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## A Word from the President ...

We give campus tours frequently at Ouachita. We think it's important for prospective students, alumni, and other guests to see our buildings and grounds, and to meet Ouachita students, faculty, and staff members. In recent years, our tours have tended to focus on the new buildings and landscaping that have made the campus a truly beautiful place. The latest addition to the tour is our new dining hall, the Ouachita Commons.

This state-of-the-art facility makes it possible for students to enjoy a greater variety of food offerings, multiple serving lines, expansive seating areas, and a relaxed atmosphere for dining with fellow students, faculty, and staff. (You can read more about its features in the article on page 2 of this issue).

One other plus about the Ouachita Commons is located where it merges with Riley-Hickingbotham Library. I recommend the Caramel Delight at Starbucks.

*Andy Westmoreland*

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*On the cover: The Ouachita Commons  
photo by Wesley Hitt*



## STARBUCKS

• Starbucks provides a place to relax and read or visit with friends while enjoying a hot cup of coffee.



# Ouachita Commons



**SALAD BAR** • *The salad bar provides students with salad, soup and breads and is located in the open eating area.*

Although the students enjoying lunch weren't taking Ouachita's new dining facility for granted, it was apparent from the commotion that someone was taking her first look at the Ouachita Commons in mid-April.

"My friends had to calm me down," said Suzanne Duncan, a junior communications major from Little Rock who had just returned from a semester at the University of Reading in England. "The Commons wasn't open when I left for England in early January, and after experiencing the cafeteria in Reading, I missed even our old Ouachita cafeteria. When I returned at the end of Reading's spring semester, I couldn't believe what I was seeing. The Commons is so nice. It's like a restaurant, but it's also homey, like a house kitchen."

The Ouachita Commons opened on January 8, two days before classes started for the spring semester. Its 12,000 square-foot main level includes multiple-serving lines with a wide variety of food choices, a mixture of round tables, rectangular tables and booths in upper and recessed dining areas, a president's dining room for small meetings and an alumni room for larger ones. A Starbucks coffee shop connects the Commons with Riley-Hickingbotham Library.

Duncan had caught a glimpse of college food services of the past while overseas.

"I had a wonderful experience at Reading, but in the cafeteria we had two choices of food, no seconds, and we all shared a pitcher of water at each table," said Duncan. "I was so excited to come home and see that the Commons doesn't even look like a cafeteria. They've hidden the trays in the brick walls, and we've got a wide selection of



## SERVING STATIONS •

*Students have a variety of meal choices including a main line, pizza, deli sandwiches, international cuisine, cereals, waffles, and hamburgers and other grill items.*

*Desserts are provided at the pastry bar and salad, soups and breads are available at the salad bar.*

foods and drinks. I love the round tables for visiting with friends, and the large windows just bring it all together. It's a very open feeling."

Duncan's reaction mirrored that of the student body, faculty and staff when the building opened in January, and it's music to the ears of Richard Stipe, vice president of administrative services. Stipe guided the project, and from the beginning, he was looking for a new era in food service at the 115-year-old institution.

"We sought input from a number of sources in the planning stage, including our food service company, Sodexo-Marriott," said Stipe. "We studied what other schools were doing and tried to incorporate their best ideas into our new plan. We found some important trends: more choices in variety of foods, some variety in the setting, and high standards in food quality and presentation."

With ample help from lead architect John McMorran of Lewis, Elliott, and Studer, Sodexo's Rich Katzman and Kerry Ross, as well as John Hardman, director of maintenance at Ouachita, Stipe oversaw the creation of a major new structure which fits nicely where a parking lot had been adjacent to Birkett Williams cafeteria and Riley-Hickingbotham Library. The red brick which marks the exterior is evident inside the Commons also, with brick archways connecting the serving area to the seating areas.

To add variety and eliminate the familiar lengthy waits in two long lines sometimes stretching outside the old cafeteria, the Commons features several food stations, including: a show-cooking area for Chef Robert Back; a grill with hamburgers, hot dogs and fries; breads and desserts from an in-house bakery; hot entrees; interna-

tional foods; salads; and even breakfast foods served all day. Back even writes a regular column in *The Signal*, Ouachita's campus newspaper, and prepares specialties based on recipes students bring from home.

"We look for feedback of all kinds," said Stipe. "One encouraging sign is just how much the facility is being used. I've found that students go to the Commons to study in off hours. That's a great use of the facility. It should be seen as a place to go in between classes to drink a cup of Starbucks coffee and prepare for the rest of your day."

Additional hours of operation for the Commons and the presence of Starbucks has brought about a significant increase in the number of faculty members dining on campus. With more spacious accommodations and shorter lines, faculty members can get their food more quickly and sit with colleagues. As a gathering place for students and faculty, the Commons enhances a sense of community at Ouachita, long considered to be one of its strengths.

"Expectations are different now for students, and really, for all of us," said Stipe. "We knew Ouachita had to be responsive to that. This is where the students live. The dorm room is their bedroom. The classroom is their workroom, and the dining facility is their kitchen. If we're going to expect students to embrace our tradition and the virtues of a residential campus – when trends in higher education are going in other directions – we must give them a food service that makes it easier to stay on campus and be part of our community."

• by Jeff Root



# Elrod Foundation gift endows Center

Dr. Ben M. Elrod's dream of a center which would address community and family needs was realized during his presidency at Ouachita, and, upon his retirement, the center was named for him. The scope of that dream has been broadened by the establishment of the Elrod Family Foundation with an initial grant of \$500,000 and a subsequent grant, according to Dr. Andy Westmoreland, president of Ouachita.

"Dr. and Mrs. Elrod have invested their lives in Ouachita and in this community," said Westmoreland. "The generosity of the Elrod family will provide strong support for many important projects impacting the lives of families and individuals in our community. Arkadelphia and surrounding areas naturally will benefit, but the impact of the Center's work will be felt elsewhere as our students spread out across the globe and as our pro-

grams become models for work in other communities."

Dr. Ben and Mrs. Betty Lou Elrod were joined by their son and daughter, Bill Elrod and Cindy Stroud, for a signing ceremony when the initial \$500,000 gift was pledged, and Bill and Cindy have since given an additional grant in celebration of their parents' 50th wedding anniversary.

"My family is so pleased with the program which Ian Cosh has implemented to teach service and volunteerism to Ouachita students," said Dr. Elrod. "This investment is one of the most pleasant and meaningful ones we've ever made."

Cosh, assistant to the president for community development, is director of the Ben M. Elrod Center for the Family and Community. He said the grant will aid existing Elrod Center programs, as well as make it possible to pursue new projects as needs came into view.

"The Elrod family has created a private foundation for the sole purpose of supporting the work of the Elrod Center," said Cosh. "It's empowering. We will present projects worthy of specific funding to the Elrod Family Foundation Board. We'll also give progress reports to the board, and keep them informed as to the impact we're making."

Four major projects already have received funding from the Elrod Family Foundation:

\*Elderserve, a new program, will match college students with senior citizens in the Arkadelphia area who have requested assistance. Judy Duvall directs the program.

\*A servant leadership training retreat will provide a capstone element to the course in servant leadership taught by Dr. Steve Phillips, associate professor of speech communications at Ouachita.

\*Materials will be devel-

oped to promote all the programs of the Elrod Center, including "America Reads!" and "America Counts!" initiatives with area public schools, and Tiger Serve Day, an event held each semester in which hundreds of Ouachita students and faculty fan out into the community to do projects for individuals, families, schools and non-profit organizations.

\*A study will be conducted to consider the feasibility of hosting a summit on volunteerism and service learning for all the nation's Southern Baptist colleges and universities.

"This level of commitment to the Elrod Center has been a highly motivational influence on me as the director," said Cosh. "It's an exceptional opportunity. We know we can make a contribution. It will unleash our imaginations to dream some big dreams."

• by Jeff Root

# Phonathon breaks record, hits \$113,120!

Free pizza and soft drinks, free long distance phone calls, terrific prizes, a break from the mundane routine that February always brings, and the opportunity to actively participate in raising money for the Ouachita Scholarship Fund. All of these things signify the beginning of the National Phonathon.

On February 5, a group of students gathered for all of the things listed above and to kick off this year's Phonathon. During the following three weeks, 160 students volunteered over 480 hours to make 8,362 phone calls to alumni, former students and friends all across the United States. In the process, they were able to raise the largest amount of money during one of Ouachita's Phonathons -

\$113,120!

Three students won grand prizes this year. Two students went above and beyond the call of duty and competed down to the last minute for the most number of pledges. Staci Robertson, a senior from Bryant, Ark., received 115 pledges. Joining Staci was Alyssa Ross, a senior from Plano, Texas, with 104 pledges. This year's top money raiser was Rachel Payne, a junior from Memphis, Tenn. Rachel raised \$15,965 in pledges.

"Seeing as though this was my first Phonathon, I was amazed by the effort that all of our student volunteers gave," said Lane Smith, development officer and director of the phonathon. "As the nights roll on, you get the feeling that the students thor-

oughly enjoy talking to alumni and hearing their stories about Ouachita from days gone by."

The students were assisted by 25 faculty and staff members who took time away from their families and other responsibilities to keep stats, hand out prizes, answer questions, and encourage the students as they made their calls. "I love having faculty and staff there. It gives us the chance to have interaction with them that is entirely different from what we get in the classroom," said Payne.

One-hundred percent of the money raised during the Phonathon goes directly into the Ouachita Scholarship Fund and is awarded the following school year. When asked why she returned to volunteer for the

Phonathon again this year, Robertson said, "I always have so much fun talking to the alumni and I enjoy knowing that I have taken an active role in raising money for next year's scholarship recipients."

After having completed the seventh year of "Phonathoning" and nearly doubling the first year's total, Smith said, "We are extremely pleased with and thankful for what has been accomplished in this area, but there are still plenty of new things we want to do in order to increase awareness for giving annually to the Ouachita Scholarship Fund and that is exciting!"

This year, alumni from 71 out of 73 classes made pledges during the Phonathon.

# On-line solicitation proves successful

As Ouachita was thawing after having several inches of snow and ice dumped on the campus in early January, the Development Office was heating up the e-mail lines with its first ever on-line solicitation. Over 1500 alumni, former students, and friends received an e-mail informing them of an opportunity to support the Ouachita Scholarship Fund without receiving a Phonathon call by making an on-line pledge through the Ouachita web site.

"Because this was something completely new for us, I had no idea what to expect," says Lane Smith, development officer. "I believe that anytime we can reach our supporters in new and interesting ways and have them respond in such a positive manner, we have succeeded and this was a tremendous success." The office reports receiving nearly \$7,000 through this initial effort.

Joe Franz, vice president for development, was enthused by the outcome of the project and said, "By using this means of solicitation, we were able to save time and money normally spent on Phonathon calls and mailed correspondence."

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Several alumni who responded to the e-mail shared this sentiment. One such alumnus, Mike Marquez, Class of 1997, said, "I am pleased with Ouachita's move toward becoming more integrated with the Internet. It is an extremely cost effective way of reaching alumni, prospective students, and others."

One surprise Smith said they came across was that several alumni from the classes in the 40's and 50's made pledges over the net. "I suppose we had expected to have quite a few pledges from the classes in the 70's, 80's, and 90's and just a few from the remaining classes, but that was definitely not the case."

At this time, the Development Office is only accepting pledges over the Internet. However, several of those making pledges have expressed interest in being able to make direct gifts through Ouachita's web site. In response to this request Franz claims, "We are moving into the arena of accepting credit card gifts over the Internet slowly. We want to make sure we have a 'secure site' before accepting this type of confidential information via the Internet."

If you would like to take a look at the Development Office's new web page or want to make a pledge on-line, go to [www.obu.edu/dev](http://www.obu.edu/dev) and click on the "Make a pledge on-line" button on the left navigation bar.

## SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED

### The Bentley E. Blackmon Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established by Mr. Bentley Blackmon, a 1994 alumnus of Ouachita. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students at Ouachita. Recipient(s) must be a sophomore, junior and/or senior pursuing a major in the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

### The Bonnie Boatman Peeples Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established in honor of Mrs. Bonnie Peeples. The fund will be used to assist full-time students at Ouachita. First priority will be given to students from Garland and/or Clark Counties in Arkansas.

### Barbara Chandler Stubblefield Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Barbara Chandler Stubblefield Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by Mr. Joel R. Stubblefield to honor the memory of his wife Barbara Chandler Stubblefield. Recipients must be full-time students with preference given to piano and/or instrumental music majors in the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts, Division of Music.

### H. A. and M. Guiola Spraggins Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund has been established by Dr. Barry Spraggins in memory of his father and to honor his mother. Mrs. Spraggins played the organ at First Baptist Church in Hope, Arkansas, for 49 years. The fund will be used to assist full-time students pursuing a major in the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts, Division of Music. First priority will be given to students pursuing a major in the Department of Church Music.

### Leslie G. Smith Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Leslie G. Smith Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Larry M. Smith and Mr. Lane M. Smith in memory and honor of their father and grandfather, Leslie G. Smith. Recipients of the scholarship assistance provided by these funds must be pursuing a major within the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business. First preference will be given to students from Tennessee and Northern Mississippi who demonstrate financial need.

### Richard and Sheila Strickland Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund is established by Richard and Sheila Strickland of Fort Worth, Texas. Recipients of the scholarship fund must be pursuing a major within the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business and must maintain a 2.5 or above grade point average.

### Jack and Mary Lea Taylor Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund has been established by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor of Humble, Texas, to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students at Ouachita. Recipients must be pursuing a major within the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.



# Arrington named provost at Carson-Newman College



**Terry DeWitt**, assistant professor of biological sciences and coordinator of the athletic training education program, recently attended a National Athletic Trainers Clinical Instructor Seminar in Dallas.

More than 600 athletic training educators attended the seminar. One of the main topics of the seminar was how athletic training has evolved into a "unique" allied health care field.



**Dr. Caroline Henderson**, associate professor of music, has been recognized in several professional areas, including her debut compact disc release from Mark Custom Recording label.

The disc includes several works for the saxophone and percussion, along with two compositions by Charles Young. Other composers featured on the CD include Guy Lacour, Renee Silas Waters, Robert Romza, Budd Udell, and Kenneth Broadway.

Henderson has also been invited to perform at the International Conference of the College Music Society to be held July 6-10 in Limerick, Ireland. She will be performing with percussionist Broadway from the University of Florida. The duo will be performing a composition written for them by Udell titled "Two Scenes from Dingle."



**Dr. Johnny Wink**, the Betty Burton Peck Professor of English, has been notified that an essay he wrote is part of a national publication distributed by the Gale

Group of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

The essay, titled "What to Make of an Even More Diminished Thing: A Borgesian Sonnet Considered in a Frosty Light," was originally published in an issue of "The Publications of the Arkansas Philological Association."

The Gale Group, an international publishing consortium, included Wink's essay in a volume titled "Poetry Criticism-32."



Mike Arrington



Pam Arrington

Dr. Mike Arrington, vice president for academic affairs at Ouachita, and Pam Arrington, associate professor of education, have accepted positions at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn.

Dr. Arrington, who has been an administrator in academic affairs and a professor of history in the department of history at Ouachita since 1973, will become provost at Carson-Newman and Mrs. Arrington will join the education faculty there. An associate professor of education, Pam Arrington has been a member of the Ouachita faculty since 1974.

"Mike and Pam have served with distinction during their careers here, and they have impacted thousands of lives in a very positive way," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president. "Mike has worked tirelessly to add strength to Ouachita's academic program. He has

overseen a massive revision of our general education curriculum, the emergence of a strong faculty development program, and the move toward the establishment of schools within the disciplines of business, fine arts and religion."

Ouachita's academic programs have grown in number and stature in recent years. The Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business, the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts and the Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies, as well as several new degree programs, were introduced during Arrington's tenure at Ouachita.

Ouachita has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report for several years as one of the top 15 schools for academics among the liberal arts colleges and universities in the south. More recently, Ouachita placed renewed emphasis on its liberal arts mission with the introduction of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, which houses the CORE courses taken by all students at Ouachita.

"In addition to providing wise counsel to me in my role as president of Ouachita, Mike Arrington is my friend. As such, I support him in his new role as provost at Carson-Newman College, and I am certain that he will have the same positive impact there as he has had at Ouachita throughout this past quarter of a century," Westmoreland said.

• by Jeff Root



**AWARD • Jill Houlihan**, secretary of the School of Arts and Sciences, receives the Outstanding Support Staff member award for 2000-2001 from Richard Stipe, vice president for administrative services. Houlihan is the first recipient of the new award which was established to honor a support staff member who most exemplifies Christian character, professionalism, service, and contribution to the campus community.

# Chinese educator, filmmaker studies American films, culture

Ouachita recently bid farewell to Professor He Shu, a visiting scholar from Peking University China. Although in Arkadelphia for only a month, Shu made a lasting impact on some students as well as gathered vital information for her students at Peking University.

Shu is an associate professor of English at Peking, and is seeking her doctorate in mass communications. Her familiarity with Ouachita came at the behest of Ouachita's exchange program in China, where over the past few years she has had the occasion to become acquainted with several of Ouachita's visiting professors such as Caroline Cagle, associate professor of mathematics and computer sciences, and Dr. Kevin Brennan, assistant professor of political science.

Peking University, often called "The Harvard of China," is developing a new school of journalism and mass communications. Because of Shu's desire to integrate English into this field of communication, OBU decided to give her as much cultural experience as possible by inviting her to come to campus and study American films for a month.

Shu is considered to be an expert on one of the most influential directors in China, Zhang Yimou. She and her husband also recently won two first place prizes in a Chinese film competition. Their individual documentaries on the most notable musical instruments of each of the 55 minority groups in China won the Governor's Highest Award in the categories of topic and best music.

This long historical project of documentaries is one in which Shu hopes that the people of China will learn concerning the various cultures that encompass their society.

While at Ouachita, she watched more than 100 of America's top films in order to gain knowledge in film development along with knowledge of American culture. She also gave lectures and interviewed faculty and students on various issues in film making.

Shu loves to learn languages and cultures and feels that coming to Ouachita was one of the most culturally memorable times in her life, one in which she will be able to better equip her English studying students.

Although her trip to Ouachita was her second time to visit the United States, Shu feels like she is "leaving behind an American family" with this departure. Not only did she become a part of the American home of Jack and Mary King of Arkadelphia, but she also visited several historical sites in Arkansas.

When asked about her favorite aspect of the visit, she replied, "I was not just a visitor at OBU. People helped me adapt quickly to this environment. It was a very caring atmosphere."

With a new mass communications course beginning in September at Peking University, Shu has high goals of making this a class where western culture, pertaining to films, is integrated into the student's learning.

• by Bethany Jones

## —Newsmakers—



**Dr. David Ozmun**, associate professor of mass communications and public relations associate, won first place in the "open" competition of the

Broadcast Education Association's Research Division. The title of the paper is "Correlating Professional Wrestling on Television With Children's Views of Aggression."

The research was conducted in the spring of 2000 working with students in several Arkansas school districts. It reflected the viewing habits of 709 students in grades four to six concerning televised professional wrestling.



**Dr. Lewis A. Shepherd**, assistant to the president for special programs, is the author of an article published in the December 2000 issue of "Opportunity

Outlook," the journal of the Council for Opportunity in Education.

The title of the article is "The Impact of Upward Bound on Rural High School Students."

Shepherd joined the OBU administrative staff in 1980.



**Dr. Hal Bass**, Herbert and Ladelle Moody Professor of Pre-Law Studies and Political Science, and his students, seniors Amber Wilson and Katie

Kirkpatrick, presented a paper titled "Election Advocacy: Soft Money and Issue Advocacy in the 2000 Congressional Elections." The paper focused on the 2000 Arkansas Fourth Congressional District Race. The three wish to thank Ouachita alumni who helped in the project by sending campaign materials they had received in the mail or by phone.

