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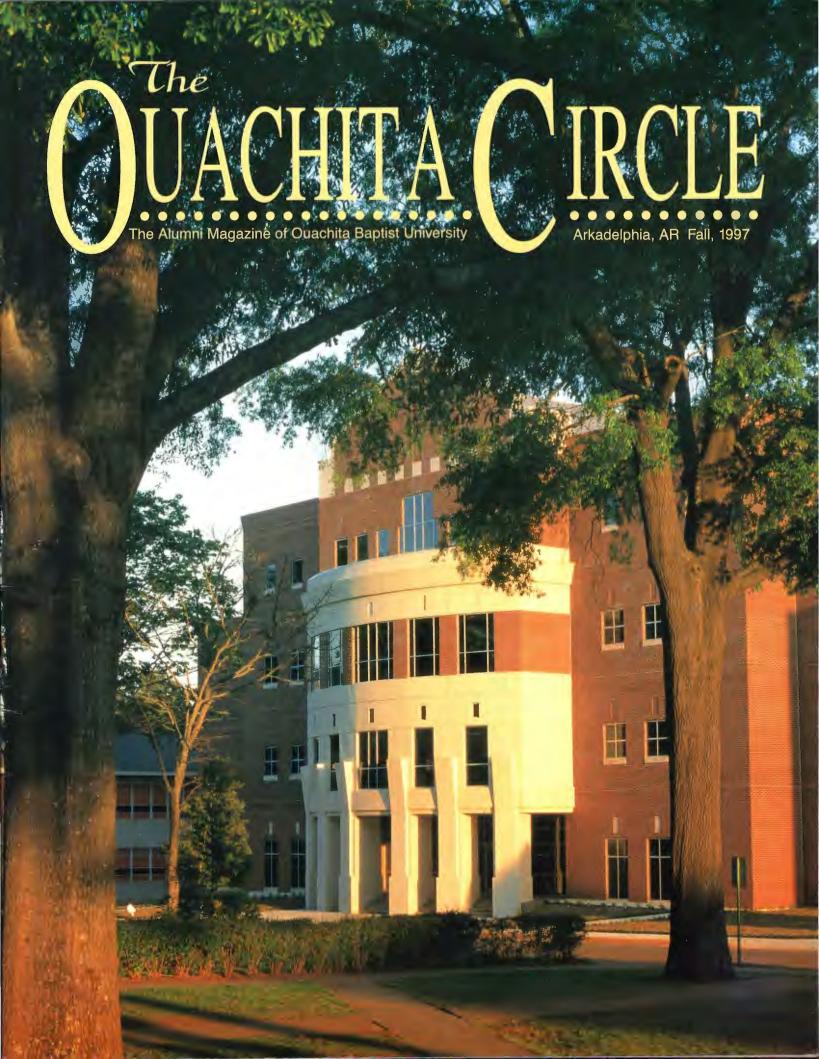
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#### A Word from the President ...

The Ouachita campus has a lovely new addition which is a symbol of the growing sense of global awareness in the university family. The International Flag Plaza and Fountain was recently completed on the site formerly occupied by J. R. Grant Memorial Hall, which served as our administration building until 1994 when we moved our offices into the remodelled Cone-Bottoms Hall. The International Flag Plaza and Fountain was made possible through a generous grant from the Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Educational Trust of Malvern, Arkansas.

The new plaza features three central flag poles for the United States, Arkansas, and Christian flags. These are flanked by six poles on which we will display on a rotating basis the flags of the various nations whose students are enrolled at Ouachita. A two-tiered fountain is the focal point of the plaza. The water in the fountain flows beneath a stylized map of the world which completes the international emphasis.

The view from Ouachita Street across the main part of campus is now framed by this colorful symbol of international awareness. It is a beautiful reminder that we truly are global citizens and that Ouachita can continue to reach literally around the world with the message of love and truth of Jesus Christ.

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PRESIDENT Ben M. Elrod

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Cover photo: Harvey Jones Science Center

From study programs in China to performances in Europe,

Ouachitonians spend the summer

# Around the Ulorla



Many Ouachita students have traveled the globe this summer to enhance their academic program at Ouachita. Through the University's

Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program, students and faculty traveled and studied in 11 countries during the summer months. Throughout the 1996-97 academic

year, 91 students and 13 faculty studied in various countries.

#### Europe

For the seventh consecutive summer, Ouachita conducted a European Study/ Tour to three countries. Thirteen students and four faculty and staff participated in the three-week program studying art, history and culture. Dr. Terry Carter, associate professor of religion, his wife Kathy, and Mike Jones, assistant professor of art, and his wife, Jill, led the group to important sites in England, France and Italy. The group traveled to London, Bath, Salisbury, Stonehenge, Oxford, Paris, Versailles, Venice, San Gimignano, Florence, and Rome. The group was enrolled in a European



European Study Tour

Practicum course during the spring semester prior to the overseas study experience.

#### **Belize**

Dr. Tim Knight, associate professor of biology, and Glenn Good, professor of physics, and his wife Evelyn, led a group of science majors on a rain forest study program in Belize during the month of June. The 12 students accompanying Knight and Good spent their seven days studying flora, fauna and other environmental features of this Central American ecosystem. Their study program included individual study, guided nature tours, and night excursions into the Belizian jungle. Knight and Good hope to continue this program next summer.

#### China

Peking University in Beijing, China also hosted a group of students and faculty this summer for a four-week study program. Four Ouachita students as well as five others from Mississippi College and Cumberland College were led by Dr. Tom Greer, the Clarence and Bennie Sue Anthony Professor of Bible and the Humanities at Ouachita. The group studied Chinese language, culture and

martial arts during their stay at China's leading university. The students also visited the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and traveled to the ancient Chi-

nese capital of Xian to view the famous Terracota Warriors. This is the fourth year

for the program at Peking University. Ouachita also hosts a visiting professor from Peking University each year.

#### Spain

Two Ouachita students spent their summer in Spain at the Universitas Mare Nostrum in Altea. The university is located on the southeastern Mediterranean coast of Spain in a town of ten thousand. The students studied Spanish language, art, culture, and sailing during their four-week program. The students also traveled to Valencia, Madrid, Alicante and Barcelona on weekend excursions. The



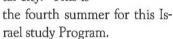
Fort Street Guest House, Belize

Universitas Mare Nostrum is the first four-year Baptist liberal arts university in Europe. Ouachita will begin sending students to Spain for semester study programs during the fall of 1997.

#### **Jerus**alem

Ouachita continue to send students to study in the Holy Land. This summer, Emily Stanley, a history major from

Crossett, studied in a six-week program at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Emily studied religious history and visited various archeological sites during her time in the Israeli capital city. This is



#### Indonesia

For the third year, Ouachita is sending alumni to teach at the Sekolah Pelita Harapan in Jakarta, Indonesia. These Christian schools are growing rapidly throughout the Pacific country and making a tremendous impact on young people. Currently, Ouachita alumnus, Heather Mims ('92), Kris Cartwright ('96), Van Barrett ('65) and Julie Barrett ('65) are teaching within the Sekolah Pelita Harapan School system.

Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, assistant professor of education, and Ian Cosh, director of the Center for Family and Community, and the BSU and Religious Activities Director, traveled to the islands of Sumatra and Java in Indonesia during June to study the needs of remote villages in that area. Westmoreland and Cosh will report their findings and organize a mission/work trip with Ouachita students to Java and Sumatra during the summer of 1998. Ouachita received a Start-up Grant from the International Mission Board to partially fund this mission project. The program



Indonesian school

is being organized jointly between Universitas Pelita Harapan and Ouachita.

#### Kazakhstan

Three Ouachita students also participated in three-week mission trips this summer. Kristi Steele, a sophomore elementary education major from El Paso, Texas, traveled to Almaty, Kazakhstan, to work in various avenues of mission needs, Nancy Day, a senior history major from Altus, spent her mission time in Yantai, China, and Monte Weaver, a biblical studies major from Cave City, served in Israel. These trips were organized by the Ouachita Baptist Student Union and the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Ouachita students also studied in the semester and year programs in England, Austria and Japan during the 1996-97 academic year.

Ouachita Singers perform in Europe;

Viser, Duvall teach at Interlaken

# Partnership

Ouachita's cooperative relationship with the European Baptist Convention (EBC) was heightened this summer through the involvement of two religion professors and the Ouachita Singers.

Dr. Scott Duvall and Dr. Bill Viser, both associate professors of religion, were called upon to conduct seminars at the annual summer meeting of the EBC held in Interlaken, Switzerland, while the Ouachita Singers toured Germany, France and Austria.

The choir, directed by Dr. Charles Fuller and accompanied by his wife, Cindy, performed in churches and cathedrals in Wiesbaden and Wittenberg, Germany; Strasbourg, France; and Salzburg, Austria.

"We had the opportunity to sing in Martin Luther's church," said Fuller. "It was an experience that none of us will soon forget."

While the experience was a unique opportunity for the

students, they apparently also had an impact on the European audiences. They were even asked to perform an impromptu concert at the steps of a cathedral.

Duvall and Viser joined approximately 800 registrants from



Ouachita Singers visit the location of the filming of "The Sound of Music"

60 English-speaking churches, including ministers and laymen and their families.

Dr. Jerry Rankin of the International Mission Board served as guest speaker at the EBC's meeting in July. The EBC is not formally a part of the SBC, but its member churches are spiritually aligned with the precepts of the Baptist faith and are part of the Baptist World Alliance. Other speakers at Interlaken came as volunteers from Ouachita and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Topics ranged from missions leadership, New Testament study, Christian parenting, pre-school and children's programs, single adult discipleship, and managing church conflict.

Duvall was asked to lead a seminar titled "Understanding and Applying the New Testament," while Viser, a registered counselor, addressed a seminar on "Successful Parenting." They were the only stateside Baptist college or university representatives on the program.

Arkansas Baptists are in the fourth year of a partnership with European Baptists that have seen churches across the state send teams to work in a variety of projects involving construction, Bible study, missions development and seminars focused on facilitating growth in individual lives of Christians and their neighbors.



Joined by many who have made major contributions to the University, Bernice Jones and the Ouachita family dedicate the

# **Harvey Jones Science Center**

Surrounded by Dr. Ben M. Elrod, president of Ouachita, and several of the University's strongest supporters, Mrs. Bernice Jones cut the ribbon dedicating the Harvey Jones Science Center, honoring both her late husband and coming generations of Ouachita students, faculty and staff.

The \$8-million project was dedicated before commencement exercises on May 17. Some of that day's graduates were fortunate enough to have had a class move to the facility earlier in the spring. Returning students looked forward to the opportunity to call the building home.

Julie Beckwith, a junior chemistry major from Hot Springs, thanked the donors on behalf of the students, and Dr. Joe Jeffers, chairman of the division of natural science, spoke for the faculty.

"Words cannot express the joy associated with moving into the Harvey Jones Science Center," said Jeffers. "Bright, cheery surroundings; modern teaching laboratories; a beautiful student lounge and library; computer labs; research labs; hookups to the internet in every classroom, lab and office; and office suites with additional work areas... make Harvey Jones Science Center a dream come true."

The four-story facility was made possible by a gift from the Harvey and Bernice Jones Charitable Trust of Springdale, Arkansas, with

assistance from other longtime supporters of the natural science Ouachita. Mrs. Jones, escorted by cotrustee Dr. Toel Carver, a cardiologist from Springdale, tended the dedication and toured the building.

"We are grateful for this beautiful addition to

our campus made possible through the generosity of the Jones Charitable Trust and several other special friends of Ouachita," Elrod said.

Mrs. Jones' generosity has made possible vast progress in both facilities and academic programs at Ouachita. Her previous involvement includes the Harvey and Bernice Jones Performing Arts Center, endowment of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts, the Harvey Jones Chair of Marketing and gifts to the telecommunications program in the department of mass communications.

The Harvey Jones Science Center houses the departments of biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and computer science, and family and consumer sciences.



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Ben M. Elrod

CEO of JVW Investments of Houston and is a former president and chairman of the board of Sterling Chemicals in Houston. He and Mrs. Waggoner are 1948 graduates of Ouachita.

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'The Nell Mondy Organic Chemistry laboratory. Dr. Nell Mondy, 1943 graduate of Ouachita, is professor emeritus of chemistry at Cornell University. She is a nutritional chemist with extensive international experience as a consultant on plant biochemistry as it relates to human nutrition.

The J. D. Patterson General Chemistry Laboratory. Patterson, a member of the Ouachita class of 1947, is a dentist in Searcy. He is an active Ouachita supporter and has participated in many international missions trips. He has been honored by the Ar-

Special kansas State Dental Associafacilities in tion for meritorious service to the building the people of Brazil.

'The E. A. Provine Classroom. The dedication of a
classroom honors one of
Ouachita's most renowned
professors. Dr. Provine was
professor of chemistry at Ouachita from 1929 until 1968.
In 1974, Hamilton Moses Science building was refurbished
and became Moses-Provine
Science Center. Mrs. Priscilla
Trussell of Little Rock, daughter of Dr. Provine, attended
the dedication along with her
husband, Dr. Thomas Trussell.

'The Harold B. Leeton Science Library. Leeton was an active alumni leader after his 1936 graduation from Ouachita. He enjoyed a long career with Gulf Oil Company, for which he served as Eastern Hemisphere Operations Manager.

A state-of-the-art natural science computer laboratory provided by an anonymous donor.

"Our division of natural science and the department of family and consumer sciences have waited patiently for the new and expanded space which will be provided in the Harvey Jones Science Center," said Elrod. "I am confident that our students and faculty will utilize this facility to the fullest and continue the tradition of excellence established through the years at Ouachita in these fields of study."

·by Jeff Root

# Much work is finished; much work remains

Andy Westmoreland Executive Vice President

The campus is beautiful!" That's a comment I've heard of times in recent years we've worked together to elop the efficiency and beauty of the buildings and grounds at Ouachita. Firstwisitors and long-lost alumni are stunned to see the hysical resources of the cam-Dus. In almost every case the improvements exceed their expectations, to the extent that a first visit by prospective students is often enough (when coupled with the warm greetings that they always receive from students, faculty, and staff) to convince them that this is their first choice for higher education.

Although we should never forget that our most important campus resources are human, there is much to be said for planning and maintaining a physical plant that reflects the strength of our people and programs. The Harvey Jones Science Center, introduced to you on the facing page, provides a good illustration of that point. For many years, we've maintained excellent programs in biology, chemistry, math and computer science, physics and family and consumer sciences--but the programs have been limited due to the nature of the facilities. In their new quarters, the programs will grow even stronger.

Despite Ouachita's progress in recent years, much work remains to be done. Three significant projects demand our attention: the expansion of Berry Bible Building, the renovation of Moses-Provine Hall, and the construction of a new cafeteria.

