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A Word from the President ...

If you missed the event on May 15 in honor of Ben and Betty Lou Elrod, you missed a real treat. I'm grateful to the members of the planning committee (especially the chair, Dr. Wesley Kluck) for making it such a wonderful evening for Dr. and Mrs. Elrod and for those of us who love the Elrods.

One of my favorite passages from the Old Testament is Deuteronomy 6:10-13. In these verses, Moses reminded the children of Israel as they prepared to enter the promised land that they were the beneficiaries of great and splendid cities which they did not build, of houses full of good things which they did not fill, of hewn cisterns which they did not dig, and of vineyards and olive trees which they did not plant. Moses told the people that these good things were not the result of their own hands, but were made possible through the gracious acts of a loving God.

Like the children of Israel, those of us at Ouachita must remember—with gratitude—the gracious acts of a loving God. Ben and Betty Lou Elrod symbolize the thousands of men and women through which God has worked to make Ouachita such a special place. In honoring Dr. and Mrs. Elrod, we also honor those many friends who have joined hands across the years to make this institution all that God intends it to be. So, thank you, Ben and Betty Lou, and thanks to all those who have built and nurtured this 'great and splendid city' called Ouachita.
Lives Touching Lives

The Ouachita family gathered the weekend of May 15-16 to honor the Elrods for their service to the University and to congratulate the Class of 1998, the largest number of undergraduates in Ouachita’s history.

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Cover photo by Wesley Hitt
On the evening of May 15, friends and family of Ben and Betty Lou Elrod gathered to pay tribute to a couple who has devoted their time, resources, and energy to touching the lives of others.

 Appropriately titled “Lives Touching Lives,” the evening began with a program of celebration in Jones Performing Arts Center. The program, emceed by Dr. Frances McBeth, included remarks from those who knew the Elrods well—representing the thousands of lives the couple have touched.

Charolette Allison reflected on her role as the president’s secretary, Cato Brooks on how Elrod impacted his life as a student, and Gerald Cound on how much the Elrods meant to his family during the life of his son, the late Jerry Cound.

The family had its chance to publicly recognize the Elrods. John spoke of pride in his brother, while children Cindy (Stroud) and Bill shared what it was like to grow up in the Elrod home.

Tales of Ouachita student days were shared by Gloria Plumlee and Ann Vining, while President Emeritus Dan Grant spoke of the accomplishments of Elrod throughout his administrative roles at the University.

Others who shared in the tribute included Bob Cargill, of Cargill Associates, Inc., and a long-time fundraising friend; Dr. David Smith, Elrod’s cardiologist; Don Moore, former executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and Ouachita trustee; J.T. Harvill, Ouachita roommate of Elrod’s; and Heather Spruill, a student-worker in the president’s office who later served as an admissions counselor.

Video greetings were presented by Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee; Russell Dilday, distinguished professor of homiletics at Truett Seminary and former president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee; and Jennifer Coleman, president of the Ouachita class of 1998.

But it wasn’t just the grown-ups who paid tribute to the Elrods. This past year, the Elrods worked with Dr. Trey and Kathy Berry teaching the three-year-old Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church. A video of the Elrods in the midst of Bible stories and art activities ended with a thank you from preschooler Jace.
Elrods with Dr. Wesley Kluck, chairman of the event

Elrods with President Andy and Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland

The Elrod family

Bradshaw.

Following a multi-media tribute, the Ouachita Concert Choir and Brass Ensemble performed.

Special presentations during the evening included a Governor’s proclamation of May 15 as Ben and Betty Lou Elrod Day in Arkansas, presented by Rex Nelson and Beth Anne Rankin. Betty McCommas, dressed in fishing attire, was accompanied by Joe Nix and his canoe to present the Elrods with a fishing weekend getaway. It was a prelude to a gift fund presented to the Elrods for use in traveling anywhere in the world.

In honoring Mrs. Elrod’s years of service to the University, Board of Trustee Chairman W. H. “Buddy” Sutton presented her with the Distinguished Alumna Award. President Andrew Westmoreland followed with remarks about the Elrods’ contributions to the University and announced the naming of the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community (see page 6).

The final presentation was a video greeting and song from Dove award-winning Point of Grace. Terry Lang Jones, Denise Masters Jones, Shelley Phillips Breen and Heather Floyd each reflected on their years as Ouachita students and thanked the Elrods for their support of the group.

Following a response from the Elrods and the benediction by Johnny Heflin, a reception was held in Evans Student Center.

The Elrod family

Reflections

Ben Elrod’s legacy at Ouachita from 1988-1998 is a remarkable example of a person who has submitted himself unselfishly to God’s will.

Daniel Grant

Dr. Elrod, you have dedicated your life to making the world better for the young people around us. And Mrs. Elrod, I thank you for being a great team player and a gracious first lady.

Charolette Allison

Thank you for showing us a tender servant’s heart.

Bill Elrod

(Elrod’s) service to Ouachita has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Gov. Huckabee

I have found Dr. Elrod to be a man of deep commitment and deep convictions.

Don Moore

Thank you for molding us and giving us a vision of who we are and what we can become.

Cindy Elrod

Lives Touching Lives · 3
In his final address to the class of 1998, Chancellor Elrod reminded the class that in life one can choose the high road of responsibility over the low road of irresponsibility.

For the members of the class of 1998, commencement day was a fitting conclusion to their college experience.

After all, they began their journey at Ouachita with a challenge from the University's President Dr. Ben Elrod. "Grass or mud" he would say at the first chapel of each new year, encouraging students to walk on the sidewalks so that the campus lawn could flourish. And, at commencement, the students heard one more time from Elrod's "truths which I've found to help life make sense."

"I've challenged you to choose between grass and mud on our campus. In fact, I've done so to the extent that you have learned to say it for me!" Elrod commented. "As seniors, you have led in making the right choice. Our beautiful campus is your reward. Just remember that the choice has much wider applications. I hope that you will always choose the high road of responsibility and the reward of beauty over the low road of irresponsibility and resulting cheapening of your life, your society and your world."

He concluded by reflecting on the years he has shared with students at Ouachita. "It's been fun, troops. I hope that you have enjoyed the ride half as much as I have." He continued, "I hope and pray for each of you that the rest of the journey for you will be just half as exciting, challenging, and joyful as I expect mine to be ... and I'll bet it will!"

Elrod formerly served as president of the University from 1988-1997. He came to that post from service as president of the Independent Colleges of Arkansas, a council of all the private colleges in the state. Elrod entered the field of educational administration as vice president for development at Ouachita, and served for 13 years during a period of sustained growth for the University. He has served as president of two other colleges, Oakland City College in Indiana, and Georgetown College in Kentucky.

Commencement day began with a baccalaureate address by Dr. Wesley Kluck, an Arkadelphia pediatrician and 1977 graduate. For most of the graduates, it wasn't the first time they had heard Kluck speak, or give advice.

For many, Kluck had cared for them through sore throats, sprained ankles and bouts with the flu. He had also cared for their spiritual lives through his Cross Training ministry at Second Baptist Church.

But on commencement day, he looked each one in the eyes one more time and encouraged them to keep their focus on God and His will for their lives.

Kluck has remained active in his association with Ouachita, including being a member and officer of the Board of Trustees from 1990-97; past president of the Former Students Association; member of the Development Council; board member of the Tiger Gridiron Club; chair of the Tiger Network; athletic team physician and university physician advisor; Decade of Progress Campaign chair for Arkadelphia area; and Window of Opportunity Campaign chair for Clark County alumni division.

The OBU Distinguished Alumnus Award was presented at the commencement luncheon to Don Elliott of Cabot. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Ouachita, Elliott went on to receive a master of arts degree from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

He served in the Bentonville Public Schools as a coach, teacher, and high school principal; the Morrilton Public Schools as a high school principal; and as superintendent of the Cabot Public Schools.

Elliott has also served as an English teacher in China; as mayor of the city of Cabot; and as liaison for then Governor Bill Clinton during the 77th Arkansas General Assembly.

Also receiving the Distinguished Alumna Award was Betty Lou Brown, Betty McCommas, Paul Root, Mary Shambarger, and Robert Stagg were also honored at the luncheon.
"Truths which I've found to help life make sense"

Excerpts from the commencement address by Chancellor Ben M. Elrod

#1 Life isn't fair. Circumstances as they occur in our lives will not always reflect a perfect balance of the scales. Only God can ultimately balance the scales.

#2 Easy answers are usually wrong. Tornados never strike near the convergence of two rivers. This ship will never sink.

#3 People are generally pretty decent and honest. Life is too brief to live it believing that everyone is dishonest, out to "get you," deserving only your suspicion and mistrust.

#4 "Lucky" people are generally dependable, honest, and hard workers. It is true that good things seem to happen repeatedly to some people. We tend to write that off by saying they are just "lucky."

#5 You can't cheat on God, yourself, your job, your mate, or your friends without paying a terrific price. No matter what the appearance is, no one cheats and gets by with it... At best, they do serious damage to their relationship with a holy God.

#6 If you know it all, you have committed intellectual suicide. If you do not have some new convictions and better understanding each year, you are mentally stagnant and probably spiritually stagnant.

#7 The only way to find real life is to lose it. The greatest thing that could have happened to you is for you to have learned what it means to be a servant-leader.

#8 There are only two kinds of people--tree planters and trash throwers. Which are you--one who adds beauty, value, worth and joy to a corporate life--a tree planter--or one who cuts the corners, ignores corporate responsibility, and makes life a bit more burdensome and ugly for others?

#9 A thoroughbred proves his nature by displaying polish and superior performance. What you are will inevitably show through what you do and how you do it.

#10 Grass or mud! Our beautiful campus is your reward. Just remember the choice has much wider applications. I hope that you will always choose the high road of responsibility and the reward of beauty over the low road of irresponsibility and resulting cheapening of your life, your society and your world.
Ben M. Elrod Center for Family & Community involves faculty, students in service learning

Born from the vision of a Ouachita committed to strengthening society's most important human relationships, Ouachita's Center for Family and Community will now bear the name of Ben M. Elrod.

The announcement came from Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita, during the Ben and Betty Lou Elrod tribute on May 15. Westmoreland also announced that the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community has benefitted from recent fund-raising efforts led by Frank Hickingbotham, founder and CEO of TCBY, Inc., and Betty Lile, a longtime Ouachita supporter. Total gifts and pledges endorsed for the operation of the Center now exceed $915,000. The Elrods themselves have played a key role, donating $500,000 as a deferred gift.

Westmoreland credited Elrod as the inspiration for the foundation of the Center, which he called a blending of elements of Ouachita's Christian mission into a program of active service for the members of the campus community.

'The idea grew from the prevailing Elrod philosophy that personal fulfillment is found only when we lose ourselves in service to a larger cause,' said Westmoreland at the tribute. 'That dream became the Center for Family and Community and it has already assumed a position of strategic importance in the life of this campus.'

Elrod used his ideas about a university's potential for positive impact in its community along with a belief that service learning would be an asset to the development of students as the basis for a grant proposal to the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich. When the grant was funded to the tune of $82,175, the Center assumed a position of community citizens, Cosh has been able to expand the horizons of the Center to a number of useful projects, from spring break enrichment camps for latch-key kids to the 'America Reads' program in which Ouachita students act as reading tutors in first grade classrooms.

The Center sponsors a Tiger Serve Day once each semester in which teams of faculty, staff and students work together on needed community cleanup and construction jobs. Projects have included cleaning or painting at city parks and schools, light construction at the homes or apartments of those in need, and yard work and repairs for senior citizens.

Cosh, assistant to the president for community development, describes the Center as a clearinghouse and facilitator of service from the University community to the larger surrounding community. Future projects for the Center are expected to branch out in several areas, including a strong academic component in which the research skills of faculty and students are brought to bear on issues facing the community. The Center's stated purpose is to serve humankind through the education experience. In particular, concepts such as volunteerism, service learning, research, outreach and instruction will be promoted. 

Jeff Root

Window of Opportunity surpasses $30 million

The Window of Opportunity Campaign is continuing to move closer to the ambitious challenge goal of $40 million, according to Vice President for Development Joe Franz. 'I am thrilled to report that our campaign has recently surpassed a significant landmark—$30 million. We are less than $10 million shy of our challenge goal. Friends of Ouachita continue to amaze us with their generosity.'

Ouachita is now entering the final stages of this campaign, with its conclusion scheduled for the end of 1998.

Ouachita has experienced unprecedented growth in the areas of academic programs, buildings and grounds, student development, and endowment throughout the course of this Campaign.

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Andrew Westmoreland

In 1996, the Center was in a position to make an immediate contribution in the Arkadelphia community.

