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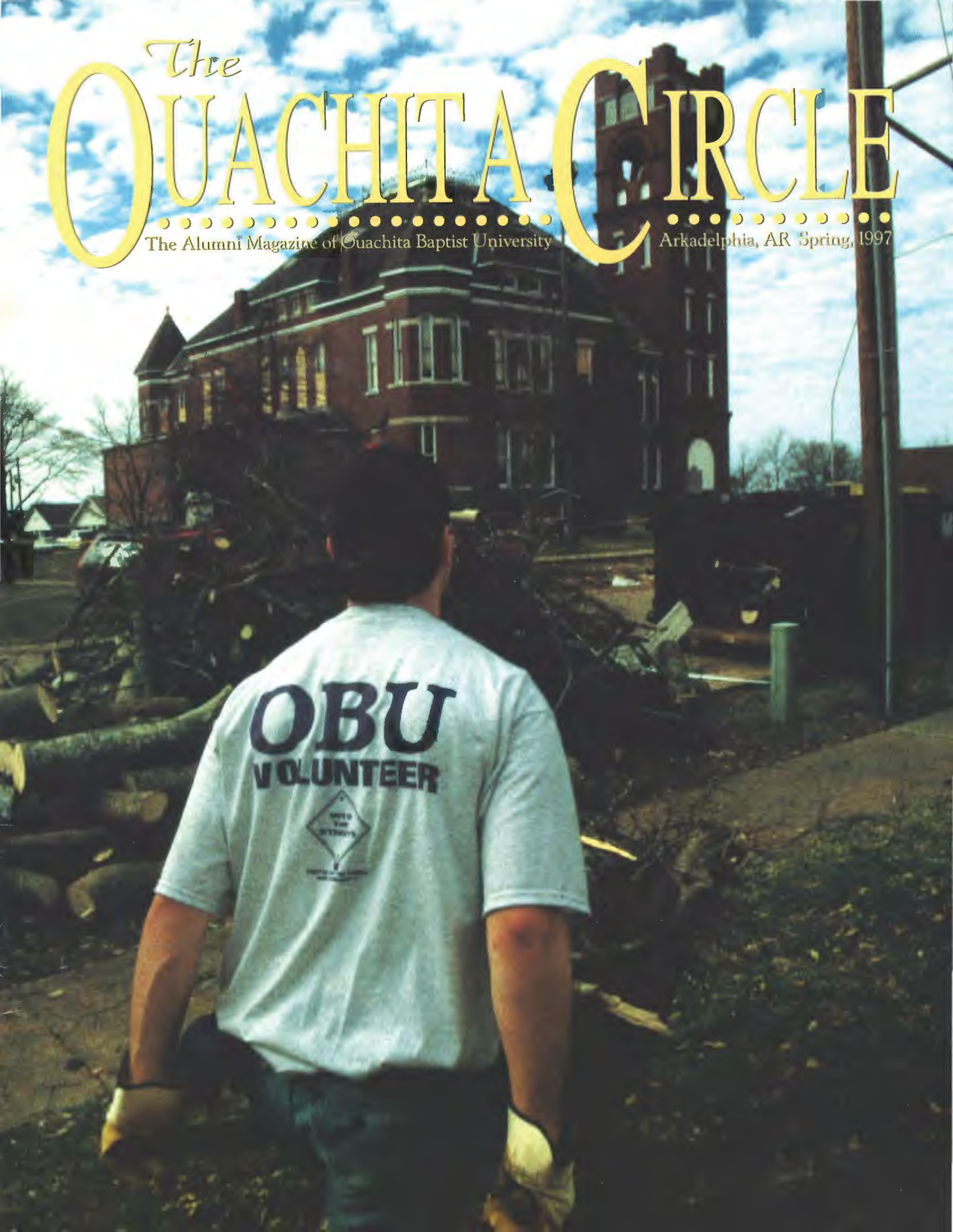
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The Alumni Magazine of Ouachita Baptist University

Arkadelphia, AR Spring, 1997





A Word from the President ...

It is difficult to think of spring at Ouachita without referring to the tornado which swept through our town on **March 1**. I have never been more deeply hurt for my chosen city of **residence**, nor more proud of the Ouachita family. The city was devastated **by destruction**, injury, and death. For all practical purposes, **the southern half** of our lovely, little city was destroyed. The human **misery and suffering** exceeded the material loss which was astronomical.

Our students, **faculty**, and staff literally poured out into the streets immediately **following the disaster**. They wielded chainsaws, carried limbs and **billets**, cleared streets, rescued people who were trapped, helped **transfer all the residents** of a nursing home, and generally aided in every **way possible**. They continued to do so, especially on Friday when we **released them from classes** to work over a long weekend on behalf of hurting people.

The city officials were requested by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to keep a total of volunteer hours worked, a figure which is used in the formula to determine the amount of disaster aid provided by federal and state governments. As I am writing this article, the Ouachita family has reported over 7,000 hours of volunteer work. There are countless other hours which have been worked, but not reported. I think you can understand why I am so proud of our Ouachita family.

Some of our institutional family members suffered damage to their property, and Ouachita had minimal damages to the roofs of apartment buildings off campus and two or three buildings on campus. Generally speaking, the tornado lifted and veered to the northeast just after it hit the last street south of the campus. We were extremely fortunate. Explaining such events is futile and foolish. We are majoring on what we do know, and that is that a loving God has made himself manifest to our city in the way that he ordinarily shows himself to human beings on this earth. He has used the hands and hearts of men, women, boys, and girls to do his work in Arkadelphia following the storm, and through them he has lifted, comforted, and loved those who were bowed and broken by this tragic event. Thank you for your prayers and all your expressions of concern and support.

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Family and Community

Teaching, research and service have forever been the universal values embraced by universities, and the continual process of improving these areas requires a great deal of dedication and funding.

Driven by community and family needs, Ouachita Baptist University is making a concentrated effort to focus on building the service value of the institution. With the recent attainment of a W. K. Kellogg pilot grant for \$82,175, Ouachita has begun a Center for Family and Community.

"Our goal is to draw together the many resources of the university to better serve the community," said Ian Cosh, director of the new Center for the Family and Community.

The Center for Family and Community, located in Evans Student Center, serves as a clearinghouse and facilitator of service in an effort to maximize the efficiency of service from the University to the surrounding Clark County area.

"Service is a value that Ouachita has had for many years," Cosh remarked. "We are not saying that this is a new idea, rather we want to revisit the whole issue and see how it may be improved, just as we might do with the teaching or research of our institution. I believe we are also at an advantage to other institutions because service is

basic to our Christian foundation."

From the mission statement of the Center the purpose is to "serve humankind through the educational experience. In particular, concepts such as volunteerism, service learning, research, outreach, and instruction will be promoted." Providing leadership through the faculty, staff, and students, the Center seeks to strengthen the family and community.



MUSIC ACTIVITY • Ouachita students lead a group of elementary children in song and choreography in preparation for a program for parents during the spring break enrichment camp in Arkadelphia.

Project goals include:

- * Supporting public service initiatives in the public and church arenas
- * equipping students to become community leaders
- * support and coordination of leadership of university resources
- * publicizing public service efforts
- * promoting volunteerism as vital to active citizenship
- * promoting interdisciplinary studies that benefit the family and community
- * providing an instructional door for the community to relate to the

university, and

* promoting non-credit courses that will benefit the community.

"The concept is sound, worthy, and honorable and we're going to do our best to make it succeed," said Cosh.

As an important part of the university's strategic plan

for its Decade of Progress Campaign, the project has been given major emphasis by Ouachita President Dr. Ben M. Elrod. The Kellogg grant provided the funds to push the Center into existence.

The basis for the pilot program is a reciprocal learning of service. "Service learning is one more way we are trying to bridge the gap between theory and practice," explained Cosh. "It is the idea that 'I serve in order that I may learn and you accept my service in order that you may teach me.'"

Although there are several areas of

concentration, there is no specific 'blue print' for the Center, according to Cosh. This allows a flexibility and openness to various needs that may arise throughout the year, he said.

However, for the purpose of narrowing the focus of the project, Ouachita has designated a first priority commitment to two collaborating non-profit entities in the Arkadelphia and Clark County area—the Arkadelphia Public School system and the Central Arkansas Development Council (CADC).

Working closely with these two agencies is a group of students participating in a hands-on course called "Issues in the Family and Community." Learning how to research for non-profit organizations and grant proposals, conducting enrichment day camps, and developing leadership skills and a better understanding of Christian citizenship are all included in the new course.

Students recently had the opportunity to test these skills in hometown relief efforts after a massive tornado hit Arkadelphia on March 1. In immediate response to the disaster, an "Into the Streets" project was planned for March 7-8. Student and faculty teams were mobilized to assist tornado victims and the community in clearing debris, childcare, and work

in local emergency shelters. Julie West, a senior graphics major from Sulphur, LA, and Selena Holston, a senior communications major from Irving, TX, were assisted by one of the teams after extensive tornado damage to their home. "It was such a relief to know I didn't have to do all the work alone," sighed West. "The students were an unbelievable help. My peers were really there when I needed them."

The "Into the Streets" was originally planned for April, but the Center made a quick change of plans following the tornado. "We were planning to do it before the tornado," Cosh said, "and we are planning to do it into the future."

Modeled after a similar project at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, a consulting school to the Ouachita Center, "Into the Streets" is meant to be a one-day service opportunity using a larger number of volunteers. In addition to one-time service projects, the Center is also promoting long-term volunteerism among students.

Eight enrichment camps are scheduled for the year with the first being conducted March 24-27 by students in the Issues course. The purpose of the day camp is to "provide an enriching, structured spring break program primarily for at-risk children in the Arkadelphia Public School system." The camp will provide a variety of activities for children including: music, arts/crafts, character building, sports, drama, and puppets.

Service research is another long-term project of the Center. Arkadelphia

Head Start and the Ouachita speech pathology clinic are currently involved in research planning with students.

Several methods of evaluation are being implemented for the program which include internal and external voices.

Cornell University and the Center Advisory Council of various Clark County area leaders provide outside consultation. "We don't want to have too much 'in-think'," said Cosh. "We need an external voice of experience. Cornell has had their program for five years now. In addition, the advisory council makes us aware of the specific community needs and how we can best meet those needs."

Internal evaluation is provided through the Center Task Force comprised of Ouachita students, faculty and administration. This group, which has been meeting since last October, helps to shape and prioritize the work of the Center.

Listening and instructional sessions were held for approximately 100 student leaders on March 6. The program included an orientation on the Center by Cosh and featured speaker Katherine Doob, a graduate student from Cornell. A similar workshop is planned for faculty and administration on March 20.

"The most difficult place to do your ministry is in your own backyard,"

concluded Cosh. "We want students to learn the importance of serving at home."

"Service is bigger than providing an education. Universities should also be involved in active leadership and assistance to the community and area. We hope to do just that through this Center."

Administrative members of the task force include: Ouachita President Dr. Ben M. Elrod; Executive Vice President Andy

Doug Reed, associate professor of political science; Stacy Freeman, assistant professor of family and consumer sciences; and Dr. Jeff Pounders, assistant professor of sociology.

Student leaders on the task force include: Aaron Black, a junior political science major from Damascus; Stephanie Davis, a sophomore biology major from Russellville; and Cara Hampton, a junior communications major from Booneville.



ARTS & CRAFTS • Participants in the spring break enrichment camp make puppets in the arts & crafts activity room. The camp was held at Peake Middle School in Arkadelphia.

Westmoreland; Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mike Arrington; Center Director Ian Cosh; Acting Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Dr. Wayne Everett; Dean of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts Dr. Charles Wright; and Dean of the Frank Hickingbotham School of Business Dr. Phil Rice.

Faculty members of the task force are: Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, assistant professor of education; Pam Arrington, associate professor of education; Nancy Turner, assistant professor of communication disorders; Dr. Tim Knight, associate professor of biology; Dr. Scott Duvall, associate professor of religion; Dr.

Those students in the family and community issues service-learning course are T.K. Zellars, a sophomore sociology major from Van Buren; Amy Campbell, a junior sociology major from Conway; Jan Cosh, a freshman biology major from Arkadelphia; Kimberly Roth, a junior sociology major from Little Rock; Jacob Springer, a sophomore finance major from Sherwood; Brad Pierce, a sophomore communications/ sociology major from Benton; Heather Cunningham, a junior sociology major from Beebe; and Jenny McKissack, a sophomore biblical studies/ history major from Tupelo, MS.

•Genny Cassaday

Following the tornado that devastated Arkadelphia on March 1, students, faculty and staff helped in the relief effort by going



Into the Streets

Stronger than the storm that destroyed 60 city blocks of their town is the community spirit displayed by students, faculty, and staff at Ouachita Baptist University.

Students, some in temporary residence, are making a permanent impact on the future of Arkadelphia, and they are working side-by-side with their professors and fellow citizens. Thus far, more than 8,000 man hours have been volunteered by Ouachitians. Assisting in a wide variety of ways from child care, food care services, clean-up, and in the massive relief effort, university volunteers have found new needs to be met around every corner.

The tornado ripped through Arkadelphia on Saturday, March 1 at 2:35 p.m. with winds up to 260 miles per hour killing 6 people and injuring over 100. Categorized as an F4 tornado, the twister ranked on level below the strongest storm which qualifies as an F5.

