

Ouachita Baptist University
Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita

The Ouachita Circle: The Alumni Magazine of
Ouachita Baptist University


Ouachita Alumni

Spring 1995

The Ouachita Circle Spring 1995

Ouachita Baptist University

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/alumni_mag

 Part of the [Organizational Communication Commons](#), and the [Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Ouachita Baptist University, "The Ouachita Circle Spring 1995" (1995). *The Ouachita Circle: The Alumni Magazine of Ouachita Baptist University*. 35.

https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/alumni_mag/35

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Ouachita Alumni at Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Ouachita Circle: The Alumni Magazine of Ouachita Baptist University by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita. For more information, please contact mortensona@obu.edu.

The OUACHITA CIRCLE

The Alumni Magazine of Ouachita Baptist University

Arkadelphia, AR Spring 1996





A Word from the President ...

March 9 was a very good day at Ouachita.

At 10 a.m. we held a dedication ceremony for the newly-remodeled Cone-Bottoms Hall. We affectionately described this event as a 'rededication,' since this cherished landmark, which had served so many years as a women's dormitory, was being recommissioned as the university's administration center. Alumni and friends from far and near came to help us celebrate, along with a good crowd of students, faculty, and staff. After the ceremony, they had an enthusiastic time exploring all of the new office suites and conference rooms during an open house.

At 11 a.m., a dear friend of Ouachita called to formalize a \$7,000,000 pledge for the construction of a new science building. Andy Westmoreland, vice president for development, assures me that this is the largest gift to be pledged in the history of Ouachita.

At 1 p.m., the Ouachita Board of Trustees held its spring meeting. The Board approved the operating budget and personnel contracts for the coming academic year. They heard reports about enrollment growth and new residence halls. They considered matters which concerned academic programs, student services, and facilities. Their work was indicative of the very positive and challenging opportunities which lie before us.

The morning activities at Cone-Bottoms, the thrilling phone call, and the afternoon meeting in the Board Room provided an opportunity to take a heartwarming look back over the past, and an exciting glance into the future which awaits Ouachita Baptist University.

Yes, March 9 was a very good day at Ouachita.

Dr. C. E. Elrod

PRESIDENT
Ben M. Elrod

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
John L. Heflin, *Chairman*
Clarence Anthony
Augusta Boatright
Mike Carroll
Cotton Cordell
George Dunklin
James D. Gattis
Mike Huckabee
James M. Jones
Larry Kircher
Wesley Kluck
Joe Bill Meador
John Miller
Pauline Morrow
Gail DeLaughter Pennington
H. E. "Pete" Raines
Albert H. Rusher
Paul Sanders
William H. "Buddy" Sutton
David Uth
John Ward
Richard A. Wells
Diane Cato Williamson
Doris Hoofman Yarnell

DEVELOPMENT STAFF
Andrew Westmoreland, *Vice President
for Development*
John Cloud, *Dir. of Estate and
Gift Planning*
Margaret Wright, *Development Officer/
Dir. of Corporate &
Foundation Programs*
Rachael Ward, *Dir. of Annual Giving*
Deborah Root, *Dir. of Dev. Publications*

FORMER STUDENTS
ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD
David M. Tate, *President*
Lois Powell Anderson,
Recording Secretary
Randy Garner, *Dir. of Tiger Network*
Bettie Duke, *Asst. Dir. of Tiger Network*
Arkansas Advisors:
Frances Bass Phelan,
Sarah Atkinson Bennett, Clay Vire,
Mandy Draffen Fulton,
Charlotte Vining Douglas, Richard Stipe,
Rosemary Casey Vance, Tony Yocom,
Llewellyn Terry, Connie Fikes Mitchell
Out-of-State Advisors:
Heidi Brown Helwig, Frances Scott
Smith, Kent Westbrook, Yevonne
Fleming Conrad, Charles Baker,
Carl B. Ramsey II, Frank Taylor,
Elizabeth Enlow Shaw,
Todd Turner, Jacque Sutley Goble

The Ouachita Circle is a
publication of Ouachita Baptist
University, OBU Box 3762,
Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001.
Phil Hardin, *Assistant to the President
and Director of Alumni Affairs*
Deborah Root, *Editor*
Jeff Root, *Dir. of Public Relations*
Mac Sisson, *Asst. Dir. of Public Relations*

Printed by International Graphics, Inc.
Little Rock, Arkansas

The OUACHITA CIRCLE

The Alumni Magazine of Ouachita Baptist University

Arkadelphia, AR Spring, 1995



•SPECIAL FEATURE•

Decade of Progress 2-3

Symbolizing the completion of the first phase of the Decade of Progress Campaign, Cone-Bottoms Hall was dedicated on March 9. Cutting the ribbon are Betty (Warren) Elrod, Sharon (Windham) Heflin, and their husbands, President Ben M. Elrod and Board of Trustees Chairman John L. Heflin. Pictured at left is H. Alan Nelson, trustee of the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation.

•AN INSIDE LOOK•

Development News	4
Faculty/Staff News	7
Campus News	10
Alumni News	16
Memorials	17
Class Notes (marriages, births, deaths)	18
The Financial Adviser	A-C

In meeting Ouachita's goal of Preparing Leaders for the 21st Century, significant growth is realized through Phase I of the

Decade of Progress Campaign

Launched in 1990-91 as the most ambitious fund-raising effort in Ouachita's history, the first phase of the Decade of Progress Campaign has concluded with \$27.9 million in gifts and pledges, far exceeding the base and challenge goals.

Support from the campaign has enabled progress in many areas of campus life.

Curriculum

- The Division of Natural Sciences received a grant from the Kellogg Foundation to revise the curriculum under the theme of "leadership in science."
- The approach to hiring new faculty has been changed to allow for greater faculty involvement.
- The School of Music studied and revised the curriculum in 1991 and the years following.
- The Division of Education studied and revised the curriculum in preparation for continued accreditation by the National Council on the Accreditation of Teacher Education.
- The Hickingbotham School of Business was established and the curriculum was studied and revised.
- Seven full-time faculty have been added.
- A program in writing across the curriculum was initiated.
- Bibliographic Competency was required of all new students.
- The Pew Younger Scholars program has been added.
- A total of \$250,000 was dedicated as endowment for Riley-Hickingbotham Library, above normal budget allocations.
- The CD-ROM lab was added in the Department of Religion.
- More than \$600,000 in equipment purchases will be added through the Title III grant.
- More than \$1,000,000 in equipment and endowment for equipment was added in the Division of Natural Sciences.
- A new computer lab was added in the Hickingbotham School of Business.
- Endowment was increased for



◆ Students, faculty and staff leave Jones Performing Arts Center following a Tuesday chapel service. The 1,500-seat auditorium was made possible through the generosity of the Harvey and Bernice Jones Charitable Trust.

- the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program.
- The Sutton Fund for International Travel was established.
- Courses in non-Western cultures have been added to the curriculum.
- A total of \$100,000 was added to the endowment of the Parks Center for Regional Studies.
- A grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation facilitated the production of a drama at Old Washington State Park.

Faculty & Staff Development

- Endowment for faculty and staff development was increased by \$250,000.
- The program of summer and semester sabbaticals has been strengthened; full-year sabbaticals will be recommended for the 1995-96 year.
- Study leaves are available for work toward the appropriate

- terminal degree.
- Funds for summer research and professional travel have increased.
- Teaching loads have been lowered so that they are now comparable with other institutions in the region.
- Ouachita's contribution to the retirement plans of employees has increased at the rate of one-half percent per year, toward a goal of ten percent.
- Dental insurance has been added for all employees.
- Workshops and training programs for faculty are included in the Title III budget.

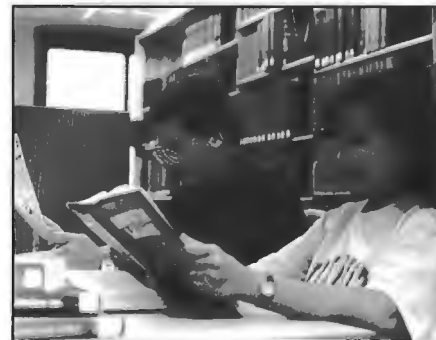
Student Enrollment

- The public relations program was expanded with the addition of a full-time Director of Public Relations.
- The quality of university

- publications was improved with the hiring of a Director of Development Publications.
- The student population is projected to reach 1,500 in the fall of 1995, a record undergraduate enrollment.
- The role and scope of the Tiger Network was expanded, involving larger numbers of alumni in the recruitment program.
- The major emphasis of the Title III program is on the retention of current students.
- The position of Director of Institutional Research has been added.
- Significant increases were realized in endowed scholarship funds. Approximately 90 new scholarship endowment funds were established, totalling almost \$3,500,000.

Student Development

- While endowment funds were not earmarked for this cause, the program has been strengthened through the addition of approximately \$11 million in



◆ Participants in the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program spend an afternoon studying in Riley-Hickingbotham Library.

general endowment funds during the course of the campaign. The campaign also resulted in deferred gifts in excess of \$6 million.

•A full-time personal counselor was added to the staff.

•An office for Career Planning and Placement was established.

•Academic counseling is a major emphasis of the Title III program.

•Study areas have been included in the new dormitories.

•Improved landscaping has been achieved.

•The riverfront is being developed at this time.

•The campus has been wired for cable television.

•All dorms, classrooms, and offices are equipped with a campus telephone system.

•Fiber optic wiring of the campus is underway.

•The wellness program was initiated and required of all new students.

The Christian Dimension of the Educational Experience

•Faculty attended a national conference on the integration of faith and learning.

•The first chapel of the year has been established as a convocation of all students, faculty and staff.

•Relations with the ABSC and its churches have been strengthened through an enhanced public relations

program.

•A \$50,000 endowment was established for BSU missions.

•Significant increases in scholarship endowment have been realized.



♦ Dr. Tim Knight assists a student with a biology project in the greenhouse behind Moses-Provine.

•The commitment of an academically-strong and Biblically-sound Department of Religion remains a central feature of Ouachita's program.

Program Enrichment

•A total of \$100,000 per year has been added to the university budget from gifts to the campaign.

Buildings and Grounds

•A 1,500-seat auditorium was constructed and Verser Drama Center was remodeled. The cost of both projects was \$5,500,000.

•Flippen dormitory has been renovated.

•Perrin dormitory has been renovated.

•Conger (formerly West) dormitory has been renovated.

•Pledges of approximately

\$7,500,000 have been secured to renovate and expand the existing science building.

•New lighting has been provided for A.U. Williams Field, along with new ticket and restroom facilities and the improvement of the playing surface.

•A new dugout for visiting teams has been added at Rab Rodgers Field.

•A weight room has been added at Eddie Blackmon Field House.

•A four-court indoor tennis center has been constructed.

•Six outdoor tennis courts have been added.

•A lighted pavilion and walkway have been added at the riverfront.

Additional plans are underway

for improved access to the area, with funds already committed for the project.

•A landscaped parking lot for student use has been added

at the west end of the ravine.



♦ Anthony Hall, a residence hall for men, opened in the fall of 1994. A new residence hall for women is scheduled to open this fall.

Decade of Progress Campaign, Phase I Summary of Gifts and Pledges to the Campaign

Category	Goal	Given/Pledged
Advance Gifts	\$7,200,000	\$7,200,000
Trustees	2,250,000	3,174,011
Faculty/Staff	100,000	418,088
Development Council	2,000,000	2,410,330
Arkadelphia	300,000	540,402
Little Rock	1,500,000	1,516,858
El Dorado	350,000	1,066,666
Dallas/Fort Worth	150,000	201,214
Alumni	2,000,000	3,995,887
Foundations	2,500,000	958,006
Select Friends	250,000	271,090
Deferred Gifts	4,000,000	6,142,274
Totals	\$22,600,000	\$27,984,826



Cone-Bottoms dedicated as administration building

Looking as shiny and new as it must have originally appeared in 1923, Cone-Bottoms Hall was dedicated March 9 into new service as Ouachita's administration building.

The dedication ceremony took place on the front lawn of Ouachita's oldest building and was highlighted by the cutting of a ribbon between the freshly

painted, great, white columns so familiar to several generations of Ouachita students.

For its first 60 years, Cone-Bottoms served as a women's dormitory, and two of its former residents took part in the ribbon cutting. Mrs.

Betty Elrod and Mrs. Sharon Heflin stood on the steps of their former college home and assisted their husbands, Ouachita President Ben M. Elrod and Board Chairman John Heflin, in dedicating the building.

In his introductory remarks, Andy Westmoreland, vice president for development, described the building's tie between the history of the University and its future.

"More than any place on campus, this building speaks of our heritage, of our tradition and of our connection with past and future generations," Westmoreland said.

Following the dedication ceremony, an open house allowed several generations of Ouachitonians and the general public a chance to view the new offices, as well as the gallery of former presidents and a collection of Thase Daniel wildlife photographs adorning the walls on each of the three floors.

The renovation of Cone-Bottoms Hall was funded through 4 • Development News

the most successful capital campaign in the 109-year history of the University. The first phase of the Decade of Progress Campaign concluded in 1994, having surpassed its challenge goal of \$26.7 million in gifts and pledges. More than \$2.5 million was raised for the renovation of Cone-Bottoms.

The Grant Administration



◆ The landmark Cone-Bottoms Hall, once a residence hall for women, returns to use as the university's administration building.

Center is the heart of the new Cone-Bottoms, named for the father-son tandem who each served as president of Ouachita. Administrative offices in Cone-Bottoms include: president, development, administrative affairs, academic affairs, career planning and placement, registrar, computer services, admissions counseling, alumni, financial aid and the business office.

The Sturgis Suite on the third floor consists of the offices of the president and assistant to the president, outer offices and a conference room. Additional conference rooms are located on each floor and are named for Earl and Ina Reed Peeples and former presidents Dr. Charles Johnson and Dr. Ralph Phelps.

The Peeples Conference Room was made possible by a gift from Dr. Earl Peeples of Little Rock in honor of his grandparents. Earl and Ina Peeples' hard work during the depths of the depression allowed four of their five children to attend Ouachita.

Dr. Charles Johnson was

president from 1929 until 1934. He fought to keep the college open during difficult economic times. Dr. Ralph Phelps served as president from 1953 until 1969. He presided over tremendous growth at Ouachita. During his tenure, endowment doubled, enrollment tripled, university status was achieved, 16 new buildings were constructed and the faculty increased from 45 members to 111.

In the midst of the new offices, a hint of the past remains. The Dicken Historical Room is a preservation of the original size and styling of a Cone-Bottoms dormitory room. It was named in honor of Dr. Charles E. Dicken, who was president of Ouachita when the dormitory was built. Although the original dorm rooms seem small now, Cone-Bottoms was celebrated as a major step for Ouachita in 1923.

Cone-Bottoms was begun in 1920, but remained as a concrete shell until 1923, when Ouachita finally received the financial contributions necessary to finish the job. After Dr. Dicken announced in Ouachita's weekly chapel service that the dormitory would be finished for the beginning of the fall semester in 1923, The Signal, Ouachita's student newspaper, predicted that the building would have a major impact on the future of the University.

"The school will be benefited (sic) by the addition of this dormitory as nothing else can benefit," read The Signal in 1923. "Everyone will take pride in (Ouachita's) progress and everyone will work

that much harder for the advancement of the school."

The Signal praised the new dorm not just because it would provide new facilities for female students, but because it was seen as a key to improving school spirit with the return of the male students to campus.

The men moved into the former Young Ladies Home and a dormitory in the conservatory when the women moved into Cone-Bottoms. Ouachita's male population had been without a dormitory on campus and forced to find lodging in town since Cone Hall had burned in 1918. Having both the men and women living on campus was described by The Signal as a great event for the social life of the campus and a method to better control the boys' behavior for the administration.

Cone-Bottoms was finished in time for the fall, 1923, semester. A concrete fence, over 700 feet in length and spanning the entire front of campus, was completed, also. The \$6,000 fence was the gift of E.C. Nowlin of Little Rock and E. Nowlin of Arkadelphia.

The Signal described Cone-Bottoms

that fall as so beautiful that its women should not ruin its looks by placing pictures on the walls. "The workmanship makes adornment unnecessary," according to The Signal. "Both exterior and interior of the new home show beauty in fine workmanship, a beauty that lasts."

The beauty has lasted, and thanks to its recent renovation, it will continue to last into the next century. •Jeff Root



◆ President Emeritus Daniel R. Grant was present as the facility was commissioned Grant Administration Center.

