A Word from the President ...

Mike Huckabee recently became the first Ouachita graduate to serve as Governor of the State of Arkansas.

Mike is a member of the Class of 1976, and serves as a member of the Ouachita Board of Trustees. He was pastor of two Arkansas churches from 1980 to 1991, and twice was elected president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Mike followed the Lord's leading from the pastorate into the political arena in 1992 when he ran for a seat in the U.S. Senate. After that unsuccessful campaign, an unexpected opportunity for public service arose when the office of Lieutenant Governor became vacant. He was elected by Arkansas voters in a special election in 1993, and was elected to a full term in 1994.

1996 brought another campaign for the U.S. Senate, but it was interrupted by another unexpected political development which propelled him into the governor's office.

When Mike Huckabee set out on a career of service in government, his destination was Washington, D.C. He has been diverted twice to the State Capitol in Little Rock. I have no idea where his path ultimately may lead, but I am pleased that one who has been a Christian leader in Arkansas will now give leadership to the government of our state. I think he will make an excellent governor.

Governor Huckabee will provide his own proof of his adequacy for the task. In the meantime, we know him as a graduate who has demonstrated sincerity, honor, and brilliance. That shouldn't be bad equipment at all for the challenge before him.

I plan to pray daily for Governor Mike Huckabee, and I urge you to do so.

[Signature]
Commencement 2-3
Dr. Wesley Kluck, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Mike Arrington, vice president for academic affairs; and Dr. Ben Elrod, president; stand as the Class of 1996 enters the Sturgis Physical Education Center for commencement.

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Cover photo: Students gather at the Katie Speer Pavilion and Gardens located down by the river behind Evans Student Center.
The Ouachita family gathered to bid farewell to 230 seniors, and the class of 1996 was challenged to go out into the world and make a difference.

Degree plans, resume writing, job interviews, new residence (or moving home) ... these were all on the minds of 230 seniors as they prepared for their long-awaited commencement weekend, May 11-12.

Activities began Friday afternoon with commencement rehearsal. After marching instructions, picture orders and final check-lists were completed, the seniors enjoyed a hamburger cookout at the home of President and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod.

Saturday's activities began with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. in Jones Performing Arts Center. Dr. Emil Turner of Little Rock, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, spoke to the graduating class of 1996.

Turner assumed his position at the state convention headquarters in January of this year. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana State University in 1972, followed by a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1983. Turner also received his doctor of ministry degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1988. Turner has held several pastorates including churches in Crossett, Bowling Green, Ky., Harrisonburg, La., and Lake Charles, La. His denominational activities include serving as a member of the Board of Trustees on the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and varied associational, state convention, and SBC responsibilities.

With the theme 'Do You Hear the Music, the Leadership Music,' Roger H. Sublett delivered the keynote address at the commencement ceremony in Sturgis Physical Education Center.

Sublett, program director of the Kellogg National Fellowship Program of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan, emphasized the importance of service leadership stating, 'Regardess of the direction of your careers, the challenges of leadership will be with you throughout your life.' He added, 'Above all else, leadership is relational. And, if you have not already discovered, you will soon find that only people make a difference in any organization, community, institution, or family.'

Sublett earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in social science/history from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. He earned his doctorate in American history at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

His responsibilities with the Foundation include developing and reviewing Foundation programming priorities, evaluating and recommending proposals for funding, and administering projects.

Before joining the Foundation in 1989, Sublett served as associate vice president for academic affairs at the University of Evansville, In. He has also served as president of the Coalition for Adult Education Organizations and executive vice-president of the Association for Continuing Higher Education.

Other commencement day activities included a luncheon for Ouachita alumni, former students, the graduating class, their friends and parents, and friends of the University. The event was sponsored by the Former Students Association.
PRESENTING THE CLASS • Bill Vining serves as a marshal at commencement. Upon his retirement, Vining was named Professor Emeritus of Physical Education. Serving with Vining as marshals were retiring faculty members Dr. Jake Shambarger, Professor Emeritus of Education, and Dr. Francis McBeth, Distinguished University Professor and Resident Composer.

PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS • Dr. Ben Elrod, president of Ouachita, greets those gathered to participate in the commencement ceremony for the Class of 1996.

BACCALAUREATE • Dr. Emil Turner, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, delivers the baccalaureate address in Jones Performing Arts Center.

CLASS PICNIC • Members of the Class of 1996 and the faculty enjoy a Friday afternoon picnic at the home of President and Mrs. Ben Elrod.
Faculty-Staff Campaign surpasses goal of $300,000

The Faculty-Staff portion of the Window of Opportunity Campaign came to a successful conclusion May 3 with a Victory Celebration Luncheon held in Evans Student Center. It was announced that both the base and challenge goals of $175,000 and $300,000 had been surpassed. More than $332,000 in cash and pledges was raised in the campaign.

As significant as the dollars raised was the level of participation: 84 percent among full-time employees. Divisions whose percent of participation reached 85 or above were: Business, Religion/Philosophy, Social Science and Natural Science in the Faculty Campaign; External, Internal, Maintenance and Administrative Council in the Staff Campaign.

Campaign co-chairs Mac Sisson and Randall Wright expressed appreciation to the many volunteer leaders who worked in the campaign. Faculty chair Bill Downs was aided by Freddie Jolley, Business; Craig Ward, Education; Mary Shambarger, Fine Arts; Roy Buckelew, Humanities; Glenn Good, Natural Science; Scott Duvall, Religion/Philosophy; Trey Berry, Social Science.

Billie Sharp served as chair of the Staff Campaign. Her division chairs were Randy Garner, External; Judy Jones, Internal; Bill Harkrider, Maintenance; Rosemary Chu, Student Services; Charolette Allison, Support; Lewis Shepherd, Trio/Foster Grandparents.

Phil Rice served as chair of the Administrative Council Emeriti Campaign. Harold Johnson was the division chair of the emeriti portion of the campaign. Charles and Margaret Wright served as honorary co-chairs of the overall campaign. John Cloud was the campaign director.

Hampton, Anthony selected to lead Trustee Campaign

The campaign among current and past members of Ouachita’s Board of Trustees has entered the leadership enlistment phase. Jeral Hampton has agreed to serve as chair of the campaign and Clarence Anthony has accepted the role of honorary chair. Additional enlistments are underway at this time.

"Jeral Hampton and Clarence Anthony have been two of Ouachita’s most loyal supporters for over 30 years. They are once again stepping out in the leadership ranks of those who are willing to be among the first to commit themselves to the success of the campaign."

Ben M. Elrod, president

Their leadership is already providing a good beginning for the pace-setting first months of the effort.

Hampton graduated from Ouachita in 1943. He was currently president of Citizen’s Bank in Booneville. He is married to Betty Lou Stanfill, a 1945 Ouachita graduate. The Hamptons attend First Baptist Church in Booneville.

Anthony first joined Ouachita’s Board of Trustees in 1979. He and his wife, Bennie Sue, have supported many projects at the university, including establishing an endowed chair of Bible and the humanities. In October 1994, the university recognized them by naming the new men’s residence hall in their honor. Anthony worked with the Murfreesboro Lumber Company for 41 years, serving as president for the last 17 of those years. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro.

"These two men are good examples of those who express their love for Ouachita in tangible ways. They have served faithfully over the years as trustees," said Elrod. "I would not venture to guess how many hundreds of miles they have driven in behalf of Ouachita, nor how many hours they have deliberated on matters relating to the progress of the university. They have always made their money available to help provide for progress."

Elrod continued, "Their optimism and belief that we could be a regionally-recognized university, with legitimate ambitions to be nationally-recognized. They have helped us to dream big dreams, and then to make them become realities. May the Lord give us many more men and women like Jeral Hampton and Clarence Anthony."

The campaign will be conducted among the 24 present members and approximately 60 former members of the Board of Trustees. The base goal is $1.5 million and the challenge goal is $3 million.
Herbert and LaDelle Moody Chair in Pre-Law established

The Herbert and LaDelle Moody Chair in Pre-Law Studies has been established at Ouachita as the result of a gift to the University in excess of $500,000 from the estate of Mrs. LaDelle Moody of Bald Knob.

Mrs. Moody died October 10, 1995, and was preceded by her husband, James Herbert Moody, who died May 8, 1980, at the age of 73.

She was 89 years of age at the time of her death and was a retired elementary school teacher with 37 years in the Bald Knob School System.

'LaDelle Moody was one of the most loving and generous ladies I have ever known,' said John Cloud, director of estate and gift planning at Ouachita. 'Despite blindness and incapacitation in herwan-
ing years, she derived great joy using her resources to help others, particularly young people attending Ouachita and Williams (Baptist College). Her estate gift to endow the Herbert and LaDelle Moody Chair of Pre-Law will be a fount of many blessings for Ouachita and her students for generations to come.'

Mrs. Moody was past president of the Bald Knob Business and Professional Women's Club and Garden Club. She was a member of the Cotton Plant Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, active in the Chamber of Commerce and Parent-Teacher Association and the NuConclave Sorority.

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John Cloud
Director of Estate and Gift Planning

Mrs. Moody was a member of Central Baptist Church where she served as church treasurer for more than 25 years. She organized and served on many community drives.

Her husband was White County Judge from 1938 to 1942. During his term as judge, he established the White County Library and the White County Health Department, both at Searcy.

He served in the Arkansas House of Representatives from 1950 to 1960 and was prosecuting attorney from 1942 to 1950.

A former mayor of Bald Knob, Herbert Moody also was owner of Bald Knob Telephone Company, the early predecessor of the existing Bald Knob telephone system.

He was a member of the Arkansas Bar Association and the Bald Knob Country Club. He was a World War II veteran, a Methodist and a Mason.
**Newsmakers**

Kevin Brennan, instructor in political science, was selected by the Council on International Education Exchange to spend June 1-9 on an education tour of the Republic of Russia. The program was titled "Russia through the Eyes of the Media."

The educational program was designed for faculty members interested in former communist countries, according to Brennan. The idea was to see firsthand how the political changes within a country changed society.

Brennan traveled with 20 other professors from various other colleges and universities around the country and met with local politicians, business entrepreneurs, and Russian families.

Brennan planned to use his added insight on the condition in former communist countries in his teaching of contemporary world issues.

The trip to Russia was not Brennan's first on-site involvement with a former communist country. From September 1992 to June 1993, Brennan taught at the Technical University of Timisoara and the University of Timisoara in Timisoara, Romania.

Two members of the religion faculty recently had articles printed in religious publications.

**Dr. J. Scott Duvall**, associate professor of religion, had an article "The Ephesian Church" published in the 1996 winter issue of "Biblical Illustrator."

**Dr. Terry Carter**, associate professor of religion, also had his article, "Clarity in Preaching," published in "Proclaim."

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**McBeth, Shambarger, Vining represent 111 years of service**

Three faculty members have retired from full-time teaching. The three reflect a total of 111 years of employment at the University.

