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A Word from Ouachita...



People have frequently asked me, "How is the transition going?" After serving as a pastor for many years, the call to serve as president of Ouachita is something of a change. I can tell you that I am enjoying the challenges and opportunities. I thank the Lord for leading me to this university at this time.

I see similarities in the positions of leadership I have occupied. In the church the message is central. When one shares the gospel, it is recognized that we have a compelling story with an eternal outcome. The Christian witness calls for commitment to Jesus. What a privilege this is for all who bear His name.

Ouachita has a compelling message, too. It is certainly not the same as the gospel, but this institution does impact lives for generations. We can speak of great outcomes and must have the commitment of those who believe in our mission. Ouachita's student body is the best, and our faculty is serving in an exemplary fashion. You can (and should!) be proud of the people who serve and study here.

Please know of my gratitude for the privilege of serving Ouachita as president. This time of year affords the opportunity to reflect and recommit ourselves to the Lord and to this noble university. Becky joins me in praying that 2007 will be a blessed year for you.

Come to campus when you can. Remember Ouachita in your prayers and to your family and friends.

Rex M. Horne, Jr.

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President Rex Horne presents Frank Hickingbotham with a 40:1 scale model of Hickingbotham Hall during a luncheon in Hickingbotham's honor on the day of the dedication of the new business building. • photo by Stephen Carter

A landmark and a legacy

Ouachita dedicates new home for students and faculty in the Hickingbotham School of Business

Ouachita officially dedicated Hickingbotham Hall on Thursday, October 12 at 11:30 a.m. The event was held on the steps of the facility.

"This building is a landmark," said Dr. Rex Horne, president of Ouachita, "but Frank Hickingbotham leaves a legacy to Ouachita."

Hickingbotham Hall houses the university's Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

"Hickingbotham Hall was designed to provide the best positive learning environment for our students," said Dr. Phil Rice, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business. "This facility will serve students and faculty for decades to come."

The university invited Hickingbotham to be the guest speaker for chapel on Tuesday, October 10. Gene Whisenhunt ('83), executive vice president of

Hickingbotham Investments, was recognized as the featured alumnus for the School of Business during the week of October 9-13, as part of an ongoing emphasis recognizing different academic programs within the university.

Representatives from the Young Foundation were also recognized during the dedication ceremony. Located on the first floor of Hickingbotham Hall, the George and Fay Young Auditorium seats 170 and is equipped with technology designed to assist speakers and aid in the educational process.

"In every way, we want to convey gratitude to all of the donors to this project," said Dr. Katherine Berry, director of development. "Over 70 do-

nors were recognized for their significant support to the project, and more than 400 donors have helped make this project successful."

During the ceremony, Hickingbotham and his five grandchildren planted an oak tree to begin to replace the three trees that had been removed to make room for the new building. The trees were milled to become the oak floor for the John Taylor Hampton Conference Room, inside Hickingbotham Hall.

A luncheon following the ceremony included a video focusing on the life and work of Frank Hickingbotham and tributes by Hickingbotham's sons, Herren and Todd, and by Whisenhunt and Rice. • by Jennifer Byrd

"This building is a landmark, but Frank Hickingbotham leaves a legacy."

ACADEMICS

Four-year experience plan takes HSB students beyond the classroom

Even the most casual Ouachita observer noted changes within the Hickingbotham School of Business (HSB) in the past year. With the completion and dedication of Hickingbotham Hall, the HSB enjoyed state-of-the-art computer labs, spacious study rooms and a large, technology-equipped auditorium.

A closer look, however, would reveal an educational program focused on preparing students for careers in business through real-world experiences.

"As we contemplated moving into the new building," said Dr. Phil Rice, dean of the HSB, "we began to discuss ways that we could move our program beyond the classroom and create some external experiences for the students."

This year, the HSB is fully implementing its new four-year experience plan. According to Jim Rothwell, assistant professor of accounting and assistant dean of the HSB, the program's goal is to really focus on students.

"The plan builds from year to year until the students are ready to enter the job market," said Rothwell. "We try to start with a foundation and add to it each year until they're ready to graduate."

The program will have a different focus for students each year. Freshmen are encouraged to "explore the world of business" by interacting with faculty, engaging in team-building activities and meeting successful business professionals.

During the fall '06 semester, freshmen participated in one of two FLEX (Freshman Leadership

Experience) Weekends at Camp Winnamoka, just outside of Arkadelphia. During each FLEX Weekend, the students participated in team-building activities and interacted with faculty in an informal setting.

In order to introduce freshmen and upperclassmen to business professionals, the HSB invited guest speakers for its "First Friday" lecture series, scheduled for the first Friday of each month throughout the academic year. First Friday speakers for the fall 2006 semester included Frank Hickingbotham, founder and former chairman of the Board and CEO of TCBY Enterprises and chairman and CEO of Hickingbotham Investments; Phil Baldwin, president and CEO of Southern Bankcorp; and Libby Hellums Smith, vice president of Arkansas Children's Hospital Foundation.

Seniors in the HSB also experienced an added benefit during the fall semester as part of the four-year experience plan. Thirty-seven seniors participated in a HSB trip to Chicago in September. According to Rothwell, the trip was designed to demonstrate business "concepts in action" for students and to provide cultural experiences.

"My business classes have prepared me for being in the real world."

The students visited the Morse Automotive plant in Chicago, where alumnus David Dixon ('90) provided a tour and discussion of the manufacturing process. They also visited the Federal Reserve, the Board of Trade, the Museum of Natural History and Shedd Aquarium.

"Seeing the Board of Trade and the Federal Reserve in action confirmed for me that my professors have taught me well," said senior Matt Lemmond. "My business classes have prepared me for being in the real world."



Freshmen Jennifer Walker, Whitney Matthews, Kevin Tipton, Megan Tucker and Jake Hilburn participate in a team-building event during a FLEX weekend for business majors. • photo by Jim Rothwell

Hickingbotham School of Business

four-year experience program

Year 1: Exploring the World of Business

- Interact with business faculty
- Develop communication and technology skills
- Meet successful business professionals
- Engage in teamwork, leadership and confidence-building activities
- Survey the basic concepts and topics related to economics and business
- Participate in freshman experience and trip

Year 2: Building Individual Business Skills

- Examine accounting and financial analysis
- Study basic economic concepts and issues
- Explore personal financial planning
- Develop analytical skills
- Engage in applied business decision-making
- Participate in sophomore experience and trip

Year 3: Developing Core Business Competencies

- Examine the legal, social and ethical business environment
- Create a global business awareness
- Begin business core/professional studies
- Enhance interpersonal and social skills
- Participate in junior experience

Year 4: Integrating Skills w/Professionalism

- Launch job search
- Integrate the core competencies and practices
- Practice teamwork and leadership-building
- Engage in business simulation/model competition
- Complete professional studies (major/emphasis)
- Participate in senior trip



PAVE THE WAY • Current students Anna Grace Dickard and Michael Folkerth contribute to a sidewalk mural with other students in the department of visual arts. The mural, which was on the sidewalk leading to the Clinton Presidential Library, was sponsored by the THEA Foundation to raise funds for its arts education and awareness programs. • photo by Larry Thompson

Thirty students earn honors for NATS auditions

Six Ouachita students were named finalists in the 2006 Southern Region National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) auditions.

Twenty-five Ouachita students were named semi-finalists in the NATS auditions.

Stephen Ray, a senior music major from Sherwood and student of Dr. Jon Secrest, received the Governor's Award, an award given to the first-place finalist who demonstrates the strongest potential for a professional singing career.

The Southern region of NATS is comprised of colleges from Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Four hundred and forty-four singers participated in the auditions, along with approximately 100 teachers from the region.

Cast and crew of *Masses Man* earn prestigious awards

The cast and crew of Ouachita's production of *Masses Man* earned several prestigious awards during the Kennedy

Center American College Theatre Festival.

The performance earned both the Respondents' Choice and the Director's Choice awards, nominating the play for consideration for presentation on the regional level.

The play will advance to the regional level of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, Feb. 27-March 3 in Tulsa, Okla.

The play was directed by Dr. Scott Holsclaw, professor of theatre arts. His assistant director was senior Kristin Woodard, a theatre arts major from Heath, Texas. Eric Phillips, assistant professor of theatre arts, was the scenic designer.

Ouachita students and faculty earned five individual awards for the production of *Masses Man*. Holsclaw earned an award for "Excellence in Directing." The entire cast earned an award for "Excellence in Ensemble Work."

Three students earned an award for "Excellence in Acting," as well as a nomination for the Irene Ryan Award, including: Jess White, a senior musical theatre major from Miami, Florida; Luke Bridges, a senior musical theatre major from Arkadelphia; and Greg Schwartz, a freshman theatre arts major from Texarkana, Texas.

Ouachita receives U.S. News & World Report rankings

Ouachita is among the top five regional comprehensive colleges and universities in the south, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. The university has ranked among the top five colleges and universities in its category for the sixth consecutive year.

Ouachita also ranked fourth in the "Great Schools, Great Prices" listing as one of the best values in regional comprehensive colleges and universities in the south.

Two named Pew Scholars

The Pew Advisory Board named Laura Harrington and Austin Johnson Pew Scholars during the fall 2006 semester.

Harrington is a junior history major from Benton. Johnson is a senior English major from Winnsboro, Texas.

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

Harrington and Johnson join Adam Kirby as three current Ouachita Pew Scholars.

Eady is regional Youth of the Year

Alyse Eady, a freshman from Fort Smith, was one of five finalists who competed for the title of Boys and Girls Clubs of America's (BGCA) 2006-2007 National Youth of the Year.

Eady, a freshman mass communications major, represent-

ed the Southwest Region of the United States in the national competition. Eady earned the regional title of Youth of the Year after winning the Arkansas title earlier this year.

Joint ROTC team places second in Ranger Challenge

Cadets from Ouachita and Henderson State University's Joint ROTC program earned second place in the 2006 Arkansas Ranger Challenge competition.

"I'm extremely proud of our cadets," said Lt. Col. Clark Easter, the director of the Joint ROTC program. "They had a great attitude, and their cooperation and teamwork were excellent."

America Reads receives grant

Entergy Corporation gave the Elrod Center's America Reads tutoring program a \$1,000 Community Partnership Grant, which will be used primarily to purchase books for the program.

The America Reads program allows volunteers to work with children in the Arkadelphia Public School System.

Fulbright Scholar gives guest lecture

Dr. Huaipu Zhao, a Fulbright Scholar from China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU), presented a guest lecture to faculty, students and friends in November.

Zhao's lecture discussed "Recent Developments in China."

As a Fulbright Scholar, Zhao is a visiting professor at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C.



City Ballet and the Lyric Opera when it is completed in 2009. She said she was drawn to this position in philanthropy because it involves both the act of giving and the opportunity to connect generous donors with a meaningful organization that benefits the greater good.

Her love for philanthropy can be linked to her mother, who instilled a sense of truth and justice in Chu. As a teenager, Rosemary Chu left her home in Tsing-Tao

Jane in tow, they moved to Arkadelphia so Dr. Chu could become chair of Ouachita's economics and business department. In 1967, soon after Dr. Chu died of stomach cancer, Rosemary and Jane moved into the brand new Frances-Crawford girls' dormitory. "My mom was the first hall director in the west side of the building and still remains there," said Jane. "So, I was a kid in the girls' dormitory long before I was a college student."

Chu excelled in art, music and band at Arkadelphia High School, playing both piano and flute. When it was time for her to choose a college, she explored many options. There was no question that she would major in music. She quickly discovered that Ouachita had one of the best schools of music in the country. Once her decision was made, Chu plunged right into life at Ouachita, double majoring in piano performance and music education, singing with the popular Ouachita-Tones and eventually winning the title of "Miss OBU."

Today, Chu credits a variety of professors for her success, including Francis McBeth, Bill Trantham, Virginia Queen and George Keck. "To this day, I am able to have an instant, in-depth conversation with symphony and opera administrators because of the literature I was taught in Dr. Keck's classroom."

Throughout Jane's education and career, Mom Chu has cheered for her from the sidelines. Jane said she has appreciated the support that Ouachita has offered her family.

"Ouachita has been a gift to my family," she said. "I don't think it is a coincidence that Ouachita has served as a major support system, particularly for my mother and me." • *by Lauren Land*

when the Communist Party gained control of China. Her father was a Lutheran minister and proclaimed a faith in God that was not in line with the new Communist philosophy. In 1950, Rosemary's family put her on a train destined for Hong Kong. She said she "watched her family grow smaller and smaller as she pulled away from them, pulled away from her home, the home of her ancestors and all she held dear." She would not be allowed to see or contact her family again for 27 years.

Once she was in Hong Kong, the Foreign Mission Board enabled Rosemary to continue on to the U.S. through a scholarship to Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. There she met and soon married Dr. Finley Chu, a native of Pingtu, China, and doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin.

In 1963 with five-year-old

Giving heart

Jane Chu shares life lessons she learned from her mother, Mom Chu

Jane Chu (79) spent her formative years on Ouachita's campus as the daughter of dorm director Rosemary "Mom" Chu. She says she often heard her mother say, "The grace of God is sufficient and gives me the strength to stand up."

This faith sustained Mom Chu through turbulent times. Jane, now a prominent philanthropist and CEO of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City, proudly incorporates her mother's faith and teachings into her

career.

Chu graduated from Ouachita and earned a master's degree in piano pedagogy. She then secured an MBA and is currently completing her Ph.D. in philanthropic studies, giving Chu the knowledge to fit the "right brain" musical training with "left brain" business and management skills.

In 2006, Chu was named CEO of the Kauffman Center, a \$326 million world-class facility that will host the Kansas City Symphony, the Kansas

Homecoming 2006



Stephanie "Tate" Whitney, a senior Christian studies and speech communication major from Mesquite, Texas, was elected by the student body to represent the university as the 2006 Homecoming Queen.

She was crowned by President Rex Horne and Tracey Beckett, the 2005 Homecoming Queen. Whitney was sponsored by Campus Ministries.

The Homecoming festivities are sponsored annually by the university's Student Senate.

The first runner-up was Becky Cunningham, a junior sociology major from Richardson, Texas. She was sponsored by Rho Sigma men's social club. The second runner-up was Myra Houser, a senior history, mass communications and Russian major from Canyon, Texas. Houser was sponsored by the *Signal* student newspaper.

Hayden Tucker, a sophomore Biblical studies and mass communications major from Arkadelphia, was the third runner-up. Tucker was sponsored by the College Republicans. The fourth runner-up was Jordan Morgan, a senior mass communications major from Clinton. Morgan was sponsored by EEE women's social club.

Gamma Phi members connect through tea

When Gamma Phi women's social club closed their chapter in 2001, alumni members resolved to keep in touch. They created a Web site so that members could connect with each other by posting messages and prayer requests and sharing pictures.

"It took a little time for people to start connecting with each other, but it has been very successful," said Joanne (Baillio) Sullivan ('97).

This fall, Sullivan and Jerusalem (Jackson) Greer ('98) decided to connect with other alumni members in an even more personal way by hosting a reception to go along with Homecoming activities.

"We decided this summer to have a Homecoming Tea," said Sullivan. "We thought it

would be great to reconnect."

Twenty-five Gamma alumni attended the reception, including Betty (Schuh) Mizell ('44), the club's founding president. "As pledges, we all had to learn her name!" said Sullivan.

"It was neat to see older women connect with each other," said Lisa (Pruitt) Easter ('84). "There is a bond that you have, no matter how much time passes. You experience so much of the same together."

Sullivan said that while the Web site has enabled members to meet and stay in touch, the tea provided an opportunity for the women to meet in person. "We were able to put a face with a name," she said.

• by Jennifer Byrd

"There is a bond that you have, no matter how much time passes."



Lisa Easter and Joanne Sullivan met for the first time during the Gamma Homecoming reception. • photo by Stephen Carter



Gamma Phi alumni met Betty (Schuh) Mizell ('44), the club's founding president, during the Gamma Homecoming reception. • photo by Stephen Carter

Tiger Tunes 2006

Overall prize winners

Grand Champions: Kappa Chi men's social club
("Outlaws" theme)

Second Place: EEE women's social club
("Game of Basketball" theme)

Third Place: Campus Ministries
("Pirates" theme)

Individual category winners:

Choreography

All 3 shows: Kappa Chi men's social club

Costume

Thursday: Rho Sigma men's social club
("Rodeo Clowns" theme)

Friday 5 p.m. Kappa Chi men's social club

Friday 8:30 p.m. (tie) Kappa Chi
Chi Delta women's social club
("Postal Workers" theme)

Music

All 3 shows: Kappa Chi men's social club

Theme/lyrics

Thursday: Chi Iota Sigma men's social club
("I-pods" theme)

Friday (both): Kappa Chi men's social club



Senior Zach Cameron, co-director of Kappa Chi's Tiger Tunes show, leads the Kappa "Outlaws" to a grand prize victory during the 2006 Tiger Tunes production. • photo by Stephen Carter

Kappa Chi wins Tiger Tunes 2006

EEE and Campus Ministries win second and third place

Members of Kappa Chi men's social club earned the grand prize at the conclusion of the 2006 Tiger Tunes competition on Saturday, October 22 in Jones Performing Arts Center.

Eight organizations competed in the 28th Tiger Tunes production, a three-night competition

that is held annually in conjunction with the university's Homecoming festivities. The acts were judged according to choreography, costume, music and theme/lyrics.

Tiger Tunes is sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation as a fundraiser for schol-

arships awarded to upper-level Ouachita students.

Dressed as western-style "outlaws," the Kappas took home nine individual awards and tied for a tenth during the first two nights of the competition. Seniors Zach Cameron, a music major from Bentonville, and Luke Bridges, a musical theatre major from Arkadelphia, served as co-directors for the winning show.

In second place were the members of EEE women's social club, who dressed as basketball players, cheerleaders, fans and referees to showcase a "game of basketball" for their theme. Junior Whitney Swindler, a communication sciences and disorders major from Little Rock, and

junior Leslie Magee, an art and mass communications major from El Dorado, were co-directors for EEE.

Campus Ministries took third place, with a "pirate" theme. Seniors Megan Moore, a music major from Rowlett, Texas, and Kristin Woodard, a theatre arts major from Heath, Texas, were co-directors of the Campus Ministries show.

OSF presented a new "congeniality" award this year to Tri Chi women's social club. Special events director Natalie Lemons, a senior biology major from Texarkana, said that the award recognized the club's helpfulness and sportsmanship during the competition. • by Jennifer Byrd

FACULTY/STAFF NOTES

Dr. Wayne H. Bowen, associate professor of history, participated in a conference titled "An Academic and Civic Forum: Consequences for Society, Democracy and the Economy of an Institutional Deterioration and Increase in Personal Insecurity," in Panama City, Panama, Nov. 19-20.

Bowen chaired a panel discussion titled "Terrorism, Insurrection and Arms Trafficking: Consequences for the Panamanian Canal, Society and Economy."

Dr. Jay Curlin, professor of English, attended "Homer Across the Curriculum: the Iliad" at the Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, D.C., July 10-14.

Curlin also performed a poetry recitation titled "Poetic Stories" during the 7th Annual Arkansas Storytelling Festival at DeGray Lake Resort State Park in late October and led a workshop titled "Stories in Poetry."

Dr. Terry DeWitt, associate professor of biological sciences and director of the Athletic Training and Education Program (ATEP), presented a lecture titled, "Health Care for High School Sports Injuries in Arkansas," at the Hot Springs Rotary Club.

He also presented a lecture titled "Sports Injury Prevention Programs" at the 2006 Athletic Business Conference in Las Vegas.

Kristin Grant, instructor of music, was a featured artist on "Classical Arkansas." The show included recorded performances and an interview. Grant played the flute, alto flute and bass flute on the program and was assisted by percussionist Bruce Salyers, instructor of music, and pianist Jenny Salyers, Ouachita accompanist, as well as by pianists Starla Hibler and Dennis Boe.

Dr. Craig V. Hamilton, the Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music and director of bands, was invited to be a guest conductor for the West Michigan Concert WINDS during the opening of their 2006-2007 concert season series.

Dr. Nancy Hardman, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, was named the Edna and Freda Linn Chair of Communication Sciences and Pre-Medical Studies.

"Dr. Hardman was selected for the Linn Chair because of her long years of service to Ouachita and because of the exemplary pro-

gram in communication sciences and disorders that she and Carol Morgan have developed," said Dr. Joe Jeffers, dean of the J.D. Patterson School of Natural Sciences. "The accolades from present and former CMDS students and graduate school officials that accept OBU students speak volumes about the quality of the program."

Hardman is the director of the communication sciences and disorders program. She has been a faculty member since 1990.

Dr. Patrick Houlihan, professor of music, attended a conference titled "Elevating Education with Educator" at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Houlihan and Dr. Paul Bube of Lyon College attended the conference as representatives of colleges in the Arkansas Faculty Development Cooperative in Technology. The trip was sponsored by the Arkansas Independent Colleges and Universities.

Keisha Pittman, director of admissions counseling, was elected treasurer for the Association of Southern Baptist Admissions Professionals (ASBAP).

ASBAP is a national organization of admissions counselors from Southern Baptist Convention colleges, universities and seminaries. Pittman was named director of admissions counseling in late July. She has been a member of the admissions counseling staff since 2003.

Dr. Mike Reynolds, associate professor of kinesiology and leisure studies, completed requirements for certification as a Wilderness First Responder (WFR).

WFR trains participants to respond to emergencies in remote settings.

Drs. Jon and Glenda Secrest presented masterclasses at Harding University in Searcy.

