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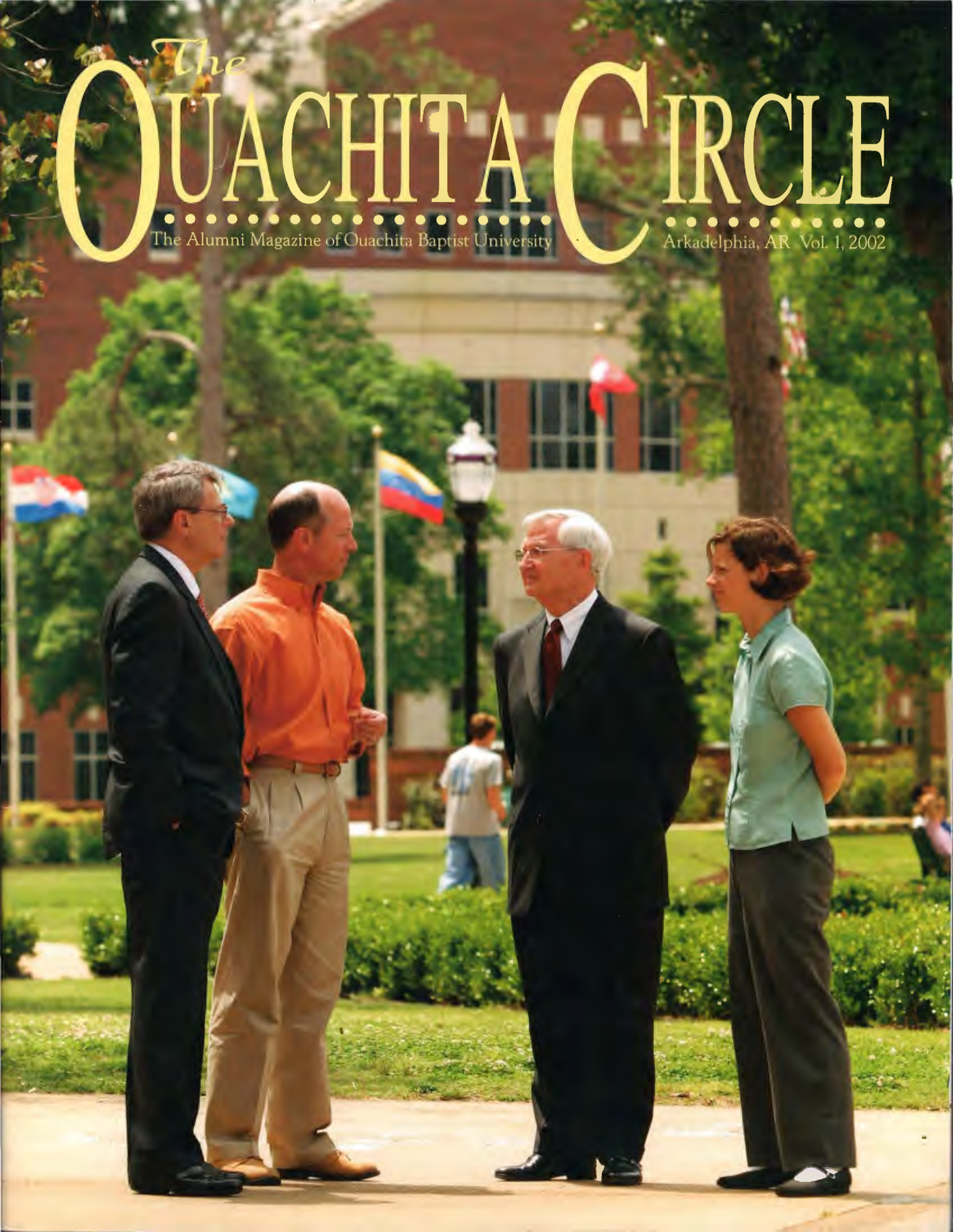
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# The OUACHITA CIRCLE

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## A Word from the President ...

The pageantry of another spring commencement ceremony is fading from our memories as the members of the Class of 2002 leave the campus to claim their places in the world. It was a great day, beginning with a prayer breakfast for graduating seniors and members of the faculty and staff and concluding with a reception in the Commons for the graduates and their guests. By late in the afternoon, hundreds of rolls of film recorded thousands of smiles.

Two students who arrived with this class in the fall of 1998 were not present for the festivities last month. Antwoyne Edwards died at Lake DeGray in a boating accident in 2000 and Vanessa Seals perished in an automobile crash near Heber Springs, Arkansas, in 2001. It was my great honor to have known these two young people. Antwoyne was a star on our football team, with a winning smile and a spirited ability to communicate his faith in Jesus Christ. Vanessa was a hard-working volunteer for every good cause, a leader with Christian Focus Week, and a participant on a mission trip to Namibia. One day, in the fullness of time, I will understand why Antwoyne and Vanessa were called away from us so early in their pilgrimage. In the meantime, God's grace is sufficient.

Near the end of the commencement ceremony, I introduced Antwoyne's mother, who had traveled from Big Spring, Texas, to be present for the day. Before I could finish the introduction, the graduates jumped to their feet to applaud her, many with tears in their eyes, in recognition of the ways in which Antwoyne, and Vanessa, had touched their lives.

The names of Antwoyne Lee Edwards and Vanessa Robin Seals will never appear on Ouachita diplomas. I regret that fact, but I am cheered to know that their names will remain in the hearts of the members of the Class of 2002, and those of us on the faculty and staff, until the time that we join them in a place far better than we have ever known.

As always, please keep Ouachita in your prayers.

*Andy Westmoreland*



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*Photo: Dr. Phil Rice, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business; Tom Calhoon ('78), owner and operator with his wife, Nina, of Pioneer Abstract & Title Co., Inc. in Arkadelphia; Dr. Charles Wright, acting vice-president for academic affairs; and Anna Reese, a 2002 business administration graduate from Harrison • photo by Wesley Hitt*

*The Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business  
becomes one of the smallest schools in the nation  
to receive AACSB-International*

# *Accreditation*

Ouachita's Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business has achieved accreditation by recent action of the Board of Directors of AACSB International — The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

"Our academic program in business has made great strides in recent years thanks to Mr. Hickingbotham and other business professionals and alumni who have invested in its future," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. "Their great support, along with the hard work of our faculty and students, has made it possible for Ouachita to become one of the smallest universities in the nation with an AACSB International-accredited business school."

Dr. Phil Rice, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business, directed the six-year process toward accreditation. He valued the advantages of a small, liberal arts setting in higher education, but Rice also viewed business school accreditation as a key component to the future of his students. He and his faculty targeted the premier accrediting agency and service organization for business schools.

"We owed it to our students for them to graduate from an AACSB International-accredited program," Rice said. "The accreditation is a signal to students, employers, alumni and others that our business program has put together a package including faculty, curriculum, instructional resources and research that is recognized for its overall high quality by outside evaluators."



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• *Dean Phil Rice*



**GUEST SPEAKER** • Warren A. Stephens, President and CEO of Stephens Inc., speaks to students and faculty members during the Business Administration Day luncheon in April.

To achieve AACSB International accreditation, business programs must satisfy expectations in a wide range of standards. The components included: preconditions (eligibility, programs to be reviewed); mission and objectives; faculty composition and development; curriculum content and evaluation; instructional resources and responsibilities; students (selectivity, career planning and placement); and intellectual contributions of the faculty through research.

After a year of pre-candidacy, Ouachita submitted annual written progress reports during a five-year candidacy period. In the fifth year of candidacy, the written report was a full self-evaluation based on the above criteria. The self-study was followed by a visit from an AACSB International committee. It made a report to an accreditation committee, which in turn recommended Ouachita's accreditation to the AACSB International Board of Directors.

"The self-study was enlightening," said Rice. "It helped us improve assessment, make curricular changes, address areas of research and technology, and improve advising. It was quite a group effort by the faculty, and it will benefit the students. We learned from it, and we now have a process in place that will ensure that we continue to examine what we're doing and strive to improve."

AACSB International is a not-for-profit organization consisting of more than 800 educational organizations and corporations devoted to the promotion and improvement of higher education in business administration and management. Its mission is to provide global leadership in advancing management education through accreditation and by fostering international interchanges, key business linkages, sharing of best practice and professional development. As of January 2002, there were 411 accredited members - 396 in North America, eight in Europe, three in Asia, one in Central America, one in the Middle East, and two in South America.

by Jeff Root



**AACSB INTERNATIONAL** • Dr. Phil Rice (center), Dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business, is pictured with (from left) Dean John Kraft, Warrington College of Business at the University of Florida and Chair of AACSB International; Dr. Bob Webster, chair of the department of accounting, economics and finance at the Hickingbotham School; Professor Margaret Wright, chair of the department of management and marketing at the Hickingbotham School; and Dean Jerry Trapnell, College of Business and Behavioral Science at Clemson University and chair-elect of AACSB International. The accreditation certificate was presented to the Hickingbotham School representatives at the annual meeting of AACSB International in Chicago in April.



**COURSE INSTRUCTION** • Jeanie Curry, assistant professor of accounting, discusses tax guidelines with her students in Advanced Federal Income Tax.



# University announces \$62.5 million campaign

John L. Heflin, chairman of the board of trustees at Ouachita, has announced that more than \$30 million in gifts and pledges already has been raised in the University's \$62.5 million capital campaign.

The Circle of Excellence campaign, Ouachita's most ambitious fund-raising campaign to date, was unveiled in March at a Little Rock press conference by Heflin and Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. The campaign is the first phase in what will be a decade-long effort to reach a goal of \$125 million in support for the University.

"This is a landmark day for Ouachita," said Westmoreland. "The trustees showed tremendous confidence when they approved a capital campaign of this magnitude, and we already are beginning to see the wisdom of their decision. We have advanced as an

institution because of tremendous support from our alumni and friends, and we're glad to see an even stronger level of commitment in this campaign, as well as a widening circle of supporters."

The goals and current total were made public for the first time as the Circle of Excellence moves from a successful period of advance gifts to a public phase of the campaign. Mrs. Elizabeth Pruet, a member of the board of trustees from El Dorado, will serve as national chair for the campaign. Mrs. Pruet and her late husband, Chesley, are the namesakes for the Pruet School of Christian Studies at Ouachita.

Almost half of the \$30 million in advance gifts comes from the Pruets' endowment of Christian studies and a \$10 million campaign in support of the Frank D. Hicking-

botham School of Business.

"We are honored to have Mrs. Pruet as national chair," said Westmoreland. "When the Pruets endowed our academic program in Christian studies, they forever touched the lives of all those who will gain from the ministry of our students through the years. Her enthusiasm as national chair in this campaign will inspire many to commit themselves to such a future."

The \$62.5 million goal includes \$39 million earmarked for endowment of academic schools, scholarships, faculty development and maintenance of facilities. With the remaining \$23.5 million, Ouachita will address physical improvements. Projects include the construction of an interdisciplinary, multi-purpose building and a Christian studies building. Completion of banquet facilities beneath

the new Ouachita Commons cafeteria also is a priority, along with improvements in student housing and athletic facilities.

Ouachita Baptist University was founded in Arkadelphia in 1886. *U.S. News & World Report*, in its annual college rankings, placed Ouachita fifth among 105 regional comprehensive colleges and universities in the south. With a student to teacher ratio of 13:1, Ouachita offers courses in eight schools, including the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business, the Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies, the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts, the School of Education, the School of Humanities, the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, the School of Natural Science and the School of Social Science.

• by Jeff Root

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• Andrew Westmoreland

## PRESS CONFERENCE •

Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita, and Johnny Heflin, chairman of the board of trustees, answer questions following the announcement of the \$62.5 million capital campaign.



# School of Business exceeds campaign goal

Less than three years into what was to have been a five-year effort, success was declared in the \$10 million capital campaign for the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

The business campaign was kicked off by a \$4.5 million pledge by the Frank D. Hickingbotham Foundation and the Hickingbotham family at a Sept. 1, 1999 press conference. The announcement that the campaign had surpassed the challenge goal of \$10 million was made on April 26, 2002 at the annual Business Administration Day luncheon, attended by students, faculty, administrators and advisory board members.

"The support of Mr. Hickingbotham and a growing number of other business leaders and friends has allowed us to improve in measurable ways," said Dr. Phil Rice, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business. "The fact that we're now accredited shows that professionals not associated with Ouachita are now recognizing our quality. It wouldn't be possible without the financial support of our friends and alumni."

Funds from the campaign will provide scholarships, technology, international opportunities and faculty development.

## Kluck leads \$800,000 Clark County campaign

Less than three weeks after announcing that Ouachita had begun its most ambitious capital campaign to date, President Andrew Westmoreland welcomed community leaders to campus as Ouachita kicked off its Clark County campaign.

Dr. Wesley Kluck, chair of the campaign, announced that more than \$450,000 in gifts and pledges toward a goal of \$800,000 already had been received. Campaign leadership also includes Bob Rhodes as honorary chair. Millard Aud and Mary King also have agreed to serve in leadership roles by working with other volunteers.

"Clark County has supported Ouachita for 116 years, and that support has never been stronger than it is today," Westmoreland said. "We are proud to play a role in the educational setting of this community, and we are very pleased that the response to our campaign has been so positive."

Joe Franz, vice president for development, introduced the campaign plan and its goals over lunch at Evans Student Center. He reminded the group that Ouachita announced in March that the Circle of Excellence campaign, under which the Clark County campaign falls, would be the most ambitious in the history of the institution.

## SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED

### David DeFir Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund

The David DeFir Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by Mrs. Mary DeFir in memory of her husband, Mr. David DeFir. The fund will provide scholarship assistance to full-time students. First priority will be given to students from El Dorado, Arkansas, with second priority to students from Union County.

### Paul G. Frazier Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established by Mrs. Margaret Frazier to honor the memory of her husband, Mr. Paul G. Frazier. Recipients of the scholarship fund must be juniors or seniors pursuing an accounting degree within the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business. Priority will be given to students from Scott County, Arkansas, with second priority to students from either Saline County or Clark County.

### Jim Gattis Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established through the estate of Jim Gattis. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students. Priority will be given to students pursuing a major in the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

### C. J. Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students at Ouachita. Recipients must be pursuing a major either in history or political science, have established a record of academic excellence, and must be good citizens of the campus community.

### Whitney and Hazel Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Whitney and Hazel Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established with a bequest from the estate of Mrs. Hazel Johnson. Awards from the scholarship fund will be given to deserving young men and women on the basis of personal and academic potential and need.

## Faculty / staff campaign goal surpassed

Ouachita's faculty and staff set the bar high for groups to follow in the Circle of Excellence capital campaign.

In the first portion of the overall campaign to be completed, the faculty/staff goal of \$500,000 was shattered, with pledges reaching \$728,000.

"We set this campaign early in the process because it sets the tone for the rest of the campaign," said Joe Franz, vice president

for development. "It shows our constituents off campus that we, here on campus, are committed to the campaign and, more importantly, are committed to the long range goals and success of Ouachita.

"The fact that the faculty and staff members who work here believe so strongly in what they're doing lends credibility when we ask for help from those off campus," said Franz.

Over 90 percent of

the faculty and staff participated in the campaign, which was led by Dr. Joe Jeffers, the W.D. and Alice Burch Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies.

Vice-chairs were Dr. Lewis Shepherd, assistant to the president for special programs, Bill Phelps, director of computer services, Dr. George Keck, the Addie Mae Maddox Professor of Music, and Dr. Ouida Keck, associate professor of music.



# Boatrights touch lives through gift annuity



*"It is a source of great satisfaction to us to be able to accomplish so many good things by implementing a gift annuity with Ouachita."*

Augusta and Truman Boatright

Truman and Augusta Boatright of Alma recently invested in a gift annuity with Ouachita. Augusta is a 1939 Ouachita graduate, and Truman is a 1949 graduate of the University of Arkansas. They served as teachers, and Truman as a principal of a school, during their careers, while developing and operating a lovely ranch. Augusta is a past two-term member of the Ouachita Board of Trustees. Here is what they have to say about their gift annuity:

"As schoolteachers and as Christians, we have devoted our lives to education and to our faith. After our lifetimes, the gift annuity will enable us to perpetuate what is most precious to us by helping young men and women attend Ouachita. The gift annuity principal will be used to establish our endowed scholarship fund which will generate income for scholarship awards year after year.

"During our lifetimes the gift annuity will help us with our needs, too. It fits perfectly with our situation because we had a C.D. mature which was paying only 3% or so, compared to the 8.9% annually we now make from the gift annuity. We are pleased that 70% of the income from the gift annuity is tax-free and the fact that we can deduct almost one-half of the investment for income tax purposes. When all of the tax and income benefits are considered, our effective rate of return is 10.7%, three times what we were making before.

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annuity with Ouachita."

A gift annuity might be just right for you, too. The payout rates for a gift annuity are set by a national committee. Rates are standard depending on the age of the "annuitant," with older annuitants qualifying for a higher payout rate. For example, a person 70 years of age will earn 7.2% on his or her annuity investment, and a person 80 years of age will earn 8.9%.

The rate of return exceeds current market rates by a longshot. What makes the gift annuity really exceptional are the tax benefits. The 10.7% "effective" rate of return cited above by Truman and Augusta Boatright is computed by adding into the mix the tax-free portion of the income and the income tax deduction. For older annuitants the effective rate of return often reaches 15% and more.

Increased income is certainly good to have, but perhaps the primary reason to invest in a gift annuity is to leave a legacy to Ouachita, a tangible reminder of your gratitude, your faith, and your love of education and young people. A gift annuity is just one of many ways you can participate in the largest campaign in Ouachita's history, which was announced in early March and which is explained in more detail in other sections of this issue of the Circle.

If you want information about a gift annuity, with no obligation whatever, call John David Cloud at 870-245-5169, or write to him at OBU Box 3754, Arkadelphia, AR 71998.

# Williams Trust established to provide scholarships

Ouachita was among three Arkansas colleges notified recently that they were equal beneficiaries of a \$3 million trust established by Ted and Betty Williams. As a result, the University received \$45,000 for this year from the Ted and Betty Williams Charitable Trust.

Ted and Betty Williams moved to the Little Rock area in the 1950s when Mr. Williams and a partner started a wholesale plumbing supply business in North Little Rock. The business grew to be very successful, and the partnership was able to open seven stores in various cities.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams were native Nebraskans and were raised on farms. Mr. Williams had an entrepreneurial spirit and seemed to have a knack for succeeding in his business endeavors. Mrs. Williams attended business school and studied bookkeeping in order to assist in the business.

Even though they were quite successful, Mr. and Mrs. Williams were quiet, unassuming, frugal people. Having only a high school education, Mr. Williams realized that individuals with higher educations had more opportunities for suc-

cess in their lives than did persons less educated.

During their lives, they provided financial assistance to many young people for educational purposes who otherwise would not have had the resources to complete their educations. Yet the Williams's did not seek praise or publicity for their generosity. Their pleasure came in seeing the young people succeed in their lives after being educated.

After Mr. Williams' death but prior to her own, Mrs. Williams created the Ted and Betty Williams Charitable trust in an effort to set up a perpetual means of providing resources to deserving students. Each of the designated colleges will receive annual income from the \$1 million invested on their behalf. Ouachita will award scholarships each year from the earnings.

Applicants must meet the academic standards of the University, and they must be good citizens of the campus community. A demonstration of leadership potential, financial need and full time enrollment are also required for consideration.

# Goal exceeded in phonathon

With more than \$107,600 raised toward the academic scholarship fund, a group of Ouachita faculty and student volunteers successfully concluded the development office's annual Phonathon held in February.

Although the financial aid drive was shortened to eight nights instead of nine this year, the group of volunteer students and faculty were still able to meet and exceed their initial goal of \$105,000. More than 3,400 Ouachita alumni and friends were contacted, and 57 percent of those contacted chose to financially support Ouachita in the scholarship drive.

Three students were chosen as the "grand prize winners." Rachel McDuffee, a sophomore graphic design major from Amarillo, Texas, won the first prize by soliciting 108 pledges. She was awarded a \$100 gift certificate from Best Buy. Caroline Broyles, a sophomore biblical studies major from Van Buren, won the second prize by raising \$6,530, and was awarded a \$75 gift certificate from Best Buy. The final prize was awarded to Amanda McGill, a junior business administration major from Deer Park, Texas, who received 105 pledges. She was awarded a \$50 gift certificate from the Heflin Tennis Center on the OBU campus as well as free membership to the Arkadelphia Health Club for the rest of the semester.

A number of prizes were awarded each night to various students to reward them for achieving a specific task. More than 70 Arkadelphia and Hot Springs businesses and organizations donated approximately 350 gift certificates and prizes to offer the student volunteers. "These prizes keep the students going, night after night," said Lane Smith, event coordinator. "It is such a huge part of the Phonathon."

In addition to raising monies for academic scholarships, it also gave students the opportunity to view the financial aspect of Ouachita. "It helps us instill into the students the truth that the university is dependent on a wide diversity of publics to fund its various programs," remarked Smith.

• by Bethany Jones

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**CHARITABLE TRUST** • Ouachita has been named one of three beneficiaries of a \$3 million trust established by Ted and Betty Williams. The funds will be used to award scholarships to deserving students.

# Faculty exchange program benefits students from Ouachita and Beijing



**Ben M. Elrod**, chancellor, has been appointed to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission by Governor Mike Huckabee. Elrod was president of Ouachita from 1988-97 and prior to that served as president of the Independent Colleges of Arkansas from 1983-88. He was Ouachita's vice president for development for 13 years. Elrod will serve on the commission until January 14, 2006.