In making the announcement of their retirement, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mike Arrington said that the school's Board of Trustees at a recent meeting conferred on the three special academic designations.

Dr. W. Francis McBeth was named as Distinguished University Professor; Dr. Jake Shambarger as Professor Emeritus of Education; and Bill Vining as Professor Emeritus of Physical Education.

The three longtime Ouachita faculty members were honored with a public reception hosted by the University on Wednesday, May 1 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on the Bridge (top floor) of Evans Student Center.

McBeth joined the Ouachita faculty in 1957 and completes a distinguished 39 year career as the Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music, Resident Composer, and chair of the Department of Music Theory/Composition. In 1975, the Lubbock, Texas native was named by the Governor as Composer Laureate of Arkansas.

McBeth received the bachelor of music degree from Hardin-Simmons (TX) University in 1954, the master of music degree from the University of Texas in 1957, and holds a doctorate of music from Hardin-Simmons. He has also studied at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

McBeth is a leading figure in American music and has just completed a term as president of the American Bandmasters Association.

McBeth is an accomplished composer and musician, and his works have been performed all over the world.

His publications include compositions for all media, choral, chamber, orchestral and band.

He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the prestigious ASCAP award for 30 consecutive years.

McBeth was conductor of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra for many years until his retirement from the organization in 1973 whereupon he was elected Conductor Emeritus.

Shambarger joined the Ouachita faculty in 1966. He earned the bachelor of science in education degree from the Arkansas Polytechnic University in Russellville in 1952, the master of science in education degree from East Texas State University in 1958, and the doctor of education degree from ETSU in 1971.

He served as professor of education and has completed a distinguished 30 years of teaching at Ouachita, including a highly successful stint as Ouachita's baseball coach from 1965 to 1973. In that coaching tenure, Shambarger had three outright Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference baseball championships (1969, 1971, 1972) and shared three championships (1967, 1968, and 1970).

He is the author of several articles on coaching published in national journals. Shambarger served as Ouachita's faculty representative to the AIC.

Vining joined the Ouachita faculty in 1954 and is completing a distinguished 42 year career as athletic director, men's basketball coach, and associate professor of physical education.

Vining earned the bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita in 1951 and the master of arts degree from George Peabody (TN) College in 1954.

His coaching record is unequaled in Ouachita history, as his basketball team won over 500 games during his tenure. His Tigers claimed six AIC championships.

The Eudora native has toured the world as a coach for various Pan American AAU, World University, and Olympic competition.

He is a member of the Arkansas Sport Coaches Hall of Fame and the NAIA Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.
One of the papers will deal with "partisan institutions" in political science.

He also is interested in producing a volume on U.S. political parties.

"These projects will clearly deepen my understanding and appreciation of American political parties, along with improving my teaching," Bass said.

Nisbet plans to use his time in revision of two chemistry courses which he teaches for persons who intend to be nurses or dietitians. He also plans to revise a course in acoustics for music students. Further, he plans to study an electroanalytical instrument for use in his "Instrumental Analysis" course.

Nisbet would like to use his sabbatical study leave to work on a revision of the general education courses offered through the Division of Natural Science.

Reading is an integral part of Nisbet's proposal for leave time. "I would like to visit one or more chemistry libraries at large universities, perhaps in Austin or Fayetteville, both to learn and to find books to recommend for the Ouachita library," Nisbet said.

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IN MEMORY

Dr. Alton Crawley, professor and chair of the department of math and computer science at Ouachita, died Tuesday, June 18, following a lengthy illness.

Dr. Crawley had taught at Ouachita since 1983. He also served as coordinator of academic computing at the University.

"I have admired Alton Crawley as an exemplary teacher, an influential member of our faculty and a leader at First Baptist Church," said Dr. Ben M. Elrod, president. "Both his devotion to teaching and his courage when facing serious illness flowed from a deep, personal Christian faith. He was an inspiration to us all and his influence will be sorely missed."

In 1991, Crawley won the Sears-Roebuck Foundation's Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award. The national award recognized Crawley's "resourcefulness and leadership as an independent college educator."

Crawley was an active leader among faculty members at Ouachita. He had chaired two influential committees, the Academic Standards Committee and the Academic Computing Committee. Crawley also was a member of the steering committee which developed a Title III grant proposal in 1994. The proposal was funded for approximately $1.5 million and greatly updated faculty access to computers and faculty advising.

Before coming to Ouachita, Crawley had served on the math and computer science faculties at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green and Northeast Louisiana University. Crawley received a bachelor's degree in 1964 from Louisiana Tech University. His M.S. and Ph.D. were awarded at Texas A&M in 1967 and 1970, respectively.

Crawley is survived by his wife, Joanne, who serves as loan officer for the financial aid office at Ouachita, and two children, Dayna (94) and Donald (96).
Twelve faculty to use grant awards for continuing professional growth

Twelve faculty members have been awarded grants totaling more than $13,000 designed to aid each in professional growth.

The Faculty Growth Plan Awards are made annually by the Faculty Development Committee and approved by University President Dr. Ben M. Elrod.

Full-time faculty members are eligible for the awards that are on a competitive basis. The awards require a written report to the office of the vice president for academic affairs upon successful completion of the project or study.

Faculty members receiving the awards for the 1996-97 academic year include:

- Kevin Brennan, assistant professor of political science, received a grant of $3,000 to attend a one week course this summer titled “Russian Through the Eyes of the Media: Elections and the New Social Landscape” in St. Petersburg and Moscow sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange.
- The Department of Biology received funding of $800 to send a faculty member to Houston, Texas, for a three-day workshop on training for a new science software program.
- Dr. Terry G. Carter, assistant professor of religion, was awarded $1,000 to spend six weeks this summer in Waterloo, Belgium to help in church planting under the auspices of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in partnership with the European Baptist Convention.
- Dr. Vince Cobb, assistant professor of biology, was given $1,078 to attend a Chautauqua course on “The Paleobiology of the Dinosaurs” at Mesa College in Grand Junction, Colorado.
- Glenn Good, professor of physics, was granted an award of $1,120 to attend a Chautauqua course on “Glaciers in Alaska” at the University of Alaska in Anchorage.
- Dr. Tom Greer, the Clarence and Bennie Sue Anthony Professor of Bible and the Humanities, was awarded $1,000 to attend the International Conference on Cultural Reception and Metamorphosis in China and present a paper comparing American writer Kate Chopin and Chinese writer Zhang Jie.
- Dr. Craig Hamilton, associate professor of music and director of bands, was given $600 to attend the College Band Directors’ National Association meeting in Athens, Georgia, where he will receive training in conducting and band literature.
- Dr. Steve Phillips, associate professor of speech, was awarded $700 to work with a University of New Mexico professor on creating a teacher’s resource package to accompany a text titled “Diffusion of Innovations.”
- David Sharp, assistant professor of physical education, was granted a $900 award to attend a golf school in Sedona, Arizona, to better learn techniques for teaching golf to university students.
- Dr. Everett Slavens, professor of history, was presented a $1,000 award to attend a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar in South Africa titled “Literature and Culture in Contemporary South Africa, 1948-1994.”
- Irene Trofimova, associate professor of modern languages, was accorded a $1,500 award to attend a five week summer linguistics seminar at Moscow State University.
- Dr. Bill Viser, associate professor of religion, received a $385 award to begin training to become a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor.

Eight faculty members receive promotions

Eight faculty members have been promoted to higher academic rank by recent action of the Ouachita Board of Trustees.

The promotions from associate professor to professor include: Jack Estes in modern foreign languages, and Glenn Good in physics.

Promotions from assistant professor to associate professor include: Dr. Terry Carter in religion; Joyce Morehead in family and consumer sciences; Dr. Jon Secrest in music; Dr. Edwina Thedford in music; and David Allen Wehr in music.

An advancement from instructor to assistant professor was given to Nancy T...
Summer grants provide for research

The faculty members, Dr. Bill Downs, Dr. Scott Holsclaw and Dr. Raouf Halaby, received 1996 summer research grants from the University to provide for a period of uninterrupted research and creative endeavors in their respective academic disciplines.

Dr. Bill Downs, chair of the department of communications and professor of communications, received a $1,000 grant to develop a comprehensive set of guidelines that can be used by colleges and universities to train prospective high school journalism advisers to meet the challenges of producing 21st century scholastic publications.

To help him in compiling data, Downs distributed a nationwide survey to a representative sample of award-winning high school publication advisers and principals, state and national high school press associations and directors of scholastic journalism training programs in colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Downs said that the final product will be a manual which initially will serve as a basis for an Honors Lecture that he is delivering in Anaheim, California, in August at the meeting of the Scholastic Press Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Scott Holsclaw, associate professor of religion, received a $3,500 grant to help develop a project of writing an intermediate level text designed for use in teaching biblical Greek.

"One of the frustrations in teaching, and learning, second year Greek is the absence of good, up-to-date textbooks," Duvall said. Duvall said that he and Dr. George Guthrie, chair of the department of religion at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, will collaborate in writing the book.

Zondervan Publishing House, a division of Harper Collins Publishers, has expressed an interest in publishing the text which will differ in approach from the traditional method of teaching second-year Greek.

Halaby, acting chair of the department of visual arts of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts and professor of English, received a $2,500 summer research grant to study the subject of surrealism and the symbolist poetry of Rimbaud, Verlaine, and Mallarme and their impact on Greek-American artist William Baziotes' abstract expressionist paintings.

Halaby plans to spend time this summer reading, writing and traveling to New York and Washington to view material in various internationally recognized museums, libraries and exhibits in conjunction with the theme of his research project.

Upon completion of his research, Halaby plans to write a scholarly paper which he anticipates presenting at the fall meeting of the Southeastern College Art Conference, as well as for publication. *Mac Sisson

Academic Enrichment Grants promote various innovative learning opportunities

The Paul and Virginia Henry Academic Enrichment Grant Program has awarded $8,500 to eight faculty members to support "innovative" approaches to learning for their students for the 1996-97 academic year.

The awards were begun in 1976 by now retired Batesville businessman and 1949 Ouachita graduate Paul Henry and his wife, Virginia, a former student at OBU.

The Paul and Virginia Henry Academic Enrichment Grants for the 1996 fall semester at OBU were awarded to:

• Dr. Robert Hamilton, assistant professor of physics, was appropriated $660 to take students to the American Physics Society meeting in Texas.

• Dr. Scott Holsclaw, associate professor of theatre arts, and Eric Phillips, assistant professor of theatre arts, were awarded $1,200 to take students to the Southwest Regional College Theatre Festival.

• Allyson Tollett, instructor in mathematics, was given $750 to take students to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics meeting.

• Nancy Turner, assistant professor of speech pathology, and Carol Morgan, instructor in speech pathology, were awarded a total of $1,200 to take students to the National Speech/Language/Hearing Association Conference in Seattle, Washington.