Jon Secrest, professor of music, presented a class on "Audition Preparations," and Glenda Secrest, associate professor of music, presented a class on "Musical Theatre Preparation."

Dr. Caroline Taylor, professor of music, performed at the 2006 National Conference of the College Music Society.

Taylor performed *Music for the Saxophone from the 1920's Vaudeville Stage to the Blues of the 1950's*.

Larry Thompson, chair of the department of visual arts, exhibited a painting, titled

D.O.D., in the group exhibition *Celebración: Celebrating Mexico's Day of the Dead Tradition* at the Buddy Holly Fine Arts Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Thompson also exhibited a piece, titled *Creepy Tricycle*, for the 34th Annual Toys Designed by Artists Exhibition at the Arkansas Arts Center.

Dr. Irina Alexeevna Trofimova, professor of modern languages, was selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of *Who's Who in America*, and **Dr. Barbara Pemberton**, assistant professor of Christian missions, was selected for inclusion for the 2007 edition of *Who's Who of American Women*.

Pemberton also presented a paper for the "World's Religions after September 11" Global Congress at McGill University in Montreal in September. The Congress was sponsored by the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Her paper was titled "Job: Servant of Yahweh/Prophet of Allah: a Narrative Approach to Dialogue Concerning the Problem of Suffering."

Dr. Preben Vang and **Dr. Terry Carter** are the authors of "Telling God's Story: the Biblical Narrative from Beginning to End," a textbook that was released by Broadman and Holman Publishing Group.

"The book is intended to connect the entire story of the Bible, which we call a 'meta-narrative,'" said Vang, the J.C. and Mae Fuller Professor of Christian Theology and chair of the department of Christian theology.

Carter, the W.O. Vaught Professor of Christian Ministries and chair of the department of Christian ministries, said that the book would not only be useful for college students, but also for a layperson who desires to know the story of the Bible and how to study it. "I hope that churches will pick this up," said Carter.

Dr. Bob Webster, the George Young Professor of Business, recently received the "Outstanding Educator Award" for innovative and creative teaching by the Academy of Educational Leadership. The award was presented at the fall 2006 Allied Academies' International Conference.

Webster also co-published an article titled "Market Orientation, Top Management Emphasis, and Performance within University Schools of Business: Implications for Universities" in the *Journal of Marketing Theory and Practice*.



From Pine Street to Wall Street

Black Enterprise names John Ware ('73) one of the 75 Most Powerful Blacks on Wall Street

John Ware ('73) says that he was always a Ouachita fan despite the fact that his dad worked at Henderson. After a year in Vietnam, Ware enrolled at Ouachita. The school's academic reputation and historical relationship with Peake High School finalized his decision to attend in spite of a tempting offer of free tuition across the ravine.

Ware said that, for him, nothing

could beat the 36-0 defeat of the rival Reddies in the infamous 1970 Battle of the Ravine.

His college mentor was Jim Ranchino, who encouraged his students to question everything and take nothing at face value—even if a professor said it. Art and music professor Fay Holiman also impacted Ware through her strict expectation of learning, applicable even if students had no previous exposure to the subject matter.

The appreciation for learning and ability to question everything paid off for Ware recently when Black Enterprise magazine named him one of the "75 Most Powerful Blacks on

Wall Street" for 2006.

Ware is president and CEO of the 21st Century Group, a successful private equity firm located in Dallas with over \$80 million of institutional capital under management. He co-created the firm in 1998 and actively leads fundraising, strategic direction and investment planning.

Ware worked in public service for over 20 years before moving to the private sector. He served as assistant city manager in three major cities and was promoted to acting city manager in Austin, Texas, before becoming city manager of Dallas. During his tenure, Financial World named Dallas the "Best Managed City in the Country."

Ware credits Ouachita for instilling both a sense of purpose and boldness when it comes to tackling challenging projects and career goals. He learned not to take situations at face value but instead ask questions, seek advice from trusted advisors and set a vision for the future.

He remembers how former President Daniel Grant helped steer him in the right direction as he prepared to leave Ouachita and enter graduate school. During his senior year, Ware struggled to decide where to attend graduate school, as he juggled lucrative offers from Harvard, Michigan, UMASS, Princeton and Syracuse University. While the offers were attractive, Ware knew that he needed a plan to eat once he arrived on campus.

Grant made a strategic phone call to the dean of the public administration program at Syracuse University and secured Ware both a scholarship and the generous Andrew Mellon Fellowship. After "about three seconds" of consideration, Ware decided to attend Syracuse University in upstate New York, where he completed a master's degree in public administration.

Ware quickly found that his exposure to excellent faculty at Ouachita was his greatest asset and preparation for graduate school. He chuckles remembering his arrival at Syracuse when he learned that the majority of his classmates were Ivy League graduates. "They said to me, 'You graduated from Washa-what in Arka-where?'"

"They stopped laughing after they posted the nine-week grades." • by Lauren Land

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Alumni find that volunteering expands the boundaries of ministry.

During a mission trip to China last spring, Becky (Sutton) Kirkpatrick ('76) passed out bookmarks made by the Girls in Action (GAs) of her church. The bookmarks proclaimed "Jesus Loves You" in Chinese.

A 10-year-old girl handed Kirkpatrick a little gift and said, "Give this to Jesus." She did not know who Jesus was. Kirkpatrick told the girl about Jesus, and the girl nodded her head "yes" in response.

A personal way of life

This experience is one of many that Kirkpatrick and other Ouachita alumni have gained while giving of themselves through volunteering.

"At Ouachita, volunteering, helping each other, giving of yourself and reaching outside of your comfortable circle are ways of life," said Mica Strother ('94). "As a student, there are so many opportunities to give to others and be involved in a positive way in other people's lives that you find yourself involved in volunteering without ever realizing you made that choice. As a graduate of Ouachita, you remain involved in volunteerism because it has become part of who you are. It's then a personal way of life."

As a student, Strother volunteered through EEE social club, the BSU Big Sisters program and Spring Break



Students who volunteer with the Elrod Center's America Reads program work with first graders in the Arkadelphia Public School System.

missions. She also worked as a mentor/tutor through the TRIO program and traveled to Nevada County schools once a week. As an alumna, Strother began to work with Youth Home, a residential and day treatment center for troubled youth.

"A friend of mine recruited me for the Board of Youth Home," Strother said. "Their goal is to take children and help them find the services that they need in order to be engaged as productive members of their respective communities."

Each year, Youth Home holds a fundraiser called Eggshibition that has raised more than \$1 million over the last 14 years. In 2005 Eggshibition netted more than \$140,000 for the boys and girls at the home. Strother has been right in the middle of this event, bringing in renowned artists and celebrities to create egg-shaped plaster masterpieces. Art connoisseurs and Youth Home friends and supporters bid on these original pieces by some

of their favorite artists and figures in the world of politics, sports and entertainment. Proceeds enhance Youth Home's programs, facilities and activities.

"It is a wonderful and fun event," Strother said. "The egg masterpieces are amazing."

An important responsibility

Denver Peacock ('94) was recently featured in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* for his volunteer efforts.

"I became a part of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program because I had heard good things about the program and decided to apply," Peacock said. "I know how important it is for young men to have positive male role models in their lives and wanted to give back in that way."

Peacock has known his little brother for three years now. He is a 15-year-old sophomore at Little Rock Hall High School who plays the saxophone in the band and is involved in student council.

"He is fortunate to have a great mom who builds into his life," Peacock said. "I have enjoyed playing a small role in seeing him grow into a man."

Peacock meets with his "little brother" about once every two weeks. He takes him to the mall or out to eat, mainly just to spend time investing in his life. He has taken him to the Arkansas Repertory Theatre to see musicals and plays, a few ball games and to Allen Arena for a variety of activities, including The Blue Man Group. He has also taken him to several work-related evening events where his "little brother" had the opportunity to meet leaders in the community, including Governor-elect Mike Beebe, Sen. Mark Pryor and several prominent African-American role models.

"I feel that the Ouachita culture further instilled in me the values of my upbringing by helping me grow intellectually, spiritually and socially," said Peacock. "I believe it has played

an important role in helping me look for opportunities to give back to the community. It is an important responsibility that we all share."

A broader understanding

Cindy Elrod Stroud ('76) made the personal choice to give her time to her children and her church. She has remained faithful to that commitment by being active in her children's schools, working in her church and becoming the coordinator of the Women's Volunteer Board for Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes (ABCHomes).

"I remember one hard-shelled girl at the home in Monticello," Stroud said. "We were giving all the high school girls' rooms makeovers, and I made it my personal goal to do hers first. She didn't say much of anything and she scowled. I just treated her as if she were one of my kids. On the last day we were there, she gave me a photograph and a letter that read, 'You'll always

be my mother in God's eyes."

Stroud said that her family always taught her that missions is a lifestyle. Through her experiences as a Ouachita student and as an adult, she said she has developed a passion for children, the elderly and the needy and a broader understanding of why we are put on this earth.

"One of the reasons we are put on this earth is to give to others," Stroud said. "The more we are blessed, the more we are entitled to give. This brings glory to God, and I also receive the most personal satisfaction and most rewarding experiences when I'm volunteering. The relationships you gain are also priceless. God puts people in your path and you form bonds with them. You receive much more than you put into it."

Responsibility for ministry

Kirkpatrick has adopted Henry Blackaby's philosophy to look where God is working and

"get involved there to heart."

"This is a way to grow in ministry," said Kirkpatrick.

For seven years, she has been involved with Friendship International, serving as director for the last four years. Sixty internationals of all ages and religions are taught English as a Second Language (ESL), citizenship, exercise, crafts and Bible study.

"Recently, a family of four from Sri Lanka came to Christ," she said. "The mother was Buddhist, and the father was Catholic. The family is now very active in our church."

Kirkpatrick has also served as a member of the review board for Ouachita's Tiger Network Scholarship and president of the Former Student Association (FSA) board. For five years, she has been a missionary liaison for Ouachita.

"I have been on mission trips where half of the participants are graduates of Ouachita," Kirkpatrick said. "What has

already been ingrained in us as students comes back."

In 1997, Ouachita founded the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community to further leadership skills and a love of service in students. The Elrod Center begins with the premise that a well-educated person is aware of his or her obligation to give back to the community and that service develops an understanding and appreciation of one's community.

"We believe that structured service opportunities are needed to develop the service imagination of students. The best leader is one who knows how to serve others and draw energies and talents from others," said Ian Cosh, center director and assistant to the president for community development.

"Everyone can find a little more time to give back," Peacock said. "But we must be intentional about it or we'll lose focus and miss out on opportunities God has for us." • by Mary Lynn Burns

Recognizing those in need

The ability to see a need and meet it earned this student the nickname "Dan the Can-do Man."

When three-year-old Daniel Cayce saw his grandmother carrying mysterious bulky bags to her vehicle, he wanted to know what was in those bags and asked if he could go with her. At only three years old, he recognized the need in that house where his grandmother delivered bags of clothing.

"The floors were caving in, there was no food, no heat and it was winter," Cayce said. "After that, I knew I wanted to do what I could to help people in need."

Cayce is a fourth-generation volunteer. When his grandmother was no longer able to continue her work, he decided to take

over for her.

While working to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, he started Cayce Charities. He gave blankets and pots and pans away to those who needed them. Eventually, the charity grew to include Easter egg hunts, hats for moms with cancer, back to school giveaways and donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Cayce said his friends and family have supported him and helped with the charity work.

Cayce is now a freshman biology major at Ouachita. He continues to work in his hometown of Thornton on the weekends. Cayce Charities currently supplies grocery bags filled with peanut butter,

pasta and other staples for 60 Thornton school kids to take home each weekend so that their families don't go hungry.

Recently, Cayce was interviewed by a local reporter, who shadowed him during one of his Saturday work days, along with two photographers. Cayce was unaware that the photographers were from *People* magazine. An article about him appeared in the Nov. 6 issue.

Cayce has also been recognized by state and national organizations for his service. He received a USA Today scholarship, was named Arkansas Recycler of the Year and was inducted into the Caring Institute Hall of Fame. He has also been named

Arkansas Humanitarian of the Year, and the Clinton Library named a scholarship after him.

In October, Cayce was named one of ten national winners of the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes. Friends and acquaintances in Thornton call him "Dan the Can-Do Man."

Cayce says that the recognition is not what drives him. "Hearing people's voices when they say thank you and seeing their faces makes me keep going," he said. "As you get older, the feeling you get after you help people gets even stronger. Once you start you don't want to stop." • by Mary Lynn Burns

ORGANIZATIONS

ADAPT (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team) provided Fatal Vision goggles that simulated elevated Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) for new students during WOW New Student Orientation.

The American Chemical Society (ACS) served liquid nitrogen ice cream to OBU students during National Chemistry Week and visited Goza Middle School to perform chemistry demonstrations and to sponsor programs that promoted dental hygiene awareness.

Beta Beta raised money by doing car washes and selling Krispy Kreme donuts for Beta Tailgates and Beta Bring a Study Date. They also participated in Tiger Serve Day, Intramurals and Tiger Tunes.

Chi Iota Sigma participated in Tiger Serve Day by building steps for a lady's back porch. Club members are also sponsoring a child through Compassion International.

The College Republicans

sponsored a voter registration drive on campus. They also campaigned for the Republican Party by going door-to-door.

EEE participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in October. The club members also collected toys for nine children for Operation Christmas Child.

Eta Alpha Omega sponsored "Break-week" during the week of Tiger Tunes. They prepared food for the students during lunch each day and topped it off with the traditional "Muggin" on Saturday night at the gazebo.

Kappa Chi celebrated its 25th anniversary this year by hosting an alumni barbecue during Homecoming.

Kappa Kappa Psi helped the Arkadelphia High School Band Boosters clean up after every AHS football game. Many times they cleaned the stadium three times a week.

The NSSLHA (National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association) participated in Tiger Serve Day with the Red Shirts, completed CPR training for all student

CAB, CM host SONICFlood concert

The Campus Activities Board (CAB), along with Campus Ministries, hosted the worship band SONICFlood in concert on Nov. 2 at Second Baptist Church.

"It was a multi-media missions event," said Josh McCarty, director of student activities.

The International Mission Board (IMB) included video

testimonies of Journeymen and student missionaries and promotion of opportunities for involvement in missions.

"At the end of the concert there was a challenge and an invitation for students to respond to God's call to ministry or missions," said Julie Tohlen, director of student activities.

Senate collects cans for Food Fight

The Student Senate sponsored its annual Food Fight on Nov. 8. Participants collected 1,612 pounds of canned food to benefit the Arkadelphia Food Bank.

"We hold this event just before Thanksgiving to help families in the community around the holidays," said senior Brooke

Harris, president of the Student Senate.

Three social clubs earned cash prizes for bringing the most cans: EEE women's social club (first place), Tri Chi women's social club (second place) and Chi Delta women's social club (third place).



Members of Rho Sigma men's social club dedicated their 2006 Ball Run to alumnus Scott Neathery ('95) in October. They collected pledges for the event and donated the money to the Neathery family to defer the cost of treatments for Neathery's leukemia. Neathery is a football coach in Sheridan. • photo by Lannie Byrd

clinicians, volunteered for Manchester Pumpkin Days in October and scheduled study sessions for seniors planning to take the GRE for grad school.

The Ouachita Student Educators' Association (OSEA) sponsored math workshops involving classroom teachers and math specialists. They also participated in Family Night at Perritt Primary School, by leading small group literacy activities.

ROMS (Reaching Out to Multicultural Students) visited the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis in December. They also reorganized the ROMS Gospel Choir to sing at various churches in the community.

Phi Alpha Theta hosted the initiation of new members and a traditional history trivia game with prizes.

Phi Mu Alpha produced their famous SpooF Recital in October.

The Psych Club promoted information sessions for students attending graduate school.

Sigma Tau Delta hosted a poetry reading during each

month of the fall semester. They also sponsored a poetry contest for students in a senior English class at Arkadelphia High School, and the winning entries were read during the December poetry reading.

Tau Beta Sigma put together marching band folders and passed out uniforms. They also gave water bottles full of candy to the best male and female marchers during each week of marching season and gave popsicles to band members after rehearsals and water for band members during football games.

Tri Chi made care packages for children at Arkansas Children's Hospital and brought oranges to the football players and the soccer teams during practices. They also promoted a school spirit campaign called the "End Zone" (like "O-Zone") for football by giving away t-shirts during football season.

The Young Democrats worked with the Clark County Democratic Party to canvas neighborhoods and call voters during election season. They also hosted a meet and greet for Dr. George Keck, who ran for Justice of the Peace.



A Fair Judge

Bobby Shepherd's ('73) reputation as a fair and studious judge led to an appointment on the U.S. Court of Appeals

The road to Ouachita was a short one for Bobby Shepherd. Born and raised in Arkadelphia, he watched two older siblings become Ouachita students and was encouraged by Sunday school teachers at First Baptist Church to pursue a Christ-centered college education. When he received the Sturgis Foundation Scholarship, Shepherd put aside

plans to play football and focused on academic success at Ouachita.

Shepherd quickly found his niche with history and political science courses. Two faculty members sparked his interest in the law. For Shepherd, Professor Lavell Cole's ability to encourage students and sharpen their research skills proved invaluable. He also said that Dr. Lera Kelly had a tremendous gift for making business law's complicated subject matter intriguing. Through these and other Ouachita faculty members, Shepherd honed his academic discipline, learned thorough research practices and wholeheartedly prepared for a future legal career.

Shepherd said that his most memorable college experience was the day he met his future wife Bobbi Beeson ('72), a third-generation Ouachitonian. They solidified their romance over countless work study hours in the business office and married in December 1972.

After graduation, the Shepherds headed for Fayetteville so Bobby could begin law school at the University of Arkansas. He finished quickly and by the beginning of 1976, he was a member of the Arkansas Bar and a lawyer with a small firm in El Dorado. He spent the next 12 years in private practice before his 1990 election to circuit-chancery judge in the Arkansas 13th Judicial District.

"My interest in becoming a judge dates back to law school when I developed a keen interest in the decision-making process and legal theory," said Shepherd. As a circuit-chancery judge, he focused on juvenile and family cases, as well as felony and criminal cases.

In 1993, he was appointed a full-time U. S. Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Arkansas. For the next 13 years, Judge Shepherd handled a wide variety of matters ranging from criminal trials and mediation to the disposition of social security appeals.

In 2006, President George W. Bush appointed Shepherd to a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. The court, only one step beneath the U. S. Supreme Court, has jurisdiction over Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North and South Dakota.

Shepherd was unanimously approved by the U. S. Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C. in July and was officially sworn-in on October 11.

According to the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Arkansas Sen. Mark Pryor said that Shepherd's "outstanding reputation as a fair and studious judge" has earned him high marks with both the state and federal legal community.

Shepherd is the second judge in U.S. history to be appointed to a circuit position from a federal magistrate position.

Shepherd and Bobbi continue to live in El Dorado. They have three children, Matthew ('98), Sarah ('03) and John. • *by Lauren Land*

Alumni Clubs

The following alumni clubs hosted fall gatherings: Hot Springs, Northwest Arkansas and Nashville (Tennessee). The events ranged from a casual pot-luck to receptions at area churches. Special thanks to these chapters for coming together and celebrating the spirit of Ouachita!

If you have questions about alumni clubs in your area, contact Kevin Wieser at (870) 245-4165 or Lauren Land at (870) 245-5506.

Online Community

If you've not registered, go to www.obu.edu and click on "Alumni and Friends." Your security code is the number above your address label on the back cover of this magazine. Benefits of registering include: permanent email, alumni directory information, class notes and photograph postings.

Arkansas Ouachitonians!



Remember to get your Tiger Tag the next time you renew

your automobile license. Proceeds from the fee benefit the Tiger Network Leadership Award fund. Renew via the Arkadelphia or Little Rock offices of the Department of Finance and Administration or follow their link on Ouachita's Web site, www.obu.edu.

A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE

By Stephan Lemmond • FSA President

I follow in the footsteps of a great friend, great alumni and a great individual, Becky Sutton Kirkpatrick. I mention that because she and so many others come to my mind and heart of the memories and the relationships we all have that ties us together at this place called Ouachita Baptist University. Many of you I have not had the pleasure of knowing and some of you, the ones I have been fortunate to share life with, are nothing short of a blessing. I honestly believe that it was an act of God for me to come here back in 1971. I did not know it at the time, but I am thankful from the first time I stepped on the campus to this day! I am grateful for the many friends and acquaintances I have crossed paths with through the years.

Have you been back on campus lately? Wow! I have two sons here, a senior and a sophomore. I watch them and am reminded of the memories we all shared at OBU. Some were challenges, most were fun, some were,

well...The point is, memories are a gift to remind us who we are today and the many lives and activities that went into it to make us that way. So much is changing on campus—not just from the physical but in practice. It is all good. I want to encourage you and ask you personally to get involved in the alumni activities. There are over 25 alumni chapters across this country, and if you don't have one, start one. Ouachita needs us now more than ever. Life is about impacting the lives of others, each others—"a life of significance." In this life all we have is our faith, family and friends. Ouachita is a special place that connects all of that in the past, the present and the future.

Take time this spring and come back to campus. While there take in a baseball or softball game or a swim meet. Don't forget Tiger Tracks, too!

