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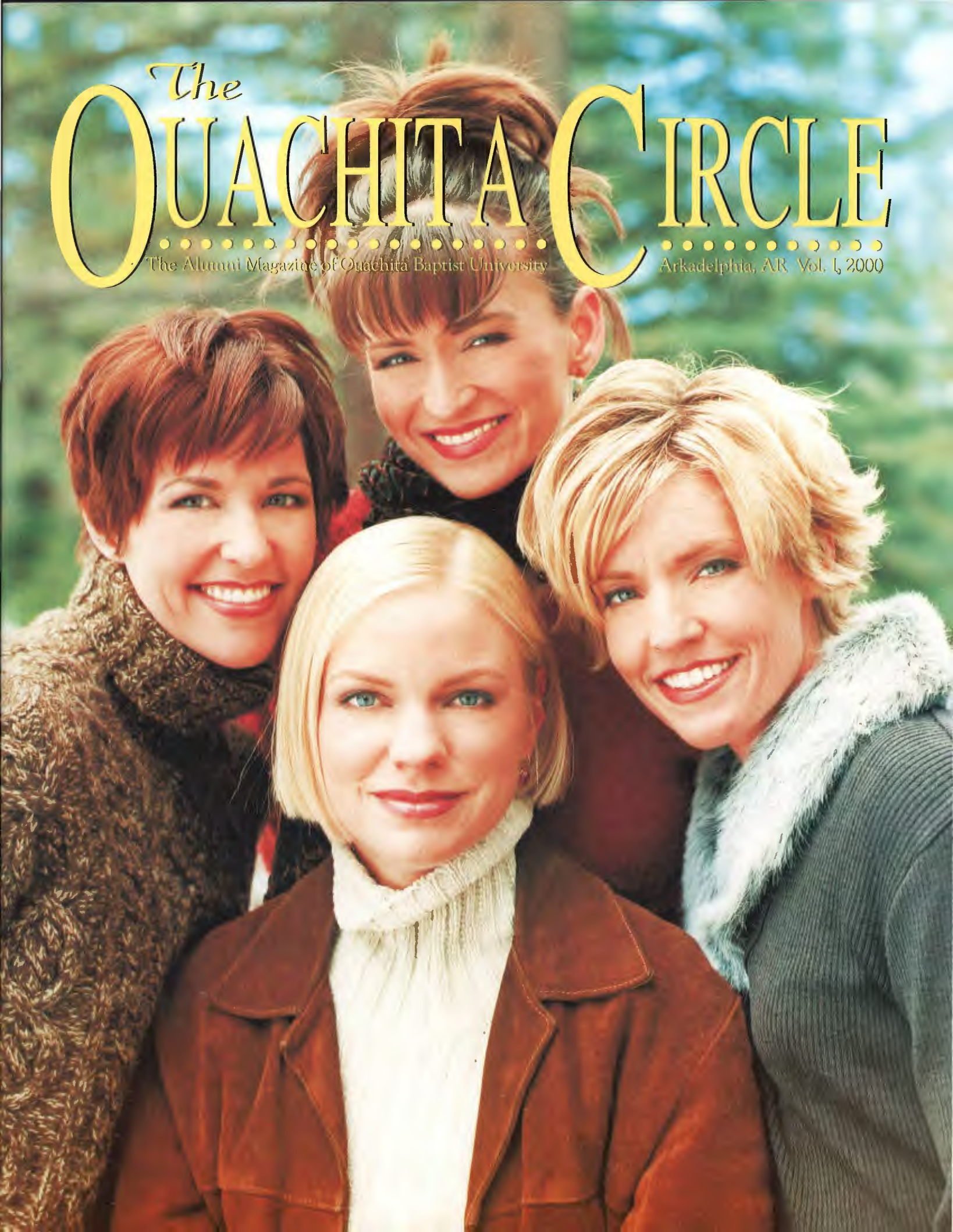
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A Word from the President ...

Not too long ago, Ed Flaig of Arkadelphia wrote to me about an item of Ouachita history that I believe you'll find interesting.

In February of 1943, Ed was assigned as an officer in charge of the 67th College Training Detachment at Ouachita, an accelerated program designed to prepare Air Force cadets for flight training. Our neighbor across the ravine was also the recipient of a similar program.

Because it was wartime, football at Ouachita (and many other institutions) was suspended in 1943 and 1944. Ed reports that "we felt it might be fun for the townspeople if we had a football game on Thanksgiving Day between the Henderson and Ouachita aviation students." So, on that November afternoon in 1943, the team from Henderson marched across the street to A. U. Williams Field. Before a crowd of about 500 spectators, Henderson was defeated by a score of 42-7. The Tigers were coached by—you guessed it—Lt. Flaig. He continues to refer to the contest as "the game they left out."

As always, thank you for your continued prayers for Ouachita.

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Point of Grace returned to Ouachita on April 1 for a sold-out concert in Jones Performing Arts Center. Shelley, Terry, Heather and Denise share their musical journey from Say-So to Dove Award winner.

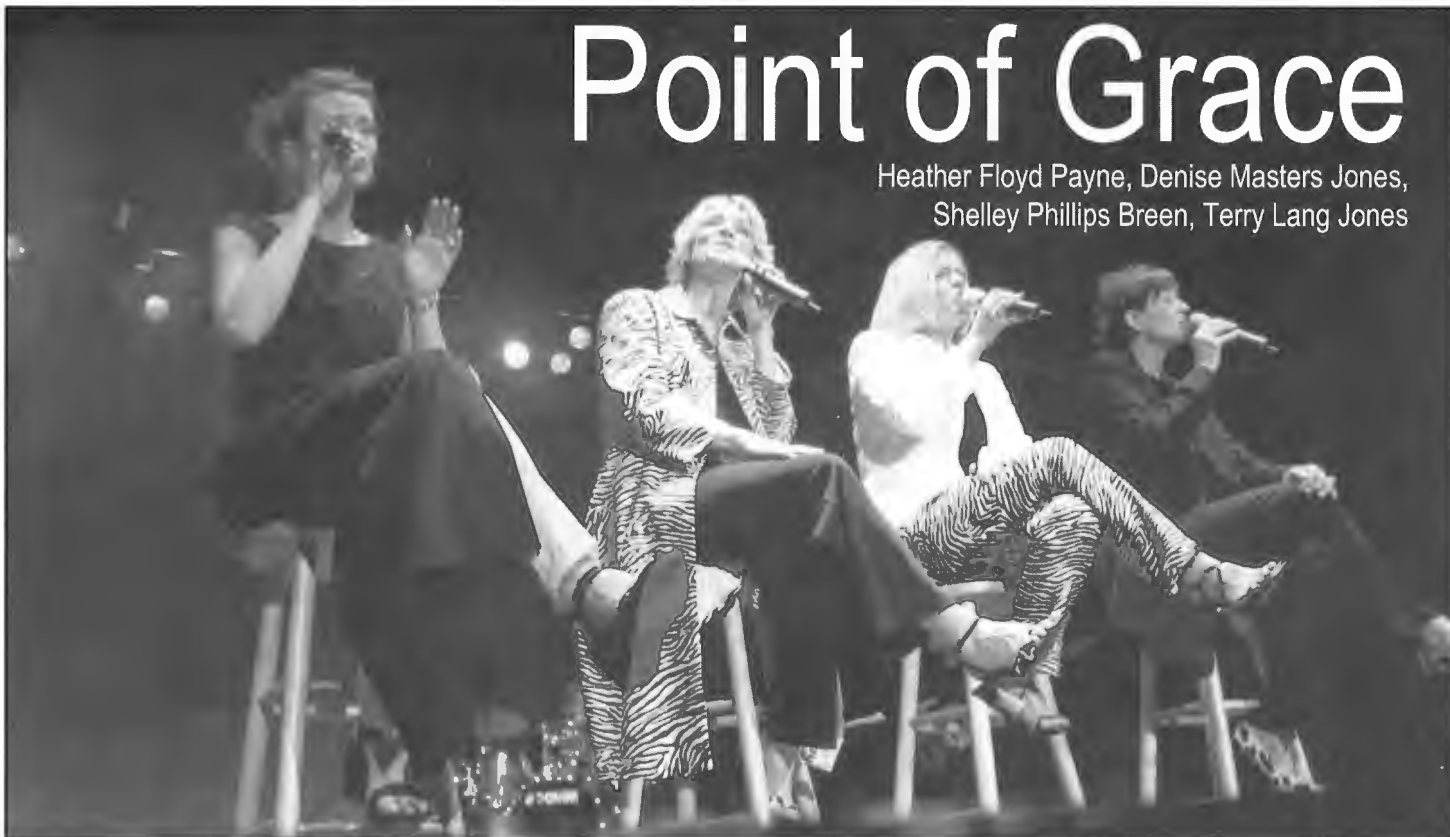
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On the Cover: Point of Grace

Point of Grace

Heather Floyd Payne, Denise Masters Jones, Shelley Phillips Breen, Terry Lang Jones



When Shelley, Heather, Denise and Terry got together to sing 10 years ago, they thought their group, "Say So," would be a temporary adventure. That adventure is still going strong as the group now known as "Point of Grace" has been named Dove Award winners, 1999 GMA Group of the Year and received a 1999 Grammy Award nomination.

It's been an interesting journey from their dorm rooms in O.C. Bailey and concerts in small churches to booked engagements from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Anaheim, California.

In a year when the traveling has been limited to Women of Faith Conferences, Point of Grace found time to come home to Ouachita and a packed house at Jones Performing Arts Center on April 1.

Opening for Point of Grace was another "Ouachita" group, Nickel and Dime. Jon Shirley and Zac Murtha formed the group while students at Ouachita, where they led a weekly praise and worship service on campus. Their 2 · Point of Grace

albums include "Three Days in March" and "8 through 9." Nickel & Dime continues to record and tour.



Heather

Point of Grace performed favorites from "The Great Divide" to "Circle of Friends" during which they were joined on stage by Pint of Grace. Shay Garner, Jennifer Kluck, Ashley Tucker and Ashton Berry first performed with the group in 1995. The teenagers joined their favorite recording artists once again for a reunion.

Denise was surprised with an impromptu graduation ceremony for completing her B.S.E. degree in music. The event included a taped message from President Westmoreland and Vice President Mike Arrington, as well as congratulations from Dr. Charles Wright, dean of the Jones School of Fine Arts.

Prior to the concert, Point of Grace took time to speak with prospective students and parents who were on campus as part of Preview Day. They shared

why they chose Ouachita and why it was a special place to them. "Everywhere we sing, we meet people from Ouachita," said Shelley. "We got a wonderful education here and a lot of support from the faculty and staff." Heather added, "What is really incredible about Ouachita, is that it really is family here."

The group recalled their early days, not knowing exactly what would become of the group. "We all thought this was temporary," said Heather. "We just wanted to sing to people, to kids, before we got real jobs!"

That all changed when Say So won first place and a recording contract at an Aspen, Colorado, music festival. With the contract



Denise

came a move to Nashville, and the group has been performing and recording ever since.

Their CD releases include *Point of Grace* (1993), *The Whole Truth*

(1995), *Life, Love and Other Mysteries* (1996),



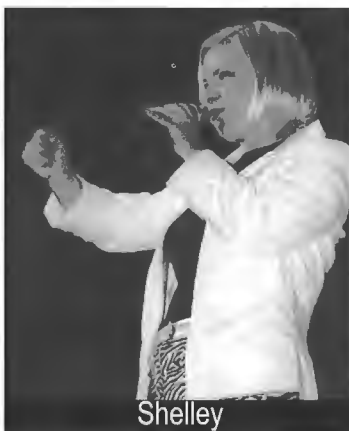
We have one Father, In our Circle of Friends

Steady On (1998), *A Christmas Story* (1999), and *Remixes and Rarities* (2000). Their recent Mother's Day release includes the first songs the group recorded and songs from their first album.

In addition to their recordings, the group has pinned three books, *Life, Love & Other Mysteries*, *Steady On* and *Circle of Friends*, all released in conjunction with the recorded projects.

The years have been filled with great memories and wonderful times with fellow Christian artists. For Denise, one of the fondest memories was performing with the Young Messiah Tour. "I used to listen to Sandi Patti, First Call, Michael W. Smith - all people we looked up to. Now we were on tour with them," she said. "They are real people. They were what I thought they were. I've rarely been disappointed by those I looked up to."

Heather recalls early in their career when



Shelley

they sang at Carnegie Hall for a benefit, and Terry remembers the Texas Youth Evangelism Conference. "It was the first time we sang in front of more than 200 people," she said. "It was big time!"

Receiving the New Artist of the Year Award was a precious memory for Shelley. "This was before we knew to be nervous," she said. "We were so overwhelmed with joy; we were so excited. All our parents were there. And it was people in the industry that were applauding you."

The pace has slowed a bit during 2000. The group decided to spend less

time on the road and more time with their families.

Terry is at home in Little Rock with husband Chris, and sons Cole and Luke. Shelley resides in Nashville, Tennessee, with her husband, David. Denise, and her husband, Stu, live in Franklin, Tennessee, and are the parents of Spencer, and a baby due in June. Heather, the newlywed, married her husband, Brian, in January, and they live in Auburn, Alabama.

Having families has changed the girls'



POINT OF GRACE • Shay Garner joins Terry Jones on stage as Pint of Grace sings "Circle of Friends."



AT HOME • Jon Shirley leads Nickle and Dime as the group opens the April 1 concert in Jones Performing Arts Center.

perspective a bit. In their early days, the members were consumed by the efforts of the group. Now, the girls have to find that balance between career and families. Though age changes perspective and family is a priority, the group plans to continue recording. In the fall they will come together in Nashville to record another CD that will be available in stores in the spring. This will be the second of their current five-record contract.



Cole and Terry

The girls recall fondly the days of traveling in their van, pulling a trailer, and managing their own group. Now it's road managers,

contracts and flights all over the country. From small churches in Arkansas to thousands of fans in large coliseums and arenas, Shelley, Heather, Terry and Denise continue to share their testimony and love of God with their "Circle of Friends."



National Phonathon surpasses \$100,000

“Whether someone pledges \$2,000 or \$2, I am grateful. The principle is the same...they are willing to make an investment for my education, and I appreciate that. I have come to realize how many people it takes to make Ouachita strong.”
Staci Robertson

Hello. This is Beth, I am a student at Ouachita Baptist University. May I please speak with Mr. Smith?

For three weeks during the month of February, similar introductions were made as Ouachita students called approximately 10,000 Ouachita alumni, former students, and friends asking for gifts to the Ouachita Scholarship Fund. This most recent National Phonathon proved to be the most successful ever — raising \$101,000 for student scholarships.

This year’s phonathon was a huge success thanks to over 450 hours volunteered by 150 Ouachita students. “These students simply do a marvelous job, and the fact that they volunteer their time makes their efforts more worthwhile,” says Bryan McKinney, General Counsel and Development Officer. “It seems appropriate that 100% of all money raised during the phonathon is designated for student scholarships.”

While McKinney expressed his appreciation for each student who volunteered, two deserve particular attention. Each year special recognition is given to the student who raises the most money, and to the student who secures the highest number of pledges. This year’s honors go to Christopher Riddle, who raised \$8,011, and Staci

Robertson, who accumulated 141 pledges during the three weeks of calling.

When asked why they would invest so much time raising money for Ouachita, both students responded simi-

the Ouachita Scholarship Fund, gifts made during the National Phonathon increase Ouachita’s chances of receiving future funds from national foundations and corporations. These grant makers are keenly



VOLUNTEERS • Student volunteers call alumni, former students, and friends during the phonathon. Local businesses donated prizes that were given to volunteers each night.



WINNERS • Bryan McKinney (center) presents Staci Robertson and Chris Riddle with their prizes for securing the most pledges and raising the most money during the phonathon.

larly. “To be honest,” Christopher replied, “I participate in the phonathon because I enjoy talking with the people whose generosity makes my education affordable. It’s fun to talk with these donors about their memories of Ouachita.” Staci acknowledged, “Whether someone pledges \$2,000, or \$2, I am grateful. The principle is the same...they are willing to make an investment for my education, and I appreciate that. I have come to realize how many people it takes to make Ouachita strong.”

In addition to increasing

interested in Ouachita’s percentage of alumni support, which was 6% less than a decade ago, and is now approximately 32%.

“While this represents dramatic improvement, we can still do much better. I am hopeful that within a few years, at least half of our alumni and former students will be giving to Ouachita on an annual basis,” claims Vice President for Development Joe Franz.

Alumni and former students from 65 of the previous 68 class years made financial commitments during the phonathon.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Hudson Lavon and Mary Ruth Abbott Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Abbott of Crossett to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students enrolled at Ouachita. Recipients must be enrolled in the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

The Louise Searcy Bennett Endowed Honorary Scholarship

The Louise Searcy Bennett Endowed Scholarship Fund was funded by gifts from the Louise Searcy Bennett Charitable Trust. Mrs. Bennett was a magna cum laude graduate of 1927. The recipient must be an outstanding junior English major.

Coble Family Endowed Scholarship Fund

This fund was established by Mr. Charles E. Coble of El Dorado in memory of his uncle Reverend Harold Coble, alumnus of 1949, and to honor his brother Mr. Ronald W. Coble, alumnus of 1971. Recipients of the scholarship fund must be enrolled as a full-time student pursuing a major within the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

Frank and Virginia Faye Cochran Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship has been established by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cochran of Bradley. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cochran are alumni of Ouachita. Scholarship recipients must be pursuing a major in the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business. Preference will be given to students from Lafayette, Hempstead or Sevier Counties.

Raymond and Agnes Coppenger Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established by the family and friends of Raymond and Agnes Coppenger. Recipients must be upperclassmen majoring in the department of philosophy and ethics within the School of Christian Studies.

The Willis and Bertha Gill Family Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Willis and Bertha Gill Family Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by Mr. and Mrs. James and Leslie Gill to honor the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Willis and Bertha Gill, parents of James Gill. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to full-time junior or senior students with demonstrated financial need.