**Dave Ozmun**, associate professor of mass communications and public relations associate, has been notified that his entry "Ouachita" has won an

Award of Distinction in the 2002 national "Videographer Award" competition. Ozmun is the producer and director of the 30-minute cable television show titled "Ouachita" that airs in markets in Arkansas and Louisiana.

The particular show honored by the award was aired in August 2001 and was dedicated completely to a performance trip to Germany and Austria last summer by the Ouachita Singers.



**Doug Sonheim**, associate professor of English, recently wrote an introduction for and edited a three-volume literary work titled "Lectures, Sermons, and

Dissertations by George Campbell." Thoemmes Press of Bristol, United Kingdom was the publishing house for the piece.



**Mike Reynolds**, assistant professor of health, physical education, and recreation, was one of six men inducted into the Benton Athletic Memorial Museum Wall of Fame in March.

Reynolds, a 1973 Benton High graduate, served as men's basketball coach at Ouachita from 1988 to 2000. Reynolds played basketball and golf at Benton High.

With fresh, new ways of learning come escalated and unprecedented levels of knowledge, and that belief is a guidepost as Ouachita conducts an exchange program with a major Chinese university.

In 1996, Ouachita established a faculty exchange program with the English department at Beijing University with the China university sending Ouachita a faculty member for one year to teach Chinese language and Chinese culture. In return, Ouachita sends one faculty member for one semester to teach English and western culture. The plan is guided in Arkadelphia by Dr. Tom Greer, the Clarence and Bennie Sue Anthony Professor of Bible and the Humanities.

Dr. Susan Wink was the first professor to participate in this exchange in the fall of 1996. Since then, several Ouachita professors, including Greer, have traveled to China to teach during regular semesters of classes, while others have taken groups of Ouachita students to China for summer sessions.

Ouachita faculty members having participated in the Chinese exchange program include: Caroline Cagle, associate professor of mathematics and computer science; Dr. Raouf Halaby, professor of English and art; Dr. Kevin Brennan, associate professor of political science; Dr. Charles Chambliss, professor of education; and Dr. Edwina Thedford, associate professor of music.

"The program has been successful because it gives our students a chance to study Chinese with a native speaker," said Greer. "In addition to the benefit for Ouachita students, this exchange program offers the faculty of OBU an opportunity to interact with a colleague from a different culture."

Zhengkun Gu, professor of comparative culture, Shakespeare, translation, appreciation of poetry, and English at Beijing University, spent the past academic year at Ouachita. He received his degree from Beijing University, where he decided to teach upon graduation.

Gu arrived at Ouachita on August

16, 2001, and after a few days in the states, Gu realized the extreme difference between Beijing and Arkadelphia. "I soon realized how busy China is as compared to Arkansas," commented Gu. "Now, I feel as if I have ample time to do the things I have always wanted to do."

In addition to the change of pace, the "beautiful scenery" also impressed Gu. He feels the "naturalness" of Arkansas is good for his relaxation and breathing exercises. The slower pace and scenic lifestyle also has provided Gu with much more time for "thinking and writing," he said.

While at Ouachita, he taught courses on the Chinese language, the Chinese



**FACULTY EXCHANGE** • Dr. Edwina Thedford, associate professor of music, tours the north end of Tain an'men leading to the Forbidden City.

culture, and Taoism.

For those people involved in any type of exchange program, challenges almost always exist, but for Gu, the main challenge involved his ability and willingness to get comfortable in and adjusted to the new environment and lifestyle. "My colleagues at Ouachita have been most helpful in acquainting me with the ways things are accomplished," said Gu.

At the end of the spring semester, Gu returned to his wife and young son in China.

Because Ouachita has developed an increasingly effective international focus, Greer believes that this exchange program is another step to making the school an instrument of multi-cultural awareness.

"This program is a reflection of China's open door policy to the West and Ouachita's open window to the world," said Greer.

# Scholars' Day



**SCHOLARS' DAY** • Hannah Hays, a junior chemistry major from Arkadelphia, discusses her poster presentation during Scholars' Day activities. The second annual Scholars' Day, a celebration of scholarly achievement by Ouachita students, was held April 24. During the day, students presented projects from diverse academic disciplines to the student community, faculty and general public. The students were given the opportunity to present their projects in an oral presentation or a poster presentation.

## University honors outstanding students

Students earning various academic awards were honored at the Academic Awards Banquet in April. During the presentation of University awards by Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, Ben Utter, an English major from Hot Springs Village, was named Senior Ouachitonian Man, and Tilly Carter, a mass communications and history major from Arkadelphia, was named Senior Ouachitonian Woman.

The following awards were given to Academic Achievers: Joel Harting, Hickingbotham School of Business; Robyn Anders, division of education; Sarah Washam, division of social science; Levi Simpson, division of natural science; Lillian Magee, division of humanities; Jenna Williams, Jones School of Fine Arts; and Rebecca Weynand, Pruet School of Christian Studies. The Overall Academic Achiever Award was presented to Levi Simpson.

University awards were also pre-



**Ben Utter**

*Outstanding Senior Man*



**Tilly Carter**

*Outstanding Senior Woman*

sented: Ben Elrod Scholar to Vinita Rajah, Honors Council Scholar to Randy Stanley; Carl Goodson Scholar to J. T. Thompson; Rotary Club Service-Above-Self Award to Mary-Carole Young; Mrs. J. R. Grant Memorial Awards to Amy Gaden and Christy Telford; and Betty Oliver Grant Endowed Awards to Kelli Wolf and Trixie Kartiarso.

The Outstanding Faculty Member awards went to Larry Thompson, Most Accomplished Professor, and Dr. Hal Bass, Most Inspirational Professor.

## —Newsmakers—



**Ray Granade**, director of library services and professor of history, recently received an award for the Best Church History from the Arkansas

Historical Association for an article on church history, which stemmed from his work with a historical review of First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia.

The title of his article is, "The 'Cross Case': Church Discipline, the Law, and Arkadelphia's Second Second Baptist Church."



**Larry Thompson**, chairman of the visual arts department, has been notified that he will be represented by the Agoro Gallery of Soho, New York. Thompson's

compositions will be exhibited in the gallery this summer. The Soho area, a district of lower Manhattan, is internationally recognized as one of the premiere art districts in the world.



**Jeanna Westmoreland**, associate professor of education and director of teacher education, is the recipient of two Teacher Quality Enhancement

Grants totaling over \$32,000: Improving Secondary Field Experiences and Performance-Based Student Teaching. Westmoreland is currently serving as the president of the International Future Problem Solving Program.



**Bryan DeBusk**, assistant professor of biology, received a NASA grant to study the effects of microgravity on neural development in zebrafish. He also

works with the USDA to study the effects of antibiotics on hepatic biotransformation enzyme expression in striped bass.



## — Recognitions —

### Band members selected for Arkansas Intercollegiate Band

Eight Ouachita band members were chosen to perform as part of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Band (AIB) at a concert February 15 at the Hot Springs Civic and Convention Center. The concert featured top band musicians from all size public and private colleges and universities.

Chosen to be a member of the AIB from Ouachita were: Stephen Adams, Alison Daugherty, Derek Hammonds, Joy Hutcherson, Tracie Marlin, Kevin Pierce, Paula-Beth Rutherford, and James Spurlin.

### Williams wins vocal award

Jenna Williams of El Dorado, a senior vocal performance major, won the fourth annual Mary Shambarger Competition for Singers on Tuesday, February 19 at McBeth Recital Hall in Mabee Fine Arts Center.

Williams received a \$300 monetary award for winning the competition. First runner-up was Kara Floyd Shaw, second runner-up was Christopher Riddle, and honorable mention accolades went to Adam Langley.

### Debate team places first

Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee recently recognized the debate team at Ouachita by proclaiming a OBU Debate Team Day in the state in recognition of the team's national ranking and year-long achievements.

The novice debate team finished the debate season ranked first in the nation by the International Public Debate Association. At the recent IPDA Championship Tournament, the varsity team finished ranked seventh, and the open team finished sixth in the nation. Individual honors went to: Emily Fankhauser, novice fifth ranked speaker; Michelle Phillips, novice ninth ranked speaker; Justin Boyd, novice tenth ranked speaker; and Justin Harrison, varsity ninth ranked speaker.

The debate team just completed its second full year of intercollegiate competition, after the team had been dormant for 25 years.



**GUEST SPEAKER •** Governor Mike Huckabee ('76) visits with Drs. Jeanna and Andrew Westmoreland, along with several students, during a recent campus visit. The Governor spoke to President Westmoreland's political science class.

## Nationally-recognized director to lead University's athletic bands

Robert Hesse of Arkadelphia, one of the top 50 band directors in America who make a difference as recognized by "School Band and Orchestra" magazine, is the new director of athletic bands at Ouachita beginning this fall.

"I am excited about the addition of Mr. Hesse to our staff," said Dr. Craig Hamilton, professor of music and director of bands. "He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our program. Mr. Hesse is an outstanding band director who is known for his innovation and exciting marching bands."

Hesse will be coming to Ouachita from the Arkadelphia Public Schools. At Ouachita, his responsibilities will include directing the marching band and the basketball pep band.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to teach at Ouachita Baptist University," said Hesse. "I have always had a great relationship with Ouachita and have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Hamilton and the other faculty members on numerous occasions. I have always wanted to teach on the university level and I am very pleased that my college teaching career will begin at Ouachita. I look forward to the first performance of the 'Marching Tiger Band' and I hope everyone will be as excited as I am."

During his 24 years of teaching, Hesse has taught in Hope, Springdale, and Marion. During his tenure at Hope, his bands became nationally recognized for their excellence, especially the marching band. Under Hesse's direction, the Hope High School Band performed at the In-

dependence Bowl, Sugar Bowl, and the Inauguration parade in Washington, D.C. for President Bill Clinton.

His marching bands have received first division ratings in all contests for the last 24 years. This past year, the Arkadelphia bands were finalist in the Play It Again Arkansas Invitational Marching Festival and the Arkansas Open Invitational Championships. Its marching season was concluded with the Grand Champion Award at the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas, last December. The AHS band was the only high school band to perform during the pre-game ceremonies in front of 65,000 fans in attendance.

Hesse is in great demand throughout the United States as an adjudicator, clinician and drill designer. Most recently, he has been on the staff with Bowl Games of America that has directed the Liberty Bowl half-time extravaganza for the past 13 years in Memphis, Tennessee, and was part of the instructional staff for last year's National Championship Orange Bowl pre-game and halftime festivities. Hesse is also on the staff for the 2003 Orange Bowl pre-game and halftime festivities. Hesse has also served throughout the United States and Canada as an adjudicator and clinician for Heritage Festivals of Salt Lake City, Utah.

This past fall, Hesse was honored as "One of the Top 50 Band Directors in America Who Make A Difference" by "School Band and Orchestra" magazine.

Hesse and his wife, Barbara, have two children, Joshua, 15, and Jonathan Robert, 11.

• by Mac Sisson

# Junior Readings provides insight while promoting good reading habits

An academic pursuit “designed to put to test many of the skills and attitudes that have been cultivated while at Ouachita Baptist University” is the description of the newly implemented Junior Readings course on campus.

Although the course has been “on the table” for several years, it was implemented in the fall semester of 2001. The single semester course is a requirement of the CORE curriculum, meaning that the students must take this course in order to graduate from the University.

“The idea was that by the time students are juniors, we want them to be reading books somewhat independently,” said Dr. Doug Sonheim, associate professor of English and coordinator of the program. “I believe that the catalog uses the phrase ‘self-paced’ to describe the course.”

Although the idea began as a “self-paced” program, it has become in the words of Sonheim, “much less self-paced.” Students are

required to read three books during the semester.

A list of approximately 20 books is formed by the suggestions of various professors, who have volunteered to lead a course around literature of their choosing. The students then choose three of the books from this list, but their books must be grouped in three separate categories, which include: culture, history, philosophy, science, and theology. Each book they choose to read must be from a different category.

After making their reading selection, the students then decide on the rotation in which they would like to read their chosen books. “The semester is divided into three different rotations,” said Sonheim. “Each book is available for the student to read in these separate rotations.”

During the course of these four week long rotations, the student meets in a regular class setting with a group of stu-

dents who are also reading the book. The professor, who made the book recommendation, is present to lead discussions, assign readings, and lecture on the book. At the conclusion of this rotation, the student is required to write a paper.

“One of the strengths of this program is that professors get to choose a book that they might not normally get to teach,” said Sonheim. “It also allows the student the opportunity to read a book they might not normally read.”

The list of 20 books changes from semester to semester. “We encourage the faculty to switch books at least every year, which is a real strength of the program because it offers flexibility,” comments Sonheim. This flexibility also allows the

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• Dr. Doug Sonheim

program to adapt to the current issues. For example, five books on the spring semester list dealt with the September 11 tragedy and the war on terrorism.

In addition to educating the students on current events, the course also benefits the students in many other aspects. The course offers the student the opportunity to participate in small group interaction as well as close participation with the professors. Another benefit of the program is the healthy habit of reading it develops in the student. “Our goal is that when each student graduates, they will continue to read for years and years to come,” adds Sonheim.

A final, but most important benefit of the program, is the ability it forms within the student to read literature critically and analytically.

This unique course adds to the many formulas the University has implemented in order to reach a new level of success in the overall education program.

“Overall, the course has proven to be very successful over the past two semesters, and the faculty continue to anticipate the arrival of the noticeable effects of the Junior Readings program,” concluded Sonheim.

• by Bethany Jones

## — Recognitions — Ouachitonian receives prestigious Silver Crown

The 2001 “Ouachitonian” yearbook received a prestigious Silver Crown Award from Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) at the Spring National College Media Convention held recently in New York City. The “Ouachitonian” was the only yearbook from Arkansas to receive a Crown Award.

The “Ouachitonian” yearbook also won first place in general excellence at the Arkansas College Media Association convention held in April. Second place was awarded to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and third place to the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.

## Tinker wins piano competition

Amy Tinker, a senior biology major from Bentonville, won first place in the Virginia Queen Award for Excellence in Piano Performance at the 25th annual Virginia Queen Piano Competition held in April.

Second place and the Corinne Wade Award went to Tara Ensley, third place and the Mildred McElwee Award was given to James Huber, fourth place went to Amy Price, and honorable mention recognition was given to Martha Smith.

## ACS student chapter receives organization’s highest honor

The American Chemical Society student affiliate organization on campus recently received the national organization’s highest student group honor, an “Outstanding Award,” for its work during the 2000-2001 school year at the ACS national convention held recently in Orlando, Fla.

## AdFed team places eighth

Ouachita’s American Advertising Federation team placed eighth out of 15 universities competing in the regional AdFed competition in Austin, Texas. Each team gave a 20-minute presentation outlining a marketing plan for Bank of America Investment Services.

# NEWS — Briefs —

◆ A concentrated focus on personal health issues was the theme of Healthfair 2002 held in February in Evans Student Center. Molly Wallace, OBU health services director, said, "By learning about health issues and risks, our campus publics know what to watch for in their own lives. The Healthfair also provides our people a way to learn about all the different health agencies and their services throughout the community and state." The day was comprised of several types of on-site health evaluations such as hearing tests, vision screens, cholesterol tests, blood pressure tests, nutrition information, dental health, hemoglobin checks, fitness information, health information, massage therapy information, mental health information, body composition tests, and pulmonary function tests.

◆ Dr. David Solomon, director of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, delivered a speech on the subject of medical ethics as part of the Birkett Williams Lecture Series on February 21. Solomon's research interests have focused for the most part on issues in contemporary moral philosophy with a special interest in medical ethics. He was the co-author of the first study of the public policy implications of the Roe vs. Wade abortion decision, "Abortion and Public Policy," and a study of the philosophy of Wilfrid Sellars, "The Synoptic Vision."

◆ Ouachita's Former Students Association played host to the institution's 2002 spring graduating class at a dinner on February 26. Randy Garner, assistant to the president for enrollment management and director of alumni affairs, said the dinner is held annually as "OBU's way of saying congratulations." It is also a time, Garner said, to inform students about their roles in relation to the institution after graduation. The program consisted of a short speech by senior class president Lindsey Little, a business management major from Little Rock. President Andrew Westmoreland offered his congratulations and words of encouragement. Taylor King, an OBU graduate who is an Arkadelphia attorney and a member of the OBU Board of Trustees, was the guest speaker.

## Student volunteers lead spring break camp

The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community hosted a spring break enrichment camp for approximately 100 area Arkadelphia youth in grades two through five to help provide an environment of fun and learning, while stressing character building traits.

The three-day camp was staffed by 27 Ouachita volunteer students on a portion of their spring break from March 25-27 and included students from Central Primary School and Peake Elementary.

Jan Bass, coordinator of public school initiatives for the Elrod Center, was the director of the camp, and Dawn Pick-Benson, assistant director of the Center, was the co-director.

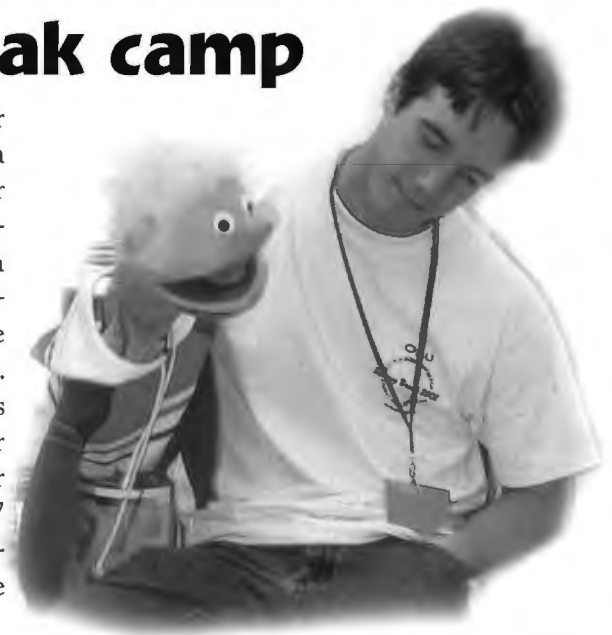
The purpose of this enrichment week was not only to provide children with some fun activities to fill their free time, but also to demonstrate and teach good character qualities.

## Servant leaders honored at annual volunteer banquet

Eighty campus and community leaders were recognized at a Community Service Excellence Awards banquet in April. The banquet was sponsored by the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community.

"The Center wanted to take this means to commemorate the extraordinary spirit of volunteerism inherent in the lives and spirit of those honored," said Ian Cosh, assistant to the president for community development and director of the Elrod Center. "Through their dedication, many lives have been helped. They are true role models in fashioning a lifestyle that is more than what makes them comfortable and looks to how best others may be assisted."

The Community Service Excellence



The children were assigned to groups where they participated in various classes. The classes included: music, drama, recreation, science and nature, arts and crafts, and puppets.

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

Awards were given to: Junius Williams, a maintenance staff member; Steve Phillips, professor of speech communication; and Brown Hardman, a respected member of the Arkadelphia business community.

The Jefferson Awards were presented to: Kellie Blalock, Cara Collingsworth, Joel Harting, Frank Schimunek, and Katie Turner.

Awards were given to those who have been actively involved in various volunteer programs including Tiger Serve Day, America Reads and Counts, ElderServe program, Servant Leadership class, YouthServe, TransServe and Campus Ministries, and Kluck Student Enrichment Grants.

• by Bethany Jones

# REFUGE

HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS  
ATTEND WEEKLY  
PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Although it began with only 20 students, approximately 600 Ouachita students now gather together to participate in what is described as “a student worship service,” held each Thursday night during the school year.

“Refuge,” which is the title of the service, is held each week in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia at 9 p.m. “It gives the students an opportunity to connect with God in authentic and theologically sound worship,” according to Kevin Inman, campus ministries director.

The worship period began in the fall semester of 1993 under the inspiration of Jon Shirley, a biblical studies major from Temple, Texas, and Zac Murtha, a biblical studies major from Little Rock, who were OBU students at that time and then had a professional singing group called Nickel and Dime. Approximately 20 students met together at these weekly services, which were held at Berry Chapel and were titled “Praise and Worship.”

After Shirley and Murtha graduated, Jordan Thomas, a speech communication major from Crawfordsville, AR, and Matthew Bailey from Texarkana, AR, who were students at that time, took over the responsibilities and began to see tremendous growth in the numerical attendance.

These leaders were followed by Michael Bleecker, business administration major from St. Louis, Missouri, and Eric Kuykendall, a biblical studies major from Henderson, Texas, who desired to see the name of the worship service change. “They began to search through the Scriptures and found passages such as Psalms 91:1-2, which stated that God was a refuge,” informed Inman. “They wanted the worship service to reflect these verses.”

After Bleecker and Kuykendall graduated, they left the responsibilities to a number of students who are presently involved with the weekly service.

“Several hundred students were coming by this point, and we decided that a team approach would be more beneficial,” added Inman.

This team approach not only reduced some of the stresses involved with leading the group, but it also provided several opportunities for students to get involved. According to Inman, it takes “lots of help” in order for the service to run correctly. “As a matter of fact, we are usually short-handed, which leaves a great deal of responsibility for the band members and speakers who are involved,” he added.

Typically, the service begins with worship through music, which is provided by the “Refuge Band.” The band is made up of close to 10 OBU students who spend several hours a week preparing the music that is involved in the worship service. Most attendees would classify the style of worship as “contemporary,” but Inman adds, “In conjunction with the style of worship, we are constantly asking ourselves, ‘Are we staying focused on the truth?’ This question keeps the worship services in the right perspective.” This self-check approach has obviously made the worship service successful.

