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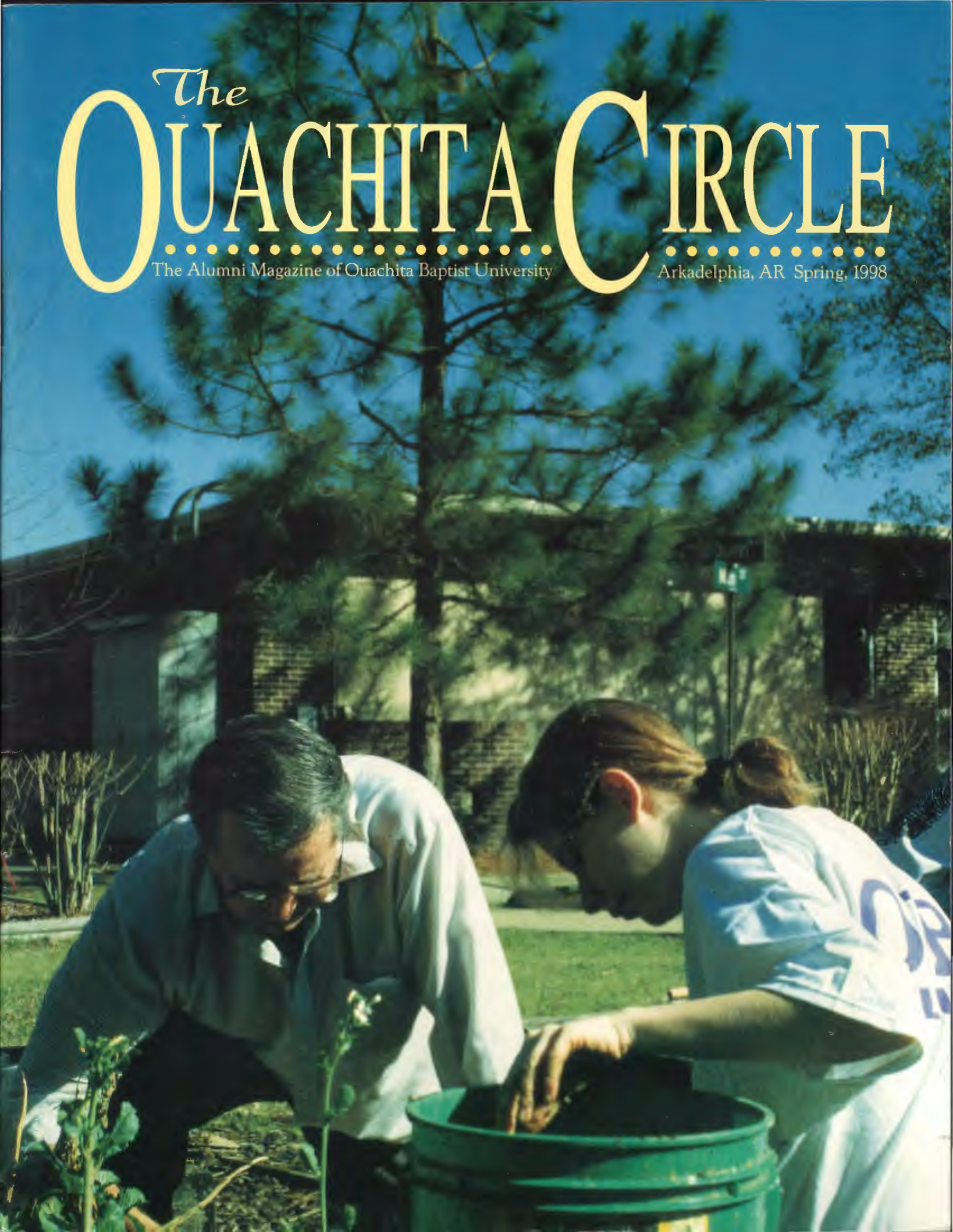
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Arkadelphia, AR Spring, 1998





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.