• Glenn Good, professor of physics, was provided a grant of $455 to take students to the National Science Teachers Association meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

• Dave Ozmun, assistant professor of communications and public relations associate, was awarded $760 to take students to visit various communication complexes in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex area.

Newsmakers

Dr. William Steeger, chair of the division of religion and philosophy, the W. O. Vaught Professor of Bible, and the director of the Center for Christian Ministries, was the speaker at a spring chapel convocation at his alma mater, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

While at the seminary, Steeger was honored with a presidential luncheon by Dr. Albert Mohler of Louisville. He also presented an exposition on one of The Psalms.

Dr. William C. Viser, associate professor of religion, was recently named to the fourth edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1996."

Viser was nominated for the honor by a former student. Students who have been cited for academic excellence themselves in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" or "The National Dean's List," respectively, are invited to nominate one teacher from their entire academic experience to the listing. Only five percent of America's teachers are selected for this honor.

Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, assistant professor of education, recently received a doctor of education degree from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

Westmoreland's doctoral thesis was titled "Factors Related to Burnout Among Coordinators of Gifted and Talented Programs in Arkansas."

She holds a bachelor of science in education degree (1981) from Ouachita. In 1985, she received a master of science in education degree from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

Westmoreland joined the Ouachita faculty in 1991.
Seeking to provide close faculty and student relations for which small universities are typically known, Ouachita is one of the pacesetters in an aggressive student academic advising program in concert with a willing faculty and administration. The program not only provides students with an advisor who teaches in the student’s area of academic concentration, but works to create positive relationships with professors outside of the classroom setting.

“I attended a large state university before coming to Ouachita and the advising experience was a completely different one,” said one transfer student. “I was just one out of a hundred students under my advisor. At Ouachita, I’m more than just a social security number. My advisor is not only my professor, he’s a mentor and friend to me.”

Convenience of academic advising was recently enhanced through the implementation of the Computer Aided Student Scheduling (CASS) program. CASS allows advisors to enter a student’s schedule into their office computer and receive an immediate report on availability of specific classes, as well as a copy of the student’s final schedule.

“The objective of this program is to provide students and advisors with more time for actual advising,” said Dr. Arrington, vice president for academic affairs. “We want advisors to do more than just punch some numbers into a computer. We want them to be able to discuss the student’s future career plans and how those fit into their schedule here at Ouachita.”

New students’ first opportunity at Ouachita to meet with a faculty advisor is during one of the four Early Academic Orientation sessions held the summer before the first fall semester. “Freshmen are assigned to an academic advisor who provides guidance in selection of courses and also serves to help the student in the transition into college life,” said Arrington. “Advisors also encourage the students to talk with instructors in academic areas of particular interest if they are uncertain of their major.”

A recent survey adopted by the institution through the Noel-Leviz Retention Management System is serving as a tool for that first contact with the advisor after the EAO so that students have an additional visit with their advisor before it is time to schedule for the spring semester.

“One of the calling cards of a small university is the close relationship between faculty and students,” said Dr. Jeff Root, director of public relations and assistant professor of communications. “Ouachita is fulfilling that call through the faculty advising program.”

“When I was a graduate student, the university I attended had one person in charge of advising all of the students in the School of Journalism,” said Root. “This person was in charge of advising hundreds of students. I believe that was a mistake.”

That is a mistake that Ouachita wants to avoid. “Ouachita was placed in a rural setting on purpose,” said Arrington. “The aim was to have faculty and students living together and working together in the same environment. We want to continue to strengthen that traditional concept of close relations both on and off campus between students and faculty.”

Genny Cassaday

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**SUMMER RESEARCH • Dr. Joe Bradshaw and Julie Beckwith, a chemistry major from Hot Springs, conduct DNA research as part of a grant awarded Beckwith by the Science Information Liaison Organization.**

**Student awarded DNA research grant**

An experimental DNA research project was awarded to Julie Beckwith, a chemistry student from Hot Springs, by the Science Information Liaison Organization (SILO) in Little Rock, Beckwith and Dr. Joe Bradshaw, assistant professor of chemistry, are spending ten weeks this summer in the project funded at $3,200.

"Primarily, we are conducting preliminary research into DNA cleavage using metallo-porphyrins, which are like huge hemoglobin units in blood," said Bradshaw. "We are actually looking into how these things interact with DNA."

"The intent of the research carries with it possible new uses of DNA. The well exposed DNA sequencing techniques shown in the Los Angeles trial of O. J. Simpson came through the use of current radioactive methods," Bradshaw explained. "Our research is along the lines of the possibility through new color sequencing methods of doing the same job, yet eliminating the laboratory technicians from working with radioactivity."

Mac Sisson
AdFed

Advertising Federation team becomes first Arkansas team to win district competition

A year's worth of deadlines, sleepless nights of preparation, and endless research finally paid off for the 11 students who were announced as the district winners of the American Advertising Federation's National Student Advertising Competition held recently at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock.

The idea of the competition is to allow collegiate advertising teams from across the country the opportunity to act as if they were the agency of record for a large corporation and what they would do to enhance that company's or institution's product and/or image for all of its publics.

At Ouachita, the advertising/public relations campaign class, commonly known as AdFed, is a senior level course in the department of communications.

The advertising campaign designed by the AdFed students promoting American Red Cross volunteerism was chosen over that of 11 other institutions of higher education in District 10 that includes both large and small colleges and universities in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas.

The victory in the district competition marks the first time in the history of the competition that an Arkansas school has won the regional contest.

"The feeling was exhilarating," said Dr. Bill Downs, chair of the department of communications, professor of communications, and teacher of the AdFed course at Ouachita. "I knew after our presentation had been made to the judges that it was as near perfect as it could have been."

Chris Bosen, a senior communications major from Collinsville, Ill., was elected "president" of the AdFed campaign last fall. "It was every emotion you could imagine at the same time," said Bosen. "The highest Ouachita had ever placed before was third."

Students began preparations for the campaign during the fall semester with in-depth research on the American Red Cross Volunteer Program, the focus for all teams by the AAF national office. Students were presented with a case study at the beginning of the fall semester that outlined the objectives of the campaign.

The purpose of the Red Cross Campaign was to increase volunteerism among the "20 somethings." The second semester was spent developing the creative aspects of the campaign.

Five presenters were selected to represent Paradigm Productions, the name of the fictitious Ouachita student advertising agency.

Ouachita's campaign used the "Help Can't Wait" slogan already being utilized by the Red Cross and with it incorporated the slogan "If Not Now, When? If Not You, Who?"

"Our win proved that it is not the size of the school, but the quality that counts," said Downs. "This is the most intense college experience these team members will ever have. It's the ultimate academic achievement when victory isn't based on just a grade but successful application of knowledge to a real world problem."

Ouachitonian yearbook named best in state; Signal newspaper receives second place

The "Ouachitonian" yearbook received first place in the General Excellence Overall Sweepstakes category at the annual meeting of the Arkansas College Media held recently in Jonesboro. The University campus newspaper, "The Signal," won second place in newspaper General Excellence.

In addition to being named the best college and university yearbook in Arkansas, the "Ouachitonian" staff earned 26 individual awards.

The editor of the yearbook was Beth Ann Lee, a 1996 communications graduate from Midwest City, Okla. The adviser is Dr. Deborah Root, director of development publications and assistant professor of communications.

"The Signal" staff members won five individual awards. Chris Bosen, a senior communications major from Collinsville, Mo., served as editor of "The Signal." The adviser of the newspaper is Dr. Jeff Root, director of public relations and assistant professor of communications.

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MISSION TRIPS PROVIDE

Global Awareness

Ouachita students participated in two mission projects recently. Over spring break, a group went to San Antonio, and this summer, another group traveled to Africa.

A group of 28 students took the opportunity to minister to inner-city elementary students in San Antonio, TX, during spring break.

The students, along with Ian Cosh, director of religious activities and the Baptist Student Union, and Brandi Byrd, assistant director of the BSU, worked with students at Burnet Elementary School in the Victoria Courts Housing Project in San Antonio.

Burnet Elementary School serves the housing project as a 12-month school.

The BSU mission team provided a day camp for the children of the elementary school. The elementary students were on a vacation period during the stay by the Ouachita students.

"This trip introduced our students to some of the needs inner-city kids may face," Cosh said. "Frequently students in the housing project are bored and motivated to become involved in activities detrimental to their well-being. This was a great opportunity for Ouachita students to learn and spend a spring break helping those less fortunate than themselves."

The group worked closely with the San Antonio Baptist Association that organized funds to provide meals during the lunch hour for the children and workers. The Association also provided funds for all extra materials the mission team needed.

The mission team hosted approximately 100 children. These elementary students were divided into six different groups according to age, including grades K-6. During the day they rotated various activities including: music, puppets, drama, sports, arts/crafts, and character profiles.

The character profiles sought to teach the students positive traits, teaching them how to relate to other children.

In addition to the day camp, the mission team led worship in local churches on Sunday, March 17, as well as Wednesday night, March 20. On Tuesday night, March 19, the Ouachita students participated in an area youth rally.

Nineteen students and four faculty/staff members spent three weeks in Zimbabwe and South Africa, May 28-June 18.

"One of our goals as a university is to develop leaders who are globally aware," said Cosh. "In pursuit of this goal, over the past years we have taken students to every continent in the world as a way of exposing them to consider ways they may make a contribution to solving some of the challenges facing our global community," he said. "We are committed to an ongoing effort to seek to highlight the many and varying needs of the developed and developing world."

The students began preparation and training in mid-October with weekly team meetings, evangelism conferences, fundraising, and developing specific skills for the ministry.

The mission team was divided into four different smaller groups. Each small group worked with local pastors and led worship services, conducted discipleship workshops, sang, shared testimonies, and witnessed.

On Tuesday, May 28, the mission team boarded a trans-Atlantic flight to London, where they spent some time visiting the city’s historical sights before reaching the mission field. From London, the team flew to Harare, Zimbabwe, where they ministered in local churches and worked with youth.

On Sunday, June 2, students led worship in local churches and visited the country’s only Baptist Seminary in Gweru, south of Harare. The Ouachita team had the opportunity to visit with seminary students and professors, as well as share about their own mission work in the two countries.

The following week was spent in Johannesburg, South Africa, where the mission team worked with college students at Rosebank Bible College. The final stop was Cape Town, located on the southwest tip of Africa. The team worked alongside two local churches: Fisheok Baptist Church and Durbanville Baptist Church.

Throughout the time in these cities, team members visited and spoke in public schools. "There is no separation of church and state," said Cosh. "Our students were able to go into classrooms to provide not only educational information on American culture, but to share their faith as well."

Cosh says that this trip was unique, not only because the team ministered in two different countries, but each of the faculty sponsors have strong ties to Zimbabwe and South Africa. Cosh was raised in Zimbabwe.