## Wright named acting vice president

Dr. Charles W. Wright has been named acting vice president for academic affairs effective July 1, according to Ouachita President Andrew Westmoreland. "With his 37 years of service to Ouachita as a faculty member and dean, his wealth of relationships among the members of the faculty, his commitment to high academic standards, his reputation for grace under pressure, and his understanding of Ouachita's mission, Dr. Wright will be an excellent leader during this year of transition," said Westmoreland.

Wright, dean of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts and the Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music, will continue to serve in those capacities during the period while a search committee seeks a permanent replacement for Dr. Mike Arrington who is leaving the vice president's position after 13 years to serve as provost at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee (see related article).

## — Recognitions —

### 23 students win honors at NATS competition

Twenty-three students representing the Division of Music of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts won honors at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) State Auditions.

Four of the students were named as finalists, while 19 were tabbed for semi-finalists accolades.

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

The finalists included Bonnie Montgomery, a senior choral music education major from Searcy, who received first place in the Senior Women Division. Josh Shaw, a senior vocal performance major from Adidas, Louisiana, received first place in the Upper Division Musical Theatre competition. Lana Hancock, a freshman applied music major from Springdale, received first place in the Lower Division Musical Theatre competition. Kristen McKay, a sophomore vocal performance major from Longview, Texas, received third place in the Lower Division Musical Theatre competition.

### Team finishes second at programming contest

Three business students tied with students from UA-Little Rock for second place honors in the computer science division of the annual Arkansas Statewide Programming Contest sponsored by Acxiom Corporation.

The students earned their spot by solving four out of seven problems during the five hour contest. A team from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville won the contest.

This year's contest featured 15 teams from nine colleges and universities across the state. Ouachita's second team solved three of seven problems.

Members of the second place OBU team from the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business were: Joshua Franklin, a senior history major from Portland, Oregon; Ryan Hayward, a senior computer science major from Dover; and Michael Tinker, a freshman computer science major from Lufkin, Texas.

## "Ouachita" show wins national award

A 30-minute cable show produced by the telecommunications section of the department of mass communications at Ouachita has won a national award from FamilyNet.

The show titled "Ouachita" won the program series category. The award was presented at the recent national meeting FamilyNet affiliates held in Fort Worth, Texas.

The "Ouachita" program, now in its tenth year of production, provides stu-

dents at OBU with broadcast experience both in front and behind the cameras and the surrounding regional cable areas with a professional magazine type format that highlights the people and events of the university.

Produced on campus, the program is seen on cable and low power television outlets in Arkadelphia, Hope, Magnolia, Nashville, Little Rock, Bossier City, Fort

Smith and Texarkana.

Dr. Dave Ozmun, associate professor of mass communications and public relations associate, is the producer and director of the program. Dr. Jeff Root, assistant to the president for public relations and

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assistant professor of mass communications, is the executive producer and co-host of the show.

The show in the past has won nominations and awards from the former ACTS network and the Baptist Public

Relations Association.

Based in Fort Worth, Texas, FamilyNet is a full-time television network of more than 50 hours of original, values-based programs weekly. FamilyNet broadcasts to a potential 38 million television households and is available on cable and broadcast stations nationwide.

• by Mac Sisson

## Hargis shares experience as filmmaker

Bernie Hargis of Fort Worth, Texas, a documentary film maker with award-winning productions for ABC, NBC, and FamilyNet of the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board, was the second speaker in the 2000-2001 Birkett Williams Lecture Series in February.

Hargis is a native of Warren and a 1973 graduate of Ouachita. After completing his degree, he accepted a position

with the SBC Radio and Television Commission, now a part of the North American Mission Board, where he became a pacesetter in the development of special broadcast and video tape productions, including the documentary projects which have attracted widespread recognition in the television industry. His latest work, "Prisoners of Hope," tells the stories of faith and survival of servicemen who were prisoners of war in Vietnam.

## Cobb Lecture presented by New Testament professor

Dr. Craig Keener, professor of New Testament at Eastern Seminary in Philadelphia, PA, was the guest speaker for the Elma Cobb Lecture Series in February. Keener's appearance was sponsored by the Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies.

Keener is the author of 10 books that include: "The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament," "A Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew," a recent commentary on the book of "Revelation," two works about the Holy Spirit,

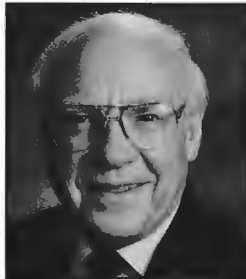
and co-author of two works on African-American apologetics.

Keener holds a doctor of philosophy degree in New Testament from Duke University. He is one of the few white ministers ordained in the National Baptist Convention and has been active in promoting racial reconciliation. He previously taught at Hood Seminary in North Carolina and has spent the past three summers teaching in Nigeria, West Africa.

• by Mac Sisson

# Retiring faculty, staff honored at reception

Six Ouachita educators were honored at a reception on the occasion of their retirement from the University. Those honored included: Dr. William Cook, the Elma Cobb Professor of Bible; Dr. Wayne Everett, the Charles S. and Elma Grey Goodwin Holt Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies; Dr. Tom Murphree, professor of health, physical education and recreation; Mary Root, academic coordinator of the Student Support Services office in the Ouachita TRIO Program; Dr. Paul Root, director of the Student Support Services office in the Ouachita TRIO Program; and Bob Sanders, adjunct instructor in the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business. The six educators represent a total of 102 years of service to Ouachita. Everett joined the Ouachita faculty in 1961 and is the second longest serving faculty member on the OBU campus, having served under four university presidents.



William H. Cook



Wayne Everett



Tom Murphree



Mary Root



Paul Root



Bob Sanders

## — Recognitions —

### Dildine directs production at Kennedy Center festival

Rick Dildine, a senior theatre arts major from Wynne, was selected as one of two college students to direct an original 10-minute play at the Kennedy Center for the National American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C.

The competition began at a state level, which led to the regional level, and closed with the national festival. At this festival, Dildine directed one of the plays that was selected in the National Play Writing Competition.

Dildine has been very active in the campus theatre, both in acting roles and directing responsibilities. He has directed six student productions. Last fall, Dildine directed the OBU production of Peter Weiss' play "How Mr. Mockinpott Was Cured of His Sufferings" for which the Ouachita theatre won state accolades and eventually eighth in the National American College Theatre Festival.

### Bishop wins third annual Shambarger music competition

Jeremy Bishop, a senior vocal performance major from Abbeville, Alabama, won the third annual Mary Shambarger Musical Theatre Competition for Singers. Josh Shaw received second place and Bryan Bailey received third place. Kara Floyd received honorable mention.

The competition was sponsored by the Division of Music of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts and was open to all Ouachita voice majors in their fourth semester of private instruction or beyond.

The annual competition is endowed by private funds from Mrs. Mary Shambarger of Bentonville, professor emeritus of music at Ouachita. Shambarger served on the OBU music faculty for 32 years. In the 1960s, she formed the Ouachi-Tones, a popular female vocal ensemble that traveled across the world performing a variety of sacred and secular music. She later reconstructed the group in 1991 as a mixed show choir called Ouachita Sounds. She was the Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music when she retired in 1998.

## Ellis to serve Hardin-Simmons as academic vice president



Bill Ellis

Dr. Bill Ellis, acting dean of the school of arts and sciences, became Hardin-Simmons University's new vice president for academic affairs March 1.

Ellis, a professor of English and chair of the English department, had been at Ouachita since 1990. Ellis was appointed acting dean in July 1998.

Ellis is a 1975 summa cum laude graduate of HSU with a B.A. degree in English and history. He earned the M.A. degree in English from Texas Tech University, and the Ph.D. degree in 1985 from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He did post graduate work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Ellis has been a bi-vocational pastor since 1994, most recently serving the Cedar Grove Baptist Church of Arkadelphia.

He is married to Diana Ellis, who has served as an assistant professor of music at Ouachita and the director of the Praise Singers.



Diana Ellis



## — Recognitions —

### Debate teams receive national rankings

The Ouachita debate team achieved high honors for both the team and individual participants at the International Public Debate Association Championship Tournament held at Arkansas State University in April.

The OBU Novice Division Team earned a final national ranking of third place for the year, while the Open Team achieved a final ranking of sixth place. A novice debater is someone who has participated in seven debate tournaments or less in high school and college.

A total of nine team and individual awards were won by Ouachita team members at the tournament, at which 21 teams participated.

For the year, the Ouachita debate team received a total of 114 awards. The team had 405 wins and 333 losses.

The team is coached by Paul Bass, director of campus activities.

### Miller named Arkansas' yearbook editor of the year

Gary Miller, editor of the 2000 and 2001 Ouachitonian yearbooks, was named Yearbook Editor of the Year by Arkansas College Media. Miller is a graduating senior in mass communications from Texarkana, Texas. The Ouachitonian yearbook won 10 individual awards and placed second in general excellence in the ACMA competition. The Signal newspaper received five individual awards. The Signal was edited by Rachel LeMay, a graduating senior in mass communications from Searcy.

### Brewer wins piano competition

Kevin Brewer, a freshman from Malvern, won first place in the Virginia Queen Piano competition for 2001. Second place was awarded to Paula Beth Rutherford, a freshman from Decatur, Texas; third place to James Huber, a sophomore from Keithville, Louisiana; and honorable mention to Amy Tinker, a sophomore from Bella Vista. Seventeen students participated in the competition.

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## Students present research, special projects

### during University's first Scholars' Day

Student research and other creative outlets were the themes for Ouachita's first Scholars' Day on Wednesday, April 18.

Student research projects were presented in different forms from oral presentations, to vocal performance and poster displays. Sixty-four students were chosen by Ouachita's faculty members to make 57 presentations on Scholars' Day.

Dr. Joe Jeffers, the W. D. and Alice Burch Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies, served as acting chairman of the Scholars' Day committee. He said the event gave students an opportunity to share their research and to see what other students are pursuing in different areas of study.

For projects to be chosen for presentation, the committee considered those deemed favorable to take to a professional state or regional meeting where student projects are presented.

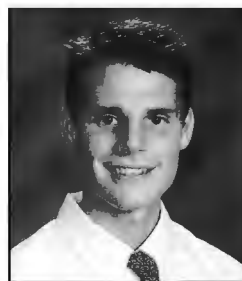
President Andrew Westmoreland opened Scholars' Day with a keynote address. A dinner was held that evening honoring the participants.



#### SHARING

**KNOWLEDGE** • Alicia Ritter listens as Michael Reding explains his poster display at Scholars' Day. Reding assisted with a study titled "Molecular Modeling and 3-D Qsar Analysis of the Binding of the Bile Acids to the M3 Subtype of the Muscarinic Receptor."

## SENIORS HONORED



**OUTSTANDING SENIORS** • Amber Wilson and Alan Bagley were named Senior Ouachitonian Woman and Man at the annual Academic Banquet held in April. Wilson, a graduating senior in political science and communications, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson of Pine Bluff. While at Ouachita, she served as president of the Student Senate, vice president of EEE women's social club, and president of Young Democrats. She was a member of Alpha Chi, Phi Sigma Alpha, Pi Kappa Delta, and a participant in the Carl Goodson Honors Program. Bagley, a graduating senior in chemistry and biology, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bagley of Lexa. He also received the award as the University's Overall Academic Achiever for 2000-2001. Bagley was president of the senior class, president of the American Chemical Society, vice president of the Debate Club and secretary of Alpha Chi. He was a member of Beta Beta men's social club, Student Senate, and Blue Key, and was a participant in the Carl Goodson Honors program

# Arkansas Most Exciting College Weekend

APRIL 20-21

## INTO THE WOODS



**SPRING MUSICAL** • The Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts presented Stephen Sondheim's Broadway musical "Into the Woods" in April. The production featured 22 fine arts students, who played classic fairy tale roles such as Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White, Rapunzel, Cinderella, and Sleeping Beauty. The stage director was Dr. Scott Holslaw, professor of theatre arts. The musical director was Dr. Jon Secrest, professor of music. Eric Phillips, associate professor of theatre arts, served as technical director. Rick Dildine, a senior theatre arts major from Wynne, was the stage manager.

## TIGER TRAKS



**TIGER TRAKS** • The Ouachita Student Foundation sponsored the annual Tiger Traks competition April 19-20. Student teams of eight members each competed in raft races, basketball throw, Jenga, egg toss, obstacle course, oozeball and tug-o-war. A record 59 teams competed in this year's event.

**SPRING FLING** • The Campus Activities Board provided students the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities as the plaza area was transformed into an over-sized playground with sumo-wrestling, wall climbing, and an air slide.

## SPRING FLING



# Campus BRIEFS

◆ An emphasis on the formation, development and maintenance of a healthy Christian marriage and family was the focus of Marriage and Family Week on March 5-10. It was a week designed to help students develop healthy dating relationships, marriages, and families.

The week's activities were co-sponsored by the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community and an anonymous Arkansas foundation.

Speakers included Brent and Beverly Bridges of Arkadelphia; Arliss Dickerson, director of the Baptist Student Union at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro; and Heather Roberts, the university counselor.

A weekend retreat for married couples was held at the Ramada Inn in Texarkana. Speakers for the retreat were Randy and Susan Lanford of Little Rock. He is the education and administration leader at Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, and she is an author and speaker on family enrichment issues.

◆ Students, faculty and staff members helped local and county residents spruce up their property following December's ice storm with a Tiger Serve Day on Saturday, January 13. The event was sponsored by the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community at Ouachita in cooperation with the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Red River Baptist Association, and the city of Arkadelphia.

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## Ouachita Sounds performs on Caribbean cruise

Ouachita Sounds, a 12-person mixed voice show choir, performed on a Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines ship sailing to the Bahamas over spring break, March 18-22.

At Port Canaveral, Florida, the group boarded the ship "Sovereign of the Seas" for a sail to Nassau, Bahamas, and adjoining cruise line property. The Sounds group performed two times on the cruise.

Dr. Glenda Secret, assistant professor of music, is the

current director of the group.

When asked about the benefits of a trip such as this, Secret said, "The first thing this trip offered was ministry opportunities. People from all over the world were on the cruise and were allowed to view the lives of each of the students." "Hopefully," she added, "they saw something different and attractive about them."

Secret went on to list benefits such as wonderful memories, lasting friendships, and

potential job contacts. She also mentioned the importance of the experience each student received, which will eventually affect their future careers. The work ethic and positive attitude developed in Sounds is a lesson that Secret believes will greatly impact each performer's future.

When asked about the reason for such a successful group of performers, Secret gave credit to "hard work, dedication, and God's blessings."

## Cunningham honored for community service

Charles Cunningham, executive director of the Central Arkansas Development Council (CADC), was presented the first Ben M. Elrod Center Community Service Excellence Award at a banquet in his honor in March.

President Andrew Westmoreland recognized Cunningham for his "extraordinary contributions to the well-being of the people of central Arkansas and his sterling example of servant-leadership in the exercise of his responsibilities."

"The award program recognizes outstanding leadership in efforts to better the lives of the people around us through service," Westmoreland said. "For more than 30 years, Charles Cunningham has touched people's lives through the CADC."

Westmoreland cited the Saline County Scholarship Fund as one example of Cunningham's work. The scholarship, sponsored and supported by the CADC, provides student financial aid to mothers who are juggling re-

sponsibilities at home and in school.

Dr. Ben M. Elrod, chancellor and former president of Ouachita for whom the Center is named, presented the award to Cunningham. Elrod said the Center was founded on the premise that college students should incorporate community service into their lives and that they needed examples to follow. Charles Cunningham, he said, was a prime example of an individual who had devoted his life to service. • by Jeff Root

# Sharing the Gospel at home and abroad

Over ninety students and staff members spent their spring break on mission trips in the continental United States, Taiwan, and South America. The Baptist Student Union and Campus Ministries offices co-sponsored the trips.



## ◆ BOSTON

Forty-nine students went to Boston where they worked at the country's largest food bank. Students sorted over 16,000 pounds of food that would feed over 260 families. The students also worked with the Salvation Army after-school program where they tutored, played with and counseled disadvantaged children. The students conducted prayer walks and participated in evangelism projects at Harvard, MIT and Boston University. Kevin Inman, director of campus ministries, said, "Ouachita students shared the good news of Jesus Christ in taverns, the subway, city buses and parks. Our students were salt and light to Boston."



## ◆ PERU

Twenty students traveled to Peru where their ministry was supervised by Outdoor Discipleship Ministries of Dallas, Texas. The group backpacked the "Jesus" film into remote villages of the Andes mountains. "The people of the villages were very open to the Gospel and over 500 professed Christ as Savior and Lord," said Inman. The students showed the film and then went hut to hut sharing the Gospel.



## ◆ TAIWAN

Eight students who traveled to Taiwan worked at universities witnessing of their faith and spending time in

various student environments. They were able to witness to hundreds of students and help the missionaries serving in Taiwan.



## ◆ ARLINGTON

Closer to home, 17 students ministered to the children of inner city Arlington. The students led apartment ministries which included helping with church services and leading two Rainbow Express Bible Clubs for children. The afternoons were spent in service projects for Mission Arlington, and in the evenings the students spent time with the children in the apartment complex. Heather Heath, a freshman from Conway, shared that "everyone we came in contact with was so willing to hear the gospel, because many had never heard of Jesus. Everywhere I go now, I see the dark and lost world. I cannot imagine what God sees if I have only a glimpse of how sad this world really is." She added, "There is a world full of poverty out there, both physically and spiritually."

## Campus BRIEFS

◆ "Re-focusing on Christ" was the theme of this year's Christian Focus Week emphasis held February 12-16. The theme this year was from the Bible character, Queen Esther, "If I perish, I perish," which symbolized her complete devotion to her people.

The week's activities included a student prayer breakfast each morning and a voluntary Morning Celebration worship service. The Tuesday chapel service was led by the J. E. Berry Lecturer Brad Johnson, a teaching pastor at Saddleback Community Church in Lake Forest, California. The musical celebration was led by Jami Smith.

◆ The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community and the Arkadelphia Public Schools hosted a spring break enrichment camp for area school children to have something to do over spring break while providing a forum to continue to expose the younger students to character development and enhancement.

Ouachita students volunteered for the opportunity to lead the camp. The children were provided a recreational forum in which to relax and have fun, while also being exposed to instruction, stressing the merits and values of incorporating good character qualities such as patience, encouragement, honesty, and respect, in daily living.

Expenses for the camp were provided through an anonymous Arkadelphia charitable foundation. Jan Bass of the Elrod Center was the facilitator of the project.



## GSC Coach of the Year joins Ouachita staff

Charlie Schaefer, the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year for the 2000-2001 season, has been named head men's basketball coach at Ouachita Baptist University.

"Charlie Schaefer's teams have had great success both on and off the court," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. "He's been in winning programs throughout his coaching career, and his focus on academics and Christian faith fit perfectly with Ouachita's mission."

Schaefer, 31, became head coach at the University of Arkansas at Monticello in 1999. The Boll Weevils led the GSC in scoring during the 1999-2000 campaign as they captured 10 wins, the most at UAM in five years. Picked this year to finish seventh of the nine teams in the Western Division of the GSC in the coaches' preseason poll, the Boll Weevils won the division. The team's 20-8 record represented the most wins at UAM in 10 years, and the division title was the first outright men's basketball championship at UAM since the 1955-56 season.

Schaefer has been selected to coach the 2001 USA Athletes International team in Holland this summer. Previous to his work in Monticello, Schaefer had been an assistant basketball coach at West Texas A&M University, where he served as recruiting coordinator and floor coach for four seasons. He also has coached at Labette Community College in Parsons, Kansas, and the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas.

"Charlie presents the whole package as a basketball coach," said David Sharp, director of athletics at Ouachita. "He's an excellent tactician, and his recruiting ability and rapport with student-athletes is tremendous. The search committee also was impressed by his concern about the academic progress of his players and his interest in coaching at a church-related university."

Schaefer was born in Canadian, Texas. He was a three-sport letterman in basketball, football and golf at Canadian High School. He has a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and a master's from Pittsburg State University (Kansas).