After the opening worship, a message is delivered from one of the team speakers, who are Jeremy Nottingham, a senior psychology major from Waco, Texas; Brad Monk, a junior biblical studies major from Heber Springs; or Inman.

The service is then concluded with a time of commitment, which occurs during the final musical worship.

Occasionally, a unique worship service is held. Guest speakers are invited, at times, to address the students, or guest bands are invited to lead the worship service. “We also develop important themes at times throughout the year,” informed Inman. “In April, we have a time where we commission the students leaving on summer mission trips and

those leaving for permanent mission positions.” There are also times throughout the year when a special evangelistic Refuge service is held, and students are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors.

Although the campus ministry leaders have developed many purposes for the Refuge service, one purpose dominates them all. “We are desiring for students to honor God in that moment of worship and then in their lives,” said Inman. “We are trying to help students develop a lifestyle of worship. The students’ devotion to attending Refuge is overwhelming and gratifying in their earnest and sincere desire to learn and grow in their personal discipleship.”

The growth in numbers obviously signifies the phenomenal success of this ministry, but Kim Ward, assistant campus ministries director, views the success as “students developing a deep awareness of God.” According to Ward, students are being challenged through the music and the messages delivered to “live a life of obedience.” “This impacted me as a student and is still impacting me today,” she added.

In addition to the spiritual needs that are being met, Refuge provides students with another opportunity to become involved with other students as well as “campus life.” “Refuge helps to provide and promote campus unity,” commented Inman.

In spite of the growth, Inman, Ward, and the volunteer ministry leaders continue to desire growth and improvement without compromising their foundational purposes. “We are always looking for ways to improve,” stated Inman. “Yet we want to always stay focused on the simple purpose of participating in authentic and theologically sound worship.” With consistent improvements, Inman and Ward believe the ministry will continue to grow and be successful.

• by Bethany Jones



# NEWS Briefs

◆ The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community hosted its eighth bi-annual Tiger Serve Day on Saturday, March 2. The purpose of Tiger Serve Day is to introduce the students to community service and give the students a chance to interact with and give back to the community. Primarily, the student, faculty and staff participants assisted individuals and organizations in Arkadelphia and the Caddo Valley area with such jobs as painting, house cleaning, repairing, and general clean-up.

◆ The Campus Ministries office sponsored Christian Focus Week February 11-15. Each day began with student prayer breakfasts at 7 a.m. A voluntary Morning Celebration worship service was held in Jones Performing Arts Center each day. This year, the speakers were Greg Kirksey and Leonard Sweet. Kirksey is currently the co-pastor of the Church at Rock Creek in Little Rock. He also served as an adjunct professor for OBU for the past three years. Sweet is currently the E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. The music portion of the week was led by Shane Barnard of Dallas, Texas, who has been involved with music ministry for more than 10 years. Activities for the week included afternoon seminars, the Athletic Challenge, and an International Food Fest.

◆ The health care system in Arkadelphia is soon to be aided by a group of approximately 80 Ouachita students who will be providing volunteer hours in assisting families with loved ones in Baptist Health Medical Center in the city. Ian Cosh, assistant to the president for community development and director of the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community at OBU, received a request recently for volunteer workers from Carolyn Batson, a retired nurse, who expressed concern for the organization and comfort of the emergency room waiting area and other auxiliary sections of the hospital. Cosh agreed to commit the resources of the Elrod Center to the challenge and began to work with the medical center in developing a system where students volunteer their time and, in turn, receive community service hours.

## San Antonio outreach ministers to those in need

College students who desire to work on a voluntary basis with the homeless, the elderly, disadvantaged teens, and small children are often difficult to find, but the Campus Ministries office at Ouachita was inundated with more than 60 students who registered their intent to spend the days of their spring break tending to the needs of these children and adults.

The group of students, accompanied by campus ministers Kim Ward and Kevin Inman, along with his wife Shannan, participated in a week-long spring break missions effort in San Antonio, Texas. Due to the many opportunities to serve, the team's tasks were divided into "morning activities," "afternoon activities," and "evening activities."

Morning activities were divided into three different areas of ministry. "One group of students spent their mornings serving in a homeless shelter," said Beth Grossman, a senior biology major from North Little Rock and student coordinator of the trip. "Another group worked with elderly people, who are housed on the Salvation Army campus, and the last group performed service projects for the campus," she concluded.

The afternoons were devoted to

working with the children who are members of the Boys and Girls Club, which is also located on the Salvation Army Campus. "We all participated in a time that is much like Vacation Bible School," said Grossman. "This was the main focus of our trip."

The evening activities varied. One group of students worked with disadvantaged girls who are also housed on the Salvation Army Campus. "One night, we led an outreach service in the local park," said Grossman.

Fifteen students each day assisted the Salvation Army as they passed out evangelistic literature and performed Christian shows at a park directly across from the Alamo. "The week right before Easter is called Holy Week, so the Salvation Army spent time doing evangelistic work at the Alamo," added Grossman.

In addition to their weekly activities, the team led the worship service at the Citadel Chapel, located on the campus.

In order to prepare for the full week of ministry, the team met on a weekly basis prior to the trip. These meetings gave the students an opportunity to get to know each other as well as plan and prepare for the week.

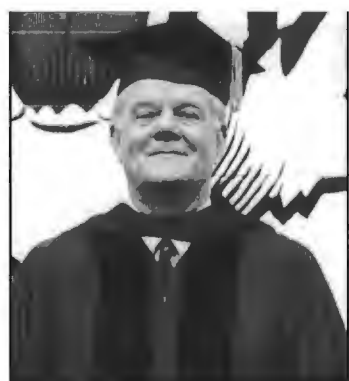


**SPRING FESTIVITIES** • Students enjoy a Friday afternoon of games and refreshments at Spring Fling, sponsored April 19 by the Campus Activities Board. The weekend events continued with Tiger Traks, sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation. Included in the 10 competitive events were tug-o-war and oozeball.



# Class of 2002

197 graduates  
receive degrees  
at spring commencement



Rev. O. K. "Jack" Hazlewood



Rev. Paul R. Sanders



President Andrew Westmoreland

**A** Senior Prayer Breakfast, morning commencement and a reception were welcome changes to the traditional spring commencement schedule at Ouachita, held Saturday, May 11. The day's activities started with the senior breakfast and devotional hour for the graduates, faculty, and staff. Speaking at the breakfast were: Dr. Terry Carter, associate professor of Christian ministries and holder of the W. O. Vaught Chair of Bible, and his daughter, Tilly, a senior mass communications and history major from Arkadelphia; Dr. Steve Phillips, associate professor of speech; David Nelson, a senior chemistry major from Russellville; Dr. Phil Rice, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business and professor of business; and Mary-Carole Young, a senior business administration major from White Hall.

Commencement was held in Sturgis Physical Education Center at 11 a.m. At the commencement exercises, the OBU Emeritus Faculty Award was given in absentia to Lavell Cole, professor emeritus of history. Cole, a native of Many, LA, joined the OBU faculty in 1969 and served for more than three decades as a much respected and admired history professor.

Also at commencement, on behalf of the OBU Board of Trustees, honorary doctor of divinity degrees were awarded to Rev. O. K. "Jack" Hazlewood and Rev. Paul R. Sanders.

Hazlewood is president of the Jack Hazlewood Evangelistic Association. A native of Little Rock, Hazlewood graduated from Ouachita in 1967 and immediately began serving as a full-time Baptist evangelist. His ministry also takes him to other countries, particularly in Asia, where over the past 20 years he has conducted crusades and seminars on evangelism and Christian discipleship. Hazlewood served two terms on the Ouachita Board of Trustees from 1995-2001.

Sanders, a native of Oklahoma City, OK, is pastor of the 4,000 member plus Geyer Springs First Baptist Church of Little Rock, where he has served for almost 35 years. Sanders received a bachelor of arts degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and his master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Sanders' denominational service has included election as First Vice President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and terms on the ABSC Baptist Student Union Advisory Board, ABSC Executive Board, SBC Foreign Mission Board, and SBC Committee on Boards. He served as a chaplain for 20 years with the Army National Guard and Army Reserve, retiring with the rank of Colonel. Sanders served one unexpired term and two full terms on the Ouachita Board of Trustees.

Following commencement exercises, a reception was held in the Ouachita Commons for the graduates and their guests.

# Athletes honored during annual spring banquet

The University's annual Athletic Banquet was held in April to recognize student-athletes who excelled in their respective sports.

Robyn Anders, a senior health, physical education and recreation major from Grapevine, Texas, was named The Outstanding Female Athlete. The Bob Lambert Memorial Outstanding Male Athlete Award was presented to T. J. Bingham, a senior biblical studies major from Houston.

The Female Scholar-Athlete Award was presented to Sally Allred, senior Biblical Studies major from Marshall, Texas, and the Frank Reed Male Scholar Athlete Award was awarded to J. R. Eldridge, a senior English major from Fayetteville.

Outstanding athlete awards presented were:

**BASEBALL:** Outstanding Defensive Player - Heath Bays; Rab Rodgers Outstanding Baseball Player - Michael Ferguson.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** Outstanding Cross Country Athlete - Robyn Hopper.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** Outstanding Defensive Player - Robyn Anders; Outstanding Offensive Player - Crystal Allen; Outstanding Player Award - Caroline Boclair.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** Outstanding

ing Defensive Player - Treston Dowell; Outstanding Offensive Player - Lonnell West; Bill Vining Outstanding Men's Basketball Player - Tim Lane.

**FOOTBALL:** Antwoyne Edwards Leadership Award - Football - J. R. Eldridge; Danny Turner Outstanding Offensive Player - Rickey Rogers; Outstanding Defensive Player - Michael Dawodu and Greg Robinson; Buddy Benson Outstanding Football Player Award - T. J. Bingham.

**GOLF:** Outstanding Golf Athlete Award - Justin Bates.

**SOFTBALL:** Softball Outstanding Offensive Player - Sarah Sullivan; Outstanding Defensive Player - Jenny Logan; Softball Hustle Award - Stephanie Moulton.

**SWIMMING AND DIVING:** Outstanding Men's Swimmer - Jon Oynes; Outstanding Women's Swimmer - Angie Cody.

**TENNIS:** Outstanding Men's Tennis Athlete - Gilles Lagardere; Outstanding Women's Tennis Athlete - Victoria Domina.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Outstanding Defensive Player - Amy Pace; Outstanding Offensive Player - Christa Campbell; Volleyball Hustle Award - Jill Evans.

• by Chris Babb

# Women's tennis team makes it to elite eight in national tournament

After the performance in individual events in the fall by members of the Lady Tiger tennis team, the sky was the limit for the spring season when Ouachita would attempt to make the NCAA National Championships and successfully defend their GSC West Division Championship.

With an overall record of 23-6 and an undefeated run through GSC West play, the nationally fifth-ranked Lady Tigers achieved both of those goals. The Lady Tigers were also just points shy of the overall GSC Championship, but fell to No. 4 West Florida 5-4.

The performance throughout the season and in the GSC Championships earned the Lady Tigers a host bid to the NCAA Division II South Regional at

the Heflin Tennis Center. OBU defeated Arkansas Tech in the first round 5-0 and earned a berth in their first-ever NCAA Championships as a member of the GSC with a 5-1 win over Delta State in the regional finals.

Ouachita advanced to the national quarterfinals with a 5-0 win over Northern Colorado where they ran into a buzzsaw in No. 2 Armstrong-Atlantic, falling 5-1.

Ouachita freshman Victoria Domina earned Gulf South West Division Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year honors and was joined by teammates Brenda Magnetti and Sabrina Benitez on the All-GSC First Team while Inga Ziemina was named Second Team All-GSC this season.

• by Chris Babb

# Bingham signs with Kansas City

Senior defensive end T. J. Bingham has signed a free agent contract to play professional football for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Bingham, a biblical studies major from Houston, was named to four All-American teams for the 2001 season. Those honors include: first-team Football Gazette Division II All-American defensive line as announced by Don Hansen's Football Gazette; first-team All-American defensive line by Daktronics; D2Football.com; and second team All-American on the Associated Press Little All-America team. Bingham played in the post-season Cactus Bowl and Blue-Gray All-Star game.

Bingham led the Gulf South Conference I in sacks with 12, tackles for loss with 26 and was Ouachita's leading tackler with 77 tackles. Bingham was the leading tackler among defensive linemen in the GSC as well.

Bingham is an ordained Baptist minister and has served as part-time preacher at Genessaret Missionary Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. He and his wife, Rachel, are the parents of a new baby boy, Malachi.

## 2002 Ouachita Baptist University Tiger Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 7	SE Okla.	Durant, OK	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	Open		
Sept. 21	*Ark. Tech	OBU	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	*Central Ark.	Conway, AR	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	*Valdosta St.	OBU	2 p.m.
Oct. 12	*North Ala.	OBU	2 p.m.
Oct. 19	*AR-Monticello	Monticello, AR	2 p.m.
Oct. 26	*Southern Ark.	OBU	2 p.m.
Nov. 2	*Henderson	HSU	3 p.m.
Nov. 9	*Delta State	OBU	2 p.m.
Nov. 16	*Harding	Searcy, AR	2 p.m.

\*Denotes Gulf South conference game

^Denotes Homecoming

# Sports Briefs

by Chris Babb, sports information director

## Golf

An eighth place finish in the Gulf South Conference tournament ended the season for the Tiger golf team, but one individual had his season extended to the NCAA South Regional at Shangri-La Resort in Monkey Island, OK.

Sophomore Justin Bates qualified for the regional tournament by finishing in the top part of the region's individual rankings. Bates was the only Tiger to qualify for regionals in the season.

The Tigers got their season off to a quick start as they won the Division II portion of the Pizza Hut Intercollegiate, finishing first out of seven schools with a 617 which was six strokes ahead of second place. Bates won medallist honors with a 74-76—150 and Randy Southerland finished one stroke back with a 151.

Between the win at Pizza Hut and the GSC championships, the Tigers consistently finished in the top four at tournaments through the season. A fourth-place finish at the Doyle Wallace Classic and fifth-place finishes at the UCA Intercollegiate and the Arkansas Tech Classic featured top ten performances from Bates, Southerland and the team's lone senior, Jeff Maneth.

## Baseball

A dramatic come-from behind victory over the Henderson State University Reddies on the final at-bat of the season, proved to be the highlight of the season for the Tiger baseball team.

Trailing 5-3 with two outs in the bottom of the ninth and the bases loaded, OBU center fielder Jeff McCoart roped a hit into the gap in left-center field that scored three runs, giving Ouachita the 6-5 win.

The Tigers began the season at 8-10, their best start in years, but hit a stretch in the middle of the season in which injuries hurt the team. Senior Michael Ferguson began the season in the outfield, but injuries relegated him to designated hitter duty during conference series only.

Despite the injury, Ferguson led the team in batting average at .412, putting him among the conference leaders.

McCoart led the team in home runs with five and RBI with 33 while left fielder Douglas Riley led the team in hits with 56. Catcher Tony Carozza had 20 RBI and led the team in doubles with 13. Senior pitcher Adam DePriest led the team in innings pitched and wins while Austen Breaux led the staff in strike outs with 52.

Ouachita won two out of three at Arkansas Tech and Christian Brothers during the conference season and pitcher Jay Carpenter threw a complete-game shut out of the Wonder Boys in the second game of the series in Russellville. The shutout was the first time a Ouachita team had shut out Arkansas Tech since 1969. The Tigers finished the season with a 12-34 overall and 5-16 in the Gulf South Conference.

Postseason honors went to Michael Ferguson who was voted to the 2002 All-Gulf South Conference baseball first team.

## Softball

Every time a Lady Tiger softball player did something for the first time in 2002, it was a record. Head coach Marissa Lafitte directed the Lady Tiger softball team to a 6-14 record in their first-ever season of competition.

The six wins include two wins over Henderson State, with the first win ever for the program against the Diamond Reddies on March 8. That game also provided the first-ever Ouachita home run as freshman Sarah Sullivan gave the Lady Tigers a 3-2 lead with a round tripper which would prove to be the game-winning run. As the pitcher, Sullivan also got the first win for the program.

Records that were set in a double-header sweep of Wiley College on April 22 will be hard to break in the coming years. In game one the Lady Tigers set a school record for runs in a game in a 28-2 win.

Sullivan led the team in home runs

with four and RBI with 13 while batting .250. Catcher Lorraine Hallonquist was the team leader in batting average with a .280 average and was second behind Sullivan in RBI with eight. Center fielder Jenny Logan was the only senior on the squad and was second on the team in runs scored with 10.

## Men's Tennis

The Tiger men's tennis team ended the 2002 season with a GSC West Division Championship, the GSC West Player of the Year and three members of the First-Team All-GSC squad.

Despite all of that, the end to the season came a little bit quicker than anticipated for coach Craig Ward's troops. Making the national tournament has become the norm for the Tigers, but that chance was ended as OBU fell to Valdosta State in NCAA Division II regional play in Georgia.

The Tigers were ranked as high as No. 6 in the nation during the season, much due to the success of the GSC West Player of the Year, junior Gilles Lagardere. Raul Bermudez and Andre Edwall joined Lagardere on the All-Conference team at the conclusion of the conference tournament in which the Tigers' quest for a conference championship was halted by West Florida in the semifinals.

## Football

Ouachita head football coach Todd Knight has announced the hiring of Deke Adams as linebackers coach for the Tiger football team. Adams comes to Ouachita from Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Miss., where he was defensive coordinator and linebacker coach.

Adams graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his Master of Science in coaching and sports administration from USM in 1996.





## Larry Frisby

President  
Former Students  
Association

The coming of spring reminds us of nature's promise of a new beginning. A new group of graduates have joined with us in the ranks of season veterans. These new graduates will carry with them many memories of their years at Ouachita. A great many of these memories will be similar to ours, because we are all members of the same family.

Ouachita continues to find that unique way of transforming individuals from diverse backgrounds, different regions of the world, with different hopes and aspirations into kindred spirits. Something very special continues to happen on the banks of a little river in Clark County, as together we share that common bond in an uncommon place. I believe that most of you reading this

column would agree that some of the best times of our lives were spent in this special place called Ouachita.

Ouachita means many different things to each of us, but I believe that it afforded my generation, and continues to afford the present generation, with the best environment to develop maximum potential growth, academically, spiritually and socially. In a world of increasing isolation where doing one's own thing is the norm, Ouachita continues to teach us that we were created for something bigger than serving self. Ouachita helps us to realize that a loving relationship with our Creator and our fellow man is the paramount goal of a successful life. Ouachita in 2002 stands for the same timeless values it stood for in 1886.

From us to whom much has been given, much is expected. I ask you to consider to commit to do three things for Ouachita this year: First, pray on a regular basis for her students, faculty, and administration. Second, make a point of recommending her to the young people you know as potential students. Offer to

obtain information for them, if they are at all interested. Third, contribute financially in some way. Remember how many were fed with five loaves and two fishes when they were given into our Savior's hands. By doing these things, we will honor the memory of those who made it possible for us to be alumni.

I truly thank you for the privilege of serving you as your president this year. I look forward to working with you to keep the FSA relevant and useful to Ouachita's mission.

Let me share with you a little about myself. I graduated from Ouachita in 1969, after completing high school in Strong, Ark. I entered the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, graduating in 1973. After two years in the Army, I opened a practice in Family Dentistry in Sheridan, Ark. While in the army, I met my best friend's little sister, Charlene. We will have our twenty-fifth anniversary this year. We have two sons, Norman, a 2001 OBU graduate who is currently a law student at UA-Fayetteville, and Michael, a junior at Ouachita.



**GOLD TIGERS** • The class of 1952 was inducted as Gold Tigers at the group's luncheon in April. Those present were: (front row) Gerald Phillips, Carl Fawcett, Jack Bledsoe, Martha Deaton Crosby, Elsie Kennedy Warnock, Harold "Double Dip" Taylor, O'Nolda Dyer Tabor, Rachel Quattlebaum Cook, Joyce Noel Crittenden, Mary Lee Carter Williams, (second row) Bill Hughes, Tom Lowry, Eddie McCord, Agga Mae Overton Sanders, Irene "Sunny" Horne Johnson, Billie Guerin Sharp, Elinor Keeling Royce, Mabel Taylor Titsworth, Iris Eskew Huckabee, Loretta Austin Nix, (back row) Bill Lewis, Betty Lou Warren Elrod, Ben Elrod, Bill Pratt, Billy Dunn, C.A. Johnson, Russell Miller, David Moore, William Atchison, Dan Martin.

### Welcome new FSA Advisory Board members for 2002/2003!

- Dr. Kip Colvin, '85
- Dr. Denise Leverett Elliott, '88
- Mrs. Susan McCain Hinger, '72
- Mrs. Vicki LeMay Keeton, '81
- Mr. Chris Lawson, '89

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## Homecoming

November 9, 2002

Golf Scramble is November 8  
Tiger Tunes is November 7, 8, & 9

Watch your mail this summer  
for more information!

Tentative Schedule:

- Thursday, November 7  
Tiger Tunes – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, November 8  
10 a.m. – Homecoming Golf Scramble DeGray  
6 p.m. – Reunion Dinner  
5 p.m. & 8 pm. – Tiger Tunes
- Saturday, November 9  
9 a.m. – Registration/Check-in  
10 a.m. – Club and Organizational Drop-ins  
11:30 a.m. – Lunch – Commons  
1:30 p.m. – Pre-game Activities/  
Crowning of the Queen  
2 p.m. – Ouachita vs. Delta State  
7:30 – Tiger Tunes

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# Class Notes

1933

**Faye Williams Kimbrell** moved from Fort Smith to New Mexico in 1965 and retired after 15 years as a social worker for the State of New Mexico.