The Jeral and Betty Hampton Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established by Jeral L. and Betty Lou Hampton. The Hamptons are both graduates of Ouachita. Scholarship awards will be made to students in the following priority: First Baptist Church, Booneville; Logan County; statewide. Preference will be given to students pursuing a major within the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

Russell D. and Donna Harrington Endowed Scholarship Fund

This fund was established by Russell and Donna Harrington of Little Rock. Recipients of the scholarship fund must be pursuing a major within the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

Donald L. Holbert Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Donald L. Holbert Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by Mr. Donald L. Holbert ('61) of Little Rock. Recipients must be pursuing a major within the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

Dr. and Mrs. James H. Landes Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Dr. and Mrs. James H. Landes Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by a bequest from the estate of James and Irene Landes. Recipients must be pursuing a major within the School of Christian Studies.

Julia Peck Mobley Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established by Mrs. Julia Peck Mobley for students pursuing a major within the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

Joe Nix Scholarship Fund

The Joe Nix Scholarship Fund was established by friends of Dr. Joe Nix. Recipients must be a junior or senior chemistry major with a 3.0 grade point average or higher who is in need of financial assistance.

Miss Alice Searcy Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is funded by gifts from the Alice Searcy Charitable Trust, established at her death in 1998. Miss Searcy's nephews are Ouachita graduates. Dr. Benjamin R. Owen graduated in 1968 and Mr. H. David Owen graduated in 1962. Recipients of the scholarship fund will be the outstanding sophomore pursuing a major in early childhood or middle school education.

Claud H. and Tena Sutton Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was funded by Mr. William H. Sutton in memory of his parents Claud and Tena Sutton. Recipients of the scholarship must be pursuing a major within the School of Christian Studies.

—Newsmakers—



Dr. Joe Jeffers, the W.D. and Alice Burch Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies, presented a scientific paper at the 219th annual meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS) held March 26-31 in San Francisco.

Jeffers presented an academic paper titled "Frederick Sanger: The Protein Years." The period of the subject of the paper extend from Sanger's graduate studies through his receipt of the 1958 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the sequence analysis of insulin to his studies of the active centers of enzymes, all conducted at Cambridge University.



MWASE

Dr. Isaac Mwase, associate professor of philosophy and ethics, and **Dr. Byron Eubanks**, associate professor of philosophy and ethics, recently presented papers at a conference sponsored by the America Bible Society in New York.



EUBANKS

The conference had as its theme "New Voices, New Views: Thinking about Bible Study in the Twenty-First Century."

Mwase's paper was titled "Critical Thinking in the Black Church."

Eubanks' paper was titled "A Biblical Defense of Critical Thinking." Both will be published in a future anthology of conference papers.



Dr. Wayne Bowen, assistant professor of history, has received notification that his book "Spaniards and Nazi Germany: Collaboration in the New Order" has

been accepted for publication by the University of Missouri Press. The book will be available this fall.

6 Faculty/Staff News

President named to NAICU Board

Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita, has been elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU). He assumed his new responsibilities February 5 at the association's 24th annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

NAICU represents private, non-profit colleges and universities on policy issues with the federal government, and serves as the unified national voice of independent higher education. Founded in 1976, NAICU has more than 900

members.

"President Westmoreland brings to his position a wealth of experience in higher education management, and a thorough command of the issues affecting America's colleges and universities," said NAICU President David L. Warren. "His leadership will be vital as we work with Congress, the White House, and the U.S. Department of Education on student aid funding, education tax benefits, and government regulatory matters this coming year."

• by Mac Sisson

Clinic provides hands-on training; services available to community

Providing instruction for more than 60 student -majors, housing the only discipline training program in Arkadelphia, and seeing approximately 100 clients a week are only a few of the responsibilities of the personnel in Ouachita's department of communication sciences and disorders.

The program is guided by Nancy Hardman and Carol Morgan and is very unique for an undergraduate-only study program. Normally such hands-on experience is gained only at the graduate level.

Approximately 25 communication sciences and disorder majors are currently enrolled in the practicum portion of their academic training at Ouachita. These students have completed the necessary courses and observation hours to qualify for clinician status. Every therapy session is overseen by Hardman or Morgan.

Speech/language services are available to anyone in the Arkadelphia and

Clark County areas. Current clients include school-aged children, Head Start and preschool children, international students, stroke survivors, Group Living residents and Henderson State University and Ouachita students. Several student clinicians travel to area schools and to the Arkadelphia Human Development Center to provide speech/language services.

"Everyone benefits from the program," said Hardman. "Our students gain practical experience that gives them an edge in the job market and in graduate school as well as offering the citizens of Arkadelphia and Clark County a much-needed service."

• by Rachel Deckelman

• **more than 60 majors**
• **25 students involved in practicum**
• **clinic provides services to approximately 100 clients a week**

Writing Center offers students assistance

In an effort to help students write better, the Writing Across the Curriculum program at Ouachita has established a Writing Center.

The Center, located at the Speer Writing Laboratory in Lile Hall, is open to any student in any course offered at Ouachita. Rosemary Flora, adjunct instructor in English, is available to assist students four days a week. English majors staff the center during the evening hours.

The goal of the Center is to offer one-on-one tutoring by appointment and on

a drop-in basis. Tutors will help students improve remedial work as well as general writing and grammar skills.

Writing Across the Curriculum, a program established in 1991, is designed to encourage a writing emphasis course in every academic major at OBU. Dr. Randall Wight, dean of interdisciplinary studies and professor of psychology and biology, serves as the program's director.

"Our aim through this program is to increase critical thinking through writing in all academic areas," Wight said.

• by Bethany Jones

Parks Center for Regional Studies to be located in Cobb House

The 140-year-old historic Cobb House located on Sixth Street in Arkadelphia will soon be filled with new occupants.

Ouachita recently purchased the landmark to house the Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies.

The Center, founded in 1981 by three Ouachita professors, originally focused on helping students gain knowledge about life and folkways that were disappearing at the time.

Today the Center has expanded its goal to studying the history, literature, political science, art, religion and music of the Red River region. For the Center's purposes, the Red River region is comprised of southern Arkansas, northern Louisiana, eastern Texas, and southeastern Oklahoma.

Many programs are in place to help accomplish the mission of the Center. For example, last fall approximately 135 students participated in an archaeological dig on the banks of the Ouachita River sponsored by the Center. The efforts of the students at the dig led to the unearthing of what is believed to be Arkadelphia's first cotton mill.

Similar projects are planned for every fall semester and students are invited to attend and help whenever they are available. The next project scheduled for fall 2000 will be studying and restoring the Cobb House that will serve as the Center's new home.

The Pete Parks Center also holds

various classes that allow students to gain credit hours. Some of the classes include: folkway seminar, Southern cities course, and Civil War Battlefield study tour. In April it hosted an open to the public conference titled "The Red River Region: Oral and Written Traditions" featuring scholars from five states.

The Center helps publish books on regional topics. In the fall of 1999, the first book, "Rosemary: A Journey from East to West" by Rosemary Chu and Lou Locke, was published.

According to Dr. Trey Berry, director of the Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies and associate professor of history, the Center plans to make Riley-Hickingbotham Library on the Ouachita campus "a depository of the best oral history collection in the state." It will also host campus-wide lectures, speakers and a week full of folk crafts and music.

"We're losing the traditions that make this region unique, and students need to gain an appreciation for the rich heritage of the region," said Berry. "Plus, it gives students a broader education, and that's part of Ouachita's mission."

Pete Parks, the namesake of the Center, was an Oklahoma native involved in the cattle and oil industries. Parks contributed generously to Ouachita throughout his life. In order to recognize his friendship to the university, the program was named in his honor.

• by Rachel Deckelman

—Newsmakers—



Dr. Joe Bradshaw, assistant professor of chemistry, has been notified that he is to be included in the 2000 edition of "Who's Who Among America's

Teachers." The sixth edition honors a select five percent of the nation's top educators. To be selected an educator must be nominated by a past student.



Dr. Glenda Secret of the faculty of the Division of Music of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts has earned her doctorate of musical arts degree from

the University of Memphis.

Secret's dissertation was titled "Songs From Letters and Cowboy Songs by Libby Larsen: Two Different Approaches to Western Methodology and Western Mythological Figures."

At Ouachita, Secret teaches voice and is the director of the Ouachita Sounds.



"Three Rectangles," a charcoal drawing by **Larry Thompson**, instructor of art, has been selected for inclusion in the 15th annual National Works on Paper

Exhibition at the University of Texas-Tyler from March 23 to May 11.

Thompson has also been invited, along with 59 other artists from around the nation, to create a work for "About Face," an exhibition at the Fine Arts Center of Lubbock, Texas. The exhibition opened March 28.



Dr. Amy Sonheim, assistant professor of English, has been invited to present her paper "The Gardener: Virtue Rewarded" to the International Symposium

to be held in Cambridge, England, September 1-4 at Homerton College.

The theme of this year's symposium is "Reading Pictures: Art, Narrative, and Childhood."



IN CONCERT •

The male members of the Ouachita Sounds perform during Preview Day activities on April 1. The group held its spring concert, "Big Band Bash," on March 30. The mixed voice show choir is directed by Glenda Secret.

Wetherington gift to benefit educators

When Dr. A. B. Wetherington came to Ouachita in 1961, he began a seven-year stint as director of teacher education. Almost 40 years later, Wetherington's estate will enhance the professional opportunities of Ouachita students for generations to come.

The Wetherington Teaching-Learning Center, created through a major gift from the estate of A. B. and Gertrude Wetherington, will be an important new resource for the students and faculty at Ouachita and will serve educators throughout the Southwest.

The Center, in its first year, is directed by Dr. Charles Chambliss, professor and chair of the division of education. Chambliss said the immediate objectives are the establishment of a physical space in the department for the Center and the acquisition of new equipment to bring educational resources up to date. Beyond the first year, the possibilities expand greatly.

"We can go from being a program where people have worked hard and have done good things within strict financial limitations to a program which will be very competitive in new ways," said Chambliss. "We can take students and faculty to national conferences on a regular basis. We can support our students' educational organizations. Our senior students will be able to utilize our equipment while student teaching instead of the common practice of spending their own money. We'll even have a major on-campus conference occasionally."

Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, chair of the department of education, said the Center has already been helpful with the purchase of much-needed equipment, such as laminators and Ellison cutters. Like Chambliss, she looks forward to expanding the reach of the Center in coming years. Partnering with area schools and creating interaction between education students and master teachers is a high priority.

"We'll be able to host conferences and bring in nationally-known speakers, but we also want to bring in quality people

from our region," said Westmoreland. "We can identify the best practices being used in this area and bring those people in to showcase for our students."

Chambliss and Westmoreland serve on the Wetherington Teaching-Learning Center Committee, which Chambliss chairs. Other members are: Pam Arrington, associate professor of educa-

Technical Assistance and Consultative (ATAC) Center, housed at Ouachita. At first, the ATAC Center focused primarily on helping school districts in Arkansas deal with desegregation issues. Wetherington directed the ATAC Center, expanded its focus to a variety of educational issues, until his retirement in the mid-1970s. Wetherington died in 1989, and his wife, Gertrude, died in 1998.

Chambliss' ties to Wetherington go back to 1964.

"I was teaching and coaching in the Arkadelphia public schools and he (Wetherington) called me in one day and asked me to come to work for him. That's how I came to Ouachita," said Chambliss. "He had a grant to work with elementary teachers when the new math came in. My job was to teach math and physical science at Ouachita in the mornings, and in the afternoons, we had workshops all over south Arkansas with elementary teachers working on the new math curriculum."

"He was one of the leaders of his time in coming up with ideas for new ways to help teachers," said Chambliss. "He could be a difficult task master at times, but he was tremendously loyal to his friends and to Ouachita. The 20 years I directed the Upward Bound program at Ouachita is directly attributable to A. B. Wetherington and Ben Elrod (then vice president for development, later a president of Ouachita). They wrote the proposal and called to ask me to direct it."

It was such foresight that may have influenced Wetherington to leave behind a substantial contribution to future generations and yet to leave the committee with the flexibility to deal with current trends and ever-changing technology in education.

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Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland

tion; Freddie Jolley, associate professor of education; Craig Hamilton, professor and chair of the department of music education, and Glenn Good, professor and chair of the department of physics. Arrington's field is early childhood education, Jolley represents secondary education and Hamilton and Good provide scholars outside of the department and within areas of secondary subject matter.

The committee works with ex-officio members Corliss Smith, an elementary teacher in Arkadelphia, and Anne Linn, a junior high teacher in Arkadelphia, to create goals and objectives for the Center. The first-year, as well as the long-term, plans came from a week-long session for the group at the Arkansas Academy of Leadership Training.

Why would a major gift, an endowment to produce permanent improvement in the number and quality of professional development opportunities for students and teachers, be given by a gentleman who made the department his home for only seven years decades before his death?

The answer is that Wetherington was never far from the department. In 1968, he left the education department to direct the federally funded Arkansas

Guaranteed fixed cost plan introduced

In a move unprecedented in the state of Arkansas, the Ouachita Board of Trustees approved a financial plan designed to eliminate student concern over annual cost increases in tuition, fees, room and board.

The Guaranteed Fixed Cost Plan will set costs for all students beginning in the fall 2000 semester. A new monthly installment plan also was introduced as an option to make payment more convenient.

"We are excited about this new concept as an opportunity to help families plan for a Ouachita education," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of

Ouachita. "By taking the guesswork out of the cost of Ouachita over a student's four-year stay, we believe families will be able to plan more effectively."

Westmoreland said the Student Senate had suggested a fixed rate of tuition a few years ago, and that the University's own research had shown that students who left school before graduating sometimes did so for financial reasons.

"We knew that some students who wanted to stay couldn't because of the annual increase in costs," said Westmoreland. "The new model meets our budget needs and also allows students to save money in the long run if they stay in school."

Rates next fall for returning students will vary depending on when he or she entered Ouachita as a full-time student. Students who have attended the longest will have the greatest price break and the fewest semesters at the guaranteed price.

Those who entered in August 1997, or before will pay \$6,465 per semester for tuition, regular fees, room and board. The cost is guaranteed not to increase for only two semesters since that is when most of them will graduate.

Students who entered full time in August 1998, will pay \$6,675 per semester, with a guarantee of no increase for four semesters. Students who entered full time last fall will pay \$6,850 per semester for tuition, regular fees, room and board. The cost will be guaranteed for six semesters.

Students who enrolled full time for the first time in January of 1998, 1999, or

2000, will pay the same as those who entered the previous fall, and will have an additional semester at the guaranteed price.

Incoming new students, including freshmen and transfers, will pay \$7,050 per semester for tuition, regular fees, room and board. This cost will be guaranteed for eight semesters.

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cost levels are not based on academic classification," said Richard Stipe, vice president for administrative services. "Students progress through academic classifications at different rates because they're based on hours taken and passed. This system, based on when a person enters Ouachita as a full-time student, allows equal treatment to a cohort group that enters together and graduates together four years later."

Fifth-year seniors and beyond can expect cost increases, although they will be able to predict the cost because they'll pick up the rate of the cohort group following them.

"It will be a moderate increase after the fourth year," said Stipe. "They won't have to go back to the first-year rate; in fact, the students will know the cost for the next group, so they'll be able to plan for it from the moment they determine they need another semester or a fifth year to finish."

Compared to projected increases equal to Ouachita's 10-year average of cost increases, both returning and new students will save money with the new plan if they stay in school. Students who entered last fall will have a one-year increase higher than Ouachita's 10-year average increase, but they will pay less than the projected cost in the following two years and graduate with a savings estimated at \$1,298. Those planning to graduate in 2001 or 2002 will save an

estimated \$332 and \$676, respectively.

The Guaranteed Fixed Cost Plan applies only to tuition, regular fees, basic room and board charges for fall and spring terms. Summer school, May term, external programs, and additional charges, such as music fees or additional costs for Anthony Hall or Maddox Hall, are not affected by the new fixed cost plan.

Stipe said he expects many families to take advantage of the 12-month payment plan. "Most of us are accustomed to paying for major investments in monthly installments," said Stipe. "A Ouachita education is a very important investment, and we're pleased to offer this new payment option as a convenient choice. We're expecting a very positive response to the payment plan, but for those who choose to continue to pay for a full semester at registration, we'll offer a nominal discount."

Families can divide the annual cost of Ouachita into 12 equal payments due June through May. They may choose to either begin payments in June or make a single three-month payment by August 10, followed by subsequent monthly payments. If a student comes to campus in August and graduates in eight semesters, the last payment would come in May, the same month of commencement.

Ouachita will be the first institution of higher education in Arkansas operating under such a guarantee. A handful of out-of-state colleges have similar programs, but Ouachita's appears to be unique.

"Some of the similar programs at other colleges covered tuition only, but we thought it was important to give families a solid, guaranteed number, and to do that, you really have to include room and board, as well," said Westmoreland. "It is true that Ouachita will now absorb some of the economic risk that had previously been on the shoulders of our students and their families. We've guaranteed the price no matter what the economy does, but we believe that Ouachita is strong enough to carry that burden."

• by Jeff Root

Campus BRIEFS

◆ Jenna Williams of El Dorado, a sophomore vocal performance/music education major at Ouachita, won the second annual Mary Shambarger Competition for Singers held February 22 in McBeth Recital Hall in OBU's Mabree Fine Arts Center.

The competition was sponsored by the Division of Music of the Jones School of Fine Arts.

Williams won \$300 for her effort. Second place and a \$200 prize went to Jeremy Bishop, a senior vocal performance major from Abbeville, Alabama. David Stanley of Warren, a senior applied music major, placed third and was awarded a \$100 cash award. Honorable Mention accolades went to Beth Stubblefield, a senior music major from Pensacola, Florida.

◆ On the weekend of February 25-27, Ouachita was the host for an annual gathering of the children of career Southern Baptist Convention missionaries attending colleges and universities in the U.S.

The students gathered to form new friendships and deepen their walk with Christ. Sessions were led by the missionary kids (MKs), OBU students, and Dr. Randy and Stacia Richards of Arkadelphia, former SBC missionaries.

The weekend retreat had a theme of "MK's Rock the World 2000." A dinner, coffeehouse, praise and worship time, small group sessions, and social activities were held.