• by Jeff Root

## Reynolds leads Tigers through 11 seasons

Head Basketball Coach Mike Reynolds resigned February 26 to accept another position at the University.

"Mike Reynolds has been a positive influence on his students and players at Ouachita since returning to his alma mater as assistant men's basketball coach 17 years ago," said David Sharp, director of athletics. "We're pleased he'll remain a part of the University family."

Reynolds, an assistant professor in physical education, completed a B.A. degree at Ouachita in 1977. He received an M.S.E. from Henderson State University in 1986 and is pursuing a doctorate in

higher education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He joined longtime Ouachita Head Coach Bill Vining as assistant coach in 1984. When Vining retired from coaching in 1989, Reynolds became the head coach of the Tigers.

Reynolds, a native of Benton, led the basketball program through periods of transition, including a move from NAIA to NCAA, Division II, and moves from the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference to independent status, to the Lone Star Conference, and, finally, the Tigers' first year in the Gulf South Conference.

• by Jeff Root

## Dann inducted into Arkansas Swimming Hall of Fame

Tiger Sharks and Lady Tiger Sharks swimming and diving coach Jim Dann was among four Arkansans inducted into the Arkansas Swimming Hall of Fame during a banquet held April 28 in Little Rock.



In 20 seasons at Ouachita, Dann has coached four NAIA national champions, seven NCAA Division II champions, 78 Division II All-Americans, three Olympians and a world record-holder. Dann's Ouachita teams and individual swimmers and divers have consistently ranked among the leaders in NAIA and NCAA categories and polls. He has also served as president of the NAIA Swimming and Diving Coaches Association, a member of the NCAA Rules Committee, and a member of the American Swim Coaches Association.

In addition to his duties as a coach at Ouachita, Dann is an assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation. He holds a bachelor of science degree (1973) from the University of Florida, and a master of science in education degree (1982) from Ouachita. He joined the Ouachita faculty in 1982.

• by Mac Sisson

# Sports Briefs

## Swimming & Diving

The Tiger Sharks and Lady Tiger Sharks swimming and diving teams both placed second in the 2001 New South Intercollegiate Swim League Conference Championship Meets held February 15-17 at Delta State University.

Coached by Jim Dann, the OBU teams were beaten by host Delta State in both instances. Ouachita was the defending NSISL champion.

Ouachita's John Berry, Tracy Krueger, and Katie Turner were high point finishers in the league meet with all three closing with 60 points. Berry is a senior from Houston, TX (Langham Creek). Krueger is a senior from Double Oak, TX (Marcus). Turner is a sophomore from McPherson, KS.

Berry established a new NSISL 200 freestyle record of 1:40.11. He also set new NCAA, NSISL, and OBU records in the 100 freestyle with a time of :43.80. Krueger set a new school record in the 100 freestyle swimming to a clocking of :54.50.

At the 2000-2001 NCAA Division II Championship Swimming and Diving Meets held in Ohio in March, the Tiger Sharks finished in ninth place, while the Lady Tiger Sharks tied for 18th.

John Berry swam to a first place time of :20.36 in the finals of the men's 50-yard freestyle. Berry was the lead performance for Ouachita. OBU team records were set by Katie Turner in the 1000 yard freestyle and 1650 freestyle; Tracy Krueger in the 200 IM and 400 IM; and 200 yard men's medley team of Justin Boyd, Mike Waldrop, Moss Duvall, and John Berry.

**All Conference:** John Berry; Moss Duvall, Justin Boyd, Jon Oynes, Mike Waldrop, Archie Prentice, Tracy Krueger; Katie Turner, Angie Cody, Kelly Krueger, Cindy Allred, Kelly McGowan, Jen Lovette, Sydney Barker, and Sally Allred.

**All-American:** Katie Turner, Justin Boyd, John Berry, Mike Waldrop, Moss Duvall, Ray Miller, Chris Landreaneau, and Jesse Barton.

## Lady Tiger Basketball

The Lady Tigers ended regular season play at 19-7, 11-5, and qualified for the Gulf South Conference Championship Basketball Tournament in Tupelo, Miss.

The Lady Tigers, the number four-ranked team in the GSC's West Division, upset top seeded Lincoln Memorial 67-52 in first round action. The Lady Tigers faced Arkansas Tech in semi-final play, losing to the Golden Suns 66-58.

The season record of 20-8 was the Lady Tigers' first ever 20-game winning season since having begun intercollegiate competition in 1976.

Two Lady Tiger basketball players received post season honors from the NCAA Division II South region and the Gulf South Conference.

### **Second Team Daktronics All-South Region Team/West Division All-GSC Basketball First Team:**

In her first year in the league, Crystal Allen of Linden, Texas, a 5-9 sophomore transfer guard from Louisiana Tech, was named to the 2000-2001 Second Team Daktronics All-South Region Team and to the 2000-2001 West Division All-GSC Basketball First Team.

Allen, a health/physical education and recreation major, led her team to its first Gulf South Conference Tournament berth and its first ever 20-win season in intercollegiate competition. She finished the year as the team's leading scorer and the conference's fourth leading scorer (16.6). Allen was eleventh in steals in GSC with 1.93 per game average. She was thirteenth in three-point field goal accuracy, hitting 38 of 105 for 36 percent. Allen was fifteenth in blocked shots with 22 through 27 games.

### **West Division All-GSC Basketball**

#### **Second Team/GSC Winter Sports All-Academic Team:**

Robyn Anders, a 5-9 junior guard from Grapevine, Texas (Southlake Carroll), was named to the 2000-2001 West Division All-GSC Basketball Second Team and the GSC Winter Sports All-Academic team. Anders, a three-year starter for Coach Garry Crowder's Lady Tigers, was sixth in the league in assists with 92 for a 3.29 per game

average. Anders, a health/physical education and recreation major, was also sixth in the assist/turnover ratio category with a 1.32 ratio.

### **GSC Winter Academic Honor Roll:**

Mary Ann Caldwell, Vivi Dees, Tracy Denney, Stephanie Grimes, Lyndsey Hawkins, Kristen Hurdle, Shannon Sangster, Stephanie Sangster, Lindsey Snow, and Erin Turner.

## Tiger Basketball

T. J. Jones, a health/physical education and recreation major, was named to the 2000-2001 West Division All-Gulf South Conference Basketball Second Team. The 6-1 senior point guard was second in the GSC in free throw percentage, connecting on 90 of 104 for an .865 percentage.

## Golf

Ouachita placed fifth in the GSC Golf Championship held April 16-17. It was the second best finish of any Arkansas school in the tournament. The championship was won by the University of West Florida.

## Cross Country

**GSC Fall Academic Honor Roll:** Adam Norwood, Kevin Rogers, Sally Allred, Amber Dean, Megan Inman, Sarah Spencer, and Anna Stuckey.

## Football

**GSC Fall Academic Honor Roll:** Martin Bryant, Marc Carozza, Jeff Conaway, J.R. Eldridge, Jett Furneaux, John Hart, Matt Klopfer, Russ Pickett, and Nathan Syer.

## Soccer

**GSC Fall Academic Honor Roll:** David Kinyanjui, Shawn Leverington, Ryan Owsley, Sean Stern, Lindsey Cox, Jennifer Gable, Kara Haase, Arwen Hays, Kara Ketner, Allison Lavender, and Rachel McDuffee.

## Volleyball

**GSC Fall Academic Honor Roll:** Christa Campbell, Jessica Eiland, Jill Evans, Kelley Johnson, Robyn Kuntz, Susanne Kurth, Courtney Lawson, Katie Muller, and Jill Waldon.



## Junanne Brown

President  
Former Students  
Association

Our God is an awesome God! If you aren't living in the southern half of Arkansas, you probably didn't get the privilege of experiencing the ice storm that began on Christmas day. I have never seen anything like it. At our house, we were without electricity for six days and water for four. It was certainly a chilling experience! It seemed as though everything that once had life was gone forever.

Over the last week, as I've started working in the yard, I've been amazed at the re-birth of flowers, grass, and trees. Even a very young dogwood that stood totally unprotected from the elements is blooming now. I would have never dreamed it could have lived.

It's easy to see God's miracles in the springtime through nature. However, isn't it wonderful that our Savior affords each of us opportunities for re-birth just as He does nature? Our lives are much like the dogwoods. To us, we sometimes seem to be standing alone and unprotected, but God's mighty hand is ALWAYS protecting us and His grace is there for us. Our love for God and our fellowman should bloom anew each day.

During this time of the year, we should be diligent in keeping our high school and college seniors in our prayers. The future for these young people can be frightening and yet exciting. We must uplift and encourage them as they make plans for their futures.

Finally, at our last F.S.A. board meeting, several "old" members rotated off the board. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Lynn Bradley, Molly Goforth Kircher, Sharon Kluck Townsend and Martin Babb for their dedication and energy in helping to make Ouachita a better place. I look forward to working with our new members as we continue to serve you, the OBU alumni.

## GOLD TIGERS • CLASS OF 1951



**Gold Tiger Reunion** • Members of the class of 1951 in attendance at the Gold Tiger reunion were: (front row) Katherine Hendrix Aratani, Mary Ethelyn Gibbs Vollman, Dorothy "Dottie" Reed Rapert, Beth Moore Church, Virginia Cothran Ramsey, Mary Margaret Haynes, Ina Smith Miller, Joanna Bell Thompson, Vannye Whitley Besancon, Martha Muncy Talbot, Sue Short Crawley, Dorothy Lewis Manning, (second row) B. B. Hartsell, Gena Ledbetter Hampton, James E. Hampton, A. Kay Mansell, Troy Carroll, Jane Gale Zimmerman, Carl B. Ramsey, C. M. "Ike" Sharp, Johnny Jackson, Paul H. Muse, Billy J. Walsh, (third row) Don Elliott, Almeda Park Elliott, Jack Lowman, Pat Duke Lowman, Noble Roberts, Kathryn Greenfield Smith, Hugh Smith, Tony Wakin, Cecil L. Malone, Bill Stone, Raymond Dickert, Roy G. Adams, (back row) James A. Jenkins, Joe Kirksey, Bill Vining, Betty Whitlow Moore, Roy Carroll, Bill Townsend, Marian Cardin Corley, Orvel Hooker, Lavern Moore Kelly, Ed Johnson, Ryland Mundie, Dewey Stark, Bob Hargrove.

## FSA BOARD



**Members of the FSA Board are:** (front row) Judy Freeman Honey, Ginger St. John Morgan, Patricia Greene Griffen, Becky Sutton Kirkpatrick, Junanne Reynolds Brown, (back row) Don Duren, Martin Babb, Steve Lemmond, Frank Taylor, Wesley Kluck, and Larry Frisby. Not pictured: Molly Goforth Kircher, Sharon Kluck Townsend, Lynn Bradley, and Patrick Netherton.

Mark your calendar for

# Homecoming 2001

November 9 & 10

# Memorial Contributions

December 1, 2000 - April 15, 2001

Mrs. Billie English Adams  
By: Mr. Grover Adams

Mr. Robert Andrews  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sutley

Mrs. Mary A. Anthony  
By: Mr. James M. Anthony

Dr. George and Mrs. Bessie  
Blackmon  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sutley

Mrs. Mary Brandon  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey  
Blackwood  
Mrs. Christina D. Spear

Mrs. Mildred Cagle  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A.  
Franz

Dr. Findley Chu  
*Husband of Mrs. Rosemary Chu*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sutley

Mr. Charles R. Coleman  
By: Drs. Jeff and Deborah Root  
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson  
Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sutley

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By: Dr. and Mrs. George L.  
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Mrs. M. Kathryn Clark  
Mr. Ben R. Condray  
Dr. and Mrs. John Creamer  
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Flaig  
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace C.  
Floyd  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A.  
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Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant  
Dr. Martha E. Hairston  
Drs. George and Ouida  
Keck  
Dr. and Mrs. Walter S.  
Mizell  
Mr. and Mrs. Billy G.  
Williams

Mrs. Annie M. Cone  
By: Mr. Hubert L. Cone

Miss Nancy B. Cooper  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A.  
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Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sutley

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Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Elliott,  
Sr.

Dr. Alton R. Crawley  
*Former Computer Science/Math  
Professor*

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Mrs. Faith Dahlstedt  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G.  
Williams

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*Former Faculty*  
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Mrs. Jamie Blackmon Dale  
By: Dr. and Mrs. James N.  
Braden

Mr. Logan O. Davis  
By: Mrs. Martha L. Davis

Mr. Ellis Dixon  
*Father of Bill Dixon*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sutley

Mrs. Ann Downs  
*Mother of William D. Downs*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duke  
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A.  
Franz  
Drs. George and Ouida  
Keck  
Drs. Jeff and Deborah Root  
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson  
Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sutley

Mr. Max and Mrs. Dorothy  
Drechsler  
*Parents of Jill Houlihan*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. John Duff

Mr. Doyle and Mrs. Helen Frazier  
*She former Business Faculty*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sutley

Miss Rachel Fuller  
*Daughter of Charles and Cindy  
Fuller*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cox

Dr. J. R. and Mrs. Grace S.  
Grant  
*Former Ouachita President and  
First Lady*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Hall

Mr. J. Richard Grant  
By: Mrs. Amy Grant

Rev. Charles Hampton  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sutley

Mrs. Evelyn Hampton  
By: Mrs. Helen Blomstrom

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant  
Mrs. Sarabel Leech

Mr. Charles and Mrs. Mabel  
Hardcastle  
By: Mrs. Thelma B. Hopkins

Dr. Lawson Hatfield  
By: Mrs. Juanita Gill Hatfield

Miss Laura Henley  
By: Drs. Jeff and Deborah Root

Ms. Aileen Kemp  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Tom Murphree

Ms. Kathy Knight  
By: Ms. Meredith Foster

Mrs. Lucile R. Kruer  
By: Mrs. Thelma B. Hopkins

Mr. Herman Lerner  
By: Ms. Marilyn A. McVeigh

Mrs. Catherine Linkous  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duke  
Mrs. Kathy Green  
Ms. Lisa Hill  
Ms. Judy Hollingsworth  
Mrs. Patty Jones  
Mr. and Mrs. William R.  
Phelps  
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson  
Mrs. Becky Wilson

Mr. Ralph Linkous  
By: Mrs. Kathy Green  
Dr. and Mrs. Raouf J.  
Halaby  
Dr. and Mrs. James W.  
Hankins  
Ms. Lisa Hill  
Ms. Judy Hollingsworth  
Mrs. Patty Jones  
Mr. and Mrs. William R.  
Phelps  
Mrs. Becky Wilson

Mrs. Alma M. Lokey  
By: Mrs. Frances B. Nutt

Mrs. Victoria A. Martin  
By: Mr. Gene C. Martin

Mrs. Evelyn P. Maschmeyer  
By: Drs. George and Ouida  
Keck

Mr. B. W. Matthews, Jr.  
By: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Newman

Rev. D. C. McAtee  
By: Mrs. Clyta McAtee Gentry

Dr. Dillard S. Miller  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Costner

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Craig  
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace C.  
Floyd  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A.  
Franz  
Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E.  
Hasley, Jr.  
Mrs. Juanita Gill Hatfield  
Rev. Quincy D. Mathis  
Dr. and Mrs. Don Moore  
Mrs. Pauline Morrow  
Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert A.  
Nichols  
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson  
Mrs. Dona L. Taylor

Mrs. Anise Mims  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A.  
Franz  
Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant  
Dr. and Mrs. Raouf J.  
Halaby  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Melton  
Dr. and Mrs. William  
Trantham

Dr. W. C. Mims  
*Former Education Faculty*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Melton  
Dr. and Mrs. Ted Mims  
Mr. and Mrs. Ferris J.  
Parent

Mr. Duncan R. Mitchell  
By: Mrs. Marcie A. Mitchell

Miss Charlee Morrison  
By: Benton Middle School,  
Benton, AR  
Mrs. Pamela J. Pratt  
Mr. Ronny Webb

Mr. Frank Nix  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Flaig  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A.  
Franz

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By: Mrs. Mary E. Clark  
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell B.  
Felton  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A.  
Franz  
Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant  
Mrs. Mary J. McCorkle  
Drs. Jeff and Deborah Root  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L.  
Rumph



# Class Notes

1932

**Frances (Benton) Meador** lives in Fordyce, AR, where she plays the organ and piano at First Baptist Church on occasion. (Her piano pupil, Becky Rogers, is the regular organist.) Mrs. Meador celebrated her 91st birthday on January 28.

1939

**Keith and Bessie (Hooks) Babb** celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on February 23. They live in Bastrop, LA.

1940

**Truman and Margaret Lollar**, of Belleaire, FL, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a reception at Largo (FL) Wesleyan Church. They have four daughters: Amanda Anderson, Emily Wilson, **Trudy Pearson ('74)** and **Rachel Halaby ('79)**.

**Jeania Burns** had hip surgery in March. Friends might want to

send her a card at 11906 Marburg Drive, Houston TX 77066.

**Jessie and Imogene (Lacy) Reed** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August 2000. They live in Little Rock.

1941

**Sara (Erwin) Guerrero** reports she is a "survivor" and happy to be two years "out" in May. She keeps busy with family and church, Park Cities Baptist of Dallas.

1942

**Floy (Taylor) Barrow** taught school for 30 years. Now retired, she is active in the Ladies Dorcas Sunday School class at Hedley (TX) Baptist Church.

1943

**Ernest Cashion (fs)** still remembers when he arrived at OBC in September of 1942 with \$300 for the year. The comptroller gave him a band scholarship and lots of jobs so

he could get through the year. He also remembers the great teachers, especially Dr. Provine. A retired neurosurgeon, Dr. Cashion and wife, Polly, live in Prairie Grove, AR.

**Mary Elizabeth (Tolson) Halsell** recently visited her daughter and son-in-law in Rio de Janeiro, where they serve with the SBC International Mission Board. Mary and her late husband, **Thomas ('43)**, were missionaries in Brazil where he was president of the Baptist Seminary in Belen.

1944

**Opal (Crutchfield) Cussons** is happily retired in Webster, SD. She and husband, Clayton, have four married children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They travel quite a bit in the States. She is interested in hearing from 1944 graduates, especially those who majored in Home Ec. Email is [cjc@itctel.com](mailto:cjc@itctel.com).

**Millard Cherry** retired in 1987

from Acadia Divinity College where he served as professor of systematic theology from 1957-87 and Dean of Theology from 1964-71. He lives in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, CANADA.

**John Parrott** retired from pastoral ministry fourteen years ago. He and **Elizabeth (Maddox) Parrott** live in Norman, OK where they are active members in First Baptist Church.

1945

**Frances (Beindorf-Bumpus) Hatton**, a retired missionary to Brazil, still goes on volunteer mission trips to that country every year in September.