I wish all of you the best, and I look forward to seeing you again,
Blessings and abundance,
Stephan Lemmond ('75)

GOLF SCRAMBLE



Some of the alumni who participated in the annual Homecoming four-person golf scramble include (kneeling): Scott Steed; (middle row): Lamar Trieschmann, Johnnie Johnson, Cliff Harris, Larry Wooldridge, Jim Crane, David Easley, Ronnie Coble, Buddy Benson, Brinson Cornwell, Jim Boyette, Doug Freeze, Larry Burkins and Jiggs Ramsey; (top row): Johnny Hooks. The winning team members were: Ron Bruton, Marlin Evans, Wayland Bryson and Sue Bryson. • photo by Chris Babb

Nominate a freshman for the Tiger Network Leadership Award

The Tiger Network Leadership Award, formerly the Tiger Network Scholarship, is sponsored by Ouachita's office of alumni relations. Twenty-five students will be selected this year to receive a \$2,000 award. These students will be plugged into the alumni network through a variety of leadership opportunities.

Applications are due Feb. 15, 2007, and must be accompanied by a recommendation from an alumnus. New this year, all Ouachita alumni and former students are invited to nominate up to three outstanding student leaders. The application and guidelines can be downloaded at www.obualumni.org.

Tiger Network Scholarship Recipients



Recipients of the 2006 Tiger Network Scholarship enjoy a dessert reception with President Rex Horne.



First Annual Battle of the Ravine Tailgate Party

Ouachita and Henderson State University participated in the first annual Coleman Dairy Battle of the Ravine Pepsi Tailgate Party on Nov. 4.

A variety of organizations hosted activities during the tailgate. The Ouachita marching band played songs from its half-time show, while members of EEE women's social club sold baked goods. Campus Activities Board (CAB) distributed mini-footballs, Chi Iota Sigma sold Battle of the Ravine t-shirts and the alumni office handed out purple and gold pom-poms. The lo-

cal chapter of the American Red Cross drummed up friendly competition between the two schools by challenging each campus to raise funds for area disaster relief. Ouachita students raised the most money by selling T-shirts donated by Print Mania that said "Beat HSU!"

Pepsi sponsored the tailgate and donated grilled hot dogs and soft drinks. Henderson hosted the event on their intramural fields this year, and Ouachita will host the second annual Pepsi Tailgate Party in 2007.

Calling all Gold Tigers!

The Ouachita Class of 1957 will be inducted as Gold Tigers on Friday, April 20, 2007. We invite all Gold Tigers to make plans to come home to Ouachita on this exciting day. Watch for details soon!

One more final concert

Faculty Quartet members harmonize for 40 years

When they got together to practice before each singing engagement, they spent almost as much time swapping stories about Ouachita over Arby's roast beef sandwiches as they did harmonizing.

They are the three original members of the Faculty Quartet—Dr. Paul Root, Dr. Herman Sandford and Dr. Raymond Coppenger. Because each of them is a retired faculty member, the group might be more accurately called the Faculty Emeriti Quartet. They have organized a Final Concert before; in fact, they performed their seventh Final Concert in September. They insisted that this time was their last performance as a group.

Root, professor emeritus of education, was the director and organizer, according to Sandford, professor emeritus of English. Organizing quartets is natural to him. He started singing in his first quartet when he was 16 and has rarely been without one.

"I'm not sad that we're breaking up, but I'm not particularly happy," said Root.

"You'll probably get another group," said Sandford in response.

"Probably," Root admitted. "I've never been without one."

This particular quartet has held together for 40 years, despite Root's brief period away from Arkadelphia, each member's retirement and the loss of original member Dr. Thurmond Watson, professor emeritus of education, who passed away in 2001.

"If it doesn't sound too cheesy, I love this gang," said Coppenger, professor emeritus of philosophy.

Despite age and health concerns, the three remaining quartet members have kept performing together. In

(left to right) Coppenger, Sandford and Root. • photo by Lannie Byrd



September, Coppenger celebrated his 97th birthday, and Sandford turned 85. Root was 74 in October.

According to Sandford, the Faculty Quartet met for their first practice in 1966 in a room on the first floor of Mitchell Hall. Their first performance was a faculty variety show. "The only reason we didn't win first prize is that they didn't give out prizes," said Sandford.

Root said that at first the quartet sang for Christmas concerts, then at the annual faculty and staff banquet. "Any time Dr. Phelps was mad at the music department, he called on us," said Root.

"Whenever anyone needed a group, we got the reputation for being available," said Coppenger. "Not good—just available."

The quartet performed familiar tunes, with lyrics that the members wrote themselves. "The idea of making it a comical quartet just dawned on Paul," said Sandford. "Everybody really likes the funny stuff. When you hear people sing 'Deck the Halls' to the tune of a solemn song like 'Precious Memories,' you can't help but laugh."

Root said that singing the words to "Deck the Halls" to the tune of "Precious Memories" is one of the quartet's signa-

ture performances. While Root claims that he and his brother originated the idea by singing the Christmas lyrics to the tune of the old gospel hymn "Farther Along," it was Sandford who changed the tune to "Precious Memories." Root said, "Herman wants credit for that, and I don't mind giving it to him."

Randy Garner, former director of alumni affairs, completed the quartet by singing baritone. Root said that Garner has been the group's first substitute over the years. "He can sing anything but bass," said Root.

The Final Concert also included performances by the Sounds of the 50s (featuring Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the School of Humanities; Paul Root; Dr. Ray Granade, director of library services and professor of history; and Lynn Hoggard of Benton), a men's chorus (featuring faculty, staff, faculty emeriti and friends) and a solo by Mary Worthen, instructor in music.

Worthen and Susan (Voris) Atkinson ('83) accompanied the other groups on the piano; however, as Root pointed out, the Faculty Quartet has never used piano accompaniment. "It's a great advantage, because we always warm up in the men's room," he said.

"Very few men's rooms have a piano," added Sandford. • by Jennifer Byrd



A fitting **Tribute**

New amphitheatre honors Rachel Fuller,
James Harrison and the Ouachita Singers

The landscape of Ouachita's campus has changed in recent months because of the addition of the Rachel Fuller and Ouachita Singers Memorial Amphitheatre. The outdoor amphitheatre, which is located directly in front of McClellan Hall, serves as a permanent tribute to the 25 students, faculty and family members who were involved in the 1999 crash of American Airlines Flight 1420.

The members of the Ouachita Singers traveling group were on the final leg of a return trip from Europe where they had presented concerts in churches, schools and concert halls in Germany and Austria. Their flight crashed in Little Rock on June 1, 1999. Two members of the Ouachita group, James Harrison and Rachel Fuller, were fatally injured in the crash. Harrison was a senior church music major, and Fuller was the 14-year-old daughter of the Singers' director, Dr. Charles Fuller and his wife, Cindy, who served as the accompanist for the group.

William H. "Buddy" Sutton, chair of Ouachita's board of trustees and the lead patron for the amphitheatre, said he believed it was important to honor those involved in the crash because of the mission of the students and the magnitude of the experience. "It was a landmark event in the life of Ouachita. Those students were on a mission. They were representing the school and the Lord, and they had a great trip. It was such a momentous event that I think for years to come people should remember them and what they were trying to do."

Sutton said that he also believes the outdoor facility provides a "re-

flective point as one walks about the campus." He said he hopes students, faculty and staff and other campus guests will honor and remember the people who were involved in the crash as they visit the amphitheatre.

The amphitheatre can accommodate approximately 300 within the immediate area with additional seating and standing room available in the surrounding space. It can be used for a number of events including concerts, theatrical presentations, pep rallies or movies. It also serves as a gathering place for small groups of students to meet to study or visit. Individual students use the space as well and seem to enjoy the opportunity to experience moments of solitude.

According to Sutton, the amphi-

theatre project had been under consideration for a number of years, but those involved in planning for the facility found it challenging to identify the right plan and location to appropriately honor the Ouachita Singers group. The planning group decided on the location because it was within the main flow of campus but does not dramatically alter pedestrian traffic. Sutton said he was very pleased with the final outcome of the project and that he believes "just being outside in God's nature seems to be in harmony with what we are trying to do."

A dedication service for the Rachel Fuller and Ouachita Singers Memorial Amphitheatre is planned for 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10. •
by Rebecca Jones



Dr. Bill Downs, professor of mass communications, visits with students after class on a warm fall day in the Rachel Fuller and Ouachita Singers Memorial Amphitheatre. Student organizations and university officials plan to use the facility for concerts, theatrical presentations, pep rallies and movies. • *photo by Wesley Hitt*

FOOTBALL

The Tigers ended their season with a bang, defeating rival Harding, 34-20, on Senior Day.

Ouachita (2-8) won their only conference game with an all-around performance against the Bisons. The offense controlled the clock, and the defense forced four turnovers, including two pivotal fumbles with the score tied at 13 in the third quarter.

Despite being covered by one of the nation's top cornerbacks, senior Bruce Steele caught 13 passes to set a new Ouachita single-sea-

son record with 61 catches, breaking the previous mark of 56 set by John Thompson in 1991.

Steele turned those 13 catches into 123 yards and a touchdown. Steele opened the scoring against Harding when he caught a short crossing route and broke multiple tackles for a 32-yard touchdown.

Gulf South Conference

football coaches voted Steele onto the All-GSC second team. The Twin City, Ga., native led the GSC in all-purpose and kickoff return yardage. He finished second in catches and third in receiving yards.

Two other Ouachita players were honored for their performances against Harding. Junior cornerback Donald White was named GSC Defensive Player of the Week. The Lompoc, Calif., native recovered two key fumbles in the third quarter. White also intercepted a pass in the end zone and made five tackles.

Sophomore kicker Zach Wright was named GSC Special Teams Player of the Week after hitting both of his field goal attempts – from 20 and 32 yards – and making all four point-after-touchdown kicks.

The Tigers' other victory in 2006 was a blowout win at East Texas Baptist, 47-14. The Ouachita offense finished the year on a roll. Quarterback Lance Parker led the passing attack to several great games down the stretch, including a record-setting 478 yards passing against Arkansas Tech.

Running backs Willie Hopson and Marcus Jamison led the Tigers' rushing attack, and junior transfer Tony Taylor complemented Steele at receiver, notching back-to-back 100-yard receiving days at the end of the season.

The Tigers lose a relatively small class of seven seniors and hope to reload for 2007 when Parker returns after passing 1,555 yards as a junior.

South Conference after going 4-9 in 2006.

Junior David Cook and sophomore Jarod Townsend were second team All-GSC selections by the league's coaches. The two midfielders helped power the Tiger offense and led Ouachita to its conference victory over Delta State.

The Tigers took a 3-1 road victory over the Statesmen in October. Cook scored two goals, including a penalty kick that was awarded to the Tigers after Townsend was taken down in the box by the Delta goalkeeper. Freshman Edward Anaya scored Ouachita's final goal of the afternoon.

Anaya, Barry McCaskill and Blake Mercer started as freshmen for the Tigers.

Ouachita played particularly well against the best team in the conference. The Tigers hosted No. 3 West Florida and took the Argonauts down to the wire. Ouachita tied the match at 1-1 in the second half when Townsend found a wide-open Micah Johnson for the goal. West Florida scored two late goals to secure the victory, and the Argonauts went on to finish third in the nation, eventually losing in the national semifinals in a shootout.

Johnson had three goals and three assists in his first five matches, but he was forced to sit out a month with an injury suffered against Montevallo.

Junior Ross Ellis led the Tigers in scoring with five goals. He was seventh in the GSC in goals per match.

Ouachita's defense was led by junior Jake Maxwell and senior Chris Francis. Sophomore Kale Kammer continues to be one of the top goalkeepers in the GSC, and he was named to the pre-season All-Conference team.

The future is bright for the Tigers, as they only lose one senior from their roster.

Sports



by Ben Cutrell

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team is a young team on the rise. The Tigers are still building for a breakthrough in the Gulf

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team used to talk about transitioning from a developing program to a winning one.

There's no need to talk about it anymore.

Under the leadership of coach Erik Forrest, Ouachita (12-5) broke through in 2006 with a series of firsts. The Tigers finished second in the Gulf South Conference and set multiple school records, including most victories, conference wins and GSC Players of the Week (3) in a season.

The Tigers made their first GSC Tournament appearance and advanced to the championship match with a victory over Harding in the semifinals. Ouachita narrowly lost the final to West Florida, but the Tigers had six players named to the All-Tournament team.

The program's first winning season was fueled by outstanding individual performances up and down the lineup, but this sport and this group's success are all about teamwork.

Ouachita thrived in pressure situations, pulling out two pivotal victories in GSC home matches against Montevallo and Christian Brothers. The two overtime wins over traditional powers propelled the Tigers to the top of the league standings.

With wins come statistics, and Ouachita had the most prolific trio of forwards in school and conference history. Sophomore Lauren Pierce, junior Joyce Hansen and senior Rachel Folk finished in the GSC top five in points, goals and assists. Hansen and Pierce were named Second Team All-GSC by the league's coaches.

The Tigers didn't have specific goals coming into the season. The usual talk of preseason expectations was

replaced by a focus on fusing a large class of freshmen with the returning veterans. It's hard to argue with the results. Ouachita has excelled with five freshman starters, including one at goalkeeper.

Goalie Taylor Culberson and the Tiger defense allowed the lowest shot total, lowest shot on goal total and lowest goals against average in OBU history. The defense is full of unsung leaders.

Juniors Bethany Ebbert, Katie Swope and Allison Strunk routinely snuffed out opposing attacks in front of Culberson, and freshmen Sarah Reed, Lyndi Cline, Kimi Wright and Jessie Morgan gave the Tigers a more physical personality.

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country team performed well in its biggest meet of the season, finishing sixth out of 15 teams at the Gulf South Conference Championship meet in Huntsville, Ala.

The Tigers had 159 points, just four behind fourth-place Southern Arkansas and three ahead of West Georgia. Harding won the team title.

Sophomore Logan Whitlow was Ouachita's top finisher for the second consecutive year, coming in 17th with a time of 19:58. Whitlow earned Second Team All-Conference honors for her performance.

Junior Brandi Crane finished 25th in 20:24, while sophomore Hannah Wagley was 29th in 20:34. Freshman Hannah Howard came in 33rd in 20:46, and sophomore Jessica Terrill rounded out the scoring for the Tigers in 55th with a time of 21:44.

Senior Aubrey Rutland and sophomore Brittany Norton also competed for Ouachita, finishing in 58th and 62nd, respectively.

The Tigers were also suc-

cessful in meets leading up to the GSC Championships. Ouachita won the Lyon Invitational, and Wagley finished first with a time of 20:59.

Ouachita took four of the top five places. Howard, Crane and Whitlow finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively. Ouachita (21) defeated Henderson State (51) by 30 points. University of the Ozarks (79) came in third, and Lyon College (96) finished fourth.

The Tigers finished second in the Hendrix Orange Crush. Ouachita ended up with 59 points overall, just 15 behind Central Arkansas. Ouachita beat out McMurry (82), Arkansas Tech (93), Hendrix (102), Henderson State (130) and the University of the



photo by Danny Brown

Ozarks (178).

Howard finished seventh with a time of 20:57 on the 5K course. Whitlow came in 10th in 21 minutes and 11 seconds. Crane finished 13th, and Wagley was 16th.

Terrill and Norton were next in 28th and 29th. Rutland, Amanda Boyce and Danielle Pickle rounded out the Tiger runners in 31st, 42nd and 43rd, respectively.

Ouachita finished second in the Southern Arkansas Invitational.

The Tigers' top finisher on the 5K course was Howard, who came in sixth with a time of 21 minutes, 26 seconds.

Wagley and Crane were seconds behind in seventh

and eighth, respectively. Whitlow and Terrill rounded out the top 10.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team had one of the best seasons in school history in 2006.

The Tigers (16-14) made their first-ever Gulf South Conference Tournament semifinal appearance and earned their first winning record since 2000. Ouachita finished second in the GSC West Division and came in third in the GSC Tournament.

The Tigers showed remarkable versatility, defeating Valdosta State by out-blocking them in the GSC quarterfinals. Ouachita led the conference in digs and finished 15th in the nation in the statistic.

Ouachita was eliminated from the GSC Tournament by host North Alabama in four games. The Lions went on to finish second in the nation, losing in the national championship match.

The Tigers beat Valdosta State in four games in the GSC quarterfinals. All-GSC middle blocker Breanne Garrett set a school and personal record with 10 blocks to lead the Tigers.

Garrett earned first-team All-GSC honors for the third consecutive season. The Garland, Texas, native finished third in the GSC West in hitting percentage.

Sophomore Mara Silva was named second-team All-GSC by the conference's coaches for her play at right-side hitter. In her first season back after an achilles injury, the transfer from Barton (Kan.) Community College finished second on the team in hitting percentage.

Coach Danny Prescott, in his 11th season with the program and third as head coach, led the Tigers to their record season.



Seven athletes were inducted into Ouachita's Hall of Fame in November. Those present to receive awards include: Molly Turner (wife of Otis Turner), Ike Sharp, Gerald Masterson, Mary Ann Otwell, Tom Murphree, Kaye Rodgers (daughter of Rab Rodgers) and John Baker. • *photo by Lannie*

Seven athletes are new inductees for Ouachita's

Hall of Fame

The Ouachita Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed seven new members when the Class of 2006 was inducted in November.

The class was introduced at the 2006 Ouachita Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on Friday, Nov. 10 in the Walker Conference Center on the Ouachita campus. Master of Ceremonies Keith Jackson was the featured guest at the first annual banquet which attracted over 200 people to campus. On Saturday, Nov. 11, the class was recognized at halftime

of the Ouachita Tiger football game against Harding University in which the Tigers came away victorious 34-20

The 2006 class featured Ouachita greats from the 1940s to the 1970s, including representatives from football, baseball, women's basketball, women's tennis, men's track and field, cross country and athletic administration.

Those who were honored as a part of the 2006 class include: John Baker, Gerald Masterson, Tom Murphree, Mary Ann Otwell, Rab Rodgers, Ike Sharp

and Otis Turner.

Baker still holds the top record as the leading rusher in Tiger football history with 4,357 yards. He is second in career rushing touchdowns with 32 and holds multiple rushing records. He was a three-time All-AIC selection and was a second-team All-American (1972). He is retired from the military and lives in Ithaca, N.Y., where he teaches in the Ithaca School District.

Masterson was a cornerstone on Bob Gravett's track and cross country teams. A member of the

Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame and a 1984 inductee into the NAIA Hall of Fame, Masterson was a six-time indoor/outdoor All-American and competed in the U.S. Olympic trials twice. In 1976, he was named the Most Valuable Athlete at the NAIA Indoor National Meet and competed in the World University Games in 1977. He was later a member of the Santa Monica Track Club 4x800 relay team that set an American record in the event. He lives in Springfield, Mo., and is a professor and program coordinator at Missouri State University.

Murphree was a two-sport athlete in football and baseball (1958-62). He was a Ouachita football coach and later served as the head baseball coach. As a football player, he was an All-AIC quarterback and defensive back and led the AIC in passing yards in 1959. His highlight as a defensive back came in 1961 when he had four interceptions against Harding. On the baseball diamond, he batted over .400 each season, including a team-high .443 average in 1960. After graduation, he was hired by Buddy Benson as an assistant football coach and served at the University for 21 years. He is retired and lives in Arkadelphia with his wife, Pat.

Otwell was a two-sport star at Ouachita, playing basketball (1961 and 1962) and tennis (1961-64). She led the women's basketball team to two AAU State championships and was the leading scorer and an All-State selection both years. After the 1962 season, she was selected to the National Women's Basketball League All-Star team. On the hard court, Otwell

earned three straight AIC singles titles and was an AIC champion in doubles all four years. She lives in Longview, Texas, and is the Assistant Director of Athletics at LeTourneau University.

Rodgers served in Ouachita's athletic administration (1950-1965), as football coach, baseball coach and athletic director. He had the third-longest tenure for a football coach at Ouachita, with a total of 12 seasons (1950-57 and 1961-64). He also coached the Tiger baseball team to an AIC championship in 1950 and is credited with helping save the Ouachita athletic program after the end of World War II.

Sharp was a football player from 1947-50 and a volunteer golf coach in the mid-1990s. He and his wife also served as dorm parents in Daniel North dormitory. Sharp was a four-year letterman while playing offensive guard and nose tackle from 1947-50 and also handled kick-offs for the Tigers. The moment Sharp is most known for in football is when he successfully kicked three onside kicks in the last seven minutes of the 1949 Ouachita-Henderson game in which the Tigers came back from a 14-0 deficit to win 17-14. Sharp was the founding member of the Ouachita Tiger Gridiron Club and is a member of the Arizona High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. Sharp is retired and lives in Arkadelphia with his wife, Billie. The Sharps have had three children and one grandchild graduate from Ouachita and have a second grandchild currently at Ouachita.

Turner came to Ouachita in 1945 as a football and basketball player and had



Members of the 1972 Tiger football team—Jim O'Neal, Bruce Efird, John Baker, David Stroud and Paul Sharp—along with Sharp's sons, Aaron and Adam, enjoy an impromptu reunion just before the Ouachita Athletic Hall of Fame induction dinner. • photo by Lannie Byrd



Bruce Efird and his wife receive a signed Cliff Harris Dallas Cowboys jersey from Keith Jackson, who was the emcee for the Hall of Fame banquet. Efird purchased the jersey during an auction to raise money for Ouachita athletic scholarships. • photo by Lannie Byrd

his career at Ouachita interrupted by an assignment in the United States military. As a freshman in 1945, Turner was an All-State end and also a member of the Tiger Basketball team. After his military assignment, Turner returned to Ouachita and was a second-team All-State end on

offense and defense in 1948 and 1949 and also handled extra points and field goals. In the 1949 Battle of the Ravine, Turner helped lead a Tiger comeback from a 14-0 deficit with seven minutes left in the game by adding two extra points and kicking the game-winning field goal. • by Chris Babb

Planning for the future of Ouachita

Three questions for Dr. Horne and Larry Bone about The Ouachita Foundation

In December, the Board of Trustees approved the formation of The Ouachita Foundation (TOF). What is TOF and how will it make Ouachita more successful in the future?