1935

**Thomas Payne** and wife, Lucile, recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. They live in Bella Vista, AR.

**Sara Thomas Gooch** celebrated her 90th birthday on March 5. She and husband, **Smith Gooch ('36)**, live in Pineville, LA.

1937

**Christina Doyle Spear**, of Little Rock, last year published a book of her memories, "Something Money Can't Buy." You can read about quiet hour at Ouachita in the 1930s and 100 ways to cook chicken in the 1940s when meat was rationed during the War. She has placed a copy in the Ouachita library.

**Dewey and Christine (Chaney) Blackwood** have been married for 64 years. He is 91 and she is 83. They live in El Dorado and send greetings! They are still able to walk but are no longer good travelers.

1938

**Dr. A. J. Goforth** is a retired otolaryngologist and lives in Greenville, SC, with his wife of 58-1/2 years, Eula.

**Elaine (Millsapps) Boyd Robertson** lives with her daughter, Brenda Eagle, in Searcy, AR. Even though she's 86 years of age and in advanced stage of Alzheimers, she still plays the Ouachita fight song and entertains the residents of the adult day care center. Brenda writes that she and her brothers grew up in northeast Arkansas knowing the Ouachita fight song, listening to stories of "the ravine," Homecoming activities, the professors, and the greatest rival, Henderson Reddies, painting the Tiger.

1941

**Keith and Bessie (Hooks) Babb** celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on February 23 in Bastrop, LA.

**Ernest and IdaNelle (Daily) Hollaway** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last July when 30 family members conducted a special service in the chapel of McKendree Village and planted a Japanese maple tree on the grounds in their honor. They live in Hermitage, TN.

1942

**Charles and Alice (Gardner) Meek** were married in 1944 while she was in the Navy and he was in the Marines. He attended Union Seminary in Richmond, VA, and was assigned to a Marine unit there. He became a chaplain, was trained with the Ranger Infantry Unit at Ft. Benning, GA. He went through the Korean War, where he received a Silver Star and made 200 jumps while assigned to the Airborne unit, went through the Vietnam War with the 9th Infantry Division. He retired in 1975. They live in Southern Pines, NC.

**R.A. "Dick" and Marjorie (Allen) Bishop** live in Bradley, AR. They write how proud they are that two of their grandchildren are freshmen at Ouachita: Rachel Rogers and Josh Bishop.

1943

**Clarence Sallee** and wife, Alice, are retired and live in Chattanooga, TN. He retired in 1983 after serving 22 years as the first chaplain for Moccasin Bend Psychiatric Hospital. He's 85 and still has fond memories of Ouachita.

**Wayne and Mary Ann (Heath) Ward** are in Louisville, KY. She continues to battle osteoporosis, heart failure, and short-term memory loss. He continues to teach, write and serve as interim pastor.

1944

**Martha (Corn) Owens** and husband, **Raymond ('fs42)**, are retired in Little Rock. She was a reading teacher and he was district officer with Safeway. She is president of a large AARP chapter and they are members of South Highland Baptist.

**Betty Rice** is enjoying her retirement as high school English teacher. She travels exten-

sively, both in the States and abroad. She resides in Waldron, AR, where she was church organist for 54 years.

**John W. Johnston** was recognized and received a certificate of appreciation on December 30, 2001, by his church, Moberly Baptist, in Longview, TX for having been an ordained minister for 60 years. His wife of 58 years, **Norma Lea (Webb)**, was also recognized. Since his retirement in 1987, he continues to teach Bible classes and weekly services for Whispering Pines Nursing Home.

**Lehman and Virginia (Bryant) Webb** were honored by Parkway Village in Little Rock upon his retirement, after serving for 15 years as the Village's chaplain and for his 62 years of service in ministry as an ordained Baptist minister.

1945

**Doyle and Marie (Hardwick, '44) Lumpkin** just returned home to San Angelo, TX, after spending the winter in their motor home at Big Valley RV Park in Donna, TX, in the Rio Grande Valley. He served as park pastor for the winter season.

1946

**J. Russell and Rhoda (Go-**

**ings) Duffer** live in League City, TX, where both are shutins and have to use walkers, but are happy in the Lord and His blessings on them. They have two sons, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

**Claud Hughes** and wife, Atha, are in Monroe, LA, where he's served as pastor of Oak Ridge Baptist Church for 15 years.

**Joy Barrick Batson (fs)** and husband, Lloyd, will celebrate their 52th wedding anniversary in July 2002. They live in Easley, South Carolina.

1947

**Donald Orr** traveled to China in April on a concert tour with the "Singing Men of North Texas." He and wife, Vi, live in Burleson, TX.

1948

**Earline Holt Calhoun** and husband, Wayman, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 15, 2000, in Minneapolis, MN, with their son and his wife, Drs. David and Jan Pankey Calhoun, granddaughter and her husband, Karen and Richard Erickson, and great grandson, Adam Erickson.

**Marian "Dickie" Copeland**

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**REUNION** • Members of the class of 1942 held their 60th class reunion during the Gold Tiger weekend in April. Members present included Majorie Allen Bishop, John Mowrey, Carolyn Carpenter Berry, Katie McGraw Jacks, Jesse Reed, and Harold Baldwin.

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is enjoying her retirement at the beach in Encinitas, CA, (San Diego area) with children and grandchildren near by.

1949

**Ray and Laurine (Hardcastle) Barnett** recently celebrated their 61st anniversary. They live in Siloam Springs, AR, have seven children, 19 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. They stay very busy in their retirement years.

1950

**Jimmy Yancey (fs)** is a retired director of instrumental music. He lives in Longview, TX, with wife, Lanette. They have two living sons, Timothy and Christopher. Their oldest son, Michael, president of an oil company, was killed in a plane crash in 1994.

**Peggy (Shirley) Ballard** will retire in June 2002 as a teacher and basketball coach in Blount County, TN. She and husband, Glenn, live in Louisville, KY.

**Thomas W. Hunt** published his new book, "From Heaven's View," in May. It was written jointly with his daughter, Melana Hunt Monroe.

1951

**Johnny Jackson, Sr.** has served as interim pastor at Clarendon First Baptist Church since October 2001. He also is a current trustee at Ouachita. He and wife, Carleene, live in Little Rock.

**James Ed and Sunny (Horne, '52) Johnson** are retired, live in Little Rock, attend First Baptist Church, do volunteer work, and help with grandchildren. They have five children and nine grandchildren, scattered in Little Rock, Maumelle, Harrison (AR), Shawnee, KS, and Ghana, West Africa, where their daughter, Mona, is a career missionary serving at Baptist Medical Centre with husband, Earl Hewitt.

1952

**Russell and Ina (Smith, '51) Miller** celebrated their 50th anniversary in March with a get-  
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together in Mountain Home.

**Ben Elrod** has been appointed to a 4-year term by Governor Mike Huckabee to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

1954

**Earnestine (Kendrick) Barati** lives in Ligonier, PA. After the death of her husband, Ron, last July, she has remained involved in their woodworking plant, which her daughter and son-in-law are now managing.

**Loveta Smith Lewis** is a kindergarten teacher in Buncombe County Schools in Asheville, NC.

**Robert Eubanks** pastors Diamond City (AR) First Baptist Church, where they are currently in a building program. Plans are to celebrate ten years as an organized church and dedicate the new building during January 2003.

1955

**Carroll Caldwell** had his latest CT scan and blood work done in March. The scan and x-ray were CLEAR and most of the blood tests were normal. One test was elevated so his oncologist wants him back in three months for checkup. He and wife, Joanne, live in Texarkana and love to hear from friends. Email is cwell8@aol.com.

**Gracie Brown Fulford** resides in an assisted-living facility in Chesterfield, MO, near her daughter, Cindi. She enjoys looking at old OBU yearbooks and recalling college friends and the good times they had. Friends can write her at Westchester House, 550 White Road, Room 103, Chesterfield, MO 64017.

1956

**Dr. Richard E. Walker** has accepted the pastorate of Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, KY. He continues as president of the Amazon Mission Organization (AMOR).

**John and Helen (Nutt) Floyd** are in Collierville, TN where he's vice president and missions professor at Mid-America Seminary in Memphis. They currently

have two granddaughters enrolled at Ouachita: **Rachel**, a senior and **Sarah**, a freshman, **Stivers**.

**Graydon** and Betty Hardister celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 24, 2002.

1957

**Gerald and Barbara (Robertson, fs58) Schleiff** completed 33+ years with the International Mission Board on January 2001. They now reside in Arkadelphia and minister to MKs (missionary kids) at Ouachita as well as some international students.

**Bill and Evelyn (Robinson, fs58) Bullington** are living in Abedjan, Cote d'Ivoire where he's serving as regional leader for West Africa for SBC International Mission Board.

**Bob Holland**, along with sons, Scott and Phil, recently returned from Costa Rica where he donated 80 wheelchairs to the International Baptist Church. Though retired, he's associate pastor of Central Baptist Church in Richmond, IN, and owner of Healthcare Products, Inc. In addition to pastoral work, he has served as associational missionary to Arkansas, Kentucky and Indiana. He and wife, Joyce, live in Milton, IN.

1958

**Dwight and Norma "Ann" (Salter) Clark** are in their fifth year as "interim pastor and wife" to Besonia Baptist Church in South Kansas City, MO.

**Frances (Cate) Langham (fs)** has owned her own real estate business in Fayetteville (AR) for over 25 years. She writes that she only attended Ouachita for a short period, but made friends who have remained friends all her life.

**Charles Sharp (fs)** was elected president-elect of the Arkansas Associational Missionaries during its annual meeting at DeGray State Park in February. He is the director of missions for Bartholomew Association. He and wife, Peggie, live in Warren.

1959

**Jack Harrison**, after 36 years in private business, has gone back to teaching and coaching at Muskogee (OK) High School. He is assistant boys basketball coach and civics teacher. What an experience!

**Harold Johnson** was the team leader for a group of 16 Arkansas Baptist Disaster Relief personnel who went to New York City last October to prepare meals for the relief workers following the September 11 terrorist attack. He and wife, Jessie, also spent the month of February in Salt Lake City as part of a national leadership team on disaster-relief standby during the 2002 Winter Olympics.

**John W. Crawford**, professor emeritus of Henderson and senior advisor of Epsilon Rho Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa, recently received two honorable mentions in the Pennsylvania Poetry Society's 2002 contest.

1960

The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith recently honored **Joel Stubblefield** and the late **Barbara Chandler Stubblefield** with the naming of the \$11 million Joel R. and Barbara L. Stubblefield Center on their campus. The 3,200-seat center will serve as a place for students and the community to gather for graduations, concerts, basketball games and other events. It also houses the school's athletic department and features training and weight rooms. Dr. Stubblefield joined Westark Community College in 1980 as dean of business affairs; was named president in 1983 and became chancellor when the school became part of the UA system on January 2002.

**Valinda Rose (Whittle) Jones** retired in 1993 after teaching 33 years. She and husband, John, sold their construction business in 2000 and are enjoying retirement. They have two daughters who live close to them in Cabot, AR.

**Robert and Bettye (Gray) Hall** reside in Henderson, TX. He's retired and serves as minister of music emeritus at First



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Baptist Church, but continues to work with senior adults.

**George and Arlene (Moore) O'Neel** recently returned from a 3-month sabbatical which was a gift from their church, Bella Vista Baptist, after having serving as pastor and organist for 25 years.

**1961**

**Virginia (Horton) Turnage** will retire in December 2002 from full-time faculty/administration position with Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Off-Campus Military Program. She plans to continue teaching part time for SIUC. She and husband, Clyde, live in Bartlett, TN.

**Joe Nix** was recently named to the board of the newly-formed Audubon Arkansas, the National Audubon Society's state office. He works with the Ross Foundation in Arkadelphia.

**Richard and Martha (McGarity) Rogers** have lived in Michigan since 1965 pastoring churches until 1984, when he was appointed associational missionary by the North American Mission Board.

**Linda Jones Ray** had begun her 28th year of teaching last fall at Newark High School when she developed blood clots in her lungs and received "clot busters" and a Greenfield filter. She was told she had cancer, primary unknown and secondary in liver. She retired in November 2001. She and her husband, Kenneth, who retired from Arkansas Eastman, live in Batesville. She would appreciate your prayers.

**Charles "Bud" Welch** had to retire from commercial flying on January 20, 2000, when he reached his 60th birthday. He had flown for 30 years. Following retirement, he didn't fly for a year, but has since joined the Civil Air Patrol where he's a squadron commander with the Hot Springs 40th Composite Squadron of the Arkansas Wing.

**1962**

**W.C. "Skip" and Nancy (Magby, '60) Wofford** live in Booneville, AR, where they own

Wofford & Associates Insurance Agency. They enjoy traveling and spoiling their four grandchildren.

**Kathy (Houghton) Crone** and husband, Jim, plan to go on a two-week Elderhostel trip to Alaska in June. They live in Mabelvale, AR, and have three granddaughters.

**Verna Westerman Piper** was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Salem (IL) High School Academic Foundation when she retired in May 2001 after teaching for 34 years.

**Lloyd and Beverly (Allen, '63) Sivils** reside in Monroe, LA, where he owns Hope's Camper Corner, an RV dealership, and she teaches junior high gifted math.

Celia (Conwell) Pyle and husband, David Ross, live in Carthage, TX. She retired from Carthage ISD after 38 years of teaching in ten different schools.

**David and Sandy (Pierce) Holt** are missionaries to Kampala, Uganda. They will be back in the states on furlough from July 2002 until January 2003. Friends can contact them at David.Holt@bmu.or.ug.

**William Kittler** retired from Carlisle (AR) school district. He had taught science for 33 years.

**Lynn McClung** and wife, Linda, live in Broken Arrow, OK, where he's in administration-computer with Integrated Solutions Group.

**1963**

**Dee Webb**, lead customer service manager for Entergy, retired in February after 36 years with the electric utility. He and wife, Susan, live in Pine Bluff and have five grown children and five grandchildren.

**Lurlyne (Hardy) Myers** and husband, Gene, live on Lake Wappapello in southern Missouri where they are enjoying retirement, their three children and four grandchildren.

**Ray and Martha (Elam, '61) Bostian** are both retired from teaching: he as secondary guidance and counseling and she as elementary librarian and teacher. They live in Hope, AR.

**Paul Redditt** completed 30

years of college teaching in 2002. He's chair of the Religion Department and professor of Old Testament at Georgetown (KY) College, where he's taught for past sixteen years. The Baptist-related college awarded him its "Cawthorne Excellence in Teaching Award" in 2001.

**Retha (Pumphrey) Bush** began her 16th and last year of teaching English at Mount St. Mary's Academy in Little Rock.

**Horace Pruitt** is retired and lives in Brownwood, TX, with wife, June.

**1964**

**Sara O'Cain McCown (fs)** retired in February 2002 after 25 years as office manager for a doctor's office in Hampton, VA. She and husband, **John ('60)**, who retired in 2001, live in Newport News.

**Nancy Brooks Hinson** and husband, Tommy, were appointed by the North American Mission Board to serve as missionaries in Winfield, Kansas, where he will be director of missions for South Central Baptist Association. She will serve as church secretary for Hillside Baptist Church in Wellington, KS.

**Charles Holland (fs)** retired earlier this year after 32-1/2 years as "part-time" minister of music at Park Hill Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. While a music stu-

dent at Ouachita in 1960, he accepted the part-time position; never dreaming it would last that long. His "day-time" job is office manager for Shields Wood Products Company. He and wife, Shirley, have one son, **Shannon Neal Holland ('91)**, who's a professor at John Brown University in Siloam Springs.

**1965**

**Mary Ann (Thornton) McKinney** was recognized in February by Little Rock Second Baptist Church after five years of service as the pastor's secretary.

**Ed Coulter**, chancellor of ASU-Mountain Home, has been elected to the Board of First National Bank & Trust in Mountain Home.

**G. Dale Welch** was selected "Endowed Professor of Gerontology" at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

**Wilbur "Gene" Spearman** retired in 1994 from City of Dallas Parks and Recreation Department. He currently is security supervisor for American Airlines Center. He has two grown children and three grandsons.

**1966**

**Lillian Greathouse** plans to retire in December 2002 after 36 years of teaching at the high

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**AWARD** • Betty Jo (Oliver) Grant was named Arkansas' "2002 Mother of the Year" by the Arkansas Association of American Mothers at a recent ceremony at the office of Governor Mike Huckabee ('76). The selection was made through a nomination process.

## Alumni PROFILE *Fitzgerald Hill*

Dr. Fitz Hill ('87), head football coach at San Jose State University in California, was the guest of honor at a reception held on campus in February. Hill was on campus as the guest speaker at a banquet sponsored by the TRIO program at the University.

Prior to relocating in California, Hill was an assistant football coach, recruiting coordinator and wide receiver coach for the Arkansas Razorbacks.

The Arkadelphia native received his master's degree in student personnel services from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA, where he served as a graduate assistant. After a stint as a graduate assistant coach with the Razorbacks, Hill returned to Northwestern as a full-time assistant in January, 1990. Hill returned again to Arkansas in July 1990 as a residence hall counselor and volunteer coach, but was summoned to military duties, where he received the Bronze Star and Commendation Medal for services rendered in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

The veteran returned to his coaching and counseling duties at Arkansas for the 1991 football season. Hill's next coaching assignment was a brief stint at Utah State before, once again, returning to Arkansas as an assistant football coach in March, 1992. In May of 1997, Hill was awarded the doctor of education degree from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

Since the completion of his terminal degree requirements, Hill has continued to update his studies and has published several journal articles and made numerous presentations regarding the findings of his research. Hill has been featured on ABC's "Nightline" with Ted Koppel, HBO's "Real Sports" with Bryant Gumble, as well as ABC Sports and ESPN. Hill was recently profiled in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Hill and his wife, Cynthia, are the parents of three children, Destiny Jade, 9, Faith Monet, 6, and Justice Alexander, 1.

• by Mac Sisson



**REUNION** • Fitzgerald Hill visits with Tiger head coach Todd Knight. The two played on the same team under coach Buddy Benson.

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school level in Arkansas and the university level in Illinois. She currently lives in Charleston, IL where she's on faculty at Eastern Illinois University.

**Newell Curtis "Mack" McManus** lives in Benton, AR where he's president and CEO of Rhea's Fashions for Men as well as TUXRUS, Inc. A retired Lt. Colonel from the Air Force, he spent eight years in Germany. He is a member of Knights Templar of Arkansas and the Scottish Rite of Little Rock.

1967

**Bill and Sharon Lee (Owens) Arnold** reside in DeValls Bluff where he's a counselor for DeValls Bluff K-12 and she's a remedial instructor in math, reading and music.

**Roger Harrod** is chief counsel for Arkansas Employment Security Department in Little Rock.

**Jarrell Rial** returned to the ministry after 17 years as vice president at TCBY Yogurt. He's pastoring New Home (TX) Baptist Church.

**Doug Dickens** has served as professor of pastoral care and counseling since 2000 at the M. Christopher White School of Divinity of Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC, after serving for 17 years on faculty at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

1968

**Willie Simmons** writes that he "finally graduated" from Ouachita in 1968, after trying to enroll in 1950. He attended Southern Seminary, UCA, and Henderson before entering OBU in summer of 1965. He currently lives in North Little Rock and "loves Ouachita!"

1969

**Sheri (McFall) Hardman** has joined Hot Springs Realty. Previously she served as president of Hardman Interiors in Arkadelphia where she worked with husband, Billy Bob Hardman, at Hardman Lumber Co. They have two grown daughters, Shelly and Shana.

**Frances Lee (Scott) Smith**

and husband, Herschel, live in the pioneer area of Upper Peninsula, Michigan, where he has served as director of missions for the UP since 1992. They have three grown children (finally!!). She writes she is "old and has almost all white hair; and may be the last survivor of the music department's class of '69."

**Marilyn (Ellis) Turney** teaches family consumer sciences at Greenbrier (AR) Middle School. She and husband, Ellis, have two children, **Leah** (fs99) and **Bryant** (current student).

**Carolyn (Thurmond)**

**Brooks** was named the Arkansas School Library Media Specialist of the Year for 2002 and was presented a plaque at the annual convention of the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media in Hot Springs. She is employed as elementary library media specialist in Springdale. She and husband, Charles, live in West Fork.

**Lealon Worrell** is a marketing specialist for Canon, USA. He and wife, **Vicki (Farmer, '75)**, live in North Little Rock and have three children, **Meredith ('2000)**, **James (senior at OBU)** and **Kate (incoming freshman in the fall)**.

**Barry Wilson** has been named to "Who's Who in Executives and Business" as an "Honored Professional" for 2002. He's a senior account executive in the Tulsa office of Marsh USA Ins. brokerage firm.

1970

**Douglas Freeze** is regional sales manager for Motion Industries and lives in Plano, TX, with wife, Susan.

**Ron and Alana (Ichter) Greenwich** were appointed in 1983 as missionaries to Brazil and are still serving on that mission field. He aided in the creation of and supervised several social projects created through IMB Hunger Funding, including a Baptist friendship house, a drug treatment center for adolescents as well as a center for adults, and a home for children from birth to age six. The Greenwicks have three children: **Jason ('97)**, **Jeremy ('2000)** and **Jana (current student)**.

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**Bobby (Turner) Hamelback** and husband, Vern, who retired in 1999, have accepted teaching positions for the 2001-02 school year in a Christian school in Saipan, located 125 miles north of Guam. She's teaching second grade and he's teaching computers. Their students include children from many different cultures, including Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino and the local Chamorro and Carolinians. Friends can contact them at [vernandbobby@aol.com](mailto:vernandbobby@aol.com).