The Richards spoke to the students about their personal walk with the Lord. The Richards were missionaries in Indonesia for eight years. They are part of the faculty and staff at Ouachita.

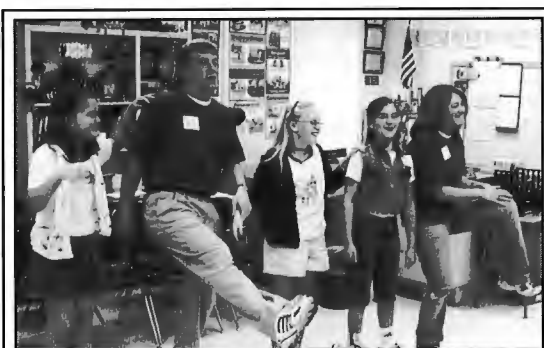
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Enrichment camp held for area children

The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community hosted a spring break enrichment camp for approximately 100 children in grades three through five from the Arkadelphia area. The camp was staffed by 34 Ouachita students on their spring break and was held at Peake Elementary School.

The enrichment camp began in 1996 when a group of Ouachita Baptist Student Union students traveled to San Antonio, Texas, to organize a camp much like the one held in Arkadelphia. Dr. Ben M. Elrod, the OBU president at the time and now chancellor, decided to find funding to

create a camp for local elementary students who had to stay home during their spring break.



GROUP EFFORT • Ouachita students lead campers in performing skits to encourage creativity and team building.

Jan Bass, coordinator of public school initiatives for the Elrod Center, and Brandi Womack, assistant director of the Center, were the camp directors.

The purpose of this Enrichment Week was not only to provide children with some fun activities to fill their free time, but also to demonstrate and teach good character

qualities.

The children began their day with breakfast at the Peake cafeteria at 8:30. After breakfast, the children were divided into assigned groups where they participated in various classes. The classes included: music, computers, arts, sports, drama, and puppets. Each class was led by the OBU volunteers.

The children were provided a free lunch at 11:15, and they finished the day at 2:15 p.m.

"Our goal for the week was that the children would be able to see the goodness in the lives of the workers, and that through the instruction provided all lives would be enriched," said Womack.

In order to be well prepared to teach the children, the OBU volunteers had special training on how to integrate good character qualities into their lessons.

• by Bethany Jones

BSU conducts various ministries in Las Vegas

Thirty-six students from Ouachita took part in teaching backyard Bible clubs, ministering to apartment dwellers, serving at a homeless shelter, and conducting a sports camp in a spring break missions trip to Las Vegas, March 17-24.

The students worked in coordination with the Nevada Baptist Association as well as the BSU program at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Sessions designed to brief the students on their tasks, prayer times, and to make the necessary organizational arrangements were held throughout the school year.

"The students spent much of their time traveling door-to-door to invite children and youth to come and participate

in the events," said Julie Wilson, assistant director of campus ministries.

Another aspect of the trip was the association of bringing the message of the Bible to apartment dwellers. "With 6,000 residents moving into Las Vegas a month, it is considered to be one of the fastest growing cities in America," she said. "Most of these new residents reside in apartments, leaving the ministry field expansive."

Peter and Theresa Cunningham, graduates of Ouachita, served as guides to the apartment ministry aspect of the trip.

The homeless were the thrust of another aspect of the spring break mission trip as

the students sought to build relationships with transients through shelter ministry.

"We also worked to build



REACHING OUT • Members of the BSU spring break mission team lead a sports camp for Las Vegas area children.

a rapport and a foundation of trust with local youngsters in Las Vegas as we encouraged them to participate in a sports camp that we sponsored," Wilson commented.

• by Bethany Jones

Ouachita Singers perform for ACDA

The Ouachita Singers, an auditioned choral ensemble of approximately 50 students, performed by invitation for the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) at First Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Thursday, March 16.

The choir, directed by Dr. Charles Fuller, professor of music, represents the university in concerts in schools and churches throughout Arkansas, the surrounding region, and around the world. Their musical selections range from the masterworks of choral lit-

erature to folk music to music of the contemporary church.

The ACDA invited the Singers to perform after hearing a blind tape audition. This was the first time OBU was given the honor to sing for the national organization.

The ACDA is a non-profit music education organization whose central purpose is to promote excellence in choral music through performance, composition, publication, research, and teaching. The group also strives to elevate choral music's position in American society through

art advocacy.

Approximately 18,000 choral directors representing more than one million singers across the United States comprise the ACDA.

The Singers have dedicated their 1999-2000 concert season to the memory of James Harrison, Rachel Fuller and the other passengers of American Airlines Flight 1420 that crashed on June 1, 1999.

Cindy Fuller, adjunct instructor in music at OBU, serves as the accompanist for the group. • *by Rachel Deckelman*

Vocal students win state NATS honors

Eighteen Ouachita students claimed state honors at the Arkansas State National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) State Conference held at Mabee Fine Arts Center at OBU on February 25-26.

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

Students from the Division of Music of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts at

OBU won 20 of the 58 finalist awards in the competition.

Those who received first place honors in the competition were: Renee Peavey, a music major from Garland, Texas, in the freshman women category; Aaron Hunt, a music major from Jonesboro, in the freshman men category; Jenna Williams, a choral music education major/vocal performance major from El Dorado, in the sophomore women category and in the lower division music theater category; B. J.

Kyle, a music major from McNeil, in the sophomore men category; Josh Shaw, a music major from Natchitoches, Louisiana, in the junior men category.

Also receiving first place honors were: Anna Kay Morrison, a sophomore music major from Orlando, Florida, in the lower student adult category; and Mark Simmons, a senior vocal performance major from San Antonio, Texas, in the older advanced men category. • *by Rachel Deckelman*

Campus BRIEFS

◆ A day of focus on personal health issues was the theme of Ouachita's Health Fair held February 22 in Evans Student Center. Molly Wallace, health services director, coordinated the event.

The day was composed of several types of on-site health evaluations such as hearing tests, vision screenings, cholesterol tests, blood pressure tests, body composition, hemoglobin checks, dental health, and blood glucose checks.

Several different campus organizations were involved this year. The department of speech communication and communication disorders sponsored the hearing tests. The department of health, physical education, and recreation offered flexibility testing, as well as blood pressure testing.

Other community and state organizations participating in the event included Baptist Health of Arkadelphia, ARORA and Arkansas Eye Surgery.

◆ The 1999 "Ouachitonian" received a Gold Medalist rating in the annual college yearbook critique from Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) in New York City. Gold Medalist is the highest rating on the critique.

The OBU yearbook received All-Columbian honors in each of the five categories: concept, design, writing, coverage, and photography. These honors are awarded to publications that receive very high point totals in one of more of the five categories.

The editor of the 1999 "Ouachitonian" was Jennifer Hillman Goode, a 1999 mass communications/education graduate from Almyra.

Miss Ouachita Baptist University

MISS OBU • Lauren McNair (center), a sophomore mass communications major from Fayetteville, was crowned Miss OBU and will represent Ouachita in the Miss Arkansas Pageant June 14-17. Pictured with Lauren are first runner-up Kristin Smith, second runner-up Amber Franks, Miss Arkansas Brandy Rhodes, McNair, 1999 Miss OBU Jennifer Crawley, fourth runner-up Jennifer Dyer, and third runner-up Emily Harness.



Campus BRIEFS

◆ The Pew College Society hosted a retreat at Camp Paron near Benton on March 10-12.

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

The speaker for the retreat was Todd Buras, a doctor of philosophy candidate at Yale University. His address was titled "Faith Seeks Understanding."

◆ The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community sponsored the university's fifth annual Marriage and Family Week March 6-11. It was a week designed to help students develop healthy dating relationships, marriages, and families.

On Monday, Dr. Randy and Mrs. Stacia Richards spoke in Berry Chapel for Noonday. Dr. Randy Richards is an associate professor of biblical studies and theology at Ouachita, and his wife, Stacia, is the secretary for the Elrod Center.

Dr. Craig Price, pastor of Hot Springs Baptist Church, was the chapel speaker on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Curtiss and Angel Moore spoke at Noonday and also at Cross Training, a college Bible study held at Arkadelphia Second Baptist Church. Curtiss Moore is the pastor of Richwoods Baptist Church. Angel Moore is the secretary in the OBU Campus Ministries office.

Dr. Guy Grimes spoke on Thursday for the BSU's Refuge program. Grimes and his wife were also the speakers for the weekend Marriage Retreat for young OBU married couples. The retreat was held in Texarkana.

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Tiger Serve Day volunteers help with census awareness

Ouachita students took to the streets to heighten census awareness on Saturday, March 4, as part of the seventh bi-annual Tiger Serve Day sponsored by OBU's Ben M. Elrod Center for the Family and Community.

Ouachita and the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce team up every year to organize projects for students. Previous years' projects have included helping the elderly with outdoor or indoor chores, vacant lot cleaning and painting.

This year the student volunteers passed out fliers provided by the Chamber that explain the importance of every person completing a census.

In 1990, approximately 200 children were missed in the Clark County census. "That translates into a loss of more than \$2 million in fed-

eral funds over 10 years," according to the Arkadelphia Complete Count Education Committee.

The Tiger Serve Day volunteers consisted of Ouachita clubs, organizations, faculty, staff, and individuals who have a desire to aid in community service efforts.

Also as part of Tiger Serve Day, the Tiger football team provided clean up and maintenance needs for the Bozeman Cemetery, one of the oldest cemeteries in South Arkan-

sas. The football team was completing a project begun



CENSUS • Student volunteers discuss the importance of the census with Randy and Corliss Smith.



CLEAN UP • Football players assist with the maintenance of Bozeman Cemetery.

by the basketball and baseball teams during the fall Tiger Serve Day.

• by Rachel Deckelman

Christian Focus Week



CHAPEL • David Crowder and the UBC Band lead praise and worship during one of the morning celebrations.

NOONDAY • Dr. Calvin Miller speaks at the Monday Noonday service during Christian Focus Week.



The Office of Campus Ministries sponsored Christian Focus Week February 14-18. The week included seminars, an International Food Fest, and small group dialogues.

Concerts were presented by Ouachita's Praise Singers and by David Crowder and the UBC Band of University Baptist Church in Waco, Texas.

Dr. Calvin Miller and Dr. Terrence B. Ellis were speakers for the morning celebrations.

Miller is a member of the faculty at Beeson Divinity School of Samford University. Ellis serves as pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama.

Gift College Investing Plan

The Gift Plan is an Educational Investment Program, sponsored by the state of Arkansas, which is available to any U.S. resident interested in saving for college-related expenses.

Eligible participants include parents, grandparents, other relatives, and family friends. The student for whom the account is established is called the "beneficiary." There are currently no age limits on GIFT beneficiaries.

A minimum investment of only \$50 per month will open a GIFT Account if you enroll in the plan's automated funding service. Otherwise, the minimum initial investment is \$250.

Professional management of investments is offered by Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. The GIFT Plan currently offers an active allocation for a typical beneficiary's education time horizons, by utilizing 9 portfolios of mutual funds chosen to provide growth while managing risk, especially as the college years draw near.

You retain control of the assets. You may change beneficiaries. You may withdraw money, but you will owe ordinary income tax on earnings at your rate and must pay a 10% penalty.

GIFT funds can be used for tuition, fees, room, board, books and supplies required at any accredited institutions which are eligible to participate in Department of Education student-aid programs. This includes public and private universities, graduate schools, community colleges and vocational schools.

Contributions grow federal income tax-deferred. If withdrawals are used for qualified higher education expenses, any earnings will be taxed as ordinary income to the beneficiary, who often will have a lower tax rate than the participant. For Arkansas residents, earnings grow state tax exempt if used for qualified expenses.

You may be eligible to contribute up to \$50,000-\$100,000 for married couples-per beneficiary in a single year without incurring federal gift taxes. This special gift-tax treatment enables you to jump start your college savings program and potentially reduce your taxable estate by up to \$100,000 or more per beneficiary. Contributing to a GIFT Account will not affect your eligibility to receive Hope Scholarship and/or Lifetime Learning Tax Credits.

If you are a non-Arkansas resident, your state may offer a qualified state tuition program with state tax advantages or other benefits for its residents or taxpayers. A listing of current state tuition plan programs may be found under "Prepaid Tuition Plans" at www.finaid.org/parents or you may want to contact your state to see if it offers a plan before investing in the GIFT College Investing Plan.

Investment Growth Projections

Current Age of Student Beneficiary - Birth

Current Education Savings	\$0.00
Years to Enrollment	18 years
Average Rate of Return	8.00%
Contribution Frequency	Monthly
Amount Saved Per Period	\$50.00
Total Contributions	\$10,800.00
Total Interest Earnings	\$13,364.34
Total Projected Savings	\$24,164.34

Current Age of Student Beneficiary - 5

Current Education Savings	\$0.00
Years to Enrollment	13 years
Average Rate of Return	8.00%
Contribution Frequency	Monthly
Amount Saved Per Period	\$50.00
Total Contributions	\$7,800.00
Total Interest Earnings	\$5,936.99
Total Projected Savings	\$13,736.99

Current Age of Student Beneficiary - 12

Current Education Savings	\$0.00
Years to Enrollment	6 years
Average Rate of Return	8.00%
Contribution Frequency	Monthly
Amount Saved Per Period	\$50.00
Total Contributions	\$3,600.00
Total Interest Earnings	\$1,031.94
Total Projected Savings	\$4,631.94

The 8% average rate of return is for projection purposes only. The Gift Account is an investment account. There are no guarantees on return rates.

For a free enrollment kit, contact the Merrill Lynch Program Manager toll free at 1-877-442-6553 or visit the Gift Plan website at www.thegiftplan.com

**For more information about this plan and other financial aid assistance, contact the Financial Aid Office • Ouachita Baptist University
Susan Hurst, director • 870-245-5570**

Berry named national Male Swimmer-of-the Year

Ouachita swimmer John Berry was named NCAA Division II Male Swimmer of the Year and the OBU Tiger Sharks swimming and diving team placed seventh and broke 13 school records in the 2000 NCAA Division II National Championship Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Meet at the Flickinger Aquatic Center on the campus of Eric Community College in Buffalo, New York, on March 8-11.

The Tiger Sharks, coached by Jim Dann, ended the meet with 200 points. California State-Bakersfield won the meet for the men.

Drury won the women's division with 663 points. The Lady Sharks had one competitor, Katie Turner, who finished 14th in the 1650 yard



John Berry

freestyle and set a new school record. She also broke personal records in the 200 yard freestyle, 500 yard freestyle, and 1,000 yard freestyle.

Out of the 13 Ouachita school records broken at national, four were women's records and nine were men's marks.

Berry, a junior from Houston, TX (Langham Creek),

- Tiger Sharks and Lady Tigers Sharks win NSISL Conference championships

- Tiger Sharks and Lady Tiger Sharks break 13 school records

- Ten swimmers receive All-America honors

won three individual events starting the meet off right for the men, swimming a new school record and NCAA Division II record in the 50 yard freestyle with a :19:84 in the preliminaries. This marks the first time a Division II athlete has broken the 20 second mark in this race. Berry also won the 100 yard freestyle with a new school record at :44.46.

Among the men's Tiger Sharks team, named to the NCAA Division II All-American First Team were Berry, Chris White, Kip Schneider, Jesse Mullinax, Moss Duvall, and Joel Jackson. Those named to the Honorable Mention All-American Team were freshman Jon Wynes, sophomore Chris Crane, and Ty Jordan. Katie Turner became the first female Ouachita swimmer to be named First Team All-American due to her performance.

The Tiger Sharks finished the season with a 5-2 record, while the Lady Tiger Sharks finished the season with a record of 4-3. Both teams won the New South Independent Swim League Conference championship for the 1999-2000 swim season.

2000 Tiger Football Schedule

Sept. 2	Henderson State	HSU	7 p.m.
9	OPEN		
16	Univ. of Central AR	Home	7 p.m.
23	Southern Arkansas	Away	7 p.m.
30*	Arkansas Tech	Home	2 p.m.
Oct. 7**	UA-Monticello	Home	2 p.m.
14	Univ. of North Alabama	Away	1:30 p.m.
21	State Univ. of West Georgia	Home	2 p.m.
28***	Univ. of West Alabama	Home	2 p.m.
Nov. 4	Valdosta State	Away	1 p.m. EST
11	Harding University	Away	2 p.m.

- * Family Day
- ** Preview Day
- *** Homecoming

Ticket information is available from the office of athletic director David Sharp by writing OBU Box 3788, Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001 or by calling 870-245-5182, or by e-mail at sharpd@alpha.obu.edu



▲ Former Tiger quarterback Steve Snider and his son watch the Tigers scrimmage on April 1. A cookout followed, sponsored by the Tiger Gridiron Club.

▼ Future Tigers enjoy their own game of football while their parents watch the scrimmage. Tiger fans and parents enjoyed the morning of football and hamburgers.



Scheppman named All-LSC; Lady Tigers make tourney

Ouachita senior guard Jamie Scheppmann of Cove (Van-Cove) has been named as the Lone Star Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

The Louisiana Tech transfer in her only season as a Lady Tiger also was voted by league coaches as First Team All Lone Star Conference.

Lady Tiger sophomore Robyn Anders of Grapevine, Texas, was named to the Second Team All-LSC. Senior post Jeannie Kennedy of Bryant was chosen for the Honorable Mention All-LSC Team.

Scheppmann made a significant impact on the conference in leading the league in scoring average (21.6 ppg) and steals (85) in the team's 19-9 season.

Scheppmann led her team in scoring in all but three games this past season, including four 30-point or more games. She was named as the pre-season Lone Star Conference Player of the Year without setting a foot in a league game at the start of the season.

The 5-10 Scheppmann, a psychology major, was three times named as Lone Star Conference North Division Player-of-the-Week for her superlative court action during the season.

Scheppmann ended her short one-year Ouachita career with 608 points, 168 rebounds, 88 steals, and 90 assists. For her career at OBU, Scheppmann hit 194 of 451 field goal attempts for 43 percent. She was 43 of 134 from the arc for 32 percent. She played an average of 34 minutes a contest.