Rex Horne, president of Ouachita: The Ouachita Foundation is an organization that will involve more of our alumni and friends in contributing to every program of Ouachita with their counsel, giving and influence.

Larry Bone, advisor to the president: Alumni and friends are known around the world for their pride and love toward Ouachita. The Ouachita Foundation will provide an organized way to allow these individuals to be leaders in Ouachita's future. Those involved will help encourage prospective students to consider Ouachita; give opportunities for graduates to find job opportunities often overlooked; find ways to better communicate Ouachita through marketing strategies; strengthen communication between schools, centers and programs and "real world" needs; and build avenues for increased financial support.

With such an emphasis on volunteer involvement, how will



Dr. Rex Horne, president, and Larry Bone, advisor to the president, visit with new trustees Richard Lusby and Jay Heflin during the December Board of Trustees meeting. During the meeting, the Board voted to elect four new trustees, including Lusby, Heflin, Frank Hickingbotham and John Ward. Lusby, Hickingbotham and Ward have served as trustees before. • photo by Lannie Byrd

Ouachita effectively bring alumni and friends into the mix?

LB: Through the involvement of key alumni and friends of Ouachita, a group of capable volunteers will join with the Board of Trustees, President Horne, vice presidents, deans, faculty, coaches and staff to build a better Ouachita. Establishing key volunteer organizational structures throughout the campus will encourage communication and understanding of University priorities and design strategies for meeting these needs. The time, talents and financial support exchanged between volunteers and campus leaders will generate the kind of results associated with the recent successes of the Hickingbotham School of Business. The leadership of the school, the volunteer business advisory boards and Ouachita administration worked together to build a quality future for students interested in business.

RH: Communication between our foundation and our administration will be essential. Shared vision will lead to sharing Ouachita's presence in places our foundation members live, work and worship. Their efforts will lead others to know of Ouachita's mission. It is my belief that the more

people learn of Ouachita, a good number will want to support our efforts.

How can every Ouachita graduate help to make Ouachita a better place in the next five years?

RH: Our graduates can help Ouachita as they remember to pray for us. We also need the trust of our friends related to leading Ouachita in these challenging days for a private, Christian university. There is no greater help than our alumni sharing a positive testimony about their alma mater.

LB: Ouachita will celebrate 125 years of service in September 2011. Many opportunities will be available for all alumni and friends to establish a better Ouachita over the next five years. The formation of The Ouachita Foundation will provide leadership opportunities for a minimum of 300 volunteers. A capital campaign will launch in March 2007. This will be the largest, most comprehensive capital campaign in Ouachita's history. It is about the money, but it is also about much more than money. Within the next five years everyone will have the opportunity to shape the future of Ouachita.

Alumni Giving

Setting up a class or group scholarship

Alumni who give to Ouachita can provide opportunities for students to share in the university's rich tradition.

Giving back also aids Ouachita in other ways, including increasing the alumni participation rate.

"Our alumni participation rate is a reflection on the University," said Shirley Hardin, development officer and annual fund director. "It is viewed as a vote of confidence. We report this figure annually and start from zero every June 1. Faithful annual giving is key."

Ouachita's current alumni participation rate is 27 percent. Every gift that a graduate makes counts toward this figure. "Every gift—whether \$5 or \$10,000—has an immediate and important impact," said Hardin.

Alumni may choose to participate in giving in a variety of ways. One example of alumni giving is setting up a class gift in the form of a scholarship. While it is more common for a graduating class to set up a fund as a parting gift to Ouachita, the class of 1955 re-

cently endowed a scholarship in honor of their 50th reunion.

Establishing a scholarship usually begins with one or more individuals who are motivated by the idea of leaving a lasting legacy benefiting students. It may mark a significant milestone such as a 10th, 25th or 50th reunion. The scholarship may be named in honor or memory of a special Ouachitonian, or may bear the name of the class or organization.

The Development Office works closely with indi-

viduals and groups to achieve goals for establishing scholarships. \$25,000 is required for a scholarship to be permanently endowed, resulting in an annual award of \$1,250.

"Receiving a scholarship can be the deciding factor in a student choosing Ouachita," said Hardin. "It's the best investment you'll ever make."

Persons may contact Shirley Hardin at hardins@obu.edu to discuss an annual gift or plans to create a class gift.

• by Kathryn Kittrell

Establishing a class gift

- **Class/group representative contacts Development Office**
- **Goals/outcomes determined and refined**
- **Scholarship agreement drafted**
- **Scholarship campaign plan developed and implemented**
- **Progress reported and donors thanked**
- **Completion of financial goal announced**
- **Scholarship(s) awarded to student(s)**

Financial support instrumental to service

Jordan Morgan and Natalie McHargue did not expect to travel to the other side of the world for the summer of 2006.

Morgan, a December 2006 graduate from Clinton, said she had no real plans for the summer until she happened to see a display at for Buckner Orphan Care International during the spring 2006 semester. "I was intrigued by the thought of working with children in Russia."

Morgan said she knew that the Lord wanted her to go to Russia after looking at the organization's website. She prayed about what to do next and discovered that

McHargue also wanted to go. Both students were soon faced with the issue of fundraising.

McHargue, a sophomore from Grapevine, Tex., said that she sent out support letters and raised the entire amount needed before the first due date.

"I think how much of a blessing it is for someone to donate money and fund a mission overseas," said Morgan. "Those people don't have the opportunity to go, but they are still ministers because they have allowed someone else that opportunity." •

by Kathryn Kittrell

Scholarships Established

Lee and Bertie Nichols Ministerial Scholarship Fund

The Lee and Bertie Nichols Ministerial Scholarship Fund has been established by the family of Lee and Bertie Nichols to honor their memory. The purpose of the fund shall be to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students. Recipients must be pursuing a pastoral ministry major within the School of Christian Studies.

James P. Jernigan and George C. Jernigan Endowed Scholarship Fund

The James P. Jernigan and George C. Jernigan, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund is established by the Jernigan family. The purpose of the fund shall be to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students. Recipients must be majoring in a department within the Patterson School of Natural Sciences with intentions of pursuing medical school and becoming a practicing physician. Recipients must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Ribelin Endowed Loan Fund

The Ribelin Endowed Loan Fund was established by the Noble and Ruby Jewell Ribelin Trust Agreement. The purpose of the fund shall be to provide loans to full-time students. Recipients should be pursuing a major in the Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies. Loans will be given to students working part time in a Southern Baptist Church while attending Ouachita. The loans will be forgiven annually based on the student's work in a church.

Scholarships Established

Chaplain Austin L. Ingram Endowed Scholarship Fund-IV

The Chaplain Austin L. Ingram Endowed Scholarship Fund-IV has been established by Chaplain Austin L. Ingram of Texarkana, Texas. The purpose of the fund shall be to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students. Recipients will be juniors or seniors who have responded to a calling in the chaplaincy ministry in an institutional, hospital, industrial or military setting. Recipients from southwest Arkansas and/or northeast Texas will be given first preference.

Roy Buckelew Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Roy Buckelew Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by family and friends to honor the memory of Dr. Roy Buckelew. The purpose of the fund shall be to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students. Recipients must be pursuing a major or minor in speech communications.

Rachel Shupe Memorial Scholarship Fund Matching Program

The Rachel Shupe Memorial Scholarship Fund is established at the Baptist Foundation of Texas by the family and friends of Rachel Shupe. One purpose of the fund shall be to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students. For students choosing to attend Ouachita, the scholarship shall be matched by Ouachita up to \$1,000 per year per recipient.

Recipients must be selected in accordance with the Rachel Shupe Memorial Scholarship Committee of Hunters' Glen Baptist Church in Plano, Texas.

Alumnus and professor meet at the World Series

Lifelong relationships that encourage purpose and learning

When Dr. Jeff Root escorted a group of students to the College Media Convention in St. Louis in October, he did not expect to see the Cardinals in the World Series.

Root, a life-long Cardinals fan, decided to try to find a ticket by going to the stadium before the game. Once at the stadium, Root was unable to find tickets at a reasonable price.

"I had pretty much decided to be satisfied with seeing the atmosphere in the stadium, buying a souvenir and going back to the hotel,"

said Root, dean of the school of humanities and associate professor of mass communications.

He started to walk back to the hotel, when he crossed the street and saw Chris Bosen ('96), who had an extra ticket. Root said he was surprised to see Bosen, who does not live in St. Louis. Bosen moved from California to Nashville, Tenn. in October.

Bosen, who grew up in St. Louis, bought season tickets, which he shared with family members who live in the area. "I bought two inexpensive season tickets to ensure that I could attend opening day in the new [Busch] stadium," said Bosen. As a season ticket holder, he was offered the opportunity to buy World Series tickets.

"It was a crazy thing that we ran into each other with the tens of thou-

sands of people milling around outside the stadium that night," said Bosen.

Bosen first met Root while working with the *Signal*, which Root advises. Bosen was sports editor and later editor-in-chief. He also worked with Root while doing radio broadcasts of the Ouachita and Arkadelphia High School football and basketball games.

"When students broadcast games with me, we travel together," said Root. "You just get to know people at a greater depth."

Root and Bosen forged a friendship that continued long after Bosen left Ouachita. Root's daughter Abby was a flower girl in Bosen's wedding to Terry Engstrom (f/s '93). Bosen said that the

Roots also offered to let him stay with them and borrow a vehicle when he returned to Arkadelphia to work on a project several years ago.

"Without his guidance and willingness to give

me those opportunities, I wouldn't have been editor of the *Signal* or had the chance to broadcast games on the radio," said Bosen. "I figured that going to a World Series game with him would be a way to let him know how much I appreciate the impact he had on my life then and the friendship we have today."

Root said that he was able to catch up with Bosen during the game. Bosen talked to Root about his son Cameron (1). "He described what it was like to be a new parent," said Root. "It was easy to talk to him for nine innings, and of course, we both love baseball."



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1938

Retired Circuit Judge Tom Digby and his wife Jane celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 15, 2006. They live in Sherwood. They are the parents of **Linda McFarland ('61)**, Bob Digby and Tom Digby III.

1942

Walter Ramsey and wife **Martha (1941)** celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Europe on the Queen Mary. They were married on January 3, 1942. The Ramseys live in Hot Springs Village. They are the parents of **Walter Ramsey, Jr. ('67)**, and Rebecca Bane.

1944

Betty (Ramay) Rice is busy traveling the world! In 2006, she toured Iceland and the states of Kentucky and Florida.

1945

Frances Beindorf Hatton works regularly for CareNet as a driver for senior adults in El Dorado.

Francene Measley notes that she and husband, Maj. Don Measley, are "hanging in there!" They live in Santa Barbara, California.

1947

John Arnett retired from his job as a mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Service. He lives in Sweeny, Texas.

Maxine (Baker) Kemp and two friends were recently honored by First Baptist Church of Dardanelle, Arkansas, during a "Golden Girls Sendoff Night." The three ladies were recognized for serving the church for a combined total of 175 years.

Maxine recently moved back to Arkadelphia.

1949

Burton Perry and his wife Alice celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 28, 2006. They live in Drasco. They are the parents of Nancy Turney, Connie Gardner and Wilma Coon.

1950

Truett and Lillian Goatcher were the "Right Place, Right Time" feature in the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette's* July 30 issue. In celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, the article detailed their romantic meeting and fulfilling marriage. The Goatchers took a riverboat cruise on the Arkansas River for their 50th anniversary and hope to go again for their 60th.

Preston A. Taylor published a new book titled "102 Fascinating Bible Topics for Group Discussion." He has also published "Ezekiel: God's Prophet and His Puzzling Book," "Ecclesiastes: Life Beneath the Blazing Sun" and "Elisha: Tales for Children."

1951

Rev. Frank Claiborne was honored by Southwest Baptist University on Founder's Day on March 13, 2006. The ministry of Frank and wife Ida Claiborne spans 40 years of active involvement in the church and on the mission field, including service as career missionaries in the metropolitan missions division of the Home Mission Board in Topeka, Kansas and starting 40 churches in Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

Dewey and Donna (Sullivan) '53 Stark celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Maui in July. Their daughters **Dona ('82)**, husband Bill Bush with

children Caleb (15), Molly (11) and Libby (5) and **Molly ('87)**, husband Scott Taylor and children Hudson (11) and Joshua (5) helped them enjoy the week.

1952

Dr. Irma Helen Collins will be the focal point during the March 2007 dedication of the new Fine Arts Center in Kentucky. She is credited with establishing a string and arts program in Kentucky's Graves County Public Schools. The schools now have three orchestra programs and fine arts, speech and drama programs for grades 1-12. Dr. Collins was a music faculty member at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky during the preparation of the Fine Arts Center. Now retired, she lives in Winchester, Virginia, and serves as an adjunct teacher for graduate students and senior adults at Shenandoah University.

Mr. Charles Wayne Holt and his wife **Ann Catherine (England) '52** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple were married on June 10, 1956. The Holts currently live in Pine Bluff. They are the parents of **Amy Catherine Taylor ('80)** and Hilary Ann Reaves.

Bill H. Lewis is serving as interim pastor of Hebron Church of Little Rock.

1954

Dr. Carl Koen and wife **Peggy (Wood) '56** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children at First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff. They were married on July 8, 1956. They live in Pine Bluff. They are the parents of Roger Koen and Carla Koen.

Loveta (Smith) Lewis is a kindergarten teacher for the Buncombe County School

District in Asheville, North Carolina. She has been teaching for a total of 43 years, 30 of which have been with the Buncombe County schools.

1956

Mr. Frank Burton and wife **Lyla (Dunnivant '57)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner in Hot Springs. They were married on July 21, 1956. The Burtons live in Norphlet. They are the parents of Scott Burton, Clay Burton and Pam Burton Warren.

1957

Dennis and Ann (Seaton) '58 Dodge celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2006. They live in Monticello.

Gerald "Jerry" Schleiff and wife **Barbara (f/s)** were featured in the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* and the *Arkadelphia Siftings Herald* for creating a surrogate home for missionary kids attending college in Arkadelphia. The Schleiffs were missionaries in Zimbabwe for 28 years. See feature article in *Ouachita Circle (Summer '05)*.

1958

Archie Lawrence celebrated 50 years of ordination on November 9, 2005. He and wife Brenda live in Collinsville, Oklahoma.

Homer and June (Hines, '62) Moore live in Little Rock. Homer is retired and actively volunteers with the Little Rock Food Pantry and the Standard Patient training program at UAMS. June has written five books focusing on etiquette, including *You Can Raise a Well-Mannered Child*, *Manners Made Easy* and *Social Skills Survival Guide* and has been a guest on Focus on the Family.

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1959

Jim Maxwell is living and volunteering in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He retired from a successful career in nonprofit management and development. His positions included associate director of development for the Johns Hopkins University & Hospital, director of development for the Kennedy Center and president & CEO of Houston's Downtown Historic District.

Phillip Nix has been a consultant for Delta Dental of Arkansas since November of 2005. He was forced to give up his private dental practice after falling from a roof in 1999.

1960

Mina (Lipford) Apple is retired and lives with husband Bill in Bryant. They have two daughters, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

James Burleson and wife Shirley celebrated 50 years of church music ministry in June of 2006. The couple retired from First Church of Maumelle in 1996 and formed Jericho Ministries in 2000 serving 15 churches in Arkansas, Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Florida in a six-year period. They also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

Robert Mize and wife Vada celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their home in Mabelvale. The couple was married on June 16, 1956. They are the parents of Pat Dykes and Doug Mize.

Powell and Mary Frances (Hayes '64) Pogue have returned to Heber Springs, after seven years in Florida.

Judge John Ward retired after 24 years of law practice and 14 years on the bench. During

this span he had the privilege of serving as International Chaplain of the Gideons and has spread the good news in 31 countries.

Henry S. Whitlow is the director of the LeTourneau University library in Longview, Texas. He is married to Linda S. Whitlow.

1961

Lois (Clayton) Gould remains busy during retirement from the Denver Public Schools by spoiling her two grandsons, substitute teaching and organizing an eighth grade school trip to Washington, D.C. each year. She lives in Denver, Colorado, with husband Robert.

Charles "Bud" Welch was honored as Arkansas' Flight Instructor for 2006. He was also chosen as the 2006 Flight Instructor for the Southwest Region, which includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Bud is retired from US Airways and lives in Arkadelphia, with his wife **Carolyn (Thomas '60)**.

1962

James Herzfeld recently received the Randy Henry Excellence in Service Award from the Professional Insurance Agents of Arkansas. James, owner of the Herzfeld Insurance Agency, lives in Benton, with wife **Margaret (McKenzie '62)**.

Carl L. Kell published the second in a three volume series, *Exiled—Voices of the Southern Baptist Convention Holy War*. The book is available from the University of Tennessee Press (2006).

William Larson is retired from the position of library director at the Fort Smith Public Library. He lives in Heber Springs with

his wife Dorothy.

Bonita (Liles) Watts retired in March 2005 after 23 years with The Bama Companies. Bonita and husband John's recent trips include a vacation in Sedona, Arizona, and an Alaskan cruise hosted by Dr. Charles Stanley.

1963

Harley L. Brinkley joined the Citizens Bank of Humble, Texas, as vice president of the oil and gas department.

Jody Gannaway recently celebrated 50 years of ministry. He has pastored several Arkansas churches, including Moores' Chapel of Dumas, Saint Charles Church of Saint Charles, Magnolia Church of Crossett and First Church of Glenwood. He currently serves as pastor of Temple Church of Dermott. He is married to Meverine and has several children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Commander John Lovett retired from the U.S. Navy and the LeBonheur Children's Hospital; wife **Annjanette (Embry '63)** retired after 23 years of teaching in the Shelby County (Tennessee) School System.

Cynthia (Blair) Simmons has been retired for 6 ½ years and is

now substitute teaching two to three days each week. She and husband Alex have two sons.

1964

Mary Oglesby is teaching choral music in Marvell.

Colonel William R. "Bill" Rudder retired from the Army National Guard and is working at OrthoArkansas as an anesthesiologist in Little Rock.

1965

Ed Coulter was named chairman of the board of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) in July 2006. He is the founding and current chancellor of Arkansas State University-Mountain Home. Prior to becoming chancellor of ASUMH, he served as professor, adjunct professor, assistant to the president and vice president for administration at OBU.

Bill Holloway established his own firm, The Holloway Group, in Nashville, Tennessee. His new firm works to develop the effectiveness of U.S.-Japanese businesses. Bill was most recently president of NiS International Services.



Col. Roy Steed ('76) and Jeff Morrow ('91) have an unofficial "alumni club" meeting at an old Ottoman castle in Tal Afar Iraq. Morrow and Steed are both originally from Prescott and are serving in Iraq.

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Don Overstreet of Overstreet's Jewelry in Bentonville, was named 2006 Retail Jeweler of the Year by the Arkansas Jewelry Association.

Anita (Cavanaugh) Martin retired in May 2006 after 32 years of teaching high school English. She lives in North Little Rock.

Doyle Robertson is serving as intentional interim pastor of First Baptist Church of Horseshoe Bend.

Nelson Wilhelm recently celebrated 15 years as associational missionary of the Concord Association.

1966

Robert Dawkins and wife **Linda (Ream)** report that their son is serving in Peru with the International Mission Board's Xtreme Team to minister to unreached tribes. Robert and Linda are currently housing two college students from Brazil.

George Stevenson is the associate professor of music at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is married to Camille Morton Stevenson.

Janet (Hamm) Williams (f/s) recently retired as childhood ministries associate with the Arkansas Baptist Convention's Evangelism and Church Growth Team. She lives in Little Rock.

1967

Anita (Anthony) Davis was featured in the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* for her historic and extensive collection of more than 2,000 women's purses. Two hundred of these purses were featured in a traveling exhibit, "The Purse and the Person: A Century of Women's Purses," which has been shown at the Historic Arkansas Museum, as well as

museums in Arkansas, South Carolina, Kansas, Oklahoma and California.

Barbara (Lybrand) Dutton retired from a career of teaching. She served as a librarian with the Vernon Parish School Board, taught for 24 years at Simpson High School in Simpson, Louisiana, and spent three years with the Calcasieu School Board in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Douglas Holt is the hospital administrator of Timberlake Care Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Retired Col. Dave Jackson is the senior director of Army and Navy operations for Karta Technologies, Inc. He lives in San Antonio, Texas.

1969

Louis Charton took early retirement in 2005 and is now enjoying his time off.

Jay Miller is the chief of interpretation for Arkansas State Parks in Little Rock. Jay received the 2006 NAI Master Interpretive Manager Award during the National Interpreters' Workshop in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He and his wife Janée live in Little Rock.

Annette Perry is the owner and director of Turtle Crossing Counseling Services in San Antonio, Texas.

Frank Vines recently retired from 31 years as head football coach at Alma High School in Alma. He was featured in the *Northwest Arkansas Times* and the *Fort Smith Times Record* in stories highlighting his successful coaching career as the "state's most winningest active head coach in the state."

1970

Dr. Robert Bledsoe was appointed executive director of Garvan Woodland Gardens in Hot Springs.

Lloyd Ollar is pastor of Vimy Ridge Immanuel Baptist Church in Alexander. He and his wife Marilyn live in Searcy.

Former OBU basketball player **Terry Reed** joined the Reddie basketball staff at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia as assistant coach.