Another trip sponsor, Dr. William Steeger, the W. O. Vaught Professor of Bible and chair of the religion and philosophy division, served as a Southern Baptist Convention foreign missionary in South Africa for eight years.

Dr. Isaac Mwase, OBU assistant professor of religion and philosophy, accompanied the Ouachita group. Mwase is from Zimbabwe and has numerous professional and personal contacts in the region.

Brandi Byrd, assistant BSU director, was also a sponsor on the mission trip.

*Genny Cassaday
Four students visit NATO, SHAPE headquarters

Four students from Ouachita were selected to visit the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, during their spring semester study in England at Reading University.

The Ouachita students joined 26 others from five different universities in England one weekend last spring to learn more about the military alliance. The opportunity originated from a class the Ouachita students were taking in the United Kingdom titled “Anglo American Relations.”

“Our group was composed of students from three or four different countries,” said Ashley Nall, a senior English major from Batesville and one of the four Ouachita students on the trip. “We studied the special relationship between Britain and America.

“Our professor was head of the politics department and he asked us if we would have any interest in going on the trip to NATO. He was allowed to select several students from our university.”

In addition to the Ouachita students, there were three other Americans selected for the NATO tour. “It was very exciting to be there,” said Nall. “One of the most memorable experiences was lunch in the NATO headquarters cafeteria. We sat down at our table and I looked around and saw all of these highly decorated officials. And I thought I am sitting in the middle of people who make the most important decisions in the world.”

During their visit to NATO the students attended three briefings conducted by various officers. “They talked about America’s role in the Gulf War and NATO’s role in the peacekeeping process during the war and how they had to employ arms to keep the peace,” said Nall.

The two day NATO trip also included a visit to the Strategic Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) located outside of Brussels. Here, students were honored guests at a luncheon.

“SHAPE serves as the muscles behind the brain of NATO,” said Nall. “Those two organizations work together. SHAPE is the military power for NATO.”

While at the SHAPE headquarters, the students observed a three panel discussion made up of generals from Belgium, America, and France. “Each general came in and talked about a different facet of SHAPE,” said Nall. “One talked about the Gulf War, another one talked about America’s role in NATO, and the last one talked about NATO’s future role in the world. There was an overall emphasis about the necessity of employing arms.”

Ouachita students who participated in the trip included: Ashley Nall; Mason Pickens, a sophomore political science major from Batesville; Heidi Nunn, a junior political science major from Lingle, WY; and Hope Tate, a sophomore family life ministry/church recreation major from Melbourne.

—Genny Cassaday

Germany, Morocco added to list of programs

Beginning in the fall of 1997, Ouachita students will have the opportunity to study at Martin Luther University in Wittenburg, Germany.

Two Ouachita students will be allowed to attend the German university each semester along with other American students from Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) colleges and universities in the Cooperative Services International Education Consortium (CSIEC).

I expect this program to impact the entire campus,” said Dr. Trey Berry, director of the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program and assistant professor of history. “It will offer outstanding study possibilities for students majoring in Ouachita’s broad liberal arts environment.”

The Ouachita students studying abroad will be taking courses in the German language, German history, history of the Reformation, religious history, political science, business, and art.

Ouachita will also initiate a new student and faculty exchange program at AI Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco in August of 1997.

AI Akhawayn University is the first private institution of higher learning in the North African country. Students will enroll in a broad range of liberal arts courses, and faculty will teach in areas including business, political science, history, English, and natural sciences.

Dr. Ben M. Elrod, president of Ouachita, signed an agreement for the program during a March visit to the AI Akhawayn campus.

“This program offers a tremendous opportunity for Ouachita students and faculty to experience the rich and ancient cultures of North Africa,” Berry said.

Ouachita has an extensive student and faculty exchange program with universities in Japan, China, Austria, England, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Israel, France, Italy, Indonesia, and now Germany and Morocco.
Benson succeeds Vining as athletic director

Buddy Benson will succeed Bill Vining, Sr. as the athletic director at Ouachita. Vining retired from the position at the end of the 1995-96 academic year.

Benson served for 31 years as head football coach at OBU before announcing his decision in December to leave the active duties ranks of coaching. He was succeeded by Jimmy "Red" Parker.

The appointment of Benson to the post of athletic director at Ouachita was approved at a recent meeting of the Ouachita Board of Trustees. Vining is completing his 30th year at Ouachita as athletic director and has served as coach and teacher since 1954.

Vining, a 1951 graduate of Ouachita, became head basketball coach of the Tiger men's basketball program in 1954 and athletic director in 1965. He remained the head basketball coach for 34 years before giving up that title in 1989. In addition to his athletic director's duties, Vining also taught courses in the University's department of health, physical education and recreation.

As head basketball coach, Vining led the Tiger basketball program to a record of 555-382 to go along with six Arkansas Intercollegiate Championships and appearances in post season NAIA play.

Benson coached the Tiger football program for 31 years until November 13, 1995, when he resigned his post as football coach.

In 1961, Benson, a native of DeQueen, was hired as assistant coach by then head coach Rab Rodgers.

Four years later, Benson took over the reigns of the program and began a career that ended with a 162-140-8 record.

He became the longest tenured coach in the much chronicled 89-year history of the Ouachita football program and led the Tigers to four AIC titles and two trips to the NAIA national playoffs.

When Benson retired from coaching he ranked as the second winningest active coach in the NAIA.

Since the announcement of his retirement, Benson has remained with the University as associate professor of physical education, teaching classes in the Roy and Christine Sturgis Physical Education Center.

Benson is a 1956 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he was a star player for the Razorbacks. He also holds a master of arts degree from UA-Fayetteville, conferred in 1962.

Gravett inducted into Track and Field Hall of Fame

The Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame inducted five individuals, including retired Ouachita indoor and outdoor track and field coach Dr. Bob Gravett, into its ranks in a ceremony held Friday, June 7, at the Riverfront Hilton Hotel in North Little Rock.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of track and field. The ceremony in June marked the second such ceremony in the history of the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Others honored at the banquet include: George Jones, John McDonnell, Dr. Thomas Hill and the late Eddie Hamm.

"We believe that these individuals are five of the greatest achievers in the sport of track and field in the state of Arkansas," said Dr. Woody Jolley, chair of the department of physical education at Henderson State University.

Gravett coached at Ouachita from 1965 until his retirement in 1994, when he was named by the Ouachita Board of Trustees as Professor Emeritus of Physical Education.

At the time of his retirement, Gravett was not only the coach of the Tiger track and field team, he also served as chair of the University's department of health, physical education and recreation.

Gravett's teams won six Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championships. He was named AIC and NAIA District 17 Coach of the Year on six occasions. Gravett coached 14 All-Americans in track.

The Humnoke native served in every executive position, including president, of the NAIA Track and Field Coaches Association.

He received his B.S.E. from Arkansas State Teachers College (now the University of Central Arkansas) in 1958. He was granted a M.S.E. degree in 1962 from Arkansas State University and a Ed.D. from North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas) in 1969.

Gravett served as an instructor at Humnoke High School from 1958-59; instructor at Keiser High School from 1959-63; and instructor at DeWitt High School from 1963-65.
Sports Wrap-Up

Lady Tiger Basketball

Joveta Saylors of Lead Hill, a 5-10 senior forward for the Lady Tiger basketball team, was named to the 1995-96 NAIA Division I Women's Basketball Honorable Mention All-American Team.

Saylors led her team to an 18-8 record this year, the best in school history since entering in intercollegiate play in 1976. Under first year coach Garry Crowder, Saylors and teammates advanced to the first round of the NAIA Southwest Independent Region Tournament.

In her career as a Lady Tiger, Saylors scored 1,382 points and grabbed 727 rebounds.

Saylors is a 1992 graduate of Lead Hill High School and a 1996 graduate of Ouachita.

Golf

Ouachita finished fifth in the NAIA East/Southeast Regional Golf Tournament which concluded on Tuesday, April 30.

The tournament was won by NAIA 10th ranked University of Mobile (AL) Rams.

Ouachita hosted the two-day tournament at the Glenwood Country Club.

Swimming

The Tiger Sharks and the Lady Tiger Sharks swimming and diving teams, coached by Jim Dann, have been honored by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) in Myrtle Beach, SC, for their performances in the classroom.

Both teams have achieved the distinction of having been selected as CSCAA Academic All-American Swimming Teams for the 1995 fall semester of classes.

The Lady Tiger Sharks were ranked by the CSCAA as the second best team academically in the nation in the NAIA Women's Division. The Ouachita men's team was ranked as the fourth best team academically in the nation in the NAIA Men's Division.

In national swimming and diving competition this year in the NAIA, the Ouachita men finished ninth and the women finished 20th in the nation.

Lady Tiger Tennis

Three Lady Tigers competed in the NAIA Regional Independent Women's Tennis Tournament in April.

Jennifer Jones competed for a singles' spot in the national tournament, but lost to the region's number one seed Sarah Fox of Schreiner College from Kerrville, TX.

Yoshie Hanah and Aimee Dinwiddie of Ouachita faced Katherine Well and Amanda Roberts of East Texas Baptist University in their first round doubles match, but were also defeated.

The Lady Tiger netters ended the year with a 5-11 record.

Tiger Tennis

The Tiger tennis team was never forced to play a doubles match in grabbing an insurmountable lead in singles in winning 17 of their 18 matches to capture the NAIA Southwest Regional Independent Tournament Championship in Oklahoma City, April 18-19.

To wrap up the season, the team finished in a two-way tie for fifth place at the conclusion of the 45th annual NAIA Men's National Tennis Championship Tournament held in May at the Shadow Mountain Racquet Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It was the best finish ever by an Arkansas team of any size college or university in a national championship tennis tournament.

The performance of Coach Craig Ward's team eclipsed their seventh place finish at last year's NAIA national tournament.

The team went into the tournament as the victors from the NAIA Southwest Regional Independent Tournament held in late April in Oklahoma City.

At Tulsa, Ouachita tied with Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas, for fifth place with 18 points. Winning the tournament was the University of Auburn at Montgomery (Ala.) with 34 points.

"I was pleased, overall, with the performance of our young men," said Ward. "Placing fifth in a very tough competitive tournament, such as the one in Tulsa, is a real credit to the dedication of our athletes. I couldn't be prouder."

Several Tiger netters achieved individual honors at the conclusion of the tournament.

Three players were named as All-American in the sport of tennis. They were: Christian Wassmer, a junior communications major from Singen, Germany; Tim Oosterhous, a junior sociology major from Texarkana, Texas; and Larry Hurta, a senior biology major from Pearl, Texas.

Wassmer and Hurta, along with Patrick Lofvenberg, a senior finance major from Stockholm, Sweden, also were named as NAIA Academic All-Americans for their performances in the classroom.

In addition, it was announced in Tulsa that Wassmer was selected by a panel of coaches to receive the Southern Regional Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship Award.