The devastating March 1, 1997 tornado, which leveled much of Arkadelphia, came just as Ian Cosh, the director of the Center, was creating a structure through which students could actively serve in the community. The Center gave Cosh the opportunity to systematically organize teams of students, faculty and staff and send them to specific job sites in the cleanup and rebuilding which followed the tornado. In this way, Ouachita volunteers were able to stick with the work long after the initial wave of volunteerism had subsided.

Through an advisory council of community citizens, Cosh has been able to expand the horizons of the Center to a number of useful projects, from spring break enrichment camps for latch-key kids to the 'America Reads' program in which Ouachita students act as reading tutors in first grade classrooms.

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Jeff Root
Leagans leads University in campaign to churches

Ellis Leagans has been named director of the campaign among the churches of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The goal of the campaign is to raise funds for the School of Christian Studies, including scholarships for ministerial students and children of pastors and missionaries.

Leagans and his wife, Judy (Halbert, '69), have served as career Southern Baptist Convention missionaries to Colombia. He sees his new responsibility with Ouachita "as a way of continuing our career ministry of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with a lost world," he said. "I would not be interested if it were merely a fund-raising campaign. What I see is a fund-raising campaign as a methodology for aiding in the preparation of hundreds of Christian workers who will impact our world for Christ."

The Leaganses, who are currently on leave of absence from the International Mission Board of the SBC, served as missionaries-in-residence for the 1994-95 academic year at Ouachita.

Leagans received his bachelor of arts degree (1968) from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He has a master of divinity degree (1973) and has completed his classroom work for a doctor of ministry degree, both from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Leaganses are the parents of two children, Andrea ('96) and Monica ('98), both graduates of Ouachita.

Facility grant, vocal music award honors service of Shambargers

The Dr. Jake Shambarger, Jr., Education Faculty Enrichment Endowment has been initiated by family and friends to honor the memory of Dr. Jake Shambarger, Jr. Dr. Shambarger was a professor of education at Ouachita. Before teaching education, he served as the baseball coach and assistant basketball coach from 1965 to 1973. At his retirement in 1996, Dr. Shambarger had taught at Ouachita for 30 years. Income from the endowment will be used to fund faculty enrichment activities to full-time education faculty.

The Mary Stobaugh Shambarger Award for Excellence in Vocal Performance Endowed Fund has been established by family and friends to honor Mrs. Shambarger on her retirement. Mrs. Shambarger was the Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music. She taught at Ouachita for 32 years. Recipients of this award will be selected by the voice faculty based on an annual vocal performance competition.

• ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS •

The Tom and Angie Greer Endowment Fund
Tom and Angie Greer have established an endowment fund to provide financial assistance to students who choose, or are selected, to study in China. The recipient may use the award to offset any expenses associated with his or her studies in China. If in any year there are no students studying in China, then the income will be used to assist students studying anywhere in Asia.

Dr. & Mrs. J. R. Hale Memorial Scholarship Fund
This scholarship fund is established through the estate of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Hale. The funds will be used to provide financial assistance and scholarships to students who are committed to full-time Christian vocations.

Morris Foundation Scholarship
This scholarship fund is established through the generous gifts of the Morris Foundation to Ouachita Baptist University. The purpose of the fund shall be to provide scholarship assistance to full-time, degree-seeking international students enrolled at Ouachita Baptist University.

The Zella M. Murphy Endowed Scholarship
Zella M. Murphy of Texarkana, Texas, has established The Zella M. Murphy Endowed Scholarship Fund in honor of Dana Michele Murphy Smith and David Kyle Murphy. Scholarship recipients must be majoring in a ministry-related field (music and/or Biblical).

The Power-Shuffield Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Power-Shuffield Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by Louis R. Power of Edmond, Oklahoma. Income from the Fund will provide scholarship assistance to students who have demonstrated extraordinary financial need, and the desire to improve themselves and overcome adversity, irrespective of background or academic standing.

The Curtis I. Pullig Family Endowed Scholarship Fund
This scholarship fund is established by Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin Crumley in honor of the memory of Mr. Curtis I. Pullig. Mr. Pullig, father of Mrs. Crumley, graduated from Ouachita in 1927. Scholarship recipients must be majoring in education and preference will be given to students from Colorado and/or students with learning disabilities.

Development News • 7
President announces administrative changes

Ouachita President Andrew Westmoreland has announced a major administrative reorganization following approval by the Board of Trustees. Westmoreland, who became president January 1, said the new organizational structure seeks to address the development and integration of all university programs, both on and off campus.

"A few of the new assignments were moved from one area of administration to another, but most of them reflect a broadening of responsibilities and an attempt to operate as a team," Westmoreland explained. "We want to be as effective as possible in creating and maintaining an optimum learning environment, and we want to deepen our relationships with our community, our denomination, our alumni and friends, and all those interested in the future of Ouachita." All changes were effective June 1.

Reporting to the president will be five assistants and four vice presidents. Phil Hardin, assistant to the president for administration; Mike Arrington, vice president for academic affairs; and Bill Dixon, vice president for student services, will remain in their current positions.

The two new vice presidents and four new assistants, as well as related changes in their offices, include:

Vice president for development, Joe Franz. After 27 years of service in the business office, including 23 years as director of fiscal services, Franz will direct Ouachita's fund-raising efforts. Two others in this office also were promoted. John Cloud has been named associate vice president for estate and gift planning, and Bryan McKinney has been named general counsel and development officer.

Vice president for administration, Richard Stipe. Stipe will oversee the physical plant operations and the offices of financial aid, computer services, career planning and placement and fiscal services. In the office of fiscal services, Lisa Hill has been promoted to business manager.

Assistant to the president for community development, Ian Cosh. In addition to his roles as director of religious activities and the Baptist Student Union, Cosh has served for the past two years as Ouachita's first director of the Center for Family and Community, now the Ben M. Elirod Center for Family and Community. These programs will remain under his supervision. Kevin Inman, who most recently served as BSU associate director at the University of Arkansas, will serve as Ouachita's director of campus ministries. Brandi Womack will serve as assistant director of campus ministries and Julie Wilson as BSU coordinator.

Assistant to the president for enrollment management and alumni affairs, Randy Garner. After almost 23 years in the office of admissions counseling, Garner will expand his role from recruitment of students to the relationship between Ouachita and its graduates and former students. Kathy Berry has been promoted to director of admissions counseling.

Assistant to the president for public relations, Jeff Root. Having served for seven years as director of public relations, Root's new position will move the public relations function from the development office to the office of the president. Root also serves as assistant professor of mass communications.

Assistant to the president for special programs, Lewis Shepherd. Currently serving as director of TRIO programs, Shepherd will oversee those and other federal programs. He will supervise programs designed to assist Ouachita students and public school children in the community and region.

Randall Wight, professor of psychology, was named Ouachita's first dean of general education, directing the University's new general education program.

In student services, Keldon Henley was named associate dean of students for assistance programs. Paul Bass was named director of campus activities, and David Goodman was named director of student activities.

In June, Westmoreland also announced that Bill Ellis, professor of English and chair of the English department, would serve as acting dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.


8 • Faculty/Staff News
Elrod receives Charles D. Johnson Award as the Outstanding Christian Educator

Dr. Ben M. Elrod, chancellor and professor of religion at Ouachita, has been named the recipient of the Charles D. Johnson Award as the Outstanding Christian Educator for the 1997-98 academic year by the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

"I am certainly humbled by my selection for this award," said Elrod. "Anytime you're honored by the peers in your profession it is very gratifying."

Elrod served as president of Ouachita from September 1988 until January 1998 when he was confirmed by the University's Board of Trustees to his present position.

For two years during his tenure as president of Ouachita, Elrod served as president of the ASBSCS consisting of 70 Southern Baptist colleges, universities, seminaries and schools. He was also chair of the Board of Cooperative Services International Education Consortium, an alliance of Southern Baptist colleges and universities banded together to promote international exchange programs in higher education.

Westmoreland appointed to board of Arkansans for Drug Free Youth

Ouachita President Dr. Andrew Westmoreland was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Arkansans for Drug Free Youth (ADFY).

Westmoreland was installed as a member of the board at the annual meeting of the organization held May 7 at ADFY headquarters in Little Rock.

Kolb receives Phoenix Award for service following tornado

Mike Kolb, director of career planning and placement and mayor of Arkadelphia, recently was selected as the winner of the 1998 Phoenix Award for Public Officials in Arkansas.

The announcement was made by Joseph T. Foglin, district director of the Little Rock District of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Kolb was presented with the award during the Small Business Person of the Year awards ceremony at a luncheon hosted by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce on April 27 at the Holiday Inn Select in Little Rock. Kolb was joined on the platform by other Small Business winners.

Governor Mike Huckabee was the keynote speaker and presented the awards.

Kolb felt extremely honored to receive the prestigious award given in recognition of his volunteer work following the tornado of March 1, 1997. The tornado destroyed more than 65 blocks of the city of Arkadelphia and also caused extensive damage to other cities in Arkansas.

"This honor belongs to our city," said Kolb, a native of Tyler, Tex. "So many people pulled together to help work through the destruction that upset the lives of many throughout the state. I am accepting this on behalf of all those cities and their citizens who were affected by the tornado."

Kolb was elected mayor of Arkadelphia in 1996. The city operates under the city manager form of government.

Kolb has been employed at Ouachita since 1982. He has worked as registrar, director of admissions, director of placement and, in 1995, was appointed to his present position.
Five retirees represent 161 years of service

Richard Brown

It was the beauty of the campus and the friendliness of administration and the faculty that appealed to Brown when he visited Ouachita in 1965. "It was an overall good impression," said Brown, an associate professor of biology, who served 33 years on the faculty.

"My main objective in the classroom is to prepare students for their professional field," said Brown. "A significant percentage of students have told me that they feel more prepared than students from larger schools. That is my confirmation of my teaching here at Ouachita."

Brown considers his time at Ouachita as service to the Lord. "I do not do it for the money, obviously, or I would go somewhere else," Brown said. "This is where God has called me to be the past 33 years."

Will Brown miss the duties associated with college teaching? "I am not going to miss any one thing, but I will miss the interaction with the students which has given life to my position," Brown said.

Brown's religion is the most important aspect of his life. He has served as bi-vocational pastor of First Baptist Church in Emmet for 10 years. Brown will continue in that position. He also enjoys singing Southern gospel music.

He has written numerous articles and reports on fishery, biology, ecological productivity, and soil and aquatic toxicology.

In his retirement, Brown will continue to do research through an agreement with Agricultural Enterprises Corporation of Oklahoma City, Okla. This research will consist of growth and productivity studies of new hybrids of Bermuda grass.

In addition Brown has performed research work at Ouachita, the University of Oklahoma, Brooks Aerospace Center in Texas, and Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.

Betty McCommas

McCommas, the Betty Burton Peck Professor of English, served at Ouachita in both the philosophy and English departments for 44 years.

She easily recalls her first visit to Ouachita as a high school student from Paragould.

"The first time I came to Ouachita was the summer of 1948, before I was a senior in high school," she said. "I came looking with the intent purpose of coming to school here."

"At that time, Ouachita was suffering through the loss of a faculty member, a fire that destroyed many school records, and it had recently lost its accreditation. Naturally, I wanted to earn a degree from an accredited university, but I also wanted to attend a Baptist school. So, I went to Baylor instead."

Recruited to teach at Ouachita by President Ralph Phelps, McCommas has served the University in various roles including assistant professor of English and philosophy, associate professor of English, acting-chairman of the Division of Humanities and Department of English, professor of English, director of the Honor’s Program, and she has held an endowed chair in English.

When asked what her most memorable moment at Ouachita was, McCommas quickly recounted what occurred in one of her classes in 1964.

"In one of my classes, there was a student who was five years my senior. He asked me out as part of a $5 bet from his friends whom I thought I wouldn’t accept a date from him."

"Well, we began dating in October with a trip to the Baptist Convention, accompanied by the Dean of Women. At that time she told me that I was going to marry this boy, and she was right. By December, I had a ring, and in March, I married Jim McCommas."

Though meeting her husband at OBU was a special event in her life, McCommas reflects that it has been all of her students at Ouachita that have made her teaching experiences memorable.

"The thing I have enjoyed the most at Ouachita is the in-class discussions I have had with my students," she said. "I have learned so much from my students through these interactions, and the insight that they have given me on various topics is among the most valuable assets I have obtained. I will most definitely miss the classes and the dialogue between students and other professors the most."

Even though McCommas is retiring, she plans on keeping busy learning more about the topics she enjoys, doing research, taking elderhostel classes that interest her, writing for publication, and travel.

Paul Root

Root has served in both the history and education departments at Ouachita for a total of 22 years.

Despite growing up in Arkansas, Root had never heard of Ouachita until friends at his church at the time, Second Baptist Church in Hot Springs, suggested that he apply for a position at the university.

