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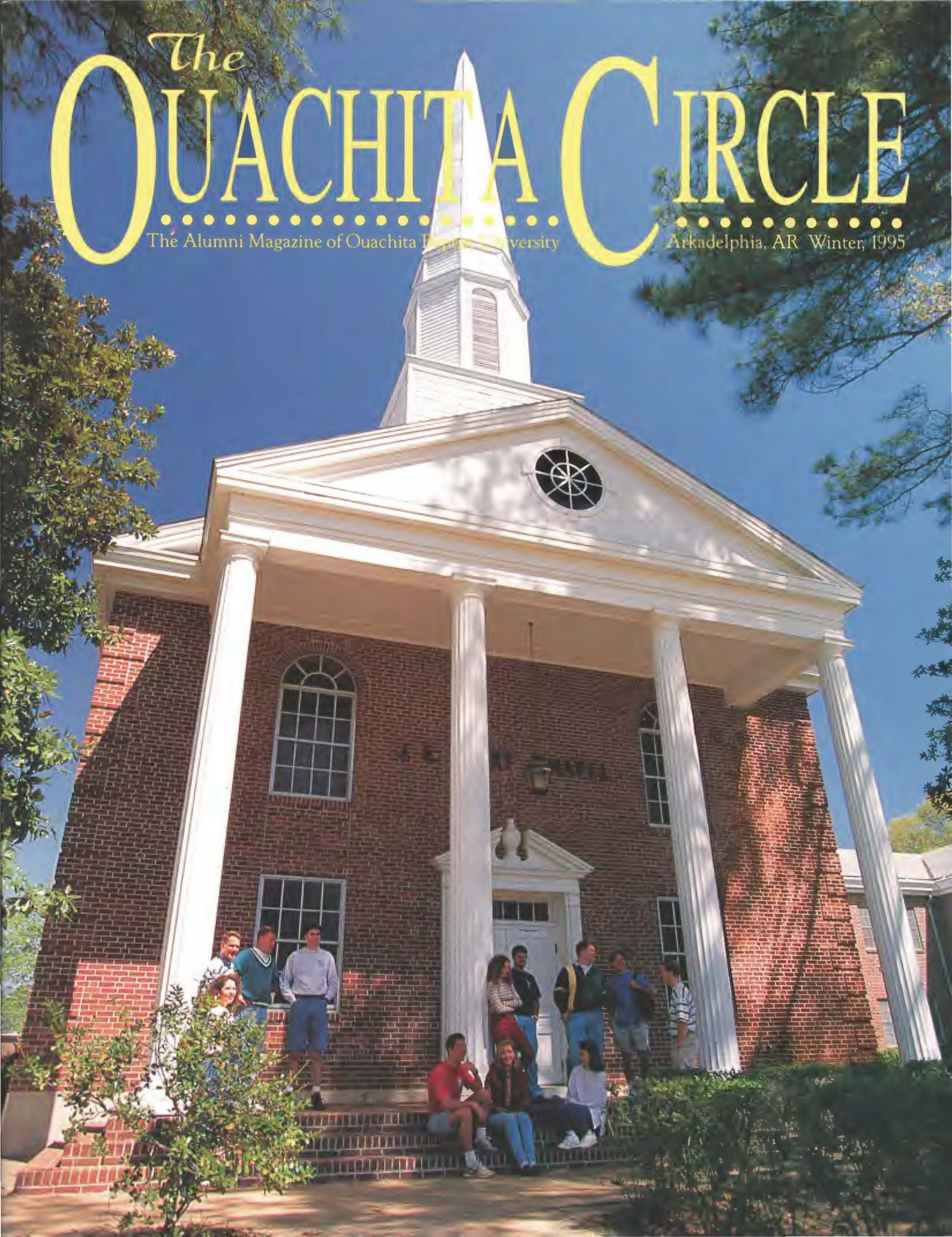
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# The OUACHITA CIRCLE

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Arkadelphia, AR Winter, 1995





## A Word from the President ...

Augusta Koen Boatright was recently elected by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to a term on our Board of Trustees. Mrs. Boatright, who graduated in 1939, has a very interesting story about how she came to attend Ouachita College.

Having been impressed by Ouachita students who served on the staff at Siloam Springs Assembly, Augusta determined that Ouachita was where she wanted to continue her education. After completing her studies at Arkansas Polytechnic, then a two-year school, she taught for a year at Alpena, and then planned to enter Ouachita, though like many in the 1930s, she did not have the resources in hand.

One Sunday afternoon, she walked the two-and-one-half miles to the home of the Sunday School superintendent at her church, First Baptist in Russellville, to ask him to co-sign on the loan which would finance her education at Ouachita. She told him of her plan to earn a degree and become a school teacher. He agreed to help, and advised Augusta to strive for more education in order to be more effective in the work of the Kingdom of God. Augusta entered Ouachita in the summer of 1938, completed her degree in the summer of 1939, and became a teacher. Later, she and her husband, Truman, repaid the loan.

After a long, distinguished teaching career, Augusta retired from Fort Smith Northside High School. She and her husband live near Alma where they are active members of the First Baptist Church. They have given generously of their time to Ouachita in recent years as Mrs. Boatright has been a member of the FSA Advisory Board and the Tiger Network. When she and Truman made a provision in their wills for Ouachita, they were also inducted into the Second Century Group.

I am grateful for the service that Augusta Boatright has given to Ouachita in the past, and I look forward to her contribution as a trustee. That long, hot walk she made many years ago illustrates the love that she feels for her Alma Mater. Like so many other of our former students, her loyalty to Ouachita has grown even stronger through the years. Her husband, though not a Ouachita graduate, shares her enthusiasm for the university. I thank God for such stalwart friends of Ouachita!

*Dr. C. E. Clark*

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## Homecoming 1994 2-3

*Tiffeny Thompson, 1993 Homecoming Queen, congratulates April Shields following her crowning as the 1994 Homecoming Queen.*

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*On the Cover: Berry Bible Building*

*From club reunions and the crowning of the queen,  
to cheering for the Tigers and the entertainment of Tunes,  
the Ouachita family gathered to celebrate...*

# Homecoming 1994

Homecoming activities at Ouachita on November 11-12 featured an AIC football game against Arkansas Tech, a campus carnival, a prospective student emphasis, an open house for the remodeled Cone-Bottoms administration building, an alumni buffet, campus tours, social club reunions, and the 16th annual Tiger Tunes.

As part of the weekend activities, the admissions counseling office hosted approximately 150 high school students from Arkansas and surrounding states for a President's Leadership Forum (PLF).

Friday activities included a reunion dinner for Ouachita graduates and former students, sponsored by the Former Students Association. Musical entertainment at the dinner was provided by Keldon Henley ('86) and his wife, Celeste, accompanied by Lisa Nevin

Moxley ('84).

Following Tiger Tunes that evening, a Homecoming carnival was held in the plaza area of Evans Student Center, sponsored by the Student Senate. The booths



**REUNION** • Alumni and their families visit on the lawn in front of McClellan Hall during Saturday morning activities.

were organized by various groups on campus.

Events for Saturday morning included Student Association Fellowships held at various locations on campus, and the FSA Alumni Buffet in the Banquet Room of Evans Student Center.

The pre-game Homecoming ceremonies began at 1:30, followed by the AIC football game between the Ouachita Tigers and the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys at 2 p.m. The game, which the Tigers narrowly lost 17-14, marked the end

of Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference football play (see page 15).

A total of 33 Ouachita students competed for the 1994 Ouachita Homecoming Queen title.

April Shields, a senior sociology major from Jonesboro, was elected by the student body as the 1994 Homecoming Queen. Her court included Erin Crumley of Denver, Colo., first runner-up; Jenny Mills of Arkadelphia, second runner-up; Brandi Byrd of Woodlawn, third runner-up; and Misty Brewer of Pine Bluff, fourth runner-up.

Harold Johnson ('59) and his wife, Jessie, hosted 25 Ouachitonians from the classes of 1958, 1959, and 1960 in

their home for an After-Game Fellowship. Other after-game meetings were held in Evans Student

Center where a buffet supper was provided and meeting rooms were set aside for the class groups.

This year's Homecoming celebration also included the 16th annual Tiger Tunes, a popular musical variety program sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF).

The show featured eight campus clubs and organizations competing for cash prizes by presenting short musical parodies, along with musical performances by a select group of eight campus vocalists who served as hosts

and hostesses for Tiger Tunes.

Taking first place were the men of Kappa Chi. Second place was awarded to Chi Delta Women's Social Club, third

place to the Baptist Student Union, and fourth place to Tri Chi Women's Social Club.



**FINALE** • The Tiger Tunes hosts and hostesses perform a segment of their finale titled "Songs of the Silver Screen."



**TIGER OFFENSE** • Maurice Fields looks for an open field against the defense of Arkansas Tech. The Wonder Boys handed Ouachita a Homecoming defeat in the final AIC game.

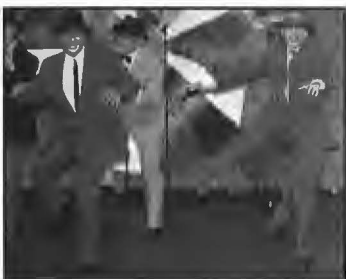
**MEMORIES** • Janet Jernigan ('74) glances through a yearbook as her husband, Frank Heft (left), and Ken Wasson ('74) look on. The group visited during their after-game fellowship in Evans Student Center.



**QUEEN & COURT** • Members of the 1994 Homecoming court are Erin Crumley, first runner-up; Brandi Byrd, third runner-up; April Shields, homecoming queen; Misty Brewer, fourth runner-up; and Jenny Mills, second runner-up.



# Tiger Tunes



First Place  
Kappa Chi  
"All in the Family"



Second Place  
Chi Delta  
"Pirates All Aboard Now"



Third Place  
BSU  
"Jailbirds Bustin' Loose"



Fourth Place  
Tri Chi  
"Age of the Astronaut"



# Anthony Hall dedicated during fall ceremony

Several hundred students, faculty, and alums were on hand on Saturday, October 8, for the dedication ceremony for Bennie Sue and Clarence Anthony Hall. The building, completed this fall, serves as the residence hall for 144 men.

Jeral Hampton, chairman of Ouachita's Board of Trustees, spoke at the ceremony, reflecting on his association with Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and their long-time commitment to Ouachita. Mark White, a senior political science and communications major and the co-editor of the Ouachita Signal, expressed thanks for the new facility on behalf of the student body. David Ortiz, senior chemistry major and the president of the

Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, and Ryan Fray, senior business administration major and president of the Student Senate, offered prayers at the beginning and the conclusion of the ceremony. White and Ortiz are charter residents of the new hall.

In his remarks, Dr. Ben Elrod thanked the Anthonys for their years of service on Ouachita's Board of Trustees. "Now our students, and everyone who comes by this beautiful addition to the campus, will know of the high regard with which the trustees, faculty, staff, and students of Ouachita hold these long-time friends," said Elrod.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony made brief comments, intro-



**DEDICATION** • Dr. Elrod introduces Clarence Anthony during the dedication ceremony of the Bennie Sue and Clarence Anthony Hall. The ceremony was held in Jones Performing Arts Center in conjunction with Parents' Day activities.

ducing members of their family and expressing joy in their association with Ouachita.

Anthony Hall was designed by Lewis, Elliott and

Studer Architects of Little Rock and built by Vratsinas Construction Company, also of Little Rock.

## Administrative offices move to Cone-Bottoms

Ouachita's administrative offices were relocated in late December and early January to Cone-Bottoms Hall, the 1923 campus landmark that served for many years as a dormitory for women. The first floor of the building houses admissions counseling, alumni, financial aid, and the business office. Academic affairs, the registrar, career planning and placement, and computer services are located on the second floor. The third floor contains the President's office, administrative affairs, and development.

The formal dedication ceremony for the building is planned to coincide with a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday, March 9.



**NIX HONORED** • Dr. and Mrs. Ben Elrod pose with Dr. and Mrs. Joe Nix following a dinner held in honor of Dr. Nix at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in October. Former students and friends of Nix held the event in honor of his 28 years of service to Ouachita. Nix, who was the W. D. and Alice Burch Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies, is now working for the Arkadelphia-based Ross Foundation. (left) Steve Gonzales of Arkadelphia, David Ortiz of Pine Bluff and Dr. and Mrs. Dick Phelan of Benton visit at the dinner.