A report released from Governor Mike Huckabee's office the week following the incident recorded the following damage: 117 single family homes, mobile homes, and apartments destroyed; 63 of the homes and apartments suffered major damage; an additional 193 of these had minor damage; 45 businesses were damaged and/or destroyed; and 16 public buildings were damaged and/or destroyed.

The Ouachita campus amazingly suffered no appreciable damages. With the path of the

twister veering a block away from the campus, only the Jones Performing Arts Center and the Moses-Provine Science Center were effected with minor roof damage.

Immediate response to the crisis was shown through Ouachita maintenance staff who loaned equipment and expertise in the initial clean-up efforts. Students



DEBRIS REMOVAL • Mark Conine, a senior from Arkadelphia, helps remove debris from a house damaged by the March 1 tornado.

were also on the scene assisting in evacuation of a near-by nursing home with extensive damage. Others worked to clear debris from commercial and residential areas.

Ouachita's communications department served as a home base to reporters and photographers from Reuter's International News Service and the Associated Press. In addition, the student photographers at OBU contributed their services to local, state, and international photo efforts showing the aftermath of

the tornado.

The uniqueness of Ouachita's long-term efforts lies in the institution's coordination of all disaster relief involving students through the new Center for Family and Community. What began as a concern to combine the university's resources to serve general needs of the community, became a providential answer to

prayer for tornado victims facing many new challenges.

Funding for the Center was made available by an \$86,000 seed grant from the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, MI. A generous \$28,000 emergency grant was recently added to the first to assist the Center in their disaster relief efforts.

"We used the grant money to purchase clean-up equipment for use on the work days," said Ian Cosh, director of the Center.

Cosh serves as the Ouachita representative on the committee

formed to serve Clark, Hot Springs, Nevada, and Hempstead counties. The group is comprised of representatives from various agencies and churches, in addition to citizen, university, and business representatives.

The committee will be responsible for hearing individual need cases from victims of the community presented by case management experts from the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

"Once the resources of federal and state agencies are exhausted someone needs to step up to fill in the gap," commented Cosh. "This committee is combining the resources of various agencies, institutions, and churches to pick up the role. I believe the Center can provide valuable services to victims through the committee."

Organizing the teams of workers, the Ouachita Center now serves as a clearinghouse for all individual and community requests. Assignments are distributed to volunteer teams, consisting of both students and professors.

"I see the method of organization as being highly effective," said Arkadelphia Mayor Mike Kolb and director of career planning and placement at Ouachita. "It lends itself to having a great sense of purpose. I am extremely proud of our students and their work in the community. The spirit they have shown, along with their leaders and faculty has been unbelievable."

The center held a major work

through the weekend following the tornado called "Into the Streets." Students were dismissed from classes on Friday, March 7 to participate in the hometown relief efforts. Teams made of students and faculty were mobilized to assist tornado victims and the community in clearing debris, childcare, and work in local emergency shelters.

"Into the Streets" was originally planned for April, but the center made a quick change of plans following the tornado.

In addition to several more work days planned for the spring, the Center also has some long-term, on-going assistance being organized.

"There is a need for us to have a longevity to our compassion," Cosh said. "We want to continue to meet needs of the victims as they arise. The Center will help us to be more disciplined and structured in helping the community."

A benefit concert scheduled for Wednesday, April 16 featuring contemporary Christian performers Point of Grace and Wayne Watson provided significant funding for relief efforts.

The musical artists performed at 8 p.m. in the Bill Vining Arena of the Roy and Christine Sturgis physical Education Center.

University departments have also assisted in relief efforts according to their specific areas of study.

Elementary education majors and students in the education department worked to meet the needs of a daycare center destroyed in the tornado. Miss Mae's Fun Times learning Center, owned and operated by Mae Buck, suffered great loss including destruction of all teaching materials.

In response, Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, assistant professor of education, and Mrs. Pam Arrington, associate professor of education, organized a project to make replacement materials. "Our students spent three days coloring,

cutting, and laminating," said Westmoreland. "We were able to make between 80-100 learning games, posters, and activities to donate to the center."

Students joined faculty and staff to assist in food and clothing preparation and distribution in area churches.

Dr. Irene Trofimiva, associate professor of modern languages, mobilized a group of international students from Russia to assist victims



DISASTER RELIEF • President Bill Clinton and Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee announce disaster relief plans during a press conference in downtown Arkadelphia.

the day following the tornado. Also accompanying the group was Dr. Johnny Wink, professor of English.

In addition to physical labor, students organizations have also provided monetary assistance to victims. The Ouachita Student Senate donated \$1,300 in cash assistance to Ouachita students affected by the storm.

"We felt it was important to not only help the community victims, but our peers, as well," said David Sanders, Student Senate president. "If you can't find help at home, where else can you go?"

In addition to meeting needs off campus, Ouachita has invited a number of groups on campus. The fourth floor of the new Harvey Jones Science Center became home to a large number of state and federal agencies to provide "one stop shopping" assistance to disaster relief victims. Those that made headquarters in the Science

Center include:

- * FEMA (disaster housing, financial assistance, etc.
- * Disaster Unemployment Assistance
- * Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
- * Veteran's Affairs
- * USDA Rural Development
- * Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance
- * Arkansas Department of Human Services

pathology major from Burleson, TX. "It has been difficult meeting in a temporary place, but we are just thankful that no one in our church was hurt. I think it has strengthened the church a great deal."

Through efforts like these and many others, Ouachita is working together with others to heal the wounds of a battered and bruised community.

"This disaster seems to have broken down many walls between people in the community," commented Dr. Jeff Root, director of public relations and assistant professor of mass communications, whose house was damaged by the storm.

"I've seen a sort of equalizing factor appear in the midst of working with all different kinds of people. No one is greater than the person working next to him. And everyone is willing to do whatever they can to help."

"The day after the tornado, several people showed up to help at my house," he said. "I didn't even ask them to come, they just showed up because they knew I needed help."

Among the group of friends and colleagues helping Root and his family were two strangers.

"There were these two guys from Illinois who had been working on business in Camden when the tornado hit," said Root. "They heard that people needed help cleaning up in Arkadelphia. So they drove to town for the day to work, and they spent most of it helping in my yard."

"I don't suppose I'll ever see those two men again, but I'll always remember them and their willingness to help."

It is stories like this one told by Root that have inspired citizens, students, and victims to persist in their benevolence to one another.

"The camaraderie of it all produces a hope within us that all is not lost, and we will make it through this crisis together," concluded Root.

• Genny Cassaday



Alumni giving vital part of University's budget

Approximately 180 students and approximately 45 faculty and staff members served as volunteers in Ouachita's third annual national fund-raising phonathon during the month of February.

The phonathon is geared toward increasing participation in the annual fund of the University, according to Rachael Talley, director of annual giving.

"We are interested in increasing the number and level of giving of those Ouachita alumni, former students and friends of the school who are being contacted," Talley said.

More than 10,000 Ouachita alumni, former students and friends of the university in all 50 states were solicited by volunteers from telephone banks on campus, she said.

Members of the Ouachita faculty and administrative staff helped coordinate the student volunteers in posting nightly totals and assisting in the

paperwork.

The participating students in the phonathon helps pay for things that would otherwise add to the cost of

percent who gave last year, and 10 percent who gave two years ago.

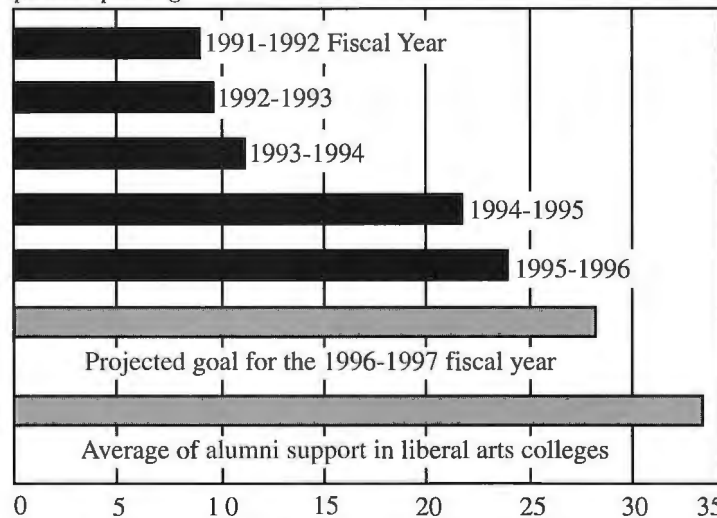
Talley said another measure of success for the annual fund comes from the potential for the University to be considered for various national educational rankings that base part of their criteria of selection on the percentage of alumni giving.

"National educational rankings use the percentage of alumni/former student giving to determine how loyal alumni are to that particular institution, in relation to donations."

Talley hopes that the increasing support for Ouachita's annual giving program will increase communication between Ouachita students and people who are loyal to the University.

"It is our hope that the phonathon will help educate current students on the important role of the annual fund to the future of the school," Talley said.

by Alie Hill



PERCENTAGE OF SUPPORT OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

phonathon represented all seven social clubs, the Baptist Student Union, Student Entertainment and Leisure Fund, Ouachita Student Foundation, and the Black American Student Society.

The annual fund is partially responsible for raising money to provide direct budgetary support for the institution. "All the money

tuition, fees, room and board," she said.

Talley went on to say that support for the annual fund is measured, in part, by national foundations and corporations that provide gifts and grants to colleges and universities.

Talley expects the percentage of alumni giving to increase to over 30 percent this year. That compares to 24

UNION PACIFIC GRANT • Ouachita recently received a grant from the Union Pacific Foundation of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. This grant of \$20,000 will allow the University to upgrade the heating and cooling system for the five building megastructure. The check was presented to President Ben Elrod by Mr. Jack Kyle, vice present-government affairs, for Union Pacific Railroad. Also pictured is Mr. William H. "Buddy" Sutton who is the General Attorney for Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. Sutton is managing partner for the Friday Eldredge Clark firm in Little Rock.



"Window of Opportunity" nears base goal

As Ouachita moves into the second year of the Window of Opportunity Campaign, progress continues in every area, with the overall level of gifts and pledges well over \$23 million. The base goal established for five of the eight divisions of the campaign have already been surpassed, but there is still much work to be done. Ouachita is hoping to raise the balance of the campaign challenge goal of \$40 million by the end of 1998. In order for this to happen, it is essential that every member of the Ouachita family carry their share of the load in providing financial support for the strategic plan outlined as the basis for the Decade of Progress Campaign.

As a result of the tornado which devastated the Arkadelphia area on March 1, the Clark County division of the Window of Opportunity Campaign has been postponed for the next few months. Local campaign leaders met with Ouachita President Dr. Ben Elrod and members of Ouachita's development staff and agreed that this is a time for Ouachita to rally in support of the Clark County community rather than ask for support from

friends in this area. Fortunately, much progress has already been made in the Clark County division of the cam-

once the community has had some time to recover. In addition, those alumni and friends of Ouachita who were serving

Window of Opportunity Campaign Report

Category	Base Goal	Challenge Goal	To Date
Advance Gifts	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
Trustees	1,500,000	3,000,000	1,573,290
Faculty-Staff	175,000	300,000	334,755
Clark County	325,000	500,000	546,375
Select Friends	1,000,000	2,500,000	1,376,023
Alumni	4,500,000	6,500,000	1,461,014
Foundations	1,500,000	3,200,000	452,625
Deferred	4,500,000	9,000,000	2,782,000
TOTAL	\$28,500,000	\$40,000,000	\$23,526,082

paign, and the campaign leadership is confident that alumni and friends in this area will be ready to continue their tradition of outstanding support

as leaders in this campaign have agreed to continue their roles when the campaign resumes.

SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED

The John and Ella Mae Wellborn Fraser Endowed Scholarship Fund

Mr. John T. Fraser, Jr. of Smackover, Arkansas, has initiated the John and Ella Mae Wellborn Fraser Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship was given to honor the memory of Mr. Fraser's wife of 44 years, Ella Mae Wellborn Fraser.

Initially, income from the Fund will be used to provide assistance to students having financial emergencies. In the future, the income will provide a scholarship for full-time students attending Ouachita.

First preference for the recipient of the Fraser Scholarship will be students who are members of Mr. Fraser's church, First Baptist Church, Smackover, Arkansas. A second preference will be students who are members of any Southern Baptist Church in the city of Smackover.

The Rev. and Mrs. Edward Weber Endowed Scholarship Fund

This fund is established with gifts to Ouachita Baptist University from the estate of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Weber. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time Ouachita students.

The recipients of the scholarship fund must demonstrate superior academic achievement and financial need. The scholarships will be awarded by the University's Scholarship Committee.

The Sylvia Webb Gates Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Sylvia Webb Gates Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by Mrs. Sylvia Gates Barham of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, and Dr. Larry Gates of Conway, Arkansas, in honor of the memory of their mother, Mrs. Sylvia Webb Gates. Mrs. Sylvia Webb Gates graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in 1928.