"The first time I ever visited Ouachita was when I came for an interview in 1963," Root recalls. "I began working at OBU just a few weeks later in January of 1964 teaching foundations of education and western civilization."

In 1968, Root left the university to pursue other teaching opportunities. However in 1989, he returned as chairman of the department of education.

Outside the classroom, Root has served as a consultant for the desegregation unit for Ouachita, assistant to former Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, and assistant to the director of the Arkansas State Department of Education.

Root expresses interest in continuing his work with desegregation teams after his retirement.

"I want to continue helping schools
that are struggling with this issue," he said. "Hopefully, I will be able to work with schools in the delta area and help them to better their teaching programs to where they are the most beneficial for the students.”

One of the more eventful aspects of his teaching career occurred when President Clinton named Root as his favorite teacher during Clinton's first presidential campaign in 1992.

When asked to name the most gratifying aspect of teaching, Root claims it depends on which subject he was teaching.

"When a history student comes up to you and tells you that they have never enjoyed history until you taught them, it is the most fulfilling feeling." 

"The most gratifying thing about teaching education students is visiting them while they are student teaching and observing them as they take over a classroom and use the techniques and strategies that you've taught them." 

At Ouachita, Root worked alongside his wife, Mary, student support services staff member and adjunct instructor in education, his son Jeff, assistant to the president for public relations and assistant professor of communications, and daughter-in-law, Deborah, director of development communications, and daughter-in-law, Mary Shambarger, professor of music at Ouachita Baptist University, served in the music department at Ouachita for 32 years. She came to Ouachita with her husband, Jake Shambarger, in 1966.

While Shambarger served as a voice instructor and classroom teacher, the bulk of her work at Ouachita was with the choral groups she directed. She was instrumental in forming the Ouachi-Tones, an all girls ensemble.

She has been a great experience. I feel that we are stronger when we are together and we fill in the other's weak areas. I can't tell you the number of times she has bailed me out.

"As far as working with my son and his wife, it is just a pleasure seeing them on campus doing what they enjoy doing and succeeding at it."

In retirement, Root hopes to revive a favorite pastime of his, quartet singing. "Hopefully, I can bring together a few men and we can sing some good old gospel and 50s-style music together," he said.

Mary Shambarger

Mary Shambarger, the Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music at Ouachita Baptist University, served in the music department at Ouachita for 32 years. She came to

Robert Stagg

After almost 30 years of contributing much more than just classroom lessons to Ouachita Baptist University students, Dr. Robert William Stagg, J. C. and Mae F. Fuller Professor of Bible, retired at the conclusion of the spring semester. He came to Ouachita in 1968.

Throughout his time at Ouachita, he has watched many changes take place. "The most significant change," he commented, "would have to be the development of the new facilities and the campus under (presidents) Grant and Elrod." The second major change Stagg has noticed is the type of students. "Now that we're out of the reaction era, students seem to be more dedicated and committed to their studies," he said.

When asked what he would miss the most about OBU, Stagg replied without hesitation, "I will miss the daily interaction with the students." When on sabbatical in 1995, he greatly missed the conversations, questions, and just greetings of the students.

Stagg will also miss the fellowship of the "family" that is unique to Ouachita. He says he has had the privilege of working with numerous learned professors and five different presidents, all of whom he considers not just colleagues, but friends.

"Ouachita has given me the freedom to pursue what I needed to both in and out of the classroom," said Stagg when asked about his study interests. He enjoys English, New Testament studies, Greek, and especially the fourth Gospel, John.

In looking back over the past 30 years, Stagg has no regrets and would only do one thing differently. He says he wished he had been more self-disciplined in his writing. It should come as no surprise then, that writing is the main thing on Stagg's agenda after retiring this spring.

He also plans to catch up on household chores that he hasn't had time to do, travel and pay many visits to his grandchildren. "Basically," Stagg said after contemplating the question, "I plan to just read, write, and relax."
From visiting Time magazine bureaus around the world to playing Beethoven in the concert hall featured in "The Sound of Music," a record number of students and faculty participate in the International Experience.

Ouachita reached a new record number of students and faculty studying abroad this academic year. From August 1997 to August 1998 Ouachita sent 142 students and 12 faculty members overseas to 17 countries. During the summer of 1998 alone, 100 Ouachita students studied overseas.

Twenty-nine students participated in the European Study Tour in May and June. These students were accompanied by Dr. Jenny Petty, assistant professor and periodicals librarian, Dr. Scott Holsclaw, associate professor of theatre arts, and Dr. Tom Greer, the Clarence and Bennie Sue Anthony Professor of Bible and the Humanities. The group studied art, theatre, history, music, and literature in England, France and Italy. Also this summer, 17 students, along with three faculty, conducted intensive English As A Second Language training this summer at Jia Ying University in Meizhou, China. Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, assistant professor of education, and Ian Cosh, director of religious activities and director of the Ben M. Elrod Center for the Family and Community, led the team on this experience. President Andy Westmoreland and Riley Westmoreland also participated in the summer program in southern China.

The department of communications at Ouachita sponsored an "Around the World" tour for six select students majoring in mass communications. Dr. Bill Downs, professor of communications, led this trip to various locations around the globe. The students met with correspondents from Time magazine in Hong Kong, Beijing, Moscow, Rome, Paris, London and New York during their four-week trip in May and June.

Fourteen Ouachita students studied at ICAS—Mare Nostrum in Altea, Spain. They studied Spanish, art, music and business at the new Spanish institution.

The program is a new opportunity for Ouachita's missions interest. This trip was made possible by a CGE/International Mission Board Start-Up Grant. The group of 18 spent four days in Hong Kong.

Dr. Tom Greer represented Ouachita at the centennial celebration of Peking University in Beijing, China. Ouachita received a special invitation to send a representative to this celebration. In conjunction with the Peking celebration, Ouachita held an academic conference entitled, "Bridges and Walls: Arkansas and China" on April 19-21. Scholars from six states attended, including professors from Mississippi Grant. The MUSIC LESSON • Riley Westmoreland, daughter of President Andy and Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, explores the Chinese musical instruments at the Chinese Cultural Village in Shenzen.
College and Shorter College.

Four students from Ouachita, two from Cumberland College and
one from Union University participated in a China study program at
Peking University in July and August. They were
accompanied by Dr. George Keck, the Addie Mae
Maddox Professor of Music, and Dr. Ouida
Keck, associate professor of music, along with one
professor from Cumberland College. The students and
professors enrolled in courses in Chinese language,
Chinese culture and Taichi. This is the fifth year these
three CGE schools have participated jointly in this
summer program.

Ouachita is also continuing its faculty exchange
with Peking University. Caroline Cagle, assistant
professor of mathematics and computer science,
taught at Peking University during the spring semester
and Professor Wang Aihua taught the Chinese language
at Ouachita during the 1997-1998 academic year.

The Baptist Student Union at Ouachita sponsored a mission trip to Israel
and Jordan in June. Fifteen

Ouachita students, along with Dr. Danny Hays,
associate professor of religion, taught intensive English
during their three-week trip. In addition, one religion
student studied Biblical Hebrew at the Hebrew
University of Jerusalem in July and August.

The Jones School of Fine Arts sent its musical performance group, "Praise Singers," to Australia for a musical missions tour. The

instructor in speech communications, and Dr. Bill Ellis,
professor of English, led the group during this three-
week experience.

For the second consecutive summer, the Division of Natural Science conducted a rainforest study program in Belize during June. Ten
students were joined by Dr. Joe Jeffers, the W.D. and
Alice Burch Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical
Studies and Glenn

Ouachita also sent seven students to study in Salzburg College in
Austria, eight to the

"Studying abroad allowed me to go beyond the
textbooks and experience first hand the things you
normally just read about. The Austria program was
exciting for me as a musician because the places we visited are so
rich in music history, and those traditions are still a
very important part of the culture."

- Tad Hardin

Ouachita students Tad
Hardin and Andrew Granade, along with Allison Hudak (of Southern Methodist University) each presented a recital in the Great
Hall at Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria.

"The around-the-world
trip was truly the trip of a
lifetime. It meant so
much to see the Eiffel
Tower, Red Square and
so many other historical
landmarks that we’ve
studied for years in class.
We saw numerous
cultures and the way
Time magazine bureaus
cover them."

- Chris Babb

13 students stayed in Aus-
tralian homes and sang at
various churches in and
around Sydney. Diana Ellis,
director of the "Praise
Singers," Mary Cook, adjunct
University of Reading in
England, three to Seinan
Gakuin University in Japan,
and two to study for a
semester in Spain.

- Trey Berry
Students tutor in public schools through America Reads Program

Ouachita has created a model reading tutorial program which offers community service learning opportunities to students, faculty and staff.

Ten Ouachita students served during the 1998 spring semester as tutors through Ouachita's America Reads Program to selected Arkadelphia Public School elementary students who are struggling in the classroom because of a suspected reading-related deficiency.

The Ouachita students enroll in the program as part of federal work study aid funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The university students work from six to ten hours a week and receive minimum wage.

"The America Reads Program at Ouachita is working to help students both at the giving and receiving ends of educational advancement," Lisa Akins, a senior elementary education major from Hampton, said.

"Each day I try to read to the child, have them read to me, do designed activities, write in a daily journal and get them participating in a variety of activities," said Akins. "The experience working for an extended period of time on such a project has been valuable to me, because I had to monitor the reading students' progress and, in turn, that has taught me a lot about relating to others in an educational atmosphere."

The America Reads Program on the Arkadelphia campus is coordinated by Jan Bass who is affiliated with the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community.

"The America Reads Program is a really great learning tool," she said. "For instance, students in speech pathology and elementary education are allowed practical experience that they will later use," said Bass.

"It is really intensive one-on-one teaching situations," she continued. "I think we'll see through our measurement instruments a great deal of progress and improvement in the young students. We also expect a lot out of the tutors. The students are expected to prepare their own lesson plans and have successful learning tools. "However, how much you put into the program is exactly what you get out of it," said Akins.

Bass observes the Ouachita students on a constant basis. "When I have gone in and observed, the elementary students are very responsive toward the specific care the university students give them."

"It has also been very effective for the young students to be with the university students and see them as role models."

Akins plans to teach elementary students after graduation in December. "I am geared more toward reading and writing," she said. "If I had my choice, I would choose to teach in that area." Through the America Reads Program, she feels more prepared and better equipped to handle a classroom of her own.

The program hopes to expand and reach many more students in the Arkadelphia community. Akins recommends the program "to any one that has a heart for kids and wants a rewarding work study. The rewards are far greater than any money I could earn."

Hong Kong Baptist University

Ouachita, through its Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program, recently reached an agreement with Hong Kong Baptist University in the northern part of Hong Kong known as Kowloon.

The agreement with the Chinese university is the latest in Ouachita exchange programs. The other countries hosting universities involved in exchange programs with Ouachita include: Republic of Uzbekistan, Japan, China, Republic of Russia, Republic of Kazakhstan, Germany, Austria, England, Israel, Indonesia, Spain, and Morocco.

Dr. Trey Berry, director of the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program and assistant professor of history, is excited about the new agreement. "This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be in a place where we've never been before," said Berry.

"Ouachita firmly believes that exposure to such international programs benefits the development of the whole person and the institution, in general," said Berry.

The agreement will allow one Ouachita business student from the Frank D. Hickinbotham School of Business to attend Hong Kong Baptist University for one semester.

"It is going to be perfect for any student interested in international business, because not only is it a great educational exposure but also will allow the students to develop international ties that they will be able to utilize in the future," said Berry.

Ouachita designated one of "America's Best Christian Colleges" in annual national survey

Ouachita has been designated one of only 87 colleges and universities in the United States meeting the requirements to be recognized in "America's Best Colleges: 1999" published by John Culler and Sons in Camden, SC.

The 242-page book with more than 400 photographs recognizes those institutions having the highest academic standards among denominational and inter-denominational colleges and universities.

Schools in "America's Best Christian Colleges: 1999" are chosen from an annual survey of 1,658 colleges and universities. Selection is based upon the high school grade point average and/or SAT/ACT score of the entering freshman class. In addition to high academic requirements, the schools must offer full-service residential facilities with room and board and a full-range of financial assistance programs including need-based, merit-based and athletic aid.

Each featured school has a two-page display with photographs and complete information on student life. The book is thoroughly indexed for majors and degree programs, and it includes a complete listing of athletic scholarship programs for men and women.
Tiger Tennis

The Ouachita Baptist University Tiger tennis team won its first round match and lost in the quarterfinals of the 1998 NCAA Division II Men's Tennis Championships to end a great season on May 8-9 in Springfield, Missouri.

The Tigers (20-5) faced off on Friday against the University of West Florida (19-8) in the first round at the Cooper Tennis Center. Ouachita's doubles won two out of three and split the singles sets to gain the victory, 5-4, to advance to the quarterfinals on Saturday afternoon.