Grant Administration Center honors father-son presidents

In preparing to leave J.R. Grant Hall for new office space in renovated Cone-Bottoms Hall, Ouachita President Ben M. Elrod faced the challenge of discrediting an outdated facility while preserving the memory of the man for whom it was named.

His solution is the inspiration of the new facility. Grant Administration Center in Cone-Bottoms Hall greets all who enter the building with portraits and a plaque honoring J.R. and Daniel R. Grant, the father-and-son tandem who first saved the University from bankruptcy and then led it to regional prominence.

"It was my unusual privilege to be associated with both J.R. Grant and Daniel Grant," said Elrod.

"The impact of these two men upon Ouachita was beyond measure. When we consider the influence which their combined tenures of 33 years had on Ouachita, it is clear that all of us who love Ouachita owe a great debt of gratitude to these fine presidents," said Elrod.

The two men faced very different, but equally compelling, challenges as president. According to "Ouachita Baptist University: The First 100 Years," by Dr. Michael Arrington, vice president for academic affairs, J.R. Grant inherited a school very near closing. In 1934, Ouachita was unaccredited, had a debt of \$165,000 and an enrollment of only 283 students, most of whom weren't able to pay tuition.

All endowment income was dedicated to paying off the school's debts, so there was very little operating money. Local merchants weren't confident of Ouachita's future, as evidenced by a lack of credit. Mrs. Grace Grant once had to pay cash for a 25-cent sack of nails at an Arkadelphia hardware store.

Under J.R. Grant's leadership, Ouachita began making progress. He stabilized the curriculum, organized fund-raising drives and led a successful effort to regain North Central Association accreditation.

"There was a strong em-

phasis on getting the enrollment up in those years," said Daniel Grant. "I remember very clearly that the goal one year was 400 students, and we all celebrated when Dorothy Dollarhide became the 400th student to register. She was known as Miss 400 for some time."

By the time of Grant's retirement, Ouachita was free of debt and had nearly 900 students.

"I always had confidence that things would work out for both my Dad and Ouachita," said Daniel Grant. "He was a very determined man. My parents committed their lives to Christian education at Ouachita, and I think that's where I got it in my marrow."

Daniel Grant taught for 22 years in the political science department at Vanderbilt University. He was well-published as an expert in urban government. Grant helped design the city government of Nashville, Tenn., and served as a visiting professor and consultant in Houston and Bangkok, Thailand.

In 1969, Daniel Grant received a call. Ouachita, his childhood home and alma mater, was looking for a president.

Although he had been quite pleased with his life in Nashville, Grant and his family weighed the decision carefully, and began making plans for a new life at Ouachita.

Progress was both rapid and continuous during Daniel Grant's 18-year tenure. He solidified the University's reputation by emphasizing the twin themes of "academic and Christian excellence." A few of the more notable achievements of this period include: the endowment of the Birkett Williams Lecture Series; academic enrichment grants and the Maddox Public Affairs Center; the establishment of Ouachita's first international exchange program; and the replacement of many deteriorating buildings with new structures, such as Evans Student Center, Mabee Fine Arts Center, McClellan Hall, and J. G. Lile Hall.

• Jeff Root

SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED

The Travis Beeson

Endowed Scholarship Fund

Doris Smith Beeson of Camden, Arkansas, her family, and Camden Hillside Baptist church have established the Travis Beeson Endowed Scholarship Fund in honor and memory of the late Travis Beeson, a former student of 1947. Mr. Beeson was a retired auditor for the Employment Security Division of the State of Arkansas, as well as a veteran of the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Travis was very active in his church and community, having served as a deacon at Hillside Baptist Church for 40 years, and as an officer of the Camden Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. He was a member of the ABSC Executive Board and a member of the Ouachita Finance Committee.

The Clay and Susan Goff

Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Clay and Susan Goff Endowed Scholarship Fund has been initiated to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students enrolled at Ouachita. When the scholarships are fully funded, priority will be given to students who are pursuing majors within the School of Business, and who are good citizens of the campus community, upholding a high standard of conduct.

The Clyde Linkous

Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Clyde Linkous Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by family and friends of Mr. Linkous to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students at Ouachita. Scholarship priority will be given to students who are members of the Geyer Springs First Baptist Church of Little Rock, Ark., the First Baptist Church of Stephens, Ark., and the First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia, Ark.

The John McClanahan

Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Dr. John McClanahan Endowed Scholarship Fund has been initiated by members of First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff. Additional gifts may be added at any time by friends and relatives of Dr. McClanahan. The Fund was established to honor Dr. McClanahan upon his retirement after having served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff for 29 years. Income from the Fund will be used to assist full-time students at Ouachita who are members of First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff.

Dr. McClanahan is a 1950 graduate of Ouachita and three of his four children are Ouachita graduates. In 1987, he was honored as a distinguished alumnus and has served multiple terms on the Ouachita Board of Trustees. He is currently a member of the Development Council.

The John and Barbara Wikman Endowed Scholarship Fund

The John and Barbara Wikman Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established to provide scholarship assistance to students who meet the academic and citizenship standards of the University for scholarship award qualification. Awards shall be made from the Fund without regard to year-class or area of study.

Vaught's sermons, tour slides donated to university

A collection of Dr. W. O. Vaught's sermons on audio and video tapes has been given to Ouachita's Riley-Hickingbotham Library by his widow, Mrs. Mary Frances Vaught of Little Rock.

Mrs. Vaught, in offering her late husband's sermons, has given materials by one of the state's best-known and most influential preachers. Vaught was pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock from 1945-1983. He died in 1989.

The materials date back to the start of his ministry at

Immanuel, according to Dr. Ray Granade, director of library services and professor of history.

"This treasure's significances lies in its completeness and in the opportunity to compare written and oral versions," he said. "While students may have access to written versions of great sermons from the past, delivery may only be inferred from eyewitness accounts. The advent of recording technology makes it possible to see how an individual translates the written

into the spoken word. Such opportunities are invaluable to students of communication."

The collection allows students and scholars from other locations who have access to it, a chance to study Vaught's development over four decades, according to Granade. Changes in content, substance and style can be observed and studied, he said.

Along with the sermons, Mrs. Vaught donated about 3000 slides from her husband's travels along with photo-

graphs, mostly from self-guided tours to the Holy Land. Some of Vaught's correspondence was also given to the Special Collections section of the library.

"It was a pleasure to meet with Mrs. Vaught and I hope that principally our religion, history, and speech departments will find the tapes useful in their courses," Granade said. "Others examining Baptist practice in Arkansas should likewise discover much usable material there."

Alana Boles

McDonald donates books, memorabilia to Ouachita

Dr. Erwin L. McDonald of Little Rock, retired editor of the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine" has made a gift of his personal library to Ouachita.

The 4,321-title library has been accepted for use at OBU's Riley-Hickingbotham Library.

The books in the collection were designated as a memorial gift to Ouachita in honor of his late wife, Mary Elsie Price McDonald, who died in 1993.

McDonald served from 1957-72 as editor of the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine," the official "voice" of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He also served as religion editor of the "Arkansas Democrat" (now the "Arkansas Democrat-Gazette"). During his professional career, McDonald was also a pastor, leading churches in London and Washington, Arkansas, and Pendleton, Kentucky.

Dr. Ray Granade, director of library services and professor of history at Ouachita, said Ouachita was grateful for the gift.

"The generosity of individuals like Dr. McDonald makes it possible to supply some of these materials which otherwise students would never find on our shelves. The gift is a vote of confidence, we feel, in what we are about at Ouachita and especially in the library."

In the collection given to the library, Granade said the author's wide-ranging interests, particularly Baptist history, is evident in the inventory that contains fiction and non-fiction volumes.

In addition to the books, McDonald presented the library with some memorabilia and his notebooks.

McDonald is the author of several books to include: "The Church Using the Newspaper" by Convention Press (1958), "75 Stories and Illustrations from Everyday Life" by Baker Book House (1964), "Across the Editor's Desk" by Broadman Press (1966), "The Church Proclaiming and Witnessing" by Baker Book House (1966) and "Stories for Speakers and Writers" by Baker Book House (1970).

Mac Sisson

PHONATHON '95



Percentage of support and dollars to the Annual Fund saw a significant increase during the 1994-1995 fiscal year, due largely to the success of Ouachita's first fully-implemented phonathon.

From February 7 to March 2, 122 student volunteers spent at least one evening on the telephone with the purpose of increasing participation to the annual giving program. According to pledges made during the phonathon, support to the Annual Fund more than doubled from last year.

Rachael Ward, director of annual giving, was responsible for coordinating the event. "The student callers were wonderful representatives of Ouachita," she said. "They really enjoyed their conversations with alumni and friends of the University, and I think that came through over the phone."

The phonathon is part of a plan to increase support to the Annual Fund. In previous years, the number of gifts to the Annual Fund has reflected a low percentage of alumni involvement, in comparison with other colleges and universities. This percentage is a factor in receiving corporate and foundation grants, and is considered by national ranking services in determining the top colleges and universities.



GIFT TO OUA-CHITA • W. H. "Buddy" Sutton (l.) of Little Rock, managing partner of the law firm of Friday, Eldredge & Clark and general attorney for Union Pacific Railroad, presents a \$25,000 check on behalf of the railroad to Ouachita President Dr. Ben M. Elrod. The funds will be used for physical plant improvement at the University.

Faculty to study language, history, psychology during sabbaticals

Three Ouachita faculty members have been awarded sabbatical study leaves in the fields of language, history and psychology, according to Dr. Mike Arrington, vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Tom Greer, the Clarence and Bennie Sue Anthony Professor of Bible and the Humanities, has been awarded an extended sabbatical leave for summer and fall of this year. Dr. Tom L. Auffenberg, the R. Voyt Hill Professor of History, and Dr. Randall D. Wight, associate professor of psychology, have both been awarded summer sabbaticals.

The sabbaticals are for \$3,500 each and are intended to allow the faculty members a time of "renewal." The extended sabbatical is designed to include \$3,500 in addition to the full pay of the faculty member during his or her sabbatical leave during the fall semester. Travel, research, writing, teaching, creative endeavors, rest, and broadening one's cultural and intellectual horizons are all part of the sabbatical concept. All sabbatical applicants must have a minimum of six years of full-time teaching at Ouachita.

Greer plans to use his time this summer to return to study advanced Chinese language at Peking University in Beijing, China. Penn State University has a summer program at the university, and Greer has been accepted to study in the program for an eight week period.

In 1987, Greer spent a year at Xhengzhou, Henan, China, as a Foreign Expert in the Foreign Languages Department at Zhengzhou University. While there for the academic year, Greer taught English reading and writing to senior students majoring in English. In addition, he taught courses in American literature to graduate students and the Bible and American literature to the faculty of the department.

Last summer, Greer returned to China to study language and culture at Peking University.

Next fall, Greer plans to spend his time studying ways to develop the Pete Parks Institute for Regional Studies at Ouachita.

In 1982, Ouachita began the Institute

for Regional Studies, which was changed to the Pete Parks Institute for Regional Studies in 1992.

The Institute has been responsible for the past 13 years for offering a summer course titled "Folkways of the Arkansas Red River Region." In addition to the course, the Institute has aided in identification and documentation of historic places in southwest Arkansas, conferences on regionalism, the publication of two monographs, and various other projects.

For Auffenberg, the summer sabbatical is meant to improve his background in medieval history and culture. He plans to enroll as a student in the summer study program for adults at the University of Cambridge in England.

He also plans to visit several of the historic sites and important museums in the British Isles, with particular emphasis related to the medieval era.

Finally, Auffenberg during the summer plans to engage in a "focused" reading program on medieval history and culture.

With a graduate training focused on the biological and phenomenal aspects of perception, Wight plans to schedule his summer to blend his knowledge of perception with an understanding of "computer manipulations of experience" with a bent toward learning graphic design."

This will be combined with a summer reading program featuring such authors as Butler, Desmond, Geick, Kaplan, Rhea, R. G. Kennedy, and J. D. West.

Lastly, Wight plans to investigate the development of hypermedia instructional tools.

He defined hypermedia as a presentation of sights, sounds, and information permitting a computer to explore a web of information—a fashion more nearly, he said, that approximates the "montage" style associated with today's culture.

"What I have in mind is developing a software application that permits maximizing the information-processing style of today's—and, most likely, tomorrow's—student body," said Wight.

—Newsmakers—



Chambliss



Root

Dr. Charles Chambliss, chairman of the division of education, and Dr. Paul Root, chairman of the department of education, were awarded Distinguished Leadership Awards at the Strategic Leadership Institute sponsored by The Arkansas Academy for Leadership Training and School-Based Management. At the

fall institute, Root was selected by fellow participants to give the speech at the closing ceremonies.

The Arkansas Leadership Academy, established by the Arkansas Legislature in 1991, is a partnership consisting of 36 educational & professional organizations, universities, and business corporations.



Dr. Vincent Cobb, instructor of biology, is the editor of a research paper appearing in the December 1994 issue of "The Southwestern

Naturalist." The journal publishes research findings on living or fossil organisms of the southwestern United States.

Cobb's paper is titled "Effects of Temperatures on the Escape Behavior Performance of the Cribellate Spider *Oecobius Annulipes* (Araneae: Oecobiidae)."



Dr. Craig Hamilton, director of bands and assistant professor of music, received a doctor of philosophy degree in music education from

the University of North Texas in Denton.

Hamilton's doctoral thesis was titled "A Recommended Curriculum for Teaching Score Study in the Undergraduate Instrumental Conducting Class."

Hamilton teaches conducting, studio trumpet and horn, and music education.



Dr. Barry McVinney, assistant professor of music, received a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

McVinney's doctoral thesis was titled "Paul Taffanel and the Reinvention of Flute Playing for the Twentieth Century."

He holds a bachelor of arts degree with honors (1977) from Fredonia State College of the State University of New York. In 1980, he received a master of music in flute performance degree from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.



Dr. Jeff Pounders, assistant professor of sociology, was asked by Arkansas Governor Jim Guy Tucker to be one of 300 people who

participated in the first Governor's Summit on the Prevention of Youth Crime. The summit, held in December, was a reaction to discussion of the Arkansas General Assembly to urgent law enforcement issues related to juvenile crime.

Pounders is active in pursuit of his academic expertise outside the classroom in offering his students opportunities to explore and understand sociological issues in society.



Lewis Shepherd, director of TRIO Programs, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Merchants and Planters Bank of

Arkadelphia. The announcement was made by Tom Calhoon, president and chief operating officer of the bank. In appointing Shepherd, Calhoon stated, "Lewis' extensive involvement in, and knowledge of, our community will greatly enhance our board's ability to reach out to our public. We feel very fortunate that he has agreed to serve as one of our directors."

Kolb to direct new office of Career Planning & Placement

Mike Kolb has been named director of career planning and placement at Ouachita. He began his duties January 1.

His office helps students prepare for and find employment after completing their education at Ouachita.

Kolb has served most recently as the university's registrar, director of admissions, and director of placement.

"I am pleased that Mike Kolb has agreed to become the director of this office," said Dr. Ben Elrod, president of Ouachita. "While serving in his prior position, Mike worked enthusiastically to make students aware of the importance of planning beyond graduation. I look forward to the full-time leadership he will be able to give to this important service."

Kolb joined the administrative staff at Ouachita in 1983 as registrar and director of admissions. In 1987, the title of director of placement was added to his job description.

Kolb is very active and a noted figure in civic affairs in the Arkadelphia area as well as a leader among the ranks of registrars and admissions officers in

Arkansas.

He has served as president of the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce and a past officer of the Arkadelphia Rotary Club. He was the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1988.

Kolb has served as president of the



NEW OFFICE • Mike Kolb moves into his new office as director of career planning and placement. The office, located in Cone-Bottoms Hall, assists students with resumes, job interviews and other tasks related to finding employment.

Arkansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

He is a native of Tyler, Texas and holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Kolb and his wife, Sharon, are the parents of three children; Clint, Holly, and Katie.

Jones named registrar, director of admissions

Judy Jones was named registrar and director of admissions at Ouachita, effective Jan. 1.

Jones succeeds Mike Kolb who was named to the newly created position of director of career planning and placement at Ouachita.

For the past five and a half years, Jones has worked as associate director and later director of Educational Talent Search at Ouachita. The program is part of the TRIO educational guidance program on campus. The program is co-sponsored by Ouachita and the U.S. Department of Education and designed to assist in providing academic support to 7th

through 12th graders in regional schools who demonstrate potential to pursue and succeed in a program of post-secondary education.