Income from the Fund will initially be used to provide the "Sylvia Webb Gates Outstanding Junior Education Major Award." In the future, a scholarship will be awarded to a student who is seeking a degree in education. Preference will be given to a student from Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

The Akers Pence Johnson Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Akers Pence Johnson Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by Mr. Yandell Johnson of Little Rock, Arkansas, in honor of his wife, Mrs. Akers Pence Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is a 1943 alumna of Ouachita and graduated with a major in English and a minor in history. She is a former teacher for the Little Rock School District and is a poet.

The recipient of the Akers Pence Johnson Scholarship must be pursuing a degree with a major in one or more of the following areas: English, music, art, or drama.

— Newsmakers —



Dr. Joseph Bradshaw, assistant professor of chemistry, has been notified that he is to be included in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who in the World."

The 15th edition of the publication profiles individuals whose "noteworthy achievements are of lasting value to humankind." In 1996, Bradshaw was listed in the third edition of "Who's Who in Science and Engineering."

Bradshaw, in addition to his teaching duties at Ouachita, is engaged in scientific research having received a patent for using paramagnetic metalloporphyrins as contrast media for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Most recently he has been investigating the interaction of these metalloporphyrins with DNA.



John David Cloud, director of estate and gift planning, received his Juris Doctor degree in December from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law., and passed the Arkansas bar exam in February. Cloud holds a B.S. from Ouachita ('70) and a M.B.A. from Henderson State.



Dr. Tom Greer, the Clarence and Bennie Sue Anthony Professor of Bible and the Humanities, presented a paper titled "China: Teaching and Learning

as a Shared Path" at the 23rd annual Third World Conference in Chicago, IL, on March 19-22.

The theme for the conference was "Connecting Theory and Practice for the Emerging Global Changes into the 21st Century."

Greer's paper was a result of four trips he has made to China dating back to 1987. One focus of Greer's presentation in Chicago was that "learning and teaching occur simultaneously, both for the student and for the teacher and that such learning is especially facilitated by teaching in another culture, particularly if that culture is radically different from the native culture."

Tucker returns to alma mater to direct external programs, academic skills

Learning a new role at his alma mater, Dr. Dennis Tucker, a 1990 graduate of Ouachita, has moved from student to professional colleague since his return to Arkadelphia recently to fill the positions of University Director of External Programs and Director of Academic Skills Development.

The off-campus education program at Ouachita is one of the main objectives of Tucker's work. Maintaining communication with current satellite program directors and coordinating plans to add four to five new satellite programs for the 1997 fall academic semester are top priorities, according to Tucker, a native of Charlotte, NC.

These programs are designed for those students pursuing an associate of arts degree with emphasis in religion. Half of the curriculum is general education and the remaining half is made of core religion courses. Classes are also open to those interested in courses for continuing education.

"We want to focus on keeping the academic standard high in these programs," said Tucker, "therefore one of my main objectives is quality control."

Bi-vocational ministers are prime prospects for the programs, especially those seeking formal training for their ministry. This is a way for them to get a Ouachita-quality education close to their own home, said Tucker.

During his time at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, Tucker was responsible

for communicating with 26 undergraduate centers.

In addition to his administrative roles, Tucker will also be teaching in the division of religion and philosophy,



ACADEMIC COUNSELING • Dennis Tucker reviews a student's academic progress following mid-term grades.

serving as assistant professor of religion. "I really enjoy the teaching part of my job," said Tucker. "It keeps me close to the students and allows me perspective out of the office."

Tucker received his bachelor degree in biblical languages and philosophy from Ouachita. He went on to earn a master of divinity and a doctorate of philosophy in Old Testament studies both from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY.

Tucker has taught on several campuses including: Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, KY; Boyce Bible School in Louisville, KY; and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has also served as pastor and interim pastor for Southern Baptist churches, and is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature.



SENIOR PROJECT • "Eleemosynary," a dramatic comedy written by Lee Blessing was the first major theatre production of the 1997 spring semester presented by the theatre arts department of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts. The play was presented February 13, 14 and 15. The drama was directed by Christina Armstrong, a senior theatre major from Heber Springs, as part of a senior project. "Eleemosynary" centered around three generations of women with conflicting personalities who are realizing that they must accept each other for who they are.

University offers AA degree with emphasis in religion

Ouachita has begun to reach into local communities with religion courses designed to provide additional training to ministers and church lay people in both degree and non-degree programs.

"We are pleased to serve the denomination at the local level," said Dr. Ben M. Elrod, president of Ouachita. "We are gradually expanding the sites at which we are offering courses. Our goal is to provide the opportunity for additional training for any of our state's ministers or interested lay people, and to provide an associate of arts degree for those who want a Ouachita education but can't come to Arkadelphia."

Ouachita has operated the Ouachita Center at Fayetteville for several years, but this semester courses also have been taught in Benton and Hot Springs. Interest in Texarkana and the El Dorado/Camden area have officials planning courses there for next fall.

Ouachita will offer a religion curriculum at each location. The courses may count toward an A.A. degree in religion or may be taken by non-degree seeking students.

The Ministerial Training Program is designed for those students who would like to take specific courses, but do not plan to earn a degree. Whether student needs include a degree or just instruction in certain biblical areas, Ouachita officials are confident that the courses, being offered in local settings, will be helpful.

"The program allows us to offer college-level religion courses to people who would not ordinarily have access to the quality of Christian higher education for which Ouachita is known," said Dr. Mike Arrington, vice president for academic affairs.

The courses will be taught by qualified adjunct professors, as well as full-time Ouachita professors commuting from Arkadelphia. Course content has been designed by the faculty of the division of religion and philosophy at Ouachita.

Dr. Bill Steeger, chair of the division and director of the Center for Christian Ministries, called the curriculum "Bible based, Christ honoring, spiritually enriching, academically distinguished, Church serving, and academically and professionally balanced."

"Our mission includes unwavering commitment to the Lordship of Christ, practical obedience to the authority of scripture, patient understanding of God's call to Christian leaders, sensitive maturing of the unique giftedness of individual students and a cooperative relationship with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention," said Steeger.

The Ministerial Training Program and A.A. degree program will be overseen by Dr. Dennis Tucker, director of external programs. Tucker spoke to directors of missions at their annual gathering at Ouachita and encouraged them to contact him about interest in the program.

"We expect the program to grow to include many towns and cities across Arkansas, and the DOMs are in a unique position to help us identify the areas which might be interested in being served," said Tucker.

Tucker said students should determine after the completion of two courses whether they would like to declare for candidacy for the A.A. program. They then could fill out a degree plan, which would include 30 semester hours in religion from Ouachita and 34 semester hours of general education from Ouachita or another accredited college or university. The A.A. degree program does not require residency at the Arkadelphia campus.

Most courses are assigned three semester hours of academic credit. Tuition is \$30 per semester hour. Financial aid is available. Those interested should contact Dr. Tucker at 501-245-5199.

· Jeff Root

"Our goal is to provide the opportunity for additional training for any of our state's ministers or interested lay people ..."

Dr. Ben Elrod

— Newsmakers —



Lisa Hill, assistant director of fiscal services, has co-authored a management case study of The Country's Best Yogurt (TCBY) published by

Richard D. Irwin in "Marketing Channels: A Relationship Management Approach."



Dr. Isaac Mwase, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, was the featured speaker for a two-day lecture series at the University of Arkansas

Pine Bluff as part of the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Program on February 17-18.

As guest lecturer, Mwase visited classrooms during the day and spoke to a general audience at night. His lecture on Monday, February 17 was titled "Social, Ethical, and Moral Implications of the Human Genome Project," followed by a Tuesday night lecture on "Religious Implications of the Human Genome Project."

"I chose these topics because of their contemporary relevance involving my most recent interests," said Mwase. The topics are an effort to focus on genetic technology and its relation to the humanities. They also tie into the work Mwase is doing as an adjunct professor at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences campus in Little Rock.



Dr. Jeff Pounders, assistant professor of sociology, recently took part in The Common Ground Youth Violence Prevention Summit held at the Statehouse

Convention Center in Little Rock. The conference was sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Health through the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention.

Participation in the conference was by invitation only to those with expertise and interest in the prevention of youth crime and violence. Participants included legislators, Human Services officials, educators, and youth.

— Newsmakers —



Dr. Bill Viser, associate professor of religion, has been certified by the Arkansas State Board of Examiners as a specialist in marriage and family counseling.

Viser has been a clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy since 1987; a member of the National Board of Certified Counselors; the Association of Christian Counselors; the Arkansas Counseling Association; and the Arkansas Association for Marriage and Family Counseling. He is a licensed professional counselor with degrees from Ouachita and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.



Dwayne Whitten, academic microcomputer coordinator, and **Dr. Selwyn Ellis**, assistant professor of business administration, recently presented a paper at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Science meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The paper was titled "Factors Influencing the College Selection



Ellis

Process: A Multivariate Analysis."



Dr. Johnny Wink, associate professor of English, recently read some of his work at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Philological Association held in

Fayetteville. The half dozen sonnets were from an ongoing sequence of Wink's titled "Some English Sonnets That Happened To An English Teacher."

In addition, Wink had an article published in the November issue of "Publications of the Arkansas Philological Association" titled "What to Make Of An Even More Diminished Thing: A Borgesian Sonnet Considered In a Frosty Light."

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Li brings Chinese culture, language to the classroom

Venturing across the world to visit America for the first time after teaching English for seven years in China is Professor Hujing Li from Peking University whose role has now been reversed as she is teaching Chinese to American students at Ouachita.

Li is the second professor to participate in the teaching exchange program between Ouachita and Peking. She arrived in August of 1996 to begin her year of teaching and plans to return home in May. Li's Ouachita counterpart spends the spring semester teaching at Peking University and returns in the following summer.

Two classes of Chinese language are taught by Li each semester. With a masters in English and seven years experience teaching graduate students the language, Li has little trouble communicating with her American students.

Just as a native language teacher brings authenticity to the classroom, Li hopes to return to China with a better understanding of American culture to share with her Chinese students.

"When you teach a language it is impossible not to refer to the culture and society of the place where that language is spoken," said Li. "I knew it would be a wonderful experience for me to live in the United States for awhile for myself and my students in China," she said. Living here not only allows her to improve in conversational English, it also gives her exposure to American behavior on a personal level.

Having a Chinese professor also allows students from China to feel a little more at home. "I keep in close contact with the Chinese students here on campus," commented Li.

For any visitor coming from a university of 20,000 students, one might assume Ouachita's campus of 1,640 students would be a culture shock. But, Li says the transition to small-town life has been rather smooth. "I love how friendly everyone is," she remarked. "You don't find openness and greetings like

that in China."

Among other things, Li also enjoys the small amenities America has to offer, including cookies. "We learned a British style of English, therefore cookies were always compared to the British word biscuit. I never really knew what a cookie was until I tried one here in America. I love them, especially the homemade kind!" she said with a smile.

While she feels food in general is less expensive in the United States, she said

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Professor Li

clothing tends to be a little more expensive than it is in China.

On a larger scale, the differences between China and the United States are rather minimal, according to the visiting professor. "I'm really not as surprised about what I've seen here as one might think," she commented. "Many things are very similar, and the truth is that many Chinese people know a lot more about America than Americans know about China."

Li said that much of the "westernization" can be attributed to the prominence of American movies and television in her country.

Since her arrival, Li has also had opportunity to travel, although she plans to do the majority of her sightseeing after the conclusion of the spring semester. During the winter break she was able to make a trip to California to visit friends.

When asked what she misses most about home, Li quickly responds, "My family." She added, "Although I miss my family, this is a great opportunity for me to come and teach at Ouachita." Li concluded. "What impresses me most is that such a small university would have such a large number of international students. I think Ouachita's international program has created a great kind of global awareness." · Genny Cassaday

Ross Foundation grant to fund new technology

The first joint venture of its kind in the state of Arkansas involving a private university, a public university, and a foundation recently began allowing all parties to advance to a new level of technology.

Ouachita is the joint recipient of a Ross Foundation grant to be shared with Henderson State University. The \$253,442 grant will assist both institutions in the acquisition and installation of an asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) network.

"Each university has made a significant three-year, financial commitment that will extend the benefits of the ATM network throughout both campuses to all students, faculty, and staff," said Margaret Wright, Ouachita development officer and associate professor of accounting.

"One of our first priorities is bringing all residence halls on the ATM network, giving students access from their rooms," she said. "This process will begin this summer and should be completed during the 1998-99 academic year."

Speeding the transfer and access of information, as well as improving the quality and synchronization of video and audio information, the new ATM network will be a technological leap.

"At the completion of the project, information technology will be available at anytime and from anywhere on campus," said Wright.

The grant proposal outlines numerous benefits of the new plan including:

- improving the quality of the learning experience for Ouachita and Henderson stu-

dents;

- making possible the incorporation of innovative information through networked multimedia applications, desktop and group video-conferencing, distance learning, and distributed learning;

- furnishing access to voice, data, and video resources from any classroom, office, or residence hall room;

- providing expansion capability to 28 school districts through the Dawson Education Co-Operative in Arkadelphia, as well as other institutions;

- benefiting regional business, government agencies, and schools through expanded campus service; and

- providing substantial cost savings due to shared resources.