Photos courtesy of Phyllis Brandon, Arkansas Democrat Gazette.

# Sturgis Trust provides piano in honor of Dr. Trantham

The School of Music has been given a concert grand Baldwin piano by the Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Educational Trust of Malvern.

The piano was given in honor of Dr. William Trantham, who for over three decades was a professor of music at Ouachita until his retirement last spring.

The instrument is being used by company choirs and singing groups in the choral room at Malvern Fine Arts Center.

"We are glad that we could

do something for someone so special as Dr. Trantham," said Katie Speer of Malvern, trustee of the Sturgis Trust.

Trantham said he was "honored" that the piano had been given to Ouachita in his name. "It is a beautiful piano."

Dr. Charles Wright, dean of the OBU School of Music, expressed appreciation for the Sturgis gift. "We will have this piano for many years to enjoy," he said. "All of us in the Ouachita School of Music are grateful to Mrs. Speer for making it possible."

## SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED

### The Ruth and George Jordan Endowed Music Scholarship Fund

Ruth Jordan of Camden, Arkansas, has established The Ruth and George Jordan Endowed Music Scholarship Fund at Ouachita, to be funded from the principal of a gift annuity. The agreement governing use of income from the fund directs that recipients must be juniors or seniors majoring in some form of church music ministry. The School of Music faculty will be responsible for choosing the recipients each year.

Ruth Abernathy Jordan is a 1934 Ouachita graduate, a current member of the Development Council, and a former trustee, as was her husband, George, now deceased. There are two sons, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) George Jordan, Jr. of Carmel Valley, California, and Jim Jordan ('68), a banking executive in Camden, and four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Students to volunteer time for Annual Fund phonathon

Beginning February sixth, student volunteers will be calling Ouachita alumni and friends in a nation-wide phonathon geared towards increasing participation in the annual giving program, according to Rachael Ward, director of annual giving.

Despite strong support in other areas of giving in recent years, the percentage of alumni support to the

period of four weeks, three nights a week—approximately 240 students. They will see the direct results of their calls, as every cent that is brought in for the Annual Fund provides direct budgetary support for Ouachita.

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"Besides increasing support for our annual giving program, the phonathon will increase communication between Ouachita

students and friends who are loyal to the University," Ward said. "This, hopefully, will educate current students on the importance of the Annual Fund."

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*If you have not sent a gift to Ouachita's annual giving program this fiscal year, and would like to do so before the phonathon begins, please use the reply envelope enclosed and designate your gift for the Annual Fund. Thank you.*

Students involved in clubs and organizations across the campus will constitute the volunteer callers. The agenda for the phonathon includes twenty students calling for a

## MYTH

STUDENT CALLERS AND TELEMARKETERS ARE ONE AND THE SAME.

## FACT

WHILE TELEMARKETERS ARE HIRED AND PAID FOR THEIR SERVICES, STUDENT CALLERS DONATE THEIR TIME. STUDENTS WHO CARE ABOUT OUACHITA WILL BE CALLING YOU VOLUNTARILY IN FEBRUARY. WON'T YOU SHOW THEM THAT YOU CARE ABOUT THEIR EDUCATIONS? EVERY CONTRIBUTION COUNTS.

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# Service awards presented at banquet



**Verna Baker**, assistant professor of home economics, was recently appointed as the American Dietetics Association (ADA) State Professional

Recruitment Coordinator (SPRC) for Arkansas.

The ADA-SPRC network is an effort to increase awareness of the need for more dietetics professionals. It was created in response to the shortage of dietitians.

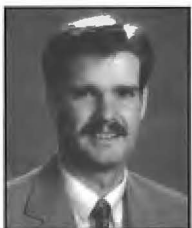
In essence, Baker serves as a public relations and promotional person for the ADA. In addition, she organizes activities that help to increase the general public's awareness of registered dietitians.



**Barbara Buras**, a member of the library staff, recently released her hymn arrangement book titled "Nice and Easy Hymns."

"These are early intermediate level arrangements that I have developed over the years for my piano students," Buras said. "I tucked them away with the idea in mind of producing a book someday."

Burris said the whole project was completely enjoyable. "It was great fun; a wonderful project to work on in my spare time," she added.



**Dr. Tim Knight**, assistant professor of biology, has been named chair of the Department of Biology. Knight succeeds Kenneth

Sandifer who retired this past spring.

Knight is a member of the Society of Environmental Toxicologists and Chemists, Beta Beta Beta Biological Society, and the Arkansas Federation of Water and Air Users, Inc.

Knight's general research interests center on ecology, pollution ecology, and aquatic toxicology.

Thirty-three Ouachita Baptist University faculty and staff members received service and distinguished retirement awards for terms of employment with the university at a banquet Friday, August 19.

The group represented 635 total years of service to Ouachita.

The awards were presented by Dr. Ben Elrod, president of the University.

At the banquet, gold watches were presented to three retiring members. Another watch went to a longtime faculty member who has left the university's full time employment for private business. All have served for a minimum of 25 years.

The retirees who have recently completed their professional careers at Ouachita are: Betty Berry, assistant professor of art and chair of the department of art; Dr. William Trantham, the Addie Mae Maddox Professor of Music and chair of the department

of applied music; and Ken Sandifer, professor of biology and chair of the department of biology.

Also receiving a retirement plaque was Harold Johnson, director of student financial aid.

Dr. Joe Nix, the W.D. and Alice Burch Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies, is now working for an Arkadelphia-based financial/investment/ and real estate firm, also received a watch.

Receiving recognition for 40 years of teaching at Ouachita were Betty McCommas, the Betty Burton Peck Professor of English, and Bill Vining, Sr., associate professor of physical education and athletic director.

Dr. Charles Wright, dean of the Ouachita School of Music, professor of music and chair of the department of music education was presented a 30-year award.

Twenty-five year awards were presented to Betty Berry, assistant professor of art and chair of the department of art; Lavell Cole, professor

of history; Glenn Good, associate professor of physics; Dr. George Keck, professor of music; and Margaret Wright, development officer and associate professor of accounting.

Twenty-year awards were presented to Pam Arrington, assistant professor of education; Shelby Avery, technical assistant at Riley-Hickingbotham Library; Bob Sanders, adjunct faculty member in the Hickingbotham School of Business; Joyce Morehead, assistant professor of home economics; William



**FAITHFUL SERVICE** • Dr. Elrod congratulates Coach Bill Vining, associate professor of physical education and athletic director, and Betty McCommas, the Betty Burton Peck Professor of English, for 40 years of service to Ouachita.

Sullivan, maintenance staff; and Vernon Lee, maintenance staff.

Fifteen-year awards were presented to: Evelyn Bettis, support staff in Evans Student Center; Sadie Buckley, maintenance staff; Mattie Hatley, maintenance staff; Leon Herrin, maintenance; Harold Johnson, director of student financial aid; Minnie Jones, maintenance staff; and Andrew Westmoreland, vice president for development.

The following were presented ten-year awards: Dr. Roy Buckelew, professor of speech and chair of the department of speech, theatre arts, and speech pathology; Yvonne Cloud, manager of Follett Bookstore; Judy Hollingsworth, support staff in the OBU business office; Charlotte Hunter, university nurse; Shirley McMillan, Foster Grandparent Program director; Mike Reynolds, instructor of physical education and head men's basketball coach; Sam Walton, maintenance staff; and C.B. Wright, maintenance staff.

# International award-winning pianist finds home teaching Ouachita students

With recording projects lining up and opportunities for concerts worldwide, noted pianist David Allen Wehr may have turned a few heads when he accepted Ouachita's offer to be Artist-in-Residence.

For Wehr, teaching wasn't something to fall back on after a career in concertizing; it was a call that pulled him into the classroom at the height of his career.

"There comes a time in a career when you naturally want to begin to give back, to pass on the accumulated lessons you have learned to the next generation of piano students," said Wehr.

Traveling the world on weekends to record or to give concerts either as a soloist or as a part of a chamber music trio, Wehr returns to Ouachita during the week to encounter that next generation in the form of 12 private students, nine of whom are piano majors.

"The students are like sponges," said Wehr. "I teach a lot of freshmen, and it is gratifying to see them learn from new experiences."

Wehr is currently experimenting with teaching two students at a time. One plays while the other observes, and then they switch places. He has introduced the idea of cooperative learning in a field where private lessons have been the norm for many centuries.

Wehr also teaches a seminar each week for all piano majors as he sets a good example for his students with hours of practice. While playing during the week is essential in order to perform well on weekends, it also signals to the students that hard work is the key to getting to the top and staying there.

"I think it is good for the students to see their professors out there doing what they are teaching," he said. "They know about my concerts, but they also need to know that I still have to practice. Just like an athlete, you have to practice to stay at the top of your game."

Wehr's Ouachita performances included a recital on October 4 and another one set for February 28, 1995. The Oct. 4 program included the music of Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninoff and American composers Joe Utterback



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and Charles Tomlinson Griffes.

The recital wasn't his first at Ouachita. It was an early connection with the University that set in place the friendships that made Ouachita's offer an attractive one.

"I played a concert at Ouachita in 1983 during a tour sponsored by the Arkansas Federation of Music Clubs. Since then, I have stayed in contact with the Kecks (Drs. George and Ouida), the Tranthams (Professor Emeritus of Music Dr. William Trantham, and his wife, Pat), Virginia Queen (Professor Emerita of Music) and others," said Wehr.

As the friendship between music faculty members and Wehr grew over the past 11 years, they watched their friend's reputation grow to become one of the world's most honored pianists.

"Having a professional like David Wehr on the faculty brings a whole new dimension to the program of the School of Music," said Dr. George Keck, Addie Mae Maddox Professor of Music. "He has won competitions and played for audiences all over the world, so he is in an ideal position to teach the students not just how to play the piano, but about the professional world of music."

Concert pianists work in one of the most competitive fields in the world, where only a few will actually support themselves by full-time concertizing. Wehr earned an international reputation by winning the Gold Medal and First Prize at the 1987 Santander International Piano Competition in Spain.

Since then, concert tours have taken him to more than 25 countries on four continents. He has played in some of the world's finest concert halls, including London's Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Barbican Center, the Kennedy Center in

Washington, D.C., the Salle Gaveau in Paris, The Musikverein in Vienna and the Royal Theater in Madrid.

Wehr has performed as soloist with some of the world's greatest orchestras, including the London Symphony, National Symphony at Kennedy Center, Houston Symphony, Chataugua Symphony and New Zealand Symphony. His enjoyment of the chamber music is expressed through the Sartory Trio, with which he performs worldwide.

His recordings include "20th Century American Piano Music," "Tuxedo Blue/Reverie" and "Liszt Transcriptions from Wagner Operas." He will record the complete piano music of Charles Tomlinson Griffes in November and has another recording session scheduled in May to perform the complete Chopin Nocturnes.

In the midst of this busy schedule, a telephone conversation in June between Wehr and Dr. George Keck turned to the open position of artist-in-residence. Shortly thereafter, Wehr went through the interview and audition process and was offered the position.

"I think Ouachita is a wonderful school," Wehr said. "The faculty has been so welcoming, so friendly and caring. I feel like a big, long, red carpet has been rolled out."

Wehr was featured in the February 9 performance of the Ouachita Concert Band, with which he performed George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." On October 13, 1995, he will be soloist with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and then will begin a two-year series of eight Ouachita concerts in which he will play all 32 of Beethoven's sonatas.

"It is something that has never been done before in Arkansas," he said. "It should attract a lot of teachers and students."

Wehr's excitement about the Beethoven sonata concerts is contagious, and one gets the idea that part of the excitement is that some of the students there will be his.

Jeff Root



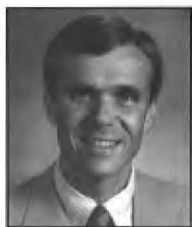
**Mary Shambarger,**

professor of music, has been named as chairperson of the Department of Applied Music in the OBU School of Music, effective immediately,

according to Dr. Charles Wright, dean of the school.

Shambarger succeeds Dr. William Trantham who retired from the faculty this past spring.

At Ouachita, Shambarger, in addition to her teaching duties, serves as co-director of the Ouachita Sounds Showchoir.



**Dr. Randy Smith,**

professor of psychology and chair of the department of psychology, has been named editor-elect of "Teaching of Psychology," the American

Psychological Association's (APA) official journal of the division of teaching of psychology.