In January, **Stephen Hand** and his wife, Dr. Judith Hand, traveled to China and adopted a 15-month old daughter, Molly Xiao Ling. While there, they met several Chinese Christians and feel they made life-long friends.

**Larry Lefler** is a business consultant with UALR Small Business Development Center. He and wife Charolette live in Stuttgart, AR.

**Jerold Horton** is network manager for Mississippi Department of Corrections and lives in Madison, MS, with wife, Barbara. They have one son, Trevor, 20.

**John Savage** contributed to the April Sunday School lessons on Amos in the "Family Study Series" of the Arkansas Baptist News. He pastors Cross Road Baptist Church out of Little Rock.

## 1971

**Mike Densmore (fs)** and wife, Carolyn, live in Mountain Home, AR, where he's a pharmacist with Cardinal Healthcare Pharmacy.

**Steve and Sandy (Hughes, '72) Peoples** are in Fort Smith. He's head track coach and assistant football coach at Southside High School. She retired from teaching after 27 years.

**Donald McCutcheon** writes that he is thankful for the alumni directory recently published which has helped him get in touch with some old friends. They had a "mini" reunion in Franklin, Massachusetts. Those attending in addition to Donald and his wife, Patricia, and their son, Kyle, were **Ron and Pam (Collins, '69) Evans**. The three of them had not seen each other in 30 years!! However, the friendships devel-

oped during college days at Ouachita remained intact; and after five minutes, it was like old times. He also made contact with former Rho Sigma pledge brother, Larry Russell, and former roommate, **Mike Atkinson**. Donald and his family live in Rhode Island.

**J. R. DeBusk** began serving as pastor of Heber Springs First Baptist in February, after serving for more than 13 years at Pine Bluff South Side Baptist Church.

## 1972

**Neal Sumerlin** is serving a three-year term as a mentor to the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Team. The International Chemistry Olympiad will be held in Netherlands in the summer of 2002 and in Greece in 2003. He was recently named "Outstanding Teacher" at Lynchburg (VA) College.

**Charles and Donna (Byers) Carozza** live in Texarkana, AR, where he teaches physics and coaches the golf team at Texas (TX) High School and she is principal at Union Elementary School on the Arkansas side. They have three sons, **Mike ('98), Marc (2000)** and **Tony (current student)**.

**Stan and Patti (Ward) Owen** reside in Pine Bluff. He teaches gifted/talented in the Pine Bluff School District and is an adjunct instructor at SEARK College. She recently retired after teaching 6th grade English for 29 years in Watson Chapel Schools.

**Mike Beaty** is director of the Institute for Faith and Learning and a philosophy professor at Baylor University in Waco. Wife, **JoAnne (Smith)** teaches 2nd/3rd grade at Hillcrest Professional Development School. They have two sons, Zack, 23, and Daniel, 16.

**Susan (McCain) Hinger** is senior vice president and trust officer for Broadway Bank in San Antonio, TX.

**Cindy (Ritchie) Walker** teaches high school English and coordinates technology at a private school in Minden, LA. She's also an Acteens leader and choir

member at her church. She and husband, Tom, have three children - all in college - sons, Chris and Craig, at Louisiana Tech and daughter, **Cara**, a freshman at Ouachita.

## 1973

**Sharon (Kluck) Townsend** and husband, John, have moved to Nashville, TN, where he's the state tech prep coordinator with Tennessee Board of Regents. She's working with a grant through Tennessee State University training childcare providers. Son, **Sean**, is a freshman at OBU, and **Kristen (fs99) Lavender** and husband, **Ryan ('99)** live in Little Rock.

## 1974

**Sheila Rodgers Hayden** was elected in May 2001 as English Dept. Chair at Broken Arrow (OK) High School.

**Olevia (Deere) Babb (fs)** and husband, David, have relocated to Bryant, AR, where he's principal of Springhill Elementary School. She's taking a year off after teaching for 22 years. Their son, **Chris ('99)** is new sports information director at Ouachita.

**Debbie Moore**, a member of Arkansas Baptist State Convention's missions support team since 1998, has been appointed by the SBC International Mission Board to serve as international missionary in northern Africa.

**Connie (Terry) Brooks** teaches honors algebra at Ramay Junior High in the Fayetteville (AR) Public Schools. Husband, Del, is also a teacher there. Their son, Brandon, will graduate from high school in June.

## 1975

**Rhonda Wiley-Jones** lives in Ames, IA, with husband, Lynn Jones. They have been foster parents for 12 years and have a 28-year-old foster daughter who lives in Minneapolis and remains a part of their family. Lynn is professor at Iowa State University. Rhonda, until recently when her position was eliminated,

worked at ISU as staff and organizational development specialist and taught undergraduate courses. She writes she is "enthusiastically looking for a new career." She would love to hear from friends who can reach her at [rhondawileyjones@hotmail.com](mailto:rhondawileyjones@hotmail.com).

**Andrew Greene** lives in Alpharetta, GA, and is employed with McKesson HBOC.

**David McGee** is a book buyer for LifeWay Christian Stores. He has worked with LifeWay for 25 years and lives in Hendersonville, TN, with wife, Renee.

**James and Yvonne (Alexander) Washington** live in Little Rock where he's the ombudsman for Little Rock Public Schools and she's a benefits administrator for Axiom-Little Rock office.

**Larry Grayson** has completed seven years as associate pastor and minister of music and worship at Lewisville (TX) First Baptist Church.

**Susan (Coppenger) Akin** is owner/manager of Plantation House Furniture in Monticello, AR. She and husband, Mike, who is president and CEO of Akin Industries, a company which manufactures nursing home and hospitality furniture, have two children: John, a junior at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, and Rebecca, a high school senior.

## 1976

**Maurice "Mo" Scarbrough** recently returned to the States after playing professional basketball and living in France for thirty years.

**Debbie (Jones) Theobalt Montavon** is executive director of DenverWorks, a ministry designed to help people find employment. She would love to hear from alums, especially those interested in a similar program in their community. Email is [dmontavon@denverworks.org](mailto:dmontavon@denverworks.org) or call 303-433-0300.

**Linda Hogue** has been employed at Lockheed Martin in East Camden for fourteen years. She was promoted last year to production planner after graduating

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from SAU-Magnolia with BS in industrial technology.

**Lester and Marilyn Sitzes** live in Hope, AR, where he has his own dental practice. Their daughter, **April** is a sophomore at Ouachita.

**Obie Dixon (fs)** lives in Overland Park, KS, and is area director for Northeast Kansas for the National Scouting Report, the largest scouting service in the nation. They scout high school athletes (male and female) in all sports and gather information to give to over the 2000 colleges they represent.

## 1977

**Angela (Payne) Garner** was recently named principal of Goza Middle School in the Arkadelphia Public School district. She currently teaches eighth grade math. With over 25 years' teaching experience, including five years as assistant principal at Peake Elementary, she will begin her new position July 1. She and husband, **Randy ('74)**, have one daughter, Shay.

**DeAnne (Bush) Waddell (fs)** and husband, Ed, live in Sherwood. She's an elementary counselor at Crystal Hill Elementary and he's a supervisor with Arkansas Dept. of Finance and Administration.

**Ross Grant** has been appointed coordinator of instrumental music and assistant band director at Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth. Wife, Liz, is band director in Lewisville, TX. They have two children: Gary, who will be a freshman at OBU in the fall, and Gina, 16, who is an All-State clarinetist at Coppell High School.

**Ronald Burt** recently accepted a new position with Patterson Planning and Services, Inc. of New York City, as director of environmental matters. He and wife, Sherin, a pharmaceutical consultant with Abbott Labs, will continue to live in Nashville, TN.

**Beth Verble Gieringer (fs)** is an RN at St. Vincents Hospital in Little Rock. She works part time and plays tennis in her leisure time. She and husband,

Dave, have three children: Cara 19, Kimber, 16, and Josh, 10.

**Brad Rountree** will celebrate his 25th anniversary in October 2002 as minister of music with New Liberty Baptist Church in Garland, TX. He and wife, Rhonda, live in Mesquite.

**Larry Duke** retired in 1993 on total permanent disability. He and wife, **Linda (Jordan, fs)**, an elementary teacher, have three children and live in Friendship, outside of Arkadelphia.

## 1978

**Randy Granderson** is assistant principal at Cabot High School. He and wife, Janet, a music teacher at Cabot Middle School, have lived in Cabot for eight years. They have two children: Corey, a tenth grader, and Lindsey, a sophomore at UCA.

**Virginia (Stevenson) Anderson** is coordinator of federal program and director of workforce education for Arkadelphia Public Schools, where she's been employed for over 22 years.

**LeeAnn (Shadd) Brannon** recently completed the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and is now recognized as a nationally board certified teacher in the state of Virginia. This is the highest professional credential in the field of teaching and takes almost a year to complete. She is an art teacher at Weems Elementary School in Manassas City (VA) Public Schools. She and husband, LTC (ret) Donald, live in Burke, VA.

**Faron and Ann (Bishop, '79)** Rogers just celebrated his 13th year of ministry at DeQueen First Baptist Church. They will complete a total relocation of the church facilities in the fall of 2002. They have two daughters: **Rachel**, a freshman at Ouachita, and **Emily**, a junior at DQHS where she's on the cross country and track teams.

**E. Jerry Riggs** and wife, Kim, live in Metairie, LA, where he's principal at Crescent City Baptist High School in New Orleans.

## 1979

**Mickey Bryson** is a football official with the WAC Conference.

He officiated as line judge at the Motor City Bowl in Michigan in December. He currently lives in Plano, TX.

**Steve Halpin**, head football coach at Mesquite (TX) High School, took his team to win the 5A Division I championship. It was the first state championship in school history for the Mesquite Skeeters and capped an undefeated season. **Mickey DeLamar ('70)** is the school's athletic director.

**Lynn Irby Bloomfield** teaches 5th and 6th grade math at New Covenant Academy in Springfield, MO. She and husband, Ed, have two children, Nathan 17, and Trevor, 10. She would love to hear from friends, who can contact her at [lynnbloomfield@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnbloomfield@hotmail.com).

**Joey Morin** was awarded "Division B Coach of the Year for the Junior High Division" at the state science olympiad competition held at New Mexico Tech University in Socorro. He and wife, Lee, live in Hobbs, where he teaches at Heizer Junior School.

**Garth "Dickie" Smith** was the top producing realtor with Remax Dallas Suburbs. He and wife, **Vickie (Garrison, fs76)** live in Plano, and have three sons, Garin, 17, Ben, 15, and Alec, 8.

**Donna (Eden) Barteaux** and husband, Bruce, continue to minister in eastern North Carolina at Hope Ministries. They recently moved their offices to a larger facility and love "watching God work in helping hurting people through His Word." (She writes, "All donations appreciated!")

**Phil Pounders** is a captain for the North Little Rock fire department. He's also a member of the department's Special Operations team. Wife, Jane, is a homemaker, and they have two sons, Philip 16, and Jonathan, 11.

## 1980

**Wyley Elliott** has joined U.S. Bank in Hot Springs as senior vice president/business development. He and wife, Stephanie, have two daughters, Aubrey and Aaryn, and are mem-

bers of Hot Springs First Baptist Church.

**Steve and Paula (Watie, '77) Jones** live in Van Buren, AR. He teaches at Coleman and she teaches at Northside in Fort Smith. They have three children: Matt, a student at University of Arkansas where he plays football and basketball, and twin daughters, Grace Anne and Stefanie, sophomores in high school.

**Don Harris, Jr.** is a State Farm agent in Pine Bluff where he lives with wife, Jane Ann, and children, Leslie, David, and Donald III.

**Stan Russ** has been named executive director of the Arkansas Christian Charitable Foundation in Little Rock.

**Dawn (McCown) Barnes (fs)** lives in Westfield, IN, with husband, Mark, and three children: Elizabeth, Mark and Jason. Elizabeth graduates this spring with honors and will attend Purdue.

**Darry and Deborah (Dumser) Marshall** relocated at Christmas from Fort Smith to Atoka, TN, where he took over as principal of Munford High School. She teaches fourth grade at Brighton Elementary. Their children are Amber (21), a senior at Delta State in Cleveland, MS, and Aaron (19), a freshman at Arkansas Tech in Russellville.

**Janis (Knipmeyer) Bremer** is principal of Jessieville Middle School. She and husband, **Marc, '78**, and daughters, Mariclyn and Teresa, live in Hot Springs.

**George and Tammy (Prince) Fuller** live in Wake Forest, NC, where he pastors New Community Church and she teaches kindergarten. Son Tripp (19) is student at Campbell University and Steven (17) is a senior in high school.

**Terri (Bell) Swedenburg** is in her sixth year of teaching world history and drama at Little Rock Christian Academy. Husband, **Michael, '81**, coaches soccer for their sons' (Taylor and Trevor) varsity and middle school teams.

**Vera "Sally" Neighbors** is compensation manager for the 8th District Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis. She previously

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Jane Chu

worked 25 years for the City of St. Louis, leaving in 1997 to join the FRB.

#### 1981

**Rick Hall** lives in Longview, TX, with wife Teresa, where he's employed with Texas Eastman Chemical Co.

#### 1982

**Max Easter** is chief of operations and marksmanship for Arkansas Army National Guard. He lives in Cabot with wife, Kathy, and children, Courtney and Christopher.

**Rebecca Vercher White** lives in Little Rock where she's a clinical social worker and director of employee assistance program with the University of Arkansas for Medical Services.

**Kenneth Overturf** is pastor of South Side Baptist Church in Fort Smith. He and wife, Betty, have two children, Matthew and Katie.

**Marcia Ramirez (fs)**, a singer-songwriter, lives in Nashville, TN, with husband, Mike Waldron, and sons Derek and Samuel. She currently is a staff-writer for Curb-Magnatone Music Publishing and recently released her first CD, entitled "Compromise." You can check out her website for touring schedule and other information at [www.marciar Ramirez.com](http://www.marciar Ramirez.com).

**LTC Bill Land**, who has taught logistics at Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, KS, for four years, has been reassigned, effective in May 2002, to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville as professor of military science (PMS) over ROTC. He and wife **Paula (Bell, '83)**, and children, Kyle 14, Meredith 12, Caleb 9, and Samuel 5, are excited about moving back to Arkansas.

**Sandra (Blakely) Duke** lives in Willits, CA, with her husband, Michael, and four children, Audria 10, Ashley 8, Blakely 6, and Amity 4. He pastors Memorial Baptist Church and she enjoys playing the piano and singing occasionally. She home schools their children and is busy trying to develop a fellowship of Christian home educators in the area. She would love to hear

from home educators, old friends and anyone who happens to be in the area. They can contact her at [MikeLewisDuke@aol.com](mailto:MikeLewisDuke@aol.com).

**Paulette (Henderson) Blacknall** was inducted in April into Henderson's Academy of Scholars, at their third annual Founders Day. She received her MSE from HSU in 1985. She is employed with the Arkadelphia Public School district.

**J. D. "Sonny" Tucker**, who has pastored in Arkansas for 16 years, has completed his Ph.D and has been a team leader of the Evangelism and Church Growth team of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for over 4 years. He and wife, Nicki, have two children, Megan 14, and Curt 8 and live in Benton, AR.

**Vance and Sandy (Lee) Cortez-Rucker** are moving to Alaska in July where he'll serve as principal of the middle school and high school in Kotzebue. She will be the 21st Century Program Coordinator.

**Cheryl (Bass) Williams** writes that after eight years of home schooling, she and husband, Paul, have sent children - Andrew 13, Stephen 10, and Sara 7 - to Little Rock Christian Academy. Paul also serves on the Board of Trustees there. Many Ouachita alumni either teach, work or send their children to this school.

#### 1983

In December 2001, **Joe Dan Reed** became administrator of Ballew & Associates Podiatry, where he manages a five-physician medical practice. He and Susan live in Woodway, TX, near Waco, where he is active in Waco and Central Texas by serving as vice chair for Heart of Texas branch of Arthritis Foundation, treasurer for Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children, president of the Association of Fund-Raising Professionals - Central Texas chapter, assistant Scout master, board member for the Carleen Bright Arboretum, and education co-chair for Woodway First United Methodist Church.

**Jim Yates** has been named

Jane Chu ('79) has been appointed as the vice president and director of development of the Van Cliburn Foundation in Fort Worth, Texas. Chu is responsible for coordinating the growth of the financial base for the Van Cliburn Foundation and its various programs. Additionally, she is responsible for the strengthening of relationships of the Van Cliburn Foundation with its donors and the community at large.

"Jane brings years of significant experience in grant making and donors relationships," said Richard Rodzinski, president of the Van Cliburn Foundation. "She comes from the other end of the spectrum: for many years her duties involved connecting donors with people and organizations seeking funds. She is passionate about her mission and will be a great asset to our organization."

"Jane's professionalism, creativity, and communication skills makes her the perfect choice for this position," said Alann Sampson, the chairman of the board of the Van Cliburn Foundation. "Besides being a top-notch professional in the grant-making field, she is a pianist, educator, and a visual artist. I can only anticipate a bright future with Jane."

"The Van Cliburn Foundation is globally emblematic of excellence in music artistry," said Chu. "I am privileged and deeply honored to serve the Foundation as an ambassador for the universal language of music."

Under the auspices of the Van Cliburn Foundation, every four years Fort Worth becomes the piano capital of the world with the production of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. The Foundation also sponsors Cliburn Contests, a piano recital and chamber music series that features today's finest instrumentalists and vocalists.

Chu's educational training includes a master's degree in piano pedagogy from Southern Methodist University. In addition to her undergraduate degree in piano performance and music education from Ouachita, she received a commercial art degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Neb.

Chu is the daughter of Rosemary Chu and the late Dr. Finley Chu of Arkadelphia. Dr. Finley Chu served as chairman of the business and economics department at Ouachita from 1963 until his death in January 1967. From that point, Rosemary Chu raised her five-year-old daughter in the friendly confines of Frances Crawford women's residence hall, where Rosemary was a residence hall director. She still serves in that capacity.

chair of the English Department at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. He and wife, Maggie, are the parents of one son, Brendan.

#### 1984

**David Adams** is minister of education and administration at

Williams Trace Baptist Church, Sugar Land, TX. Wife, **Teresa (Blue, '83)** teaches third grade at Brazos Bend Elementary. They have two boys, Nathan 13, and Nicholas 11.

**Lyn (Vance) Benson** took her senior girls basketball team

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**PROUST** • Lana Cantrell, graduating senior in French, presents "More Than Friendly Advice: Mentors and the Developing Artist in Proust." Cantrell and eight other students made presentations to culminate Dr. Jay Curlin's senior English seminar focusing on Marcel Proust's *Remembrance of Things Past*.

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at Hampton, AR, to a second place finish in district and thus qualified for regionals in her first season there. The junior girls team won the district tournament.

**Jeff and Deanne (Sumler '86) Moore** live in Searcy with children, Andrea 14, Jared 11, and Luke 6. Jeff's a pediatrician and she's a stay-at-home mom.

**Dorothy (Trigg) Rhoads** of Farmers Branch, TX, received her master of library science degree at Texas Woman's University at their fall commencement in Denton. She is school librarian at Grand Prairie ISD.

**David Coad** received his Ph.D in higher education administration in April from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

**Nate and Tina Rose** live in McKinney, TX, where he's a senior loan officer with U.S. Mortgage and she's a realtor. They would love to hear from old friends. Email is TxRoseRealtor@c.s.com.

**Mark Dopson** has been promoted to vice president of licensing administration for Primerica Financial Services. He and wife, Kim, live in Snellville, GA.

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1985

**Rusty and Lori (Reeves) Hart** were appointed by the SBC International Mission Board in a January commission service at Shades Mountain Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL, to serve as missionaries to Russia. He will serve as leader of a children's ministry team and she will conduct outreach through church and home. The Harts have three daughters, Laura 12, Megan 9, and Hannah 6. The family will go to the IMB training center in Rockville, VA, for orientation in May before leaving for Russia.

**Bob Johnson** pastors Goodman (MO) First Baptist Church and is an instructor at Southwest Baptist University/Joplin campus.

**Tracy Griffith** is a trauma social worker for the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

**Jeff Bennett**, a concert pianist, is traveling across the United States performing. He's currently writing his 15th solo piano book that will be published by national publisher and distributed in bookstores throughout the country. He will record his 4th solo instru-

mental CD this year, and has recorded for Disney and arranged pieces for artists like Marvin Hamlisch. He and wife, **Sarah (Atkinson)** and daughters, Catherine and Kristen, live in Grapevine, TX.

**Chuck Matthews (fs)** is a project program specialist II with Little Rock's University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He lives in Bryant.

**Juanita Butler Benson (MSE)** retired in 1990 after 30 years of teaching at Fairview Middle School in Camden. She is enjoying retirement and spends her time volunteering in several organizations.

**Connie (Gorum) Harris** lives in Fayetteville, AR, with husband, **Scott ('88)**, and children, Chantelle 10, and Darian 7. She's a homemaker and he's the materials manager for Hanna's Candles.

**Denise (Kneisel) Alcover** lives in a suburb of Houston, TX, and owns her own business, Dream Designs by D. She provides custom art work for homes and businesses, along with interior design concepts.

1986

**Bryant and Lisa (Nevin, '84) Moxley** are serving as associate co-pastors of music and worship at Prairie Baptist Church in Prairie Village, KS, a suburb of Kansas City. They have two daughters, Anna 8, and Sarah 5.

**Vincent Thompson** is a front-office executive for the Dallas Cowboys Football Club and the executive director of human resources for the Dallas Cowboys. He and his wife, Debra, and their three children, Zachary 8, Brooke 5, and Noah 3, live in Carrollton, TX.