Berry Bible Building is bursting at the seams, largely because of the increase in the number of majors in the division of religion and philosophy. The enrollment has jumped almost 57 percent over the past four years, creating cramped quarters for students and faculty. Although the building is well maintained, it is showing some of the signs of wear that you expect in a facility that is more than 30 years old. We are working with our architects to plan a new wing for the building to provide office and classroom space sufficient to meet our needs for the next 30 years. The price tag for the project is approximately \$750,000.

Moses-Provine Hall, vacated this year with the completion of the Harvey Jones Science Center, has been the home for most of the departments within the division of natural science since the 1950s. It is a great building. sturdy, well-planned, and with approximately 25,000 square feet of usable space. With the departure of the chemists and biologists, it even smells better these days! Moses-Provine will be a wonderful home for our expanding programs in the visual arts and in communication disorders (we used to call it speech pathology), as well as offering multi-use classrooms for a variety of academic disciplines. Progress will not be cheap, however, and this project is also estimated to cost approximately \$750,000.

Even in these days of distance learning and commuter campuses, almost 85 percent of our students live in the residence halls and eat their meals in the cafeteria. We still believe that the most thorough education--academic, spiritual, social, and physical--is found in this setting, and we work very hard to preserve this environment in the face of modern "improvements" that have become the norm. The cafeteria is central to this concept of residential life because it serves as a social hub of the campus. Mealtime has occurred in Birkett Williams Dining Hall almost 40,000 times since the facility opened its doors in the 1950s, and the walls there could tell the stories of food fights, invitations to first dates, practical jokes,

and even two or three complaints about the food. The existing building seats a maximum of 450 students, which makes for interesting times for the food service when 1,300 students attempt to eat lunch in a period of one hour. Unfortunately, Birkett Williams Dining Hall is not a good candidate for renovation. A new cafeteria, planned for the area directly in front of the old facility, will cost approximately \$6,000,000. Any student will be glad to tell you that we needed the new building vesterday.

For obvious reasons, we can't rely on state appropriations for these projects. Because most of our students and their parents are sacrificing to meet the cost of tuition, fees, room, and board, we can't stack fees on top of our charges to raise appropriate funds. Instead, as has been the case since Ouachita's earliest days, we must depend on our alumni and other friends to provide the support for these needs.

Are you interested in helping to prepare leaders for the next generation, fostering memories for tomorrow's students, accomplishing something for others that you could not have done alone? If so, please let me know. As always, our students and faculty are grateful for your support.



#### **INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS •**

The recently-completed International Flag Plaza and Fountain is located on the site formerly occupied by J. R. Grant Memorial Hall. It was made possible by a generous grant from the Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Educational Trust of Malvern, Arkansas.



Dr. William D. Downs, Jr., chair of the communications department, and Dr. Bruce Plopper, chair of the graduate school of iournalism at the

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, presented a paper titled "Implementation and Effects of the Arkansas Student Publications Act" at the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) in Chicago, August 1. It was judged by the Scholastic Journalism Division of the AEJMC as the Division's best research paper of the 1996-97 academic year. Both educators at Chicago were presented the Lawrence Campbell Award for outstanding research.



Dr. Scott Duvall. associate professor of religion, recently had an article titled "Comparing the 'Gifts of the Spirit' Lists" published in the spring 1997 edition of

"Biblical Illustrator."



Dr. Keldon Henley, university counselor, has earned a doctor of education degree from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

His dissertation was

titled "Family Adaptability, Family Cohesion, Family Type, and College Student Adjustment: Relationships and Influences." His degree has an emphasis in higher education administration and college teaching.



Dr. George Keck, the Addie Mae Maddox Professor of Music, attended a National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar in Paris, France, from July

1 through August 5. The seminar was offered by Princeton University.

The subject of the seminar was "Modernist Paris." The 12 participants studied cultural developments during the formative period of modernism from about 1900 to 1930.

6 · Faculty/Staff News

# Newsmakers — Dixon promoted to VP for Student Services

The Board of Trustees at Ouachita approved the promotion of B. Aldon Dixon from Dean of Students to the newly created office of Vice President for Student Services.

Dixon has served as Dean of Students at Quachita since 1970.

He is involved in many activities associated with student development within the confines of Southern Baptist Convention colleges and universities.

Dixon has held several positions in a volunteer capacity with professional educational organizations, including the presidency of the Baptist Association for Student Affairs, which named him its educator of the year in 1982.

The Ouachita educator has also served as president of the Arkansas Council on Student Services. He is also a member of the Southwest Association of

Student Personnel Administrators and the Arkansas College Personnel Administrators and the Arkansas College Personnel Association.



Dixon, 60, received his B.S. from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. and an M. A. degree (1960) from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

## Faculty/staff members honored for service

Twenty-six faculty and staff members were recognized by the institution with service awards at the annual Faculty/Staff banquet held August 21.

Six faculty and staff members were recognized for having invested 20 years of service, each, to the 111-year-old institution of Christian higher education.

They are: Van Barrett, who resigned from the University following the spring semester and moved to the nation of Indonesia to teach; Dr. Tom Greer, the Clarence and Bennie Sue Anthony Professor of Bible and the Humanities: Dr. Tom Murphree, professor of physical education; Dr. Randy Smith, professor of psychology; Frances Williams, facilities support; and Dr. Susan Wink, associate professor of English.

Fifteen-year awards were presented to: Mike Kolb, director of career planning and placement; Clark Kuyper, science research assistant; and David Sharp, assistant professor of physical education.

Those individuals to whom 10-year

awards were presented included: Mike Ayres, printing department director; Sybil Barksdale, residence hall director; Jeanie Curry, instructor in accounting; Byron Eubanks, assistant professor of philosophy; Bill McCrary, director of institutional research and assessment: Dr. David Ozmun, assistant professor of communications and public relations associate; Dr. Jenny Petty, assistant professor and periodicals librarian; Juanita Reed, maintenance department; Dr. Deborah Root, director of development publications and assistant professor of communications; Mary Root, education department; Anne Selph, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science; and Donna Sisson, development office.

Retirement recognitions were presented to: Dr. Everett Slavens, professor emeritus of history (36 years); Bill Bagwell, maintenance department (seven years); Bobbie Easter, Follett Bookstore (20 years); and William Sullivan, maintenance department (22 years).

### Fuller, Hays, Selph receive promotions

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

Dr. Charles Fuller to Professor of Music · Fuller received a B.M.E. from Baylor University (1979); an M.M. from West Texas State University (1981); and a D.M.A. from Arizona State University

Dr. John Daniel Hays to Associate Professor of Religion · Hays earned his

B.S. from New Mexico State University (1976); his Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary (1980); and Ph.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1992).

Anne Selph to Assistant Professor in Mathematics and Computer Sciences Selph was granted her B.S.E. (1971) and M.S.E. (1978) diplomas, both from Henderson State University.

# **EVERETT SLAVENS**



"commences" to the next stage of his life

mencing to the next stage in life amost 40 years of teaching, Dr. Slavens, professor of history, rethe conclusion of the 1997 spring

Ouachita for 36 years. His first the campus was a memorable one. heard about Ouachita through the of the history department at the iversity of Missouri where I was atomg," said Slavens. "I was scheduled visit the university for an interview ree days after I was contacted."

Well, I missed the train that was prosed to be taking me to Arkadelhia. So, I caught the bus in redericktown, MO and rode all night ong. I arrived in Arkadelphia at 6:30 am. the morning of my interview. I got deaned up, ate some breakfast, and spent the next few hours in my interview. Then got on the bus and headed straight home."

Slavens said had it not been for a kind lady at the bus station who corrected his pronunciation of Ouachita that morning before his interview, he might not have ever gotten the job.

Faced with the challenge of blindness from birth, Slavens is one of three siblings in his family affected by the rare retina disease. "I could see some as a child, but I had no night or peripheral vision," he said. "By the time I was in the sixth grade I couldn't read anymore and my sight gradually diminished."

Student workers assisted Slavens in the classroom by taking attendance and proctoring during quizzes and examinations. In the office, student workers recorded readings of all papers and tests for Slavens to listen to and grade at his own convenience.

Outside of the classroom, Slavens is an avid scholar of black culture studies. "Race has always been my number one thing," he said. "About the time I went to graduate school, I took a seminar on race in the sociology department."

"I grew up in small towns in Missouri

and attended segregated schools. And until I took that class, I never really thought about race. The class had a significant impact on my life."

Since that time, Slavens had invested a great deal of time and energy into the study of American and African black culture. In fact, he focused his doctoral dissertation on the black press while attending the University of Missouri at Columbia.

The Ouachita history professor has become an authority on the advent and progression of the black press in America. He is the author of numerous articles and book reviews related to African-American newspapers.

"My interest in black cultural studies was extended to South Africa in 1983 after I went to Yale for a seminar," commented Slavens.

Last summer, Slavens was able to fulfill one of his lifelong dreams when he traveled to Pietermaritzburg and Cape Town, South Africa, to attend an academic seminar. The seminar, titled "Literature and Culture in Contemporary South Africa, 1948-1994" was sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The eight week conference, based at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg, was attended by an exclusive group of 12 college and university teachers and scholars from across the country.

Slavens was especially enthusiastic about the seminar because of its impact on work for his book titled "Others Will Take Our Place." The manuscript, based on the life of South African cultural figure Lilliam Ngoyi, has been accepted for publication.

"I was talking to one of my friends from Africa named Pat McKenzy and asked him why he was doing so much to help me on my book," said Slavens. "Pat replied, 'All our lives the world has thought badly about our country, and now you've come to tell our real story.' I can't describe how that makes me feel."

In addition to personal study, Slavens has been able to share his interest with students in the classroom. During the 1996 fall semester, he taught a history seminar on South African history.

"In many ways, this past year has been the best in my 36 years of teaching," said Slavens with a smile. "I've done things and seen places I never dreamed would be possible. Not only did I get to go to Africa, I was able to share what I learned in the classroom with my students."

"The most gratifying thing for me as a teacher is the opportunity to help people grow. I want so much to let students know that there's a whole other world out there beyond their own."

Slavens has seen many students mature through their four-year journey at Ouachita. In addition to students, he has also witnessed various changes in faculty and staff on campus.

"Ouachita has greatly excelled academically," reflected Slavens. "The faculty has grown academically stronger. The main thing you need to have a great school are great teachers. This is a much stronger place than it was when I first came here."

"Community is our single greatest strength at Ouachita. It's what has kept me here. I'll miss this place, but I look forward to new adventures. Retirement is not the end of the line. Just as they say commencement is the beginning, I'm commencing to the next stage in my life."

Retirement will be an opportunity for the Ouachita history professor to spend time on his various avocations.

"I would like to take more time for writing and researching," concluded Slavens. "I also hope to have my book completed by next winter."

Looking back over his years at Ouachita, Slavens expressed a great deal of contentment.

"I really have enjoyed what I've done," he said. "There isn't much I would have done differently. It has been a very rewarding 36 years."

# — Newsmakers —



Dr. Dave Ozmun, assistant professor of communications and public relations associate, has earned a doctor of philosophy degree in

communications from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

His dissertation was titled "Local Television News Photographers and Newsroom Structures: A Structural Look at Technology, One-Man-Bands and News Input."



Dr. Lewis
Shepherd, director of
TRIO Programs, has
earned a doctor of
education degree from
the University of
Arkansas-Little Rock.

His dissertation was titled "The Impact of Upward Bound on Rural High School Students." His doctoral degree has an emphasis in higher education administration.



Reed



Berry

Dr. Doug Reed, associate professor of political science, and Dr. Trey Berry, assistant professor of history, recently delivered a paper titled, "Local Communities and the Creation of Historic Districts: The Case for Arkansas," at the Southwest Social Sciences Association meeting in New Orleans, La.

Dr. Andrew
Westmoreland,
executive vice president,
has earned a doctor of
education degree in
higher education
administration from the

University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

His dissertation was titled "The Relationship of Group Identity to Attitudes Regarding Institutional Governance."

Westmoreland joined the Ouachita administrative staff in 1979. 8 · Faculty/Staff News

# From the human genome to Baptist heritage, faculty spend summer months in research

Three faculty members—Dr. Isaac Mwase, Dr. Ray Granade, and Dr. James Caudle, were awarded 1997 summer research grants from the University to provide for a period of concentrated research and creative endeavors in their respective academic disciplines.

Mwase, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, received a \$1750 grant to develop his study of the Human Genome project into a book chapter. His project arose out of his participation in the 1996 summer institute "The Scientific, Ethical, and Social Challenges of Contemporary Genetic Technology" hosted by the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington.

Granade, director of library services and professor of history at Ouachita, received a \$1750 grant to assist in the writing of a history of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) from 1848-1880. The manuscript is one third of a complete history of the convention planned for release at the 1998 state convention of the ABSC, to celebrate the

convention's sesquicentennial.

Service on the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission for eight years and unofficial affiliation with the ABSC Historical Commission indicate Granade's continuing interest in this area of study.

Working through the state convention's Historical Commission, a group of select historians were chosen to take a fresh look at the history, according to Granade, who was selected to cover the formative years of the convention.

Caudle, assistant professor of history, received a full \$3500 grant for summer research in London on the subject of "Religion and Politics in the Pulpit, Georgian Style: The Churches, the Government, and the Holidays of Freedom in Britain and Ireland, 1688-1788." Researching at rare book libraries in England, Caudle also participated in seminars at the London University Institute for Historical Research (I.H.R.) as a reader/member.

## New faculty members announced

Four individuals joined the University's full time faculty this fall. These are:

Dr. Blane Baker, assistant professor of physics. Baker received his B.A. from William Jewell College in 1986, M.A. from Washington University in 1990 and Ph.D. from WU in 1991. He previously served on the faculty of the University Houston-Downtown. His wife is Kathy.

Dr. Randy Miller, associate professor of chemistry. Miller received his B.S. from Illinois State University in 1981 and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis in 1987. He comes to Ouachita having served as associate professor of chemistry at California State University, Chico. He and his wife, Cathy, have three children, Lyndelle, Rand, and Aubrey.

Dr. Terry Sergeant, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science. Sergeant received a B.S., B.A. and B.S.E. from Ouachita in 1991, a M.S. from the University of Arkansas in 1993 and his Ph.D. from the University of Texas, Arlington in 1996, where he served as a

graduate teaching assistant. His wife is Rebecca (Becky) Ann.

Dr. Preben Vang, associate professor of religion. Vang comes to Ouachita from Copenhagen First Baptist Church in Denmark. He received his B.Th. from Danish Theological Seminary in 1981, M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1983, and Ph.D. from SWBTS in 1994. He and his wife, Liselotte, have two children, Signe and Andreas.

Dr. Pamela Edwards is serving as visiting professor of history. Edwards received her B.A. and M.A. from Simon Fraser University in 1985 and 1987, respectively. She received her Ph.D. from University College, London University in 1995. Her husband is an assistant professor of history.

Those serving as adjunct faculty members are: Rhonda Frederick, education; Corliss Smith, education; Wang Aihua, Chinese language; Kathy Scruggs, Wheeler, sign language; Ken Locke, psychology; and Becky Spradlin, art.

