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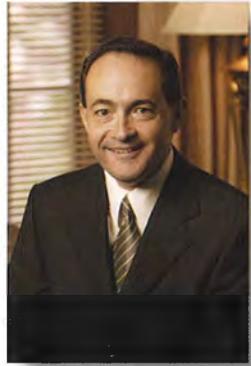
# THE OUACHITA CIRCLE

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## Amahl and the Night Visitors

*presented by the  
Jones School of Fine Arts*



## *A Word from the President...*

A few months ago, just as the fall semester was getting underway, I received an e-mail message from our registrar, Judy Jones, who is in charge of admitting new students to Ouachita. Judy indicated that her office had received several applications for admission that week for Fall 2005—and one application for Fall 2010! Here's the story . . .

The 2010 applicant's forms lacked some important information, so one of our staff members, Jill Houlihan, sent an e-mail message to ask for a little clarification. A short time later, Jill received this reply: "I would like to be honest with you and let you know that I am only twelve years old, but my application was sincere. I would like to go to Ouachita some day. People are always telling me to start thinking about college soon, so I have done exactly that. I have dreamed of going to Ouachita since I was seven years old. When I graduate from high school I will send you my SAT scores and any other information that you may require. I hope you do not think this is a prank, because I hope you will consider my application."

I won't divulge the young lady's name, but I plan to send her a copy of this edition of the Ouachita Circle, along with my congratulations for making such wise decisions!

The moral to the story? Talk with your children and grandchildren about the importance of a Ouachita education. We're already recruiting the entering class of 2010, so don't let the grass grow before you have that conversation.

As always, please keep Ouachita in your prayers.

*Andy Westmoreland*

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Jeral Hampton (center) with children,  
John Hampton & Janie Woolley

## Hampton Board Room

# Jeral & Betty Hampton honored for service to Ouachita

*"It's enjoyable.*

*There is a satisfaction that is similar  
to that which we enjoy when serving in the church.*

*You are serving people, and I love people.  
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and also for young people."*

• Jeral Hampton

The year was 1939. "The Wizard of Oz" and "Gone with the Wind" played in theatres. Bread cost 8 cents a loaf. Pan American airlines began making commercial flights across the Atlantic Ocean, and the first "automatic" cars were available. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was president, and he insisted that the United States would not become involved in the war in Europe.

At Ouachita, a new student entered his freshman year of college, the first in his family to have the opportunity. He would make a lasting impact on the campus. He would go on to serve his country in World War II and the Korean Conflict, and he would even sell automatic cars at the dealership he would own. His name was Jeral Hampton, and on a hot August day in 1939, he began a legacy at Ouachita that continues today.

"No one on either side of my family had been to college, even though my mother and father were schoolteachers," said Hampton. "But, it was just assumed that I was going to college, and I was going to Ouachita, even though it was a long way from Booneville."

Hampton made the 3.5 hour trip from Booneville to Arkadelphia where he majored in business and minored in history. Hampton's father was in the business of selling cars, which allowed him the unique opportunity of having a car on campus. It also gave him the chance to work as a student. Hampton was responsible for advertising campus athletic events in nearby communities. He would use a loud speaker system on loan from Ouachita and would drive through towns like Benton and Prescott announcing upcoming football games. He was paid 3 cents per mile for his work, and the profit helped him to fund his education. He also worked in other jobs while at Ouachita, including assisting a professor and serving

as the business manager for the yearbook. According to Hampton, "all of this was good training and experience for later life."

The fall semester of Hampton's junior year—1941—was a pivotal time in his life. It was during this time that he would meet the woman who would become his wife of almost 60 years. It was also during this semester that the United States entered World War II.

In September of '41, Hampton met Betty Lou Stanfill, a freshman from North Little Rock. "We met at the dining hall, and I liked what I saw. I did immediately like her as a person. She was easy to be with, her background as a preacher's daughter pleased me, she was beautiful and we just seemed to fit." Hampton was a member of the Sigma Alpha Sigma men's social club. He invited Stanfill on a first date, a hay ride sponsored by the social club. The couple found they had a lot in common. They dated occasionally and eventually became an exclusive pair.

On Sunday, December 7 of that same year, Hampton learned that the United States had entered World War II. It was an unnerving time, so much so that Hampton and a friend from Booneville made the trip home that evening so they could be with their parents. They returned to campus the following morning in time to make their 8 o'clock classes. Hampton and many other Ouachita students participated in the university's ROTC program. Participation in the program allowed Hampton to complete his studies before entering the armed forces full time.

The day after his 1943 graduation ceremony, Hampton left for Fort Benning, Georgia, to complete an officer training program. While there, he penned a letter to Stanfill asking for her hand in marriage. The two exchanged vows in February

of 1944, just weeks before Hampton went overseas to begin his first tour of duty. He served his country as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Company K 331<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 83<sup>rd</sup> Division. Hampton served bravely and was even among those who defended the territory on Normandy Beach that had been captured by American forces on D-Day.

After returning home from the war, Hampton and his young wife moved to Booneville. In March of 1946, he realized a long-time dream of entering into business with his father. Hampton and Sons, an automobile dealership in downtown Booneville, opened for business.

In 1963, Hampton suffered a heart attack and was advised by his physician to leave his occupation in automobile sales. It was a stressful time for the Hampton family. Good fortune followed, however, because Hampton was soon invited to join the Citizens Bank of Booneville as president. In January of 1964, he started in his new position and became a part of what he considers his "bank family." He has remained a part of that family for 40 years and today continues to keep daily office hours at the bank.

Throughout his life, Hampton has remained a devoted Ouachitonian. "I have a love for Ouachita," said Hampton. "It's an admiration and a passion. If I wanted to get rid of it, I couldn't. Betty and I would go back for Homecoming events and ballgames. I stayed in touch. After a few years, I was contacted to ask if I would serve on the board of trustees. Naturally, I accepted."

In 1964, Hampton began serving as a member of the Board of Trustees. Following Ouachita's charter, Hampton was selected to serve on several occasions for two consecutive three-year terms and then would rotate off the board for a year. Hampton, who was chairman for six years, became

the second longest tenured board member in Ouachita's history having spent a total of 32 years from 1964-2003 on the board.

Hampton credits his wife, who passed away in December of 2003, for her continued support of his service. "As far as I know, in that 32 years, I might have made two or three board meetings by myself. In nearly every one of them she (Betty) was with me. She went down with me and back with me and supported me all the way."

of value on their relationships with Hampton as well. "Although Jeral Hampton was chairman of the OBU board of trustees in 1969 when I was elected president, and for many years after that, I still think of him first and foremost as a special, dear, and faithful friend," said Grant. "I have always appreciated his qualities of leadership, wisdom, and Christian character, but his strong friendship pervades it all."

Elrod commented on the



Dedication of Hampton Board Room • photos by Stephen Carter

About his service, Hampton commented, "It's enjoyable. There is a satisfaction that is similar to that which we enjoy when serving in the church. You are serving people, and I love people. It has been an opportunity of service for my Lord and also for young people."

Hampton worked closely with four of Ouachita's presidents during his board service: Dr. Ralph Phelps, Dr. Daniel Grant, Dr. Ben Elrod and Dr. Andrew Westmoreland. Hampton counts those working and personal relationships among his proudest accomplishments and feels that each man has had "a unique ability to lead." He says, "We have been so fortunate in finding good leadership in our presidents. I am so thankful for them."

It is clear that Ouachita's presidents have placed a great deal

working relationship he had with Hampton during his time as Ouachita's president. "I could talk with him about anything, in confidence, if needed. He was always open to talk and to take care of Ouachita's business. He was very available to whoever was in the office of president."

Westmoreland concurs, recognizing some of Hampton's personal skills. "He possesses the gift of encouragement. Whenever I have faced challenges, he has been among the first to help me to regain an attitude of hope. I count him as a true friend and a wise counselor."

In December of 2003, at Hampton's final board meeting, Westmoreland surprised him by presenting a resolution that told of plans to renovate and enlarge Ouachita's board room and to name the space in honor of him and in memory of his late wife.

Hampton was overwhelmed by the news and grateful for Ouachita's recognition of his service and of his wife's support. "My voice broke," he said. "Here was a resolution that was going to name a board room after Jeral and Betty Hampton. I was so glad they included Betty, and I am so humbled by it. I spent 32 great years—great years—but really Ouachita has given more to me than I'll ever give back to Ouachita. Not only did I get an education, I found my wife. It's educated my 2 kids and 4 grandkids. That's about as good as you get."

On December 9, 2004, Hampton's family, including his son John ('69), daughter Janie ('73), grandson Ty ('94), granddaughter Cara ('98), grandson Brent ('03) and granddaughter Beth (current student) visited campus for the official dedication of the Hampton Board Room. The Hamptons were surrounded by current board members, Westmoreland, Grant and Elrod as well as many other friends and family for the special occasion.

"Within the walls of the Hampton Board Room, current and future boards of trustees will come together to weigh the highest level of decisions that will affect Ouachita, its students, faculty and staff," said Westmoreland. "Jeral and Betty Hampton have been great friends, and I can think of no better examples of selfless service than that which they provided. It is an honor to have this space carry their names."

The story of Hampton's life is one of love, family, service, success and of Ouachita. Hampton connects his alma mater to almost every piece of the puzzle that has been his life and says that the university has been "more than a place to get an education. It has been an avenue through which I found a way to have a good life."

• by Rebecca Jones

# Homecoming

‘04



**QUEEN** • Maggie Hambrice is crowned the 2004 Homecoming Queen during pre-game ceremonies at A. U. Williams Field. Hambrice is a junior mass communications major. • *photo by Jessica McFadden*

**MEMORIES** • *Photo above* and members of the Kappa Chi Men's Social Club look at photos of past events. Club and organization reunions were held Saturday morning prior to the football game. • *photo by Stephen Carter*

**GRIDIRON** • Ouachita advances the ball against a tough Harding defense. The Bisons won the game 20-17. • *photo by Stephen Carter*

**ON THE GREENS** • Carl Easley, Jim Boyette, Buddy Benson and Jiggs Ramsey enjoy an afternoon of golf. • *photo by Randy Garner*

## IN REVIEW

### HOMECOMING ROYALTY:

Queen: Maggie Hambrice  
First Runner-up: Miranda McKay  
Second Runner-up: Nicole Engelkes  
Third Runner-up: Jordan Morgan  
Fourth Runner-up: Lydia Farmer

### TIGER TUNES:

First Place: Campus Ministries  
Second Place: Kappa Chi  
Third Place: Tri Chi

### GOLF TOURNAMENT:

#### Championship flight:

First Place:  
Charles Chambliss  
Kevin Chambliss  
Chad Brinkley  
Phyl Brinkley

Second Place:  
Mike Reynolds  
Ray Duke  
Ted Barker  
Brian Bell

#### Purple Flight:

First Place:  
Tom Murphree  
Mike Murphree  
Bobby Biggers  
Charles Wright

Second Place:  
Tom Smith  
Bill Harris  
Denny Wright  
Josh Wright

#### Gold Flight:

First Place:  
Monty Freel  
Gary Harbison  
Brant Matros

Second Place:  
John Cloud  
Marc Heflin

#### Closest to pin

Jiggs Ramsey and Tim Welch

#### Straightest Drive

Chuck Kauffman

#### Longest Drive

Josh Wright

### HOMECOMING GAME

Ouachita 17  
Harding 20, OT



**THIRD PLACE** • "Tri Chi Airlines" • photo by Bryce Swihart

**SECOND PLACE** • Kappa Chi "Calling on the 'Hops'" • photo by Bryce Swihart



**FIRST PLACE** • Campus Ministries "Saved by the Bell" • photo by Bryce Swihart

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Ouachita ranked #5 in academics by U.S. News & World Report

Landing in the top five in its category for the fourth consecutive year, Ouachita Baptist University placed fifth in academics among regional comprehensive colleges and universities in the South in the annual college rankings published by U.S. News & World Report.

The 2005 rankings are published on the U.S. News & World Report Web site, the printed version of the news-magazine, and in the America's Best Colleges guidebook. The Web site and guidebook provide statistics

and a number order ranking for more than 1,400 colleges and universities divided into categories based on mission and region.

"It is an honor to be ranked by U.S. News & World Report among the top comprehensive colleges and universities in this region," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. "Our faculty, students and alumni contribute so much to Ouachita's success, and they deserve the praise for the type of educational experience that we are able to provide. Ouachita's ranking and the high standing of other private colleges in the state are added proof that students in the South don't have to look far in order to find excellent options for a college education."

• by Rebecca Jones



### Incoming class records increase in enrollment

The incoming class of 2004 saw a greater than 11 percent increase over the previous year's class and includes approximately 458 students, according to President Andrew Westmoreland.

"We believe that the educational environment at Ouachita will offer these students the chance to grow in scholarship, spiritual development and in relationship to others. Our emphasis on interpersonal relationships in the context of the educational setting makes us distinctive and is a tremendous strength," Westmoreland said.

Westmoreland commented on the role the extended Ouachita community played in student recruitment. "We have experienced such support from our alumni and friends. These groups go out of their way to help, and we are grateful to them."

Randy Garner, assistant to the president for enrollment management and director of the alumni program agreed. "This year's increase in the number of new students at Ouachita is an indicator of the strength of the relationships we enjoy with our alumni in Arkansas and around the world. The size and quality of this freshman class is a result of our graduates and former students who send their children and recommend Ouachita to others."

David Goodman, director of admissions counseling, applauded the work of his staff as well as other faculty and administrators. "We revised our strategy this year and saw a great deal of success. We're proud to have bright and capable students join our campus, and we look forward to the exciting days they have ahead."

• by Rebecca Jones

ner with faculty members, such as Dr. Margo Turner, who bring their expertise to the project and provide strong leadership."

The theme of the camp—"I am a Kid with a Purpose"—was that God has given each of the children a purpose for their lives. Teachers helped campers explore what that purpose was and understand ways they could fulfill God's plan for their lives.

During the camp, the children visited Ouachita as guests of TRIO. Campers ended the week by volunteering for community service around Arkadelphia.



### Elrod Center volunteers conduct summer camp for Hispanic children in Arkadelphia

Arkadelphia has a growing Hispanic community, and many of its members worship and serve together at La Primera Iglesia under the care of Pastor Rudy Guitierrez.

This summer volunteers from the Elrod Center for Family and Community at Ouachita hosted the children of La Primera Iglesia and their friends in a summer program called "I am a Kid with a Purpose" Camp.

"The Elrod Center continues to be committed to identifying community needs and bringing the resources of Ouachita to meet them in a meaningful way," said Ian Cosh, Director of the Elrod Center for Family and Community and Assistant to the President for Community Development at Ouachita. "We are glad to part-

### Ouachita student participates in AETN panel

A Ouachita Baptist University senior participated in a panel discussion for AETN's "Arkansas: The State We're In," which aired Friday, August 6.

Jon Hardin, a senior political science and history major, was asked to join four other college students in a discussion about the presidential election and its effect on 18-24 year olds.

The moderator of the program, Steve Barnes, asked the panelists a variety of political questions, including why college students were less politically active than older adults.

"I really think that people my age don't understand how government affects them yet," said Hardin. "It is something they may understand when they begin paying their own bills and looking for work."

Hardin recently completed an internship with U.S. Representative Mike Ross. Hardin worked in Ross's Washington, D.C., office in June 2004.

• by Jennifer Byrd



## Local America Reads program receives Entergy grant

The America Reads tutoring/mentoring program at the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community at Ouachita Baptist University recently received an Entergy Community Partnership Grant. The \$1000 grant was awarded at a luncheon in Little Rock on September 16.

"I am very grateful to Entergy for providing this type of grant," said Jan Bass, Coordinator of Public School Initiatives for the Elrod Center. "Institutions like Ouachita have to watch budgets very closely. In order to continue this program, it's really helpful to receive this money to help with books and supplies for the children."

The national America Reads initiative began in 1997, working to assist every child in becoming literate by the end of third grade. The Elrod Center was one of the first institutions in Arkansas to adopt the America Reads program in the spring of 1998. "We were confident that by targeting first graders we would be embracing a preventative program with strong potential," said Ian Cosh, Director of the Elrod Center and Assistant to the President for Family and Community.

The America Reads tutors currently work with students at Perritt Primary School. Each child receives approximately three hours of one-on-one tutoring sessions per week during the school year. • by Rachel Fruchey



*Smith encourages*

# "Generation X-ample"

*in RNC address*

Princella Smith visits with Congressman John Boozman on the steps of the U.S. Capitol.

Princella Smith, a junior history and political science major at Ouachita, experienced a "dream come true" this fall at the Republican National Convention (RNC). Smith spoke to Convention delegates on day two of the event from the same podium that later hosted California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Senator Elizabeth Dole and First Lady Laura Bush.

"It was great and so exciting," said Smith. "I couldn't believe that I was there, but I was just feeding off the cheers of the crowd. It was exciting to represent the youth, especially in an election where youth are going to make a difference. It was just a big deal."

In her speech, Smith called on members of her generation to be a part of what she terms "Generation X-ample." According to Smith, some have labeled her generation negatively, but she believes that President Bush has called her generation "to change the world." She said that the president "has called on (our) generation to move into the world and adhere to

the charge of service: to volunteer in tutoring programs, after-school programs and faith-based events that assist those in need."

Smith also believes that her generation has the chance to influence the election, describing the young voters as a "swing group." In an interview on MSNBC the week of the convention, Smith said that "the election is so close" and that each person in the 18-24 year old age group "should realize how important their vote is and that it can actually, literally influence the winner or loser of this election."

Smith mentioned highlights of her experience, saying that after her speech Tuesday evening she had the chance to sit in the president's box for the rest of the event. She met former President George H. W. Bush, and former First Lady Barbara Bush, as well as President Bush's twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara Bush, and Bob and Elizabeth Dole. Smith was also able to greet President George W. Bush upon his arrival for the convention on Wednesday.

Besides having the opportunity to address the Convention,

Smith spoke the following day at the RNC's Youth Convention. She delivered a well-received speech similar to the one given at the Convention and hoped her comments would help "to rally the youth" to become actively involved in the political process.

Smith was chosen to represent young Republicans at the convention in a national essay contest, sponsored by the RNC and MTV's "Choose or Lose" campaign. More than 100,000 votes were cast in the "Stand Up and Holla!" contest and Smith's winning total secured her a spot on the convention program.

Smith spent part of her summer as an intern for U.S. Representative John Boozman. She has extensive experience working in state and local politics, including prior internships with Lieutenant Governor Winthrop Rockefeller and Governor Mike Huckabee and campaign work with several elected officials. Upon completion of her Convention responsibilities, Smith returned to Ouachita to resume her studies.

• by Rebecca Jones

# REACHING OUT



The Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) office of Ouachita sponsored three summer mission trips for the summer of 2004. Teams of students and staff members traveled to Thailand, Namibia and London.

Nine students and one leader traveled to Chiang Mai, Thailand, in May, where they taught Thai students at an English camp through dances, songs and drama. "It was so great to spend time getting to know the students and beginning to build relationships with them," said team leader Kim Ward. "We had so much fun getting to share the Lord and invest in their lives."

After the camp, the team spent several days ministering to people throughout the city of Chiang Mai. They spent time at a Christian-run children's home, visited a group of Buddhist monks, stayed in a Thai village for several days, interacted with students on Chiang Mai University's campus, and immersed themselves in Thai culture.

Several students said that the time in Thailand changed their lives. Senior Robyn Hopper said, "The Lord has shown me how plentiful the harvest is, and my desire is to be a part of it."

The next team of 19 students and two staff members left in June for Namibia, Africa. Team members ministered through song, drama, music, and sports. They aided a missionary family stationed in the capitol, Windhoek, in furthering a youth outreach program and in discipleship.

Team members said that their experiences in Namibia changed their priorities. Senior Stephanie Grimes said, "Seeing that all those young kids had so much less than I ever had and were so content because they knew Jesus, opened my eyes to what is really important in this life."

The final BCM trip for the summer landed in London, England, on July 15, with 17 students and leader Kevin Inman. This trip had a slightly different purpose than most of the other BCM trips. The team worked with the International Mission Board and Campus Crusade International in an outreach to Muslim vacationers. They stood on street corners known to be frequented by Muslims and passed out Bibles and tracts written in Arabic, along with copies of the Jesus film, also in Arabic.

The team members also attempted to start conversations with pedestrians. Junior Julie Sivley mentioned a conversation with a Kuwaiti family visiting London. "They were very open and hospitable. They were very willing to talk to me as an American or anybody who would talk to them," said Sivley. "We talked about families and our lives, then they offered us gifts of candy and things to eat, and we got to offer them gifts of a Jesus film and New Testaments."

• by Jennifer Byrd

## 98 students receive degrees at commencement

Ouachita held fall commencement exercises on Saturday, December 18 at 11 a.m. in Jones Performing Arts Center. Ninety-eight Ouachita students received baccalaureate diplomas during fall commencement.

Rev. Faron Rogers, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, was the commencement speaker. Rogers is a 1978 graduate of Ouachita. He is also the father of two current students, Rachel, a senior, and Emily, a sophomore. His wife, Ann (Bishop) Rogers, is a 1979 graduate of Ouachita.

A senior prayer breakfast for the graduates, faculty and staff preceded the commencement exercises. The program for the prayer breakfast featured three faculty speakers and three student speakers. The prayer breakfast was held in the banquet room of Evans Student Center.

The faculty speakers were: Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the school of humanities and associate professor of mass communications; Dr. Nancy Hardman, associate professor of communication disorders; and Bryan McKinney, assistant professor of business law and university counsel.

The student speakers for the prayer breakfast were: Karen Thornton, a mass communications major from Fayetteville; Cindy Allred, an early childhood education major from Marshall, Texas; and Zach Smith, a political science major from Keller, Texas.

Following the commencement exercises, a reception was held in honor of the new graduates and their families in the Ouachita Commons dining facility.

• by Jennifer Byrd

# Festival of Christmas

*presented by the Jones School of Fine Arts*



**CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION** • Ouachita presented its twelfth annual "Festival of Christmas" on December 3-4 in Jones Performing Arts Center. More than 200 Ouachita students were involved in the Festival of Christmas. The ensembles involved in the "Festival of Christmas" were: the Brass Choir, the Concert Choir, the Ouachita Sounds, the Horn Quartet, the Ouachita Singers, the Flute Choir, the Blast Group, a theatre arts ensemble, the Praise Singers, the Handbell Ensemble and the Percussion Ensemble. Also participating in the program was the Department of Theatre Arts. The Department of Visual Arts provided graphics and programs for the event. • photos by Lizzie Holmes/clip art by madlantern.com



photos by Stephen Carter and Dr. Dave Ozman

# Flight 1420 Memorial

They called themselves the Flight 1420 Memorial Committee, and they were a group of people who had one thing in common, according to Dr. Charles Fuller, the group's informal leader, "we had all lived through a plane crash." The group worked together for several years to develop a lasting tribute to the people who lost their lives in the June 1, 1999, crash of American Airlines Flight 1420.

On June 1, 2004, the five-year anniversary of the crash, the committee saw its work come to fruition as many of the 129 crash survivors gathered to dedicate the memorial on the grounds of the Little Rock Aerospace Education Center, which is adjacent to the Little Rock Airport. Fuller talked about the process that brought the group to that point saying they had considered a total of three locations and had determined the Aerospace Education Center offered proximity to the airport, free access to the memorial and privacy for visitors.

The design for the memorial was conceived by Larry Thompson, the former chair of Ouachita's visual arts program. Fuller explained that the memo-

rial is made up of three overlapping circles in the base. Each circle has an incomplete wall and represents the lives of people who were involved in the crash. "The interlocking circles signify how our lives are now connect-

11 people who died in the crash. Fuller explained that the memorial "has a wonderfully human face and shows that these were real people."

Fuller had the task of obtaining images for use in the

ter, Rachel, was among the victims as was Ouachita student, James Harrison.

The most difficult part of the development of the memorial was deciding whether to include the image of the plane's pilot, Capt. Richard Buschmann. Opinions were split, but Fuller said the committee ultimately decided to invite Bushmann's widow to submit her husband's image. "She had experienced a loss just like the rest of us," said Fuller.

Fuller had the responsibility of making the phone call. "It was hard to do that. Her husband had taken a lot of criticism. I was able to convince her that we had her best interest at heart, and she sent an image."

Of the memorial dedication, Fuller commented, "I don't know of a person connected with it who didn't find it helpful. People were glad they'd come." For some, the ceremony offered closure. For Fuller, it offered a sense that God had worked through the process. "God's purpose was worked out in taking so long to get this done. He was in the middle of this and healing has come for a lot of people."

• by Rebecca Jones



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ed, and the walls show that the circles are no longer complete," said Fuller. "Our lives are no longer complete because of the loss." Additionally, the memorial features images of each of the

memorial. He contacted each person's family to request that they participate. He felt it was important that all those whose lives were lost be included in the memorial. Fuller's young daugh-

*Rick Dildine succeeds Dr. Scott Holsclaw as artistic director of*

# "Stephen Foster, The Musical"

He spoke out of the corners of his mouth, like he was smiling all the time.

Yet this wouldn't be the case of another young actor limited by a strong Arkansas accent. His professors quickly saw a difference in this freshman.

Rick Dildine not only learned his lessons in that first voice and diction class, he absorbed everything he could about all aspects of a theatre production, from acting and technical support to publicity techniques.

"From the very first semester you could tell this young man had a drive," Holsclaw said. "He was very organized and precise. From the time he got his first show, he just continued to work very hard. He didn't always perform, though. He did a lot of stage managing. Even though he can sing very well, he just wasn't that interested in doing musicals, so he stage managed most of our musicals."

Now 26 and a graduate student in theatre at Brown University, Rick Dildine succeeds his mentor, Dr. Scott Holsclaw, as artistic director of "Stephen Foster, The Musical," one of the nation's largest and oldest outdoor dramas. Holsclaw, professor of theatre arts at Ouachita since 1985, took control of the summer production four years ago and successfully turned around a show which seemed to be on the verge of joining the Kentucky history it has portrayed since the 1950s.

Holsclaw, who is from Kentucky and performed in the show as a teenager, brought crowds back to Bardstown and hired Dildine as an assistant. Promoted to associate artistic director last summer, Dildine oversaw many aspects of the production. Holsclaw was confident the time was right to turn the entire production over to his former student.

"I couldn't have done this when I was his age," Holsclaw said. "But he's ready. He's got the maturity and the organizational skills to handle it. Sometimes when he runs into a tough problem he hasn't dealt with before, he'll call and we'll work it out together."

Always curious and always planning, Dildine doesn't waste an experience. The behind-the-scenes work at Ouachita mu-

sicals was excellent training for "Foster." Likewise, Dildine will use his acumen in promotion, having created a publicity handbook still used by the theatre arts department.

The huge Bardstown production, with a cast and staff of more than 100 people, attracts more than 70,000 tourists each summer. To keep the numbers high, or add to them, the show must connect with a younger audience. One answer was to add "Grease" as a second production. Ultimately, though, "Foster" will thrive so long as Stephen Foster remains an icon in American music.

Foster's name isn't taught in as many elementary schools as it once was, but the music still connects. Featured in countless movies and community events, tunes such as "Oh, Susanna!", "Camptown Races", "Beautiful Dreamer", "I Dreamed of Jeannie" and "My Old Kentucky Home" are historically significant and still familiar.

"It's hard for people from outside Kentucky to understand how important the show is to the state," Holsclaw said. "Foster's music is a vital part of the culture and heritage of Kentucky."

For Holsclaw, "Foster" takes on a personal dimension as the official drama of his home state and as the first professional setting where he took stage. To turn it over to Dildine is a great compliment to his former student.

"When people can speak in fragments to each other and totally understand what the other is saying, that's a working relationship," Dildine said. "Scott and I had a strong student-teacher relationship, and we are also very close friends."

In a rare opportunity for a student, Dildine directed the university's entry in the American College Theatre Festival. The production received awards at the state and regional levels, and eventually led to a National Directing Fellowship for Dildine from the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival.



Rick Dildine (far right) with choreographer, Mrs. Sherry Barnard, and Dr. Scott Holsclaw



"That would never have happened if I had gone to a larger school for my bachelor's degree," Dildine said.

His Ouachita education and professional experience, including the summer "Foster" productions and two years at the Warehouse Theatre in Greenville, South Carolina, prepared Dildine for the rigors of the Ivy League. His master's degree program combines the academic strength of Brown University with on-stage experience as part of the Tony-award winning Trinity Repertory Company.

"Once I knew I wanted to teach and still work professionally, the Brown/Trinity program was an easy choice," Dildine said. "Sometimes I have to pinch myself when I realize I'm training at Trinity. I'm surrounded by accomplished performers . . . Pulitzer Prize winners."

In other ways, there is something familiar about the Brown/Trinity MFA program.

"Honestly, (Brown) reminds me of Ouachita," Dildine said. "The relationships are strong between students and faculty, the campus is beautiful and there's a significant commitment to academics."

Dildine brings those Ouachita relationships forward as he talks through "Foster" details on the phone with Scott Holsclaw. It's how "life-long relationships" move through generations. Dildine now hires Ouachita students for summer work on "Foster." He's grown from student to mentor himself, but the relationship with Holsclaw continues.

"He's let me into his family and he treats me like a son," Dildine said. "I've spent holidays with Scott and his family. We've shared weddings, funerals, sicknesses. Some people meet in this world and their friendship is unconditional."

• by Jeff Root

# FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

• IAN COSH, Assistant to the President for Community Development and International Studies at Ouachita Baptist University, was invited to attend the South Asia Summit in June by the International Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The summit allowed campus ministry team leaders to participate in discussions about how students from the United States might minister effectively in the South Asia region of the world. The trip lasted ten days, and Cosh visited several of the major cities of India. In addition, he visited with university personnel and students to explore creative ways to minister to the needs of students in the South Asia region.

• IRENE TROFIMOVA, Professor of Modern Languages at Ouachita Baptist University, has been selected for inclusion in the 2005 edition of Who's Who in America. Who's Who in America is published by Marquis Who's Who, which features biographical information for individuals in many different fields, including politics, business, medicine, law, education, art, religion and entertainment. Trofimova was also featured in the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

• DANIEL R. GRANT, Ouachita's president emeritus, was appointed to the Higher Education Coordinating Board by Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee. Grant, who was reappointed, will serve until May 1, 2010. Grant was president of Ouachita from 1970 until 1988.