Ouachita squared off against the number two seeded Barry College (Fla.) (17-3) on Saturday in the quarterfinals. Barry won four out of six in singles to take the win and advance to the semifinals with a 5-4 win.

Three OBU players were among six league athletes selected for 1997-98 LSC Men's Tennis All Conference First Team-Singles honors. Sophomore Martin Linkhorst, a business major from Borlange, Sweden; freshman Johan Eriksson, a liberal arts major from Karlstad, Sweden; and sophomore Johan Ohlsson, a business major from Smedlebacken, Sweden, were all named first team.

Ohlsson and Linkhorst also won First Team-Doubles, LSC All Conference honors along with the Tiger combo of senior Cristofer Johansson, a business major from Linkoping, Sweden, and junior Robert Ungh, a business major from Stockholm, Sweden.

The Tiger tennis program is one of eight NCAA Division II teams to achieve national status as an ITA All-Academic Team for the 1997-98 academic year. To be eligible for consideration, teams had to be composed of athletes with a combined 3.2 GPA. Ouachita was the only Arkansas men's tennis team in Division II to make the academic list.

Lady Tiger Tennis

The Lady Tiger tennis team finished its season with three match losses in the 1998 Lone Star Conference Tournament in Abilene, Texas, to finish in last place among 13 teams.

The Lady Tigers (4-15), coached by Betsy Danner, were the number nine seeded team. Ouachita first competed against the number 12 seed Southwestern Oklahoma State University and was upset, 5-2.

Sophomore Betsy Henry from Ennis, Texas, was OBU's lone singles winner.

Sophomore Christy Henry of Ennis, Texas, was named to the 1998 Lone Star Conference Women's Tennis Academic All-Conference Team.

Swimming & Diving

The Sharks, coached by Jim Dann, became the first school from Arkansas to place in the top 10 in swimming and diving in NCAA Division II history at the 1998 NCAA Division II Men's Swimming and Diving Championship Meet held March 11-14 at the C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, Ohio.

With seven swimmers and divers qualifying for the big meet, the Tiger Sharks captured ninth place in their first NCAA Division II nationals with 154 points.

Individually, Ouachita celebrated its first national champion as freshman freestyle swimmer John Berry, a liberal arts major from Houston, Texas, won the 50 free with a time of 20.32 seconds and the 100 free with a time of 45.27 seconds. Berry also competed well in the 200 free with a ninth place finish and a time of 1:49.10.

The Tiger Sharks swimming and diving team had three athletes and the Lady Tiger Sharks had one athlete chosen for statewide awards presented at the Arkansas Swimming Hall of Fame Banquet, sponsored by Arkansas Swimming Incorporated, on Saturday, April 25 at the Little Rock Racquet Club.

The 1998 Arkansas State Swimmer of the Year is Ouachita senior freestyle swimmer Ryan Killackey from Edmond, Oklahoma, majoring in speech pathology.

Killackey was the co-swimmer of the year in the New South Independent Swim League.

Ouachita senior diver Bobby Rollins, majoring in finance from Little Rock, was named the Arkansas Male Diver of the Year. He was the conference diver of the year and was the conference champ in the 1M and 3M diving events. Rollins was also an NCAA National Honorable Mention All-American.

The Arkansas Female Diver of the Year has been awarded to Lady Tiger Shark sophomore diver Ginnie Edstrom, majoring in psychology from Dallas, Texas. She was the conference diver of the year and won the conference championship in the 1M and 3M events.

Double national champion, OBU freshman freestyler John Berry, majoring in liberal arts from Houston, Texas, was awarded the first ever conference award from the NSISL for exceptional achievement during the 1997-98 season.

Baseball

The Tiger baseball team finished the season 8-16, 13-31, tied for 5th in the North Division of the Lone Star Conference. Senior centerfielder Kevin Brock of Whitesboro, TX, and senior designated hitter Jon Parker of Texarkana, were named to the All-LSC Second Team. The team was coached by Dr. Tom Murphree.

Golf

The Tiger golf team finished ninth in the North Division of the Lone Star Conference. Jeff Maneth, a sophomore from Cabot, placed eighth in the LSC's individual best tournament--against par.
Allow me to introduce myself to the Ouachita alumni. I'm Bruce Tippit, the new president of the Former Students Association of Ouachita. It is an honor and privilege to have the chance to serve in this capacity this year. I know that with Randy Garner's help, we will make it a great year.

My own journey to Ouachita was not one of 'divine' direction, but an 'economic' decision. Upon graduation from Hot Springs High in 1972, I had not considered Ouachita. After much thought, I narrowed my choice to another school. It was at that point my Dad said, "I'm sending the check to Ouachita! Follow it!" I'm glad that I did. My years at Ouachita and the connections since then have truly been a life-changing experience.

It's going to be an exciting year at Ouachita. Our new president, Dr. Andy Westmoreland, will be inaugurated with a week of special activities, culminating on September 10. Following in October, we have Homecoming '98 early this year on October 17. There are always many opportunities offered to renew old friends and relationships.

On November 3-4, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will meet on the campus of Ouachita. This is another tremendous chance the larger Arkansas Baptist family has to see the quality of both life and education at Ouachita.

One more very important item is the Tiger Network. The Tiger Network is an ongoing way all of us as former students can influence someone to come to Ouachita. It's your chance to offer yourself as a tool to point someone else toward Ouachita.

The uniqueness of Ouachita is a continuing resource of spiritual, academic and social direction for young lives. I invite you to join me as we support our great school. Who knows, you may be one to say to a son or daughter, 'I'm sending the check and you to Ouachita!' See you on campus.

You will be receiving a homecoming mailout early this fall. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend as many events as possible!

NOTE: There are a limited number of Tiger Tunes tickets available to alumni. Tickets will be available in late September and may be obtained by completing an order form in the upcoming Homecoming '98 mailout. No phone reservations, please!

You can also check out Ouachita's Alumni Web Page at www.obu.edu.

Also, if you have an e-mail address and would share it with the Alumni Office, please write us at alumni@alpha.obu.edu.
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Class Notes

1948
Frances (Vance) Grafton retired in December 1997 as Woman's Missionary Union Director for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, following 16 years of employment. She has two grown children, Jon (76) and Susan (79) and three grandsons.

Raymond and Noreine (Allen) Reed celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 23, 1998. He is an SBC pastor and she's a retired religious education specialist. They live in Grady, AR.

1950
Gloria (Fowler) Lloyd (fs) was honored by the Monroe County Health Unit in Brinkley (AR) for 50 years in nursing. She continues to work there as a public health nurse.

James C. Hefley, touted as one of the foremost religion writers of our time, was honored by a master's level emphasis in Christian writing at Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, MO. He has authored over 70 books (from homespun stories of growing up in the Ozarks to compelling accounts of 70 years of Southern Baptist history) and serves as an adjunct professor at Hannibal-LaGrange Baptist College.

1951
Katherine (Hendrix) Aratani has been recalled to the work force as director of educational programs for Hawaiian Academy of Science, the Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair and the Pacific High School Science Symposium. She and husband, Roy, live in Keneohe, HI.

1952
Dr. Bill Lewis, who retired in 1993 as director of missions, stays busy by serving on the local City Council, continues to supply preach as well as preach revivals, and has authored several books. He and his wife, Deweylene (Beason, fs) can be reached at 317 Regal Oaks Circle, White Hall, AR 71602.

1954
Treva (Teeter) Jimenez retired as secretary in LaJunta (CO) superintendent of schools office after 20 years of service.

1956
Roby Bearden, Jr., senior scientific advisor with Exxon Research and Development Laboratories, was featured in the Spring 1998 shareholders publication, "The Lamp." The inventor and co-inventor of 98 Exxon patents covering advances in heavy oil upgrading, refining and petrochemicals, he is described as the "man who has spent more than 20 years finding ways to make the most of heavy oil." Roby and wife Barbara live in Baton Rouge, LA.

R. Carlisle Phillips, a computer consultant, is under contract to Equitable Life Assurance. He and wife Barbara, who works for Zola Levitt Ministries, live in Dallas.

Frank Hickingbotham (fs), chairman of the board and CEO of TCBY Enterprises, Inc. was presented with the 1998 William Rector Memorial Award for Distinguished Civic Achievement from the "Fifty for the Future" in Little Rock.

Dr. Robert Lovell retired last year after serving 30 years on the faculty of Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, in the department of English and philosophy. He lives in Kansas City, MO.

1958
Eugene and Gay (Black) Herndon live in Overland Park, KS. He retired as vice president with Harrisons & Crosfield Insurance and as a colonel in the Army Reserves. She retired from Shawnee Mission Medical Center as a patient advocate. They plan to travel and maintain homes in Overland Park and Bella Vista, AR.

1959
Gerald and Betty (Holloway) Perry are in Buenos Aires, Argentina where he will pastor the International Baptist Church in Martinez for the next two years.

1960
John McCown and wife, Sara (O'Cain, fs'64) live in Newport News, VA, where he's in marketing with Hernandez Engineering which specializes in space and aeronautical safety. He would love to hear from other alumni and can be contacted via email at edington@mail.hroads.com.

1962
David Bowen is director of technology for Seeggott, Inc., a national distributor of polymer products. He and wife, Tina, and daughter, Sara, live in Ann Arbor, MI. When not working, he enjoys Irish and folk music and has performed in festivals and concerts around much of United States and in Ireland.

1963
Dr. Mel Brown, director of Montgomery County (TX) Department of Community Supervision and Corrections, testified last fall before the U.S. Subcommittee on Youth Violence in Washington, DC, upon a request from Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware. He lives in Conroe, TX, with wife, Becky, and children, Brock 10 and Blain 8.

Pat (Jared) McInturf is librarian for Charleston Middle School, and would like to hear from former roommates. She can be reached at 609 East Commercial, Charleston, MO 63834 or by email at pjmac@midwest.net.

Memorial Contributions

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Mother of Mary Shambarger
By: Dr. Clark W. McCarty
Drs. Jeff and Deborah Root
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson
Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams

Marie Stringer
By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Martin

Helen Strong
By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams

John H. Summers
By: Drs. Joseph and Gay Pappin
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rosenbaum

Mitchell E. Terrell
By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Martin

Frances Thrasher
By: Mr. and Mrs. John Cloud

Leroy Tyson
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elirod

In Honor of

Tanner Berry
By: Drs. Jeff and Deborah Root

COL James W. Brandon
By: LTC James W. Sanges

Miss Catherine Condray
By: Mrs. Betty Lile

Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elirod
By: Dr. and Mrs. Rex M. Horne, Jr.
Mrs. Betty Lile
Miss Jane Ross

Mrs. Maybelle Goodier
By: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon C.
Goodier, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant
By: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Osborne

Mr. Sonny Jackson
By: Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sudley

Mrs. Betty J. Commiss
By: Dr. and Mrs. Joe S. Jeffers
Rev. and Mrs. Frank H. Shell

Mr. Jimmy "Red" Parker
By: Mr. and Mrs. Gloyd Huckabee

Mrs. Mary J. Shambarger
By: Dr. and Mrs. Al A. McLaughlin
Rev. and Mrs. Frank H. Shell
Ms. Dianna Kirk Thayer

Mr. Robert W. Smith
By: Mr. Willard C. Forsythe

Judge Harold M. Stanley
By: Mr. Willard C. Forsythe

Dr. Andy Westmoreland
By: Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynn Bradley
Mr. and Mrs. James V. Kelley, III
Mrs. Betty Lile
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Sims

Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams
By: Dr. and Mrs. Michael R. Williams

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1964  Alice (Keith) Collier retired in May after teaching 31 years in Arkansas public schools, with the last 20 years at Lake Hamilton Intermediate School. She and husband, Martin (fs), have Papa's Antiques in Hot Springs, AR.

1965  Gene Spearman retired as an administrator in the parks and recreation department for the City of Dallas after 27 years. He now works part time at the historic Cotton Bowl Stadium.

1968  Alan Rawley has been a mail handler at the Kansas City, MO, main post office for 30 years and is a deacon and member of the Board of Trustees at FBC of North Kansas City. He and wife, Beverly, have two children, Brian and Sarah.

Linda (Temple) Acrey has taught second grade at Lonoke (AR) primary school since 1972. She is a single parent with two children, Cash 17, and Carrie 10.

Donnie Plummer has joined the Alliance Bank in Hot Springs, AR, as vice president and compliance officer. He and wife, Barbara have one daughter, Sara.

1969  Jo Carol Gentry retired in July 1969 after 28 years as health and physical education teacher at Searcy (AR) High School. She enjoys traveling now that she has some free time.