1971

Dr. Judy (Grider) Harrison was named Interim Dean of the Teachers College at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. She will serve in this capacity through June 30, 2007.

Gene Jines runs a dental practice in Little Rock, W. Gene Jines, DDS, PA.

James V. Kelley was elected to the Board of Directors of Murphy Oil Corporation. James is president and COO of BancorpSouth, Inc., in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Greta (Beck) Norris is the billing manager at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Department of Psychiatry.

1972

Michael Beaty is chair of the philosophy department at Baylor University in Waco, Texas and wife **JoAnne (Smith '72)** is a first grade teacher at the Hillcrest Professional Development School. They have two sons, Zack and Daniel.

Monte Hollowell retired after 31 years of government service, including a post as Regular Army Air Defense Artillery Officer and general engineer at Redstone Arsenal. Wife **Jan**

(Bennett '73) is an instructor and lab manager at J.F. Drake State Technical College in Huntsville, Alabama. They have two grown sons, Brett and Matt.

Lowell Snow launched the Prayer Guide Ministry on the 2006 National Day of Prayer. His ministry revolves around leading prayer conferences and promoting the book *Prayer Guide: A Manual for Leading Prayer*. He and his wife Peggy live in Prairie Grove.

1973

John Moore retired from the position of senior communications specialist with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield in 2005. He now lives in Roanoke, Virginia, with wife Donna. A car collector with a special interest in the British-built TVR sports car, John purchased the only TVR parts business in North America and is busy expanding the venture.

Judge Bobby Shepherd was appointed by President George W. Bush to a judgeship on the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He lives in El Dorado, with wife **Bobbi (Beeson '72)**. See feature story on p. 13.

John Ware was featured in *Black Enterprise* magazine as "One of the 75 Most Powerful Blacks on Wall Street." John is the president and CEO of 21st Century Group, L.L.C., in Dallas, Texas. See feature story on p. 9.

LTC Clyde Watson produced and directed a production of "God's Trombones" in Baghdad, Iraq. The performance was presented on November 4 in the Green Bean Café in Saddam Hussein's palace in Baghdad. The performance was broadcast by the Armed Forces Television Network.

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1974

Connie (Terry) Brooks is celebrating 31 years of teaching. She has taught eighth grade algebra in the Fayetteville Public Schools for the last 15 years.

Charlotte Daniel is a legal assistant for Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Galchus in Little Rock.

Bill Elliff, pastor of The Summit Church of North Little Rock, was a featured speaker during the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's annual meeting in October.

Randy Garner joined the staff of Second Baptist Church in Arkadelphia as associate pastor of worship and administration.

Ted Hall, superintendent of the Batesville School District, was awarded a Golden Apple Award from KTHV Channel 11 and the Arkansas Department of Education.

Brenda (Melton) Manning was promoted to the position of president of Summit Bank in Arkadelphia.

Debbie (Detherage) Ward is director of the Media Center at White Hall Junior High School in White Hall.

Reverend Pamela Estes is now the senior pastor of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Hot Springs.

1975

Martin Babb published two books through Howard Books, a division of Simon & Schuster: *When Did Caesar Become a Salad and Jeremiah a Bullfrog?* and *It's a Dog Eat Dog World and the Cats are Waiting Tables*.

Don Butram is beginning his 30th year of work with Butram System Engineering. He and

wife Carol live in Little Rock.

Charles Evans is the fiscal director for the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Gulfport, Mississippi. He lives in Wiggins with his wife, Shelly.

Cindy George graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 5, 2006. She received a master of arts in ministry-based evangelism. Her home church is First Church of Lambrook.

Freddy Parker and wife **Gayla (Bingham '77)** are serving on the staff of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCMD). Gayla serves as the BCMD Women's Missionary Union (WMU) executive director and Freddy develops BCMD partnership mission strategies locally, nationally and overseas. Most recently, Freddy served as pastor of South Highland Church in Little Rock and Gayla worked on the staff of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention missions support team. The Parkers were also missionaries to the Philippines for 14 years. The Parkers have three sons, Allen, Nathan and Jesse (an OBU freshman).

David Will Pavey is the senior enterprise architect and assistant vice president at Commerce Bank in Kansas City, Missouri. He lives with his two sons, Chris (18) and Mike (16) in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Phyllis (Oliver) Watts was honored as the Arkadelphia school district's Teacher of the Year. Phyllis teaches at Goza Middle School and lives in Arkadelphia with her husband Jim.

1976

Doug Badertscher moved to the metro Denver area and took the position of CEO of Radiology Imaging Associates, one of the

largest diagnostic imaging companies in the country. Doug and his wife Jamie live in Castle Rock, Colorado.

Mary Lois (Burfield) Banks began her 31st year of teaching in the fall of 2006. She is currently teaching at Marion Elementary School and lives in Tyroneza.

Rev. Lindsay Crain is the principal of Redwater Middle School in Redwater, Texas.

Deidra (South) Gaskalla is the coordinator of special education for the North Little Rock School District.

Charles Henry will soon finish 21 years training pilots with United Airlines. He has four children ranging in age from 22 to 9. He lives with his children and wife Kathy in Centennial, Colorado.

On a recent trade visit to Taiwan, former **Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee** ('76) visited with fellow OBU graduates and Southern Baptist missionaries **Bill Martin** ('76) and **Ron West** ('69) in Taipei, Taiwan.

Crystal (Waters) Mangrum is a retired music editor with LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, Tennessee. She and husband Clifton live in Hendersonville, Tennessee.

John McAnally is in his 18th year as pastor of First Baptist Church in Amity. He also serves as the police and fire department chaplain. John and wife Jan have four grown children and four grandchildren.

John Pennington is the territory manager of RSC Rental Equipment. He lives in Hays, Kansas, with his wife June and children Colleen, Lesley and Erin.

Pamela (Vinson) Raspberry has been teaching visually im-

paired children at the Arkansas School for the Blind for 10 years. In May 2006, she was awarded the Joyce Ogburn Award for Outstanding Performance in the field of Education for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Pamela and husband Ken will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in January 2007. They have one son, **Joshua** ('05).

Laura (Berry) Spiegel and husband David have been IMB missionaries to Brazil since 1980. They now live in the capital city of Brasilia where David serves as administrator for the missionaries in Brazil. Daughter **Rachel (Spiegel '00) Sole** and husband Diego live in Texas. Son Daniel and wife Maristela live in Campinas, Brazil.

Kathy (Hobbs) Williams was recognized as an American Star of Teaching. The U.S. Department of Education selects one teacher from each state to receive the annual award. Kathy is an eighth grade math teacher at Forest Heights Middle School in North Little Rock.

1977

Rebecca (Davis) Brinkman is the administrator of worship ministries at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Elaine (Phillips) Grady is working as an independent contractor speech therapist in the Jacksonville, Florida, area. She lives in Orange Park with husband Gerald and two sons, G.R. (16) and Daniel (14).

Rev. Lee Padgett began his 18th year as director of Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Center. Lee and wife Debbie live with children Leandra (14) and Andrew (12) in Lexington, Kentucky.

Karen (Claiborne) Porter and husband **Russ** ('78) pur-

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chased the Rockwall School of Music in Rockwall, Texas. They have started the Wylie School of Music. Their daughter, **Kristen (Porter '03)** and husband **Jeremy Jackson ('03)** live in Benton. Their son Ryan is a senior at Ouachita.

Janice (Sorrells) Price is the principal of Kraus Middle School in Clarksville.

David Uth, pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando, Florida, was a featured speaker at the 2006 "Making It Work" conference at Park Hill Church of North Little Rock. The leadership conference attracted over 300 Arkansas Baptist church staff members and laypeople.

Steven Winkle is the curriculum coordinator for the Caddo Hills School District in Norman. Steve lives in Hot Springs.

1978

Ted Barker was hired in June as the director of business development for Beckett Media in Dallas, Texas.

Frank E. Orr is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with Oral Surgery Associates in Gadsden, Alabama.

Gigi (Chambers) Parker(f/s) is working part-time with husband Dan's business, IM Well Health. They live in Little Rock with children Emily (16), Katelyn (14), Anna (13) and Dan Lee, Jr. (10).

Carolyn (Hansen) Rice attended the Master Singer's Retreat at Ouachita and had a great reunion with friend Barbara Bradford White. She is looking forward to the Master Singer's performance in the spring.

1979

Dr. Sherrye (Lunningham) Craig accepted an appointment at the University of Central Arkansas as a full-time assistant professor in the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences teaching Gross Anatomy, Neuroanatomy and Pathology to occupational therapy students while practicing medicine part time. She and her husband, Dr. Jeff Craig, have three children, Laura, Bailey and Andrew.

Mike Kemper and wife Kathy were reappointed by the International Mission Board (IMB) as missionary associates to Middle America and the Caribbean. They will work as evangelists and church plant-

ers. The Kempers have also served as missionary associates to Central and Eastern Europe.

David Martin is the chief executive officer of the Cranford Johnson Robinson Woods advertising agency in Little Rock. He and wife Jill live in Little Rock with their baby daughter, Ava.

Sammy O'Brien is the vice president of facilities for Countrywide Home Loans. He lives in Richardson, Texas, with his wife Danna and children Dustin and Haleigh.

Rick Pruitt is the new director of real estate and facilities for Windstream Communications, formerly the landline division of Alltel. He lives in Little Rock.

Dr. Andrew Westmoreland was inaugurated as the 18th president of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, on November 2. He and wife **Jeanna (King '81)** live in Birmingham with daughter Riley.

1980

Janis (Knipmeyer) Bremer recently traveled to Hanamaki, Japan, through a teacher scholarship from the Hot Springs National Park Sister City Foundation. Janis will incorporate information gained from the trip into her teaching objectives. She is principal and English teacher at Jessieville Middle School. She and her husband **Marc (1978)** have two children, Jelaine and Marci, and live in Hot Springs Village.

Jim Burleson is the associate pastor of music and worship at The Summit Church in the Atlanta suburb of Loganville, Georgia. He will celebrate his 25th wedding anniversary with wife Darla on June 12, 2007. They have three children, Ashley (23), Weston (19) and Austin (14).

Sara (Purvis) Brown has been

a teacher with the Little Rock School District for 25 years. She and her husband Chuck have two children, Laura (14) and Andrew (11).

Rosa Nell Guy retired from teaching in District 189 in East St. Louis, Illinois. She is involved in a variety of church and community activities.

Sandra (Thompson) Jaeger is an assistant professor of biology at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee.

Tim Shrader is the pastor of First Baptist Church in Litchfield, Illinois. He and his wife Deborah (**Grisham '80**) have one daughter, Elizabeth.

1981

Brian Burton is the executive director of The Wilkinson Center in Dallas, Texas.

Judge LeAnn Daniel was appointed by Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee as the Pike County District Judge. She lives in Nashville.

Jana Selchow is the middle school librarian at Ray Borane Middle School and Huber Middle School in Douglas, Arizona. She is married to **James "Bosco" (1980)**.

Dr. Michael Williams was featured in the Q&A section in a recent edition of *SB Magazine*, serving Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana. An emergency physician with the Willis-Knighton Health System in Shreveport, Michael answered questions about his clinic's Triage Cardiac System, a new diagnostic system for heart attacks.

1982

Ronald Butler is the pastor of Cherry Grove Baptist Church in Dry Creek, Louisiana. The



Senior Rachel Sims of Conway and her friends help Mr. Kendrick, a friend of the family who lives in Arkadelphia, decorate his home for Christmas. Sims and her friends have helped Kendrick for the past few years as a service project. *photo by Jordan Morgan*

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church celebrated their first service in the renovated sanctuary since sustaining tremendous damage during September 2005's Hurricane Rita.

Terry Fox has begun Summit Church, a new church plant in the Johnny Western Theatre at the new Wild West World theme park in Park City, Kansas.

Lori Ann Hughes received the degree of Master of Nursing Science from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Lisa (Moore) Jett is deputy county clerk for Clay County. She lives in Success with her husband, Joe, and children Andy (22) and Logan (19).

Bruce Layton was recently named director of admissions and records at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Nathan Lewis is the executive producer of Kingdom Films, Inc., an independent motion picture production company in Franklin, Tennessee. He has also served on several church staffs as youth pastor, associate pastor and worship leader and is now a member of St. Ignatius Antiochian Orthodox Church. He and wife Cynthia have five daughters and two grandchildren.

Rex Nelson was featured in the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* for his work in creating the new Gameweek in The Rock, a week of football and baseball games and special events in Little Rock.

1983

U.S. Army (Retired) Joey Cunningham was selected by the Department of the Army as the director of an organization that provides state of the art unclassified and classified desktop computer, Blackberry,

telephone and video teleconference services to the secretary of the army, army staff and other organizations supporting the army, joint staff and department of defense. Joey and his family live in Ashburn, Virginia.

Carlos Ichter was elected as a member of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) leadership and worship team. He was previously the pastor of worship and music at First Baptist Church in New Orleans and has also served as a church music consultant with the German Baptist Union under appointment with the International Mission Board. Carlos and his wife **Shannon (Bowen '83)** have three children, Leslyn, Christian and Daniela.

Paul Jacobs is serving as pastor of First Baptist Church in Heath, Texas. He lives with his wife Mary Jane and daughter BreAnna (2) in Rockwall, Texas.

Donald Priest is the forestry specialist for the Alabama Forestry Commission. He lives in Montgomery, Alabama.

Joe Dan Reed is the administrator of Ballew & Associates Podiatry, P.A. in Waco, Texas. He lives in Hewitt with his wife Susan Reed. They have two children, Amanda Sue Barugh and Michael Alan Reed. Joe and Susan were recently co-chairs of the 11th Annual Heart of Texas Arthritis Foundation's M&S Festival—over 12,000 attended!

1984

Gary Corker serves as the music coordinator for the local Baptist Association in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He also serves as the director of youth, young adult choir and praise teams for First Baptist Church of Santos, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Jane (Brigance) Hattabaugh

is teaching math at Booneville Junior High School. She formerly taught in the Magazine Public Schools for 21 years. Her family recently received the honor of Logan County Farm Family. She lives in Booneville with husband Kenny and son Isaiah (2nd grade).

Elizabeth (Bowen) Jackson is the lead systems analyst programmer for Pinnacle Business Solutions, Inc., in North Little Rock. She has one son, Ross, who is a student at OBU.

Sonja (Clinesmith) Keith is the editor of *Women's Inc.* magazine. She lives with her husband Thomas in Conway.

Dr. Tim Knight, chair of the biology department at OBU, has been appointed to the Arkansas State Board of Education. He lives in Arkadelphia.

James Nicholson is the district manager for Novartis Pharmaceuticals in East Hanover, New Jersey.

Joel Scott Price is the director of administration for Steptoe & Johnson LLP in Los Angeles, California.

Justin Clay Price was promoted to assistant special agent in charge for the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington D.C. Clay has been a special agent with the federal government for the past 20 years with four served with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and 16 with the FBI.

Kevin Stewart is serving as senior pastor at First Southern Church of Bryant, coming there from Central Baptist Church of Owasso, Oklahoma.

1985

Mike Seabaugh served as the Oklahoma Senate's chaplain of the week in mid May, deliver-

ing the Sermon on the Mount from memory. He is the pastor of First Baptist Church of Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Donny White works for the Ray White Lumber Company in Sparkman. He and wife Christie have three children: Joseph (11), Katie (5) and Mary Beth (2).

1986

Frank Giangrosso is the program management consultant for SAIC. He lives in League City, Texas, with his wife Lisa and daughters Lauren and Lindsay.

Vicki (Toland) Gill is an appraiser with the Keller Williams Integrity First firm in Yuma, Arizona.

Sheila (Bearden) Patterson is the payroll tax specialist for Pier 1 Imports in Fort Worth, Texas. She is married to Chris Patterson.

Susan Pearson is the office manager of the Alta Loma Christian School in Alta Loma, California. She lives in Claremont, California.

Brad Starkey is an anesthesiologist in a private practice in Edmond, Oklahoma. He is married to Michelle and has three children: Madison (10), Annalee (6) and Garrett (4).

1987

Tammy (Holstead) Herzfeld is the library media specialist for Harmony Grove High School. She lives in Benton.

Dr. Fitz Hill, president of Arkansas Baptist College, helped plan the Delta Classic 4 Literacy football game (Grambling State vs. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) on October 14th at Little Rock's War Memorial Stadium. He created

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the event, the Literacy Classic, while head football coach at San Jose State University and moved it to his home state of Arkansas. The game caps off a week of Delta Classic events designed to raise awareness about literacy improvement needs in the Delta region of the South and to raise money for literacy programs.

John Threet was recently elected as prosecuting attorney for Arkansas' Washington and Madison Counties. He served as chief deputy for the office for the past eight years. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law. John lives in Fayetteville with wife Joan, daughter Anna (7) and son Jack (10).

1988

Janice (Church) Gaddis has moved to Selmer, Tennessee, with her husband Greg and children Rachel, Nathan and Abigail. Greg is now serving as the senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Selmer.

Kevin Smith is a senior systems analyst with Budgetext Corporation in Fayetteville.

Todd Turner has been appointed to the Public Information Committee of the Arkansas Bar Association. Todd is an attorney with Arnold, Batson, Turner and Turner, Attorneys at Law in Arkadelphia.

1989

Marla (Reeves) Maxon teaches preschool music and movement at Health Methodist. She lives in Heath, Texas, with husband Paul, son Bailey (10) and daughter Audrey (6). Please be in prayer for Paul as he undergoes treatment for brain cancer (GBM).

Norma (Spencer) Powell and husband **Gary ('88)** live in North Augusta, South Carolina.

Gary is the associate pastor of worship at Sweetwater Baptist Church. Norma home-schooled their three girls (Emily 14, Grace 12 and Bethany 11) for nine years and has now enrolled them at Victory Christian School.

Margie (Bright) Sexton recently accepted a position with the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services as the Area IV Rover. She will assist clients in 18 counties throughout the southwestern portion of the state. She lives in Magnet Cove with her husband Steve and children Logan (12) and Sydney (9).

Leslie (Taylor) Tomichek is completing her master's degree in public history with a concentration in archival management and administration from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn. She and husband Richard have two children, Joseph (7) and Alison (5).

Larry White is senior pastor at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Cabot. Wife **Carla (Pearce '89)** is a third grade teacher for Cabot Public Schools. They have three daughters: Haley (15), Hannah (13) and Hope (5).

Paul White and brother **Mark ('96)** have partnered to form the law firm of White & White, P.L.C. in Bryant.

1990

Kelli (Lambert) Gilbreath relocated to Edwards Air Force Base in California where her husband, Lt. Colonel Gregory Gilbreath, is a flight instructor. They have three children: Nathaniel (11), Kiri Grace (7) and Evan (5).

Gregory Lane is the defensive coordinator for Nocona High School in Nocona, Texas. He was recently employed as the assistant coach/linebackers at Denison High School.

Jeff Noble helped start the new Journey Church in Monticello. He was formerly the BCM director at UAM. Jeff and **Carolyn (Brooks '92)** have been married since '92 and have two children, Sam (9) and Ashley (7).

James O'Donnell is the web manager in the University Relations department of Friends University. He lives in Wichita, Kansas.

Carrie (Jones) Shieldnight teaches pre-kindergarten for Rogers Public Schools. She and husband Mark have two daughters, Macaela (10) and Makenlee (3).

Matt Smith joined the staff of Germantown Psychological Associates, PC, in Germantown, Tennessee. Matt is a clinical psychologist and ordained minister. He and wife **Laurel (Dixon '89)** have three children: Colson (8) and twins Peyton and Savannah (5).

Gregory Stroud is the logistics manager at BOS Automotive in Morristown, Tennessee. He was recently the production control manager at Hyundai Motor Manufacturing.

1991

Mark Garland is a sergeant with the 324th Tactical Psychological Operations Company in Aurora, Colorado. He will be returning to Iraq for a fourth tour of duty in 2007. He and his wife Regeneva live in Colorado Springs.

Dr. Beth Maloch is an associate professor of language and literacy studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

Brian McKethan accepted the position of producer with Agri-Business Insurers in Tyler, Texas. He was recently employed at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a fisheries biologist assistant.

Greg and Jamie (Frazier '91) Rucker live in Waxahachie, Texas. Greg is employed with Kohl's Distribution Center.

1992

Joy (Spencer) Berry is an attorney with Berry & Berry LLP in Marshall, Texas. She and husband Richard live in Marshall.

Randy Biggs is the new principal at Frederick Middle School in Frederick, Oklahoma.

Rod Bryan ran for Arkansas governor as an independent in the November 2006 election. Rod is married to Lennie and has two children, Corinne (4) and Vincent (2).

Paul Williams is the new minister of education and outreach at First Southern Baptist Church in Bryant, coming there from Walker Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is married to **Missy (Collier '94)**.

1993

Shelley Davis was selected as head coach for the girls' West team in the 51st All-Star Classic for the 2006 Tyson/Wal-Mart/Arkansas High School Coaches Association East-West All-Star Basketball Game.

David Hardister moved to Arkadelphia to take a position with Frito Lay. He lives in Arkadelphia with wife Tina and four children.

Eric Herndon recently accepted a position as a sales agent with Farm Bureau Insurance. Eric spent the last 10 years as a claims adjuster with Farm Bureau. He lives in North Little Rock with wife **Remmie (f/s)** and children Caleb (12), Karaline (5) and Addison "Addie" Kate (infant).

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Darren Michael is the assistant professor of theatre at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. After serving two years as a representative at-large for the Tennessee Theatre Association, Darren was selected as the Tennessee State representative for the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. He and wife Shelley live in Jackson.