Previous professional positions for Jones have included teaching responsibilities in the Arkadelphia and Amity Public School Districts and a year in a Georgia school district.

Jones received a bachelor of science in education degree from Henderson State University in 1970. She earned her master of science in education degree from Ouachita in 1989.

Jones and her husband, Bobby, are the parents of two children; Kevin and Scott.



Judy Jones

Jolley receives state educator award

Dr. Freddie Jolley, assistant professor of administrative services in the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business, has been named as the Arkansas Business Education Association (ABEA) Post Secondary Business Educator of the Year.

The award for "outstanding and dedicated service" was presented at the Arkansas Business Education Association luncheon held recently at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Education Association in Little Rock.

Jolley is a 1963 bachelor of science in education graduate of Henderson State Teachers College (now Henderson State University). She received her master of science in education diploma from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville in 1976. Her doctor of education degree was conferred by UAF in 1980. She

joined the Ouachita faculty in 1990.

Jolley is a well-known academic figure in Arkansas in the field of business



OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR • Dr. Freddie Jolley assists a student with a class project. Jolley was recently named Post Secondary Business Educator of the Year.

education and business communications. She is a regular presenter on panels and has authored papers in the areas.

Nine join faculty/staff at semester

Nine new staff members and one adjunct faculty member were added to the personnel chart at Ouachita in January.

They were:

•Rodney Boice, safety officer. He is a retired Army veteran.

•Phyllis Dupree, receptionist/secretary in Ouachita President Dr. Ben M. Elrod's office.

•Leigh Anne Spivey McKinney, admission coordinator in the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program.

•Diane Orsburn, receptionist/

secretary in the student financial aid office.

•Jane Rice, activities coordinator for Talent Search, a part of Ouachita's and the U.S. Department of Education's TRIO Program.

•David Rider, safety officer.

•Chris Taggard, safety officer.

•Dwayne Whitten, micro-computer coordinator.

•Marlene Yaney, Title III secretary in the career planning and placement office.

•Dr. Kevin Chiarizzio, adjunct faculty member, trombone, in the OBU School of Music.



GUEST LECTURER • Kenneth L. Woodward, senior editor of "Newsweek" magazine's religion section, delivers his lecture titled "Religion and Culture: Exploring the Role of Gender in World Religions." The lecture, presented March 7, was part of the university's Birkett Williams Lecture Series.

—Newsmakers—



Dr. Bill Steeger, chair of the division of religion and philosophy and the W.O. Vaught Professor of Bible and director of the Center for

Christian Ministries has had two of his commentaries published recently.

Steeger's commentaries on the Old Testament books of "Habakkuk" and "Nahum" appeared in the November 1994 edition of "Mercer Commentary on the Bible" as released by the Mercer Press.

The commentaries were sponsored by the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion.



Dr. Bill Viser, associate professor of religion, has written a book on the subject of the occult and how it impacts the lives of people.

The book titled "The Darkness Among Us: A Look at the Sinister Growth of the Occult and How Dangerously Close It Is to You" is now in its second printing. The book is published by Broadman-Holman Press in Nashville, Tenn. Its first printing came last year.



Webster

Dr. Bob Webster, associate professor of accounting and chairman of the department of accounting, and **Jim Rothwell**, assistant professor of accounting, presented a paper at the fall conference of the National Social Science Association held in New Orleans.

The paper was titled "Effects on Bank Capital Structure Requirements of Valuing Certain Securities at Market Rates."

More than 200 people at the conference presented papers in various areas.



Rothwell

The paper was

Campus BRIEFS

◆ Leaders in smaller-membership churches in Arkansas had a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity for leadership training during "Celebrating the Smaller Membership Church: Reach People" conference Feb. 24-25 at Ouachita.

The conference was sponsored jointly by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) and Ouachita.

The conference was designed to assist not only pastors, but directors of Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Church Music, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood. There also were classes for church accompanists, deacon chairmen, church treasurers and missions committee chairmen.

About 55 percent of Arkansas Baptist churches have less than 150 members or average 50 or less in Sunday School. These were the churches targeted with this conference.

◆ Ouachita hosted its second annual Storytelling Festival, on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8 in Arkadelphia.

The Festival was organized by the Ouachita Storytelling Committee, under the direction of Dr. Jeff Pounders, assistant professor of sociology.

The event included various workshops as well as several performances by three featured storytellers.

The featured performers included: Mary Furlough, head of Children's Services at the William F. Laman Library in North Little Rock; Faye Hanson of North Little Rock, founder and Executive Director of the Arkansas Traveler Storytelling Society; and Perrin Stifel of St. Louis, Missouri, founder and Executive Director of Missouri Storytelling.

Pew scholars integrate faith & discipline

Ouachita's Pew Younger Scholar Program emphasizes in a liberal arts setting the compatibility of personal faith and professional discipline among those students planning on furthering their education in graduate school.

Ouachita was given a program implementation grant of \$8,000 last year from The Pew Charitable Trusts of Notre Dame, Indiana.

The organization is a national and international philanthropy, supporting non-profit activities in the areas of conservation and the environment, culture, education, health and human services, public policy and religion.

Ouachita was one of 10 universities to receive awards from The Pew Charitable Trusts among 165 eligible institutions. The other universities participating in the program are: Asbury College (KY), Azusa Pacific University (CA), Biola University (CA), Calvin College (MI), Gordon College (MA), Northwestern College (IA), and William Jewell College (MO).

The OBU program is directed by Dr. Scott Duvall, assistant professor of religion and director of the Carl Goodson Honors Program.

Faculty council for the program are: Dr. Jeff Root, assistant professor of communications and director of public relations; Dr. Doug Sonheim, assistant professor of English; Dr. Tom Greer, the Clarence and Bennie Sue Anthony Professor of Bible and the Humanities; and Dr. Hal Bass, professor of political science and chair of the department of political science.

"The grant proposal was written by Dr. Ray Granade, director of library services and Duvall," Root said. "The grants went to mostly small liberal arts schools. The Pew Younger program hopes to bring along a generation of scholars in the various academic disciplines to be a voice

for a Christian worldview."

The three-part Pew Younger program consists of College Societies, summer seminars, and a Graduate Fellows Program. Ouachita has established a College Society, which included 10 freshman last year. The group is designed to be the primary introduction to the program and to challenge students with "a vision for scholarly vocations as avenues to Christian service." This year, 12 more students have been added to the group.

"We interview the students after they show interest in the College Society and have a certain grade point average," Root said. "We look for a Christian commitment, an interest in teaching at the college level, and an interest in attending exceptional graduate schools."

An important part of the College Society is the relationships established between students and faculty members, according to Root.

"The students get a first hand look at lifestyles of professors to see what life is like teaching college students," he said. "We talk about important topics in higher education so they will be familiar with the issues."

The second part of The Pew Younger Scholars program is summer seminars, which are held the summer prior to the students' senior year. The students can attend research seminar series held on the Notre Dame University campus. The seminars are structured around the disciplines of history, philosophy, theology, literature, psychology, sociology, economics, and political science.

The Graduate Fellows Program is the third part of the program. Ten students are chosen from across the country for a \$36,000 fellowship, consisting of a \$12,000 per year stipend for the first, second, and dissertation years of graduate school.

"We will consider the pro-

gram a success if the students involved are accepted to exceptional graduate schools," Root said. "It is a small but important program for preparation for graduate work."

The students in the program gather at a faculty member's house once or twice a month to discuss issues and make short trips occasionally to sites of special emphasis in academic pursuits.

Twenty-one students in The Pew Younger Scholars program attended a professional conference on fantasy literature at Wheaton College outside of Chicago on September 29. The sessions highlighted the works of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

Ouachita sophomore Karen Temple, an English major from Lonoke, said she became interested in the program after receiving information from OBU while she was still in high school.

"I went to a meeting when I came to Ouachita for orientation," she said. "I was impressed with the goals of the program."

Temple said students are encouraged to teach at some point in their careers, but it is not a prerequisite for the program.

The Pew Younger Scholars Program helps students to achieve a balance between the academic and spiritual parts of their lives, according to Temple.

"When I first came here, I was uncertain about my view," Temple said. "The program familiarized me with material to help me incorporate my views into my academic life. It's how I got to know some of my closest friends, I've also had a chance to know some of the professors."

Temple said the program was beneficial to students in several other ways.

"It is to help students combine their education with Christianity and to help them survive in the academic world," she said. "It helps them achieve a balance."

Honors Program allows for special studies

The Carl Goodson Honors Program offers its participating students an accelerated track in acquiring and polishing skills designed to enhance their mindsets in critically, analytically, and philosophically addressing their world views.

Dr. Carl E. Goodson, professor emeritus of religion, past dean of the Ouachita School of Arts and Sciences, and vice president for academic affairs at Ouachita, was instrumental in getting the honors program started at Ouachita in the late 1960s.

The program has met with continued success in terms of student involvement and goals attained.

Organizers of the honors program point to the benefits of the program in allowing opportunities for studies in special interests, the learning of research and seminar skills useful in graduate study, necessary lifestyles skills, and in scholarships available. The current honors program director is Dr. Scott Duvall, assistant professor of religion at Ouachita.

"Besides preparing students for life in graduate school, the honors program at Ouachita seeks to encourage them to think more critically about the ideas presented to them in educational settings," he said. "They complete the program with the ability to express their world views better. They also learn to take initiative in the educational process."

It is no cakewalk to be a participant in the honors program at Ouachita. Much is expected.

Participants in the program must keep a 3.3 grade point average (out of a possible 4.00 system). Students have one faculty supervised sophomore-level directed study, which allows them to study in-depth subjects which are not normal academic courses at Ouachita. The professor chooses a series of readings and meets

weekly with the student to discuss the material.

Two junior-level interdisciplinary seminars are also required. Usually two departments at the university will lead a seminar each semester. A recent seminar was centered on the theme of "Politics and the Media" taught by Dr. Jeff Root, assistant professor of communications and director of public relations, and Dr. Doug Reed, assistant professor of political science.

When honors students become seniors at Ouachita, they are required to have an "honors thesis" that involves a study of a topic of special interest to the student. It is supervised by a faculty member and is conducted over a period of two to four semesters. Students present the thesis to the other honors students at a Senior Colloquia held in the spring.

The theses are bound and stored in the Riley-Hickingbotham Library on the Ouachita campus.

"The senior thesis is the best preparation for graduate school," Duvall said. "It also is a way for students to study with faculty members on an individual basis. The thesis must be approved by the Honors Council, which consists of faculty and administrative personnel."

Procedure for admission to the honors program involves several steps.

A student can apply after one semester at Ouachita and completion of 15 semester hours, keeping a minimum 3.3 grade point average. After completing an application form and submitting it to Duvall, the student must request two Ouachita faculty to write letters of recommendation and mail them to Duvall.

The students are then interviewed by a faculty committee and by Duvall.

"The faculty involved in the

program develop relationships with students in their free time," Duvall said. "It has succeeded because of their generosity."

The program's social dimension features retreats and trips. The group recently traveled to Fort Worth, Texas to tour cultural and historic sites.

A newsletter was started, Duvall said, in September "devoted to the honors program."

Tonya Beavert, a senior po-

do get a chance to look at issues from different majors' perspectives in the seminars," Beavert said.

Three scholarships are available to the honors student: The Ben Elrod Scholarship, The Carl Goodson Scholarship, and the Honors Council Scholarship. The scholarships are to support students' study programs in the summer before their final year at Ouachita.



"The honors program has definitely been beneficial to me since I've been at

Ouachita. It has pushed me to work harder and think more critically. The students have the chance to cross interdisciplinary paths with professors in the honors seminars, thus getting to know the faculty better." •Tonya Beavert

litical science major from Murfreesboro and participant in the honors program, said students are encouraged to complete the program once they join.

"The honors program has definitely been beneficial to me since I've been at Ouachita," she said. "It has pushed me to work harder and think more critically. It helps students, like me, to integrate the disciplines they study."

"The students have the chance to cross interdisciplinary paths with professors in the honors seminars, thus getting to know the faculty better."

She said the honors program offered excitement to her in confronting views apart from her own.

"The seminars taught me never to let my opinions become complacent and to be open to new ideas," Beavert said. "I listen to both sides and can be more objective about them now. We

"These scholarships allow chosen students to study and travel to different parts of the country and the world," Duvall said. "The faculty members of the Honors Council choose the recipients of the scholarships based on applications the students submit to the Council."

The Ben Elrod Scholarship was given by friends of the president of Ouachita in his honor. This is the highest award given by the Honors Council to the student who is the "outstanding junior participant in the honors program."

The Honors Council Scholarship is given to an outstanding junior participant based on his or her academic enrichment proposal.

The Carl Goodson Scholarship is available to juniors in the honors program from money provided by Dr. Carl and Rozelle Goodson of Arkadelphia.

Campus BRIEFS

◆ The School of Music hosted the annual auditions of the Arkansas National Association of Teachers of Singing on Feb. 23 and 24. There were 15 colleges and universities represented with 222 students and 45 college voice teachers in attendance.

Ouachita students advancing to the final round of auditions numbered 14, which represents 35 percent of the students in the finals. Of the 14 first place winners, Ouachita students won four of these, which represents 32.5 percent of the first place awards.

First place winners from Ouachita were: Leslie Tapson Srygley, in the junior women category, student of Mary Shambarger; Eddie Struble, in the junior men category and in the upper musical theatre category, student of Diana Ellis, formerly of Jon Secrest; and Jolene Zook, in the lower student adult category, student of Steven Garner.

◆ For 41 Ouachita students, the Christmas holiday period brought a heightened awareness of the need for and importance of world missions outreach.

The group and leaders were among more than 3,000 college and university students, sharing a common interest and love for missions, from all over the United States and Canada, who met in Louisville, Ky., December 27-31, for Mission '95, a global missions conference held once every 5 years.

The conference is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention's Baptist Sunday School Board's national student ministry program along with the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission.

"Freedom" theme for CFW

"Freedom" was the theme for the annual Christian Focus Week observance at Ouachita during the week of February 20-24.

The week is sponsored by the Baptist Student Union under the direction of Ian Cosh.

The theme was emphasized by a Bible scripture from Galatians 5:1, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

The featured speaker was Dr. William Turner, currently serving as pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

Activities during the week included:

- daily chapel service
- daily prayer breakfasts sponsored by campus organizations
- International Food Fest



IN CONCERT • Rebecca St. James talks with the audience during her concert. The concert was part of the activities of Christian Focus Week.

• Praise & Worship, led by Greg Cagel, minister of music at First Baptist Church at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

• sacred music concert sponsored by the School of Music

• concert by Rebecca St. James and Sierra.

The week also featured afternoon seminars on a variety of

topics. Leaders included:

• Ellis and Judy Leagans, former missionaries to Columbia and currently missionaries-in-residence at Ouachita

• Mike Lopez, associate director, pro-

gram section, of the international service department at the Foreign Mission Board

• Ouachita faculty including Eddie Ary, Dr. Terry Carter, Dr. Scott Duvall, Dr. Libbi Hamilton, Dr. Keldon Henley, Dr. Dianne King, Kristi Langemeier, Dr. Issac Mwase, Dr. Doug Sonheim, and Dr. Bill Steeger.

MISS OBU



Arrington crowned Miss OBU

Ashley Arrington (third from l.) of Arkadelphia was crowned as Miss Ouachita Baptist University 1995 by Beth Anne Rankin (fourth from l.), Miss Arkansas, at the conclusion of the 29th annual pageant held March 11. Members of the court were (l. to r.) Julie Jones of Camden, fourth runner-up; Rebecca Leach of Fort Smith, first runner-up; Arrington; Rankin; Stephanie Turnage of

Little Rock, third runner-up; and Erin Crumley of Denver, Colo., second runner-up and Miss Congeniality.

Arrington, a sophomore political science and communications major, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mike Arrington. She will represent the university at the annual Miss Arkansas Pageant held this summer in Hot Springs, June 28-July 1.

Heartbeat offers Valentine program for youth groups

Ouachita offered a different Valentine present for youth by sponsoring a program known as "Heartbeat" on Saturday, February 11. The annual program is aimed at junior and senior high school church youth groups from Arkansas and surrounding states.

"Heartbeat" featured an informal Valentine theme dinner at 6 p.m., followed at 7:30 p.m. by a concert by the Ouachita Praise Singers.