• The Dean of the School of Education at Ouachita Baptist University was recently elected vice chair of the Board of Education for the State of Arkansas. DR. JEANNA WESTMORELAND was elected to serve in the leadership position from July 2004 until June 2005. She was appointed to the Board of Education in 2003 by Governor Mike Huckabee. Westmoreland was also elected president of the Arkansas chapter of the Association of Teacher Educators for 2004-05. The annual meeting of this group was on Ouachita's campus in September. Westmoreland was appointed to the State Teacher Assistance Resource Program Commission in August 2004. This commission awards forgivable loans to students who are planning to become teachers in geographic areas of need or in content areas of need.

• A Ouachita Baptist University English professor was the keynote speaker and honoree at a poetry conference in Hot Springs in October. DR. JOHNNY WINK, the Betty Burton Peck Professor of English, spoke at the Poets' Round-table of Arkansas (PRTA) Conference, October 15-16. Wink has served two terms as the state critic for the PRTA and has been a guest speaker for several local and state meetings of the PRTA. The title for this year's conference was "Racing To The Future With Poetry In Motion."

• Two Ouachita Baptist University education professors led a session at the Arkansas Association of Teacher Education (ArATE) conference, held at Ouachita in late September. DR. MARGO TURNER, assistant professor of education, and FELISE WILLIAMS, instructor in education, made a presentation titled "Need More Feedback?" How to Ask Cooperating Teachers to "Talk Back." "Classroom teachers are so busy, and sometimes giving feedback is just something else added to their schedules," said Williams. She and Turner shared forms developed by the education department faculty that allow classroom teachers the opportunity to quickly record their observations, giving education students the feedback they need. "Our students value the opinion of classroom teachers," said Williams. "When they attempt to apply what they've learned with real students, they want to hear what the classroom teacher thinks of their teaching." Turner said that she and Williams discussed suggestions for further feedback opportunities with other teacher educators from across the state who attended their session. They also presented a video in which a cooperating teacher and two students shared the benefits of feedback practices used by Ouachita's teacher education program.

• LANE SMITH, Director of Student Financial Aid at Ouachita, was appointed to the Student Loan Authority by Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee. Smith will serve until July 8, 2006.

• DR. JANICE DUNCAN, professor of modern languages, has been selected for inclusion in the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers. The Who's Who in America series is published by Marquis Who's Who, which features biographical information for individuals in many different fields, including politics, business, medicine, law, education, art, religion and entertainment. Marquis says that inclusion in Who's Who Among America's Teachers offers a "distinction as one of America's best teachers."

• A Ouachita Baptist University professor recently performed at the national convention of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) in New Orleans. DR. GLENDA SECREST, associate professor of music, was selected from among 75 entries throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe to perform a lecture recital. "The New Orleans Convention program was exciting and dynamic," said Secrest. "I consider it an immense privilege to have been chosen as one of four presenters of scholarly research. To be included with internationally recognized figures such as Jennifer Larmore and Richard Miller was thrilling." Secrest's presentation was entitled "Songs from Letters and Cowboy Songs by Libby Larsen: Two Different Approaches to Western Mythology and Western Mythological Figures." In addition to presenting her paper, she performed a recital of both Larsen's song cycles. Secrest applied to be a presenter at the convention during the summer of 2003. She submitted an abstract and an audio tape along with her application.



**THEATRE PRODUCTION** • The Jones School of Fine Arts presented "Ming Lee and the Magic Tree" in September. The Chinese children's play allowed for audience interaction and was presented with the audience on stage with the performers. • photo by Krissi Holmes

## Ross Foundation provides support for senior biology projects

Biology and chemistry majors at Ouachita will have a unique advantage when they graduate. They each have to complete an original research project as part of the biology and chemistry degree programs. Over the past two years, that research was made possible, in part, through the support of the Ross Foundation.

The Ross Foundation allowed Ouachita students to use their property on Jack Mountain (located near Arkansas highways 7 and 128 between Bismarck and Hot Springs) for field studies. The foundation also funded a \$15,000 grant for one student to conduct a baseline study of the water quality of small creeks on their property.

"The Ross Foundation manages their property in such a way to maintain timber on their land," said Dr. Tim Knight, chair of the biology department and the J.D. Patterson Professor of Biology. "They can use our baseline research for comparative studies to test how different practices affect water quality on their land."

The private resources of the Ross Foundation include more than 63,000 acres of land. Through careful forest management practices, the foundation is able to produce revenue to buy more property or to endow charitable grants.

"Any impact that forestry management might be making on water quality is important to us," said Dr. Joe Nix, director of programs for the Ross Foundation and professor emeritus of chemistry at Ouachita. "It affects the way our land managers make decisions."

Senior Andrew West conducted the water quality study that was funded by the Ross Foundation. "I have never been a patient person, but over the course of a year this project made me appreciate my time, energy, and perseverance," said West.

West said that he worked closely with Nix. "He taught me many things about science, laboratory work, and life," said West. "His lessons were not confined to the classroom, and he has been so helpful with everything over the past year."

Nix also said that working with West was fun, as well as educational. "He was a real pleasure to work with," said Nix. "This project required dedication over a long period of time. The experience was not only good for him, it was also good for me to work with students, which I miss."

Seniors working with Dr. Jim Taylor, associate professor of biology, have also benefited from the generosity of the Ross Foundation. The foundation allowed three students to use their property and funded a \$10,000 grant to study existing plant species on Jack Mountain. This project was also a baseline study, and the data gained will be used for comparison studies in the future. "We will gather the final data next month and begin a more in-depth look at the results," said Taylor.

Stephanie Moulton, a 2004 graduate, and Marvin Bentley, a senior business administration major from Germany, conducted research for the plant life study during the 2003-04 school year. Senior Sheryl Henson, a biology major from Evening Shade, will continue the study during the spring of 2005. • by Jennifer Byrd

## Student Affiliates of Ouachita ACS chapter receives "Commendable" award

The American Chemical Society (ACS) Student Affiliates chapter received a Commendable award for its chapter activities conducted during the 2003-04 academic year.

"To even be considered for an award, a chapter must file an extensive report with the national office at the end of the year detailing all of their activities," said Dr. Martin Perry, associate professor of chemistry and faculty adviser for the chapter. "The reports are peer reviewed by a team of faculty sponsors during the summer."

This is the fourth consecutive year that Ouachita's ACS Student Affiliates chapter has received national recognition.

Dr. Joe Bradshaw, associate professor of chemistry and the W. D. and Alice Burch Chair of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies, is also a faculty adviser.

• by Jennifer Byrd

## Education students earn Recognition of Excellence awards

Nine recent graduates of Ouachita Baptist University's School of Education earned Recognition of Excellence (ROE) awards for their performance on the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching exam, a national test provided by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and required by several states, including Arkansas, for teacher certification.

The following students qualified for the award: Shayla Coker, Amy Jones, Amy Beene,

Krystal Eads, Michelle Langford, Laura Mouhot, Lani Stine, Tracie Marlin, and Cara Funderburg. The exam was taken during the last semester of each student's senior year.

• by Rebecca Jones

## Ouachita students advance in regional NATS auditions

Ouachita students advanced through the preliminary and semi-final rounds to place in seven of the sixty collegiate slots of final competition at the 2004 Southern Regional National Association of Singers of Teaching (NATS) auditions, held November 11-12 at the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

Twenty-seven Ouachita students advanced to the semi-final round of competition.

Each of the five students who advanced to the finals was a voice student of Dr. Jon Secrest, professor of music and coordinator of vocal studies. Two of the finalists placed in two categories.

The five students who advanced to the finals were: Jarrod Monk (2nd place, freshman men; 2nd place, lower division music theatre), a freshman musical theatre major from Carrollton, Texas; Stephen Ray (1st place, sophomore men; 1st place, lower division music theatre), a sophomore Christian studies major from Sherwood; Jenna Morgan (2nd place, sophomore women), a sophomore music major from Liberty, Missouri; Michelle Chapman (3rd place, senior women), a senior vocal performance major from Carrollton, Texas; and Jessica Gartman (1st place, senior women), a senior vocal performance major from Sheridan.

• by Jennifer Byrd  
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## ACADEMIC NEWS

### Arkansas History class will write entries for Encyclopedia of Arkansas

This fall a Ouachita professor structured her Arkansas History class so that students could turn their research papers into encyclopedia entries.

Wendy Richter, assistant professor and archivist, assigned her students to propose and research topics, follow specific guidelines, and go through the full editorial process with hopes of being published in the Encyclopedia of Arkansas.

"There are important people and important things going on around us all the time, not just far off in Washington, D.C.," said Richter. "Every community, person, and structure has a story. So, this really fits with what we try to talk about in the class."

The majority of topics assigned to the students were related to Clark County or Ouachita.

Nathania Sawyer, the senior editor of the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas*, said that Richter's project provided opportunities for both the students and the editors of the encyclopedia. "This is an incredible opportunity on both sides, for us to be able to work with students and to also embark the encyclopedia into part of the curriculum," said Sawyer. "We hope to have between 700-1000 entries in the initial launch of the encyclopedia. We will also launch an online encyclopedia."

Each student's encyclopedia entry will be published on the internet under the student's name. The editors also plan to create a CD-Rom version for the classroom and later publish a two-volume print edition.

"We're hoping this will be a pilot program that other groups will follow," said Sawyer.

Historical groups and interested citizens have attended regional meetings around the state to input their opinions and responses to Richter's idea. "The response to the encyclopedia was absolutely overwhelming," said Sawyer. "Everyone was extremely supportive of it, so there's really no question in anyone's mind about whether or not we should go forward with the project."

The expected launch date of the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas* is June 15, 2005. It will coincide with the 169th anniversary of Arkansas statehood.

• by Jaclyn Bates

### Ouachita graduate is awarded Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarship

A recent Ouachita Baptist University graduate was awarded an Ambassadorial Scholarship from Rotary International. Jana Greenwich, a 2004 Ouachita graduate from Little Rock, was sponsored by the Arkadelphia Sunrise Rotary Club, which is part of Rotary District 6170.

Greenwich received \$25,000 to study abroad. The scholarship is intended to cover the expenses of graduate school and travel to the country of her choice. She will also be a guest of the local Rotary club in her host country. Greenwich's first choice is the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

"I wanted to apply for the scholarship because it is an amazing opportunity to study abroad for a year," said Greenwich. "I expect to learn a great

deal about the Australian culture. I hope this experience will make me a more well-rounded person with a greater knowledge of the world."

In 2002, Greenwich participated in a student exchange semester at Alicante University in Spain through Ouachita's Daniel R. Grant Center for International Studies. At Ouachita, Greenwich was a tutor for the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community.

"As a Rotarian who works at Ouachita, I am doubly proud of Jana," said Ian Cosh, Director of the Elrod Center and Assistant to the President for Family and Community. "First, she is an outstanding student, and second she is being given a chance to learn about another country and a chance to become a member of the international Rotary family." • by Jennifer Byrd



Jonathan Stewart works on filming a segment of the "Ouachita" show.  
• photo by Stephen Carter

### Ouachita senior receives scholarship for excellence in journalism

A Ouachita senior was recently awarded a scholarship for outstanding performance in journalism. Jonathan Stewart, a senior mass communications and theater arts double major from North Little Rock, was awarded a \$500 scholarship. The scholarship was jointly

sponsored by Alltel Corporation and the Arkansas Newspaper Foundation. George Jinks, a representative of the Arkansas Newspaper Foundation, presented Stewart with the award.

Stewart's involvement in the Department of Mass Communications includes broadcasting football games and helping to produce the High School Coaches' Show for Arkadelphia High School. He also helped with the production of the Ouachita Show when Dave Ozmun, professor of mass communications, was on sabbatical. Stewart has worked with design and lighting for several theater productions on campus. He also utilizes his journalism skills as a writer for the Signal student newspaper's sports and opinion section.

Stewart was chosen for the award by the mass communications faculty. "He is one of those students who will always go the extra mile," said Dr. Bill Downs, chair of the Department of Mass Communications. "He is a good example of someone who has done well both inside and outside of the classroom."

Stewart said he was surprised when the award was first announced at the academic awards banquet last spring. "It was a great honor. It was nice to be rewarded for my efforts. I really enjoy everything that I'm doing. I'm not doing it because I want to get an award. I do it because it is fun, and I have gotten a lot of career training. I just think it's great that they reward students for doing what they are supposed to be doing."

Alltel and the Arkansas Newspaper Foundation gave six scholarships to Arkansas students this year.

• by Rachel Fruchey

## Lecture series sponsors Norm Sonju

Ouachita hosted guest lecturer Norm Sonju, the retired founding president and general manager of the Dallas Mavericks, on October 19, as part of the Birkett Williams Lecture Series. Sonju spoke on the topic of "Entrepreneurship."



In addition to his role in helping to establish the Mavericks NBA team, he served as chairman of the NBA marketing committee and was a member of the NBA Expansion Committee.

## Student publications receive awards

Six students received awards in the 2004 Excellence in Journalism contest sponsored by Baptist Press. The students submitted examples of yearbook, newspaper, photojournalism and broadcast journalism pieces for the contest.

In the individual yearbook contest, Celeste Mayo received a second place award for her club/academic copy entry. Lauren Farabough received a third place award in the same category.

Also in the individual yearbook contest, Clint Pumphrey received first and second place awards for his sports copy entries. Mary Lynn Burns received a third place award for student life copy.

In the individual newspaper contest, Brett Swihart received first place for his center spread design. Tiffany McCarty

received a second place award for her news writing entry.

The *Signal* staff recently received high ratings for excellence in journalism. The newspaper was awarded a gold medal ranking from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for the second year in a row.

The *Signal* editor for the 2003-04 school year was Stephanie Haynes Jones, a May graduate originally from Sherwood.

• by Rachel Fruchey

## Ouachita students share first place in research competition

Two students tied for first place in a research competition held in Little Rock in early October. Jessica Baima and Brian Skaug shared first place honors in the undergraduate division of the Arkansas Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) Symposium poster session.

Baima, a junior biology and chemistry double major from Cedar Hill, Texas, presented Computational Studies of Melatonin Analogues. Her research was funded by NASA and a Patterson Summer Research Grant. Baima conducted her research in collaboration with Dr. Marty Perry, associate professor of chemistry at Ouachita.

Skaug, a senior biology and chemistry major from Jonesboro, presented Bcl-2 Family Proteins: Subcellular Localization and Translocation in Response to a Microtubule Inhibitor. He conducted his research with Dr. Timothy Chambers, associate professor at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). Skaug completed a 10-week summer program at UAMS.

• by Jennifer Byrd



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Jessica  
McFadden

## Athletic Training Education Program receives accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) recently granted accreditation to Ouachita's Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP).

Ouachita established its academic program in athletic training in the fall semester of 1999. Dr. Terry DeWitt, assistant professor of biological sciences and director of the ATEP, worked closely with Dr. Tim Knight, chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, to establish the program's curriculum and begin pursuing accreditation. In the five years since the program's inception, DeWitt, Knight and other instructors have worked through a series of rigorous self study requirements. The final step in the process involved an on-site visit by a team of professionals representing CAAHEP.

The role of the site visit team involves confirmation of self-study documentation. According to DeWitt, the site team is commissioned "to make sure you're doing what you say you're doing. Our site visit team was extremely thorough in their review of Ouachita's program. They read every document and asked questions about everything."

In mid-September, DeWitt received notification that Ouachita's ATEP program would receive accreditation. "It was fantastic," he said. "I can't describe the emotions I had. There is such significance to what we'd accomplished in a relatively short amount of time, and our students will see the benefits of it."

DeWitt explained that students who want to practice as certified athletic trainers have to graduate from an accredited program and pass a licensure examination. "Over 40 states have licensure requirements for athletic trainers. Arkansas and Texas are among them so this really helps our students if they want to practice in this field."

According to DeWitt, the athletic training profession is experiencing growth and will offer new opportunities for graduates. "Certified athletic trainers are now working in clinics as physician extenders. They're qualified to evaluate injuries and illnesses and can help expand a doctor's patient base. This field is growing and salaries are even on the rise. We've broken out of the traditional model and will see additional expansion in the future. We want our students to be ready and we're doing everything we can to give them practical experience in a variety of settings."

• *Rebecca Jones and Gerren Smith*

**OSF Shadowing**

Do you love your job? Do you love Ouachita Students? Want to know how to combine both of those? Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF) and the Alumni Office are working together to help current Ouachita students get real-life experience in the area of their study. We are looking for alumni who would be willing to allow a current OBU student to "shadow" you for a day on your job.

If job shadowing is of interest to you, please contact Bettie Duke in the alumni office 870-245-5506 or e-mail Hayne Begley at [beg34180@obu.edu](mailto:beg34180@obu.edu) (subject: job shadowing) and we will provide you with more specific information.

### **Have you registered for Ouachita's Alumni Online Community?**

If so, thank you! If not, go to [www.obu.edu](http://www.obu.edu) and click on "alumni." Then follow the instructions to register as a new user. Your security code is printed on the label of this issue of *The Ouachita Circle*. If you have questions or need help, please call us at 870-245-5506 or e-mail us at [alumni@obu.edu](mailto:alumni@obu.edu). To date, we have over 2,000 registered!

### **Calling all Gold Tigers!!**

On April 22, 2005, Ouachita will celebrate the induction of the Class of 1955 into the Gold Tigers! Mark your calendar, watch for details, and plan to attend.

# **SURVEY SAYS...**

By: Becky Kirkpatrick • FSA President

We have our own version of the hit TV game show "Family Feud" at our house.

When our kids would return from camp or mission trips, we would pose such probing queries as:

\* Funniest thing that happened on the whole trip was \_\_\_\_\_?

\* My new favorite person is \_\_\_\_\_?

\* A significant spiritual happening was \_\_\_\_\_?

So, at our fall FSA meeting I posed a survey query: In your years at OBU, your favorite professor was \_\_\_\_\_? Nominees quickly were offered. Names like Herman Sanford, Jim Ranchino, Fran Coulter, Lavell Cole, and Tom Auffenberg were only a few that made the survey. Some members just could not be limited to nominating only one. Everyone wanted to relay why their teacher choice was their pick and why a particular teacher was so pivotal in their college careers.

The top of the survey seemed to be the direct, special interest that an individual professor had shown in them.

The second reason was their professors vested so much of themselves in their students. Philippians 2:3-5 immediately comes to mind: "When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than yourselves. Do not be interested in only your own life, but be interested in the

lives of others."

The third reason was that our professors professed: "When you teach, do it with honesty and seriousness. Speak the truth so you cannot be criticized."

The survey also seemed to suggest that our teachers blessed others. They are temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. There's a baton of confidence to be passed every time a parent brings a child to OBU and releases them for molding and finishing with these wonderful teachers. The baton transition should be a smooth one and it leaves the parent watching the student running ahead of them, pressing on toward the goal. I can't think of a more perfect example than Dr. Grant passing the baton to Dr. Elrod and ultimately to Dr. Westmoreland.

The next handoff for the student is their completed education and equipped adulthood. As Paul states in 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20: "For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? For you are our glory and joy."

The survey at the meeting was fun. It also seemed to teach us all again of the beautiful significance of the work and charge of Ouachita Baptist University. If you would like to broaden our informal survey and comment on your favorite professor and why, just email us at: [alumni@obu.edu](mailto:alumni@obu.edu).

### **Houston area reunion**



**ALUMNI MEETING** • Alumni from the Houston, Texas, area met this fall and received an update from Kevin Weiser, director of the Tiger Network. Alumni attending the gathering included (front row) Leah Friedman, Kaelynne McGill, Alyssa Ross, Kevin Wieser, Pamela Wright, Tom Sawyer, (back row) Martha Schrakamp, Jim McGill, Jim Hall.

# Ouachita's Alumni Associations form bonds across the U.S.

In mid-town New York City, eleven people gathered at Duke's, a southern-themed restaurant. Some of them knew each other well, and some had never met before. The only thing they all had in common was that they had each attended Ouachita.

The New York City Metro Ouachita Baptist University Alumni Club is one of 22 that have cropped up all across the United States. A few of these clubs have been meeting for years, but five of them have been organized this year.

Kathy Simms Berry ('93), associate vice president for major gifts at Ouachita, attended the NYC Metro Alumni Club meeting in October. "Oddly enough, four current students were hitting New York for fall break," said Berry. "Above all the others, the current students thought the event was the coolest thing ever!" Berry said that the alumni decided to try to plan a future event that would appeal to older generations of Ouachita graduates living in the area. "This challenge will be particularly difficult given the geography and complexity of the people living in the three-state area," said Berry. "However, with effort and commitment, I think these folks would come to deeply value an event like this."

Other alumni clubs have successfully crossed generational lines, drawing Ouachita graduates from several different eras. "It was interesting to hear the contrasting stories from the oldest alumni at our meeting (class of '54) and the youngest (class of '04)," said Roy Steed ('76) of the Greater Washington, D.C. Area Club, which met in Fairfax, Virginia in late July. The 27 club members who attended hosted a prospective student and shared stories and memorabilia from their college years.

The Arizona Alumni Club held their first meeting in Phoenix in late August. Will Hawthorne ('03) reported that twenty-five alumni from all across the state attended the meeting. "We decided that it would be best to hold an annual meeting in late summer," said Hawthorne. "If membership increases and there is greater interest in involvement, we can bump that up to two or three meetings a year." Hawthorne also plans to gather information about current campus news to send in a newsletter to the other members of the Arizona Alumni Club.

Two of the new alumni clubs will meet for the first time in December or January. "I'm in the process of getting together a group

to plan our first meeting before Christmas," said Lynn Libbey ('01) of the Northern California Alumni Club. Misty Rosinbaum Dupree ('02) is organizing an alumni club in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is planning their first meeting for the beginning of the year.

Other alumni clubs have been active for years, including the Dallas/Ft. Worth Alumni Club. Cheryl Warren Bradford ('83) was elected president of the D/FW Alumni Club for the upcoming year.

Christi Lyday Nichols ('85) hosted the Mid-South Alumni Club in July for alumni in Memphis, Northwest Mississippi and Northeast Arkansas. "We had a great time at our send-off for new students," said Nichols. The alumni made goodie bags for the new Ouachita students with a one-use camera, quarters, snacks and a phone card. "We changed the location to our house to make it more intimate. I need ideas, ideas, and more ideas to get more alumni involved. We want to get some input from the people in this area."

The Houston Alumni Club met in late October at the home of Pamela Dunklin Wright (fs '78). Kevin Wieser, director of the Tiger Network at Ouachita, was a guest speaker.

Wieser was also a guest speaker at the Louisville Alumni Club in Louisville, Kentucky. Kim Pessel Jones ('98) reported that Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita, sent a videotaped greeting to the August gathering of 25 alumni and former students at the home of Conway Stone ('83).

The Tulsa Alumni Club met in October at Zio's in south Tulsa, with Randy Garner ('74), assistant to the president for enrollment management and director of alumni affairs, as the Ouachita guest. Rev. Sam Phillips ('46) gave a blessing for the meeting. Tina Johnson Unruh ('86) reported that 27 alumni attended the meeting, along with two prospective students. The Tulsa alumni will meet again in March.

Two other active alumni clubs plan to meet soon. Sharon Windham Heflin ('67) plans to host the Central Arkansas Alumni Club in February at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Little Rock. Jennifer Nix Mooney ('89) planned a Christmas gathering for the Northwest Arkansas Alumni Club.

Other Ouachita alumni clubs include: Atlanta, Batesville, Central Arkansas Young

Alumni, Colorado Springs, Denver, Iowa, Northeast Arkansas, New Orleans, Shreveport/Bossier City, and Southern California.

For more information about any of these alumni associations or to start an alumni club in your area, please contact Kevin Wieser at [wieserk@obu.edu](mailto:wieserk@obu.edu) or call 1-870-245-4165.

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# Tagged!

Alumni, students, friends can purchase Ouachita plate

Soon, Arkansas drivers with a penchant for tigers, Ouachita Tigers to be exact, will have a new choice when it comes to selecting their car's license plate. Beginning early in 2005, the state of Arkansas, will issue a specialty license plate with a design featuring the Ouachita tiger mascot and the words "Ouachita Baptist University." The plate offers alumni, students and friends of the university the chance to support Ouachita in a unique way.

"There are no more loyal college alumni than Ouachita alumni," said Randy Garner, assistant to the president for enrollment management and director of the alumni program. "This will be a great way for them to recognize and connect with one another out on the highways and to identify themselves as proud members of the Ouachita community."

The idea for the plates was generated by alums who contacted Garner. "I had several people ask

me about getting a specialty plate for Ouachita. We'd wanted to do this for years, but the opportunity only recently presented itself."

Current student Jennifer Patton designed Ouachita's specialty plate.

Patton created several options and alumni, students and faculty and staff had the opportunity to vote online for the design they liked best. The final selection, which received more than 750 votes features a full color official Ouachita tiger mascot on a gold background. "We think this will be a versatile design that will appeal to a lot of people who are faithful friends of Ouachita," said Garner.

The cost to purchase Ouachita's plate will be \$35 annually in addition to normal registration fees. Of that, \$25 will be contributed to Ouachita and will be tax deductible.

According to Garner, the state established its specialty plate program so that a portion



of fees cover administrative costs and the rest provides support to the institutions that participate in the program.

Ouachita's specialty plates will be available for purchase at the Arkadelphia Revenue Office or the Special License Office in Little Rock, which is located in room 1040 of the Charles D. Ragland Taxpayer Services Center at 1900 West 7th Street. The plates may also be ordered by mail. Detailed instructions are available online at [www.arkansas.gov/dfa/motorvehicle/special\\_tags/](http://www.arkansas.gov/dfa/motorvehicle/special_tags/) or call Ouachita's alumni office at 870-245-5506 for more information.

• by Rebecca Jones

## Washington, D.C. area reunion



**REUNION** • Washington, D.C. area alumni met together on July 31, 2004, for some good food and fellowship. Those present included: (front row) Lynda Massey Bynum, Ramsey Halaby, Kyle Smith, Alana Boles, Sonja Allen, Carol Crews Steed, Roy Steed, (2nd row) James Bynum, Sarah Huckabee, Greg Smith, Jason Smith, Katia Jaffe, (3rd row) Debbie Moran Tucker, Sue Nutt Smith, (4th Row) Harold Tucker, Dan Pike, (5th Row) Jason Holsclaw, Abby Hughes Holsclaw, (6th Row) Mike Bowman, Cindy Johnson Bowman, (7th Row) Bob Parsley, Carole McKenzie Parsley, (8th Row) John Mark Huckabee.



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# My Ouachita Experience

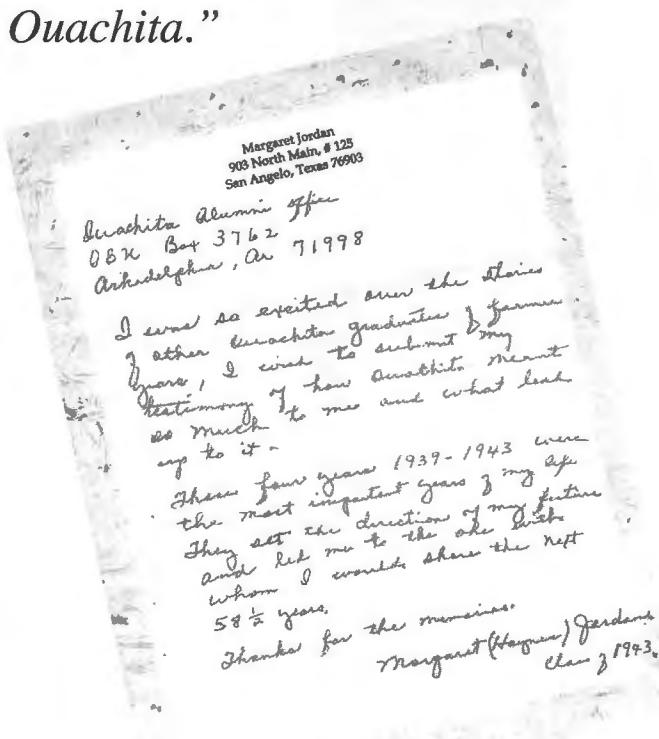
BY: MARGARET HAYNES JORDAN

*My Ouachita experience began about 25 years before I was born. My mother, Gracie Canada, attended Ouachita 1919-1921. She had a deprived childhood. Her mother, a full blood Cherokee Indian, died when my mother was sixteen months old. Therefore, my mother was malnourished and sickly which hindered her schooling.*

*At age 15 she went to live with her older sister in Pocahontas. During her upper grades she was mentored and inspired by a Ouachita graduate, Vera Maynard Price. This motivated my mother to go to Ouachita and become a teacher. She began teaching a two-months summer term at a rural school and borrowing money to go to Ouachita. The next summer she taught again, paid her loan and repeated the process for her second year. In May of the second year, my father, H. L. Haynes, paid her loan off and they were married in Clark County. From then on, all school loyalties were focused on Ouachita. I was born in September 1922. When I was three years old someone asked me if I was going to heaven. I replied, "No, I'm going to Ouachita."*

*When I finished high school in 1939, we couldn't afford college (but we didn't know it) so, it was agreed that I should attend Ouachita. Those four years were happy, productive, and prepared me for 58 years as the wife of a pastor and evangelist whom I met at Ouachita.*

*Yes, the friends I made there became very dear and close. I do not live very near any of my classmates of 1943 but I have seen personally or corresponded with twelve of them this year. A new picture of Cone-Bottoms hangs in a prominent place in my living room. Ouachita truly is the "queen of the college world!"*



# Joshua Payne

*releases first CD,  
“Your Love, My Home”*



*“His passion for life, for humanity, and his genuineness with regard to his interpersonal relationships is what we love most. Not to mention the fact that he is one of the most gifted singers I’ve ever had the opportunity to work with.”*

• Dr. Jon Secrest

photos by Travis Robertson ('02)

**J**oshua Payne's new CD, "Your Love, My Home," helps you deal with the worries of the day and reflect on the simpler things in life. "I keep hearing the word 'peace,'" said Joshua, in reference to feedback from his CD.

But, it was far from a peaceful journey that got him to where he is today.

Joshua arrived at Ouachita in the fall of 1991, a preacher's kid from Booneville, Arkansas. His goal at Ouachita was not a music career, but as a standout athlete in football and diving. Nagging injuries kept him sidelined, and after his freshman year, he returned home in hopes of finding direction in life. While working various jobs, Joshua decided to brush the dust off his dad's old guitar, the same one his dad purchased the day Josh was born. Joshua wrote his first song, and with that, he began to sense his calling in life.