Conway Stone celebrated his 13th year as a professional speaker. He published a new book, "13 Things You Forgot about Sales," and was included in the compilation *The Power of Motivation* with Les Brown and Wally "Famous" Amos.

1994

Christopher Belvin was promoted to assistant athletic director at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He and wife Melissa reside in nearby Keifer.

Denver Peacock earned his Accredited in Public Relations (APR) designation, the only professional certification program open to public relations professionals. He is the director of public relations for CJRW in Little Rock.

Jon Rushing is the associate minister of worship at Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. For the last eight years, Jon and wife **Suzanne (Norris '95)** traveled in full-time music ministry. Suzanne is now a stay-at-home mom to children Eli (5) and Josiah (nearly 2).

Raphael Smith works in sales for Centris Commerce Inc. He lives in Plano, Texas.

Jeffrey Smithpeters accepted a tenure-track position at Delta State University as assistant professor of American Literature and English. Jeffrey was recently an instructor at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Jay Turley is the head football coach of Murfreesboro High School in Murfreesboro. He and wife **Vicki (Thompson '92)** have two children, Dylan Blade (1) and Olivia (10).

Donald Vacha is serving full-time active duty in the U.S. Army. He lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with his wife Lara and daughters Elisabeth, Abigail and Emma.

Stuart Young is the OnTour product manager at PassAlong Networks in Franklin, Tennessee. He was recently employed as the vice president of marketing at Boson Software.

1995

Nikki Chumley is the print buyer for Alltel Communications in Little Rock.

Allison (Walsh) Kizzia was named preschool and children's specialist for the evangelism and church growth team of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. She was most recently minister of childhood education at Park Hill Church of North Little Rock.

Allen Morrison is a graduate student in the dual track marriage and family therapy and community counseling at John Brown University.

Jason Mueller is an intellectual property attorney with Locke, Liddell & Sapp in Dallas, Texas. He and wife Kandra have one daughter, Madeline Grace.

Dan Pinkston is chair of the music department and associate professor of music theory and composition at Simpson University. He and wife **Lori (Pierce '93)** live in Anderson, California, with their two daughters Lillian (4) and Meredith (2).

Dixie Shearer is an account manager for Summit Marketing.

She lives in Belton, Missouri.

Eddie and Michelle (Thomas '94) Weathers live in Texarkana. Eddie is a truck driver with Werner Enterprises and Michelle teaches 9th and 10th grade social studies at Arkansas High School.

1996

Shannon (Littman) Brown is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom to daughter Bailey Ann (1). She plans to return to school in the fall to obtain her teaching credentials.

Leslie (Tapsen) Harper is the musical director for the "Hollywood and Main" production at The Rep theatre in Little Rock. She and husband Jason have two children, Chloe (5) and Avery (1).

Allison (Springer, f/s) Hoskins and husband Chuck were recently appointed and commissioned as missionaries for the International Mission Board. They will be ministering in South America where Chuck will serve as a strategy coordinator and Allison will work in community and home outreach.

Scottie Johnson and wife **Allyce (Plummer '97)** have moved to Farmington, where Scottie is the associate pastor of students at First Baptist Church. Allyce teaches middle school choir in Rogers. They have one son, Henry (4).

Megan (Mims) Kyle and husband Chris (former athletic trainer at Ouachita) live in West Monroe, Louisiana. Chris is an athletic trainer with St. Francis Medical Center in Monroe. Megan previously worked in the insurance field but now is staying home with daughter Katie (3).

Courtney (Brazil) Sims is the manager of prospect research at Aurora Health Care

in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Army Second Lieutenant **Nathan Twigg** is preparing for a rotation as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Fort Benning, Georgia. He has completed the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course.

1997

Nathan Andrew Bailey was hired as a world history teacher in the Helena-West Helena School District, as well as a media relations consultant for the Phillips County Port Authority. He was also honored to have a chapter published in *Learning Together At Last* by former Ouachita education professor Paul Root.

Ben Blackwell is a doctoral student in New Testament studies at Durham University in Durham, England. Prior to moving to England, Ben completed his Th.M. at Dallas Theological Seminary. He and **Heather (Mills '98)** have two sons, Elam (6) and Silas (2).

Gerald Burris was promoted to First Lieutenant in the Army National Guard Chaplain Corps. He also works as a certified law enforcement chaplain for the Cherokee County's Sheriff's Office and the Georgia State Patrol. He lives in Woodstock, Georgia with wife Jenni and son Jed (2).

John Davidson is the retail leasing director for Campus Advantage, Inc. He lives in Austin, Texas.

Douglas Dickens lives in Brooklyn, New York, with wife Lauren.

Shannon (Atwood) Edds received the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock. She is a pharmacist at Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock.

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Amy (Hilyer) Elrod is the training and development specialist for Acxiom. She and husband **Russ** live in Conway.

Corey Gilbert received a Ph.D. in Family Psychology from Capella University in June 2006.

Jason Greenwich received a M.A. in Missiology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in December 2005. Jason and wife **Allyson (Denton '00)** are currently missionaries in Milano, Italy.

James Brandon Griffin received the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock. He is now the associate director of clinical pharmacy for Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Jason Holcomb is serving as pastor of Glendale Church of Booneville.

Davey Jones earned his master's degree in educational leadership from Harding University in 2006 and coaches football and baseball at Murfreesboro High School. Wife **Melissa (Rogers '98)** obtained National Board Certification in mathematics and is currently teaching math for Murfreesboro High School.

Wendy (King) Kwok and husband J.P. live in Springfield, Missouri. Wendy is an accountant at a local church.

Chris Meseke was selected as head coach for the boy's West team in the 51st All-Star Classic for the 2006 Tyson/Wal-Mart/Arkansas High School Coaches Association East-West All-Star Basketball Game.

Michelle Nicholson received a M.A. in Christian Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 6, 2006. She was the recipient of the Elizabeth G. Price Memorial

Award for the female student in educational ministries with the highest GPA in her graduating class.

Lane Smith was reappointed by Governor Mike Huckabee to the Arkansas Student Loan Authority. Lane is the director of financial aid at Ouachita.

Kenneth Sullivan is the owner of Executive Pool Service, LLC, in Mesa, Arizona.

Shari (Provence) Ulery is the corporate recruiter for Acxiom Corporation in Conway. She is married to **Josh Ulery ('98)**.

Amy (Hutcheson) Vent is the senior account executive at Radio Disney 99.5 FM in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Marc and Charity (Feemster '99) Verlander were appointed missionaries for the International Mission Board (Western Europe) on October 31, 2006.

Karen (Temple) Walker received a MA in Professional Writing from the University of Southern California in December 2005. She then moved from Los Angeles back to Fayetteville to begin the doctoral program in English at the University of Arkansas, where she earned her M.A. in 2002.

Jeff Williams accepted a position at the NCAA in Indianapolis as assistant director of statistics. He and wife Kim are expecting their second child in January.

1998

Danielle (Carey) Collins is employed as a speech language pathologist with Therapy 2000, a home health agency. She also serves as a speech supervisor for the Cedar Hill Independent School District.

Jodie (Matthews) Daniell

is currently teaching 3rd grade at Nashville Primary School in Nashville, while working to obtain her standard teaching license through the NTLP program.

Jennifer (Johnson) Haaser obtained her Arkansas teaching license for high school math and is now teaching at First Lutheran in Fort Smith. She and husband Joel celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in October.

Kerri (Newborn) Jones completed her Texas Principal Certification in December 2005 and has accepted a position as junior high assistant principal in Richardson, Texas.

Ryan Killackey is the assistant swim coach at Ouachita. He is married to Jennifer (student success coordinator at Ouachita) and has two sons, Taylor and Aiden.

Brett Moore is the student minister at Sylvan Hills First Baptist Church in Sherwood. Brett and wife Shelley have two children, Jordan and Callie.

Michelle (Sherman) Morgan received the degree of Master of Science from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Lendy (Seaberry) Nicholson teaches fourth grade in Aledo, Texas, while husband **Sean ('98)** works at Primerica Financial Services. The couple recently built their first home and are newly licensed foster parents.

Carrie Overton received her master's degree from Harding University and is teaching kindergarten in Jacksonville.

Ferris and Rebecca (Hatcher) Williams recently moved to Little Rock. Ferris accepted a position with the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, and Rebecca teaches second-

grade music at Little Rock Christian Academy.

1999

John Tyler Anthony is a nursing student in Los Colinas, Texas. He and his wife, Stacie, live in Flower Mound, Texas.

Chris Babb accepted a position as director of athletic development at Ouachita. He was previously the sports information director at OBU. Chris and wife **Amy (Bridges '00)** live in Arkadelphia with children Carter and Millie.

Luke and Courtney (Ray '02) Brewer live in Savannah, Georgia. Luke is completing his Master of Fine Arts degree in Visual Effects at the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) and Courtney is an admissions counselor at SCAD.

Tim Caldwell is the middle school minister at First Baptist Church in Keller, Texas.

Jennifer Collier recently finished her pediatric residency at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. She joined Cartersville Pediatric Associates in Cartersville, Georgia, as a pediatrician.

Chad Collins graduated from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in January 2006. He is now a medical technologist with the Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Cindy George received a master of arts in ministry-based evangelism from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Amber Golden recently received a M.A.C.E. in Christian education with a concentration in missions from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is a ministry assistant at Smithwood Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Doug and Ann (Browning '88) Hibbard live in Horn Lake, Mississippi, where Doug is the bi-vocational pastor of Joiner Baptist Church in Joiner, and supervisor for UPS in Memphis. Ann works two days a week as an administrative assistant in the Mother's Day Out program at First Evangelical Church in Memphis. They have three children, Olivia (5), Angela (3) and Steven (infant).

Clinton Kolb is the replenishment analyst for Tomas Jewelry, a Wal-Mart supplier, in Bentonville.

Stephanie Latiolais accepted the position of speech-language pathologist at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale.

Corey McGaha is an associate attorney with the Patton, Roberts, McWilliams & Capshaw firm in Texarkana, Texas. Corey was recently employed as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Harry F. Barnes. He is married to **Kelly (Wood '99)**.

Sean Newcomb was recently promoted to captain in the field artillery and is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He is preparing to enter the Psychological Operations Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Sean is married to **Cassandra (Heard '02)**.

Karen (Nix) Niehuss is a doctoral student in communication sciences and disorders through a consortium of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and the University of Central Arkansas. She and husband **Robert (f/s)** live in Arkadelphia.

Jeremy and Summer (Gilbert) Palmer are missionaries in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua and work with the Miskito People Group of Honduras and Nicaragua. Jeremy is the director of the Agricultural Training Program

while Summer is a secretary, translator and editor for the mission. Their two children, Mackenzie (4) and Luke (2) love playing and speaking Spanish with the other children.

Jordan Thomas and wife **Tracy (Smith '99)** are starting a new church in downtown Memphis called Grace Church. They have two daughters and two sons.

Jeff Williams was approved to serve as a missionary with the International Mission Board. He completed his M.A. in Missiology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth in 2004. He currently lives in Benbrook, Texas, with wife Amy.

2000

Scott Jones is the assistant principal and dean of students at Gurdon High School in Gurdon. He was formerly the head baseball coach at Arkadelphia High School. He and wife **Amy (Willett '00)** have three sons, Whit (6), Jett (2) and Cy (infant).

Mark McGowan is the youth pastor at International Baptist Church in Singapore. His wife MySan works for the Asia Impact Team of Campus Crusade for Christ.

Jennifer (Rushing) Templeton graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in December 2006 with her master's of science degree in social work. She also celebrated her fifth wedding anniversary with husband Charles in December.

Chris Turnage was recently named city president of Regions Bank in Arkadelphia.

Dustin Wagley is the summer camp director for Sky Ranch Camp at Ute Trail in Lake City, Colorado. He and wife **Julie (Wilson '98)** live in Texas dur-

ing the school year with their children Braden (3) and Anna Kate (1).

Aimee Wallis is a sales associate for Alltel Communications in Sarasota, Florida.

Roger Walton is the tourism manager of a travel management center in the Marriot Hotel in Yerevan, Armenia. He is married to Ruzanna and has a daughter, Lia Anne.

Carl and Mary Ann (Caldwell '03) Weatherford live in Marion. Carl is the recreation and middle school minister at First Baptist Church and Mary Ann is in her senior year of dental school at the University of Tennessee in Memphis.

Daryl White accepted the position of associate pastor at Quinton Baptist Church in Quinton, New Jersey. Daryl was recently employed as a research clerk at EBSCO Industries in Birmingham, Alabama.

2001

Kevin Anthony has joined the staff of First Southern Church of Bryant as a student minister, coming from Fellowship of Joy in Arlington, Texas.

Alan Bagley received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from

the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Kammie Bass is teaching fifth grade at Yongsan International School of Seoul in Seoul, South Korea. She works with the Network of International Christian Schools and will be in South Korea for two years.

Jamie Bauman is the foster home developer for Social Services of Nacogdoches, Texas. She recently completed her graduate degree at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

John and Ashley (Carroll) Beller relocated to Cave City after being displaced by Hurricane Katrina. John is employed at the Bank of Cave City and Ashley is an ESL instructor at the University of Arkansas Community College in Batesville. Daughter Esther celebrated her second birthday and is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her sister Emelia, who is being adopted from Guatemala.

Grant Bennett received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Megan Bennett received a master of science degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).



Sophomore Chris Straw and senior Stephen Ray, with other members of the cast of "The Magic Flute" perform Mozart's opera for audiences in JPAC in November. photo by Danny Brown

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Rusty Byrd is the director of marketing and development for an insurance conglomerate.

Jennifer Davis is the assistant operations manager and credentialing coordinator for Austin Pain Associates in Austin, Texas.

Edward and Christy (Launius '01) Deneke live in Little Rock. Ed graduated from UAMS in May and is now working with the UAMS Department of Psychiatry as part of a research fellowship. Christy is enjoying her time at home with daughter Alexandra (1).

Justin Franz received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Amanda L. Horton was promoted to cash management officer at Simmons First National Bank in Pine Bluff.

Stephen Humbard received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Brandon Jeffus received the degree of Master of Science from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Cassidy (Allen) Jones is the legal assistant for her husband Jonathan and leads a good deal of public relations efforts for his Hot Springs firm. She has also worked as shopkeeper for Faux Pas in the Heights in Little Rock and as a sales manager for the Hot Springs Convention Center.

Nathan Livers received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock. He is an OB-GYN at Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple, Texas. He lives in Temple with wife **Marla**

(**Hemingway '01**) and son **Shepard**.

Josh Mayfield spent the fall teaching in Quincy, Illinois, and starts the spring semester at the Vancouver, Washington, extension of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He is pursuing a master's degree in divinity degree and master's degree in international studies.

Ray and Kelly (Krueger '01) Miller live in Texarkana, Texas. Ray is a salesman for Vermeer Equipment of Texas in Kilgore and Kelly is a stay-at-home mom. They have one daughter, Kaelynn (1) and are expecting their second child in March of 2007.

Hannah Pratt is pursuing her Ph.D. in school psychology at the University of Central Arkansas.

Jami (Williams) Price is a speech-language pathologist and director of rehab at a rehab center in Fort Worth, Texas. She and husband Caleb live in Fort Worth.

Michael Reding received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Josh and Kara (Floyd '02) Shaw live in Los Angeles and are pursuing careers in the entertainment industry. Josh recently played the part of Rodolfo in the opera *La Boheme* with Opera Las Vegas. Kara was a cast member in the Hollywood musical *Pilgrim* and had a two-month contract singing on a cruise ship in Europe and the Mediterranean.

Bridget (Stroope) Schmidt is a speech-language pathologist with Helping Hand Children's Center and Rebsamen Medical Center. She and husband Paul live in Hot Springs.

Clif Springer joined the staff

of First Southern Church of Bryant as associate pastor of administration. He comes from Pleasant Grove Church of Little Rock, where he was pastor.

Brandy (Ussery) Utter received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Erin (Greer) Weidemann received a master of science degree in physician assistant studies from Northeastern University on August 31, 2006.

2002

Catherine (Garrett) Acker received a M.S. in counseling psychology from Tarleton State University. She works as a school counselor for fifth and sixth graders at Copperas Cove ISD in Copperas Cove, Texas.

Sarah (Hollingsworth) Bell received the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Joshua Brown received a technical certificate in computer repair from Ouachita Technical College on December 15, 2006.

Todd and Jenny (Tidball '02) Bunch live in Waco, Texas, where Todd will finish seminary in May. Jenny teaches kindergarten in the Midway Independent School District. They have two dogs: Bailey (a Labrador) and Annabelle (a Beagle).

Christopher Crane received the degree of Master of Science from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Edward Deneke received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Dustin Freeman was accepted into the second class of the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service and will be working toward his master of public service degree. He recently spent two years working as a missionary in West Africa.

Natalie (Putnam) Jagers and husband **Ross (f/s)** live in Shreveport, Louisiana. Natalie directs several choirs at their church and is a full-time mom to son Colton. Ross is a middle school youth minister.

Emily (Harkreader) Lanting lives in Aurora, Colorado, with husband Eric, a pilot for Skywest Airlines. Emily is an accountant for Alta Colleges.

Jordan (Douglas) Malone is the associate director of Adoption Advantage, Inc., and works to place infants in the homes of loving Christian couples. She lives in Bryant, with husband Cody and son Jack.

Michael Martin is the senior account administrator of billing at Washington Mutual Bank in Coppell, Texas.

Caleb McLean is the associate pastor and minister to youth at LifeWay Church in Arlington, Tennessee.

Dave and Kristen (Rickett '03) Nelson live in Little Rock. David graduated from UAMS medical school in May 2006. He is working as a resident physician in obstetrics and gynecology at UAMS. Kristen is a senior medical student at UAMS, where she serves as the president of the Arkansas chapter of the American Medical Women's Association. She will graduate in May 2007 and pursue a career in pediatric medicine.

Hannah (Smith) Nowlin lives in Little Rock with her husband Justin and daughter Rosemary Love.

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Laura (Woodbury) Prejean lives in Little Rock with husband Ryan and daughter Katie Jo (1). Laura is active in local theatre and is an Arbonne consultant.

Kyle Proctor accepted a position as director of marketing at Community Bank in Cabot. Kyle was recently employed at Cranford Johnson Robinson Woods (CJRW) as an associate account executive.

Mary (Crenshaw) Tullos and husband Kevin recently moved to Collierville, Tennessee. Kevin works at Regions Bank and Mary is pursuing her master of science in nursing from Union University.

Sarah Washam is an accountant for UARK Federal Credit Union branches in Fayetteville and Little Rock. She went to Amsterdam in September with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) to minister to individuals in the Red Light District.

2003

James Cole is the head resident at Daniel North at Ouachita.

Kelly Erin (Bain) Conkin completed her master of divinity degree and a master of science in educational psychology from Baylor University. She anticipates a career in counseling.

Angela Baleh is pursuing her M.A. in Christian Education with a concentration in Women's Ministry at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. She is also working at the seminary as support staff.

Jill Davis completed her M.B.A. at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in December 2006. She is currently working as a bookkeeper for the Arkansas Family Council.

Emily Fankhauser is working

with an inner-city ministry targeting 1,700 children and their families in Phoenix, Arizona.

Angela Garcia recently studied abroad in London, England. She is completing her masters in sports management from Florida State University.

Casey Garrison is the international tax analyst for McAfee, Inc., in Plano, Texas. He lives in Highland Village, Texas.

Joy (Hutcherson) Josker is a music teacher at Memorial Academy in San Diego, California.

Tara (Loyd) Kear graduated from UCA in August 2006 with a M.S. in occupational therapy. She is employed by Baptist Health as an occupational therapist. She and husband **Chris ('04)**, the web manager at Ouachita, live in Arkadelphia.

Jonathan Kelley is the student and recreation minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Little Rock. He and his wife **Lauren (Vinsant '05)** live in Little Rock.

Matthew Lumpkin was ordained to the gospel ministry by Calvary Church in Little Rock on July 9, 2006.

Sean Lowery is an audiologist with the ENT Associates of East Texas. He lives in Tyler, Texas.

Brad Monk is the area director for K-Life in Conway. K-Life is a community-based youth ministry focused on discipleship.

Tad Moore is the student minister at Trinity Baptist Church in Benton.

Dan Pryor is the agency relations representative for LandAmerica Financial Group in Little Rock.

Robert Ramsey is the minister of music and education at

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Cabot. He is married to **Brooke (Smith '04)**.

Sarah Elaine Shepherd received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Karen Sines will graduate in May with a M.A. in journalism and mass communication from the University of Georgia. She is engaged to Greg Rudolph, former Ouachita football coach.

Nancy (Swanigan) Stephens and husband Joshua live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The couple owns United Shipping Solutions and Nancy also works as a registered dietician for WIC and is currently the interim children's ministry director at Northside Church.

Tiffany (McCarty) Stephenson is a collector for AT&T International Computer Systems. She lives in Little Rock with husband **Donny ('06)**.

Deanna Rae Tacker received the degree of Master of Science from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Cristi H. Walker (f/s) received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Rhonda Walsh is the assistant marketing manager at the corporate office of Logan's Roadhouse. She lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

2004

Kathryn (Black) Allen is finishing her third year of school at UAMS College of Pharmacy in Little Rock.

Justin Bridges accepted a position as an agent at Truman Ball

& Associates Realtors in Little Rock. Justin and wife **Barri (Cosh '04)** recently moved back to Arkansas from Dallas.

