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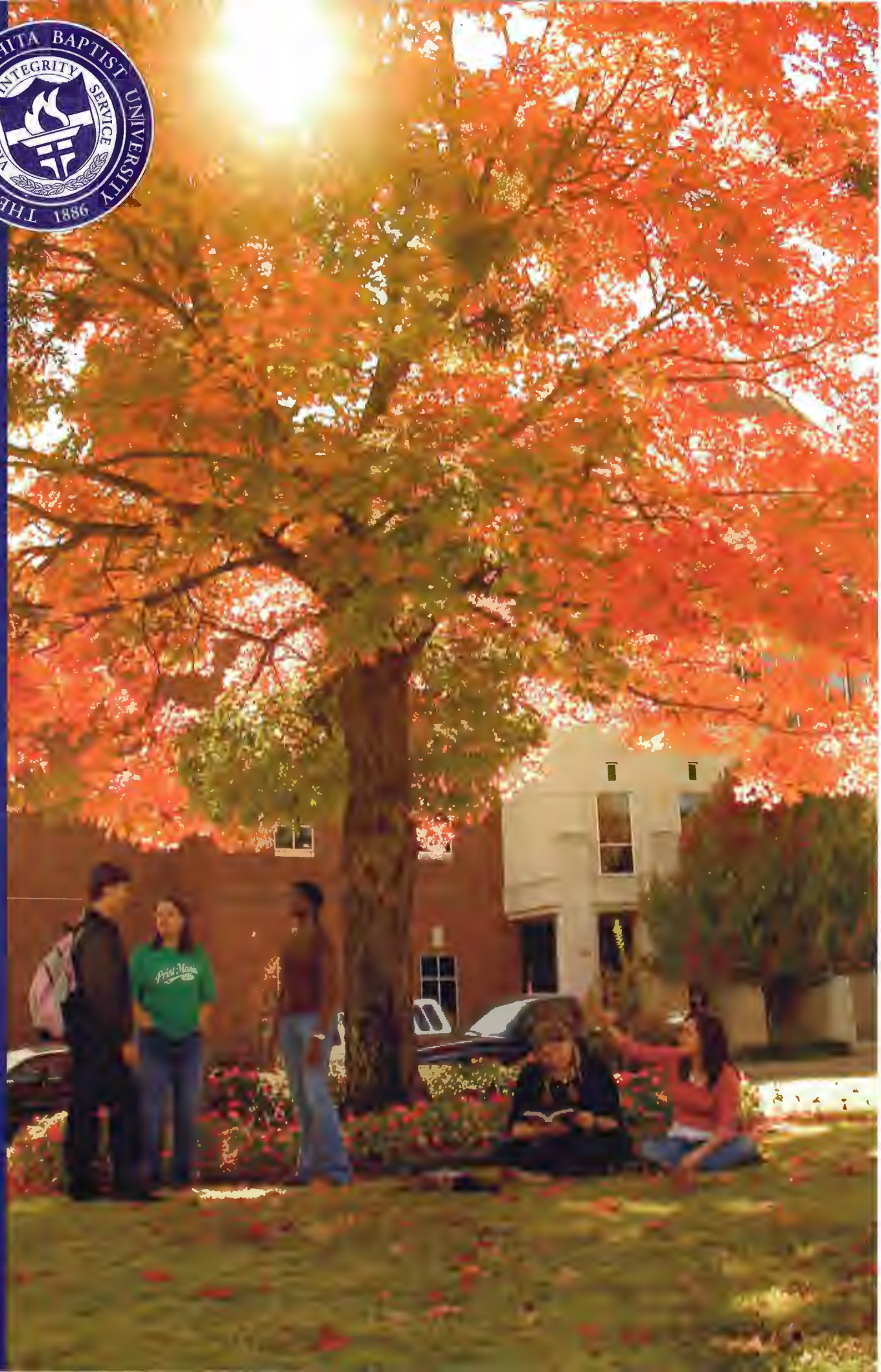
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A Word from the President...

You may have heard by now that, after three decades at Ouachita, our family will be leaving this spring for Birmingham, Alabama, where I'll succeed Dr. Thomas E. Corts as the president of Samford University. As this decision has emerged, Jeanna, Riley, and I have sought to understand God's will for Ouachita, for Samford, and for our family. We have felt the prayers of hundreds of friends during this time.

