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A Word from the President ...

I first stepped foot on the Ouachita campus as a prospective student in January of 1975. It was a foggy Friday morning, as I recall, during one of those times in the year that generations of Ouachita students have called 'the Arkadelphia monsoon season.' Through the mist of the fog that day, I could still see that this little campus is a very special place. I could not have guessed and would not have dreamed that--23 years down the road--I would become Ouachita's president. To serve in this capacity is the greatest honor--and the greatest challenge--that I could ever receive.

For all the time that God will grant me the privilege of serving here, I pledge to give my best efforts on behalf of our students, our faculty, our staff, our alumni, and the friends of Ouachita throughout the world. Together, and with God's blessings, we will build an institution devoted to love, growth, and service.

Please keep us in your prayers.

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Tiger Serve Day  2-3
Faculty, staff and students spent Saturday, February 28, assisting with community service projects in the Arkadelphia area. The volunteer effort was coordinated through the Center for the Family and Community.
Tiger Serve Day

Instead of spending a typical Saturday morning catching up on sleep, going to Hot Springs, or playing frisbee golf in the plaza, students joined faculty and staff for a day of public service activities.

The Center for the Family and Community (CFC) at Ouachita sponsored its third Tiger Serve Day on February 28. Nineteen teams, and a total of 146 individuals, performed 533 hours of community service.

According to CFC Director Ian Cosh, the aim of the Center is to provide students with a mass introduction to community service. “We hope that students will like the experience so much that they will involve themselves in regular community service,” said Cosh.

The faculty, staff and students formed teams and each team chose a service project for the day. The team was also responsible for working with the business, organization or individual in organizing the work effort.

Members of the Tri Chi pledge class cleaned a fleet of vehicles for 2·Tiger Serve Day.

Group Living, Cassidy Allen, a freshman from Gurdon, was a member of that team. “Community service has been a great way for our new Tri Chi pledge class to contribute to our community,” she said.

“Group Living provides many services to people who need assistance. Helping return their kindness was a great feeling.”

Other team projects included:

- painting at Feaster Park
- cleaning the area around the interstate off ramps
- doing repair work and cleaning at Outdoor Discipleship Ministries
- helping move the offices of a local business to its new location. The business had been in a temporary location since the tornado destroyed its original building.
- working at the house of a homebound member of Park Hill Baptist Church
- cleaning and doing yard work at the Courage House (formally the Abused Women and Children’s center)
- painting and cleaning a business on Main Street
- cleaning out and working in the garden at Perritt Primary School
- cleaning the preschool facilities at First Baptist Church
- repairing playground equipment and painting at Carpenter Hill
- doing yard work, housework and repairs for spouses of former faculty members
- cleaning and doing repairs for a Ouachita neighbor who is ill.

Cosh said the secondary importance of the Tiger Serve Days is the building of relationships between Ouachita students and the University’s faculty and staff. “It is an important thing to remember,” stated Cosh, “that the relationship between faculty and students is an important aspect of college.”

Dr. Byron Eubanks, assistant professor of philosophy, worked with a group at Feaster Park. “I like being able to be involved in the community and it is fun to interact with students in a different way other than in the classroom,” he said. “I get to meet students I don’t otherwise know.”

Students assisted Cosh in organizing the day’s activities. Student leaders included Cara Hampton, Stephanie Davis, Aaron Black, Emily Goode, Jenny McGuire, Lori Butler, Ryan Hillman, and Jay Baker.

In March of 1987, students, faculty and staff went into the streets to help with approximately 7,000 hours of disaster relief after the March 1 tornado that destroyed a large portion of the city.

On Tiger Serve Day in October, 24 Ouachita teams with a sum total of 150 people served 476 hours.

According to Cosh, the goal for the CFC is to sponsor a Tiger Serve Day each semester.
Volunteerism has been an important focus for many faculty, staff and students during the year. Academic classes, social clubs and campus organizations have emphasized the importance of community service. These projects include:

- Phi Beta Lambda - fundraiser for Arkansas Children's Hospital and March of Dimes
- Global Service Corps - international students speak to civic clubs, church groups and school children about their countries and cultures
- Organizational Behavior class - raised money for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and gathered items for local children's charities
- Communication disorders (speech pathology) majors collect canned food each month for the local food bank
- Tri Chi Women's Social Club - assisted with the American Red Cross fund-raising dinner
- Chi Iota Sigma Social Club - collected Coats for Kids
- EEE Women's Social Club - volunteered day at Head Start
- Gamma Phi Women's Social Club - volunteer day at the Humane Society
- Beta Beta Men's Social Club - built a t-ball field for the community
- Sigma Alpha Sigma Men's Social Club - volunteer day cleaning Feaster Park
- Chi Delta women's Social Club - cleaning up along Highway 7
Student volunteers success behind phonathon

From singing the EEE beau song to an alumnus in Texas, to explaining that girls no longer have to be in their dorms at 8 p.m., to clarifying that Ouachita is still as Baptist as it has ever been, Ouachita students did whatever it took to persuade an alumnus to contribute to the University's annual fund.

And it worked.

The students raised $82,230 in pledges from a total of 2731 pledges. Each year for the last three years, alumni support has increased significantly, and this year appears to be no exception. During the 1997 phonathon, students raised $64,050 from 2707 pledges.

Ouachita used approximately 140 of its students and 35 faculty and staff members as volunteers to conduct its fourth annual national fund-raising phonathon during the month of February.

The phonathon was geared toward increasing participation in the annual fund of the University, according to Bryan McKinney, director of annual giving and development officer.

"We are interested in increasing the number and level of giving of those Ouachita alumni, former students, and friends of the school," said McKinney. "The phonathon also provides us with a great opportunity to learn of prospective high school students who may be interested in attending Ouachita."

Support for the annual fund is measured, in part, by the percentage of alumni who give. National foundations and corporations are very interested in the percentage of alumni support when they are considering providing gifts and grants to colleges and universities. The higher the percentage, the more likely a substantial gift or grant from a foundation or corporation becomes.

"The national average for a private university is about 35 percent of alumni support," McKinney said. Figures for this fiscal year will not be available until June, but they appear to be promising. "Last year 32 percent of Ouachita's alumni gave to the University. This is still shy of the national average, but it represents a tremendous increase over the previous several years, thanks in no small part to the success of the phonathon," according to McKinney.

During the three week phonathon, student volunteers attempted to reach over 10,000 alumni, former students and friends of Ouachita in all 50 states from telephone banks on campus.

Members of the Ouachita faculty and administrative staff helped to coordinate the student volunteers in posting nightly totals, and assisting with the paperwork. These faculty and staff volunteers are also available to answer any questions that may arise during the conversations.

"Though all of the faculty and staff workers are to be commended, I believe one staff member in particular deserves special recognition," McKinney said. "Shirley Hardin, who works in the development office, did a masterful job organizing and planning for this year's phonathon. I really appreciate all the work she put into the phonathon this year."

The students participating in the phonathon included representatives from social clubs, the Baptist Student Union, Student Entertainment and Leisure Fund, Ouachita Student Foundation, the Black American Student Society, and the student body at large. "It's great to hear the student callers share about their conversations with alumni," said Hardin. "Not only are they raising money to help their university, but they are excited about connecting with former Ouachitonians."

Local merchants also played a large role in the success of the phonathon by contributing prizes ranging from food, movies and t-shirts to dinners at local restaurants, watches, and tennis equipment. Students won prizes for categories such as most pledges raised during a specific time period, most pledges raised overall, and most money raised.

The annual fund, operating as an entity of the development office, is partially responsible for raising money to provide direct budgetary support for the institution. Each dollar raised during the phonathon allows another dollar to be used for student scholarships.