**Neva (Coad) Dick (fs)** and husband, Jonathan, recently moved to Indiana where he accepted the pastorate at Lifegate Baptist Church in Beechgrove.

**Philip Prime**, a missionary, lives in Moroleon, Mexico, with wife, Sandra and three children: Miriam, 4, Andrea 2-1/2, and Elizabeth 10 months.

**Philip Darr** is internal group service representative for the West Central Region for Arkan-

sas Blue Cross-Blue Shield. He and wife, Kelley, an elementary teacher in Mansfield, live in Fort Smith.

**Rhonda Auten** lives in Knoxville, TN, where she's employed with SeaRay Boat Company.

1987

**Scott Mooney** is football coach, sports information director and instructor in PE department at Campbellsville (KY) University. He and wife, Kelly, have a daughter, Heather, born in January 2002.

As a result of the merger between Chevron and Texaco, **Scott Bradley** has accepted a new position as HR business partner for Global Downstream Businesses. He has relocated from Denver to Houston.

**Stephanie (Harris) Smith** is the senior consultant in human resources at UAMS in Little Rock. She and Jonathan live in Sheridan.

**Doug and Mandy (Kirby) Meador** and four children, Mackenzie 15, Kirby 12, Benton 5, and Grace Frances 2, have moved to Flower Mound, TX, where he'll be manager of finance for GE Engine Services. She's a stay-at-home mom.

After two years at Northwestern State in Natchitoches, LA, **Steve Roberts** has accepted the head football coach position at Arkansas State in Jonesboro.

1988

**Mary Ellen Dougherty-Handiboe**, previously employed with the TRIO program at Ouachita, is back in the theatre department as a visiting assistant professor of theatre. She and husband, Michael, a UNIX engineer, have two sons between them; hers Christopher Cook, 6, and his Zachary Haniboe 3.

**Tim and Joy (Crouch) Freel** live in Columbus, GA, where he works for Boral Industries, a brick manufacturing plant.

**Amanda Johnson Barnett** and husband, Scott, reside in Brunswick, GA. She works in the national chain account sales division of Rich-SeaPak and he owns and operates Jeanette

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Crews Designs, an arts and craft publishing company.

**Mark and Karen (Darr Morris)** own a trucking company and live in Crossett, AR, with two children, Kristen 9, and Logan 6.

**Ancil Lea** has opened an office for New York Life Insurance Co. in Conway.

**Missi Hasley-Walker** and husband, Bill, live in Lowell, AR. She's a speech pathologist at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale and he's a client advisor with Arvest Asset Management.

**Alicia McCoy (fs)** has been promoted to vice president of Delta Trust & Bank in Little Rock, and will be responsible for overall branch operations in Little Rock, Bella Vista and Gravette.

**Boyd and Cida (Bahia, fs90) Walker** reside in Dallas with their sons, William, Phillip and Matthew. He's a trip coordinator for the Amazon Mission Organization (AMOR).

**Jennie Titsworth Kirby** is employed by National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD, as community relations. She served as a presidential management intern from 1999-2001. She and husband, Adam, a lobbyist for the Methodist Church, live in Silver Springs, MD.

## 1989

**Kim Herndon** is a Captain and an attorney with the U.S. Army JAG Corps. She and husband, MAJ William Bigelow, are currently stationed in Stuttgart, Germany.

**Jim Lloyd** has been hired as the director of bands for Arkadelphia Public Schools. He has most recently led the Marion (AR) band to numerous awards and honors. In 2000, he was named by "School Band and Orchestra Magazine" as Arkansas' representative on the magazine's list of "50 band directors who make a difference." He and wife **Roya (Bishop, '87)** have two children, David and Colleen, and will move to Arkadelphia this summer.

**Lisa Putman** is the educational coordinator and district supervisor for Hobby Lobby/Greco Frame & Supply in Tulsa, OK.

**Lea Anne (Haver) Brooks** is a speech-language pathologist for the Rogers (AR) Public Schools. She lives in Fayetteville with husband, Clint, and daughter, Elisabeth, 6.

**Lance and Sarah (Storer) Raney** reside in Fort Knox, KY, with their four children, Abby 11, Emmy 9, Wylder 6, and Ally 3. He is a family practice physician at Ireland Army Community Hospital and she teaches kindergarten.

**Jennifer (Wright) Leach** is the director of E-commerce for USA Datanet, and lives in Powell, OH with husband of five years, Jon, and new son, Carsten, born in October.

## 1990

**Greg Power** lives in Springdale with his wife, Wendy, and son Jonathan 3, and daughter, Lauren, born in March. He's the regional quality assurance manager for Tyson Foods.

**Tara Morley** is a database marketing consultant in Columbia, SC.

**Lisa (Hoggard) Kaufman** and husband, Dowe, live in Bentonville, AR. She would love to hear from friends. Email is lisakaufman3@yahoo.com.

**Jon Janssen (fs)** is the head fast-pitch softball and men/women's cross country coach at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, AR. He and wife, Kimberly, have two daughters, Mikayla 7, and Brittany 5.

**Darrell Potts** is co-owner of Lewis & Clark Outfitters in Springdale. (Actually the store is in Springdale, but the parking lot is in Fayetteville.) The store has a bicycle shop, climbing wall, camping section, shoe section and men's and women's clothing departments, but the "core" product of the outdoor sporting goods store is socks. He owned an advertising agency in Little Rock before returning to run L&C in September of 2000.

**John and Kathy (Emmerling, '89) Frady** are assisting in the establishment of New Harvest Church in Henderson, KY, where he serves as worship leader. He also teaches choir for North Junior

High School. She is the reference librarian at Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center in Evansville, IN. They are also very involved in writing and ministering through drama.

**Missy (Stephens) Henry** lives in Springdale, AR, with husband, Mark and teaches at Lee Elementary.

**Richard Holland** is finance manager for Beverly Enterprises in Fort Smith. Wife, **Cindy (Watson, '90)** is a stay-at-home mom to daughters, Katie 7, and Jordan 6.

**Paul Reed** is serving as minister of music and senior adults at Hopeful Baptist Church in Lake City, FL. He and **Debbie (Lewis, fs84)** have an 8-year old son, Cameron.

**Scott and Tiffany (West, '93) McCallister** live in Alexandria, LA, where he's sales manager at Coca-Cola and she's a stay at home with son, Tyler 4.

## 1992

**Michael and Melissa (McMillon, fs93) Baird** and 1-1/2-year-old son, Jack, live in DeKalb, TX, where Michael owns and operates Baird Veterinary Services. She works part time as a pharmacist.

**Lance and Caroline (Reddin, '98) Butler** live in Springfield, MO, where he's a supervisor for Roadway Express and she's an accountant for Pendleton Co.

**Jennifer Massey** graduated in December 2001 from Texas A&M/Commerce with her master of science degree in learning technology and information systems. She works as education specialist for distance learning at Region 9 Education Center in Wichita Falls, TX, to provide teachers with instructional and technical support.

**Mark Burns** lives in Dallas where he's director of business development and marketing with SIP Management Systems.

**David Yarbrough** has served Carthage (TX) First Baptist Church as minister of music and education since 1994. In October 2001, he and wife, Susie, went through Buckner International Adoption Services and

adopted an 11-month old Russian orphan, whom they named Daria LaVon. This is their first child and everyone is healthy and happy.

**Elizabeth (Rucker) Almond** lives in Arkadelphia with husband, Clay, daughter Bailey and son, Carson. She teaches kindergarten at Bismarck.

**Lamona Lawrence** is secretary to the executive director at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Little Rock.

**Jana Crain** is a radiologist with National Orthopedic Imaging Associates in San Francisco, CA.

**Kimberly Beechem** lives in Texarkana, TX, with husband, Eric, and 3-year-old son, Evan. She teaches math and leadership at Redwater High School and he is minister of music at Nash First Baptist Church.

**Tricia Taylor** has relocated from Texas, where she was in public school teaching and administration, to Marina del Rey, California, where she has joined Character Counts!, Josephson Institute of Ethics as associate director.

## 1993

**Brenda (Sanders) Mathews** is working on her masters degree in Christian education at Mid America Seminary. She has plans to go on a mission trip to Germany this summer with her church. She and husband, Angelo, live in Memphis.

**Scott and Dory (Nelson, '92) Thornton** are in Cumming, GA, where he's an attorney for WorldCom and she's employed with ADC Telecommunications as a senior account manager.

**Darren Michael** is director of development for Mercer University and lives in Macon, GA, with wife, Shelley.

**Lance West** earned his masters degree in business administration from UALR in December 2001. He's been employed since graduation by Coulson Oil in North Little Rock, where he was promoted to vice president of finance and elected as secretary of their Board of Directors at the January 2002

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### Alumni PROFILE

Kevin Crass

Kevin Crass ('81) of Little Rock has been nominated to the Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts in Washington, D.C. President Bush made the announcement in April. Crass is the only Arkansan named to the 36-member Committee.

Crass is a partner with the Little Rock law firm of Friday, Eldredge & Clark. In addition, he serves as personal counsel to Governor Mike Huckabee.

The Kennedy Center, established in 1958 as the National Cultural Center, opened in 1971. It is the largest performance center under one roof.

The Advisory Committee acts as a liaison with performance groups and other performing centers throughout the country. The Committee recommends activities to the Center's board of trustees and assists in campaigns to raise money for the Center.

Crass is past president and current board member of Arkansas for Drug Free Youth. He also serves as a member of the Arkansas Arts Center, the Little Rock Boys and Girls Clubs, and United States Supreme Court Historical Society, and is a youth sports coach.

In addition to his degree from Ouachita, Crass is a graduate of the William H. Bowen School of Law, and he is a deacon at Little Rock's Second Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Cathy, have two sons, Will, 14, and Ted, 11.

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meeting. He and wife, **Kandice (Knod, '94)** live in Maumelle.

**Nita (Pettus) Gage** joined the staff of Camden's Calvary Baptist Church in February as director of family ministry/counseling.

**Courtney (Braziel) Sims (fs)** began April 1 as an advancement associate at the University of North Texas. She and husband, Shayne, live in Denison.

**Gena (Grider) Wilkerson** works as a speech-language pathologist at the South Arkansas Developmental Center in El Dorado. She and husband, David, have three sons: Collin, 5, Connor 3, and Cade, 1.

**Kris Shinn** works for First Arkansas Insurance in Conway, while **NiKole (Muncy, 'fs96)** is stay-at-home mom to daughter Emma, 3, and son, Will, 17 months. They are expecting third child in June.

**Todd Self** received his Th.D from Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock in May. He and **Traci (Watson)** live in

Donaldson, AR, where he pastors Caney Valley Missionary Baptist Church.

**Jason McCullough** and wife, Kim, own a lawn and irrigation business in Mount Pleasant, TX. He's also working on his master of education administration degree. They have two children, Kolby 5, and Kylee 2.

**Billy Melton** is performing bio-remediation research to implement in Superfund clean-ups for the oil industry. He and wife, Amy, live in Henrietta, TX.

**Steve Harness** recently completed his Ph.D at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. He pastors a new church in New Port Richey, FL.

**Jennifer (Hogg) White**, husband Scott and 1-year old son, Jensen, live in Magnolia. She teaches second grade in Magnolia School District.

1994

**Jason and Jenna (Schwalier) Collins** live in Knoxville, TN, and have two children: Noah, 3, and Abby, 1. He's in his

second year of private practice as a family physician at Family Care of East Tennessee.

**Jennifer (Kircher) Self**, a physics teacher at Little Rock's Central High School, was one of two to receive the "Outstanding High School Physics Teacher Award" from the Arkansas-Oklahoma-Kansas section of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

**Heather (Brandon) Spruill** is director of occupational therapy for the Hot Springs public school district.

**Jason Bates** has been transferred to New Orleans as sales manager for Alltel. He and **C'ella (Fry, '89)** and daughters, Addison 2, and Scarlet, 7 months, live in Mandeville.

**David Bond**, minister of music at Bryant First Southern Baptist Church, received his master of arts in Christian education from Southwestern Baptist Seminary at December commencement.

**Johnpaul "J.P." Arnold** re-enlisted in the Army following the terrorist attacks of September 11. He and wife, Amy, have moved from Colorado to Augusta, GA, where he's stationed as a captain in the Signal Corps.

**Jason Phipps** graduated from Louisiana Tech with a degree in horticulture, then obtained a degree in turf management from Mississippi State. He is currently the grounds superintendent at the Olde Oaks Golf Course in Bossier City. He and wife, Jamie, live in Shreveport.

**Stuart Young** has co-founded Smith Fork Ventures, a capital/management consulting firm in Nashville, TN. He also created the website, Baggle.com. He asks that you check it out.

1995

**Karl "Eddie" and Michelle (Thomas, '94) Weathers** are both teaching fifth grade in Texarkana, AR. He teaches character education and she teaches American history. He is working on his masters in interdisciplinary studies at Texas A&M. She will complete her master of education in administration at Henderson this summer with

plans to begin working on her doctorate.

**Tracy Pennington**, after teaching for five years in the White Hall school district, accepted a job last year at the Pine Bluff Arsenal as a training and curriculum specialist for Army Child and Youth Services.

**Kyle and Keri (Durmon) Barlow** are attending Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. They have three children, Ashlyn, Alexandra, and Joshua. Kyle also works for FedEx.

**Allie (Riley) Kretsinger** owns her own business custom painting murals and furniture for children's rooms. She and Kyle have two daughters, Kayla 2, and Kendall, 10 months.

**Alicia (Massey) Smith** and husband, Dan, live in San Diego where she's a deductions administrator in accounting department for Delimex. She and some college friends are planning a reunion this June in Arkadelphia.

**Brandon and Yanci (Grady, '98) Gibson** live in Conway. He's a medical sales rep for Bird & Bear Medical, Inc. and she's a network development analyst for Baptist Health System in Little Rock.

**Emily (Terrell) Lucas** teaches in the Lexington (SC) School District. She and husband, Barry, have three children: Madison 8, Brady 3, and Bennett 2.

**Melodie Pike** received her master's degree in early childhood special education in December 2001 commencement at UALR.

**John Bailey** is a coach and teacher at New Boston High School. He and wife, Jill, live in Texarkana, TX.

1996

**Tyler Vance** has joined Community Bank in Cabot as chief financial officer.

**Allen Morton** serves as pastor of Brookwood site of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock. In addition to his pastoral duties, he helps as "unofficial" chaplain to Little Rock's Central High football team (his alma mater).

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**Heather (White) Brinkley** is communications specialist at St. Joseph's Mercy Health Center in Hot Springs. Husband, **Chad**, owns and operates MobileText, an off-campus bookstore at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia.

**Kendra (Hodges) Bowen** and husband, **Dr. Wayne Bowen**, assistant professor of history at Ouachita, will spend most of the summer in Madrid, Spain, where he'll be doing research for his new book and she will be "soaking up the culture."

**Adrienne Whitfield** teaches theatre arts at Deer Park ISD and lives in Alvin, TX.

**Justin Goodale** is creative director and vice president at Dark Horse Productions, an advertising company in Dallas.

After graduation, **Cindy Black** worked in the business world for three-and-half years before obtaining a second degree in design and currently owns a design company, Spaces by Design, Inc., in Little Rock.

**David Montgomery** began at Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, in January 2002 where he's working on his master of divinity with an emphasis in counseling.

**Rebecca (Roe) Jones** successfully defended her master's thesis in inter-personal and organizational communications at UALR. She is director of admissions counseling at Ouachita.

### 1997

**Matt Buffalo** will tour from September 2002-June 2003 with the prestigious cast of the Fosse National Tour.

**Carol Davis Peters** has moved back to Arkansas from Iowa when husband was transferred to Wal Mart headquarters in Bentonville.

**Jason Greenwich**, who's working toward his master of arts in missiology at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, was named to the leadership team for Youth Ministry Lab 2002, held in April at SWBTS.

**Andrew Bagley** was selected by Phillips County Quorum Court as its delegate to the Arkansas Association of Quo-

rum Courts. He and wife, Donna, live near Lexa, AR, and he teaches at Elaine School District as well as night classes at Phillips Co. College in Helena.

**Kenneth Kinney (fs)** is employed by The Image Company in Shreveport, LA. It specializes in image consulting, interview coaching, organizational skills development, self-esteem building, public speaking training, etc. He has also accepted a second job as director of public relations for the Louisiana Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, where he will write and distribute their newsletters, will handle press releases and will control all media interaction with the Federation.

**D. Matt (Rogers) Smith** lives in Memphis where he's the post production director for Total Video and Multimedia.

**Matt Hershberger** is youth pastor at St. Paul United Methodist Church in El Dorado and an instructor at the United Theological Seminary and Bible College. In addition, he's attending William Carey International University to earn his master's in global civilization, a missionary career. This will add to his first master's degree in biblical studies and ancient languages earned from University of Notre Dame du Lac.

**Guy "Trey" Barr** received his masters degree in May 2001 from University of Southern Mississippi and is currently working on his doctor's degree there. He and wife, Melissa, live in Hattisburg, MS.

**Mike and Amy (Campbell, '98) Floyd** and two sons, Aaron and Caleb, have moved back to Arkansas following his receiving his masters from New Orleans Seminary in December 2001. They have settled in Conway, where he will be an intern at a new church start, New Life.

**Rebecca (Herndon) Wooten** received her masters degree in speech pathology at UAMS. She and husband, **Shane (fs96)**, live in Little Rock where he's is a salesman for Sysco Foods.

**Scot Thurman** had his third story published in March in the

"Chicken Soup for the Soul" series of books. He lives in Fayetteville where he's a Baptist collegiate minister at the UofA Baptist Student Union.

**Meredith (Pope) White** and husband, Faber, are in Rochester, NY, where he's doing his residency training in emergency medicine. She is working as a pharmacist at Highland Hospital.

**Tim and Kara (Mills, '96) Oosterhous** reside in Salinas, CA. He's a forester with the U.S. Forest Service and she's working in historical preservation for an architectural firm.

**Audrey (Hightower) Gordin** and husband, Clay, moved in May to Springdale so she can begin her family practice residency at the Northwest Arkansas Area Health Education Center on July 1.

**Mark Conine** passed the Arkansas CPA exam in November. He and **Dawn (Hasley)** and son, Samuel, live in Little Rock where he's a tax accountant with Ernst & Young.

**Corey Gilbert** requests prayers from his classmates and friends. He was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease last winter and has had a rough time. His counseling ministry in Hays, Kansas, ended in March and he's moving to Dallas/Fort Worth area to find a job as a counselor. Good news is that he completed the first quarter of his doctorate in family psychology and loves his studies. Friends can check on him at his website: [www.HealingLives.com](http://www.HealingLives.com) or email him at [corey@HealingLives.com](mailto:corey@HealingLives.com).

**Chad Strike** received his masters in social work in May 2001. He and wife, **Joanna (Thurston)** and sons Josiah, 2, and Isaiah, 9 months live in Mabelvale, AR.

### 1998

**Shea and Kim (Passel) Jones** have relocated to Louisville, KY, where he'll work with the U.S. Department of Treasury and she'll be a financial aid advisor at the University of Louisville.

**Dane Abels** is minister of youth and recreation at Central Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. He and wife, Jennifer, have one daughter.

**Carolyn (Reddin) Butler** is an accountant for Pendleton Co. in Springfield, MO. Husband, **Lance, '92**, is a supervisor for Roadway Express.

**Russell Jones** moved from Denver to Olive Branch, MS, in December to attend Mid-America Baptist Seminary in Germantown, TN.

**Jason and Brooke (Sorters) Miller** live in Bryant, AR. He's the minister to junior high at Geyer Springs First Baptist in Little Rock. She's just completed her master's from UAMS in clinical dietary and is a registered dietitian at Rivendell Behavior Health in Benton. Expecting their first child in May!

**Tom and Kerry (Chandler) Stickney** are still in Harrison, AR. She is high school volleyball coach and assistant softball/baseball coach at Green Forest High School as well as teaching science. He is associate pastor to youth and recreation at Harrison First Baptist Church.

After serving as a journeyman to Japan in 1999-2001, **Melissa (Alvey) Presley** returned to the States, got married in February of this year and now works at McKinney (TX) First Baptist Church as student ministry assistant.

**Jenni (Steele) Haaser** is a receptionist for Sagely & Edwards Realtors and is taking classes to pursue her master's in child psychology. She and Joel live in Fort Smith.

**Blain Craig and Susan Harrell** earned their master's degrees at the December commencement at Southwestern Seminary. He received his master of divinity and she earned her double master of arts in Christian education and in marriage and family counseling. He's associate pastor of Birdville Baptist near Fort Worth. She is employed with the Women's Center of Tarrant County in the Fort Worth/Dallas metroplex.

**Erin Crumley** teaches third grade at Turman Elementary in Colorado Springs, CO, and plans to pursue her master's for a principal's license this summer.

**Josh Evans** is a franchisee

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with American Express Financial Advisors and is operating his practice in Hot Springs.

**Dawn (Webb) Egan** is an administrative coordinator for Southwest Airlines and serves as youth leader at Church in Pines. She and husband, Scott, live in New Bedford, MA. He is an area rep for southern Massachusetts and Rhode Island for Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

**Karen (Wood) Black** resigned her position with Stephens, Inc. to become a broker with Edward Jones Investments. She will be opening a branch office in North Little Rock, only a few miles from where she and **Aaron** live.

**Brent Black** passed the November CPA exam in Little Rock. He's an auditor with Howland & Norris.

**Melissa (Hildebrand) Sitton** lives in Dallas and is an organizational consultant with Cap Gemini Ernst & Young, helping organizations with restructuring, mergers, etc. She and husband, Andy, are the proud parents of twin Shihtzus, Jackson and Turner.