"The universities have

determined that the most efficient and effective way to implement technology in the future is for both campuses to use compatible network infrastructures," said Wright. "Not only will this allow for sharing of common core services, it will minimize duplication and therefore produce economies of scale." Both universities are working toward this end through the implementation of the new ATM network, said Wright.

The Ross Foundation, located in Arkadelphia, has donated considerable sums of money to both Ouachita and Henderson for mutually beneficial projects. Jane Ross, head of the Foundation, is a former member of the HSU Board of Trustees and is the recipient of the Ouachita Purple and Gold Heart Award.

University begins exchange program in Spain

The international flavor in education is one of the continuing goals of Ouachita and in that vein the University continues to strengthen exposure to as many students as possible to the global community.

Recently, Ouachita, through its Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program, reached an agreement with Universitas Mare Nostrum in Altea, Spain, for a student exchange program starting this summer.

The other countries hosting universities involved in exchange programs with Ouachita include: Uzbekistan, Japan, China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Germany, England, Austria, Israel, Indonesia, and Morocco.

Dr. Trey Berry, director of the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program and assistant professor of history, is

excited about the new agreement. "This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be in a place where we've never been before," said Berry. "We have wanted a Spanish program for quite a while and this one fits perfectly."

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

Students in the new Spain program at Ouachita will be able to receive a maximum of 12 academic hours. They can



EXCHANGE AGREEMENT • Dr. Trey Berry, director of the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program, and Dr. Victoria Shanchea, president of Universitas Mare Nostrum in Altea, Spain, assist Dr. Grant with the planting of a friendship tree on the Ouachita campus.

take the Spanish language at all levels, arts and humanities, music humanities, business courses, history classes and Mediterranean sports. Many students, Berry said, are going to Spain for the cultural experience, also.

As part of the new Spain program, two Ouachita professors, Dr. Bob Webster, associate professor of accounting

and holder of the George Young Chair of Business; and Dr. David Griffith, associate professor of marketing and holder of the Harvey Jones Chair of Marketing, will accompany the University's initial group of students to Europe and teach a summer business school.

Five Ouachita students, along with Webster and Griffith, will be leaving for Altea on June 5 and returning July 8.

"Our students and faculty, I believe, are initial recipients of the good things coming from the international studies program," said Berry. "But, the benefits in the long run will be a bridge of international understanding created between people from all nations -- a bridge that will make a better world for all mankind," he said.

Campus BRIEFS

Peace

theme of Christian Focus Week

◆ Touring Washington, D.C., rubbing elbows with political figures on Capitol Hill, building friendships, and receiving two hours worth of credit were just a few of the advantages Ouachita students gained while attending the 22nd annual Washington Seminar on January 4-10.

This year, Dr. Doug Reed, associate professor of political science, traveled with a group of students to Washington, D.C. where they studied and observed the political atmosphere of the city.

"Divided Government" and "Outlook for Clinton's Second Term" were the themes for this year's study.

◆ The Pew College Society at Ouachita addressed the issue of educational growth within a Christian perspective at a retreat held February 7-8 at Camp Paron.

The Pew College society is a campus organization with national ties, that is devoted to encouraging and supporting Christian students who are interested in earning a terminal degree and teaching at the college level.

The society chapter at Ouachita invited as speaker for the retreat Dr. Jay Curlin ('81), assistant professor of English at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

Curlin spoke on John Milton's view that each Christian has a duty to educate himself or herself, and a necessary part of the Christian education is a proper attitude of humility. Curlin also addressed the important question of whether or not there are certain negative influences against which Christians should shield themselves as they pursue knowledge.

A further emphasis on emphasizing the Christian fervor on the Ouachita campus through corporate and individual worship, singing, fellowship and spiritual growth seminars were the goals of the annual

Christian Focus Week (CFW) held February 17-21. Christian

Focus Week is sponsored annually by the campus Baptist Student

Union (BSU) under the direction of Ian Cosh and Brandi Byrd.

The theme of this year's program was peace. The emphasis was centered around the Bible scripture from Colossians 3:15, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, for as members of one body you were called to peace."

Dr. Ben Elrod, president of Ouachita, said the theme was a reminder that Christians are called to live lives characterized by peace. "We can

know God's peace, we can bear our words of witness about the good news of peace through faith in Jesus Christ, and we can be peacemakers in our world today," he said. "But, in order to understand and appropriate this peace, we must nurture our relationship with God, permitting him to sustain and empower us day by day.

The featured speaker for the

week was Dr. Bill Mounce, a writer and the associate pastor of Garland Avenue Baptist Church in Spokane, Wa. While on campus, he was the J. E. Berry Lecturer, an endowed speaker

to have with the special speaker.

Each day during CFW, the student body, faculty, and staff were invited to attend prayer breakfasts with the various campus speakers. On Monday,

February 17, the Ouachita

Division of Music of the

Bernice Young Jones School of Fine

Arts hosted a sacred music concert presented by

members of its faculty. Also

on Monday, student athletes were invited to the Athletic Team Pizza and Challenge in the Tiger Den.

Another of the most popular activities of CFW was the International Food Fest, which was held Tuesday evening. Cuisine was prepared by international students, faculty, and students from the Southern Baptist Convention career missionary families on campus.

A midnight breakfast was held

on Wednesday night following a student-led informal worship time known as "Praise and Worship." John Dresbach, assistant minister of music/organist at Central Baptist Church in Jonesboro, led the Praise and Worship part of CFW.

On Thursday, February 20, the contemporary Christian group Beyond the Blue from Nashville, Tenn. were in concert.

Let the Peace of Christ rule in your hearts, for as members of one body you are called to peace. Col. 3:15



FEATURED SPEAKER • Dr. Bill Mounce of Spokane, Wa. addresses the chapel audience during Christian Focus Week. **PRAISE AND WORSHIP** • John Dresbach of Jonesboro leads the students in a time of worship through music.

program named in memory of the late J. E. Berry of El Dorado.

In addition to speaking in a morning convocation, an hour-long voluntary worship service held at 10 a.m. each weekday, Mounce also led nightly "Bridge Talks."

The weeknight meetings held on the bridge of Evans Student Center were an informal time of discussion for students

Marriage & Family Week: Building strong families

A series of programs and activities to encourage current students toward building strong family units in their futures titled "Marriage and Family Week" was held March 10-15.

Jerry Soloman of Probe Ministries in Dallas, TX, Tiffeny ('95) and Zac (current student) Crow of Arkadelphia, Drs. Gari ('88) and Rob ('89) Rucker of Arkadelphia, and Glen and Jo Ann Taylor of Ozark Family Ministries in Mountain Home were featured speakers at the seminars and events planned for the week. It was aimed at both the single and married communities on the Ouachita campus.

"Marriage and Family Week" is sponsored by the Baptist Student Union (BSU) and the Center for

Christian Ministries at Ouachita.

For the third consecutive year, funding from an anonymous foundation made it possible for the University to put the programs in place.

"Our goal is to encourage awareness of the dual role of how being collegiate and being married can work together in building strong families," said Ian Cosh, director of the BSU and religious activities at Ouachita.

At the end of the week, a retreat for married couples enrolled at Ouachita was offered, March 14-15, in Little Rock, at the Holiday Inn Select.

Soloman began the week on Monday at 7p.m. in Berry Chapel with the theme "What Makes a

Marriage." He also spoke on Tuesday to all students during the weekly chapel.

The Ruckers led a seminar titled "Marriage: Preparing for that

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• Ian Cosh

Lifelong Commitment" on the Bridge of Evans Students Center on Wednesday, March 12 at 9 p.m.

The Crows led a discussion on "Making the Most of Christian Dating."

The Taylors were featured speakers at the weekend retreat.

Briggs honored by American Advertising Federation

Elten Briggs, a senior from Lake Village, has been named one of the American Advertising Federation's (AAF) top 25 most promising minority advertising students in the nation for the 1996-97 academic year.



Elten Briggs

had to write an essay on any of his past advertising experiences and why he felt that he could contribute to the advertising industry.

The AAF flew Briggs and Downs to Chicago on February 17 for a

luncheon during which Briggs was honored. He met in a V.I.P. session with top advertising professionals from around the United States.

A photo of Briggs appeared in a special diversity issue of 'Advertising Age,' the signature piece of the advertising business in the nation, according to Downs.

"It is another example of how it's not the size of the school. It's the quality of the students. Ouachita really has some superb students," said Downs.

Downs also said that, according to the executive director of the AAF, the competition for the minority recognition was extraordinary.

Other recipients were from large

universities such as Harvard, Loyola, Michigan State, and Louisiana State. The executive director also told Downs that this award is a credit to his program at Ouachita.

Briggs is a marketing and mathematics double major at Ouachita. This semester he has joined Ouachita's award winning Advertising Federation team. Briggs said he is currently applying for graduate schools to attend after college and he is also looking at job opportunities.

At Ouachita, Briggs is president of the Black American Student Society, vice president of the Ouachita Student Foundation, and a member of the Phi Beta Lambda national honorary business fraternity. He is also a member of Alpha Chi national scholastic honor society, a Trustee's scholar, and a recipient of the Sophomore Outstanding Mathematics Student Award.

He is a 1993 graduate of Lakeside High School. His parents are Edward and Ernestine Briggs of 519 Elm Street in Lake Village.

Campus BRIEFS

◆ Students had the opportunity to get an advanced glimpse of the world they will face when they graduate through the Shadowing Program, sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF).

The student development committee of OSF is in charge of the program which places students with Ouachita alumni or former students in their respective fields of interest. The students "shadow" the professionals during spring break.

Students shadowed in professions ranging from public relations and advertising to accounting and education.

◆ Six students in the Division of Music of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts won first place awards at the 1997 Arkansas Chapter Meeting of the National Association of Teachers of Singing Student Auditions held recently at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

All total, Ouachita had 12 finalists in eight categories, 27 made semi-finals, and 34 OBU students participated in the overall competition.

NATS is an organization comprised of voice teachers on all educational levels that sponsors adjudicated vocal contests and meet for professional growth.

First place honors in the NATS state competition were claimed in the Freshman Women Category by Ashley Mitchell; Freshman Men Category by Kelsey Dime; Sophomore Women Category and Junior-Senior Musical Theatre Category by Josh Payne; Senior Women Category by Adrienne Allison; and Freshman-Sophomore Musical Theatre Category by Jeremy Rabe.

Campus BRIEFS

◆ Members of the 1997 senior class joined their counterparts from nine other independent institutions of higher learning in the state for the sixth annual "Opportunity Day" held Monday, February 24, at the Holiday Inn Select in Little Rock.

The event is sponsored annually by the Independent Colleges of Arkansas.

The day featured representatives from small, medium, and large corporations from throughout Arkansas and surrounding states, having one-on-one 20-minute interviews with the students to discuss employment possibilities.

Mike Kolb, director of career planning and placement at Ouachita feels that "Opportunity Day is good for seniors because it takes the students out of their comfort zone, and it prepares them for the future."

Each of the placement directors at member ICA colleges and universities work far in advance with seniors planning to attend the Opportunity Day to develop resumes, to receive interview tips, and to acquire information concerning the companies interviewing in Little Rock.

◆ Two Ouachita students, David Sanders of Walnut Ridge, and Matthew Shepherd of El Dorado, were elected to student administrative posts in the Arkansas Federation of College Republicans at the group's convention held December 7 at the Riverfront Hilton Hotel in North Little Rock.

Sanders was elected as chairman of the state College Republicans, while Shepherd was chosen as second vice chairman.

Student Foundation hosts "Life in the Real World"

As a precursor to seniors receiving their diplomas, the Ouachita Student Foundation, in concert with the school's Former Students Association, sponsored a series of lifestyle seminars on Tuesday, February 4. The program, titled "Life in the Real World," was held following the annual Senior Dinner.

Topics explored for the "Life in the Real World" emphasis included financial planning, finding an apartment, job interviewing skills and insurance considerations.

"The Student Foundation is pleased to help prepare seniors for life after college in practical ways," said Dr. Jeff Root, assistant professor of mass communications, director of public relations and director of the Student Foundation. "Seniors attending the program received valuable information, insight, and suggestions on some daily topics of life that we trust will be of assistance as they prepare for another stage of their careers."

Root said the idea of "Life in

the Real World" came from membership on the Advisory Council of OSF, a group of OSF alumni, who provide input to the goals and programs of the service organization at Ouachita.

"Our Advisory Council felt keenly that this type of information would be essential for seniors to be exposed to as they make decisions and impact people on their career paths and in normal everyday life," Root said.

The "Financial Planning" seminar was taught by Larry Root of Kelso, Root and White, an IDS-American Express Co. in Little Rock. Tips on "How to Find an Apartment" was coordinated by Carol Miller-Gresham with Apartment Locators of Little Rock. Mike Kolb, director of career planning and placement at Ouachita, helped seniors with a seminar titled "Job Interviewing." Butch Alexander with the Alliance Insurance Group of Arkadelphia directed a seminar on "Insurance Planning."

Don Moore addresses senior class

Words of encouragement and information for the upcoming 1997 graduates were the focus of a program presented Tuesday, February 4.

The annual Senior Dinner was sponsored by the Ouachita Former Students Association.

This year's speaker was Dr. Don Moore of Little Rock, a 1955 OBU graduate. Moore is an adjunct professor of religion at Ouachita and is also the retired executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

He spoke on his experiences at OBU as well as what life has brought him in the world beyond the doors of the institution.