## Faculty grants awarded for professional growth

been awarded Faculty Growth Plan for the 1997-98 academic year.

The University makes the awards ble to full-time faculty members to encourage projects related to their claimed professional growth plans.

Chosen to receive the grants are:

Pam Arrington, associate profesof education, to attend a seminar in eggion Emilio, Italy, on the Reggion Emilio aproach to teaching children, and Allentown College Austria Study rogram to study global differences and imilarities in early education programs.

—Dr. Wayne Bowen, assistant protessor of history, to travel to Spain for ork on four projects which includes planning for a topical seminar on the Spanish Civil War and presentation of a paper in Pamplona at the Sixth International Conference of the World History Association.

—Dr. Terry Carter, associate professor of religion, to attend the International Conference on Baptist Studies at Regent's Park College, Oxford University, England.

—Dr. Lisa Cobb, assistant professor of biology, to attend the 1997 National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) Convention in Minneapolis, MN.

—Dr. John Diamantopoulos, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, to participate in a yearlong program of activities through Project

New Experiences in Teaching.

—Dr. Scott Holsclaw, associate professor of theatrearts, to attend the Webster Movement Institute of Webster University in St. Louis, MO.

—James Rothwell, assistant professor of accounting, to attend the AICPA sponsored accounting educators' conference in Chicago, IL.

—Dr. Randall Wight, associate professor of psychology, to attend two Chautauqua courses which include: "From the Sin of Onan to the Eugenics Movement: A History of the Idea of Unfit People," to be held at the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan: and "Using Science to Solve Crimes," to be held in Memphis, TN.

## Enrichment grants awarded for study beyond the classroom

Six Ouachita faculty members have been awarded a total of approximately \$5,000 as part of the University's 1997-1998 Academic Enrichment Grant Program. The funds will be expended for classroom related programs that assist in the educational process. Ouachita faculty members receiving the grants included:

—Dr. Wayne Bowen, assistant professor of history, will take students enrolled in a Holocaust Topical Seminar to visit the Houston, Holocaust Museum; and to the library of Rice University; and a Jewish synagogue.

—Dr. Trey Berry, director of the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program and assistant professor of his-

tory, will take his Modern American history class to the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tenn., and the Delta Cultural Center in Helena.

—Stacy Freeman, assistant professor of family and consumer sciences, will take a group of students to the American Dietetic Association meeting in Boston, Masss. The Ouachita contingent will also tour the Food and Nutrition Services at Boston Children's Hospital.

—Dr. Ouida Keck, associate professor of music, will take 22 piano majors and three keyboard faculty members to tour the Baldwin Piano factory in Little Rock. She will also take a piano pedagogy class to a Little Rock piano studio

and to Mary's Music Store in Little Rock.

—Dr. Vince Cobb, assistant professor of biology, will take students to New Orleans, La. to visit the Audubon Park Zoo and the Aquarium of the Americans; and

—Dr. Bill Steeger, chair of the division of religion and philosophy, director of the Center for Christian Ministries, and the W.O. Vaught Professor of Bible, will take approximately 12 students to participate in a visit to Pleasant Valley, the Shaker community outside of Lexington, Ky.; to tour The Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.; and to attend a Reformed Synagogue worship service.

### Seven join University's administrative staff as new year begins

Seven individuals have joined the administration staff in recent months. These are:

Chance DeRouen, athletic trainer. DeRouen, received a B.S.E. in 1997 from Northeast Louisiana University and a and M.S.E. in 1997 from Henderson State University. He is an athletic trainer certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification, is a licensed athletic trainer by the Arkansas Athletic Trainer Association and Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy, and holds basic certification with the National Registry of Emergency Medicine Technicians. His wife is Theresa "Tessie".

Margaret (Wingfield) Frazier, Director of Campus Housing. Frazier received

a B.A. in French from Ouachita in 1965. She has two daughers, Jennifer Coon ('88) and Jamie Rucker ('91). Her late husband, Paul ('65), was also a Ouachita alumnus.

Jason Greenwich, admissions counselor. Greenwich graduated from Ouachita in 1997 with a B.A. in music. His wife, Allyson (Denton), is a current student. Greenwich is responsible for student recruitment in Texas.

Bryan McKinney, director of annual giving and development officer. McKinney earned a B.A. in history and political science from Ouachita in 1993 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law in 1996. His wife, Leigh Anne ('95), serves the university as International Student Admissions Coordinator.

Jaime (Fulton) Melcher, admissions counselor. Jaime graduated from Ouachita in 1997 with a B.A. in mass communications and speech communications. Her husband, Matt, is a current student. She is responsible for student recruitment in northwest Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Tammy Robbins, student loan counselor. Tammy graduated from Ouachita in 1995 with a B.A. in English.

Kevin Wieser, associate dean for student development. Wieser received his B.A. from Ouachita in 1977, and an M.R.E. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1980. He is married to the former Sharon Ferguson ('76) and they have three children, Jay, 16, Jamie, 15, and Jill, 11.

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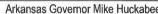
# 240 students receive baccalaureate degrees and the University honors the Arkansas Governor



Ouachita President Ben M. Elrod

# Commencement









Graduation Marshals Dr. Doug Reed, Dr. Everett Slavens

Outstanding Senior Man Elten Briggs

Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee received an honorary doctor of laws degree from his alma mater during spring commencement activities, May 17.

In addition to being recognized for the honor by Ouachita President Dr. Ben M. Elrod, Huckabee was commencement speaker for the day.

Two hundred forty students received undergraduate degrees from Ouachita.

The university also dedicated the new \$8 million Harvey Jones Science Center on commencement afternoon.

Saturday's activities began with a baccalaureate service in Jones Performing Arts Center. Dr. Del L. Medlin, pastor of First Baptist Church in Cabot, spoke to the graduating class of 1997.

Other commencement day activities included a Former Students Association (FSA) Luncheon. Ouachita alumni, former students, the graduating class, friends and parents of the commencement class, and friends of the University attended the event.

Huckabee became the 44th overnor of Arkansas on July 15, 1996, after completing three years as the state's lieutenant governor.

He is a native of Hope.

After completing his high school education at Hope High School, Huckabee entered Ouachita, where he graduated with magna cum laude honors in 1976.

While at Hope and in Arkadelphia, Huckabee worked, respectively, as a broadcaster for KXAR Radio and KVRC/KDEL Radios. The interest in broadcasting carried over in Huckabee's later life to an expanded interest in communications in general, and in religious broadcasting, specifically.

Prior to his involvement in state politics, Huckabee was a Southern Baptist minister to churches in Pine Bluff and Texarkana. In those churches he developed, through cable television and radio, an award-winning outreach ministry that was a pacemaker in the field.

In 1989, he was chosen as president of the 490,000 member of Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC), becoming the youngest president in the 150-year history.

Medlin received his bachelor of religion and philosophy degree from Ouachita in 1973, followed by his master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1977. Medlin also received his doctor of ministry degree from Southwestern in 1981.

He has served as pastor of churches in Ennis, TX. and Formosa. Medlin currently serves as first vice president of the ABSC.

Medlin has held several positions at Ouachita, including serving as the coordinator of the school's "CONTACT!" teams that presented religious programs in churches across the state. He also worked as an admissions counselor at the university.

As a student at Ouachita, Medlin was a writer on religious themes for the campus newspaper, "The Signal."

## Ouachitonian, Signal honored by ACM

The "Ouachitonian" yearbook received first place in general excellence and the "Signal" campus newspaper received honorable mention in general excellence at the annual meeting of the Arkansas College Media Association held April 24 at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

The Ouachita yearbook staff also received 26 individual awards in the competition among student publications at the state's public and private universities.

Beth Ann Lee Parnell, a communications graduate from Midwest City, Okla., now of Russellville, served as editor of the 1996 "Ouachitonian" yearbook. Dr. Deborah Root, director of development publications and assistant professor of communications,

is the ad-

"Signal" newspaper staff members earnednine individual awards.

Serving as editors of the Signal were

Jennifer Tolbert Byrd and Lannie Byrd. Jennifer is a senior communications/secondary education major from Wynne, and Lannie is a senior communications major from West Memphis. Dr. Jeff Root, director of public rela-

# Publications receive awards from Columbia Scholastic Press Association

The "Ouachitonian" yearbook received 23 Gold Circle Awards from Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) in New York City in its nationwide competition among student publications. The University's yearbook received more awards than any yearbook in the nation.

The "Signal" newspaper staff at Ouachita was honored with three Gold Circle Awards from CSPA.

tions and assistant professor of communications, is the adviser to the newspaper.

## AdFed presents campaign at competition

Countless hours of preparation, production, and practice over a nine-month period proved to be worthwhile for a team of students from Ouachita who placed fifth at the district level of the 1997 American Advertising Federation's national collegiate competition.

The 1997 district competition was hosted by the Oklahoma City Advertising Club

at the Medallion Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Competing against 13 other universities in the four-state region of District 10, Ouachita students presented their own advertising campaign for this year's national corporate sponsor, Pizza Hut Corporation.

Through a two-semester process, student advertising "agencies" from these univer-

sities work to create a comprehensive marketing and public relations campaign for the national sponsor.

Those student agencies placing above Ouachita include: first place- Southwest Texas University; second place-University of Houston; third place- Oklahoma City University; and fourth place-University of Texas at Austin.

## Phi Beta Lambda brings home host of awards

Students in the Phi Beta Lambda national honorary business fraternity chapter at Ouachita showed "excellent skill" in the PBL State Leadership Conference held in April in Little Rock bringing home a host of awards and offices.

Layne Johnston, a senior marketing major from Rosebud, was elected State Secretary/Treasurer of Arkansas Phi Beta Lambda.

Ouachita business students winning first place in their respective competition divisions were: Katrina Robertson, a sophomore accounting major from Hot Springs, Business Communications; Anton Oussov, a senior finance major from Hot Springs, Finance; and Allison Miles, a senior marketing major from Paragould, Ms. Future Business Executive.

Cortney Brown, an accounting major from Van Buren, won a first place award for the Largest Recruitment of Professional Membership. Tish Launius, a sophomore accounting major from Nashville, Arkansas, won the Arkansas Children's Hospital Project Award. The first place award for National Parliamentary Procedure Team

went to Heshan Demel, a freshman business administration major from Sri Lanka; and Layne Johnston, a senior marketing major from Rose Bud.

The PBL also received a chapter award which was prepared by Kim James, a sophomore accounting major from Henderson, Texas. The award is known as the Arkansas Silver Chapter Award.

PBL member Matt Buffalo, a senior marketing major from Lonoke, was recognized in being named as a member of Who's Who in PBL.

# SIFE students earn honors at competition

A student business team and professor from Ouachita were recognized in April by the Student In Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization.

Dr. James Philpot, assistant professor of finance in the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business was named a Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow.

Active on more than 500 college campuses nation wide, SIFE is a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to help students take what they are learning in the classroom and applying it to real-life situations, and to use their knowledge to better their communities through education outreach projects.

Under the direction of Philpot, the OBU SIFE team presented their educational outreach projects at the 1997 Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Regional Exposition held April 24 in Memphis, Tenn. The team won Rookie of the Year honors and placed first runner-up in team competition.

Teams were judged during a 25-minute presentation and were evaluated on creativity and innovation, results of education programs, success in utilizing resources and documentation of activities.

The fellowship won by Philpot was created by the Wal-Mart Foundation and is named for Samuel Moore Walton, founder and chairman of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

 A nationally recognized expert in parent-child relationships presented a free program in Arkadelphia on Monday, May 5, at Peake Elementary School.

Dr. Ken R. Canfield of Kansas City, MO, president of the National Center for Fathering, led a program titled "Communicating With Your Kids: A Mini-Parenting Seminar for Dads and Moms."

The program at Peake was offered free to the public by the Center for the Family and Community at Ouachita.

Canfield is a research scholar specializing in the area of fatherhood and the history of the family.

◆ Aaron Black, a junior political science and communications major from Damascus, is the Student Senate president for 1997-98

Other executive officers of the Senate are: external vice president--Bryan Dykes, a senior political science major from Peachtree City, GA: internal vice president -- Cara Hampton, a junior communications major from Booneville; treasure r--Caroline Reddin, a junior accounting major from Camden; and secretary--Karen Wood, a junior music major from Floyds Knobs, IN.

◆ Holly Goodwin of Paron, a 5-10 senior forward on the Lady Tiger basketball team, was selected as one of 12 players, nationwide, to represent Athletes in Action (AIA) overseas this summer in international competition in Bolivia from July 26-August 22.

Goodwin was the only Arkansas representative on the team that faced various international teams during the trip to South America

# BRIEFS Arrington, Briggs honored as Outstanding Ouachitonians The Student Senate Scholar Matthew Co.

Awards Banquet in April to honor more than 100 students for academic excellence during the 1996-97 academic year.

Among those honored were the Senior Ouachitonian Woman and Man as selected by the University faculty. Chosen for those honors this year were Ashley Arrington, a senior political science/ speech major from Arkadelphia, and Elten Briggs, a senior marketing major from Lake Village.

Other top awards and the recipients were: Ben Elrod Honor Fraternity Outstanding Senior Man, Lane Bailey; Arkadelphia Rotary Club Service-Above-Self Award, Trey Barr; Mrs. J. R. Grant Award, senior Christy Jones, freshman Kristi Steele; Betty Oliver Grant Award, sophomore Allyson Denton, junior Karen Wood; Carl Goodson Scholar, Kimberly Roth; Honors Council Scholars Award, Russell Jones.

Ashley Arrington was named Overall Academic Achiever. Those honored in their division/school were:







Elten **Briggs** 

Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business, Will Rusher; Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts, Amy Hillyer Elrod; Education, Christy Jones; Humanities, Mary Beth Barton; Social Science, Andrew Bagley; Natural Science, Zine Smith; Religion and Philosophy, Justin

## University receives grant to establish schools in Indonesia

Ouachita recently received a \$9,500 grant from the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention through the Consortium for Global Education to help in establishing schools in Indonesia.

Beginning in the summer of 1998, Ouachita students and faculty will have a chance to spend three weeks in a small village community located in the rain forests on the island of Sumatra. There, participants will assist in building structures to house kindergarten through twelfth grade schools, and then to provide some instruction to the students.

Ouachita students and faculty will be working jointly in the effort with the students and faculty of the Universitas Pelita Harapan, a university in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia.

Dr. Trey Berry, assistant professor of history and the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Director at Quachita. envisions that recruitment for the program will begin in the fall of 1997. A Ouachita class that focuses on the culture and language of Indonesia may be a requirement for those participating in the program, however, the details are uncertain, he said.

## Historical material of Red River Region donated to library

A collection of printed and audio material that chronicles the culture of southwest Arkansas and northeast Louisiana has been given to the special collections section of Riley-Hickingbotham Library at Ouachita.

The Texarkana Arts and Humanities Council recently presented the material to Dr. Ray Granade, director of library services and professor of history at Ouachita.