The phonathon callers at Ouachita asked listeners to make a one-time donation to the school through this particular emphasis.

According to McKinney, it was the students who made the effort possible. "Without the student volunteers, the phonathon wouldn't be possible. I am acutely aware during the phonathon of the quality of students here at Ouachita. They are the driving force behind the event, and they are the ones who benefit from the results."

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Union Pacific awards grant for networking residence halls

The Union Pacific Foundation, located in Omaha Nebraska, recently announced its decision to award $20,000 to Ouachita for the purpose of networking the student residence halls to the University Computer system. Completely networking each of the 11 residence halls has been a long-term goal of the University. Several of the residence halls are already online with the campus network, and this funding makes it possible that all 11 dormitories will be fully networked by the Spring of 1999.

"Universities must be equipped with an appropriate infrastructure that can accommodate the technological demands of 21st century learning," according to Bill Phelps, assistant director of computer services. "We came to the conclusion that Ouachita could not adequately prepare our students for tomorrow without teaching them how to adapt to the technology of tomorrow."

Each student dormitory room will be linked to the Campus Network. This will enable students to access the vast resources available on the Internet, 24 hours a day, from anywhere on campus—from the classroom, to the laboratory, to the dormitory. Networking the campus is an important step along the path of unleashing the tremendous learning potential of the Internet.

According to Randy Garner, Director of Admissions, this project is also necessary for recruitment and retention purposes. "College students are becoming more and more aware of the need for technological instruction and understanding. I am often asked whether or not our campus is fully networked, and I will now be able to say, 'Yes'. Students will be pleased to know that the world is quite literally at their fingertips, from anywhere on campus, including their dormitory rooms."

Jon Merryman, a sophomore from Mount Vernon, Mo., says, "The fact that my room is hooked up to the campus network is very helpful. I can access various libraries from around the country over the internet, and I can communicate with family and friends back home through email. I love having this capability from my own dorm room, and I can't imagine not having email and internet access."

This funding comes in response to a grant proposal submitted to the Foundation in the summer of 1997, and is one of several Ouachita projects that Union Pacific has chosen to support. "The Union Pacific Foundation has been a valuable friend to Ouachita," according to President Andrew Westmoreland. "We are so grateful for their support in the past, and we are particularly excited about this funding, as it will directly benefit every student at Ouachita."

In previous years, the Foundation has provided funding to assist with the renovation of the Cone-Bottoms Administration Building, the expansion of Riley-Hickingbotham Library, the purchase of the English Computer Laboratory, the purchase of a desktop publishing system, the purchase of a mailing system, and the purchase of a heat exchanger.

Bryan McKinney

Ouachita receives gift from Cobb

Elma Cobb ('30), through a bequest in her will and a remainder interest in two Charitable Remainder Trusts, has given to Ouachita an amount anticipated to be $558,000. The gift will be used to endow an academic chair and to endow a fund to provide selected speakers on campus each year.

Miss Cobb remained a loyal and faithful friend her entire life, serving Ouachita as trustee, donor, and a development council member. She was the state director of the WMU for many years, and was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church of Little Rock.

Campaign surpasses $28.5 million base goal

The $28.5 million base goal of the Window of Opportunity Phase of the Decade of Progress Campaign has been surpassed, according to Andrew Westmoreland, president of the University. "Thanks to the selfless generosity of many Ouachita alumni, former students and friends, we are pleased to report that $28.6 million has now been raised."

Dr. Westmoreland also expressed his deep appreciation for past Ouachita President Dr. Ben M. Elrod, "Without his leadership and vision, none of this would have been possible."

Ouachita is still $1.4 million shy of reaching the challenge goal of $40 million. "Our development office is now focusing its efforts on reaching the challenge goal," according to Westmoreland. "We are only months away from successfully concluding the most ambitious fundraising campaign in Ouachita's history."

The Window of Opportunity Campaign was begun in 1995, and is scheduled to conclude at the end of 1998.

Bryan McKinney
Aihua Wang, professor of Chinese language, is spending a year at Ouachita in the third year of an international exchange program with Peking University in Beijing, China.

Through its Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program, Ouachita sends a professor to teach at Peking for a semester and Peking sends a professor to teach at Ouachita for a year. Peking University shares this exchange program with only two universities: Ouachita and Pennsylvania State University.

Wang holds a master's degree in English from Peking University. She teaches Chinese language to Ouachita students, many of whom she taught this past summer in Peking when they participated in the summer program.

One of the students who traveled to China this summer was T.K. Zellers, a junior sociology major from Fort Smith. Zellers took elementary Chinese II from Wang at OBU during the 1997 fall semester. Speaking very highly of Wang, Zellers said, "She is wonderful. It is unbelievable how fluent she is in English and how easy she makes learning the complicated language."

Zellers feels that "no one's educational process can be complete without studying overseas and being exposed to other cultures ... the exchange program's value is immeasurable."

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Steegers receive mission award for service as SBC missionaries

Dr. William P. Steeger, the W.O. Vaught professor of Bible and chair of the division of religion and philosophy, along with his wife, Susan, recently received the 11th annual “John and Jewel Abernathy Foreign Mission Service Award” from the Southern Baptist Convention.

A special missions banquet and celebration at which the award was presented were held recently at First Baptist Church in Hot Springs. Both Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) foreign and home missionaries attended the services focusing on Christ’s mandate to His church to be a missions people. In addition to the foreign mission award that went to the Steegers, the convention also presented two other special awards for volunteer missions service and home missions service.

The Steegers served with the International Mission Board (formerly the Foreign Mission Board, SBC) in Ethiopia, Seychelles, and South Africa prior to coming to Ouachita.

COMMUNITY GATHERING • Governor Mike Huckabee ('76) addresses the crowd gathered at the Clark County Courthouse for a community service to remember the 1997 tornado that killed six people and destroyed or damaged much of the city. The service was held March 1, beginning at 2:42 p.m., one year from the time the F4 twister hit the community.

Dr. William C. Viser, associate professor of religion, has been certified and licensed as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (CADC).

The requirements were 270 hours of education in the knowledge and skills of alcohol and drug use and abuse; three years of supervised experience; 300 hours of direct supervision with 12 hours minimum in each of the 12 core functions; demonstration of competence in substance abuse knowledge by passing a written exam; demonstration of competence in counseling skills by passing a 45 minute oral examination by three examiners; and adherence to a strict code of ethics.

Ouachita awarded Viser a faculty growth plan grant to assist him in receiving his certification.

Dr. Robert Webster, associate professor of accounting and holder of the George Young Chair of Business, and Dr. T. Selwyn Ellis, assistant professor of business administration, recently presented a paper and had two articles selected for national and international publication.

Ellis and Webster presented a paper titled "Is Managers' Innovation Toward Telecommuting: A Structural Equation Model" at the 31st Annual Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences.

Ellis' and Webster's article titled "The Effect of Managerial Forecasted Financial Statements on Securities Analysts' Judgment" was accepted for publication in the "Journal of Managerial Psychology."

Ellis' and Webster's article titled "Information Systems Managers' Perceptions of the Advantages and Disadvantages of Telecommuting" was accepted for publication in "Computer Personnel." The journal is published by the Association for Computer Machinery.
Ouachita Baptist University invites you to join us for two special events

**Lives Touching Lives**

An evening honoring

**Dr. and Mrs. Ben Elrod**

Thirteenth President and First Lady of Ouachita Baptist University

Friday, May 15, 1998

Recognition Program, 6 p.m., Jones Performing Arts Center
Reception immediately following in Evans Student Center

**Presidential Investiture**

Honoring

**Dr. Andrew Westmoreland**

Fourteenth President of Ouachita Baptist University

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Investiture Ceremony, 10 a.m., Jones Performing Arts Center
Inaugural Reception, 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Grant Plaza/Cone-Bottoms lawn
Developing healthy habits emphasis of Health Fair

The Health Services Office hosted its third annual Health Fair on Tuesday, February 24. The Fair offered a variety of booths with health care information and free samples available.