Another aspect of the dinner was the opportunity for the seniors to speak with Mike Kolb, director of the office of career planning and placement, and Judy Jones, registrar. Both were available to speak with seniors concerning job hunting and graduation checks.

BID DAY •

Gretchen Poole is congratulated for receiving a bid from the Tri Chi Women's Social Club. Bids were delivered following three nights of rush parties.





MISS OBU • Shari Payne (fifth from left) of Hot Springs, a musical theatre major, was crowned as Miss OBU 1997. She also will represent the University at this summer's Miss Arkansas Pageant to be held in Hot Springs. Payne's runners-up and special guests at the pageant included (l. top r.): Fawnda

Cruse of Malvern, fourth runner-up; Lisa Akins of Hampton, second runner-up and Miss Congeniality; Karen Wood of Floyds Knobs, Indiana, first runner-up; Merideth Arnn of Benton, Miss OBU 1996; Payne; Melonie McGarrah, Miss Arkansas 1996; and Beth Ann Richardson of Crossett, third runner-up.

Campus BRIEFS

◆ Ouachita offered a Valentine Banquet alternative, "Heartbeat," for junior and senior high school church groups from Arkansas and surrounding states on Saturday, February 8.

The program featured an informal Valentine theme dinner followed by a concert by the Ouachita Praise Singers in Jones Performing Arts Center.

The OBU Admissions Counseling Office sponsors the annual program each year to provide an affordable option for small and large church youth groups.

Jeff Noble, a Ouachita graduate and BSU director at UA-Monticello, gave remarks for the concert audience.

◆ Students of the "Ouachitonian" yearbook staff were recently recognized by the Walsworth Publishing Company of Marceling, MO, upon induction of the book to the company's Gallery of Excellence.

Fewer than eight percent of the yearbooks published annually by Walsworth are selected to be part of the Gallery of Excellence.

Once the upcoming 1997 book has been introduced into the Gallery, it will be used nationwide as an example of outstanding yearbook production. The Gallery of Excellence books are also displayed at regional, state and national conventions and workshops. In addition, the yearbooks serve as example illustrations in the Educational Advantage resource materials produced by the company.

Dr. Deborah Root, assistant professor of communications and director of development publications, is advisor to the "Ouachitonian" yearbook staff.

Beckwith takes top prize at research conference

Julie Beckwith of Hot Springs, a junior chemistry major, won the Schering-Plough Award for best presentation in the Organic/Biochemistry division at the 17th annual Undergraduate Research Conference held recently at the University of Memphis.

Her presentation was titled "Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Water Soluble Metalloporphyrins."

The Schering-Plough Award

was presented to Beckwith along with a \$500 cash prize.

Last summer, Beckwith received a Science Information Liaison Organization grant for an experimental DNA research project. SILO is a state

government entity that provides qualified science students at both public and private colleges and



Julie Beckwith

universities grants to study various research themes.

At Ouachita, Beckwith is a member of Beta Beta Beta national honorary biology honor society. She is a member of the University's Dean's List for meritorious performance in the classroom.

Beckwith is a 1994 graduate of Hot Springs High School.

Students gain political insight at Model U.N.

Thirteen students discovered, through an unique teaching apparatus, the importance of international dialogue in seeking solutions to world problems.

The group attended the 36th annual Midwest Model United

Nations in St. Louis, MO, February 26-March 1. They represented the Republic of Poland.

More than 50 college and university teams from all size campuses met in St. Louis to

discuss global issues in a simulation of the United Nations. The meeting was sponsored by the Midwest Model United Nations Inc. and was the largest of several regional Model U.N. student assemblies.

Rho Sigma Men's Social Club charter suspended

As a result of numerous violations of University policy, the Rho Sigma Men's Social Club was advised by Dean of Students Bill Dixon on January 28, 1997, of the suspension of the club's charter. The suspension follows a series of probationary

periods for the club.

The TIGER HANDBOOK states that any club that is on probation for violations more than once in a five year period will be suspended indefinitely. Because the members agreed to a ten-point reorganization and

to the rewriting of their constitution, they were given a final opportunity for compliance in the '97 spring semester and to induct new members in January. It was at that time that the most recent violations occurred.

Dann receives NAIA national coaching honor

Ouachita Baptist University Swimming and Diving Coach Jim Dann, who led his men's and women's teams to their best national finish in his Ouachita career, has been named the 1997 NAIA National Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year.

The announcement was made at the conclusion of the NAIA national men's and women's meets held recently in Federal Way, Wash., near Seattle.

Dann's Tiger Sharks earned a fourth place finish in the 1997 NAIA National Swimming and Diving Championships and the Lady Tiger Sharks finished in the top 10 for the first time in the program's history.

"I give all the credit to the team for this award," said Dann. "They did all of the work. This is because of them."

Tiger Shark senior Masa Yamamoto gave all the praise to Dann. "I wasn't surprised because we think he deserved it," said Yamamoto. "He's the best coach I have ever had and he's a real hard worker."

Dann was named the NAIA Diving Coach of the Year in 1995 and 1996. The 1997 award makes the third straight year that Dann has won the diving coach of the year award. For the past eight years, Dann has also been awarded the Certificate of Coaching Excellence by the College Swim

Coaches Association.

Dann served as the president of the NAIA Swimming Coaches Association in the 1995-96 year. He has coached more than 50 All American swimmers and divers and several national champions at Ouachita.

The Ocala, Florida, native is a 1973 graduate of the University of Florida. He received his master of science in education degree



"I give all the credit to the team for this award. They did all of the work. This is because of them."

Coach Jim Dann

from Ouachita in 1982.

Dann joined the Ouachita faculty in 1982 and in addition to his coaching duties serves as assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation.



VICTORY • The Tigers attempt a pick-off at first base during recent action at Rab Rodgers Field.

PRACTICE • The Tiger Sharks practice prior to their fourth place finish at Nationals.



1997 TIGER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 6	Henderson State Univ.	Arkadelphia (OBU)	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Southwest (MO) Baptist Univ.	Bolivar, MO	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Midwestern (TX) State Univ.	Arkadelphia	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Angelo (TX) State Univ.	San Angelo, TX	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	Southwestern (OK) State Univ.	Weatherford, OK	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	*Southeastern (OK) State Univ.	Arkadelphia	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Northeastern (OK) State Univ.	Tahlequah, OK	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	Univ. of Central Oklahoma	Arkadelphia	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 1	East Central (OK) Univ.	Ada, OK	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	**Harding Univ.	Arkadelphia	2:00 p.m.

*Parents' Day **Homecoming

Sports Wrap-Up

Lady Tiger Basketball

The Ouachita Lady Tigers began the season with a mark of 15-5 but lost six of their last eight to finish the year at 17-11.

Second year head coach Garry Crowder's squad qualified for the NAIA Southwest Independent Regional Tournament but lost in the first round to Rockhurst (MO) College 70-52.

The Lady Tigers will lose three seniors from this season's squad including second leading scorer Leslie Whitten, a guard from Mena. Whitten averaged 14.6 points and six rebounds per game and scored over 1,000 points in her career.

Crowder will also have to replace Victoria Norton, a post from Mt. Ida, who suffered a knee injury 17 games into the season and was forced to sit out the final 11 games. Norton averaged 11.6 points and 5.7 rebounds before going down with the injury.

The only other Lady Tiger to graduate will be Kim Sullivan, a forward from Alma, who averaged 4.6 points and 2.9 rebounds per game.

Holly Goodwin, a 5-10 junior forward from Paron, and Leslie Whitten, a 5-8 guard from Mena, were named to the NAIA Southwest Independent All-Region Basketball Team.

Tiger Basketball

The Tiger basketball team wrapped up the 1996-97 season with a 17-11 mark and advanced to the semifinals of the NAIA Southwest Independent Regional tournament where they suffered a 75-69 loss to Rockhurst (MO) College.

During the season, the Tigers set a new school record with 224 three-pointers for the season and sophomore Mitchell Bolding of Benton set a school record with 100 three-pointers.

Next season head coach Mike Reynolds will have to replace five seniors including leading scorer Rod Lee who averaged 19.1 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per game. Lee also set a school record with 10 three-pointers in a 96-89 overtime loss to UA-Pine Bluff on February 24.

The Tigers also lose guard Chris Meseke of Hot Springs (6.3 points per game, 104 assists), guard Jarrod Gaither of Lake Charles, La. (5.6 ppg, 42 steals), guard Bryan Manley of Arlington, Texas (3.6 ppg, 1.5 rebounds per game) and forward Frank Paul of Lake Charles, La. (5.4 ppg, 2.4 rpg).

Senior forward Rod Lee and sophomore guard Mitchell Bolding made the men's NAIA Southwest Independent All-Region Basketball Team. Lee also was named to the Honorable Mention squad of the 1996-97 NAIA All-America Team.

Tiger Sharks & Lady Tiger Sharks

The Tiger Sharks earned the highest finish in the school's history as they finished fourth in the NAIA Swimming and Diving Championships in March. The Lady Tiger Sharks finished 10th in the women's national championships in Federal Way, Wash.

Freshman Jesse Mullinax of Texarkana brought home the title of 100 yard breaststroke national champion when he clocked 57.11.

Senior Masa Yamamoto of Hamamatsu, Japan took second nationally in the 400 yard individual medley with a time of 4:06.14.

In the diving events, the Tiger Sharks compiled 86 points behind two second-place finishes from junior Bobby Rollins of Mabelvale. The Tiger Sharks scored 15 more points than their nearest competitor in Simon Frasier University.

The Lady Tiger Sharks scored the second-highest total in the women's diving events with 48 points behind Transylvania University's 61 points. The Lady Tigers were led by freshman Kristi Foster of Chandler, Ariz., and freshman Ginnie Edstrom of Dallas.

The Tiger Sharks and Lady Tiger Sharks are coached by Jim Dann.

Several members of the swimming and diving teams have been named to the NAIA All-American, Honorable Mention All-American, and/or the Relay All-American Squads.

Tiger Sharks who earned All-American Honors include: Masa Yamamoto, a senior health, physical education, and recreation major from Hamamatsu, Japan; Jesse Mullinax, a freshman theater arts major from Texarkana, AR; Ryan Killackey, a junior speech pathology major from Edmond, Okla.; Fred Dickinson, a senior health, physical education and recreation major from Alexandria, La.; Bobby Rollins, a junior business administration major from Mabelvale; Andy Scott, a sophomore health, physical education and recreation major from Mineral Springs; and Jeremy Caudill, a freshman liberal arts major from Haughton, La.

Lady Tiger Sharks who were named All-Americans include: Kristi Foster, a freshman psychology major from Chandler, Ariz.; and Ginnie Edstrom, a freshman psychology major from Dallas, Texas.

Tiger Shark swimmers who earned NAIA Relay All-American honors were Jeremy Elliott, a sophomore liberal arts major from Perris, Calif., and Jason Miller, a junior biblical studies major from Texarkana, Texas.

The four Lady Tiger Sharks who competed in the relay events were named NAIA Relay All-Americans. They were: Jari Kirkland, a junior family/consumer science major from Cheney, Wash., Keri King, a freshman biology major from Tyler, Texas; Shannon Leathers, a freshman elementary education major from Texarkana, Texas; and Catherine Manning, a freshman computer science major from Allen, Texas.

Robert Apple, a freshman pre-veterinary major from Spring, Texas, Carl Davis, a senior biology major from Nacogdoches, Texas, and Aaron Gillespy, a senior health, physical education and recreation major from Grand Prairie, Texas were named Honorable Mention All-Americans for the Tiger Sharks.

Kirkland and Manning were also named Honorable Mention All-Americans for the Lady Tiger Sharks. Kaela Kenley, a sophomore general business major from Diboll, Texas, was named Honorable Mention NAIA Relay All-American.

Davis also qualified for the 1997 NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete Team with a 3.975 grade point average. Davis owns the highest grade point on the NAIA National Scholar-Athlete team.



Yevonne Conrad

President
Former Students
Association

Recently, a retired missionary couple joined our church and shared that they had attended Ouachita. As we talked about our memories, I was touched by the warmth I felt. Without really knowing each other, we had an immediate bond through that shared experience.

I am amazed at how often I meet former students of Ouachita through work, travel, or church activities. Each time, I am reminded of the special friendships developed while I attended OBU.

Friendships do enrich our lives. They bring us much joy, and are treasures to be carefully guarded. In our busy lives, we may not always take time to keep in touch with these special friends. One of the purposes of the Former Students Association is to keep us informed and in touch with friends who share a common bond.

During the time I have had the privilege of serving on the FSA Advisory Board, I have become more aware of activities supported by the FSA that can bring us together from time to time. Perhaps, today would be a good time to write, phone, or even "e-mail" a Ouachita friend and plan to get together at an upcoming event. What a gift to share memories, and experience the joy of renewed friendships.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as President of the Former Students Association Advisory Board. The leadership of Phil Hardin and his staff, as well as the wonderful support of Dr. Elrod, and all those who serve on the Advisory Board demonstrate excellence in meeting the challenges of a successful university. I hope you will have an opportunity to visit the campus soon.