In the spring of 1995, at age 22, Joshua was back at Ouachita as a music major. The next four years were spent winning several NATS awards and performing in numerous productions. His credits include "Fiddler on the Roof," "Carousel," "Hansel and Gretel," "The Magic Flute," and "Cosi Fan Tutte."

It was during this time, and through important relationships with faculty and staff, that Joshua began to focus on who he was and who he wanted to be – and how to write the music he passionately wanted to share with others. "Ouachita houses a group of men who fathered me in this," he said. "Dr. Jon Secrest loved me very toughly, but was a champion for the cause called Josh Payne." It was this tough love and tough discipline that Josh needed. "I was desperate for that kind of love and understanding. I never had a coach like him. He had a vision for me and saw my successes way before I ever believed them possible. I felt like an apprentice in a master's workshop. And after my disappointment with football, I was so excited to find something I could be good at."

The respect is mutual. "Josh is like a son to Glenda and me," said Dr. Secrest. "We sure love him as if he were our own. His passion for life, for humanity, and his genuineness with regard to his interpersonal relationships is what we love most. Not to mention the fact that he is one of the most gifted singers I've ever had the opportunity to work with."

Joshua also credits Dr. Charlie Fuller

with challenging him to develop his gifts. "He was a firm believer also," said Joshua, "not to mention the things I learned musically merely by association. He was a teacher of life who really understood me. He was a solid hand, and I still look up to his discipline."

"Josh is not just one of the most passionate people I've ever had for a student, but one of the most passionate people I've ever known," said Fuller. "He's had a singular focus on seeking God's face in whatever he did even when he wasn't sure what God had in store for him. Loyal to a fault, creative in every decision he makes, he's definitely an "out of the box" thinker. Moments spent together in my office, both before and after his graduation, are very special times for



me."

In addition to the discipline he learned at Ouachita, his coursework in several classes continue to provide the basis for his work today. "Sim Flora and Patrick Houlihan were the guys who made theory and ear training come alive. This developed into a craving for many different types of musical composition," he said. "I still refer to class notes I took in Comp I under Dr. Houlihan. He and Dr. Flora were both great cheerleaders for my writing and encouraged me seriously to consider making it my life's pursuit. And so I did."

While the faculty in the School of Music were teaching Joshua the musical side of his passion, Dr. Bill Ellis' creative writing class provided direction in writing lyrics. "I still refer to Dr. Ellis in interviews as my teacher of verse," he said.

But his education did not end when he graduated in the summer of 1999. He was awarded an assistantship at The University of Memphis, where he completed a master's degree in vocal performance. During his time

in Memphis he was artist-in-residence at the Memphis opera and taught voice.

Next came Nashville. Joshua admits the move was not motivated by music, but by a girl. "I came to Nashville with her in mind, and when it didn't work out, I felt a bit lost. I began to reestablish the construction business I started in Memphis, but found it difficult to get steady work." Then, in the spring of 2002, he found a career as a small business owner and opened Vintage, a clothing store in Nashville. "My friends from OBU all know how I loved the Bee Hive, so they know how much I loved cool old clothes back then."

It was at an ASCAP party in Nashville that fall that doors began to open. The party was for Jim Brickman's #1 song, "Simple Things," and the invitation to attend came from former Ouachitoniens Ricky and Randy Jackson. Brickman asked Joshua why he wasn't doing anything with his music, and Josh replied, "Jim, it's like my Dad says, 'God knows my address, and he'll come get me when it's time.'" Josh was eventually connected with Michael Omartian and signed with Verve. Together they wrote the title song for Joshua's CD, "Your Love, My Home."

The CD is a collection of pop music. "Not today's pop music, but the way they used to make it back in the hey days of Chicago, James Taylor and Billy Joel," he said. The CD includes two songs written by Joshua, four written in collaboration with Omartian, and three old, but familiar, pop songs, "If" by Bread, "Let it Be Me" by the Everly Brothers, and "If you Leave Me Now" by Chicago.

The journey has brought him to promoting his CD through appearances on CBS, ESPN, the Soap Opera Network, CNN and FOX. He also landed in the Nov. 29, 2004, issue of "People" magazine, "50 Sexiest Men" as one of eight "Up & Comers."

Reflecting on his journey thus far, Joshua said, "You know I didn't pursue this. If it came right down to it, I always knew I wouldn't have to. My Dad helped to influence that kind of belief. My steps were ordered to this place," he said. "Even though I was moving to Nashville for a girl, Heaven had other things in mind. Turns out God did know my address and he came and got me, just like my Dad said he would... And, oh, by the way, I got the girl back."

• by Deborah Root

## DEVELOPMENT

### Scholarships Established

#### *Chaplain Austin L. Ingram Endowed Scholarship Fund*

*This scholarship fund has been established by Chaplain Austin L. Ingram of Texarkana, Texas. Recipients must be students in their junior or senior year of study and who are responding to a call to the chaplaincy ministry in an institutional, hospital, industrial, or military setting. Recipients from southwest Arkansas and/or northeast Texas will be given first preference.*

#### *Andy Blake Allison Endowed Scholarship Fund*

*The Andy Blake Allison Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by Wade and Charolette Allison in memory of their son, Andy Blake Allison. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students enrolled at Ouachita. Recipients must meet the academic standards of the University for scholarship qualification, have established a record of academic excellence and must be a good citizen of the campus community. Recipients must also be student-athletes who are members of the Ouachita Baseball Team.*

#### *Rachel Fuller Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund*

*This scholarship fund has been established by friends of the Charles and Cindy Fuller family to honor the memory of Rachel Fuller. Recipients must be a junior music major working toward a degree in music with a minimum of 3.0 grade point average. First preference for the award will be a choral music education major and second preference will be to a church music major. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.*

#### *Dr. Lon and Elizabeth Reed Endowment Fund*

*The Dr. Lon and Elizabeth Reed Endowment Fund has been established through the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Reed. First priority will be given to students pursuing a degree in pre-med within the School of Natural Sciences. Second priority will be given to students pursuing a degree within the School of Christian Studies.*

### Walker Charitable Foundation pledges \$2.5 million challenge grant

The Willard and Pat Walker Charitable Foundation has pledged a \$2.5 million challenge grant to Ouachita. Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of the university, received news of the challenge grant from Mrs. Pat Walker, chairman, and Mrs. Debbie Walker, executive director of the Foundation.

The grant is based on Ouachita's ability to secure 3-1 matching funds totaling \$7.5 million in new gifts and pledges by May 31, 2005. Meeting the challenge will put the institution over its goal of \$62.5 million in its "Circle of Excellence" campaign.

"It is a high honor to have been selected by the Walker Foundation for this grant," said Westmoreland. "I am extremely grateful to the Walker family for their generous commitment to educational, health care and service organizations throughout Arkansas. They have done so much good in our state and have made an impact on the lives of thousands. I greatly appreciate their support and the investment the Walker Foundation is making in Ouachita."

John Cloud, associate vice president for estate and gift planning, said that the impact the Walker Foundation grant will have on Ouachita is monumental. "I believe it will serve as a catalyst for reaching the 'Circle of Excellence' campaign goal," said Cloud.

A portion of the funding from the Walker Foundation grant will be used to complete special event space in the Ouachita Commons, the university's dining hall. The new banquet area, which will be named to honor Mr. and Mrs. Walker, will almost double the facility's seating capacity. "The Walker family has helped to inspire charitable giving in Arkansas," said Westmoreland. "We want to honor Mr. and Mrs. Walker and to remind each person who visits Ouachita's campus of this special couple's generosity."

According to Westmoreland, the newly-completed space will be used by student, faculty and community groups and will allow round-table seating for more than 500. "So much of what we do here happens in the context of relationships. Relationships form in the classroom, the residence halls and very importantly, over the dining table," said Westmoreland.

Joe Franz, Ouachita's vice president for development, talked about the university's plan for meeting the Walker challenge. "This is a marvelous opportunity for our friends to help us meet this goal and claim the Walker Foundation grant in its entirety. We are sharing this exciting news with our alumni and

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• Andrew Westmoreland, president

friends and will be inviting them to be a part of completing the 'Circle of Excellence' campaign."

Mr. Walker was selected by Sam Walton in 1959 to manage his Five & Dime store in Fayetteville. He went on to manage the Springdale Wal-Mart store, which was third in the retail giant's development. Mr. and Mrs. Walker formed a very successful partnership and shared a vision for philanthropy. Together they established the Willard and

Pat Walker Charitable Foundation, which is widely known and admired throughout Arkansas.

The Walkers are especially admired at Ouachita. "Mrs. Walker is one of the most selfless and generous people I have ever known," said Cloud. "I also want to thank her son, Johnny Mike, and daughter-in-law, Debbie, for their support and participation in this challenge grant."

The "Circle of Excellence" campaign, which began in March of 2002, is the university's most ambitious fund-raising effort to date and will serve as the first phase in what will be a decade-long effort to reach a goal of \$125 million in support for the University.

• by Rebecca Jones

## DEVELOPMENT

# George and Fay Young Foundation awards generous grant to Ouachita

Dr. Andrew Westmoreland announced in September that the George and Fay Young Foundation will award \$1.5 million toward the construction of the Frank D. Hickingbotham Hall, which will house the university's Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business. The gift will specifically fund the George and Fay Young Auditorium, which will serve as a central meeting place in the new facility.

"We're grateful for the generous support of the George and Fay Young Foundation," said Westmoreland. "The type of education we're able to deliver to our students will be enriched by the addition of Young Auditorium, and I'm certain that our students will leave feeling a greater sense of preparation because of the types of scholarly events we'll be able to offer in the space. Additionally, they will be more ready to step into professional experiences having had the benefit of honing their skills in the type of environment that Young Auditorium and Hickingbotham Hall will provide."

The George and Fay Young Auditorium will be located on the first floor of Hickingbotham Hall. It will seat about 150 people and will be used for large group and multi-class meetings. It will offer a site suitable for visiting lecturers and will be complete with technology-rich enhancements for use in student and faculty presentations.

Dr. Phil Rice, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business, talked about the benefits the auditorium will offer business students and the university as a whole. "We anticipate using the auditorium to bring

several classes together at one time to hear visiting speakers," said Rice. He mentioned the advantage of being able to have students from various disciplines together for presentations. Rice added, "The Young auditorium will also provide the rest of campus another location in which to host events."

Business courses have been offered at Ouachita for more than 100 years. A division of business was organized in the early 1950s, and the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business was established in 1992. In 2002, the school gained recognition by earning accreditation from AACSB International-The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The George and Fay Young Foundation, Inc. of Dallas, Texas, is a private, not-for-profit foundation which is pleased to support a wide variety of organizations carrying out charitable, religious, and educational activities. George Young was a 1924 business graduate of Ouachita Baptist College. He was a pioneer of philanthropy at Ouachita, funding the first endowed chair of instruction and encouraging support from many, many friends through the years.

The Young Foundation grant moved Ouachita past the \$53 million mark in its Circle of Excellence campaign. The campaign goal of \$62.5 million is Ouachita's most ambitious fund-raising campaign to date. 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.

• by Rebecca Jones

**TIME OUT** • Gerren Smith, a senior from Arkadelphia, takes a break between classes on the steps of Cone-Bottoms Hall. • photo by Richard Shock



## Scholarships Established

### Ruth O. Gant Endowed Scholarship Fund

*The Ruth O. Gant Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established through the estate of Mrs. Ruth Gant of Greenwood, Arkansas. Recipients must be full-time students at Ouachita who meet the academic standards of the University for scholarship qualifications. Recipients must be in need of financial assistance, with preference given to students from northwest Arkansas.*

### Edward C. and Joan Gladstone Gillow Endowed Scholarship Fund

*This scholarship fund has been established by Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. (fs '69) Gillow of Laguna Beach, California. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students at Ouachita who meet the University's scholarship qualifications. Recipients must be in need of financial assistance and be a student-athlete.*

### Richard and Lahoma Greenwood Scholarship Fund

*Mrs. Susan Greenwood Scates ('91) has established the Richard and Lahoma Greenwood Scholarship Fund to honor her father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Greenwood. The Greenwoods served the Lord as missionaries in Guatemala, Central America for 35 years. Their life-long passion for evangelism, training, and church growth continues as they encourage others to carry on the Great Commission. Recipients of the scholarship fund must be pursuing a career on the mission field. If no student fulfills this requirement, secondary consideration will be given to a candidate seeking full-time church ministry.*

## DEVELOPMENT

### Scholarships Established

#### Homer and Mary Ruth Haltom Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Homer and Mary Ruth Haltom Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by Mr. Gerald Haltom in loving memory of his parents. Preference will be given to students who express a desire to major in Biblical studies and/or church recreation, who attended high school in Clark County, Arkansas, and who have been served by or have been residents of the Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries.

#### Leo and Hazel Northrup History Scholarship Fund

The Leo and Hazel Northrup History Scholarship Fund has been established by Dr. and Mrs. Boo Heflin to honor the memory of Dr. Heflin's maternal grandparents. Recipients must be a sophomore or junior pursuing a history degree within the School of Social Sciences. Preference will be given to students who plan to pursue a career in teaching.

#### William Alton and Helen Williamson Reeves Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund has been established by Mrs. Helen Williamson Reeves of Texarkana. Priority will be given first to members of Beech Street Baptist Church in Texarkana, Arkansas, and second priority will be given to students from Miller County, Arkansas.

#### David M. and Hazel Tate Endowed Scholarship Fund

The David M. and Hazel Tate Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by the children of David and Hazel Tate to honor the memory of their parents. Recipients must be full-time students pursuing a major in the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts, Division of Music.



**FALL PHONATHON •** Tiffany Gerber explains to alumni and friends the importance of giving to the Ouachita Scholarship Fund. Gerber, a junior Christian Studies and Spanish major, knows firsthand the significance of donor gifts. "There was a time when I wondered if I could stay at Ouachita. I am so grateful for the financial aid I receive." Gerber and ten other students made calls on nine evenings in September to raise money for the 2004-2005 Ouachita Scholarship Fund. The Fall Phonathon effort raised \$60,000 from 1,157 donors. A second Phonathon will be held in February to reach the remaining segment of alumni and friends. Last year's two Phonathons combined to raise over \$110,000 for student scholarships. • photo by Jon Hardin

### Scholarship established to honor Glaze

Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock established the David A. Glaze Scholarship for Musical Studies in honor of the twentieth anniversary of David Glaze as the church's minister of music.

"David has played an integral part in the overall ministry of our church," said Jeff Swindler, who served as the chairman of the church's scholarship committee. "He has elevated our music ministry to exceptional levels. It was time to recognize the contributions he has made."

Swindler said that the scholarship committee received an overwhelming response from current and former church members who had known or worked with Glaze.

Students who plan to study keyboard, choral music, or church music at Ouachita Baptist University will be eligible for the scholarship. First preference will be given to members of Trinity United Methodist Church. Glaze is a 1970 graduate of Ouachita.

"When I learned that the David A. Glaze Scholarship for Musical Studies had been established in my honor, my heart was

so touched with an overwhelming sense of gratitude," said Glaze. "It has been a truly humbling experience to witness the names of so many friends who contributed so generously to this special fund.

"I feel extremely blessed to have received my education from Ouachita – indeed, it was one of the most meaningful and memorable times in my life," Glaze continued. "It is my hope and prayer that through the years this wonderful scholarship at OBU will enable future students to experience the same awesome, life-building opportunities that I was given."

Glaze also established Trinity Presents, a concert series in Little Rock, and the River City Men's Chorus. Members from both groups were given the opportunity to contribute to the scholarship fund.

The church commemorated the establishment of the scholarship fund and recognized Glaze for his years of service in a ceremony and reception at the Chenal Country Club in Little Rock on August 15.

• by Jennifer Byrd

## DEVELOPMENT

# Ouachita receives grant from Hammons Charitable Foundation

Ouachita announced this fall that the Hammons Charitable Foundation has given a \$175,000 grant toward the completion of the Hammons Guest House.

"We are grateful to the Hammons Charitable Foundation for this generous gift," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. "The Hammons Guest House will effectively become the living room of Ouachita. The Hammons name will be communicated in the most welcoming spot on campus."

Ouachita purchased the home, which is adjacent to the main campus, in 2003. Following the completion of the renovation project, the Hammons Guest House will provide the unique combination of an overnight lodge, a gathering space for small groups and a reception area.

The renovation of the Hammons Guest

House will include transforming the four-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bathroom home into a welcoming space for overnight lodging, accommodating up to 10 guests. The home will also be a gathering space for members of the campus community.

"The University will be able to use the home for a variety of special guests, including guest lecturers, alumni, and parents of current and prospective students," said Dr. Kathy Berry, associate vice president for major gifts.

The Hammons Charitable Foundation (HCF) assists students in eastern Arkansas and western Tennessee with college scholarships to attend one of six institutions: Union University, Oklahoma Baptist University, Ouachita Baptist University, Williams Baptist College, Baylor University, and East Arkansas Community College. The HCF is

administered by the Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

Additional support is provided to these institutions through supplemental grants at the discretion of the HCF Board. This is the second grant that the HCF has given to Ouachita. The first grant was used to renovate the Hammons Art Gallery.

The HCF was established by Dr. Edward P. Hammons and his mother, Mrs. Evalyn Pierce Hammons, in 1995, following the death of his father, former Arkansas state legislator O. P. Hammons. The Hammons family wanted to continue the legacy of improving the quality of life for others by providing assistance to students who needed help in accomplishing their educational goals. Dr. Hammons continued this legacy until his untimely death in November 1998.

• by Jennifer Byrd

## Mass Communications Department dedicates new Speer Lab

The department of mass communications dedicated the Katie Clift Speer Digital Design Laboratory on October 18.

The Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Educational Trust of Malvern provided funding to build and furnish the lab, which is named in honor of Katie Speer, a longtime trustee of the Sturgis Trust. Dr. Lisa Speer, daughter of Katie Speer, is a successor trustee and 1988 graduate of Ouachita.

The lab, which is intended for use by mass communications students, is furnished with 18 Macintosh computers. Students will use the lab for media writing, print design, web design, digital photography and video editing.

"The Speer Lab provides a wonderful learning environment for our students," said Dr. Deborah Root, associate professor of mass communications. "We have state-of-the art equipment and the latest in design programs that allow our students the opportunity to learn the skills they need for jobs in the field of mass communications. In our major, students learn in the classroom and through hands-on experience. The lab provides the perfect place for students to gain valuable experience in design and editing."

Family and friends of Katie Speer were invited to the dedication ceremony, which included a demonstration of the lab and the unveiling of a dedication plaque.

• by Jennifer Byrd



**DEDICATION** • (above) Dr. Lisa Speer and Mr. Clyde Speer, daughter and husband of the late Katie Speer, admire the plaque honoring Mrs. Speer during the dedication of The Katie Clift Speer Digital Design Lab. (right) Dr. Bill Downs, chairman of the mass communications department, shares with the guests attending the dedication the benefits of the new Macintosh Lab. The dedication also included a demonstration of the new equipment and programs provided by the gift. • photos by Jennifer Byrd

*"The lab provides the perfect place for students to gain valuable experience in design and editing."*

Deborah Root  
Associate Professor  
of Mass  
Communications



# A Ouachita Story: The Heflin Family

*Lifelong relationships  
that encourage purpose  
and learning...*



Sharon and Johnny Heflin



Heflin Tennis Center

Sharon and Johnny Heflin were honored as the 2004 Outstanding Philanthropists in Arkansas at the Association of Fundraising Professionals' National Philanthropy Day luncheon held at the Peabody Little Rock in November. The Heflins were nominated by Baptist Health Foundation and letters of support were offered by the American Heart Association and the Metropolitan Little Rock YMCA. Being chosen as the Outstanding Philanthropists in Arkansas is a unique pleasure for two very distinguished friends of Ouachita. The honor of being selected among the vast array of other nominees highlights the depth and importance of the impact each is making in Arkansas generally, and at Ouachita, specifically.

In his remarks to the National Philanthropy Day audience, Mr. Heflin humbly declared, "We are philanthropists in the true sense of the word... philanthropy is a desire to help mankind." Echoing this sentiment in an interview, Mrs. Heflin shared, "There are many ways to be philanthropic. I try to set the example of giving that goes beyond just money. If I can show my support to an organization by gathering items to auction, or decorating for an event, or cleaning up alongside the staff who worked so hard to make an event successful, this is all part of my idea about philanthropy. I like to give all of me, I guess."

As Ouachita alumni from the class of 1967, both Sharon Windham Heflin and Johnny Heflin have decades of involvement with the university. Their sons, Jay and Marc, along with their wives Andrea Holt Heflin and Billie Cloud Heflin all graduated from Ouachita in the early 1990s. Many extended family members also graduated from Ouachita.

Sharon and Johnny share thanks for the heritage of being taught to be charitable. Both credit their parents for modeling the practice of giving. In addition to their family influences, Mrs. Heflin reflects that the three years spent at Ouachita (she finished her degree a full year early in order to marry Johnny who was scheduled to graduate ahead of her) provided them both with a strong commitment to worthwhile things. During their years at Ouachita, Sharon was selected as Homecoming Queen and Johnny served his peers as Student Senate President. In more recent years, beginning in 1989, Mr. Heflin was elected to Ouachita's Board of Trustees. He has served as Chairman of the Board for four of his twelve years during four consecutive terms. Mr. Heflin began his fifth term of service to Ouachita as a board member in December of 2004.

Their sons, Jay and Marc, share that this prestigious recognition causes a mixed set of emotions and thoughts for their family. "The honor is both extremely humbling and at the same time causes us to feel a lot of pride in our parents," Marc says. In a time when Arkansas has been recently recognized as second in the nation in regards to charitable giving related to per capita

# DEVELOPMENT

income, Jay responds that this honor "reminds me that I am grateful to be an Arkansan...and grateful to be the son of parents who view their philanthropy as an opportunity to help others by sharing all of their resources: time, talent, and money." Marc says that for their family, "giving is like breathing. It is something we do naturally because we are designed to do it."

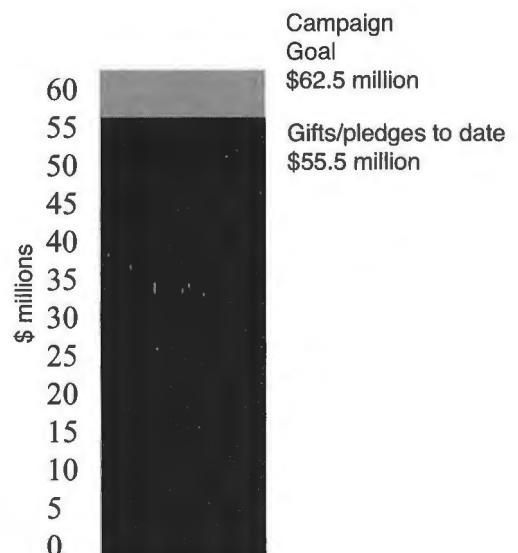
There is a firm foundation of giving that Sharon and Johnny have instilled in their sons. Jay and Marc are beginning to reflect on that foundation, and are concerned about imparting the same values to their own young children. Jay says of his mother, "If I could be like her in any way, I would hope to develop in me and our children the increasing ability to care deeply about the smallest detail of other peoples' lives. She remembers and celebrates so many birthdays and anniversaries and important events in the lives of many, many people. I'd like to be more like her." Similarly, Marc observes that his mother has the amazing ability to connect with all people very quickly. Mrs. Heflin, in fact, describes herself in one word as "friendly."

About their father, the young men are quick to offer that their dad is "focused." Marc describes his father as a "calming presence in critical situations." He reflects that as a boy, like most kids, he thought their dad could do just about anything. As a man, though, he continues to learn that his father still provides such a presence in family life, work life, and in volunteer settings. Jay finds fascinating and admirable his father's ability to be both single-minded and globally-minded simultaneously. "Dad is always looking to see how he can help the organization he is committed to, while at the same time trying to find ways to connect his passions together. Take the first P.A.R.K. scholarship being established at Ouachita, for example. It is because there was intense focus on furthering both causes that the scholarship was put into place. I'd like to be more like that."

Ouachita is a significant part of the Heflin family, but not by any sort of undue influence. Both Jay and Marc are quick to say that they enjoyed stories their parents told about Ouachita, but that they were never 'pushed' to choose Ouachita for college. However, at that time in their lives, Ouachita was just the right place for them. One very important part of their Ouachita experience is that Ouachita is where they met their wives. Now, as the younger Heflins raise their children, they hope that Ouachita will always be the place where their children can go to learn the important lessons shared by two previous family generations. These lessons include developing a vision for the world and our role as people of faith in helping others, becoming good stewards of the abundance we are offered, and wanting to know people who differ from us and growing to love them as they are.

Sharon and Johnny are modest about being chosen for this honor, and do not boast about being singled out when there are so many other wonderful examples to see. Mrs. Heflin puts it simply as, "My words about our service usually sound pious. If I can set the example by serving with all that I am, then my faith will be evident; if I can't do that, then I've failed." As with her stellar performance as a student at Ouachita years ago, Mrs. Heflin and her family show the best of Arkansas, the best of Ouachita, and best of a vital Christian faith. "We all have a great love and remembrance towards Ouachita," she says. Without a doubt, from the Ouachita family, the feeling is mutual. Ouachita is grateful for the lifelong relationship with the family of Sharon and Johnny Heflin.

• by Kathy Berry



As Ouachita proceeds towards the completion of the Circle of Excellence Campaign, supporters of Ouachita are enjoying many opportunities to gather among friends. Recently, the Northwest Arkansas Friends of Ouachita were hosted by Cara and Clay Conly for dinner at Pinnacle Country Club in Rogers. Former Tiger Basketball players and coaches were welcomed by Todd Denton for dinner and a Steps to Greatness presentation at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Little Rock. Homes and restaurants across the nation were visited by Ouachita graduates and former students for regional Ouachita receptions. Over 230 guests attended the 2004 Donor Appreciation Dinner and the Festival of Christmas in December. These events and many other activities have assisted Ouachita in reaching a total of \$55,500,000 in current and deferred gifts and pledges as of November 30, 2004. Ouachita is grateful for each person who has helped make the Circle of Excellence Campaign successful thus far. Please remember Ouachita in your prayers as we strive to complete the full campaign goal of \$62,500,000 by May 31, 2005.



## THE FINANCIAL ADVISER

# The Three Most Important Documents You Can Own



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One of Ouachita's, and my, best friends, the late Katie Speer, had extraordinary insights regarding providence and provenance. Once when I was anxious about some "dire" need, she remarked, "Everything won't come at once. Be patient and in the Lord's good time it will be provided." She certainly did her part in making dreams come true at Ouachita, and her wisdom has proved to be correct over and over in the life of the university.

An example: Elsewhere in this issue is an announcement of a \$2.5 million challenge grant from the Willard and Pat Walker Foundation of Springdale. The structure of the challenge is explained in the article, the essence of which is that Ouachita can qualify for up to \$2.5 million if we can raise \$7.5 million by May 31, 2005. Alumni and friends in the Ouachita family have a long history of responding to challenges, and there is no reason to expect differently on this one.

Assuming that Ouachita does qualify for the grant, the first priority for using a portion of it is to develop the first floor of the Ouachita Commons into a banquet and meeting area which will be a focal point of the campus. This hall will be available for university-related and community-related events, adding an outstanding new element to the campus. It will be named in honor of Pat Walker and the late Willard Walker, esteemed throughout Arkansas for their magnificent generosity. Ouachita is grateful for this challenge grant from the Walker family.

### A Will

At your death, a will serves as a road map telling your executor how to distribute your assets to other people or to a charity. Without one, you are powerless over how your assets will be distributed. By creating a will, you can dictate the following:

- An executor. This key individual oversees the process of settling your estate.
- Guardian(s). A guardian acts on behalf of minor children.
- Beneficiaries. You can transfer property at death, including a specific dollar amount, a piece of real estate or a percentage or residue of your estate.

### General power of attorney and durable power of attorney

A general power of attorney permits the holder of the power to act on behalf of another individual, the grantor. A general power of attorney lapses upon the grantor's incompetence and then ceases to be effective.

A durable power of attorney survives the incompetence of the grantor and allows the holder of the power to act. This document can be used when a grantor lapses from competence to incompetence for periods of time (undergoing surgery), or indefinitely (suffering from Alzheimer's disease).

The holder of the durable power of attorney is permitted to perform a broad range of activities, including the ability to buy and sell assets, discharge debts and make charitable gifts.

### Health care proxy

With a health care proxy, the maker of the proxy can name a trusted individual to make health care decisions if the maker is unable to communicate his or her wishes. Like a living will, the health care proxy states when life support equipment should be disconnected and heroic efforts should cease.



CAMPUS VISIT • Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trulove and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jackson ('55) visit during the Second Century Banquet. The fall banquet honors those who have included Ouachita in their estate plans.

## Choosing Between a Will and a Living Trust

When it's time to select the most effective way to transfer your property to beneficiaries, some advisors recommend a will, while others advocate using a revocable living trust.

### Examine the Benefits

A revocable living trust is created during a person's lifetime to hold, manage and distribute property. The grantor (person who established the trust) can change or cancel the trust at any time.

Assets in a living trust avoid probate, which speeds up estate settlement. A living trust is useful for holding property located in several states; without it, a will may have to be filed and probated in each state. Trusts also have the advantage of privacy, whereas the contents of a probated will become open to the public. The living trust can provide security for someone who becomes incapacitated; the designated trustee can assume management of the trust assets.

A will takes effect at your death and governs the transfer of everything owned by you that is not covered by other directives. For example, a will does not control property jointly owned with right of survivorship, beneficiary designations under retirement plans and insurance policies, or property passing to heirs under the terms of a trust.

A will must go through probate, the process of proving that a will is genuine and valid. While most states have streamlined probate procedures, the process can still be long, tedious and costly.

In the end, your personal financial and estate planning needs will guide your choice of a primary estate planning instrument.

## Considering an Estate Gift for Ouachita? This is A Perfect Time

If you are considering making a bequest for Ouachita in your estate plan, or implementing a gift annuity or a charitable trust with Ouachita as the ultimate beneficiary, doing so before May 31, 2005, will generate huge dividends immediately. How? For every \$3 we can count in our campaign to that date, Ouachita will receive \$1 through the challenge grant from the Willard and Pat Walker Foundation of Springdale, Ark.

For campaign purposes Ouachita counts estate gifts according to their particular genre. A will bequest and a revocable trust provision are counted at a certain percent of the estimated value, if known, usually sixty percent (60%) unless factors dictate a lesser amount. Gift annuities and charitable trusts normally are counted at full value because they are irrevocable, but not always. In some situations it is more prudent to count less than more.