The booths offered subjects such as skin care information, hearing and vision screening, information from the Arkansas Region Organ Recovery Agency, nutrition information from Ouachita's dietetics association, information and blood testing from the American Red Cross, general health information from the Clark County Health Unit, testing from the Little Rock Allergy Clinic, among others.

"Students are at a good point in their life where changes in lifestyles and habits can be made to make a difference in their health future," said Molly Wallace, health services director. During the Health Fair, the university offered door prizes from local merchants. Joanna Haver

Ouachitonian yearbook receives 'Best of Show' at ACP convention

The 1997 Ouachitonian yearbook was awarded Best of Show at the annual convention of the Associated Collegiate Press held recently in Chicago. The competition for convention delegates included newspapers, magazines and yearbooks, and was sponsored by ACP and the Society of Newspaper Design.

The Ouachitonian competed in the category for yearbooks 299 pages and under. Publications were evaluated for general excellence, with emphasis on design, coverage/reporting, and leadership as expressed through content. The awards were presented at the closing session of the convention held at the Sheraton Hotel.

The editor of the 1997 Ouachitonian was Priscilla Shadr Barrett of Cabot. The assistant editor was Jennifer Hillman of Almyra. Dr. Deborah Root, director of development publications and assistant professor of mass communications, is the adviser.

OUACHITONIAN ON THE TITANIC • Jari Kinnunen (left) a former international student from Finland, had a speaking part in the blockbuster movie "Titanic." He played the role of a third-class passenger.

Dr. Jane Tompkins, author and literary scholar from Duke University, presented a Birkett Williams Lecture on Wednesday, February 11. Her lecture was titled, "A Life in School: What the Teacher Learned." Tompkins presented an account of her personal evolution within her teaching-learning career. The memoir was produced with the assistance of a National Humanities Center grant in 1992.

Eight students attended the 37th annual Midwest Model United Nations convocation held in St. Louis, MO, February 25-28. The Ouachita group represented the African nation of Kenya. More than 50 college and university teams from all size campuses met to discuss global issues in a simulation of the United Nations. Students also participated in a class simulation where each student represents a country and works to pass sample resolutions. Major points discussed this year were the events currently occurring in Iraq, women's rights, national security, and the distribution of funds to other countries for economic development.

The Praise Singers, an eight-voice contemporary Christian musical group at Ouachita, presented a Valentine's Day concert on February 14 in Jones Performing Arts Center. The group has also spent the year performing for church worship services, youth gatherings, public schools and various meetings. This summer, the Praise Singers will participate in a summer music mission trip to Australia. The group is directed by Mrs. Diana Ellis.
ESL
English as a Second Language
Offering international students education and orientation to the American scene

Culture shock is an inadequate phrase to describe the feeling international students experience when they first arrive at Ouachita. They are sometimes overwhelmed by a new culture and language.

To help these students cope with their new, unfamiliar surroundings, Ouachita has created the English as a Second Language (ESL) program. The program offers further education and orientation to the American scene.

ESL aims at improving the students’ reading, writing, and oral skills in the English language. The goal is to give each student “quality instruction in the English language, as well as study in American history and culture and computer literacy,” according to Sharon Cosh, director of ESL.

Cosh says that the program, however, is more than just educational. The students have the security that their ESL professors are always there, serving as a friendly face in a strange place. Throughout the year, the instructors have the internationals in their homes, lead them in Bible studies, and offer counseling for adjustment problems. “Sometimes,” commented Cosh, “we’re just a mother to people who are far away from their real parents.”

The ESL adjunct instructors are Sharon Cosh, Rebecca Wright, Kathy Carter, Brandi Womack, and Donna Hays.

Twelve students are enrolled in the Ouachita ESL program for the 1998 spring semester. The number of participants in the programs is kept at a minimum in an effort to make sure that the students receive the personal attention and care needed.

Not all international students need to be enrolled in the program according to Cosh. “It is aimed specifically at those who have a difficult time functioning in the regular classroom,” she said. Some may need only a semester of help while others may need assistance for a whole year.

The program is also a way for those internationals who might not have the opportunity because of high entrance criteria to attend an American university and experience the culture and improve their English.

At the end of each semester, students take a comprehensive examination to determine whether or not they are ready to enter the regular courses at Ouachita. Students must pass this examination before entering the degree program. “Student response has been overwhelmingly positive,” said Cosh.

Rachel Deckelman
Seniors prepare for life after college

Words of encouragement and information for the upcoming 1998 graduates of Ouachita were the focus of the annual Senior Dinner sponsored by the Ouachita Former Students Association (FSA) in conjunction with “Life in the Real World” which was sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF).

“This annual dinner is an opportunity for the FSA and the Alumni Office to offer congratulations to our seniors, to welcome them as Ouachita alumni, and to wish them well as they prepare to graduate,” said Phil Hardin, director of alumni affairs and assistant to the president.

This year’s speaker was Rex Nelson of Little Rock, an honor graduate of Ouachita and a native of Arkadelphia. Nelson serves as director of communications and policy for Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee.

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

After Nelson spoke, the Ouachita seniors were provided information concerning May graduation and the Tiger Network.

Following the dinner the event, “Life in the Real World,” featured a variety of off-campus speakers offering seminars in topics such as “Financial Planning,” “How to Find an Apartment,” “Insurance Planning” and “Living Safe Outside the Bubble.”

The “Financial Planning” seminar was taught by Larry Root (’80) of Little Rock, a financial adviser with Kelso, Root and White, and IDS/American Express. Tips on “How to Find an Apartment” were explained by Jennice Ratley (’86) who is with Apartment Locators and Corporate Lodging in Little Rock.

Roger Wingfield, a State Farm insurance representative from Arkadelphia, led the “Insurance” seminar.

Clark County Sheriff Troy Tucker led “Living Safe Outside the Bubble.” Tucker gave students guides for personal safety.

Alie Hill

Building strong families focus of Marriage & Family Week

Ouachita was the site for a series of programs and activities to encourage students toward building strong family units in their futures titled “Marriage and Family Week” held March 9-14.

The general theme of the week was “Relationships: The Essentials for Dating, Courtship and Marriage.” The week was sponsored by the Baptist Student Union (BSU) and the Center for Christian Ministries at Ouachita. According to Director Ian Cosh, the goal of the week was to encourage awareness of the dual role of how being a collegiate and being married can work together in building strong families.

Featured speakers for the week were:

- Daren Martin, president and founder of Christian Counseling Associates in Plano, Tex. Martin began the week with the theme “Communicating Your Way to Better Relationships.” He also spoke on Tuesday at the weekly chapel convocation;
- Bryan and Leigh Anne McKinney of Arkadelphia. The McKinneys led a seminar titled “Dating-Communication Counts.” Bryan serves Ouachita as development officer and director of annual giving and Leigh Ann serves as the international student admissions counselor;
- Dr. Johnny Baker, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport, La. Baker was the speaker at a couples retreat offered in Texarkana at the Holiday Inn. The retreat was for married couples enrolled at Ouachita.

Rachel Deckelman
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From morning celebrations to a midnight breakfast, from bridge talks to an evening concert, Christian Focus Week (CFW) offered the Ouachita family a week of spiritual renewal and celebration of Christian heritage.