Contained in the collection is a set of interviews begun in the late 1980s, both audio/videos with transcriptions, with a broad cross section of residents in the Red River Region. Discussions centered on the folklore, crafts, history, culture and the lifestyles of the people in the area.

"The library is gratified to receive the gift," said Granade. "This material contains an amazing illumination of the traditions and cultures of this area."

"Books and journal articles are included in the collections, but the heart of the contributions is its interview repository," Granade said.

"It is a real compliment to

our oral history collection and further verifies our feeling that Ouachita has the best such collection of the history of this area any place around," Granade pointed out.

Ouachita historians have been active over the past 20 years in researching and gathering data, both printed and audio, to help preserve the history of the area in point.

Also included in the Texarkana collection given to Ouachita are 3,980 color slides, 1,872 black and white photos, and 286 audio cassettes.

# Rice studies rules in preparation for Lone Star Conference

Making a move from one national collegiate sports alliance to another means new rules that coaches, athletic directors and campus com-

pliance officers must study and understand in order to avoid mistakes by the program.

Another who person knows about studying rule changes is the faculty athletic representative.

For Dr. Phil

Rice, the change has meant participating in a historic switch.

Rice, the dean of the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business and a Professor of Business at Quachita, became the school's Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) prior to the 1996-97 academic year.

"Dr. Ben Elrod, the president of the university, asked me to assume this role and that's how I got started," said

Rice.

In a transitional state between the NAIA Division I and the NCAA Division II. Ouachita's historic athletic



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Conference this season there will be even more time with new reporting methods."

Dr. Phil Rice • Faculty Representative

program has been meeting the challenge of what seems to be a constantly changing alliance of sports affiliations. Recently, the university held dual memberships in most sports with both the NAIA, with offices in Tulsa, and the NCAA Division II, with offices in Richardson, Texas.

But, beginning this school year, Ouachita will be exclusively a member of the NCAA Division II and the Lone Star Conference.

In his duties as faculty athletic representative, Rice has spent as much time in studying the new rules involved in joining the NCAA as many of the coaches.

"Change involves a lot of time and study," said Rice. "And since we're going into the Lone Star Conference this season, there will be even more time with new reporting methods."

The NCAA's Faculty Athletics Representative handbook says that the "...duties of faculty athletics representative varies from institution to institution."

Rice is part of a group of Ouachita staff members who are involved in the oversight of the athletic department from eligibility and admissions to financial aid.

"There are a number of people involved in this process," said Rice. "The registrar, financial aid officer, admissions and the athletic department are all involved."

Rice's duties primarily involve the monitoring of continuing eligibility for ath-

letes already at the university.

"We have to confirm the academic eligibility of the players who are already here and others who will be entering the university in the fall," Rice added.

Rice has also gotten to meet other athletic representatives from across the NCAA and throughout the Lone Star Conference.

"The thing I've noticed is that there is no common denominator among the particular backgrounds of the FARs from school to school," said Rice. "Each person's duties tend to lean toward whatever they do best."

Rice's role as the FAR is continually being redefined, he said as the university's athletic program undergoes its transition.

The FARs have also been able to have an input in the Lone Star Conference schedules and the guidelines for hardship waivers.

"I enjoy my role in this capacity," said Rice.

# NCAA places limits on recruiting by alumni, friends

Athletic Director Buddy Benson recently issued a reminder that alumni and friends of the Ouachita athletic program may not recruit student athletes off-campus or have contact with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or guardians.

The rules reflect a change based on Ouachita's move to NCAA, Division II. Ouachita also must comply with the rules of the Lone Star Conference, in which the Tigers and Lady Tigers begin competition this fall.

In a memo reminding

boosters of NCAA guidelines, Benson said on-campus contact with alumni and other boosters is permitted, as are written and telephonic communications.

Additionally, it is a violation of NCAA and Lone Star Conference rules for supporters of athletics to provide material benefits to students-athletes, their relatives or friends, if the same benefits are not available on the same basis to the student body in general. Material benefits may include:

 special discounts or credit arrangements related to

merchandise or services

- loans
- guarantees of bond
- use of an automobile
- transportation to or from the site of a summer job without, or at a reduced, charge
- the provision of special services (i.e. laundry, dry cleaning) without, or at a reduced, charge
- ·special housing arrangements or free transportation on- or off-campus
- •the signing or co-signing of a note with an outside agency by an athletic staff member of representative of

the athletic interests (i.e. boosters) of the institution to arrange a loan for a student-

•student-athletes may not receive or sell game tickets.

The NCAA also prohibits student-athletes from making a commercial endorsement of any kind.

Anyone with questions about NCAA and Lone Star regulations may contact Coach Benson at P. O. Box 3788 in Arkadelphia (71998), or call 870-245-5182.

# After 18 years as baseball coach, Barrett leaves to teach in Indonesia

After 18 years of being the head coach of the Ouachita Tiger baseball program, Van Barrett is ready for a change.

Barrett, who has amassed

a record of 274-430-2 at the helm of the baseball team, submitted his resignation to the University effective at the end of the spring semester. He plans to begin teaching in the nation of Indonesia in the fall of 1997.

Barrett will be teaching, primarily, physical education and swimming to elementary aged students at Sekolah Pelita Harapan School in

Jakarta. Joining Barrett will be his daughter, Marnie, who will teach art.

"We will have both a mission duty and an education duty with classes being taught

in English," said Barrett.

His wife, Julie, he said "probably" would work in the school's bookstore.

Barrett said the school is one of three private educa-



tional institutions in Indonesia in which the basis of the education is a Christian faith orientation, with instruction being offered in the English language.

"The people who run these schools are hoping to make the entire nation a place where these type of schools can thrive and grow," said Barrett. "This is just the beginning."

Barrett, who was named Arkansas' Christian Coach of the Year in 1987 by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, said his reasons are not purely educational when it comes to his new position.

"I look forward to seeing how people in other countries worship," said Barrett, who has served in his career in a bi-vocational ministry status.

One obstacle the Barretts will face is the government of Indonesia, which has a majority of Muslims, but Barrett is still looking forward to his new challenge.

"I was getting burned out on the competitive coaching and I was ready for a change," said Barrett. "I am really looking forward to this opportunity."

Another potential avenue of service is also in Barrett's vision.

"One of my goals

is to go to

Australia and be there when the Olympics go to Sydney."

The Barretts are contracted to stay in Indonesia for two years. In addition to a salary with half being paid in American currency and half being paid in Indonesian currency, they will receive a travel allowance and be given money to get started.

"They don't want us to have cars so they provide us with the travel allowance and we'll have people taking us just about anywhere we want to go," said Barrett.

"This is by no means a grass-hut type situation," said Barrett. "Downtown Jakarta is very westernized. It is an exciting opportunity and I'm really looking forward to it."

# Coaching changes announced for baseball, basketball, football, golf

The University's athletic program has announced the reassigning of two coaches and the hiring of a former OBU athlete to an assistant coaching position.

Joveta Saylors-Arnold, a former Lady Tiger basketball player, has been hired to replace Jill Murders as the assistant basketball coach of the women's program and head cross country coach.

In two years, under the direction of head coach Garry Crowder and Murders, the Lady Tiger program has a record of 35-18.

Arnold, a native of Lead Hill, joined the Lady Tigers in the 1992-1993 season and played one year under the leadership of Crowder and 14 · Campus News Murders.

In her senior season, she led the Lady Tigers to an 18-8 record, the best since the school began intercollegiate play in 1976.

Arnold scored 1,382 points and grabbed 727 rebounds in her four years with the Lady Tigers and was named NAIA Honorable Mention All-American.

She was also awarded the university's Outstanding Woman Athlete Award at the 1996 OBU Athletic Awards Banquet.

Arnold is a 1996 graduate of Ouachita and earned her master's degree from Henderson State University in the summer of 1997. In her new capacity at Ouachita,

Arnold is also an instructor of health, physical education and recreation.

Another change in the athletic department comes on the baseball diamond where Dr. Tom Murphree will take over the reins of the baseball program.

During the 1996-97 school year, Murphreeserved as offensive coordinator with the OBU football program, head coach of the OBU golf program and as OBU's NCAA Division II compliance coordinator.

Murphree is continuing his position as compliance coordinator and as a professor of physical education, but dropped his roles as assistant football coach and head golf coach in order to take over the baseball program.

Taking over Murphree's position as head golf coach was assistant football coach David Sharp. He continues his roles as defensive coordinator with the Tiger football program and as assistant professor of physical education and adds the role of golf coach to his duties.

Replacing Murphree the football field is Jeff Smitt a native of Arkadelphia Smith has been with the Tegers as a part-time assistant since 1994, in charge of fensive ends and linebackes

He also assumed responsibilities as an instructor health, physical education and recreation.

# **Sports Wrap-Up**

#### Baseball

Jimmy Ellis' solo home run to lead off the 10th inning sparked a four-run inning by the Tigers and sent the team into a second game at the NAIA Southwest Regional Independent Baseball Tournament in Dallas.

Unfortunately for the Tigers and head coach Van Barrett, there were no heroics to be found in the second round of the losers' bracket and they were eliminated from the tournament after a 14-9 loss to Harding on Wednesday, April 30.

Ouachita ended the season at 10-35-1.

#### Golf

Despite their best tournament of the season, the Ouachita golf team came up short in their first Lone Star Conference Championship Golf Tournament on April 25-26 at the Tanglewood Golf Course in Pottsboro, Texas.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University from Weatherford came away with the conference title.

Individually for the Tigers, freshman Dave Ward of Little Rock was the top finisher shooting an 82-80-82 for a 244 and 51st place.

#### **Tennis**

Tiger tennis players, seniors Tim
Oosterhous of Texarkana, Texas, and
Christian Wassmer of Singen, Germany,
have been named as an NAIA All America
doubles team as the result of their play at the
46th annual NAIA National Championship
Men's Tennis Tournament held recently at
Shadow Mountain Racquet Club in Tulsa,
Oklahoma.

The two players helped lead Ouachita to a fifth place finish in the tournament.

Wassmer also received recognition as an All America player in singles, as did Ouachita sophomore Robert Ungh, a general business major from Stockholm, Sweden.

Oosterhous, a sociology major, and Wassmer, a communications major, came into the national tournament ranked as the 14th best NAIA doubles team. They made it to the semi-final round where they were defeated by Fernando Ibarrola and Marcel Ven Der Heide from the University of Mobile (ALA) by scores of 6-3, 5-7, 7-6.

Ungh fell finally in the fourth round of singles losing to Riva DaSalva of Westmont (CALIF) College by scores of 6-3., 5-7, 6-2. DaSalva went on to win the individual singles title.

The University of Mobile and Brigham Young University-Hawaii won the men's and women's titles, respectively, at the men's tournament and 17th annual women's tournament.

The Rams totaled 33 points in the men's division, outdistancing second place Auburn-Montgomery (26 points), third place Westmont (CALIF) College (23), fourth place William Carey (MS) College (21) and Ouachita Baptist (19). Harding University from Searcy finished the men's tournament with 11 points for 15th place.

The fifth place finish by OBU equalled the team's finish in last year's tournament that marked the highest finish ever by an Arkansas entry in the NAIA national men's tennis tournament.

Six Tiger tennis players received postseason accolades from the NAIA. Wassmer has been named as a 1997 NAIA Men's Tennis Scholar-Athlete. To be named as an NAIA Men's Tennis All America Scholar-Athlete, an individual must be at least a junior academically and must have attended his nominating institution a minimum of one full term. He also must have accumulated a minimum grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.00 scale at the time of nomination as defined by the nominating institution.

# Yamamoto, Gaither and Whitten honored as top athletes

Three student athletes were honored as Ouachita's best overall varsity athletes for the 1996-97 academic year at the annual Athletic Banquet, April 29.

Masafumi Yamamoto of Shizuoko, Japan, a health, physical education and recreation major, and Jarrod Gaither, an accounting major from Lake Charles, La., were selected by the athletic staff as the co-recipients of the prestigious Bob Lambert Memorial Award given to the Outstanding Male Athlete at Ouachita.

The Outstanding Woman Athlete Award at OBU was awarded to psychology major Leslie Whitten of Mena. The award is presented to the Outstanding Woman Athlete who, in the opinion of the coaches, best demonstrates the traits of the Christian witness, desire to win, sportsmanship and athletic ability.

Four other athletes were given special recognition at the dinner as winners of scholar-athlete awards on the campus level.

Kevin Brock of Sherman, Texas, a junior accounting major, was awarded the Frank Reed Scholar-Athlete Award.

The Association of Women Students Scholar-Athlete Award was given to juniors Jari Kirkland and Holly Higle.

The Sigma Alpha Sigma Scholar-Athlete Award was presented to Jason Miler, a junior biblical studies major from Texarkana, Texas.

Outstanding Athlete Awards were also presented in each of 12 varsity sports.

- —Rab Rodgers Outstanding Baseball Player Award was given to Kevin Brock.
- —Bill Vining Outstanding Basket-ball Player Award was given to Rod Lee.
- —Outstanding Basketball Athlete Award (women) was awarded to Holly Goodwin.
  - —Danny Turner Outstanding Foot-

ball Athlete Award (Offensive) to Anthony Efird.

- —Outstanding Football Athlete Award (defensive) to Michael Laughlin.
- —Outstanding Golf Athlete Award to Matthew Bale.
- —Bob Gravett Cross Country Athlete Award (men) to Trey Cone.
- —Outstanding Cross Country Athlete Award (women) to Holly Higle.
- —Outstanding Tennis Athlete Award (men) to Christian Wassmer and Tim Oosterhous.
- —Outstanding Tennis Athlete Award (women) to Jennifer Jones.
- —Outstanding Volleyball Athlete Award to Krista Lapp.
- —Outstanding Swimming Athlete Award (men) to Ryan Killackey.
- —Outstanding Swimming Athlete Award (women) to Jari Kirkland.



Yevonne Conrad

President Former Students Association

The fall season always brings to mind cool crisp mornings, football games and Homecoming. Each year students at Ouachita experience all of the excitement and flurry of activities that traditionally accompany Homecoming on the university campus. For those of us as former students, however, Homecoming may hold a different meaning. While I treasure memories associated with Homecoming during school, I now think of this time as returning home to renew friendships, learn about the lives of others, and experience that welcoming feeling of returning to a special place.

Whether you look forward to this time as I do, or you return for the "must-see" football game, there are a number of events scheduled for the Homecoming weekend on November 7 and 8. Activities include the reunion dinner, various class and organizational reunions and receptions, Tiger Tunes, and the aftergame buffet.

If you have not been to the campus in a while, you will see the amazing growth occurring at Ouachita. The new and refurbished buildings and the overall appearance of campus are impressive. I am also impressed by the successful planning of the additional building and the use of space which has modernized the campus while preserving the spirit of traditional Ouachita. The campus tour will provide a view of these wonderful changes and additions to the campus.