The APA is an organization dedicated to the advancement of psychology as a science, a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare. The organization is divided into approximately 45 divisions of psychology.

A major task in assembling the journal is reviewing articles sent from various psychologists around the country.



**Jeanna**

**Westmoreland,**

instructor in education, has been elected president of the Arkansas for Gifted and Talented Education

(AGATE), a program to further educate advanced students.

The group is instrumental in working with legislators and schools in implementing programs for above average students from high school to kindergarten. AGATE also has developed affiliate organizations which support the programs in individual schools.

Westmoreland has been involved in AGATE since 1983, when she taught in Bismarck.

## Four faculty members recognized

Four faculty members at Ouachita received special recognition.

Dr. George M. Keck has been appointed by the university's Board of Trustees as the Addie Mae Maddox Professor of Music. He succeeds Dr. William E. Trantham, who retired from the faculty.

Dr. Joe Jeffers has been appointed by the Board of Trustees as the W. D. and Alice Burch Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies. He succeeds Dr. Joe Nix who left the position for a job with an Arkadelphia financial and real estate institution.

Dr. Raouf Halaby, professor of English, has been appointed as the interim chair of the department of art. The position was held by Betty Berry, who retired this summer after 25 years as a teacher at Ouachita.

Dr. Randall D. Wight, associate professor of psychology, has been appointed as interim chair of the department of psychology. He serves in the position while the actual chair of the department, Dr. Randy Smith, is away from the campus in a sabbatical leave of absence.

## Leagans serve as missionaries-in-residence

Ellis and Judy Leagans, Southern Baptist Convention career missionaries to the nation of Columbia, are serving as missionaries-in-residence for the 1994-95 academic year.

The purpose of the missionary-in-residence program at Ouachita is to acquaint students with the activities of Baptist missionaries worldwide, and in specific the nation in which the missionary couple has been serving. The couple also provides counseling to students contemplating a career in the field.

Adjunct faculty status is conferred on the couple while they provide instruction in the division of religion and philosophy.

Statewide, the Leagans, like other missionary couples preceding them, have an opportunity to visit churches in Arkansas and surrounding states to provide programs on Southern Baptist mission causes.

Ian Cosh, director of religious activities at Ouachita, serves as the coordinator of the program that is more than two decades old.

"The program is enormously helpful and successful in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff," said Cosh. "The Leagans are prime examples of the intent of the program in having a family who represents what Southern Baptists can do in a field of mission involvement in our needy

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*Ian Cosh, Director of BSU & Religious Activities*

world. We hope the general public will avail themselves of the opportunity to become acquainted with the Leagans family."

The Leagans and their two daughters, Andrea, 20, and Monica, 17, recently

moved to Arkadelphia and are members of First Baptist Church. Andrea and Monica are students at Ouachita.

Before accepting the position at Ouachita, Ellis Leagans was administrator of the Colombia Baptist Mission. Both he and his wife are bi-lingual in Spanish and English. They received their appointments as career missionaries from the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1978.

Ellis Leagans is a native of North Carolina, while Judy Leagans was raised in Star City.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree in history (1968) from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N. C. In addition to his duties at Ouachita, Ellis Leagans is working on his doctor of ministry degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, from which he also holds a master of divinity degree (1973).

Judy (Halbert) Leagans graduated from Star City High School in 1965. She completed her baccalaureate degree in elementary education from Ouachita in 1969 and studied music for a year at Southwestern Seminary. Mac

# CSIEC approves agreement with Foreign Mission Board, Education Commission to strengthen exchange programs

A consortium of 43 Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)-related colleges and universities, including Ouachita, has approved a cooperative agreement with the SBC Foreign Mission Board and SBC Education Commission designed to strengthen and expand international education exchange programs.

The coalition of schools, known as Cooperative Services International Education Consortium (CSIEC), has worked with the Foreign Mission Board's Cooperative Services International Program since 1987 to coordinate the exchange of professors and students and to establish satellite higher education programs predominately in "World A" countries where missionaries are not allowed or are restricted.

CSIEC currently is in-



**ELROD ELECTED** • Dr. Ben M. Elrod, president of Ouachita, was elected vice chairman of the Board of CSIEC at its annual meeting held recently in Williamsburg, Kentucky. Once he completes his term as vice chairman, it is expected that Elrod will occupy the chairmanship position. Elrod spoke to the gathering of 124 CSIEC campus representatives at Cumberland College on the subject "An Administrative Perspective on the Impact of International Programs."

involved in about 300 projects with educational institutions in 80 countries, including China and the former Soviet republics.

Under the new agreement ratified by CSIEC member schools recently, the two SBC agencies will each contribute about \$30,000 per year to help fund an administrator and a clerical person for CSIEC who

will operate out of Education Commission offices in Nashville, Tennessee. The Foreign Mission Board and Education Commission also will help establish and maintain an international computer data bank designed to match-up member schools with overseas opportunities.

Other contributions by the two SBC agencies will in-

clude the continuation of start-up grants in the amount of \$5,000-\$10,000, funded by the SBC Foreign Mission Board to help two or three schools each year establish new exchange programs, and the use of Education Commission office equipment and staff support in the areas of communications, training, data base management and coordination.

Dr. Daniel R. Grant, president of CSIEC and president emeritus of Ouachita, who has served as volunteer director of CSIEC for several years, said, "This agreement between three Southern Baptist entities is the next logical step in meeting the growing number of urgent requests from the Foreign Mission Board and from educational institutions throughout the world."

•Mac Sisson



**GUEST LECTURER** • Dr. Susan Calvert Finn presents a Birkett Williams lecture September 29 titled "Nutrition and Its Role in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention." Finn currently serves as Director of Nutrition Services for Ross Laboratories, a division of Abbott Laboratories in Columbus, Ohio. She is one of the nation's leading dietitians and the immediate past president of the American Dietetic Association.

## Three new board members elected during annual meeting of ABSC

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention approved the appointment of three new members of the Ouachita Board of Trustees at the convention's annual meeting in November. Those appointed were:

• Mrs. Augusta Koen Boatright. Mrs. Boatright graduated from Ouachita in 1939 with a B.A. in history. She and her husband, Truman, live near Alma where they are active members of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Boatright is a retired public school teacher. She is a Gold Tiger, a member of the Second Century Group, a former member of the FSA Advisory Board, and a member of the Tiger Network. Boatright's term will expire in 1997.

• Mr. John Miller. Mr. Miller lives in Melbourne where he is a member of the First Baptist Church. He is a farmer and a businessman in the fields of insurance and real estate. He has been a member of

the Arkansas Legislature since 1959, and has served as a member of the Ouachita Development Council. Miller is married and has three children. He will serve on the Board through 1997.

• Rev. Paul Sanders. Rev. Sanders has been the pastor of Geyer Springs First Baptist Church in Little Rock since 1967. A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary, he has served on various boards and committees of our denomination, including the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Board of Trustees of Williams Baptist College. He and his wife have two married sons and four grandchildren. Sanders is filling the unexpired term of Mr. Bill Clark, which expires in 1995.

Enrollment shows interest increase

## Students pursue various ministry fields

◆ Ouachita's senior accounting students and faculty toured four business organizations in the Dallas area as part of a student enrichment program.

The trip began with a tour of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The group then went to Bank One, a large regional bank holding company, and received a series of briefings on careers in banking.

The next day, the group toured EDS Corporation, one of the top information processing companies in the nation.

Part of the second day was spent visiting the accounting firm of Ernst and Young, one of the "big six" national public accounting firms.

The purpose of the trip was to allow students to gain a better appreciation of the work world of professional accountants and financial analysts.

◆ Nine members of the Phi Beta Lambda national honorary business fraternity chapter attended the state fall leadership conference in Jonesboro.

Accompanied by chapter advisers Dr. Freddie Jolley and Jeanie Curry, the students were part of workshops dealing with business etiquette, recruitment, and portfolios.

◆ The businesses and churches in the Arkadelphia area had the opportunity to meet Ouachita at a new program titled "Spotlight on Arkadelphia" held August 22 in front of the Evans Student Center.

The idea was to provide a forum to acquaint or in some cases reacquaint new and returning students with the goods, services, and programs of the Arkadelphia community.

An increase in the number of students preparing for church related vocations at Ouachita can be attributed, in part, to the merits of the university's division of religion and philosophy.

The students who major in ministerial studies, religious education, missions, church music, youth ministry, counseling, and church recreation are increasing.

The number of ministerial majors has risen from 41 in 1993 to 43 in 1994. Religious education

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• Dr. Bill Steeger

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majors grew from 19 to 21, while missions majors rose from 35 to 47 students. Church music majors increased from 44 to 48. The number of students in youth ministry increased from 69 to 70 and the recreation majors rose from five to six. The total number of majors in a year's time has expanded from 238 students to 260 students.

Dr. Bill Steeger, chairman of the division of religion and philosophy, director of the Center for Christian Ministries and the W. O. Vaught Professor of Bible at Ouachita, cites a number of changes in his academic area that may have helped influence the growth.

"Students now enrolled, as well as those prospective students considering a calling in the field of religion, have seen some innovative changes in curricu-

lum and the excellence of our faculty," he said. "We also have the confidence of our constituency in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and elsewhere and they have recommended the school," he said. "We have a state-of-the-art religion computer laboratory that is a real plus to our students."

Steeger said that Ouachita's religion professors are all actively pursuing research and involved in ministry in local churches.

"This makes us more responsive to the needs of professionals in churches," Steeger said. "We also find out

where positions are opening for students."

With an excellent pupil-to-teacher ratio, the professors in the religion and philosophy area take an active interest in the "growth" of individual students and how they can effectively relate as Christian leaders to the world once they graduate from OBU.

Many faculty are involved in a "mentoring" program, which involves directly helping students called to ministry.

Steeger predicts a great revival in the country, starting with Christians in the church. The fabric of the present society is reflective of a more intense interest in the "message" of what religion can mean to individuals, Steeger said.

"The U.S. is reaching a point of emptiness and shallowness,"

Steeger said. "Revival always happens when people are down. In this part of the country, we have seen an increased interest in jobs in churches, mainly among Southern Baptists in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas."

Missions majors have also increased, due to awareness of world need, according to Steeger.

"Along with huge publicity about third world countries, like Haiti and Cuba, comes the need for God's people to help," he said.

The Center for Christian Ministries is another aspect of Ouachita's religion division. It has six primary areas: mission services, church and pastoral services, resource services, ministry request response services, education services, and support services.

Steeger describes the Center as "Ouachita's arm to denominations and individual churches."

Most of the students pursuing church related positions at Ouachita continue on to graduate study. Many elect to attend one of Southern Baptists' six seminaries.

"After their graduate work, 80 to 85 percent of our students are involved in paid ministerial positions," Steeger said.

Steeger stated a central truth, in his estimation, about the quality of students who come to Ouachita.

"The caliber of students who come to Ouachita are excellent," Steeger said. "They have a real spiritual insight and are excited about getting involved in our churches."

• Alana Boles

*Counseling programs assist in meeting needs of the*

# Total person

There comes a time in the life of every college student when he or she is forced to deal with certain perplexing problems in their lives, whether it be relationships, grades, depression, stress, or family problems.

It is for this reason that Ouachita offers a counseling program free of charge to all students to help deal with these problems and a variety of others.

Keldon Henley, university counselor, explains the reasoning behind the institution's counseling program. "Counseling services are provided for students because of Ouachita's commitment to meet not only the intellectual needs of students, but the needs of the total person."

This is Henley's second year as a full-time counselor at Ouachita. He received a bachelor of music degree at Ouachita in 1986 and then went on to earn a master of arts in counseling degree in 1988 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort

Worth. Henley also is a licensed professional counselor.

Henley deals with a wide range of student problems, all the way from helping students gather information on possible career choices to counseling students with personal and interpersonal problems.

"The most frequent problems dealt with last year," Henley says, "were interpersonal relationship difficulties followed by problems with depression and anxiety."

While the case load tends to be light at the beginning of the semester, when mid-terms and finals roll around and grades start coming out, students find their way to Henley.

Forty-nine percent of the students who saw Henley last year were freshmen. The rest of his cases were evenly distributed among upperclassmen. Henley said students using his services had an average of four or five sessions.