Ouachita FSA Long Distance Services

University Communications, Incorporated, the long distance provider for Ouachita Baptist University, is offering several long distance services which will benefit Ouachita former students through ...

- **Competitive rates** for long distance services - check the rates listed below for services which are available in your area.
- **Support for "Tiger Network Scholarships"** - University Communications has agreed that a share of the proceeds from these services will be donated for scholarships for students recommended by members of the Tiger Network.

The Home Connection

University Communications can be your regular long-distance provider if you live in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, or Texas. Rates are:

\$.16 per minute day rate (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

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There is **no monthly service fee** and **no minimum usage requirement**. All calls are billed in **six second increments**.

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Available in all U.S. states, calls may be placed from anywhere in the U.S. to any telephone number in the U.S. or overseas. Customers will be assigned an individual Authorization Code to protect privacy. The rate is **\$.18 per minute in the United States** with **no surcharge** and **no monthly fee**. International rates will vary, but always will be competitive with other suppliers. All calls are billed in **six second increments**.

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April 14-October 6, 1997

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Class Notes

1938

Retired Major General Lewis Lyle was one of four Arkansans inducted into the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame in October. Lyle led the first massive raid against Berlin and flew more bombing missions over Germany than any other commander. He and wife, Betty, live in Hot Springs.

1941

Frances (Tow) and William **Barnes** are in Los Angeles. She is a retired music teacher and the two play golf at the Riviera Country Club.

Mrs. Margorie Allen Bishop received the "Humanitarian of the Year" award from the Bradley, AR Chamber of Commerce. She and husband **Richard "Dick"** have seven children, four of whom are OBU graduates.

1943

Dr. Wade and Shirley **Armstrong**, will conduct a tour group to China in May of 1997.

John W. and Norma (Webb '44) Johnston are in Longview, TX where John is often soloist for the Sr. Adult Choir.

Mary Elizabeth (Tolson) Haisell is spending 1997 in Brazil while daughter **Lauretta King** and family are in language school.

1947

David and Dorothy **Hall** celebrated their 50th anniversary November 16, 1996. They live in Little Rock.

1948

Dallas and Ellen (Quinn) Roscoe are in Hixson, TN. Dallas is a retired army chaplain and a retired minister to senior adults. They are enjoying involvement in the Senior Adult Chautauquas of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Jean (Justice) Pilcher recently resigned as part-time minister of music at Parkway Place in Little Rock. She and husband **Bob**, have two children and six grandchildren.

Sue Elliot hosted a high school student from Slovakia in her home for a year and continues to keep in touch with Slovak friends made in 1991 when she was a volunteer English teacher in that country.

1951

James and Gena (Ledbetter) Hampton retired from foreign mission service in 1996 after 40 years with the Foreign Mission Board. They can be reached at 241 Hide-A-Way Lake, Lindale, TX 75771.

Katherine Hendrix Aratani is in her 14th year as president of United Methodist Women of Hawaii, Guam and Saipan.

Bob Ward welcomed a new grandson, Matthew, the son of **Robert E. Ward II ('83)** who is son of **Bob ('51)** who was son of Harold and **Mary (Cannon) Ward Scoggins ('23)** who was daughter of **Dr. G.E. and Josephine Lile Cannon (1895)**.

1953

James L. "Jim" Nollette (fs '53) had an unusual experience when he inquired about plans for the 50th reunion of his Hastings (NB) High School graduating class in September, 1996. He found out that at the 40th reunion, which he missed, he had been listed with classmates who had passed away since graduation. He reported that the class officers were quite surprised to hear from him, but recovered nicely and presented him with a "Special Achievement Award" for being "The only person of this class who has experienced the miracle of the Resurrection." Jim pastored two churches in California for 25 years. He completed a masters degree in counseling psychology in 1981 and did individual counseling until he retired in 1992. He now works in real estate management in the Las Vegas, NM area, but resides in Glendale, CA.

1955

Dr. Luther G. Brewer and wife **Mary George** celebrated his thirty years as pastor of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC.

1957

David A. White is an American Baptist minister at large currently assigned as interim pastor at Church of the Master in Cleveland, OH.

1959

Ramona (Stubblefield) Tugwell has resigned as a full time teacher in Fayetteville and is now substitute teaching. She has 3 grandchildren.

1961

Dr. Joe Nix was inducted into the Arkansas Outdoor Hall

of Fame, November 2, 1996.

1962

Dr. John Jackson is the new provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Ted and Mary (Ridgell) Stanton celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary January 20, 1997, in McAlester, OK.

1963

Dr. Norman L. Coad founded Coad Word Christian Counseling Services in Burseson, TX. He and wife **Beverly (Gallegly '64)** served as Southern Baptist Missionaries for 18 years and are now in Ft. Worth, TX.

1965

Mike Dacus retired from the US Army Operational Test and Evaluation Command in Washington, January, 1996, after 31 years of Federal Service. He is now a full time instructor in the computer science department of New Mexico State University at Carlsbad. Mike can be reached at mdacus@cavern.nmsu.edu.

1966

Glenn and **Seong-Sook Jent** are in Seoul, South Korea where he is serving as volunteer music minister at the International Baptist Church while teaching at the Asian Center for Theological Studies and Mission. He is assistant professor of practical theology and may be contacted by e-mail at gajent@taeback.kornet.nm.kr

Lillian Greathouse completed her 9th year as chair of the Department of Business Education and Administrative Information Systems at Eastern Illinois University.

Doyle Combs moved his national office and professional orchestra, JUBILATION BRASS to Colorado Springs, CO where he contracts as a concert producer and musical conductor.

1967

David A. Rickard is in Westfield, IN where he owns MannaTech Services, a consulting company serving

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By: Mrs. Selma Phelps

Mr. Sean Michael Williams
By: Mrs. Selma Phelps

Class Notes

agribusiness, providing expertise in pesticide research management, quality assurance and nematology systems. He and wife, Mary Lu, have two grown children and three grandchildren.

1968

Britton Pruitt recently retired as pastor of Moreland Baptist Church in Russellville (AR) following 22 years of ministry. He continues as program coordinator at the Booneville Human Development Center.

Judy (Hargan) Brooks is residence hall director and student services specialist at ASU-Beebe.

1970

John Cloud graduated from UALR School of Law in December and passed the bar exam in February. He is currently the Director of Estate and Gift Planning at Ouachita.

1973

C.E. "Gene" Vestal has been named associate vice president for development at the University of North Texas.

1974

Philip Bowles was recently honored by Ashley County Baptist Association as "Bivocational Pastor of the Year." He lives in Hamburg, AR where he is a Shelter Insurance agent and pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church. He has two daughters, Stephanie 16 and Brooke 14.

Pamela (Johnson) Rains lives in Ft. Worth, TX and is the supervisory chaplain at the Federal Medical Center for female inmates at Carswell. She has one daughter, Emily 5.

1975

Gary F. Rothwell is working for the Bay Area Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade. He is coordinating the East Bay Regional March for Jesus in May. He and wife, Carol, live in El Sobrante, CA.

1977

Dale Johnson has been named president and chairman of the board of Allied Information

Services of the Philippines, a newly incorporated company owned by ALLTEL Corporation and Philippine investors. He is also senior vice president and international managing director of ALLTEL Information Services-Telecom Division. He will remain based in Little Rock.

Donna Jean Kirkpatrick Carson works out of her home as an editorial consultant, typist and freelance writer. She and husband, David, have two daughters, Elise Lynn 15 and Lauren Marie 5.

1978

Elizabeth Hendricks is completing her 19th year of teaching kindergarten. She is currently employed by Springdale (AR) public schools. Her e-mail address is: ehendric@lee.jonesnet.org

Mike and Linda Ray are serving as Southern Baptist Missionaries in Donetsk, Ukraine. They have two daughters, Rebekah 10 and Hannah 8.

Dr. (LTC) Frank and Susie (White '79) Orr, are in Wuerzburg, Germany with their two sons, Brian 13 and Scott 12. Frank is the Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the US Army Hospital in Wuerzburg.

Mel and Corliss (Nikkel '81) Klinkner are in Warrensburg, MO, where Mel is associate vice president for finance at Central Missouri State University.

Jerrold and Denise (Purtell '79) Bradley live in Hillsboro, OH, where he is head of the Architecture Department for McCarty Associates Architectural/Engineering firm. They have six children, Nicholas 13, Devon 11, Matthew 8, Lindsey 6, Michael 2, and Ryan 9 months.

1979

Willis Moore is pastor of Hillside Church of Camden, AR. He and wife Lee Ann have one daughter, Caroline.

Rick Pruitt joined the Alltel Corporation headquarters in Little Rock in December as a financial analyst.

1980

DeAnn Ward Clouse is employed by Steelcase as a field training consultant. She, husband Perry and daughter, Morgan, are in Lone Tree, CO.

Mary Ann (Harrington) Bishop and husband Jim are in Mandeville, LA, with their two sons, Josh 13 and Sloan 7.

Joe Williams is the controller at the Marin Independent Journal in Marin County, CA.

Cal and Kim (Holstead) Benedict and their six children have moved to Brussels, Belgium, where he is stationed with the U.S. Army. Their current address: American Embassy (ODC), PSC 82, Box 002, APO, AE 09724.

Gloria Compton lives in Shreveport, LA, and is manager of product cost at Poulan/Weed Eater's division headquarters.

1981

Lisa (Davis) Hill co-authored a management case study of The Country's Best Yogurt (TCBY) published by Richard D. Irwin in "Marketing Channels: A Relationship Management Approach." She is assistant director of fiscal services at Ouachita.

1982

Rick Porter has moved to the Sardis community near Bauxite (AR) where he is pastor of

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He and wife Cindy have three children: Seth, Luke and Faith.

Ron Butler is pastor of Cherry Grove Baptist Church in Dry Creek, LA. He and wife Miriam have two children Alicia 9 and Christopher 8.

1983

Carlos and Shannon (Bowen) Ichter are in Moenchengladbach, Germany developing a comprehensive music program in the local Baptist Church. They have two children, Leslyn 9 and Christian 6.

Phillip ('84) and Karen (Davis) Watts live in North Little Rock with their two children, Chad 12 and Molly 8. Phillip is tax manager for Dillard Department Stores and Karen teaches at Abundant Life Schools. Their e-mail address is prwatts@aristotle.net.

Scott and DeLinda Harrington are in North Little Rock where Scott is a family physician for Baptist Health Family Medicine Clinic. They have three children.

1984

Sharla (Whitworth) Dunigan and husband Ed live in Sheridan where she is a kindergarten and first grade guidance counselor. They have one son, Sawyer 4.

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CLASS LECTURE • Dr. Jenny Petty, assistant professor and periodicals librarian, discusses with her students the literature available for children in the course "Reading Through Literature for Children."

Class Notes

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP FORUM

• Tiffeny Crow (right), an admissions counselor, helps a prospective student find his name tag during registration for the spring PLF. The event gave high school students the opportunity to visit classrooms, stay in the dorm, and attend some of the Christian Focus Week activities.



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Mike and Kelly (Patterson)

Baldwin are in Conway where Mike is a senior lending officer at First Community Bank. They have two children, Katie 7 and Garret 3.

1985

James T. Nix lives in Kingsland, AR, and works at the Pine Bluff Imaging Center. He and wife Rochelle have two sons, Deric 7 and Hayden 4.

Donny and **Christie White** are in Sparkman, AR, in the sawmill business. They have one son, Joseph 2.

Brent Fields is working for Shannon Health System in San Angelo, TX, as the Director of Community Health and Wellness. He has one son, Micah 8.

Wes Sutton started a physician placement firm in Little Rock to assist new physicians in finding permanent employment with hospitals, clinics or in rural communities.

Gerald Harkins teaches French at Newberry High School in Newberry, SC.

Thomas Radelmiller was recently named to the fourth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He is a business instructor at the University of Arkansas Community College in Hope, AR.

1986

Steve Snider is assistant

vice president for Rebsamen Insurance in Little Rock. He recently received the Distinguished Graduate Award in the Accredited Adviser in Insurance program.

Stephanie (Berg)

Leisenring and husband John are in Arlington, VA. She is the director of finance for the Society for Neuroscience in Washington, DC.

James and Stacey (Simmons) Freeman are in Arkadelphia, AR, where he is a therapist with Community Counseling Center and she teaches Dietetics and Nutrition at OBU. They have one daughter Olivia Claire 2.

1987

Sherry Scott works for the State of Arkansas and lives in West Memphis.

David and Alexa (Hall, fs) Paschall are in Dallas where he is a partner in the Dallas law firm of Goins, Underkofler, Crawford & Langdon, L.L.P.

David and Jennifer (Linkous '88) Wilson live in Little Rock where David is a partner and trial attorney with the law firm of Friday, Eldredge & Clark. They have two children, Tanner 3 and Hunter 1.

Ken and Carrol (Griffin, fs) Sanders are in Heflin, AL, where he is a plant manager for Tysons.

Patti Thorn is with the executive marketing staff at the re-

gional offices of Pizza Hut, International in Dallas, TX.

Darin and Lisa (Jones, fs)

Williams live in Durham, NC, where he is assistant purchasing manager for Fleetwood Homes and Lisa is assistant manager at Bath and Body Works.