When I announced the decision to the campus community last month, I wrote a paragraph dripping with sentiment. Sappy as it is, it best expresses my feelings:

Friends have remarked to me over the years that it is impossible to love an institution. They have said that a person may love the people within an institution, but the institution itself is lifeless and can be loved no more than one would cherish a favorite sweater or a pair of shoes. I don't remember arguing with my friends when this topic has emerged, but I've never accepted their premise. The simple truth is that I love Ouachita. I love the people, certainly, but I love more than that. I love the setting. I love the mission. I love the Arkansas Baptists and those thousands of other friends who offer their gifts and prayers. I love my classroom in McClellan Hall. I love the view of the Ouachita River from the bridge. I love Tiger Tunes. I love to listen to students when they return from an international trip. I love to see faculty members relaxing over lunch in the Commons, laughing about the latest story. I love a good cup of coffee at Starbucks. I love my predecessors, Dan Grant and Ben Elrod. I love weddings in Berry Chapel. I love the happy anticipation of the freshmen when they come to the house for ice cream. I love the sad eyes of the seniors when they realize they are about to burst the bubble. I love to watch parents cry at New Beginnings and Commencement. I love the place in front of Flippen-Perrin Hall where, in September of 1978, I first kissed Jeanna. I love the grounds we walked 16 years ago as she was pregnant with Riley. I love the trustees who have cried with me as we have struggled with this decision. I even love the awkward steps leading to Evans Student Center. Well, perhaps not the steps. Yes, I even love the steps.

I love it all. Every bit of it. I know that you love it, too.

Leaving Ouachita will be the most difficult thing my family has ever done. We wouldn't do it if we didn't believe that God is leading us to Samford. We will surely find joy and purpose in our work there, just as we have found it at Ouachita. It is a Proverbs 3:5 decision for us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

As always, please keep Ouachita in your prayers.

Andy Westmoreland

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Andrew Westmoreland

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Westmoreland named president of Samford University

“Dr. Westmoreland leaves with great affection for Ouachita, and in turn, all of us have great respect and affection for him and wish him nothing but success.”

• William H. “Buddy” Sutton,
chairman of the
Ouachita board of trustees

Dr. Andrew Westmoreland was recently selected by the board of trustees of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, to serve as Samford’s next president. Westmoreland, who has served since 1998 as the 14th president of Ouachita Baptist University, submitted his resignation to Ouachita’s board of trustees, effective May 31, 2006. Chairman of the board, William H. “Buddy” Sutton, accepted the resignation and acknowledged Westmoreland’s contributions to the university.

“Dr. Westmoreland has provided splendid leadership for Ouachita since his installation as president in 1998,” said Sutton. “He was well prepared for the job and has performed exceedingly well. He has had an easy manner working with faculty, students and all of those interested in Ouachita. He has provided clear lines of direction and has a way of making everybody want to succeed and see the institution succeed. Largely due to his credit, Ouachita is strong, stable, and it will do well in the future—as it has done under his leadership and those that went before him.”

In a statement issued by Westmoreland, he said, “Ouachita has been home to me for more than 27 years. It is among the finest institutions of its type, and it is filled with some of the best people I’ve ever known. The students, alums,

faculty and staff that make up the Ouachita community have been a family to me. I will leave to take the step that I believe is best for me, for Ouachita and for Samford, but I will remain a dedicated supporter and a loyal alumnus of my alma mater.”

Sutton commented on the admiration of those in the Ouachita community for the outgoing president. “Dr. Westmoreland leaves with great affection for Ouachita, and in turn, all of us have great respect and affection for him and wish him nothing but success.”

Sutton also discussed plans for the presidential transition at Ouachita, saying the search process will begin early in the spring semester. Ouachita’s board of trustees will have ultimate authority over the selection of the university’s 15th president but will accept recommendations from a search committee. Search committee members will be announced at the outset of the process, according to Sutton.

Westmoreland offered his support for the process and indicated that he believes a seamless transition will take place. “I am confident that Ouachita’s board of trustees will select a president who will bring new vision and energy to the Ouachita campus,” he said. “I will count it a privilege to lend my enthusiastic support to the new administration and to cheer for Ouachita in my role as a loyal alumnus.”

Westmoreland will become Samford’s 18th president on June 1, 2006. He will enter the role following the retirement of Dr. Thomas Corts. Corts has served as president of Samford since 1983.

Key accomplishments of Westmoreland’s time as president of Ouachita have included the successful completion of the university’s most ambitious fund-raising effort to date, the Circle of Excellence Campaign, which exceeded a \$62.5 million goal and was completed in May of 2005.

Other accomplishments include the establishment of the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business, the Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies and the J. D. Patterson School of Natural Sciences. Construction projects resulting in a number of new campus facilities have been undertaken during Westmoreland’s tenure as well. Facilities include the Ouachita Commons Dining Hall, the Crews Athletic Pavilion and Frank D. Hickingbotham Hall, which will house the university’s school of business and will open in the fall of 2006.