Andy Westmoreland

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•SPECIAL FEATURE•

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.

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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



VOLUNTEERS • A team repairs playground equipment.

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.

Community Service

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 Behavioral 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 - volunteer 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 Featser Park
- Chi Delta women's Social Club - cleaning up along Highway 7



GARDENING • (top) Aaron Smith, a freshman from Van Buren, helps to prepare the garden at Perritt Primary School.



REPAIRS • (left) Faculty and students work together in helping a neighbor with repair work and cleaning.

BEAUTIFICATION • (above) Helping neighbors and families of retired faculty members with yard work was just one of the many projects of Tiger Serve Day.





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 fundraising 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 in-



VOLUNTEERS-
Sophomore Mark Davis calls an alum during the Annual Fund Phonathon. Approximately 140 students and 35 faculty/staff members volunteered their time to solicit contributions to the University.

"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."

• Bryan McKinney

terested 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 Entertain-

ment 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."

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 on line 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



NETWORK • Allison Ray, a sophomore from Magnolia, works on her computer in her dorm room in Maddox Hall.

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 under-

standing. 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 capa-

bility 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

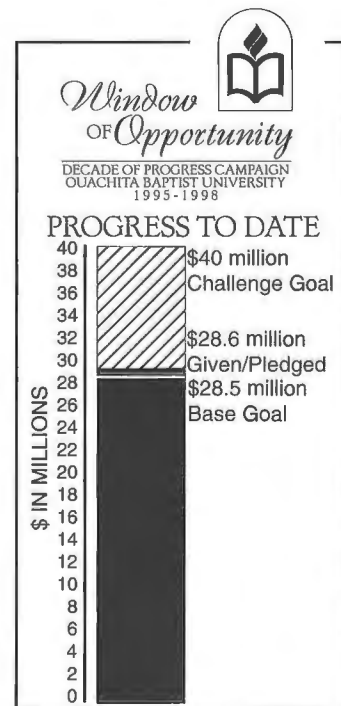
The \$28.5 million base goal of the Window of Opportunity Phase of the Decade of Progress Campaign has been surpassed, according to Andrew Westmoreland, president of the University. "Thanks to the selfless generosity of many Ouachita alumni, former students and friends, we are pleased to report that \$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 \$11.4 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.



—Newsmakers—



Susan Hurst, director of student financial aid, was recently elected to serve a two-year term on the Executive Council of the Arkansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Hurst joined the OBU staff in 1982 and has been director of student financial aid at Ouachita since 1994.



Dr. Isaac Mwase, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, was the keynote speaker at the Eighth Annual African Americans Future Educators of

Arkansas Conference (AAFEA) held in Little Rock on November 21. The conference was titled "Stepping Forth to Meet the Challenge."

The purpose of this project was to encourage African-American students to pursue a college education and a career in the field of teaching.



Dr. Jeff Pounders, assistant professor of sociology, has been asked by the Executive Committee of "Arkansas' Promise" to serve as co-chair for the "Opportunity

to Give Back Through Community Service" Task Force.

Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee ('76) started the emphasis after participating in the Presidents' Summit for America's Future held last spring in Philadelphia. The work of the task force is being coordinated by the state's Division of Volunteerism.



Dr. Dennis Tucker presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature held recently in San Francisco. The paper was titled "The

Reign of Yahweh and the Theology of the Poor in the Final Shape of the Psalter."

At Ouachita, Tucker serves as director of academic skills development, director of external programs, and assistant professor of religion.

6 • Faculty/Staff News

Through international program, students learn from the best

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 OBU 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" and that "the exchange program's value is immeasurable."

Another student of Wang's was Bryan Dykes, a senior political science major from Peachtree City, Ga. Dykes traveled to China in 1996, so Wang is his third international teacher. Dykes was in Wang's intermediate Chinese class.