CFW, held February 16-20, was sponsored by the Baptist Student Union (BSU). Ian Cosh, director of the campus BSU, explained by saying, “So many times in a college environment there is a tendency to rush ahead and lose focus. We design this week as a reflective, growing week for students and faculty alike.”

Cosh and Brandi Womack, assistant director of the BSU, worked with three student leaders to coordinate the week’s activities.

The theme of this year’s program was “Seeking to Find.” It was centered on the Bible scripture from Jeremiah 29:13, “And you shall seek me, and find me, when you search for me with all your heart.”

The featured speaker for the week was Dr. David Garrison, associate vice president for strategy coordination and mobilization in overseas operations at the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va. While on campus, he was the J. E. Berry Lecturer, an endowed speaker program named in memory of the late J. E. Berry of El Dorado.

In addition to speaking in chapel, Garrison led nightly “Bridge Talks,” an informal time of discussion for students to have with the 12 · Campus News speaker.

Each day during CFW, the student body, faculty, and staff were invited to attend prayer breakfasts with various speakers. Each day various clubs and organizations were the special guests and shared in a time of song and devotion.

Afternoon seminars were held on various topics concerning students and their walks with Christ.

Seminar topics and speakers included:

- You communication for Governor Mike Huckabee;
- Seeking a Divine Encounter Through Worship' presented by Mr. Richard Wentz, minister of music at the Church at Rock Creek, Little Rock;
- "Do I have to go to Africa to find my mate?" presented by Brandi and Richard Womack;
- "Keys to a consistent walk with the Lord" presented by President Emeritus and Mrs. Daniel Root, with special guests Preben Yang;
- "Seeking the Mind of Christ" presented by Dr. Nathan and Charlie and Mike Huckabee;
- "Does the business office have your number on speed dial?" presented by Dr. Robert Webster;
- "More than pizza, camp, and lock-ins: keys to a purpose driven youth ministry" presented by Mr. Wade Tomlinson;
- "Not everyone is a preacher" presented by President Andrew Westmoreland; and
- "A session for MK's only" presented by Mr. Mark Whitworth, a student consultant with the International Mission Board.

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

A midnight breakfast for students was held on Wednesday night following a student led informal worship time known as "Praise and Worship" in Berry Chapel.

Larry Grayson, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Lewisville, Tex. led the Praise and Worship part of CFW. Grayson is a native of Camden.

Other activities during CFW included:
- Ouachita Singers concert
- Athletic Team Pizza and Challenge for student-athletes
- Vocalist Charlie Hall in concert. Hall is formerly of Nathan and Charlie and Sons and Daughters.
- Rachel Deckelman
Basketball honors

Two members of the Ouachita Tiger and Lady Tiger basketball programs have been named to the All-Lone Star Conference Second-Team, while one was tabbed for the Honorable Mention Team by the league's coaches.

Tiger junior guard Mitchell Bolding of Benton earned post-season honors in the program's first season in LSC North Division play. For the Tigers, Bolding averaged 17.6 points per game and scored his 1,000th career point in a game against East Central (OK) University earlier this season.

Lady Tiger senior guard/forward Holly Goodwin of Paron also earned second-team all-conference accolades for her efforts this season. Goodwin led the Lady Tigers in scoring averaging 17.5 points per game in her senior season. Goodwin, a transfer from Tulane University, scored 910 points and had 256 rebounds in her two-year career at Ouachita.

Senior point guard Amy Teague of Hot Springs (Lake Hamilton) was chosen for the Honorable Mention Team. Teague scored 364 points in the regular season, giving her 1,104 points in her 131-game Ouachita career, going into the LSC Championship Tournament.

Tiger Basketball

The Tiger basketball team ended the season with a 10-16 record. Ouachita completed its first season of Lone Star Conference play tied for sixth place in the LSC North Division with Southeastern Oklahoma State University, both with 4-10 conference marks. The team was coached by Mike Reynolds, assisted by Grant Pate.

Lady Tiger Basketball

The Lady Tigers won a slice of the Lone Star Conference North Division, sharing it with the Harding University Lady Bison. The Lady Tigers, seeded sixth in the LSC tournament, won their first tournament game, but the season ended with a 102-63 loss to number two seed Harding in the second game.

The Lady Tigers ended the season 17-11 overall, and 7-7 in conference play. The team was coached by Garry Crowder, assisted by Joveta Arnold.

Swimming & Diving

The Sharks and Lady Tiger Sharks swimming and diving teams both placed third at the New South Independent Swim League (NSISL) Championship Meet on February 12-14 at Donaghey Natatorium on the campus of the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

The overall men's standings saw Delta State University's total of 953 outdistance the rest by a good margin to win the team championship for the Statesmen. The Henderson State University Red Wave placed second with a score of 733. OBU was next with a score of 690.50.

In the women's overall standings, Henderson won the meet by compiling a total score of 794. Delta State captured second with 757. Ouachita followed with a distant 569.

Ward receives USTA Community Service Award

One of the state's most successful college and university tennis coaches has had another honor bestowed on him by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) in Key Biscayne, Fla.

Craig Ward, head men's tennis coach at Ouachita, is one of 10 national recipients of the 1998 USTA Community Service Award as announced by Dede Allen, a USTA representative.

"It was easy to see how Craig was chosen for this honor," said Allen. "After reviewing more than 300 entrants, it was evident how Craig and the other nine selected as winners were set apart by the judging panel for recognition of their accomplishments both on the courts and in their respective communities. Their accomplishments are meritorious and notable."

One male and one female from NCAA I, II, III, NAIA and NJCAA schools were chosen for the community service award. Ward represented NCAA Division II.

Criteria for judging for the honor was based on volunteer involvement with USTA and/or community programs such as USTA schools, junior team tennis, NJTL, and local excellence programs; work with community tennis associations; campus clinics and other campus activities; and volunteer work with running local tournaments and wheelchair programs.

Since coming to Ouachita in 1991, Ward has guided the OBU Tiger tennis team in becoming a highly respected state, regional and national power. His team roster is comprised of championship players from Arkansas, surrounding states and foreign nations. He is Ouachita's most successful tennis coach with more than 125 victories to his coaching credit.

Ward has coached numerous All Americans in his tenure at OBU and he is no stranger to accolades given by his peers and honors won by his team and individual players on the courts. His Ouachita teams have consistently been among the top 10 tennis programs in the nation in NAIA and NCAA Division II.

In addition, Ward and his wife Kim and other tennis associates at Ouachita's Heflin Tennis Center have been instrumental in encouraging tennis involvement by all ages through multiple programs the year round. The Heflin Tennis Center is one of the region's most modern tennis facilities composed of 32,000 square foot indoor complex and an adjoining 12-court outdoor surface that was voted Arkansas Tennis Facility of the Year in 1994.

-Mac Sisson

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The church that my family and I belonged to when I was in junior high and high school is in a small town only 26 miles from Arkadelphia. This close proximity gave us many opportunities to experience "life at OBU." We had the privilege of hearing and working with many talented people.

There were music majors who ministered to us in song, and many who were our music directors for a period of time. There were those students who shared testimonies about the changes God made in their lives and how Ouachita had affected their spiritual growth. There were youth leaders who came and directed our youth groups, influencing lives in a positive way. There was the distinct honor of having Dr. and Mrs. Ben Elrod bless our church during an interim pastorate. There were families and members of our church who had attended Ouachita and shared how the experience made a difference in their own lives.

We were fortunate to be close enough to receive the blessings these students and leaders were willing to share with our small group. Personally, I was touched by the friendliness and warmth I sensed in these students and leaders who dedicated themselves to sharing their time and talents with us.