1988

Sarah Stagg has been promoted to Manager of the Baptist Therapy Center, Saddle Creek in West Little Rock.

Gary Wade has moved to Grand Rapids, MI, as media manager for Radio Bible Class Ministries.

Shelley (Duckworth, fs) Mann and husband John are living in Highlands Ranch, CO. Shelley is a full time mom to daughter Emily Alison.

Lamar and Jennifer (Sternberg '91) Trieschmann reside in Hot Springs. Lamar is a teaching pastor at Lake Valley Community Church. They have twin daughters Maggie and Claire.

1990

Mitch Bettis is marketing director for Liberal Newspapers, Inc. in Liberal, KS. He oversees sales operations for the Southwest Daily Times and The Shopper's Weekly.

Tom and Jo Beth (Ford '91) Compton live in Hot Springs, AR. He is accounting manager at

Hi-Tech Engineering, Inc. They have two children, Jessica 3 and Jared 4 months.

1991

Mark Herbert is currently working for US Senator John Breaux from Louisiana.

Cindy (Schopmeyer)

Moses and husband, Wade, accepted positions at Camp Barnabas in Purdy, MO, a Christian camp for children and teens with special needs. Wade and Cindy live on-site at the camp as assistant directors.

1992

Rod and Lenny Bryan are with the rock band Ho-Hum. Their CD "Local" was featured last spring in an episode of "Melrose Place" on Fox. They also have a song featured in the action film "Daylight."

Scott and **Christy Bonge** are in Little Rock where he is with Dean Witter. They are expecting their first child in July.

Cameron and Sloan (Barrett '91) Hedrick live in Frisco, TX. Cameron is a learning and development specialist in the training department of Fidelity Investments in Dallas and Sloan is on the Worship Ministry Staff at Fellowship Bible Church North in Plano. They are currently recording an album of original songs for the Renewal Concert Series at FBCN and will begin concerts this summer. They have one daughter, Abby.

Angela Bell works for Quest Home Entertainment Companies, Inc. in Sherman, TX, while she is pursuing a masters degree in education from Austin College.

Timothy Fowler earned his master of divinity degree in December from Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Gladys (Joiner) Childs has recently begun her studies in the doctor of philosophy program at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is working toward a PhD in foundations of education with a minor in administration. She and her husband live in Burseson, TX.

Class Notes

Michael and Michelle (nee Nichols) are in Ft. Worth, TX, where Michelle is an accounting supervisor for CVC in Arlington and Michael is working on his PhD at TCU.

Larry Dice lives in Sheridan and works in Malvern as a counselor at Birch Tree Communities. He is also serving as interim youth minister for First Baptist Church in Pine Bluff.

1994

Christine Terral graduated in May of 1996 from Louisiana State University Medical School with a masters of communication disorders in audiology. She presently lives in Dallas.

Jeff Smithpeters received his M.A. in English from the University of Arkansas. He is currently employed with the Arkadelphia Daily Siftings Herald as a local affairs reporter and features writer.

Mark Hodge will graduate from UALR School of Law this spring. He is in the top 10 percent of his class and will be attaining his Juris Doctor. Wife **Kristen (Garner)** is teaching third grade in Benton.

In September, **Steven Bryant** began studying at the Juilliard School of Music in New York in their "professional studies program." He earned his master's degree from University of North Texas in Denton.

Renee Meharg received her master of science in speech-language pathology in May 1996. She is living in Russellville, AR, and works for the Arch Ford Educational Cooperative.

1995

Ginny Vaught has been promoted to ALLTEL account coordinator with Cranford Johnson Robinson and Wood in Little Rock.

Stephen Granade is a second year Ph.D. student in physics at Duke University in Durham, NC. He had an article published in a national journal presenting new studies in the field of space physics.

Suzanne Taylor has been accepted to the UALR School of

Social Work. She is currently doing residential treatment for Counseling Associates, Inc. in Conway, AR.

Janise Ross lives in Conway, AR and is an associate at Acxiom Corp.

John and Jennifer (DeVault, fs) Bunch live in Texarkana, TX where he is a community relations representative with United Blood Services. Jennifer is employed with Collom & Carney Clinic Association and also attends Texarkana College.

1996

Megan Mims is employed with Campus Crusade for Christ through FamilyLife Ministries in Little Rock.

Amy Fisher is living in Beebe and teaching at Beebe Elementary School.

MARRIAGES

1966

Glenn A. Jent to Seong-Sook Kim, June 27, 1996, Seoul, Korea.

1967

Len Blaylock to Luanne Ewald, May 25, 1996, Little Rock, AR.

1981

John Paul Floyd and Joy Lynne Johnson ('82), January 11, 1997, Plano, TX.

1983

R. David Gladden (fs) to Victoria Batts, November 9, 1996, Little Rock, AR.

Kellie Person to Terry Glen Burnett, June 15, 1996, Osceola, AR.

Damona Diann Robbins to James Steven Fisher, March 1, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

Monica Lynn Ashbrook to Paul Thomas Garrison, February 15, 1997, Virginia Beach, VA.

1985

Gerald Harkins to Alice B. Yu, June 8, 1996, Newberry, SC.

1986

John Leisenring to **Stephanie Carol Berg**, September 23, 1995, Mount Vernon, VA.

1987

Todd M. Turner to Rebecca Arnold ('95), February 15, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

1988

George Schroeder (fs) to Shannon Elizabeth Malley, February 15, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1989

Sandra Elizabeth Shull to Larry Jay Boatman, November 30, 1996, North Little Rock, AR.

1990

Rhonda Sue Ray to Mark James Bell, December 28, 1996, Cabot, AR.

1991

Shelley Phillips to David Breen, November 23, 1996.

1992

Sandra Fife to Percy Allen, July 20, 1996, Shreveport, LA.

Cyndy Dawn Davis to Jasen Russell Hart ('93), December 7, 1996, San Antonio, TX.

1993

Angela Lynn Borggren (fs) to Robert Brent Scott, February 8, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

Judith (Jody) Bynum to Jon G. Nance, February 25, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

Sara Leigh Fish to Levi Ross Campbell III, November 16, 1996.

Jennifer Kaye Hogg to Scott Norris White, December 14, 1996, Magnolia, AR.

1994

William "Kipper" Clarke to Holly Freeman, July, 1996, Bossier City, LA.

Anna Richardson to Cary D. Walker, February 10, 1996, Seattle, WA.

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

1995

Heather Dee Clower (fs) to Derrick Wayne Vest, November 30, 1996, Arkadelphia, AR.

1996

Kristi Cannon to Todd

Chumley, November 23, 1996, Benton, AR.

Joveta Saylor to Steve Arnold, December 28, 1996, Hollister, MO.

Chad Gallagher to Jessica Talley, November 16, 1996, DeQueen, AR.

Sara Dudley to Gordon Ted Herget, December 21, 1996, Jonesboro, AR.

Current Students

Andrea Elaine Sullivan to Christopher Brent Walker, December 21, 1996, Arkadelphia, AR.

BIRTHS

1975

Michael and Katherine Jett, daughter, Emily Caroline, July 19, 1996. Welcomed by Brandon Scott 10 and Rachel Elizabeth 3.

1977

Richard and Colette Shock, son, Alex, Oct. 28, 1995
Brad and Cynthia (Moore) Blevins, daughter, Carissa Teagan, December 27, 1996.

1978

Alan and Charlotte Lynch, son William Jackson, September 9, 1996.

1979

John and Carol (Cannedy) Dalby, daughter Caroline Jane, December 21, 1996.

1980

Wade and Susan (Williams '81) Doshier, daughter Rachel Elizabeth, January 4, 1997. Twin daughters Kristen Gui and Katelyn Wei born April 23, 1996, adopted November 7, 1996.

Cal and Kim (Holstead) Benedict, son Carson, November 25, 1996.

1981

Charles and Lisa Whitworth, daughter Haley Nicole, July 11, 1996. Joins Andrea Dann 13, and Lauren Elizabeth 7.

Class Notes

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1982

Dr. Sam and Martha (Turner fs) Roberts, daughter Carrie Beth, November 22, 1996. Welcomed by brothers Dustin 11 and Turner 5.

1983

Bernardo and Jamie (Avard, fs '87) Fernandez, son Alonzo, January 22, 1997.

W. Joey and Chong-Sun Kim Cunningham, daughter Megan Marie, March 18, 1996.

1984

Tom and Cindy (Brown) Conway, daughter Shannon Diane, June 7, 1996. Welcomed by Kelsey Erin 7 and Bethany Marie 3.

Benji and Tracie Post, son Michael Reid, May 24, 1996. Joins brother Matthew Riley 2.

Tiffin and Kim (Zachary, '83) Hubbard, daughter Tiffany Danielle, July 21, 1996. Welcomed by Micah 9, Whitney 7, Tanner 6, Anna Victoria 4 and Kaitlyn 2.

Mark and Kathy (McElduff) Johnson, twin boys, Lueken Philip and William Yates, August 30, 1996.

Dennis and Brooke Griffin, son Austin Baker, June 21, 1996.

Dr. Mike and LeeAnn (Satterwhite '82) Spradlin, daughter Laura Elizabeth, November 15, 1996. Joins brothers David 8 and Thomas 5.

Garth and Kari Hill, twins Katherine Lane and Grayson Eugene, October 8, 1996.

1985

Kent and Stacey (Bailey) Street, daughter Bailey Rebekah, July 13, 1996

Rodney and Sherry (Epperson '84) Daniels, daughter, Morgan, September 4, 1995.

Jon and Brenda (Leigh '86) Rice, daughter Rachel Leigh, September 10, 1996. Welcomed by Jonathan 6, Aaron and Hannah 4, and Natalie 2.

1986

Bryant and Lisa (Niven '84) Moxley, daughter Sarah Grace, May 21, 1996. Joins big sister Anna Marie 3.

Lance and Lynn (Chance)

Lefler, daughter Kiley Lynn, October 5, 1996. Joins Chance 7 and Matt 4.

Barry ('87) and Frances (Burton) King, son Alister Barrett, January 13, 1997. Welcomed by twins Regan and Ryan.

Darrell and Karen Barton, son Daniel Robert, May 31, 1996

1987

Peter and **Jodi (Price) Kennedy**, son Ryan William, April 29, 1996.

Craig and Connie (Bedford, '88) Campbell, son Andrew Craig. Welcomed by sister Amy Lynn 5 and brother Cody 2.

Alan and Tammy Stagg, daughter Haley Victoria, December 3, 1996. Joins brother Derek 20 months.

Mark and Brenda (Broyles) Rhame, son Mark Conner, May 5, 1996.

Greg and Sue (Leim, fs) Quillin, son John Mark, July 4, 1996. Welcomed by big brother Christopher 5.

David and Alexa (Hall) Paschall, son Matthew David, September 20, 1996. Joins Julia Kay 3.

Paul and Marla (Reeves) Maxson, son Bailey Vinton, October 30, 1996.

Ancil and Lesley Lea, son Ancil Ambrose IV, January 4, 1997. Joins Amber, Kelsey and Allison.

Scott and Pam (Davis) Westberg, daughter Sierra Moriah, November 1, 1996. Joins Stephen 5 and Stephanie 2.

Anthony (fs) and Angela (Steelman, fs) McMoran, daughter Abigail Faith, November 6, 1996.

1989

Michael and **Denise (Swedenburg) Overton**, daughter Madison Faith, January 12, 1997.

David and Amy (Garrett '88) Barnett, son Benjamin David, December 14, 1996. Welcomed by big sister Callie 3.

Nick ('90) and Debbie (Stuckey) Tyler, son Andrew James, January 11, 1997. Joins brother David 3.

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

1990

Chris and Jenifer (Moseley '91) Norris, daughter, Rachel Lynn, March 13, 1996. Welcomed by brother Andrew 3.

Phil and **Laura Beth (Williams) Chelf**, son Andrew Philip, December 16, 1996.

Tom and Jo Beth (Ford '91) Compton, son Jared Thomas, November 11, 1996. Joins big sister Jessica 3.

1991

Keith and Cindy (Billings, '90) Sangalli, son August James, April 23, 1996. Joins Garrett Sharp 3 and Benjamin Shawn 2.

Michael and Nancy (Estep) Hannon, son Joshua Michael, April 30, 1996. Joins Jacob Thomas 4.

Sean and Lydia (Fowler) Stevenson, daughter Abby Grace, October 30, 1996.

Shannon Neal and Shannon (Wetherington '92) Holland, son Taylor Neal, August 24, 1996, Fort Worth, TX.

1992

Anthony and Kelly Otwell, son John Thomas, February 5, 1996

Cameron and Sloan (Barrett 91) Hedrick, daughter Abigail Cameron, May 15, 1996.

1993

Wes and Shawna (Matlock) Oliver, son Wesley Matlock, October 25, 1996.

1994

Wesley and Lisa (Crowley, '92) Sullivan, daughter Hayley Nicole, March 13, 1996.

Heath and Dawn (Martin '93) Clower, daughter Natalie, October 17, 1996.

1995

Rebecca (King) and Pete Lake, son James Truett, July 24, 1996.

1996

Nathan and Kimberly (Irvin fs) Twigg, son Dillon Glenn, October 15, 1996.