Henley's office in Evans Student Center is not the only source of help in counseling. Also available to students is a peer counseling program offered through the Counselors and Religious Educators Association (CARE).

The program is coordinated by Dr. Bill Viser, who enlists several peer counselors who are trained by him and available to students. They are there, he said, to be a support system for their fellow students.

"Most of the students have been only too willing to have someone who had been through their experience to share and understand how they feel," said Viser.

He sets up the initial meeting between peer counselor and client. Both students must voluntarily agree to the session. All information is kept completely confidential.

Through these peer sessions, he said, referrals are sometimes made to Henley or other sources



**A LISTENING EAR** • Keldon Henley visits with a student during a counseling session. Henley serves as the university counselor.

of professional help as indicated.

"While this kind of peer counseling is helpful, students should understand that this should be used in addition to professional counseling," he said.

These two types of counseling services are extensions of a concept of counseling which has as its base the student-teacher relationship. "Many of the faculty at Ouachita serve as counselors to some extent," Henley said.

He said that the nature of this type of student-teacher counseling is very solid at Ouachita and one that regularly yields outstanding benefits for all parties.

"We have a caring and concerned faculty who relate extremely well in and out of the classroom to the needs of our students," Henley said.

-Genny Cassaday

## Campus Renewal '94

### Guthrie featured speaker

Providing an opportunity for spiritual revival and worship to students and the general public, the BSU presented Campus Renewal '94 on October 17 and 18.

The featured speaker was Dr. George Guthrie, assistant professor of religion and chairman of the department of religion and philosophy at Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

Steven Cole, a senior music major from Greenwood, assisted Ian Cosh, director of religious activities, in coordinating the music for the Renewal program.

The program began Monday night at 7 p.m. in Berry Chapel

with Guthrie discussing the importance of scripture in the ministry.

Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., he addressed listeners on the topic "A Religion of Convenience or Companionship" in the weekly chapel service held in Jones Performing Arts Center.

Guthrie met with religion classes throughout the day on Tuesday.

The renewal program concluded on Tuesday night with an informal service in Berry Chapel at 7 p.m. where Guthrie talked about focusing life in a fragmented world. -Genny Cassaday



**VERSER PRODUCTION** • Theatre Arts students perform Larry Shue's play "The Foreigner." At the annual American College Theatre Regional Festival, the cast came home with the Director's Choice Award, the Festival Critics' Ensemble Award, and the Excellence in Acting Award, received by senior Mary Anne Hardaway. Bob Stevenson, Lee Crouse, and Amy Hillyer received Irene Ryan Nominations for excellence in acting.

# Campus BRIEFS

◆ Five faculty members of the Department of Education at Ouachita Baptist University recently were part of the program at the national meeting for elementary school teachers at Las Vegas, Nev.

Drs. Ralph Ford and Jake Shambarger, along with Pam Arrington and Mary Root, spoke to the delegates on the implementation of the two-year-old Southwest Arkansas Drug Education program, headquartered at Ouachita.

Ouachita Education Department Chairman Dr. Paul Root was also the keynote speaker during a session of the national meeting.

◆ An ancient tradition of passing stories through generations was featured at Ouachita in November.

The night was called Tellabration, created by the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling (NSA), and coordinated at Ouachita by Dr. Doug Sonheim, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Jeff Pounders, assistant professor of sociology.

The evening allowed opportunities for regional storytellers to relate their stories to the audience. The special guest for the evening was Tom McDermott, a nationally recognized storyteller.

◆ Dana Leigh Stone of Murfreesboro, a freshman political science major, has been named recipient of the 1994 President's Scholarship sponsored by the Arkansas Association of Student Assistance Programs.

Stone was eligible for the award because of her participation in the Educational Talent Search Program at Murfreesboro High School.

# CNN features story of international students

Ouachita has on its campus three international students, Dijana Aleksic from Bosnia, Lidija Stojis from Croatia, and Milivoj Belesin from Serbia, with a special story—their friendship. They could not be better friends even though their home countries are at war with one another.

The story of their friendship was featured internationally on CNN in November.

Aleksic and Stojis have been roommates since the first of the school year. "We've been friends for nearly a year. I was an exchange student in Arkansas last year; I applied to go to Ouachita and came to one of the PLF orientation days, Dijana was my host. We made plans then to be roommates this year," Stojis said.

The war going on in their countries has put no strain on their friendship. "We have our own opinions. We are aware that we are from different territories, but it has never affected our friendship," replied Stojis.

Belesin met Aleksic before he came to Ouachita. "I was a student at a junior college in North Carolina last year. Dijana came to visit one of her friends there and we met. I was looking for a school to transfer to from the junior college. Dijana told me about Ouachita and gave me Trey



**CNN INTERVIEW** • International students Dijana Aleksic, Lidija Stojis and Milivoj Belesin talk with CNN reporter Mike Capps about their friendship, despite the war in their homeland. The segment aired three times on CNN and was seen 11 times on Headline News. Channel 7 in Little Rock also ran the feature from the CNN interview.

Berry's number and address," said Belesin.

Dr. Trey Berry, Director of International Studies, talked with Belesin about Ouachita. He also sent Belesin brochures about the university, Belesin added, "I studied the brochures and thought Ouachita looked like a very nice place. It is now that I am here!"

When asked if he, Aleksic, and Stojis talked about the things going on in their countries, he replied, "To be honest, we don't really care. We don't talk about politics or whose fault it is."

Aleksic, who played a part in encouraging Belesin and Stojis to come to Ouachita, is a sopho-

more this year. When talking about Stojis she said, "It is fun being roommates. We talk a lot in our own language."

Berry contacted CNN about the story. "I tried to get the story in the presses, but nothing happened, so I called CNN and told them about it," Berry said. "I knew that it would be a good human interest story." Public Relations Director Dr. Jeff Root corresponded with CNN about the story also. The efforts of both Berry and Root, along with a story of how friendship breaks down barriers, drew CNN to Ouachita's campus.

• Julie Snider



**POLITICAL DEBATE** • The two candidates campaigning for lieutenant governor of Arkansas met in a face-to-face debate held Tuesday, October 11, at Ouachita. Democratic Party challenger Charlie Cole Chaffin lined-up against Republican Party incumbent Mike Huckabee ('76) in a debate sponsored by the campus chapters of Democrats in Action and the College Republicans. Panelists for the evening were Rex Nelson, political editor of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Ron Breeding of the Arkansas Radio Network, and Max Brantley, political writer for the "Arkansas Times." Dr. Hal Bass, chair of the political science department at Ouachita, served as moderator. Huckabee won the election.

# BSU offers variety of ministry programs

For many students at Arkansas state college and university campuses, the Baptist Student Union program, administered by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is a lifeline to being involved with friends of the same faith and participation in religiously-oriented programs both on and off campus.

But, what of the BSU work on a campus that has as its foundation the tenets of the Baptist religion?

The identity is there and much more, says Ian Cosh, director of religious activities and the BSU at Ouachita Baptist University.

"We feel we are a dynamic part of the campus community," said Cosh. "Baptist Student Union life is very much alive and indeed thriving here at Ouachita. Our student body is genuinely receptive to our program and we receive excellent support from our administration, faculty and staff."

"We encourage spiritual growth and provide ministry opportunities for students through a large variety of programs."

Cosh and assistant Kristi Langemeier preside over an enterprise that surprises casual observers in the number of students involved and the extent of the ministry outreach.

Both place a great deal of responsibility in the hands of student leaders.

The primary organizational chart shows an executive council and a team of ministry leaders.

The executive council is made up of seven students whose

job is to organize and promote the programming of the BSU. Cosh calls these people his "servant group."

"They are the ones that pick up all the extra work that needs



**FOOD FEST** • Dan Pinkston, Thierry Vodunou, and Derek Erwin provide entertainment during the International Food Festival sponsored by the BSU.

to be done," he said.

The president this year is Bob Wilson, a junior biology major from Springdale.

There are 31 ministry leaders that work individually and in teams. Each has a specific area of concentration and they recruit and promote the ministry in which they are involved.

Unlike many state campuses, the BSU at Ouachita does not have its own building. "The BSU does not have a prominent physical location because we have full use of the Ouachita facilities," said Cosh from his offices in Evans Student Center. "At the same time, leaders must work extra hard to promote the activities and programs that are offered," he said.

The Ouachita BSU considers all students to be members. "We are inclusive, not exclusive," said Cosh. Students may choose which activities they want to participate in whether it be on-campus opportunities or off-campus opportunities. The BSU, Cosh said, is "committed to the development

of well-balanced followers of Jesus Christ who are committed to leadership, discipleship, evangelism, and missions."

During the course of a normal week the BSU gives students several opportunities for worship and fellowship.

Noonday is held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12 noon in Berry Chapel. The service is 15 minutes long and allows students to take a break from their daily activities and spend time in worship. It is student led and student organized.

Dormitory and apartment Bible studies are also an important part of spiritual growth. They meet once a week and are grouped by dormitory and floor and apartment complex.

In addition, there are special activities for students that occur throughout the year that include, among others, weekend retreats, Christian Focus Week, and fellowships.

The BSU at Ouachita also provides students with many opportunities for outreach ministry.

"There is so much that we as college students can do," said Wilson, "so many opportunities in Arkadelphia, in the state, and across the world. I encourage everyone to see where they can fit in."

Julie Snider, a senior English/education major from Rose Bud, is the ministry leader for backyard Bible clubs this year. The clubs are held twice every month near a government housing project in Arkadelphia. The children range from four years old to 15 years old. "The neatest thing is when they want to hug you and want you to hold them. You get

to spread that love to each of them," said Snider.

Missions are a large part of the Ouachita BSU outreach ministries program.

One of the longest tenured missions projects is the involvement of Ouachita students in the program of the ABSC Children's Home in Monticello. Several times a month, a caravan of students go to Monticello to work, pray, play and counsel with the occupants and staff at the facility.

Students have gone on other missions trips to Florida, Ecuador, and South Carolina. In December, the BSU will be taking 30-40 students to Mission '95, a global missions conference in Louisville, Kentucky. This summer they will be taking a missions trip to Australia.

"The BSU adds structure and systemizes a lot of these activities," said Cosh.

"It encourages students to



**OUTREACH** • Brant Steffey lends his carpentry skills to a BSU community service project. Students helped repair a house for an Arkadelphia family.

be disciplined and take responsibility for their own Christian growth by providing a variety of programs that reach in and out," he concluded. -Genny Cassaday



# Benson honored by former players for 30 years as Tigers' coach

For the past 30 years, Ouachita Tiger football coach Buddy Benson has directed the institution's gridiron program with integrity, discipline, and respect.

On Thursday, September 29, a group of his former athletes interrupted the Tigers' afternoon practice session to present their college coach with several presents designed to draw attention to his selection last winter to the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame and to celebrate his three decades at the helm of the Ouachita program.

To that end, the former players commissioned the Balfour Co., a national ring and jewelry company, to set a special one-of-a-kind ring featuring the seals and mascots of the OBU Tigers and the University of Arkansas Razorbacks, Benson's alma mater.

The players, knowing of

Benson's passion for golf, also presented him a complete set of state-of-the-art Ping II golf clubs.

"I think the players were reflective of the tale of a coach who has spent more than three decades at a small Baptist school in a small Arkansas town, successfully molding the lives of young men," said OBU sports information director Mac Sisson.

"The gifts and presentations were a small way in which the



**COACH HONORED** • Coach Benson is surrounded by family and friends following a special presentation of gifts in honor of his 30th year as Ouachita's football coach. On September 29, Benson coached his 300th game as head coach of the Tigers.

players could tangibly express their sentiment to a person who has meant and continues to mean a great deal to them. The entire Benson family both here in Ar-

kansas and the extended family mean a great deal to the Ouachita family. He and his wife, Janet are special folks to the Tiger athletic community."

# Gravett retires as cross country, track & field coach



**'He has been an inspiration to countless young men, and his coaching has produced for the university some stellar teams and individual performances...'**

Athletic Director Bill Vining  
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Dr. Bob Gravett, head track and field coach and cross country coach at Ouachita for the past 29 years retired at the end of the summer.

He is succeeded in his coaching responsibilities by Johnny Kelley of Oklahoma City, Okla., who received his degree in May from Ouachita. Kelley was a standout four-year cross country and track and field performer for Gravett's Tigers.