Jennifer Claire Buck received a master of science degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Eric Burton and wife **Kim (Fischer '01)** are attending Denver Seminary. Eric is currently working as a leasing manager for an apartment community in Denver.

Jessica Cates is the internship and service learning coordinator for Hendrix College in Conway.

Lindsey Choate is the employee relations specialist for ChasePaymentech in Dallas, Texas.

Matthew Aaron Cozart received the degree of Master of Science from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Cristin (Ivers) DuBose is married to Jason DuBose and lives in Sheridan, where she teaches 10th and 11th grade English.

Elizabeth "Tizzie" Elkins (f/s) received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

Billy Francis is the Career Pathways administrator for Ouachita Technical College. He lives in Malvern with wife **Martina (f/s)** and children Billy, Jr. (4), Tyler (2) and Makenna Rayne (newborn).

Amy Garrett was awarded Wheaton College's Hermann Scholarship for students planning to serve in overseas missions. The scholarship is part of the Billy Graham Scholarship. Amy is working toward her MA in Intercultural Studies/TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).

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Holly Harris lives in Maui, Hawaii. She is dividing her professional time between the hospitality and real estate industries.

Jessica (Guthrie) Hinson received a bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Rebecca Jagger was accepted into the Journeyman program through the International Mission Board. She will be serving in El Paso, Texas, at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House as a graphic designer.

Grant Harrison and **Nathan James** are co-pastors of Epoch Church in Little Rock. The growing congregation targets downtown residents and young professionals.

Sarah Huckabee recently moved from Washington, D.C. to Arkansas to lead political fundraising for the Hope for America political action committee.

Lizzette (Young) McMorran is working in personal public relations for actors, director and writers in Hollywood, California. Lizzette and husband **Steven McMorran ('03)** live in Los Angeles.

Jeremy Miller is the special

projects officer for the National Guard Professional Education Center.

Rita (Ebsen) Nickell is the elementary physical education teacher for the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Brett Parker is an advertising consultant for Verizon in Irving, Texas.

Keisha Pittman is the director of admissions counseling at Ouachita. She was previously an admissions counselor for the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

Kimberly (Lavender) Scherer recently finished her MA in Youth and Family Ministries at Denver Seminary. She and husband Nic live in Colorado.

Michael Scott is the media associate at Henderson Hills Baptist Church in Edmond, Oklahoma. He and wife **Kristi (Lane '04)** live in Edmond.

April (Reeder) Smith teaches elementary music at Pea Ridge Elementary School. She lives in Rogers with her husband Richard.

Bethany (Watson) Watkins successfully completed the CPA exam. She lives in Stuttgart with husband Matt and is currently employed as a cost accountant

with Lennox Industries.

April (Adams) Wingfield lives with husband **Derek ('03)** in Maumelle. April is the communications officer for the American Lung Association of Arkansas. Derek is the director of communications for Pulaski Academy.

Leah Marie Wright received the degree of Master of Science from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Sarah Wright is the child care service coordinator at C.B. King Memorial School in McGehee.

Justin David Voris received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

2005

Benjamin Armstrong is a programmer for Wal-Mart Stores in Bentonville.

Tiffany N. Aronson received a post-baccalaureate certificate in dietetics and nutrition from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Matt Bridwell is currently in his second year of dental school at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.

Nathanael Brown is an academic counselor for the office of pre-college programs at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He works for a federally-funded program called University Access Talent Search, which serves first generation and low income 6-12th grade students and encourages them towards post-secondary education.

Chase Carmichael is in his second year of law school at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Jennifer D. Daugherty received the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Dietetics and Nutrition from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Chris Davis and wife **Jill (Hickey '06)** both work for Physiotherapy Associates in Memphis, Tennessee where Chris is in the Corporate IT department and Jill is an ATC.

Patrice Dilbert is teaching year four students at West End Primary School in Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands.

Rachel (Sidwell) Durham attends the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield. She lives in Springfield, Illinois, with husband Ryan.

Brad Evans is completing his Master of Arts in Youth and Family Ministry at Denver Seminary. He is married to **Nancy (Goodwin '04)**.

Ashlee (Hill) Fields is employed with Texas Energy Support. She lives in Palestine, Texas, with her husband Jonathan.

Terri Flannagan is the account coordinator for a|i|m Marketing Solutions in Atlanta, Georgia. She will coordinate Sound & Speed, a celebration of country music and motor sports, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jessica Gartman is working as a staff accountant for BKD in Little Rock and is working toward her CPA certification.

Holly K. Grace (f/s) received a bachelor of science in diagnostic medical sonography degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.



Dr. Rex Horne, his wife Becky, Mrs. Pat Walker and Mr. Buddy Sutton participated in the dedication of Ouachita's new Walker Conference Center in September. *photo by Stephen Carter*

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Christen Hall is a middle school English teacher at Palestine-Wheatley Middle School. She lives in Marianna.

Nicole (Mealer) Hammett recently accepted a position as a graphic designer at Studio Younique in Russellville. She joins studio founder **Kristin Hare ('04)**. Nicole was recently employed at Jostens Yearbooks as a publications associate.

Robert A. Hopper received the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Dietetics and Nutrition from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Kayla (Sandifer) Lance and husband James are back at home in Texarkana, Texas. She is employed in the library section of a UAMS satellite clinic.

Matt McClelland is working toward his M.A. in Biblical Exegesis at Wheaton College's graduate school.

Elizabeth (Bennett) Miller received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Bethany J. Murray received the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Dietetics and Nutrition from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Rebecca Rains is the guest relations coordinator at Pine Cove Christian Camps in Tyler, Texas.

Josh and Jane (Black '05) Raspberry are living in Wynne. Josh is the store manager for Apex Communications and Jane teaches second grade at Calvary Christian in Forrest City. They recently returned from El Alto, Bolivia, and ask for prayers for the people of El Alto and La Paz.

Gracen L. (Gannaway) Stogsdill received the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Dietetics and Nutrition from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.

Kyle Thomas is an admissions counselor at Ouachita. He also served as the interim youth minister at Second Baptist Church in Arkadelphia.

Cara Walker is the new Collegiate Ministry Team Assistant for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Little Rock. She was recently employed as the children's minister at Levy Baptist Church.

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Lisa Cromer is a research assistant with the Arkansas History Commission. She lives in Little Rock.

Hannah Farmer works for Stephens Media Group in Cabot.

Angela Grossman is a missionary in Honduras through World Gospel Outreach.

Stephanie (Lewis) Hatton is working toward her master's degree in speech pathology at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock. She and husband **Jeff ('04)** live in Sherwood.

Nick Riddle joined the staff of Levy Church of North Little Rock as minister of music.

Aaron Rodgers and wife **Kristen (Cunningham)** live in Arkadelphia. Aaron is the youth minister at First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia and is currently taking long-distance courses from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas. Kristen works in the development office at Ouachita.

Princella Smith served as e-coordinator of the Maryland Senate campaign for Lt. Governor Michael Steele. She worked primarily out of Hanover, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Jonathan Stewart is working freelance in the film industry and has worked on many music videos, short films, reality television shows and feature films. He is currently finishing a screenplay for a feature film to be shot in 2008. Jonathan recently moved from Los Angeles to Austin, Texas.

MARRIAGES

1978

Carolyn (Hansen) to Thomas Rice, July 30, 2006, White Hall. **Dr. Bob Harper ('78)** was the officiating minister while **Welda Harper ('78)** and **Terri Savage Hankins ('78)** were also in attendance. The couple resides in White Hall.

1986

Sheila (Bearden) to Chris Patterson, April 22, 2006. They live in North Richland Hills, Texas.

Clifton Hobbs to Jenny, July 29, 2005. They live in Southern Indiana.

1988

Sharon (Harris) to James Warrick, October 8, 2005, Pine Bluff. The couple resides in Jacksonville, Florida.

1990

J. J. Kindred (f/s) to Pauline Corbett, June 24, 2006. They live in Maryville, Tennessee.

1994

Jerald Wayne Beard (f/s) to Jennifer Evelyn McClain, May 6, 2006. They live in Little Rock.

Drew Timms to Amy (Thompson), June 23, 2006, Honolulu, Hawaii. They reside in Spokane, Washington.

1997

Dr. Jason Bright to Dr. Tiffany Hatchett, Jekyll Island, Georgia. Both optometrists, they live in Little Rock.

Doug Dickens to Lauren Schell, July 29, 2006, Occidental, California. They reside in Brooklyn, New York.

Tommy Goucher to Karina Rose Wheeler, October 14, 2006.

Amanda Leigh Hohrine (f/s) to Nicholas Keith Bowen, October 7, 2006, Malvern. They reside in Malvern.

Christopher Meseke to Heather (Ketzner), July 8, 2006, Hot Springs.

Bryan Trimboli to Jenny Wild, March 11, 2006, Dallas, Texas. They reside in Fort Worth.

1998

Heshan Demel to Rozanne Perera, July 2006.

Julie (Burks) to Michael Medford, July 15, 2005, Kilgore, Texas. They reside in Tyler, Texas.

Virginia (Seamans) to William Raymer, June 10, 2006, McGehee. They reside in Edmond, Oklahoma.

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1999

Sandy (Mason) to Toke Mayes, September 3, 2006, Victoria, Texas. The couple resides in Arlington, Texas.

Emily Jane (Matthews) to Anthony Carroll Johnson, July 22, 2005, Little Rock. The couple lives in Maumelle.

Sarah (Robbins) to Ryan McClain, summer 2006.

J. Daniel Robertson to Anne (Norwood), June 10, 2006, Jasper, Texas. They reside in Fort Worth.

2000

Jessica (Guthrie) Baker to Keith Wilson, November 18, 2006. The couple lives in Benton.

Katherine Linn Hinkle (f/s) to Shane Henry, December 30, 2006.

Kyara Lewis to Tyler St. Amant, December 30, 2006, Hot Springs. They met at First Baptist Church in Kenner, Louisiana.

Mark McGowan to MySan Tran, December 17, 2005, Edmonton, AB, Canada. They live in Singapore.

Ashley Diane Medlin (f/s) to Shay Robert Robbins, December 9, 2006.

Monty Ray to Katherine (Woods), May 27, 2006.

Joshua Aaron Smith to Aubrey Lynn Hansen, August 12, 2006, Rogers. They live in Siloam Springs.

Andria Ward to Matthew Horton, October 28, 2006, Tyler, Texas.

2001

Rebecca Lynn (Elliff) to Ragan Chandler Washington, September 22, 2006, North Little Rock. The couple lives in Roxborough, Colorado.

Mauria Ellen (Jackson) to Nathan Paul Kemper, April 29, 2006. They reside in Fayetteville.

Emily (Maifield) to Adam Miller, February 25, 2006, Bartlesville, Oklahoma. They reside in Bartlesville.

Bridget Stroope to Paul A. Schmidt, June 17, 2006, Hot Springs.

2002

Lauren (Adams) to Luis Arguelles, December 30, 2006, Orlando, Florida. They live in New Britain, Connecticut.

Steven Dac Vuong to Rebekah Erin Perry, October 14, 2006, Little Rock. They live in North Little Rock.

Kara (Dexter) to Todd Davidson Bradford, July 1, 2006, Allen, Texas. They reside in Plano.

Catherine (Garrett) to Justin Acker, June 11, 2005, Aledo, Texas.

Emily (Harkreader) to Eric Lanting, October 22, 2005, DeRidder, Louisiana. They live in Aurora, Colorado.

Brandon Terrill Middleton to Tonya Denise Cannon, July 1, 2006. They reside in Little Rock.

Thomas Collier Moore to Kara Jill (Cain), May 27, 2006. They reside in Springdale.

Spencer Katherine (Pratt, f/s) to James Jarrod Key, June 2, 2006. They reside in Camden, Arkansas.

Heidi (Schneider) to Jack Yates, June 17, 2006, Nevada. They reside in Memphis, Tennessee.

Marcus Timothy Wright to Christina Marie Anna, September 16, Idabel, Okla.

2003

Kelly Erin (Bain) to Jeffrey Conkin, December 2, 2006, Waco, Texas.

Stephanie (Blocker) to Timothy Land, June 10, 2006, Hope. They live in Little Rock.

Caryn (Bridges) to Brian Bunch, May 13, 2006. They live in Mesquite, Texas.

Tracy (Denney) to Billy Moseley, June 3, 2006.

Joy (Hutcherson) to Zachary Josker, July 1, 2006, Collierville, Tennessee. They reside in San Diego.

Cristin (McBride) to Brandon Henckel, July 8, 2006, Billings, Montana. They live in Seattle, Washington.

Tiffany (McCarty) to Donnie Stephenson ('06), July 30, 2005, Greers Ferry. They live in Little Rock.

April Elaine (Meyer) to Adam Thomas Clark, June 17, 2006, North Little Rock. They reside in Little Rock.

Dana (Power) to John Cochran, May 27, 2006, Rayville, Louisiana. They reside in Lexington, Kentucky.

Timothy Hall Reynolds to Natalie Jane Anders, October 12, 2006.

Pamela (Stone) to Kyle Hookstra, March 25, 2006, Little Rock.

2004

Kathryn (Black) to Shawn Allen, July 8, 2006, Benton. They reside in Little Rock.

Jennifer Claire (Buck) to Jeffrey Scott Hendricks (current student), July 29, 2006, Hope. They live in Maumelle.

Colin Chandler to Kelli (Busby '06), May 20, 2006, Monticello.

Ashley (Dimsdle) to Jared Rhodes, March 4, 2006, Sunnyvale. They reside in Mesquite, Texas.

David Dockery to Andrea (Signaigo), July 1, 2006, Little Rock. They reside in Fayetteville.

Jean-Michael Hatton to Hannah (Brown '06), July 29, 2006, Tyler, Texas.

Jeff Hatton to Stephanie (Lewis '06), May 20, 2006, Sherwood. They live in Sherwood.

Nathan James to Natalie (Cooper), June 3, 2006, Benton.

Jill Marie (Johnson) to Russell Clayton Goodwin, July 15, 2006, Benton. They live in Rogers.

Adrienne (Mayo) to Jonathan Scoggin, June 10, 2006.

Joy "Chessie" (Mills) to Jason Holmes, May 23, 2006, Tulsa, Oklahoma. They live in Jonesboro.

Kimberly (Lavender) to Nicholas Scherer, January 6, 2007, Texarkana, Texas. They live in Colorado.

Iris Nguyen (Le) to Richard Hoyt Epting, October 14, 2006, Rogers. They live in Rogers.

Amy Jane (Price) to Tony James Talbert, July 1, 2006.

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April (Reeder) to Richard Daniel Smith, Jr., July 29, 2006, Little Rock. They live in Rogers.

Courtney Nicole (Stroud) to **Scott Steven Speights ('05)**, September 30, 2006, Arkadelphia.

Leah (Wright) to Jordan Seth Lillich, July 22, 2006, Glenwood.

2005

Wesley Benjamin to **Melanie (Jones '06)**, June 17, 2006, Berry Chapel, Arkadelphia.

Josh Blackwell to **Emily (Purvis)**, July 16, 2006, Alexandria, Louisiana. They reside in Ruston.

Chris Davis to **Jill (Hickey '06)**, July 1, 2006, Wynne, Arkansas. They reside in Memphis, Tennessee.

Elizabeth "Tizzie" (Elkins, f/s) to **Matthew M. Stewart (f/s)**, August 19, 2006, Berry Chapel, Arkadelphia. They live in Bryant.

Jessica (Heath) to Daniel Seale, July 1, 2006. They reside in Arkadelphia.

Greg Henderson to Brandie Free, August 12, 2006.

Chris Hinson to **Jessica (Guthrie '04)**, July 15, 2006, Berry Chapel, Arkadelphia. They reside in Little Rock.

Drew Huguen to **Amy (Kidwell)**, June 10, 2006.

Jamie (McCambell) to Brian Nivens, July 15, 2006, White Hall.

James Morgan to **Sarah (Stivers)**, July 22, 2006, Arkadelphia.

Staci (Morrow) to Justin Dean Leonard, June 24, 2006.

Amy (Packer) to **Brandon O'Brien**, December 31, 2005, Marshall, Texas. They reside in Wheaton, Illinois, where Brandon is finishing a masters degree at Wheaton College.

Tara (Reese) to Matt Thornton, July 8, 2006. They reside in Arkadelphia.

Drew Robinson to Amy (Samuels), June 10, 2006.

Rachel Elise (Rogers) to **Sloan Edward Morgan ('06)**, June 24, 2006, Arkadelphia. They reside in Fayetteville.

Rachel (Sidwell) to Ryan Durham, May 27, 2006, Alton, Illinois. They live in Springfield, Illinois.

Ashley Brooke (Starr) to **Brent Alan Thompson ('06)**, July 22, 2006.

Shawna (Whitley) to Chase Carter, August 12, 2006, Berry Chapel, Arkadelphia.

2006

Matthew Ross Cohen to **Blair Elizabeth (Howell)**, June 10, 2006, Heber Springs.

Lacy (Fleming) to Sam Glover, August 19, 2006, Little Rock. They reside in Conway.

Scott Haynes to **Katie (Holmes)**, May 27, 2006. They reside in Springfield, Missouri.

Jill (Hensarling) to Paul McKenzie, June 17, 2006, Plano, Texas.

Micah Hitt to **Amory (Reynolds)**, May 20, 2006.

Christopher Mark Lammers to Whitney Lea Rich, Little Rock, July 29, 2006. They live in Little Rock.

Amy (Lee) to **Brandon Howell (f/s '04)**, May 27, 2006, Hot Springs.

Terri (Major) to Chuck Flannagan, March 25, 2006, Plano, Texas. They live in Atlanta, Georgia.

Kasey (McKeever) to Lane Nine, August 26, 2006, Texarkana, Texas.

Eric Moffett to **Sherrill (Brownfield)**, June 10, 2006.

Josh Robles to **Melani (Bridges)**, June 16, 2006, Destin, Florida. They reside in Arkadelphia.

Aaron Rodgers to **Kristen (Cunningham '06)**, May 27, 2006, Sherwood. They reside in Arkadelphia.

Jerad Sears to **Katy (Gill)**, July 1, 2006, Plano, Texas.

Leah (Tobey) to Blake Ellis, June 3, 2006, Little Rock. They reside in Conway.

Current Students

Canon Chandler to Jessica Nickerson, August 12, 2006, Arkadelphia.

FUTURE TIGERS

1979

David Martin and wife Jill, daughter Ava, February 23, 2006.

1988

Carole (Clark) Wright and husband Jimmy, daughter Julianna Grace, May 20, 2006. She joins big sister Monica and big brother Christopher. Dad's new baby girl came only a few hours before he walked his older daughter down the aisle.

1991

Laura (Hill) Bichlmeier and husband Tim, son Brock

Edward, January 7, 2006.

Corey and Christi (Dodd) Gillum, son Carson Barnes, August 10, 2006. He joins siblings Caylie and Christian.

Dr. Belinda (Burnett) Hutcheson and husband James, son Andrew Locke, March 23, 2006. He joins big sister Katie (5) and big brother Nathan (3).

1992

Sandra (Corbell) Bishop and husband Thad, daughter Audrey Kathryn, January 14, 2006. She joins big brother Will (3).

Nica (Vernon) Carson and husband Doug, daughter Avery Brooke, October 17, 2006. She joins siblings Blaire (3 1/2) and Graham (2).

Lance and **Jennifer (DeVorak) Faddis**, daughter Hope Aslan, June 2, 2006. She joins big brother Luke (4) and sister Sara (2).

Craig and Melanie (Cicero '93) Jenkins, son Rett Kenneth, September 24, 2005. He joins big brothers Ryan (10) and Reid (7).

Dana (Roberts) and Greg O'Neal, son Andrew James, July 21. He joins big brother Geoffrey (13) and big sister Kristen (11).

1993

Eric and Renae (Green '91) Carrouth, daughter Reagan Nicole, April 28, 2006.

Paula (Jayroe) Erwin and husband Jeff, son Jack Henry, August 31, 2006. He joins big sister Emma Claire.

Eric Herndon and wife **Remie (Davenport, f/s)**, daughter Addison "Addie" Kate,

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May 19, 2006. She was welcomed by big brother Caleb (12) and big sister Karaline (5).

Todd and Ronda (Webb, f/s) Self, daughter Cameron Elizabeth, December 16, 2005.

1994

Tara (Morley) Foster and husband Nathan, son Jonah Beach, June 3, 2006.

Wes and Lesley (Poteet) Hamilton, adopted daughter Gabrielle "Elle" Annice Hamilton, April 20, 2006. She joins big brother Jake (6).

Kristi (Jackson) Herring and husband Scott, daughter Paige Dannell, March 20, 2006, Flower Mound, Texas. She joins big brother Carter (8) and big sister Audrey (5).

Renee (Meharg) King and husband Christopher, son Hunter Seth King, March 1, 2005, Russellville. He joins big brother Haydn.

1995

Virgil Hellums and wife Tonya, son Jarrett Chandler, July 11, 2006.

Brice Hester and wife Rikki, daughter Rachel Mackenzie, November 14, 2006.

Shawn and LaRissa (Warren '96) Kemp, daughter Abigail Faith, May 12, 2006. She joins siblings James (9), Grace (8) and Katie (6).

Melissa (Whitehead) Krebs and husband Brett, daughter Lydia Hope, March 23, 2006. She joins siblings Morgan (3) and Grace (6).

Chad Lockwood and wife **Laura**, son Elliot DeLaughter on May 3, 2006.

Mark Madison and wife Tina, son Thomas Christopher, March 9, 2006. He joins big sister Courtney and big brother Joshua.