Lofvenberg also brought back to Arkadelphia and the Heflin Tennis Center at OBU the trophy for being tabbed as the Southern Senior Player of the Year.

"We are very proud of the accomplishments of all these players both on the court and in their classes," Ward said. "It reflects very favorably on the work ethic of these guys and the contributions others associated with them, on and off the campus, have made in the best interest of OBU tennis."
Looking out at majestic Pikes Peak each morning certainly makes me appreciate living in Colorado with my husband, Bill, and our son, Brian. However, we always look forward to our trips “home” to Arkansas. Visiting family and friends provides an opportunity to revive old memories and build new ones, including special memories of Ouachita.

Since my graduation in 1974, the campus has grown and changed in amazing ways. Beyond the physical changes, I am impressed by the real people whose support and dedication to the focus of Christian higher education make these changes possible. The success of the Decade of Progress campaign, an increase in new scholarships, and numerous endowments are a few examples of this dedication. Many of you continue to be a part of the excellent Christian leadership through your support of Ouachita.

More than just memories, I believe it is a sense of “belonging,” a sense of “family,” that makes our experience here important. What excites me about that is the realization that we are part of fulfilling God’s plan and purpose for Ouachita. Those touched by Ouachita’s “family” continue to touch others, and make a difference in their lives. We are thankful to be a part of this “family.”

It is a privilege to serve as President of the Former Students Association this year. I look forward to working with the FSA Advisory Board. I hope you will be able to be a part of the many activities available to us throughout this year. If you have any questions or wish to share support or suggestions, please let us hear from you.

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Former Students Association Advisory Board
Nominating Committee Report for 1995-96

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By: Mr. and Mrs. Bobby G. Jones

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1935

Thomas and Lucile Payne (fs), of Bella Vista, AR, recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. He began playing golf at Bella Vista at age 81 and is still not the oldest on the course.

1938

George and Martha Jean DeLaughter (fs) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 28 with a family dinner at Big Cedar Lodge in Branson, MO. The couple lives in Sparkman.

Colonel Joe Burt (fs) is a consultant for the Defense Intelligence Agency and lives in Arlington, VA. A retired Air Force officer, he plans to revisit Istanbul, Turkey, where he served as an Air Force attaché.

1939

Clarification: Alvin Clark received the Doctor of Theology degree from Andersonville Baptist Seminary. The degree was based, in part, on work done earlier at New Orleans Seminary.

1942

Willye Gann Holcomb lives in Little Rock with husband John David. Son David is a micro-biologist with Maybelline/L’Oreal, and son Timothy was recently named head of the department of internal medicine at UAMS.

1943

Wayne and Virginia (Robinson) Baker (fs) live in Jonesboro where they own and operate Baker Health Care Specialists. They are very active in their community and First Baptist Church.

Ray Branscum, who has served as chaplain for the Little Rock Fire Department since 1989, is in his 66th year of ministry. He ministers in the 20 stations of the LRFD, visiting each station at least twice a month, and holds weekly Bible study at the Little Rock National Airport Fire Station.

Graham R. Keith (fs) has completed two careers. He retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Army and retired from New York Life Insurance. He and wife, June, divide their time between two homes in Hot Springs, AR and Princeton, NJ. He was president of the freshman class of 1941-42.

1944

Juanita (Lewallyn) Drumm of Abingdon, MD, celebrated Christmas at sea on the Ms. Westerdam. The Christmas program was outstanding with the presentation of “Silent Night” in many languages.

1946

O.J. “Buddy” (fs) and Margaret Harris of Hot Springs, celebrated their 50th anniversary on February 22. Harris is retired from Arkansas Power and Light Co.

1947

Charles “Doc” and Nita (Andress, fs 46) Batson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 24 with a reception at their home in Hope, AR. They were married on that date in 1946 by the late Rev. S.A. Whittow. The Batsons have two children, Charles III (‘70) of Denver and Rachel Batson Arrington of Bryant, AR.

In April, J. Sturgis and Angie (Higgins) Miller (fs) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house in Hot Springs. They are the parents of Jay (69) and Lee and have two grandchildren.

Dr. Joe Pipkin of Orlando, FL was awarded the Humanitarian of the Year Award in 1994 by the Florida Dental Association.

1948

James Johnson is serving as minister of music and education for Ft. Kensington Baptist Church in Memphis, TN. He and wife, Jane, have led conferences for the past five years at Senior Adult Chautauquas at both Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

1949

Durward Bourns moved in April to the Whispering Pines Retirement Inn in Texarkana, TX, from DeQueen, AR. He would love to hear from former classmates. His current address is 5002 N. Elizabeth St., Texarkana, TX, 75503.

1951

In April, Dr. Roy Carroll be-

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By: Mrs. Betty J. McCommas

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yarnell
By: Mr. and Mrs. Argyle Anderson
Crawford resides in Arkadelphia with wife, Kathryn.

1960
Margaret Gillaspie retired April 30, 1966, after nearly 28 years as Indiana Women's Missionary Union/ Women's Ministry Director with the Indiana State Convention.

James Burleson has joined the staff of Central Baptist Church in Pine Bluff (AR) as minister of music and activities.

Jerry Sparks retired from the FBI in November 1964 after 28 years. He and wife, Mary, live in Thomasville, GA.

1961
Jim McDaniel recently observed his 25th anniversary as pastor of Brinkley (AR) First Baptist Church. The congregation presented him and wife, Beverly (Worrell), with a trip to the Holy Land. The McDaniels have three children, Joel, Dina, and Michael.

Dr. Joe Nix was inducted into the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame in February by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Formerly head of the chemistry department at Ouachita, Nix continues scientific research for the Ross Foundation in Arkadelphia.

Sally (Jewell) Sherrod is completing her 10th year as an elementary principal of Fisher Elementary School in the Pasadena (TX) ISD. She and husband, Bill, live in Deer Park, TX.

Virginia (Bledsoe) Turnage holds a faculty/administrative position with off-campus academic programs for Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She lives in Memphis, TN.

1962
Edwina Walls volunteered with other Arkansans to assist in moving the International Baptist Theological Seminary from Ruchlikon, Switzerland to Prague, Czech Republic. She lives in Little Rock where she is chairman of the Historical Research Center at UAMS and a member of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church.

1964
JoAnn (Henderson) Nutt (fs) retired from the Missouri Department of Social Services in 1964 after almost twenty years. She and husband, Jesse ('53), live in St. Louis, MO.

Beth (McClung) Williams retired this spring after teaching first grade for thirty years in Texarkana, TX. Husband, Wayne ('57) is still teaching at Texarkana College.

1965
Sandy (Polos) Hinkson (fs) is president-elect of the wives of the Directors of Missions of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. She lives in Little Rock with husband, Ed ('65) who is DOM for Pulaski Association. She is employed as minister of education at Markham St. Baptist Church.

1966
Lindsay and Vida (Hill, '55) Baker of Longwood, FL, own and operate KRB, Inc. a software development company specializing in CAD translators.

Buddy and Janada (Graddy, '84) Barnett recently returned from an 8-month leave of absence from the Eden (NC) First Baptist Church, where he is minister of music. While on leave, they helped establish and pastor the International Baptist Church of Kiev, Ukraine.

Dr. Dan and Susan (Irby, fs '66) Gaske live in Hollenrod, VA, where he is involved in economics education and training and has just published a guide to economics, Understanding U.S. and Global Economic Trends. She teaches fourth grade and develops alternative math assessment instruments for Fairfax County Public Schools.

Joanna Redding Mclen is an elementary school principal in Humble, TX. This year she opened Humble's 18th elementary school which was nominated for a National School Design Award.

Linda (Temple) Morris is a teacher for Lonoke (AR) Public Schools. She married John Morris in January and has two children, Cash and Carrie Acrey.

Joe and Margaret Williams live in Yukon, OK, where he has completed ten years as minister of music at First Baptist Church.

1969
Mike O'Cain is director of the Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program for the State of Alabama. He and wife, Carolyn, live in Montgomery and have two grown daughters.

Sue (Priest) Henke is a social work coordinator for Missouri Baptist Children's Home in St. Louis. She and husband, Kent, live in Chesterfield, MO. She has two daughters: Kristin Garner-Hodge ('94) and Kelli Garner (current student).

Ellis and Marilyn (Turney) live in Greenbrier (AR) with their two children, Leah and Bryant. Marilyn teaches home economics at Greenbrier Middle School.

1970
Ron and Alana (Ichter, '72) Greenwichto missionar­ies to Brazil, will be on furlough from November 1996 until May 1997 when their son, Jason, will graduate from Ouachita. Former classmates and friends can contact them at 601 South Hughes, Little Rock, AR 72205, 501-664-5137.

1971
In April, Tim Blann (MME) joined the staff of Little Rock Second Baptist Church as minister of worship and music, coming from Taylor Memorial Baptist Church in Hobbs, NM. He and wife, Joan, have two daughters, Beverly and Barbara.

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Elliff elected SBC president; Coppenger president of MBTS

Two Ouachita graduates have recently been elected to serve in prominent positions in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Tom Elliff (66) was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the convention’s June meeting in New Orleans. Dr. Mark Thomas Coppenger (70) was recently inaugurated as president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

Elliff has served as pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., since 1985. From 1981-83 he was a SBC foreign missionary to Zimbabwe. He has also pastored churches in Warren and Little Rock, Ark., as well as in Texas and Colorado. He received his B.A. in history from Ouachita in 1966, his M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1971, and received an honorary Th.D. from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo.

Attending Ouachita is somewhat a tradition in the Elliff family. ‘I love Ouachita,’ said Elliff. ‘Three generations of Elliffs have attended Ouachita. My grandfather, A. P. Elliff, met my grandmother, Sue Bishop, there. My father, J. T. Elliff, met my mother, Jewell Carter, there. And then, my three siblings and I all met our spouses at Ouachita.’

In recalling his days at Ouachita Elliff said he ‘was particularly blessed that the faculty was so encouraging. Instead of scoffing or discouraging the ideas of students, they would look at what was valid in your ideas and encourage you to think big. It fostered in me a deeper belief that God really could use me.’

Coppenger is the third president in the history of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, founded in 1957.

Prior to his election to the presidency of Midwestern Seminary, Coppenger held the position of Vice President for Convention Relations of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee from 1991-95. From 1988 to 1991 he led the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana as executive director-treasurer. Coppenger was associate professor of philosophy at Wheaton College from 1975-81.

After teaching at Wheaton, Coppenger enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Following two years of study, he was called as pastor of the First Baptist Church of El Dorado, where he served from 1983-88.

Coppenger received his B.A. in philosophy from Ouachita in 1970, his Ph.D. in philosophy from Vanderbilt University in 1974, and his M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1983. Coppenger grew up around Ouachita as a ‘faculty kid.’ He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Coppenger of Arkadelphia.
Sarah 12.