"We are saddened to hear of Bob Gravett's decision to retire," said OBU athletic director Bill Vining. "He has been an inspiration to countless young men, and his coaching has produced for the university some stellar team and individual performances. We wish him all the best in the years ahead."

In addition to his coaching

responsibilities at Ouachita, Gravett held the academic rank of professor of physical education and taught courses in the department of health, physical education and recreation.

Gravett has coached more than 20 All-Americans since his tenure began at OBU. His track and field teams have won six Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference track and field championships and two cross country titles. Gravett, a native of Humnoke, is a past president of the NAIA Track and Field Coaches Association. A national figure in the small college track and field circuit, Gravett is a member of the NAIA Track and Field Coaches Hall of Fame.

The OBU coach has served as a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame selection committee, a cross

country rater for NAIA track, and a member of the Games Committee for the NAIA national outdoor meet.

He has been named AIC and NAIA District 17 Coach of the Year on five different occasions. Gravett has served on the United States Olympic Committee as an assistant coach at the U.S. Olympic Festival.

Gravett came to Ouachita in 1965 from DeWitt High School. He holds a bachelor of science in education degree (1958) from Arkansas State Teachers College (now the University of Central Arkansas), a master of science in education degree (1962) from Arkansas State University, and a doctor of education degree (1966) from North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas).  
•Mac Sisson

# Sports Wrap-Up

## Men's basketball

Grant Pate has been named assistant men's basketball coach.

Pate spent the last two seasons as a men's basketball assistant coach at the University of Arkansas-Monticello. Before his two seasons at UAM, Pate was an assistant coach at Livingston University, an NCAA Division II school in Livingston, Ala.

Pate is also a graduate of Ole Miss where he was a student assistant coach. He earned his master's degree at Livingston.

## Women's basketball

Sharon Morgan, head coach of the Ouachita Lady Tigers basketball team and instructor in health, physical education and recreation since September 1991, resigned Sept. 22 to take the position of assistant to the women's athletic director at the University of Texas at Austin.

Athletic Director Bill Vining is serving as the interim coach of the Lady Tigers.

## Cross Country

The cross country team finished fourth in the AIC. Winning the conference title was Harding University. Ouachita's Sam Rogers was named to the All-AIC Cross Country Team.

## Football

Ouachita completed the 1994 football season with a record of 5-5 overall and a fourth place finish in the AIC at 1-3.

Senior tailback Maurice Fields ended the season atop the league in rushing with 1,038 yards.

Tigers named First Team All-AIC were Drew Yoakum, Richard Williams, Bo Renshaw, Randy Winters and Vince Perrin. Second Team All-AIC members were Mark Madison, Billy Rhoden, Chad Wilkerson and Kenneth Wright. Receiving Honorable Mention honors were Parnell Lee, Mike Schleiff and William Nevels.

## Volleyball

The Lady Tiger volleyball team finished the season at 3-7 in conference and 11-16 overall. The team is coached by Tona Wright.

## Swim Teams

Ouachita's men's and women's swimming and diving teams have been listed in "College Sports Magazine's" NAIA top 10 as listed in the 1994 December issue.

The Tiger Sharks are ranked sixth among NAIA programs. The Lady Tiger Sharks are ranked ninth in the NAIA.

Both teams are coached by Jim Dann and are members of the New South Intercollegiate Swim League.

## Shelter Insurance

Through their national office, John Tackett and Bob Clayton, Shelter Insurance Company agents in Arkadelphia, presented Ouachita Athletic Director Bill Vining with a check. The money goes to help defer expenses for certain NAIA post-season championship competitions attended by Ouachita athletes.

## Tennis Team

The men's tennis team is ranked sixth in the nation by the NAIA-ITA as a team and three members of the squad are among the top 50 singles players. Ouachita is the only public or private college or university in Arkansas in the Top 10.

Patrik Lofvenberg is ranked 17th in the singles division, Christian Wassmer is ranked 26th, and Christoffer Johansson is ranked 43rd.

The Tigers, who are the three time defending AIC champions and finished eighth in the 1994 NAIA Championships, are coached by Craig Ward.

## Tennis Academies

The dates for the Tiger Tennis Academies are: Juniors (9-18 yrs. old), June 5-9, June 12-16, June 26-30, July 17-21; Adults, July 10-14. For more information, contact Coach Craig Ward, director of the Tiger Tennis Academy and men's tennis coach at Ouachita (501-246-2441).

# Ouachita applies for NCAA Div. II, Lone Star Conference

Ouachita has made application for membership in the NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference with headquarters in Dallas, said Ouachita President Dr. Ben M. Elrod.

"We have been very impressed with the Lone Star Conference as an organization and group of universities," Elrod said. "They have a strong interest in economy and quality in their programs. The members of the Lone Star Conference are respected institutions with which we would be pleased to associate."

Ouachita has also made application for membership to the NCAA and been granted provisional membership, subject to acceptance by the full membership at the annual

meeting of the organization in January at San Diego.

It is expected that Lone Star members will decide Ouachita's membership application in the weeks following the meeting.

Movement toward the Lone Star Conference has been a consideration since it became evident early in the fall that the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, founded in 1928, was in its final year.

The LSC presently consists of universities in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, but expansion is likely. The location of the member institutions is part of the attraction of the LSC, according to Elrod.

"We have a strong enrollment from this

region," Elrod said. "As state conferences give way to multi-state superconferences, this is a logical choice because it opens new avenues in areas where we recruit students."

Members of the Lone Star Conference include: University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla.; East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas; Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas; Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas; Texas Woman's University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M-Kingsville in Kingsville, Texas; and Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico. Harding University, a long-time member of the AIC, also has announced its application for membership in the LSC.



**David Tate**

President  
Former Students  
Association

Surprise! Surprise! was the feeling I had upon being chosen to be president of the Former Students Association at Ouachita. Though I had served on the board before it never crossed my mind that I might be elevated to this position. Some of you may not know this but the FSA has a great deal to do with bringing new students to Ouachita.

Speaking of Ouachita, I thought that I would share with you how I came to be a Ouachitonian. It is interesting to me because of what I learned about institutions of higher learning in my college years.

First, I took an extra course in high school in the fall of my senior year in order that I might join the navy. I went into the service in January 1944 and was sent by the navy to a state school in Arkansas for the college training I needed in the V-12 program. After two semesters there I was sent to Rice University (a private institution) in Houston, Texas, to continue my education. I spent five more semesters there and was about to receive my commission in the navy when the war ended. The navy hastily discharged all of us in this program and I received my commission in the mail in June.

Now I was faced with finding a school where I might finish my college work. Ouachita was the choice although I did not know much about the school at that time. I spent two years at Ouachita and had an eye-opening experience. I noticed a big difference in the students from what I had known in other schools. They seemed warm and friendly. They spoke to me as I walked across campus and showed a caring spirit. I couldn't get over the difference from the cold and calculating atmosphere on the campus of these other schools. Not only that but there were so many who cared about the things of the Lord. I was in the minority as a Christian on the other campuses. What a welcomed change to be in a Christian atmosphere. What a thrill to be at Ouachita. You can't imagine how grateful I am to this very day for the Ouachita experience. The experience is still there to be had and I would recommend "my school" to anyone for a great education in a spiritual environment.

# Tiger Network holds meeting; begins effort in Central Arkansas

The Tiger Network held its fall meeting October 8 with approximately 45 members present. Randy Garner, director of Tiger Network and Admissions Counseling, welcomed the group to campus and distributed information concerning the work of the Tiger Network.

In emphasizing the importance of the Tiger Network Scholarships, Garner introduced Jennifer Coleman, a freshman business administration major from Cabot, AR, and scholarship recipient. The \$500 Tiger Network Scholarships are awarded each year to incoming freshmen who are recommended by Network members.

Garner also explained a pilot program that the Tiger Network and Admissions Counseling Office has begun in Central Arkansas. This program will be structured similar to a fund-raising effort in that it will have a chair and vice chairs. The vice chairs will enlist three volunteers each to assist them in recruiting students in the Central Arkansas area.

The volunteers in the program are asked to donate at least 20 hours per year to active and direct participation. This will include helping the Admissions Counseling Office identify quality students in their area who are interested in learning more about Ouachita. They may be asked to attend a career day or college fair in their hometown, or call or write prospective and/or accepted students.

The chair for this program is Becky (Sutton) Kirkpatrick, a 1976 Ouachita graduate. She and her husband, Dan ('75), live in Little Rock, are members of Immanuel Baptist church, and have four children.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick has enlisted nine vice chairs to assist her in this program. They are: Martin Babb, Vicki (Noe) Bufford, Jennice Ratley, Carol Roper, Cindy (Elrod) Stroud, Sheri (McMullan) Swindler, Debbie (Williams) Tidball, Jenny (Gosser) Turner, and Cheryl (Bass) Williams.

## Tiger NETWORK

Garner explained how important this program will be to the Admissions Counseling Office because it will help to expand his staff. Similar programs may be launched in other strategic areas around the state and neighboring states at a later date.

Following the meeting of the Tiger Network, the group attended the dedication for Anthony Hall. At lunch, members were entertained by Dr. W. Francis McBeth, the Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music and Resident Composer at Ouachita.

## Alumni Weekend '95

### ■ Thursday, April 20

Friends of the Honors Program Banquet  
Class of 1937 Reunion Banquet  
Broadway Musical Performance  
"Fiddler on the Roof"

### ■ Friday, April 21

Gold Tiger Luncheon  
Tiger Traks Competition  
Friends of the School of Music Banquet  
Broadway Musical Performance  
"Fiddler on the Roof"

### ■ Saturday, April 22

Preview Day  
Tiger Traks Competition  
Alumni Golf Scramble  
Continuing Legal Education Update  
Alumni Weekend '95 Showcase  
Former Students Association Banquet  
Broadway Musical Performance  
"Fiddler on the Roof"

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 501-245-5506.

**Attention Gold Tigers ... The annual meeting of the GOLD TIGER CLUB will be held April 21 in conjunction with Alumni Weekend.**