Please make plans now to attend as many of the events as possible. There is definitely "something for everyone" this year. Many thanks to all of you who are working hard to make this Homecoming a memorable event for everyone.

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#### Tentative Schedule

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5:00 Registration opens 6:00 - 7:15 Reunion dinner for all alumni and friends 7:30 Tiger Tunes

#### Saturday, November 8

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8:00	Class of '57 Breakfast
9:00	Registration opens
9:30 - 11:30	Student Association Fellowships
10:00	Campus tour
11:30 - 1:00	Alumni buffet for all alumni and friends
	<ul> <li>FSA business session</li> </ul>
1:30	Pregame at A. U. Williams Field
1:30	Campus tour
2:00	Football game: Harding vs. Ouachita
4:30	After-game buffet for reunion groups and friends
	(see below)
7:30	Tiger Tunes
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#### **Reunion Groups**

'51 ' <b>52</b> '53	'66 ' <b>67</b> '68	'81 ' <b>82</b> '83
'56 ' <b>57</b> '58	'71 ' <b>72</b> '73	'86 ' <b>87</b> '88
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#### NOTICE TO ALL FORMER STUDENTS OF OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

from the Former Students Association Board of Advisors

The Board of Advisors recently voted to propose changes to the Former Students Association Constitution and By-Laws which will require the approval of the membership of the Association. A called business session for this purpose has been scheduled for the Alumni Luncheon on November 8, 1997, during Homecoming '97 activities.

A copy of the proposed new constitution and by-laws will be distributed to those present for the meeting on November 8. The membership will be asked to vote on the proposal at that time. The changes are summarized below. They concern the officers of the FSA, the representation on the Board of Advisors, and the inclusion of current students in the planning meeting of the Board of Advisors.

#### **Summary of Proposed Changes**

#### Officers of the Association

Current provision: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Tiger Network Chair New provision: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Tiger Network Chair

#### **Board of Advisors**

Current provision: Eleven (11) advisors from geographic districts in Arkansas, ten (10) advisors from geographic regions of the United States New provision: Six (6) advisors from within Arkansas, six (6) advisors from outside Arkansas

#### Non-voting representatives

Current Provision: One (1) representative from each of the University's recognized special interest groups (non-voting), as determined by the Board of Advisors.

New Provision: One (1) representative from each of the University's recognized special interest groups (non-voting), as determined by the Board of Advisors, and one (1) representative each from the Senior Class, the Student Senate, and the Ouachita Student Foundation (non-voting).

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1937

John D. and Martha Jo Bradley celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary August 30, 1996 in Tulsa OK.

#### 1942

Harry and LaRue Anderson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, June 22, 1996.

#### 1943

**Dr. Glen E. Crotts**, retired president of the Baptist Foundation of Arizona, is writing a book about the history of the BFA and is also the acting director of the Canadian Southern Baptist Convention's Foundation. He and wife Nannie are initiating efforts to create cooperative work among the ten Baptist conventions in Canada.

#### 1944

Rev. C. H. and Mary Nell (Jernigan, 47) Seaton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 8, 1997. C. H. retired from the Arkansas Baptist Convention and Mary retired as a teacher with the Little Rock School District.

Mary Alice (Burns) Nantz is a retired music educator in Houston, TX. She has a small private violin class of students aged 6-13 and is the accompanist for the 4-year-old children's choir at Champion Forest Baptist Church where she is a leader in the church orchestra.

#### 1946

**Rev. Claud D. Hughes** lives in Oak Ridge, LA, where he has been pastor of the Oak Ridge Baptist Church for the past 10 years.

**Dr. D. Wade Armstrong** celebrated 60 years in ministry. He and wife Shirley live in Ceredo, WV, where he is pastor emeritus.

#### 1947

Al and Beth (Myatt, fs 43, MSE'81) Major are in Naples, Italy, where he is serving as pastor of the International Church of Naples. The Majors were recently in the Czeck Republic with the International Church of Prague.

Stuart and Betty Sue (Hightower, fs) Fikes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 6, 1997, in Benton, Ark.

#### 1950

**Drs. Reese** and Karen **Duke** are in Houston, TX, where Reese retired from Rice University and

Texas Public Schools. He is currently teaching biology, part time, at Houston Community College.

Dr. James C. Hefley recently completed writing the first history of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, titled "The Conscience of a People." He is presently involved in writing the official history of the SBC Home Mission Board.

#### 1951

Betty (Whitlow) Moore retired as church pianist at First Baptist, Hope, AR, after 42 years of service.

#### 1952

Billy D. Dunn is Director of Chaplaincy at the Lufkin State School where he has served for 24 years. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve program as Chaplain (after 35 years) and also retired as Chaplain of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

**Dr. C. A. Johnson** lives in Ft. Worth, TX. He and wife Patsy voluntarily head up, "Prayer Link" at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and he also serves as Interim Pastor at Rynewood Baptist Church.

#### 1953

**Dr. David Moore** is back in his hometown of Heber Springs, AR, after teaching music at Delta State University. He is the choir director at the First General Baptist Church and directs a community chorus called EdenSong.

#### 1956

**Hugh Brown** is general manager of the Holiday Inn Express in Hope, AR. Wife **Viva (Thrash, 54)** is assistant manager.

Nancy Burchfield is in Picayune, MS, after retiring as a registered nurse with Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, LA.

#### 1958

James A. and Lynda (Massey, 56) Bynum live in Alexandria, VA. James retired with 32 years of military and civilian federal service as a research psychologist. He was employed by the Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences as chief of plans, programs and budget.

Dwight C. Clark recently retired as pastor of Warren Woods

Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan after 9 years, completing 42 years in the ministry. He and wife **Ann** (Salter '58) reside in Independence, MO.

#### 1959

Cecil and Jerry (Grounds, 62) Yates are in Holly Springs, NC. Cecil retired as Director of Corporate Security for Fieldcrest Cannon.

#### 1960

Joel Stubblefield, president of Westark Community College of Fort Smith, AR, was selected as Arkansas President of the Year for 1996-97 by the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges.

#### 1961

Johnny Lingo was recently appointed as Director, Human Resources for ValueRx, a pharmaceutical benefit management company in Albuquerque, NM.

H. Gene Dooly is the library media specialist at Fort Smith Christian School where Ouachita has a strong representation on the staff. Glynn Stewart (68) is the band and choral teacher, Sara (Richardson) Lawrence (93) teaches science, Ann (Yates) Gentry (75) is the school nurse and Brandon Willey (79) is minister of music with their sponsoring church.

#### 1962

Charles Doggett has been at the Sunday School Board in Nashville for 20 years. He is the single parent of a grown son and special needs daughter with developmental disorders.

Barbora Martin Cole retired from Exxon Co, USA in Baytown,

TX, after 31 years of service.

D. Michael Huckabay has become a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was also named in the Best Lawyers in America 1995-96 and 1996-97 editions. He and wife Lindsey live in Little Rock.

#### 1963

**Lurlyne (Hardy) Myers** lives in Poplar Bluff, MO, and is retiring after 28 years of teaching.

#### 1964

Nancy Givens Moore, Jamie Brewer Petty (63) and Patsy Lynn Burroughs Kutay had a Ouachita reunion in February, 1997. They had not seen each other since graduation. Nancy lives in Wake Forest, NC, Jamie in Raleigh, NC, and Patsy in Carmel, CA..

#### 1965

Paul Nelson Wilhelm received a D.Min. from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, CA, May 23, 1997. His project title: Matching the Man to His Ministry: A Workshop of Intentionality for Pastors.

#### 1966

Tommy Cunningham is now serving as pastor of First Baptist Church in McGehee, AR, coming there from West Memphis where he served as pastor for six years. He and wife Susan (Ritter) have two grown children, Tom (92) and Rebecca (fs96).

#### 1967

Roy A. Parker is now pastor of Beech Street First Baptist Church, Texarkana, AR. He and

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**CLASS OF '37 •** The Class of 1937 held a reunion during the Gold Tiger Weekend. Members attending included: Dewey Blackwood, Ray Langley, James W. Sanges, Christina Doyle Spears, James Walter Brandon, Tommie Green Selph, Bob Utley, Lita Cele Simmons Morris, Bernes Selph.



CLASS OF '47 • The Class of 1947 was inducted into the Gold Tiger Club in April. Those pictured are: (front row) Doris Cornell Knight, Sue Lenderman Spence, Maxine Baker Kemp, Eleanor Jones McMenis, Betty Jo Oliver Grant, Billie Sue Murray Turner, Dollie Ryan Roth, Mary Nell Jernigan Seaton, Mary Helton Tucker; (second row) Carolyn Caskey Nelson, Willeen Jaggars Crain, Alta

Jean Davis Hall, Helen Mundie Bennett, Mary Bob Hodges Hammons, Lois Powell Anderson, Aileen McBryde Petty; (third row) Walter Smart, John A. Hall, John Furqueron, Warren Nutt, Marinell Stephens Pearson, Wanda Bishop Hardin, Margrete Horne; (back row) Clifford Herron, George Peeples, J. D. Patterson, Paul Hogue, Don Orr, Calvin Whorton, William C. Martin.

· Continued from page 19 wife Laura have three sons, Rick (81), L.P. (fs94) and Jon Mark (cs).

#### 1968

Linwood D. Lewis and wife Laura live in Simpsonville, SC, where he is Vice President - Business & Engineering for American Regional Aircraft Industry (AMRAI), a joint venture between General Electric Company and the Government of Indonesia, which

builds regional aircraft for airlines in North and South America. They have two sons, David and Jeremy.

James Thomason has joined the staff of Little Rock Second Baptist Church as minister to senior adults and Albert Pike chaplain.

#### 1969

Ronnie Ferguson is a stillcamera operator and lives with wife, Rita, and daughter Wendi on a farm in Kaufman, TX.

John T. Hampton is now president and CEO of Citizens Bank of Booneville, AR, and president of First Western Bancshares. He and wife Lana (Strother 69) are the parents of Ty (94) and Cara, a Ouachita senior.

James "Smokey" Smith has joined the staff of First United Methodist Church of Arkadelphia as youth director. He is also a science.

teacher at Goza Jr. High School.

Jim and Vicki (Bryan) Stewart are in Norman, OK where he is Minister of Family Life at First Baptist Church. Vicki is a first grade teacher. They have three children, Bryan, Joy, a freshman at OBU, and Brad.

#### 1970

John and Betty Saunders live in Alexander, AR, near Little Rock where he teaches at Missionary Baptist Seminary after retiring from the Navy in 1996.

Clyde and Veda Coleman (M.A.) of Little Rock, AR, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, April 18, 1997.

Larry Lefler is a business consultant with UALR Small Business Development Center. He has been with the organization since 1994 and is located in Stuttgart, AR.

Laurie (Tompkins) Kerr is teaching art at Veritas Chrisitan School. She and husband Robert live in Texarkana, AR, with their two children, Rachel and Jeremy.

#### 1971

Col Larry Haltom and wife Rebecca (Payne, fs) live in Conway where he is the chief of staff for the Arkansas Army National Guard at Camp Robinson.

Ramona G. Rice is an associate professor of biology at Geor-

gia Military College. She and husband, Dr. Carl Rosen, live in Milledgeville, GA.

#### 1973

David Lowery owns and operates The Buyer's Agent of Arkansas Realty company. He and wife Pam (Roussel, fs) live in Sherwood, AR.

#### 1974

**Mike Fowler** is serving as pastor of Lamar (AR) Baptist Church. He and wife, Kathy have two children, Jennifer and David.

Kathy Vining DeLone was named 1997 National Mother of Young Children by American Mothers Inc. and Arkansas Mother of the Year. Kathy is advertising and public relations director for Coleman Dairy. She and husband Herb live in Little Rock with daughter, Natalie.

Keith (fs) and Brenda (Dethrow) Ledgerwood are in Alton, MO, where he manages their cattle ranch and she is a high school counselor. They have two children Betsy and Patrick.

Connie (Terry) Brooks and husband, Del, live in Fayetteville, AR, where she teaches in the Fayetteville schools.

#### 1975

Michael Pounders was or-

dained April 20, 1997, by the Hot Springs Baptist Church where he serves as Church Administrator. Wife Debbie is an adjunct professor of English at OBU. They have three daughters, Jessica, Leslie and Katie.

Col. Harold Tucker is teaching at the National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, DC. He and wife Debbie (Moran 75) live in Springfield, VA with their children, Lydia, Paul and Rachel.

Paulette (Nalls) Sullivent teaches art K-12 at Harmony Grove, AR. She and husband Bill live in Sparkman with son Hank.

#### 1976

**Dr. Steven Mullen** recently moved from Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, AR, to a position as assistant professor of Adult Education at Dallas Baptist University. He lives in Burleson, TX.

Dr. Lester Sitzes III was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission on June 26, 1997. He and wife Marilyn live in Hope where he practices dentistry.

John Robert Schirmer was named Journalism Teacher of the Year by the American Press Association. He teaches journalism at Nashville (AR) High School.

#### 1978

Danny Tate will release his third album in February, 1998. He has opened shows for Moody Blues, The Marshall Tucker Band and the Allman Brothers Band. He recently sang with Kenny Wayne Shepherd at the Memphis in May Beale Street Music Festival.

Martin and Paula (Thompson, 79) Thielen live in Monterey, TN, where he is the pastor of First United Methodist Church.

Johnny Johnson and wife Tammy live in Arlington, TX, where he works as a registered nurse at Methodist Medical Center Emergency Department in Dallas.

Saundra Harris-Brent is a peer support coordinator at Mainstream in Little Rock. She is on the Governor's Commission for people with disabilities, CATA advisory council and is a volunteer at the Oasis Renewal Center.

Anita Stafford was among a team of photographers invited by the Presidential Inaugural Committee to assist in photographing the Arkansas Blue Jeans Bash,

American Presidential Gala, the Swearing In and the Arkansas Ball in Washington, D.C. She is presently a 9th grade English and Journalism teacher at Fairview Jr. High in Camden, AR.

#### 1979

Donna (Tan) Meinecke lives in Denton, TX, with husband Jon and 2 sons, Colin and Stephen. She is a piano teacher and recital accompanist at University of North Texas.

Andrew Westmoreland recently earned his doctoral degree from UALR. He and wife Dr. Jeanna (King, 81) are employed by OBU. They have one daughter, Rilev.

**Drs.** Jeff and **Sherrye** (Luningham) Craig live in Conway (AR). Sher is a full time mom and part -time pediatrician in the Conway Children's Clinic. They have two children, Laura, 2 and Bailey Kathryn, 6 months.

#### 1980

Jim and Janith (Justice) McGee live in Stuttgart where he is with Wilkerson & Associates and Janith is an elementary school teacher. Jim also teaches Principles of Accounting at Phillips Community College-Stuttgart Branch. They have three children, Meredith, Holly and Jay.

Lewis Shepherd received his Doctor of Education degree from UALR. He is employed at OBU as Director of TRIO programs.