April, Richard Wade celebrated his 20th year of ministry on staff of Monticello (AR) Second Baptist Church where he is the minister of music and youth. Wife, Bonnie Carol (Burgess), was honored for 10 years of service as pianist and director of the Young Musicians Choir. Daughter, Ellen, will be a freshman at Ouachita this fall.

David and Jan (Battles) Wesley live in Cave City, AR where he is pastor of Salado Baptist Church and she teaches special education.

Martin and Beverly (Smith '80) Babbb moved in July to Springfield, TN, where Martin is Minister of Education at Springfield Baptist Church. Beverly recently completed 10 years as music teacher at Walnut Valley Christian Academy in Little Rock. They have a daughter Meredith 14 and a son, David 11.

1976

Linda (Smith) Covey and husband, David, reside in Searcy, AR where he is an internal medicine physician at the Searcy Medical Center. She is a homemaker and mom to daughters, Andrea 12, and Sarah 10.

Becca (Mazander) Clark is the national account manager for Carlson Wagonlit Travel Company in Denver, CO.

Rick Frie is the pastor of Southwood Baptist Church in Tulsa, OK.

Diana (Edmondson) Lewis is a home missionary working through church and community ministries of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Missions Department. Husband, John, is a chaplain at McClellan V.A. Hospital in Little Rock. They have two sons, Caleb 12, and live in Benton, AR.

Steve D. Lewis lives in Mabelvale, AR, with wife, Cheryl, and two sons, Steven Adam 13 and Matthew Jonathan 8. He is employed by Raytheon Corporate Jets in Little Rock, AR, as the manager of engineering configuration.

Dr. Steve Mullen, assistant professor of adult education at Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, AR, is also serving as interim pastor of Piggott (AR) First Baptist Church.

Bruce and Kathy (Marable) Tippitt have moved from Fort Smith to Jonesboro where he will serve as pastor of First Baptist Church. They have two daughters.

1977

Honsley and Ann (Hicks) Snow live in Searcy, AR and have two children, Marlys 11, and Daniel 9. He is segment controller for Bryce, Inc., which manufactures clear packaging for Frito-Lay and other companies.

Jeff Willis (ts) is employed in Little Rock by KATV Channel-7 in the sales department as an account executive.

1978

Liese (Flack) Richardson and husband Roger live in Plano, TX. They recently had a baby, Gunner Pierce, who joins four-year old brother, Preston. Liese worked as a marketing specialist for Motorola Nortel Corp. before Gunner's birth.

James Meredith is employed by USDA Forest Service as a contracting officer. He lives in Norcross, GA, and has three children, Kurt 17, Kyle 13, and Kon 7.

Keith and Jane (Chastain, ts) Byrd completed language study in Moscow, Russia, and arrived on their field of service as Baptist representatives to Western Republics. They will live in Belarus, one of the independent states of the former Soviet Union.

Dr. Gerald Masterson is assistant professor of health, physical education, and recreation at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. He teaches courses in computer applications, exercise testing and health/wellness management. Wife, Dr. Julie (Johnson) Masterson ('77) is professor of communication sciences and disorders at SWMSU. She is active in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), serving as an editor for one of ASHA's journals and member of ASHA's Research and Technology Advisory Board. They have three children, Caleb 11, and Caitlin 6.

1979

Mike Kemper has been named administrator of Southern Baptist missions work in five central European countries. He will help administer the work of 59 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries who serve in Romania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary. He has been the pastor of an English language Baptist Church in Bucharest, Romania, where he lives with wife, Kathy. They will continue to live in Bucharest.

Cheryl Jenkins Anderson teaches kindergarten at Valley Springs. AR. She resides in Harrison, AR, with husband, Tadd, and two sons, John Robert 6, and Michael 3.

Terri (Hunter) Bridges and husband, Darrell, are church planters in Germantown, MD. She home schools their four children.

Steve Haipin and wife, Mary Ann, have three children, Marc, Sara, and Luke and live in Garland, TX. Steve is the head football coach at Mesquite High School.

Warren and Karen (Boone, '81) Watkins moved this summer from Pine Bluff to the North Little Rock area where he will serve as pastor of Indianhead Lake Baptist Church in Sherwood. They are parents of three children, Beth 14, Rachel 11 and Bekkah 6.

Willis Moore has joined the staff of Spradling Baptist Church in Fort Smith, AR, as minister of youth. He previously served on the staff of El Dorado First Baptist. He and wife, LeeAnn, have one daughter, Caroline.

Karen (Buchanan) Neal and husband, Olly, live in Little Rock where he is an Appeals Court Judge and she is employed by the Little Rock School District as a principal.

David and Rachel (Moore, ts) Uth have moved to West Monroe, LA, where he will serve as pastor of First Baptist Church. The Uths have three children, Joshua, Andrew, and Hannah.

1980

Wyley Elliott is the new president and CEO of Boatmen's National Bank of South Arkansas, with offices in Camden, Magnolia, and Waido. He served previously with Boatmen's in Mountain Home and Harrison, and with NBC Bank in San Antonio, TX. He and wife, Stephanie, have two daughters, Aubrey Ella 6, and Aaryn Wyley 3.

After spending 2-1/2 years in Panama at the American Embassy, Loy “Butch” Haley and wife, Linda, have been reassigned to the States and are residing in Burke, VA, with their two children, Will 3, and Rachel 1. He works in Washington, DC for the U.S. State Department.

Jeff Porter was hired by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette as its computer-assisted reporting editor and an assistant city editor.

Ron Burks recently graduated from Southwestern Seminary with a doctoral degree.

1981

Brenda (Williams) Adkins and husband, Mark, live in Memphis, TN, where Brenda works for Henry Turley Company, a real estate development firm.

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OUACHITA FAMILY PICNIC • OSF member T.K. Zellers paints the face of Callie Hamilton at the faculty/staff picnic sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation. Callie is the daughter of Dr. Craig and Robin Hamilton. The picnic was held at the Katie Speer Pavilion and Gardens, and featured games for adults and children, and a cookout by Walt Kehoe and his staff.

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Rocky Mantooth received class A-1 designation as a PGA golf professional. He is the manager of Foxwood Country Club at Jacksonville, AR. He and wife, Pam (Tollett '82), also own Pam's Place, a pageant, wedding and formal wear store. They have one daughter, Victoria Lynn 3-1/2 and live in Sherwood, AR.

Dr. Toby McSwain is pastor of First Baptist Church of Humble, TX, near Houston. He and wife, Dianne (Dawkins), have three children: Courtney 13, Mallory 9, and Talley Tobin 4.

Major Ed Payne is a systems analyst in the U.S. Army in Maryland Heights, MD.

Mrs. Laurie (Sorrells) Wood is employed by Western Arkansas Education Services in Branch, AR, as an early childhood teacher. She and husband, Jerry, live in Van Buren, AR.

Ken and Linda (Darling, '82) Williams live in Fort Benning, GA, where he is chaplain with the U.S. Army and she is a full-time homemaker. They have two daughters, Megan Elise 8 and Bethany Darling 2-1/2.

1982

Bill and Christa (Lind, fs'83) Atchison own and operate Lakeview Country Store, a convenience/grocery/gas/deli restaurant/bait/tackle and sporting goods store near Lake Wright Patman in Texarkana, TX. They have five children, Jennifer 11, Bill Earl 8, Jimmy 5, Benjamin 3, and Joseph 1.

Shirley (Allen) Cooper (MSE) was recently honored by the Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce as the '1996 Educator of the Year'. She is employed by the Hope (AR) Public Schools as an adult education teacher. She and husband, Edward (MSE '81), are parents of Sharyla (Cooper) Thompson ('88).

Robert Cornelius is employed at Georgia-Pacific Paper Co. as an E&I technician. He and wife, Emma Jean (Crow, '69), have three children: Robert Jr., Shirlene, and Staci and live in Crossett, AR.

Rick Moore and wife, Carol, live in Little Rock, AR, where he is a licensed social worker for Arkansas Children's Hospital and she is an account representative for INK Enterprises, Inc.

In March, Sam Roberts became pastor of Walnut Ridge (AR) First Baptist Church. He came from Baptist Tabernacle in Louisville, KY. He and wife, Martha (Turner) fe, are the parents of two sons, Dustin and Turner.

Lynn Robertson began serving in March as pastor of Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Hot Springs, AR.

1983

Ben Jones is pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church in Little Rock, AR. He previously was associate pastor and minister of youth for Archview Baptist Church in Little Rock. Wife, Kathy, works for UAMS.

David Kok is a registered nurse in the emergency department of Baptist Memorial Medical Center in Memphis, TN.

Darrell Conway Stone operates Creative Difference of Little Rock, AR.

Jim Yates is employed at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, OK as assistant professor of English. Wife, Maggie, is a teller/loan secretary for Central National Bank.

Nicki (Northern) Tompkins is the training/quality supervisor for Arkansas Children's Hospital and she is an account representative for INK Enterprises. She has lived in Winston-Salem, NC, since receiving her MA in speech communication from Wake Forest University in 1989. Nicki and Jill (Jordan) McMillan, former OBU professor, published an article last fall in "Management Communication Quarterly."

1984

J. Dawson Williams earned his doctor of ministry degree in May from Midwestern Seminary. He and wife, Rosemary, live in Pine Bluff where he is BSU director at University of Arkansas/Pine Bluff.

Mike and Kelly (Patterson) Baldwin live in Cabot, AR, with their children, Katie 6 and Garrett 3. Mike is a loan officer for First Security Bank, and Kelly is a full-time mom.

Tim Cypert is pastor of First Baptist Church in Yellville, AR. He and wife, Dani, have one son, Joshua, born in February.

Larry and Shanna (James) Killian moved to Warren, AR, where he will be minister of youth and music at First Baptist Church. They have one son, Zach.

Penny McClard is a speech pathologist for the Austin (TX) Independent School District. She works with severely handicapped and brain injured students.

Rex Pilcher has moved from Little Rock, AR to Carmi, IL, where he is pastor of Carmi First Baptist Church. He and wife, Mary, have two daughters, Hannah and Marissa.

Jack and Janine (Reeves) Tiner live in North Little Rock, AR, where he is employed as a medical trainer by Arkansas Department of Human Services. They have a daughter, Tressa 1.

Walter Washington serves in
Class Notes

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God The Nishimuras live in Tokyo. where the Fergusons are stationed. one daughter, Melanie Rachel 2.

They were appointed in 1991. Ferguson on Rock Creek as associate pastor and Bone live in Arkadelphia. Michael is minister of worship. They have one family (88) and Beth (Owens, 89).

Richmond, Nishimura, accidently ran into Tim where husband, Tony, have one son, Brady 4.

Mike and Kimma (Whitford, 91) Pinkston appointed in 1995 as missionaries to Arkansas. He is the son of Southern Baptist missionaries, Ed and Greta (McFerrin) Pinkston, 56.