Stephen Earl Edwards (fs) has been named recipient of the Vulcan Materials Excellence in Teaching Award by LaGrange (GA) College for the college professor who has distinguished himself both in and out of the classroom. Dr. Edwards, chair of the department of theatre arts at LaGrange, will star as King Arthur in "Camelot" this summer at the Park Playhouse in Albany, NY. He also has co-authored two soon-to-be-released original musicals. He fondly remembers his OBU roommates—Mac Sisson ('69) and Alan Pye ('70) and his mentor the late Dennis Holt.

Jay Miller was in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, last fall where he represented the Arkansas State Parks. It was a sister-forest program with Occhita National Forest and Noel Kemppi Mercado National Park to design exhibits for the Bolivia ecolodge in the Amazon basin.

1970  Phyl and Deborah (Dewey, '78) Brinkley live in Maumelle and own a non-profit organization, Capable People Foundation, dedicated to empowering families for successful living. She is also a speech and language pathologist with the Pulaski County Tri-District Early Childhood Program. They have two children, Chad, ('96) and Kym, a junior at Ouachita.

Bill Massey will serve a second four-year term as President Bill Clinton’s appointee to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The U.S. Senate voted unanimously in favor of the appointment.

Larry and Tanya (Garnier, '71) Floyd live in Fayetteville, AR, where he's a State Farm Insurance agent and she is a housewife. The Floyds have two children: Kyle (a senior at OBU and a Beta like his dad) and Kara, who’ll be a Ouachita freshman in the fall. Kara recently was named Arkansas Junior Miss.

Darrel E. Stone received the CLU/ChFC professional designations from the American College, Bryn Mawr, PA. He lives in Fairfield, OH, where he is district agent for Prudential Insurance.

Mike Garner was recently elected to the Board of Directors of an Oklahoma non-profit economic development agency, Rural Enterprises of OK. He joined John Freeman ('58) as a member of the REIB board. Garner, a Southwestern Bell executive, lives in Tulsa with wife, Hally.

1971  Becky Helms is director of membership and marketing with Redlands Council of Girl Scouts in Oklahoma City, OK.

Carol Bollinger lives in Ames, Iowa, where she’s instructor and academic adviser in health and human performance for the College of Education at Iowa State University.

1972  Dr. Mike Beaty, director of the Institute for Faith and Learning and associate professor of philosophy at Baylor University, has co-authored with J. Todd Buras ('93), a student at Yale Divinity School, and Dr. Larry Lyon, dean of Baylor’s Graduate School, an article titled “Faith and Knowledge in American Higher Education.” The article was published in the Winter/Spring issue of “Fides et Historia.”

1973  Allan and Carol (Myrick) Green live in Springfield, VA. After retiring in 1996 from the Army after 23 years, he is a senior analyst for Calibre Systems, Inc. in Falls Church, VA. Carol works as a manufacturers’ representative in the Washington, D.C. metro area. They have two grown sons, Brooke 25, and Chris 20.

Mike and Sharon (Camp) Ratliff live in Tyler, TX, with their daughters, Jenny (OBU junior), Susan 16 andJulie 12. She teaches music K-5 part-time.

1974  Carolyn (Forward) McGough teaches at William J. Clinton Primary School in Hope, AR. Husband, Bobby, is in his 22nd year with the Arkansas Joint Legislative Audit. They live in Prescott and have two children, Melinda (current OBU student) and James, 17, a senior at Prescott High School.

Denise (Friday) Henderson (fs) and husband, David, are in New Port Richey, FL, where he’s associate pastor of education at First Baptist Church. She is active in local and state women’s missions and ministry teams and serves in the church’s deaf ministry as a teacher, interpreter and drama/deaf choir director. The Hendersons have four children, David Jr., 20, Brian 16, Ross 12, and Allison, 10. Denise has lost contact with her OBU classmates and would love to hear from them.

Rod Miller of Dallas was named president, general counsel and secretary of the corporation for the SBC Annuity Board.

1975  Monda Lambert lives in Montclair, VA, and works in Washington, D.C., as a senior immigration officer.

Sue Arnn is coordinator of the gifted programs at Dermott (AR) Middle School. She’s also completing her master’s degree in English at the University of Arkansas/Monticello with plans to teach at the community college level.

Greg Kirksey resigned in June as pastor of Benton (AR) First Baptist Church to direct a ministry to juveniles at the Alexander (AR) Youth Services Center.

Forrest and Becky (Foard) Bohlen returned to South America in July after being in the States on furlough. They have served as missionaries to Venezuela since 1989. They have two daughters, Rachael, a sophomore at OBU, and Sara, a ninth grader.

Debbie (Riggs) Pue and husband, June, live in Mesquite, TX, where she is office manager for Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church. They direct the 7th grade Sunday School department, and stay busy with youth activities, in which their 15-year-old daughter is involved.

1977  Jim and Rene (Devine, fs75) Hightower live in Fayetteville, AR. He is director of counseling at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, and she’s a registered nurse and coordinator of nursing services for I-Care of Arkansas. They have three children: Lydia 21, Will 18 and Erin 14.

Chris Humphreys is pastor of Emmanuel Covenant Church in Crescent, OK. He and wife, Audrey (Snider, '66), have four daughters, Alyssa 8, Chrisia 6, Briann 4, and Rose, who will be one-year-old in September. Last year he published an evangelistic tract “Have You Heard of the Four Spiritual Alones?”

Harry Pattison is senior vice president and founding partner of Sullivan Pattison Clevenger, Inc., an advertising agency with offices in Eugene and Portland, OR. He’s also adjunct professor in the University of Oregon School of Journalism. He lives in Eugene with daughters Hannah 8, and Sophie 7.

James Yoder is production manager with Thomas Gregor Associates and a lighting designer and audio engineer instructor for technical theatre at Riverside (CA) Community College. He recently received a Critic’s Choice Award for his lighting design.

Ray and Angela (Barfield, ’78) Brown moved from Elizabeth, AR, to Pagosa Springs, CO, where he will be associate pastor of First Baptist Church. They have one son, Christopher 10.

1978  Ann (Elbridge) Avech teaches at the Beebe (AR) Intermediate School. She and husband, Richard,
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Classmates stay in touch

Several class members of the 1965-66 classes decided as graduation neared they did not want to lose touch with one another so they committed to writing a round-robin letter.

Each person wrote a letter and mailed it to the next designated person until all the letters were accumulated in one envelope. When the round-robin letter came, each writer would remove her out-dated letter and write a new one.

Through the years the letter has continued though it has not been without difficulty. Three times it was stopped for unknown reasons but was started again within a short time. Three who began eventually dropped out.

Although now well into middle age, the six who stuck with it are delighted they've stayed in touch by mail. Only twice have reunions been planned and then not all could attend. They've learned about each other, their spouses and their children. Now grandchildren are entering the picture. J oys, heartaches, accomplishments and failures are regularly shared.

Those who have consistently participated are:

Hazel Reeves Layton ('65) Harrison, Arkansas
Norma Cox Welch ('65) Monroe, Louisiana
Ruth Wilkerson Hawkins ('66) Grapevine, Texas
Annalene McDonald Wynn ('66) Houston, Texas
Phyllis Moseley Stallings ('66) Paragould, Arkansas
Velma Brinley Merritt ('66) Sikeston, Missouri

1979

Robert Cawthorn lives in Uruguay, South America, where he is president of Frigirifico Canelones. Former classmates can reach him at email masa@adinet.com.uy.

Steve and Kathy (Thye) Dewbre will be on furlough from May until December 1998 as missionaries to Kimberley, South Africa. They will be staying at Cabot (AR) First Baptist Church mission house. With them will be their children, Erin 16, Ben 14, Callie 10 and Mark 7.

Kathleen Rea (fs) began the ride of her life in June. She joined 1,000 other cyclists from all over the U.S. in a 300-mile ride across the U.S. to raise money for American Lung Association. They left Seattle, WA on June 15 with plans to arrive in Washington, D.C., on August 1. She has also been awarded a fellowship to attend Tulane University in New Orleans to pursue a doctoral degree in biomedical engineering.

Stan Fendley recently accepted a position as tax counsel on the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, where he will work for Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY).

1980

Missy (Fowler) Hines and husband Greg, live in Russellville, AR, with their children: John Coday 5, Hannah 3 and Holly 1. She stays home, teaches piano lessons, and serves as pianist for Russellville First Baptist Church. He's a mechanical engineer with Entergy.

Cindy (Sharp) Timmerman is a substitute teacher for Academically and Art Magnet Junior High School and Academic Magnet High School in Montgomery, AL, where husband, Gunn is the squadron commander at Officers Training School. Daughter, Lindsey, finished 10th grade at Lanier High School Academic Motivational Program.

Jill (Jones) Holland is in her 15th year as financial secretary at Shawnee (OK) First Baptist Church; husband, Travis is an accountant for Kerr-McGee in Oklahoma City. They have two sons, Tyler 14 and Bryco 10.

David King retired from the Army and lives in Lawton, OK

Rebecca (Stanley) Sanders is director of marketing for Tyler, TX-based Brookshire Grocery Co. She and husband, David, live in Whitehouse with sons, Josh 11 and Travis 8.

1981

Bill Browning of Fayetteville, AR, is assistant regional coordinator for Community Service for Camarilla, Inc., where he coordinates community service events in Arkansas and Texas. He has served as committee chair for Northwest Arkansas March of Dimes for the past six years.

Retha (Herring) Lewis teaches 10-12 grade history and economics at Woodlawn High School near Rison, AR. She lives in the Cornerville Community with her husband Carl, their four cats and two dogs.

Brian Smith is director of communications for Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas. He received his master of divinity from Southwestern Seminary in December 1996 and remained at SBWTS as the editor/designer of the Seminary's alumni magazine, before taking the position with Prestonwood.

Nicholas Brown, vice president of Southwest Power Pool, Inc., has been elected as corporate secretary of SPP, an organization dedicated to maintaining bulk electric power service to the entire United States, is headquartered in Little Rock where Nick lives with wife Deborah.

Kenneth Locke is alive and well in Hebron, IN, where he is pastor of Range Line Community Presbyterian Church.

1982

Randy and Nadine (Marshall, '83) Fontaine live in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where they are home missionaries through Transport For Christ. He was promoted last year to western region director of TFC, and she's a stay-at-home mom for sons, Jarrett 11, Ryan 3 and Jonathan, who will be one in September. They can be reached at email rfontc@uno.com.

Karen Wallace has joined the Arkansas State Attorney General's office as assistant attorney general in the civil litigation division.

Jeff and Laura (Porter) Hairston have moved to Springdale, AR, and purchased a wholesale distribution company which services convenience stores in 15 states. They have two children, Grant 9 and Allison 7.

Rob and Vicky (Barton) Meador (fs) reside in Fords with he's a partner in a construction company and she is office manager for the Fordyce Chamber of Commerce. The M eadors have three sons, Michael 12, Braden 9 and Taylor 8.

Terry Fox is senior pastor for Wichita (KS) Immanuel Baptist Church and is on the executive board for the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of the Southern Baptist.

1983

Lisa (Taylor) Lewis (fs) lives in Indianapolis, IN, with husband Chris and daughters, Taylor 13, and Lane 11. She is retail personnel manager for Indianapolis Motor Speedway which operates up to 40 retail locations on and off site. Husband Chris works for UPS while attending school full time for a mechanical engineering degree. Lisa can be reached at llewis@brickyard.com.

Carlos and Shannon (Bowen) Ichter are SBC missionaries in Germany where they work with the German Baptist Union in developing model music ministries for German churches. He also travels and holds music and worship workshops. They have two children, Christian 7, and Daniela born in May.

Anita (Smith) Shipp and husband, Donnie, have released "In Thy Presence," a praise-and-worship recording, which included five of their originals. They serve as worship leaders at Cornerstone Church in Waurika, OK, and are available for ministry dates. They can be reached at 409 East "D" Avenue in Waurika, 73573.

Rob Shirarkari (fs) played the keyboard for "Bacharach: One Amazing Night" which aired on TNT in April. Known professionally as Rob Shrock, he performs with Bert
Bacharach on a regular basis.

Damona (Robbins) Fisher, of the advertising and communications division of the Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield, recently saw the health program she coordinates receive two major advertising awards. “Blue and You” won the 1997 Prism Award for Community Relations and the Best of Show Award in the National Best of Blue Communications/Marketing Award Program.

1984

Keith Wheeler returned to Tulsa in December 1997 after carrying a 12-foot, wooden cross in Antarctica, the Falkland Islands, South Shetland Islands and Argentina. He began walking on Good Friday 1985, and has walked with his cross for nearly 11,000 miles through more than 70 countries on all seven continents, ministering the gospel in this simple manner. He has been arrested more than 10 times, beaten and left for dead, even taken out to be shot before a firing squad in Central America.

