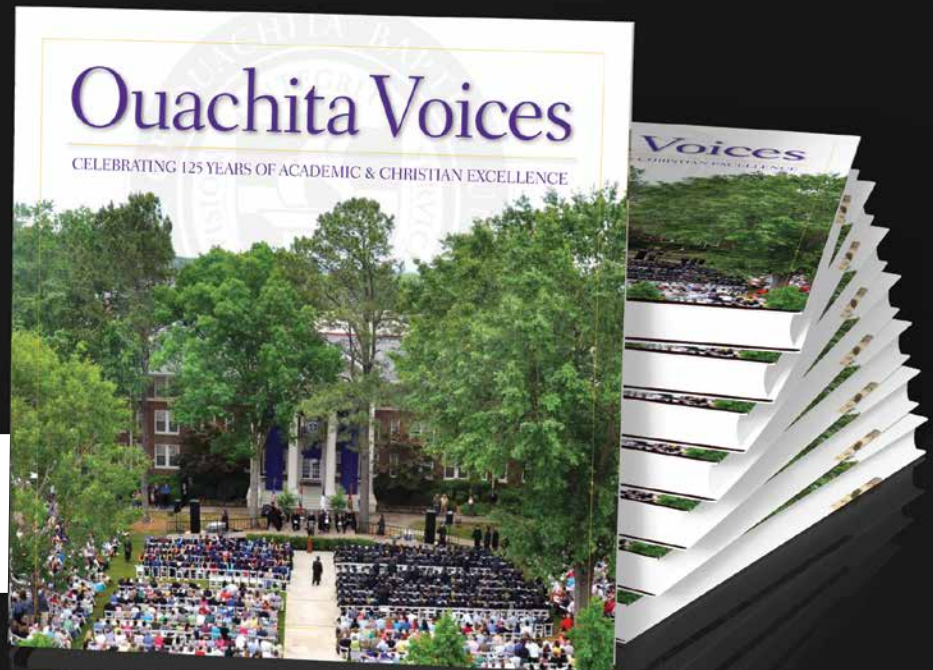
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