Rebecca (Stanley) Sanders is advertising manager for Brookshire Grocery Co. in Tyler, TX. She and husband David have two sons, Joshua and Travis.

#### 1981

Randy L. Hill of Arkadelphia was elected in May as vice president of the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association.

J. Leslie Davis is senior accountant at Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative Corporation. He lives in Ozark, AR.

Laurie (Sorrells) Wood and husband Jerry live in Van Buren where she teaches pre-schoolers with disabilities in Franklin and Crawford Counties.

Archie "Cotton" Cothren is an independent insurance agent in Dierks, AR. He is a volunteer fire/ rescue and ambulance driver, a Reserve County Deputy Sheriff and Gulf South Conference Football Official. He and wife Holly have one daughter, Sarah.

#### 1982

Debra Lynn Williams-Garrison passed the Arkansas Bar Exam in February. She and husband Warren live in Little Rock.

Gary Kleck is now senior vice president at First National Bank and Trust in Eureka Springs, AR.

#### 1983

Kerry (McAlister) Allen was named Physical Educator of the Year by the Arkansas Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. She is a physical education teacher at Langston Intermediate School in Hot Springs. She and husband Rodney live in Arkadelphia.

Kaye (McGrew) Foshee, a math and science teacher at Jessieville (AR) Public School, was one of two Arkansas teachers who received the National Presidential Award from Pres. Bill Clinton. She and husband, George, live in Hot Springs.

Theophilus Vodounou and wife Catherine have returned to Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, after Theo's assignment as Senior Programme Officer in the war zone of Great Lakes. Theo, who has taken over his activities at the Cocody Baptist Church in Abidjan, has published two Christian books.

Lisa (Taylor) Lewis (fs), was recently promoted to director of personnel for the Indianapolis Speedway 500 in Indianapolis. IN.

Paul and Denise (Clark)
Kaniss recently moved from Texas
to Fort Irwin, CA, home of the
Army's National Training Center.
She is a 6th-8th grade special education teacher. They have one
daughter, Jillian, 5.

Don and Barbara (Smith, 82) Blackmore, have moved from Gentry to Bryant, AR, where he is minister of education at First Southern Baptist Church. They have four daughters, Allison, Meagan, Anna Marie and Katelyn.

#### 1984

Mike Spradlin has been elected president of Mid-America Seminary in Memphis, TN. Since 1994, he has been director of Mid-America's Northeast branch in Schenectady, NY.

In February **Gregg Frizzell** was honored by England (AR) First Baptist Church for his service to

the church's music ministry. Gregg has been church pianist for 12 years.

#### 1985

Rusty Hart has joined the staff at Little Rock First Baptist Church as full-time minister of music. He and wife Lori (Reeves) have three daughters, Laura, Megan and Hannah.

MAJ Steve Russell has been transferred from Fort Benning, GA, to Fort Leavenworth, KS, where he will attend the Army's Command and General Staff College. He and wife, Cindy (Myers, fs) have two daughters, Jessica and Hannah.

Susanne (McElroy) Ballard is teaching 8th grade for Crossett Public Schools. She and husband Greg have one son, Josh.

#### 1986

Ken Lovelace and wife, Lygia, have arrived on the mission field to Portugal to begin their first term of service. The Lovelaces have four children, Bracken, Brooklyn, Caleb and Jake.

Paige Smith has moved from Dallas to Chicago where she will be Concept Development Manager for the Bradford Exchange. Paige also performed "Elijah" at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Memorial Day with the Park Cities Presbyterian Church Choir.

Keldon Henley graduated from University of Arkansas at Little Rock in May with his doctor of education degree. He is university counselor at OBU. He and wife, Celeste, have 3 children, Annelise, Grayson and Parker.

#### 1987

Lannie Emfinger is a claims representative on the National Catastrophe Teamfor State Farm Fire Company. Wife Dina (Teague 89) is a claims representative for State Farm Auto Company. They live in Little Rock.

Jodi (Price) Kennedy lives in Port Lincoln, Australia, with husband Peter. They own an industrial supply company, called Eyre Trading Company. Jodi stays at home with one-year-old son Ryan.

**John Harrison** and wife Alexia are in Atlanta where both work for GMAC.

Jay and Karen (Gourley, 89) Connelley live in Little Rock, AR. Jay is completing family practice residency and Karen works as a physical therapist. They have one son, William "Cole."

Scott Stewart received his doctoral degree in Marine Science from the University of Texas at Austin.

**Mike Norwood** is head football coach at AAA school in Emory, TX. He and wife Robin live in Garland, TX.

#### 1988

Darrell Ross is a teacher with the Flint Community Schools in Michigan. He also serves as Associate Pastor for Singles at the Family Worship Center in Flint.

Janet (Rico) Everett is working for Glencoe/McGraw-Hill as a sales consultant. She and husband Keith live in Camden, AR.

Amanda (Johnson) Barnett and husband Scott live in coastal

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HI HATS • Alumni of the Hi Hats Club who gathered on campus in April included: (front row) Virginia Cannon Green, Wilma Helen Phillips Curnett; (second row) Jeanne Butner Streiff, Joyce Leslie Birdsong, Lurline Stewart Birkhead, Marcie Atkins Mitchell, Jimmie Lee Stewart Hill, Tanna Murry Howell, Martha Moseley McHaney; (back row) Christine Chaney Blackwood, Almeda Park Elliott, Ruth Robinson, Eva Flanagin Park, Kathreen Haynie Thomas.

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Georgia where they run their own business, Jeanette Crows Designs, specializing in the publication of cross-stitch and needlecraft books.

Gary Powell is minister of Music/Education at Cherokee Baptist Church in Memphis, TN. Wife, Norma (Spencer, 89) stays home to take care of their three daughters, Emily, Grace and Bethany.

#### 1989

Holly Gibson Ryker lives in Lubbock, TX, where she teaches fourth grade at Western Elementary School.

Joe and Nancy (Ellen, 92) Cathey are at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he has completed his M.Div. and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Old Testament.

#### 1990

Doug and **Kiki (Schleiff) Cherry**, are living in Euless, TX.
She is pursuing a career in writing for children and also serves with Doug as co-director of Westdale HIlls Ministries, an apartment ministry sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Euless.

Alex and Lisa (Porter) Brookhuis live in Conyers, GA where she is employed as a Long Term Care Surveyor for the State of Georgia. Alex is employed by Rockdale Hospital Inc. as the emergency room chaplain. They have two children, John and Alida.

Justin Gilbert passed the Arkansas Bar exam in February. He and wife Lynda (Otwell, 91) live in Jackson, TN.

Charlie and Angie (Bryant, 89) Lechner were appointed in April by the Foreign Mission Board to serve as missionaries in Madagascar.

#### 1991

Doug and Kelly (Spivey) Schmidt have moved from Nederland, TX, to Garland where Doug will be varsity assistant football and head softball coach at North Mesquite High School, and Kelly will teach elementary school. The Schmidts have three children, Ashli, Brooke and Beaux.

Michael and Nancy (Estep)
Hannon are in Batesville, AR,
where he is the co-manager of the
Wal-Mart SuperCenter and Nancy
stays home with sons, Jake and
Josh.

Mike Plyler (fs) graduated in

June from Tennessee Dental School in Memphis. He and wife **Sharon (Francis, 93)** and new son, Lawson, have relocated to Fort Smith where he will be in dental practice.

#### 1992

Marine Cpl. Patrick G. Cantrell recently completed a month-long, U.S.-Jordan military exercise while attached to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. He is currently on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean.

Heather Mims teaches 5th and 6th graders at the Sekolah Pelita Harapan non-denominational Christian School in Tangerang, Indonesia.

Zeke and Ruth (Atkinson) Moore have moved from the Louisville (KY) area to Pine Bluff where he is pastor of Greenlee Baptist Church.

Toby and Rachael (Ward, 94) Talley are in Bradley, AR, where he is pastor of First Baptist Church

Brett Williamson was recently promoted to assistant vice president at First National Bank of El Dorado where he lives with wife Stephanie and daughter, Morgan.

Brandon Helms has accepted the position of offensive coordinator at West Ouachita High School in West Monroe, LA.

Dennis Janz recently graduated from Mid-America Seminary in Memphis. He and wife Jody (Roberson, 93) live in Madison, AR, where he pastors First Baptist Church.

Michael and Christy (Burleson) Oliver are in Rowlett, TX where he is a C.P.A. and has started a tax/financial planning practice. Christy teaches piano and voice. They have one daughter, Payton.

Kyle Hollaway is a software engineer with Acxiom Corp. in Conway, AR. Wife Rebekah (Kinney, 93) stays at home with their children, Moriah and Benjamin. They live in Maumelle.

#### 1993

Rusty New received a doctor of veterinary medicine from Louisiana State University. He and wife Denise (Prewitt) live in Texarkana, TX, where he joined the Westridge Animal Hospital.

John E. (Jed) Harris and wife Jennifer (Ault) live in Des Arc, AR where he is minister of youth/music at First Baptist Church.

Pamela Jayroe teaches PE at the Wynne, AR, junior high and coaches seventh grade girls basketball and junior high girls track team.

John and Tara (Holmes) Scritchfield live in Manhatten, KS, where she is a speech-language pathologist.

Kimberly Hare lives in Arlington, TX, where she is in Marketing Communications for Ultrak, Inc., a Carrollton, TX-based company.

#### 1994

JaNan (Arnold) Davis and Allison (Allred) Wooten passed the Arkansas Bar exam in February. JaNan lives in Maumelle, AR with husband John (91) who is employed in sports medicine. Allison and husband Greg (92) live in Little Rock where Greg is doing his medical residency.

Heath Clower has joined the staff of East End Church of Hensley as minister of youth and outreach. He and wife Dawn (Martin, '93), have one daughter, Leighton, and live in North Little Rock.

#### 1995

Sarah Kellar received her master of science degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. She is a speech pathologist at Baptist Medical Center, Little Bock

Shawn and Tawnya (McPeak) Shelton are in Alma, AR, where he is youth minister at First Baptist Church. Tawnya is an academic adviser at Westark College in Fort Smith. They have one son, Dakota.

Stephen and Misty (Clark)
Granade are at Duke University
where he is one of two graduate
teaching assistants to receive the
Dean's Award for Excellence in
Teaching for 1996-97.

Nathan and Kimberly (fs) Twigg are in Titusville, FL, where he is youth minister at Park Avenue Baptist Church. They have one son, Dillon Glenn.

David and Carla (Martin) Whittington live in North Little Rock where she is the PR director for "On the Move Advertising" and he is a field engineer for Nature's Way Eco-Systems and minister of music and youth at Oaklawn Baptist Church in Hot Springs.

Bashorat Ibragimova re-

ceived her MBA in International Management at Baylor University in May.

#### 1996

Chris Jones is head basketball coach for junior high boys at Center Point High School, a new consolidation of Amity and Glenwood high schools. Chris and wife Brandi (Richter) live in Royal, AR. with new daughter Taylor.

#### 1997

April Heintz lives in Little Rock and is agency administrative coordinator for Heathcott Associates Advertising Agency.

#### **MARRIAGES**

#### 1977

**Lisa Anne Clay** to Donald E. Grigg, June 26, 1997, Las Vegas, NV.

#### 1979

Thomas Alfred DeBlack to Susan Kathleen Sanders, March 15, 1997, Conway, AR.

#### 1983

Robert Thomas "Robby" Smith to Susan Muffin Campbell, July 12, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

#### 1985

Karen Elizabeth Watkins to Michael Allen Walker, March 22, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

#### 1986

Patricia Hughes Wesley (fs) to Gregory B. Perry, March 29, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

#### 1987

**Barbara Gail Davis** to David W. Woodring, June 21, 1997, Fort Smith, AR.

#### 1988

Laura Beth Bridges to Kenneth Warren Woolfolk, June 15, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

#### 1990

Kristi Ann Hampton to Jean-Francois Vallee, March 22, 1997, Hope, AR.

Shauna Whitlow to Robert H. Hopkins, April 12, 1997, Malvern, AR.

John "Jay" Beard to Virginia Stratton Horne, July 12, 1997, Memphis, TN.

1991

Ellen Childress to John Schneider, May 17, 1997, Virginia Beach, VA.

Laura Jean Hill to Timothy Educard Bichlmeier, April 19, 1997, Rios, Jamaica.

Joel K. Humphrey to Sharon Tose Hammond, July 12, 1997, Springs, AR.

#### 1992

Craig David Mueller to Lori Bizabeth Barnett, May 31, 1997, Terarkana, TX.

Laura Susan Calhoun to Fred Dumas (93), May 31, 1997, Alexandria, VA.

Stacy Kaye Miner (fs) to Wilam Edward Bailey, March 22, \$97, Pine Bluff, AR.

Javene Clay Crabtree to Thomas R. Dickson, April 26, 1997, North Little Rock, AR.

Phillip Douglas Rye (fs) to April Renee Brown, June 7, 1997, Benton, AR.

Shawn Michael Studdard (is) to Tracy Jo Burks, May 17, 1997, Malvern, AR.

Greg Pillow (fs) to Sherri Tidwell, March 1, 1997, Conway, AR.

Jeff Christian to Kristi Barham, March 8, 1997, Carrollton,

Linda J. Spencer to Richard Berry, Jr, October 19, 1996, Marshall, TX.

#### 1993

Christy Mechelle Tosh to Marcus Marion Crider, June 14, 1997, Fayetteville, AR.

Tricia Kehoe to C. Brady Meredith, May 30, 1997, Jamaica. Suzanne L. Smith to Chris

Harris, March 9, 1996.

#### 1994

Jennifer Nicole "Nikki" Daniell to William Ray Thomas, June 28, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

Hillmon Davis to Brandy Long (96), May 24, 1997, Palestine, AR.

Robert David Parker to Tammy Sue Gwin, June 28, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

#### 1995

Brandi Lynn Byrd to William Richard Womack ('97), August 2, 1997, Pine Bluff, AR.

Janee LaDawn Hatley to Gregory Page McElhanon, July 19, 1997, Jonesboro, AR.

Nathaniel Greer (fs) to

Jerusalem Jackson (cs), May 24, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

**Jolene Cynthia Zook** to John R. Williams, January 4, 1997, Hot Springs, AR.

Carl Douglas Compton to Amy Marie Miles (97), June 28, 1997, Paragould, AR.

Laura Gail Pennington to Chad Evan Lockwood, June 7, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

Jennifer Lea Johnson to William Stuart Goudy, April 12, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

Melissa Carol Whitehead to Brett Michael Krebs, May 10, 1997, Haskell, AR.

Julie Carroll Ahart to Benjamin Ashley Copeland, March 1, 1997, Wynne, AR.

Joy C. Mayfield to Andy Amason, August 31, 1996, Benton, AB.

Cindy Michelle Rook to William C. "Stony" Evans (96), July 12, 1997, Donaldson, AR.