Philip and Karen (Davis, ’83) Watts live in North Little Rock with children Chad 13 and Molly 9. He is director of taxes for Dillard’s Inc. and she is a junior high teacher at Abundant Life Schools.

Clay Price is a special agent for the FBI in Miami, FL, and lives with wife Janelyn and children Colin 6 and Sarah 4 in Fort Lauderdale.

Dena White and husband, Larry Johnson, opened a full-service public relations firm, Johnson & White Creative Group, LLC, in Hattiesburg, MS.

Mike Moore is assistant principal at Sheridan Junior High School, where he also coaches junior high football and high school baseball. In May 1997, he was named Arkansas Baseball Coach of the Year by “Arkansas Democrat-Gazette” and Southeast Arkansas Coach of the Year by the “Pine Bluff Commercial.” Wife Marla (Whitworth) Moore is a medical specialist at the same school. They have two children, Whitney 9 and Landon 6.

1985

Heather Mims, who had been teaching at an interdenominational school in Indonesia was one of several, including Marnie Barrett (’95), who had to be evacuated during the riots in May when the nation called for President Suharto’s resignation. They made it out safely but had to leave most of their belongings behind.

May Lim Wong, after graduating from Ouachita in 1985 and from Southern Seminary in 1988, returned to Malaysia, where she is a senior lecturer at a computer institute of higher learning, teaching diploma and degree courses. She and husband, Edward, have a 3-year old son, Reuben.

Tippi McCullough, head girls’ basketball coach and English teacher at Mountain Pine High School near Hot Springs, serves as president of the Arkansas High School Coaches Association. She was selected to coach the West Girls All-State Basketball game this summer.

Sandra (Yocom) Joubert lives in Rockwall, TX, with husband Todd and son, Jackson Cameron 2-1/2. She is a flight attendant for American Airlines.

1986

Patti (McQueen) Hickam and husband, Dan, live in Little Rock where they are employed by Baptist Health. She’s associate director of software services with Practice Plus, the physician resource company, and he is a financial accountant. They have one son, Elliott, 2.

Sonya Wiley-Patton attends the University of Hawaii where she is in the second year of her Ph.D. program in communications. Husband, Keith, is an aviation naval officer with the U.S. Navy.

Joe Phelps and wife, Kathy, own Pinnacle Computers and Internet of Clark County, and live in Arkadelphia with daughters Crystal and Christina.

Philip Darr is customer service rep for Little Rock’s Health Advantage, an independent licensee of Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Doug Turner is career services consultant with the PGA of America (pro golf association) in Austin, TX, and wife, Margo (Bearden) is completing her doctor of education degree at UT.

Jeff Stotts is minister of music at Morrilton (AR) First Baptist Church. He was recently honored for eight years of service there. He and wife, Wendy, have two sons, Wade and Will.

1987

Mike and Beth (Morehart) Shull are in Little Rock where he has his own investment management business. She is director of the Arkansas Scholastic Press Association. They have three children, Michael 8, Hannah 5 and Emily 2.

Doug and Mandy (Kirby, ’85) Meador have moved to Sheridan, AR, where he is financial manager for General Electric. She’s certified personal trainer and aerobics instructor and stays home with their children, Mackenzie 11, Kirby 9, and Benton, nearly 2.

Jay and Amanda Fontaine (fs) live in Baton Rouge where he is a computer programmer/analyst at Jimmy Swaggart Ministries. They have two children, Deborah 1-1/2 and Rebecca born in January 1998.

1988

Lisa Speer received her Ph.D. in history at University of Mississippi’s May 1988 commencement. She’s employed in the University’s Department of Archives and Special Collections.

Loretta (Neal) McGregor is working on her Ph.D. in human factors psychology at Wichita State, Wichita, KS. Husband, Alan, is director of Halfway House, and they have two children Porsha 13 and Sean 3.

Cary Humphrey is head baseball coach at Lomon Bay High School in Englewood, FL.

Tim and Beth (Owen, ’89) Ferguson were reassigned in February 1998 from Japan to Colorado Springs, CO. Tim is a computer networker in the U.S. Air Force.

Lea Gaines is director of education at Sylvan Learning Center in Arlington, TX.

1989

Chris and Michelle (Crockett) Turner have moved to Richmond, VA, where he works in the editorial department at SBC International Mission Board. As a staff writer, he will be responsible for writing stories for “The Commission” magazine, as well as other secular and religious publications.

David and Amy (Garrett, ’88) Barnett live in Conway, AR, where he’s an investment specialist with Charles Schwab of Little Rock and she stays home with children, Callie 4, Ben 18 months and Adam 4 months.

Chip and Peggy (Cox, ’82) Bayer moved to Zionsville, IN, following his graduation in December 1997 from Mid-America Baptist Seminary. He is director of communications and public relations for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. The Bayers have one daughter, Megan 1.

1990

Craig (fs86) and Candy (Meredith) Hickerson reside in Waynesboro, VA, where he’s instructor and coach of football, swimming and baseball at Fishburne Military School. She received her master’s degree in orientation/mobility and completed her internship in Richmond, VA, and is employed as Rockingham (VA) County District vision specialist. They want to say thanks for the prayers of Ouachita friends upon the birth of their son, Ryan, in January, who was born with a coarctation in his aorta. He had successful surgery and has been home with the family since February.

Gayia Williams-Rogers and husband John of Texarkana, recently adopted a six-year-old girl, Aimee Julianne. They report she has already visited OBU and plans to attend in about 12 years.

Greg Stroud is administrative specialist for Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Georgetown, KY. Wife, Allison (Finley, ’92), works in the loan department at Farmers Bank & Trust. They have one son, Alexander, who will be one in December.

Cindy (Balwin) White is interim pastor of Judson Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. Husband, Rob is the associate pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church.

Justin Gilbert opened his own law firm, The Gilbert Firm, in Jackson, TN. Wife, Lynda Otwell (’91) is a 1998 Humphreys’ Fellow at the Cecil Humphreys School of Law at University of Memphis.

1991

Lydia (Fowler) Stevenson is an elementary teacher in Arlington, TX, while husband, Sean, is completing his master of divinity at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth.

Andy (fs’86) and Laurie (Owen) Dean reside in Germantown, TN, where he’s an independent video producer and certified Steadicam owner/operator. She is completing her Ph.D. dissertation in educational psychology and is employed as project manager at Time Warner Communications.

Chuck Hargett is a creative director for Word Entertainment in...
Class Notes

McCully serves as chair of national opera convention

James McCully, a music major (67), recently chaired the 1998 National Opera Association Convention in Washington, D.C. titled: Opera and Music Theatre International: Beyond the Year 2000; The Next Generation. The event was sponsored by Musical America: International Performing Arts Directory celebrating its 100th anniversary. A Presidential Ceremonial Opening was presented by the United States Army Chorus and Band. A keynote address was given by Scott Shanklin Peterson, the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

McCully, the 1998 National Opera Association Convention Chairman, has been the recipient of the 1985 National Endowment for the Arts' Opera Music Theater Fellowship; 1986 Arts and Humanities Award Grant in Music Criticism; 1987 International Society of Performing Arts Administrators' Award of Excellence; the 1992 Washington Theatre Awards Society's Helen Hayes Award Nomination and is included in the International Who's Who in music, Cambridge, England.

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Shannon Lauterbach received her M.A. in International Affairs with concentration in U.S. Foreign Policy at American University in Washington, D.C., in May 1997. She's now in Teikuba, Japan, on a Japanese Ministry of Education scholarship to study Japanese defense policy formulation. When not doing research, she works part time as a reporter for Public Radio International’s business news program, “Marketplace.” She travels a 2-1/2 hour commute to Tokyo three days a week to learn Spanish because the town where she’s assigned is full of Latin Americans and Spanish-speaking people. She would love to hear from OBU friends interested in or coming to Japan. She can be emailed at slauterbach@hotmail.com.

Jay Everett is employed by Union Pacific Railroad. He and wife, Shelli, and daughter Madison Jaye 1, have relocated from Wichita, KS to Oakland, CA.

CPT Don Smith is stationed in Ft. Rucker, AL, where he’s a budget/facilities manager for the U.S. Army and soon to be company commander of an instructor-pilot company. He and wife, Kristi, have two daughters, Taylor Nikole and Emily Allison.

Tim and Robin (Carneal, fs) Fowler live in Stuart, Fl, where he is pastor of young adults and spiritual development at Treasure Coast Community Church in Jensen Beach.

Kelii (Lambert) Gilbreath and husband, Greg, were transferred last September to Korea, where he is a pilot and captain in the U.S. Air Force.

Scotty and Tiffany (West, '93) McCallister live in Shreveport, LA, where he is district manager for Coca-Cola and she’s a high school teacher. They have one son, Tyler, born in February 1998.

Chuck and Stacy (Coats, '95) McClain live in Little Rock where he has begun his radiology residency and she teaches first grade.

Ellen (Childress) Schneider works as a health education coordinator for Sentara Health System in Virginia Beach, VA. Husband, John, works for a government lab and is involved with NATO.

1992

Patrick Parish was named manager, Southwestern Sales for the Dallas division of Warner Bros. Domestic Television.

Kelly (Upchurch) Bailey and husband Todd live in McHenry, IL, where she’s working on her master of arts degree in training and development at Roosevelt University, and is a training coordinator at SkyLight Institute of Graduate Studies for Educators in Chicago.

On June 1, Kathy (Simms) Berry was named Director of Admissions/Counseling at Ouachita, where she has served as admissions counselor since June 1993. She and husband, Troy (’84) have a son Tanner, born in April 1998.

Mike Beck is youth minister for Trinity Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant, TX.

Kim (McCarty) Beecham and husband, Eric, live in Nash, TX, where she teaches algebra and a leadership class at Redwater High School. She earned her master of science degree last spring from Texas A&M University-Texarkana branch.

1993

Sara (Fish) Campbell and husband Ross are in Singapore serving as overseas missionary teachers with Network of International Schools. The primary aim of NIS is to establish schools in countries that are closed to traditional missionaries. Sara teaches first grade and Ross teaches secondary social studies.

Scott and Dory (Nelson) Thornton live in Conway and work in Little Rock where he’s an associate attorney for Lewellen & Frazier Law Firm and she is a sales rep for Entergy Hyperion.

In June, Mary Love Davis became associate pastor at Arkadelphia First United Methodist Church, following May graduation with a master of divinity degree from Ashbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY. Chris Walls has moved from McKinney, TX, to Pagosa Springs, CO, where he is pastor of Mountain Heights Baptist Church.

Steve Harness is completing the requirements for his Ph.D. in evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, with plans to graduate in May 1999.

Pamela (Jayroe) Fisher and husband, Kevin, live in Wynne, AR, where she teaches and coaches girls’ PE at Wynne Junior High School. She also teaches part time at East Arkansas Community College in Forrest City, with plans to teach in their PE department next year. Husband, Kevin, owns his own crop consulting business.

Tony Christensen is a courier for Harris Methodist Health System in Fort Worth, TX.

Michael Robbins is general manager of the Ouachita Railroad, a last L.t. in the Arkansas Army National Guard and serves as aide-de-camp to the 38th Infantry Brigade Commander. He lives in El Dorado, AR, and sends greetings to all history majors and fellow Sigma Alpha Sigma brothers.

1994

Drew Smith recently presented a paper at the Midwest Regional meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. He and wife, Stephanie (fs), and children Justin, Brandon and Callie live in Louisville, KY, where he attends Southern Seminary, but they plan to move to Scotland where he will study for his Ph.D. in New Testament at University of Edinburgh.

Stephanie (Anderson) Bird and husband, Jason, live in McKinney, TX, where they both teach high school math at McKinney ISD.

Doug Hixon is minister of youth at The Church at Rock Creek in Little Rock. He joins other OBU former students, pastor Mark Evans (fs’88) and minister of music Richard Wentz (’85).

Bryan Bolton attends New Orleans Baptist Seminary with plans to graduate in December 1998, and serves as minister of music at First Baptist Church in Chalmette, LA. Wife, Erin (Berry fs), who graduated in 1996 from UAMS with a BS in nursing, is employed as secretary to the director of student enrollment at NOBTS.

Jason Collins has begun his residency program in family medicine at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and wife, Jenna (Schwalier) works as a speech therapist at Blount Memorial Hospital.

Nicol (Bodenstein) Neal received her master's in communication sciences and disorders from Southwest Missouri State and is employed as a speech-language pathologist at George
Elementary School in Springdale (AR).

Allison (Egelhoff) Crane and husband Shawn live in Benton (AR) where she is a life skills educator at the Saline County Boys and Girls Club.

Chris (fs) and Laura (Smith) Piland are in Hilliard, Ohio where he’s assistant manager for Rite-Aid and she is executive secretary for a real estate development corporation.