**Leland and Bette (Cochran, '46) Hall** report they love living in Florida (Melbourne). They confess that raking leaves and cutting grass is not as bad as shoveling snow (when they pastored in Missouri). They are doing a daily noon radio program over WCIF. She was sad to learn of the demise of the

## Memorials (con't.)

Mrs. Mary Ann Rhodes  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Franz  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Flaig

Mrs. Allie R. Robertson  
By: Mr. Odes Robertson

Mr. Roland R. Robertson  
By: Mrs. Sue D. Robertson

Mrs. Gene Rudolph  
By: Mr. and Mrs. John B. Keith

Miss Vanessa Seals  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eckhart  
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Jones  
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Latimer  
Mrs. Geraldine McCurry  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Moore  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Poynter  
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Querry  
Dr. and Mrs. Jerry B. Stark  
Thunderbird Women's Golf Association

Mr. Lewis Shepherd, Sr.  
*Father of Lewis Shepherd, Jr.*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod

Mrs. Vernon Shambarger  
By: Mrs. M. Kathryn Clark  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Flaig  
Dr. and Mrs. Raouf J. Halaby  
Mrs. Sue Steele

Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Sutley  
Dr. and Mrs. William Trantham  
Mrs. Lillian Wasson

Mrs. Victoria Brown Shults  
*Mother of Donna Sisson*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson

Miss Erma Simmons  
By: Miss Mary M. Haynes

Rev. Edward L. Smith  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams

Rev. Randolph M. Smith  
By: Miss Christine R. Coffman  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Trammell

Mrs. Pat Steele  
*Mother of Becky Sergeant*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duke  
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson

Dr. Orville W. "Tom" Taylor  
By: Mr. and Mrs. O. Ray Gardner  
Dr. and Mrs. Walter S. Mizell  
Mrs. Evelyn B. Taylor  
Dr. and Mrs. Preston A. Taylor  
Dr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Ward  
Mrs. Lillian Wasson

Mr. Otis H. Turner  
By: Dr. and Mrs. John Creamer

Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Elliott, Sr.  
Mr. E. G. Pearce  
Mr. and Mrs. C. M. "Ike" Sharp

COL Robert L. Utle  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Blackwood

Mr. Earl and Mrs. Mollie Verser  
By: Miss Karen Verser

Mrs. Pearl Wilkerson  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duke  
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson

IN HONOR OF

Mrs. Jackie Chase  
By: Mrs. Carrie D. Kaniss

Mr. James and Mrs. Cindy Cunningham  
By: Dr. Richard D. Wilhelm

Dr. Michael R. Ford  
By: Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Daily

Dr. Carl and Mrs. Rozelle Goodson  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Raouf J. Halaby

Mr. Herbert and Mrs. Eloise Hamilton  
By: Mrs. Evelyn Ward

Mr. Johnny and Mrs. Sharon Heflin

By: Mrs. Catherine H. Mayton

Ms. Lisa Hill  
By: Mrs. Mary L. Howell

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kaniss, Sr.  
By: Mrs. Carrie D. Kaniss

Drs. Jeff and Deborah Root  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holley

Mrs. Ann Sell  
By: Dr. Richard D. Wilhelm

Mr. Charles and Mrs. Judy Shanks  
By: Dr. Richard D. Wilhelm

Miss Rachel L. Stivers  
By: Dr. and Mrs. John D. Floyd

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Wilhelm, Jr.  
By: Dr. Richard D. Wilhelm

Mr. Jack Wilhelm  
By: Dr. Richard D. Wilhelm

Mrs. Margaret Wilhelm  
By: Dr. Richard D. Wilhelm

Mr. Billy G. and Mrs. Norma Williams  
By: Rev. Phillip and Dr. Karen Bullington  
Dr. and Mrs. Michael R. Williams

Dr. and Mrs. Vester E. Wolber  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Joe S. Jeffers

# Class Notes

Gamma Phi Social Club, of which she was a charter member. Some girls met in her dorm room to begin this group with distinctive Christian purposes.

1946

**Virginia Leigh (Swaim) White** has completed two years as associate pastor at Westover Baptist Church. She also serves as supply pastor for several churches in the Mount Vernon (VA) Baptist Association, as well as associational WMU Director. She and husband, John, live in Arlington.

**Marian (Lewallyn) Wisely (fs)** retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone and lives in Hot Springs with husband, Ross.

**Claud and Atha Hughes** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 6, 2000 in Monroe, LA. He had served as pastor of Oak Ridge Baptist Church for fifteen years.

1947

**Mary (Jernigan) Seaton** writes she and husband, **C.H. ('44)**, are enjoying retirement. He retired after 22 years with Arkansas Baptist State Convention; she retired after teaching in the Little Rock school district for fifteen years. She is church pianist at Woodlawn Baptist. They live in Little Rock and celebrated 53 years of marriage in June 2000.

**Marvin Tate** spent three months last fall teaching at Singapore Baptist Theology Seminary, and lecturing at Hong Kong Baptist Seminary and Seinan Gakain University in Fukuoka, Japan. He and wife, Julia, live in Louisville, KY.

1948

**Velma Jean (Woolly) Allison** currently serves as minister of music and organist for Memorial Baptist Church in Hampton, VA.

**Ruth Holt Lowery** is owner and instructor of Broadway School of Real Estate in Little Rock, the oldest real estate school in Arkansas.

**Calvin Ussery** writes that 2001 will mark 60 years in the ministry (as well as his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday in July). He and wife, Juanita, live in McKinney, TX.

1949

**Vera (Sallee) McClain** lives at Shangri La Resort near Mt. Ida, AR, where she retired to after teaching school in Smackover and Little Rock. She enjoys fishing, traveling, playing bridge, quilting and working with different organizations, especially her church.

1950

**Roy and Loretta (Austin) Nix** of North Little Rock celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary December 24, 2000, with a reception at Montrose Baptist Church.

**Jesse Stogsdill** had a massive stroke in February 1999. Wife, Mary, writes he is unable to speak, but communicates by pictures and gestures. He enjoys TV, tapes and CDs, and going to church. They live at 1888 Constance Drive in Vermillion, SD 57069, if friends want to write.

1951

**Robert and Thelma Ready** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 11, 2001 in Oakton, VA.

**Roy Carroll** retired as senior vice president of academic affairs, University of North Carolina system, effective December 31, 2000. He and wife, Eleanor, live in Chapel Hill, NC.

Arthur "Ott" and **Cora Lee (Sparks) Ray** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary March 4. She retired from teaching in Hot Springs School District and he retired as district manager for Arkansas Power & Light. They have four grown children and live in Hot Springs.

**James Ed Johnson** lives in Little Rock with wife, Sunny. He writes that their daughter, Mona, serves as missionary to Ghana with her husband, Dr. Earl Hewitt.

**Neil "Bud" and Lou (Warren) Moore** were married in 1951. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. He retired from Allstate Insurance and they have lived in Austin, TX since 1982.

**Katherine (Hendrix) Aratani** and husband, Roy, live in Kaneohe, HI, where she's director of Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair, director of Lay Speaking Ministries/Hawaii District, president of Honolulu Chorale and member of the Methodist Church.

**James and Gena (Ledbetter) Hampton** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August 2000, with a reception hosted by their four children in Marble Falls, TX.

**Ada Ruth (Daniel) Curry (fs)** is a retired teacher from White Hall (AR) school district. She has two children and four grandchildren.

1952

**Janie (Scarlett) Winkelman** is retired, but serves as Area V Director for Arkansas Retired Teachers Assn., is active in various capacities with Jefferson County Retired Teachers Assn., and is financial secretary on board of directors for Pine Bluff Boys and Girls Club.

**Daniel Martin** retired in 1997 from Kansas State University Student Health Service. During the past 10 years, he and wife, Helen, have been to East Africa six times to serve in mission hospitals. What a blessing they received!

**Mamie Ruth (Stranburg) Abernathy** has served as morning organist at Central Baptist Church in

Hot Springs since 1994, following the death of **Evelyn Bowden ('30 and former music faculty**, who served a 47-year "interim until they could get an organist"). Mamie Ruth says she served as pianist for three years and organist for 38-1/2 years at Second Baptist Church, resigning in 1989.

**Bud and Jane (Dawley) Fray** live in Crossville, TN. His new book, released in November 2000, is entitled "It is Enough?"

1953

**Bertha (Moseley) Monfee** and husband, Andy, live in Pine Bluff where they are both retired. She's a former teacher and he was a veterinarian. They enjoy traveling and visiting their eight grandchildren.

1954

**Richard "Lefty" Luster** and wife, **Romaine (Hall, fs53)**, live in Big Springs, TX, "with no pesky phone." They do answer mail and would love to hear from friends who can write at 208 East Robinson Road, Big Springs, TX 79220. He returned to his Korean War U.S. Marine Corps Brigade battle area in 1999 and was presented with a medal from the Korean Navy League. He also writes that he was sorry to read of the death of Otis Turner, the PAT kicker he replaced in 1951 after Otis graduated. They remember fondly Otis' mother, who was the freshman dorm mom for Ms. Luster.

**Trudy (Brown) Esry** retired from the Independence (MO) School District after 31 years of teaching.

1955

**Charlie Belknap** retired last year after serving as pastor for nine years, superintendent of Arkansas Baptist Children's Home in Monticello for 18 years, and nine years as clinical social worker for Delta Counseling.

**Betsy (Ross) Brar** is often asked why she changed her name to "Candy Brar." She writes that she didn't; it was changed for her. When she moved to Nashville, TN, in 1969, she began working as publicist for Boudleaux Bryant, a popular songwriter. The entertainment editor for the Nashville Banner starting writing clips on her and did so weekly for years, especially when she started her own company in 1979 - and dubbed her "Candy." It stuck!

**Marilyn (Mooney) Stark** writes that in April 2000, she met **April Jean (Protiva) Sixbey, Velva (Vest) Huddleston, Pat (Mooney) Anderson and Lil (Burnett) Jobe** in Natchez, MS, for a mini reunion and a tour of the antebellum homes. Had a GREAT time and look forward to meeting next year at Ouachita for their reunion.

**Dalton Barnes** is a retired army and police chaplain and presently an interim pastor at Victory Baptist in Long, OK. He and wife, Krys, live in Alma, AR.

1956

**Phyllis (Denty) Edmonson (fs)**, an artist living in Ashdown, AR, has been selected to be included in the Marquis biographical directory, Who's Who in America.

**Bob Norvell**, a retired Southern Baptist pastor with a 40-year tenure, is serving as interim pastor for Booneville (AR) First Baptist Church. He and wife, Edna, live in Fort Smith and celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary in January.

**Charles Stender** will retire on June 10, 2001, after 45 years coaching and teaching. He and wife, Jeanne, live in Little Rock.

**Loma Plumlee** of Ash Flat, AR, recently retired as elementary teacher after 37 years.

**Russell Brazzel (fs)** is a resource teacher for Weld County School District in Greeley, CO.

**John and Helen (Nutt) Floyd** moved from Germany to Collierville, TN, where he's vice president for administrative affairs, director of doctorate of ministry program and chairman of missions dept. at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Germantown. He retired from the SBC International Mission Board in July 2000 after serving as area director for Europe from 1993-97 and regional leader for central-eastern Europe from 1997-2000.

1957

**Marjorie (Witherington) Crump** lives in Mobile, AL with husband, Jim. They are retired and enjoy spending time with five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They also volunteer with ESL students and Sunshine Builders, a program similar to Habitat for Humanity.

**Ollie Trout** pastors Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. He and wife, **Thelma (Conant)** live in Bismarck.

**Gilbert and Jan (McPherson) Rainey** live in Jonesboro, where he's a self-employed engineer and she's a homemaker.

**John Johnson** lives in Alameda, CA, and would love to hear from his former classmates (1954-1958). They can email him at [ptolemy1@aol.com](mailto:ptolemy1@aol.com).

1958

**Maryhol (Olsson) Hargis** has been selected as 2001 Woman of the Year by American Business Women's Association. She represented the Acropolis Chapter, one of seven chapters in that Association. She also has 27 years perfect attendance with this group. She

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and husband, Howard, live in Jacksonville, AR.

**Ron and Sylvia (Emmons) Hopkins** owned a gift shop in Eureka Springs for 18 years. They have now retired and moved to Rogers and enjoying their nine grandchildren (three were born in 2000).

**Paul and Betty Parker** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 5, 2001. They live in Vilonia, AR.

1959

**Cecil and Jerry (Grounds, '62) Yates** love retirement in Holly Springs, NC. They enjoy living close to their grandchildren, Jordan 5, Nicholas 2, Tanner 2 and Madelyn, almost one.

1960

**James and Shirley Burleson** were honored in February by Indian Springs Baptist Church of Bryant (AR) in recognition of their retiring from the church's music ministry, following four years of service. They have formed and incorporated Jericho Ministries to help small churches with leadership needs.

**Tom and Jo (Pendergrast, '57) Dixon** live in Clarksville, TN, where he has taught history at A.P.S.U. since 1966. Jo is retired from teaching and enjoys traveling. They have three grown children: Deidre, an attorney in Greenville, SC; Alison, a school psychologist in Fairbanks, AK; and Thomas, a computer expert in Clarksville, TN.

**Tom Wallace** lives in Pass Christian, MS, and would love to hear from former classmates. They can contact him at [bluwall11549@aol.com](mailto:bluwall11549@aol.com) or 114 Wenmar Drive in Pass Christian

39571.

1961

**Marvin Keenan** retired in 1993 as a colonel with U.S. Army Reserve and from Oklahoma Dept. of Corrections after 20 years of credited service as chaplain of both. He and wife, Shirlene, who is recovering from leukemia, live in Rogers, AR.

**Virginia (Horton-Bledsoe) Turnage** is full-time faculty/administrator for Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Off-Campus Academic Programs (military programs).

Her responsibility includes teaching for SIUC on military bases across the country. She and husband, Clyde, live in Bartlett, TN.

1962

**Edwina (Walls) Mann** took early retirement in June 2000 from UAMS in Little Rock after 35 years as librarian in charge of history of medicine and the archives. She was named Emeritus Professor/Librarian by that organization.

**Shelby (Funk) Burruss** retired from teaching and works in an antique shop in Linville, VA. She enjoys her eight grandchildren.

**Ted and Mary (Ridgell) Stanton** are enjoying their work at Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, where he's general director and she's editor of children's resources. They will soon complete 25 years of service as missionaries with the SBC International Mission Board. Last year was trying for them because he was hospitalized three times, finally receiving a heart pacemaker just before Thanksgiving. Friends can contact them by email at [stantonmary@juno.com](mailto:stantonmary@juno.com).

**Verna Ruth (Westerman) Piper** plans to retire from teaching in June 2001. She has taught high

school family and consumer sciences in Salem, IL for 34 years. She has two sons and two grandchildren and is active in Salem First Baptist Church.

**Bonita (Liles) Watts** and husband, John, made their 7<sup>th</sup> mission trip, going to Venezuela in February 2001. He built church buildings and she worked with VBS and women's projects. She is culinary director at the Bama Pie Kitchen and Cooking School in Tulsa, OK

1963

**Winston and Tonna (Taylor, '65) Duke** recently retired from public education. He had 38 years of coaching and teaching (32 years at Richardson (TX) High School) and she retired from an assistant athletic director's position.

**Margaret (Haley) Rowe (fs)** lives in Germantown, TN, and is employed by Fed Ex in Memphis.

**Barbara (Corrington) Tolar** retired from SBC International Mission Board after 28 years in Nigeria. She and husband, Jack, live in San Antonio where she's chaplain for women's services at the Methodist Hospital.

**Marcie (Barnes) Smith** retired after 35 years as an elementary teacher. She LOVES retirement!!

**Joe and JoAnn (Fielding) Williamson** live in Jacksonville, AR, where she retired from teaching after 34 years and he works for Graymar Electric in Little Rock.

1964

**Wayne and Jan (O'Neel) Haver** reside in Fort Smith, where he's principal of Southside High School, a School of Excellence for the third time. She retired after teaching for 33 years. He recently chartered the Fort Smith Air Museum to honor pioneers of aviation in that area.

After years in New York and Europe, **James Rowland** and wife, Martile, moved to Colorado Springs, CO, where he's a psycho therapist specializing in geriatrics. She's an opera singer, formerly performing with Metropolitan Opera Company and Opera Orchestra of New York.

**Wanda (Moore) Thorp** is a RN and trainer case manager for Senior Specialist. She graduated last year from Leadership Hot Springs and is very active in Hot Springs First Baptist Church.

1965

**Harold Ellis** is chaplain for Bell County Sheriff's Office in Belton, TX. He is also executive director of J.A.I.L. Ministry, Inc., (Jesus Acts in Inmates Lives), which is a non-profit group that directs 18 different faith-based programs. He and wife Sharon, have two children and 2 grandchildren. Email is

[ellisjail@cs.com](mailto:ellisjail@cs.com).

1966

**Benjamin Mau** took early retirement in 1977 as a senior Internet analyst to devote his life to painting watercolors. Since then, his paintings have been featured in many books. He is a signature member of American Watercolor Society and National Watercolor Society. His biography is published in Marquis Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, and Who's Who in American Art. Friends can contact him at [bmou@juno.com](mailto:bmou@juno.com).

**Doug and Patty (Laster) Lowe (fs)** live in Sherwood, AR and write they are proud grandparents of twin girls, one year old.

**Wanda Rice** is librarian at East End Elementary School in Sheridan, after teaching for 15 years in Hughes, AR. Having taught for over 35 years, she is seriously considering retirement.

**Bill Baker** retired in November 2000 as minister of education at Blytheville (AR) First Baptist Church. He and wife, **Mari (Kirkpatrick, fs'65)**, moved to Rogers, AR where he is general manager of a Christian business.

**Thomas Martin** has lived in Michigan for 35 years, serving as vocational pastor, staff member, pastor, church planter, and now for past 15 years, in the Bay Area Baptist Association as a church starter strategist/associational missionary coordinator. He and wife, Sandra, live in Auburn, MI.

1967

**Carolyn (Yeldell) Staley (fs)** has served since 1994 as deputy director of the National Institute for Literacy in Washington, DC. She continues to sing, and performs regularly in concerts and recitals in the area, even going to Russia as a soloist with the Boston Opera. She and husband, Jerry, have three grown children and live in McLean, VA, where she's a deacon at McLean Baptist Church.

**Johnny Heflin** was inducted into Arkansas Tennis Hall of Fame at the January induction. The Heflin family (**Johnny, Sharon (Windham, '67), sons Jay ('93) and Marc ('95)**) were honored by the Arkansas Tennis Association as the Arkansas Tennis Family of the Year in 1988.

**Roger and Libby (Bost, '88) Harrod** live in Maumelle and, effective February 2001, he's chief legal counsel for the Arkansas Employment Security Department in Little Rock.

**Lewis Sims** is minister to senior adults, working part time with Crestview Baptist in Georgetown, TX, where he has worked for 21 years, 17 years as minister of music.

**Larry and Jan (Campbell, fs)**

## OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY TIGER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE • 2001

Sept.	1	Henderson State	Home	7:00
	8	Open		
	15	*Univ. of Central Ark.	Conway	6:00
	22	*Southern Ark. Univ.	Home	7:00
	29	*Arkansas Tech Univ.	Russellville	6:00
Oct.	6	*Univ. of Ark./Monticello	Monticello	2:00
	13	*Univ. of North Alabama	Home	2:00
	20	*St. Univ. of West Georgia	Carrlton, GA	7:00
	27	*Univ. of West Alabama	Livingston, AL	2:00
Nov.	3	*Valdosta State Univ.	Home	2:00
	10	**Harding University	Home	2:00

\*Conference Games

\*\*Homecoming

# Class Notes

**Bone** live in Fort Worth where he's president of a new 2-year Christian equestrian school, Mission Ridge.

1968

**John and Terri (Shaver) Brooks** reside in Crandall, TX. He retired from Federal Bureau of Prisons and currently serves as pastor of Central Baptist. She, a former elementary school principal, chose to return to her first love—first grade teacher.

**Tom Bolton** was named Dean of the School of Church Music and Worship at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, as of February 1, 2001. Wife, **Mary (Wilkerson, fs)** stays busy as president of the Faculty Wives Club and director of Friendship International Chorus. They are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, Kaitlyn, daughter of son and daughter-in-law, **Bryan and Erin Bolton ('94)**.

**Joseph Joice** retired from International Paper Co. and lives in Scottsdale, AZ, with wife, Claudia.

**Robert McDaniel** is pastor of Otter Creek Baptist Church in Little Rock.

**Raouf Halaby**, professor of history and art at Ouachita, was reappointed in January by Gov. Mike Huckabee to serve on the Arkansas Humanities Council.

1969

**Carolyn June (Thurmond) Brooks** is a library media specialist in the Springdale (AR) Public Schools. She was recently named by her peers for the AAIM State Media Specialist of the Year for 2001. Husband, Charles, recently retired from the Arkansas State Police after 27 years and has begun his own business.

**Janie Reece Russell** is director of curriculum and instruction for Benton (AR) Public Schools.

**Clarence and Molly (Brown, '73) Wooten** live in Bismarck. After coaching and teaching for 17 years, he is a DeGray Lake ranger for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She is education and training consultant for Arkansas Dept. of Human Services, Developmental Disabilities Services division.