Wendy (Chappell) and Bill Cox, son William Carey, III, September 23, 1996.

FACULTY/STAFF

Vince and Lisa Cobb, son Tyler Allen, October 16, 1996

James and Lisa Philpot, daughter Elizabeth Grace, October 24, 1996.

DEATHS

1922

Helen Sadler Poston, December 29, 1996, Phoenix, AZ.

1923

Charles Elliott, February 8, 1997, Arkadelphia

1924

Mary McArty Neel, December 17, 1996, Arkadelphia, AR.

1926

Dougald McMillan, Jr., December 23, 1996, Chapel Hill, NC.

1928

Elzie Ayers Greene, notified February 1996, Albuquerque, NM.

Sylvia Webb Gates, December 22, 1996, Shreveport LA.

1931

Margaret (Locklar) Lee (fs), November 5, 1995, Houma, LA.

1932

Mildred (Mimi) Thompson Hopkins, November 12, 1996, Little Rock, AR.

1934

Rev. J.B. Measel, December 31, 1996, Vilonia, AR.

Marguerite (Biles) Hopkins, February 14, 1997, North Little Rock, AR.

1935

Charles Burton Welch, December 5, 1996, Arkadelphia AR.

Rev. Irvin Burlison, November 21, 1996, Longview, TX.

Class Notes

1936
Gladys Taylor Fenstermaker, October 24, 1996, Reno NV.

Lerlie Riner Rainer, January 4, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1938
Dr. Edgar L. Compere, October 7, 1996, Knoxville, TN.

1940
Delbert Lee Garrett, November 30, 1996, Texarkana, AR.

Marcus Kaufman, March 3, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

1941
Royal M. "Rocky" Adams, January 9, 1997, Dallas, TX.

1942
Rev. Alfred D. Leath, May

6, 1994, Winchester, KY.

1943
Mildred (Strickland) Madinger, notified November, 1996, Chandler, AZ.

Graham R. Keith, July 7, 1996, Hot Springs, AR.

1944
Dr. Weldon E. Marcum, September 29, 1996, Bella Vista, AR.

1945
Joyce Lee (Shryock) Cowling, January 29, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1948
William H. Pryor (fs), February 11, 1988.

1950
Jonathan Franklin (Jack) Royce (fs), December 17, 1996, Little Rock, AR.

1953
Dr. Winston C. Beard, January 2, 1997, Abilene, TX.

1955
Dennis Ray Schulz, January 16, 1997, Sulphur Springs, TX.

1958
Dr. Corbett Everett Mask (fs), December 13, 1996, Carlisle, AR.

Charlett (Stamps) Eppes, August 25, 1996, Columbus, GA.

1960
Shirley Koonce (fs), June 13, 1996, Turrell, AR.

1965
Suzanne Riner (fs), February 1997.

1973
Anthony (Tony) Walton McCarty, December 4, 1996, Kimberling City, MO.
Curtis Tenberg, February 6, 1989, Fort Worth, TX.

1974
Nora Ingram, December 28, 1996, Little Rock, AR.

1981
Jill Wixson Doescher, January 6, 1996, Memphis TN.

1991
James Crabtree, December 1, 1996, Bentonville, AR.



TORNADO RECOVERY • A report released from Governor Huckabee's office the week following the tornado recorded the following damage: 117 single family homes, mobile homes, and apartments destroyed; 63 of the homes and apartments suffered major damage; an additional 193 of these had minor damage; 45 businesses were damaged and/or destroyed; and 16 public buildings were damaged and/or destroyed. Neither Ouachita nor Henderson State received significant damage.

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John Cloud
DIRECTOR OF
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You may not be aware that Ouachita has a unique association called the Second Century, just for those who have made long-range planning provisions for the university through wills, trusts, or gift annuities. Currently there are well over 300 individuals or couples in this association, with many more joining every year. Most of the larger gifts for endowment (scholarships, chairs) in past years have come through Second Century members by bequests and other means.

Planned gifts are the backbone of our endowment program, and an adequate endowment is imperative for us to maintain quality facilities and programs while keeping tuition affordable for our students. Currently Ouachita's endowment is about \$22 million, which appears rather decent to the average person, but a university this size should have at least triple this amount, if not far more. In fact, several smaller or comparable-size colleges in Arkansas have tens of millions more in endowment than Ouachita.

Just this past week, a faithful and generous Second Century member and friend died at age 88, establishing through her estate plan an endowed scholarship fund that may be \$500,000 or more. Her legacy will enable several young people to attend Ouachita every year. Please consider leaving your own legacy at Ouachita to bless lives in unimaginable ways. Let us know if you need estate planning assistance, or if you have already included Ouachita in your plans.

Securities Owners: Now is the Time

By: John Cloud, J.D.

Occasionally I remind readers of the benefits of using appreciated assets to accomplish charitable planning goals. With an outright gift of long-term appreciated stock (held more than a year), the donor receives a tax deduction for the entire value, and neither the donor or the charitable entity has to pay capital gains taxes. Right now, while the stock market remains in the stratosphere, might be the perfect time to make that once-in-a-lifetime gift to Ouachita, possibly to establish a permanent endowment fund for scholarships or set up an endowed chair in the academic discipline of your choice.

You may find this idea attractive, but are hesitant to make an outright gift for a variety of reasons. Option two is to use the stock to fund a Charitable Remainder Trust

that would pay you an income for your lifetime (or lifetimes if spouse is included). With the trust you could easily triple or quadruple your rate of return. Your income tax deduction would be based on the full value of the contributed assets, reduced by the value of your income stream. As with the outright gift, there would be no capital gains taxes to pay, so the full asset value would be used to generate income to you.

Option three, the Wealth Replacement Plan is almost unbelievable if it fits your situation. In this plan the donor implements the charitable trust as described above, using stock, realty, or cash, then uses some of the increased income and tax savings to set up a life insurance trust. The insurance trust would be arranged to pay out to family members at your death completely free of estate tax because it would not be in your ownership. Without exaggeration, with this plan it is possible to double the value of your

appreciated assets by 1) increasing your income, 2) transferring more to your family members, 3) generating huge tax savings (income, capital gains, estate), and 4) leaving a substantial gift to Ouachita to help young people forevermore.

On the surface, all of this may appear too complex and involved. In reality it is only a matter of engaging the right people. We have the services to provide draft documents and expertise to you and your advisors, free of charge. Our Arkansas Baptist Foundation

With an outright gift of long-term appreciated stock (held more than a year), the donor receives a tax deduction for the entire value, and neither the donor or the charitable entity has to pay capital gains taxes.

offers trustee services for the charitable trust plans outlined above, at minimum expense. The Foundation will handle investments and income payments, and provide tax documents for accounting purposes at the end of the year. If the insurance trust is of interest, I have access to an astute insurance representative who can come to your home and illustrate some of the most economical and quality plans available. On my computer is one of the best estate and gift planning software programs available, just waiting for you to start exploring new worlds. In other words, there is absolutely no reason not to investigate your options.

Call me at 870-245-5169, or write to me at OBU Box 3754, Arkadelphia, AR 71998. I will be happy to come to your home, meet with your advisors, and help you in every way possible to make the most of your resources. Seize the day and you will never regret it.

Special trusts for your estate plan

If you are looking for the best way to protect your spouse and your assets as well as cut estate taxes, trusts are the answer.

Trusts are remarkably versatile. Married couples have a number of trust options to achieve important estate planning goals. Two are considered here: a special kind of marital deduction trust often known as a "QTIP" trust, and the charitable remainder trust or CRT for short.

Similarities of QTIPs and CRTs

In many ways these trusts are similar. You establish them either by will or lifetime agreement. You choose a trustee to manage the trust assets and pay an income to your spouse for life. After your spouse's lifetime, the trust remainder is paid to the

individuals and charitable organizations you choose.

With both types, you assure a source of income for your spouse, determine who gets the rest of your money later, and save federal estate tax.

How They Differ

QTIP stands for "qualified terminable interest property," a term straight out of the Internal Revenue Code. QTIP trust simply means that the assets you place in the trust avoid the federal estate tax (like the standard marital deduction trust), but you retain ultimate control of those assets (unlike the standard marital trust). However, you can give the trustee discretion to advance principal amounts for your spouse's support if the trust's investment income and your

spouse's other resources are insufficient.

With the charitable remainder trust, no discretionary payments from principal are permitted: otherwise, the trust won't qualify as a charitable remainder trust under the tax code.

Selecting Your Trust

The QTIP trust offers the advantage of discretionary principal payments. A possible disadvantage: the trust remainder may be exposed to estate tax in your spouse's estate later on -- unless of course, you make certain it is payable to us or another qualified charity. On the other hand, you may prefer the straight charitable remainder trust because the dollar amount or percentage of the trust value paid annually to your spouse is

fixed.

Obviously, you can select either type of trust, or both. We can advise you on the charitable giving angle of these plans and benefits that result for you and for us.

With both a QTIP trust and a CRT, you assure a source of income for your spouse, can give the trust remainder to a charitable beneficiary, and save federal estate tax.

For more information about how charitable and non-charitable trusts may enhance your estate planning, return the enclosed reply form to receive a free copy of our booklet [Estate Planning Strategies That Meet Your Needs](#).

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

Should you give your will another look?

We've all heard the unbelievable but true accounts that over half of the adult population in the United States does not have a will. But how many of us who do have a will are confident that its terms will carry out our wishes in the event of death? That is, how many of us have an outdated will?

An outdated will may be as bad as, or worse than, not having a will at all. Many things can change to make the terms of a will written many years ago very different from current intentions.

Think about this

As we go through life, our priorities change. Some people who acquire assets establish close relationships with others -- friends or employees -- whom they may want to help after death.

This is how many charitable

organizations get named in a will. Typically, people don't start their lives with the desire to help a charitable organization, but over time -- after an education is complete, an operation is successful, or after realizing the importance and value of religion in one's life -- people become more aware of the role charity plays in our society.

Though the value of the charitable estate tax deduction is important, this feeling of closeness to others as we grow older is the primary force behind many decisions to leave

money to a charitable organization. But a will written twenty years ago might not take into account today's personal priorities.

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When to update

As with any other plan involving finances and taxes, a will should be reviewed periodically. This means at least every three or four years, or whenever one

of the following major changes takes place:

1. When family circumstances change, such as a marriage, a divorce, or a death;
2. When a state or federal law on estate planning changes;
3. When the size or type of assets change; or
4. When a person moves from one state to another, as often happens at retirement.

A will should be reviewed by an attorney knowledgeable in estate planning and the laws of the state in which the person resides.

We can help

If you would like more information about updating (or drafting) a will, just call us. We'll be glad to discuss ways to ensure that your wishes are carried out.

The advantages of establishing a Charitable Remainder Trust

A typical situation is one in which you use an appreciated asset to fund a charitable trust, from which you will receive an income for life. At the end of that time, the trust assets are transferred to the charitable organization. Let's take a look at some of the advantages of establishing a planned gift under the following conditions.

Assume that you are 65 years old and you use \$100,000 of appreciated securities with a cost basis of \$10,000 to establish a charitable remainder trust that will pay you a 6% income for the rest of your life. The securities are currently paying a 2% dividend annually.

Income tax deduction. Be-

cause you establish a qualified charitable trust, you receive an income tax deduction of approximately \$43,000. In a 35% tax bracket, the income tax sav-

ings equals approximately \$15,000. This is less than the deduction allowed for an outright gift of the same amount, because you retain a right to the income from the gift for the rest of your life.

A planned gift helps you accomplish your philanthropic objectives while also taking care of your lifetime economic needs.

Capital gains tax avoidance. Had you decided to sell the asset and invest the proceeds in an investment that would produce more income, you would have had to pay a capital gains tax on the \$90,000 appreciation.

At a rate of 28% (and higher in states with their own capital gains tax), this benefit equals a savings of more than \$25,000. The trust is able to sell the stock and reinvest without paying a capital gains tax.

Increased income. You established a payout of 6% from

the charitable trust, three times the amount you were receiving from the stock dividends.

Estate tax avoidance. After your lifetime, your estate receives a charitable deduction equal to the value of the trust assets. Although your estate would receive the equivalent of this benefit with an outright gift, you receive the above advantages as well with a planned gift.

The satisfaction of making a significant gift. Many donors wish to help charitable organizations, but are unable to make outright gifts. A planned gift helps you accomplish your philanthropic objectives while also taking care of your lifetime economic needs.



JONES SCIENCE CENTER • The Harvey Jones Science Center is complete and offices, classrooms and labs are in the process of being moved to the new facility.



KELLOGG PILOT GRANT • Katherine Doob (above), director of the Public Service Center at Cornell University, speaks at a banquet for the Center for the Family and Community. Cornell University is serving as a consulting school for Ouachita's Center, funded by a pilot grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

COMMUNITY • Dr. Tom Bruce (right), program director for the Kellogg Foundation, shares with the audience the goals of the Foundation and its commitment to building community. A medical doctor, Dr. Bruce is the former dean of the School of Medicine at UAMS in Little Rock.



From the Archives



Circa 1915 • Clarence Hooper and Charles Barnes pose for a photo on the campus lawn.

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Listed below are high school students who may be interested in Ouachita. Please contact them.

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We want you in Class Notes

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

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