Dykes really enjoyed Wang's laid back style of teaching, allowing students to work at their own pace. He explained her classroom setting as "comfortable and easy." Dykes also expressed how fortu-

nate he felt to be a part of the exchange program. He said, "Peking University is the elite of the elite in China. All of the top Chinese students, the world leaders of tomorrow, are learning English from my Chinese teacher, Ms. Wang."

Dykes thought it was unbelievable that the experience and education of the best teacher in China was coming from



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Bryan Dykes

Ouachita. "All I have to say is wow and how lucky we are to have such a program!"

Wang said that she was asked to participate in the program because she works in the English department at the Chinese university and because she is "responsible." When asked how she felt about America, Wang quickly replied without hesitation, "I really like it. It is very pretty and much cleaner than China. The air is so fresh." According to Wang, her students at Ouachita are different from Peking students, though, because Peking students are very serious and rigid. She says OBU students are more laid back and friendly.

"Although I haven't visited other American universities, I get the feeling that OBU is different from other places. I think that students here obey the rules," commented Wang on her Ouachita experience. She went on to explain that Arkadelphia and Ouachita are friendly and very mannerly. Rachel Deckelman

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



Dr. and Mrs. Bill Steeger

—Newsmakers—



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

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.



Webster

Dr. Robert Webster, associate professor of accounting and holder of the George Young Chair of Business, and **Dr. T. Selwyn Ellis**, assistant



Ellis

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' Innova-

tion 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.



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.



Quachita 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 Quachita 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 Quachita 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



HEALTHY HABITS • Students participate in health screenings as part of the University's Health Fair.

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. Baptist Medical Center-Arkadelphia brought its mobile unit to campus and offered cholesterol testing.

"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 Shrader 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.

Campus BRIEFS

◆ 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.



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.

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 the 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



ESL • Sharon Cosh not only teaches English to the international students, but also teaches them about American culture.

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 instruc-

tors 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.

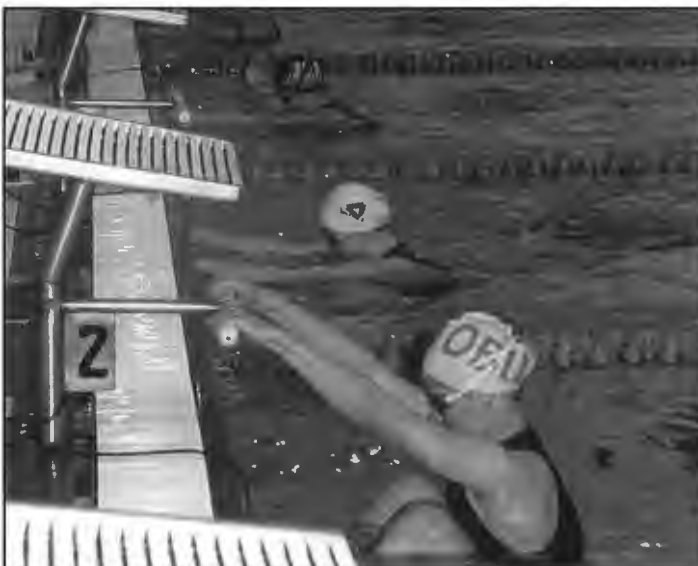
•Rachel Deckelman

TIGER BASKETBALL

• (far right) Jeff McGown, a freshman forward from Flower Mound, Texas, looks for an open man during a home game in Ouachita's Vining Arena. The Tigers ended the season with a 10-16 record.

CONCENTRATION •

(right) Swimmers await the start of an event during a meet held at the Waggoner Pool in the Sturgis Physical Education Center.