During Westmoreland’s presidency, Ouachita has consistently received high marks from U. S. News & World Report magazine, landing in the top five among regional comprehensive colleges and universities in the south for five consecutive years.

• by Rebecca Jones

Ouachita Signs National Guard and Reserve "5-Star" Statement of Support

Maj. Gen. (Ret) Melvin Thrash, chair emeritus of the Arkansas Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Committee, announced that Ouachita signed a "5-Star" Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserve. The "5-Star" Statement of Support confirms that the university demonstrates its support for its employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserves and has taken steps to ensure compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-Employment Rights Act (USERRA). Additionally, the university incorporates policies and programs that exceed the requirements of the USERRA law. • *by Rebecca Jones*

Ouachita's Foster Grandparent Program recognized

Ouachita's Foster Grandparent Program was recognized recently by the Corporation for National Service. The program received an award for excellence in service to special needs children in the state of Arkansas. Ouachita's program serves hundreds of special needs children annually in Clark, Hot Spring, Garland, Pike, Nevada, and Dallas counties in Arkansas. Approximately 80 adults, ranging in age from 60 to 92, volunteer their time through the program. The volunteers visit public school classrooms, pre-schools, Head Start programs, and schools for children with disabilities. The foster grandparents provide one-on-one

assistance and encouragement, 15 to 40 hours per week, as the children they serve work on their individual education or development plans.

This year, Ouachita observes its 25th anniversary as a Foster Grandparent Program sponsor. The program is directed by Shirley McMillan. • *by Mary Lynn Burns*

Elrod Center receives grant from Entergy

The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community at Ouachita recently received a \$500 Community Partnership Grant from Entergy Corporation. The funds will be used for the America Reads tutoring/mentoring program, which has been in place at Ouachita since 1998, in partnership with the Arkadelphia Public Schools.

"We are pleased to receive another Entergy grant, which allows us to partner with a corporate neighbor in meeting the literacy needs of children in Arkadelphia," said Ian Cosh, director of the Elrod Center. "This is the second year that we have received a grant, and it has allowed us to strengthen our outreach efforts in a significant manner."

The grant will be used primarily to purchase books, which will be given to first graders who receive tutoring assistance through the America Reads program. Funding will also help cover expenses for program materials necessary to equip literacy kits used during tutoring sessions. Ouachita students trained to assist children in developing reading skills serve as tutors for the program and will have the opportunity to provide the books and materials to participants. • *by Mary Lynn Burns*

OSEA sponsors Race for Books

The Ouachita Student Educator's Association (OSEA), along with the Henderson State Educator's Association, hosted the 5th Annual Race for Books on Saturday, November 12, at Ouachita's cross country field.

The Race for Books is a 5K run or a 2 mile walk for people of all ages. The race fee was a new children's book or \$5. Additionally, race t-shirts featuring an original design by Arkadelphia third grade student, Hunter Kirkpatrick, were available.

This year more than 65 books were donated and \$600 for the purchase of books, according to Dr. Margo Turner, assistant professor of education at Ouachita and the faculty coordinator for the Race for Books. "The OSEA has done it again--contributed to the literacy development of children," said Turner. "The books, money, racers and perfect fall weather made for another successful Race for Books."

The books will be given to classroom teachers who participated to place in their classrooms and libraries. Books will also be given to the two and three-year-old classrooms at Head Start.

Pi Gamma Mu receives award

Ouachita's chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, an academic honor society for students and faculty of the social sciences, was recently selected to receive the Joseph B. James Chapter Incentive Award and was added to the Roll of Merit for 2004-

2005. The awards were presented at Pi Gamma Mu's Triennial Convention.

The Joseph B. James Chapter Incentive Award is presented every three years to reward the performance of a new or newly reactivated chapter, which substantially increases its focus on one or more areas, such as membership or activities.

The Roll of Merit recognizes chapters for their campus effectiveness in hosting activities and increasing organizational involvement. The sponsor of the organization is Dr. Susan Zlomke, assistant professor of political science. • *by Katy Gill*



photo by Myra Houser

Ouachita hosts Martin Marty

Ouachita hosted a Birkett Williams Lecture featuring Dr. Martin E. Marty on October 25.

Marty is the Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at the University of Chicago, where he taught in the university's Divinity School for 35 years and where the Martin Marty Center has been established to promote "public religion" endeavors. Marty also serves as a columnist for "The Christian Century."