**Shannon (Bradley) Taylor** is a stay-at-home mom in Olive Branch, MS, to children, Mallorie 3, and Bradley 1. Husband, Phillip, graduated in December from Mid-America Baptist Seminary with his master's in Christian education.

**Shannon Duke** is performing in the "Country Tonight" Theatre during the 2002 season in Branson.

**John Honey** is on staff at Team Trek, a corporate leadership training and team building company, located on 800 acres outside of Heber Springs, AR.

**Julie (Wilson) Wagley** is church administrator for Agape Outpost Chapel. She and husband, **Dustin (2000)**, live in Breckenridge, CO.

1999

**Jason and Abby (Hughes, '97) Holsclaw** have relocated to Washington, DC, where he'll be working for the U.S. General Accounting Office as an analyst as part of the financial market and community investment team.

She will be working for the National League of Cities' Institute of Youth, Education, and Families on early childhood and family economic security issues.

**Ben and Joy (Watson) Baker** were recently transferred by the U.S. Army to San Angelo, TX, after he completed Korean language training in Monterey, CA. He will leave this summer for a year-long tour in Korea while she stays in Texas. She currently is with the San Angelo Symphony.

**Whitney Moore** lives in Little Rock where she works in the labor-employment firm, Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon and Galchus, while attending law school at UALR.

**Mark Smith** is youth minister and associate pastor for Sanger (TX) First Baptist Church while working on his master's degree at Southwestern Seminary. He and wife, Shannon, have three children, Caleb, Jonathan and Grace.

**David and Lindsay (Simmons) Carrouth** just bought a house in Benton, AR. He's beginning his last year of medical school where he's specializing in internal medicine; and she's teaching first grade.

**Buck Webb** recently moved to Washington where he'll work for the Puget Sound Baptist Association as the youth campus evangelism strategist. This is in conjunction with "Embracing Seattle," the SBC strategic focus city effort.

**Jill Fowler** has joined the marketing firm, Mangan Holcomb Rainwater Culpepper as an account service manager. She'll serve as a liaison between the agency and its clients as well as work with the agency's account executives to execute and complete the day-to-day client-related work.

**Stacy (Wood) Hart** is a speech pathologist for the Piedmont (OK) Public Schools. She and husband, Paul, live in Oklahoma City.

**Bryce Mitchell** just returned from Kosovo with the U.S. Army. He and wife, Rachel, are stationed in Columbus, GA, and are expecting twins to join daugh-

ter, Abigail.

**Jeff Williams** is back in the States after serving as a journeyman in Macedonia with the International Mission Board. He began his studies at Southwestern Seminary in January.

**Tad and Monica (Leagans, '98) Hardin** live in Tallahassee, FL. Tad received his masters in piano performance from Florida State University in April and will begin working on his doctorate this fall. She recently traveled to Guatemala to gather data for her master's thesis in Latin American history at FSU.

**Ben M. Wright** lives in Benton, AR, and is a quality control assistant for National Wire Fabric.

2000

**Dan and Jenifer (Pierson, '2000) Gordon** are living in Pearl, MS, while he completes his second year of law school at Mississippi College School of Law. She teaches second grade in Brandon, MS.

**John Mark Huckabee** is legislative corespondent in the Washington, DC office of Congressman John Boozman. He handles all constituent mail, logs in all mail and sends out appropriate responses.

**Amy Henderson** passed the CPA exam in November. She works for Arthur Andersen in Little Rock.

**Josh and Kerri (Ross, '99) Packwood** are in North Carolina and are both students at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest. She's pursuing a masters in intercultural studies, a program designed for students who are called to missions. He is working toward a master's in divinity with emphasis on missions and church history. Upon graduation, they plan to serve on the mission field.

**Erika (McCain) Hixon** is enrolled in the dietetic internship program at UAMS and plans to graduate in May. She and husband, Buddy, live in Sherwood where he's employed by Arkansas Game & Fish Commission.

**Candace Wessels** works in Boulder, CO, as a programmer and database engineer on a Lockheed Martin project for

Northrop Grumman.

**Kristi Foster** lives in El Mirage, AZ, and is recreation coordinator for the City of Mesa. She coordinates community service projects and also coaches Mesquite High School's varsity diving team in Gilbert.

**Justin Hall** is attending Southwestern Seminary to prepare for the ministry.

**Brian Hicks** is a firefighter in Pensacola, FL, and is also working with high school students at his church.

**Lee Pearce** works in the human resources department as staffing manager for Gadzooks (clothing store) at their headquarters in Carrollton, TX.

**Ryan Perry** is pursuing a modeling career in New York.

**Andria Ward** lives in Tyler, TX, where she is the secretary at Green Acres Baptist Church and is involved in teaching Bible studies to children in local apartment complexes.

**Stephen Harrison** and wife, Haley, are the preschool and children's ministers at Family Church in Pine Bluff.

**Corey (Bean) Thomason** lives in Amity where she works in financial management at Bean Lumber Company with husband, Scott, who's in charge of outside purchasing and sales.

**Mandy Moore** is pursuing a doctor of optometry degree at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK.

**Holly Tidball** teaches elementary music at Arkansas Baptist Elementary School in Little Rock.

**Janna Freibolt** is the compliance review analyst at Summit Bank in Arkadelphia.

**Mark Cole** is the student pastor at Germantown (TN) Baptist Church and is completing his master of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (long distance). He and wife, J. Jaye, live in Cordova where she teaches Bible at Briarcrest Christian School.

**Stephen Boissy**, a videographer for Little Rock's KTHV-Channel 11, was recently notified that two of his stories won recognition at the Association Press awards ceremony.



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One of his stories won second place in the non-spot news; and his story on OBU's tennis team, which he wrote and shot, won second place for sports reporting.

**Tyler Sorrells** is in Sugar Land, TX, where he works for Ecoresources, a wastewater management company.

**Mason and Deanna (Denham) Atkinson** live in Fayetteville, AR, where she's employed as a graphic designer for Northwest Arkansas Times.

**Jennifer (Rushing) Templeton** and husband, Charles, live in Fort Worth where she's a counselor at Juliette Fowler Homes while pursuing her master's in social work at the University of Texas.

**Suzanne Morton** is finishing her master's in piano performance and teaching private and group piano at Wichita State University and at Wichita Collegiate School.

**Kristen Clark** graduated in May from University of Fayetteville with her master's in kinesiology and has been accepted at the University of Missouri-Columbia to begin her doctoral work in exercise science. She and **Dalton Hutchins ('01)** are planning to marry in July.

**Lisa Taylor** is teaching sixth grade reading at Jacksonville (AR) Middle School.

**Wilmer Wade** lives in Atlanta, GA, where he's employed with MCI.

**Amanda Perkins** is a sales rep for Joyner Brokerage in Little Rock.

**Justy and Stephanie (Johnston) Smith** live in Hot Springs where he's a substitute teacher while waiting for a permanent position; she teaches elementary music for Lake Hamilton School District.

**Jana (Keasler) Parker** received her master of science in speech pathology in December 2001 from Baylor. She and husband, Jack, have settled in Waco, TX, where she's a speech therapist in the Waco School District.

**Chris Turnage** recently received his MBA from Henderson and, as of March 1, began working as a commercial loan officer at US Bank in Arkadelphia.

2001

**Laura Gannaway** passed the CPA exam in November. She lives in Little Rock and works for Arthur Andersen.

**Nathan Wagnon**, after attending the James Dobson leadership training program in Colorado Springs, has moved to Dallas to begin work on his master of divinity degree at Dallas Theological Seminary.

**Amanda Richardson** is teaching elementary music for Lake Hamilton School district.

**Cassidy (Allen) Jones** is employed with the Hot Springs Convention Center as part of their sales team. She travels around doing presentations for the convention center.

**Sara Arnold** completed her internship for the International Mission Board and left in March for South Asia to begin her two-year stint as a journeyman.

**Chase Reynolds** and wife, Kelli, moved to Tuscaloosa, AL, where he'll attend Beeson School of Divinity to work on his master of divinity.

**Jennifer Burks** works at Heartlight, a camp for young people in East Texas.

**Rusty Byrd** lives in McKinney, TX, and works for Lindsey Management Company as membership director for a new property development, which contains an 18-hole golf course and over 1,000 apartment units and is owned by Dallas Cowboys owner, Jerry Jones.

**Bethany Hadaway** is pursuing her master's in counseling at Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest.

**David and Penny "Cricket" (Rushing) Jackson** are living in Gentry, AR. He's employed at DaySpring Cards in Siloam Springs and taking night classes at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville pursuing his master's and she teaches music in Gentry Public Schools.

**Nathan and Marla (Hemingway) Livers** have moved to Carrollton, TX, where he's employed with the Texas Food & Drug.

**Scott Fitzgerald** is associate student ministries director at UCA and is the student worship

pastor at Conway's First Baptist Church. He is also pursuing his master's in speech.

**Joey Gordy** is in East Asia, backpacking in various mountain ranges to find unreached people, as part of the IMB journeyman program.

**Chris Shelton** works with T Bar M sport evangelism camp near Waco.

**Kristen McKelvey** lives in Russellville, AR, and is employed at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in the community relations department. She handles the public relations, volunteers, the Vintage members and the gift shop.

**Paul Rayburn** is pursuing his masters in business administration at Texas Tech.

**John and Julie (Hall) Spencer** live in Kansas City, where he's employed in sales at Wingert Jones, a major supplier of band and choral music for schools. She is a substitute teacher at the present. She writes that they have joined a wonderful church, Holmeswood Baptist, and are enjoying being a part of it. He has also had one of his works selected for publication; the composition is Sonata for Trumpet and Piano, which he wrote while a student at Ouachita.

**Scott Walters** and wife, Ashley, live in Benton, AR. He's a management assistant with Enterprise Rent-a-Car and she teaches ninth grade English.

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**SERVE** • The women's tennis team practices for doubles competition. The team advanced to the elite eight of the NCAA Division II tournament. The team lost to Armstrong-Atlantic, which finished as national runner up.

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**Adam and Heather (Shupe) Benton** have moved to Conway where he's a case worker at Community Services. They are both pursuing their masters at UCA.

**Tiffany Criswell** is the office coordinator for McSearch Preferred Personnel Consultants in Dallas.

**Wesley Martin** is a science teacher and coach for Irving (TX) ISD.

**Jonathan Carothers** lives in Memphis where he's a portfolio analyst for Morgan Keegan investment firm.

**Johnny and Elizabeth (Steele, 2000) Ferrell** reside in Conway where he's a draftsman with Virco Manufacturing Corp.

**Krista Smith** has relocated to Little Rock where she'll be an administrative associate at Baptist Health Center and will coordinate projects for volunteers.

**Josh Shaw** has been performing with the "Wildwood Young Artist Tour 2002," a group which brought opera experience to young people in 62 Arkansas cities between January and May. It was sponsored by the Arkansas Arts Council and Bank of America.

**Brian Mills** is student minister at Springdale (AR) First Baptist Church.

**Michelle (Gates) Roberts** and husband, Tom, are in Marietta, GA, where she's a stay-at-home mom to daughter Anna Grace, and he's in the training department for UCB-Pharma.

**Darren Hull** has moved to Anchorage, Alaska, and is a psychiatric treatment counselor with the Alaska Children's Services.

**Jill Bates** is the assistant manager for Alltel at their Little Rock - Chenal branch. She was selected in January to be one of ten from the entire company to travel the United States training to be a Unity specialist. She recently bought a house which she is very excited about!

**Kammie Bass** is a full-time nanny for a family in Rye, New York. She even has her own maid!! She enjoys seeing the sites around New York City.

2002

**T.J. Bingham** signed a free agent contract with the Kansas City Chiefs to play defensive end.

## Faculty-Staff

**Cecil and Ellajane (Inman, '65) Sutley** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 15 by going on a Caribbean cruise. She, a retired teacher, is actively involved in adult literacy and tutoring. He's a former professor of religion and is a chaplain in the hospice program in Arkadelphia. They have five children, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

## MARRIAGES:

1943

**Frank Cochran** to Everlene Pearson Harvey, December 24, 2001.

1966

**Thelma Beth Hardcastle** to John C. Hopkins, November 25, 2000.

1975

**James Washington** to **Joyce "Yvonne" Alexander**, January 12, 2002.

1986

**Philip Darr** to Kelley Pennington, July 21, 2001.

**Regina Diane Sullivan** to Michael Gregory Holthoff, March 9, 2002.

1988

**Missi Hasley** to Bill Walker, June 30, 2001.

**Mary Ellen Dougherty** to Michael Handiboe, March 23, 2002.

1990

**Lisa Gail Hoggard** to Dowe Wallace Kaufman, December 20, 2001.

1992

**Connie Lynn Davis (fs)** to Brent Lynn Roth, December 15, 2001.

1993

**Ashley Jane Crocker (fs)** to Britt A. Elliott, April 6, 2002.

**Todd Denton** to Amy Kimbrell, June 15, 2002.

1994

**John David Sykes** to Sheri Crow, December 26, 2001.

1995

**John Selph** to **Laura Walker (cs)**, December 16, 2000.

**Tammy Robbins** to Mark "Gregory" Gillis, Jr., May 4, 2002.

1996

**Amy Steelman (fs)** to **Jerry Holland (fs)**, April 27, 2002.

**Bruce Cullom** to Leanne Russell, June 8, 2002.

1997

**Ilya Gordeev** to Jennifer Atkins, December 15, 2001.

**Kristi Lyn Cooley (fs)** to Luke J. Simms, April 6, 2002.

1998

**Jodie Matthews** to Michael Daniell, August 25, 2001.

**Jenni (Johnson) Steele** to Joel Haaser, October 20, 2001.

**Melissa Alvey** to Mark Presley, Jr., February 9, 2002.

**Yanci Grady** to **Brandon M. Gibson ('95)**, April 13, 2002.

1999

**Jimmy Ivy** to Georgiana Avram, April 28, 2001.

**Jill Presley** to Cory Cox, December 22, 2001.

**Kelli F. Wood** to Greg Castleberry, December 22, 2001.

**Rebekah Spencer** to **William "Douglas" Bryant (cs)**, May 11, 2002.

2000

**Anna Kathleen "Katie" Cummins** to **Anthony Efirid**, November 11, 2001.

**Jennifer Rushing** to Charles Templeton III, December 15, 2001.

**Robert "Rob" Griffith** to **Tami Harper (fs'01)**, January 5, 2002.

**Elaine C. Barry** to **Warren D. Wheat ('01)**, February 23, 2002.

**Douglas Yan** to **Minako Sato (fs98)**, February 23, 2002.

**Jennifer G. Elliff** to Randal Paul Rogers, March 23, 2002.

**Kimberly Miller** to **Brandon**

**Carter ('01)**.

**Jana Keasler** to Jack Parker, April 20, 2002.

**Justin "Caleb" Rawls** to Lisa Maree Cheatham, May 25, 2002.

**Laura Elizabeth "Betsy" Bell** to **Edward "Lane" Bailey ('97)**, June 8, 2002.

**Cari Lee Cordell** to Lewis Blake Jumper, June 8, 2002.

**J. Carl Weatherford** to **Mary Ann Caldwell (cs)**, June 8, 2002.

2001

**Christy Launius** to Edward Deneke, December 21, 2001.

**Meredith Lee Smith** to **Justin T. Eisele**, December 29, 2001.

**Jordan Dupree (fs)** to **Adrienne Davidson-Sandage**, January 26, 2002.

**Julie McManus (fs)** and **Justin Bounds (fs)**, January 11, 2002.

**Erin E. Greer** to **Bennett J.W. Weidemann**, February 2, 2002.

**Elizabeth "Alice" Poteet** to **Joel Fankhauser**, April 6, 2002.

**Cassidy Allen** to Jonathan D. Jones, May 11, 2002.

**David Rostho** to Ladonna Gayle Daniel, May 24, 2002.

**Bryan Bailey** to Jennifer "Jenni" Berry, May 31, 2002.

**Steven Humbard** to **Alicia Willingham (cs)**, June 1, 2002.

**Kristen McDonald** to **James "Brandon" Griffin ('97)**, June 8, 2002.

2002

**Kara Floyd** to **Joshua Shaw (2001)**, December 15, 2001.

**Amanda "Mandy" Layman** to **Johnsa Phares (cs)**, January 5, 2002.

**Staci E. Robertson** to **Jonathan B. Huber (2001)**, March 23, 2002.

**Misty Rosinbaum** to Jonathan Dupree, April 27, 2002.

**Helen Kristin Hall** to **Mark McCrary (cs)**, May 18, 2002.

**Emily Pope** to **J. Adam Koelling ('01)**, May 18, 2002.

**Courtney Ray** to **Luke Brewer ('99)**, May 25, 2002.

**Abby G. Garlington** to Donaven Sims, June 1, 2002.

# Class Notes

## FUTURE TIGERS:

1981

**Archie and Holly Cothren**, son John Patrick, March 15, 2002. Joins sisters Sarah Isabel 7, and Charlotte, 4.

1983

**Steve and Nikki Efurd**, son Bryce, November 29, 2001.

1984

**Jim and Melanie (Cardine) Constable**, daughter Abigail, September 28, 2001. Welcomed by Callie, Anthony, Rachel, Daniel, Susanna, Matthias, and Carolyn.

1985

**Barry and Kara (Murphree) Bloomfield**, son Jeffrey Daniel, March 7, 2002. Joins Brad 14, Matt, 12, and Laura Beth, 5.

1987

**Scott and Kelly Mooney**, daughter Heather Ann, January 6, 2002.

1988

**Leigh and Lisa Bass**, son Jacob Graham, November 28, 2001. Welcomed by Chelsea 11, Hayden 4, and Logan 1.

**Greg and Janet (Church) Gaddis**, daughter Abigail Grace, July 26, 2001. Joins Rachel 8, and Nathan, 6-1/2.

1989

**Jon and Jennifer (Wright) Leach**, son Carsten John, October 2001.

**Jonathan and Leigh Anna (Gosser) Askins**, daughter Jessica Leigh, January 21, 2002. Joins brother Jonathan, Jr. 3-1/2.

**John and Meredith (Fairhead) Blase**, daughter Abbey Tennyson, March 22, 2002. Joins Will 5, and Sarah 3-1/2.

1990

**Matt and Laurel (Dixon, '89) Smith**, adopted twins Peyton and Savannah, born June 21, 2001; finalized February 2002. Joins brother Colson, 3-1/2.

**John and Gayla (Williams) Rogers**, adopted their eighth child, son, Austin Jordan, who

was born August 1, 2001. Welcomed by Angelia, Alley, Aimee, Amanda, Angel, and twins Alex and Aaron.

**Darryl and SuLyn (Miles) Wine**, daughter Stephanie Joyce, October 8, 2001. Welcomed by sisters Kerry Beth 5, and Madelyn 2.

**Blair and Terri (Saar) Petty**, twin daughters, Baylee McCall and Karson McKenna, November 29, 2001.

**Kerry and Erin Roy**, daughter Madison Baily, January 4, 2002.

**Dennis and Tish (Campbell) Tucker**, daughter Elizabeth, January 23, 2002. Welcomed by Hannah 3, and Sarah Elizabeth 1-1/2.

1991

**Steve and Melissa Brawner**, daughter Mattie Larryn, September 18, 2001.

**Jone and Jennifer (Wright) Leach (fs)**, son Carsten, October 29, 2001.

**Fernando and Shannon (Lauderbach) Morales**, son Shafer Renato, January 7, 2002.

1992

**Toby and Rachel (Ward, '94) Talley**, daughter Sophia "Sophie" Alisa, September 10, 2001. Joins brother Trace, 2.

**Phillip and Katrina (Wicklund) Miller**, daughter Abigail Sierra, November 7, 2001. Joins Alyssa 9, and Austin 6.

**Michael and Melissa (McMillon, fs'93) Baird**, son Jack Henry, December 1, 2000.

**Doug and Shelly (Ravenscraft) Mullins**, daughter Lyndie Rachele, December 9, 2001. Welcomed by sister, Mallie RuthAnn, 2.

1993

**Scott and Jennifer (Hogg) White** son Jenson Scott, April 27, 2001.

**Keith and Carol Anne (Hardister) Phifer**, son Joshua Michael, August 11, 2001.

**David and Tina Hardister**, son Zachariah Grady, October 10, 2001. Joins Nathanael 4, and Mary Madelynnne Anne 2.

**Spencer and Jennie (Barker) House**, daughter



**MISS OBU** • Kristen Porter, junior choral music education major from Mesquite, Texas, was crowned Miss Ouachita Baptist University 2002. Placing first runner-up and talent winner was Jenna Williams, a senior vocal performance major from El Dorado; second runner-up and Miss Congeniality was Jessica Bryant, an athletic training major from Center Ridge; third runner-up was Jennifer Karber, a freshman music major from Batesville; and fourth runner-up was Rachael Sykes, a senior speech communications major from Liberty, Mo.

Delaney Jensen, August 2001.

**Jay and Andrea (Holt, '94) Heflin** adopted a son, Benjamin David, who was born January 3, 2002.

**Lane and Christine (Smith) Harrison**, adopted daughter Bethany Ann from Guatemala on February 12, 2002. She was born August 5, 2001. Joins Joshua 3.

**Mark and Amy (Williams) Epp (fs)**, son Nathaniel Bryan, January 3, 2002.

**Brady and Tricia (Kehoe) Meredith**, daughter Camdyn Elizabeth, January 5, 2002. Joins sister Braden 2.

**Ross and Sara (Fish) Campbell**, daughter Charity "Esther" Campbell, January 18, 2002. Welcomed by sisters Mary Erin 3, and Annika, 1-1/2.