My family and the members of my hometown church always encouraged me to seek God's best for my life. Their support and encouragement gave me the confidence to pursue what I felt God was leading me to do. I realized the positive influence those "role models" from Ouachita, as well as my attendance there, have had on my life.

Regardless of the distance between Ouachita and us, we all have the opportunities to encourage the youth in our own families, churches, and neighborhoods to seek God's best for their lives. We can, first of all, share Christ with these young people and then share how our own experiences at Ouachita helped us grow spiritually, mentally and emotionally.

My deepest thanks to those special people in life who shared Christ with me and those who encouraged me through their lives. My deepest thanks to all of you who continue to share Ouachita with others and see how lives can be changed for the better. May we as former students continue to support the legacy of faith we have been privileged to experience at this university.

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**Long Distance Service helps Tiger Network Scholarships**

Alumni and former students of Ouachita who use the Ouachita FSA Long Distance Service make a direct impact on students who receive Tiger Network Scholarships. University Communications makes a donation to the Scholarship Fund according to the number of long distance minutes used by service subscribers.

So far during this fiscal year, $743.94 has been received for scholarships as a result of income from the long distance service. The amount will increase as additional subscribers make use of the service. See the advertisement below for details.

**1999 prospects**

We are beginning to compile a database of students who will enter Ouachita in the fall of 1999! This fall these young people will be seniors in high school and will begin to make one of the most important decisions of their life -- where to attend college. We need names and addresses so our admissions counselors and financial aid officers can provide them with admission requirements and financial aid information.

**Are you a member?**

The Tiger Network is a group of alumni, former students and friends who want to see young people in their family, church and community receive a quality education in a Christian environment. In order to accomplish this, members encourage students to check into Ouachita. To become a member, you simply have to let us know that you are interested. You can call us at 1-800-342-5628 or e-mail us at admissions@alpha.obu.edu.

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1927

Don Matthew recently completed his second book at age 93. *Sparks of Genius That Helped Build Arkansas* is an account of the people who organized and built Arkansas Power and Light Company.

1947

Dr. J. D. Patterson, a Searcy dentist who has received many honors for mission work overseas, was the subject of a story in the January 1997 edition of "Commission" magazine. The article highlights a July 1996, journey to Kenya and Somalia by Patterson and Ouachita student Eric Torrence. More recently, Patterson has agreed to sponsor a summer 1998, round-the-world trip for mass communications students led by Dr. Bill Downs, chairman of the department of mass communications. The trip will include stops at 10 "Time" magazine bureaus in seven countries.

1948

Ernest Mosley retired April 1 as executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, where he served for the past 11 years. He and wife, Vivian (Bachman, '50), live in Franklin, TN.

1950

Morris and Dorothy Carlisle of Beebe, AR, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 20, 1997. They have three children, Jerry Carlisle of Little Rock, Janis Price of Beebe and Vicky Davis of New Orleans.

1955

Jerry and Erkle (Kessinger) St. John are in Columbia, SC. Jerry, now retired, was the Language Program Leader for the South Carolina Baptist Convention for 22 years. Erkle retired from First Baptist Church after more than 19 years of service. They plan to do short term mission projects and Jerry continues to do contract work for the Convention.

Gerald Jackson retired Dec. 31 as associate in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention discipleship and family ministry department after more than 23 years of service. He and wife, Ruby, live in Hensley, AR.

1956

Homer and Chris (Roachell) Moran live in Mabelvale, AR. Homer retired in 1981 as a Colonel with the Army. In August, Homer and Chris were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary by their children, H.B. ('71), Debbie ('75) and Tim ('77).

1957

Dr. Ben R. Hipp is chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Tennessee. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and holds staff appointments in a number of Memphis hospitals. He serves on the consulting staff of the Memphis Veterans Administration Hospital. He has held the academic rank of Professor since 1992.

1958

Paul Parker and wife Betty, live in Fairfield Bay, AR. He is pastor of Immanuel Church in Clinton.

1965

Dr. Herman E. Hurd of Little Rock, was awarded a fellowship in the International College of Cranio-Mandibular Orthopedics. Frank Shell (M.A.) retired as director of missions for the Arkansas North Central Association. He and wife, Carolyn (Southernland, '58), live in Batesville, AR. They have four children, all OBU grads, Jay ('82), Sara ('88), Joe ('90) and Susan ('91).

1968

Donnie Plummer is vice president and compliance officer of Alliance Bank in Hot Springs, AR. He and wife Barbara have one daughter, Sara.

Alan Rawley celebrated 30 years as a mail handler at the Kansas City, MO, main post office in March. He is a deacon at First Baptist Church and is a member of the Board of Trustees. He and wife Barbara have two children, Brian and Sarah.

1969

John Hilliard's composition "Three Trees" was recently honored and played by the National Conference of the American Society of University Composers.

1971

H.B. and Charlotte Moran live in Alexander, AR. He is the state claims office supervisor for Employers Mutual Casualty Insurance Companies and is retired from the Arkansas Army National Guard. The Morans have two children, Kevin and Becca.

James W. Reynolds earned his master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth at its December commencement. Prior to entering... Continued on page 18

Alumni Office is notified of additions to their families. Carrie Beth lives with her parents in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, where Sam is pastor of the First Baptist Church.
Class Notes

Young honored as Arkansas TRIO achiever

Ouachita graduate Lavinia Young of Arkadelphia was recently honored as the 1997 Arkansas Association of Student Assistance Programs (AASAP) TRIO Achiever.

Young received the honor during the annual AASAP conference at the Holiday Inn Select in Little Rock.

She was selected as TRIO Achiever from a field of nominees representing most of the universities and colleges in Arkansas.

Young was also recently honored as a TRIO Achiever for the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs (SWASAP). Young received the honor during the annual SWASAP conference at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock.

The association is comprised of universities and colleges representing the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas. The presentation was made in the Excelsior's Clinton Ballroom during the annual TRIO Achievers banquet.

While attending Gurdon High School and Ouachita, Young participated in the Classic Upward Bound Program, Student Support Services Program, and the Ronald McNair Post Baccalaureate Program. She graduated from Gurdon High School in 1992. As a student at Ouachita, Young was a member of the OBU Lady Tiger basketball team.

Young is currently employed as an accountant at Arkansas Enterprise Group in Arkadelphia and pursuing a master's degree at Henderson State University.

TRIO is a series of programs, funded under Title IV of the U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Act of 1965, to help students overcome class, social, academic, and cultural barriers in colleges and universities. Currently, there are no more than 1,750 TRIO programs at more than 1,000 public and private colleges and universities, assisting more than 700,000 students.

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1974

Kathy (Vining) Delone and daughter, Natalie, age 2, were featured in February's "Woman's Day" in an article entitled, "Supermoms: What are their secrets?"

1975

Roy Albert was recently named assistant commissioner of the planning, development and evaluation section of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services. He previously served as vocational evaluator and rehab counselor for ARS.

1978

Lavana (Jones) Kindle has accepted a full-time position at SAU Tech in Camden, AR, as Assistant Testing Coordinator. She has taught part-time there for 12 years.

Julianna (Nelson) Lorick was recently named the South Carolina Autism Society's Therapist of the Year. Juli has worked in the district for 11 years and serves several schools. She and husband Bud have one son Tim, 8.

Virginia (Stevenson) Anderson received her doctoral degree from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock in December 1997. She and husband Wayne (fs, '80) live in Arkadelphia where she is assistant principal at Arkadelphia High School.

1979

Sheree (Atkins) King and husband Alan live in North Little Rock where she is employed in sales by Complements.

1981

Elizabeth "Betsy" (Orr) Fulmer earned her master of science in education degree from Henderson State University at its December graduation ceremonies. Betsy teaches in the Arkadelphia Public School District.