# Memorial Contributions

July 16, 1994 -  
November 1, 1994

Acree, Gene By: Mrs. Jennifer Mooney	Chambers, Glen By: Mrs. Glenda Gayle Parker	Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pennington	Taylor, Steven Mark By: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse "Buddy" Benson
Arnold, Janet Allen By: Dr. and Mrs. Walter S. Mizell	Cogswell, Keith Jr. By: Mr. J. Rick Pruitt	Johnson, Pauline By: Mrs. Janet Corcoran Mrs. Brenda Key	Taylor, Zachary Harrison By: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse "Buddy" Benson
Beeson, Travis By: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald B. Harrison Mr. and Mrs. Mike R. Meadows	Dalrymple, Carl DuBose By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell Rev. and Mrs. Gene Bagwell	Kennedy, Harry By: Miss Dorothy V. Trigg	Tedford, Leila Thomas By: Mrs. Laurine Bishop Miss Esther Dixon Mrs. Ernestine "Tena" Power
Berry, Essie By: Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Hudson	Daniel, John T. By: Mrs. Betty Lile Mrs. Mary Jo McCorkle Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Rumph Mrs. Sarah Hardage York	Kilbride, Nella By: Mrs. Nella K. Gatewood	Turner, Jo Clements By: Mrs. Madie Westbrook
Berry, William H. By: Rev. David E. Yarbrough	Dean, Bessie By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams	Maddox, H. P. Jr. By: Mrs. John M. Davis	Welch, Thomas J. By: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gardner Rev. and Mrs. Dillard S. Miller
Blakely, Joe By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell Rev. and Mrs. Gene Bagwell	DeArmond, David <i>Former School of Music Faculty</i> By: Mrs. Linda DeArmond	McCarty, Johnny By: Mrs. Kathryn Jones Clark Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cloud Drs. Ed and Fran Coulter Mr. Glenn E. Good Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams	Yates, O. W. By: Mrs. Bettye Jane Tiffany Anderson Mrs. Juanita Hatfield Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Ryland Mundie
Bowden, Evelyn <i>Former Music Faculty</i> By: Mrs. Dorothy Ann Campbell Mrs. Kathryn Jones Clark Mr. and Mrs. George W. DeLaughter Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant Mr. Thomas C. Hagins Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hargis Miss Alberta Harrington Mrs. Violet W. Miller Mr. and Mrs. William Russell Miller Dr. and Mrs. Walter S. Mizell Mrs. Dorothy Queen Miss Virginia Queen Dr. Mary Stephenson Mrs. Marion B. Thielman Dr. and Mrs. William Trantham Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wright Mrs. Sarah Hardage York	Douglas, Blanche Riley By: Pine Bluff Cotton Pickers	McGill, J. Clark By: Mr. and Mrs. John Cloud Mrs. and Mrs. James C. Hobgood Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams	<b>In Honor Of</b>
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Carbray, Helen By: Mrs. Madie Westbrook	Everett, Thomas Benjamin <i>Father of Wayne Everett</i> By: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse "Buddy" Benson	Morrow, Edna C. By: Mrs. Thelma Beth Hardcastle	Class of 1945 By: Mrs. Bettye Jane Tiffany Anderson
Carter, Estelle Huntley By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams	Finley, John C. Jr. By: Rev. and Mrs. Dillard S. Miller	Murphree, James By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams	Miss Ruby Lois Gardner By: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Nutt, Jr.
	Garrett, Jerry By: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Wilhelm, Jr.	Nall, Agnes By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell	Mrs. Mayble Cole Goodier By: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon C. Goodier, Jr.
	Gilbert, Bradley James By: Dr. and Mrs. Jim Goodwin Gilbert	Nutt, Troy E. By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell	Mrs. Betty Jo Grant By: Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hargis
	Gilbert, Mary Holt By: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse "Buddy" Benson	Pugh, Larry D. By: Dr. and Mrs. Larry D. Brown	Mrs. Sarah Beth H. Harp By: Mr. Louis Moore Jacks, Sr.
	Green, Douglas By: Mr. Robert Carl Green	Riley, Bob <i>Former Political Science Faculty</i> By: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse "Buddy" Benson Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Jones, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pennington Ms. Florence Adele Pickett	Johnny and Sharon Hefflin and Family By: Mr. and Mrs. George E. McLeod
	Hatfield, Lawson By: Mrs. Juanita Hatfield	Shaffer, Judy By: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duke	Mrs. Katie Jean McGraw Jacks By: Mr. Louis Moore Jacks, Sr.
	Hatton, Katie Jordan By: Mrs. Madie Westbrook	Shambarger, Jessie <i>Mother of Jake Shambarger</i> By: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse "Buddy" Benson	Miss Helen Lyon By: Mrs. Bettye Jane Tiffany Anderson
	Herbert, Wallace By: Miss Mary Catherine Condray Mrs. Arnetta Williams	Sparler, Herbert By: Rev. and Mrs. Dillard S. Miller	Dr. Joe Nix By: Mrs. Betty Lile
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# Class Notes

## Editor's note:

Response to the recent Biographical Information Sheets has been excellent, providing numerous news items about former students suitable for use in Class Notes. Because so many forms have been returned, it will take several issues for us to include all of the items.

## 1937

**LaMena Nichols Browning** of Blowing Rock, NC, is the author of "That Owens Blood" which was published by Banner Press this year.

## 1943

**Dr. D. Wade Armstrong** and his wife, Shirley, are returning to Hong Kong for their fourth annual ministry tour. Dr. Armstrong is scheduled for three months, preaching in evangelical crusades in churches and schools and lecturing on evangelism to students in a Christian Seminary inside China.

**H. Franklin Dearing** is author and performer of the dramatic monologue "MOSES."

## TWIRP WEEK

• Jonathan Henderson and Suzanne Taylor enjoy an evening at the farm during the BSU Barn Bash.



To date, he has performed the monologue 40 times for churches, retirement centers and youth and children's groups. The entire performance usually lasts 90 minutes. "MOSES" covers the three periods of Moses' life: 1) Moses: The Egyptian, 2) Moses: The Midianite shepherd, and 3) Moses: The Shepherd-like leader of Israel. Mr. Dearing is currently working on a new monologue covering the first 40 years of Moses' life.

This new performance will be targeted primarily for the younger audience, touching on the battles of responsibilities of a young adult versus the responsibilities of a child.

**Tommy Halsell** has been teaching Missions at Bluefield Baptist College in Bluefield, Virginia, where he and his wife **Mary Elizabeth (Tolson) Halsell** ('43) served as Missionaries in Residence. During September 1994, Tommy preached three revivals in Durban, South Africa, then he and Mary visited Brazil, where

they served as missionaries for 14 years.

## 1946

**Virginia Leigh Swaim White** of Arlington, VA, graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary after retiring as an elementary teacher.

## 1954

**H. R. "Lefty" Luster** recently won the Award for Outstanding Performance at the Olney Open One-Arm Golf Championship sponsored by the Olney Country Club in Colorado. Mr. Luster, who lost his right arm in the Korean War, shot a 45 in the tournament. He and his wife, **Romaine (Hall) Luster** (f.s.) are Mountain Associate Missionaries for Colorado West under the SBC Home Mission Board located in Tulluride, Colorado. They presently live in Naturita, Colorado. They also served as foreign missionaries for the Foreign Mission Board to South Korea from 1980-90.

## 1957

**John Mason Clem** has been named Vice President for Development at Dallas Baptist University. Clem also serves as president of the DBU Foundation. Clem and his wife, June, have a daughter, Rebecca. Clem also has two grown children, **Cheryl** ('83), and John, Jr.

**J. Elton Pennington** retired October 30 as pastor of Temple Church in Fort

Smith, Ark. following 22 years of service. Pennington plans to stay busy doing supply work and revivals.

## Martha (Harris)

**Rosenbaum** was honored on July 1 by First Baptist Church of Little Rock, AR for 20 years of service as church pianist. She and her husband, Carl, have three children: Kathryn, Carol and Sid.

## 1958

**Flo (Medford) Rucker** has been named co-chairman of Portland Home Economists in Business Original Sewing Fair. Flo is living in Beaverton, Ore., where she is a commission sales associate with Montgomery Ward & Co. Flo was 1989-90 president of Oregon Home Economics Association and honored as Oregon Home Economist of the year in 1985.

## 1959

**Roy S. Woods, Jr.** retired from the Army in 1981 and now works for the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology at the Pentagon, Washington, DC.

## 1962

**Dan Dipert**, president of Dan Dipert Tours & Travel in Arlington, Texas, and Little Rock, Arkansas, as well as Dipert Coaches, in Arlington, Texas, received the 1994 North Texas Travel Industry Award on Oct. 22, 1994.

1963

**Ralph M. Cloar**, a Little Rock attorney who represents consumers, has been named chair of the Budget Committee, Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

1964

**Mary Lou (Van Duyn) Ideker** has recently moved from Durham, North Carolina, where her husband, Ray, was a professor at Duke University, to Birmingham, Alabama. Ray has recently accepted the position of Professor of Medicine and Professor of Physiology at the University of Alabama Medical Center.

1965

**Harold Hambrice** and his wife **Sarah (Griffin) Hambrice** ('64) have been in Penang, Malaysia for the past two and a half years. Harold is the Vice President/General Manager of Baxter Healthcare. Sarah is a teacher at Dalat, which is a missionary school for missionary kids.

**Derrel R. Watkins** has been appointed to the faculty of Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, as the Oubri A. Poppele Chair in Health and Welfare Ministries. Since 1974 Dr. Watkins has been Professor of Social Work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He received his Ph.D. and Master of Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, his Master of Social Work from University

of Georgia, Athens, and his Bachelor of Arts from Ouachita Baptist University.

1966

**Jim Thrash** resigned from the Bethany Church in downtown Dayton. He served as a bi-vocational pastor and a US Air Force pilot.

1967

**Elton Ballentine** began serving as pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Jacksonville, AR, in July. Elton is also employed in the emergency department of the University of Arkansas School of Medical Sciences in Little Rock. He and his wife, Martha are the parents of two adult daughters.

**Carolyn (Yeldell) Staley** (f.s.) has been named Deputy Director of the National Institute for Literacy, an agency created in 1991 to coordinate literacy efforts at the federal, state, and local levels.

**Jean Laverne Walz** received a MSE in Mathematics from the University of Central Arkansas in August, 1994. She taught at Leeward Community College in Pearl City, Hawaii, from 1986 to 1990.

1968

**Larry Henderson** recently was distinguished as the highest-ranking chaplain in the Arkansas National Guard. He was promoted to the rank of colonel and will direct the work of the ANG's 17 chaplain's assistants from the state

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## Goldie Beard cheers for a school close to her heart

When entering the home of Goldie Beard, one is greeted by the all-too-familiar atmosphere of an old home packed full of memories. The awards hang neatly framed on the wall. A treasured scrapbook held together by knotted string lays on the leather centered card table. And in the corner stands a tapestry deacon's bench with antique legs.

In the midst of the mosaic of black and white pictures, Mrs. Beard, age 103, begins to tell her story.

In a one-room school house in Harrisburg, Arkansas, Mrs. Beard received a scrapbook from her teacher for proficiency in spelling. That was in 1906. The inside cover of the book bore the signature of Mrs. Beard's inspiration, Mrs. Gurtrue Lackie Huddleston ('05), her teacher.

Mrs. Huddleston had excelled as a high school student and desired to attend college. Needing funds, she visited her local bank and asked for a loan. The bank responded, and Mrs. Huddleston attended Ouachita College. Upon graduation, she worked to benefit others.

Desiring to give something back, Mrs. Huddleston encouraged Mrs. Beard and made her a similar offer the bank had made her years earlier. "She told my mother that if she would let me go to Ouachita she would pay my way, and I could pay her back when I got work," Mrs. Beard said. "But, my mom wouldn't let me go. She didn't want me to be far from home."

However, this did not stop Mrs. Beard's growing love for Ouachita. At every opportunity, she questioned Mrs. Huddleston about the school. She knew the people of Ouachita. She imagined the campus. And she learned the cheers of the students. "Of all the things I learned, that (the cheers) stuck with me all through the years," Mrs. Beard said. "Boom-a-leck-a, Boom-a-leck-a ..."

For nearly 90 years, Mrs. Beard has echoed the praises of a tradition she became a part of through the wonderful inspiration of a teacher. On Wednesday, November 16, 1994, Mrs. Beard was presented a "Worthy Ouachitonian Award." She treasured the memories. She displayed the award. She's a cheerleader for a university she never attended. · Beth Ann Lee



**SPECIAL FRIEND** • Dr. Jeff Root, director of public relations at Ouachita, presents Mrs. Beard with a "Worthy Ouachitonian Award" on behalf of President Ben Elrod.

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headquarters at Camp Robinson in Little Rock. He is also the adult program services director for Rivendell Psychiatric Center in Benton and maintains a private counseling practice in Little Rock. He is serving for the second year as president of the Arkansas Mental Health Counselors Association, the state's 1,000-member organization of Licensed Professional Counselors.

## 1969

**Patricia Frost** is a Baptist representative for the SBC Foreign Mission Board to the Middle East. Her hometown is Parks, Arkansas.

## 1971

**Ed Buffington** was recently promoted to Colonel in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, **Kay (Fisher) Buffington** ('70), have left Ft. Bragg, NC, and are currently at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where Ed has taken command of the 45th Corp. Support Group.

## 1972

**Rex E. Babcock** of Chanute, KS, was presented the prestigious Milkin Family Foundation National Educator Award in a surprise ceremony. He was also named a finalist in the Teacher of the Year competition in Kansas.

## 1973

**Sharon Otwell** of Little Rock, AR, received a doctoral degree in Education from the University of Memphis.

## 1975

**Fred and Gayla (Bingham)** (f.s. '77) **Parker** are serving as missionaries to the Philippines. Both are natives of Little Rock.

## 1978

**Tom Calhoon** was promoted to President of Merchants and Planters Bank of Arkadelphia in September. He had served as the bank's executive vice president since 1991 and has been in banking since 1976.

## 1979

**Maury Glynn Gill** (f.s.) has joined the staff of Fort Smith First Baptist Church as minister of education. He previously served on the staff of Calvary Baptist Temple in Savannah, GA, and Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis. Maury and his wife, Nan, have three sons, Micah, Matthew, and Marcus.

## 1980

**Claude Timothy Spainhour** (f.s.) from Little Rock passed the Arkansas Bar exam given July 26-27, 1994.

## 1981

**LeRoy Wagner** (f.s.)

recently became pastor of Pearcy Church. He and his wife, **Kim (Stanage) Wagner** (f.s.), have two children, Rachel and Caleb.