For example, assume that between now and May 31, 2005, Jim and Joan fund a Charitable Remainder Trust using stock worth \$100,000. They will have an income from the trust for their lifetimes, avoid capital gains taxes, and qualify for an income tax deduction based on the remainder gift value. But that is not all. Their long-range plan will generate an immediate \$33,000 for Ouachita through the Walker Foundation challenge grant. If you do such a trust or implement any type of gift plan for Ouachita after May 31, that will be marvelous, too, make no mistake. This information may provide the impetus to speed up the process a bit. Thank you for making Ouachita the very best.

## Trusts and their Benefits

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# FROM JPAC stage TO Atlantic City



photos by The Miss America Organization

## Lacy Fleming wins fourth runner-up at Miss America Pageant

Lacy Fleming, Miss Arkansas 2004 and a former student at Ouachita Baptist University, has reached a goal this fall that she began pursuing when she was just 15 years old. Fleming competed for the title of Miss America in Atlantic City, NJ, and represented her state, her college and many people who have supported her throughout her years in pageants. From her parents to her friends and pageant directors that have assisted her, Fleming saw this as an opportunity to do something special that she describes as a "once in a lifetime experience."

In preparing for the event, Fleming said she realized she could approach the pageant feeling overwhelmed as if "odds were stacked against" her or she could realize that "one of us (contestants) has to win, and I feel capable of achieving it." She set as her goal to "come away from this feeling accomplished for myself and for so many others." And after the September 16 nationally-televised pageant, she earned her feeling of accomplishment. In a field of 51 contestants, Fleming was named to the top 10, and was eventually awarded fourth runner-up in the pageant. It was a night of wardrobe competition, interviews and even a game show-style quiz. While family and friends watched from their seats in Atlantic City, her EEE sisters were holding a watch party in McClellan 100.

Fleming completed preliminary events in Evening and Casual Wear, Swimsuit, Talent and Interview. Near the beginning of the broadcast, ten finalists were named. Shortly afterward, the group was narrowed to five. From there, the final five contestants participated in a quiz of their knowledge of "issues relevant to Miss America and young women in today's world," according to a press release from the Miss America Organization. The last segment involved a "showdown" between the top two contestants.

Fleming went into the pageant with a very positive and relaxed attitude saying that she felt this was a "win-win situation" because she would either be chosen to carry the title of Miss America or she would still have the honor of serving as Miss Arkansas.

In her role as Miss Arkansas, Fleming says she serves as "the official hostess for the state." She also carries responsibilities for serving as a spokesperson for the pageant system and to speak about her platform, which involves educating groups about the dangers and warning signs of child abuse. Through a program Fleming has dubbed "Reaching Out," she has worked for several years to raise awareness about the issue. An early childhood education major at Ouachita, Fleming has also used her knowledge in the field to develop a five-day teaching unit that can be used in elementary school classrooms. The curriculum is designed to inform young children about the types of abuse and the methods of assistance. A copy of the curriculum can be requested through Fleming's web site [www.reachingoutcaa.org](http://www.reachingoutcaa.org).

Fleming also spends many of her weekends speaking in churches around the state where she has the opportunity to talk about her faith. "I grew up in a very spiritual home," said Fleming. "My dad is a Baptist pastor, and I've grown up in church. Any time I'm in a church, it feels like I'm home."

When asked for a word that best describes her experience thus far into her reign as Miss Arkansas, Fleming said that "it's just weird. It's weird for someone as common and ordinary as me to get to do these extraordinary things." Fleming went on to talk about what she describes as her very "normal upbringing" in small-town Hampton, Arkansas. "It's just amazing to get this amazing job. It's a huge, overwhelming blessing.

• by Rebecca Jones

# Making Connections

In the latter part of 2002, Ouachita began an intensive evaluation process aimed at identifying the "Ouachita brand." According to Terry Barber, a brand consultant who has been working with the university, an organization's brand is its "essence" and "reason for existing." It includes the organization's culture, reputation and image and understanding it can help create competitive differentiation in the marketplace.

To understand the Ouachita brand, the university conducted a series of surveys, interviews and focus groups with alumni, students, prospective students, faculty and staff. Several key conclusions were drawn about those special elements that make up Ouachita's brand.

For instance, there was widespread agreement about the importance of the relationships that develop in the Ouachita community. Verbatim research indicated very strong connections among students and faculty members. Some survey respondents provided lengthy answers to questions about significant relationships that had developed during their time at Ouachita and had continued later in life.

Another key value that carried importance to the Ouachita community was the emphasis the university places on providing education in a Christian environment. "Ouachita is a campus under the lordship of Jesus Christ," said university president, Dr. Andrew Westmoreland. "It's not surprising that our people are serious about their faith and about their desire to attend a college in an environment that fosters spiritual development."

An emphasis on purpose and mission also surfaced in the research process. Prospective students expressed a strong desire to attend a university that would

help them as they seek emphases for their lives.

According to Westmoreland, "The research generated a huge volume of information. It affirmed some things that we thought were true about Ouachita and brought to light some interesting consistencies. It certainly has helped us to define a little more clearly the value our people place on the education that we're providing."

Upon completion of the primary research objectives, it was necessary to synthesize the information and put it to use. "We needed to draw out the elements that set Ouachita apart," said Westmoreland. "We decided that the phrase 'lifelong relationships that encourage purpose and learning' best captured the essence of the Ouachita experience. It has become our brand promise."

After key values were identified and the brand promise was finalized, Ouachita needed to graphically and narratively interpret its brand and develop marketing concepts that incorporated the new look and themes.

Westmoreland described selecting the graphic identification of the brand. "It was a lengthy process that involved a lot of people, a lot of conversation and ultimately a sense that consensus had been reached. I'm proud of our new look, and I think that it helps us tell our story in a positive way."

The process that led to the final design had a number of steps including several trips to the drawing board. Westmoreland characterized the university as "a complex organization." He said, "people feel strongly about it. They wanted something that really represented who we are and incorporated our history. We went through several phases in the process and finally began

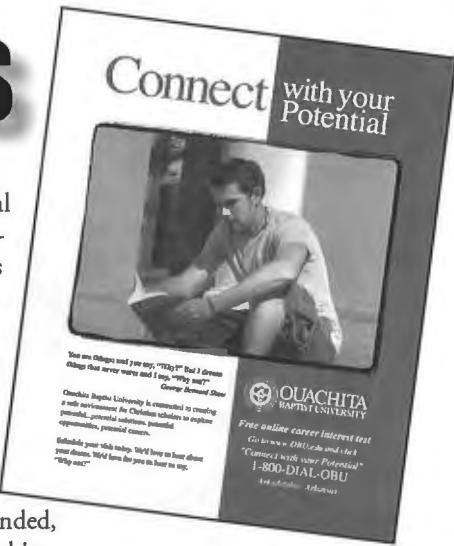
building the Ouachita seal drawing from historic elements and adding symbols and words that are very current but that we think will take us into the next generations."

The newly designed Ouachita seal incorporates a round shape, the date the university was founded, and symbols for relationships, service and the Christian experience. It also carries the words vision, integrity, and service. "We want our graduates to be men and women who are known for these qualities," said Westmoreland. "We want them to have a vision for the breadth of the world and the ability to see the world in its larger context. We want them to strive to overcome barriers between people and to realize the opportunities they have to have an impact on the world around them. We want them to be people of integrity and to have their actions match their rhetoric. And, we want them to serve others to build society and make lives stronger."

Using the new themes, university officials partnered with Barber and other marketing professionals to develop a plan that would target prospective students. "Ouachita experienced growth in enrollment among incoming students during the fall semester," said Westmoreland. "We developed this plan in an effort to continue that trend."

Ouachita's marketing plan reaches across media and targets students who are likely to be interested in an educational institution like Ouachita.

Marketing efforts which began in earnest early in the fall semester include direct mail, print, web and outdoor advertising. Measurement of effectiveness is key to the plan and will be ongoing throughout the campaign



and the recruiting cycle.

"The theme focuses on the connections students experience at Ouachita," said Westmoreland. "That message is consistently reinforced, and we think it informs prospective students about the benefits that a Ouachita education offers."

Drivers in central Arkansas may have already noticed the results of some of the new marketing efforts. Outdoor ads were placed in Little Rock and along Interstate 30. The ads feature themes such as "Connect with faculty," "Connect with friends," and "Connect with your potential."

Other marketing advertisements were placed in print magazines and on web sites that target Ouachita's prospective student audience. Additionally, direct mail postcards were sent to high school students in specified regions.

"We just felt like we needed to tell our story and make sure that our market was aware of our ability to provide an excellent education in a Christian setting," said Westmoreland. "I'm proud of our efforts and will look forward to seeing the ultimate results. I know that we'll learn from this and that we will be eager to adjust our strategies so that we maximize our effectiveness. It's definitely not 'business as usual' at Ouachita."

• by Rebecca Jones

# GO OUT

Photo by Bryce Svihart



## SPORTS WRAP-UP • by Chris Babb

### MEN'S SOCCER

The selection of sophomore midfielder Phillip Presley to his second consecutive All-GSC team highlighted the 2004 Tiger soccer season. Presley led the team and was ninth in the Gulf South Conference in goals per game. The Tigers finished the season with a 2-10 overall record and a 2-5 mark in conference play. The Tigers struggled to start the season as eight new starters took a majority of the season to mesh. Ouachita finished strong, winning two of its last four matches.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Full of freshmen, the Lady Tiger soccer team struggled early but came on late ending the season with an overall record of 5-10-2 and a Gulf South Conference record of 2-4-2. The Lady Tigers tied the top two conference teams in the GSC including a tie against a previously undefeated and nationally-ranked

Lincoln Memorial squad. Highlighting the season was senior goal keeper Lauren Gross - the squad's only senior - who broke the GSC career saves record in the second match of the season and continued to set a new record in each match. Gross ended her career as the school and GSC career leader in goalkeeper saves.

### VOLLEYBALL

A season of promise turned from a hope into reality under first-year head coach Danny Prescott. The Lady Tigers finished the season with the program's best record since 2000. Ouachita finished with a 10-17 overall record and a 4-8 mark in the GSC West. The Lady Tigers missed the GSC Tournament by two matches, being eliminated in the second to last match of the season. Freshman middle blocker Breanne Garrett of Garland, Texas, was named first-team All-GSC West and was voted the GSC West Freshman of the Year by

the league's coaches. Garrett was the third-leading hitter in the league. Senior Lindsey Wilson was the only senior on the squad and the four-year starter finished her career with over 3,500 assists.

### FOOTBALL

The Tiger football team might as well have turned their locker room into a training room in 2004 as the team resembled a MASH unit. Losing 10 starters to injuries throughout the course of the season, the Tigers struggled to find continuity and ended the season with a 2-7 overall record and a 2-6 mark in the GSC. Three spots on the GSC team belonged to Tigers led by senior Chris Porter who was named All-GSC at defensive back and at return specialist. Porter, who only played six games this season, led the league in punt returns. Senior punter Justin Laird earned All-GSC accolades after averaging 40.6 yards per punt including a GSC-record 87-yard punt in

the Tigers' homecoming game against Harding. Defensive end Maurice Doaty earned all-conference honors after leading the team in sacks and finishing in the top 10 in the GSC in tackles for loss per game.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Tiger cross country team recorded one of its best seasons since entering the Gulf South Conference, capping the season off with solid finishes at both the GSC Championships and the NCAA South Regional meet. The Lady Tigers finished in fourth place at the conference meet, tying the program's best finish ever in the league championship meet. The following meet saw Ouachita place ninth out of 31 teams in the NCAA South Regional, finishing third out of the Gulf South teams. Rachel Sidwell led the Lady Tiger contingent at the GSC meet finishing in 21st place and also at the regional meet finishing in 57th place.



## Crews Indoor Pavilion dedicated

Quintus Crews, former Ouachita assistant coach and the namesake of the Crews Indoor Pavilion, was on hand on October 30 for the dedication of the facility in a ceremony held that morning.

Crews was joined by friends and family members as Ouachita formally dedicated the facility that serves many of Ouachita's 14 inter-collegiate teams.

"I see our men's and women's soccer teams, our baseball and softball teams here today and all of these groups use this along with our football team," said Ouachita head football coach

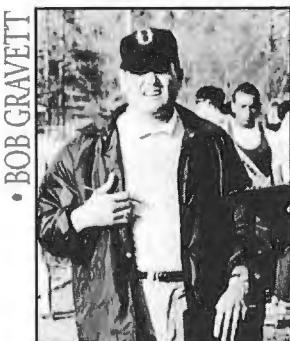
Todd Knight during the ceremony. "Our basketball coaches have even done some conditioning work down here, so the generosity of the Crews family will reach thousands of student-athletes at Ouachita."

The facility features a marked football field that is 55 yards long by 50 yards wide. There are also two observation decks to allow teams to film practice sessions.

Ouachita was the first school in the Gulf South Conference to have this type of facility available to its student-athletes.

• by Chris Babb

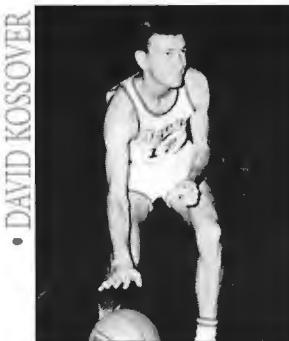
# Ouachita Athletic Hall of Fame inducts four



• BOB GRAVETT



• MORLEY JENNINGS



• DAVID KOSSOVER



• CAREY SELPH

The Ouachita Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed its second class during halftime of Ouachita's game with Delta State on October 30. The 2004 class includes: Bob Gravett (Cross Country and Track and Field Coach), Morley Jennings (Football Coach and Athletic Director), David Kossover (Basketball, Tennis and Baseball) and Carey Selph (Football and Baseball).

## BOB GRAVETT

The Ouachita Tiger track and field program won Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Championships in 1935 and 1936, but then went on a drought in which the only AIC title in the next 30 years came in 1960.

Enter Bob Gravett.

Taking over the program in the mid-1960s after serving as an assistant coach in the Tiger football program, Gravett built a program that would become a power in the AIC. Gravett, who also served as the Tiger cross country coach during many of his years at Ouachita, directed his Tigers to the AIC track and field title for three consecutive seasons from 1972-74 and added another back-to-back title period in the 1977 and 1978 seasons. Gravett would go on to lead Ouachita to two more AIC titles (1980 and 1986) and ended his career directing the Tiger track and field program to eight conference titles. Gravett also led the Tiger cross country program to a title in 1992 and is the namesake • 34 •

of the annual Bob Gravett Invitational held each fall during cross country season on the Ouachita cross country course. Gravett, a multiple winner of the AIC and NAIA District 17 Coach of the Year Awards, was inducted into the NAIA National Hall of Fame in 1986.

## MORLEY JENNINGS

Early in the fall of 1912, Morley Jennings arrived on the Ouachita campus to begin a remarkably successful coaching career and established the Tigers as one of the most feared football teams in all of the South. In 14 full seasons, Jennings' teams won 71 games, lost 15 and tied 13. Jennings' teams scored more than 2,000 points while holding opponents to only 364. His Tigers never lost to Hendrix, College of the Ozarks, Arkansas Tech, Magnolia A&M, Monticello A&M or Little Rock College.

Jennings also led his Tigers against major universities and defeated teams such as Arkansas, Mississippi A&M (now Mississippi State) and the University of Mississippi. Jennings' most memorable season was the season of 1914 in which Ouachita defeated the Univ. of Arkansas and the Univ. of Mississippi. The October 10 edition of the Arkansas Gazette remarked that it was "...the first victory for a state college eleven over the university eleven." Jennings left Ouachita to serve in the same capacity at Baylor where he stayed for 14 years. Jennings was inducted

into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in New York City in January of 1973.

## DAVID KOSSOVER

Try these credentials on for size: three trips to the NAIA National Basketball Tournament, a four-year letterman in basketball and tennis, a member of the Tiger Basketball 1,000-point club, member of six AIC Championship teams, a first-team All-Tournament selection at the 1965 NAIA National Tournament, and an undefeated record for four straight years in tennis in singles and doubles.

Not bad if you're talking about two people, but unbelievable when you're talking about one person -- in this case David Kossover. Kossover was a teammate of a member of the inaugural Hall of Fame class, Leon Clements, and helped lead the Tigers to two AIC titles in 1963 and 1964 in basketball and then joined his brother Jerry on the Tiger tennis team for four straight AIC doubles titles. David Kossover won the AIC singles title all four years as well by defeating his brother and doubles partner in the finals each season. Oh yeah, did we mention that he also played baseball as a freshman, started at shortstop, batted .363 and was 1-0 as a pitcher?

On the basketball court, Kossover led the team in assists, steals and free throw shooting and finished his career with 1,042 points and holds the fourth-highest single-season point total

in Tiger history with 641 points in 1964-65.

## CAREY SELPH

After his performance in Ouachita's 47-6 win over Henderson in 1925, the sports editor of the Arkansas Gazette labeled Arkadelphia and Ouachita's own Carey Selph the "greatest football player in Arkansas." With those accolades, Selph was undoubtedly the greatest football player on the Ouachita campus and could have been the greatest all-around athlete as Selph would go on to a successful professional baseball career with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Selph came to Ouachita in 1922 and did what not many others had done during his first year - play as a freshman. Selph was a four-year starter and letterman on the Ouachita football team and also lettered in baseball. Selph played under fellow 2004 inductee Morley Jennings and was a part of the 1922 Tiger team that defeated the University of Arkansas.

After Selph's final season, the 1926 Ouachitonian proved how highly regarded Selph was around the state as they bid him farewell with the following: "Carey Selph, the fighting general, who with his brilliant runs... (and) uncanny accurate passing made the pages of Arkansas' football history more glorious. He is the idol of Ouachita fans..."

• by Chris Babb

# Cliff Harris honored by Dallas Cowboys

From Ouachita's team to America's Team, the journey of Ouachita alum Cliff Harris is one of the most well-documented treks in Ouachita circles.

The exclamation point to that journey came in October when Harris was inducted into the Dallas Cowboy Ring of Honor in a ceremony at halftime of the Cowboys' game with the New York Giants at Texas Stadium. Harris, along with former teammate Rayfield Wright, were welcomed to the distinguished group by Cowboy owner Jerry Jones alongside all but one of the living members of the Ring of Honor.

Harris was signed as an undrafted free agent prior to the 1970 season, but Harris would more than hold his own in a standout 10-year career that included six Pro Bowl selections and two Super Bowl titles. There are only five players in Cowboys history to be selected to more Pro Bowls than the Hot Springs native and Des Arc High School graduate. He was also a member of the NFL's all-decade team for the 1970's.

During his 10-year career under legendary Cowboy head coach Tom Landry, Harris participated in five Super Bowls, including the Cowboys first world championship with their victory in Super Bowl VI. Only one other player in NFL history has appeared in more Super Bowls than Harris.

With Harris in the defensive backfield, the Cowboys' defense ranked in the top 10 in the league each of Harris' 10 seasons, including leading the league in 1977. In the secondary, he made the first of six consecutive Pro Bowl appearances in 1974. Known as "Captain Crash" for his body-rattling hits,

Harris was at his best in the postseason, finishing his career with six interceptions and four forced fumbles in 21 postseason games.

Harris played at Ouachita from 1966-69 under legendary head coach Buddy Benson and was joined by Benson along with former teammates and other officials from Ouachita at the Cowboy game on the day of the ceremony.

"This all started at Ouachita," Harris said reflectively as he joined the Ouachita contingent on the Texas Stadium field prior to kickoff. "From the Peanut Bowl to the Super Bowl, it has been an incredible journey, and only people at Ouachita know how long that journey was."

Not only was the week surrounding the induction good for Harris, it was also good for the university. Because of Harris' induction and story about coming from a small school in Arkansas, the Dallas media was full of mentions of Ouachita.

"When we were driving back home after the game we were listening to different post-game radio shows in the car," said Ouachita Director of Athletics David Sharp. "One of the callers called in to talk about the good ole' days and he said something to the effect of 'These days we're getting players from Notre Dame and Oklahoma and other big schools, but where are the players from Ouachita Baptist?' Also, there must have been a dozen mentions of the school in that morning's edition of the Dallas Morning News. We couldn't have paid for better advertising and it's all because of Cliff that Ouachita got that publicity in the DFW area."

Rex Nelson, Ouachita Tiger



Coach Buddy Benson and Cliff Harris

football play-by-play announcer and long-time friend of Cliff Harris, was also in attendance and watched the ceremony and game from high atop Texas Stadium in a booth sandwiched between the Dallas Cowboy and New York Giants radio crews.

"My dad and Cliff's dad, Buddy Harris, played together at Ouachita in the 1940s and our families have been friends since then," said Nelson.

"When the Cowboys were playing their final pre-season game in 1970, my dad packed up the family car and took us to New Orleans to the old Tulane Stadium because he said that might be the only time we got to see Cliff play in a Cowboy uniform. Ten years, six pro bowls and five superbowl later, Cliff retired."

Harris, a finalist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame last year, would undoubtedly like to be enshrined in Canton, Ohio,

one day, but for that October Sunday in Irving, Texas, he was as happy as he could be.

"Of course the Hall of Fame would be great and maybe this will help, but today I couldn't ask for anything more," said Harris after he finished a radio interview on a pre-game show hosted by Charlie Waters, his former partner in the Cowboy defensive backfield. "I can't say I've had a more exciting moment. The Dallas Cowboys are a first-class organization and to be a part of the Ring of Honor is such a great honor. It's just so special to be recognized and be a part of this unique group of players."

For years, the star on the side of the Dallas Cowboy helmet has been a source of pride for the Cowboy nation. Now, Ouachita can say it has its own star forever etched in the history of this storied NFL franchise.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Harris Shearer, Jr.	Ms. Ann D. Yack	Mr. and Mrs. John B. May	Judge Edward S. Maddox By: Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant
Ms. Sarah T. Shirey	Mrs. Mayble Goodier	Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bill Meador	Ms. Barbara Mills By: Mr. and Mrs. Johnny L. Heflin
Mr. and Mrs. Jim G. Shirrell	By: Mr. Bradley C. Hunnicutt	Mr. and Mrs. John E. Miller	Dr. and Mrs. Don Moore By: Rev. and Mrs. James M. Wilson
Mrs. Christie A. Shope	Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant	Mr. and Mrs. W. Russell Miller	Mrs. Peggy A. Tetley By: Dr. Rogers P. Edmondson
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Small	By: Bill Walton and Carolyn Grant Walton	Dr. and Mrs. Walter S. Mizell	Rev. Jim E. Tillman By: Rev. and Mrs. James M. Wilson
Mrs. Mary V. Smead	Rev. and Mrs. Richard Greenwood	Dr. and Mrs. Don Moore	Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wright By: Mrs. Connie Bowie Limbird
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith	By: Ms. Mary Helen Bond	Mrs. Dorothy P. Moore	
Dr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Smith	Mr. and Mrs. Rick E. Johnson	Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Morgan	
Ms. Jennifer H. Smith	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Loughridge	Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Morgan	
Ms. Lula Ann Smith	Mrs. Eloise Hamilton	Mrs. Pauline Morrow	
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sorrows	By: Rixey Street Foundation, Inc., Arlington, VA	Rev. and Mrs. Quinton Moss	
Mr. and Mrs. B. Andrew Speed	Mr. Jeral L. Hampton	Dr. and Mrs. Don A. Nall	
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Speed	By: Mr. Clarence Anthony	Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pennington	
Ms. Katherine Stanick	Rev. and Mrs. Jack J. Bledsoe	Dr. and Mrs. James L. Price	
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Stearns	Mr. and Mrs. Truman O. Boatright	Mrs. Elizabeth Pruet	
Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Stecks	Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown, Jr.	Mr. H. E. "Pete" Raines	
Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Steely	Mrs. Kathleen Burton	Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Rusher	
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Steely	Mr. and Mrs. J. Mike Carroll	Dr. and Mrs. Paul R. Sanders	
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Steuri	Mr. and Mrs. William E. Clark	Dr. Bernes K. Selph	
Ms. Barbara C. Swesey	Rev. and Mrs. W. Lloyd Cloud, Sr.	Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Shaddox	
Mr. Jeffrey Swindler	Mr. and Mrs. George W. DeLaughter	Mr. and Mrs. Ike Sharp	
Mr. and Mrs. Olen W. Taylor	Judge and Mrs. Tom F. Digby	Dr. and Mrs. Bryan E. Smith	
Mr. and Mrs. Dhu C. Thompson	Mr. and Mrs. George Dunklin	Rev. and Mrs. G. William Smith	
Mr. Henrik Thostrup	Dr. and Mrs. William R. Elliff	Rev. and Mrs. L. Al Sparkman	
Ms. Virginia Tiemann	Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod	Mr. and Mrs. John R. Stipe	
Mr. Clark Trim	Mr. Robert H. Gladden	Mr. and Mrs. Lane H. Strother	
Trinity United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, Little Rock, AR	Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant	Mr. William H. Sutton	
Trinity United Methodist Church Open Door Class, Little Rock, AR	Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hargis	Mr. Lloyd Thrash	
Trinity United Methodist Church Altar Guild, Little Rock, AR	Rev. and Mrs. Jack Hazlewood	Dr. and Mrs. David Uth	
Dr. and Mrs. Travis Tunnell	Mr. and Mrs. Johnny L. Heflin	Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Vinson	
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Tyler	Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Henry	Mr. and Mrs. Brice A. Wagner	
	Dr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Hickey		

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1945

**Daniel Grant** was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee to serve on the Higher Education Coordinating Board. His term expires in 2010.

**Doyle and Marie (Hardwick, '44)** Lumpkin celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 25, 2004. Had a family get together in June at their home in Baptist Memorial Retirement Center in San Angelo, TX.

1947

**Wright Taylor "W.T." Byrum**, Jr., was named 2004 Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine's "Father of the Year." Byrum, 87, has served as pastor of Caney Creek Baptist Church near Lonoke since 1994. He and wife, Marcella, have two sons (Don, '54, and Jim, '58) and a daughter (Sue Stewart, '71).

**Bob McPherson** writes that he and wife, Jean, just started their 55<sup>th</sup> year of marriage in August. Their family of 22+ still eats at their home for a home-cooked meal every Sunday after church.

**Don Corley** has published his seventh novel, The Cremation Murders. A retired Presbyterian minister, he teaches philosophy at Henderson State University as a member of the adjunct faculty.

1950

**Duane Thomas** recently was presented a Certificate of Membership in the "50-Year Club" of the Mississippi Bankers Association, representing employment from April 1954 to April 2004. He and wife, Mildred, live in Maben, MS.

**Preston Taylor** traveled to Honduras this summer with the Baptist Medical-Dental Organization where he taught the book of James to local pastors and leaders. **Margrete Horne ('47)** from Port Arthur traveled with First Baptist Church of DeRidder, LA, on this trip.

1951

**Bob Hartsell** writes that he and wife, Elinor, have "flunked" retirement!! After sitting at home • 40 •

all day, checking his emails, reading, watching TV or taking messages for Elinor, he has found something to do: Outside Travel Agent. He hooked up with Travel To Go/Sky Travel, a San Diego company that works with outside agents and is an airline booking department. You can check him out by emailing him at [bob@elboent.com](mailto:bob@elboent.com) or calling him at 1-800-211-0649 or check out their corporate website: [www.traveltogo.com](http://www.traveltogo.com).

**Jane Allen Hall**, a portrait artist in Hot Springs, has painted a portrait of a very special dog, Seaweed. She painted this from a snapshot supplied to her by Noble Roberts. The snapshot was taken when Noble finished his tour on LST793 from the Panama Canal to Japan during the final months of WWII and Seaweed became his companion. You can check this out on her website: [www.janeallenhall.com](http://www.janeallenhall.com), then click on "Portfolio VI - the story behind Seaweed."

1952

**Carroll Evans** and wife, Lucile, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 9.

**Wayne Lawson** retired in 2003 as applied voice professor at Northeastern A&M College in Miami, OK. He now volunteers with the Mended Hearts, Inc, as assistant regional director of the Midwest Region.

**Bill and Rachel (Quattlebaum) Cook** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August with a family trip to Florida.

1953

**Gilbert Nichols** is serving as pastor of Wattensaw Baptist Church in Lonoke. He and wife, **Deanie (Marshall, '53)**, live in Cabot.

**Floyd Simmons** has begun his 47<sup>th</sup> year as pastor of Elliston Baptist Church in Memphis.

1954

**David Davila** was selected as a Life Service Award recipient for 2004 by the Southwest Baptist University

Alumni Association Board and was awarded this honor during Honors Chapel at Homecoming, October 1. This is highest honor that SBU awards its alumni.

1955

**Kenneth and Helen (Overton) Presswood** are volunteering as teachers for the 2004-05 school year at an English-speaking school in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

**James and Velma (Conant, '54) Seale (fs)** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a reception in Muncie, IN, with their children and their families. They were married July 9, 1954. They were the first couple married in Park Hill Baptist Church, which was still under construction in 1954. They live in Arkadelphia and are the parents of three children, Sharon, Phil and Steve. He's a retired minister.

1956

**Glenna (Hickey) Lybrand** and husband, Bob, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a surprise house boat excursion on Lake Ouachita in Hot Springs. They are the parents of Brenda Senseman and Mike Lybrand. They live in Mount Ida, AR. She's a retired teacher; he's retired from H-L-P Oil Co.

1957

**Curtis Merrell** and wife, Virginia, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 28. The Merrells live in Monticello and are parents of Scott, Craig and Drew. Curtis is a retired educator and she's a retired social worker.

1958

**James Reynolds** retired as division office manager of the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department, Materials Division. He lives in Mabelvale, AR.

**Fred and Hazel (Gentry) Helms** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with family and friends on an Alaskan cruise, as well as with a reception on June 26 hosted by their

daughters. They live in Little Rock where he's a retired administrative assistant for Arkansas Services for the Blind and she's retired from J.C. Penney as a merchandise assistant.

**Gene Davis** writes that he's semi-retired. He still is available to pastor bi-vocational churches, do interim work or serve in other ministry areas. He and wife, Vi, live in Jacksonville, AR.

1959

**Shirley (Hite) Davis** and husband, Charles, recently celebrated 43 years of marriage. They have five children and five grandchildren. She plays the organ for Bethel Baptist Church and is the church clerk. She would enjoy hearing from classmates. They can email her at [matildaann@juno.com](mailto:matildaann@juno.com) or [shirley.davis@hhss.state.ne.us](mailto:shirley.davis@hhss.state.ne.us). She is secretary to the TB Program for the State of Nebraska.