1982

Jeff Parker recently completed the doctor of musical arts degree in choral conducting at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. He is instructor of choral conducting at Newberry College, Newberry, SC, and director of music at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Columbia.

Johnny and Lois Shaw have moved to Arkansas where he will serve as pastor of Alzheimer First Baptist Church.

1983

Michael Landrum has been admitted as a Partner in the Memphis office of Arthur Anderson LLP.

Ken McAllister lives in Hobbs, NM and works for Kvaerner Oilfield Production as location manager. He and wife Tammy have three children, Brandon 13, Kayla 10, and Kendra 8.

1984

Cliff White was named assistant vice president and corporate planning manager in the Finance Group of Simmons First National Corp. of Pine Bluff.

1985

Tippi McCullough received her master of science in education degree at Henderson State University in December. Tippi lives in Hot Springs.

1987

Greg Phillips of Little Rock has joined the Main Street Arkansas Program as assistant state coordinator for the downtown revitalization program.

1988

Richard and Jennifer (Wallace) Lowe are in North Little Rock where he is a medical representative with Blansett Pharmacal Co. and she is a museum consultant for Arkansas Dept. of Parks and Tourism.

1989

Angie Benson lives in Arlington, TX, where she is a case manager for Cornerstone Assistance Network, which works with the homeless. She plans to graduate from Southwestern Baptist Seminary this year.

1990

Mitch Bettis has been named publisher of the Craig Daily Press in Craig, CO. He is also the publisher of the Hayden Valley Press and the Saturday Northwest.

1991

K. Dawn Hamilton received her master of arts degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth in December.

1992

Ashli Ahrens Davis and husband Greg live in Searcy, AR, where she is employed as a professional development coordinator.

Kathy (Simms) Berry recently earned her master of science in education degree from Henderson State University. Kathy is associate director of admissions counseling at Ouachita.

Kip Spainhour earned his master of science in education degree at the December com-
mencement at Henderson State University. He is the assistant football and basketball coach at Hot Springs High School.

1993

Becca Busby is one of 33 recipients of a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education and the Rehab Services Administration Dept. of the University of Central Arkansas. She will work with children who suffer from traumatic brain injury.

1994

Duane Green lives in Little Rock where he is private data-base locator-investigator.

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

Steven Bryant, an avant-garde classical composer, currently heads the computer music lab at Juilliard School in New York. He recently had the debut performances of new musical works at the 1997 Arkansas Celebration of the Performing Arts in Hot Springs.

Jon and Suzanne (Norris, '95) Rushing are in Nashville, TN, with a full-time traveling music ministry. They recently released a debut album, "All In God's Time."

1995

Allison Walsh recently earned her master of arts degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth.

Nikki (Northern) Chumley was recently promoted to traffic manager at Stone & Ward, a full-service public relations firm in Little Rock.

Paula (Buford) Gay received her master of science in education degree from Henderson State University in December. She teaches at Peake Elementary School in Arkadelphia.

1996

Albany Irvin Colvin appeared for two days in February on ABC's "Wheel of Fortune" when the show was taped in Las Vegas, where she and husband Mike live. She was the winner of over $63,000 in cash and prizes including a red 1998 Corvette.

Cristina (Egelhoff) McNatt is a kindergarten teacher at Victory Baptist Church School in Sherwood, AR.

Megan (Mims) Kyle is working for United Insurance Agency in El Dorado, AR. Husband Chris (former staff) is working as the Athletic Trainer for Dickson Orthopaedic Centers.

Joveta (Saylor) Arnold earned her master of science in education degree from Henderson State University in December. Joveta is assistant women's basketball coach and head women's cross country coach at Ouachita.

1997

Angela Green Taylor and husband Jesse live in Russellville where she is a secretary-research assistant for an attorney.

Timothy Oosterhous is a Park Ranger assigned to the Old Faithful Ranger Station, Yellowstone National Park, WY.

MARRIAGES

1999

Betty Rea Allen to Larry Jones, January 1, 1998, Hughes, AR.

1998


Janice Elrod to Keith D. Rollans, November 1, 1997.

1990

William "Kerry" Roy to Erin Leigh Wilson, November 1, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1991

Joy Annice Vandiver to Toby Ray Vest, November 22, 1997, Searcy, AR.

1992

Ashli Ahrens to Gregory L. Davis, December 27, 1997, Stuttgart, AR.

Katherine Leigh Massey to Eric Wayne Townsend, October 25, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1993

Kimberly Dawn Hare to Gary Mark Wood, December 20, 1997, Eureka Springs, AR.

Stacey Craig (fs) to Michael Canady, December 13, 1997, Springdale, AR.

Rebecca Leigh McLenning to Brent Eric Lindsey, January 17, 1998.

Diane Michelle Henry to Russell Keith Moore, January 31, 1998, Garland, TX.

Pamela Dean Jayroe to Kevin Scott Fisher, November 22, 1997, Forrest City, AR.

1994

Cynthia Ann Staton to Daniel Odell Turner, October 25, 1997, Fort Smith, AR.

1995

Holly Katherine Dorse to Michael William Russell, November 8, 1997, North Little Rock, AR.

Chesley H. "Robbie" Robinette to Heather Bell Holloway (96), November 22, 1997, North Little Rock, AR.

1996

April Lee to Ryan Grisham, August 17, 1997, Tunioca, MS.

Cristina Egelhoff to James A. McNatt, December 27, 1997.

Jeremy Pate to Brandi Barker (fs), January 3, 1998, Benton, AR.

Ashley Elizabeth Nall to Robert Lloyd Stuckey, December 6, 1997, Batesville, AR.

1997

Ben Blackwell to Heather Mills (cs), December 20, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

Allison Miles to Jay A. Kennedy, January 3, 1998, Paragould, AR.

Alicia Harman to Robert Cullen, Little Rock, AR.

Jeremy Lemons to Lori Stewart, January 10, 1998, Sparkman, AR.

Mark Conine to Dawn Hasley, December 13, 1997, Fort Smith, AR.

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James Hess to Emily Baggett, February 7, 1998.

BIRTHS

1978

Kim and Brenda (Ingram) Klockenga, son, Daniel Scott, October 12, 1997, Crystal Lake, IL. Joins brothers Nicholas, 11, Matthew, 8 and Christopher, 1.

1979

Tim and Judith (Woodward, fs) Goodson, son, William Timo-

1982

Fred and Kelly (Stueart, '84) Ball, daughter, Mary Clare, December 1, 1997.

1983


Drew and Marcia (Eskew, '82) Shofner, daughter, Hannah Elaine, November 11, 1997, Greenbriar, MD.

1984

Brian and Cheri Watson, son, James Ashton, July 9, 1997, Gainesville, FL. Joins two sisters, Jennifer Anne, 5 and Ashley Nicole, 2.

1985

Ray and Cheri (Vining) Hayes, son, Christopher Andrew, April 22, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

Ken (OBU staff) and Betsy (Ray) Miles, son Johnathan David, November 30, 1997.

1986

Brian and Sheryl (Bowman) Boyd, daughter, Samantha Brianne, January 15, 1998, Jacksonville, AR.

1987

Robbie and Shawnda (Cailouet, fs) Binkley, daughter, Hope Janelle, November 10, 1997, Kennesaw, GA. Joins big sisters Hannah, 4 and Hallie, 3.

Kevin and Angie (Garner, '88) Helfner, son John Henry, December 27, 1997, Birmingham, AL.

1989

Paul and Angela (Stracener, '88) White, son, Trent Daniel, September 29, 1997, Benton, AR.