**J. Paul Floyd** has been named manager of foreign investment for the Marketing Division of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission (AIDC). As manager of foreign investment, Floyd will be responsible for all international industrial recruitment efforts.

**Greg and Sue (Nutt) Smith** are serving as missionaries in Costa Rica.

## 1982

**Major Max D. Easter** has recently moved to the position of Medical Professional Recruiter for the Arkansas Army National Guard. His duties include the recruiting and retention of Physicians, Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants, and Dentists in the Arkansas Army National Guard. He is stationed at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock, AR, and lives in Cabot, AR, with his wife **Kathy** (f.s.), and children, Christopher (11) and Courtney (9).

**Robert E. "Bob" Hall** began serving as pastor of First Church in Beebe July 31.

**Joe and Lisa (Moore) Jett** are living in Success, AR, with their two children Andy, 10, and Logan, 7. Joe is owner/operator of Success Farms, Inc. Lisa works through tax season for J. Michael Vinson ('79), CPA.

**H. Elaine (Urrey) Morriss** and husband, Bryan, are living in Poolville, TX, where she is a



**AM AHL** • Jolene Zook as Amahl receives comfort from his mother, played by Amy Cobb, during the presentation of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by the Opera Workshop of the School of Music. The holiday production was staged in Verser Theatre November 20 & 21.

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materials estimator for Lockheed Fort Worth Co. and he is the Director of Engineering for Stornet. Elaine and Bryan also have a thoroughbred breeding operation called Flying Colors Farm where they raise performance prospects. In September 1994 Elaine took first place in the Central Adult Team Championships in Combined Training.

**Jim and Laura Wright** have recently moved to Bangor, ME, with their daughter, Virginia. Jim is with the University of Maine and is Co-Director of the Stable Isotope Laboratory, Assistant Professor in Department of Geological Sciences, and a member of Institute for Quaternary Studies.

## 1983

**Don Brown** is living in Nashville, TN, but works in Springhill, TN where he is Team Leader for Retail Training for Saturn Corporation of America. He supervises and teaches in various training programs for Saturn automobile dealers nationwide at the Springhill assembly plant.

**CAPT William Joey Cunningham** received a Master of Science in Material Acquisition Management in December 1993 from the Florida Institute of Technology. Cunningham is a C4/ Project Manager for the U.S. Army Special Operations Command in North Carolina. In addition, he has been selected for promotion to Major, which he will pin on in March 1995, and has been selected to attend the Command General Staff

College.

**Clay Doss** has joined the staff of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Van Buren as full-time minister of music and youth. He and his wife, Paula, along with their foster daughter, Frances Young, moved there from Horseshoe Bend where he was on staff at First Baptist Church.

**Carl Warner Hopkins** from Rogers, Arkansas, passed the Arkansas Bar exam given on July 26-27, 1994.

**Mark Rutherford** began his ministry as pastor of Bay First Baptist Church, July 10. Mark is a Chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserves. He and his wife, **Chris (Wilbourn)** (fs '82), have one child, Becca.

**Gene Whisenhunt** has been promoted to Senior Vice President of National Sales and Subsidiary Controller for TCBY Enterprises, Inc.

## 1984

**Alan Moore** has joined the staff of Woodland Heights Church in Conway as minister of music and education. He and his wife, Lynda, have two children, Austin and Emily.

**Michael Spradlin**, after being on faculty at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis for the past year, has been promoted to Director of the Mid-America Northeast Campus, located in Schenectady, New York.

**Bryan Webb** began serving as pastor of Central Church in North Little Rock in late August. He and his wife, **Mary Lynne (Stevens)** (f.s. '74), have four children,

Alison, Steven, David, and Sarah.

## 1985

**Larry Bennett** has been promoted to Vice President of Bank One, TX. Larry is the manager of Budgeting, Forecasting and Acquisitions for the Bank One locations across Texas. His wife, **Karen (Purtle)** is currently working part-time as a systems analyst for EDS in the Banking Services Division and taking care of their three-year-old son, Kyle.

**Scott Bryant** is living in Denver, Colorado, where he is Training Manager for Resort Computer Corporation (RCC). As Training Manager, Scott has done extensive traveling around the world and supervises a training staff of eight trainers. Scott is also responsible for the development of an in-house training program for all RCC staff.

**Mark and Wendy (McInvale) Kizzar** and their children, Michael (6) and Kathryn (4) are living in Irvine, California, where Mark is an Account Manager for EDS supporting Northrop Grumman's design and development of the next generation F/A - 18 strike fighter jet. Wendy enjoys volunteering at church and in the children's classrooms and will be serving on the Board of Directors for the Irvine Community Nursery School.

## 1987

**Ronny Bedford** was recently promoted to Supervi-

sor of Internal Audit with Occidental Corporation in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Mike Bone** recently joined the staff of Merchants and Planters Bank of Arkadelphia. His duties will include lending, collections and various special projects. Mike received his BA from OBU and his MBA from HSU. Mike's wife **Keri (Jordan)** ('92) is a first grade teacher in Camden.

**Joseph Corbino** has joined the staff of the Hampton Inn of North Little Rock as the assistant general manager.

## 1988

**Sam Caery** has resigned as minister of youth at Cabot, AR, Mount Carmel Baptist Church and has enrolled in Mid-America Seminary in Memphis. He and his wife, **Lora (Whitlatch)** ('88), and daughter Beth Anne are living in Germantown, TN, where Sam is serving as part-time staff member at Germantown Baptist Church.

**Bill Reynolds** of Fort Smith, AR, was made partner at his law firm, now known as Nolan, Caddell, and Reynolds.

**Ron Waters** is living in Grapevine, Texas, with his wife, Jana, and two sons Zachary, age 3, and Mason, age 1. Ron obtained his CPA license during a 5-year tenure with the public accounting firm of Dloitte & Touche in Dallas, and has just completed his first year as a Senior Corporate Auditor for Burlington Northern Railroad in Fort Worth.



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## 1989

**Melisa Dawn Powell** (fs) to Jerry Ron M. Duncan, July 16, 1994, Hope, Ark.

**Leigh Ann Rush** (fs) to Craig Evans, August 20, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

## 1990

**Jennifer C. Burchfield** to Michael Thomas Scarborough, September 3, 1994, Sherwood, AR.

**Connie Sue McWilliams** to James Shannon Curtis, August 27, 1994, El Dorado, AR.

Mark Shieldnight to **Carrie Jones**, June 25, 1994, Rogers, AR.

## 1991

**Alicia Ann Phillips** to Perry Lynn Tribble, August 20, 1994, Lake Village, AR.

**Bo Edwards** to Keli Wood, June 18, 1994, Fort Smith, AR.

## 1992

**Shanon Lynd Brunner** to Robert Coulter Greer, July 30, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

**Stephanie "Jeni" Freeman** (fs) to Coburn Sayre Howell III, August 13, 1994, Dardanelle, AR.

**Tricia Dian Murphree** to **Bob Thornton Biggers, Jr.**, October 21, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR.

**Robert James Ocken, Jr.** to **Alisha Suzanne Black** (fs), August 6, 1994, Sherwood, AR.

## 1993

Frankie Feltrop to **Cassandra Dawn Sample**, September 24, 1994, Rose Bud, AR.

**Holly Kristina Clark** to **Andrew J. Jayroe**, July 30, 1994, Carrollton, TX.

**Heidi Fite** to William Robert Crowley, III, December 31, 1993, Arkadelphia, AR.

**David C. Graham, Jr.** to **Rebecca Jane Griffin** ('94), July 2, 1994, Magnolia, AR.

**Jay Michael Heflin** to **Andrea Lea Holt** ('94), August 27, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

**Tonya Renee Jones** to Mark Jason McKinney, October 22, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

**David Kyle Murphy** to **Tina LeAnn Hawthorn** ('94), July 16, 1994, Hot Springs, AR.

**Ronald Lance West** to **Kandice Michelle Knod** ('94), July 13, 1994, DeQueen, AR.

Lance Corporal Bob Young to **Joanna McNeil** (f.s.), July 2, 1994, Portland, OR.

## 1994

**Jason P. Collins** to **Jenna Lynn Schwalier**, July 16, 1994, Jacksonville, AR.

**Jeffrey C. McKay** to **Cristi E. Watts** (current student), August 20, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR.

**Carrie Lynn Plummer** to **Randall Keith Varnell**, August 13, 1994, Fort Smith, AR.

## Current Students

**Jana Colette Barnard** to **Ryan Taylor Reed**, August 14, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR.

**Angela Kaye Berry** to James Allen Nesbett, III,

August 12, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR.

Danny Dintleman to **Donna Hobby**, May 28, 1994, Benton, AR.

Michael Don Forrest to **Wendy Dee Sharp**, August 6, 1994, Mena, AR.

## Births

### 1976

**Kenneth and Rebecca (Tate) Faust**, David Lee, June 17, 1993, Dade City, FL.

### 1980

Calvert and **Kim (Holstead) Benedict**, Lydia Summer, February 1994, Paris, France.

### 1981

**Alan and Elaine (Vickers) Hardwick**, Leah Ruth, February 4, 1992, and Matthew Alan, March 3, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

Mark and **Joan McBryde Townsend**, Thomas Lane, July 20, 1994, Pine Bluff, AR.

### 1983

**CAPT. William Cunningham** and Chong-Sun Kim, Kirsten Elizabeth, January 11, 1994, Fayetteville, NC.

Jerry and **Carla (Hayes) Garland**, Haylee Elisabeth, January 7, 1994, Austin, AR.

Matthew and **Hideko (Ueno) Howell**, Tiffany Anne, July 9, 1994, West Jordan, Utah.

Frank (fs '80) and **Gail (Martin) Tabler**, Matthew Daniell, April 19, 1994, Bentonville, AR.

## 1984

**Lynn and Jonna (Price) ('86) Bradley**, Landon Robert, June 22, 1994, Smackover, AR.

**Scott and Rene Embrey**, David William, June 28, 1994, Beebe, AR.

Bryan and **Amy (Byrum) Golden**, Bryan David, December 6, 1993, Little Rock, AR.

**Bert and Wendy Lace**, Catherine Greer, January 14, 1994, Codova, TN.

**Steve and Deanette (Ashabraner) Lynch** ('85), Cassie Carlon, June 27, 1994, Flippen, AR.

Joel and **Mona (Moore) Tullos**, Noah Payton, August 12, 1994, Success, AR.

**Tim and Nancy Woodridge**, John Weldon, August 2, 1994, McKinney, TX.

## 1985

**Phil and Windy (Clarke) ('88) Brown**, Candace Hope, May 25, 1994, Brandon, MS.

Brian and **Carrie (McKinney) Catus**, Benjamin Lee, March 20, 1994, Bettendorf, IA.

Greg and **Susanne (McElroy) Ballard**, Joshua Gregory, June 15, 1994, Fayetteville, AR.

## 1987

Robert and **Shawnda (Caillouet) Binkley** (fs), Hali Anne, May 16, 1994, Kennesaw, GA.

**Craig and Connie (Bedford) ('88) Campbell**, Cody, July 29, 1994, Russellville, AR.

# Class Notes

**Gregory and Alice**

**(Fickerson) Fuller**, Lauren  
**Elizabeth**, May 2, 1994,  
Must, TX.

**Craig and Angela (Harris)**

**Ngore**, Abigail Grace, October  
13, 1994, Mesquite, TX.

**1988**

**Mike and Cindy (Vance)**

**Hamilton**, Tyler Vance, May  
13, 1994, Ashdown, AR.

Christopher and **Lucretia**

**(Collier) Ragan**, Dylan Sean,  
May 16, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

**1990**

**Mike and Grace (Mosley)**

**Murphree**, Price Michael,  
October 21, 1994, Camden,  
AR.

**1991**

**Chris and Amy (Green)**

(f.s.) **Cupples**, Braden  
Kristopher, July 24, 1994,  
Simms, TX.

**1992**

**R. Shane** and C. Dianne

**McNary**, Matthew Taylor,  
December 25, 1993.

## Current Students

**Wayne and Michele**

**Brown**, Hannah Shiloh,  
October 14, 1994.

## Deaths

**1916**

**Nella Jameson Kilbride**,  
May 22, 1993.

**1920**

**William Hafford Berry**,

July 30, 1994, Memphis, TN.

**1923**

**Essie Berry**, September

16, 1994, Fort Smith, AR.

**1925**

**Opal (Fletcher) Smith**,

September 1, 1994,  
Fayetteville, AR.