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," "Insur-

ance 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 Anne serves as the international student admissions counselor;

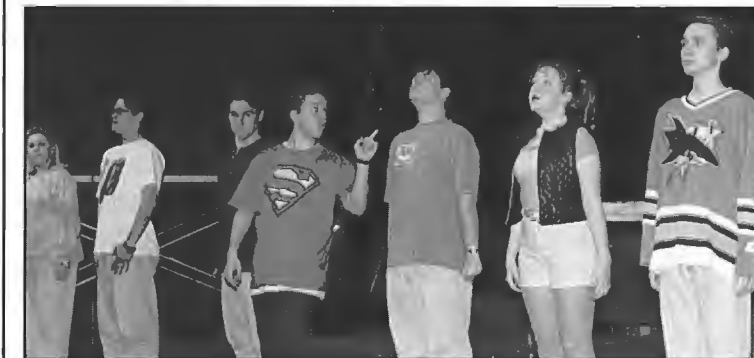
·Dr. Johnny Baker, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport, La. Baker was the speaker at a couples retreat offered in Texarkana at the Holiday Inn. The retreat was for married couples enrolled at Ouachita.

·Rachel Deckelman
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"GODSPELL" •

"Godspell," a musical based upon the gospel according to Matthew, was performed March 12-15. The play was directed by Dr. Scott Holsclaw, associate professor of theatre arts at the University. Eric Phillips, assistant professor of theatre arts, was the set designer for the play. Dr. Jon Secrest, associate professor of music, was the musical director. The lead was played by Bryan Bailey, a freshman church music major from Plano, Texas.



Seeking with a passion

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

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

"Seeking the Mind of Christ" presented by Dr. Preben Vang;

"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



CFW • Dr. David Garrison speaks to the Ouachita students, faculty and staff gathered for a chapel service during Christian Focus Week. Garrison, a Ouachita graduate, serves as associate vice president for strategy coordination and mobilization in overseas operations at the International Mission Board.

Can't Always Have Cereal" presented by University Nurse Molly Wallace;

"Politicians, Anchors, and their faith in the work place" presented by Dr. Jeff Root, with special guests Matt Mosler of KATV Channel 7 and Rex Nelson, director of policy and

R. Grant;

"Real Life as a pastor" presented by Dr. Rex Horne, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock;

"The Life of Medical Missionary" presented by Dr. Karen Bullington;

"Life after OBU" presented by Brian Harper;

Sports Wrap-Up

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

RECOGNITION •
Craig Ward, head men's tennis coach, received a 1998 USTA Community Service Award for his work in providing community tennis programs.



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 a 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



Yevonne Conrad

President
Former Students
Association

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.

Tiger Network

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.

Ouachita FSA Long Distance Service

Former students can now take advantage of competitive long distance rates and support the "Tiger Network Scholarship Program."

University Communications Home Connection rates for former students are:

\$.16/minute	(8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
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1927

Don Tatman 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 (Southerland, '58)** live in Batesville, AR. They

have four children, all OBU grads, **Jay ('82), Sara ('83), 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

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L'I'L TIGER

SPiRiT • Carrie Beth Roberts, shown here last September at age 10 months, is the daughter of **Sam ('82) and Martha (Turner, fs'82) Roberts**. In this photo, she has on her L'i'l Tiger T-Shirt, a gift from Ouachita, and her mom's Ouachita beanie, vintage 1982. The t-shirts are sent as gifts to our alumni when the

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.

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



Lavinia Young

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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seminary, "Bear Cat" served as chaplain for the maximum security section at Tucker Correctional Institute near Pine Bluff.

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 vocation 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 of 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.

Greg Glover is in Pine Bluff where he is corporate planning officer at Simmons First National Bank.

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 Altheimer 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.

Renae Green earned her master of science in education degree from Henderson State University in August. She lives in Texarkana and teaches at Fouke Public Schools.

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-

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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.

Dena 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, an advertising, marketing and 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 kindergarden 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

1959

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

1988

Jennifer Lea Wallace to **Richard Laster Lowe**, November 22, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

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 Anniece 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 Mack Wood, December 20, 1997, Eureka Springs, AR.