Dwayne and Leslie (Tipton, ’97) Whitten have moved to Monticello, AR, where he will teach in the School of Business and Information Systems at University of Arkansas/Monticello.

Jeff Smith Peters is working on his doctorate in English at LSU in Baton Rouge, LA.

Greg Schanfish received his master of divinity degree at the Southern Baptist Seminary’s May commencement.

Sherryl Pack received her MD degree in May from UAMS in Little Rock, and has moved to Bristol, TN where she will enter a 3-year family practice residency.

1995

Dorothy McCarty began her graduate studies last fall at the University of Denver.

Jay Srygley is a member of a dance company at “Country Tonite” in Branson, MO. Other OBU performers are Shannon Duke (’97), a member of the “Dino Kartsonakis’ Piano Extravaganza” at the Grand Palace, and Matt Buffalo (’97), a member of the “Mel Tillis Theatre.”

Donald Crawley completed flight attendant training for American Trans Air. He is currently based in Chicago and will be flying to tourist attractions such as Las Vegas, Hawaii, Aruba, and Cancun.

Ann Ritchey was accepted into the journeyman program of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board and left in March for Bosnia. She will teach Bible studies and help start churches. She would love to hear from former classmates and friends, who can email her at ritchey_ann@hotmail.com.

John and Leslie (Proctor, ’97) Cauble live in Benton, AR, where he is minister of youth and children at Calvary Baptist Church. They have one son, Jonathan Tyler, 1-1/2.

Wendy (Foster) Donley completed her master’s degree in clinical nutrition from the University of Memphis in May 1997 and was certified as a registered dietitian in October. She is a stay-at-home mom to daughter Copea (pronounced Cope-ley) who was one in September.

Jason and Elizabeth (Radie, fs’97) Files live in Hollister, MO, where he is a stage and special effects technician for Shoji Entertainment, Inc. in Branson and she attends College of the Ozarks.

Gindi Eckel graduated with her juris doctor degree from Vanderbilt School of Law in May 1998. While a student, she served as associate executive justice on the Moot Court Board and on the team for the Jessup International Moot Court Competition. She has moved to Fort Worth where she is employed with the law firm of Cantey & Hunger.

Bashorat Ibrajimova lives in Thailand and teaches English and business classes at a small college in the northern part of the country. She left for Thailand after she received her MBA from Baylor.

Scott Thornhill graduated in May from Southeastern Baptist Seminary with a master’s degree in Christian education and wife, Renee (Brown) graduated from TCU with a master’s in history and political science. He’s minister of music and education at Westland Heights Baptist Church in Fort Worth, and she is administrative assistant to the Dean of the School of Educational Ministries at the Seminary.

1996

Jack Cates is director of marketing for the Shoestring Shakespeare Company, a non-profit theatre company in San Antonio, TX.

Jana (Barnard) King and husband, John, live in the Netherlands where he is stationed with the U.S. Army at NATO headquarters. She’s completing her master’s degree.

Heather (Holloway) Robinette has joined the UALR Arkansas Small Business Development Center staff as a research assistant. She and Robbie (’95) live in Sherwood, AR.

1997

Lane and Mary Kate (Bailey, ’98) Smith live in Knoxville, TN, while he’s working on a master’s degree in university administration at the University of Tennessee and she is teaching school.

Shane Kehoe lives in San Francisco where he is an accountant with the investment firm of Arthur Andersen. Allison (Miles) Kennedy is a customer relations specialist for the SBC Annuity Board and lives in Eulua, TX, with husband, Jay, who’s a pilot for Continental Airlines.

Tauna Woodruff works in the human resources department at EMI Christian Music Group in Nashville, TN where she’s in charge of the internship program.

Andrew Bagley received his master’s degree in political science from Baylor University in August, and began the Ph.D. program in political science at Louisiana State University as a recipient of the LSU Board of Regents Fellowship.

Chris and Stacey (Brooks) Eley live in Ruston, LA, where he’s in management training for Sam’s and she’s in the history graduate program at Louisiana Tech.

Kelley Harris is employed by Free Congress Foundation in Washington, DC, as director of the Center for Conservative Governance.

Matt (’98) and Jaime (Fulton) Melcher moved to Dallas where he is employed in the finance department of Chrysler Financial Corporation.

Melvin and Shelley Childress (he-former music faculty, she-former OBU librarian) live in Fairmont, NC, where he is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. She is the technical services librarian at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC.

MARRIAGES:

1950

Bobby Newman to Joan (Martin) Brasher, May 1, 1988, El Dorado, AR.

1976

Greg Kirksey to Keeley Landers, May 24, 1998, Benton, AR.

1978


1979


Nancy (Whitten) Turner to John Hardman (OBU staff), May 2, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

1980

Patricia “Patty John” Chaffin (fs) to Gregory Scott McGee, March 28, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

1981

Kim Huddleston to Ed Harpole, Jr., July 11, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

1982


1988

Cary Humphrey to Michelle Murphy, June 13, 1998, North Little Rock, AR.


1990

Lennox Adams to Lorene Latham (’88), May 9, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

1991

Charles “Chuck” McClain, Ill to Stacy Leigh Coats (95), April 4, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

Anita Murdock to Kevin Justice, May 2, 1998, Rhine, GA.

Catherine Ann Daniel to Mark M. Lay, June 20, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

1992

Dory Neision to Jeffery Scott Thornton (’93), April 24, 1998, Denton, TX.

Corey McMillan (fs) to Deborah Hillman (current), April 18, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

1993

Lori Abbot to Kevin Motl, December 27, 1997, Fairview, AR.

Terry Lynn Engstrom (fs) to Christopher R. Bosen (fs’96), June 6, 1998, Paragould, AR.

David P. Gillson to Jessica Annette Buck, June 13, 1998, Sherwood, AR.


Clay Totty to Heather Ca.

March 14, 1998, Star City, AR.

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Amy Kristin Pope (fs) to John Melton James, June 27, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

1994

Stephanie Beth Anderson to Jason Eric Bird, January 3, 1998, McKinney, TX.

Nicol Bodenstein to Micah Neal, July 19, 1997, Springfield, MO.


1995

Sandra Jernigan to Donnie Crotts, January 4, 1997.

Brian Moore to Mary Overall, May 16, 1998, Bryant, AR.

Chris Cameron to Jennifer Denise Stewart, March 21, 1998, Sherwood, AR.

Lori L. Williams to Clayton Partridge (fs), May 9, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

Charrolee Murphy (fs) to Marcus-blaine Thompson, June 20, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

Jason Files to Elizabeth Radle ('97), June 27, 1998, Dallas, TX.

Jeff Summerhill to Lara Reis ('98), July 4, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

1996


Amy Lee Blackwood to Eric Sparks, May 23, 1998, Waco, TX.

Andrea Leagans to Matthew McCrary (current), May 30, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

April Lee to Ryan Grisham, August 17, 1996, Tunica, Mississippi (correcting date of marriage printed in previous circle).

Shelley Dawn Jackson to Brett Michael Moore ('98), June 20, 1998, Benton, AR.

R. David Hardin to Karisse Joy Howe, June 20, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

William "Chad" Wilkerson to Lindsay Brooke Bottin, June 20, 1998, Conway, AR.

1997

Joanna Baillio to Jeremy Cox, April 1998.

Brett A. Brundige to Heather Noel Bird (fs '96), March 14, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

C. Ryan Duncan to Angel Cannell ('98), May 17, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

Misty Evers to Anthony Knighton, May 23, 1998, Texarkana, TX.


John "Blake" Pointer to Ashley Anne Lampa, June 13, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

Salinda Kay Russell to Adam Christopher Barnard, May 23, 1998, Waco, TX.

Lane M. Smith to Mary Kate Bailey ('98), May 23, 1998, North Little Rock, AR.

Karen Temple to Kelifer Walker, June 7, 1997, Jacksonville, AR.

Marc Verlander to Charity Feemster (cs), June 6, 1998, Carrollton, TX.

Marty Collier to Stephanie Davis (fs '98), June 27, 1998, Russellville, AR.

1998

Leslie Ables to Timothy Day, May 23, 1998, Dallas, TX.

Julie C. Abbott to Joshua Parker, June 12, 1998, Bismarck, AR.

Todd Baker to Laura Burns (cs), June 13, 1998, Cabot, AR.


Brad Bettis to Elizabeth "Beth" Ashmore, June 13, 1998, Hickory Plains, AR.

Theresa Gillespie to Peter Cunningham, May 24, 1998.


Bridget "Niki" Hunt to T. Shane Miller, June 13, 1998, Wynne, AR.


Meredith Snow to Keith Purfoy, May 30, 1998, Junction City, AR.

Jason Walt to Kristi Evans, June 13, 1998, Houston, TX.

Daniel Lane to Ruth Hennagin (current), June 12, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

Kathy Westbrooke to Jason Tolbert, July 3, 1998, Benton, AR.

BIRTHS:

1969


1977

Chris and Aubrey (Snider, fs) Humphreys, daughter Rose, September 17, 1997, Crescent, OK.

Brad and Cynthia (Moore) Blevins, daughter Karsten Kane, April 25, 1998, Kingwood, TX.

1978

Stefan and Melissa (Stroud, fs) Eubanks, son Daniel Jeffrey, April 29, 1998, Welcomed by sister Kate 12 and brother Ben 9-1/2.

Johnny and Tammy Johnson, daughter Mallory Ruth, September 26, 1997, Arlington, TX.

1980

Greg and Missy (Fowler) Hines, son, Holly Melissa, May 8, 1997, Russellville, AR.

Gary and Gala (Woodall) Chatham, twins Emily Jane and Oliver Benjamin, January 26, 1998, Plano, TX.

1981


1982


1983


Jay and Bonnie Curlin, daughter Charity Carmen, May 23, 1997, Bolivar, MO. Welcomed by siblings Christopher 9, twins Adam and Jason 7-1/2 and Gideon 5.


Ernie and Nicki (Northern) Tompkins, son Patterson Rowe, September 20, 1997, Winston-Salem, NC.

1984

Alan and Tammy (Wilson, '86) Brown, twins Jacob Allan and Joel Thomas, September 18, 1997. Welcomed by siblings, Clint 6, Austin 5, and Madison 2-1/2.

Trey and Kathy (Simms, '92) Berry, son Bennett Tanner, April 13, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

1985

Gerald and Alice Harkins, son Nathan John, April 1, 1998, Newberry, SC.


1986

John and Melodie (Smith) Allgaier, son Nathan Emory, November 24, 1997, Plano, TX.

Craig and Candy (Meredith, '90) Hickerson, son Ryan Jackson, January 27, 1998, Waynesboro, VA.

Brent and Molly (Vining) Wallace, daughter Madeline Gaye, April 8, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR. Joins Will 4 and Nate 2-1/2.

1987

Patrick and Rhonda (Gross) Joyner, daughter Maggie Elisabeth, January 19, 1998, Fort Worth, TX. Welcomed by brother William Dawson 5, and twin sisters Audrey and Jordan 2-1/2.

Jay and Amanda Fontaine (fs), daughter Rebecca, January 22, 1998, Baton Rouge, LA. Joins sister Deborah 1-1/2.

1988

Jeff and Suzanne Hogg, daughter Savannah Brooke, August 5, 1997.

Jin (fs) and Teena Bebee, son Brayden Averee, March 6, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

1989


John "Chip" and Peggy (Cox, '92) Bayer, daughter Margaret Elizabeth "Megan", May 30, 1997, Zionville, IN.


1990
Greg and Allison (Finley, ’92) Stroud, son Alexander Gregory, December 27, 1997, Lexington, KY.

Toby and Dorothy (Hunter, ’88) Daniell, son James Nathan, February 27, 1998, Arkadelphia. Welcomed by brother Seth 22 months.

Conlan and Nancy (Hillman, ’92) Efurd, son Gavin Webster, February 3, 1998, Mena, AR.


1991
Brett and Shelley (Anderson) Davis, daughter Sydney Clare, August 1, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

Jay and Shelli Everett, daughter Madison Jaye, July 26, 1997, Wichita, KS.


Scotty and Tiffany (West, ’93) McCallister, son Tyler Scott, February 24, 1998, Shreveport, LA.

Brad and Jill (Hamlin, ’92) Bishop, son Brady Goodman, April 8, 1998, Springfield, MO.


1992
Christopher and Terry (Lang) Jones, son Cole, March 15, 1998, Little Rock, AR.


Harry "Trey" (fs ’91) and Laurie (Lewis) Bonds, daughter Callie Elizabeth, November 6, 1997, Woodstock, GA.

Randy and Jill Biggs, son Drew Daniel, December 22, 1997, Lawton, OK.

Scott and Shannon (Solesbee) Horton, daughter Breckin Nicole, February 21, 1998, Spiro, OK.