David Guinn of West Point, Georgia, president of Action Ministries, was the speaker at the banquet and gave remarks for the concert audience. Guinn is the chaplain for the U.S. Olympic team, a position he has held since 1988.

The Praise Singers are an eight-voice contemporary Christian musical group at Ouachita. They are under the direction of Diana Ellis, instructor of voice in the School of Music.

Blackaby, author of "Experiencing God," speaks during weekly chapel service

Dr. Henry Blackaby of Tulsa, Okla., author of one of modern day Christianity's most studied books, "Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God" spoke December 6 in Jones Performing Arts Center.

Blackaby's appearance was during Ouachita's weekly chapel convocation for students, faculty and staff.

Blackaby is serving on the

staff of the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board in Atlanta, as director of the office of Prayer and Spiritual Awakening.

In his role for the 15-million member convention, Blackaby provides consultive leadership on prayer for revival and spiritual awakening in the life of Southern Baptists. He also serves as consultant to the SBC Foreign

Mission Board and the SBC Sunday School Board on prayer and spiritual awakening for the global revival.

Blackaby's "Experiencing God" book written in 1990 is widely used by churches and other religious organizations around the world as a method of understanding and more effectively relating to God's will in the lives of people and the church.

Publications receive national recognition

The 1994 Ouachitonian yearbook received a Silver Crown award from Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) of New York City at the March meeting of the organization. The Silver Crown award is presented to those publications generally ranking in the top three percent of the total entries received for evaluation.

In a second phase of the CSPA contest, Ouachitonian staff members were awarded 13 Gold Circle Awards. These are given for individual entries in categories covering layout & design and writing. Awards were received in: academic writing, first place; personality profile, second place, certificate of merit; caption

writing, third place; endsheets, first place; student life spread, certificate of merit; sports spread, certificate of merit; academic spread, first place; people spread, first place, second place, certificate of merit; advertising spread, first place; organizations or Greeks spread, first place.

In the CSPA annual critique of college publications, the yearbook received a Medalist Rating, the highest award given by CSPA in its annual critique of college publications. The purpose of this phase is not to compete with other publications, but to provide universities with a detailed review and rating of their publications. Based on the review, All-Columbian honors

were received in concept, design, and photography.

The editor of the 1994 yearbook was Rachael Ward. Dr. Deborah Root serves as the adviser.

The Signal newspaper received a First Place rating by CSPA in the annual critique.

Four Gold Circle Awards were presented to The Signal. These were: single advertisement, second place; text infographics, second place, certificate of merit; and portfolio of work, by Chris Bosen, certificate of merit.

Serving as editors of the newspapers critiqued were Jessica Franks, Mark White and Chris Bosen. Dr. Jeff Root serves as the adviser.

◆ During the season of giving, the seven men's and women's social clubs and the Baptist Student Union joined together to host a Christmas party December 8 for the Clark County Boys & Girls Club.

The organizations provided small gifts, refreshments, and a time of fun and fellowship for the children at the club.

Dr. Elrod served as Santa Claus.

◆ Ouachita hosted an all-day seminar for physicians in southwest Arkansas on March 4. The Southwest Arkansas Physicians Update was designed to provide up-to-date knowledge of various medical disciplines presented by medical experts.

The event was hosted by the Former Students Association and Arkadelphia's Baptist Medical Center, and organized by Dr. Wesley Kluck.

◆ In an effort to extend learning from the classrooms into residence halls, Ouachita has begun programs in the campus student living quarters to further enlarge the "comprehensive educational environment" offered by the university.

The effort is to provide forums in an informal atmosphere where students may address lifestyle questions and at the same time become better acquainted with each other.

The sessions are voluntary in nature and are organized by resident assistants (RAs) in the residence halls. Select faculty and staff have volunteered to serve as resources for some of these activities, according to Dr. Dianne King, coordinator of the program and associate dean of students. Topics range from marriage to preparing for a job interview.



SOUNDS IN CONCERT • The Ouachita Sounds, a select mixed voice showchoir, presented its annual concert January 14. The theme for this year's concert was "Broadway." The showchoir is under the direction of Mrs. Mary Shambarger, professor of music, and Dr. Sim Flora, assistant professor of music.

Wright steps down as volleyball coach, continues teaching

Tona Wright has stepped down from the position of volleyball coach to exclusively pursue her duties at the university as associate professor of health, physical education and recreation.

Athletic Director Bill Vining expressed a mixture of feelings about the decision. "We are happy that Tona will be devoting her energies to academics and administration in the department, but we sure will miss her as a coach," he said. "She has been a valuable asset to the athletic department for 24 years

in being an excellent coach to a large number of young women in the sport of volleyball."

Wright joined the Ouachita faculty in 1971 and established the first varsity women's volleyball program in the institution's history. Since that



time, Wright has led the Lady Tigers to three shared or outright Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championships.

Wright was the first woman coach in AIC history to win two separate women's championships the same academic year.

In the 1988-89 school year, Wright led the Ouachita women's sports of volleyball and tennis to league championships.

She was named National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District 17 Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year on three occasions—1987-88, 1988-89, and 1993-94.

Wright also won accolades from the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference as its Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year in 1986-87, 1988-89, and 1993-94.

Mac Sisson

Arkadelphia recognized for tennis participation

The city of Arkadelphia is among the top 10 cities in the nation with the greatest number of members by density in the Southern Tennis Association (STA), according to Craig Ward, men's tennis coach at Ouachita Baptist University and manager of The Tennis Center.

Arkadelphia has 79 members from a population base of 10,168 listed on the latest STA roll. The city is in 10th place in the category.

"In the last few years, tennis has become a widely accepted individual and family sport in Arkadelphia," Ward said. "We have a good base of support in teaching tennis fundamentals to

all ages, as well as very advanced players. The facilities around the city of Arkadelphia are some of the best of a city of its size in the nation.

Tennis playing athletes from within the ranks of the city have done extremely well in competition across the nation. All that sparks a lot of enthusiasm."

Ward said the acceptance of tennis as a family sport has meant a lot to the growth of the sport.

"It is a great bonding mechanism," he said. "Families get enjoyment in Arkadelphia of having access to both indoor and outdoor facilities, year round. Plus the availability of teaching

professionals to help improve a person's game is certainly a plus to the situation."

The city of Hilton Head, South Carolina heads the STA membership list by density, followed by, in order of members: (2) Greenville, Mississippi; (3) Belton, South Carolina; (4) Hot Springs, Arkansas; (5) Atlanta, Georgia; (6) Rome, Georgia; (7) Jackson, Mississippi; (8) Wilmington, North Carolina; and (9) Columbia, South Carolina.

The STA is part of an alliance of groups supporting tennis on the national and state levels to include the Arkansas Tennis Association and the United States Tennis Association.

NAIA honors Benson at annual dinner



The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics honored Ouachita

football coach Buddy Benson at its annual NAIA-Rawlings Hall of Fame dinner January 8, at the Loews Anatole Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Benson, a native of DeQueen, was honored for his 30 years of head coaching at Ouachita. The dinner was held in conjunction with the American Football Coaches Association's annual convention.

Benson's 30 years as the Tiger's mentor is the longest by any coach in NAIA football history. Counting his days as an assistant coach to Bob Rodgers, Benson has been on the Ouachita campus for 34 years. Former Dallas Cowboy All Pro defensive back and Ouachita graduate Cliff Harris was in attendance at the dinner to honor his collegiate coach.

TIGER TENNIS • Patrik Lofvenberg, a junior from Stockholm, Sweden, practices on the outdoor tennis courts. Lofvenberg is ranked 7th in the NAIA and the team is ranked 8th. Lofvenberg's ranking is the highest of any player in the history of the AIC.



Sports Wrap-Up

Football

Chad Wilkerson of Sherwood, a 6-0, 230-lb. junior linebacker for the Tigers, was one of nine athletes, nationwide, to be named as a 1994 National Association of Intercollegiate Conference Division I Football All-America Scholar-Athlete.

Wilkerson is majoring in biology and chemistry. He was named to the Ouachita Dean's List for his academic performance during the 1994 fall semester.

Maurice Fields of North Little Rock, senior tailback for Ouachita, has been named to the 1994 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Second Team Offensive All-American Football Team.

Along with Fields, four other Tigers, Drew Yoakum, Bo Renshaw, Randy Winters, and Vince Perrin were named to the Honorable Mention Offensive and Defensive Teams.

Men's basketball

Reggie Comeaux has been named as a member of the NAIA Division I All America Honorable Mention Men's Basketball Team for the 1994-95 season.



REBOUND • Frank Paul, a forward for the Tiger basketball team, goes up against a Harding Bison in AIC play. The Tigers finished the season with a 12-16 record.

It marks the second year that the Nimitz High School product has garnered Honorable Mention honors on the national level.

Comeaux was also named to the All AIC Men's Basketball Team. Doug Young received honorable mention recognition.

The Tigers ended the season with a 76-65 loss to Harding University in the first round of the AIC Post-Season Championship Tournament. The team finished the season with a 12-16 record and a sixth place finish in the AIC. The team was coached by Mike Reynolds.

Women's basketball

Jovetta Saylor and Lavinia Young have been named to the All AIC Women's Basketball Team. Receiving honorable mention were Daytra Rogers and Lori Williams.

The Lady Tiger season ended with a one point loss to Lyon College in the first round of the AIC tournament. The team finished the season with a 15-14 overall record. The team was coached by Athletic

Director Bill Vining.

Swim Teams

The Tiger Sharks and Lady Tiger Sharks swimming and diving teams have been named to the College Swimming Coaches Association of America's Academic Swimming Teams list. The Tiger Sharks was the only NAIA men's squad to be recognized by the committee. The Lady Tiger Sharks were one of only two NAIA women's squads to be honored.

At the NAIA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving National Championship Meet held at Simon Fraser BC University, the Tiger Sharks finished ninth and the Lady Tiger Sharks finished 18th.

Head Coach Jim Dann was named the 1995 NAIA National Men's Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year. In his 14th season as head coach at Ouachita, he has amassed a record of 110-35. He was named the New South Intercollegiate Swim League Coach of the Year in 1983, 1985, 1993 and 1994 and has coached a total of 46 All-Americans and three NAIA National Champions.

1995 Football Schedule

TENTATIVE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 2	Southwest Baptist Univ.	Boliver, MO	1:30
9	Northwestern Okla. State Univ.	Arkadelphia	7:00
16	Northeastern Okla. State Univ.	Tahlequah, OK	TBA
23	OPEN		
30*	East Central (Okla.) Univ.	Arkadelphia	7:00
Oct. 7	Southeastern Okla. State Univ.	Durant, OK	TBA
14	Southern Arkansas Univ.	Magnolia	2:30
21	OPEN		
28	UA-Monticello	Arkadelphia	7:00
Nov. 4+	Harding Univ.	Arkadelphia	2:00
11	Arkansas Tech Univ.	Russellville	TBA

*Parents' Day/Preview Day
+Homecoming/Tiger Tunes



David Tate

President
Former Students
Association

I've had several cameras in my lifetime and have had all kinds of experience with underexposure, overexposure and, of course, just the right exposure. The right exposure produced some of the most wonderful pictures and we treasure them to this day. My wife Hazel is more of a picture buff than I and she keeps those pictures coming. We have still pictures and, now, videos with the camera that our church gave us upon my retirement as Minister of Music and Education.

As I thought about the matter of exposure it brought to my mind the fact that five of our six children attended and graduated from Ouachita. You might say, "What's exposure got to do with that?" At the time our children were completing their junior and senior high work we lived in Camden, just 55 miles from Ouachita's campus. Because of the youth program in our church and because of the many opportunities Ouachita afforded for high school students to come to the campus for an enjoyable day, our children got in the habit of going to Ouachita. I think I could say this was the "right exposure" because, it seemed, they just naturally expected to go to Ouachita when they finished high school. We didn't force, cajole or otherwise "push" them toward Ouachita. They evidently just thought this is where you go for your higher education. So they went. By the way, with the large "clan" that we had at our house, they had to make their own way through school. At that time, we were able to provide very little. They all survived and lived to tell about it. They love Ouachita and the many friends they made while getting that great education.

I say all of the above to encourage all of you who love Ouachita to see that your children, other young people with whom you come in contact, or whoever, have an opportunity to be "exposed" to Ouachita, and often! There are so many wonderful events that happen on campus like Tiger Traks, concerts, dramas, homecomings, sports of all kinds, band and choir festivals, etc., that could help young people to feel "at home" at Ouachita. Can you think of a better way than the right amount of exposure?

1995 Homecoming

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Tentative Schedule

Friday, November 3

- 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:00 p.m. Reunion Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Tiger Tunes
- Class Gatherings (by request)
- Homecoming Carnival (following Tiger Tunes)

Saturday, November 4

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. Student Association Fellowships
- Campus Tour
- 11:30 a.m. Alumni Buffet
- 1:30 p.m. Pregame at A. U. Williams Field
- 2:00 p.m. Football Game • Ouachita vs. Harding
- Campus Tour
- 4:30 p.m. Class After-Game Fellowships
- 7:30 p.m. Tiger Tunes

Reunion Groups

'49 '50 '51	'64 '65 '66	'79 '80 '81
'54 '55 '56	'69 '70 '71	'84 '85 '86
'59 '60 '61	'74 '75 '76	'89 '90 '91

Ouachita Reception at the S.B.C.

Tuesday, June 20 • 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Georgia World Congress Center, Room 266, West Concourse Level
All friends of Ouachita are welcome.

New home for the Alumni Office

With the completion of the remodeling of Cone-Bottoms, the Alumni Office has a permanent home again after a year of temporary quarters. The new space is located just off the lobby of the Grant Administration Center, on the first floor of Cone-Bottoms Hall. In this strategic location, the Alumni Office will serve as the reception center for the campus. Guests will be encouraged to visit the Alumni Office as they arrive to receive information or assistance during their visit.

The office suite consists of three rooms: an outer room which is the reception area and office for the alumni secretary, a student work area which is home for the Ouachita

switchboard, and an office for Mrs. Bettie Duke, assistant director of the Tiger Network.

The Alumni Office will continue to serve as the liaison between the university and all of its former students, and will give staff support to the Ouachita Former Students Association. In addition, responsibility for the university switchboard has been assigned to the alumni office, making it a reception center for incoming calls, as well.

The mailing address for the Alumni Office is OBU Box 3762, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71998-0001. The telephone number is 501-245-5506.