**Nita (Nicholson) Redmond** is in her 30<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, and currently is teaching music to grades K-6 in Mesquite, TX. She and husband, Glenn, live in Dallas and write that son, Ross, will be majoring in jazz studies at University of No. Texas in fall 2001.

**Jim and Vicki (Bryan) Stewart** are in Norman, OK, where he's minister of family life at First Baptist Church and she teaches first grade at Monroe Elementary.

**Barry Wilson** is a sales consultant for Group Benefits for Marsh Advantage America, a division of

Marsh McLennan Co. Last year he finished in the Top 5 in the nation and was selected to serve on the Director's Council Board. He and wife, Hermie, live in Tulsa, OK.

**Steve Hyde** has been coordinating producer for eleven years for Capital Concerts in Washington, DC. His company produces Memorial Day and Fourth of July concerts for the U.S. Capital presented live on PBS. He and **Laura Jean (Robbins)** live in Mount Airy, MD.

**Nora (Nettles) Tuck** and husband, Charlie, are returning to Romania on a mission trip for the second year. She will work in orphanages and he will head up a construction team to finish a children's camp. Trip is sponsored by their church, Christ Covenant in Matthews, NC.

**Elizabeth Sue (Priest) Henke** is clinical director at Missouri Baptist Children's Home. She and husband, Kent, live in Chesterfield, MO.

1970

**John Saunders** began his sixth year as professor of pastoral care and counseling at Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock

**Tom Hargis** was appointed September 1, 2000, as secretary of the Army-Air Force Mutual Aid Association, the insurance assistance program for military personnel. Following his 1995 retirement from a 25-year Army career and five years as diversified financial management and leadership experience in the Department of Defense, he worked as a private consultant and employee of two defense contractors in the Northern Virginia area, with past five years as a senior financial analyst. He and wife, Sharon, live in Fairfax, VA.

**Ed Simpson** was appointed deputy command chaplain for the 90<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command, USAR, in North Little Rock.

**Steve Hand**, band director of the Barbe High School Concert Band in Lake Charles (LA), writes that his band won Grand Champion for the third inauguration in a row in Washington, DC. He and wife, Dr. Judith Hand, professor of flute at McNeese State University, will travel to China this summer to adopt an infant girl.

**Larry Dean Sherman** began April 1 as pastor of Owensville (AR) Baptist Church, coming from Jonesboro where he was associate pastor at Walnut Street Baptist.

**Steve Allen** is head of ceramic department in Art Department at Henderson State University, where he's been on staff for five years. He lives at Bismarck and has three grown children.

**Ed Gillow** writes he would have graduated in '70 but transferred to University of Arkansas to receive his engineering degree. He left the corporate world in 1999 to pursue his life long dream of being a TV and

film actor. In 2000, he had minor roles in four movies: Simone, Al, Jurassic Park III and Ali (all to be released at a later date) and has had several appearances on TV in episodes of ER, West Wing, Family Law, Seventh Heaven and Angel. He and wife, Joan, live in Laguna Beach, CA.

**Sam Adkins**, a licensed professional counselor in private practice in North Little Rock, serves as chaplain and therapist for St. Vincent's Health Systems.

**Larry Lefler** has worked as a business consultant with UALR Arkansas Small Business Development Center since 1994. His office is located in Stuttgart, where he and wife, Charlotte, live. He also provides consulting assistance to small business owners.

1971

**Donald McCutcheon** works at Textron Financial Corporation at its world headquarters in Providence, RI. He and wife, Patty, welcomed birth of son, Kyle Robert, on November 28, 2000. His other son, Steven, a graduate of Norwich (VT) University, is waiting for orders from the U.S. Air Force. "Greetings to all my former classmates!!"

**Rebecca (Fulbright) Cox** teaches advanced placement English at Fayetteville (AR) High School. She also sponsors "Connotations" literacy magazine, is a consultant for College Board, and a reader and table leader for AP English Language national exam.

**Jack Cook** is a standardization pilot and air ground safety officer with DynCorp at Fort Rucker and lives in Ozark, AL.

**Steve and Sandy (Hughes, '72) Peoples** live in Fort Smith where he is coaching football and track at Chaffin Junior High School. She teaches fifth grade English in Greenwood. They have four grandchildren.

1972

**Neal Sumerlin** of Lynchburg, VA, has been named one of three mentors to the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad team, which is sponsored by the American Chemical Society. In the first year of his 3-year term, he will conduct a two-week study camp at the Air Force Academy for 20 of the nation's brightest high school chemistry students, four of whom will represent the United States at International Chemistry Olympiad in Bombay, India. In the summer of 2002, he will accompany the team to the Netherlands; and in 2003, to Greece. He's in his 26<sup>th</sup> year as professor and coordinator of the chemistry program of Lynchburg College. He writes he is back to his first love—teaching—and no more of that "oppressive administrative paperwork!"

**John Robbins** is a judge on Arkansas Court of Appeals. He and wife, Diane, live in Hot Springs.

**David Proffitt** is manager of Lowe's Home Centers in Mobile, AL. He and wife, Lyn, have a daughter, Stacey, who's a junior at University of Alabama.

1973

**Ken Overton** pastors First Baptist Church in Horseshoe Bend, AR. He and wife, Hope, have two children: **Christina** (sophomore at OBU), and **Adam** (freshman at OBU).

**Edna (Woodruff) Leverson** lives in Highlands Ranch, CO, with husband, Bruce, a pilot for Northwest Airlines. Their two children, Kimberly and Kevin, are attending Cedarville University near Dayton, OH.

**Wayne and Jan (Tabor) Peeples** are in Smackover where he's employed by Lion Oil and she teaches second grade. They are the parents of two graduating seniors: Heather (from Ouachita) and Matt (from Smackover High School).

**Cherie (Faulkner) Stevenson** teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Fort Smith. Husband, **Bob (fs71)** is director of safety and security for Fort Smith Public Schools. Son, **Bob II ('97 OBU graduate)** lives in California where he's pursuing an acting career.

**L.S. "Buddy" and Joan (Fennell, fs'72) Goodwin** are the proud parents of Rhodes Scholar Ben Goodwin. Ben is a student at Hendrix College. Daughter **Nancy** is a current Ouachita student.

**Rex and Ginger (Ashcraft) Terry** are also the proud parents of a Rhodes Scholar. Their daughter **Anna** is a student at Arkansas State University.

1974

**Cathy (Womack) Jamieson** works at Castle Hills First Baptist High School in San Antonio, TX.

**James West** is director for the Southwest area for John Staurulakis, Inc, a consulting firm with over 1,500 small telephone companies as clients. He and wife, Wanette, live in Austin, TX.

**Randall Cross** resigned the first of this year as pastor of North Main Baptist Church in Crossett due to medical problems after serving that church for 15 years.

**Sheila (Imus) Thomas** teaches at Brinkley (AR) Public Schools.

**Paulo Barbosa** lives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he's director for B.I.O. (Brasil Ilhas Orientais) International Trade Company. Would love to hear from old friends. Home email: [pcabarbosa@uol.com.br](mailto:pcabarbosa@uol.com.br) or business email: [ilhasorientais@hotmail.com](mailto:ilhasorientais@hotmail.com).

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**Archie "Dorvan" Wiley** is general manager for Therma-Tru in Van Buren, AR. He and wife, Mikie, have five children. Daughter, **Amanda**, is a junior at Ouachita.

**Debbie (Floyd) Hendricks (fs)** is office manager for Farmers Insurance in El Dorado.

**Sheila (Powell) Strickland** and husband, Richard, live in Fort Worth. She is celebrating 14 years as office manager and administrative assistant at The Church in Cityview. He's an elder at the church and president of Cawley, Gillespie & Associates, a petroleum engineering consulting firm. They have two children: Sandra and Mark. She can be contacted at [SStrickland@tcicv.org](mailto:SStrickland@tcicv.org).

**Andy Vining** is in his second year as superintendent of schools at Marshall, AR. He and wife, Gina, a clinic health nurse at Searcy County Health Dept., have four children: Drew 17, Justin 14, Jenny 11 and Caroline 8.

**Ken and Michele (Roussel, '75) Wasson** live in North Little Rock where he's research coordinator for Arkansas Municipal League and she teaches school. They have two sons: **Kenny**, a sophomore at Ouachita, and **Michael**, a senior at North Little Rock High School.

**Mary Kaye Sandford (fs74)** is Associate Dean at the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, NC.

## 1975

**Jo Keah (Anderson) Teague** and husband, Mike, live in Alexandria, VA, where he's an attorney and she is a full-time mother to two daughters and a part-time seminary student, pursuing her masters in Christian counseling and discipleship.

**Larry Grosskopf** is a clinical psychologist at San Antonio State Hospital, division of Texas Dept. of Mental Health-Mental Retardation. He and wife of 10 years, Marta, have two children: Zoe, 8, and Jackson, 6. He sends "greetings to all Ouachitonians and Go Tigers!!" He can be reached at [larrygg22@email.com](mailto:larrygg22@email.com).

**David and Janet (Battles) Wesley** live in Cave City, AR, where he's minister of youth and education at Salado Baptist Church and she teaches for Cave City public schools.

**Jim Hankins**, an Arkadelphia dentist, completed the Team Periodontal Therapies course in January at The Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education in Key Biscayne, FL.

**Yumiko (Fukushima) Tani (fs)** lives in Dobbs Ferry, NY with husband, Masafumi, and is attending Alliance Theological Seminary studying Christian counseling.

**Randall and Glenetta (Jarrett, fs'74) Turner** live in Arkadelphia where he's a partner in the Taylor, Rodgers and Turner CPA firm. They have two married children, Shasta (HSU) and **Cale (OBU senior)** and one grandchild, Turner, 2.

## 1976

**Aaron Cook** is chemical production/operations manager for Chevron-Phillips Chemical Co. and lives in Liberty, TX.

**Mike Pryor** was appointed in February as president and CEO of Lenders Title Company, which has offices over the state. He lives in Jonesboro, where wife, **Linnette (Baughman)**, has been CEO of David Puryear, Inc. since 1989.

**Tim Norrell**, director of sales for Salon Service Group, Inc., lives in Nixa, MO, outside of Springfield, with his wife, Ruth. They have three children: Tara, 21, a nursing student at Truman State University; Ben, 18, a freshman in college; and Luke, 10, a fourth grader.

**Jon and Kenna (Threet, '81) Grafton** live in Alexandria, LA, where he's executive director of England Economic Industrial Development District, a former military base. She works for Jobs for America's Graduates. They have two sons: Don, 16, and Ken, 10.

## 1977

**Mark Lowman** is employed with Baptist Health as vice president of strategic development. He and wife, Kim, live in Little Rock with sons, Jack 12, and Nathan, 7. Daughter Liz, 23, lives in California.

**Mike Reynolds**, who has served as head basketball coach at Ouachita since 1989, resigned in February to accept another position at the university. He has led the program through periods of transition including a move from NAIA to NCAA-Division II; and moves from Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference (AIC) to independent status to the Lone Star Conference, and finally to the Gulf South Conference. He and wife, **Donna (Cox, '79)** have three daughters, Lauren 16, Lindsey 13, and Leslie 11.

**Lisa (Brown) Thomas**, who lives in Anna, TX, is music director at First Christian Church in Allen, TX, and is pursuing a doctorate at UNT. She also serves as pianist for the Garland, Las Colinas and Arlington symphonies. She has two sons, Orion Thomas, 9, and Heath Zion, 3. On a sad note, her husband, Pat, passed away in January 2000 from a sudden heart attack.

**Steven Winkle** is operations service manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone and lives in Hot Springs.

In August 2000, **Bill Sutley** joined the faculty of Auburn University as assistant professor of jour-

nalism.

**Tina Manning** is attorney editor for Lexis-Nexis in Cincinnati, OH.

**Joyce (Ball) Nabors** and husband, Mike, live in Springdale, AR, where she's a teacher in Springdale Public School and he's a salesman for Peterbilt. They have two children: Taylor, 16, and Tanner, 12.

## 1978

**David White (fs)** is senior safety coordinator for Public Service Co. of Oklahoma.

**Mike Fowler** lives in Hickory Ridge, AR, and is self employed as an embalmer and a real estate appraiser. He and wife, Laurie, have three children: Cara, 18 (a freshman at University of Arkansas), Elli, 7, and Abby, 6.

**Marc and Janis (Knipmeyer, '80) Bremer** live in Hot Springs. Since receiving her MSE in school administration in 1999 from Henderson, she has been principal of Jessieville Middle School, and continues to teach one class of advanced English. He is in management with HiTech Engineering and is doing a great deal of singing with Second Baptist Church. Their older daughter, Mariclyn Renee, is a junior at Baylor and plans to be married this summer; and younger daughter, Teresa Jelaine, is a freshman at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs where she's a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps.

**James "Stephen" Cox (fs)** has been employed by Dow Chemical for 22 years. He lives in Houston in the Clear Lake area and has three daughters, ages 22, 19, and 9.

After restoring old houses in Dallas, **John Wiley** and business partner, Bill Sarad, decided to follow their passion - model trains. In November 1999, they opened Eureka Springs Model Railroad Company in Eureka Springs, AR. They offer traditional retail and on-line sales of Marklin, Thomas the Tank, and Whittle Shortline model trains and accessories. Their store has been featured in local and regional media as well as several national publications relating to model railroad hobby. Check out his website at [www.railroadtrain.com](http://www.railroadtrain.com) or email him at [john@railroadtrain.com](mailto:john@railroadtrain.com).

## 1979

**Corliss (Cobb) Smith** was awarded first place for excellence in teaching economics in the primary category by the Arkansas Council on Economic Education. A former second grade teacher at Central Primary School in Arkadelphia, she is now a member of education faculty at Ouachita.

**Robert Cawthorn** was appointed last fall by the Uruguayan Ambassador to be a member of the Board of Directors for the Fulbright Commission in Uruguay, South

America. He has lived and worked in Uruguay since 1993 as president of Frigorifico Canelones, the largest exporter of beef products in that country. He recently received the Award for Corporate Excellence from Secretary of State Madeline Albright on behalf of Frigorifico Canelones of Uruguay. Albright said Frigorifico Canelones has earned "the finest safety record in the meat industry" in addition to demonstrating its respect for the environment by receiving Uruguay's Green Certificate.

**Karen (Matthews) Collins** is a senior analyst for Entergy Svc, Inc. in Conway.

**Theresa (Braughton) Crichton** lives in Duncanville, TX, with husband, Peter, and daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, 4. She's a remedial high school math teacher and he's employed by U. S. Post Office.

**Keith Rutledge** will be taking his Siloam Springs (AR) High School band to central Europe in July 2001 to participate in Luxembourg's International Festival of Music, a festival established to honor U.S. servicemen who died liberating their country in World War II. The band will also perform in Geneva, Switzerland, and will visit Munich, Dachau, Paris and the Normandy invasion beaches.

**Sheri (McMullan) Swindler** directs a 55-voice girls' chorus at Walnut Valley Christian Academy in Little Rock. She and husband, Bryce, have three daughters, Kirstin, Whitney and Maria.

**Craig Vire** received his doctor of ministry degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in May 2000. He has served as pastor for 15 years at Bethesda Baptist Church in Burleson, TX. He and wife, Pamela, have two daughters, Allison, 14, and Jillian, 12.

**Joe Morin** teaches at Heizer Junior High School in Hobbs, NM.

**Dan and Sherree (Millwood, '77) Telford** live in Nashville, AR, where he's associated with the Millwood Trucking family business and she's a registered dietitian at Medical Park Hospital in Hope. They have two children, Jason (who will be a freshman at Ouachita next fall) and Emily, 14.

## 1980

**Mandel and Carole (Sorrells, fs79) Brockinton** live in Flower Mound, TX, with three children, Laura 16, Mary Grace 12, and Bruce 10.

**Ronald Winkle**, after seven years as cost accountant for Windsor Door in Little Rock, has a new position as a quotation specialist with that company.

**Jim Cornwell** and wife, Mary, moved to Arkadelphia where he's an optometrist with Arkansas Eye Surgery.



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**Mike Marshall** is director of pharmacy for St. Vincent Medical Center in Sherwood. He and wife, Ginger, live in Conway.

**Mary (Stivers) Albritton** lives in Joplin, MO, with husband, Larry, and sons, Aaron, 17, and Matt, 14. She's a counselor with Seneca (MO) R-7 school district, and Larry owns and operates Western Sizzlin' Steak House in Joplin.

**Bobby Johnston** is president of Flow-Tech Supply, Inc. in Orange, TX.

**Linda Pondexter (MSE)** serves as president of the Arkansas Education Association, the largest educational association in the state. She was the first African-American to graduate from Hendrix College in Conway and went on to receive her masters degree from Ouachita. She was also the first teacher to serve as a member of the Little Rock School Board. She lives in Little Rock.

**Tina Murdock** is music librarian for Dallas Public Library.

**Ronald Brown (fs)** is an associate at K-Mart in Waterford, MI.

**David King** retired from the Army in 1996 and currently works for GPI as a software-system analyst in Lawton, OK.

## 1981

**David Fletcher**, an investment banker for Stephens, Inc., writes he was on campus last fall and it looked wonderful! He and wife, Kay, live in Fayetteville, AR.

**Denise (Duren) Edds** is the music instructor at Garland County Community College in Hot Springs where she directs the choral groups and teaches core curriculum music classes. She also sings extensively throughout the region in opera and music theater, and is now adding big band jazz arrangements to her repertoire.

**Diane (Hopson) Axle** and husband, Rich, live in Allen, TX, where she is product line manager for C&F Insurance and he's project engineer for FSI International.

**Robbie (Clifton) Pinter** was promoted to full professor of English at Belmont College in Nashville, TN. She will receive a sabbatical for the 2001-02 year.

**LaJuana (Terrell) Warner** is the choral director for Annie Camp Junior High School in Jonesboro, AR.

## 1982

**Kirk Bullington**, music evangelism strategist and music editor for Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, received word that his ethnomusicology paper was published by Lifeway's "Church Musician Today" magazine and will be reprinted in "Light and Life" magazine. Also two of his songs have been accepted by Warner Brothers and an anthem, based on Psalm

150, was accepted by Monarch Music.

**Teresa Sharp** lives in Harrison, AR, where she's taught at Bergman School for 19 years. She is also music leader of Southside Baptist Church in Lead Hill, AR.

**Julie (DeFreece) Cole** leads a busy life. She's teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies and English, leads a monthly mystery book discussion group, is an active member of Missouri Mycological Society, and recently began stream ecology with the local Sierra Club. She has two children: Ben, 10, and Rachel, 5, and lives in Ellisville, MO.

**Donna (McKenzie) Gosser** is worship arts director for Second Baptist Church in Little Rock.

## 1983

**Stephanie (Williams) Corley** lives in Thorndale, TX, with husband, John, where they breed and raise quarter and paint horses.

**Dr. Paul Jacobs** has joined the faculty of The Criswell College in Dallas as associate professor of counseling.

**Cheryl (Warren) Bradford** just returned from participating in the Josh McDowell Carelift 2001 trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, where they delivered Bibles, food, clothing and teddy bears to orphans. She lives in Keller, TX.

**Carlos and Shannon (Bowen) Ichter**, SBC missionaries in Germany, serve in the East Bavaria Church planting team where, along with other missionaries, they have started new German churches and home-cell groups. He serves as a music consultant for the German Baptist Union, recently organized a German Baptist Musician's Fellowship, and produced an accompaniment CD to be used in home Bible study groups. They have three children: Leslyn 12, Christian 9, and Daniela 2.

**Bruce and Edie (Barrett) Coleman** live in Fort Worth where he's employed with Albertsons.

**Cathy (Carter) Gottsponer** is a freelance copywriter/editor in Fayetteville, AR, where she lives with husband, Louis, and two children, Levi, 6, and Josie, 3. She's also involved in a variety of church, charitable and civic interests in addition to her editorial work with publishers, public speakers and a graphic design firm.