Doug Barlow (fs) is a program coordinator for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Tulsa, OK. He and wife, Liz, have a son, Jake (97), and a daughter, Madison (99).

Charlotte (Christie) Davis works as food service director for Searcy (AR) School District. She and husband, Tony, have one daughter, Kayla 4 and are expecting another child this summer.

Mike and Kimma (Whitford, 87) Harper are employed by the Cabot (AR) Public Schools where Mike is a five-year assistant basketball coach and geography teacher, and Kimma teaches a failure-prevention program for at-risk 6th graders. They have a daughter, Kaylee Grace 1.

Joy (Busby) Smith and husband, Jerry, live in Little Rock, where she is a clinical dietitian at UAMS.

Michael and Keri (Jordan, 92) Bone live in Arkadelphia. Michael is employed by First Commercial Corp. in Little Rock where he is the systems analyst in the credit administration department. Keri teaches third grade in the Arkadelphia Public School System.

Susan (Pickle) Batchelor and husband, Tim, live in Chateau, GA where Tim is pastor of Springs Place Baptist Church. They have one daughter, Melanie Rachel 2.

Scott Baugh is baseball coach at Midwest City (OK) High School. His team was the 1995 Class 6A State Runner-up. He and wife, Kimberly, have one son, Brady Scott 2-1/2.

Tammy (Allen) Harstfield and husband, Mike, are living in Hope, AR, where he is assistant manager with Wal-Mart. They have two sons, Ryan and Joshua.

Dan Martin (fs) recently completed his Ph.D. in sociology at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. He and wife, Sue Ellen (Howell), will be moving to Ruston, LA, this summer where he will be an assistant professor at Louisiana Tech. Sue Ellen has been library technician assistant in the OSU library.

Robert and Sharon (Smith, 89) Pinkston appointed in 1995 as missionaries to Mali, have arrived in France for language study. Robert served as BSU director for Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia. He is the son of Southern Baptist missionaries, Ed and Greta (McFerrin) Pinkston.

Doug and Kelly (Spivey) Schmidt are living in Nederland, TX, where Doug is the coach of the varsity basketball and girls' softball teams. Kelly teaches school in Beaumont, TX. They have two children, Ashli 4 and Brooke 2.

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Jay McAllister is serving as the pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Moore, OK. He and wife, Katrina, are expecting their first child this summer.

Rod Mays is a teacher in the Arkansas Public School District. He recently joined the staff of Fairdale Baptist Church in Hot Springs as a bivocational music minister.

Joe Cathey graduated in May from Southwestern Seminary with a Master of Divinity in Biblical Languages.

Randy and Julie Jones are employed by the University of Houston. He is an intern for the International Students Program and she is BSU secretary.

Carla (Moody) McDaniel graduated from UCA in Conway in December of 1995 with an MS in Sociology. She continues as a case worker for the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children. She and husband, Anthony, live in Monticello, AR, and have one son, Phillip 15.

1990

Joel Humphrey is a probation officer for the U.S. District Court in the Western District of Arkansas. He lives in Hot Springs, AR.

Mark Johnston, an arkeans U.S. Senator David Pryor, recently helped Mrs. Pryor organize an art show, where some of his own art was displayed. The art show took place in March 1996 in Washington, DC.

Steven Brawner, editor of the Malvern (AR) Daily Record, recently received numerous awards at the 1995 Arkansas Associated Press Managing Editors news contest, including four first place awards.

G. Richard Collum passed the Arkansas Bar exam given in February. He attended Memphis State University School of Law and is living in Wynne, AR.

Elizabeth Dyer (fs) completed her BS degree in pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She is employed by Walmart Pharmacy in McKinney, TX.

Jimmy Don Pinson is serving as pastor of Liberty Baptist Church near Nashville, AR, coming from Chillicothe, MO. He and wife, Kimberly, have two children, Zachary Blake and Hail Morgan.

Doug and Kelly (Spivey) Schmidt are living in Nederland, TX, where Doug is the coach of the varsity basketball and girls' softball teams. Kelly teaches school in Beaumont, TX. They have two children, Ashli 4 and Brooke 2.

Andrew Landers graduated from Tulane School of Medicine and began a family practice residency on June 10 at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, HI.

Shane McKinley lives in Campbellsville, KY, with wife, Dianne, and their children, Matthew Taylor 2-1/2 and Alethea 1. He is the pastor of Mount Roberts Baptist Church in Campbellsville.

Debbie Nicklaus has been promoted to senior analyst in the state regulatory matters department at ALLTEL Corporation in Little Rock. She is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Tammie Nix received her master's of education degree from Henderson State University on May 11.

Tebi (Bryan) Osborne is a teacher at Webster Parish School in Minden, LA. She is also pursuing a master's degree at Louisiana Tech.

David Rogers (fs) is a buyer and import wholesaler for Roy Rogers Foreign Car Parts in North Little Rock, AR. He and wife, Heather, live in Little Rock.

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1993

Tre' and Jennifer (Boatman, fs) Cates have moved to Boulder, CO, where he will be a church planter. Tre' recently graduated from Southwestern Seminary with a master of arts degree.

Brian Miller passed the Arkansas Bar exam given in February. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville with a master's degree in Christian Education.

Julie Lawrence received a master of arts in Christian Education from Southwestern Seminary.

Robby Sherman received a master of arts in Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary.

Michelle McCoy is employed as educational secretary at Watson Chapel Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, AR.

Diane Henry graduated in December 1995 from the University of Central Arkansas with a master's degree in physical therapy. She lives in Garland, TX, and works at Doctor's Hospital in Dallas as a physical therapist.

Jeff and Paula (Jayroe) Erwin live in Jonesboro, AR, where she is a legal secretary and he is the department head for computer installation for Redbook Technologies, Inc. in Paragould.

1994

Heath and Dawn (Martin, '93) Clower are in Bedford, TX. Heath is attending Southwestern Seminary. Dawn is working at the Veteran's Office in Fort Worth.

Angela (Grigsbys) Fulks graduated with a master of arts in Religion Education from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in May. She is the preschool coordinator at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis. She and her husband, Dean, attend Bartlett Baptist Church where he recently took a position ministering to singles, college, and career.

Kristal Graves is working on her teaching certificate at the University of Central Texas in Killeen.

Jeff Madlock had the opportunity last fall to play with jazz musician Wynton Marsalis, during the University of Louisville's "Jazz Week". Jeff is the assistant director of the Hope Baptist Church's Jazz Band.

Jon Self, who has been teaching English in rural northern Japan this past year, returned to the U.S. this summer to begin law school at the University of Texas at Austin.

1995

Karon Edge is working as customer service representative for Family Life Ministries in Little Rock.

Melanie (Stephan) Busby received a master's degree of education at the May commencement of Henderson State University.

Brice Hester earned an M.B.A. degree from the University of Arkansas in June 1996.

Emily (Terrell) Lucas and husband Barry are stationed in Vicenza, Italy, with the U.S. Army. They have a daughter, Madison.

Joy Mayfield will graduate from Baylor with an MS in communication disorders in August 1996. She is doing her internship at Children's Hospital in Waco.

Jennifer (Littlefield) Meyers is a registered dietitian at National Park Medical Center in Hot Springs. Husband, Andy, is a real estate broker with Meyers Realty.

John Reid lives in Little Rock, where he is attending graduate school at UALR/UMS for a master's degree in psychology.

Carrie (Rinehart) Robinson is working for the Ruston-Lincoln (LA) Chamber of Commerce as program director. Husband, Carey, is in graduate school at Louisiana Tech University pursuing a degree in fine arts.

1996

Greg Kendrick graduated May 18 from UAMS School of Medicine. He is ranked No. 1 in his class. Wife, Jennifer (Hill '92), has completed law school and they are relocating to Nashville, TN where Greg will begin his residency at Vanderbilt and Jennifer will practice law.

Gayla Swangian has volunteered for two years of service as a missionary in Brazil.

1997

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Holly Morgan (fs) to Clinton DeLaShields, May 16, 1996, North Little Rock, AR.

Stephen Norler to Elizabeth Spencer ('95), May 4, 1996, Alexander, AR.

Janet Renee Tullos to Shawn Patrick Wild, June 8, 1996, Cabot, AR.

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Toby Neal Talley to Rachael Elaine Ward (94), June 10, 1996, Texarkana, TX.

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Rick Neil Moore to Carol Elizabeth Rosenbaum, May 3, 1996, Little Rock, AR.

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1995

Nickol Aline Northern to Ernest Toppkins on April 13, 1996, Winston-Salem, NC.

1991

Kenneth Boyland to Leslie Dyan Austin, April 20, 1996, Mena, AR. They live in Little Rock, AR.

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1995

Gina Leigh Denton to Eric John Fox, April 6, 1996, Arcadelphia, AR.

Jennifer Mobley to Wade Eads ('95), July 1, 1995.

Angela Grigsbys to Dean Emerson Fulks, March 2, 1996.

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Yellville, AR. 6 and Tevchen (fs) daughter, Savannah Tevchen, TX.

Arkadelphia, AR. Current Students

Stephanie R andall, had Jerel Donley, December 29, 1995, 99 6, Searcy, AR.


d andy (fs) and Rebecca (fs), son, Daniel Colvin, NV.

Michael Marshall (fs) and Amy (Simpkins, AR. Notified March 1993.

Frances Ann (Peters) Smith (fs), February 10, 1996, Crossett, AR.

Betty Lou (Grace) Dorsey (fs), December 24, 1995, Warren, AR.


Mary Virginia (Cloar) Struthers (fs), April 1, 1996, Nashville, TN.

Amanda Lee "Mandy" (Draffen) Fulton, June 13, 1996, Paragould, AR.


Jerry Dale Cound, March 15, 1996, North Little Rock, AR.

Former Faculty/Staff


Charles "Gramps" Robinson, June 14, 1996, Arkadelphia, AR. He served as head resident of Daniel Hall South since 1994.

Dr. Alton Crawley, June 18, 1996, Arkadelphia, AR. He served as professor and chair of math and computer science. He joined the Ouachita faculty in 1983.

Class Notes

Deaths

1919

Floy (Austin) Davis, March 9, 1996, Ruston, LA.

1929


1930


1936

Edward O. Warmack, May 1996, Baton Rouge, LA.

1937

Raymond Claud Morris, March 11, 1996, Bradford, AR.

1938


1939


1942

Dr. William Wood Abbott, June 13, 1996, Hampton, AR.

1947


1949

Roy E. White (fs), March 29, 1996, Benton, AR.

1952


1953


1954

Frankie and Gloria (Frazier) Pickard (fs), Frankie - May 5, 1995, Gloria - March 23, 1995, Doraville, GA.