Rob and Julie (Burbank, fs) Carpenter, daughter, Mary Ashley, December 16, 1997, Bastrop, LA. Welcomed home by big sister, Lauren, 5.

Russell and Misty (Wofford, fs) Hutton, son, Nicolas Aaron, January 1, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

1990

David and Jamie (Coffelt) - Continued on page 21
McClenny balances school, work & parenting

While most students worry about who to date and what to wear, one Ouachita student found himself in an abnormal environment compared to his peers.

Kenneth Neal McClenny, 43, a senior biblical studies and speech communications major from Benton, is a full-time student, a divorced and single parent with custody of three young children, and engaged in part-time work to pay the bills.

McClenny believes that God called him into the ministry at age 14, but it was not until he was 16 that he made his decision public. His mother is Mrs. Lee Tedford of Benton and his father was the late Rev. J. C. McClenny.

He graduated in 1973 from Bryant High School and entered Ouachita for the first time in 1977. While on the Arkadelphia campus, he pursued a degree in pastoral ministry until 1980, when he decided to develop his own landscaping business and left the student ranks.

Two years ago McClenny felt that God wanted him to come back to college. “I came to college on faith,” he said. “I did not have any money, but God confirmed to me that I should be here at Ouachita.” He desired to return to college because he feels that education is imperative to all. “I knew if I was going to effectively serve God, I personally needed to come to school,” McClenny said.

McClenny has three children—Jimmy, age 15, Kristen, age 12, and Johnathon, age 11. Once McClenny felt the need to return to Ouachita to finish his formal education, he informed his children first. McClenny said, “I told them money would be tight, including small Christmases.”

According to McClenny, they have responded well to the move and have enjoyed being part of the happenings at Ouachita. “The first summer we were here, my kids used the campus like their own backyard and loved it.”

The kids can be seen with their dad at a variety of college events. Kristen and Johnathon are the official ball boy and girl for the OBU basketball games. This past fall the kids joined their dad as a member of the school’s maintenance staff while he worked to get the football stadium ready for home ballgames.

While also maintaining a 3.5 grade point average and a National Dean’s List mention, McClenny is involved in the Ouachita Student Foundation and Christian Ministries Fellowship.

The McClenny family lives in a small duplex on Hickory Street one block from campus and makes do with a well used, but respected, 1977 Oldsmobile recently provided to them by a Christian friend.

To McClenny, in order to balance being a full-time student and having a family it is important to exercise time management. “I have to study, cook, clean house, go to class, buy groceries and clothes, spend quality time with my children, go to events at my children’s schools, sleep, take my children and myself to church, and have a quiet time.”

“I make the most of every moment every day. I do not get a lot of free time, so I have to use every moment.” McClenny starts each day at 5:30 a.m. by preparing breakfast for the kids and getting them off to school. He then strides to campus to pursue his own education.

McClenny usually ends his day by studying, cleaning, or just relaxing after his children have gone to bed. McClenny said that his children help around the house and are very willing to help him in any possible way. His children are taught the importance of being responsible by having certain chores done weekly. Kristen has already learned to cook and occasionally cooks supper by herself.

“God has truly blessed me with three wonderful children who are always willing to help out around the house,” he said. “My children are a strong con-
1991
Mark and Jennifer (Frazier, '88) Coon, son, Jacob Frazier, December 6, 1997, Marshall, TX.

Blake and Gayla (Graves, '92) McKinney, son, Justin Matthew, January 7, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

Brian, (fs), '90 and Paige (Spann) Beck, daughter, Morgan Grace, November 25, 1997, Arlington, TX.

Stu and Denise (Masters, fs) Jones, son, Spencer Donald, October 12, 1997, Franklin, TN.

Steve and Beth Kroening, son, Marshall Eric, August 6, 1997, Woodstock, GA.

1992
Jim and Jennifer (Breedlove) Dilday, daughter, Lillie Elaine, August 28, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

Jason and Jennifer (Taylor) Petty, son Luke Lewis, October 27, 1997, Dallas, TX.


1993

Buddy and Jasa (Dawson) Babb, daughter, Leighton Abigail, January 22, 1998, Dardanelle, AR.

1994
Jay and Kristen (Stetson, '93) Ham, daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, December 22, 1997, Camden, AR.

Shawn and Ashley (Spann, '93) Francis, son, Chandler Brock, November 27, 1997, Hugo, OK.

1995
Travis and Allison (Robert) Nash, son, Jacob River, December 5, 1997. Welcomed by big brother Jansen, 3.

1996
Chad and Jessica Gallagher, daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, December 12, 1997, De Queen, AR.


1997
FACULTY/STAFF
Gaylen and Kristie Ross, son, Samuel, December 23, 1997, Little Rock, AR. Kristi is an assistant professor of psychology.

Ken and Betsy (Ray, '85) Miles, son Johnathan David, November 30, 1997. Ken is the assistant to the dean of students and hall director for Anthony Hall.

1998
DEATHS

1921
Olive Webb Murphy, January 29, 1998, Black Mountain, NC.

1927
Virginia Ervin Walker, January 24, 1998, Fayetteville, AR.

Martha (Smith) Brashear, February 17, 1998, Hope, AR.

1929

Alva Clinton Harris, Jr. (fs), January 17, 1998, Bon Air, VA.

1933
Katy Lou Russell (fs), November 28, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1935
Louise England Heard (fs), November 12, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

1936
James Claude “Zebe” Perry, October 30, 1997, Forrest City, AR.

Catherine (Dew) Cheatham, November 25, 1997, Magnolia, AR.

Louise Cox (fs), notified November 1997, Fordyce, AR.


1938
Jay Freeman (fs), November 28, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1939
Ila Mae (Mathis) Reece (fs), November 13, 1997, Hot Springs, AR.

Clara Jane (Meador) Hall (fs), December 2, 1997, Hamburg, AR.

Robert DeWitt “Bob” Harris (fs), February 2, 1998, Morrilton, AR.

Felix J. Williams, September 11, 1996, Pineville, LA.

Herbert A. Gorum (fs), February 7, 1998, Shreveport, LA.


1940
Dr. H. E. Williams, February 23, 1998, Walnut Ridge, AR. Dr. Williams was founder and president of Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, now Williams Baptist College.

1941
Jack Vestal (fs), November 17, 1997, El Dorado, AR.

1942
Nettie Kate (Sealy) Bollen (fs), December 3, 1997, Friendship, AR.

1943

Calvin L. Jones, November 27, 1997, Phoenix, AZ.

Thomas B. Keys, Sr., February 16, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

Newell Blakely, December 12, 1997, Houston, TX.

1944
Margaret Jacks Deese, December 10, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1947
Bettye Needham Spradlin, January 26, 1998, Bentonville, AR.

1948
Galion Nethercutt, November 27, 1997, Sherwood, AR.

1950

1951
Julia (Bearden) Messer, February 3, 1998, Hope, AR.

1953
Mary L. Register, October 12, 1996, Des Arc, AR.

1955
Terrence L. Powell, June 28, 1997, Lawton, OK.

1959
Bernard L. Ford, December 9, 1997, Hot Springs, AR.

1962
Linda (Lewallen) McClung, February 14, 1998, Kennett Square, PA.

Rex Cooper, February 28, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

1963
Martin “Marty” Schlueter, December 15, 1997, Huntington Beach, CA.

1966
Lynda Flanagan Jumper (fs), August 26, 1995, Jonesboro, AR.

1967
Wayne B. Davis, February 1, 1998, Van Buren, AR.

1970
Bettye Ann Thurman Russell, December 9, 1997, Huntsville, AL.

1975
Henry E. Casey, January 26, 1996.

FACULTY/STAFF
Jonathan Kelly, professor emeritus of office administrative services, February 4, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR.