**1926**

**Mary Hortense McCorkle**

**Helmore**, June 24, 1994,  
Sarasota, FL.

**1928**

**Leila Eudora Thomas**

**Tedford**, July 6, 1994, North  
Carolina.

**1930**

**Evelyn Bulloch Bowden**,

September 26, 1994, Little  
Rock, AR. She retired in 1975  
as Associate Professor of  
organ, piano, and theory of  
Ouachita Baptist University.

**1931**

**Early Lee Kinard (fs)**,

October 29, 1994, El Dorado,  
AR.

**1935**

**Dr. I. Wallace Herbert**,

September 21, 1994, Ruston,  
LA.

**Loyal Prior**, August 13,

1994, Yorktown, VA.

**1940**

**Janet (Allen) Arnold**,

August 10, 1994, Sterling, CO.

**1941**

**Joe Campbell (f.s.)**,

Shreveport, LA.

**1944**

**Josephine Clements**

**Turner**, June 25, 1994, Lexa,  
AR.

**1945**

**Thomas J. Welch**, July

19, 1994, Weatherford, TX.

**1946**

**Evelyn Stanford (f.s.)**,

June 6, 1994, in Houston, TX.

**1947**

**Travis N. Beeson**,

September 22, 1994,  
Chidester, AR.

**Elaine (Rouse) Harper**,

Prairie Grove, AR.

**1950**

**Glen E. Chambers (fs)**,

September 13, 1994, North  
Little Rock, AR.

**1951**

**Bob Tucker**, June 18,

1994, Hot Springs, AR.

**1952**

Dr. Edward and Fern

(Wilkins) Stanford, lost oldest  
child Gayle Ann Stanford  
March 20, 1994, while waiting  
on a heart transplant.

**1957**

**Gerald D. Presley**,

November 17, 1993,  
Jonesboro, AR.

**1958**

**Thelma (Lee) Smith**, July,

1994, Lepanto, Ark.

**1978**

**John Clark McGill**,

September 10, 1994, Memphis,  
TN.

**1979**

**Ritchie Actkinson**,

October 6, 1994, Van Buren,  
AR.

## Friends

**Mrs. Leonard V. (Scottie)**

**Evans**, October 31, 1994,  
Dermott, AR. Evans Student  
Center was named after Mrs.  
Evans' family.

# The Financial ADVISER

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**John Cloud**  
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The dawn of the new year is a good time to consider how a gift to Ouachita could help you accomplish some significant goals in 1995. If you itemize deductions, the minimum benefit to you will be a reduction in state and federal taxes next year. Even middle-income folks can save thirty-five cents or more in taxes on every gift dollar.

You may own highly appreciated stock that is providing negligible income from dividends. Assuming you would like to have more income from the stock, you may be hesitant to sell it because capital gains taxes will take a big bite out of the proceeds. Why not put the stock into a Charitable Remainder Trust and guarantee a higher income for your lifetime (spouse, too, if living), avoid all capital gains taxes, and enjoy savings on your income taxes? Then at some point in the future your trust would be used by Ouachita however you wish.

Go a step further and apply some of the trust benefits to a second-to-die insurance policy that is structured to bypass estate taxes. The financial advantages that would accrue to you, your loved ones, and to Ouachita from this plan may test your credulity. There is really no risk in exploring your options, but there could be a huge gain for everyone and everything you cherish. Give me a call at 501-245-5169, or write to OBU Box 3754, Arkadelphia, AR, 71998.

## Giving appreciated property has advantages

Even when cash is readily available, a charitable gift of long-term appreciated property should be considered as an alternative.

Yes, it is easy to give cash to a cause that interests you. And we, like any other charitable organization or institution, certainly welcome such gifts. But if you have held a significantly appreciated asset for more than one year and you would otherwise sell it, an in-kind gift of the property itself may be more advantageous to you than writing a check.

The featured example assumes the donor wants to make a gift of \$10,000, has a marginal federal income tax rate of 31%, and is not subject to state or local income taxes. The donor's cost basis of the stock is \$4,000.

Gift to be made	\$10,000 cash	\$10,000
Marginal income tax rate	x .31	
Tax savings from deduction	\$3,100	(3,100)
<b>Net cost of cash gift</b>		<b>\$6,900</b>

Gift to be made	\$10,000 in stock	\$10,000
Cost basis	-4,000	
Capital gain if sold	\$6,000	
Capital gains tax rate	x .28	
Capital gains tax avoided	\$1,680	(1,680)
Tax savings, same as above		(3,100)
<b>Net cost of stock gift</b>		<b>\$5,220</b>

When long-term (owned for more than one year) capital gain property is given to a qualified charitable organization such as ours, it is deductible for its full fair market value; and there is no federal capital gains tax payable on the appreciation in value.

If the asset would otherwise be sold, now or in the foreseeable future, the federal capital gains tax avoided is a tax saving. When added to savings from use of a charitable deduction for the market value of the property, the dual tax benefit reduces the net cost of the gift.

In the example, making a gift of stock instead of writing a check saves an added \$1,680. A higher federal tax bracket, and any state or local income taxes, would further improve results.

Other examples of appreciated property that may be gifted to your advantage include closely held, nonmarketable stock; real property with a low basis compared to market value; and tangible personal property related to the work of the recipient charitable organization. Our representative would be happy to review all these options with you and your advisors.

*"When long-term capital gain property is given to a qualified charitable organization such as ours, it is deductible for its full fair market value ..."*

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# IRAs and Charitable Trusts: The best of all worlds

by John Cloud

Planning for distributions of IRAs and other qualified retirement accounts to children is an extremely complex process that requires the assistance of experts steeped in the law. The quagmire of regulations governing distributions intimidates all but the most resolute attorneys, whose resolution is usually bolstered quite a bit by handsome remuneration. By the time all of the formulas and taxes -- and taxes on taxes -- have been applied, one thing becomes starkly clear to even disinterested bystanders: THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING LEFT!

## *Where does it go?*

What remains after the tax storm subsides is most often a pitiful remnant of what appeared to be a sizable chunk that would be there for the kids and grandkids. With lump sum distributions, the estate taxes, excise taxes, and deferred income taxes together often devastate the principal, removing 70% or more before loved ones ever see a dime. In an example presented in some materials from a nationally recognized estate planning conference for attorneys, a \$2 million IRA was reduced to \$521,000 after taxes. So I am

not making this up, as one popular columnist would say.

In contrast to lump sum distributions, an IRA owner may choose to elect distributions over his or her life expectancy coupled with the life expectancy of a designated beneficiary. The payout period is subject to a maximum number of years, and each year the participant lives reduces the benefit term of the survivors. In any event, after the death of the participant, estate taxes, excise taxes, and income taxes often take huge bites out of the IRA pie.

## *Should I abandon hope?*

Certainly not, because as you might expect I have an answer that, yes, could even involve Ouachita. An outright charitable bequest of an IRA account saves all estate taxes and deferred income taxes (but not excise taxes if applicable). Recall the above illustration involving the \$2 million IRA account. A gift to charity of this account would have avoided more than \$1.3 million in taxes.

This is fine, but you probably are thinking that an outright gift still doesn't mean much for family members,

which leads perfectly to the *coup de grace*: **Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRTs)**. You may know that a CRT may be used to provide income to your children or other loved ones for a term of years after you are gone; then the remaining principal would be available to Ouachita or other entity to use as you directed.

The IRS has ruled that transfers of IRAs to CRTs don't trigger income taxes on the assets. In addition, a CRT generates a significant estate tax deduction. Starting with a larger principal, the CRT can pay income to family members for up to twenty years. When compared with the best non-charitable IRA options, the CRT plan often equals or even exceeds the net monetary benefit to heirs.

The major difference in outcomes does not involve the heirs, but is simply this: With the straight IRA plan, nothing is left at the end of the payout term. With the CRT plan, the entire IRA principal remains intact to establish a permanent fund at Ouachita to benefit others far into the future.

Why not explore just to see how the straight IRA and the IRA-CRT plans compare in your situation? My number

here at Ouachita is 501-245-5169, or mail a note to me at OBU Box 3754, Arkadelphia, AR 71998.

## *A Real Life Example*

One day I received a call from a former student who resides in Oklahoma (anonymously by request), now retired from running a successful business. He recounted how he had amassed a tidy sum in an IRA account and was thinking of how he could use it to help his family and provide for Ouachita in the bargain. Over a period of months he helped to educate me on the complexities of IRA regulations, and he and his attorneys worked out an IRA-CRT plan that will come very close to providing as much for family members as the plan in force at that time; possibly even more depending on circumstances.

The CRT will eventually give \$1.5 million or so to Ouachita to endow a permanent scholarship fund that will help hundreds of young people attend college here. By asking questions and doing some exploring, this special friend has almost doubled the value of his resources. Many others can do the same thing.

# It may be time to review your will and estate plan

If any of the major changes described below have occurred in your personal affairs or those of your family, it is critical for you to review your will to see if it still meets your family's needs. We would be happy to assist you and your attorney with this review. We recommend you review your will with your attorney periodically—at least once every two or three years, depending on your unique situation.

**Change in laws.** Have you reviewed your will since the tax law changes were enacted in Congress? Your

plans may be drastically affected.

**Marriage.** Your own marriage certainly requires a change of your estate plan. This should be done not only because you will want to meet your new responsibilities, but also because the law creates certain new rights and obligations with respect to property after marriage.

**Birth.** A new child or grandchild in the family always means a will should be reviewed. Should you provide a trust to protect an inexperienced beneficiary? What about providing funds for a

college education?

**Death.** Does the death of a family member completely change your plan? What will be the tax effects of an unexpected death? Should the shares be changed or a beneficiary substituted?

**Divorce.** Would you want to change the provisions made for your son or daughter if he or she were divorced? How can you protect a grandchild or keep your money out of undesired hands?

**Change of needs.** Are your children grown up now? Do you and your spouse have more than ample assets?

Should you make greater use of gifts?

**Change of residence.** Does your will conform to the law of the state where you now live? Are inheritance taxes more? How can your estate pay them?

When reviewing your estate plan, we hope you will also consider a gift to Ouchita. Many gift options allow you substantial tax savings. More importantly, you'll feel great personal satisfaction knowing you have helped sustain our efforts. For more information, please call or write us for an appointment.

## Tax savings, lifetime income from a gift of appreciated property

One desirable way to make a gift to us is through a charitable remainder trust. At the same time, the trust can provide a lifetime income for yourself and anyone else you designate. We receive the remaining value of the trust upon your death or that of the designated recipient.

As you review what resources you might use to create a charitable remainder trust, consider this: When charitable gifts are made by means of charitable remainder trusts that produce lifetime income for donors, funding the trust with capital gain property results in two tax savings—from a partial charitable income tax deduction and from avoidance of the capital gains tax. This reduces the net cost of the gift to the trust, which improves the effective rate of return.

To illustrate, a taxpayer, age 75, is in the 36% federal tax bracket. She made a successful investment many years ago in stock now worth \$100,000, with a cost of \$30,000. The stock dividends are only 3% on its value, and she wishes to reduce her market risk.

Selling the stock would result in a 28% capital gains tax on \$70,000, reducing the proceeds for reinvestment by \$19,600, to \$80,400. She uses the stock, instead, to fund a 6% one-life charitable remainder annuity trust (CRAT), which pays her the \$6,000 annuity in semiannual installments. The federal interest rate used in calculating the charitable deduction is 8%, with these results:

Fair market value of funding asset		\$100,000
Charitable deduction	\$61,884	
Marginal federal tax rate	<u>x .36</u>	
Ordinary income tax saved	\$22,278	(22,278)
Capital gains tax avoided		(19,600)
<b>Net cost of funding CRAT</b>		<b>\$58,122</b>

The annual income of \$6,000 is double the prior dividends and represents an effective rate of return of 10% on her net cost after two tax savings.

### *Often the Most Effective Gift*

Funding an income-producing charitable gift plan with appreciated property can work wonders. You can provide maximum benefits to us at a minimum cost to you. To create a plan that satisfies your objectives, consult your tax advisor and our representative.

*"One desirable way to make a gift is through a charitable remainder trust."*

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1961 · Members of the Debate Team were Lela Chavez, Frank Flynn, Loyd Pearcy, Carl Kelly, Bailey Smith, and Justlyn Matlock.

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