**David and Tina (Hawthorn, '94) Murphy**, daughter Hope Elizabeth, February 25, 2002.

**Casey and Lori (Abbot) Motl**, daughter Sydney Marie, February 28, 2002. Welcomed by 2-year old Ryan.

1994

**Mark and Kristin (Garner) Hodge**, son Garner Wilson, January 22, 2001.

**Andrew and Stacey (Risinger) Finkbeiner**, daugh-

ter Meredith Grace, August 13, 2001.

**Keith and Shauna (Bauer) Leicht**, son Nathan John, April 13, 2001.

**Jason and C'ella (Fry, '89) Bates**, daughter Scarlet Avery, August 14, 2001. Joins Addison 2.

**Ricky and Callie (Rochelle, '96) Reynolds**, son Coleman "Cole" Wade, January 9, 2002. Joins Tyler 8.

**Jay and Kristen (Stetson, '93) Ham**, son Joshua Daniel, February 4, 2002. Joins sisters, Sarah 4, and Meagan, 1-1/2.

**Travis and Teresa (Boyd, '96) McCormick**, son James Thomas, March 4, 2002. Welcomed by Reagan, 3.

1995

**Bryan and Linda (Hanrahan) Steinmeyer**, daughter Kayla LeeAnne, September 9, 2001.

**Tim and Sarah (Kellar) Cook**, son, Jackson Kellar, September 20, 2001.

**Trey and Julie (Shambarger, '94) Mitchell**, son Nicholas Colby, October 9, 2001.

**Jeff and Tiffany (Smith) Dillon**, son David Clay, December 23, 2001.

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**Marc and Billie (Cloud, '94) Heflin**, daughter Sarah Lynn, March 28, 2002. Joins sister Grace, nearly 3.

1996

Matt and **Monica (Myers) Robertson**, daughter Phoebe Blaise, August 31, 2001.

**Mark and Dusti (Raley, '98) Hurst**, son Jackson Hays, September 16, 2001.

Brandon and **Holly (Lansford, '96) Brodgon**, Luke, October 25, 2001.

**Tyler and Angie (Bond) Vance**, son Seth Roy, January 31, 2002. Joins brother Jared, 2.

**Kellee and Natali (fs'00) McCoy**, son Jon Michael, February 26, 2002.

1997

Ryan and **Amy (Reaves) Reed**, twin daughters Mary Claire and Lauren Olivia, April 9, 2001. Joins brother Sam 2-1/2.

David and **Christy (Jones) Cox**, son Joshua Wayne, June 12, 2001.

Adam and **Salinda (Russell) Barnard**, daughter Cora Addison "Addie", October 25, 2001.

David and **Heather (Thaxton) Roberts**, son Kyler Mason, December 7, 2001. Welcomed by brothers Austin 8, and Hayden 4.

Paul and **Christina (Armstrong-Srda) Brain**, son, Tristan Arthur, December 26, 2001.

**David and Becca (Leach, '96) Sanders**, son Isaac Townsend, February 24, 2002. Welcomed by Abigail 3, and Noah, 1-1/2.

**Mark and Dawn (Hasley) Conine**, son Samuel Alan, March 28, 2002.

1998

**Joey and Shea (Pearce) Watkins**, son Jacob Wayne, July 8, 2001.

**Billy and Julie (Jones, '97) Bird**, daughter Olivia Grace, September 27, 2001.

1999

Corey and **Christina (Lance) Jackson**, daughter

Caroline Nicole, January 6, 2002.

**Daniel and Laurie (Leggett, '97) Cox**, son Shawn Douglas, January 23, 2002.

Kirk and **Amber (Bryant) Goodrum**, son Sawyer James, March 20, 2002. Welcomed by brother Keaton.

2000

Joe and **Melissa (West) Ray**, daughter Katelyn "Katie" Hope, August 2, 2001.

Chace and **Jessica (Webster) Peeler**, daughter Sara Katherine, January 29, 2002

2002

**T.J. and Rachel Bingham**, son Malachi Joseph, April 2, 2002.

## Faculty-Staff:

**Carla Robinson**, son Jeffrey Charles, August 23, 2001. Joins sister Cara 10. (She is support staff in Computer Services.)

**Kevin and Laura Cornelius**, son Caleb Ray, December 4, 2001. (He is assistant professor of physics.)

**Matt and Allison Frederickson**, son Joel Warren, March 10, 2002. (He is instructor of low brass in music department.)

## DEATHS:

1925

**Mary Ashley Dobyms**, March 19, 2002, Brownfield, TX.

1928

**Sarah "Elizabeth" Seale Peterson**, January 19, 2002, Houston, TX.

1930

**Lonnie Meachum**, September 11, 2001, Virginia Beach, VA.

**Margaret McCarroll Watson**, December 20, 2001, Pine Bluff, AR.

1933

**Hazel Gilbert**, deceased 2001 (date unknown), Universal City, TX. (notified January 2002).

1935

**Jewel Nathan "J.N."**

**Shoptaw** (fs and former OBU trustee), March 28, 2002, Texarkana, AR.

1936

**Homer Bridges**, deceased 4-5 years ago, Petal, MS (notified February 2002).

1937

**Dorothy Dollarhide Pate**, July 21, 2001, Amarillo, TX.

**Dorothy Pittman Robbins**, January 2002.

1938

**Lora Geneva (Allison) Ross**, December 12, 2001, Gurdon, AR.

**Geneva Katherine Adams Bratton (fs)**, April 20, 2002, Dumas, AR.

1939

**Thomas Daniel Chinn**, January 5, 2002, Charlotte, NC.

**James T. Langston (fs)**, January 24, 2002, Norfolk, VA.

**Harvey E. Marsh**, deceased 1996, Muskogee, OK. (notified February 2002)

**Albert Earl Prothro (fs)**, March 23, 2002, El Dorado, AR.

1940

**Richard L. Goodbar (fs)**, deceased (date unknown), Towson, MD (notified March 2002.)

**Lorraine Friedman (fs)**, February 12, 2001, Kentwood, LA.

**Major General Herman Hankins, Sr. (Ret.)**, May 10, 2002, Arkadelphia, AR.

1942

**Paul Richard Bowlin**, July 30, 2001, Pochahontas, AR.

**Merle Matlock McClain Cargill Thompson (fs)**, October 9, 2001, Jonesboro, AR.

**Wilson Hansard (fs)**, January 19, 2002, Arkadelphia, AR.

1943

**Eva Gean Lawrence Huff**, March 12, 2002, Hope, AR.

1944

**Martha May Turner Mitchell (fs)**, December 29, 2001, Arkadelphia, AR.

1946

**LTC Crawford T. Marbury**, January 4, 2002, Benton, AR.

**Tanna Murry Howell**, February 9, 2002, North Little Rock, AR.

1947

**Sue Daily Robertson**, January 3, 2002, North Little Rock.

**Ben Zimmerman (fs)**, deceased 1992, Arlington, TX. Notified January 2002.

**Dale B. Meador (fs)**, June 20, 2000. (notified February 2002)

1948

**James B. Johnson**, October 8, 2001, Memphis, TN.

1949

**Robert E. Parr**, August 13, 2000, Humble, TX. (notified February 2002)

**J.C. McCullough**, deceased (date unknown). Notified April 2002.

1950

**Donald Zimmerman (fs)**, deceased 1992. Notified January 2002.

1951

**John Robert "Bob" Hargrove**, January 4, 2002, Corpus Christi, TX.

**Reba Jean Thomas Baskin (fs)**, December 14, 2001, Caddo Gap, AR.

**Roy G. Adams**, December 16, 2001, Goodrich, MI.

**Raymond E. Dickert**, March 29, 2002, El Dorado, AR.

**Gena Ledbetter Hampton**, April 22, 2002, Marble Falls, TX.

1952

**Spear Titsworth**, November 18, 2000, West Monroe, LA. (notified 2002)

**Willis M. Crosby**, March 5, 2002, Little Rock.

**James W. Royal**, February 19, 2002, Little Rock.

1956

**Barbara Ann Conrad Bryant**, April 16, 2002, San Antonio, TX.

# Class Notes

1958

**Carolyn Southerland Shell**, April 7, 2002, Batesville, AR.

1959

**Hubert B. "H. B." Gill, Jr. (fs)**, March 9, 2002, Alexander, AR.

1960

**Melvin Ross McClellan (fs)**, January 9, 2002, Milldale, LA.

1961

**Don McBride**, December 28, 2001, Paragould, AR.

**Ray Miller Cockrill**, April 29, 2002, Searcy, AR.

1962

**Richard McCuistion (fs)**, January 3, 2002, El Dorado, AR.

**Donna Muncy Eubank (fs)**, December 15, 2001, Pine Bluff, AR.

**Cullen Lee Gannaway**, April 14, 2002, Arkansas City, AR.

1965

**Bonnie (Patton) Moxey**, December 22, 2001, Cape Girardeau, MO.

1966

**Donald Eugene Gentry (fs)**, February 10, 2002, Conway, AR.

**Ernest "Ernie" Davis (fs)**, February 22, 2002, Little Rock, AR.

1967

**Charles Whitsell (fs)**, April 3, 2002, Hurst, TX.

1968

**Howard Robert Porter**, date unknown, Vernal, UT. Notified January 7, 2002.

1971

**Randal Wayne Byers (fs)**, December 10, 2001, Bryant, AR.

**Linda Clinton Smith**, March 19, 2002, Little Rock, AR.

1972

**Larry Torgerson**, April 2, 2002, Jacksonville, AR.

1974

**Dale "Norman" Gray (fs)**, August 4, 2001, El Dorado, AR.

**Dove Meyer Beitz (MSE)**, February 4, 2002, Benton, AR.

1979

**Robin Russell**, August 21, 1993, Dallas, TX. (Notified January 2002)

1982

**Stanley Bitely**, date unknown, Grady, AR.

**Current Student:**

**Julie Diane Gaunt**, December 20, 2001, Benton, AR.

**Faculty/Staff:**

**Dr. Thurman O. Watson**, December 14, 2001, Arkadelphia. (Dr. Watson was professor emeritus of education.)

**Dr. Joseph T. McClain**, May 3, 2002, Brownwood, Texas. (former professor of religion and Greek)

## IN MEMORY



*Julie Diane Gaunt*

"She never gave up and always had encouragement that she was going to be well." These words, spoken by associate professor of education Dr. Freddie Jolley, exemplify the life of Julie Gaunt, a junior, who was diagnosed with bone cancer last April and passed away December 20, 2001.

"Julie was always so concerned about class and didn't want to be out of class," said Jolley, who served as Gaunt's adviser. "She came even when she didn't feel like being here."

Gaunt's perseverance allowed her to attend May Term and Summer I classes, even while she was undergoing treatment.

"She finished out last semester with an admirable grade point average," Jolley said.

Corliss Smith, assistant professor of education, echoed this sentiment, saying, "Julie put forth tremendous effort to keep up with the requirements. In fact, other than the few times she was off campus due to hospitalization, she was never even a minute late for her 8 a.m. Teaching of Social Studies class."

Gaunt did not only keep up with her classes, she also "responded to the need for help with activities and wanted to be involved," commented Stacia Richards, Missionary Kid Care Group coordinator.

These activities included Tiger Serve Day and translating Spanish, as well as ministry work.

"Even through all her problems, she still made time to make other peoples' lives a priority," said roommate E. D. Harkey, a junior art major from Shreveport. "She had a really big heart."

Gaunt, an early childhood education major, had "a multicultural perspective that contributed a great deal in our education classes," Smith said. This stemmed from a childhood spent as a missionary kid in the Dominican Republic and allowed Gaunt to not only add to classroom discussion but also acquire a large group of friends far and wide.

"She had an incredible e-mail system," Jolley remarked. "She could get up to 100 e-mails a day from friends all around the world."

• by *Tiffany McCarty*



**OUACHITONIAN BEAUTY** • Lauren Davidson (center), a sophomore biology major from El Dorado, was crowned as the 2002 Ouachitonian Beauty. Davidson was sponsored by the EEE women's social club. Runners-up were: Natalie Cranford, third runner-up; Kristen Porter, first runner-up; Davidson; Abigail Clark, second runner-up; and Hannah Donnell, fourth runner-up.



# The Financial ADVISER

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**John Cloud, J.D.**  
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GIFT PLANNING

Ouachita has embarked on the most ambitious fund-raising effort in her history, The Circle of Excellence Campaign. Historically, gifts and pledges via estates, family and charitable trusts, and charitable gift annuities have been key ingredients in successful campaigns. For a variety of reasons I am confident this campaign will prove even more fruitful in the long-range gift category.

I believe we will see a proportionate increase in planned gifts from the growing alumni base. You baby boomers have arrived, so to speak, and like those already in their golden years you are looking for ways to make your mark, something permanent and tangible that speaks your heart. What better way to do this than to establish an endowed fund in your and your spouse's names, or in your family name. Perhaps you benefitted from a scholarship fund when you were here and you want others to know the joy and relief of telling their folks "I got a scholarship." With no end in sight to the spiraling increase in the cost of a college education, such funds often are the deciding factor in a young person's choice of Ouachita over a tax-subsidized school.

Also, at no point in history have people had such discretionary wealth. Even with the recent setbacks to the markets and the economy, IRAs and other retirement plans hold untold billions of dollars. IRAs make wonderful gift vehicles because the untaxed growth over the years is income-taxable to heirs but not to a charitable entity. More alumni and friends have the wherewithal to pro-

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## Inheritance: Answers to Common Questions

The most important reason to plan your estate is to make sure the people you care about benefit from your good fortune after you are gone. Here is a list of answers to our most frequently asked questions about how your estate is distributed after you pass away.

### **Q: What happens to my estate if I die without a will?**

**A:** Each state has laws that define who will receive your assets if you die "intestate," meaning without a will. If you have no heirs, the state you live in will generally receive all of your property. Therefore, it is very important to have a valid will. In addition to naming who will receive your possessions, you can name a guardian for your minor children and name the executor of your estate.

### **Q: When I die, will my property go through "probate"?**

**A:** If you have any property owned individually at death, your estate will pass through the probate process, the necessary process to legally transfer your assets to your heirs. Probate includes admitting your will before the probate court, appointing your executor, inventorying your possessions, notifying potential creditors of your death, paying final debts and then distributing your assets to your chosen beneficiaries.

### **Q: Will my heirs have to declare their inheritance as income?**

**A:** It depends on the type of asset that your heirs inherit. For example, your IRA, pension plan and final wages are assets on which your heirs will have to pay income taxes. But other assets—such as checking and savings accounts, cash, real estate, stocks, bonds, vehicles and jewelry—are received free of any income taxes.

### **Q: How can I make sure my support to my favorite charitable organizations continues after my lifetime?**

**A:** Unless you specify in your will that you wish to give some of your estate to a charitable organization, none of your assets will pass to the causes you care about. Consider donating those assets that your heirs would have to pay taxes on; charitable organizations like Ouachita can accept these tax free. Call us for more information.

*Students enjoy a nice spring afternoon. The lawn around Grant Plaza is a popular place to study and visit with friends.*



## By the Numbers: A Stable or Valuable Income

By funding a charitable remainder annuity trust or a charitable remainder unitrust, you can make a gift to Ouachita and earn either a stable or variable income for yourself. Here are the key differences between the two gift types.

Both CRTs enable donors to establish irrevocable charitable trusts to transfer assets, after their lives or a term of years, to a charitable organization. Also, both offer an array of benefits to the donor:

- A charitable deduction for the value of the charitable gift
- Avoidance of capital gains tax when using appreciated securities
- Protection of assets from claims of courts and creditors
- Professional management of trust assets
- Often increased disposable income

The main difference between the CRAT and the CRUT is the payment rates. Both must be at least 5 percent of the trust assets. The CRAT pays a fixed sum each year, stated either as a dollar amount or as a percentage of the net fair market value initially placed in the

trust. New assets cannot be added to the trust, although a new annuity trust with the same beneficiary may be created.

The CRUT, on the other hand, pays a variable amount of income each year. It is a fixed percent of the trust's assets revalued each year. Thus, if the principal amount of the trust increases, the income from that amount will also increase. When that principal amount decreases, the income will also decrease.

Both trusts have their advantages. The CRAT offers the advantage of certainty. Regardless of what happens to the economy or financial markets, an annuity trust will make the same payments to the beneficiaries. Although the CRUT payments will vary each year, it has the opportunity of increasing payments over the long term and gives a hedge against inflation.

Depending on your age and style of investing, you can find a charitable trust that offers you numerous benefits while supporting a worthy cause.

## The Advantages of Planned Giving: A Gift for Every Objective

While every type of gift is beneficial to Ouachita, there are charitable gifts designed to benefit the donor, as well. If you're interested in furthering our mission while reducing taxes and possibly increasing your income, you should consider making a planned gift.

Planned giving is any benevolent donation that satisfies your requirements as well as those of a charitable organization like ours. You'll consider the size, time and manner of your gift; the available income tax and estate tax savings; and possibly your life income options. And we'll gladly help you determine the best way to blend your individual preferences with our current or future needs.

### The Menu of Gift Plans

Cash is the simplest and easiest form of gift; you simply write a check. That's the appetizer in a menu of philanthropic gift strategies prepared to meet your goals. Below are some financial objectives you might have, along with the best gift for your needs.

**Avoid the tax on capital gains.** Contribute appreciated stock you have held for at least a year. If you like the stock, replace it to obtain a new, higher cost basis.

**Secure a fixed life income while avoiding market risks.** Create a charitable remainder annuity trust (CRAT) funded with cash, securities or other property. This is best for anyone over age 60 and retired.

**Create a hedge against inflation over the long term.** Establish a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) with appreciated assets. A CRUT pays you a life income based on a percentage of market value. This is most appropriate for anyone with a healthy life expectancy.

**Obtain fixed payments for life with age-based rates.** Fund a charitable gift annuity (CGA). Gift annuities can be funded with smaller amounts than charitable remainder trusts and are therefore suitable for donors who want to make a more modest gift.

**Help put grandchildren through college.** Create an education unitrust for a term of years, making payments to a grandchild for

tuition and related costs.

**Give your personal residence or farm but retain life use.** Establish a "retained life estate." This is a good choice for anyone over age 70 with a modest income and limited liquid assets.

**Make a large gift with little cost to yourself.** Contribute life insurance policies you no longer need. You can name us as beneficiary...or transfer policy ownership to us.

**Donate a valuable collection or other tangible objects.** Give us personal property related to our exempt function. Consider this type of gift if you have special possessions suitable for our retention and use.

**Make a charitable remainder gift in a trust you can change.** Create a revocable living trust that makes income and principal fully available to you for life, with the remainder passing to us. This is desirable for anyone concerned about the possible need for trust principal while living. With this type of gift, however, an income tax charitable deduction is not available.

**Defer a gift until after your lifetime.** Put a bequest to Ouachita in your will, such as cash, specific personal or real property, or a share of your estate's residue.

**Avoid income and estate taxes on postmortem distributions from IRAs and employee benefit plans.** Name Ouachita as the plan's beneficiary, to take effect after your lifetime (or your spouse's lifetime).

This list covers the basics of each gift you can make. Each comes with more than just substantial tax savings—you'll also have the satisfaction of furthering our mission. For more information, we'd be happy to give you a no-obligation consultation.

As you consider the philanthropic gifts that fit your goals, start by examining your estate and your needs:

- What's my marginal tax rate?
- How much money will I need to live comfortably in retirement?
- How much will I receive from Social Security?
- How much can I afford to withdraw annually from investments?



Students gather for lunch at the Ouachita Commons. New sidewalks, ramps and landscaping were added to the Commons area this spring.

## Tangible Rules: Guidelines for Gifts of Tangible Assets

Tangible property is anything you can put your hands on. It's the piece of art hanging on the wall, the car in the garage, the collection of stamps in the drawer, the computer blinking away in the bedroom, the books on the shelf, the pearl necklace in the safe.

When donors make charitable gifts of tangible personal property, special deduction rules—"related-use rules"—apply.

When the charitable organization uses the item to further its mission, itemizing donors are permitted to deduct the market value of the gift, up to 30 percent of their adjusted gross income. An example would be a donated rare carpet that is used in the reception room of a university president. In this case the donor could reasonably anticipate that the university would use the gift to further its exempt mission. To erase any doubt for the donor, the charitable organization should communicate in writing to the donor its intentions to use the property.

Keep in mind that the charitable organization must use the item; if the organization immediately sells the asset, the gift does not qualify for the market value deduction. In that case the donor is limited to deducting only the cost basis of the gift—generally the amount he or she paid for the asset—up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income. When the asset has decreased in value, whether it is used or not, the donor deducts the value, and not the higher cost basis.

Note how this is different from gifts of appreciated stock, for example, where the charitable organization is free to sell the stock immediately without imposing on the donor's deduction.

Deductions taken for \$5,000 or more for charitable gifts of tangible property require a qualified appraisal.

We would be happy to help you determine, at no obligation, which gifts we could accept. Call us for more information.

### Planned Giving

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vide well for their families and still make a lasting gift to Ouachita in their estate plans.

Add to these factors a renewed focus on faith, America's role in the world, and Ouachita's role in helping to keep America

the "light on the hill." That light would be much dimmer without the Ouachitas in our nation. We hope you will join with so many others and leave a legacy to Ouachita that will keep on giving for a long, long time to come.

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Return this form for our free booklet, "Assets, Individuals, and Intentions: Guide For Your Heirs."

- I have already made a provision for Ouachita through:
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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

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