#### 1996

Douglas Hasley to E. Leigh Ann Johnson (97), May 31, 1997, Crossett, AR.

Penelope Ann Erion to Stuart Allen Ray (cs), May 24, 1997, Conway, AR.

**Staci Jennifer Curtis** to John Edward Gibbs, June 28, 1997, Malvern, AR.

Megan Lyn Mims to Christopher Edward Kyle (former staff), June 28, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

**Tiffany Ann McBride** to Kenneth Wayne Rose, March 22, 1997.

Mark Hays Hurst to Dusti Leann Raley (97), July 19, 1997, Van Buren, AR.

**Jennifer Rene Snowden** to Carlos Rafael Ropa, July 26, 1997, Valencia, Spain.

#### 1997

Laurie Leggett to Daniel Cox (fs), May 31, 1997, Magnolia, AR.

Joshua Hughes to Shelley Buck (cs), May 18, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

Angela Carol Green to Jesse Allen Taylor, May 31, 1997, Sparkman, AR.

Shannon DeeAnne Atwood to Mark Thomas Edds, June 7, 1997, Gurdon, AR.

Priscilla Anne Shrader to Kaleb Andrew Barrett, June 7, 1997, Cabot, AR.

**Sarah Beal t**o Herbert Watts, June 7, 1997, Charleston, SC.

Jason Greenwich to Allyson

Denton (cs), June 14, 1997, Garland, TX.

David Thomas Jones to Melissa Elaine Rogers (cs), June 28, 1997, North Little Rock, AR.

Kelly Brooke Proctor (fs) to Robert Joseph Gross III, June 21, 1997, Wynne, AR.

Kim Cole to Mark Darr (cs), May 10, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

Michael Floyd to Amy Campbell (cs), July 26, 1997, Conway, AR.

Jennifer Hauser to Dirk Smith, July 26, 1997, Wynne, AR.

#### **CURRENT STUDENTS**

Traci Clark to Darrin Cooper, May 31, 1997, Gurdon, AR.

Sara Wheeler to Andrew McDaniel, May 24, 1997, Springhill, LA.

Terri Lynn Helms to Mark Allen Palfreeman, May 24, 1997, DeQueen, AR.

#### **BIRTHS**

#### 1978

Kim and Brenda (Ingram) Klockenga, son Christopher Stephen, August 6, 1996. Joins Nicholas 11 and Matthew 8.

#### 1979

Jeff and Sherrye (Luningham) Craig, Bailey Kathryn, February 18, 1997. Welcomed by big sister Laura.

#### 1980

Philip and Jill (Boatright) Massirer, daughter Mary Elizabeth, November 7, 1996. Joins brother Daniel 2.

#### 1081

Jim and Gayla (McBride) Edwards, daughter Kayley Frances, February 20, 1997. Joins big sister Skylar 3.

#### 1982

Ben and **Sondra (Johnson) McFarland**, son Harrison Edwin,
December 3, 1996.

Doug (fs, 93) and Liz (Hobson, fs) Shinn, son Kyle Logan, June 5, 1997. Joins big sister Emily 2.

#### 1983

Matthew and Hideko (Ueno) Howell, son Reagan Patrick Howell, July 14, 1997. Welcomed by Brian 5, Tiffany 3, and Rachel 1.

#### 1984

Eddie and **Paula (Holland) Caldwell**, son Ryan Woodall, July
2, 1997. Joins Josh 5 and Courtney
3.

Jim and Cathy (Basinger) Johnson, daughter Crissa Diane, December 26, 1996. Joins big brother Connor 3.

Jeff and Jan (Mitchell) Willlams, son Joah Nathaniel, April 6, 1997.

John and Mary (Humphreys) Gill, daughter Rachel Suzanne, January 20, 1997. Welcomed by Hannah 4 and Miller 3.

#### 198

Barry and Kara (Murphree) Bloomfield, daughter Laura Beth, April 12, 1997. Joins brothers Bradley 9 and Matthew 7.

Brian and Carrie (McKinney) Catus, Matthew, November 8, 1996. Welcomed by Wesley 8, Steven 6, Samuel 4, and Benjamin 2.

#### 1986

**Dave** and Teri **Daily**, son Wilson Aubrey, May 18, 1997. Welcomed by sister, Emma Grace.

David and **Karen (Williams) Reed**, daughter Taylor Nicole, April 4, 1997.

**Jeff** and Teresa **Smith**, daughter Danielle Elizabeth, March 27, 1997.

**Keldon** and Celeste **Henley**, son Parker Townsend, May 30, 1997. Welcomed by Annelise and Grayson.

#### 1988

Dana and Jennifer (fs) Pierce, son Amos Samuel, February 2, 1997.

Brian and **Krissi (Hasley) Powell**, son Peyton Daniel, March 29, 1997.

James and **Teresa (Cloud, fs) Wingfield**, son John Clark, March 17, 1997. Welcomed by sister Kacy Alyn 5.

Paul and Jerri Lee (Johnson) Smith, son Nathan Cody, February 5, 1997. Joins Elesea 8, Hannah 6 and Josiah 3.

#### 1989

Mark and Leslie (Hamilton) Sneller, daughter Ashton Natalie, January 1, 1997.

John and Gina (Ratcliff, 88) Moore, son Brady Anderson, June 20, 1997.

Bart and Kim (Coulter, 91)

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# "Carousel"



One of Broadway's most beloved musicals, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel," was brought to life in a campus production at Ouachita, April 17-20.

The musical was presented by the division of music and department of theatre arts of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts.

Lead characters in the production included Kristin Maddox, a junior choral music education major from Ponca City, Okla., as Julie Jordan, and Joshua Payne, a junior applied music major from Booneville, as Billy Bigelow.

Dr. Scott Holsclaw, associate professor of theatre arts at Ouachita, was the director of the event. Dr. Jon Secrest, associate professor of music, was the musical director.

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**Ferguson**, son Samuel Bart, April, 1997.

Greg and Nita (Dalrymple) Freeman, daughter Emma Elizabeth, March 10, 1997. Welcomed by big sister Mary Katherine.

Tommy and Karen (Thomas, fs88)Lowe, daughter Callie Elisabeth, May 8, 1997.

Steve and Margie (Bright) Sexton, daughter Sydney Lauren, May 7, 1997. Welcomed by big brother, Logan 3.

Lamar and Jennifer (Sternberg, 91) Trieschmann, twin daughters Margaret Rose "Maggie" and Anne Claire "Claire," February 17, 1997.

Lee and **Shelly (Parker) Gentry**, daughter Caroline Christine, March 19, 1996.

#### 1990

Mark and Carrie (Jones) Shieldnight, daughter Macaela AnDee, May 10, 1996.

Larry and Joan (Curry) Copeland, daughter Brianna Renee, April 14, 1997.

Jeff and Carolyn (Brooks, 92) Noble, son Jeffrey Samuel, March 18, 1997.

Elmer and Karen (Ennis, 88) DePaula, daughter Leecia Dell, March 6, 1997.

Doug and **Kiki (Schleiff) Cherry**, son Joshua Douglas, April 27, 1997. Welcomed by sister, Anna 2.

#### 1991

Doug and Kelly (Spivey) Schmidt, son Beaux Douglas, April 23, 1997. Joins sisters Ashli 5 and Brooke 3.

Corey and Christi (Dodd) Gillum, son Christian Patrick Dodd, May 5, 1997. Welcomed by sister Cavlie 3.

#### 1992

Dale and **Toni (Hinch) Blackwell**, daughter Corianna
Elizabeth, February 28, 1997.
Welcomed by Olivia Allison 3.

Paul and Missy (Collier, 93) Williams, daughter Mikayla Grace, February 7, 1997.

Scott and Christy Bonge, son Caleb David, July 16, 1997.

Bob and Tricia (Murphree) Biggers, daughter Allison Marie, May 5, 1997.

Tre and Jennifer (Boatman, fs93) Cates III, son Preston Michael, May 10, 1997.

Clay and **Elizabeth (Rucker) Almond**, daughter Bailey Elizabeth, June 19, 1996.

#### 1993

Eric and Rennie (Davenport, fs) Herndon, daughter Carlie June, May 8, 1997. Welcomed by big brother Caleb 3.

David and Marisa (Whitfield)
Petty, son Caleb Andrew, June
10, 1997.

Mike (fs91) and Sharon (Francis) Plyler, son Lawson

Russell, May 12, 1997.

David and Rebecca (Griffin, 94) Graham, daughter Macye Elizabeth, July 1, 1997.

Larry and Melissa (Greenway) Chance, son Alexander Bishop, December 2, 1996. Joins sister, Susanna 2.

#### 1994

**Bill (96) and Rebecca** (Saunders) Wright, son William Patrick, March 28, 1997.

#### 1995

Shawn and Tawnya (McPeak) Shelton, son Robert "Dakota" Shelton, January 1, 1997.

Gary and **Brandie (Clark) Kirkpatrick**, son Jackson Anderson, April 28, 1997. Joins brother Austin Clark 2.

Kelly and Holly (Freeman) McElyea, son Caleb Joel, May 21, 1997.

#### 1996

Chris and Brandi (Richter, fs) Jones, daughter Taylor Allison, February 16, 1997.

#### **CURRENT STUDENTS**

Micah and Julie (Benjamin) McBay, son Alexander Benjamin, April 3, 1997.

#### FACULTY/STAFF

**Thomas** and Paige **Tubb**, son Caleb Andrew, June 17, 1997.

Terrence and Renetta Carter,

son Nathan Scott, April 30, 1997.

**Bob and Libbi Hamilton**, daughter Emily Meredith, July 8, 1997.

**Selwyn** and Ashley **Ellis**, son Owen Timothy, July 29, 1997.

#### **DEATHS**

#### 1913

William E. Huddleston, notified April 29, 1997

#### 1922

A. Bree (Shugart) Coffindaffer, March 3, 1997, Baytown, TX.

Mary Piercy, notified April 24, 1997.

#### 1925

Dora (Carpenter, fs) Ferguson, notified May 8, 1997.

#### 1927

Munnie McRae Good, May 28, 1997, El Dorado, AR.

#### 1928

Lawrence E. Thrasher, January 29, 1997, McAllen, TX.

#### 1930

Louise (Shaver) Pendleton, July 9, 1997, El Dorado, AR.

Harris Paul Humphreys (fs) May 29, 1997, Hot Springs, AR.

#### 1931

Maurice M. Vick, March 4, 1997, Baton Rouge, LA.

**J. E. Allmon (fs)**, April 28, 1995, Dumas, AR.

Mary Belote Pearce (fs), December 14, 1996, Mustang, OK.

#### 1934

Clarence E. Bell, April 29, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

#### 1937

Wilson Irby, June 11, 1997, El Dorado, AR.

Winfred D. Key (fs), May 29, 1997, Camden, AR.

Wilford Harris (fs), April 10, 1996, North Little Rock, AR.

Alicia (Summers) Woodell, July 9, 1997, Texarkana, AR.

#### 1938

Med (Rice) Hale, February, 1997, Chanute, KS.

#### 1939

Marjorie Meador Hankins, June 29, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR. Irene (Rice) Pearce (fs), April

4, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

#### 1940

Othar O. Smith, September 15, 1996, Huntsville, AL.

Elizabeth Scarborough Colbert, July 21, 1997, LaMirada, CA.

#### 1941

Marie (Tweedle) Crittenden Smithers, June 16, 1997, Beaumont, TX.

#### 1942

Euphia McKelvy (fs), September 19, 1992, Paris, AR.

#### 1944

William F. Montgomery, May 11, 1997, San Antonio, TX.

#### 1945

**Frankie Davidson Chollar (fs)**, November 10, 1996, San Antonio, TX.

#### 1948

Alla B. (Earle) Gladden (fs), April 16, 1997, Little Rock, AR. Marie (Glover) Clark, July 8

Marie (Glover) Clark, July 8, 1997, Heber Springs, AR.

Floyd Gabe Davis, May 13, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

Martha Belle (Shyrock) Benton, July 25, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

#### 1949

**Jack Gulledge**, February 18, 1997, Chandler, AZ.

William J. Reed (fs), September 21, 1985, McAllen, TX.

1951

Mary Elizabeth (Raper) Newman, May 31, 1997, Smackover, AR.

#### 1954

Sue Douthitt Heinen (fs), January 8, 1997, Cypress, TX. Martha Lynn (Sexton) Griffin. May 1, 1997, Cabot, AR.

#### 1956

Eleanor (Bowen) Halley (fs), July 6, 1997, Olive Branch, MS. Perry Dale Blount, April 12, 1997, Independence, MO.

#### 1958

William N. Blake, September 3, 1995, Atlanta, GA.

#### 1960

**Joyce Graham Hale**, November 8, 1994, Corsicana, TX.

#### 1965

**Paul G. Frazier**, May 4, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

#### 1972

Bryon D. Westfall, October 31, 1992, Texarkana, AR.

#### **CURRENT STUDENTS**

Sean Wesley Davis, July 11, 1997, Bryant, AR.

#### FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

**Dr. Raiph Arioe Phelps**, July 24, 1997, Dallas, TX.

Martha Adams Burleson, June 7, 1996, Gurdon, AR.

### Dr. Ralph A. Phelps · Ouachita Baptist University President 1953-1969

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita Baptist University from 1953 until 1969, died Thursday, July 24, in Athens, Texas following a long illness. He was 76.

"We at Ouachita are saddened by the news of Dr. Phelps' death," said Dr. Jeff Root, director of public relations at Ouachita. "His contributions to the University were many. Dr. Phelps' tenure as president from 1953 until 1969, was marked by tremendous growth. During this era, Ouachita gained university status, the academic program expanded, enrollment doubled and campus facilities were greatly improved. His leadership will always be remembered at Ouachita."

Phelps, at the age of 32, was one of the youngest university presidents in America when he came to

Ouachita in 1953. Under his direction, the institution developed a stronger financial base and prepared for what would be several years of steady growth. Phelps also began planning for the racial integration of Ouachita as early as 1958. The enrollment of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Makosholo of Rhodesia, Ouachita's first black students, in 1962 helped set the stage for the desegregation of schools in Arkansas.

Phelps was born May 27, 1921 in Dallas and was graduated valedictorian from North Dallas High School. He received A. B. and M. A. degrees from Baylor University, both with honors. He received Th. M. and Ph. D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, both with honors; and a Ph. D. degree from the University of Texas at Dallas.

The recipient of several honorary doctorates and awards, Phelps was named Arkansas Man of the Year in 1960 and was presented with Southwestern Seminary's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1965.

On sabbatical leave from Ouachita in 1967-68, Phelps was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson as Southeastern Regional Director of the Offices of Economic Opportunity. He was instrumental in the implementation of the Head Start Program.

Phelps was president of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas from 1979 to 1985. He also was affiliated with Dallas Baptist College and Mercer University in Macon, Ga. Phelps served in a number of business positions, including vice president and trust officer of Worthen Bank in Little Rock.