Scheppmann was also named to the First Team on the Daktronics All-South Central Region Team. The team is selected by sports information directors and sponsored by Daktronics, Inc. of Brookings, S.D., a leading designer and manufacturer of electronic scoreboards and programmable display systems.

Anders scored 253 points this season and had 76 assists and 32 steals. She was 70 of 190 from the field for 37 percent. From three-point distance, the 5-9 starting point guard from Southlake Carroll High School was 14 of 49 for 29 percent. At the line, she hit 99 of 125 for 79 percent.

Anders was also selected as one of five members of the LSC North Division's Women's Basketball All-Academic Team and Commissioner's Honor Roll. At Ouachita, Anders holds a perfect 4.0 in the field of business.

Kennedy, at 6-3, provided Ouachita's under the basket finesse this season leading her team in rebounds with 247 (8.8 rpg). She was the team's second leading scorer with 257 points (9.2 ppg). From the field, she was 102 of 245 for 42 percent. At the line, Kennedy hit 53 of 98 for 54 percent. She had 30 blocked shots.

Post-season honors also went to Vivi Dees from Van-Cove who was chosen for the LSC Commissioner's Honor Roll for academics. She is majoring in sports medicine.

The Lady Tigers hosted a first-round LSC tournament game. Playing before its largest crowd of the season, the Lady Tigers downed the Eastern New Mexico University Zias, 82-67. The team was led by Scheppmann's career high 38 points.

The Lady Tigers then traveled to Texas A & M at Kingsville for a second round tournament game. The Lady Tigers came from behind to tie the game in regulation, but lost a hard fought battle to the Lady Javelinas by an overtime score of 82-74.

Garry Crowder's Lady Tigers ended the season at 19-9 and 8-6, and a second place finish in the LSC North Division.

Kentle leads Tigers; receives LSC honors

Tiger forward Jarris Kentle of Pine Bluff (Watson Chapel) played his own way to a spot on the All LSC Honorable Mention Team. Kentle was the team's leading scorer in a 7-18, 3-10 season. He scored 341 points for an average of 14.8 (ppg) and led the Tigers in scoring in 10 games. His best effort was a 24-point production against Northeastern State (OK) University.

Kentle was 114 of 259 from the field for 44 percent, and 27 of 86 from the arc for 31 percent. At the free throw line, he connected on 86 of 116 for 74 percent. Kentle snared 69 rebounds, had 39 assists, and 22 steals.

Jamie Scheppmann



Jarris Kentle



Robyn Anders



Jeannie Kennedy



Vivi Dees



**Bruce
Tippit**

President
Former Students
Association

Laurie Beth Jones writes in her book, *Jesus, CEO* that if leaders, "intend to accomplish anything significant, the first step toward attaining their goal is to create a team. Yet many people still feel they must do everything alone. We still have John Wayne and Super Moms who think it is wrong or a sign of weakness to ask for help.

"Recently I met an engineer who developed a product that could help many people. He has not released it yet because he cannot come up with the perfect logo for his company. He feels that he has to do the logo, the brochure, the product development, and the marketing, too. No doubt he will paint his own building and grow his own corn, as well.

"I am not mocking this man's individualism. I just wonder how far he can go with this particular belief system. The truth is that good ideas, noble intentions, brilliant inventions, and miraculous discoveries go nowhere unless somebody forms a team to act on them. Whoever forms a team to carry out the best ideas wins."

As supporters of Ouachita we are invited to join a very large and effective team of people to continue realizing the vision of our great institution. Ouachita chooses to "team" with our Arkansas Baptist family to secure its success. Our president, Dr. Westmoreland, chooses to "team" with those serving with him to carry out the vision he has for Ouachita. Faculty "team" with students and students with faculty to implement the accomplishment of the goals of Christian higher education. Parents and families "team" with those in school to help them complete their degree program. (Mostly they "team" with their loan officer, but let's not go there...) As alumni, we "team" with Ouachita on an ongoing basis in a variety of ways to enable its effectiveness. Hopefully all of us have decided to "team" with our Lord in prayer for His provision, blessing, and power to be demonstrated throughout our university.

Let me say how grateful I am to have "teamed" with those who have worked with me as president of the Former Students Association. Randy Garner and Bettie Duke are doing an outstanding job! Thanks to all of you!

When you look around at other schools and remember the significance of Ouachita, aren't you glad you are part of THE TEAM! I know I am!

HOME COMING 2000!!!

Come join in the excitement!

October 27 & 28, 2000

Friday, October 27

• The Second Annual Golf Scramble

Because of the great crowd last year we have reserved DeGray Golf Course for the entire day. There will be a morning tournament and an afternoon tournament. Lunch will be provided for both groups.

• Reunion Dinner

Prior to Tiger Tunes on Friday evening, the Former Students Association will host the annual reunion dinner for everyone and their guests from the classes of years ending in 5's and 0's.

• Tiger Tunes

Get your tickets early. Watch for an order form in the Homecoming brochure.

Saturday, October 28

• Club and Organizational Drop-Ins

Social Clubs, Academic Clubs, BSU, and Music Organizations love to have their alumni drop by for a visit.

• Tailgate Party

Let's plan to get together before the ball game for hamburgers and hotdogs near the stadium.

• Crowning of the Queen

• Football

Kickoff is at 2 p.m. OBU vs. University of West Alabama

**Watch for a Homecoming 2000 brochure
in your mailbox this summer!**

Other important dates to remember:

FSA Commencement Luncheon-May 13

Fall Classes Begin-August 23

Ouachita Family Day (formerly Parents' Day)-September 30

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Do you have an item you want to include
in CLASS NOTES in the next Circle?

If so, you can send this information to us
by clicking and completing the "Alumni Survey"
on the website.

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December 1, 1999 - March 31, 2000

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Class Notes

1932

Frances (Benton) Meador was honored January 28th when her great granddaughter, Grace Frances Meador, was born on her 90th birthday. Grace is the daughter of **Doug ('87)** and **Mandy (Kirby, 'fs 88)**, Meador and granddaughter of John B. Meador.

1934

Corinne (Anders) Walker, a native of Warren, AR, is a retired teacher and has lived in Atlanta, GA, since 1966.

1937

Theodore and LaVesta (Bartlett, '38) Garrison live in McComb, IL. He writes that they have lived in the same house since 1960 and spend time playing with old radios and pre-talkie movies. They will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary in July.

Dewey and Christine (Chaney) Blackwood celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary December 24, 1999. They live in El Dorado, AR.

1938

COL Joe Burt (fs) is retired from the U.S. Air Force and lives in Arlington, VA. He and his three sons toured London, England; Edinburgh, Scotland; and Dublin, Ireland this spring.

1939

Wanda Kennedy Patterson, published her second book of poems, "Leaping and Creeping the Cobblestones," last year. She has placed a copy in the Ouachita library.

Thomas and Vesta (Horne) Chinn will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary July 21. They live in Charlotte, NC.

Kathreen (Haynie) Thomas and husband, James, live in Ozark, AR. She writes that their son, Frank, served as America's archery coach in Pan-American Games in Canada last August.

1941

Ernest and Ida Nelle (Daily) Hollaway live in Hermitage, TN, where they work with a group of Japanese women, teaching the Bible and English conversation. He also distributes Japanese-language materials to Japanese churches throughout the United States.

James and Bess Adkins (fs) recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Augusta, GA.

1942

Stewart Landes (fs) is retired

and lives in Lewisville, AR, with wife, Yvonne.

1943

Mary Elizabeth (Tolson) Halsell worked in the Baptist Crusade in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in May 1999. In September, she moved from Louisville, KY, to Princeton, WV, to be near her daughter, Maribeth Dockery.

Stanley and Margaret (Haynes) Jordan live in the Baptist Retirement Center in San Angelo, TX, where he recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He still visits the patients at the Health Center.

1943

Wade Armstrong and wife, Shirley, will teach a class in evangelism at Portugal's Baptist Seminary for the International Mission Board from September 2000-February 2001.

Andy Hall was invited in March to preach at Little Rock First Baptist Church to celebrate his 60 years in the ministry. He was ordained there in 1940. He and wife, **Harriet (Grant)**, spent the winter months in Lake Wales, FL, where he pastored First Baptist from 1949-1953. They described this as "a walk back in history."

1944

Jo Beth (Croxtton) Ward (fs) is retired and living in Anderson, SC. She knows former students will remember her father, Dr. Thomas W. Croxtton, who headed the Bible Department at Ouachita from 1930-1934. Her mother, Josephine **Saunders Croxtton (fs)**, was the daughter of Joseph Saunders, who contributed part of the land on which Ouachita is built.

1946

Dillard and Iva Nell "Nellie" (Hector) Miller observed their 60th wedding anniversary on January 13. He is pastor emeritus of Mena (AR) First Baptist where he served for 29 years. She retired from teaching in 1983. The Millers have two children, **Karr La Dickens ('69)** and **Rod Miller ('75)**.

Randolph Smith and wife, Bonnie Jo, live in Mountain Home. They have four children and five grandchildren.

1947

Mary (Helton) Tucker and husband, Gene, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August. They have three children and five grandchildren and live in Tulsa, OK.

1948

Jean Justice Pilcher is serving as interim minister of music at Little Rock First Baptist, a position she held from 1976-1989.

Homer and **Carolyn Reed** live in Austin, TX, where he's owner and general manager of Austin Building Products.

1949

Robert McCormick is retired from ministry but continues to teach the adult Sunday School at his church in Murphysboro, IL.

Vera (Sallee) McClain lives at Shangri-La-Resort on Lake Ouachita at Mt. Ida, AR. She enjoys fishing, traveling and playing bridge, and belongs to a quilting club.

William and Wanda (Blackwell, fs'46) Travis are retired and living in Bethpage, TN.

Frances (Emerson) Yates (fs) teaches kindergarten at Eylau Christian School in Texarkana, TX. She has three grown children: **Ann (Yates) Gentry ('76)**, **Dub (fs74)** and **Christy**, who is married to **Kevin Smith ('88)**.

1951

Jane Allen Hall is a portrait artist in Hot Springs, AR. Friends can check out her website at <http://hometown.aol.com/janepetart>.

James Hampton is serving as associate pastor for global missions and pastoral care for Lindale (TX) First Baptist Church.

Jo Ann (Joyner) Spinks (fs) was the lucky winner of the Jitney Jungle Grocery Sweepstakes in July 1999. She and husband, Heyward, live in Columbus, MS.

1952

Fern (Wilkins) Stanford is secretary-receptionist for her husband, Edward, who is a

veterinarian in Memphis.

Willis and Martha (Deaton) Crosby are active in Little Rock's Immanuel Baptist Church. She also teaches a class by telephone each week through International Friendship organization.

Carroll Evans retired in 1996 after 47 years in the ministry. He's working part time for Roller-Citizens Funeral Home in West Memphis.

1953

Floyd Simmons completed 50 years in ministry on April 1, 2000. He has served as pastor of Elliston Baptist since 1958. He and wife, Modean, live in Memphis.

1954

W. Leon Brock, a retired minister, and wife, Jeannie, live in Little Rock.

David and Patsy (Clark) Davila reside in Georgetown, KY. He taught for 30 years at Georgetown College, and can be reached by email at: davidadd@gateway.net.

Pat (Combs) Owens (fs) and husband, Herman, live in Crossett where she owns Pat's Many Splendid Things gift shop. She writes they are proud to announce that their daughter, Misty, and son-in-law, Deron Huerkamp, have moved to Arkadelphia where he's assistant football coach at Ouachita.

1955

Betsy "Candy" (Ross) Brar has lived in Dallas since 1988, moving there from Nashville, TN, where she worked in country music. She's active in the broadcast ministry of Prestonwood Baptist Church and remembers Ouachita as one of the happiest times of her life.

Mary Ann (Taylor) Davis and

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STRIKE • The umpire calls a strike against a UCA batter during baseball action at Rab Rodgers Field. The Tigers were coached by first-year head coach B. J. Brown.

IN MEMORY

Antwoyne Edwards



Antwoyne Lee Edwards, a sophomore physical education major and a leader in Christian ministries at Ouachita, drowned Friday, April 21, in a boating accident at DeGray Lake State Park near Arkadelphia. Edwards, 20, from Big Spring, Texas, was a starting running back on the Tiger football team and was active in several ministries both on and off campus.

Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita, said Edwards' positive influence was felt both on campus and in the community. "Antwoyne was a good student and an excellent athlete, but I think everyone who knew him thought of him first and foremost as a committed Christian who worked tirelessly to tell the good news of Christ," said Westmoreland. "Whether it was a mission trip to another state or counseling friends on the football team, Antwoyne led many people to a saving faith in Christ."

Edwards had participated in a dramatic presentation about the crucifixion in a community event on Thursday night. Following the event, some of those who participated went camping at DeGray. The accident happened in the predawn hours on Friday when the group was crossing a small portion of the lake in order to get everyone to the area where their vehicles were parked. During the trip, the boat filled with water. Edwards' friends tried to save him but were unable to do so.

As a player, Antwoyne came to Ouachita after a stellar career in Big Spring. He was a three-year starter in high school and gained more than 4,000 career yards. At Ouachita, his unselfish nature helped him become one of the most respected blockers in the Lone Star Conference. He set team records in known-down blocks, and was regarded by his coaches and teammates as a team leader, both athletically and spiritually.

On a questionnaire he filled out recently for the 2000 football media guide, Antwoyne said he chose to come to Ouachita because, "God brought me here." He had become well known on campus as a ministry leader and was a voice for racial unity.



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husband, Lamar, are planning a trip to Nairobi, Kenya, in June to visit their son, Alan, and his family.

Jean (Seward) Cahill writes that there is another "Seward" at Ouachita. Her son, Charles Turley, is on music faculty and is the youngest grandchild of Dr. Donald Seward, former math professor.

1956

Marillyn (Shiver) Nations lives in Kingsport, TN, where she is serving on consumer and family science advisory committee at Carson Newman College. She also works with Habitat for Humanity through Resale Store, where they have raised over \$550,000 for homes in Northeast Tennessee.

Mary (Dodd) Curlin Hames (fs) retired in May 1996 from Fort Smith Public Schools as school nurse. She's proud that her middle son, **Jay ('83)**, is assistant professor of English at Ouachita, so she now has opportunities to visit Ouachita's campus again.

Carlisle Phillips and wife, Barbara, live in Dallas where he's a computer software engineer.

Thomas Urrey retired in July 1999 from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth after 38 years.

1957

Gerald and Catherine Taylor of Malvern celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary February 12. He is a retired Southern Baptist minister and she worked for the Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

Christine Moody is a retired administrative assistant from IBM and lives in Lexington, TN.

Ken Burling of Cut & Shoot, TX, writes he's a great-grandfather! He's been blessed with five children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, but doesn't feel any older than he did when he left Ouachita in 1957. He wants classmates from 56-57-58 to know that he can be reached at Burling@webtv.net.

1958

Milburn and Mary Alice Hill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 14. He's a retired Baptist minister and she's a retired postal clerk. They live in Ward, AR.

Jacquelyn Howell retired in 1998 after 39 years as teacher and librarian at Buffalo Island Central School in Monette, AR.

1959

Cecil and Jerry (Grounds,

'62) Yates are retired and love it. They live in Holly Springs, NC, which is close to their children and three grandsons (plus another grandchild on the way).

1960

Susie (Hutto) Clark teaches fourth grade at Harrison (AR) Public Schools.

George Watanabe writes that he and wife, Amy, are on their final furlough and will formally retire in July after 32 years as missionaries to Japan. He's looking forward to his 40th class reunion at Homecoming.

Ruth Ann (Thomas Wade) Hill and husband, Glynn, retired from LifeWay Resources in Nashville, TN and moved to Little Rock in August 1998 to be near her mother, Hazel Thomas (former OBU Home Ec professor). He is serving as interim pastor of Trinity Baptist in Mabelvale.

Robert and Betty (Gray) Hall are retired and live in Henderson, TX where they work with senior adults at First Baptist Church.

1961

Wanda (Baucum) Fawcett retired this year from 28 years of teaching 7th and 8th grade math. She lives in Fordyce.

COL P. Lamar Joplin recently returned from Kosova, after serving two 3-month tours with Samaritan's Purse. He and wife, Karen, live in Magnolia, AR.

1962

Kathy (Houghton) Crone (fs) and husband, Jim, enjoy traveling the Elderhostel Way and are planning to go on a mission trip to Bolivia in June. They live in Mabelvale (AR) and enjoy their granddaughter, Erica Crone.

Larry Lawson is director of Fort Smith Public Library.

Marcie (Barnes) Smith retired in May 1999 after 35 years as an elementary teacher. She was recognized in Who's Who Among America's Teachers ('96 & '98), Who's Who in America ('98 & '99), Who's Who of America's Women ('97 & '99) and Who's Who in the World ('98 & '99). She and husband, Basil, live in Vanzant, MO.

Barbora Kay (Martin) Cole retired in January 1997 from Exxon Company and lives in Baytown, TX.

1963

Barry (fs) and Sheryln (Davis, fs'65) Spigener live in Arlington, TX, where he's a sales rep for ATO Findley, Inc.

Class Notes

1964

Clyde Snider is chairman of the board for Audio Recording Corporation of Arkansas (ARCA). He and wife, **Judy (Davis, fs66)** live in Little Rock. He can be reached at csnider@aristotle.net.

Charles Hargrove is retired assistant city manager for City of Columbia, MO.

1965

Wanda (Moore) Thorp lives in Hot Springs where she works for Area Agency on Aging as an RN case manager trainer.

Ed Coulter, chancellor of Arkansas State University at Mountain Home, was recently elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce.

James Bledsoe has been a surgeon in Rogers since 1978. His wife, Cecile, is a state representative. Their son, Greg, graduated from UAMS medical school in 1999; Samuel will begin medical school in August 2000 and daughter Tricia is a sophomore at Baylor.

Betty (Emanuel) Brown retired in May 1999 after teaching 25 years in Hot Springs School District.

1966

Thelma Beth Hardcastle retired in 1997 after teaching third and fourth grades for 30 years. She lives in Bridgeton, MO.

Bill and Mari Kay (Kirkpatrick, '65) Baker live in Blytheville, AR, where he's minister of education for First Baptist Church.