Lovie Pierce Lindsey, former dorm mom, January 7, 1998.
The importance of estate planning

Estate planning is for everyone. Even though many people think their estates are too small to be taxed (which in itself is far less true than is generally supposed), the amount of tax imposed on the transfer of assets at death is a separate issue from planning for the disposition of those assets.

New tax breaks

In the summer of 1997, Congress voted to gradually increase the amount in an estate that is not taxed by the federal government from $600,000 to $1 million by the year 2006. But this hardly means that people need not worry about taxes or, worse, about estate planning.

In 1981, when Congress similarly raised the estate limit for taxation, many people thought that because they did not have estates of $600,000 or more, they would face no taxation. But think of this: a person with a $300,000 estate in 1981 could have, if only part of it were invested in the stock market, an estate of over $1 million today.

People tend to be wealthier than they think. Add up everything—the home, the stock portfolio, the tangible personal property, life insurance policies that you own or have owned during the last three years, retirement plan assets you own, business interests, and much, much more—and you may find yourself with enough assets to qualify for a tax on the right to transfer your assets at death.

It's about more than taxes

Reducing taxes is, of course, an important component of estate planning. But the process of planning involves much more than finding tax-saving strategies.

Estate planning is the highly personal process of deciding how your assets will be distributed at death. Who will receive the home? The car? The stocks? The jewelry? Who will take care of the children if they are not yet of legal age? Do you have relatives, even children, who should not receive assets? Are there charitable organizations you wish to benefit from your estate?

The primary goal of estate planning is to assure the transfer of your property to the beneficiaries of your choice at the smallest possible financial and emotional cost. And your desire to provide for those you care about will never change, no matter what your tax bracket. Estate planning truly is for everyone.

What you can accomplish through a will

The will is the most common estate planning tool for many Americans. A properly drafted will is a public document that should specifically describe how and to whom your assets will be transferred.

Not for everything

Although many people think of a will as the easiest way to transfer assets, it does not transfer all of a person's property. Assets can be transferred by outright gifts during life, by establishing an irrevocable trust during life, by contract, and by the way title is held.

Examples of assets a will does not transfer include: property the decedent gave away prior to death (lifetime gifts); life insurance proceeds and retirement assets payable to a surviving beneficiary (contract); bank accounts, real estate, or securities held in joint name with right of survivorship (ownership); and, generally, trusts created by others in which the decedent had an interest. Thus, a will is only one way to transfer assets at death.

Only "probate" property (as opposed to assets that are transferred by means other than the will) is subject to the terms of the
Gifts of closely held stock

Closely held stock is the category of the stock of companies that are not traded on the public stock exchange. These are the companies that are started by a person with an idea or a product, yet tend to stay small. Their ownership is usually limited to a few individuals, often to the one person who started the firm.

Closely held companies make up for what they lack in individual size with the cumulative wealth they represent. Although we hear about the millionaires—and now billionaires—that Wall Street creates, we almost never hear of those who make solid livings and accumulate vast fortunes in their closely held companies.

However, far more donors who are capable of making large charitable gifts have accumulated their wealth through privately held—or closely held—companies than through publicly traded companies.

Why make a gift?

Because closely held stock also often does not declare dividends, the person who owns the stock cannot, without selling it, create an income. In this sense, wealth is often trapped in the stock: it has no sales market and it generates little, if any, income.

Worse, the donor would pay a tax on the capital gains if he or she were to sell the stock. For those who wish to be charitable, and who need an income, using closely held stock to establish a life-income (or “planned”) gift can be an attractive option. The donor receives an income tax deduction based on the amount that a charity is projected to receive someday, avoids the capital gains tax, and receives an income based on the market value of the asset transferred to the gift.

Valuing the stock

Unlike the value of publicly traded stock, the value of closely held stock is not easy to determine. Daily trading makes it easy to value stocks on the exchanges, but only audits and appraisals can be used to value closely held companies.

In addition to their relative lack of frequency, such valuations are also much more subjective. That’s why if a person wishes to take a charitable income tax deduction for a gift of closely held stock valued at $10,000 or more, the stock must be valued by an independent appraiser who uses valuation techniques approved by the IRS.

Charitable bequests

The state also has no idea which charitable organizations you want to support. Thousands of charitable organizations are helped each year by bequests. Many charitable funds were started as the result of people who decided to put their estate assets to good use after their death.

Yet many people who would like to help charity at their deaths never accomplish their goal because they don’t plan for it during life by making a will.

Although the will is not the only result of an estate plan, it is too important—and too simple—a document to be absent at a person’s death.
Disclaiming an inheritance

You don't have to accept property left to you in someone’s will. Saying “I don't want it” may seem ungrateful, but usually the reason people disclaim an inheritance has little to do with actually not wanting the assets. Rather, they disclaim them to correct faulty estate plans and save taxes.

An example

Say Roger dies with an estate of $5 million, $1 million of which is a life insurance policy. The other $4 million consists of a home owned jointly with his wife Helen, other land, and stock. Two years ago, Roger transferred the ownership of the life insurance policy to his daughter Jane, hoping to remove it from his taxable estate. His will left everything else to Helen (the insurance passes to Jane by way of contract).

The will contained a standard clause directing that any estate taxes due should be paid out of the portion of the estate left to the spouse. But since a spouse's inheritance is not taxed (because of the marital deduction) and he left everything to Helen, Roger expected his estate to owe no tax, anyway. However, Roger died within three years of his life insurance gift to Jane, so the value of the insurance proceeds goes back into his estate and becomes taxable after all.

This means that even though Jane will receive the full $1 million of insurance proceeds, the tax on that value is taken from Helen's inheritance. Jane doesn't think this is fair, so against the will is written—but most certainly not against her father’s actual wishes—she makes a qualified disclaimer of her right to have all the taxes paid from only her mother’s share of the estate.

A useful tool

Qualified disclaimers also provide flexibility in properly designed estate plans. Suppose a husband and wife think they want an amount equal to the unified credit ($625,000 for 1998) placed in trust for the ultimate benefit of their children, but they're not sure yet.

They can set up their estate plans so that the estate of the first spouse to die will pass directly to the surviving spouse, but with a provision in the will that if the surviving spouse disclaims any portion of the estate, the disclaimed property will pass to a trust for the children. The potential to disclaim the assets outright allows the surviving spouse to consider as many circumstances as possible.

If you're planning or administering an estate, consider discussing with an attorney whether there are any ways in which a disclaimer might be a useful tool for after-the-fact estate planning.

Planned Giving

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fund, then every year for three years thereafter he selected $100,000 from his stock portfolio to purchase a gift annuity that would pay him and Mrs. Keith an income for their lifetimes, generate handsome income tax deductions, save estate taxes, and eventually be added to the Keith Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Keith will continue to receive income from the three annuities for her lifetime, after which the principals will be added to the scholarship fund.

Many folks are in the same boat as he was when I first met him, that is they aren't at all confident that their estate plans are current and meet their objectives. Mr. Keith saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes and probate fees by simply taking advantage of available options, allowing him to expand his boundaries to include a $1 million of insurance proceeds, the tax on that value is taken from Helen's inheritance. Jane doesn't think this is fair, so against the way the will is written—but most certainly not against her father’s actual wishes—she makes a qualified disclaimer of her right to have all the taxes paid from only her mother’s share of the estate.

This example illustrates what people can do when they use state-of-the-art techniques to make the most of their resources. I am at your service to review your situation and make suggestions regarding your long-range planning, for family, Ouachita, or both together. Call me at 870-245-5169 and I will make plans to visit with you.

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