**William Keaster** is assistant principal at Nashville (AR) Junior High School. He and wife, Lyn, have twin boys, Blake and Drew, 13.

**Joe Dan Reed** is employed as a fundraiser for Providence Healthcare Network in Waco, TX. Very active in the community including serving as treasurer of board for the Advocacy Center, vice president for programs, president-elect

for the AFP Central Texas Chapter, and is a new board member for the Arthritis Foundation. He and wife, Susan, live in Woodway, TX.

**Rick Briscoe** writes he is taking 180 high school students from Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, TX, along with adult sponsors, to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland in July 2001 for a music mission trip. His dear friends and former classmates, **Carlos and Shannon Ichter**, will be hosting the choir.

**Sandy (Butler) Osborn** has been promoted to technical sales administrator at ABF Freight System in Fort Smith, where she has worked for 12 years. She and husband, Rick, have two daughters, Beth 15, and Tyffany 11.

**Lisa (McCoy) Harris** and husband, Richard, have lived in Madison, MS, since August 1999, where she works in sales and he's supervisor with Entergy. They have two children: Kyle 10, and Kelly Marie 6.

## 1984

**Susan (Randolph) Braden (fs)** is director of industry for the Roanoke (VA) Rescue Mission. She also sings in the Roanoke Symphony Chorale and has performed in several productions at Mill Mountain Theater. Husband, **Bill ('83)**, sells commercial air conditioning for Hoffman & Hoffman. They have two children: Ashley 15 and Reed 12.

**Detri (McClellan) Brech** is associate professor of dietetics in family and consumer science department at Ouachita. She and husband, Robert, have one daughter, Katie, 7.

**John Greer (fs)** has been promoted to principal and stockholder with Witsell Evans Rasco Architects-Planners, where he's been em-

ployed for more than eight years.

**Cindy (Farnam) Lamb (fs)** and husband, Donald, have been married for over twelve years. They have no children, but have a Pekingese puppy named Molly. They moved back to Russellville in 1993 where she's a branch manager at First Arkansas Valley Bank-WalMart branch. She loves working at the branch bank because she gets to see everyone who comes and goes at Wal Mart.

**Sonja (Clinesmith) Keith** is vice president for marketing and business development at Regions Bank in Conway. She and husband, Tom, are proud parents of James, 6, and Emily, 4, both of whom they adopted March 29, 2000 from Ulianvosk, Russia. She has made several presentations on their experience and trip to Russia and would love to visit with anyone interested in adoption. She can be reached at [Sonja.Keith@conwaycorp.net](mailto:Sonja.Keith@conwaycorp.net).

**Nathan Zimmerman**, a captain and battalion chaplain in U.S. Army, is stationed in Giessen, Germany.

**Mark and Kim Dopson** live in Snellville, GA, where he's director of licensing for Primerica Financial Services.

**Deanette (Ashabraner) Lynch** writes she moved her photography studio from Flippen to her home in Harrison, AR, and at the last minute last August, took a job teaching speech, journalism and drama, as well as serving as senior cheerleaders sponsor, at Bergman High School in Harrison. She and husband, Steve, have two children: Trey and Cassie.

**Robin Birdwell Ishmael**, a school counselor, lives in Collinsville, IL, with husband, Tommy, who's sta-

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**GOLD TIGER** • Hugh and Kathryn (Greenfield) Smith receive Gold Tiger pens and certificates from David Goodman. The class of 1951 was inducted into the Gold Tiger Club on April 20.

# Class Notes



**PLAY BALL** • Randy Schumacher, a freshman from Ft. Worth, Texas (North Crowley High School) pitches for the Tigers. The Tigers are coached by B. J. Brown.

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tioned at Scott Air Force Base.

## 1985

**Stacey (Bailey) Street** and daughter, Bailey, live in Lake Bluff, IL, a northern suburb of Chicago, where she manages two Countrywide Home Loan offices. Bailey is in kindergarten and they love the area – lots to do and see – even though Arkansas will always be “home.” She would love to hear from friends who can reach her at [staceyb63@yahoo.com](mailto:staceyb63@yahoo.com).

**Angela (Morehead) Shields** and husband, Richard, are new owners of Shields Wood Products, formerly Daily Lumber Company in Arkadelphia. They also own Shields Chipping, Inc. They have a daughter, Beth, 10 years old.

**Phil Brown** is a full-time coordinator of youth-student ministers in the River Valley area (metro Fort Smith). At the first of this year, he was selected as coordinator of the Northwest Arkansas Youth Ministers Network. He and wife, **Windy Clarke ('88)**, live in Barling, AR, with daughters, Brittany, 9, and Candace, 6.

**Kim (Wilson) Batey** is an industrial engineer with Orbit Value in Little Rock. She and husband, Anthony, live in Maumelle.

**Leslie (Moore) Elledge** lives in Frisco, TX, with husband, Mark, and children, Audrey 8, and Seth 4. She's in her 7<sup>th</sup> year of running from her home, Delrose Imprinting, a stationary and imprinting business.

## 1986

**B.J. Brown**, head baseball coach at Ouachita, was elected in

January as chair of the South Central Region of NCAA Division II Baseball Coaches Association. He and wife, **Camille (Hardwick, '87)**, have three children: Tiffany, 8, Daniel, 6, and Ashley, 4-1/2.

**Tom Rob Frazier** is an investment banker with Regions Investment Company in Little Rock.

**Steve and Terry (Melton, '87) Castleberry** live in Heber Springs, AR, where he's employed as an investment rep for Edward Jones.

**Karen (Williams) Reed** is a senior analyst in financial planning for ALLTEL Communications in Little Rock. She and husband, David, have two daughters, Taylor, 4, and Reagan, 1.

**Dana and Tamhra (Colliyar) Barnett** reside in Foristell, MO, just outside St. Louis. He's an insurance underwriter with AAA Auto Club and she teaches business education at Francis Howell Central High School. They have two children: Britni, 6, and Brandon, 4. Would love to hear from friends at email [tebarn24@netscape.net](mailto:tebarn24@netscape.net).

**Steve Quinn**, who spent three years (1997-99) with SAU football program, has been named the 15<sup>th</sup> head coach of the Muleriders football program. He and wife, Jodi, are parents of four children: Hannah, Hillary, Nicholas and Troy.

**Reade Mitchell** is communications coordinator with Comcast Cable Communications in Little Rock.

**Lynn Segerstrom** has moved from Tokyo, Japan, to Ida Grove, Iowa, with husband, Toshihura Nishimura, and children: Lisa, 9, and Kent, 5-1/2. She's a travel director for ITA Group.

**Kim (Wooten) Moseley** is a donor program specialist for Mid-America Transplant Services, an organ and tissue procurement organization. She lives in Jonesboro with husband, Baker.

**Greg Weaver** is supervisor of yard operations for Union Pacific Railroad in Pine Bluff. He and wife, Leigh Ann, have twin daughters, 4.

**Don (fs) and Marsha (LaGrone, '87) Oliver** live in Hurst, TX, with children: Amy, 7, Aaron, 3, and Adam, 2. He works for Colonial Savings in Fort Worth in hardware support department, and she's a technical writer at Sabre, Inc. in Southlake.

## 1987

**Fitz Hill**, who has been employed by the University of Arkansas Athletic Dept. since 1992, has accepted the position of head football coach with San Jose State. At 36, this makes him one of the youngest head coaches in Division I-A. He and wife, **Cynthia (Dixon, '90)**, have four children: Destiny, Jade, Faith and Justice.

**Cheri (Gardner) Murphy** teaches business education at West Side Christian School in El Dorado.

**Robert and Sharon (Smith, '89) Pinkston** have taken a year off as furloughing missionaries. They are living in Montreal, Canada, where he serves as assistant soccer coach at Concordia University. They also helped start a downtown church aimed at college students and have begun other projects to reach Montreal-area universities and colleges. The Pinkstons have three children: Zachary, 9, Lindsey, 6, and Haley, 3.

**Karen (Pruitt) McLelland**, a 1999 graduate of Graduate School of Banking at LSU, is cashier at the Bank of Prescott and secretary to the Board of Directors.

**Todd and Robin (Robbins, '86) Thrower** and son, Tymon, 8, have moved back to Nebraska after “an adventure in New Jersey.” They enjoyed a trip last year to India and plan a trip to Brazil this year.

## 1988

**Sheleila (Rhoades) Gracie** and husband, Randall, recently purchased a house in White Hall, AR. They live with their blended family: Joey 6, Alex 11, Benji 11 and Krystal 14.

**Kevin Smith**, a senior programmer-analyst for Walsh Healthcare Solutions, lives in Texarkana, TX with wife, Christy.

**Alberto Gomes** has moved to North Little Rock where he's assistant director of student activities and housing at UAMS in Little Rock.

**Lisa Speer** accepted position of director of archives and special collections at Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau,

in January 2001.

**John Casey (fs)** is staff accountant for Baldwin & Shell Construction Co. in Little Rock.

**Shane and Rachel (Bostian) Engebrecht** live in Clarksville, AR, with Sarah, 5, and John David, 7 months. He is sales coordinator at P.O.M. in Russellville, works in sales at Clarksville Radio Shack and operates Clarksville Computer Services from their home. She stays home with children. They are active in Clarksville First Baptist.

**Mike Auten** celebrated ten years of service as youth minister at Clyde, TX, First Baptist Church and fifteen years in youth ministry.

**Garth Hill** is vice president for Burlington Freight in Indianapolis, IN. He and wife, Kari, have 4-year old twin boys and a 1-year old daughter.

**Ron Waters** is senior manager in marketing decision support for BNSF Railroad. He and wife, Jana, a financial planner, write their oldest son, Zack, 10, was baptized on January 21, 2001, at Memorial Baptist Church in Grapevine, TX. They have another son, Mason, 7.

## 1989

**James “J.J.” Kindred (fs)** moved back to Memphis last summer after five years in Washington, DC. He's an account executive for the Ingram Group, a public relations firm.

**Tom Compton** is comptroller for Denver Roller, Inc. in Little Rock. He and wife, **Jo Beth (Ford, '91)** live in Bismarck and have two children. Jessica, 7 and Jared, 4.

**Brent Houston** recently became a partner in the Benton (AR) law firm of Baxter, Jensen, Young and Houston. Prior to joining this firm, he served as deputy prosecuting attorney for Saline County. He and wife, Lisa, a second-grade school teacher at Bauxite, recently celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Malinda (Lazenby) Stewart** and husband, Joe, live in Pea Ridge, AR, where she teaches math at Pea Ridge High School.

**Jeff and Shanon (Agee) Hum** live in North Little Rock with twins, Jacob and Holly, 8, and Hayden, 4. He's director of marketing-procurement for S.F. Services and she teaches second grade.

**Shelly (Parker) Gentry** and husband, Lee, live in Walnut Ridge. She writes that their daughter, Mary Catherine, was born in January 2000 with a brain tumor, but it has shrunk on its own by the grace of God!! She is a blessing to their families and has caught up on all milestones. She joins a sister, Caroline 5.

## 1990

**Brooks (Benson) Sawyers (fs)** lives in Jonesboro, AR with hus-

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band, David, and four children: Logan 8, Jacob 4, Blake 2, and Nate 2 months. She's employed by Southern Brown Rice as a public relations manager.

**Don Smith** recently relocated from Alabama to the St. Louis area to work at the Reserve Personnel Center in the mobilization section of the U.S. Army. He and wife, Kristi, have three children: Taylor, 6, Allie, 2, and Jake 1.

**Cindy (Carroll) Ford** is a family support specialist for Dept. of Human Services. She lives in Ashdown with husband, John, a support engineer for Hercules Chemicals, and two children: Amanda 8, and Luke, 5.

**Joe Shell** and family have moved to Crawfordville, IN, where he will be working with F.C.A. He and wife, Vicki, have three children: Hunter 6, Hannah 4, and Jake, 1.

## 1991

**Mark Wheeler** is a chaplain with the Arkansas Dept. of Corrections and lives in Kingsland, AR, with wife, Kandy.

**Ginny White** has a new job as chief of Wide Area Gaming Networks with OAO Defense Systems for the Ballistic Missile Organization at the Pentagon.

**Cindy (Allison) McDill** and husband, Allen, have opened The Rusty Urn, a decorative iron and pottery shop in Arkadelphia. Allen is a professional baseball pitcher with the Boston Redsox organization.

**Scotty and Tiffany (West, '92) McCallister** moved to Alexandria, LA, area where he's employed as sales manager for Coca-Cola.

**Keith Sangalli** works for USAA Insurance Company in San Antonio. He has moved up to staff underwriting/auto product management, heading up the Massachusetts sector. Wife, **Cindy (Billings)**, stays at home with their four children: Garrett, 7, Benjamin, 6, Gus, 4, and Gabbie, 1.

**Tammy (Tatum) Hudson** accepted new position in Midlothian, south of Dallas, teaching freshman English and will be student council sponsor. She and husband, Jeff, have a daughter, Hanna Grace, 1.

**Lex Mickle** and wife, Patty, teach in the Mansfield (AR) School system. They have two sons, Rayne, 5, and Rance 2.

**Russ Wacaster** is a technical expert for Social Security Administration and lives in Hot Springs with wife, Paula.

**Dawn (Verduin) Danley** works on a child study team in the Voorhees School District as a learning disability consultant, working with children with severe needs. She received her master's from Rowan (NJ) University in 1999. She and husband,

Keith, reside in Pine Hill, NJ.

## 1992

**Michael Nichols** is assistant professor of history at Tarrant County College and lives in Watauga, TX.

**Gladys (Joiner) Childs** received her Ph.D in foundations of education with a minor in administration at December 2000 graduation of Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

**Abbey (Hill) Ebarb (fs)** is executive director of the Crossett Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Scott Spainhour** will become principal at Magnet Cove High School effective July 1. Previously served as assistant principal at Hot Springs Middle School. He and wife, Shannon, have four children: Ryan, 5, Michael and Matthew, 3, and Stephen, 18 months.

## 1993

**Crystal (Davison) Watson (fs)** is clinic manager for UAMS-Schnieding Development Center, while attending John Brown University with plans to graduate in December 2001 with a BS in organizational management. She and husband, Doug, have twins and live in Fayetteville.

**Michelle Goza** joined Ouachita staff in January as student relations coordinator for TRIO Educational Talent Search program.

**Chris Walls** and wife, Michelle, have moved to Tyrone, PA, where he will be pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church. She is the job developer for Penn State-Altoona campus. They are expecting first child in July.

**Chris Esch** is a regional sales rep for Ash Grove Cement Company. He lives in Benton, AR with wife, Cyndi, and daughter, Madison Kate.

**Steve Harness** received his Ph.D at December 2000 commencement of Southwestern Baptist Seminary and moved to New Port Richey, FL, northwest of Tampa, to pastor the new Crossroads Church in Holiday, FL.

**Robby and Donna (Maples) Richards** live in Fort Worth. She teaches third grade in Duncanville ISD and he's attending seminary.

**Diane (Henry) Moore** is a physical therapist and lives in Garland, TX with husband, Russ.

**Collins Cogbill** has worked in information technology department at UAMS since 1995, where he purchases computer equipment for the University. He and wife, Lisa, live in Little Rock and attend Immanuel Baptist.

**Christy (Ramsay) Robinson** has taken a new job as worship leader at Central Baptist Church in Magnolia. She and husband, **Mason ('86)**, have three children: Daniel, 5, Jonah 3, and Anna 2.

**Sara (Richardson) Lawrence** teaches honors science at Fort Smith Public Schools as well as coaches the drill team. She and Mark have two children, Alec, 6, and Jordan, 4.

**Clay Totty**, head football coach at Rison High School, led his Wildcat team to the Arkansas State Class A Championship last fall, by beating Shiloh Christian of Springdale.

**Kim (Hare) Wood** and husband, Gary, have relocated from Texas to Russellville, AR. She will continue to provide writing and marketing consultation services for her client base with Wordsworth Communications in Dallas.

**Clay Hodges** lives in Little Rock where he works in the criminal appeals division of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office. Friends and cohorts can reach him at [ckhodgesjd@hotmail.com](mailto:ckhodgesjd@hotmail.com).

**Jody (Bynum) Nance** is a family physician at Family Medicine Specialists in Natchez, MS. Husband, Jon, is getting his education degree with plans to teach high school history.

**Patrick Parish** has been promoted to director of Southwest for Warner Bros. Television. He lives in Dallas.

## 1994

**Wes and Lisa (Crowley, '92) Sullivan** and daughters, Hayley, 5, and Caitlin, 9 months, live in Arkadelphia where he is an account manager for Novartis Medical Nutrition, and she's a CPA and principal with Echols, Thompson, Conine and Sullivan, Ltd.

**Clay Goff** lives in Beebe, AR, where he's vice president of First Security Bank. He and wife, Susan, a teacher at Beebe Junior High, have one son, Noah.

**Amy (Strickland) Maddox** is a stay-at-home mom to four children: Lawson, 4, Gray, 3, Elle, 20 months, and Anne Haven, 6 months, with #5 due in August. They live in Little Rock where husband, Joshua, has a lighting company, Gildner-Maddox, Inc.

**Bradley Myers** is a biologist with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Miami, FL.

**Kristy (Kennedy) Black** recently started her own graphic-web design and consulting business in Little Rock, called Idea, Inc. She and husband, Christopher, have a daughter, Anna Kathryn, 1-1/2.

**Renee (Meharg) King** is a speech pathologist for Arch Ford Education Cooperative. She and husband, Christopher, live in Russellville, AR, where he's an applications manager for Ultra CAD, Inc.

**Jim and Janna (Southerland) Maxwell** and daughter, Kendall, will move in June to the Washington, DC, area where he has accepted a

nephrology fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

## 1995

**Monty and Leigh Ann (Miller) Self** were appointed as career missionaries in August 1999 and are serving in Kiev, Ukraine.

**John and Leslie (Proctor, '96) Cauble** leaves the first week of June on a two-year service to missions to Western Europe. He will be equipping coordinators in seven "EuroGateway" cities by using sports as a means for reaching unreached people in those cities. They will also be mobilizing churches and organizations from U.S. to come to those areas to volunteer.

**Brandon Barnard** received his M.Div. degree at December 2000 commencement of Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth.

**Bruce Smith** received his M.Div. degree last year from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth and is on staff at Lifeline Baptist Church in Little Rock. He and wife, Tammie, have 1-year-old son, Jared Michael.

**Michael Sepulveda** and wife, Allison, are in Birmingham, AL, where he's the student minister at West Side Baptist Church.

**Jimmy Pinson** recently took the pastorate of Stephens (AR) First Baptist Church. He and wife, **Kim (Byers, fs92)**, have three children: Zachary, 9, Hali, 8, and Jalyn born in October.

**Rhonda Evans** earned her nursing degree in 1998 from UAMS and is currently pursuing her masters. She is a registered nurse working with bone and stem transplant patients at the Myeloma Transplantation Research Center at UAMS.

**Johnathon Drake** is employed as plant chemist and environmental specialist with Entergy at the White Bluff plant. He and wife, Connie, have a daughter, Meredith, 1-1/2.

**Marcus and Susan (McCartney, fs92) DeVorak** live in Des Arc with Luke, 7, and Nathalie, 4, where Marcus is a rice farmer.

**Tony Vacha** is a sales rep for Grand Traverse Packaging in Kalkaska, MI.

**Jolene (Zook) Williams** teaches private piano and voice and does musical transcriptions and arrangements for Trinity Church in Hot Springs where she lives with husband, John, and daughter, Emily Rose.

## 1996

**Bruce Cullom** is sales manager for Guitar Heaven in Nashville, TN.

**Shane (fs) and Becky (Herndon, '97) Wooten** live in Little Rock where he's a color graphics specialist with IKON Office Solutions and she's a speech path student.