David Hillman was elected in December as president of the 216,000-member Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation. He and Janis live in Almyra, AR, where he farms.

Doyle Combs retired as associate professor of music from Howard Payne University and is presently head of the music and arts department of Sunrise Church in Colorado Springs. He is also contract musical conductor for the city.

Sara Fowlkes Garrett retired June 1, 1999, from Northrop Grumman Corporation after 33 years. She served as director of sector budgeting at the time of retirement. She is enjoying traveling, her grandchildren and gardening as well as volunteering in the tax aide group with AARP. She has one son, David, who lives in California where he's a neurosurgeon in the USAF and has four sons.

1967

Ruffin and Melissa (Carter, '66) Snow have moved from Del City, OK, to Conover, NC, where he will pastor Tri City Baptist Church.

Lane and Judy (Cook) Strother are attorneys in Mountain Home. Two of their three daughters, **Jodi ('90)** and **Mica ('94)**, are attorneys as well. Third daughter, Megan, is in her second year of radiology residency. They have three grandchildren with another on the way.

Dennis and Marsha (Riddle) Wilkins live in Bluffton, SC, where he pastors First Baptist Church.

Elaine (Alphin) Rudder and husband, Ken, live in El Dorado where she's a legal secretary at Compton, Prewett, Thomas & Hickey.

Barbara Hall has served on staff of Atlanta (GA) First Baptist Church as director of dramatic arts since 1981. She also writes and directs the Atlanta Passion Play, a repertory troupe called "Branches," and other productions.

1968

Linda (Temple) Acrey has taught second grade since 1972 at Lonoke Public School. She loves to tell people she graduated from Ouachita, and fondly remembers Dr. Thurman Watson saying, "You can't give the kids what God didn't."

Dr. Judith Blalock is program director for the pharmacy technician program at Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, LA.

Buddy and Janada (Graddy, '84) Barnett live in Eden, NC, where he's minister of music and missions at First Baptist Church and she teaches elementary music. This summer, they will be coordinating eleven construction, medical and children's camp teams to Ukraine.

Gail (Russell) Kennedy and husband, Gordon, live in Brownwood, TX, where she has taught elementary music for 24 years.

1969

Robert Huffman is senior pastor for Lafayette Park Baptist Church in Villa Ridge, MO.

Janie (Reece) Russell has taken a position with Benton (AR) Public Schools as director of curriculum and instruction, after working 28 years for Lake Hamilton School District.

Marilyn Turney teaches family and consumer sciences at Greenbrier (AR) Middle School. She and husband, Ellis, have two

children, **Leah (fs)** and Bryant, high school senior.

Ken and Virginia (LaCook) Parker live in Port Orange, FL, where he's served as city manager for 16 years. She serves on Volusia County School Board and works with ESE students at Silver Sands Middle School.

Jim Andre is chair of the speech and theatre department at Blue Mountain College. He and wife, Madelyn, live in Memphis.

Joe Green is technology coordinator and science-biology teacher for Rison (AR) School District. He and wife, Marla, live in Star City.

1970

Mark Anderson is the accountant for Starkville (MS) Electric Department.

Sam Adkins, a licensed professional counselor, lives in Little Rock where he is chaplain for St. Vincent Health Systems.

Jim Robertson is conductor for Union Pacific Railroad. He and wife, Vicky, live in North Little Rock.

Bobby (Turner) Hamelback retired from teaching in June 1999 after 29 years. In September, she trained with Abracadabra! Cruises, Inc., an Internet-based cruise travel agency, which allows her to work from home. She and husband, Vern, live in Wappapello, MO.

John Schmidt, former ROTC instructor at Ouachita, retired from his second career in May 1999 as social studies teacher at San Marcos (TX) High School. He now spends most of his time on the golf course or the Internet.

Jerold Horton is network manager for the Department of Corrections with the State of Mississippi. He and wife, Barbara, live in Madison, MS.

Jim Edge has taught chemistry at Catholic High School for Boys in Little Rock for 22 years. He and wife, **Brenda (Wages, '69)**, have two children, **Karon Whitmore ('95)** and **Scott (current student)**.

Andrew and **Bonnie Taylor** live in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he's a senior pastor.

Mickey and Beth (Garner) DeLamar work for Mesquite (TX) ISD. She is an elementary librarian and he's the administrative officer of athletics for the district and serves on the board of directors of the Texas High School Coaches Association. The following Ouachita alumni are coaches in Mesquite: **Jerry Turner ('72)**, **Steve Halpin ('79)**, **David Norris ('84)**, **Jeff Hogg ('88)**, **John Bailey ('95)** and **William Nevels ('96)**.

1971

Ronald and Pamela (Collins, '69) Evans own Evans Management LLC in Bedford, NH.

Becky Helms is membership executive with the Girls Scouts of Magic Empire Council in Tulsa, OK.

James and Rebecca (Sherman, '69) Watson live in Elmont, NY, where they are employed by RTCA-Metro, New York Division. He is chaplain and she's the office manager. On March, 1, 2000, he celebrated thirteen years as chaplain at Belmont-Aqueduct-Saratoga racetracks.

Ron and Pamela (Collins, '69) Evans own several McDonald's restaurants in southern New Hampshire. They live in Bedford, NH, and have three grown daughters and two grandsons.

Carol Bollinger is director of teacher certification at TCU in Fort Worth. She is currently working on her certification as a principal.

1972

Lowell and Peggy (Sisson) Snow live in Junction City, AR, where he has pastored Three Creeks Baptist Church for 19 years. They have two children, **Meredith ('98)** and **Matt (current student)**.

Lee and Brenda (Vowan, '73) McGlone live in Monroe, LA, where he pastors Parkview Baptist Church.

Michael Beaty is professor of philosophy and director of the Institute for Faith and Learning at Baylor University. **JoAnne (Smith)** teaches second grade in Waco ISD. They have two sons, Zach 21 and Daniel 14 and are members of 7th and James Baptist Church.

Gene and Faye Nantz are owners/operators of Design West Interiors in Houston, TX.

Steve and Casey (Kerr) Starkey live in Mountain Home where they operate a State Farm Insurance agency.

Myrtle Joyce (Williamson) Smith and husband, Raymond, accepted a call into ministry in December 1999. They are members of Gennesaret Missionary Baptist Church in Arkadelphia.

Rebecca (Russell) Stephens has worked for Farm Bureau for twelve years. She and husband, Ron, live in Marion, AR, where he owns an environmental company. They will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in August.

Linda (Tanner) Shaw (fs) is on sales support staff for Edwin Watts Golf in Crestview, FL.

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1973

Kay Cason is the home economics extension agent for the county of Bledsoe, TN, moving there from Nacogdoches, TX.

Leanne (Glenn) Allen is a consulting dietitian working with Jackson Clinic and a dialysis company in Jackson, TN. Husband, Bill, is an architect and they have two daughters, Berkley 17 and Justine 13.

John Ware, former Dallas city manager, is running the 21st Century Group, a firm which serves as a vehicle for investing in companies owned or operated by minorities and women.

Gene Vestal is associate vice president in charge of fund raising for the University of North Texas. He and wife, Margaret, live in Denton.

Sandra McGuire, senior marketing manager for history and political science at Houghton Mifflin's College-Textbook Division, was awarded "Marketing Manager of the Year" for 1999. She resides in Dallas but spends time each month in Boston, where the company is headquartered.

Doug West is the assistant principal at Sheridan (AR) High School.

Brenda (Davis) Russell teaches third grade at Shiloh Christian in Springdale, AR. She and husband, Mike, have two grown sons, Jonathan and Matthew.

1974

Cindy (Burks) Phillips is an unemployment insurance interviewer with the Arkansas

Employment Security Development in Conway. She has two sons, John 19 and Justin 13. She can be reached at cmphillips1@prodigy.net.

Carolyn (Forward) McGough teaches art K-4 at W. J. Clinton Primary School in Hope. Husband, Bobby is a state auditor and they have two children, James and **Melinda (senior at OBU)**.

Lee Sanders lives in Waldo, AR, where he works with delinquent juveniles.

L. L. "Skeeter" and Becky (Hollingsworth) Brosius (fs) live in Benton, AR, where he's director of purchasing for Landers Auto Group and she manages the Benton Alcoa FCU. They have two children, Beau and Ginger, both students at University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

Bill and Rita (Gladden) Lane live in Katy, TX. He is campus athletes director at Katy-Taylor High School and she is the middle school counselor. They have two children, Brad and Lindsay.

Sheila Rodgers Hayden teaches high school English in Broken Arrow, OK.

Susan Crosby wears many hats in Sherwood. These include church organist and choir director for First Christian Church, music teacher at Brady Elementary in Little Rock and singer with the Arkansas Chamber Singers, along with other Ouachita alumni - **George Mayo ('77), Stephen Edds ('80), Linda Bitely Eifling ('70), Elinor Keeling Royce ('55) and Jeff Parker ('82)**.

1975

Janine (Bird) Huhn (fs) and husband, Richard, live in St. Louis

where she's a teacher assistant for Special School District of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Timothy and Paula (Cooper) Matthews reside in Louisville, KY where he's a pathologist at Norton's Hospital. They have one son, Jonathan 17.

Richard Wade is minister of music at Second Baptist Church in Monticello, AR, and wife, **Bennie Carol (Burgess) Wade** teaches school.

Tom Smith, former missionary to Philippines, has gone into full-time revival-evangelism ministry. He can be reached at P.O. Box 645, Gillett, AR 72055, or email at pressingon@hotmail.com.

Hershel Don Yancey is Lt. Colonel and Chaplain for the United States Army. He and wife, **Dee (Thornton, fs'73)**, live in Martinez, GA.

Sheila Stephan is the band director for Trumann (AR) Schools.

Nancy (Lillard) Young and husband, Eugene, live in Ranger, GA. She works for Trism Specialized Carriers, Inc. in Kennesaw, GA, as a permit specialist and he is self-employed.

Larry Grayson is completing five years as associate pastor and minister of music at Lewisville (TX) First Baptist Church.

1976

Debbie (Riggs) Puett is the office manager for Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Mesquite, TX.

Janet Duffel is a CPA in Forrest City, AR, and works for William M. Ripper, CPA firm.

Yumiko (Fukushima) Tani (fs) is studying Christian counseling at Alliance Theological Seminary in New York.

Tom and Gina Green live in Muscatine, IA, where he's the quality manager for the H.J. Heinz Company and she is director of children's education at Calvary Church.

Jan (Mosley) Hill has begun her residency in chaplaincy training in ICU at Norton Hospital in Louisville, KY.

1977

Douglas Anderson is director of the library and associate professor of music at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. He writes that the Carnegie Hall Choral Workshop 2000 in New York turned into a surprise reunion with some Ouachita music majors. He worked with **David Hays ('77) and Donald Parks ('78)**. David is minister of music at a church in Fort Smith and Donald at a church in Marshall, TX.

Glenn Ecker is assistant principal for the Kennedale ISD and lives in Fort Worth, TX.

Lloyd and Betty (Christilles, '76) Farmer, missionaries to Malawi, Africa, will move to Arkadelphia in August for a six-month furlough.

Lee R. Walker, Jr. joined the staff of Malvern First Baptist as minister of music-education-youth. He and wife, **Phyllis (Orr)** have served as missionaries to Chile. They have two children, **Lee III (current OBU student)** and Jennifer 16.

Richard Brackett is assistant general manager of Casa Bonita Restaurant of Tulsa, OK. He and his family live in Jenks, OK, where wife, Elaine, works in First Baptist childcare. They have four children, Kristi 19, Josh 13, Vanessa 8, and Alicia 2.

Carmen (Rios) Lollis Elliott lives in Conroe, TX, and is an elementary teacher in Houston.

Angela (Payne) Garner is teaching math at Goza Junior High in Arkadelphia after teaching for 21 years at Peake Middle School. She and husband, **Randy ('74)** have one daughter, Shay 12.

Karen (Gladson) Long is a technology teacher for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and lives in Charlotte, NC, with husband, Bill.

Tina (Kerr) Overton and husband, Jerry, live in Hot Springs where she's a speech therapist for Hot Springs Public Schools.

Beth (Verble) Gieringer (fs) is a nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Little Rock. Her husband, Dave, is a telecommunication consultant. They have three children: Cara 16, Kimber 14, and Josh 8.

Rodger and Debi (Summerlin, '78) Deltan live in Benton, AR, where he owns Deltan Machinery and she's senior vice president at Regions Bank. They have two children, Kati and Jared.

1978

Frank Orr is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with the U.S. Army. He and wife, **Susie (White, '79)** live in Clarksville, TN. They have two sons, Brian 16 and Scott 14.

Linda (Kerlin) Quattlebaum is a clerk with the U.S. Postal Service in Arkadelphia.

Ronny Bruton and wife, Rosemary, live in Benton, AR, where he's director of business development for Herring & Associates.

Brenda Klockenga has joined the work force again after two years at home with Christopher 3 and



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Daniel 2. She is an economic value creation research analyst in Chicago for Glomark, which provides training programs to assist high tech vendors in the marketing and selling of their services and solutions.

Dena Bruedigam (fs) lives in Columbus, OH, where she's a freelance writer and graphic designer. She also serves as state director for the Libertarian Party of Ohio.

John and Margie (Mitchell) Peebles are employed by Federal Aviation Administration in Oklahoma City, OK. They have four children: Shawn Leah 21, Josh 20 and Matthew and Caleb, 19.

Lavana (Jones) Kindle is assistant testing administrator for SAU Tech's Career-Testing Center in Camden. She and husband, Lee, have two daughter, Leah (who was married last summer) and Laren.

1979 Donald Winkle is the collection supervisor for International Computer Systems and lives in Bryant, AR, with wife, Jamie.

Gerald Hoffman and wife, Chamaiporn, live in Lexington, MA, where he's a consultant for Logility, Inc, a computer company.

Donna (Eden) Barteaux writes that she and husband, Bruce, still live in Kinston, NC, among the "hurricanes and floods of the century!!" He directs Hope Ministries, which is a biblical counseling ministry and she works for the ministry part time.

Amy Nichols, the director of travel services at Ouachita, was elected president of Clark County United Way. She has also served as president of the Clark County Rotary Club. She has two children, **Nick Runyan (a freshman at Ouachita)** and Lola Runyan 10.

Sher (Lunningham) Craig and husband, Jeff, have opened a new medical practice, Central Arkansas Pediatrics, in Conway. They have three children, Laura 4, Bailey 3, and Andrew 17 months.

Richard White is employed by the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care in Fort Smith. He also pastors Burnville Baptist Church in Greenwood. He and wife, Jeanette, have two sons.

1980 Darry Marshall's Fort Smith Northside High School football team won the 5A State Championship in December.

Rockey Starnes is pastor of Timothy United Methodist Church in Camden. He recently married Cindy

Savacool, widow of **Ricky (fs76)**.

Kim (Holstead) Benedict lives in Brussels, Belgium, where husband, Cal, who retired from the Army, works for CAT Logistics. She writes that the oldest of their six children, Alyssa, 15, enjoys the youth ministry led by **Tim and Pam (Teddners) Mobley**, also 1980 grads. The Mobeys serve as area directors for MCYM (Military Community Youth Ministries).

CMDR Mike Osborne recently reported for duty with the Naval Air Reserve, Naval Air Station in Point Mugu, CA.

Arthur Broadbent is choral director at Lake Taylor High School in Norfolk, VA. He serves as district chair for 2nd District Virginia Music Education Association and assistant director and baritone soloist for Chancel Choir, which toured Prague, Czech Republic and Vienna, Austria with Virginia Symphony Chorus.

Gary Wheeler lives in Brownwood, TX, where he works for Wal-Mart and is in his fifth year as part-time music minister at his church there.

Jean (McBryde) Pamplin is the 4th grade GT cluster class teacher at Collegeville Elementary School in Bryant (AR) Public School District.

Teresa Taylor-Bell lives in Arkadelphia and teaches in Prescott, AR.

Paula (Pearson) Barnett is controller for Kinder-Harris, a framed art-lamps-accessories manufacturing company in Stuttgart, AR. She and husband, Bobby, have two daughters, Elizabeth 11 and Natalie 9 and are active in Southside Baptist Church.

George and Tammy (Prince) Fuller live in Raleigh, NC, where he pastors New Community Church and she's an elementary teacher. They have two sons, Tripp 17, and Steven 15.

1981 Rocky Mantooth opened his own 9-hole golf course, Hickory Creek Golf Course in Jacksonville, AR. He designed and laid it out and is now working on the back nine.

Dan and Cindy (Stanford, '83) Berry live in Little Rock, where he's a computer programmer and analyst and she teaches at Walnut Valley Christian Academy.

Donna (McCoy) Evans quit her job in pharmaceutical sales to be a full-time mom to Molly 5 and Matt 2. She teaches private piano and is the accompanist at Conway's First Baptist Church. Husband,

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ALUMNI Profile

DAN PINKSTON

When Dan Pinkston reads Psalm 33:3, "Sing to him a new song," he takes it quite literally.

Pinkston has been busy composing original pieces that not only reflect his Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary music education and diverse musical heritage but also are drawing international acclaim.

Starting at Southwestern in communications, Pinkston early on felt a call from the Lord to transfer to church music, making the switch after his first semester. He earned a master of music in 1997 and a doctor of musical arts in 1999.

Born in the Ivory Coast to missionary parents, Pinkston was introduced to an eclectic range of musical genres growing up. He listened to African music overseas and rock music at school and was trained in classical music in college.

He began composing songs in junior high, he said, but never really learned much about music until he went to college, which made him wonder whether he could pursue a master's degree.

But the Lord's call was in that direction, Pinkston recalled, adding, "It was one of those things I knew God would help me with."

Though he had to take a year of college-level composition while working on his master's, his efforts have paid off. The adjunct teacher at Dallas Baptist University has compiled a string of awards for his compositions.

Those awards include first place in a competition organized by the American-Romanian Team for the Arts and a special recognition award from the National Federation of Music Clubs. Pinkston was also named Southwestern's President's Merit Scholar for Church Music in 1998.