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

Rebecca Leigh McClenning

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 Dorsey 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, Tunica, MS.

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

Denny 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-

thy, April 17, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1982

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

1983

Gary and **Ann (Pryor) Clements**, son, William Austin, December 28, 1997, North Little Rock, AR.

Drew and Marcia (Eskew, '82) Shofner, daughter, Hannah Elaine, November 11, 1997, Greenbelt, 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 Bethy (Ray) Miles, son Johnathan David, November 30, 1997.

1986

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

1987

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

Kevin and Angie (Garner, '88) Heifner, 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 18, 1997, Bastrop, LA. Welcomed home by big sister, Lauren, 5.

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

1990

David and **Jamie (Coffelt)**

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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



FAMILY SUPPORT • Kenneth McClenny finds time to spend with his children, Johnathon, Kristen, and Jimmy, while being a full-time student and working part time.

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 ball games.

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-

firmation that I am supposed to be at Ouachita. It is a wonderful environment for all of us."

McClenny takes life one day at a time and handles his full life with a good attitude. "I don't know if I ever really become frustrated. Things get busy and I get really tired. Somehow I make it. I try not to let things get me down. I have never thrown up my hands and given up." McClenny imagines himself walking across the stage at graduation, and that image just motivates him to continue.

He said his biggest regret is not finishing college the first time. "I wish I would have never dropped out. I am now doing something about it at 43 years of age."

McClenny said that the students at OBU have welcomed him with open arms. "They have accepted me just like one of their peers, regardless of my age. I wanted to be accepted and they have done a great job of that."

Next academic year McClenny plans to move his family to Fort Worth, Texas and attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is open to anything God has in store for him, but plans to pursue a teaching ministry. His children are supportive of the move and excited about what the future holds.

McClenny's advice for students is "enjoy your time here at school, but take it seriously. You can learn something from every class, and never give up." McClenny said he is happier now than ever before in his life. "I am right where God wants me to be. That's why I am so happy."

• Alie Hill

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Smith, son, Nicholas David, June 23, 1997.

Chris and Amanda (Allen, '89) Pauley, son, Nathan, August, 1997, Newton, NC. Joins big brother, Landon, 4.

Will and **Shelley (Willard) Chumley**, son, Austin Grant, May 3, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

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.

Dennis and Jody (Roberson, '93) Janz, son Josiah Daniel, October 27, 1997. Joins brother Andy, 2.

1993

Brant and Karen (Stabley, '92) Matros, son, Brandon Allen, December 8, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR. Welcomed by brother John Franklin, 2.

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 Ashli (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.

Chris and Brandi (Richter, fs) Jones, son, Regan Tanner, November 21, 1997, Hot Springs, AR. Joins sister Taylor Allison, 1.

FACULTY/STAFF

Gaylen and **Kristie Ross**, son, Samuel, December 23, 1997, Little Rock, AR. Kristie 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.

DEATHS

1921

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

1927

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

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

1929

John Homer Summers, January 28, 1998, Hot Springs, AR.

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

1933

Katye 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.

Dolphus Whitten, January 15, 1998, Arkadelphia, 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.

George Donald Thompson, February 22, 1998, Hot Springs.

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

William C. "Bill" Abernathy, November 23, 1997, Arlington, VA.

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

Gailon Nethercutt, November 27, 1997, Sherwood, AR.

1950

Harry Ashcraft, January 11, 1998, Warren, AR.

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, Kennet 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.

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John Cloud, J.D.
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Several years ago I met the late E.L. Keith of Bella Vista during one of my excursions around the state. Mr. Keith had moved from Texas years before to develop a retirement community and tourist area that was eventually purchased by John Cooper, who expanded it into the fabulous community it is today.