Phelps was an ordained Baptist minister. He was twice chairman of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and served on the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, representing the Baptist denomination in Washington, D. C. Phelps was pastor of Virginia Hills Baptist Church in

Athens, Texas, at the time of his death.

Phelps was predeceased by his first wife, Helen Kennedy Phelps, in 1981. He is survived by his wife. the former Betty M. Crowder: his son, James Phelps of Midland, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law Debbie and Greg Lynd of Irving: stepchildren, Mark and Deborah Crowder of Brownwood, Texas, Judy and Scot Parker of Lubbock and Debbie and Randy Russell of Allen, Texas; and six grandchildren.

He also is survived by sisters and brothers-in law, Betty and John Hunstable; Barbara and Harry Morchower and Carol and Montie Wilmoth of the Dallas area and many nieces and nephews. A sister-in-law, Elaine Phelps, of Garland also survives.

The funeral service for Dr. Phelps was held at Grove Hill Funeral Home in Dallas. Burial was in the Grove Hill Memorial Park in Dallas. Dr. Joe McClain of Brownwood and Dr. Tom Logue of Little Rock officiated.

# The Financial ADVISER

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ESTATE AND
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By reading the accompanying articles you will receive a short lesson in estate and gift taxation. You will also find out why it is important that you be aware of your net worth. Estate taxes begin at the 37% level for estates exceeding \$600,000, rocketing to 55% for those in the multimillion-dollar range.

With expert planning a couple can transfer \$1.2 million free of estate or gift taxes (over and above any annual exclusion gifts). Congress is working on a plan that may increase the unified credit and also make it easier to transfer businesses and farms. You may need to monitor the tax proceedings to determine how they affect your situation.

Charitable giving should always be a consideration in estate planning regardless of tax ramifications. Many of the testamentary gifts to Ouachita come from people with modest estate assets. If you haven't already, please join the hundreds of alumni and friends who have made a commitment in their estate plans to establish a permanent legacy here at Ouachita.

# How much do you have for your heirs?

You can't leave your wealth to others if you aren't sure of exactly what you possess in the first place, right?

Yet most people don't realize how much their assets are worth. And many of us have avoided the process of determining the value of our estates altogether—perhaps an indication of why less than half the adult population in the United States have valid wills.

Don't let your heirs suffer because you didn't take these few steps to figure out

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gains. The face value or death benefit of life insurance is an often-overlooked asset because, although it often avoids the probate process, it's still usually taxable in the estate of the decedent.

# 2. Determine how and with whom your assets are owned.

Ownership generally falls into the following three categories: solely, jointly, and tenancy

in common. Owning an asset with your brother is different than owning an asset with your spouse. Also, married couples who live in community property states have additional record-keeping requirements.

# 3. Calculate your debts.

What you owe is subtracted from the value of the assets at your death. The most common debt is a mortgage on a primary residence or vacation house. But credit card balances and other loans are also calculated here. In addition, the estate itself will incur legal fees and other expenses that will reduce the amount of the estate subject to taxation.

#### 1. Inventory your assets.

Assets can include many things, such as

what your assets are and what they're worth.

- •Your home, land, and other real property
- Stocks and bonds
- •Cash, including savings accounts, CDs, etc.
- •Tangible personal property (including autos, jewelry, antiques, and stamp collections)
- •Assets in which you have an income interest (such as an annuity)
- •Retirement accounts
- •Equity/Ownership interest in business
- •Life insurance

Many of these items will have values surprisingly higher than you might think. The value of many homes, stocks (in which retirement accounts are traditionally invested), and other assets that have been held for many years, today often reflect large

#### 4. Calculate your lifetime gifts.

Often forgotten are gifts made during life to others. A \$50,000 gift to your child to get her business started or to help with his first home's down payment is a taxable gift. Even though you may not have actually paid any gift tax on the transfer, you must keep track of the gift to calculate the potential estate tax.

These steps will set you well on your way to developing an estate plan. If you'd like more information, just give us a call.

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# All about federal estate and gift taxes - including how to avoid them!

The federal government imposes a tax on the right to transfer assets. The idea is to prevent the automatic continuation of wealth within families without at least some effort at redistributing part of it to society.

During life, the tax is a gift tax; at death, it is an estate tax. The gift tax exists so that people don't attempt to avoid an estate tax by giving away their money while they are still alive. For example, a person who wishes to transfer \$1 million to her son can't avoid a transfer tax by making a gift of the asset during her lifetime.

#### The Basics

Understanding the terms that you'll run across during the estate planning process goes a long way towards making everything easier.

•The Unified Credit.

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The unified credit offsets the tax that would be—but isn't—applied to a specific amount. Currently, that amount is \$600,000, so the unified credit is \$192,800. In other words, the credit equals the tax that would have been applied to the \$600,000 if that amount had been taxable. Everyone enjoys this shelter. That's why only estates of \$600,000 and larger (including prior taxable gifts) are taxed by the federal government.

•The Gift Tax.

Currently, everyone is allowed an annual exclusion of \$10,000 on the right to transfer assets during life. (The annual exclusion is \$20,000 for married couples who elect to split the gift.) This exists in part because the IRS cannot keep track of all gifts. Also, no tax is imposed on gifts of any size to a spouse.

Even gifts of over \$10,000 to someone other than your spouse often are not actually taxed because of the unified credit. Not until taxable gifts exceed \$600,000 (under current law) will a lifetime transfer actually trigger a tax. When it does apply, however, the gift tax is due at the same time a person's income tax is due. •The Estate Tax. The estate tax is imposed at death on the right to transfer assets. The gross estate includes everything a person owns or in which he or she has an interest at death. The estate tax has two deductions: marital and charitable. •Gift and Estate Tax Rates. The rates are the same for both types of tax. The rates on taxable transfers begin at 37% and go up to 55%. For example, a lifetime gift or a transfer at death of \$2 million dollars is currently subject to a

Despite the unified rates, however, a gift tax is often in effect less than an estate tax; that is, it's often less expensive to transfer an asset during life than at death. At the 50% estate tax rate, for instance, a

marginal tax rate of 49%.

person needs \$2 million to transfer \$1 million to a child (the \$2 million taxed at 50% is reduced by \$1 million, leaving \$1 million). But during life, the person needs only \$1.5 million to transfer the \$1 million asset (\$1 million plus the \$.5 million of tax).

# Reducing Estate and Gift Taxes

Only a comprehensive estate plan designed by a qualified estate planning professional will determine the most appropriate methods to reduce or avoid transfer taxes. Following are four of the more common strategies:

·Lifetime Gifts.

Many people can reduce the size of their estates by taking advantage of the annual exclusion of \$10,000 (\$20,000 for married couples). Parents with three children, for example can give away up to \$60,000 each year (\$20,000 x 3) without any gift tax liability. If the children are married, that amount could increase to \$120,000. In addition, if the three children have two children each, the grandparents can give away an additional \$120,000 (\$20,000 x 6) each year. The potential total estate reduction in this situation is \$240,000.

•The Marital Deduction. This is one of the two estate tax deductions available, and it really is more of a deferral than a deduction. A person may leave everything to his or

her spouse and defer all estate taxes until the second spouse's death. This is not automatic, however; a person's will must specifically provide for this. •The Credit Shelter Trust. Even those who wish to leave everything a spouse are wise to establish a credit shelter trust. Without a credit shelter trust, the estate of the first spouse to die passes to the other spouse tax-free, but then at the second spouse's death, only \$600,000 of their combined estates is tax-free due to the unified credit. However, both spouses are entitled to a unified credit of \$600,000, and establishing a credit shelter trust is one way to ensure that both spouses' unified credits—the full estate tax free \$1,200,000—are utilized.

•The Charitable Deduction.

This is the second estate tax deduction. A person can leave any amount of his or her estate to charitable organizations, without limitation, and receive an offsetting deduction for the value of what is transferred.

# There's More To Know

We hope to have opened your eyes about the options that everyone has - regardless of the size of his or her estate - for reducing estate and gift taxes. To learn more details about how you can benefit by various strategies, call us at 870-245-5169. We'll be glad to help.

# GIVE Feels Good

When donors are asked why they contribute to charitable causes, they sometimes list the financial benefits. These advantages are clear-cut and fairly easy to explain. More often than not, however, you'll get vague answers, like, "Just because it feels good."

Let's take a look at both the tangible and intangible reasons for giving.

# The Concrete Financial Benefits

The most measurable plus is that you save on taxes:

•Income taxes. Outright gifts and gifts by trust both qualify

for charitable deductions. Contributions of appreciated securities or property can avoid capital gains tax. And some life income plans pay you annuity installments that are partly tax-free return of principal.

•Estate and gift taxes. Charitable gifts reduce your taxable estate and are not subject to the gift tax.

But you benefit in other ways, too:

- •Increase your income.

  Deferred charitable gifts can
  pay you, and even a survivor,
  an income for life.
- •Increase your yield. Through a charitable gift, you can

change low-basis securities for new investments that increase your effective yield.

•Professional investment management. With some charitable gift plans, the organization or other trustee you select frees you from the investment responsibilities associated with the assets you contribute.

# The "Feel-Good" Factors

Consider these motivations for giving:

•Commitment to a cause. We support religion, education, healthcare, culture, and other worthy causes simply because we want to serve humanity, and we believe we've found a good way to do that.

- •Desire to share. As we have been successful, we like to give something back and let others share in our good fortune. In so doing, we deservedly gain recognition and a kind or immortality that can be achieved in no other way.
- •Personal satisfaction. Many people give for the pure enjoyment of helping others, which is magnified by the heartwarming gratitude expressed by those who have benefitted.

**SCENIC WALK •** 

Students enjoy the beautiful scenery at the Katie Speer Pavilion and Gardens located on the bank of the Ouachita River.

A footbridge was added this spring to complete the walking trail.

If you would like more information about estate planning and charitable ways to reduce your taxes, please return the enclosed reply form to receive our free booklet, *Estate Planning Strategies That Meet Your Needs*.

		1997-98 UNIVERSITY CALENDAR			
September	6	Football vs. Henderson State, 7 p.m., here			
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	21	Arkansas Repertory Theatre production, "Smoke on the Mountain," Jones Performing	ng Arts Center, 2:30 p.m.		
	23 27	Faculty Recital, John Secrest and Glenda Secrest, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. VENTURE			
	21	Football vs. Angelo (Texas) State, 7 p.m., there			
	29	Faculty Recital, Dr. Steve Garner, McBeth Recital Hall, 6:30 p.m.			
0.44	30	Lecture 2000, McBeth Recital Hall, 7 p.m.			
October	6	Football vs. Southwestern Oklahoma, 2 p.m., there Guest Artist Recital, J. Garner and David Allen Wehr, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.			
	11	Parents' Day, Preview Day, TRIO Parents' Day	•		
		Football vs. Southeastern Oklahoma, 2 p.m., here			
	18 20	Football vs. Northeast (Okla.) State, 2 p.m., there			
		Ouachita Singers Concert, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Verser Theatre Production, "JB" by Archibald MacLeish, 30th anniversary play, 7:30	p.m.		
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	00.11	"JB" by Archibald MacLeish, special production for alumni, faculty and staff, Verser			
November	28-NC	v. 1 The Arkansas College Theatre Festival with performances at Ouachita and Hen Football vs. East Central (Okla.) University, 1 p.m., there	derson State		
14040111501	6-7	President's Leadership Forum			
	6-8	Tiger Tunes, Jones Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.			
	8	Homecoming  Feetbell vs. Hording 2 p.m. here			
	10	Football vs. Harding, 2 p.m., here Concert Conversations, 7 p.m., McBeth Recital Hall • Faculty Concert, David Allen \	Wehr, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.		
	13	Guest Artist Recital, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
	17	Jazz Band, Jones Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.			
	21-22	Opera Production, "Hansel & Gretel," Verser Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Opera Production, "Hansel & Gretel," Verser Theatre, 2:00 p.m.			
		Thanksgiving Break			
December	1	SELF Campus Christmas Party			
	4-5 5-6	President's Leadership Forum	•		
	8	Festival of Christmas, Jones Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. Lessons & Carols, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.			
	15-18	Final Exams			
January	13	Registration			
	14 17	Classes Begin Ouachita Sounds Concert, Jones Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.			
	24	Concert Band, Jones Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.			
February	3	Jazz Pianist, Joe Utterback, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.			
	10 14	Birkett Williams Lecture, Jane Tompkins, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Heartbeat, 6 p.m. banquet, 7:30 p.m. concert, Jones Performing Arts Center			
		Christian Focus Week			
	17	International Food Festival, Sturgis Physical Education Center, 6 p.m.			
	19-20 24	President's Leadership Forum			
March	2	Concert Band, Jones Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.  Concert Conversations, McBeth Recital Hall, 7 p.m. • Faculty Recital, David Allen W	/ehr. McBeth Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.		
	7	Miss OBU Pageant, Jones Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.	,,		
	9-14	Marriage & Family Emphasis			
	15	"Godspell," Verser Theatre,, 7:30 p.m. "Godspell," Verser Theatre, 2:30 p.m.			
	16	Jazz Band Concert, Jones Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.			
	17	Guest Artist Recital, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.	For more information about		
April	21-29 2	Spring Break Braham's Program, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.	Jones School of Fine Arts		
ДРШ	9	Composition Symposium, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.	events, call 870-245-5129.		
	16	American Music Recital, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.			
	17	Gold Tiger Luncheon	For more information about		
	18	Tiger Traks Preview Day	Department of Theatre Arts		
	21	Concert Band, Jones Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.	events, call 870-245-5563.		
		Verser Theatre Production, "Twelfth Night," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 p.m.	For more information about		
	27 30	Ouachita Singers, Jones Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. Concert Conversations, McBeth Recital Hall, 7 p.m.	For more information about athletic events, call		
	50	Faculty Concert, David Allen Wehr, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.	870-245-5181.		
May	5	Concert Choir, McBeth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.			
	6 7-8	Retirement Reception, Evans Student Center Bridge, 3:30 p.m.			
	7-8 11-15	Student Directed One-Acts, Verser Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Final Exams			
	16	Baccalaureate, Jones Performing Arts Center, 10:30 a.m.			
		Commencement, Sturgis Physical Education Center, 3 p.m.			

#### From the Archives



1960 The 1960 Tigerette basketball team won the state AAU championship with a 19-4 record. Pictured are: (front row) Bess Dailey, Peggy Shirley, Mary Lois Hargett, Carolyn Smith, Della Kay Mason; (back row) Carolyn Jacks manager, Polly Rogers, Madge Smith, Mary Lou Garris, Betty Jane Phillips, Verne Westerman, Delois Twilley, Coach Barbara Gill.

#### We want you in Class Notes

Your former classmates and friends would like to know what you have been doing lately. How long has it been since you've updated them? Please send a note today to: Class Notes, Former Students Association, Ouachita Baptist University, 410 Ouachita Street, P.O. Box 3762, Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001. Or send an E-Mail to: alumni@alpha.obu.edu

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Please contact them.

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