Recent awards have honored both sacred and secular pieces by Pinkston. This summer, he won the Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity's composition contest, and his piece, "Shadow Dances for Piano," will premiere in July at the University of Georgia.

A sacred piece receiving national attention is Pinkston's "Nunc Dimittis: Now let your servant depart in peace." A work for choir and piano, its text draws from the song of Simeon in Luke 2:27-32. The selection won the 1999 composition contest of the American Choral Director's Association and premiered at the ACDA convention in Oklahoma City in March.

Another sacred work for piano and choir by Pinkston, "Magnificent: My Soul Magnifies the Lord," won the Austin ProChorus contest this spring. It is based on Mary's song in Luke and reflects Pinkston's desire to draw compositions from prayers in the Bible.

Pinkston sees himself as a "contemporary classical composer" and said he often combines styles in his works. "There is possibility for worship in every genre," he said.

Whether composing in a classical or contemporary style, Pinkston said his goal is to pursue "excellence and truth" and to express what he feels toward God and toward life.

Pinkston is "amazed and grateful" for his seminary training, saying, "The more I learn, the more I know I don't know."

Believing the Lord is calling him to be a theory and composition teacher, Pinkston would like to teach at a Baptist school though he sees working at a secular school as a potential mission field.

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Mark, is a civil engineer with Arkansas Highway Dept.

Cynthia "Daisy" (Friedl) Ford and husband, Ronnie, live in Crossett where she teaches school. She published a manual in 1994 entitled "Home Visits," for Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation. She has two children, Cristin Ivers, 17, who will be a freshman at Ouachita this fall, and James Ivers, 16.

Julie (Hendrix) Dodge and husband, Ben, have lived in Conway for 6-1/2 years. He's an orthopedic surgeon and she's a stay-at-home mom for Kate, 9, and Drew, 4-1/2.

Robbie (Clifton) Pinter was promoted to full professor of English at Belmont University in Nashville, TN. She also serves as director of the writing program there.

1982

Pam (Tollett) Mantooth is a busy lady. She teaches and coordinates the art program for Oakbrooke Elementary in Sherwood; teaches GAs at Baring Cross Baptist Church in North Little Rock; and owns and operates Pam's Place (a pageant, prom, and bridal store) in Sherwood. She writes, however, that her favorite time is with daughter, Victoria, 7 and husband, **Rocky ('81)**.

Matthew and Debbie (Shirron, '80) Greene live in North Little Rock where he's president of James Greene & Associates insurance company.

Rita (Sutterfield) Looney became chairman of the Arkansas Ethics Commission on January 1. She is a practicing attorney with Perroni Rauls & Looney in Little Rock.

Laura (McMurry) Hoffman and husband, Dr. Warren Hoffman, live in Alpena, MI, where she's a pastoral counselor with the Thunder Bay Psychiatric Center.

Lisa (Moore) Jett and husband, Joe, live in Success, AR, with two sons, Andrew 16 and Logan 12. They own and operate Success Farms.

Ross Wilson does scientific research for the U.T.S.W. Medical Center in Arlington, TX.

1983

Kerry (McAlister) Deardorff is an elementary PE teacher for Hot Springs Schools. She and husband, **Kelley (fs'90)**, have two daughters Kallee 10 and Alexandra 7.

Robert Ward, a control engineer for Day & Zimmermann, lives in Texarkana, TX, with wife, Michelle, and children Brittney 9

and Matthew 3.

Aaron Lynn (fs) graduated at Southwestern Seminary's December commencement.

Steve and **Nikki Efurd** live in Plano, TX, where he's an account manager with the computer company, Perot Systems.

Carla (Hayes) Garland is the library media specialist for Cabot Public Schools.

Nancy (Hassell) Benton lives in Jonesboro with husband, Murray, who is president of Mid-South Sales, a petroleum wholesaler. They have three children, Murray, Jr. 11, Meredith 9 and Maggie 4.

Nickol (Northern) Tompkins and husband, Ernie, own a management consulting firm which assists corporations in developing their strategic planning and employee and management development. They live in Winston-Salem, NC, with son, Patterson 2-1/2.

Kendra (Thompson) Dewey resides in Poteau, OK, where she's a technology coordinator for Monroe Public Schools. She has three children, Stephen 15, Joshua 14 and Hannah 11.

Lindley (Douthitt) Rachal and husband, Nathan, live in Jacksonville, FL, where they opened in 1994 a home-based business (mail order as well as website) which sells home-school supplies. It has grown so that in April 1999, they opened a Christian and home-school bookstore to house all the inventory. Her main responsibility in the business is design and production of their catalog, which she does from home. You can check out their website at www.rocksolidinc.com. She also home schools their three children David 13, Toni 11 and Patrick 8.

Robert Chadwick coaches for Pleasant Grove ISD outside of Texarkana, TX.

Bruce and Edie (Barrett, '82) Coleman and two daughters were present during the shooting last year at Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth. They were not hurt but still covet your prayers.

1984

Bryan Webb has moved from North Little Rock to Nederland, TX, where he will pastor Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Tracey (Biggs) Knight (fs) has joined the staff at Ouachita as secretary for Dean of the School of Christian Studies **Scott Duvall, '80**. She and husband, **Tim ('84)**, professor of biology at OBU, have two children, Ashley 11 and Caleb

9.

Cammie (Stephens) Landholm is president of Performance 2000+ Seminars, a continuing education program for insurance agents. Husband, Lynden, is a field auditor for the Kansas Department of Revenue. They live in Topeka, KS.

Ramona (Moore) Tullos teaches in Corning (AR) Public School. She and husband, Joel, live in Paragould.

Nancy (Daniels) Anderson returned to Arkadelphia in December as city treasurer. She had worked for the city since 1987 before taking a job in Little Rock in spring of 1999.

Kevin Stewart graduated at the December commencement of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Kathy (Thornton) Clayton is an English teacher at Malvern Public Schools.

Gina Godfrey is a resettlement caseworker for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She is currently living with **Jane (Middlebrooks) Cardine's ('58)** family in Chantilly, VA.

Paige Smith is product development manager for The Bradford Exchange in Chicago.

1985

John Huff (fs) is a veterinarian and owns Animal Medical Clinic in Jonesboro where he lives with wife, Andrea, and their five children, Chloe, Nathan, Molly, Jack and Phoebe.

Bobby Franklin is pastor of Florien (LA) First Baptist Church.

Tann (Lloyd) Gattis and husband, Mike, live in Branson, MO, where she's in sales and marketing for AdAmerica Advertising and Promotions.

Marty Spiegel is the education and training coordinator for Ford Motor Company in Louisville, KY.

Kellie (Person) Burnett teaches third grade for Osceola (AR) Public Schools.

Jeanette (Goacher) Skipper is chairman of the math department for Hughes (AR) Public Schools. She and husband, Rodger, have two children, Eric Thomas 2 and William born in November 1999. She also serves as organist for Hughes First Baptist Church.

David Green lives in Waconia (Minneapolis), MN, where he works from his home as a health care information systems consultant. He and wife, Carol, home school their four children, Cliff 15, Kyle 13, Katelyn 11 and Carson 6. Friends can reach him at

david.green@juno.com.

Kevin Waters is president of Waters Floor Covering Company in Harrison, AR.

Dana (Jones) Holiman is the K-6 counselor and band director at Poyen (AR) School.

Karen (Pierce) Clary, a former student of the Class of 1985, received her BSE degree in English from Ouachita in August 1999. She lives in Monroe, LA, with husband, Chuck, and children, Sarah 11 and Mary Grace 5. She teaches 5th grade at Ouachita Christian School and he owns an ice-blasting business.

1986

Kel Nicholson is a captain and investigator for the City of Sherwood law enforcement.

Jeff Smith is moving from Monroe, LA, to Waxahachie, TX, where he will serve as defensive coordinator for the football team at Southwest Assemblies of God College. He and Teresa have two children, Danielle 3 and Zane 1.

Margo (Bearden) Turner graduated with her doctorate in education from the University of Texas-Austin and is currently teaching there. She and husband, Doug, live in Round Rock, TX.

Beth (Quarles) Currie teaches at Abiding Faith Christian School in Crossett. She and husband, Ron, have three children, Nicole 8, Jake 6 and Catie 5.

Laura Efurd lives in Washington, D.C., where she is deputy assistant to the President of the United States and deputy director of public liaison at the White House. She was appointed last June to this position by President Clinton.

Vicki (Gill) Johnson is assistant principal at Pueblo Elementary School in Yuma, AZ. In her spare time, she's an educational consultant as well as national trainer for Active Parenting Publishers. She and her husband, Tom, can be reached at twtbikes@aol.com.

Janean (Fitts) Cardenas lives near Dayton, OH, with husband, Edgar, and three daughters, Christy, Jessica and Teresa. She would love to hear from classmates and any missionary kids that were at Ouachita with her. Her email is JANEANFC@cs.com.

Tom Rob Frazier lives in Maumelle, AR, where he's an investment officer for Regions Investment Company.

Jamie Wood is the church strategies consultant for Richmond (VA) Baptist Association.

Jeff and **Wendy Stotts** were

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honored in March by Morrilton First Baptist for ten years of service. He has served as minister of music and youth and is now associate pastor and minister of music. They have two children, Wade 7 and Will 4 and expect a baby in July.

1987

Patti Thorn is a business analyst for TargetBase in Irving, TX. She's responsible for projecting specific customer bases. Her main customer is Proctor & Gamble.

Dwayne Graves (fs) is the senior lead in computer department for IBM and lives in Dallas.

Jeff and Leslie (Herring, '90) Thomas live in Augusta, AR, where he pastors First Baptist Church. She is a compliance specialist for USABLE Life. They have two children, Alexis 4 and Joshua, born January 4, 2000.

Fitz Hill, receivers coach and recruiting coordinator for the Arkansas Razorback football team, was named in February as assistant head football coach by Houston Nutt.

Mike Bone lives in Little Rock with wife, **Keri (Jordan, '92)** where he's a project manager for Alltel Communications.

Richard Young resigned as pastor of Stamps (AR) First Baptist Church to take the pastorate of Cambrian Heights Baptist Church in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, effective March 5. He and his wife, Amy, have two sons, Richard, Jr. and Jordan.

Rhonda (Gross) Joyner and family recently moved from Fort Worth to Green Forest, AR where husband, Patrick, will pastor First Baptist Church. She is a stay-at-home mom to their five children: Will 6, Audrey Grace 4, Jordan 4, Maggie Elisabeth 21 months and Noah, who was born in October.

Mike and Teena (Taggart) Pirkle live in Mandeville, LA, where he's student minister at First Baptist Church. He writes that he recently paid off his college loan. "PTL."

Cheri (Gardner) Murphy is employed by Consumer Credit Counseling Services as South Arkansas instructor for the "Credit Counts!" a money management program for junior and senior high students. She and husband, Keith, live in El Dorado.

1988

Lea Gaines is educational services preschool instructor at the Fort Worth Zoo.

Paula (Truett) Coffield (fs) was named bank branch officer for Regions Bank in Little Rock.

Mark Taylor is equipment

supervisor for the University of Arkansas Athletic Department in Fayetteville. He and wife, **Kim (King, '89)**, live in Farmington, AR.

Clerissa (Burchfield) Nettles teaches at Pulaski Academy in Little Rock.

Angela (Smith) Walsh (fs) is a computer quality assurance specialist with World Travel Partners in Dallas, TX.

Amanda (Johnson) Barnett lives in Brunswick, GA, where she's a marketing rep for Jeanette Crews Designs.

Michelle Johnson is an insurance actuarial analyst for Ascent Management in Bedford, TX.

Lisa (Jones) Hawley lives in Sherwood with husband, Bruce, and son Spencer. She is a senior underwriter for Farm Bureau and he's a mortician for Ruebel Funeral Home in Little Rock.

Mike and Cindy (Vance) Hamilton are in Moore, OK, where he pastors Regency Park Baptist Church and she works part time for Oklahoma Baptist Home for Children. He is also working on his doctorate of ministry at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. They have two children, Brittney 7 and Tyler 5.

1989

Kevin and Myra (Hamilton) Daugherty were appointed in January by the International Mission Board to serve at Philippines Baptist Seminary, where he will serve as professor of theology and she will use her administrative and service skills on that mission field.

Lea Anne (Haver) Brooks is a speech pathologist for Rogers (AR) Public Schools.

Richard Watson graduated in December from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Jean (Wood) Davis is employed as a paralegal for the law firm of Conner & Winters in Fayetteville, AR.

John and Meredith (Fairhead, fs'90) Blase moved in April from Stephens, AR, to Arkadelphia where he'll pastor Second Baptist Church. They have two children, Will 3 and Sarah Elizabeth, 1-1/2.

Carla Moody McDaniel is a realtor with Doug Wilkinson Realty in Jacksonville, AR.

Mark Baggett is senior account executive with CapRock Communications. He and Dana (Graham, '90) live in Azle, TX.

1990

Paul and Jennifer (Easter) Harrison live in Frisco, TX, where

he's vice president for product management at Instant Auto Insurance Company.

Jeff Peterson (fs) and wife, DeAnn, live in Conway, where he's an estimator and project manager for Freyaldenhoven Heating and Cooling.

Greg Lane is a teacher and football coach at Pottsboro (TX) High School. He has two children, Jordan 6 and Mackenzie 4. Email is mjday@pottsboroisd.org.

Mark Johnston of Little Rock, a former aide to U.S. Senator David Pryor, is the executive director of the William Jefferson Clinton Cultural Campus, located in the annex of the historic Hot Springs High School.

Charlie and Angie (Bryant) Lechner recently transferred from Madagascar to South Africa where they are involved in church planting in Johannesburg. They have three sons, Coleson 7, Will 5, and Luke, 10 months.

Rodney and Brenda (Crowley) Putt live in Baytown, TX, where she teaches Spanish at Sterling High School and he works for the Exxon Refinery. They have three children: Dylan 6, Austin 4 and Caleb, 8 months. They can be reached at rputt@gte.net.

Craig and Candy (Meredith) Hickerson reside in Florissant, MO, where he's athletic director and head baseball coach at North County Christian School. Candy, who earned her master's degree in rehabilitation of the blind from the UALR in January 1997, is an orientation and mobility specialist at Missouri School for the Blind. They have one son, Ryan, 2. E-mail is hickalina@yahoo.com.

Kiki (Schleiff) Cherry works part time for the Oklahoma Baptist Home for Children in development and advocate support. She and husband, Doug, live in Oklahoma City.

Carmen (Mahnker) Mallard is a real estate agent for Rainey Realty in Little Rock.

Carol (Darr) Buchanan is an accountant with Stephens, Inc. in Little Rock.

1991

Donna (Terry) Heinley lives in Mesquite, TX, with husband, Barry, and children, Haleigh 4 and Kelsey 1. She's a stay-at-home mom and he operates a gymnastic center.

Chantal (Meyers) Prewitt is assistant professor at University of Cincinnati Medical School where she teaches human anatomy and neuroscience to first-year med students. Husband, Todd, practices medicine. They live in Crescent Springs, KY, with sons, Jeremy 2-1/2 and Colin, born in September.

Marty Smith, boys' basketball coach at Kirby Schools, took his senior team to the semi-finals of Class A State Tournament. He and wife, **Sherri (Martin, '97)**, live in Glenwood with twins, Carson and Gracen.

Russ and Cathy (Godfrey) Holmes live in Spring, TX, where he's the college and singles minister at Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston and she's a full-time mom to Sarah, 2, and Tyler, born in November.

Jeff Morrow works in financial services for Acxiom in Little Rock. He and wife, Miki, live in Benton and are expecting twins (boy and girl) in June. They have a 2-year-old son, Grayson.

1992

Shane McNary is pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Magnet Cove. He and wife, Dianne, live in Malvern.

Keri (Jordan) Bone is a Gifted-Talented facilitator and pre-AP Language arts teacher for North Little Rock Public Schools.

Gayla (Graves) McKinney is serving as adjunct faculty at Henderson University.

Randy and Rachel (Bishop, '90) Sikes live in Pulaski, VA, where he's associate pastor of music and youth at Memorial Baptist Church. They have three sons.

Clark and Melissa (Greenlee, fs'91) Colbert are in Pine Bluff where he's youth minister for Watson

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FAN SUPPORT • The Lady Tigers receive cheers of support from the Tiger football team and other fans as they enter Vining Arena for a Lone Star Conference tournament game.

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Chapel Baptist Church.

Mike Nelson, a professional mental health therapist, is employed by Keys to Safer Schools, a detection and prevention of school violence program. He lives in Bryant, AR, and can be reached at email: keys@efortress.com or website: members.efortress.com/keys/.

Andrew and Michelle (Franks, '93) Landers live in Lansing, KS, where he's a physician with the U.S. Army Medical Corps and she's an intellectual property attorney with Pacific E-Health Innovation Center.

Chris Melton is a salesman for Netopia in Garland, TX.

Scott ('95) and Karla (Chenault) Neathery live in Benton, AR, where she's an elementary assistant principal and he's head junior high football coach at Bryant.

1993

Kevin Henry has joined the staff of Booneville (AR) First Baptist Church as minister of youth and education. He and wife, **Michelle (Bryant)**, moved there with their two children, Kayla and Jordan, from Tenaha, TX.

Courtney (Braziel) Sims (fs) is employed by Austin College in Denison, TX, as a donor relations specialist in their fund-raising department.

Faith (Kennedy) Forsythe is the preschool and children's director for Severn Baptist Church in Laurel, MD.

Michael Larry is warehouse supervisor for DSC Logistics in Jonesboro, GA.

Deena (Williard) Sellars is a reading recovery teacher in Amarillo, TX. Husband, Steve, is the cooperative education coordinator for West Texas A&M University.

Traci (Jones) Creel (fs) lives in Memphis where she gives private music instruction.

Jody (Bynum) Nance is chief administrative resident in family practice at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah, GA. She plans to open a family clinic in Rincon, GA, in July. Husband, Ron, is a research and recording analyst for Georgia HealthCare Partnership.

1994

Dana (Presley) Cospers graduated in May 1999 with master of divinity from Baptist Seminary of Richmond, VA. She is now chaplain resident at Medical College of Virginia Hospitals. Husband, Chip, is spiritual services coordinator for Hospice of Central Virginia.