Memorial Contributions

November 2, 1994 - February 28, 1995

Adams, Jean
Sister of Paul Root
By: **Dr. Ed and Fran Coulter**
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Harrison, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson
Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wright

Allison, Andy Blake
Son of Charollette and Wade Allison
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Wade Allison**
Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Hank" Wilson

Anthony, Garland "Jiggs"
By: **Mr. James C. Sanders**

Armstrong, Clare H., Jr.
Former Military Science Faculty
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Arnold, Janet Allen
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Cochran, Jr.**

Baine, J. Raymond
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Shuffield**

Barnett, Juanita
Former Staff Librarian
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Berry, John T.
Former Director of Student Aid
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Berryman, James C.
Former Religion Faculty
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Bethea, J. W., Sr.
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Hubert L. Cone**

Black, Martha Virginia
Former English Faculty
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Bowden, Evelyn
Former School of Music Faculty
By: **Mrs. Mamie Ruth Abernathy**
Ms. Caroline Cagle
Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Deese
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod
Miss Margaret E. Gillaspie
Mrs. Annette Hobgood
Dr. and Mrs. Francis McBeth
Dr. and Mrs. Clark W. McCarty & Family
Mrs. Betty McCommas
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pennington

Cantrell, Hugh
Former Religion Faculty
By: **Mr. and Mrs. David Lau**

Cash, Marie
By: **Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cloud**
Mrs. Alma Ferguson

Church, P. C. "Pete"
By: **Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Deese**
Mr. and Mrs. George W. DeLaughter
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Newman, Sr.
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Staggs
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gene Wilbourn

Coulter, Grace Lee
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Shuffield**

Cox, W. E.
By: **Mrs. Mary Frances Waldorff**

Crain, James
By: **Dr. Ed and Fran Coulter**

Crawford, Frances
Former Registrar
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Daniel, John T.
By: **Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod**
Mrs. Annette Hobgood
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pennington
Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wright

Daniel, Thase
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pennington**

Dixon, Roy
By: **Mr. Rick Pruitt**

Donnels, Elliott
Former Education Faculty
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Dryer, J. D.
Father of Fran Coulter
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Hank" Wilson**

Elgi, Mary Jo
By: **Mrs. Elzie Greene**

Elledge, Frances
Former Home Economics Faculty
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Ferguson, William G.
By: **Dr. and Mrs. Trozy R. Barker**
Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Peebles

Fuller, I. B., Jr.
By: **Mr. Nolan W. Crawford**
Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Rose

Gardner, Lois
Former Foreign Language Faculty
By: **Ms. Caroline Cagle**
Mrs. Virginia Cochran
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod
Dr. James W. Hawley, Sr.
Mrs. Corinne W. Haynes
Mrs. Betty McCommas
Mr. Wallace Spencer
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson
Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams

Gates, Orion E.
By: **Mr. John Elrod**

Gault, Joe D.
By: **Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Flaig**

Gillespie, Joe Bill
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Hubert L. Cone**
Mr. George W. DeLaughter
LTC James W. Sanges

Grant, J. Richard
Brother of President Emeritus Daniel R. Grant

By: **Dr. Ed and Fran Coulter**
Dr. and Mrs. Ben E. Elrod
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Flaig
Dr. and Mrs. J. Leland Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones

Mrs. Betty Lile
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson
Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams
Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wright

Grober, Dr. and Mrs. Glendon
By: **Mr. Farris C. Purviance, Jr.**

Hampton, Charles
By: **Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Deese**
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod
Ms. Belinda Whitlock
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wingfield
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wingfield
Mrs. Marjorie Wingfield

Harrison, Linda
By: **Mr. Nelson B. Eubank**

Hatfield, Lawson
By: **Mrs. Juanita Hatfield**

Henry, Johnny
By: **Mr. Rick Pruitt**

Holiman, Fay
Former Humanities Faculty
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Holt, Dennis
Former Drama Faculty
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Hyatt, Effie Clayton
By: **Mrs. Bettye Jane Anderson**

Jackson, David P.
By: **COL David Clark Jackson**

Jones, J. A.
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams**

Kirskey, Pam
By: **Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell**
Dr. Ed and Fran Coulter
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod
Rev. Greg Kirksey
Mr. Rick Pruitt

Lavin, Dorothy
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Hubert L. Cone**

Lawless, Mary Alice
By: **Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cloud**

Lindsey, Henry
Former Academic Dean
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Luck, James R.
By: **Mr. Alvis B. Carpenter**

Magness, Dan
By: **Mr. Rick Pruitt**

McCarty, John
Son of Dr. and Mrs. Clark McCarty
By: **Dr. and Mrs. Mike Arrington**
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson

McMenis, Freeman
By: **Maple Avenue Baptist Church, Smackover, AR**

McSwain, Marvin
By: **Mr. Nolan W. Crawford**

Middlebrooks, Lillian
By: **Ms. Ruth S. Prather**

Mitchell, Virginia
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pennington**

Moore, Russell
By: **Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell**

Murphree, C. C.
Father of Tom Murphree
By: **Dr. Aileen Kemp**

Nelson, Lowell
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cochran, Jr.**
Mr. and Mrs. George W. DeLaughter
Mrs. Maxine B. Kemp
Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Morrison
Dr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor

Nelson, Neil
By: **Mr. Nelson B. Eubank**

Osburn, David
By: **Mr. Rick Pruitt**

Parker, James Redger
By: **Mrs. Mary Ellen Boatright**

Pearce, Charles, Jr.
By: **Ms. JoAnn Jones**

Pennington, Curtis E.
By: **Mrs. Myrtice Pennington**

Phelps, Helen
Wife of Former President Ralph Phelps
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Phillips, Bill
By: **Mr. Rick Pruitt**

Ranchino, Jim
Former Political Science Faculty
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Riley, Bob
Former Political Science Faculty
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Roach, R. M.
By: **Mrs. Connetta S. Roach**

Roberts, William H.
By: **Mr. Nelson B. Eubank**

Rowe, Jack C.
By: **Mr. Alvis Carpenter**

Rudolph, Gene
Former Speech Faculty
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Scoggins, Mary
By: **Mrs. Betty Lile**

Shreve, Shirley Joplin
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams**

Shults, Victoria
Mother of Donna Sisson
By: **Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Hank" Wilson**

Simmons, Erma
Former English Faculty
By: **Mrs. Betty McCommas**

Sitzes, Kathy
By: **Southwestern District Dietetic Association**

continued on page 18

Class Notes

1914

In October, **Dr. W. O. Taylor** observed his 104th birthday with a reception at Melbourne First Baptist Church. Dr. Taylor, co-founder of Southern Baptist College (now Williams Baptist) in Walnut Ridge, is the oldest living minister in the Southern Baptist Convention.

1933

Katye Russell, twice retired, lives in North Little Rock. She taught at Amity, Sparkman, Fordyce, and 28 years at North Little Rock High School. She retired in 1974. UCA called her out of retirement to serve as yearbook sponsor and instructor in yearbook production in 1979. She retired again in 1981.

1936

Marie (Braden) Whitten (fs) recently became an Honorary Rotarian. The designation is rare and has been conferred on only a few women. It is the Rotary's highest honor. She has been

involved with Rotary since 1947 when her husband, **Dr. Dolphus Whitten**, was inducted into the organization.

Neill Strong McCaskill recently held an exhibit of his paintings at Ouachita. He became interested in art while a student at Ouachita and later began studying with Charles Richardson, who was on faculty there. Following his graduation in 1936, McCaskill taught mechanical drawing at Sparkman and Arkadelphia High Schools before receiving his draft notice for World War II. Before reporting, he was asked to go to work at Arkansas A&M (now University of Arkansas-Monticello) to teach engineering drawing, a job that included a deferment from the draft.

When the job ended, he went to work for the Navy at Shumaker Naval Ammunition Depot near Camden, where rockets were made. He worked as an engineer drafting sketches for work that needed to be done. In 1960, the McCaskills moved to New Mexico where he was in charge of the physical plant at Eastern New Mexico University. From there, they moved on to Flagstaff, AZ, where he worked at Northern Arizona

University. While at NAU, he met Stephen Juharos, a native of Hungary, and studied art with him.

Upon his retirement in 1972, the McCaskills moved back to Manchester community, outside of Arkadelphia, where they had grown up. He says his "studio" is a workshop out back, unheated so he paints in warm weather and hibernates during cold weather. McCaskill says that he paints "only when the spirit moves him," does not paint on commission, and only occasionally sells his paintings.

1937

Dr. Weldon and Frances Hudgins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary February 10 with a reception at St. James Catholic Church in Searcy. Dr. Hudgins is a retired dentist.

1939

Marie (Elmore) Bray has been elected president of the Shriner's

Institute Auxiliary in Galveston, TX. She and her husband, Wayne, are retired and live in Hitchcock, TX.

1940

Dr. H. E. Williams has published a book, entitled *Rainbows Come When It Rains*, an autobiographical account of how Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge began in 1941 and its development in the years since. Dr. Williams, co-founder of the college and president emeritus, served as president until 1973. The college's name was changed from Southern to Williams Baptist in his honor in 1991.

1942

Thelma (Crutchfield) Rice (fs) and husband, Rep. W. R. "Bud" Rice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 2 with a reception at Waldron (AR) First Baptist Church. They are the parents of four children: **Fran (Rice) Chisum (fs '70)**, **C. Jalene (Rice) DeVorak ('67)**, Larry and Terry. They have nine

Memorial Contributions

continued from page 17

Slayter, Vera
By: Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sutley

Swilley, Monroe
By: Mrs. Willia Adams
Mrs. Monroe Swilley

Taylor, Norma
By: Mr. Nelson B. Eubank

Terry, A. William
By: Dr. Everett Slavens

Turner, Josephine Clements
By: Mr. Alvis B. Carpenter

Waldorff, David
By: Mrs. Mary Frances Waldorff

Walker, Joe W.
By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams

Wetherington, A. B.
Former Education Faculty
By: Mrs. Betty McCommas

Williams, S. A., Jr.
By: Mr. Nelson B. Eubank

Winburn, Gladys Durrett
By: Mr. Farris C. Purviance, Jr.

Woodall, Lula
By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams

Wright, Maude
Former Education Faculty
By: Mrs. Betty McCommas

Young, Virginia S.
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

In Honor Of

Mrs. Carole P. Bellar
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Benton, Sr.
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mrs. Willmer R. Berry
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Clark, Sr.
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Davis
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. George W. "Dub"
DeLaughter
By: LTC James W. Sanges

Dr. and Mrs. Marion Doucet
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Eaton, Sr.
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod
By: Dr. and Mrs. Carl B. Ramsey, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory S. Freeman
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mrs. Edward E. Fulgham
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. David P. Garner, Jr.
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Dr. Andrew A. Hall
By: Dr. and Mrs. Stan Savage

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamilton
By: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Ward

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Harls, II
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Ms. Mary Margaret Haynes
By: Miss Johnnie M. Coleman

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Heflin, Jr.
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Jordan, Sr.
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. R. Christopher Lawson
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Ms. Eliza Hyatt Lee
By: Mrs. Bettye Jane Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mayton
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mrs. Herbert H. McAdams, II
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mrs. Betty McCommas
By: Mrs. Dorothy D. Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden McLory
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Dr. and Mrs. Burton A. Moore
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mrs. Betty Oliver
By: Pulaski County Family &
Community Education Council
- Executive Committee

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Orr
By: Mrs. Nancy Lee Hayley

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Pruet
By: Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hall

CPT and Mrs. Ralph E. Saunders
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. "Ike" Sharp
By: Dr. and Mrs. Carl B. Ramsey, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Spivey
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Ms. Nelle Stewart
By: Mrs. Bettye Jane Anderson

Dr. W. O. Taylor
By: Mrs. Bettye Jane Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vining, Sr.
By: Dr. and Mrs. Carl B. Ramsey, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry C. Walsh
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whittle, Sr.
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mrs. Linda Darling Williams
By: Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Darling

Mr. and Mrs. Max C. Williams
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Worley
By: Mr. Delaney Todd Bagwell

grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

1943

Fern (Winford) Kafka and husband, James, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 22 in Paris, AR. They are very active in their church and community. Last year, they received the Golden Harvest Award in recognition of many years of service to others. They have two daughters, Georgann Sunderland and Carolyn Huber.

In November, **D. C. McAtee** was honored at Forrest City (AR) First Baptist Church with a "Bro. Mac Day" on the 54th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. He was presented with a leather keepsake book of letters and photographs. Rev. McAtee died March 7.

1944

B. L. and Jessie Dorman (fs) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 11 with a reception at their home in Casa, AR. Rev. Dorman retired in 1990 after 54 years in the ministry. His last pastorate was at Petit Jean (AR) First Baptist Church. The Dormans have one daughter, Sharon Osbourn, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Doris (Smith) Beeson (fs) was honored in November with a reception at Hillside Baptist Church in Camden, AR in recognition of her 35 years of service as church organist. Mrs. Beeson is the widow of Travis Beeson and mother of **Bobbi Shepherd ('72)** and **Travis "Gordon" Beeson ('79)**.

According to a letter from Rev. Jim Phillips, he had to put his wife **Ruth (Henning) Phillips** into the New London (CT) Convalescent Home last August because of her debilitation due to Alzheimer's disease. He stated that Ruth often spoke fondly of her days at Ouachita and would surely want to be remembered to her many friends from her college days. He lives in Hamden, Connecticut.

1946

J. M. "Jimmy" Shults, widower of **Victoria (Brown, '46)**, was recognized last fall in a dedication ceremony by the new Polish Baptist Seminary in Radosc, Poland. Mr. Shults' latest gift to the seminary was given in memory of his late wife and will be used to buy a

printing press for the Baptist Union. The press will print newspapers, publicity materials, Bible studies and church-related items.

Shults said he had wanted to do something for Poland since World War II when he was cared for by two Polish nurses after he suffered severe frostbite while being marched by German soldiers to a prison camp.

Shults' four children are all Ouachita graduates: **Sherry McCord ('69)**, **Donna Sisson ('70)**, **Vicky Ann Morgan ('73)** and **Jim Shults ('78)**.

1950

James and Joyce (Noel, fs) Crittenden have retired and are living in Beaumont, TX. Jim sold his company, Tri-Con, Inc., in 1992 and she retired in 1990 as an academic counselor.

Charles Tope is presently working in crusade ministry with Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He and his wife, LaVerne, live in College Station, TX.

Dr. John McClanahan announced his retirement effective January 29, 1995, as pastor of First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, AR. He had served as pastor there for 29 years.

1951

Since his retirement in 1991 from the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, **Roy Adams** has served on contract with the Stewardship and Capital Funding Department. He fully retired at the end of 1994. He and his wife, **Alline (Smith, '46)**, live in Goodrich, MI.

Johnny Jackson, Sr. is serving as interim pastor of Betheny Baptist Church in North Little Rock, as well as a member of the Sites and Building Committee of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, GA, trustee of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Committee, sec-treas. for the Arkansas Baptist Evangelists, a member of the Advisory Committee for Mid-America Baptist Seminary in Memphis, and a member of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas. He and his wife, Carleene, live in Little Rock.

Dorothy (Reed) Rapert of Pocahontas (AR) retired at the end of the 1993-94 school year after 29 years teaching. She is active in Pocahontas First Baptist Church, in the Northeast Arkansas Chorale, the American Cancer Society, the Fine Arts Council and the local woman's club.

1952

In October, **Harold Diffie (fs)** began his 28th year as pastor of New London Baptist Church in Strong, AR. One of the oldest churches in Arkansas, it was organized in 1843. Diffie and his wife, Gloria, live in El Dorado.

Billy Hicks has received several awards recently, including being listed in 1992-93 Who's Who in American Education and had a book published in 1994. He is a retired coach and teacher and he and his wife, Anna, live in Arkadelphia, AR.

Glenn Hickey announced his retirement in December as Director of Missions for the Pulaski Association of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, a position he has held for 12 years. Prior to becoming DOM, Dr. Hickey served in pastoral positions in Texas and Arkansas. In 1964, he and his wife, **Dorothy (Thomerson)**, were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to serve in Recife, Brazil, where they both taught in the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary. The Hickeys live in Little Rock and have one grown son, **Dan (fs '79)**.

1955

Alfred R. Cullum is serving as pastor of Joiner (AR) Baptist Church. He is living in Memphis, TN.

1956

Charles Baker has been named executive vice president for Financial and Critical Support Services for the Baptist Memorial Health Care System in Memphis. His areas of responsibility will include serving as a trustee on the boards of the support services, human resources, medical financial services,

pastoral care and finance.

Dr. Fred and Betty (Brawner) Spann were honored for their service on the mission field upon their retirement in November. The Spanns began their mission service in 1962 to Brazil. Dr. Spann was director of the department of sacred music at North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Recife and served as pastor of Forte Baptist Church. Mrs. Spann served as a church and home worker and taught childhood education at the Seminary.

Lynwood Henderson is serving as interim pastor for Fordyce (AR) First Baptist Church. He retired in 1986 after 35 years in pastoral ministry and he and his wife, Lorene, are living in Almyra, AR.

1957

Dr. James K. Brewer was named associate dean for research and service in the College of Education at Florida State University. He was also named Visiting Lecturer in Statistics by the Committee of Presidents Statistical Societies for 1994-95. He and his wife, **Mary Beth (Routon)**, live in Tallahassee.

Dr. Barbara Holt, after spending the past 20 years as a professor at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, has returned to Arkadelphia where she will be employed as the new Clark County extension agent for home economics.

1958

Thurman Braughton is the church planting facilitator for Mindanao-Visayas with the Philippines Baptist Convention. He and his wife, **Katie (Blount, fs '59)** live in Davao City and have four grown children: Joel, Daniel,

Continued on page 20



SENIOR DINNER • Diane (Cato) Williamson shares with the senior class her memories of Ouachita during the Senior Dinner sponsored by the Former Students Association.

Class Notes

Continued from page 19

Carol ('85) and Samuel.

Janice (Shepherd) Lambert resigned from Texas State Guard in July 1994 with seventeen years of service. She became a member of the TSG while working for Grayson County College. Janice has served as company commander and later became the Secretary of the General Staff. At the time of her retirement, she had the recognition of being first woman to serve on the General Staff, first to become a full colonel and first to receive the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal. She was the highest decorated female in the Texas State Guard. Janice is married to Major General Maurice Lambert and they live in Fort Worth, TX.

1960

LTC Jerry Mize is currently serving as Post Chaplain at The Presidio of San Francisco.