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**OUACHITONIAN BEAUTY** • Lacy Fleming, a freshman elementary education major from Hampton, was named the 2001 Ouachitonian Beauty. First runner-up was Bridget Stroope, second runner-up was Katie Kirkpatrick, third runner-up was Tamara Rossborn, and tying for fourth runner-up were Erica Kimbrough and Sharesa Williams.



**MISS OBU** • Erin Pittman, a sophomore psychology major from Memphis, TN, was named Miss OBU 2001. First runner-up was Amber Franks, second runner-up was Melissa Golden, and third runner-up was Danna Wagnon. Amy House was named Miss Congeniality.

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dent at UALR. She also works as secretary for Jason Miller ('98), junior high youth director at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church.

**Penny (Erion) Ray** and husband, Stuart, have relocated to Memphis where he's senior sales assistant for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and she's an elementary music teacher.

**Angela (Griffin) Cobb** is a software engineer at Lone Star Steel Company. She and husband, Richard, live in Naples, TX, with daughter Caitlynn, 3.

**Stony and Cindy (Rook, '95) Evans** live in Bismarck, AR, where he's starting his sixth year as middle school band director and she's starting her sixth year as kindergarten teacher at Magnet Cove Elementary. He earned his masters in music education degree in December 2000 from UCA and she received her masters in special education in May 2000 from Henderson.

**Megan (Mims) Kyle** and husband, Chris (former Ouachita staff) have moved to West Monroe, LA. She's employed in claims department of Thomas, Farr, & Reeves Insurance Agency, and he's athletic trainer with Glenwood SportsCare. Their email is [cmkyle@bayou.com](mailto:cmkyle@bayou.com).

**Melissa (Taylor) Camacho** is a stay-at-home mom to daughters, Sara Grace and Callista Faith. She and husband, Paul, live in Pilot Point, TX.

**Jason and Kristi (Pettit) Merrick** live in Cabot, AR, with daughter, Hannah Grace, 19 months. He graduated from medical school last summer and is doing his residency in Pine Bluff. She

teaches piano and voice out of their home.

**Andrea (Leagans) McCrary** teaches K-4 music at Lakeside School in Hot Springs. Husband, **Matt (Dec. 1999)** is director of finance at Hospitality Care Center in Arkadelphia.

**Anna (Holt) Henry** is the lab technician for Family Eye Clinic in Arkadelphia. She and husband, Roger, a loan officer for Benchmark Mortgage, have one daughter, Kaitlin, 1-1/2.

**Sheila** and **Josh Clark** have moved to the Phoenix area to help plant a new church. She will serve as children's minister. They are expecting a little girl in July.

**Chris "Tonto" Jones** is a basketball coach at Mountain Pine, AR. He lives in Hot Springs and has three children: Taylor, 4, Regan, 3, and Donovan, 2.

## 1997

**Clayton Owen** is completing dental school at University of Tennessee in Memphis this spring. He and wife, Sarah, will relocate to Birmingham, where he'll begin orthodontic school at UAB Medical Center.

Ouachita alumni who graduated from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth at December commencement include **James Staley (M.Div.)**, **Laurie Leggett Cox (M.A. in Education)** and **Marty Collier (M.Div.)**

**Lane Bailey** is the technical and sales consultant for Adelphia Business Solutions in Little Rock.

**Fred Penka** is defensive football coach and head basketball coach at Mineral Springs High

School. He and wife, Tammy, a nurse at Nashville, have one son, Jakob, 1-1/2 years old.

**Lannie Byrd** joined staff of Ouachita in January as Webmaster. He and **Jennifer (Tolbert)** have two children: Joshua, 1-1/2 and Elizabeth, 1 month.

**Richie Griffith** earned his law degree in May 2000 from LSU School of Law. He's employed as an attorney with district court in Shreveport.

**Shane Bryant** is a computer programmer and analyst and lives in Carrollton, TX.

**Don and Cari (Bedford) Hoover** live in Plano, TX, where he's a coach and teacher at Plano ISD and she's a contributions coordinator with Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas.

**Robin (Hall) Huggins** is a consumer credit counselor for Family Service Agency in Conway. She and husband, Gary, live in Clinton with twins, Taylor Elizabeth and Tyler Brent, 2.

**Philip and Gretchen (Ford) Greer** are in Paragould where he's Greer Insurance Agency agent and she's the secretary/receptionist at Eastside Baptist Church.

**Zine Smith** completed his MS in physics in December from the University of Alabama-Huntsville and was admitted to their Ph.D. program. He and wife, **Karen (Smith, '96)** have two children: Conner, 2, and Chloe, 6 months.

**Kristen Tache** is director of education for Real Options for Women and lives in Plano, TX.

**Andrew Bagley**, an instructor with Elaine (AR) Public Schools and Justice of the Peace, was recently selected to lead the Main Street Helena Board of Directors for 2001.

**Andy Russell** works for US-ABLE Life Insurance in Little Rock.

**Bob Stevenson** received his master's degree in May 2000 in drama from University of Montana and currently lives in Hollywood, CA, where he's pursuing an acting career. He does "extra" work, has appeared on TV show "Friends" and on cover of a drama magazine.

**Michelle Nicholson** has settled in Houston where she works for Downstream Energy as their Webmaster and is actively involved in leadership in the single adult ministry at her church.

After graduating in May from University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, **Jesse Gray** will begin his two-year residency in orthodontics at the University of Iowa. He and **Kristen (Lavender)** have a son, Jackson Ryan, born in January 2001.

**Chris and Stacey (Brooks) Eley** have moved back to their hometown of Bryant, AR, where he's a marketing analyst for Alltel and she stays home with two children: Ashton, 6, and Aaron, 2. They are

involved with the youth at the Bryant Family Church.

## 1998

**Steven Orsburn** has been promoted to assistant vice president of lending at Arkadelphia's Elk Horn Bank. He, wife Holly, and son, Kyle, have recently built and moved into their new home in Okolona.

**Tom Stickney** joined staff of Harrison First Baptist Church in February as associate pastor for youth and recreation.

**Joey and Shea (Pearce) Watkins** live in Hayti, MO, where they both teach in Hayti R-2 school district.

**Bridget Birdsong** graduated in December from Arkansas State University with her masters in communication disorders. She's employed with A Step Ahead Therapy in Little Rock.

**J. Lee Coon** is in his third year of pharmacy school at UAMS and works part-time at St. Vincent's Hospital. He recently completed an internship for Mallinckrodt Nuclear Medicine in St. Louis, MO.

**Holly (Higle) Buxton** teaches middle school science in Crowley, TX, and is working on her M.Div. degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

**Nate and Sarah (Kelly) Chrastina** are in Plano, TX. He teaches/coaches in Allen ISD and she teaches/coaches at Lakemont Academy and Victory Volleyball Club.

**Bonny Burnett** graduated from UAMS last year with her M.S. in speech/language pathology. She lives in Arkadelphia.

**Kevin Schutte** graduated from Baylor Law School in April. He and wife, **Mendi (Seale)** will be moving to Arlington, TX, in July and he'll work at Dallas law firm of Bracewell & Patterson.

**Layne Johnston** lives in Little Rock where he's an advertising specialist at Alltel Communications. He is also completing his MBA at UALR.

**Jeremy and Merrilee (Shoemaker, fs) Greer** are in Fort Worth where he's a student at Southwestern Seminary and she teaches second grade at Fort Worth Heritage.

**Matt and Laura (Blakely) Harrison** live in Marion, AR. She is an instructor of history at Mid-South Community College in West Memphis and he's a student at University of Tennessee School of Dentistry.

**Holly (Brooks) Stout** will complete this year as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for Allen (TX) ISD and next year will begin graduate school to pursue her masters in library science. She and husband, Todd, live in Plano.

**Sara (Owen) Vester** and husband, Marcus, are in Little Rock where both are attending medical school. He will graduate in May 2001 with plans to do residency in



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internal medicine; she will graduate in May 2002.

## 1999

**John Wooten** is an accountant in the tax department of Little Rock accounting firm, Jeffrey Phillips Mosley & Scott.

**Amber (Bryant) Goodrum** teaches at Clark County Christian Academy in Arkadelphia. Husband, Kirk, is a research engineer for Siplast.

**Karen Nix** is a speech-language pathologist in the Santa Fe (NM) Public Schools.

**Brent and Melissa (Ross) Baskin** are in Fort Worth where he's attending Southwestern Seminary and working as youth minister at Davis Blvd. Baptist Church. She's the director of development for Mission Ridge, a new 2-year Christian equestrian school.

**Chris Martin** is assistant district attorney for Navarro County District Attorney's Office, south of Dallas. **He and Cari (Wyatt, '97)** live in Fort Worth.

**Amber Golden** teaches first grade in Mesquite, TX.

**Rebekah Spencer** is a junior high teacher at Clark County Christian Academy in Arkadelphia.

**Robert and Kathy (Stawitz, '00) Sproles** live in Little Rock where he's a grad student at UALR and she's a tax accountant for Dillard's, Inc.

**Greg Casey** is a history teacher and coach at Mt. Pleasant, TX.

**Richard "Rip" Young** lives in Louisville, CO, and works as a salesman for Flatirons Acura and Subaru.

**Kristyn Ross** will graduate in May 2001 with her master's in speech pathology from UAMS.

**Laura (Crow) Copeland** lives in Pensacola, FL, with husband, Chad, who's a corpsman for U.S. Navy. She's an account coordinator at a local bank.

**Terry Kay Williams** is employed by Farmington (AR) High School to teach ecology, anatomy and physiology, biology and life science.

**Ben Wright** is a teacher (science and PE) and coach (football, basketball, and track) at Sunnyvale School in Mesquite, TX.

**Charity (Feemster) Verlander** teaches fourth grade at Central Intermediate in Carrollton, TX. Husband, **Marc ('97)**, attends Southwestern Baptist Seminary pursuing his master of divinity degree.

**Alice Wooten** has moved back to Nashville, TN, where she works for Healthcare Management Systems and attends Travecca Nazarene College pursuing her masters in counseling.

## 2000

**Joshua and Kerri Ann (Ross) Packwood** left in February for Costa

Rica to work as guides and missionaries for six months.

**Dustin Wagley** is director of housekeeping for a condo management company in Breckenridge, CO.

**David Johnston** is pursuing his M.Div. degree in theology at George Truett Seminary at Baylor.

**Jessica (Coleman) Connell** accepted a job in April as assistant director for Texas State-Federal Relations Office in Washington, DC.

**Jennifer Sellers** is attending pharmacy school in Little Rock and working at Market Place Pharmacy.

**Laura Moshinskie** is a speech-language pathology assistant in Hot Springs.

**Bryan Highfill** is an accountant with Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas.

In January, **Signe Vang** was named marketing director and advertising representative for the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine."

**Bill Newton** joined the staff of Lonoke Baptist Church as minister of youth/children. He and wife, Raynetta, have a daughter, Korin Nicole.

**Ashley Pittman** lives in Memphis and is a receptionist at Medtronic Sofamor Danek, a surgical implant company.

**Lisa (Fields) Wiley** is a customer relations specialist with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She and husband, Bill, live in Grand Prairie, TX.

**Steve "Bobcat" Lewis** lives in Alexandria, VA, and works for Arkansas Senator Blanche Lincoln as a constituent relations specialist.

**Carol Price** is employed as ad design specialist by Daily Siftings Herald in Arkadelphia.

**Sarah (Thompson) Alexander** and husband, Ryan, live in Tulsa, where she's in manager training at Family Christian Stores.

**Holly (Seamans) Calaway** is pursuing her doctorate of physical therapy degree at UCA in Conway.

**Jeffrey Verlander** is a journeyman to Mombasa, Kenya, South Africa, where he coaches at a local high school.

**Allison Ray** is assistant product coordinator at Dillard's Corporate Office in Little Rock.

**Rachel (Deckelman) McCormack** lives in Colorado Springs with husband, Brad, where she's a Marcom Coordinator with Network Systems Test Division of Agilent. Their company tests and measures equipment for computer networks. She specifically handles tradeshows, customer reference program and white papers.

**Suzanne Morton** is pursuing her masters in piano performance at Wichita (KS) State University.

**Jeremy and Ann (Daniel, fs98) Greenwich** live in Grand Prairie, TX. He teaches cultural studies and Spanish for Grand Prairie

School District and she's a dietitian at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

**Liesl (Steeger) Dudley** was promoted to senior customer services coordinator with Equity Office Properties Trust in Dallas.

**Todd Nettleton** works for the Missouri Department of Social Services in Dunklin County, MO.

**Pasley (Heard) Butler** teaches first grade in Benton, AR, and lives in Arkadelphia with husband, Brian.

## MARRIAGES:

### 1984

**Robin E. Birdwell** to Tommy Ishmael, March 24, 2001.

### 1986

**Laurie Lea Harrison** to Timothy Wayne Key, February 24, 2001.

### 1987

**Patti Jo Thorn** to Byron Talbot, March 10, 2001.

### 1988

**Monty Freely** to Angie Blacklaw, November 5, 2000.

**Timothy Edward Muse (fs)** to Margaret Melissa Nieser, May 5, 2001.

### 1993

**Michelle Smith** to Jeff Elmore ('94), January 13, 2001.

### 1994

**Renee Meharg** to Christopher King, December 16, 2000.

### 1995

**Michael Sepulveda** to Allison Gord, September 9, 2000.

**Damon Mitchell McDonald (fs)** to Susannah Catherine Raney, December 30, 2000.

**Danna Christine Lovett** to Jon Richard Hope, March 3, 2001.

**Jason Mueller** to Kandra Hall, April 7, 2001.

### 1996

**Shannon Littmann** to Eric Steven Brown, October 21, 2000.

**Kara Mills** to **Timothy Oosterhous ('97)**, December 16, 2000.

**Kendra Hodges** to Wayne Bowen (OBU assist. professor of history), March 24, 2001.

**Jessica Franks** to Michael Crenshaw, April 21, 2000.

### 1997

**Adrienne Allison** to Jason Ingram, December 16, 2000.

**Abby Hughes** to Jason Holsclaw ('99), May 12, 2001.

### 1998

**Amy Melissa Head** to Michael Alan Stimis, November 25, 2000.

**Brad Ray** to Brooke Mertens, December 2000.

**Sara Elizabeth Vester** to

Marcus Andrew Owen, December 16, 2000.

**Brant Steffey** to Valerie Smith, December 23, 2000.

**Jonathan Hillman** to **Rachel Winston (fs'00)**, December 30, 2000.

**Holly Brooks** to Todd Stout, March 3, 2001

**Julie Wilson** to **Dustin Wagley (2000)**, April 28, 2001.

## 1999

**Louis Heard** to Cathy Bess, August 19, 2000.

**Sarah Beth Milam** to **Brooks R. Harrington ('00)**, December 22, 2000.

**Christopher Babb** to **Amy C. Bridges ('00)**, December 30, 2000.

**Elizabeth Marie Kennedy** to Patrick Lee Hallum, January 20, 2001.

**Clint Kolb** to Cindy Taylor, March 10, 2001.

**Leigh Ashley Groce** to James "Michael" Breedlove, March 10, 2001.

**Tammy Billings** to **Jamie Alexander ('97)**, April 7, 2001.

**Kelli Garner** to **William "Bill" Criswell (fs97)**, April 21, 2001.

## 2000

**Alisa Richardson (fs)** to Glen McEuen, February 5, 2000.

**Rachel Deckelman** to Brad McCormack, March 3, 2000.

**Christina Payne** to Robert Dozier, June 20, 2000.

**Holly Denise Seamans** to Dan Calaway, November 25, 2000.

**Karen Olivia Moore** to **Jonathan Daniel Watson**, December 2, 2000.

**Pasley Jo Heard** to Brian Austin Butler, December 2, 2000.

**Cara Coleman** to **Philip Porcelli**, April 28, 2001.

**Erika McCain** to Bruce "Buddy" Hixon, Jr., April 28, 2001.

**Carol Buck** to **David DePriest (cs)**, May 19, 2001.

**Jason Luce** to **Scarlett Grady (2001)**, May 26, 2001.

## 2001

**Kevin Anthony** to **Brenna Terrell (fs97)**, December 30, 2000.

**Jane V. Schaffner** to Daymond Reed Hill, April 21, 2001.

## Current Students:

**Cale W. Turner** to **Amy Lynn Peck (fs00)**, January 6, 2001.

**Ashley Carroll** to **John Beller**, March 23, 2001.

## FUTURE TIGERS:

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**Donald** and **Patty McCutcheon**, son Kyle Robert, November 28, 2000.



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**1980**  
Philip and **Jill (Boatright) Massirer**, Joseph, December 15, 2000.

**1981**  
Bill and **Amy (Pryor) Roussel**, daughter, Anna Elise, October 22, 1999.

**1983**  
Matt and **Hideko (Ueno) Howell (fs)**, daughter, Ashley Savannah, February 13, 2001. Joins Brian, 9, Tiffany, 6, Rachel, 5, Reagan, 3, and Christian, 2.

**1984**  
Jeff and **Jan (Mitchell) Williams**, son, Judson Graham, May 31, 2000. Welcomed by brothers Joah, 4, and Jess, 2.

**1986**  
Donny and **Stacey (Manning) Loden**, son Nathaniel "Nathan," July 2, 2000. Joins Kaitlin Alexandra, 5.  
John and **Stephanie (Berg) Leisenring**, daughter Madeline Frances, September 28, 2000. Welcomed by sister Julia Grace, 2-1/2.

**1987**  
David and **Barbara (Davis) Woodring**, son David "Woody" Wesley, Jr., April 6, 2000.

Dean and **Lola (Ledbetter) Buttgen**, son Collier Lee, July 15, 2000. Joins brother Coleman, 3.

**1988**  
Hugh and **Amy (Witt) Browder**, son William "Wil" Hughes, June 24, 2000. Welcomed by Meredith Grace, 3.

**Dana and Jennifer Pierce**, daughter Savannah Lynn, February 21, 2001. Joins Amos, 4, and Joshua, 2.

**1989**  
Jay and **Sandra (Shull) Boatman**, son Andrew Ray, June 19, 2000. Joins Kristen, 2.

**Andy and Susan (Shell, '91) Allison**, son Michael Andrew, July 25, 2000. Joins John Robert, 7, and Anna, 5-1/2.

Kevin and **Stephanie (Hartsfield) Wells**, son Joseph "Conner," November 15, 2000.

Welcomed by Katie, 1-1/2.  
**Kent and Karen (Crouch) Coulter**, daughter Anna Catherine, December 9, 2000. Joins Ellen, 5, and Will, 3.

**1990**  
**Joe and Vicki Shell**, son James "Jake" Kenneth, July 22, 2000. Welcomed by Hunter 5, and Hannah 3.

Mark and **Hannah (Whitley) Addington**, son Quinn Ruston, November 30, 2000.

Aaron and **Cheryl (Kelley) Reason**, son Caleb Andrew, January 21, 2001.

**1991**  
Jeff and **Tamie (Tatum) Hudson**, daughter Hanna Grace, April 13, 2000.

**Keith and Cindy (Billings, '90) Sangalli**, daughter Gabrielle "Gabbie" Lynn, June 5, 2000. Joins Garrett, 7, Benjamin, 6, and Gus, 4.

**Michael (fs) and Sharon (Francis, '93) Plyler**, son Cole William, March 20, 2001. Welcomed by brother Lawson, 3-1/2.

**1992**  
Jay and **Sharon (Roper) Stewart**, son Weslyn Dean, May 28, 2000.

Brian and **Christie (Schleiff) Harper**, daughter Payton Renee, September 5, 2000.

**Brett and Stephanie Williamson**, son Richard Grant, January 16, 2001. Joins sisters, Matlynn, 7, and Morgan 5.

**1993**  
**Robert and Donna (Maples, '95) Richards**, son Joshua Daniel, May 21, 2000. Welcomed by Kayla, 3, and Kristin, 5.

**D. Scott and Kim Schrader**, daughter Madison Nicole, July 4, 2000. Joins sister, Lauren Elizabeth, 2.

Ross and **Sara (Fish) Campbell**, daughter Annika Leigh, October 27, 2000. Joins Mary Erin, 2.