**Winnie (Smith) Bratcher** is the college registrar at Georgetown (KY) College.

1960

**Fred Knickerbocker** and wife of 32 years, Shirley, live in Harrodsburg, KY, where he's affiliated with Goshen Baptist Church.

**Morris Bolgiano** is the CEO of Agency Rating Systems, a computer business, and lives in DeSoto, TX.

**Jimmy and Marion (Williams, '65) Peacock** live in Sapulpa, OK, where he owns and operates Peacock Editorial Service and she teaches at Jefferson Elementary School. They have two sons. Sean, a graduate of USC, lives in Los Angeles where he works in the film industry. Keiron just returned from a year-long deployment to Afghanistan.

1961

**Leland Zimmerman** is self employed as a CPA in Conway, AR, where he and wife, Marguerite (Fielding, '62) live.

**James and Lois (Wayne) Richmond (fs)** are retired and live in San Marcos, CA.

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1962

**Otis Estes** is retired but stays busy in Flower Mound, TX, where he's a massage therapist and instructor.

**Edwina Walls Mann** works part-time to help establish the University of Arkansas' Clinton School of Public Service Library.

**Martha Helen (Keith) Rice** is retired from teaching and lives in Hot Springs.

**Walter Rose** is the hospital administrator for Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital in Fayetteville, NC. Wife, **Linda (Surman, '61)** was director of the Fort Bragg's school computer lab.

**Lynn McClung** is employed with the computer company, Integrated Solutions Group, in Tulsa, OK.

**Tom Hall** is the unexploded ordnance technical director for TechLaw, Inc. in Little Rock.

**Lela (Chavez) Nelson** writes that after returning from the Peace Corps in 1962, she met Bob Nelson and two weeks and 3 days later, they were married. They celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> year of marriage with a trip to China in January, Kauai in March, Tahiti and New Zealand in May and on their actual anniversary in August, they were in Alaska. When not traveling, they own a real estate company in Stockton, CA. This year she received the Susan B. Anthony Award from the San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women for her years of community involvement.

1963

**Cynthia Blair Simmons** retired as elementary teacher but continues sub in K-5 grades. She also has an on-line shopping business with **Qwestar.com**. In her leisure time, enjoys RV camping and church work.

**Elaine Oenning Evans** is retired as a full-time teacher from the Memphis City Schools and is now enjoying substitute teaching. She lives in Arlington, TN.

**Bill Hunt** is the CFO and co-

owner of Biotech X-ray, Inc. in St. Louis, MO.

**Rosemary Gossett Adams** lives in Louisville, KY, with husband, Glen. She is a commercial designer with LEB Interiors.

**Mel Brown** is executive director of the Montgomery County Department of Community Supervision and Corrections, where he oversees the adult and juvenile probation department and the pre-trial release department. He and wife, Becky, live in Conroe, TX.

**Annjanette Emery Lovett** is the vocational-technical teacher for Bartlett High School. She and John, '62, live in Cordova, TN.

**Brian and Mary Fran (Warmath) Nelson** live in West Lafayette, IN, where he's the regional elder for the Christian Church in Indiana and she's a secretary for Purdue University's Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab.

1964

**Wayne Haver** has been appointed by Gov. Mike Huckabee to the Public Education Technology Advisory Board. He's principal at Fort Smith's Southside High School.

**Dr. Larry and Harriett (High) Franks** live in Magnolia. He has a veterinary practice and she's an interior designer. They have three married sons, who are practicing physicians in Magnolia, and five grandchildren.

**Yvonne Solesbee Nichols** retired after 24 years of teaching in the Fort Smith School District and 35 years teaching.

1965

**Doris Westerman Wilson**, director of financial aid at Judson College in Marion, AL, was presented with the "Alumnae Association Past President's Award for Staff Excellence" at the college's annual alumni weekend in April. She and husband, Thomas, a biology professor at Judson, have two grown children, Chad and Caroline.

**Jim Baker** lives in Paris, TX, where he owns Baker Tax and

Business Services.

1966

**Jerry Young** co-pastors The United Baptist Church in Annandale, VA.

**Bobbie Benton Hawkins** is an instructor at Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis.

**Bill Baker** lives in Fayetteville, AR, where he's the facilities manager for the Walton Arts Center.

**Ray Hardin** is an administrative assistant for Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, MA.

**Jean Jinks Newsom** and husband, Richard, moved to Wimberley, TX, last summer. They celebrated 36 years of marriage this summer and are delighted to be back in Texas with their three children. She is a school guidance counselor and he's vice president of Precision Plastics.

**George Stevenson** is associate professor of music at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK, and serves as music director at New Haven United Methodist Church. He and wife, Camille, write that they are proud grandparents of twin girls, Kate and Chloe Tunnell, born to their

daughter, Holly, in May.

**Mack and Brenda (Harcrow, '64) Blackwell** live in Arkadelphia, AR. He's the director of operations for Sabine Valley Regional MHMR Center in Longview, TX.

1967

**Ray Vardaman** is director of bands at Jacksonville (TX) High School.

**Larry and Judy (Travis) Hampton** live in Arlington, TX, where she's a pre-K teacher at Arlington ISD and he's employed with IBM as a software engineer.

**Dwight Kaufman** is a physician with Jackson Clinic in Jackson, TN.

**Sam and Peggy (Price, '66) Tinsley** live in Garland, TX. He's a professor at Richland College and she's teaches in the Garland ISD.

**George Heflin** is retired from Conoco and lives in Fort Smith, AR.

**Roy Parker** pastors Memorial Baptist Church in Temple, TX. Eighteen months ago the church was rocked to its foundation by a Valentine's Day bus accident that took the lives of several of the congregation. This tragedy brought the church together in a marvelous way, including a \$4 million building



**AFTERNOON FUN** • Students spend a sunny fall afternoon with elementary children as part of Campus Ministries' Big Brother/Big Sister program. • photo by Jessica McFadden

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## MORNING RUN

• Jessica Terrill, a freshman member of the cross country team from Czech Republic, gets in an early morning run. The team finished in fourth place at the Gulf South Conference meet. • photo by Jessica McFadden



program.

## 1968

**MaryEtta (Arnold) Wells** is an administrative assistant with Data Guidance Group in Memphis.

**Donna Prince Duncan** and husband, **Bob ('67)**, live in Mesquite, TX. She is self employed as an author and school library consultant. He's a chaplain with Baylor Med Center.

**Joe King** was honored recently by Howard Memorial Hospital for his 30 years of service and dedication to its patients, hospital staff and community. He and wife, Deborah, live in Nashville, AR, where he's a physician with the Family Clinic.

**Sheryl Cooper** is a teacher with the International English Programs of Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

**Dwight Weaver** is director of account management services for Lockheed Martin Corporation in Bethesda, MD.

**Claudia (Diles) Rogers** writes that she retired from Cuddeback Elementary School in Carlotta, CA,

after 36 years. She just returned from a trip to Paris and the south of France cruising on the Rhine River.

## 1969

**Juanita "Nita" Nicholson Redmond** teaches elementary music at Mesquite (TX) ISD and directs the children's choirs at First United Methodist Church in Dallas where she's been a member for past 16 years. She and husband, Glenn, an architect, live in Dallas and have one son, Ross, a senior at the University of North Texas.

**Johnny Hooks** of Monticello, AR, was appointed by Gov. Mike Huckabee to the Science and Technology Authority. He's an executive with State Farm Insurance Cos.

**Clarence Wooten** is a park ranger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and works out of the DeGray Lake State Park field office. He and wife, **Molly (Brown, '73)**, live in Bismarck.

**Linda (Brown) Lingo (fs)** is the school counselor for Malvern (AR) Junior High School.

**Craig Thuneman** is president of Teacher Access, Inc. and lives in Bloomingdale, IL, with wife, Janet.

**Carolyn Thurmond Brooks** lives in Fayetteville, AR, with husband, Charlie. She is a library media specialist at one of the Springdale schools. This is her 36<sup>th</sup> year to teach. They have four children and twin grandchildren.

**Rick Endsley** is a retired air traffic controller from the FAA. Since that time, he has helped design control approach airspace and procedures in Jamaica, taught for the University of Oklahoma FAA personnel at their training academy, and is now working as a police/911 dispatcher. Interesting careers! He and wife, Emalie, live in Lubbock, TX.

**Mac Sisson** retired from Ouachita Baptist University as assistant director of public relations and director of the news bureau after working there for almost 30 years.

## 1970

**David Mizell** lives in Seattle, WA, where he's employed with the computer company, Cray, Inc.

**Mike Tygart** is a flight simulator instructor with Pinnacle Airlines in Memphis. He has two sons, Joshua and Michael, and lives in Olive Branch, MS.

**Doug Freeze** is vice president and general manager of Motion Industries in Dallas.

**Charlotte (Tolley) Case** lives in Maumelle, AR, with husband, James. She is the school counselor at Jacksonville High School.

**Wayne and Vicki (Bratton) Winkle** live in Fort Smith where he's director of outpatient services at Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center and she's the Fort Smith Public School secretary.

**Bob Bledsoe** is director of development for Garvan Woodland Gardens in Hot Springs.

**Carolyn Helms McMurray** and husband, Elbert, live in Lowell, AR. She's the director of Wee Care Christian School in Fayetteville.

**Ron Collins** was named

president and CEO of Regions Bank in Clarksville, AR. He's a retired Lt. Colonel after serving 24 years in the Army Reserves. His wife, Diane (Ring '72), retired in May 2003 from teaching high school business/marketing/GIS. They have two married sons, Nick and Jeremy.

**Bill Kennedy** and wife, Pamela, live in Madison, MS. He's the hospital administrator for the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

**Ronnie Wilkins** is the executive director of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology in Nashville, TN.

**David Glaze** is minister of music at Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock.

**Cliff Harris** was inducted October 10 into the Dallas Cowboys' Ring of Honor. His name was added to the upper deck facade of Texas Stadium during the halftime ceremony.

## 1971

**Peggy Glover Hargett** lives in Smackover with husband, David. She's the gifted and talented coordinator for Smackover Public Schools.

**David McCutcheon** is a business analyst for Citizens Bank and lives in Cranston, RI, with wife, Patty, and son, Kyle, 4.

**Sharon Coe King** is a paramedic and shift supervisor for St. Joseph Lifemobile EMS in Hot Springs. She and husband, Bobby, live in Royal, AR.

**Sue Byrum Stewart** lives in Lonoke, AR, where she's a videographer with Stewart Video Production Company.

## 1972

**Lynda Nelson Samons** has joined the staff of Henderson State University as the coordinator of online program development.

**Neal Sumerlin** is professor of chemistry at Lynchburg (VA) College. He and wife, Jane, have two children: Daniel and Anna.

**Mike and JoAnne (Smith)**

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**Beaty** live in Waco, TX. She just completed another year of teaching at Hillcrest Professional Development School. He's the vice provost for faculty development at Baylor and has been named chair-elect of the philosophy department. He will assume duties as chair on June 1, 2005. They have two sons: Zack, a Spanish teacher at Waco High School, and Daniel, a sophomore at Baylor.

**John Jones** lives in Little Rock where he's a training consultant for Fidelity Information Services.

## 1973

**Miles Kelly** is a DV/SA investigator with the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office. He and wife, **Susan (King)** live in Lexington, VA.

**Cherie Faulkner Stevenson** lives in Fort Smith and teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Booneville Elementary School. She lost her husband, Bob, to liver cancer in February.

**Marshall Moore** has been named communications specialist with Anthem Blue Cross-Blue Shield in Roanoke, VA. He has been with Anthem since 1996. He is assigned to the individual communications section of the Roanoke office.

**Sherry Doublin Coleman** has accepted a position as executive assistant at Harvest Partners, a commercial development (real estate) partnership, located in Dallas. She retired from Garland ISD as secondary ELA coordinator. She writes, "After 31 years in education, I decided to retire from that field and move on to a new challenge. I retired on Friday, married off my firstborn daughter in the chapel at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano the next Friday and started the new job the next Monday. Whew!! I need a vacation." (She has wedding pictures for anyone interested!!)

**Connie Robison** is a speech-language pathologist with Vernon Parish School Board in Leesville, LA.

**Paul Miller** lives in Lubbock, TX, where he's a vocational rehab

counselor.

**Bill Spiers** is the account manager for PLATO Learning, Inc. He and wife, Christine, live in San Antonio with sons, Mike and James.

**Davie (Coffey) Allen (fs)** and husband, Charles, celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 8 in Camden. They are the parents of David Allen and Caryn Hodges.

**Liz Lumpkin Murphy** lives in Charlotte, NC, with husband, Stephen. She is a business analyst with Fidelity Information Services.

## 1974

**Donald Tackett** has been appointed by Gov. Mike Huckabee to the Ouachita Technical College Board of Directors. He's the regional president for Summit Bank.

**Charlotte Daniel** is a legal secretary for Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Galchus in Little Rock.

**Lee Sanders** is a statistician and research analyst for Southern Arkansas University Tech in Camden.

**Margaret Avery Brazil** retired in May as physical education specialist at Central Primary School in Arkadelphia. She is retiring after 27 years with the Arkadelphia School District and 30 years of teaching. She's been at Central for more than 15 years.

**Carolyn Forward McGough** teaches art K-4 at Clinton Primary at Hope. She and husband, Robert, retired auditor with the State of Arkansas Legislative Audit, live in Prescott. They have a daughter, **Melinda (2000)** who lives in Dallas, and a son, James, who lives in Little Rock.

**Diane Allen Hughes** is a library media specialist with Lake Hamilton Junior High School. She and husband, **Ronnie ('71)**, live in Bismarck.

**Sandy McGee Kurosaki** lives in Benton, AR, with husband, Ryan. They have three sons, Jason, **Drew** (current student) and Aaron. She is a physical therapist at Towbin Healthcare Center (VA) in North

Little Rock.

**Alan Tucker** writes that he's no longer in church work due to a divorce years ago. He lives outside of Jonesboro, AR, is a big camping fan and owns a large 5<sup>th</sup> wheel. He has also restored a vintage 1969 VW bug which he has a lot of fun showing off. He would love to hear from some of you, especially anyone with a vintage car. He can be reached at [vwjoet@obualumni.org](mailto:vwjoet@obualumni.org).

**Dan Pike** retired after 30 years with the Army. He continues to work with the Department of Defense as the deputy director for the Office of African Policy. He and **Judy (Komorous)** live in Alexandria, VA. She's an instructor with the Department of Defense.

## 1975

**Cathy Jo Robinson Dawson** is teaching at Benton (AR) Public Schools. The last of her four children, **Lindsey**, is attending OBU this year.

**Joe and Robin (McBride, '77) Robertson** live in The Colony, TX. He's employed as a project manager with Electronic Data Systems (EDS) in Fort Worth.

**Vicky Vining Crawley (fs)** is a medical analyst with Arkansas Blue Cross-Blue Shield. She and husband, Ron, live in Benton.

**H. Don Yancey** retired in 2000 as a U.S. Army chaplain in Augusta, GA. Currently he is pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and is an adjunct professor of ethics at Erskine Theological Seminary. Wife, **Dealia (Thornton, '73)** is an elementary school teacher and is working on her

master of library and information (MLIS) degree at the University of South Carolina. Their daughter, Sarah, lives on her own so they have a dog - Sammi!! They would love to hear from old friends. They can email them at [hyancey@knology.net](mailto:hyancey@knology.net).

**James "Bubba" Hawley** is an emergency room doctor in the small town (by Arkansas standards - a large town by Wyoming standards)

of Wheatland, WY. He and wife, Koni, have a 14-year-old daughter, Heather, and raise Appaloosa horses and Rocky Mountain horses.

## 1976

**Janet McCain Huckabee (fs)** was inducted into the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame in October at its 13<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. This was hosted by the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation.

**Pam Vinson Raspberry** is a teacher of the visually impaired at the Arkansas School of the Blind in Little Rock.

**Steven Mullen** is dean of the College of Christian Faith at Dallas Baptist University.

**Nathaniel Randall** and wife, Tinnie, live in Springfield, IL, where he's director of risk management for Horace Mann Insurance Company and is pastor of New Bethel AME Church in Godfrey, IL.

**Sharon Smith Worsencroft** lives in a log home on 10 acres in Erda, Utah, about 25 miles west of Salt Lake City. She and husband, Jerry, have 6 boys (Brigham, Brennan, Brady, Brett, Brodie and Branson) and one daughter (Jennie), and own a landscaping business, called Sharon & Sons. One of their sons, Brennan, is married, in the Marines, and lives in North Carolina. He did an 8-month stay in Iraq last year and was featured in *Time* magazine while there.

**Doug Badertscher** and wife, Jamie, live in Osprey, FL. He is the CEO of Private Equity Firm, a medical-related company, in West Palm Beach.

**Jim Cobb** retired from the Army after 28 years and moved to Gainesville, FL. He reports that he plans to go to Ethiopia to work with African Peacekeepers.

**David Humble** serves as a member of the production staff of Harvest Time Ministries, the largest producer of Japanese-language Christian TV programming in Japan. His duties include video engineering, translating, editing, and website design and developing. He

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also serves as a wedding ministries chaplain at a local resort hotel. He and wife, Hiroko, have two children, Andrew and Mitsuko, and live in Susono-shi, Shizuoka, Japan.

**Luther Guinn**, 20-year employee of the Arkansas State Banking Department, was named deputy bank commissioner of the agency, effective February 2005.

**Dennis (fs74) and Becky (Cude) Tuchalski** live in Alton, IL. He's a respiratory therapist with St. Joseph Health Center.

**Linda Smith Covey** is an antique dealer with D&L Enterprises and Jenifer's Antiques in Conway, AR.

**Joyce (Stalnaker) French** is a fiscal officer for the Administrative Office of the Courts in Little Rock.

**Obie Dixon (fs)** is a sales manager with Pristine Systems. He and wife, Melinda, live in Overland Park, KS.

**Deborah Riggs Puett** writes she still lives in the Dallas area where she's been since 1978. She is nearing her 10-year anniversary of employment with Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church. She and husband, June, celebrated 25 years of marriage this past June. She would love to hear from her Gamma Phi sisters (1972-76) and other friends. They can email her at debbie.puett@stbc.org.

**Mary Kay Petty Norris** is a computer specialist with Kingwood Forest Services in Monticello, AR. She, husband, Robert "Sluggo," and 16-year-old daughter, Molly, are active in Pauline Missionary Baptist Church.

## 1977

**Debra Calaway Hammond** is affiliated with the Medical Center of South Arkansas as well as Parkers Chapel Public School as a speech pathologist. She and husband, Gary, live in El Dorado, AR, and have two children, a sophomore at La. Tech and a 16-year-old high school junior.

**Phyllis Mitchael Wells** is a librarian with River Valley Christian School in Fort Smith.

**Dwaine Clark** is a job manager with the construction firm, Dee Brown, Inc., in Dallas.

**Brian and Dawne (Miller) Carroll** live in North Little Rock. He's the facilities director at the Youth Home in Little Rock and she's a speech pathologist.

**Nancy Legreid Stamp** is a dietitian with Fleet Feet Sports in Cincinnati, OH. She and husband, Paul, and 17-year-old son, Matt, live in Loveland.

**Jeff Pounders** resigned as associate professor of sociology at Ouachita Baptist University and moved to Ada, OK.

**Kevin and Sharon (Ferguson '76) Wieser** are in Arkadelphia where they both work in education. He serves as Tiger Network director and tutor coordinator for the Academic Enrichment Center at Ouachita Baptist University. She teaches math at Goza Middle School. They have three children: Jay, a first-year law student at SMU, **Jamie W. Cook (fs'02)**, a graduate of UAMS dental hygiene school, and **Jill**, a freshman at OBU.

**Wesley Kluck** was honored in June with a reception at Baptist Health Medical Center for 20 years of service to the Arkadelphia area.

**Raymond Rowe** lives in Hot Springs where he teaches at Lake Hamilton High School.

**Len Lowman** is director and a therapist at Napa Valley Counseling Center in Little Rock.

**Gayle Brown McAfee** lives in Rowlett, TX, with husband, Ted, and sons, Shawn, Colin and Spencer. She teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Herfurth Elementary in Garland. She and Ted celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

**Wesley Lites** is chair of humanities department at Jefferson Community College in Louisville, KY.

**Tina Manning** is a commercial contracts attorney with GE Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati, OH.

## 1978

**Scott Willis** writes that since

leaving BSU student ministry after 14 years, he has developed a worship ministry which includes worship leader in a local church, songwriting and publishing, as well as a concert ministry. He's recorded three albums with the latest released October 5. He would love to hear from friends and classmates or anyone interested in his music and worship ministry. He and wife, Vickie, and their two children live in Murfreesboro, TN, and can be contacted at Scott\_Willis@obualumni.org.

**Ron Edsell (fs)** lives in Bentonville, AR, and is employed in construction and property development with Service Realty Corp. and Jayel Corp.

**Karen Gentry Parrish** and husband, Harvey, live in Greenville, MS, where she's a special education teacher at O'Bannon High School.

**Melody "Missy" Wise** teaches English at University of Arkansas Community College in Batesville, AR.

**Randy Thomas** is director of client services at Education Systems Products, Inc., a computer company in Owasso, OK.

**Doney Blackerby**, pastor of Center Missionary Baptist Church in Rison, AR, preached the introductory sermon in June at the national meeting of the American Baptist Association in Tucson, AZ. He and his wife of 25 years, Rhonda, have two daughters and a son.

**Faron Rogers** has accepted the pastorate of Second Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. He and wife, **Ann (Bishop, '79)** have moved from DeQueen where he pastored for 15 years. Their two daughters are students at Ouachita, senior **Rachel** and sophomore **Emily**.

## 1979

**Tony and Beth (Bodie) Yocom** live in Hope, AR. He's a district judge and an attorney with Pilkinton, Pilkinton & Yocom.

**Dean Morris** is worship pastor at Severn Baptist Church in Severn, MD.

**Robert Cawthorn**, who

worked with Land O'Frost and served as president of their plant in Montevideo, Uruguay, is now president of Impact Food Group, LLC in Winter Springs, FL.

**Theresa Schaefer Rayman** lives in Sugar Land, TX, with husband, Edward. She works for Texas Center for Facial Plastic Surgery in charge of patient services.

**Joel Olive** is minister of music at Maple Grove Baptist Church in Trumann, AR. He and wife, Belinda, live in Jonesboro.

**Garland and Annetta Brackett** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 7 with a reception at Park Hill Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. They are parents of **Rick ('77), Randy ('80), Danny ('83)** and **Tracy ('84)**.

## 1980

**Rosa Guy (MSE)** retired from teaching but continues to volunteer at the school where she teaches students to read. She lives in East St. Louis, MO.

**Dave King** is the computer test engineer lead for Northrop Grumman Information Technology in Lawton, OK.

**Cindy Sharp Timmerman** lives in Montgomery, AL, with husband, Tim. She is employed with St. James High School as the principal assistant.

**Rebekah Henry Darnell** is project manager for Unisys Corp, a computer company in Okemos, MI. She and husband, Michael, have one son, Michael Henry.

**William and Rhonda (Francis) Tollett** live in Little Rock. He's the associate pastor of administration at First Baptist Church and she's a homemaker.

**Tonda Ratterree** is a senior business analyst for Fidelity Information Services, a computer company in Little Rock.

**Naccaman Williams** was appointed by Gov. Mike Huckabee to the Arkansas Board of Education. He lives in Springdale, AR, where he's a senior program officer for the Walton Family Foundation.

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**Donna Robertson** writes that she's "been everywhere, man" since she left Ouachita, but has finally put down roots in Fayetteville where she's been for 13 years. She's an administrative team coordinator for the White River Fellowship. She has three children: Katie, who lives in Fort Worth with husband, Justin Atkins, while he attends Southwestern Seminary. Daughter, Laura Rice, is a student at Multnomah Bible College in Portland, OR; and son, Isaac Rice, is a junior at Fayetteville High School.

**Joe Williams** is the finance director of The Clarion-Ledger in Jackson, MS.

**Vicki Veatch Robinson** lives in Shreveport with husband, Scott, and 16-year-old twins, Andrew and Megan. She is the accounting manager for Highland Clinic, APMC.

**Jim Cornwell** is an optometrist with Hampton Roy Eye Center in Little Rock.

**Bob Scudder** is an administrative specialist with the U.S. Army Logistics Management College in Fort Lee, VA.

**Mary (Thomas) Ellis** is the branch supervisor and manager for the White Hall Library. She and husband, Frank ('79), live in Pine Bluff.

**Andy Morgan**, wife Linda, and their four children, Jessica 15, Maria, Juliana, 10, and Matthew, 7, live in Memphis, TN, where he's director of operations for JME, Inc., d.b.a. McAlister's Deli.

**Don Turner (fs)** is the senior clinical engineer with Beckman Coulter, Inc. He and wife, Melissa, live in Montrose, CO.

**Wanda Walker Woods (fs)** writes that "even though she didn't graduate from OBU, she has kept in touch through the years." She now lives in Tulsa, OK, and has a job with a large convenience store chain. Her sons are 22 and 19. The older one lives and works in Tulsa; the younger is a U.S. Marine stationed in

Okinawa, Japan.

**Steven Gimenez** is the group executive director with Wendel D. Ley YMCA in Houston, TX.

**Greg and Sue (Nutt) Smith** live in Fredericksburg, VA. He received his Ph.D. in May from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY; she received her master of divinity in May from Virginia Commonwealth University. They are employed with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia as missionaries to Hispanics.

**Kent Westbrook** is vice president for relationship management with Wells Fargo Financial Preferred Capital in Newtown, PA.

**Charles Smith** is minister of children at First Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, TX.

**Gina Glover Crawford** lives in Pineville, LA, and is assistant professor of English at Louisiana College.

**Elaine Skaggs Quillman** is a home design consultant for Interior Solutions in Plano, TX.

**Diane Rogers Harrison (fs)** lives in Mabelvale, AR, with husband, Greg, and children, Andrew (16) and Katie (14). She is an audiology assistant with Arkansas Otolaryngology.

## 1982

**John Cope** is senior pastor for Keystone Community Fellowship in North Wales, PA.

**Bob Hall** was honored August 1 by First Baptist Church of Beebe, AR, for 10 years of service as pastor. The church presented him and his family a book of letters and a generous love offering.

**Amy (Holland) Kerrigan**, a family nurse practitioner, is currently at home with their 4-year-old son, John. She and husband, Mark, live in Nashville, TN, where they attend Woodmont Baptist Church.

**Mark and Martha (Bowling, fs77) Byrd** live in Ypsilanti, MI, where he's executive director of Eastern Michigan University.

**DeAnna Travis Sanders** is minister of missions/ministries at



**STUDENT PRODUCTION** • Students perform in the fall production of "Absence With Pictures." The play was written by senior Kendra Scattergood and directed by senior Kyle Thomas. • photo by Jessica McFadden

Immanuel Baptist Church in Duncan, OK.

**Leah Barker Stewart** lives on a farm near Lewisville, AR, with husband, Randy and their two home schooled children: Ashley (17) and Bradley (15).

**Ron Butler** lives in Dry Creek, LA, with wife, Miriam, and children Alicia (17) and Chris (16). He pastors Cherry Grove Baptist Church.

**Paulette Henderson Blacknall** has been named volleyball coach at Arkadelphia High School. She is returning to coaching after being a resource teacher for 10 years.

**Carrie Sligh Poag** was a member of the cast in "The Andy Griffith Reunion Show" in June at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN.

**Ann Thrash** lives in Lexington, SC, and is employed as a consultant with Advanced Automation of Colonial Supplemental Insurance.

**Anita Warren** is the theatre director at Mt. Pleasant (TX) High School.

**Suzanne Cunningham Tutor** teaches Spanish and Bible at Community Christian Academy in Paducah, KY. She and Michael, have three children: Jessica (17), Zachary (14) and Sarah Grace (9).

**David Cassady** is publisher and executive vice president for Smyth & Helwys Publishing and lives in Macon, GA, with wife, Rejeana (Schaaf), and Jonathan (14) and Megan (10).

**Fred Ball** is a research associate in the department of psychiatry at UAMS in Little Rock.

**Kim Fischer** is OSHA project specialist and ind. hygiene consultant for the Arkansas Department of Labor in Little Rock.

**Dale and Olga (Palafox, '79) Tommey** live in El Dorado. He's the controller for Southern Arkansas University-Tech in East Camden.

**Erby Burgess** has been appointed by Gov. Mike Huckabee to the Governor's Steering Committee for Abstinence Education. He serves as pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church in Arkadelphia.

## 1983

**Mark Winscott** is an engineer with Sandia National Laboratory in Edgewood, NM.

**Kim (Duke) Huckabee** is the speech pathologist for Hot Spring County Medical Center in Malvern. Husband, **Sandy ('90)** is a psychological examiner for the Arkadelphia School District.

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**HELPING HAND** • One Arkadelphia resident gets a helping hand in landscaping her home. Over 400 students, faculty and staff participated in the Tiger Serve Day on September 18. • photo by Stephen Carter

They live in Arkadelphia with sons, Stephen and Alex.

**Kendra Thompson Dewey** teaches business information technology at Howe High School. She and husband, Thomas, live in Poteau, OK.

**Robert Ward** is a senior hazard control engineer for Day & Zimmerman/Lone Star Division in Texarkana, TX.

**Joe Dan Reed** lives in Waco, TX, and is the administrator of Ballew & Associates Podiatry.

**Beth Holland Dawson** is the assistant audiovisual librarian at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY. She and David have three children: Elizabeth, Charlotte, and Sam.

**Doug Keeton** is the senior computer program manager for Gray Hawk Systems in Alexandria, VA.

**Joyce Steward Knighton** and husband, Ken, live in San Diego, CA, where she's an administrative assistant for General Atomics.

**Dan Mefford** is a chaplain at Heartland Regional Medical Center. He and wife, Stephanie, and daughter, Dana, live in St. Joseph, MO.

**Kent Priest** left a career in photography for the woods of Alabama where, for the past five years, he has worked as a forest ranger-wildland firefighter. He lives in Millbrook, AL, but is stationed in Montgomery overseeing the Alabama Forestry Commission's communications facility. He would love to hear from old friends. His email is priestk@phreego.com

**Walter Dodd** is employed as resource management officer for the U.S. Army 90<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command in North Little Rock.

**Laraine Harris Lamb** is the assistant superintendent for the Missouri Department of Corrections and lives in Mexico, MO.