Gene and Mary (Hutto, '59) Weatherly live in Annapolis MD, where Gene is pastor of South Shore Baptist Church in Crownsville, a suburb of Annapolis. Mary plans to retire in July

after thirty-five years as a home economics teacher. She has taught all of those 35 years in the same school, Southern Senior High School. Gene also is currently serving on the General Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware. They are looking forward to the birth of their first grandchild in April.

1961

Bob Duffer recently received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Golden Gate Seminary. His wife, **June (Zimmerman, fs)** is director of the Kona Baptist Keikiland in Kailua-Kona, HI, a weekday child care facility.

Gene Love lives in Lawton, OK where he has served for the past four years as Oklahoma Transportation Commissioner.

Glenn Hollis lives in Cumberland, North Carolina, where he is the district manager for USPA and IRA, a worldwide financial programming organization.

1962

Rosemary (Langley) Bell and

husband **Scott** live in Searcy, AR where Rosemary teaches elementary music at Deener Elementary School. She also serves as pianist for Searcy First Baptist Church, a member of the Music Education National Conference, the P.E.O. and the Searcy Beethoven Club.

Ted and Mary (Ridgell) Stanton are Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in Venezuela. They are currently home on furlough until October 1, 1995, and can be contacted at 15 Brookview, Little Rock, AR 72209; phone number (501) 562-2714.

James "Terry" Wofford (fs) served ten months last year with the U.S. Army during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He received a bronze star medal from the 3rd Armored Division while serving in Saudi Arabia. He and his wife, **Comealia**, live in Montgomery (AL) where he is employed by the Federal Highway Administration as a highway engineer.

1963

Mandy (Lollar) Anderson is currently teaching third grade at Keswick Christian School in St. Petersburg, FL. She and her husband, **Larry**, live in Largo and have one grown daughter, **Eliza**.

Thomas Niemeyer retired in 1992 after 27 years in teaching. He is now coaching a women's softball at Florissant Valley Community College in Florissant, MO. He and his wife, **Dorothy**, live in Lake St. Louis, MO, and have one grown daughter, **Laura**.

E. Jody Gannaway became pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Dermott, AR in August, having previously served as pastor at Glenwood First Baptist. Jody had previously served as Temple's pastor from 1962-1970 so this was like moving home. Jody and his wife, **Meverine**, have five grown children: **Rhonda, Karen, Tonda, Keith** and **Jonathan**, and ten grandchildren.

Ray Fleet (fs) and his wife, **Ruby**, were honored in November by the South Baptist Foreign Mission Board upon their retirement from the mission field. They began their missionary service in 1964 in Brazil. He was the religious education promotor in Recife and directed the religious education department at North Brazil Baptist Seminary. From 1985-94, he was professor of religious education and music at a seminary in Sao Paulo.

1964

Ruby (Hawthorn) Swanigan lives

in Pine Bluff (AR) where she is employed as a science teacher in the Pine Bluff School District. She also is employed as an adjunct psychology instructor for the Pines Technical College in Pine Bluff and Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. She and her husband, **Richard**, have four children: **GyElla (current OBU student)**, **LaVona**, **Nolan** and **Nancy**.

Wendy (Beard) Carter has retired after 30 years as a public school teacher. She taught first grade for the past 26 years. The last 23 years were in Camden, AR in the Fairview School District. She also writes scripts and "manages" a group of puppets for the Cullendale First Baptist Church.

Shirley (Passmore) Wells retired at the end of the 1994 school year after teaching home economics at Osceola (AR) Public Schools for the past 30 years.

Richard "David" Wilhelm retired from active military duty as a Colonel with the Texas National Guard on September 1, 1994. He and his wife, **Peggy Lynn (Pegg, fs '63)** currently live in Little Rock, AR.

Don and **Vivian Tallison** recently retired as Southern Baptist home missionaries, following 23 years of service in Alaska. The last seven years were spent in Nome where Don served as a chaplain to both the Nome prison and hospital. They are presently living in Prattville, AR, and can be contacted at Route 1, Box 85, Prattville, 72129 or (501) 669-5001.

1965

Jim Thrash retired last year after a 27-year USAF career as an Air Force pilot with assignments all over the world, including Vietnam, Japan, Thailand, Central America, Middle East, Europe and Africa. During his entire military career, he continued to preach and even pastored several church bivocationally. Since retiring from the Air Force, he has been pastoring Friendship Baptist Church, an English-language church in Hanau, Germany, ministering to the U.S. military personnel, English-speaking expatriates and their families. He and his wife, **Carol** live in Langensfeld, Germany, and they have three children and three grandchildren.

1966

Dr. Tommy and Susan (Ritter) Cunningham live in West Memphis, AR where Tommy serves as pastor of First



RUSH PARTIES • Senior Tiffeny Thompson performs in the patriotic party of the EEE Women's Social Club during spring rush. The rush week activities were followed by a week of induction.

Baptist Church. Susan is an administrative assistant to the vice president at Mid-America Baptist Seminary in Memphis. Tommy also serves on the board of trustees for the Baptist Hospital in Memphis and teaches at Mid-America Baptist Seminary. The Cunninghams have two children, **Tommy IV ('91)** and **Rebecca** (who has completed her freshman year at OBU).

1967

Mary Ann (Briscoe) Campbell, owner and president of Money Magic, Inc. in Little Rock, has been appointed to the White House Conference on Small Business which will be held in June 1995. As a member of the conference, she will join a panel of business leaders from across the country who will identify small business issues and recommend solutions to their small business problems.

James Fowler and his wife, Cecile, live in Sanford, FL, where he is chairman of the Board of Directors for the Noah's Ark Child Care Center. They attend First Baptist Church in Longwood, FL, where he teaches Sunday School and is an active deacon.

Roy Allen Parker began his ministry as pastor of Beech Street First Baptist Church in Texarkana, AR, on January 15, 1995. He and his wife, Laura, moved to Texarkana from Baytown, TX.

1968

Rose Anne (Davis) Adams lives in Mount Ida, AR, with her husband, Mike. She is in her nineteenth year of elementary education. She taught for 18 years and is now working as an aide "with hopes of getting a classroom again." When she was a student at Ouachita, she says she was the 30th-plus member of her mother's family (**Ruth Meador Davis, '38**) to attend Ouachita. She also states that she never dreamed when she was a student in Dr. Paul Root's classroom thirty years ago that she would someday marry his nephew. She and Mike were married January 1, 1993. They each had two children: Mike and Brian Wooldridge and Neil and **Amy Michelle (current student)**.

1969

David Kersh was honored recently as Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Education Service Center,

Region 20, a 14-county area in South Central Texas. He teaches sixth grade at Tafolla Middle School in the San Antonio School District.

Nita (Nicholson) Redmond has taught music and choir in the Dallas Independent School District since 1975. She is currently directing the Mesquite (TX) All-City Boys Choir and plays the french horn in the Dallas Comerata Woodwind Quintet. She and her husband, Glenn, live in Dallas and have one son, Ross, 11.

Janice (Buffalo) Gooch lives in Marianna, AR, with husband, Jim. For the past four years, she has been the Extension home economist for St. Francis County. Jim is the Lee County Extension Agent.

1970

Ron Collins has been named senior vice president at the Arkansas State Bank in Clarksville, AR. Prior to joining ASB, he was employed by the Bank of Prescott from 1972 to 1986. He then moved to Clarksville where he worked for the Farmers Bank & Trust. He and his wife, **Diane (Ring, '72)**, have two sons, Nick and Jeremy.

Jim Edge has been teaching chemistry at Catholic High School for Boys in Little Rock for the past seventeen years. His wife, **Brenda (Wages, '69)** is a comptroller at American Interplex Corporation in Little Rock. The Edges have two children **Karon (current student)** and Scott.

Larry Sherman resigned his position with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Sunday School department in October after ten years of service in order to reenter the local church ministry. He and his wife, Gwen, live in Jacksonville (AR) and have two children, **Robby ('93)** and **Terl (current student)**.

1971

Marvin Peters, director of missions for North Pulaski Association in North Little Rock, was named "PACT Consultant of the Year" during a recent home missions conference at Glorieta (NM) Conference Center.

PACT (Project Assistance for Church in Transition) recognized Peters for his work as a consultant last year in which he helped three congregations develop a new vision for the future. Marvin and his wife, **Pam (Rainbow, fs '70)** live in North Little Rock and have two children: Kevin and Stacy.

Claudia (Morgan) Griffin is now

plant manager of Hyponex Corporation in Cresson, Texas, southwest of Fort Worth. Her husband, **James**, is director of Industry and Business Services at Red River Technical College in Hope, AR. The Griffins have two daughters, Michelle, a senior physics major at Rice University, and Pam, a junior accounting major at Louisiana Tech.

1972

Dr. Roslin Williams-Dixon was recently appointed head of the Educational Foundations and Leadership Department at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, LA.

David and Paula (Cline, '76) Werner live in Stockbridge, GA, with their two children: Stephanie 15 and David 13-1/2. David is a CW4 in the Army, stationed at Fort Gillam, GA, and works at the criminal investigation laboratory as a forensic. Paula is a civilian employee with the Dept. of the Army at Fort McPherson.

1973

Gwynn (Teal) Carpenter retired after seventeen years of teaching and coaching and began a new career in real estate in Austin, TX.

Raymond Hanley, president of the National Association for Medicaid Directors, has been named to the National Honor Society of 1994 Profiles of Achievement by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. He lives in Little Rock where he is employed by the State Department of Human Services.

Sharon Otwell received her doctor of education degree in Instruction and Curriculum Leadership from the University of Memphis in the summer of 1994. She is currently teaching in the North Little Rock School District.

Rob and Kathy (Thomas) Hester live in Arlington, TX. Rob is a toll network analyzer for GTE and Kathy is a service representative for Southwestern Bell Telephone. They are active in Tate Springs Baptist Church where Rob is a deacon and president of the adult choir. The Hesters have three children, **Rebecca (current student)**, William Jr., and Benjamin.

1974

Linda (Johnson) Bruns lives in North Little Rock with her husband, Keith, and sons, Nate and Joshua. She is a substitute teacher at Central

Arkansas Christian High School and Keith is a manager with Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Debbie Moore serves as a missionary in West Africa. She is currently on furlough until May 1995 and is working on her master's degree at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth.

Kathy (Bittle) Potts teaches Kindergarten at Northeast Elementary School in East Baton Rouge Parish, LA. The school was recognized by the National Education Department as a "Blue Ribbon School," an outstanding school in the United States. She and her husband, Warren, live in Greenwell Springs, LA, and have two children: Meghan Ann and Micah Edward.

1975

Rev. Gary Rothwell has been promoted to lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Army Reserve. He is pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Richmond, CA, and also serves as hospital chaplain for the 352-D Evacuation Hospital in Oakland.

Dr. Larry and **Martha (Lancaster) Reeder** have moved from Batesville, MS to Harrison, AR where he has joined the staff of Harrison First Baptist Church as minister of music. They have two daughters, April and Samantha.

1976

Bob and Neva (Purvis) Robertson have moved to King Cove, Alaska. Neva is no longer teaching and is a full time mom to their two sons, Eric and Stuart.

1977

Mary Marshall serves as a board member for the Arkansas Tennis Association and is the local league coordinator for the USTA Tennis League. She is very active in statewide tennis tournaments and is currently ranked #1 in Women's Over-40 Doubles. She currently lives in Batesville, AR, where she is a public accountant.

Randy Sims gave the keynote address and served as chairman of the first Furst Conference of the Kirchman Corporation held in October in Orlando, FL. The conference is a group of 500 bankers who focus on improving operating efficiency while providing superior customer service. Randy is the senior executive vice president of

Continued on page 22

PROFILE ·

**Randy Biggs
Charles Roady · '89**



A year after graduating from Ouachita, Randy Biggs and Charles Roady joined the high school

coaching staff at Frederick, Okla. The two former Tigers coached their team to the Class 3A State Championship in 1993 & 1994. Not only are the two coaching together, but they married sisters, K. K. (Roady) and Jill (Biggs).

Continued from page 21

the First National Bank in Conway, AR. He and his wife, **Pam (Sorrells)** have five children: Joshua 17, Rebekah 14, Rachel 10, John 8 and Daniel 3.

1978

Tom Calhoon was promoted to president and chief operating officer at Merchants and Planters Bank of Arkadelphia. He had served as the bank's executive vice president since 1991.

Thomas McCone is serving as minister of music and family life at First Baptist Church in Booneville, AR.

Rhonda (Sealy) Thigpen was named Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year for 1994. She is volleyball coach at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. Her teams have won the GSC regular season championship in each of the first two years they have been a member. Rhonda was named Arkansas Gazette's Overall Coach of the Year in 1989-90 and AIC Coach of the Year for 1991 and 1992. Rhonda's husband, Dr. David Thigpen, is the head girls basketball coach at Henderson. They have one son, Zane 4.

Randy Thomas traveled to Wales in September 1994 on a mission trip through the Partnership Evangelism and First Baptist Church in Owasso, OK. He has been employed by Educational Systems Products of Tulsa since 1990, after teaching in community colleges for twelve years. Randy and **Susan (Porter)** live in Collinsville, OK, and

have two children: Sarah Jayne and Lori Beth.

Stefan and Melissa (Stroud, fs '78) Eubanks are living in Rogers, where he is teaching at Benton County Christian School. The Eubanks have two children: Kate 9, and Ben 6.

1979

Tim Goodson, a senior medical student at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, has been awarded a Joseph and Carolyn Tenenbaum Charitable Trust Fund Scholarship for 1994-95.

Vicki (Lowry) Haydon is co-chair of the International Fuel Tax Agreement Audit Committee and will become chairperson in 1995. She is senior exterior auditor with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and lives in Alexander, AR, with husband, Jon and twin sons, Jon Robert and Michael Thomas, 5.

Ken and Cathy (Parker) Marshall live in Mena, AR, where Ken is principal at Mena Middle School and Cathy teaches home ec. They have two children: Leah 13, and Aaron 8.

Carol (Cannedy) Dalby became assistant district attorney in the prosecutor's office of Bowie County, Texas, in February 1995. She is responsible for cases relating to civil rights. Carol and husband, John, live in Texarkana and have a two-year old son, Robert Cannedy.

1980

Steve and Gigi (Peters)

Bradshaw live in Hope with daughters, Jessica and Rebecca Alicia. Steve is the principal for Garland Elementary School. Gigi has taught kindergarten in the Hope Public Schools for the past 15 years. She was recently inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary service sorority for teachers.

Lewis Shepherd has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Merchants & Planters Bank of Arkadelphia. He is director of TRIO Programs at Ouachita and serves as pastor of New Haven Baptist Church in Camden, AR.

1981

Janet (Summerlin) Cowan is teaching kindergarten at William Jefferson Clinton Elementary School in North Little Rock, AR. Her daughter Carly Elizabeth is in kindergarten.

Kenneth Locke enrolled in the master of divinity program at Princeton (NJ) Theological Seminary. He and wife, Elizabeth, moved to New Jersey from Radford, VA, where he was campus lay minister for the Radford Presbyterian Church.

Tony Singer has been promoted to senior national accounts management representative for Pennzoil Products Company. His responsibilities include the management of the \$400 million national account department and trade show coordinator for national accounts. He lives in Houston, TX.

1982

Joe and **Lisa (Moore) Jett** live in Success, AR, with sons, Andy 10 and Logan 7. Joe is the owner and operator of Success Farms, Inc. and Lisa works during tax season for **J. Michael Vinson ('79)**, CPA in Corning.

Linda (Robinson) King was recently appointed math coordinator for K-6 in Van Buren, AR. She and husband, Allen, have two children: Jennifer 7 and Lawrence "Allen" III, 3.

Donna (Moffatt) Sasser is the physical therapist for a hospital-based home health agency through the Medical Park Hospital in Hope, AR. Husband, Scott, is youth minister at Hope FBC. They have two daughters, Carl 2, and Sadie, born in August 1994.

David and Susan (Morgan) Hill are living in Benton, AR, where David is an electronics technician for Arkla Gas. Susan was an elementary school teacher but is now staying home with two-year old son, David "Aaron."

Irby Burgess began January 8 as pastor of Glenwood First Baptist Church. He previously served as pastor of Cord (AR) First Baptist Church. He and his wife, Susanne, have two children: Christopher and Sarah.

1983

Kim (Duke) Huckabee resigned her job as state administrator for Radio Choice, Inc. in March 1994 to enter private practice in Arkadelphia as a speech pathologist. Husband, **Sammy (fs '88)** is a psychological examiner at Dawson Educational Co-Op. Sammy is director of the family ministry program for the Red River Baptist Association. They have two sons: Stephen 7 and Alexander 2.