John David Sykes is manager of Whiskey Creek Steakhouse in Kearney, NE.

Chandra (Dawson) Martin is a stay-at-home mom with daughter, Diamond. She and husband, Nathan, a programmer for Internet Partners of America-One Main, live in Fort Smith.

Sheryl Pack is resident physician at East Tennessee State University in Bristol, TN.

April (Works) Moreau is the plant accountant for Tyson Foods, Inc. She lives in White Hall, AR.

Bradley and Stasia (Wier) Myers live in Miami, FL, where he's a wetlands biologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Cheryl (Carter) Ward teaches 5th grade at Republic Elementary in Springfield, MO.

Lee and Elizabeth (Garner, '96) Barnett moved from Colleyville, TX, to Hope, AR, where he'll be minister of music at First Baptist Church. She graduated with her master's degree in December from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Allie (Riley) Kretsinger is a commodity analyst in procurement at Compaq Computer Corporation in Houston, TX.

Heather (Brandon) Spruill has joined First Step in Hot Springs as a children's occupational therapist.

Jason Bates is supervisor of CLEC support team at Alltel in Little Rock. Wife, **C'ella (Fry, '89)** owns the Decor Store in Maumelle and is a full time mom to daughter, Addison.

Mike and Michelle (Haynie, '92) Nichols live in Fort Worth, where he's assistant professor of history at Tarrant County College and she's an accountant.

Greg Schanfish and family moved to Ponca City, OK, where he's associate pastor at Second Baptist Church.

Stacey (Risinger) Eckert and husband, Andrew, are in Birmingham, AL, where she's a clinical dietitian and he's a resident physician.

Jay Srygley lives in Omaha, NE, with wife, Jennifer and daughter, Amanda 1. He's a broker with First Union Bank.

1995

Jason Mueller is employed by Enesco in El Dorado as an environmental sales rep.

J. P. Arnold and wife, Amy, live in Colorado Springs where he's an IT support manager for Cook Communications Ministries, a Christian communications materials

publisher.

Jeff and Michelle (Cannon) Greer and son, Spencer, 18 months, live in Conway. He works in Little Rock for Engstrom & Associates, a structural engineering firm. She is employed by Acxiom.

Tammy (Northcutt) White teaches music in the Arkadelphia school district. She and husband, Eddie, have two children, Austin 4 and Abbygail 1.

Tiffany (Smith) Dillon and husband, Jeff, live in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, where she teaches school. She graduated with her master's in education from University of New Orleans in December 1998.

Donnita (Bell) Tubbs is director of speech therapy at Physical Therapy Clinic in Sheridan.

Sam Thomas recently obtained his master's in speech communications from UALR. He and wife, **Stephanie (Brown, '96)**, have relocated to Carterville, IL, where he's pursuing his Ph.D. She works as a skills trainer for adults with disabilities.

Jason Petty is head coach and general manager for Swim Newton in Newton, KS.

Jamie Spigener is assistant account manager for AmeriCredit Financial Services in Arlington, TX.

John Reid is an audiologist at ENT Associates in Mountain Home, AR.

1996

Kevin Jones is attending University of Tennessee School of Dentistry in Memphis.

Allen and Teri (Sherman) Morton moved to Little Rock where he'll serve as pastor of the Brookwood site of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Tyler and Angie (Bond) Vance live in Little Rock where he's a CPA with Deloitte & Touche accounting firm. She's a registered dietitian, working at KIDS First, a program at Arkansas Children Hospital.

Kendra Hodges is a speech pathologist with Bryant (AR) Public Schools.

Shannon Littman is office manager for Natural Exposures. She plans to get married in October and wants her Chi Delta sisters and other friends to know her address. It is 1702 West Durston, Bozeman, Montana 59715 or you can email her at koolmodee_g@yahoo.com.

Christy Rogers received her master's degree in political science in December from the University of Alabama.

Lara Collins is community benefit director for Baptist Health System in Knoxville, TN.

Derek Erwin and wife, Mandy, live in Fort Worth where he's a social services worker with MHMR of Tarrant County.

Jessica Franks is the assistant editor of "At Home in Arkansas" magazine in Little Rock.

Matt and Stephanie (Arnold) Weyenberg are in Little Rock where he's in his third year of medical school at UAMS. She is a stay-at-home mom after birth of daughter, Anna Grace, in August 1999.

Sharon Cosh received her master of arts in teaching English as a second language at the winter commencement of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, TN.

1997

Robert Tucker, concluding his third season as girls' basketball coach at Oden, AR, took his team to the Class A State High School Championship, their first appearance in a state tournament.

Wendy (King) Kwok is an accountant with Delaware (OH) County Bank.

Brandy Capelle is assistant coach for basketball, softball and volleyball at Alma High School.

Abby Hughes, former assistant to Arkadelphia City Manager, has moved to Lexington, KY, where she will work for Kentucky Youth Advocates at their Frankfort office.

Lannie Byrd accepted a job as an online content producer at Commercial Appeal newspaper in Memphis. He is the copy editor, designer and reporter.

Jenni (Johnson) Steele is a financial sales rep for Arvest Bank Group in Fort Smith.

Rebecca Hester is employed by Leisure Arts in Little Rock.

Mert Hershberger lives in South Bend, IN, where he moderates two international mission-related email lists: prayerpoem@everybody.org and cross-commission@everybody.org.

Mark Conine works for KPMG as a senior tax specialist. He and wife **Dawn (Hasley)** live in Little Rock.

Cory Hutchinson, earned her master's degree, and teaches English at UCA in Conway.

Jerod Winemiller is a consultant with Clark-Bardes, Inc., a Dallas-based executive benefit company.

Randy Odom lives in Memphis where he's assistant director of Eikon Ministries "Kids Across America."

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Jamie Atkinson Bryant is director of musical studies at Centerpoint High School outside of Amity, AR.

Scott and Melinda (Henderson, fs88) Spakes reside in Benton (AR) where he's sales manager with Advanced Assembly and Automation. She's a medical transcriptionist and sales rep for The Homemaker's Idea Company and works out of her home. He also attends Southwestern Seminary satellite program to earn his master of divinity degree. Their email andypandysp@aol.com.

Robin Davis is choir director for Parker Intermediate School in Humble, TX.

Bryan Smith is youth pastor for Shepherd Hill Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, AR.

Will Harris is the band director at Heber Springs Middle School.

David Sanders is a healthcare executive for Johnson Controls. Wife, **Becca (Leach, '96)** stays at home with daughter, Abigail. They live in Little Rock and are expecting their second child in July. Email BeccaSanders@aol.com and David J Sanders@aol.com.

Sean and Lendy (Seaberry) Nicholson live in Fort Worth where she teaches second grade for Fort Worth ISD in inner city schools and he's in management for Blockbusters.

Jason Bright lives in Little Rock where he's a chemist with A.O. Smith, but plans to enroll in August in optometry school at Memphis.

Jason Wait and wife, Kristi, are in Hobbs, NM, where he is minister of music for American Baptist Church.

1998

Jeremy and Merrilee (Shoemaker, fs'99) Greer have moved to Fort Worth where he's enrolled in Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Aruna Perera is a research grad assistant at Baylor in Waco, TX.

Karen (Wood) Black is the finance director and office manager for Arkansans for Drug Free Youth. Friends can reach her at kblack@adf.org or 501-791-7074.

Jodie Matthews is attending International Aviation and Travel Academy in Dallas where she is pursuing a career in the airline or travel agency business.

Tim and Leslie (Ables, '99) Day live in Duncanville, TX, where he teaches 5th grade math.

Kerri Newborn is a market

project coordinator for Management Recruiters International and lives in Frisco, TX.

Heather McNutt teaches first grade at Bragg Elementary in West Memphis.

Brian and Johnna (Walden) Goodman are attending UAMS in Little Rock where he's a medical student and she's a graduate student in the doctoral program in pathophysiology.

Jennifer Carroll moved to Arlington where she's a merchandising specialist for Macy's West and Tommy Hilfiger.

Matt Haas works for Anaxis, an Internet filtering company in Little Rock.

Emily Higgins (fs) is the children's minister for Crossett First Baptist Church.

Shelley Hodges has a new position as special events director for Arkansans for Drug Free Youth, a non-profit organization in Little Rock. Husband, Shannon, is supervisor of technical support at Alltel. Her business email is shodges@adf.org.

1999

Christina (Lance) Jackson is project coordinator for workforce investment training for Bossier Parish Community College in Shreveport.

T.K. Zellers, an admissions counselor at Ouachita, was a member of the USA World Cup flag football team that competed in February in Cancun, Mexico. This 16-member team finished second among the seven countries represented, getting beat in the finals by Mexico. She was the only person from Arkansas on the United States team.

Bobby Tedder is junior and senior high basketball coach for Acorn High School. He and his wife Joanna live in Mena with daughter, Grace Anna.

Kelly Bassemier is a residential assistant at the Rehabilitation Center in Evansville, IN.

James Taylor is a resident director and graduate student at Samford University in Birmingham, AL.

Roger "Buck" Webb is a youth intern at Prestonwood Baptist University in Dallas.

Alice Wooten is office manager for Janet Paschal Ministries in Nashville, TN, taking care of the business for Ms. Paschal, her manager and her road manager.

Jennifer Coleman lives in Little Rock where she's the family and

consumer science agent for University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

Daniel and Laura (Leggett, '97) Cox want to thank everyone for their prayers following the Wedgwood Baptist Church shooting in Fort Worth last year. They were scared but not hurt. They welcome your emails at dlcinc@home.com.

Brad and Stephanie (Risker) Purtle live in Lancaster (TX) where he teaches 8th grade math at Lancaster Junior High School.

Jordan Thomas is the college and career minister at Bartlett Baptist Church in Olive Branch, MS.

Angie Stephens lives in Arlington, TX, where she's employed by Morgan Keegan & Co.

Joshua Hargrove is assistant marketing manager for Kerusso Activewear and lives in Berryville, AR.

Kelli Wood lives in Camden where she's director and teacher for FACT, Inc., a head start program.

Jaime Dick is a research and graduate assistant at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Aaron Hobbs lives in Little Rock and employed by investment firm of Edward Jones.

Greg and Patti (Blackard, '98) Alexander live in Lowell, AR, where he's a claims adjustor for Farm Bureau and she teaches third grade at Immanuel Christian Academy.

Brandon Warner is employed as an education specialist by Special Health Resources, a social services agency in Texarkana, AR.

Rebekah Spencer teaches at St. Paul United Methodist Church Preschool in Little Rock.

Mike Renfro heads up the Southwest region as accounts manager for CBS MarketWatch.com. He and wife, Leslie, who is director of marketing for Time Warner/AOL, live in Austin, TX.

Latafet Alieva lives in Brooklyn, NY, and attends New York University College of Dentistry.

Jenny McKissack is assistant director of BSU at Henderson and a student at the Little Rock extension campus of SWBTS.

Friends

David Crutchley, former faculty member, has been named dean of the School of Theology at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth. He and wife, **Carol (Fray, '73)**, are former missionaries.

MARRIAGES:

1960

Betty (Krudwig) Russell to

Robert Myrick, August 7, 1999, Clarksville, WA.

1968

Gail Russell to Gordon Kennedy, December 28, 1999, Brownwood, TX.

1980

Rockey Starnes to Cindy Savacool, October 15, 1999, Camden, AR.

1984

Dora Yoder to Glen Stobbe, January 1, 2000, Quesnel, British Columbia, Canada.

1988

John Carey Schumann (fs) to Keily Jean Hicks, February 26, 2000, Grand Cayman Island.

1989

Phillip Fields to Deborah Renee Hughes, March 4, 2000, Mena, AR.

1992

Chance William Hoag to Janine Marie Silvey, December 4, 1999, Nashville, TN.

Marla Dawn Tidwell (fs) to Jeffrey L. Belote, January 22, 2000, Glenwood, AR.

1993

Chris Walls to Michelle Lee Mummert, February 19, 2000.

Jill E. Manning to Christopher A. "Blake" Batson, March 18, 2000, Arkadelphia, AR.

1994

Christine "Christy" Terral to Craig Jackson, March 6, 1999, Mesquite, TX.

Stacey Ann (Risinger) Eckert to Dr. Andrew Alex Finkbeiner, December 18, 1999, Little Rock.

1995

Tiffany Carol Smith to Jeffery Dillon, June 27, 1998.

Sarah L. Kellar to Dr. Timothy Richard Cook, November 20, 1999, Brinkley, AR.

Bill Ramsey to Mary Sheree Baker, March 4, 2000, Benton, AR.

Rebecca K. Parsons to Richard James Whitfield, April 8, 2000, Alexander, AR.

1996

Derek Erwin to Catharine Amanda Ellis, November 20, 1999.

Kellye Wright to Dr. Timothy Scott Simmons, December 5, 1999, Little Rock, AR.

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1997

Brian Womack (fs) to Kristi Driggers (current), February 5, 2000, Benton, AR.

Melissa Tidwell to Charge Schmerker, December 18, 1999, Dallas, TX.

1998

Brent West to Rebecca Pritchard, November 26, 1999, Fort Worth, TX.

Brent Christopher Staggs to Josie Linnea Hays, November 27, 1999, North Little Rock, AR.

Carman Byrd to Brian Lane, December 28, 1999, North Little Rock, AR.

Kerri D. Kimberling (fs) to Jonathan T. Moore, February 26, 2000, Little Rock, AR.

Erin Crow to Nathan Mills, March 11, 2000, Dardanelle, AR.

1999

Stephanie Risker (fs) to Brad Purtle, July 31, 1999, Paragould, AR.

Lori Reed to Brad Laird, October 30, 1999, West Memphis, AR.

Aaron P. Holt to Alyshia Diane Howard, January 1, 2000, Bismarck, AR.

Preston "Mitch" Bolding (fs) to Jacqueline B. Talbert (current student), January 15, 2000, Benton, AR.

Kelly E. Wood to Corey D. McGaha, March 11, 2000, Magnolia, AR.

Current Students:

Lisa Fields to William Wiley, August 7, 1999.

Laranda Massey to Donnie Burrow, December 18, 1999, Hamburg, AR.

Nicholas Scott Ward to Rebecca Riggs, January 1, 2000, Camden, AR.

FUTURE TIGERS:

1983

Dennie and Liz (Neighbors, '82) Ashley, son David, August 20, 1999.

1984

Mike and Marla (Whitworth) Moore, daughter Sarah Grace, January 20, 2000. Welcomed by sister, Whitney 11 and brother Landon, 8.

1987

Patrick and **Rhonda (Gross) Joyner**, son Noah Patrick, October

12, 1999. Welcomed by Will 7, twins Audrey and Jordan 4-1/2 and Maggie 2.

Scott and Christine (Roberson, '85) Street, son Jacob Roberson, December 1, 1999. Joins Samantha 8, Nathan 5, and Zachary 3.

Doug and Mandy (Kirby, fs'88) Meador, daughter Grace Frances, January 28, 2000. Welcomed by sister, Mackenzie 13 and brothers, Kirby 10 and Benton 3. (See note under 1932 class note.)

1988

Jason and **Mary (Hobgood) Willmon**, son Seth Wyatt, December 21, 1999.

Bruce and **Lisa (Jones) Hawley**, son Spencer Payton, December 30, 1999.

Brian and **Krissi (Hasley) Powell**, daughter Taylor Paige, January 20, 2000.

Richard and Jennifer (Wallace) Lowe, daughters, Alexandra "Lexi" Rae and Brooke Elizabeth, January 27, 2000.

Paul and **Marla (Reeves) Maxson**, daughter Audrey Pauline, February 10, 2000. Welcomed by brother Bailey 3.

1989

Kevin and **Stephanie (Hartsfield) Wells**, daughter Katherine "Katie" Ellen, May 20, 1999.

Gary and Michelle (Rector) Tollett, son Turner, October 22, 1999. Joins brother Travis 5-1/2.

Richard and **Leslie (Taylor) Tomicsek**, son Joseph Taylor, November 19, 1999.

Ricardo and Amy **Escobar**, son Ricardo "Ricky" Emigdio, December 31, 1999.

1990

W. Kerry and Erin **Roy**, daughter Hannah Caitlyn, August 2, 1999.

Robert and **Carol (Darr) Buchanan**, daughter Emily Ruth, November 10, 1999.

Toby and Dorothy (Hunter, '88) Daniell, daughter Mollie Elizabeth, December 22, 1999. Welcomed by brothers, Seth 3-1/2 and Nathan 1-1/2.

Kevin and **Sharon (Hossler) Anderson**, son Heath Brooks, January 15, 2000. Joins Andrea 5.

Pledger and **Jennifer (Kuntz) Monk**, daughter Rachel Joy, January 26, 2000. Welcomed by brothers, Brandon and Connor.

1991

Pete and **Rachel (Kinney)**

Neimeier, son Seth Alexander, May 11, 1999.

Todd and **Chantal (Meyers) Prewitt**, son Colin Alexander, September 14, 1999. Joins brother Jeremy 2-1/2.

Russ and **Cathy (Godfrey) Holmes**, son Tyler Daniel, November 18, 1999. Welcomed by sister Sarah 2.

Sean and **Lydia (Fowler) Stevenson**, daughter Rebecca Noelle, March 1, 2000. Joins Abby 3-1/2 and Cara 2.

1992

Shane and **Kristi (Wood) Jenkins**, son Cole, November 27, 1999.

Scott and Christy **Bonge**, daughter Katie Beth, December 10, 1999. Joins son Caleb 2-1/2.

Chris and Terry (Lang) Jones, son Luke Marshall, December 26, 1999. Joins brother Cole 2.

Kyle and Rebekah (Kinney, '93) Hollaway, daughter Eden Joy, January 21, 2000. Welcomed by sister Moriah 6 and brothers Benjamin 4 and Andrew 22 months.

Shannon and **Dee (Small) Richardson**, son Zachariah Chase, February 11, 2000.

1993

Chris and **Suzanne (Smith) Harris**, son Zachery Roger, July 13, 1999.

J.R. "Buddy" and Jasa (Dawson) Babb, son Reece McCartney, October 26, 1999. Welcomed by sister Leighton Abigail 2.