**Charles Reynolds** is the head football and track coach for Benton (AR) Junior High School.

**Lynn Lisk** has accepted

a position at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith as director of paralegal and pre-law studies. He previously owned his own law firm in Little Rock. He writes that he has always wanted to teach on a college or graduate school level.

**Clay Doss** has joined the staff of Valley Baptist Church in Searcy as minister of music, outreach and senior adults.

**Mike Landrum** has accepted a position with Rhea & Ivy, PLC, as a partner in their accounting and audit practice. He and Suzanne live in Memphis.

## 1984

**Alan Moore** celebrated 10 years in August as minister of music at Woodland Heights Baptist Church in Conway.

**Shelly Ricketts Buckner** is a consultant with CEO Networks in Tempe, AZ.

**Andy Brown** lives in San Antonio and is regional manager of the Western U.S. for Sodexo.

**Sonja Clinesmith Keith** and husband, Thomas, adopted two children, Joe and Laura, last year from Russia. They now have four children: James (9), Emily (7), Laura (6) and Joe (5). They live in Conway.

**John Guerra** has relocated from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Mount Ida, AR, where he pastors First Baptist Church.

**Tim Wooldridge**, wife Nancy, and children, John and Ashlee, live in Allen, TX. He is the vice president of virtual branch services with the computer company, Fiserv IntegraSys.

**Al Stanford** writes "Although I'm not originally from Texas, I've got here as quick as I could." He and wife, **Debbie (Rowe)** live in Flower Mound with daughters, Hannah (13) and Amanda (6). He's an elementary special ed teacher at Little Elm ISD; she's a catalog toy buyer with J.C. Penney.

**Cindy Gilmer** is the chief deputy with Sebastian County Circuit Clerk in Fort Smith, AR.

**John Hossler** is associate pastor of young families and student ministries for Covenant Church. He and wife, Amy, and children Haley (10), Sophie (7) and Jaden (3) live in Carrollton, TX.

**Scott Byrd** was elected the 22<sup>nd</sup> president of the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry Alumni Association. He has his dental practice in Arkadelphia. He is the first LSUSD graduate from Arkansas to serve as president.

## 1985

**Bob Johnson**, pastor of Patterson Heights Baptist Church in Anderson, MO, is teaching external program classes for Oklahoma Baptist University.

**Donna Kelly** is the senior accounting consultant with DD&F Consulting Group in Little Rock.

**Jeanette Goacher Skipper** (fs) teaches junior high math at West Memphis Public School. She and husband, Rodger, and sons, Eric and William, live in Hughes, AR.

**Karen Zabriskie Vaughan** is a registered investment advisor rep for Merrill Lynch and lives in Tyler, TX, with husband, Daniel.

**Jerry Bridges** is the head basketball coach at Cabot.

**David Muldrew**, a detective with the criminal investigation department of the Hope (AR) Police Department, received his sergeant's stripes in a promotion ceremony earlier this year.

**Lynn Smith** is the graduate program administrator for the department of economics at the University of Houston.

**Karen (Watkins) Walker** works as a pathologist assistant at the Arkansas Pathology Associates in Little Rock.

**Mike Wallace**, managing partner for Benchmark Financial of Arkansas, was recently selected as the Mass Mutual Financial Group Sales Manager for the Central Arkansas office. His duties will include recruiting, training, retaining and development of the financial services advisors in his district. He

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lives in Little Rock.

## 1986

**Lance Cansdale** is the head coach of the men's swim team at California State University in Bakersfield, CA.

**Susan "Miki" Potter Pearson** keeps books for Alta Loma (CA) Christian School. She and husband, Donald Scott, have two children: Chelsea (17) and Brandon (14).

**Kel Nicholson** was named police chief of Sherwood, AR.

**B. J. Brown** has joined the football staff of Arkadelphia High School as receivers and defensive backs coach.

**David Moxley** is an engineer with Intel Corp. in Portland, OR. He and wife, Sheri, have two daughters: Joanna and Michelle.

**Danny Leasure** is a teacher and golf coach at Lexington (TN) High School.

## 1987

**Ellen Neill** teaches at Episcopal School of Dallas, TX.

**Michelle Dacus Lesley (fs)**, formerly a teacher at Louisiana School for the Deaf and later counseled deaf students at LSU, is now a stay-at-home mom who is home-schooling her six children: step-sons Joshua (17), Caleb (15), and her children, Michaela (9), Jordan (4), Benjamin (2) and Jacob (1). She and husband, Scott, and family live in Baton Rouge, LA.

**Keith and Renee (Honea) Norwood**, sons, Davis and Josh, and daughter Natalie, live in Benton, AR. He's a psychological examiner with Norwood Psychological Assessment.

**Ronny Bedford** is director of internal auditing for Parker Drilling in Houston, TX.

**Robert Duffer** and wife, Debbie, live in Springfield, MO, where he's the IT director for Central States Industrial.

**Robert and Sharon (Smith, Finkston)** are back in Arkadelphia serving as the missionaries-in-residence at Ouachita, coming from

Canada where they have served as missionaries since 2000. They have four children: Zachary, Lindsey, Haley and Maleah.

**Rhonda (Gross) Joyner** lives in Havelock, NC, with husband, Navy chaplain Patrick, and their six children: William, Audrey, Jordan, Maggie, Noah and LaurelAnna. He serves the Marines at Cherry Point Marine Air Station.

## 1988

**Boyd Ross** lives in Dacula, GA, and is strategic account manager for Michelin North America.

**Cynthia PotterDapello** teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Western Christian Schools in Claremont, CA. She, husband, Rick, and daughter, Brittany (9) live in Upland.

**Randy and Christy (Dozier) Cox** live in Rogers with Tyler (14) and Cara (12). He works at the Wal-Mart Stores corporate office as a recruiting manager.

**Laurie (Lawhon) Jones** writes that she and her sons, Jace (12) and Jenner (9) are adjusting to living with a principal instead of a coach. After 15 years of coaching, **Jayme ('88)** decided to make the change to elementary principal at Marshall Elementary School. She is teaching 5-12 grade art. They live in Harrison, AR.

**Kevin Smith** is a CIS development manager for D&K Healthcare Resources. He and wife, Christy, and daughters, Abbi (6) and Alli (4), live in Texarkana, TX.

**Jeff Hogg** is a teacher and the football defensive coordinator at Chapel Hill ISD in Tyler, TX.

**Carla Duggan** is a senior veterans service rep for the VA Regional Office in North Little Rock.

**Ancil Lea** writes that his daughter, Kelsey, was picked this summer as 1 of 20 semi-finalists from a "Double Bubble Blowing Contest" held at their local Wal Mart. They had to submit pictures and a video to show she could blow a 20-inch bubble. She was picked as one of 6 finalists to be flown to New York

to appear on The Today's Show, put up in the Waldorf Astoria and given a grand tour of New York City.

**Stephen Nortier** has opened a new ad agency representing ministries. He books evangelists in churches and also places media time for ministries. He lives in Northwest Indiana.

**Gary and Norma (Spencer '89) Powell** live in Flat Rock, NC, where he serves as associate pastor for worship and senior adults at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

**Jan (Brian Dunaway) Davis** is principal at Camden (AR) Christian Academy.

**Terry DeWitt** was deployed in October to Baghdad for 17 months.

**Michelle (Rouse) Dearing (fs)** and sons, Tyler (12) and Todd (5) live in Bentonville, AR. She is a finance manager for J.D. Hunt Transport Service in Lowell.

**Sean Seligman** teaches at Gentry (AR) High School and serves as defensive coordinator for the football team and head baseball coach.

## 1989

**Joe Cathey** works as the archivist and special collections librarian at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

**Tommy Wallace** pastors Tamuning Christian Fellowship in Tamuning, Guam.

**Brad and Jill (Persenaire, '88) Sullivan** and their daughters, Hannah and Bethany, live in Cabot. He's the Small Learning Communities director for Cabot Public Schools; she is a private practice speech pathologist, specializing in reading disorders.

**Phillip Fields** is the executive director for Lower Little River Watershed Coalition and lives in Lockesburg, AR.

**Rebecca (Slavens) Bowen (fs)** lives in Myrtle Beach, SC, and is a lab manager for Sleep Telemedicine Services.

**Robin Vermeer Mockabee** lives in Hope, AR, with children, Trey (11), Matthew (6) and Molly

Ann (5). She teaches first grade at Clinton Primary.

**John McCuistion** is the sales manager for Cooling & Applied Technology in Russellville, AR. He and wife, **Kelly (Coulter, '92)** have three children: Chris (5) and twins Coulter and Collier (2).

**Beth Owens Ferguson** is the aquatic/teen director of the Oldham County YMCA and lives in Buckner, KY.

## 1990

**Steve Tipton** is starting his 5<sup>th</sup> year as a staff chaplain at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. He and wife, Sara, have two children, ages 6 and 7.

**Laura Terry Johnson** is the library media specialist for K.B. Polk Elementary in Dallas. She has two children: Alyssa French (14) and Carley Johnson (2).

**Dwight and Julie (Warren) Burke** live in Destin, FL, with their 9-year old daughter, Hannah. He's employed with Xerox Corporation and she's an education consultant with the direct instruction implementation company, J/P Associates.

**Miranda Childs**, a general practice dentist in Arkadelphia, was featured in the summer 2004 issue of Arkansas Dentistry magazine, in an article on "Women in Dentistry."

**Joel Humphrey** spent 6 months in Kuwait and Iraq in 2003 as an Army Reservist with Operation Iraqi Freedom as a chemical officer with the 31<sup>st</sup> Air Defense Artillery Brigade. In April 2004, he was mobilized again, this time in supply of Operation Enduring Freedom. He works as a force integration officer with the Headquarters, 90<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command at Camp Robinson, AR. Wife, Sharon, and daughter, Kamryn (5), will remain in Hot Springs.

**Terry and Becky (Steele, '91) Sergeant** moved this summer to Abilene, TX, where he serves on faculty at Hardin-Simmons. He had been associate professor of math and computer science at Ouachita since 1997.

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**Evan French** is president of Big Picture Productions and lives in Shawnee, KS.

**Jana Taylor Becker** and husband, Scott, live in Plano, TX. She's employed with Dr. Pepper/Seven Up, as a director of category management; he's an assistant district attorney.

**Brian Finley** is music director at First United Methodist Church in Fordyce, AR.

**Ronda Webb Self** is a healthcare account executive with SYSCO Food Services. She lives in Marion, with husband, Todd ('93), who is a preacher as well as an instructor at ADC.

## 1991

**Robin (Brotheron) Ponder** teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Mena (AR) Middle School. She and husband, John, have three children and live in Mena.

**Jana (Allcock) Liebermann** is policy information center librarian for the Department of Health & Human Services in Washington, DC.

**Jimmy and Tanya (Cansdale) Johnson** live in El Dorado. He's a coach and teacher and she is director of rehabilitation at ONR, Inc.

**Jeff Morrow** is project manager and CPA for Acxiom in Little Rock. He and wife, Miki, and Grayson (6) and twins, Kati and Colen (4) live in Benton.

**Susan (Fulmer) Riley** lives in Fort Smith with husband, Greg, and daughters, Emma (9) and Eryn (4). She's employed with Arkansas Department of Health as a nutritionist.

**Donna (Terry) Heinley** is secretary for First Baptist Church in Richardson, TX. She and husband, Barry, have two daughters, Haleigh (9) and Kelsey (5) and live in Rowlett.

**Robin O'Neil West** and husband, Craig, have moved to Charleston, AR, where he will pastor First Baptist Church. She is a stay-at-mom to Hannah (2) and Micah, born in September.

**Vince Hustead** is employed as

a planner for the City of Kansas City, MO's Planning and Development Department.

**Cathy (Smart) Fletcher** works as a registered nurse at Baptist Health in Little Rock. She and husband, Tony, and son T.J. (14), live in Lonoke.

**Mark Garland** is a sergeant with the 324<sup>th</sup> tactical psychological operations company in Aurora, CO.

## 1992

**Derek Alexander** is an IT business consultant for Fidelity Information Services in Jacksonville, FL.

**David Yarbrough** is pastor of worship and education at First Baptist Church, Carthage, TX.

**Leisa Arnett** gives private piano lessons (Leisa's Piano Adventures) and is church organist. She lives in Texarkana, AR.

**Dennis and Jody (Roberson)**, '93 Janz have been appointed missionaries and a church planting catalyst by the International Mission Board of the SBC. They will serve in Botswana, South Africa.

**Becky (Brumley) Smith**, husband, Danny, and son Daniel Hunter (6) live in Crossett, AR, where she teaches 8-9 grade science at Crossett Public Schools.

**Lance Eads** is director of development for Tyson Credit Union in Springdale, AR.

**Mark Haywood** is finishing supervisor for Temple-Inland Manufacturing in Hope, AR.

**Shane McNary** works as a strategy coordinator and missionary for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Slovak Republic. He works with Romany (gypsy) people group in Slovakia and the Czech Republic. He and wife, Dianne, have two children: Matthew (11) and Allie (9).

**Butch Gray** is the defensive coordinator and assistant head football coach at El Dorado High School.

**Saundra (Corbell) Bishop** accepted a position at Ashdown Public Schools as a business

education teacher. She was recently employed at the Little River County Juvenile Probation Office as a juvenile probation officer. She completed the Arkansas Department of Education Non-Traditional Licensure Program and obtained her teaching license.

**Rhonda (Funderburg) Williams** is a theatre-speech instructor at St. Joseph Catholic Schools in Pine Bluff, AR.

**Brian Smith** is minister of communications at Shady Mountain Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL.

**Greg and Dana (Roberts) O'Neal** live in Texarkana, TX, with children, Geoffrey (11) and Kirsten (9). Dana teaches on the Arkansas side at Trinity Christian Schools and Greg is a sound contractor.

**Lance and Jennifer (DeVorak), '95 Faddis** have moved to Centerton, AR, (outside of Bentonville). He just completed his residency in internal medicine/pediatrics and has joined the Garrett Goss Clinic and will be practicing in Centerton. She is a stay-at-home mom to Luke (2) and is expecting Sara Elizabeth in November.

**Mike Beck** is the student pastor for Hot Springs Baptist Church.

**Gladys Joiner Childs** has been named chaplain of Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth. She's the first woman to be appointed to the position. She will supervise sanctioned religious groups on campus as well as teach two church internships, host weekly chapel services and plan and oversee religious programming activities.

## 1993

**Jason McCullough** is superintendent of the Hubbard (TX) ISD.

**Michelle Goza** has joined the staff of Philander Smith College in Little Rock as a member of Upward Bound program. She has worked at Ouachita for 3-1/2 years as the student relations coordinator for the TRIO program.

**Steve Harness** is founding pastor of The Crossroads Church in Holiday, FL.

**Jonathan Gary** was selected as director of the University of Mary-Hardin/Baylor Conservatory of Music in Belton, TX. He and wife, Emily, live in Temple.

**Tonya (Jones) McKinney** lives in Bryant, AR, with husband, Mark. She's the credit/distance education coordinator for University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

**Deana (Smith) Davis** and husband, John, have lived in Arlington, TX, for past eight years. They have two daughters, Carmen (5) and Stephanie (2). He teaches physics in Mansfield and she works as a legal assistant/paralegal in Arlington.

**Chris Esch** accepted a position with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals as a sales rep in the Hot Springs territory. He and wife, Cyndi, and daughter, Madi (3), live in Benton.

**Jay Heflin** was selected as one of the "40 under 40" recognized by Arkansas Business Magazine as intriguing business and political leaders who bear watching. He and brother, **Marc ('95)**, founded Bird and Bear Medical, a company that specializes in home medical unit-dose medication. He lives in Little Rock with wife, **Andrea (Holt, '94)** and son, Benjamin.

**Tony Christensen** is a machinist with Horizon Tech Industries in Fort Worth and is active in Tate Springs Baptist Church. He still likes Stryper.

**Beth Anne Rankin** has been in Nashville, TN, recording piano tracks for her new instrumental CD. She is also teaching piano, voice, twirling and interview two days a week in Magnolia, AR.

**Alex and Meredith (Dougan), '94 Himaya** live in Tulsa, OK, with their three children: Katherine (4), Eli (2) and Benjamin (10 months.) He pastors The Church at Battle Creek, which is a new church start. Meredith enjoys staying at home. You can contact them via the church's website: [www.tcabc.com](http://www.tcabc.com).

**Pam Plummer** is serving as a school worker and volunteer at Tees Valley Community Church in Yarm,

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England. She plans to return to the States in July 2005.

**James Webb (fs)** and wife, Cathy, live in Little Rock where he's a security officer with Superior Protection Service.

1994

**Buffy (Meador) Knight** is assistant principal for Mauriceville Elementary School in Orange, TX. She and husband, Andrew, live in Bridge City.

**John David Sykes (fs)** is the outpatient coordinator for St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Russellville, AR.

**David Goodman** earned his masters in education degree from Azusa (CA) Pacific University in May. He's is director of admissions counseling at Ouachita.

**Quinton Miner** is an endodontist with Annapolis (MD) Endodontics.

**Rachel Braden Moix** lives in Paragould, AR, with husband, Chris, and children: Jake (10), Abbie (2) and Mia, born in June 2004. She is a stay-at-home mom.

**Dwayne Whitten** graduated in May from Louisiana Tech with his doctoral degree. He's an information systems professor at Baylor.

**Angie (Dodd) Thomas** lives in Fayetteville, AR, with husband, Jerry. She's a dietitian and diabetic educator at the VA Medical Center.

**Julie (Garner) Patterson** is the due-process specialist for Wilbur D. Mills Education Service Cooperative. She and husband, Bryan, live in Lonoke, AR.

**Johnpaul Arnold** was awarded the Bronze Star Metal and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for his service during Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. His wife, Amy, and parents Bill and Sharon (Owens) Arnold ('67) were in attendance. He also was presented with an Arkansas State Senate Citation by Senator Bailey Glover.

**Sabrina (Horton) Erwin** teaches science in the Denton (TX) ISD. She and husband, Jeremy ('95)

live in Little Elm.

**Matt Caton (fs)** is an investigator with the Arkansas State Police. He and wife, Nikki, and daughters, Kelsey (9) and Alix (4), live in Ward, AR.

**Chris Belvin** writes that "contrary to popular belief, I have not fallen off the face of the earth." For last 11 years he's been employed in collegiate athletics and is beginning his 4<sup>th</sup> year as associate director of athletics media relations at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK. He also wanted everyone to know that he got married September 25. He and Melissa went to Hawaii, alone, without any family.

**Mike Nichols** teaches history at Tarrant County College and lives in Fort Worth.

**Anna (Richardson) Walker** and family moved to the Dallas area this spring. She is a stay-at-home mom to Scotty (2) and Caroline, born in July 2004.

**Tara Morley Foster** is vice president in marketing at Bank of America in Charlotte, NC.

**Jason and Nicole (Baugher)**, '99 Evers live in Conway, AR. He's the sales manager at Superior Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep. Nicole, who gave up her job as a speech pathologist when son, Joshua, was born in 2002, has accepted a position as adjunct faculty at UCA. She will supervise graduate students while they conduct therapy in the UCA clinic.

**Dawn (Karam) Irby** and husband, Todd, live in Benton, AR, with his 8-year-old son, Jacob. She is a duty supervisor at Salem Elementary School; he's a North Little Rock firefighter.

1995

**Rocky and Marcia (Starks) Freeman** live in Fort Worth with 6-year-old daughter, Martha Kay. After working for five years as a workers' comp adjuster, he felt God calling him back into Christian service. He served for two years as youth/college minister in Meeker, OK, before entering Southwestern Seminary working toward his master of arts

in Christian Education. He home schools their daughter while Marcia works as a medical billing specialist.

**Jason Cunningham** is a claims rep for Social Security Administration in Frankfort, KY.

**Audrey (Weaver) Doyle** lives in San Antonio with husband, D.J., an army surgeon. She is a radiation therapist for the Cancer Therapy and Research Center.

**Steven Dooley** is a field training law enforcement officer with the City of Fort Smith. He and wife, Dustin, have a daughter, Anna Kate (4).

**Stacey Swilling** was featured in an article on "Women in Dentistry" in the summer 2004 issue of Arkansas Dentistry magazine. She opened a family dentistry practice in Sheridan in 2001.

**Mandi Loomis** is a computer training specialist for Newmarket International, located in Portsmouth, NH.

**Elizabeth Weathers** is an attorney with Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold. She and husband, Ted Nguyen, live in Grand Prairie, TX.

**Krisann (Conder) Pease** teaches kindergarten in Richardson (TX) ISD.

**Shelly Porter** is the screening and intake coordinator for Northwest Arkansas Education Coop.

**Rob Taylor** has entered his first year as University of Arkansas' assistant director of football operations, after serving for a year as UA's academic counselor for football. He has also bought a new home in Fayetteville.

**Melodie Pike** is a special education teacher for Cabot Public Schools.

**Wendy (Moye) McCaughn** works as a child protective specialist for Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in Woodville, TX.

**Brice Hester** is a senior manager with Ernst & Young. He and wife, Rikki, live in Little Rock.

**Brian Moore** pastors Highland Heights Church in Benton, AR. He's been married six years to Elizabeth

Overall, and they have 2-1/2 children: a son, Layton and a daughter, Mattie and one on the way, Cade.

**Chris Cameron** is the regional sales director for Shire Pharmaceutical's CNS division. He and wife, Jennifer, and son, Hunter (1-1/2) live in North Little Rock.

1996

**Jennifer Norwood Cross** teaches at Highland Park Elementary in Texarkana, TX. She and husband, Romeo, have two daughters, Kaitlyn (3) and Olivia (2).

**Angie Griffin** has worked for the computer task group for Lone Star Steel for five years. She resides in Naples, TX, with her 6-year-old daughter, Caitlynn McCollum.

**John Allen Sowers** and wife, Kari, live in Los Angeles, CA. He works for the Billy Graham Evangelical Association. He received his master's of divinity from Trinity Theological Seminary in Chicago and is nearing the completion of his doctorate from Gordon-Conwell Seminary in Boston. Kari plans to enter law school in the fall 2005.

**Ryan Baldi** is the customer center manager for FedEx Freight and lives in White Oak, TX.

**Oliver and Meredith (Worrell, 2000) Shipman** live in Sherwood, AR. He's employed with U.S. Bank and she's a traffic probation officer with North Little Rock Municipal Court.

**Rebecca Briggs** is an attorney in Houston, TX.

**LaRissa Warren Kemp** teaches first grade at Pottsboro (TX) Elementary School. She and husband, James, have two daughters, Grace (6) and Katie (4) and live in Sherman.

**Dorothy McCarty** returned to school this fall to pursue her master of arts in Christian Education at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. She was previously employed at Cooper Clinic as a clinical research coordinator.

**Karla Lang** is an advertising account executive with Momentum Worldwide/Shell Lubricants in

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**EXERCISE** • Students enjoy a game of floor hockey in Sturgis Physical Education Center. The intramural sport is just one of several in which students can participate. • photo by Stephen Carter

Houston, TX.

**Rex Easter** has joined PC Assistance of Little Rock as a customer relations manager.

**Andrew Bledsoe** has joined the law firm of Wolff Ardis, PC, in Memphis as an associate attorney.

**Stacey (Peoples) Grandstaff** and husband, T. Ray, moved last year to Overland Park, KS, because of his job with FCA. In April of this year, they had triplets - identical girls (Molly and Maggy) and a boy (Landry). Their son, Tanner, just turned six and is in the first grade.

**David Montgomery** graduated in May from Southeastern Baptist Seminary with his master of divinity degree in counseling. He has been endorsed by the North America Mission Board of SBC for U.S. Army chaplaincy and is stationed at

Fort Hood in Waco, TX. He and **Sheri (Donie, '96)** have two children at Ouachita: Chris (sophomore) and Meghann (freshman).

**Kevin Holt** recently earned another degree in hotel management and has been working with LaQuinta Corp. executives on new product and branding development. He writes that he and wife, Jean-Carlo, are living in a historic loft overlooking downtown Fort Worth.

**Bob Wilson** is a family physician with Westside Clinic in Springdale, AR.

**Leslie (Tapson) Harper** is the choral director at Pulaski Academy. She and husband, Jason, a reporter for KATV-Channel 7, have one daughter, Chloe (3).

**Kyle Barlow** works at The Church at Battle Creek in Tulsa, OK,

as pastor of family ministries.

**Zac Murtha** owns Zac Murtha Homes, LLC, a construction company in Spring, TX.

**Shannon (Littmann) Brown** has accepted a position with Schramsberg Vineyards in Calistoga, CA, as special events manager. She has worked for several years in the hospitality and event planning industry in California wine country. If any OBU alumni are ever in Napa Valley, please come by and visit.

**Courtney Braziel Sims** works in fund raising for Harris Methodist Health Foundation in Fort Worth.

**Daniel Funderburk** and wife, Heather, moved to Austin, TX, in July where he opened a branch office with Edward Jones as a financial advisor/investment rep.

## 1997

**Amy Cannon Markham (fs)** is an attorney with James R. Wallace & Associates in Little Rock.

**Shane Kehoe** is a senior accounting analyst in international tax with Siebel Systems in San Mateo, CA.

**Elizabeth (Radle) Files (fs)** teaches at the Learning Ladder Child Development Center in Lancaster, PA.

**Jason Bright** graduated in May from Southern School of Optometry in Memphis.

**Melody Bigler** is a registered nurse and lives in Frisco, TX.

**Todd Jones** and wife, Lisa, have been appointed by the International Mission Board of SBC to serve as missionaries to Eastern and Southern Africa. He will work with university ministry and she will work with community and home outreach.

**Brandy (Capelle) Mosby** has been promoted to head high school tennis coach and assistant basketball coach at Van Buren High School.

**Jesse Gray** is an orthodontist with Northwest Orthodontics in Fayetteville, AR.

**Teresa (Haynes) Lee** lives in Westminster, CO, with husband, Robert, and daughter, Lawson, and son, Garrett. She owns Teresa Lee

Photography, Inc.

**Hiroshi Yokomitsu (fs)** is a lecturer of English in Kyushu Sangyo University in Fukuoka, Japan.

**Jennifer (Tolbert) Byrd** has accepted a position at Ouachita as assistant director of public relations. She previously was employed at Glen Rose High School as an English and journalism teacher. She and **Lannie ('97)** have two children: Elizabeth (4) and Caleb (5). Lannie is Ouachita's webmaster.

**David Burris** pastors First Baptist in Woodstock, GA, and works as a certified law enforcement chaplain for Cherokee County Sheriff's Department and the Georgia State Police.

**Danny Prescott** has been named head volleyball and softball coach at Ouachita. He previously was employed with the Admissions Counseling Office.

**Bryan Trimboli** lives in Irving, TX, and works as a team leader at H.D. Vest Financial Services, a brokerage firm. Friends can email him at dante2673@yahoo.com.

**Micah McBay (fs)** is general manager of Interstate Batteries of Texarkana, AR.

**Aaron Ward** has joined the pediatric staff of the Murfreesboro (TN) Medical Clinic. He completed his pediatric residency in June 2004 at UAMS and Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. He's also on staff at Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

**Christy (Jones) Cox** teaches first grade at Stewartsboro Elementary. She lives in Smyrna, TN, with husband, David, and Joshua (3) and Hannah, born in February 2004.

**Jason Renteria** is finance manager for Town East Ford in Mesquite, TX.

**Cortney Brown** is an executive assistant for U.S. Senator James Talent in Washington, DC.

**Thierry Vodounou** is a treasury analyst with Sara Lee Corporation in Chicago.

**Carl Davis** completed his residency at the University of Kansas

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**School of Medicine, Wichita Family Medicine Residency Program with Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita, KS.**

**Joey and Sadie (Hines) Dodson** are living in Aberdeen, Scotland, where he is pursuing his Ph.D. in New Testament. They have three children: Mattie (5), Kinnon (4) and Aidan (1). Friends can see more information at [www.caseycease.org/](http://www.caseycease.org/) JoeyDodson.

**Lane Smith** has been appointed by Gov. Mike Huckabee to the Student Loan Authority. He is the director of student financial aid at Ouachita.

**Amy (Miles) Compton** is administrative assistant in the library science department at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

**Hayden Hendrix** is the founder of Delta Force Ministries, a power-team evangelism effort. He and wife, Lori, live in Atkins, AR.

## 1998

**Cari Winemiller** received her master of education degree in reading in August. She teaches second grade at Clinton Primary in Hope, AR.

**Ginny Seamans** is a CPA with Ernst & Young and audits Wal Mart and Tyson in Northwest Arkansas. She lives in Little Rock.

**Ryan Killackey** and wife, Jennifer, and 1-year-old son, Taylor, live on the big island of Hawaii. He will complete his masters in counseling psychology in June 2005 and they plan to move back to the mainland.

**Meredith Archer** received her master of arts in Christian education from Southwestern Seminary at its May commencement.

**Todd Baker** graduated from emergency medicine residency at Fort Hood, TX, in June. He and wife, **Laura (Burns)** are stationed at Fort Polk, LA, where he is a brigade surgeon for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment Division. Laura teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at a local elementary school.

**Kara Beeler Hazen** teaches kindergarten in Round Rock (TX) ISD.

**Alison (Collier) Fendley**, husband, Mike, and children: Seth (13), Laura (11) and Abby (10) live in Hot Springs and attend Second Baptist Church. Mike is in the jewelry business in Little Rock; Allison home schools the children.

**Julie Barshinger** has been accepted by a mission agency called, PIONEERS, and hopes to serve on the mission field. She lives in York, PA, where she works as a case worker for the school district.

**Jodie (Matthews) Daniell** has accepted a position of travel consultant-outside sales with Apple IT Travel & Cruise, located in Carrollton, TX. She works from her home in Arkadelphia.

**Licia (Samuels) Matute** is assistant general manager for CarrAmerica Realty Corporation. She and husband, Luis, live in Irving, TX.

**Sara (Vester) Owen** is an internal medicine resident physician at UAMS in Little Rock. After she completes her residency, she will be doing allergy and immunology in Dallas.

**Carrie Anne Overton** is a kindergarten teacher for Pulaski County Special School District and lives in Cabot.

**Blake Langston** is the new pastor of Wesley United Methodist and Norfork United Methodist churches near Mountain Home, AR.

**John Honey** has accepted the position of admissions director at Northwest Arkansas Community College in Rogers, AR - his third job in less than a year of working there. He teaches the singles' Sunday School at Rogers First Baptist Church. He also went on a mission trip to China last spring. Friends can email him at [jhoney@nwacc.edu](mailto:jhoney@nwacc.edu).