Terri Eileen Ridgeway (fs) received her master of arts degree in religious education in December from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Nadyne Wood Aikman (MSE) was recently designated as one of the exemplary educators in the state of Arkansas. These five were among 150 educators in 30 states who were honored at award banquets in their respective state and will receive financial awards of \$25,000 each. Nadyne is a teacher at Moody Elementary School in White Hall, AR.

Gene Whisenhunt was recently named senior vice president and chief accounting officer with TCBY Enterprises, Inc., in Little Rock. Gene and his wife, Kathy, have three children: Haley 5, Mary Katherine 3-1/2 and Jared 2.

Ken Shaddox began serving December 4 as pastor of Fordyce (AR) FBC, going there from Grace Baptist in Camden where he was pastor for six years. He and his wife, **Judy (Wright) '84)**, have one daughter, **Laura Grace**.

Joe Dan Reed is the Director of Planned Giving with the Oklahoma Health System Foundation, Inc. in Edmond, OK. Last year he married Susan Fryer and adopted her two children, Amanda 10 and Michael 8. Susan is the office manager for the law firm of Teague & Stout in Edmond.

1984

Mary Chambers is a residential counselor at the Arkansas School for Math and Sciences in Hot Springs and is also a captain in the Army Reserve.

Tim Knight has been named chairman of the department of biology at Ouachita, succeeding **Kenneth Sandlin** who retired. He has been on faculty

Class Notes

currently serves as professor of biology. Tim and Tracy (Biggs, fs), have two children, Ashley 6 and Caleb 4.

Wayne and Susan Beth (Monroe) currently live in Little Rock where she is employed as a music teacher at Victory Baptist Elementary School in Sherwood and also gives private piano lessons.

Tammy (Showalter) Walker and husband, Barry, were commissioned in August by the Foreign Mission Board. After a seven-week orientation in Roanoke, Virginia, they left for Japan where Barry will start and develop churches and they both will be involved in outreach ministries.

Susan (Allred) Elliott and her husband, Sam, live in Little Rock. He is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Michael Consumer Products. Susan returned to her job as senior accountant with Howland & Norris, CPA's following a six-month maternity leave to have their first child, Seth.

Dr. Bob Johnson operates Samaritan Counseling, a family therapy service, in Rushville, MO. His wife, Vernice, is a social worker. After receiving degrees in pastoral ministry and psychology from Ouachita, Bob earned an MA in counseling from Northeast Louisiana State, and a master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Midwestern Seminary. He also serves as pastor of the Lewis and Clark Baptist Church in Rushville.

1986

Glenda (McCarty) Owsley and husband, Steve, currently live in Colorado Springs. Glenda works at Focus on the Family as a correspondence assistant.

Brian and Becki Bunch live in Morrilton (AR) where Brian is an assistant football and head track coach at Morrilton High School.

1987

Scott Bradley was recently transferred to Houston (TX) by Texaco, Inc. His new job will be in the Qualified Plans Unit of the Human Resources Department, which administers Texaco's thrift-savings and retirement-pension plans.

Rhonda (Gross) Joyner is living in Philadelphia, Mississippi, with her husband, Patrick. She stays at home with their 20-month old son, William

Dawson, and gives private music lessons. Recently, Rhonda became the Acteens director and assistant pianist at First Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

Steve and Lisy Murdock were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries in a December 13 commissioning service at Colonial Heights Baptist Church in Virginia. They will live in Peru where Steve will work in discipleship and leadership training in churches. Since 1992, the Murdocks have been Home Mission Board church planters in Kansas City, KS, where he was pastor of Hope Baptist Hispanic Mission. The Murdocks have one son, Alex Denar.

Keith Smith is serving as pastor at Caddo Valley Baptist Church near Arkadelphia, AR. He moved from Hope Baptist Church in Yoakum, TX. He and his wife, Renae, also served as relief houseparents at the Baptist Children's Home in nearby Beeville. The Smiths have a grown son, Matthew.

David and Alexa (Hall, fs) Paschall live in Mesquite where David is an attorney with the law firm of Goins, Underkoffler, Crawford & Langdon in Dallas. Alexa is staying home with their first child, Julia, who was born November 4, 1993.

1988

Richard and Rachel (Bostian) Engebrecht are at home in Clarksville, AR. Richard is a nuclear chemist for Entergy at the Arkansas Nuclear One in Russellville and Rachel is an adjunct biology instructor at Arkansas Tech.

Paul Smith earned his doctor of philosophy degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary in December.

Sean Seligman has been named head baseball coach at Fort Pierce (FL) Westwood High School. He currently lives in Jensen Beach, FL.

Tim and Beth (Owens, '89) Ferguson moved in February to Japan, where Tim is stationed with the Air Force.

1989

Chris and Michelle (Crockett) Turner live in Millington, TN. Chris completed his master of arts degree in communications at Southwestern Seminary in 1992 and is now sports editor for the Millington Star newspaper. Michelle works for a State Farm agency in Memphis.

Mike and Kecia (Stuart) Sandusky are living in Lewiston, Idaho,

where Mike is the Baptist Student Ministries director at Lewis-Clark State College. Kecia is teaching the first and second grades at Shiloh Christian Schools. They are Mission Service Corps volunteers.

Stephanie (Hartsfield) Wells has moved to Fayetteville, NC, where her husband, Kevin, is a special forces medic in the Army. Prior to the move, Stephanie was a public-school speech therapist in San Antonio, TX.

Shelly (Parker) Gentry is a budget specialist accountant for St. Vincent's Infirmary. She and her husband, Lee, live in Little Rock where he is a senior accountant for CARTI.

1990

Antonio McElroy received his master of divinity from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville during their December commencement.

Gary Johnson has been hired by the City of Hope, AR, to be in charge of a new museum and tourist information center, which will be located in the renovated train depot.

Darrell Potts has formed his own advertising company in Little Rock. It is called AdWorks Concepts & Design and specializes in retail advertising.

Cindy (Baldwin) White is currently serving as associate pastor at First Baptist Church in Lima, Ohio. She was ordained to the pastoral ministry on May 22, 1994.

David and Shelly (Parsel, '91) Harris live in Springdale, AR, with eight-month old daughter, Rachel Elizabeth. David is a lab supervisor for Den-Tech Chemicals Company while Shelly is working on her master's degree at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Jodi (Strother) Gilbert graduated from UALR School of Law in Spring of 1994 and has joined her parents, Lane and Judy (Cook) Strother ('67), in their law practice in Mountain Home, AR.

1991

Tommy Cunningham is a first lieutenant in the Army stationed at Fort Hood. He and wife, Alesheia (Calhoun, '93) live in Killeen, TX.

Anita Murdock is associate pastor for children and students at Milledgeville (GA) First Baptist Church.

Keith Sangilli was recently transferred to the property claims department as a claims adjuster for USAA Insurance Company. He and

wife, Cindy (Billings, '90) live in San Antonio, TX.

At the December commencement at Southwestern Seminary, the following Ouachita graduates received their degrees: John Fimple, master of divinity; Stuart and Melissa (Nesbit) Whitlow, master of arts in religious education.

Ambrose Nyangao (fs) is pastoring Parklands Baptist Church in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa.

DaLynne Reed-Horner is a substance abuse counselor for the Sixth Judicial District S.T.E.P. (Supervised Treatment & Education Program) Court in Little Rock.

1992

Derek Alexander lives in Little Rock where he is a financial accountant for Stephens, Inc.

Ouachita graduates who received degrees during the December commencements at the following universities or seminaries: Southwestern Seminary, Alex Ennes and Jeffrey Todd Woodall, master of arts degrees in religious education; New Orleans Seminary, Leigh Ann Woodford, master of arts degree in Christian education; Henderson State, Karla (Chenault) Neathery, master of science in elementary school administration; and Darren Scott Spainhour, master of science degree in physical education.

Christi Freel has a signed a publishing and production contract with Magnatone Music Publishing Company in Nashville, TN. Christi's producer, Brian Maher, is the producer who discovered and produced all of the Judds records, as well as Kathy Mattea, Shelby Lynne and Kenny Rogers.

Michael and Christy (Burlison) Oliver are living in Rowlett, TX. After passing the CPA exam, Michael is working for Deloitte and Touche, LLP, in Dallas, and hopes to obtain his C.F.P. within the next couple of years. Christy has accepted a speech pathologist position with the Commerce (TX) Independent School District.

Last fall, Lon Vining returned to Arkadelphia following his two-year term of service in Tanzania where he served as a youth advisor for a 300-church association and worked with local youth. He is currently serving as youth minister for Pine Bluff First Baptist Church. He recently married Amanda Boyle on December 3, 1994.

Donna (Wilson) Walls is in her second year of dental school at the

Continued on page 24

Class Notes

Continued from page 23
University of Oklahoma Medical Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. Her husband, Rob, is attending occupational therapy school at the University of Oklahoma.

1993

Jay Parrack (fs), was recently honored by the Gospel Music Association with the Favorite Horizon Individual Award, given each year to a new singer in southern gospel music. Jay sings tenor with Gold City, a gospel group.

1994

Jerry Cound has been named to the National Honor Society of 1994 Profiles of Achievement by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. Jerry is the Little Rock YMCA health and fitness director.

Dayna Crawley is working as a computer animator for Electronic Graphics and Design, Inc. in Irving, TX. The company creates and produces television commercials and lead-ins for TV programs. Their work has been shown in Canada, Mexico and Europe, as well as throughout the United States.

Former Faculty-Staff

Former dorm mom, **Martha Burleson**, is not in good health. If you wish to write her a note, she can be reached at West Markham Retirement Center, 10905 West Markham, Little Rock, AR 72211 or (501) 228-7734.

MARRIAGES

1961

Judy Jones to **Ralph Williams, Jr.**, May 21, 1994, Key West, FL.

1981

Tara (Carter) to **Kevin Kelley**, October 1994, Lees Summit, MO.

1983

Joe Dan Reed to **Susan Fryer**, April 16, 1994, Edmond, OK.
Nancy Jo Rodgers to **Ronald E. Copeland**, September 4, 1994, Carrollton, TX.

Mary Jane Lowman to **Michael Terrill Luter**, September 10, 1994, Cabot, AR.

Deanne Leigh Duce (fs) to **Dr. Patrick Morris Hatfield**, November 5,

1995, Oahu, Hawaii.

1984

Susan Beth Monroe to **Robert Wayne Fluharty**, November 25, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

1986

Brian Bunch to **Becki Balch**, May 28, 1994, Morrilton, AR.

Patti McQueen to **Dan Hickam**, November 23, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

Anita Rene Brown to **Paul Richard Goodson**, February 14, 1995, Little Rock, AR.

1988

Melody Ann Betts to **Harrison G. Sims, III**, April 10, 1994, Charleston, SC.

Mark S. Lloyd to **Martha Elizabeth Primm**, November 5, 1994, Camden, AR.

Mitzi Michelle Belew to **David Michael Pollard**, December 17, 1994, Beebe, AR.

1989

Sarah Brattain to **J. Brendan Schaefer**, May 29, 1994, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.

Lee Gentry to **Shelly Parker**, June 11, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

Stephanie Hartsfield to **Kevin Wells**, December 17, 1994.

1990

Cindy Baldwin to **Robert J. White, III**, June 4, 1994.

Jamie Sue Coffelt to **David Wayne Smith**, July 23, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

Darrall Potts to **Teena Jester (fs '93)**, Little Rock, March 2, 1994.

1991

Wendy Carole Ratcliff to **Michael Shawn Welch**, November 5, 1994, Texarkana, TX.

David M. Green (fs) to **Pamela Janski**, September 10, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR.

Lesli Carolyn Vickers to **Mark Anthony Mayner**, December 26, 1994, Eureka Springs, AR.

Tanya Sollis to **Marty Spiva**, February 18, 1995, Hot Springs, AR.

1992

Catherine Claire Setliff to **John**

Stephen Dawson, August 6, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

Sandra Corbell to **Eric "Thad" Bishop**, August 30, 1994, Ashdown, AR.

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

Alonzo "Lon" Vining to **Amanda Boyle**, December 3, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR.

Richard "Brett" Williamson to **Stephanie Lynn Giles**, December 3, 1994, Mabelvale, AR.

1993

Tammy Lynn Harper to **Gregory Corwyn Downs**, December 3, 1994, North Little Rock, AR.

1994

Andrea Kristin Suggs to **Daryl Wayne Kinchen**, July 16, 1994, Benton, AR.

Robin Renee Thomas to **Mark Bratton**, August 6, 1994, Gurdon, AR.

Timothy Krohn to **Cindy Sandlin**, November 5, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR.

Jay C. Srygley to **Leslie M. Tapson (current)**, November 19, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR.

Christy Ann Cowling to **William Todd Wallace**, December 18, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR.

April Elizabeth Gosser to **Jeffrey Scott Weeks**, December 17, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

BIRTHS

1978

Jim and Melanie (Moore, fs '79) Rothwell, daughter **Mary Christine**, February 4, 1995. Big brother is **Stephen Logan**, 3.

Nick and Dana (Woods) Adams, daughter **Leanna Beth**, November 18, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

1980

Mike and Ginger Townsend, son **Matthew Aden**, December 28, 1994, Little Rock, AR. Welcomed by brother **Christopher**, 2.

1982

Scott and Donna (Moffatt) Sasser, daughter **Sadie Virginia**, August 18, 1994, Hope, AR. Joins big sister, **Carli Rae**, 2.

Bill and Dona (Stark) Bush, daughter, **Molly Elizabeth**, December

18, 1994, Dallas, TX. Welcomed by big brother **Caleb**, 3-1/2.

1983

Don and Barbara (Smith, '82) Blackmore, daughter **Katelyn Joy**, October 12, 1994. She was welcomed by big sisters, **Allison**, **Meagan** and **Anna**.

Gerald "Gary" and Becky Harvey, son **Seth Andrew**, November 1, 1994, Russellville, AR.

1984

Keiji and Chie (Mika Fujimaru, fs) Fjuimoto, daughter **Natsuki**, May 17, 1994, Horie, Urayosu, Japan.

David and Kristy Mosley, daughter **Hope Elizabeth**, October 10, 1994, Camden, AR.

1985

Sam and Susan (Allred) Elliott, son **Samuel Seth**, July 25, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

1986

Dave and Teri Daily, daughter **Emma Grace**, January 11, 1995, Chapel Hill, NC.

Keldon and Celeste Henley, son **Grayson Robert**, January 20, 1995, Arkadelphia, AR. Welcomed home by sister, **Annelise**, 3.

Ric and Shannon Dubois', son **Ren Jarrett**, January 3, 1995, Arlington, TX.

1988

Scott and Pam (Davis) Westberg, daughter **Stephanie Michelle**, November 27, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR. She joins brother, **Stephen Michael**, 2-1/2.

1989

John and Gina (Ratcliff, '88) Moore, son **John Andrew**, November 28, 1994, El Dorado, AR.

Andy and Susan (Shell, '91) Allison, daughter **Anna Caroline**, September 28, 1994, Falls Church, VA. Joins brother, **John Robert**, 2.

Jon "Gary" and Norma (Spencer) Powell, daughter **Grace Elizabeth**, November 19, 1994, Forrest City, AR. Welcomed by sister, **Emily**, 2-1/2.

1990

Todd and Jodi (Strother) Gilbert,

Class Notes

son Logan "Buck", July 15, 1994.

Welcomed by brother, Jake.

Doug and Kiki (Schleiff) Cherry, daughter Anna Elizabeth, August 20, 1994, Hugo, OK.

David and Shelly (Parsel, '81) Harris, daughter Rachel Elizabeth, March 14, 1994, Springdale, AR.

1991

Greg and Jamie (Frazier) Rucker, daughter Reagan Emily, December 13, 1994, Bowling Green, KY.

Keith and Cindy (Billings, '90) Sangalli, son Benjamin Shawn, June 22, 1994, Joins big brother, Garrett Sharp, 1-1/2.

1992

Dale and Toni (Hinch) Blackwell, daughter Olivia Allison, December 9, 1993, Little Rock, AR.

Kyle and Rebekah (Kinney, '93) Hollaway, daughter Moriah Nicole, October 28, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

Current Students

Richard and Lisa Mencer, daughter Elizabeth Nicole, October 31, 1994, Benton, AR.