After some introductory conversation I mentioned Ouachita and my responsibilities regarding current and "planned" gifts, at which point he let me know that several colleges were after his money and he really wasn't interested. I asked him if he had an up-to-date estate plan that would accomplish all of his goals and assure swift transfer of assets to his loved ones with a minimum of taxes and fees, explaining some of the options he might find beneficial. He became animated, telling me that he felt good about everything but that one aspect of his life. He led me to his study, gave me his will and financial statement, and told me to start working. After reviewing the documents it was apparent to me that his handwritten will wouldn't begin to do the job he needed. Over a period of several months I helped him work with an attorney to get his estate plan in first-class order.

While he was in the process of implementing a revocable living trust, accompanying wills and a power of attorney, he began exploring ways he could establish a permanent legacy for the benefit of Ouachita students. He gave \$100,000 to endow a scholarship

See "Planned Giving" page C

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

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Gifts of closely held stock

Closely held stock is the category of the stock of companies that are not traded on the public stock exchanges. 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.

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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.

What happens to the gift

Charitable organizations usually do not want to keep closely held stock. Although it has a value, it does little to enhance the income generated from a charitable organization’s endowment. Unlike the vast market available for publicly traded stock, however, the market for closely held stock is extremely limited. The only people who generally want to buy the stock are those who made the gift.

Often, therefore, the charity will sell the stock to either the donor or to the company itself. (Very important: the terms of the gift cannot require that the closely held stock be sold.) When the charity sells the stock, the purchaser pays the full market price, but the donor receives an income tax deduction and the purchaser now owns stock with a current market value cost basis.

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will. This means that a bequest made to an individual or to a charity cannot be completed unless there are enough assets in the probate estate. For example, a will can provide a bequest of \$10,000 to a niece. However, if all the property consists of assets in a bank account owned jointly between the deceased and his or her spouse, the niece will end up with nothing.

The probate process

A will is subject to “probate,” the Latin word that means “to prove.” The terms of a will are proven in a public court and

are available for all to see.

We can, for example, see how much Franklin Roosevelt left to certain people in his estate, or how little John Lennon passed in his will (most of his large estate was transferred by trust). Or, even, that Abraham Lincoln did not have a will, the only president to die intestate. (“Intestate” is the legal term for those who die without a valid will.)

It may be natural to avoid preparing for death—for that is what a will does—but death is inevitable, and those who prepare are more certain of accomplishing their estate planning objectives than those who do not.

If you haven’t taken the time to have your will drafted—and

about half the adults in the United States have not—the state where you’re domiciled has one ready for you. (The state where you’re domiciled isn’t always the same as the one you live in. It’s the state where you live most of the time, where you were issued your driver’s license, where you voted, and where you conduct most of your activities.)

But the state’s will may not accomplish what you would want in your own. The state isn’t aware of how much you want to leave to your spouse or your children, or the other important people in your life. It can’t create a trust for the benefit of others, helping to ensure that assets are transferred at the right time and in the right amounts to the right beneficiaries.

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

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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 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.

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 tak-

ing advantage of available options, allowing him to expand his boundaries to include a \$400,000 fund to enable young people to have the Ouachita experience. The cost to the family for the charitable provisions is almost nil because of the tax savings and income benefits they generated, along with the savings provided by having a tax-wise estate plan.

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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For more information about making a will that accomplishes your objectives, request our free booklet, **How to Improve Your Will**, by filling out and returning the enclosed reply card.

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1935 • The Ouachita contingent at R.O.T.C. summer camp at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, gathers for a group photo. Pictured are (front row) Master Sgt. John Maurer, Sterling Abernathy, Hubert Cone, Lawson Glover, Raymond Boyle, Billy Patterson, Harold Leeton, (second row) Nolan Crawford, E. M. Sleeker, Jim Jernigan, George Jernigan, Ralph Mann, Jimmy Hobgood, (back row) Capt. Dundee Ross, Wilford Harris, Harry Hall, J. W. Bethea, Bruce Lowe, Sinclair Winburn, Joe Bill Gillespie, Lt. James Tull. *photo courtesy of Hubert L. Cone*

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