**Varnum Shults** is assistant pastor and minister of youth at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Granbury, TX. He received his master's of divinity from Southwestern Seminary in December 2003.

**Rhonda McLaurin** works as a medical economics analyst for Blue

Cross-Blue Shield of Louisiana in Baton Rouge, LA.

**Jessica (West) Castille** just completed her first year as an elementary librarian at Bear Branch Elementary. She received her master's in library science from Sam Houston State University in August 2003. She and husband, Reagan, live in Kingwood, TX.

**Joshua Parker** works as an executive assistant with Computer Sciences Corp. in Birmingham, AL.

**Lindsey Wetzig** and wife, April, bought a new home in Grapevine, TX. He's a senior equity trader with Penson Financial Services and she works in global trading for JP Morgan Chase.

**Katrina Owen Chilton** lives in Oxford, AL, with husband, Jason. She's employed with United Cerebral Palsy and he's a superintendent at Cider Ridge Golf Course. They have four Hispanic foster children and are expecting their first child in April 2005.

## 1999

**DeWayne Johnson** teaches school in the Dallas area and works for FedEx.

**Lori (Reed) Laird** is co-owner of Cakes by Mom and Me. She and Brad live in West Memphis with daughters, Sydney (4) and Reed Elizabeth (1).

**John Wooten** is senior credit analyst for Pulaski Bank in Little Rock.

**Noah Lee** is lead pastor at Longview (TX) Missionary Baptist Church.

**John and Lori (Leavell, '01 Bailey** live in Gentry, AR. They have each won Fulbright Scholarships for the 04-05 year to live and study in Germany. They attend University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He's pursuing his master's in German and she's finishing her MA in English.

**Jennifer Redmond** is assistant director for community programs for the Kentucky Cancer Program in Lexington, KY.

**Terry Kay (Williams) Lewallen** teaches at Marion (AR)

High School. She and husband, Kyle, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, live in West Memphis.

**Rip Young** is pursuing his master of business administration degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

**Etta (Waller) Linton** teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Silbernagel Elementary School in Dickinson, TX.

**Rachel (Osborne) Bennett** is the WEE Care supervisor at Little Rock's First Baptist Church. She and husband, Brian, have a 1-year-old daughter, Ellie.

**Chris Cox** is a Christian counselor with Healing Waters Counseling Center in Hot Springs.

**Jeffery Williams** earned his master of arts in missiology from Southwestern Seminary at its May commencement.

**Joshua Payne** released his first album this past spring on the Verve music label. You can check it out at [www.vervemusicgroup.com](http://www.vervemusicgroup.com) and click on the Joshua Payne icon. You can go to [www.vervemusicgroup.com](http://www.vervemusicgroup.com) for further information. In August, he appeared on CBS Saturday Early Show.

**Kaela (Kenley) Easley** and husband, Justin, have moved to Central Asia to share Christ. They will spend a year learning the language and culture, then lead tours for a travel agency.

**Preston Harris** graduated from Southwestern Seminary in May 2004 with his master of arts in ministry-based evangelism and a master of arts in Christian education. He is currently employed with Mental Health Retardation of Tarrant County as a rehab specialist. He's in the process of completing 3,000 hours of supervision to become a licensed professional counselor.

Wife, **Julie (Pierce)** is a full-time mom to Kaili (5) and Mattie (3). She also teaches part-time at Wedgwood Baptist Church's Discovery School program.

**Justin and Becky (Rodgers, '03) Rhymes** have moved from Arkadelphia to Benton where he will work with Smiley Technologies

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out of their Little Rock office. Becky will continue to commute to Arkadelphia to work as the early childhood coordinator at Pediatric Specialty Care.

**Aaron Hobbs** is the assistant corporate credit manager for Virco Manufacturing Corp. in Conway, AR.

**Jennifer (Beard) Gibson** graduated from Southwestern Seminary in December 2003 with her master of arts in Christian education and master of arts in ministry-based evangelism. She currently works as the secretary for Buckner Children and Family Services in Fort Worth.

**David Bird** is a bond trader and lives in Boca Raton, FL.

**Kitty (Burroughs) Nelson** is a speech-language pathologist for the Auburn (WA) School District. She and Jim have a son, Taylor, nearly 2.

**Kenneth Kinney (fs)** is the manager of and buyer for an upscale retail specialty clothing store in Shreveport as well as the director and owner of Fresh Step Production, which produces special events. He also serves as executive producer of the national America's Southern Teen competition held annually in Shreveport. You can check it out at [www.amsoteen.com](http://www.amsoteen.com).

**Jill Presley Cox** of Maumelle has been appointed by Gov. Mike Huckabee to the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee. She's a project coordinator for the State Department of Human Services.

**Mitch Bolding** is a sales rep for AstraZeneca pharmaceutical company. He and wife, **Jacqueline (Talbert, 2000)** live in Benton, AR.

**Matthew Bailey** writes that he and wife, Lizi, lead worship for the contemporary service at Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, TX. They recently released a CD. You can check it out at [matthewandlizi.com](http://matthewandlizi.com). They have two sons, Ezra (3) and Silas (1) and a child on the way.

## 2000

**Ryan and Karlyn (Hughes, '99) Hillman** are living in Almyra,

AR, where he farms with his dad, brother and grandpa. She's beginning her second year with the Hazen and DeValls Bluff School districts as speech pathologist. No children; however, their dog, Macy, recently gave birth to 14 puppies!

**Frank Vaughn (fs)** has been back from Iraq for seven months and has resumed his duties as youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Desha, (near Batesville) AR. He also serves as associational youth leader for Independence Baptist Association.

**Jan Cosh Stroud** of North Little Rock has been appointed by Gov. Mike Huckabee to the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening, Tracking and Intervention Advisory Board. She's an audiologist at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

**David Bowen** is currently serving at Ironton Baptist Church in Little Rock as youth minister.

**Brandi Rogers** writes that she's working as a speech pathologist for Baptist Health in Little Rock. She is active in Geyer Springs First Baptist Church and has a Yorkshire terrier, named Libby. She would love to hear from friends who can reach her at [branrog2001@yahoo.com](mailto:branrog2001@yahoo.com).

**Tim Webb** accepted a position as minister to junior high students at First Baptist Church in Sunnyvale, near Mesquite, TX. He is also working toward his master's in Christian Education at Dallas Baptist University.

**Holly Tidball** has accepted a position with the Little Rock School District as the music specialist at Rightsell Academy. She will teach all pre-K through 5th grade students.

**Stephanie (Denny) Holland** is a physical therapist with AtHome Healthcare. She and husband, Casey, have a son, Walker, born in March 2004.

**Rachel Hageman (fs)** works as a workers' compensation specialist for Accord Human Resources in Oklahoma City.

**Daryl White** is minister of music at First Baptist Church of

Shady Grove, AL.

### **Jonathan and Karen (Moore) Watson**

lives in New Orleans. He's attending New Orleans Seminary and working as a hotel manager. She's employed as director of payroll at the Seminary.

**Stephanie Allison** works as middle school choir director at Killeen (TX) ISD.

**Daniel Ang** lives in Louisville, KY, with wife, Jessica. He's a realtor with Semonin Realtors.

**Steven Lewis** will graduate in December from Arkansas State University with his corporate finance degree. He lives in Blytheville.

**Sara Hawthorne** is a partner in the advertising firm, Sparrow Studies, in Phoenix, AZ.

**Christina Hudlow** teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Mary Moss Elementary in Mesquite, TX.

**Jay and Molly (Higginbotham, '01) Davis** both teach in Garland, TX.

**Holly Kolb** works for an insurance company, Aon Risk Services, in Little Rock.

**Jesse Mullinax** teaches at Cornerstone Christian School. He teaches computer education, PE and art, and is the swim coach at Murrieta Valley High School and at Elite Swim Club. He also owns Allusive Design and USASupplement. He currently lives in Lake Elsinore, CA.

**Brooks and Sarah (Milam, '99) Harrington** live in Richmond, VA, where's he's a banker with Bank of America.

**Donnie Copeland** is teaching part-time at Brookhaven College in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and is finishing his MFA degree in painting at the University of Dallas.

**Ellen Wade (fs)** teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Drew Central School District and lives in Monticello.

**Kristi Foster** works as a case manager with foster children for Covenant Kids, located in Arlington, TX. She plans to enter University of Texas/Arlington to pursue her MSSW degree.

**Erika (McCain) Hixon** has accepted a position as a dietitian at

Saline Memorial Hospital in Benton. She and husband, Buddy, the head girls basketball coach and science teacher at Ouachita High School in Friendship, live in Donaldson with son, Jarret.

## 2001

**Bridget (Allen) Schaefer (fs)** works at Arkansas Children's Hospital as a registered nurse.

**Adam Norwood**, who completed three years of teaching chemistry and coaching JV boys soccer for South Grand Prairie High School in May, entered Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in August. He and wife, **Hayden (Huey, 2003)**, an elementary art teacher in Lewisville, live in Euless.

**Rachel Elliff Harrod** and husband, Jason, are living in Springdale, AR. She has begun her new job as a counselor for Ozark Guidance Center, since leaving Ouachita after working for over three years with Upward Bound, TRIO Program.

**Shayne Baker (fs)** is pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Searcy, AR.

**Heather (Shupe) Benton** lives in Moore, OK. She teaches high school math and also one night a week at a local community college. Husband, Adam, has started the Ph.D program at Oklahoma University in Norman.

**Wesley Martin** writes that he recently switched school districts and is now teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade science and coaching boys athletics and JV baseball at Carrollton-Farmers Branch School District. He and Angie are expecting their first child in January 2005!

**Deondra Morris** is program director for KAIT-TV in Jonesboro, AR.

**Amanda Miller (fs)** lives in Rowlett, TX, and is a bilingual teacher's aide at Mesquite ISD.

**Gary Miller** is pursuing his master's in adult education at University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. He hopes to finish next summer. In April 2004, he was elected into

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the UA Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and was awarded the American Cancer Society-Texarkana Unit's Volunteer Award. Wife, Terri (Grinage, '02) teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade music at College Hill Middle School. They live in Texarkana.

Jodi Wozniak is a life coach, leadership coach trainer for R.E.A.L. Change, Inc.

Mollie (Huffstuttler) Davis is employed with Counseling Consultants in Wynne, AR, as a therapist. She and husband, Wesley ('01) live in Colt, AR.

Brandon and Tanna (Thornton, '02) Horton live in Memphis where he's attending University of Tennessee College of Dentistry.

In May, Krista Smith began training at the Arkansas ATA Black Belt Leadership Academy. She has been invited into the Leadership Training Program and graduated to Orange belt. She has competed at the World Championships (placing in two of three categories), the Mid-Tennessee Regionals (placing in all three categories) and is working her way to Fall Nationals. She has also completed the certified volunteer management program while celebrating 2-1/2 years as assistant volunteer coordinator at Baptist Health Medical Center.

Johan and Candace (Crouse) Eriksson live in Bella Vista, AR. She teaches art at Rogers High School and he's an assistant coach and events coordinator at University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

Rachel (Hawkins) Bonnell teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Garland (TX) ISD.

Roger Boyer is pursuing his masters of divinity at Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary. He and wife, Tammy, live in Cochrane.

Norman Frisby graduated from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville School of Law in May.

Tiffany Criswell lives in Virginia Beach, VA, and works in the administrative services department of Towers Perrin HR Services. Her team administers pension benefits

for client companies.

Mauria Jackson graduated from University of Arkansas School of Law in 2004 and now is an attorney for the law offices of Joseph Paul Smith in Fayetteville.

Meredith Ham is a speech-language pathologist with Melanie Massey Physical Therapy in Ruston, LA.

Kammie Bass has accepted a position with a family with eight children in Greenwich, CT, as a teacher where she will be home schooling the five oldest children.

Brooke Thompson Meier lives in Cabot with husband, Josh. She is a mental health specialist with Rivendell Behavioral Health Systems.

Justin Zuckerbrow is a sales rep with Suncoast Post-Tension in Fort Worth. He lives in Mansfield with wife, D'Anna, and son, Corbin, 2.

Deanna Atkinson lives in Little Rock and is a graphic designer for Publishing Concepts.

Brent Gambill has taken a position with the Vero Beach Dodgers and the Los Angeles Dodgers in Vero Beach, FL. He will be working with marketing and sales during the off season. He will work as well with the Los Angeles Dodgers spring training, the Vero Beach Dodgers (single A) and Gulf Coast Dodgers (rookie ball) during next summer along with other things, such as instructional league, rehab assignment, and fantasy camps with former Dodgers greats and Hall of Famers.

J. R. Eldridge earned his master of liberal arts from Henderson State University at their August commencement. He is employed at Ouachita as assistant coach.

Josh Mayfield is a teacher and coach at Arkansas Baptist High School in Little Rock.

Adam and Emily (Pope, '02) Koelling have relocated to Longview, TX, where they have bought a house and remodeled it. They both work at Good Shepherd Med Center. He works in the outpatient clinic; she is a therapist for inpatient rehab and

acute care.

John and Ashley (Carroll)

Beller now reside in New Orleans where he's working toward his Ph.D. in history at Tulane University and serves as youth minister at their church. She is teaching English at an all-girls Catholic Academy.

Wendy Porter teaches history at Morriston (AR) Middle School.

Kristy Knowlton is a doctor of physical therapy at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale, AR.

Jennifer Croft teaches in the Little Rock School District.

## 2002

Bennett Weidemann (fs), husband of Erin (Greer, '02), is a percussionist with the U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty at Hanscom AFB in Bedford, MA. He returned in May from deployment in Iraq. It was the first ever deployment for the U.S. Air Force Band into a major theater of operations. They traveled around Iraq and played for over 5,000 troops in nine days. He survived three separate mortar attacks and returned home safely. She is pursuing her master's in science at Northeastern University in Boston.

Chie Konishi (fs) is a cost

accountant for Tyson Foods in Council Bluffs, IA.

Heather (Green) Russell lives in Plano, TX, with husband, Lee. She is an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Abby (Garlington) Sims is a speech-language pathologist at Arkansas Children's Hospital. She and husband, Donaven, live in Benton.

Sarah Walker is in account management at Farmers Bank's main office in Greenwood, AR. She and husband, Scotty, live in Booneville.

Chuck Everson is minister of music at a Catholic church in Lawrence, Kansas.

Mary Elizabeth Crenshaw (fs) is a registered nurse at University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Brad and Jill (Fodge) Brannon live in North Little Rock. He works as a financial analyst at Alltel and she's a speech therapy clinical coordinator.

Terri (Grinage) Miller was nominated for Teacher of the Year at College Hill Middle School; was awarded the Starfish award by CHMS principals; and was nominated to Arkansas Teacher's Institute to represent CMHS. She teaches 5<sup>th</sup>



**CONFERENCE PLAY** • The Lady Tiger soccer team participates in a conference match on its home field. The team ended the season with an overall record of 5-10-2. • photo by Katherine Jenkins

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grade music at College Hill.

**Kevin Brown** teaches music at Tozer Primary School in Windsor, CO.

**Donna (Brown) Griffie** and husband, Scott, live in Gillett, AR. She teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Dumas and is serving as youth minister at St. Charles Baptist Church. Scott helps her with the youth and supply preaches. He is employed with Hornbeck Seed in DeWitt.

**Rebecca Zellmer** is a clinical audiologist at Cooper Clinic in Fort Smith.

**Whitney (Baker) White** lives in Little Rock and works as a realtor for Crye-Leike Realtors.

**Bryan Tabakian** has joined the staff of First Baptist Church in Alma as youth minister.

**Cory and Hollie (Baker) Gustke** live in North Hollywood, CA. He recently changed jobs. He's now employed with Marvel-Lion's Productions, a new animation company and is working on "The Ultimate Avengers" movie, due out in 2006. She teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade English at Sierra Vista Junior High. They are also involved in the welcome ministry at Faith Community Church in Newhall, CA.

**Catherine Garrett** is a grad assistant and counseling intern at Copperas Cove (TX) ISD.

**Mike Martin** is personal financial rep for Washington Mutual Bank in Euless, TX.

**Jenny Logan** is a call center rep for Hope for the Heart, a radio ministry, in Dallas.

**Susi (Pittman) Vangilder** gives private voice and piano lessons in Mountain Home, AR.

**Adam McClure** is in his second year of seminary at Mid-America Seminary in Memphis where he's pursuing his master's of divinity. He has also taken a full time position at Somerville (TN) First Baptist Church as minister of students and church activities director.

**Becky (Hart) Lemons** is employed with Mesquite (TX) High School as a special ed teacher's aide.

## Guy and Julie (Bowen) Green

have moved to Bentonville where he accepted a position as partner with Diversified Retail Solutions, a management consulting firm. She works as a speech-language pathologist at Mercy Health Center.

**Rebecca Lee** teaches kindergarten at Keller (TX) ISD.

**Kara Dexter** lives in San Antonio, TX. She is pursuing her master's in deaf education and hearing sciences.

**Kaylan Christopher** is the communications coordinator at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas.

**Anna (Reese) Heuer** and husband, John, live in Harrison, AR, where they own and operate a dairy and beef farm.

**T. J. Bingham** has signed a free-agent contract with the Miami Dolphins.

**Angeline (Turner) Smith-Frost** is self employed as an accountant in Monticello, AR.

**Cendi (Weatherford) Engram** works with Habitat for Humanity as the volunteer-development coordinator. She and Wes ('01), live in Clearwater, FL.

**Abby Ware** writes that she is in the masters-internship program for nutrition at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She's a grad assistant and teaches one section of Nutrition 120. In May 2005, she will be eligible to become a registered dietitian.

**Jason Middlebrooks** is a salesman at Dillard's Department Store and lives in Searcy.

**Phillip and Allyson (Ham, '03) Petty** live in Little Rock. He's employed as a credit analyst with Nuvell Financial and she's teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies at Robinson Middle School.

**Whitney Bailey** is a vocational rehab counselor with Central Arkansas Veterans Hospital in Little Rock.

**Johnsa and Mandi (Layman) Phares** live in Bedford, TX. He just completed the Police Academy in August and she's attending SMU

Law School.

**Christy (Bell) Cozart** is a chemist with the National Center for Toxicological Research. She and Matt ('04) live in Bryant, AR.

**Beth Hart** lives in Mesquite, TX, and is a purchasing agent and customer service rep for Service Lighting & Electrical Supplies.

## 2003

### Matt and Kim (Denham, '02)

**Cleveland** just bought their first home in Little Rock. He works as a development public relations assistant at the Youth Home, Inc., and she is in purchasing at Practice Plus. They also just got their first puppy!

**Ty Jordan** is facility manager for Trinity Disposal & Trucking in Waskom, TX.

**Heather (Alexander) Murphy** is attending University of Oklahoma working on her master's in community counseling.

**Scott Cole** lives in Los Angeles, CA, where he's the assistant manager for Fitness 19.

**Derek Wingfield** is a multimedia specialist for the Arkansas Department of Information Systems in Little Rock.

**Jennifer (Dyer) Holland** is an administrative assistant at the Sam M. Walton College of Business at University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

**J. Keith Dixon** teaches elementary Spanish at El Dorado (AR) Public Schools.

**Chrystal (Edwards) Ball** teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Southwest Christian Academy. She and husband, Richard, live in Little Rock.

**Chris McGee** is a signals intelligence analyst in the Air Force and is stationed at Hickam Air Force Base in Honolulu, HI.

**Holly (Cuthbertson) Jones** works with City Team Ministries in San Francisco, CA, as a learning center instructor and outreach worker.

**Tiffany Green** lives in Little Rock and is a medical assistant at

Breckenridge Family Practice.

**John Pierce** is the assistant to the CEO of Hope Events/Friends of Patski, a fund-raising organization in New York City.

**Bethany Rawley** works as a ministry assistant at Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas.

**Laura (Walker) Selph** is an accountant with W. P. Malone, Inc. She and **John ('95)**, live in Arkadelphia. He's employed at Ouachita as the computer network manager.

**Allison (Boyd) Wessels** is employed with FamilyLife. She and **Jeremy ('02)** live in Little Rock.

**Dema Rucker** teaches at Turning Point High School in the Arlington, TX, area.

**Abby Harrell** is an assistant in the lending department of Minden (LA) Building & Loan Association.

**Matt and Melody (Williams) Lumpkin** live in Manado, Indonesia, where they both teach English at the Manado International School.

**B. J. Kyle** is an entertainer at The Shoji Tabuchi Theater in Branson, MO.

**Gary and Marie (Bryant) Keene** live in Murfreesboro, AR. He is associate pastor in charge of music and education.

**Stephen and Stephanie (Lochala, '04) Wickliffe** are Duncan, OK, where he's the student minister at Tanglewood Bible Fellowship. She is attending nursing school at the University of Oklahoma in Lawton.

**Emily Bankhead** lives in Little Rock and works at Dillard's corporate office as an assistant lingerie buyer. She gets to do a lot of traveling, including going to New York twice a year. Outside of work, she helps lead a singles group for a local church and is a Young Life leader for three high schools around Little Rock.

**Tim and Tracy (McBryde, '02) Lane** are in Cleburne, TX, where he's the head basketball coach at Rio Vista ISD.

**Elizabeth Westlund** is doing student ministry in Nagoya, Japan, as a journeyman for the next two years.

**Laura Mouhot** is assistant

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director of Campus Ministries at Ouachita.

**Taber (Reynolds) Crawford** lives in Longview, TX, with husband, Adam, and is a surgical assistant for East Texas Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

**Kim Holland** is a graphic designer for Jayroe Litho in Dallas.

**Deanna Tacker** lives in Little Rock and is a dietitian for the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System.

**Ashley Crouch** teaches kindergarten at Cannon Elementary in the Grapevine-Colleyville (TX) ISD.

**Brett Williams** was selected as one of two students to study under the Pulitzer & Tony-nominated playwright Lee Blessing at Mason Gross School of the Arts in New Brunswick, NJ, the graduate division of Rutgers University. He will be there for three years pursuing his MFA in play writing.

**Jennifer Waters** is the abstinence director for Real Options for Women in Plano, TX.

**Chris Riddle** is employed at Summit Bank in Arkadelphia. He and wife, Yuliya (Kryshalovich, '04), live in Flippin-Perrin Dorm where she's the hall director.

**Keith Dixon** has accepted a position with the El Dorado School District.

**Justin Harrison** works in Texarkana as a marketing director for three assisted-living facilities and serves as a part-time youth director.

**Kristin (Smith) Crowder** and husband, Tom, have relocated from Fayetteville to the Valley Ranch area of Texas. He plays football for the Dallas Cowboys.

**Constance Redmond** lives in Nashville, TN. She graduated in May from SAE (school of audio engineering) and works at MK Music, a music production company. She has recorded a demo CD of two songs that she wrote and produced.

**Jen (Lovette) Pendell** is membership coordinator for the Oklahoma Zoological Society.

**Frank Schimunek** has been

busy this summer. He was in Virginia in May, in Germany in June, on a 9-day hiking trip to Northern Canada in July, and then a 10-day road trip from Seattle to Charlotte, NC to New York City. He has now settled down in Vancouver, Canada, and has begun his internship with the ministry called "Jacobs Well." It works to build relationships with drug addicts and homeless people of the downtown East Side of Vancouver.

**Tracy Denney** has been hired by Southern Arkansas University as the assistant women's basketball coach.

**Matt Ramsey** works in Little Rock for THV-Channel 11 news doing studio work.

**Jamie Thigpen** is a discipleship and administrative assistant intern for the Evangelical Methodist Church in Elizabeth City, NC.

## 2004

**David and Erin (Turner) Hogue** have moved to Washington, DC, where he works for Blanche Lincoln, U.S. Senator from Arkansas.

**Aaron Cardona** teaches English as a Second Language at CNE English School in Jeonju, Korea.

**Lindsey Choate** is an advertising assistant for Tuesday Morning Corporation in Dallas.

**Chason and Cassie (Androes) Laing** live in Dallas. She works at Dallas Seminary in the International Student Office. He will be attending seminary this spring.

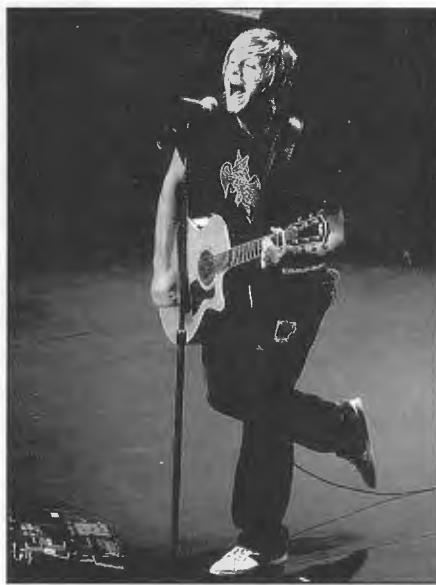
**Kara Haase** is assistant BCM director at Henderson and works as a secretary for Teed Eye Surgery Clinic.

**Todd Calaway** is the outreach pastor at Holland Chapel. He and wife, Debbie, a teacher at Glen Rose, live in Benton, AR.

**Amy Horton** lives in Bentonville, AR, and teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade at the Benton County School of the Arts in Rogers.

**Mark Patty** is a full-time EMT for Lifenet, an ambulance service in Texarkana. He also works as a youth

**IN CONCERT •**  
Switchfoot performs in Jones Performing Arts Center. The concert was held in August to welcome students back to school.  
• photo by Stephen Carter



pastor and lives in DeKalb, TX.

**Amy (Garlington) Neathery** has taken a position with Ouachita as an admissions counselor, while **Michael** (current student) finishes his schooling.

**Michelle Neurohr** is the outdoor education teacher at Sky Ranch outside of Mesquite, TX.

**April Adams, Rebecca Dawson** and **Brett Swihart** have taken jobs with the advertising firm, Communications Development. April's a media account executive; Rebecca is in the tear sheets department, and Brett is a graphic artist.

**Adam Purdy** has accepted a position with Dickson Flake Partners in Little Rock.

**Daniel McNair** is attending dental school at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He and **Amy (Tinker, '03)** live in Edmond, OK.

**April Reeder** teaches elementary music (K-4) at Pea Ridge (AR) Elementary.

**Michael "Dudu" Dawodu** is a facilitator and coach at Denton (TX) ISD.

**Andrea (Witherow) Baker** is a staff audit accountant with Jeffrey, Phillips, Mosley & Scott accounting firm in Little Rock.

**Michael and Kristi (Lane) Scott** are both teaching at

Arkadelphia High School.

**Yuliya (Kryshalovich) Riddle** is the head resident at Flippin-Perrin Dorm at Ouachita.

**Mark and Amy (Hulett) Gustke** live in Little Rock. He's attending UAMS med school and she works part time at Bailey Banks & Biddle jewelry store.

**Jill Abernathy** teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Van Buren Public School District.

**Adam and Julie (Sandlin) West** have moved from Arkadelphia to Rowlett, TX. He's attending Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth and she works for American Cast Iron Pipe Company.

**Jeremy and Elizabeth (Bennett, fs) Miller** live in Little Rock. He's the special projects officer with the National Guard Professional Education Center at Camp Robinson.

**Shayla Coker** teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Ethridge Elementary in the Garland (TX) ISD.

**Shauna Morrissey** is a dance instructor at Dance, Etc. and the Texarkana Dance Academy.

**Spencer Sutterfield** and wife, April, have moved to Austin, TX, where they will be attending graduate school at University of Texas. They also have on-line jobs as adjunct professors with Pulaski Technical College in Little Rock. He will be teaching Introduction to Theatre.

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**Emily Brumley** is attending graduate school at the University of Baltimore (MD).

**Reyda Taylor-Gardial** and husband, Joseph, are both attending the University of Florida in Gainesville. She is a grad student in the department of anthropology, working towards a Ph.D. and he's a veterinary student.

**Clint and Sara (Bridges, '03) Recktenwald** are in Little Rock. He's in his second year of pharmacy school and she teaches kindergarten in North Little Rock.

**Lani Stine (fs)** teaches at Academic Plus Charter School in Little Rock area.

**Kristin Hare** recently opened Studio YOUnique, in Russellville, AR, specializing in portrait photography.

**Mike "Wally" Waldrop** is a youth pastor and counselor at Liberty Christian School in Denton, TX.

**Maggie Spillers** is a residential treatment counselor at the Youth Home in Little Rock.

**Grant Harrison** is a grad assistant pursing his master of divinity degree at California Baptist University in Riverside, CA.

**Jennifer (Wilkins) Collier** is substitute teaching in the Warren (AR) School District. She and husband, Matthew, live in Fordyce.

**Kelli Wolf** teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Springdale, AR.

**Rebecca Jagger** is a graphic designer at Pronto Print in Ardmore, OK.

**Jenny Buck** is a graduate student in speech pathology at UAMS in Little Rock.

**Alison Hamby** lives in Bentonville and is an auditor for Ernest & Young in Rogers.

**Crystal Bland Cutrell** and husband, Brad, live in Dallas, where she's a customer service rep for Kid Kraft, Inc.

## Faculty/Staff

**Wayne Bowen**, associate professor of history at Ouachita, was mobilized in February, 2003, with the Army's 416<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs

Battalion to Iraq. He was the 416<sup>th</sup> higher education chief in charge of rebuilding and stabilizing Mosul's schools and universities, which serve more than 40,000 students. He returned home in October.

**Isaac Mwase**, associate professor of philosophy, resigned in July to take a job with Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics Research and Health Care. He and his wife, Ruth-Anne, live in Montgomery, AL.

**Stephanie Smith**, lecturer in visual arts at Ouachita, earned her MLA degree in art history from Henderson at their May commencement.