Faculty/Staff

Dave and Adria Ozmun, daughter Anna Priscilla, March 28, 1995, Knoxville, TN. Welcomed by brother Neal and sister Janet. Dave is assistant an professor of communications. He spent the 1994-95 academic year working toward his doctorate at the University of Tennessee.

DEATHS

1923

Mary (Cannon) Scoggins, January 17, 1995, Texarkana, AR.

Josephine (Rowell) Hanna, February 19, 1995, El Dorado, AR.

Roy L. Johnson, February 13, 1995, Portland, OR.

1928

Mary Jo (Keeling) Egli, November 26, 1994, Albuquerque, NM.

1930

John Raymond "Ray" Baine,

December 9, 1994, Leesburg, VA.

1931

Grace (Reeder) Coulter, November 21, 1994, Nashville, AR.
David Noel Dale, June 18, 1994, Houston, TX.

1933

Raymond Culp, September 4, 1994, Chickasha, OK.

1934

Virginia Anne (Epes) Burkett (fs), February 1995, Searcy, AR.

1936

Ruth (Vick) Dull, December 20, 1994, North Little Rock, AR.

1940

Rev. James L. Bloomer, received notice of death on November 9, 1994.

Rev. Kyle Lawrence, December 5, 1994, Henrietta, TX.

Joseph F. "Joe Bill" Gillespie, December 11, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

1941

Lowell E. Nelson, November 14, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR.

1943

Delbert C. McAtee, March 7, 1995, Forrest City, AR.

James "Redger" Parker (fs), November 17, 1994, Cotter, AR.

Joyce (Whitten) Baker, notified

February 1995, Memphis, TN.

1944

Charles A. Hampton, January 31, 1995, Arkadelphia, AR.

1946

Herbert Stinson Sparler, August 3, 1994, Fayetteville, AR.

1948

Sherman T. Rawls, December 10, 1994, Conroe, TX.

1949

John H. Baw, August 25, 1994, North Little Rock, AR.

William "Willie" G. Ferguson, November 29, 1994, Amarillo, TX.

P. C. "Pete" Church, December 4, 1994, Little Rock, AR.

1950

Thomas D. Webb, December 27, 1994, Cabot, AR.

1952

Dr. Thomas Dean Hill, November 13, 1994, Union, MS.

1953

Estella Rickman (fs), notified December 1994, Fort Smith, AR.

1954

Mary Ellen (Salmon) Edmondson, notified March 1995,

Piedmont, AL.

1955

Shirley (Joplin) Shreve, September 9, 1994, Hatfield, AR.

1959

Mary (Dunnivant) Brady, November 18, 1994, North Little Rock, AR.

1962

Sylvia "Chris" (Price) Bryan, March 26, 1995, Alpharetta, GA.

Franklin Lowe, notified November 1994, Kennett, MO.

Idelle McKinney Jordan, January 16, 1995, Warren, AR.

1965

John McCarty (fs), October 18, 1994, Arkadelphia, AR.

1976

Pamela (Pruitt) Kirksey (fs), December 20, 1994, Benton, AR.

1982

Carl B. "Bee" Ramsey Jr., March 5, 1995, Pontiac, MD.

Former Faculty/Staff

Lois Gardner, former associate professor of French and Spanish at Ouachita, January 25, 1995, Russellville, AR.

COMING HOME • Former residents of Cone-Bottoms dormitory gather on the steps following the dedication of the facility as the university's new administration building.



The Financial ADVISER

Ouachita Baptist University • Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71998 • Spring 1995



John Cloud
DIRECTOR OF
ESTATE AND
GIFT PLANNING

In the last issue of *The Ouachita Circle* I included information about using Charitable Remainder Trusts to protect retirement investments. Subsequent to that article's appearance I received a similar article in a major planned giving publication and attended a presentation about the topic from an insurance professional.

In short, the IRA and Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) is a popular duo, and for good reason. Income taxes, estate taxes, and excise taxes together may reduce a retirement account by seventy percent or more before anything reaches the children. By using a CRT, a person may save income and estate taxes, provide as much or more to family members as with a straight IRA transfer, and assure a significant endowment gift for Ouachita at some point in the future.

Currently only the testamentary (at death) transfer of IRA assets to a CRT avoids the huge income tax liability that usually accompanies a withdrawal of IRA assets. Thus at death a surviving spouse may transfer his or her IRA to a CRT and provide payments to children for up to twenty years. With this transfer comes a total eradication of income taxes (could easily be over forty percent) and a significant reduction in estate taxes.

Another option is to name a surviving spouse as the CRT beneficiary and use second-to-die insurance to provide a tax-free death benefit to children. As with any long-range planning tool, those who are interested must have pertinent information in order to choose what best fits their situation.

I encourage you to explore your options because there really is nothing to lose and so much to gain. Give me a call at (501) 245-5169 and I will be more than glad to illustrate how a CRT might help you accomplish your goals.

Do you need a new will?

If you had a choice, making a will might be the last thing you'd do. We don't like to be reminded of our mortality.

But you know this doesn't make sense. So when should you make or change your will? Should you await old age, a serious illness, or a trip around the world?

While these are all good reasons, they don't begin to cover the important events throughout your lifetime that your will should address—for the sake of those you love most.

Important at Any Age

Whatever your age or net worth, making or updating a will is driven by key personal circumstances.

■ You're young and single.

Perhaps you have prized possessions, an inheritance, or employee benefits. Your will and estate plan let you decide who will share these assets in the event of your untimely death.

■ You're single, any age. Whether you were never married or you're divorced or widowed, without a proper will your estate will be distributed under state law. Relatives you don't care about may share your estate—instead of individuals and institutions you want to help.

■ You marry. Unless you have a current will, your surviving spouse may receive only a third or a half of your estate, depending upon state law.

■ You remarry. Make a new will promptly, determining how your estate will be divided among your new spouse and other beneficiaries. If you want to limit each other's inheritance rights under state law, make an agreement before you remarry.

■ You have children, whether a first child, an adopted child, or children of more than one marriage. A child's financial benefits and support depend on the terms of your will. Perhaps a trust is needed, too. If any are minors, you can name their guardian.

■ You want to save taxes. As your net worth grows, make sure your will and other plans take advantage of strategies designed to minimize estate taxes (tax rates are 37% to 55% or higher).

■ You want to help us. You can achieve a special kind of immortality by a bequest that supports our good work after your lifetime. You can give a dollar amount, specific property, or a share of the estate residue or trust remainder.

The information in this publication is not intended as legal advice. For legal advice, please consult an attorney.



DOWN BY THE RIVERFRONT • The Katie Speer Pavilion, located on the riverfront just down from Evans Student Center, is blanketed in an early February snow.

Make your life insurance work harder

*I'm not saying that I have a lot of life insurance
-but when I go, the insurance company goes.*

Jack Benny

Jack Benny didn't need all that coverage, but what about you?

The answer depends on your net worth and your personal situation. If you're still building your estate and you have a young family, you may need to keep your life insurance for your children's financial protection until they leave the nest and you have sufficient investments and pension benefits to protect your spouse. On the other hand, you may have outgrown your need for insurance coverage. It's time to consider what you should do with your policies.

Whatever your circumstances, a charitable contribution of life insurance offers you tax savings and other practical advantages. The following discussion centers around two approaches - your retaining insurance policies versus giving them to Ouachita.

If You Want to Keep Your Policies

Perhaps you still need your life insurance for your own or your family's security. By all means this comes first. But there are ways you can safeguard your personal requirements and remember us, too.

● **Primary beneficiary.** You can name us as beneficiary but retain ownership of policies because of their cash value.

● **Contingent beneficiary.** You can make us the

contingent beneficiary of your insurance, to receive the proceeds in the event your primary beneficiary predeceases you.

● **Trust plan.** You can create a trust which will receive policy proceeds and invest them for your family's support after your lifetime. When that need is satisfied, the trust remainder can be paid to us, as directed by the terms of the trust.

● **Annuity plan.** You may be able to elect a supplementary contract as settlement of some of your policies at retirement, providing an annuity for yourself and then naming us as the residual beneficiary.

These plans don't entitle you to an income tax deduction, but they let you retain the policies for personal reasons while making a welcome and sizable commitment to our support. And proceeds payable to us after your lifetime won't be subject to federal estate tax.

Replace a Major Gift With Life Insurance

Assume you want to make a sizable contribution to us but don't want to reduce the assets you leave to your family.

A good way to resolve this dilemma is to make the donation and, to replace it, simultaneously purchase a life insurance policy payable to your individual beneficiaries. Your tax savings resulting from the charitable deduction may be enough to cover the

policy premium.

These savings can be augmented if you contribute long-term appreciated securities or real estate to us. In addition to your deduction for the property's full present fair market value, you avoid any capital gains tax on the appreciation.

Should you decide to choose one of our life income plans, part of your increased income can also be used to pay the insurance premium.

If your estate is taxable, it's unnecessary to replace the donated asset dollar-for-dollar by insurance. Lesser coverage may be enough to restore the after-tax value of an inheritance.

Another possibility: let the beneficiary or an insurance trust own the policy, to exclude it from your taxable estate.

Save Money by Donating Policies

Now let's assume you have sufficient assets and pension benefits, and you're willing to contribute one or more old and unneeded life insurance policies to Ouachita.

This is another cost-effective strategy that magnifies a gift to us.

● **Income tax savings.** In most states, you get an income tax charitable deduction when you itemize deductions and name us beneficiary of a policy and irrevocably assign to us all incidents of ownership.*

If you contribute a fully

paid-up policy, generally your deduction is the policy's replacement cost. If premiums remain to be paid, generally your deduction is slightly above its cash surrender value. (In either case, your deduction can't exceed your investment in the policy.)

● **Premiums still due.** If a policy isn't paid up, you're not obligated to continue paying the annual premiums after you contribute the policy to us. If you don't pay them, we may decide to (1) pay the premiums and eventually receive the policy's full face amount; (2) receive a paid-up policy on which no further premiums are payable; or (3) surrender the policy for its cash value.

If you continue to pay the premiums, they qualify as a charitable deduction. You can pay the premiums directly to the insurer or by periodic gifts to us to cover our cost of maintaining the insurance in force.

Magnify Your Gift at Minimal Cost

Life insurance can enable you to make a larger contribution at a lesser cost. We'll help you and your insurance advisor determine the best approach.

For a free copy of our booklet *How You Benefit by Giving Life Insurance*, return the enclosed reply card.

*No income, gift, or estate tax charitable deduction is allowed if the charitable organization does not have an insurable interest in the donor under state law. Ask us to check this.

Thrifty ideas for younger donors

If you're a long way from retirement and your current financial needs are paramount, you may feel that a large philanthropic gift is out of the question.

We understand. At this stage of your career, you must put dollars away for your own security. Much as you might like to make a significant contribution, it seems impossible.

But surprisingly, there are prudent strategies that stretch smaller dollars into a sizable future gift.

You Can Be a Philanthropist, Too

These appealing ideas are offered for your thoughtful consideration.

■ **Life insurance.** If you're like many others actively pursuing a successful career, life insurance may be your most important asset. We can review with you a number of easy ways to safeguard your personal needs and remember us, too, without added cost. For example, if your employer provides group life insurance, you can name us as one of your beneficiaries.

■ **Bequest in your will.** By means of a brief codicil to your will, you can bequeath a gift of money, property, or share of your estate's residue or trust remainder.

■ **Deferred employee benefits.** Quite likely you have some form of deferred compensation, such as pension or profit-sharing benefits, a 401(k) plan, or stock options, to satisfy your retirement needs. Why not name us as one of the beneficiaries after your lifetime?

■ **Deferred payment gift annuity.** Where available, this is an excellent way to supplement other retirement plans. You fund the annuity by a contribution now, securing an immediate income tax charitable deduction. Later you will receive a guaranteed life income, starting at any date you choose. Ultimately, the remaining principal goes to our support. (Check with us to find out if this option is available to you.)

■ **Retirement unitrust.** If you're a high earner in the 40-to-60 age bracket, a retirement unitrust with multiple-year funding is a smart way to create your own retirement plan.

Example: Roger, age 45, decides to contribute \$10,000 a year for the next 20 years to a unitrust, to be invested primarily for growth. Because this charitable remainder trust is tax-exempt, the trustee can invest and reinvest free of capital gains taxes. At retirement, Roger will receive payments each year based on the value of trust assets, trust earnings, and the payout rate he selected.

Each year you contribute to a unitrust, you get an income tax charitable deduction for part of the current value of your gift. If desired, you can contribute appreciated securities to your unitrust. After your lifetime and that of any surviving beneficiary you name, the trust remainder is paid to us for our vital purposes.

Ask our representative for details about these thrifty ways to make a significant contribution without short-changing your own security.

Wealth Replacement Trust - A true-to-life example

Virginia, a 55-year-old widow, would like to make a major charitable gift, but she cannot afford to reduce her own income. Moreover, she does not want to deprive her son, David, of his inheritance, especially since a childhood accident left him unemployable.

After a thorough review of her circumstances with a close advisor, Virginia creates two trusts: Trust #1 is a charitable remainder trust; trust #2 is an irrevocable life insurance trust. Each is in the amount of \$250,000.

Trust #1 will pay Virginia an annuity of \$17,500 per year for life (7% of \$250,000). She funds the trust with stock she now owns that currently yields an annual dividend of only \$5,000 (a 2% yield). After her lifetime, the remaining trust principal will be paid to Virginia's favorite charitable organization.

To fund trust #2, Virginia transfers cash to the trustee who purchases insurance on her life totaling \$250,000. At her death the trustee will collect the proceeds, invest them, and use the income and principal to support David. Each year, Virginia will add enough money to the trust to cover the premium. She gives David the right to withdraw each year's addition to the trust, though he does not intend to do so. (This power may not be limited by oral or written agreement.)

This plan enables Virginia to achieve all of her financial and philanthropic goals. She preserves assets to care for her son yet assures a major charitable donation. She is entitled to a substantial income tax deduction. The anticipated tax savings offset the premium on the new insurance policy. She avoids both gift and estate taxes on the assets of both trusts. And she increases her income by \$12,500 a year.

Your Cup Runneth Over

You, too, may reap such benefits from a wealth replacement strategy, plus you'll feel the personal satisfaction of making a gift to a worthwhile cause.

Virginia's Plan in Summary				
Trust Number	Size	Asset	Current Beneficiary	Beneficiary After Virginia's Lifetime
One	\$250,000	Stock	Virginia	Charitable Organization
Two	\$250,000	Insurance	David	David



Ouachita Baptist University

ALUMNI TRADITIONS

1. CAP Purple embroidery on white wool, fitted sizes 6 7/8 - 7 7/8...\$18.99
2. SWEATSHIRT Purple w/white and gold embroidery and lettering. L-XXL...\$39.99
3. T-SHIRT Hunter green or Slate blue w/gold embroidered lettering. M-XXL...\$21.99
4. ALUMNI T-SHIRT Navy w/school seal. L-XXL...\$14.99
5. LASERCRAFT WOODEN PENCIL HOLDER Oak or walnut...\$13.99
6. UMBRELLA Purple and gold w/school seal. Folding...\$15.99 Sports...\$23.99
7. ALUMNI MUG Black w/white lettering...\$6.99
8. GEAR T-SHIRT Grey w/purple and gold lettering. L-XXL...\$15.99
9. WINDOW DECAL STRIP...\$1.39

Send, Fax or call your order to:

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE

Ouachita Baptist University

Evans Student Center, Box 3778, Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001

Telephone: 501/245-5298 Fax: 501/245-5164

Please add \$3.00 for Shipping and Handling, Arkansas residents add 6.5% sales tax.

Checks payable to University Bookstore

From the Archives



1952 · Members of the newly-organized Boys Student Government included James Wilson, Glaris Johnson, Bob Eubanks and Bill Williams.

Share The Best of Life!

TO: Director of Admissions Counseling
Ouachita Baptist University

FROM: _____
name

_____ address

Listed below are high school students
who may be interested in Ouachita.
Please contact them.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Grade _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Grade _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Grade _____

Return this form to:
Director of Admissions Counseling
Ouachita Baptist University
410 Ouachita Street
P.O. Box 3776
Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001

We want you in Class Notes

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

The
OUACHITA CIRCLE
The Alumni Magazine of Ouachita Baptist University
Arkadelphia, AR Spring, 1995

Ouachita Baptist University
Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71998-0001

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Nonprofit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Arkadelphia, AR
71998-0001
Permit No. 34