David and **Marisa (Whitfield) Petty**, son Caden Joshua, December 12, 2000. Welcomed by brother, Caleb, 3-1/2.

**Eric and Rennie (Davenport) Herndon**, daughter Karaline Hope,

January 13, 2001. Joins Caleb, 7.

**1994**  
**Jim and Janna (Southerland) Maxwell**, daughter Kendall Layne, March 2000.

Ray and **Nikki (Daniell) Thomas**, daughter Kacie Nicole, July 6, 2000.

Scott and **Kristi (Jackson) Herring**, daughter Audrey Grace, September 8, 2000. Joins brother Carter, 2-1/2.

**Bryan and Erin (Berry) Bolton**, daughter Kaitlyn Elizabeth, September 18, 2000.

**Jon and Suzanne (Norris, '95) Rushing**, son Elijah "Eli" Luke, November 21, 2000.

**1995**  
Jim and **Karon (Edge) Whitmore**, son Caleb James, January 14, 2001.

John and **Jolene (Zook) Williams**, daughter Emily Rose, June 12, 2000.

Brett and **Melissa (Whitehead) Krebs**, daughter, Grace Rebecca, August 18, 2000.

**Jimmy and Kimberly (Byers, fs92) Pinson**, daughter Jalya Laurel, October 15, 2000. Joins Zachary, 9, and Hali, 8.

**Bruce and Tammie Smith**, son, Jared Michael, February 23, 2000.

**Travis and Allison (Robert) Nash**, daughter Isabelle Caroline, March 3, 2001. Joins brothers Jansen, 6-1/2, and Jacob, 3.

**1996**  
Rick and **Kathryn (Kirtley) Neill**, son Jason Gregory, February 23, 2000.

**Bill and Rebecca (Saunders) Wright**, son Frederick Charles, June 18, 2000. Welcomed by William, 3, and Andrew, 1-1/2.

John and **Jana (Barnard) King**, son Jaden Matthew, September 11, 2000.

**Bob and Misty (Brewer) Wilson**, son Robert "Wade," March 7, 2001.

**1997**  
**Ben and Heather (Mills) Blackwell**, son Elam James, July 26, 2000.

**Lannie and Jennifer (Tolbert) Byrd**, daughter Elizabeth Joy, December 4, 2000. Joins brother Caleb, 1 1/2.

**Mark and Kim (Cole) Darr**, daughter Madison Anne, December 25, 2000.

**Leroy and Jenny (Orr) Twisdale**, son Parker Clay, January 12, 2001.

**Richard and Brandi (Byrd) Womack**, son Rhett Monroe, January 21, 2001. Welcomed by brother, Richard, 2-1/2.

**Jesse and Kristin (Lavender) Gray**, son Jackson Ryan, January

27, 2001.

**1998**  
**Nathan and Jerusalem (Jackson) Greer**, son Wylie Allman, August 6, 2000.

Tim and **Jennifer (Ray) Newton**, son Robert Scott, December 18, 2000.

**Keith and Kim Stewart**, daughter Sarah Joy, February 13, 2001. Welcomed by Mary 1-1/2.

**Shane and Katrina (Beaty, '99) Robertson**, daughter Savannah, March 2001.

**1999**  
Kirk and **Amber (Bryant) Goodrum**, son Keaton Eli, August 3, 2000.

**Nicholas (fs) and Rebecca Ward**, daughter Jenna Lee, February 6, 2001.

**Current Students:**  
John and **Jessica (Carter) Runyan**, daughter Adreanne Danielle, November 11, 2000.

**Faculty-Staff:**  
**Eric and Cindy King Phillips**, son Owen Elliot, January 7, 2001. (*He is associate professor of theatre arts; she's on staff as library para-professional- circulation.*)  
**Selwyn and Ashley Ellis**, son Davis Glen, December 27, 2000. (*He is former assistant professor of business administration.*)

**DEATHS:**  
**1927**  
**Nancy B. Cooper (fs)**, February 25, 2001, Little Rock, AR.  
**Marguerite (Dozier) Jones**, August 21, 2000, Texarkana, AR.

**1929**  
**Loretta (Hill) Glover (fs)**, December 31, 2000, Hot Springs, AR.

**1931**  
**Nell Ford Luther**, March 6, 2001, El Dorado, AR.

**1932**  
**Henry C. Locklar, Jr. (fs)**, January 2001, Louisville, KY.

**1933**  
**Vernon (Moore) Shambarger**, December 25, 2000, Arkadelphia, AR.

**1935**  
**Mary Catherine Condray**, January 5, 2001, Arkadelphia, AR.

**1939**  
**Earl J. Tankersley**, May 9, 2000, Fort Smith, AR.

**Clyde Godfrey (fs)**, February 16, 2001, Milton, FL.

**1941**  
**Elizabeth Taylor**, January 12,

## Seinan Gakuin University

Seinan International Friendship Association (SIFA) is an organization at Seinan Gakuin University whose members are all past exchange students once sent by the University to foreign universities and students sent by foreign universities to Seinan Gakuin. SIFA now has a website for the exchange students to update their addresses and occupations. The organization invites Ouachita students who were exchange students to Seinan Gakuin to visit the website and register their information.

<http://www.seinan-gu.ac.jp/~kojima/sifa/>

# Class Notes

2001, Harrison, AR.

1942

**Evelyn (Harden) Hampton**, November 31, 2000, Arkadelphia, AR.

1944

**Dr. John Colmore Beane, Jr. (fs)**, March 31, 2001, Forrest City, AR.

1946

**Randolph "R. M." Smith**, December 8, 2000, Mountain Home, AR.

**Dillard S. Miller**, March 2, 2001, Mena, AR.

1947

**Orville W. "Tom" Taylor**, December 31, 2000, Jacksonville, FL.

**Jeanne (Swaim) Davis (fs)**, January 6, 2001, Bismarck, AR.

1948

**John M. Causey**, October 23, 2000, (auto accident) Denham Springs, LA.

**Mary Helen (Boyett) Upchurch (fs)**, December 16, 2000, Hugo, OK.

1949

**Carl W. Brown**, November 12, 2000, Corning, AR.

**Mary Jo (McClellan) Freeman**, December 15, 2000, Ratcliff, Arkansas.

1950

**B. W. "Red" Matthews**, February 21, 2001, Magnolia, AR.

1951

**Johnnye (Green) Sisk**, September 9, 2000, Lancaster, CA.

**Archie B. Warren**, January 20, 2001, Columbia, MO.

1953

**Mildred Joy (Dawson) Cagle**, December 10, 2000, Clinton, TN.

1954

**Vernard T. Utley**, January 26, 2001, West Monroe, LA.

1955

**Edward Lee "Buster" Smith**, March 26, 2001, De Queen, AR.

1956

**B. Evelyn (Deaton) Goodgame (fs)**, December 20, 2000, Lompoc, CA.

1959

**Lois Aileen Kemp**, December 25, 2000, Garland, TX.

1961

**Jesse Owen Ring**, June 18, 1999 (notified December 2000), Blytheville, AR.

1962

**Charles "Wesley" Hamil**, November 28, 2000, Labelle, FL.

**Doris Jean McEntire**, December 22, 2000, Mayflower, AR.

**Lavon Martin "Bill" Norris (M.A.)**, February 24, 2001, Friendship, AR.

1972

**Roy G. Feimster**, February 5, 2001, Winnsboro, LA.

1974

**Claybon W. Thrower (MSE)**, January 26, 2001, Little Rock, AR.

1978

**James E. Collins, Jr.**, August 1, 1995 (notified January 2001), Conway, AR.

1981

**William Porchia (MSE)**, March 9, 2001, Little Rock, AR.

1989

**Amanda Nell Bibbs**, March 23, 2001, Plano, TX.

1996

**Thomas "Cory" Edwards**, January 28, 2001, (car accident), Atlanta, GA.

**Current Students:**

**Vanessa Seals**, February 23, 2001, (car accident), Greers Ferry, AR.

**Former Students:**

**Laura Henley**, February 9, 2001, (car accident), Mesquite, TX.

**Friends:**

**Chesley Pruet**, January 8, 2001, El Dorado, AR.

**Anise (Jones) Mims**, January 8, 2001, Arkadelphia, AR (Wife of former professor, Dr. W.C. Mims).

## IN MEMORY

### Vanessa Seals

BY RACHEL LEMAY

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Last week I asked her what she was doing this weekend and she said she was going home, and little did I know that she was really going to go home to be with the Lord," shared senior Gina Williams in Tuesday's campus memorial service for Vanessa Seals.

Like so many other students on campus, last Friday Vanessa loaded her car and headed home for the weekend, but she instead went home for eternity.

"All she ever really wanted was that real home where she could receive the love that she so deserved," said Williams. "I know that she is getting the love she always wanted...She's rejoicing with the Father right now, and I know that's the place she's always wanted to be."

It was the idea that Vanessa had finally reached that place of eternal security and unconditional love that comforted the Ouachita family dealing with her death.

"I just praise the Lord that she is there. Her prayers are answered," declared senior Jenny Ratliff who met Vanessa two years ago in a Bible study that spawned their friendship.

"She stayed up all night with me while I was doing homework, even until 4 o'clock in the morning. How many of you do that for your friends? I wouldn't, but she was so dedicated and so loyal," said Ratliff.

It is a similar statement of friendship, of loyalty and love that have been echoed throughout campus this week concerning Vanessa.

"Vanessa was a special person to many people on campus and especially to our family. We loved her almost like a member of our family," shared Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. "She has been a great source of strength and encouragement in my own life. We will miss her very much," Westmoreland said.

Vanessa was in El Paso, traveling to her hometown of Heber Springs on Feb. 23 when she was involved in a head-on collision. She and the driver of the other vehicle both died instantly.

The death of this 21-year-old junior Christian ministry major has touched much of the campus because of her involvement in so many activities. Just two weeks earlier, Seals was one of three leaders organizing Christian Focus Week. She also led in last year's Spring Break Enrichment Camp for school children. A member of the Campus Activities Board and intramural sports teams, Vanessa also stayed involved in campus ministries through the BSU Big Sister Program and being a campus Bible study leader. As a freshman, she was honored with the Mrs. J. R. Grant Freshman Woman Award; and, this past summer Vanessa traveled with the BSU on a mission trip to Africa.

"She put everything she had into ministry. Everything that she did was ministry," said Jeremy Nottingham, who came to know Vanessa while working together in Africa.

Ratliff told the campus that she knew Vanessa was ready to die so that she could be in heaven.

"She told me two weeks ago, 'Jenny, this is not my home. I just don't feel like I belong here. My home is in heaven, and I'm just ready to go be with Jesus.'"

Vanessa's friends are simply waiting for the next time they will see her.



## First Baptist Church Arkadelphia 150th Anniversary Celebration July 14-15, 2001

First Baptist invites all former members, students and missionaries who attended First Baptist to its 150th anniversary celebration.

For more information, email [FBCA@iocc.com](mailto:FBCA@iocc.com) or call 870-246-5587.

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**John Cloud, J.D.**  
ASSOCIATE  
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Several bills are being considered in Washington which will have an enormous impact on charitable giving if passed. H.R. 774, the "IRA Charitable Rollover Incentive Act," allows rollovers from IRAs directly into unitrusts, annuity trusts, gift annuities and direct gifts to qualified charities. Under current law, if a donor during his or her lifetime transfers an IRA directly to a charity or to a "split-interest" trust or annuity, the IRS assesses income tax on the transfer as if it were no different than a lump sum distribution to the donor. Few IRA owners are willing to make that kind of sacrifice even if the charitable deduction ameliorates the tax burden to some degree.

For years charities have been promoting the benefits of making a testamentary (at death) gift of an IRA because there are no income tax consequences of such a transfer, and the gifted amount is deductible for estate tax purposes. The same benefits accrue to the estates of those who transfer IRAs to charitable trusts, with the added bonus of providing income to loved ones for a term of years or their lifetimes. If H.R. 774 passes — and it appears to have strong support in both the House and the Senate— it will provide an incentive for IRA owners to accomplish their inter vivos (while living) charitable goals using a portion or all of their IRA accounts.

Another bill, H.R. 777, allows charitable deductions for those who do not itemize. The deduction will be permitted in addition to the standard deduction. These bills would be good for Ouachita and all entities which depend in great part on gifts from alumni and friends, and good for our wonderful donors.

## Your Will: Questions & Answers

### Do I need a will?

Unless you're single, in your 20s and have no children and very little money to speak of, you should have a will. The need for a will becomes increasingly important as you age and grow in wealth.

### What happens if I die without a will?

State law will determine how your estate gets distributed. Your spouse or children might get more or less money than you may have wanted. The state will become your heir if no relatives can be found after your death. An unrelated friend or a charitable organization like Ouachita will get nothing unless you specify it in your will.

### Do I need a lawyer to draw up my will?

A lawyer is not required by law to create your will, but consulting one is highly recommended. If you own only a home, a few investments and have few personal items to pass on, you may be able to get started with some self-help materials. It's best, however, to always have an attorney involved to draw up the final papers.

Definitely begin with a lawyer if you expect to leave a lot of assets (say, more than \$675,000, when estate taxes become an issue), if you are a business owner or if you want to create more complex contingencies for the way your estate is handled.

### OK, I'm going to have a will made. Is there anything else I need to think about?

Make sure your personal representative, the person you appoint to conduct your affairs, knows where to find your will. Remember to update your will whenever circumstances in your life significantly change.

In case you should become incapacitated, you may want to arrange to give someone you trust the power to make financial decisions for you with a durable power of attorney and health care decisions with a health care proxy.

Finally, it's a good idea to write down what you'd prefer in the way of funeral arrangements.

All this may sound a little morbid, but being practical about your estate and final wishes now will spare your loved ones a lot of confusion and anguish later.



**OBU ALUMNI CLUB •**  
President Andrew Westmoreland (right) visits with Virgil and June Waggoner at the Greater Houston Area Alumni Club meeting. Over 60 alumni attended the inaugural meeting of the organization held in November.

# Living Alone? How To Manage Your Money

Perhaps you're about to retire or have already retired. Maybe you're widowed, divorced or never married. Whatever your circumstances, as a single retiree you're free to chart your own financial future. But, you also face special challenges.

Your most important need as a single retiree is personal security—enough money to live comfortably for the rest of your life. If you're fortunate, you have an assured income from various sources, which could include Social Security, a retirement plan, a trust, life insurance or a securities portfolio. Then again, you may have to stretch your dollars just to maintain a decent standard of living.

In any case, when you're on your own, you must take special care that your money is properly invested so that your cash flow is adequate to pay your bills. In the case of a prolonged or debilitating illness, you want to be certain that someone will look after your every need.

Finally, you may be unsure about the ultimate disposition of your estate. If you have children, have you thought about whether they should benefit equally or do their circumstances warrant dissimilar treatment? Beyond family concerns, you may want to consider other individuals and organizations that you'd like to provide a share of your estate. You will also want to consider the best ways to minimize estate taxes.

## Critical Strategies To Weigh

Consider the following ways to meet your monetary needs and desires:

**Financial plan:** This is especially worthwhile; unfortunately, many singles fail to create a meaningful plan to make the right long-term decisions and avoid a host of problems. For best results, retain a professional fee-only planner (not a commissioned planner) to devise strategies for your retirement benefits and rollover IRAs. This individual can also determine ways to increase your income and lower your taxes and other expenses.

**Durable power of attorney:** This document is essential in the event you must rely on someone else to handle financial matters. You authorize a trusted relative or friend to sign your name to checks, legal papers, tax returns and other documents. You should also appoint a health care power of attorney who has the au-

thority to make decisions about your care if you can't make them.

**Living trust:** This may be the best way to manage your assets during retirement. You transfer securities and other assets to a trustee to invest and reinvest. You receive the trust income—and principal—if needed. In the event of your absence or disability, the trustee can even pay your bills.

**Life income plan:** A charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust is a great way to stretch your dollars and secure valuable tax savings. For example, a plan funded with highly appreciated stocks can boost your current income substantially and yield a sizeable income tax deduction, without a penny of tax on your capital gains. You'll also enjoy the satisfaction of knowing your gift will someday help many others.

**Estate plan:** Now's a good time to update your will and related documents in order to ascertain your beneficiaries and adopt tax-saving techniques. If any heirs are minors, need special care or can't manage money, trust arrangements may be desirable. Don't overlook your favorite charitable organizations. Be sure to review the beneficiaries of your retirement plans, life insurance and jointly owned assets.

## How Long Will \$100,000 Last?

Will your savings be there when you need it most? Use this chart to calculate how long your savings will last. Estimate how much you will need to withdraw each month (first column), then go across to the percentage rate your account earns. Will your savings last six years or indefinitely?

Monthly Withdrawal	Earnings Rate					
	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$400	*	*	*	*	*	*
\$600	23	29	*	*	*	*
\$800	14	16	18	22	30	*
\$1,000	10	11	12	13	15	17
\$1,200	8	9	9	10	10	11
\$1,400	7	7	7	8	9	9
\$1,600	6	6	6	6	7	7

Number of Years

\*Payments will continue in perpetuity.

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## By the Numbers: Estate Taxes

You've spent your whole life watching your expenses and investments like a hawk. The last thing you want is to make the IRS an heir to your estate after you die.

For every dollar more than \$675,000 (\$1.35 million if married) you leave behind at your death, Uncle Sam will hold out his hand for 37 cents. The tax bite climbs to 49 percent for a \$2 million estate, 55 percent at \$3 million. Though you may think that your estate falls safely short of the exempt amount, once you add up the value of your retirement account, home, personal property and life insurance proceeds, you may be surprised to find yourself within the taxable range. Although Congress may have moved to reduce or eliminate the so-called death tax, you will likely still need to consider the possibility of paying at least some estate tax over the next decade.

### How Can You Avoid Estate Taxes?

Anything you leave to your spouse or charitable organizations through a will or a trust passes free of estate taxes. Beyond that, the best strategy is to give away as much as you can while you're still alive—to family, loved ones and your favorite charitable organizations.

You may give away \$10,000 each year to each child and other intended heir without having to file a gift tax return. (A married couple can give \$20,000 to an individual, \$40,000 to another married couple.) If you give more than that to any one person, you'll be required to file a gift tax return. If total gifts for all periods in excess of \$10,000 per donee add up to more than the current \$675,000 exempt amount, you will be subject to gift taxes as well.

If you have a large estate, talk to a lawyer knowledgeable in estate planning about trusts and other ways to reduce or eliminate federal estate taxes.

## Avoid Capital Gains

### How to Cash in on the Value of Appreciated Property

If you own stock or mutual fund shares that have increased in value, you will owe tax on the capital gain when you sell them. There is a way, however, to avoid the capital gains tax and help a charitable organization at the same time.

If you donate appreciated securities that you've held long-term (for more than one year) to a qualified charitable organization, you completely avoid the capital gains tax. Nonprofits, like ours, can sell the securities tax-free. You receive a charitable deduction on your income taxes for the full fair market value of the asset, up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.

### Consider Your Options

See how the way in which you make your donation can affect your total tax savings. The following examples assume you are in a 40 percent combined federal and estate tax bracket:

Donate \$10,000 cash. Earn a charitable income tax deduction. Total tax savings: \$4,000.

Sell \$10,000 in securities that have a \$2,000 cost basis; donate the cash. Your \$4,000 tax savings is reduced by \$1,600 in capital gains taxes. Total tax savings: \$2,400.

Donate \$10,000 in securities directly. Earn a \$4,000 tax deduction, plus avoid \$1,600 in capital gains tax. Total tax savings: \$5,600.

If you are considering making a donation of securities, please call us for specific instructions about the easiest way to accomplish the transfer.

## A Guide For Planning Your Estate

Return this form for our free booklet, *A Guide For Planning Your Estate*.

- I have already made a provision for Ouachita through:
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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@obu.edu](mailto:alumni@obu.edu)

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