Paul and Missy (Collier) Williams, son Noah Collier, November 11, 1999. Joins sister, Mikayla, 3.

Monty and **Janet (Thomas) Harrington**, son Thomas Robert, November 13, 1999.

Kevin and **Pamela (Jayroe) Fisher**, son Collier Shaw, December, 29, 1999.

Daniel and **Cindy (Waller) Stalnaker**, daughter Emma Lauren, January 29, 2000.

1994

Jay and Jennifer **Srygley**, daughter Amanda Faith, May 17, 1999.

Jason and C'ella (Fry, '89) Bates, daughter Addison McKenna, June 30, 1999.

Brett and **Kristin "KiKi" (Young) Jones**, son Parker Doyle, October 14, 1999.

Kyle and **Allie (Riley) Kretsinger**, daughter Kayla Noelle, December 13, 1999.

Nathan and **Chandra (Dawson) Martin**, daughter Diamond Rae, January 6, 2000.

Doug and Dana **Hixson**, son Benjamin Douglas, February 20, 2000.

1995

Drew and Robin (Copeland, '94) Yoakum, son Bates Andrew, June 4, 1999.

Greg and Cassie (Elmore, '93) Cathey, daughter Addison Elizabeth, July 26, 1999.

Jason and Elizabeth (Radle, fs'97) Files, son Caleb Drake, November 9, 1999.

Scott and Karla (Chenault, '92) Neathery, son Tyler Scott, November 19, 1999. Welcomed by sister Morgan Taylor, 2-1/2.

Steven and Dustin **Dooly**, daughter Anna Katherine, January 31, 2000.

Chad and **Wendy (Foster) Donley**, daughter Callie Elizabeth, February 15, 2000. Joins sister Coplea 3-1/2.

1996

Matt and Stephanie (Arnold) Weyenberg, daughter Anna Grace, August 18, 1999.

Tyler and Angie (Bond) Vance, son Jared Tyler, October 25, 1999.

Sam and Valeree (Kelehar) Rogers, daughter Hannah Michelle, November 2, 1999.

John David and Jennifer (Middleton, '99) Tolbert, daughter Mary Madison, December 14, 1999. Joins brother Chandler, 1-1/2.

Ricky and **Aprile (Willett) Richardson**, daughter Reagan Brianna, January 16, 2000.

Steven and Collen **Carr**, son Timothy Andrew, January 20, 2000.

1997

Byron and Christi **Hall**, son Benjamin Cooper, December 20, 1999.

Chad and Joanna (Thurston) Strike, son Josiah Tekoa, January 1, 2000.

Jesse and **Angela (Green) Taylor**, daughter Ashlyn Grace, February 2, 2000.

1999

Bobby and Joanna **Tedder**, daughter Grace Anna, September 9, 1999.

Current Student:

Captain and Grace **Lee**, daughter Gloria, January 25, 2000, Seoul, South Korea.

Class Notes

Faculty/Staff:

Rich and Robin Katzman, daughter Kate Lynette, January 18, 2000. (Rich is director of Ouachita's Dining Services.)

DEATHS:

1921

Jewel Thompson St. John, January 23, 2000, Little Rock, AR.

1923

Allie Virginia Huie Walker, November 2, 1999, Corpus Christi, TX.

1927

William Clyde Hankins, November 23, 1999, Henderson, KY.

Ferne Dykes Jobe, December 10, 1999, Charlotte, NC.

Mildred Carter Norton, February 29, 2000, Arkadelphia, AR.

1934

Juanita Hall Trone (fs), April 27, 1999, Laurel, DE.

Sarah Herring Price, December 12, 1999, Jonesboro, AR.

1936

Fannie Jane (Elmore) Long (fs), September 1999, Mena, AR.

Cyril Eric "C.E." Bryant, January 7, 2000, Belleville, IL.

1938

Pen-Lile (Compere) Pittard, November 6, 1999, Greer, SC.

1939

Gastor Bernard Owens, March 2, 2000, Morrilton, AR.

1940

Frances Boggs Moore (fs), July 4, 1999, Cheyenne, WY.

Frances Cone Dale, September 24, 1999, Vidalia, LA.

1941

Mary Jane (McCuiston) Miller, November 28, 1999, Camden, AR.

Charles H. Duncan, February 27, 2000, Springdale, AR.

1943

Marvin Lindsey (fs), June 15, 1999, Magnolia, AR.

Don Hook, January 9, 2000, Little Rock, AR.

1944

B. L. Dorman (fs), December 3, 1999, Casa, AR.

1948

Alex Franklin Garner,

February 10, 2000, Del City, OK.

1949

Kenneth P. Wilkinson, December 14, 1999, Moberly, MO.

1952

Maud Harriett (Hood) Bonds, May 3, 1999, Memphis, TN.

1954

Jane Ann (Barnes) Copeland (fs), January 21, 2000, Monette, AR.

1955

James A. Whitten, December 2, 1999, Stuart, FL.

William H. Heath, April 1999, Clinton, OK.

1957

John H. Colbert, January 10, 2000, Willow Springs, MO.

1958

John Richard "Dick" Schrader, January 17, 2000, Fort Smith, AR.

1959

Roy W. Simpson, September 21, 1999, Benton, AR.

1960

Barbara (Chandler) Stubblefield (fs), March 13, 2000, Fort Smith, AR.

1963

Webb Laseter III, January 6, 2000, Blytheville, AR.

1964

Janet M. (Williams) Bell, November 29, 1999, Fairfax, VA.

1968

Robert Alan Burger, Jr. (fs), February 12, 2000, Little Rock, AR.

1977

Jacqueline Dee (Rothwell) Montgomery, February 25, 2000, Springdale, AR.

1980

Michael Bruce Laurie (fs), February 8, 2000, Danville, AR.

1983

Betty Jean Davis (MSE), November 25, 1999, Little Rock, AR.

Friends

Winfred S. Emmons, Jr., January 4, 2000, Beaumont, TX. (Former Ouachita English Professor.)

IN MEMORY

Agnes Coppenger



Agnes Louise Crow Coppenger, former alumni secretary and placement director at Ouachita, went to be with the Lord Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000. She was born May 30, 1920, in Detroit, Mich., the daughter of Allen Benjamin Crow and Eleanor Thomas Crow.

Mrs. Coppenger was a graduate of the University of Michigan, with a degree in journalism. After college, she wrote for a Highland Park community newspaper in Detroit. She later was an administrative secretary for the Schools Division of Ford Motor Co. During World War II, she worked in public relations for the Naval Training Center in Dearborn, Mich., where she met and married Raymond Coppenger. While he was overseas during the war, she was a resident assistant at Baylor University and dean of women at Central (Baptist) College in Conway.

A resident of Arkadelphia since 1954, she also served as education secretary at First Baptist Church and wrote for the *Southern Standard*, a local weekly newspaper.

She was a lifetime member of PTA, for which she served as president. She also was the president of the WMU and served on the executive committee of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. More recently, she was twice named Volunteer of the Year in Arkadelphia for a variety of activities, including coordinator of the delivery system for Meals on Wheels and the assistant director of the Christmas Store for nine years. She was named to the Governor's Council on Volunteerism.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Arthur Coppenger, professor emeritus of philosophy at Ouachita; one son, Mark Thomas Coppenger and his wife, Sharon of Franklin, Tenn.; two daughters, Ann Patton Coppenger of Little Rock and Susan Payne Coppenger Akin and her husband, Mike, of Monticello, Ark.; and five grandchildren, Rebecca, John, Caleb, Chesed and Jedidiah.

The funeral service was held at Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2000, at First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia. Pallbearers were Bill Vining, Jack King, Ken Crain, Ed Snider, Bob Stagg and Mac Sisson.

Memorials may be made to the Lottie Moon Offering for international missions, the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions (either at First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia), or the Raymond and Agnes Coppenger Scholarship Fund at Ouachita.

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ASSOCIATE
VICE PRESIDENT
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Readers of the Adviser are familiar with the many booklets we offer dealing with estate, charitable, and financial planning. In our last edition we offered the booklet titled "Your Estate: A Record of Essential Information." Because of the extraordinary response we had for this publication, I am offering it again through this venue. If you missed out the first time, simply remove the request form on page B of the Adviser, write "Estate Record" in a blank area somewhere, and send it to us. If you also want the new booklet offered, check the appropriate square; if not, leave it blank.

All of us need to know what we have and where important documents are located. As the executor for the estate of a sibling a few months ago, I learned firsthand how important it is to have financial and estate information organized and available should something unforeseen occur. Actually what we deem as unforeseeable events are foreseeable given enough time. We know that we may succumb to a stroke or heart failure at any time, so it behooves us to have things in order for whoever must assume the burden, be it a spouse, a child, a friend, or possibly the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. If you accurately fill out the various records in the booklet, you will know where you stand and what you need to do.

I have hammered repeatedly on the importance of an up-to-date estate plan.

See "Estate Plans" page B

GiftLaw reminder

In a recent article in the Adviser I described a free public service provided by Comdel, Inc., entitled GiftLaw, accessible through the Ouachita web site at <http://www.obu.edu/news.htm>. At this site are a variety of articles and updates pertaining to taxes, estate planning and charitable giving. Although the material is aimed primarily for professionals in the field, e.g., attorneys, accountants and financial planners, there is usually something of interest there for the general public also.

Social Security News

Consider Social Security for example, of great importance to almost everyone, retired or not. A recent article found on GiftLaw advised that on March 1, 2000, the House (in an unanimous vote) passed the repeal of the earnings limit on Social Security recipients. Such bipartisan action illustrates the popularity of this repeal. Under current law, according to the article, individuals age 65 through 69 lose one dollar in Social Security benefits for every three dollars in income above \$17,000. Though not technically a tax bill, it is viewed widely as in effect a tax relief plan for Social Security recipients. The president has promised to sign the bill when it is submitted. This is exciting. There will no longer be a penalty on those who can and do remain in productive

employment beyond retirement age or who have managed through their lifetimes to put aside something for a rainy day (other than the normal income taxes of course).

Non-Itemizing Donors

For donors who do not itemize on their annual income tax return, and thus fail to benefit from any charitable deduction, a GiftLaw article in a later edition provides some encouraging news. The Charitable Giving Tax Relief Act is on the table thanks to the two senators who introduced it. Under this act, persons who do not itemize would be permitted a deduction for 50% of gifts over \$500. This new gift amount would be termed the "direct charitable deduction." In the president's budget there is a similar proposal for non-itemizers, but with a \$1,000 floor until the year 2005, falling to \$500 from that point on.

Other articles detail efforts to reduce the estate tax burden and to make the tax code less complicated. So take advantage of this website and refer to it occasionally to check on news that may affect you significantly. You might also wish to receive the weekly e-mail update which we send from Ouachita. If you want this service, send your e-mail address to me at cloudj@alpha.obu.edu and I will add you to the list. *• by John Cloud*



WINTER WONDERLAND • The snow begins to fall the morning of January 27. When the wintery weather ended, the campus was blanketed in a foot of snow.

Employee stock options and charitable giving

Stock options, both qualified (statutory) and non-qualified, are a popular way to benefit and retain employees. Donors may view stock options as an ideal asset to give to charity because they are not required to part with cash or make other out-of-pocket transfers. The taxation of options is a complex area, however, and donors should proceed with caution.

For various reasons, qualified, or incentive, options are not appropriate for charitable giving. There may be opportunities for donors to use the underlying stock to make a charitable gift once the option has been exercised.

Non-qualified stock options are generally granted to executives and are more flexible. They may be transferable by the employee, if permitted by the terms of the plan. Employees generally are not taxed on the value of the stock option when granted. When exercised, however, the employee is subject to tax at ordinary income rates on the difference between the fair market value of

the stock and the exercise price. If the stock is sold immediately after the exercise, there will be no capital gains tax because the sale price will be equal to the employer's basis.

What are the tax consequences of giving charity a non-qualified stock option? If donated during the owner's lifetime, upon exercise of the option by the charity the donor will have to recognize the income. The charitable deduction will offset the income to some degree.

The best use of stock options, from a tax standpoint, is to leave them to charity at death. They are included in the gross estate and are considered income in respect of a decedent (IRD) in the hands of the heirs. As with other types of IRD assets such as retirement plans and savings bonds, if left to charity at death, the estate is entitled to a charitable deduction and the charity pays no tax on the IRD. Always consider IRD assets first for achieving charitable giving goals.

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Estate Plans

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Wills, trusts, powers-of-attorney, health declarations, are all of great benefit and consequence, yet overlooked and put off as the years pass swiftly by. Just the other day I learned that a good friend had enjoyed remarkable growth in his retirement fund, placing him and his wife squarely in the taxable estate category. Yet they have nothing but simple wills. Some sophisticated estate planning could save tens of thousands of dollars in taxes and fees.

Questions? I will be glad to share whatever expertise I have gained as an attorney and in my sixteen years in this field. Ouachita generously budgets annual legal education hours for me to keep abreast of innovations in estate and gift planning. All of this is available to you without any obligation on your part at all. Please know that we can make suggestions and provide advice, but the actual implementation of planning options must be coordinated through your own attorney.



ESCAPE • The Katie Speer Pavilion and Gardens provide a quiet escape from the pressures of academics and activities. Swings were added to the area, which is located down by the river behind Evans Student Center.

Avoid double taxation of IRAs and annuities

Many people plan to pass their IRAs and annuities to their heirs. However, most people are not aware of how little will actually go to their heirs because of several levels of taxation.

Are you aware that...

- * The entire IRA and the appreciated portion of the annuity will be subject to income taxes upon the death of the owner?
- * The IRA deductible contributions and earnings could be subject to a maximum federal income tax bracket as high as 39.6%, and state income taxes may also apply (in Arkansas, up to 7%)?
- * The entire amount may be included in the estate for estate tax purposes? These tax rates can be as high as 55% or more (there is a credit against estate taxes for income taxes paid).
- * Generation skipping taxes and state transfer taxes may also apply?
- * These taxes can reduce the IRA or annuity by as much as 70%?

Put Your Mind at Ease

The use of a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) can significantly reduce these taxes. The CRT is a tax-exempt trust that can be structured to pay the heirs the value of the IRA or annuity over a long period of time. At the end of this period, the remaining assets would come to Ouachita, or other charitable entity of your choice, to establish a permanent endowment fund for scholarships or other uses.

Advantages

- * No income taxes paid in the owner's estate
- * Receive an estate tax deduction for a portion of the asset value
- * Income paid to heirs for life
- * Permanent charitable endowment fund in your name

How Can You Do This?

First, create a CRT and name the trust as beneficiary of the IRA or annuity. If desired, we can provide a draft CRT for your attorney to use in preparing the necessary document, and the Arkansas Baptist Foundation offers expert trustee services at minimum cost. The IRA or annuity, upon the death of the owner, is then transferred to the CRT. The heirs are the income beneficiaries of the CRT and receive a lifelong income (or up to twenty years if a term-certain is selected). At the death of the income beneficiaries, or at the end of the selected term of years, the remaining assets go to OBU to benefit young people in perpetuity.

*(Charitable Perspectives:
Jackson National Life Distributors Inc.)*

To learn more about using retirement plan assets to benefit your heirs and Ouachita, return the attached form for our free booklet, *Retirement Plan Assets as a Charitable Gift*.

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- I have already made a provision for Ouachita through:
 - my will; a life insurance policy; a trust arrangement.
- Please provide me with the free booklet.
- I have a specific question. The best time to call is _____ a.m.
p.m.

Name - please print

Phone

Address

City, State, Zip

This information is confidential.

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Alumni Help Needed in Setting 5-Year Goals for THE DANIEL R. GRANT INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM



President Andy Westmoreland has asked the Faculty Committee on International Studies (David Griffith-Chair, Tom Auffenberg, and Marty Perry), to evaluate Ouachita's international studies program and recommend goals for the next five years, and has asked President Emeritus Dan Grant to serve as consultant-evaluator. Please help us with your suggestions, either by filling in and mailing this questionnaire to Dan Grant, OBU Box 3636, Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001; or faxing to 1-870-245-5500; and/or sending other comments and suggestions via e-mail (grant@ares.obu.edu). Thanks for helping!

Check the following to indicate your international experiences WHILE AT OUACHITA:

1. _____ studied abroad (where & when?) _____
2. _____ traveled (sight-seeing) abroad (where & when?) _____
3. _____ participated in missions abroad (where & when?) _____
4. _____ developed a lasting friendship with an international student or teacher.
5. _____ my life has been significantly influenced by these international experiences.
6. _____ other OBU international experience (indicate what kind): _____

7. What were the principal strengths of Ouachita's international studies program? _____

8. What were the principal weaknesses or needs of Ouachita's international studies program? _____

9. List two or three changes Ouachita should make in its international program. _____

10. How would you rate the overall effectiveness of Ouachita's International Studies Program?
Very high _____ Fairly high _____ Undecided _____ Fairly low _____ Very low _____

Check to indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

11. "My OBU international experience helped in my professional career preparation."
Agree strongly _____ Agree mildly _____ Undecided _____ Disagree mildly _____ Disagree strongly _____
12. "My OBU international experience has been useful in understanding current world news."
Agree strongly _____ Agree mildly _____ Undecided _____ Disagree mildly _____ Disagree strongly _____
13. "My OBU international experience has helped me to support world missions."
Agree strongly _____ Agree mildly _____ Undecided _____ Disagree mildly _____ Disagree strongly _____
14. "I would be interested in traveling abroad with other Ouachita alumni."
Agree strongly _____ Agree mildly _____ Undecided _____ Disagree mildly _____ Disagree strongly _____
15. "I would be willing to help other alums endow travel grants for deserving Ouachita students."
Agree strongly _____ Agree mildly _____ Undecided _____ Disagree mildly _____ Disagree strongly _____
16. Other comments/suggestions _____

Name & Address (optional) _____
Years at Ouachita: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Thanks very much for helping in goal-setting for Ouachita. See above for mailing or faxing.

From the Archives



ALL SMILES • Zoe Ellen Williams performs in the freshman production of "Toyland" during Tiger Tunes 1984.

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We want you in Class Notes

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

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