**Larry Thompson**, former professor of visual arts at Ouachita, is teaching at Texas A&M-Commerce.

## MARRIAGES

### 1965

**Frank Shell (MA)** to Loretta Perry, July 2004.

### 1971

**John C. Finley, III** to Andrea Weld Murry, June 26, 2004.

### 1982

**Fred Ball** to Sarah Walker, July 30, 2004.

### 1987

**Mary Davis** to Gregory Davis, September 25, 2004.

### 1988

**Sean Seligman** to Dr. Melissa Still, May 22, 2004.

### 1990

**Jana Taylor** to Scott Becker, April 3, 2004.

### 1991

**Kelli Jackson Michaelis** to Jeff Fairris, June 2004.

### 1993

**Kris Shinn** to Brandi Garrett, July 19, 2004.

**James Webb (fs)** to Catherine F. Hughes, September 18, 2004.

### 1994

**Dawn Karam** to Todd Irby, March 6, 2004.

**Chris Belvin** to Melissa LoAlbo, September 25, 2004.

**Tara Morley** to Nathan Foster, October 9, 2004.

**Laurie Delezen** to Stephen Wayne Ormon, October 16, 2004.

### 1995

**Jennifer Ripley (fs)** to Jeff Lassiter, July 24, 2004.

**Brice Hester** to Rikki Martin, August 7, 2004.

### 1997

**Brandy Capelle** to Scott Mosby, June 7, 2003. (Notified July 2004)

**J. Kelley Harris** to Michael Meshirer, October 9, 2004.

### 1998

**Lindsey Wetzig** to April Wells, November 15, 2003.

**Neal Satterfield** to Courtney Darling, May 22, 2004.

**Matthew Haas** to D'Lisa Butler, May 22, 2004.

**Lee Coon** to Beth Ann Busby, June 5, 2004.

**Nancy Day** to **Tim Harrell (2000)**, June 12, 2004.

**Benji Cordell (fs)** to Mandy M. Mathis, June 26, 2004.

**Jessica West** to Reagan Castille, July 17, 2004.

**Jada Wilson** to Julian Tucker, July 31, 2004.

**Amy Carole Johnson (fs)** to Ronnie Adam Dodd, August 14, 2004

**Robert J. Rollins, Jr.** to Rebecca Carpenter, October 9, 2004.

### 1999

**Terry Kay Williams** to Kyle Lewallen, March 20, 2004.

**Keisha Miller** to Gregg Gassiot, April 17, 2004.

**Wendy Willets to Jason C. Bird (fs)**, July 10, 2004.

**Eric Tuitjer** to Anna, July 17,

2004.

**Crystal Lewis to Russell Jones ('98)**, July 31, 2004.

**Tracy Allred** to Stephen Bell, August 6, 2004.

**T.K. Zellers** to Danny Crabtree, August 28, 2004.

### 2000

**Mark Davis** to Emily Kristen Manning, May 2004.

**Jennifer Dyer (fs)** to David T. Holland, May 23, 2004.

**Jenny Power (fs)** to Tracy Lynn Westbrook, June 26, 2004.

**Justin Hall** to Lee Ann Davenport, July 17, 2004.

**Bradley Johnson** to Hannah Heath, July 31, 2004.

**Corey Colbert** to Somer Hunley, August 7, 2004.

**Tim Webb** married Chelsea, August 2004.

### 2001

**Roger Boyer** to Tammy Fernandes, September 6, 2003.

**Amanda Perkins** to Jeremy Townsend, December 27, 2003.

**Julie Carter** to **Jonathan Carothers**, April 3, 2004.

**Toni Beth Cook** to **Kyle Faukner (fs02)**, April 3, 2004.

**Jennifer Skates to Jonathan Watson (fs)**, May 8, 2004.

**J. R. Eldridge** to Audrey Dingler, June 19, 2004.

**Courtney Lipscomb to Beau Bishop (fs)**, June 19, 2004.

**Mary Jo Lee (fs)** to Christopher Martin Downey, July 24, 2004.

**Courtney Lawson to Joey Head ('99)**, July 17, 2004.

**Elizabeth Jones** to Daniel Pollock, September 25, 2004.

**Rachel Elliff** to Jason Harrod, October 2, 2004.

### 2002

**Sarah Walker** to Scotty Walker, February 28, 2004.

**Paige L. Burt to Jonathan White ('04)**, May 8, 2004.

**Jim Abbott** to Hannah, June 5, 2004.

**Cary Wheaton** to Leslie Elliott, June 5, 2004.

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**Heidi Klarhorst** to Wilfried Rolfsmeyer, June 25, 2004.

**Donna Brown** to Scott Griffie, July 17, 2004.

**Sharesa Williams** to Jamar White, July 24, 2004.

**Suzanne Duncan** to James Bartolomei III, July 31, 2004.

**Amy Gaden** to James A. Taylor ('99), August 7, 2004.

**2003**

**Krystal Knight** to Matt Fulmer, October 4, 2003.

**Andrea Witherow** to Joshua Baker, May 15, 2004.

**Christopher Horton (fs)** to Shannon Denise Reed, May 21, 2004.

**Joshua J. Roggasch (fs)** to Karen D. Pritchard (current), May 22, 2004.

**Avery Amparan** to Nathan Shelburne, May 22, 2004.

**Jennifer Dyer** to David Holland, May 23, 2004.

**Lauren Davidson (fs)** to Neil Greenhaw (fs02), June 5, 2004.

**Kellie Blalock** to Kazimir Kostrubala, June 8, 2004.

**Amanda Wiley** to Joe Hurst ('02), June 26, 2004.

**Sara Bridges** to Clint Recktenwald (fs), July 10, 2004.

**Heather Alexander** to Michael Murphy, July 30, 2004.

**Chrystal Edwards** to Richard Ball, July 31, 2004.

**Tara Loyd** to Chris Kear ('04), August 7, 2004.

**2004**

**Jackie Balazs** to Joey Barr, May 14, 2004.

**Stephanie Sangster (fs)** to Dustin Lollar, May 22, 2004.

**Laura Hoverson (fs)** to Joshua Hefley, May 22, 2004.

**Tasia E. Ferrell (fs)** to Patrick McIntire (fs), May 22, 2004.

**Jennifer Tippit** to John Grady, May 29, 2004.

**Reyda Taylor** to Joseph Gardial, May 29, 2004.

**Trisha Reid** to Theron "T.O." Cruise III, June 4, 2004.

**Amy Hulett** to Mark Gustke, June 5, 2004.

**John Allison** to Katherine Nicole Bishop, June 12, 2004.

**Crystal Bland** to Brad Cutrell, June 12, 2004.

**Lesley Floyd** to Shawn Branscum, August 14, 2004.

**Erin Turner** to David Hogue, August 28, 2004.

**Rachel Frost** to Douglas Dixon ('03), October 23, 2004.

## Current Students:

**Amanda Bowien** to Justin Murphree, June 5, 2004.

**Jane C. Black** to Joshua Raspberry, July 16, 2004.

**Tiffany Moore** to Lee Aronson, August 7, 2004.

## BIRTHS:

**1983**

**Jim and Maggie Yates**, daughter Caitlin Elizabeth, April 9, 2004. Welcomed by Brendan, 6.

**Daniel and Stephanie Mefford**, daughter Dana Renee, May 26, 2004.

**1984**

**David and Kristy Mosley**, son Adam David, January 20, 2004. Joins Hope (9), Jackson (8) and Claire (5).

**1986**

**Lance and Patricia Cansdale**, daughter Grace, June 23, 2004. Welcomed by sisters, Jillian and Lauren Soucy.

**Dan and Heather (Harris, '96) Callaway**, daughter Katie Massey, August 17, 2004. Joins Jack (3).

**Mark and Kenda (Reeves) White**, daughter Samantha Grace, October 12, 2004. Welcomed by Caleb, 6.

**1987**

**Dean and Lola (Ledbetter)**

**Buttgen**, daughter Grace Anne, July 18, 2003. Joins brothers, Coleman (7) and Collier (4).

**Patrick and Rhonda (Gross) Joyner**, daughter LaurelAnna Chandler, May 18, 2004. Welcomed by William (11), Audrey and Jordan (9), Maggie (6) and Noah (4).

**Robert and Sharon (Smith) Pinkston**, daughter Maleah, December 20, 2003. Joins Zachary (13), Lindsey (12) and Haley (7).

**1988**

**Keith and Janet (Rico) Everett**, son Ian Keith, November 26, 2003.

**Gary and Melissa Wade**, son Jaydon Thomas (J.T.), July 24, 2004.

**1990**

**Joel and Sharon Humphrey**, son William Aaron, August 2, 2004. Joins Kamryn (5).

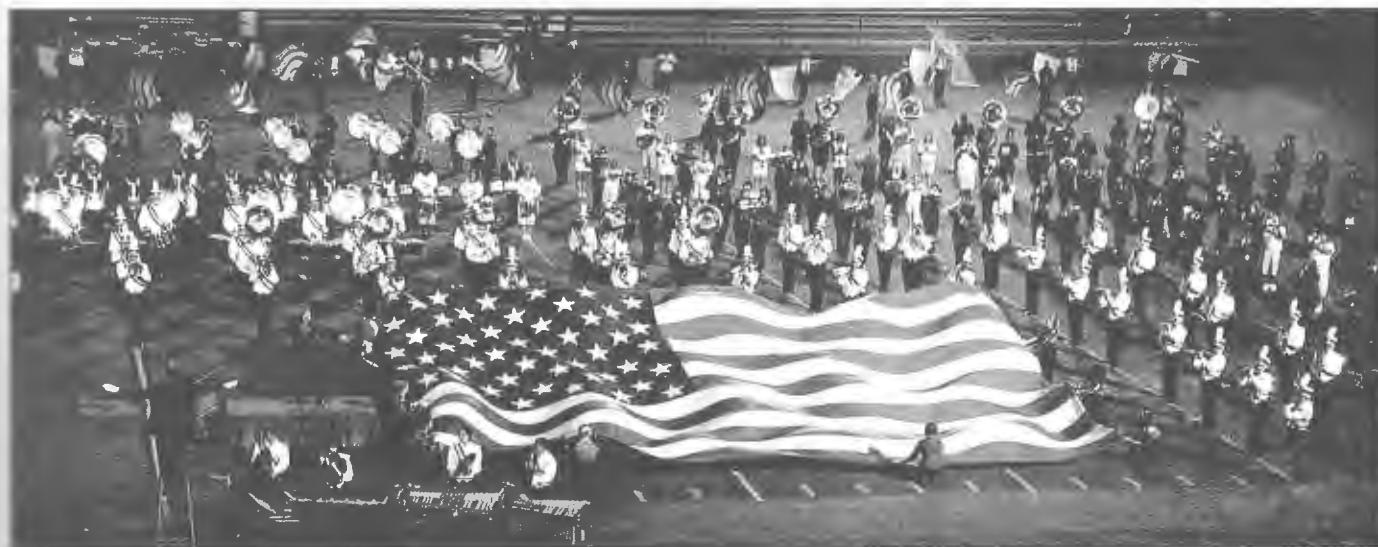
**1991**

**Steven and Rebecca Galatas**, daughter Nyssa Grace, March 24, 2004.

**Craig and Robin (O'Neil) West**, son Micah Lee, September 16, 2004. Joins Hannah, 2.

**1992**

**Mike and Jennifer Beck**, son Brooks Michael, April 20, 2003.



**HALFTIME PERFORMANCE** • The Tiger Marching Band is joined by area high school bands for a patriotic performance during the September 11 football game. The finale featured Beth Anne Rankin singing "God Bless America." • photo by Stephen Carter

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**Todd and Kelly (Upchurch)**  
**Bailey**, twins sons Ty Samuel and Trevor Joseph, November 20, 2003.

**Eric and Saundra (Corbell)**  
**Bishop**, son Eric Wilson "Will," April 6, 2004.

**Shannon and Dee (Small)**  
**Richardson**, daughter Reagan Danielle, April 6, 2004. Welcomed by Zachariah, 4.

**Doug and Nica (Vernon)**  
**Carson**, son Graham Paul, July 25, 2004. Joins sister Blaire (15 months).

## 1993

**Rusty and Denise (Prewitt)**  
**New**, daughter Rachel Marie, January 24, 2003. Joins Samuel (4).

**Steve and Deena (Willard)**  
**Sellars**, daughter Jacie Jo, December 9, 2003.

**Michael and Maria (Holleman)**  
**Calvert**, son, Isaiah Michael, December 30, 2003. Welcomed by Jackson, 6-1/2.

**Christopher and Leah (Robertson) Friedman**, daughter Sydney Jane, March 5, 2004.

**Casey and Lori (Abbott) Motl**, son Joshua, April 4, 2004. Welcomed by Ryan (4) and Sydney (2).

**David and Tina Hardister**, daughter Alexandria Abigail, April 19, 2004. Joins Nathanael (6), Mary Madelynne (4), and Zachariah (2).

**Lance and Kandi (Knod, '94)**  
**West**, daughter Annie Riley, June 15, 2004. Joins Lowery Grace, 1.

**Simon and Jill Storer**, son John Webb, June 15, 2004.

**Chris and Michelle Walls**, daughter Riley Elizabeth, July 16, 2004.

**Kevin and Pamela (Jayroe) Fisher**, daughter Campbell Elizabeth, July 30, 2004. Joins Cannon, 3-1/2.

**Todd and Amy Denton**, daughter Kate Alexandra, October 26, 2004.

## 1994

**Danny and Julie (Traux)**  
**Barrentine**, son Zachary Luke, April 27, 2004. Joins Cody (4).

**Billy and Amy Melton**, daughter Emma Alexis, June 20, • 58 •

2004.

**Chris and Rachel (Braden)**  
**Moix**, daughter Mia Louise, June 23, 2004. Joins Jake (10) and Abbie (2).

**Duane and Kelly Green**, son Lucas "Luke" Mitchell, July 27, 2004. Welcomed by Katherine.

**Dean and Angie (Grigsby)**  
**Fulks**, daughter Sylvia Delynn, August 11, 2004. Joins Sydney and Dillon.

## 1995

**John and Jennifer (DeVault, fs)**  
**Bunch**, daughter Abigail Lynn, May 10, 2004.

**Jason and Kandra Mueller**, daughter Madeline Grace, October 7, 2004.

## 1996

**Kellee and Natali (2000)**  
**McCoy**, son William Clayton, April 26, 2004. Joins Jon Michael (2).

**Mark and Dusti (Raley, '97)**  
**Hurst**, son Hayden Thomas, May 3, 2004. Welcomed by Jackson (3).

**Chad and Heather (White)**  
**Brinkley**, daughter Ella Claire, May 24, 2004.

**Bill and Rebecca (Saunders, '94)**  
**Wright**, daughter Lilly Elizabeth, June 3, 2004. Joins William, Andrew, Frederick and Kathryn.

**Carl and Marcy (Franks)**  
**Davis**, daughter Ellie Grace, June 26, 2004.

**Ricky and Aprile (Willett)**  
**Richardson**, son Rhett David, July 4, 2004. Welcomed by Reagan (4).

**Chad and Kristy Gay**, daughter Madalaine Helene, September 16, 2004.

## 1997

**Phillip and Gretchen (Ford, '98)**  
**Greer**, son Payne Christopher, September 4, 2003. Welcomed by Dawson (2).

**Leroy and Jenny (Orr, '96)**  
**Twisdale**, son Hudson Cole, January 4, 2004. Joins Parker (3).

**Scott and Meggan (Bauer, '99)**  
**Bell**, daughter Lauren Elizabeth, January 15, 2004.

**David and Christy (Jones)**

**Cox**, daughter Hannah Christine, February 21, 2004. Joins Joshua (2-1/2).

**Robert and Teresa (Haynes)**  
**Lee**, son Garrett Walker, June 2, 2004. Welcomed by sister, Lawson (2).

**David and Jenni Burris**, son Jedidiah "Jed" Drew, June 10, 2004.

**Jesse and Kristin (Lavender)**  
**Gray**, son Nathan Andrew, July 11, 2004. Welcomed by Jackson and Zachary.

**Nick and Winnie (Wu)**  
**Poydner**, son Thomas Richard, August 12, 2004. Welcomed by Christopher, 20 months.

**Darrin and Holly (Franz, fs)**  
**Boyette**, daughter Brooklynn Shea, September 17, 2004. Joins Beau, Brandi and Brady.

## 1998

**Robert and Katie (Gilliland, fs'99)**  
**Bader**, son Owen Bradford, November 11, 2003.

**Shawn and Pamela Finney**, son Jack, February 1, 2004.

**Mike and Leigh Ashley (Groce) Breedlove**, son Samuel "Tucker," March 3, 2004.

**Robert and Amy (Sanders, '97)**  
**McCraw**, son Luke Mitchell, April 8, 2004. Joins Noah (3).

**Matt and Jaime (Fulton, '97)**  
**Melcher**, daughter McKinley Hope, May 10, 2004. Welcomed by Madison (2-1/2).

**Nick and Joanna (Haver) Wakefield**, daughter Lindsey Drew, May 24, 2004.

**Jason and Fawnda (Cruse) White**, daughter Rylee, May 28, 2004.

**Joshua and Shari (Provence, '97)**  
**Ulery**, son William Hugh, June 3, 2004.

**Billy and Julie (Jones) Bird**, son William "Wesley," August 25, 2004. Joins Olivia, 3.

**Keith and Kim Stewart**, daughter Ruth Abigail, August 26, 2004. Welcomed by Mary (5), Anna Grace (2) and Sarah (3).

**Tim and Angie (Stephens) Wilson**, son Garrett Wilson, October 16, 2004.

## 1999

**Chris and Allison (Coates)**  
**Davis**, daughter Ella Marie, December 15, 2003.

**Chris and Brandi McAlister**, daughter Madilynn, April 28, 2004.

**Dan and Jenifer (Pierson, 2000)**  
**Gordon**, son Grant Shelby, June 4, 2004.

**Aaron and April (Allen)**  
**Hobbs**, daughter Kaitlin Avery, June 22, 2004.

**Aaron and Heather (Nance)**  
**Kirchhefer**, son Connor Joseph, July 3, 2004.

**Tad and Monica (Leagans, '98)**  
**Hardin**, son Zachary Austin, July 12, 2004.

**Chris and Amy (Bridges, 2000)**  
**Babb**, son Carter, September 20, 2004.

## 2000

**Shannon Grose and Rachel Hageman**, son Jackson Brooks, March 17, 2003.

**Buddy and Erika (McCain)**  
**Hixon**, son Jarret Christopher, January 27, 2004.

**Jeremy and Ann (Daniel, '98)**  
**Greenwich**, Gabriel "Gabe" Lewis, May 27, 2004.

**Jason and Elizabeth (Stubblefield) Davis**, daughter Lee Anna, June 13, 2004.

**Spencer and Leah (Creed)**  
**Barnard**, son Jordan Ryan, April 22, 2004. Joins Hannah, 2.

## 2001

**Daymond and Jane (Schaffner)**  
**Hill**, daughter Lily Valentine, May 12, 2004. Joins D.J. (2).

**James and Amy (McCormick)**  
**Kemmer**, daughter Avery Claire, June 21, 2004. Welcomed by Abby (1).

**John and Ashley (Carroll)**  
**Beller**, daughter Esther Scott, June 29, 2004.

**Doug and Jessica (Coleman)**  
**Connell**, son Baxter Daniel, July 19, 2004. Welcomed by Ethan (2).

**Sean and Katie (Jackson)**  
**Holland**, daughter Kennedy Danette, June 25, 2004.

**Johan and Candace (Crouse)**

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Eriksson, daughter Emelia Grace, September 18, 2004.

## 2002

**Benjamin and Kim Overby**, son Andrew Elijah, May 21, 2004.

**Joel and Melody Hollingsworth**, daughter Sydney Rayann, July 2, 2004.

**Rickey and Lydia (Gutierrez) Rogers**, daughter Reyna Elizabeth, August 22, 2004. Joins Rickey, Jr.

## 2003

**Branden and Renee (Peavey) Henry**, daughter Lily, July 15, 2004.

## Faculty/Staff

Stephen and Lori Hensley, son Isaac Stephen, June 21, 2004. (Lori is assistant professor of biology.)

Doug and Caroline (Henderson) Taylor, daughter Madeline Rose, July 11, 2004. Welcomed by sister, McKenna (16 months). (Caroline is professor of music.)

## DEATHS

### 1927

**Lucelle Smith Newton**, October 3, 2004, Camden, AR.

### 1928

**Theo May Holland Storey**, May 15, 2004, North Little Rock.

### 1929

**Angie Thomasson Greer**, December 2003, Ozark, AR.

### 1933

**Dorothy Irene Sevedge**, September 7, 2004, Nashville, AR.

**Frances E. Hopper Matthiesen**, November 5, 2004, Colorado Springs, CO.

### 1934

**Richard Clifford Mackey (fs)**, May 10, 2004, Augusta, AR.

### 1935

**Olive Marie Wright Whittemore**, May 14, 2004, Arkadelphia, AR.

**Woodrow Wilson Harrelson**, May 16, 2004, Jonesboro, AR.

**Lowell W. Queen**, May 30, 2004, Abilene, TX.

**Charles Figley**, August 15, 2004, Judsonia, AR.

### 1936

**Robert C. Lee**, January 9, 2002, Lake City, FL. (Notified August 2004)

**Inez Taylor Compton (fs)**, June 22, 2004, Beaumont, TX.

### 1937

**Erma Roberts Dove**, February 1993, Okmulgee, OK. (Notified September 2004)

### 1940

**Silby Richard Wallis**, January 24, 2004, Dallas, TX.

### 1941

**John Burton (fs)**, July 28, 2004, El Dorado, AR.

**Lee Edmondson Burns Tull**, August 31, 2004, Benton, AR.

### 1942

**Pauline Brown Pitts (fs)**, May 25, 2004, North Little Rock, AR. (Formerly Hot Springs).

**Albert Ray Harris (fs)**, October 29, 2004, Camden, AR.

### 1943

**Gene C. Martin (fs)**, May 10, 2004, Phoenix, AZ.

**Doris King Goodwin**, August 11, 2004, Tullahoma, TN.

### 1944

**John Mitchell Edrington**, June 8, 2004, North Little Rock.

### 1946

**V. Alline Smith Adams**, July 28, 2004, Goodrich, MI.

**W. Harold White**, July 29, 2004, Bryant, AR.

### 1947

**William D. Martin**, November 30, 2003, Corpus Christi, TX. (notified June 2004)

### 1948

**Harold Douglas Presley**, June 16, 2004, Delight, AR.

**Nell Cramer Freeman**, October 14, 2004, Stillwater, OK.

### 1950

**Jerry B. McLain**, January 16, 2004, Flat River, MO.

**Ralph Euell Holland**, June 1, 2004, Little Rock, AR.

**Darell Stinson Ross**, September 13, 2004, Conway, AR.

### 1952

**Billy Bob Reames**, March 1, 2004, Marietta, GA.

### 1953

**James Nollette (fs)**, December 3, 2003, Glendale, CA.

**Shirley Cox Walker**, March 2002, Fort Worth, TX. (Notified June 2004)

### 1955

**Alfred R. Cullum**, August 1, 2004, Forrest City, AR.

### 1957

**Ruthelene Williams Edwards**, October 6, 1998, Clifton, TX. (Notified September 2004)

**Albert Lonney Hulsey**, May 10, 2004, Lebanon, MO.

**Harold Austin Wilson (fs)**, October 17, 2004, Little Rock.

### 1959

**Doris Hefner Military**, August 2, 2004, Texarkana, AR.

### 1961

**Kenneth G. Robertson**, October 2, 2004, Arkadelphia, AR.

### 1963

**Robert L. Herzfeld, Sr. (fs)**, October 14, 2004, Benton, AR.

### 1964

**John Kitchens, Jr.**, July 25, 2004, Pine Bluff, AR.

### 1965

**Brenda J. Sykes Clark**, April 14, 2004, West Memphis, AR.

**Charles M. Atkinson (fs)**, June 1, 2004, Little Rock, AR.

**Jim Case (fs)**, August 12, 2004, Hot Springs, AR.

### 1966

**David Jimerson**, May 27, 2004, Jonesboro, AR.

### 1969

**Tommy Wood (fs)**, August 10, 2004, Marianna, AR.

### 1970

**John Edward Kiesling, Sr.**, July 13, 2004, Jacksonville, AR.

### 1971

**Herman Hankins, Jr. (fs)**, June 18, 2004, Arkadelphia, AR.

**Leodis Maurice Nelson**, June 24, 2004, Mabelvale, AR.

**Velma Ann Thomas Early (fs)**, September 30, 2004, Little Rock, AR.

### 1975

**Sherrilyn Curtis Glenn (fs)**, February 23, 2004, Benton, AR.

**Martha Delura Hogan**, November 6, 2004, Marianna, AR.

### 1978

**Orie Hunter, Jr. (fs)**, July 13, 2004, Star City, AR.

**Richard Lynn "Ricky" Hogue (fs)**, August 26, 2004, Arlington, TX.

### 1980

**Toni Laverne Franklin Lemmons (MSE)**, August 17, 2004, Jacksonville, AR.

**Francella Calvin (MSE)**, October 29, 2004, Little Rock, AR.

### 1988

**Mitzi Belew Pollard (fs)**, July 1, 2004, Fort Smith, AR.

## Faculty/Staff

Lavell Cole, November 8, 2004, Arkadelphia. (professor emeritus of history)

# OUACHITA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM

## CHINA HISTORY & CULTURE TOUR

May 19-31, 2005



Thursday, May 19: Departure Little Rock for Hong Kong via Tokyo Narita..  
Friday, May 20: Hong Kong Arrive Hong Kong at 10:25 p.m.; check in at the New World Renaissance Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.  
Saturday, May 21: Hong Kong (B) Tour to Aberdeen, Victoria Peak, Santeley Market and Repulse Bay. Return to New World Renaissance Hotel.  
Sunday, May 22: Guangzhou (B,L,D) Chen Clan Temple, Dr. Sun Yatsen's Memorial Hall, city tour, fly to Guilin.  
Monday, May 23: Guilin (B,L,D) Cruise down the picturesque Li River until we reach Yanshuo country.  
Tuesday, May 24: Kunming (B,L,D) Stone Forest (Shilin), Nani Ethnics  
Wednesday, May 25: Xian (B,L,D) Depart for Xian on morning flight. We will travel through the fertile Wei River Valley, tour the ancient city wall, the bell tower, and the city landmark, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Shanxi Provincial History Museum. In the evening, we will enjoy a "dumpling dinner" and a Dynasty Theatre Show (This show is worth the trip!)  
Thursday, May 26: Xian (B,L,D) Ban Po Museum, excavation site of the Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses  
Friday, May 27: Beijing (B, D) Transfer to the Shao Yuan Hotel. This hotel belongs to China's most prestigious university (Peking University), explore Beijing, tour the Summer Palace, Marble Boat  
Saturday, May 28: Beijing (B,D) Great Wall of China  
Sunday, May 29: Beijing (B,L,D) Tiananmen Square, Honqiao Market, or "the Pearl Market," Temple of Heaven  
Monday, May 30: Beijing (B,L,D) Palace Museum, commonly called The Forbidden City.  
Tuesday, May 31: Beijing – Little Rock  
Depart at 9:05 a.m. for home, arriving in Little Rock at 4:32 p.m.

### What is included in the package?

Transportation: All economy class flights and ground transportation.

Hotels: Four or five star hotels as designated. The tour price is based on two persons per room in twin beds. A private room supplement is \$350.

Meals: As indicated above

Guides: All English speaking guides

Payment: A deposit of \$500 is required at the time of booking your space. This and supplemental payments may be made by check or credit card at one time or in increments. All fees must be made payable to Ouachita Baptist University International Travel Program. Final Payment is due by March 31<sup>st</sup> when names must be submitted to the airline for tickets. If total payments are made by January 1<sup>st</sup>, the cost is \$2850. If payments extend beyond that time, the cost is \$2950.

### What is not included in the package?

Travel Insurance, Airport departure taxes in China (50 yuan, about \$6 US) for each internal flight and 90 yuan (about \$11 US) for the international flight, Any surcharges accessed by airlines after Nov. 1,2004, Gratitudes for guides, bus drivers and hotel personnel, Meals not indicated above, Excess baggage, Passport cost (application forms are available at the local post office), Visa Fee (\$50) There is no extra cost for OBU taking the passports to Houston for visas, Personal items such as laundry, e-mails and phone calls, (The stated prices are based on a minimum of 20 passengers, air fares, land costs and the value of the US dollar as of November 1, 2004 and are subject to change).

## AFRICA TOUR

June 27-July 91, 2005



We are looking at arriving in Windhoek, Namibia. This is the land of German settlements during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, so one will see many carry-overs of that era. We will move northward to Damaraland (in Namibia) and see the famous rock engravings of the Bushman tribe, granite rock formation landscapes, Organ Pipe and other unique sites. We will visit the sand dunes, including the world's largest which is a photographer's dream. From there we will move to Kamanjab region to visit the Himba tribal village, finally arriving at the Etosha National Park for a couple of days of game drives and viewing. The area is rich in wildlife, and famous for the desert elephant population, but it has 144 other species of mammals. It will be dry, so we may see many game species as they come to drink at the waterholes in the evening. On the eastern side of the Etosha pan, we will most likely stay at a hotel which originally was a German Fort, built in 1908.

Moving eastward, we will go to Rundu, in NE Namibia and on the border of Angola, the Kavango area, and we will stay in thatched chalets on the banks of the Okavango River which boast of much aquatic and bird life. There is a game drive in Suclabo, and while in the Mudumu National Park, there is a boat cruise on the Kwando River to Popa Falls. In the Kasane Region, we will dip into Botswana for a second boat cruise on the Chobe River followed by a game drive in the Chobe National Park. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, we will leave the Caprivi strip and arrive in Livingstone, Zambia on the Zambezi River. The crowning experience will be to see the famous Victoria Falls from the Zambian side. If time permits, one can walk across the expansion bridge and also see the Falls from the Zimbabwean side (not included in the tour price). Wherever one sees the Falls, it is a spectacular site!!!

The tour will take you through villages, deserts, savannah lands, scrub forests, river environments, and finally the lush growth of the Falls region. The accommodations will be lodges, typical African style accommodations. Some of the meals will be served in the open air so that you will have the feel of the African bush. There should be an abundance of bird and animals and a very diverse eco-system ranging from desert to lush growth at the Falls.

There may be some minor alterations when the final schedule is received, but the price will include lodging, meals, transportation, transfers and entrance fees. It will not include personal insurance, gratitudes for guides and drivers, drinks, and departure taxes.

For additional information, contact tour director, Bill Dixon, OBU International Travel Program, P.O. Box 3777, Arkadelphia, AR 71998  
(o) 870-245-5310 (h) 870-246-7271 or [dixonb@obu.edu](mailto:dixonb@obu.edu).

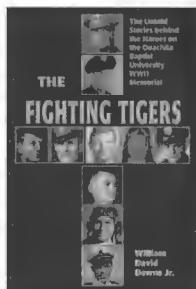
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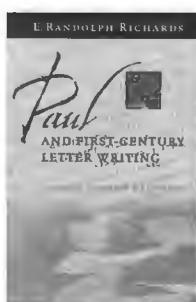


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