Mark and Mary Claire (Proctor '97) Maier, daughter Morgan Annalise, April 14, 2006. She joins big sister Hannah (3) and big brother Seth (2).

Linda (Hanrahan) Steinmeyer and husband Bryan, daughter Kyndall, March 20, 2006. She joins big sisters Kayla (5) and Kirsten (4).

Donnita (Bell) Tubbs and husband Donald, son Justin Sawyer, May 8, 2006. He joins big sister Katie Grace (4).

1996

Shannon (Littman) Brown and husband Eric, daughter Bailey Ann, November 13, 2005.

Heather (Harris) Callaway and husband **Dan (f/s '86)**, son Cole Harris, September 26, 2006. He joins big brother Jack and big sister Katie.

Leslie (Tapson) Harper and husband Jason, daughter Avery Claire, October 22, 2005. She joins big sister Chloe.

Jana (Barnard) King and husband John, daughter Juliana Faith, July 26, 2006. She joins big brother Jaden (5).

Clay and Lori (Williams '95) Partridge, daughter Emerson Claire, September 22, 2006. She joins big sister Mary Kate (4).

Amy (Blackwood) Sparks and husband Eric, son Owen, September 8, 2006. He joins big sister Lily (2).

Frances Denise Wilhelm, daughter Emma Laci McDaniel, January 9, 2005. She joins big brother Tommy (13).

1997

Lane and Betsy (Bell '00) Bailey, Gowen Lane, June 14, 2006.

Charles-Ryan and Angel (Cannell '98) Duncan, son Lucas James, February 4, 2006. He joins big brothers Connor Ryan (2) and Joseph Michael (3).

Stephanie and Joel Gaddis, daughter Elisabeth, August 29, 2006. She joins big brother Benjamin (2).

Jason and Allyson (Denton '00) Greenwich, daughter Julia Luciana, October 4, 2006. She joins big brother Jake (4).

Allison (Miles) Kennedy and husband Jay, daughter Alden Claire, July 16, 2006. She joins big brother Jake (3).

Dr. Mary Beth (Barton) Long and husband Chris (both Ouachita professors), daughter Vivian, August 11, 2006. She joins big sister Rose (3).

Holly (Smith) Norton and husband Paul, daughter Julia Kathryn, June 7, 2006.

Clayton Owen and wife Sarah, daughter Eloise, June 2006.

Danny and Amber (Dean '04) Prescott, daughter Reagan Elizabeth, April 6, 2006.

Marc and Charity (Feemster '99) Verlander, daughter Bailey Madison, July 8, 2006. She joins big sister Cerys Mackenzie (3).

Karen (Temple) Walker and husband Keiffer, daughter Isabella Roxanne, February 21, 2006.

Julie (Packwood) Welch and husband Scott, daughter Danielle Marie, September 23, 2006.

Richard and Brandi (Byrd '95) Womack, adopted Reid

(2) and Ross (3) from Medellin, Columbia. They join big brothers Richard (8) and Rhett (5).

1998

Patti (Blackard) and Greg ('99) Alexander, son Grayson Ryan, April 24, 2006.

Gwen (Bagwell) Couthren and husband Gary, daughter Garasyn, January 24, 2006. She is welcomed by big brother Garrett.

Liz (Smith) Evan and husband Tim, son Nathaniel John, September 21, 2006.

Sarah (Pennington) Fairchild and husband Keith, son George Braxton, April 21, 2006.

Matt and Laura (Blakely) Harrison, son Blakely Harrison, June 28, 2006.

Shannon and Shelley (Strickler) Hodges, son Landon Clay, December 19, 2005.

Mark and Heidi (Warren '97) Jansen, son William Barrett, April 15, 2006. He joins big sister Abigail (3).

Etta (Waller) Linton and husband Michael, son Jaden Michael, June 1, 2006. He joins big brother Jamie (3).

Melissa (Alvey) Presley and husband Mark, son Mark Whitehead Presley III ("Champ"), April 10, 2006.

Leigh (Russom) Rogers and husband Mike, twin boys Jarrett Paul and Jude Patterson, January 24, 2006. They join big sister Jenna (4).

Bert Spann and wife Amanda, son Cole Jackson, February 14, 2006.

Stephen and Melode (Rose) Strawn, daughter Samantha Rose, May 5, 2006.

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Holly (Brooks) Stout and husband Todd, son Henry Brooks, October 27, 2006.

1999

Chris and Amy (Bridges '00) Babb, daughter Millie Katherine, September 7, 2006. She joins big brother Carter.

Rebekah (Spencer) Bryant and husband **Doug (current student)**, daughter Elisabeth Grace, July 16, 2006.

Chad and Danielle (Carey '98) Collins, daughter Emily Grace, October 24, 2006.

T. K. (Zellers) Crabtree and husband Danny, son Peyton Kyle, October 3, 2006.

Tad and Monica (Leagans '98) Hardin, son Isaac Alexander, December 7, 2006. He joins big brother Zachary (2).

Stacy (Wood) Hart and husband Paul, daughter Morgan Kate, June 27, 2006. She joins big sister Avery (2).

Doug and Ann (Browning '98) Hibbard, son Steven Woodward, August 10, 2006. He joins big sisters Olivia (5) and Angela (3).

Aaron and April (Allen) Hobbs, daughter Cara Ashlyn, October 18, 2006. She joins big sister Kaitlin (2).

Aaron and Heather (Nance) Kirchhefer, son Brennan Elijah, April 7, 2006. He joins big brother Conner Joseph (2).

Krista (Thomas) Malin and husband Mark, son Caleb Thomas, April 19, 2005. He joins siblings Christian (5) and Cara (2).

Raygan (Purifoy) Metcalf and husband Antonio, son Ryan, July 2006. He joins big brother T.J.

Justin and Kari (Stewart) Moseley, daughter Lillian Kate, June 15, 2006. She joins big sisters Abby (4) and Hallie (1).

Jordan and Tracy (Smith) Thomas, son Caleb Duncan, May 16, 2006. He joins sisters Taylor (5) and Kaitlyn (3) and brother Andrew (2).

Scott and Olivia (Clinehens '00) Witherspoon, son Samuel Garrison, December 14, 2005.

2000

Daniel Ang and wife Jessica, son Malachi, September 28, 2006.

Ashley (Stacy) Bell and husband Joshua, son Evan Joseph, January 10, 2006.

Allison (Ray) Brake and husband Peter, daughter Ava Grace, September 3, 2006.

Jeremy and Ann (Daniel '98) Greenwich, son Caleb Joel, May 4, 2006. He joins big brother Gabe (2).

Cody and Jordan (Douglas '02) Malone, son Jack Stratton, June 23, 2006.

Jeffrey Verlander and wife Rebecca, son Spencer Carl, March 5, 2006. He joins big brother Jacob (2).

Roger Walton and wife Ruzanna, daughter Lia Ann, June 2, 2006. The family lives in Yerevan, Armenia.

2001

Doug and Jessica (Coleman) Connell, daughter Marantha Pearl, June 4, 2006, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. She joins big brothers Ethan (4) and Baxter (2).

J.R. Eldridge and wife Audrey, son John R. "Jack," September 29, 2006.

Jared and Stephanie (Sisson) Green, son Jackson Thomas, March 29, 2006.

Justin and Ashley (Fincher '03) Franz, son Bradley Clark, May 26, 2006.

Brandon and Susanne (Kurth) Jeffus, daughter Bailee Corday, September 29, 2006.

2002

Stacie (Smith) Bowling and husband Jon, daughter Abigail Lynn, June 29, 2006.

Hunter and Julie (Cooper) Burroughs, daughter Kylie Elizabeth, September 20, 2006.

Stephen and Holly (Horne) Carlisle, daughter Abby Anne, October 16, 2006.

Abby (Ware) Chou and husband Eric, daughter Calla Lynn, June 24, 2004.

Kimberly (Denham) and Matt ('03) Cleveland, daughter Allison Grace, January 12, 2006.

Natalie (Putnam) and Ross (f/s) Jagers, son Colton Tye,

March 30, 2006.

2003

Mark and Laura (Witherspoon '03) Day, son Jack Riley, June 30, 2006.

Sara (Johnson) Holloway and husband Reece, daughter Brecca Lynn, June 15, 2006.

Jarrod and Laura (Dill) Morris, son Micah Elliot, October 30, 2006.

Mary Ann and Carl ('00) Weathford, son John Caldwell, May 18, 2006.

Jon and Sascha (Lowery) Webb, daughter Isabella Grace, January 11, 2006.

2004

Jennifer (Wilkins) Collier and husband Matthew, son Matthew Walter, September 10, 2006.

Billy and Martina (f/s) Francis, daughter Makenna Rayne, August 5, 2006. She joins big brothers Billy, Jr. (4) and Tyler (2).



Students in NSSLHA, along with Dr. Nancy (Whitten) Hardman ('79), organized a tree lighting ceremony in December.

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Faculty/Staff

Erik Forrest and wife Deanne, daughter Natalie Kae, May 4, 2006. She joins sisters Isabelle, Abigail and Madison.

Krista Peppers and husband David, daughter Sophie Claire, June 19, 2006. She joins big sister Catherine.

Dr. Marty Perry and wife Susan, daughter Siena, May 12, 2006.

DEATHS

1928

Anita Baker Reasoner (f/s), May 28, 2006, Little Rock.

1932

Sarah (Hardage) York, October 22, 2006, Hot Springs.

1934

Betty Sue (Cunningham) Lowry (f/s), August 1, 2006, Little Rock.

1936

Colonel E. M. Sleeker, May 13, 2006, Annapolis, Maryland. He was interred with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on June 26, 2006.

Dr. Sarah (Lowrey) Varnell, July 10, 2006, Ramona, California.

1937

Reverend Ray Langley, August 16, 2006, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife Thelma.

1939

C.E. Doyle, Jr., May 7, 2006, San Antonio, Texas. He is survived by his wife, **Maude Sue (Johnson '38) Doyle**.

G. William "Bill" Smith, May 9, 2006, Fordyce (Former Trustee).

1941

Arthur A. Dulaney, October 20, 2005.

Louise (Hearne) Ellis, September 16, 2006, Pine Bluff. She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Ellis Fox.

Mildred (Vester) Holder, December 17, 2005, Fort Smith.

1942

Jacqueline (Click) Warren, August 25, 2006, Waycross, Georgia.

1943

Richard Emory "Pud" Deese (f/s), February 23, 2006, Auburn, Alabama.

1944

Naomi (McKee) Abernathy, September 10, 2006, Arlington, Virginia.

William L. "Bill" Lindvall, September 20, 2006, Malvern.

1945

Evelyn (Fox) Skelton, December 4, 2004, Birmingham, Alabama.

1946

Doris (Minton) Burns, July 21, 2006, Shreveport, Louisiana.

1948

Frank David Bennett, 2005. He is survived by wife **Helen (Mundie '47)** of Pineville, Louisiana.

E.T. "Buck" May, August 12, 2006, El Dorado. Survived by wife Alice Mary May, sons John W. May II, Tommy May and daughter Nancy Goodwin.

Norene Elizabeth (Allen) Reed, October 28, 2006, Grady. She is survived by her husband **Raymond ('48)**, son Richard Reed and daughter Alyce Abney.

1949

Reverend Harold Plunkett, October 22, 2006, Hartford.

1950

John Doyle Wise, September 26, 2006, Little Rock. He is survived by two daughters, Melody Anne Wise and Cynthia Wise-Shell, and one son, John Doyle Wise, Jr.

1951

Charles R. Honea, September 17, 2006, Lake Jackson, Texas.

John R. Wiseman, July 16, 2006, North Little Rock. He is survived by his wife **Georgiana (Blair '51)**.

1952

Richard Duffie, July 31, 2006, Hope.

1953

Mary Sue (McDonald) Balentine, June 28, 2006, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Willie Jo (Pierce) Hipps, September 16, 2006, Arkadelphia. She is survived by her husband, Billy Hipps, son Kevin Hipps and daughter Jo Carol Butler.

1954

F. Kenneth Taylor, May 27, 2006.

1955

Betsy "Candy" (Ross) Brar, September 18, 2006, Dallas, Texas.

John Kenneth Presswood, June 30, 2006, Northrup, Colorado (formerly of Baton Rouge, Louisiana)

1960

Dr. Elbert Bryan Duke Jr., June 12, 2006, Forrest City.

Thurston J. Lewis (f/s), June 12, 2006, Arkadelphia.

1961

Glenna Jean Self, August 19, 2006, West Helena.

Ernest Arthur Whitten, July 2, 2006, Hot Springs.

1967

Johnny L. Heflin, October 26, 2006, Little Rock. Survived by wife **Sharon (Windham '67)** and sons **Jay ('93)** and **Marc ('95)**.

1969

Jerry Beth Jamison Alderman (f/s), May 13, 2006, Mena.

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1970

Timothy R. Nelson, October 23, 2006, Hooks, Texas. Survived by children Stacie Nelson-Buckley, Damien Nelson and Timothy L. Nelson.

Louise (Hill) Golden, November 27, 2006, Rogers. Survived by husband **John Golden** ('68) and children Jatane Golden and **Melissa (Golden) Glidden** (f/s '04).

Cynthia E. Williams, June 29, 2006, Dallas, Texas.

1972

Byzie Lee Parr, August 16, 2006, North Little Rock. He is survived by his wife Jeanette, four children and eight grandchildren.

1973

William R. "Bill" Hodges, September 7, 2006, Omaha, Arkansas. He is survived by his wife **Diana (Henderson '73)**.

1974

Connie Haynie North, June 2006, of Gray, Georgia (formerly of Little Rock).

1975

Wallace Austin Tarpley, November 19, 2006, Little Rock. He is survived by his wife **Frances (Shackelford '74 and M.S.E. '80)**.

1976

Gregory Trawick Harrelson (f/s), June 20, 2006, Heber Springs.

1977

Lee Ann (Thacker) Moore, September, 2006, Sherwood. She is survived by her husband **Ronnie** ('77).

1979

Reverend Arthur Garland Brackett, September 12, 2006, Arkadelphia. He is survived by his wife Annetta.

1988

Julie Rene (Voegele) Orr, October 10, 2006, Cabot. She is survived by her husband Jeff Orr and daughters Jessica (15) and Jillian (10).

2000

Ashley (Pittman) Scott, November 23, 2006, Cordova, Tennessee.

Faculty, Staff & Friends

Dr. John W. Balay, August 28, 2006, Arkadelphia. He is survived by his wife Eula Balay, children Richard Balay, Michael Balay, Kathryn Genge and Kellye Wood.

Dr. J. W. Cady, September 8, 2006, Texarkana, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Claire, and one son.

Sandra Wilson Cherry, August 1, 2006, Little Rock.

Dr. Tom Greer, November 15, 2006, Arkadelphia. He is survived by his wife Angie and sons John and Kent. Dr. Greer was the current chairman of Ouachita's English department.

Dr. E. G. "Graham" Harrell, September 16, 2006, Platteville, Wisconsin. Dr. Harrell was head of the math department in 1936-1937.

John Henry Hooseman, May 13, 2006, Hot Springs (Former Trustee).

Dr. Robert William Stagg, July 12, 2006, Arkadelphia. Dr. Stagg taught in Ouachita's religion department for 30 years. He was the Mae F. Fuller Chair of Bible and Professor Emeritus of Bible.

CORRECTIONS

We mistakenly reported the death of Dorothy "Dot" Gatling in the Summer 2006 edition of the Circle. Mrs. Gatling is healthy and living in Morrilton.

A memorial donation was made in honor of Kristopher Van Barrett. He was incorrectly identified as Kristopher Van Baker. We apologize for the error.

Johnny Heflin

Alumnus, Trustee, Friend



Ouachita honors the life and memory of Johnny Heflin, a man of unquestionable character, unparalleled leadership and inspiring vision. His influence helped shape our university. His passion was exceptional. His legacy will be felt for generations.

Our gratitude is immeasurable.

Colleagues remember Tom Greer as their friend,

The White Rabbit

Dr. Tom Greer, chairman of the department of English and the Clarence and Bennie Sue Anthony Professor of Bible and the Humanities, passed away following a heart attack on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Soon after learning of his death, faculty members began sharing memories of the teacher and colleague they knew as "The White Rabbit."

"Tom Greer was a true pillar of this institution," said Dr. Trey Berry, professor of history. "He meant so much to so many people. When I came to

say about a person."

Greer played key roles throughout the life of one of his former students.

"Dr. Greer was a very important person in my life," said Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the school of humanities. "I've known him since I was nine years old, and he was one of my professors in college. He even married Deborah and me. It's been meaningful to me to serve on the same faculty as him for the past 16 years."

Greer's energy earned him an endearing nickname, given by a colleague.

"I came to Ouachita in the 1970s, and Tom Greer was busy with lots and lots of projects," said Dr. Johnny Wink, Betty Burton Peck Professor of English. "He was a force of nature. He always seemed to me to be late, late for a very important date, and his hair was already white."

Wink said that Greer reminded him of the White Rabbit from *Alice in Wonderland*, and bestowed that nickname on him.

"He was just such a beautiful, kind, loving person who was interested in everything," said Dr. Tom Auffenberg, R. Voyt Hill Professor of History. "I think his biggest legacy was how many people he sent to China—the dozens and dozens of lives that he opened that world up to."

Greer's love for the East Asian country has become well-known. He served as a coordinator for Ouachita's student and faculty exchange with Peking University in Beijing.

"What you have to remember about him is how he influenced our lives," Wink said. "He fell in love with China in the 1980s, and hundreds have gone to China because of him. Anyone who's been to China from Ouachita was because of Tom."

The connection between Ouachita and Peking has reached beyond the institutions

A Conversation With Tom

by Johnny Wink

Susan said at the kitchen table one night,
"The absence of his energy is palpable."
I knew as soon as she said it how utterly right
She'd gotten it with her perfect palpable.
The air is pregnant with your absence, Tom.
The Bugtruck is full of you, gone, vanished.
You thunder through our whereabouts,
Carping about George Bush, raving of China,
Trying to get Everybody and his dog to go there.
We cannot get rid of you, O dear Bai Tu,
Although we'd sort of like to now, given the pain
The hurricane of your going has caused to rise in us.
Winds rising. Seas of grief churning in so many of us.
Rivers of grief coursing in me, coursing into my office.
Jay Curlin in tears, coming to tell me you'd died,
Dear Yvonne Cloud, having come to cry on my shoulder,
Rivers of grief coursing through the phone lines,
Pulsing through my computer, Dacus writing to tell
Me he'd lost a father in you, Christen calling
To tell me Grant Ragland is lost in China, lost
In his grief, lost in a river of grief, George lost in Japan,
Greg writing To tell of his broken heart, Jeff writing
To say he's coming in from the Delta. A gentle giant
Of a man calling my house in tears, a gentle giant, a brilliant artist,
A man I came to adore when you got us together in China.
Tears on the hill, the hill you and Angie turned into a work
Of botanical art (ah, do you recall the camellias,
Do you remember how you cut some for Susan's dear mother,
Cody, as she lay dying?) Tears on the hill. I had the first
Of my big bash of tears (O, when will the last be!)
In the arms of your beautiful Angie, there on the hill
Y'all made beautiful. Tears in the eyes of your beautiful sons,
Rivers of grief on the hill, in the Bugtruck, in China, Japan,
Indiana. Old Washington, Louisiana and Lord knows
Where all else the hurricane of your going has gone to.
And Angela Harger just wrote a poem about you
She called the thing "Force Of Nature," she saw
The thing through, she got at the heart of dear you.
Sweet Jordan Simmons, in tears, she stayed up
All night, she drew us a rabbit, drew characters from China,
Characters that spell out "Tom." O, dear White Rabbit,
Angie and a whole lot of other folks and I are more
Than a little bit miffed at you and your palpable absence.
You left us so quickly, left leaves on the hill unraked,
You gave us every good hope you weren't going away
When you said to the guys that took you out on the stretcher,
"Don't put that sheet over me. You'll make it look
Like I'm sick." And one of the guys said, "Sir, we have to cover
You with the sheet. It's raining outside." And, boy, was he right
About that. The winds rising. The rain coming on, gusts turning
To storm, the dark hurricane of your going coming furiously on.

In this poem, in this stab at a conversation with palpably absent you,
I've used the word China six times, a fact that I know for a fact
Would make you quite happy, could I just figure out how
To get it to you at your brand new address in Eternity.



Ouachita [as a student] there were a handful of professors that everyone said you had to take, and Greer was one of them."

When Greer began teaching at Ouachita in 1977 he already knew Dr. Joe Jeffers, dean of the J.D. Patterson School of Natural Sciences. As pastor of First Baptist Church of Prescott, Greer had traveled to Israel with Charlotte Jeffers' parents.

"He was just a good buddy," said Jeffers. "He was a good confidante. He was the best wordsmith I knew, and at funerals his words were always beautifully crafted, beautifully delivered without wasting any words. He just had a gift for putting the right sentiment in the right words."

Once Greer joined the faculty, Jeffers traveled to Russia and Kazakhstan with him, and the two formed a friendship.

"Tom Greer was just a really good friend," Jeffers said. "That's the best thing you could

to touch the lives of individuals, as well.

"I know that he was in constant contact with hundreds of people in China, and for these [instant] messages will be silent," Berry said. "But I'm sure their hearts will be full of the memories that they have of their American friend."

These bicontinental relation-

ships may be Greer's greatest legacy.

"There are not just hundreds of people grieving here," Berry said. "But there are hundreds of people grieving on the opposite side of this planet in China. Not many of us get to make an impact on the world in our lifetime. Tom is one of those people who did." • by Myra Houser

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