Mike and Cathy (Richardson) Worley, son Stephen Thomas, January 26, 1998, Camden, AR.


Donald and Dana (Roberson) Pyron, son Reagan Thomas, June 20, 1998, El Dorado, AR.

1993
John and Michelle (Utley) Thompson, daughter Taylor Ann, October 13, 1997, Alma, AR.

Mike and Kay (Holleman) Calvert, son Jackson Anthony, October 27, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

Tim and Beverly (Cash) Dickerson, daughter Katy Elizabeth, June 14, 1998, Benton, AR.


1994
Randy and Carrie (Plummer) Varnell, daughter Rachel Alexandra, September 30, 1997, Plano, TX.


Shawn and Allison (Egelhoff) Home, daughter Anna Rose Audrey, April 16, 1998, Benton, AR.

1995
Barry and Emily (Terrell) Lucas, son Brady Joseph, October 3, 1997, West Columbia, SC.

Erick and Krisann (Corder) Pease, Colby Taylor, January 23, 1998, Dallas, TX.

1996
Ryan and April (Lee) Grisham, son Ryan Lee, Jr., February 21, 1998, Benton, AR.

Ray and Stacey (Peoples) Grandstaff, son Tanner Ray, March 31, 1998, Fort Smith, AR.

John David and Jennifer (Middleton, cs) Tolbert, son John Chandler, May 19, 1998, Benton, AR.

1997

Faculty/Staff
Doug and Rachel Lockard, son Benjamin Todd, March 17, 1998, Arkadelphia. (Doug is instructor of music.)

DEATHS
1926
Gladys (Wallingsford) Potes, March 28, 1998, Tulsa, OK.

1927

1928
Hazel (Lile) Redding, March 5, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

1929
Carnelle Greenhawn, April 26, 1998, Port Orange, FL.

1933
Edwin Herbert, May 22, 1998, Coker, AL.

1934
William H. Boyd (fs), May 15, 1998, North Little Rock, AR.

1935

1937

1939
George Donald Thompson, Jr. (fs), February 22, 1998, Hot Springs, AR.

1943
Erwin L. McDonald, May 1, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

1944
Walter Autry Thomas, March 31, 1998, Vero Beach, FL.

1947
Paul Phelps (fs), March 13, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

1948
Wade Travis “Sam” Smalling, April 5, 1998, Paragould, AR.

1949
Hubert Barton, March 15, 1998, Nixa, MO.

1950

1951

1952

1955
James C. Williams, May 29, 1997, Memphis, TN.

1956
Franklin T. Sipes, Jr., March 14, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

1958
Robert Lemeul Duggar, May 29, 1998, New Caney, TX.

1959
Carol Anne (Gillespie) Riner, October 10, 1997, Corpus Christi, TX.

1963
Joyce (Reeves) Hutchins, June 20, 1998, Jacksonville, AR.

1966

1971
Walt V. “Wally” Smith, April 9, 1998, Sarasota, FL.

1975

1980

1977
Steve Cheyne, March 7, 1998, Wilmington, NC.

1988
Robert Earl Jenson (fs), April 9, 1998, El Dorado, AR.

Friends
Dr. S. W. "Doc" Eubanks, April 25, 1998, Benton, AR. (Dr. Eubanks was the ninth president of Ouachita.)

Lloyd Hunnicutt (former Ouachita trustee), March 19, 1998, Magnolia, AR.

Will estate taxes take a chunk of your wealth?

An estate tax is one the government places on the right to transfer assets at death. The tax is imposed not on a specific asset itself, but on the right to distribute all estate assets at death to others.

An estate includes everything a person owns: a home, land, stocks and bonds, life insurance, retirement plans, business interests, and personal property such as furniture, automobiles, jewelry, and artwork. All of a person's assets are totaled at death, and if the estate is large enough, an estate tax is imposed.

How much tax?
The amount of the tax depends on the size of the estate; the larger the estate, the larger the tax. Everyone has a credit, however, against the potential tax. That credit is the tax that would be imposed on the first $625,000 (for 1998 only; this amount is scheduled to gradually increase to $1 million by 2006).

Remember, your most important concern is to achieve the transfer of assets to those individuals and charitable organizations whom you want to help.

IN APPRECIATION
Dennis Mills, director—external affairs with Southwestern Bell, is presented a certificate of appreciation from Ouachita President Andrew Westmoreland for his company's support of the America Reads Program.
A hidden tax hit waiting to happen?

Retirement plan assets are favored in our tax code. Their earnings are not taxed, and often contributions are not taxed, either. The absence of these two taxes can mean a great deal.

Let’s do a quick comparison to illustrate. Judy saves $10,000 each year for 30 years for her retirement. The money is invested in assets that earn a total return of 10% per year. If she’s not taxed on the $10,000 contributions and taxes aren’t imposed on the growth, she will accumulate over $1.6 million.

Now, if Judy is in the 30% tax bracket and her contributions and earnings are taxed each year, the total will be less than $700,000.

However, full 30% taxation each year would be highly unlikely, because many of Judy’s stocks probably would be held for more than one year, giving rise to capital gains tax rates as opposed to ordinary income rates. Therefore, a more accurate comparison might be an investment taxed in such a way that the result would be closer to a total of $1 million after 30 years. This, however, is still much less than tax-free growth, and it illustrates the effect of taxes.

Types of retirement plans

Qualified plans include the following: pension plans, profit sharing plans, stock bonus plans, 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).

One of the most popular of these has become the 401(k) plan, named after the part of the Internal Revenue Code where it is defined. This plan allows for employees to contribute pre-tax dollars (up to a limit) to an investment plan over which the employee has total control. In addition, the company can also make contributions to the employee’s account. The mix of stocks and bonds, as well as the mix of the categories within each (i.e., small companies, large companies, municipal bonds, junk bonds, etc.) is determined by the employee and not the employer.

IRAs are also popular. An IRA is available to anyone who does not have an employer-sponsored retirement plan. It is also available to those whose retirement plans do not provide for a certain level of contribution. The person is permitted to contribute -- and deduct -- a certain amount each year. Also, the earnings grow tax-free.

When the taxes do kick in

Once distributions are finally taken from a qualified retirement plan, the income is taxed at ordinary rates. This means that when payouts are made, whether as an annual income or as a whole, they are taxed as if they were earnings.

The exception is a new addition to the retirement plan landscape -- the Roth IRA. Introduced as part of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, the Roth IRA is a back-ended plan, almost the reverse of the standard IRA. Taxpayers and their spouses are able to make nondeductible contributions of up to $2,000 each year. This is true even of those who have reached age 70 1/2. Yet the distributions are not taxed.

Regardless of the type of plan, however, retirement plan assets are subject to taxation in a person’s estate at death. They potentially face an estate tax and (with the exception of the Roth IRA) an income tax. This means that well over half, and often close to 70%, of retirement assets could end up being forfeited to taxes.

A better alternative

Because most retirement plan assets are taxed twice at death -- they are subject to both an estate and an income tax -- many people think of them as a way to support charitable organizations in their estate plans. Under current law, retirement plan assets are not the best assets to use for lifetime charitable giving. This is because, except for those in a Roth IRA, their distributions are taxed at ordinary income tax rates. In addition, in most cases, if they are transferred from the retirement plan before age 59 1/2, they are subject to an additional 10% excise tax.

Yet, to the degree they are not good assets to use as a lifetime gift, retirement assets are excellent in funding gifts at death. In fact, of all a person’s estate assets, retirement plan assets are the most costly to transfer to individuals, such as children, at death, yet the least costly to transfer to charity. Because of the double taxation, heirs other than charitable organizations often receive only half -- or less -- of the asset’s value.

An example:

A person with a $2 million estate who leaves $1 million of it in retirement assets to his children, because of the double taxation, may end up benefiting them by only around $400,000, or 40% of the asset’s value. But if the person leaves $1 million in other assets, such as stock, the children will receive closer to 57% or $568,000 of the assets.

A charitable organization, because it is tax exempt, will receive the entire amount. It’s better to leave to the heirs other assets such as stocks or land -- assets that, although they are included in a person’s estate for estate tax consideration, are not subject to an additional income tax at death.

Find out more

When a retirement plan asset is properly designated for charity, both taxes are eliminated. The easiest way to ensure that a charitable organization will receive retirement plan assets at death is to make the charitable organization a beneficiary of the retirement plan. However, before you change the beneficiary designation, consult with counsel knowledgeable about retirement plans.

If you would like more information about this wonderful opportunity to put the remainder of your retirement plan to good use, call us for a no-obligation discussion, or send for our free booklet The Advantages of Making a Gift With Retirement Plan Assets by returning the enclosed reply card.
Another way to make the type of gift you always intended is to leave us a bequest in your will. This won’t generate a current income tax deduction because you can always change your mind, but it will save on any taxes that may face your estate at your death. Ask us about ways that both your heirs and charity can benefit from money that would otherwise go to taxes.

Most people have some form of life insurance, either term or cash value insurance. But also, many people who purchased insurance when they were young find in their later years that the purposes for which they originally purchased the insurance no longer apply.

If you’re one of these people, let us suggest another use of your insurance policy: as a way to eventually make a significant charitable gift that might not be possible during your life.

**Gifting an existing policy**

When you make a gift of an insurance policy that you own, the charitable organization must become the new owner and the irrevocable beneficiary. This will allow you to receive an income tax deduction for either the total of the premium paid or the cash value of the policy, whichever is less.

Actually, the phrase used by insurance companies is “interpolated terminal reserve,” which is slightly more than the cash value of the policy. The deduction is limited to 50% of your adjusted gross income, with the ability to use any excess deduction in future years.

Most **term** insurance policies do not have any cash value, and so donors receive no deduction for transferring a term policy.

**Gifting a new policy**

If you buy a new policy and then donate the policy to a charitable organization, the premiums you would continue to pay are generally deductible on your income tax return. For example, you could give us enough money to pay the premium, and then we could pay the insurance company. (Remember, the charitable organization must be the owner of the policy; the insurance company will send the premium notice to us, not the donor.) This is also true for term insurance policies.

**Leverage your gift**

Life insurance is an asset that allows a donor who does not have large estate assets to make a significant gift. By making small payments each year for a limited number of years, a donor can leave a bequest of sizable proportions.

If you’d like more information about gifts of life insurance, we’ll be glad to discuss the options for your particular situation.

**Scholarships**

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no matter what. Be aware that even with financial aid of various kinds, most of our students still pay several thousand dollars a year and work on campus to boot. Many, if not most, of our students incur substantial debt before they receive that precious degree.

With an endowed scholarship fund you can work wonders. Ouachita requires a minimum of $15,000 to endow a fund, which will produce an award each year of about $750 (we allow the fund to grow some). Larger funds, of course, produce larger awards, sometimes enough to help several students. We name the funds in honor of the donors who provide them. Contact me or others on our development staff if you have an interest in establishing something permanent, now or through your estate plan, that will help young folks make the most of their lives. Did I mention that your contributions to a scholarship fund are tax deductible?

For more information about the opportunity to put the remainder of your retirement plan to good use, call or send for our free booklet

The Advantages of Making a Gift With Retirement Plan Assets.

The information in this publication is not intended as legal advice. For legal advice, please consult an attorney.
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Mr. Robert O. Blucker
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyce
Dr. and Mrs. William D. Burch
Mr. and Mrs. John Carter
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Rhodes
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Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sutton
Dr. Vernon L. Toombs
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Mrs. Luella Turner Union Pacific Foundation
Dr. Sarah Varnell
Mr. Earl Verser, Jr.
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Mr. and Mrs. John R. Williamson
Mr. George Young
Mr. Robert A. Young, Jr.

"As I scanned the draft of names that now occupies the following pages, I was inspired. Each family, each individual, each company, each foundation, each business, and each church that is printed on these pages makes it possible for Ouachita to offer young men and women academic and Christian excellence. While reviewing these names, I was reminded of what Ouachita is all about—people. I sincerely appreciate all of the people who have given sacrificially to make Ouachita a better place."

• Joe Franz
Vice President for Development

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Central Baptist Church, Bald Knob
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Mr. and Mrs. George Dunklin
Elk Horn Bank & Trust, Arkadelphia
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod
Ruth Erp Estate
Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell B. Felton
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Ferguson
First Commercial Foundation, Little Rock
Friday Eldredge & Clark, Little Rock
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Goss
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Mr. and Mrs. Elgin A. Hamner III
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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Heflin
Mr. and Mrs. Jay M. Heflin
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny L. Heflin
Mr. and Mrs. Marc W. Heflin
Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Henry
Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Hickingbotham
Mr. Herren
Hickingbotham
Mrs. Ila M. Hooper
Horizon Bank, Arkadelphia
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Mr. and Mrs. Larry E. Kircher
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