1955

J. W. "Dub" Carney, April 2, 1996, Jonesboro, AR.

1959

Mayo J. Riley Jones, June 1, 1996, Wynne, AR.

1961

Vivian (Edmondson) Morrow, March 1, 1988, Gadsden, AL.

1969

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Class Notes

Deaths

1919

Floy (Austin) Davis, March 9, 1996, Ruston, LA.

1929


1930


1936

Edward O. Warmack, May 1996, Baton Rouge, LA.

1937

Raymond Claud Morris, March 11, 1996, Bradford, AR.

1938


1939


1942

Dr. William Wood Abbott, June 13, 1996, Hampton, AR.

1947


1949

Roy E. White (fs), March 29, 1996, Benton, AR.

1952


1953


1954

Frankie and Gloria (Frazier) Pickard (fs), Frankie - May 5, 1995, Gloria - March 23, 1995, Doraville, GA.

1955

J. W. "Dub" Carney, April 2, 1996, Jonesboro, AR.

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Mayo J. Riley Jones, June 1, 1996, Wynne, AR.

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Where there's YOUR WILL, there's YOUR WAY

We've fractured a familiar saying to make a point: It is only natural and sensible that any remembrance of Ouachita you might consider in your will should reflect your personal wishes.

For example, you may have certain desires for your family that you would address first, or you may want to guide us in how to use your gift. Matching a bequest to your preferences is a private matter, but we are always happy to help you identify possible gifts if you like. We encourage you to advise us of a bequest to Ouachita, too, so that we may properly show you our appreciation and include your future gift in our planning.

To help with your planning

In planning a bequest to Ouachita, you have a wide choice of alternatives.

- You can will us outright a sum of money, specified personal or real property, or a share of your estate's residue.
- Your gift can be contingent. In other words, you can provide that the money, property, or share is to go to some individual if that person survives you; otherwise, it is to be distributed to Ouachita.
- You can create a trust for a relative's benefit, assuring the availability of income and principal for that person's support and comfort, and name us to receive whatever is left when the trust terminates.
- For greater tax savings, you can establish a charitable remainder trust that will pay a life income to the individual of your choice and the remaining principal to Ouachita.

We generally prefer gifts without limits on their use so we can apply them to our most urgent needs. You can, however, restrict your bequest by directing how you want it used or allowing us to expend only the income from your gift. If you want to designate a specific purpose, we hope you will consult us in advance, to make certain we will be able to carry out your wishes.

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- You can make a bequest in memory of yourself or a loved one. We are pleased to honor your intent, and we have many ways to grant appropriate recognition.

Call or write John Cloud to help you choose the gift opportunity that best suits your intentions.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS • Frank Hickinbotham, President and CEO of TCBY Enterprises, Inc., and Dr. Ben Elrod, president of Ouachita, pose in front of a plaque recognizing the contributions of Hickinbotham to Ouachita and the naming of the Frank D. Hickinbotham School of Business.
Restoring the value of a charitable gift in your estate

Perhaps you would like to make a sizable contribution to Ouachita now to help meet our current needs, but you don’t want to reduce the estate you will pass on to your family. The solution? Purchase life insurance.

"Sounds like a good idea," you say, "but then I’ll have to pay the premiums on the policy." True enough, but depending on your age, health, and top tax bracket, the income tax savings from your charitable gift may be enough to cover the premium cost. Assuming your estate is taxable, dollar-for-dollar asset replacement isn’t necessary. A smaller amount of insurance can be enough to restore your family’s after-tax inheritance.

Strategies avoid tax

If you own the insurance policy, ultimately the proceeds will be included in your taxable estate. The remedy: if your sole heir to the policy value is a responsible adult, make him or her the policy owner and beneficiary. Then give that individual a yearly amount adequate to pay the premium, utilizing your annual gift tax exclusion.

For multiple heirs or a larger gift, take advantage of an exceptional plan called a "wealth replacement trust"...

For multiple heirs or a larger gift, take advantage of an exceptional plan called a "wealth replacement trust" and name your spouse, children, or other individuals as trust beneficiaries. The trust is the owner of the policy and will eventually receive and manage the proceeds. The trust is irrevocable, and if designed correctly the insurance will be excluded from your taxable estate. You transfer enough money to the trust each year so the trustee can pay the policy premiums.

To avoid any gift tax (or use of your estate and gift tax credit) on yearly gifts to the trust over the annual gift tax exclusion, the trust agreement must give your beneficiaries the temporary right each year to withdraw these funds. However, should your beneficiaries exercise this power, the insurance may lapse due to insufficient funds to pay the yearly premium.

Replace a deferred gift

If contributing a particular asset to us would reduce your income, consider establishing a charitable remainder trust with it. You will receive a life income from the trust along with an immediate and substantial income tax deduction, and ultimately the remaining principal will be paid to us. Life insurance will complete your plan.

Example: Frank creates a charitable remainder annuity trust with stock having a cost basis of $40,000 but now worth $100,000. Using the benefits of his planning to offset premiums, he arranges $50,000 of life insurance. This replaces his daughter’s potential inheritance lost to estate tax. The stock yielded a dividend of only $2,000 each year, but now the trust will pay Frank $7,000 annually. He avoids tax on his $60,000 capital gain, and he will get a sizable income tax deduction.

Together with you and your attorney, we can help design a plan that preserves your estate’s value while fulfilling your desire to benefit our cause.

Donating your home, farm or ranch, or other real estate to us makes a compelling statement of your support for our mission.

For some charitably inclined people, the decision to donate real estate is as clear cut as writing a check. The second home is no longer wanted; the apartment house is becoming too much to manage; the undeveloped land has sat idle for too long; the logical heirs have their own homes and would probably sell the family homestead anyway.

Some see the charitable gift of real estate as a way to turn an unprofitable holding into a productive asset.

Is a gift of real estate an option for you? Consider these points:

- Your generosity is rewarded by valuable income and estate tax savings.
- Your donation can be immediate and outright or a gift in trust or a devise in your will.
- When you contribute appreciated real estate held more than one year, you get a double income tax benefit: first, a deduction for the property’s full present fair market value (instead of its lower cost basis); second, complete avoidance of capital gains tax on the appreciation.

Example: Joan contributes to Ouachita a vacation cottage she no longer uses. It originally cost $50,000 but is now worth $150,000. She gets a $150,000 charitable deduction and completely avoids tax on the $100,000 of appreciation. She no longer has to maintain the place, and the property won’t be taxable in her estate.

Generally, the ceiling on the deductibility is 30% of your adjusted gross income, with a five-year carryover for any part of the gift that exceeds that 30% ceiling.

- You can deed your personal residence (including a vacation home, farm, or condominium, if used by you) to Ouachita now but continue to enjoy full use of it for life. This gift entitles you to an immediate income tax deduction for the value of the remainder interest. Ultimately we receive the remainder without exposure to estate taxes.
- Your gift could be turned into an improved source of income. For instance, instead of giving unmortgaged real property outright, use it to fund a charitable remainder trust. The trustee can then sell it and invest the proceeds in income-producing securities. You can receive an income for life—and so can a survivor—and an immediate income tax deduction for the value of the remainder interest that will come to us.

Do give away the farm!

Or give a house or other real estate

For multiple heirs or a larger gift, take advantage of an exceptional plan called a "wealth replacement trust"...
Keep more of your estate for your heirs: tax-saving ideas

With tongue in cheek, Will Rodgers said, “I don’t see why a man shouldn’t pay an inheritance tax. If a country is good enough to pay taxes to while your living, it’s good enough to pay to after you die.”

All humor aside, Congress recognizes our desire to leave an estate mainly to loved ones rather than the country; thus, tax laws have numerous exemptions, exclusions, and deductions.

For your estate to benefit, however, you must plan wisely—otherwise, your heirs may come up short. Though the first $600,000 of everyone’s estate is tax-free, the federal estate tax then begins at 37%, increasing to 55% on transfers of more than $3 million.

Don’t overlook these tax-saving ideas

Despite the seemingly ever-present prospects of tax reform, important strategies remain for cutting federal estate and gift taxes.

Two of the best deductions are available to married couples and philanthropic donors. Gifts and bequests between spouses are completely free of gift and estate taxes because of the unlimited marital deduction. Similarly, because the government encourages gifts and bequests to qualified charitable organizations, their value is completely deductible for tax purposes.

When you plan your estate, consider these tax-cutting ideas, too:

• Create a bypass trust. This strategy is often used to shelter assets from tax in the surviving spouse’s estate.

Example: A husband has assets of $1.2 million. He leaves $600,000 to his wife either outright or in a marital deduction trust (such as the QTIP trust). Then he places $600,000 in a bypass trust. Both trusts pay her a life income; after her lifetime, the trust principle is divided among their children.

The first $600,000 qualifies for the marital deduction. Though the second $600,000 does not, it qualifies for the $600,000 tax-free allowance for every estate. Later, after her lifetime, the bypass trust assets avoid her taxable estate and go directly to the children. On $600,000, the savings are $235,000. This strategy works for smaller amounts, too.

• Skip a generation. If provisions for your children are already sufficient, skip a generation and leave part of your estate directly to your grandchildren. Your assets are still subject to estate taxes on these transfers, but additional estate taxes are avoided when your children die.

Caution: You can benefit from such transfers up to a maximum of $1 million; the excess is subject to a flat penalty tax of 55% in addition to the normal estate tax. To avoid this, consider a charitable gift of the excess.

• Establish a lead trust. Suppose you would consider giving us an income from some of your principal for several years. The principal could then pass to your family at greatly reduced gift and estate taxes, perhaps even tax-free. You can do this by creating a charitable lead trust, so called because it is designed to provide us with income for a period of time, after which your individual beneficiaries receive the remainder outright.

The taxable value of your transfer is diminished by the value of the present worth of the anticipated income Ouachita will receive over the trust term. Your family can benefit in another major way: Future increases in the market value of the trust assets generally are not subject to additional taxes when the trust ends and those assets pass to your family. You will find the lead trust especially attractive if you are subject to the highest federal gift and estate tax rates.

• Reduce your estate by annual gifts. During your lifetime, you can give up to $10,000 a year to each of any number of individuals without paying the federal gift tax. These annual exclusion gifts are also exempt from the generation-skipping tax. If you are married and your spouse consents, the ceiling is raised to $20,000. Over the years, gifts can mount up, substantially decreasing your taxable estate.

NEW FACILITY • Construction continues on the Harvey Jones Science Center, located on the former site of Mitchell Hall. The facility is scheduled to open in the spring of 1997. The state-of-the-art science center was made possible through a generous gift of Mrs. Bernice Jones of Springdale, and is named in honor of her late husband, Harvey Jones.
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From the Archives

1950s · Dr. E. A. Provine works with a student in the chemistry lab. Dr. Provine, who was professor of chemistry and head of the natural science department, served on the faculty from 1929 to 1969. Upon his retirement, he was named professor emeritus of chemistry.

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