The title of Marty's topic was "Civil Religion and Nationalism." • *by Rebecca Jones*

Governor's Gala

University announces the Michael E. Huckabee School of Education



SHARING HIS STORY • (above) Governor Mike Huckabee is interviewed by a radio reporter as Ouachita President Andrew Westmoreland looks on. (left) The Ouachita Singers perform. • photos by Stephen Carter



*O*r. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita, announced the university's School of Education would be named to honor Governor Mike Huckabee, and that the governor would direct a new program, the Center for Education and Public Policy. A \$25-million fund raising effort

will be undertaken to provide endowment for the Michael D. Huckabee School of Education.

The announcement took place during the Governor's Gala, an event hosted by Ouachita to honor Huckabee, a 1975 graduate of the university and a former member of its board of trustees. The

event served as a fundraiser for the preservation of the Huckabee Gubernatorial Collection of papers and memorabilia, which is housed at Ouachita.

According to Westmoreland, the Center for Education and Public Policy, which will be a part of the Huckabee

Friends, family honor

Governor Mike Huckabee

A crowd of more than 800 people came together on September 27 at the Governor's Gala in Little Rock to honor a man that has touched many lives, Governor Mike Huckabee. Hosted by Ouachita, the gala program included a number of student and faculty musicians as well as speakers who shared personal reflections on the governor's life and contributions.

Throughout the program, various groups from Ouachita sang or played songs of gratitude and honor. The program began with jazz selections by a Ouachita faculty ensemble. The Ouachita Sounds and the Ouachita Singers also lent their voices to the event.

The program's speakers shared personal accounts and their thoughts about Huckabee. William H. "Buddy" Sutton served as emcee for the gala and Rev. Greg Kirksey offered a prayer of invocation. Program speakers included Rev. Rick Caldwell, Sarah Huckabee, Rev. Mark Evans and Dr. Andrew Westmoreland. Gov. Huckabee offered a response at the conclusion of the event.

Caldwell, a former college roommate of Gov. Huckabee's, spoke on the topic of "Mike Huckabee, The Young Man." Caldwell described meeting Huckabee at Boys' State and reflected on the friendship the two have shared. Caldwell said, "The Mike Huckabee I've known through the years has had different roles—my friend, my roommate, my pastor, my governor—but the role that I first saw him in at Boys' State, the role of a great leader, is a role he still fills today."

Sarah Huckabee, a 2004 graduate of Ouachita, talked about her relationship with her father and shared memories illustrating his deep devotion to his family. In spite of his very busy schedule while in office, "There was never a time he wasn't there for us," she said.

Evans, senior pastor of the Church at Rock Creek in Little Rock, spoke of Gov. Huckabee's involvement in church and his compassion for people. "Mike Huckabee is a man everyone in this room, and everyone in Arkansas, can respect," said Evans. "Mike is at his best when people need him most."

Westmoreland described Huckabee as a man of influence and a person who demonstrates the characteristics of vision, integrity and service. He also announced the naming of the Michael D. Huckabee School of Education and the establishment of the Center for Education and Public Policy.

Westmoreland concluded by inviting the governor to the stage. Huckabee expressed his gratitude to the evening's presenters and also commented on his future role as director of the Center for Education and Public Policy, saying he is excited about the opportunity to invest in students. He said the Center would represent, "the first time in America that a school has not only sought to train educators but to train educators who understand that education policy is formed in the crucible of politics." He said the Center would also "help train young aspiring politicians to realize that there is no greater mission in the realm of politics than to give every single child in this country a quality education that can lift a child out of poverty, give a child hopes and dreams and the foundation to be whatever he or she wishes to be." • *by Kathryn Kittrell*

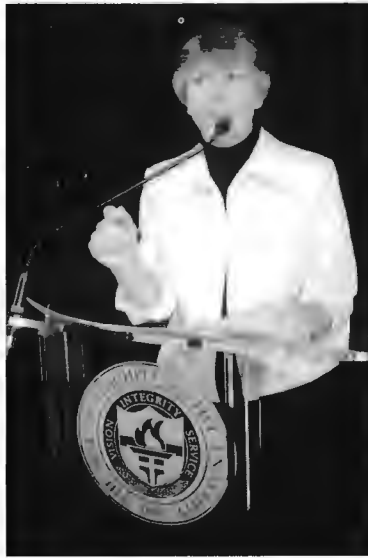
and personally. Having a permanent relationship with Ouachita is an honor and a responsibility. I envision it as the one place where a student can prepare for a career that will unite education policy, public policy and a spiritual mission. We'll work to help students whose vision is to change the world -- one student at a time."

Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, dean



RECEPTION • Governor Huckabee visits with Mrs. Johnelle Hunt (far right) and other special guests at a pre-event reception at the Governor's mansion. • *photo courtesy of the Governor's staff*

of the new Huckabee School of Education, said, "Our teacher education program will carry forward Gov. Huckabee's emphasis on reform, as we encourage new generations of teachers to seek continual improvement of their schools in order to provide their students with an education that is both challenging and relevant to their needs. Our department of kinesiology and leisure studies shares the governor's passion for exercise and nutrition and will challenge all our students to develop and maintain healthy lifestyles and will prepare leaders to share the importance of personal fitness in the communities in which they work." • *by Rebecca Jones*



Gracia Burnham

Gracia Burnham, best-selling author of "In the Presence of My Enemies" and "To Fly Again" and founder of the Martin and Gracia Burnham Foundation, visited Ouachita as a guest speaker for the university's chapel program

*The Burnhams have
a different family now.*

It is a family

that misses Martin

but feels God's presence

and grace.

As Gracia Burnham was growing up, she wanted to do it all. If she passed a farm, on an afternoon drive, it was her desire to be a veterinarian. When she sat in class eager to learn because of an inspirational teacher, Burnham wanted to teach.

"Anything I heard about, I wanted to do, and I'm still like that," Burnham said. "I can be happy anywhere."

She would read the missionary biographies that those who participated in Girls' in Action remember so vividly, and they intrigued her, but in her own opinion she was not of the adventuresome variety. She never imagined she would be a missionary, but God directed her path to Martin Burnham.

"I knew God called me to Martin, and God called him to missions, and I was thrilled that he knew what he wanted to do. I knew in my heart that I was supposed to marry that guy," Burnham said. "If God had called Martin to live in the states, then I would have followed him there."

Martin Burnham grew up as a missionaries' kid in the Philippines. His parents were both Tribal Missionaries, leaving for the mission field with four small children. Although many people felt their act was unwise with children involved, they truly felt they could make a difference. Martin grew to love missionary aviation as a result of flying in a missionary airplane through the jungle area to get home to the states for holidays. When he returned to the states for college, that's what he worked on-becoming a missionary pilot.

"He got to do what he wanted to do, and I am so thankful he got to do that," Gracia said. "So many people go through life, not getting to do what they would love to do."

For 15 years, the Burnhams served in Northern Luzon, Philippines, with New Tribes Mission as aviation missionaries. Martin was

the people he served. Gracia was the communications link with the radio. She took groceries, medicine orders, and when a missionary was sick and treatment had already been prescribed, she would go to the hospital with the symptoms seeking a doctor's advice and would radio instructions to those in need.

"I was working to make Martin successful. God used me on the field too," Gracia said.

With no flight radar system, Gracia had to manually track her husband's daily flight pattern. Additionally, the pair would receive weather reports from another missionary each morning, know the runways Martin used for landing strips were less than adequate and located in mountainous regions. He had to achieve near-perfect timing in order to achieve safe landings.

"It was difficult for me when the weather was bad," Gracia said. "I never really worried about him though. Martin was a wonderful pilot. My son is studying aviation at university, learning to fly like his dad did."

On May 27, 2001, during their 17th year in the Philippines, the Burnhams took a much-needed vacation to celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary. While they were guests at the Das Palmas resort off the island of Mindanao, the couple and a number of other resort guests were kidnapped by a violent militant group that operated in the southern Philippines, the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG).

"The difficulty with any trial is that you don't know how long it's going to last," Gracia said. "There was a battle to trust me and today all over again for the situation you found yourself in that day."

The Burnhams walked through the jungle with their captors trying to avoid the military members of the ASG. The group was starving, getting weaker and when their captors were of their own,

or when they found it along the way.

"We ate whatever we could find," Gracia said. "Often we would come to a place a family had cleared for a farm. We would strip the farm clean of its sweet potatoes and bananas. It didn't matter if the bananas were ripe. If they weren't we would boil them. We ate leaves off trees. The men would go out at night, and be gone two or three days and come back with little sacks of rice, little cans of sardines, or packages of Ramen noodles."

There were 20 people originally taken hostage. However, many of the captives were familiar with the ASG, and they knew what would be expected in order to survive.

"They were Filipinos, and they had seen this terrorist group work before," Gracia said. "They got on their cell phones right away and called their loved ones to tell them to start raising this amount of money. They were all ransomed out of there. It was very difficult to watch all the other captives leave."

Ransom was provided for the Burnhams on two separate occasions. However, the ASG demanded more money, and the couple were not released.

Martin and Gracia found that the fears they experienced during their captivity depended on the day. If they were hungry, their fear was that they would starve. If their captors had been playing their radios too long, then Martin and Gracia would fear not being able to use the batteries in cell phones. Cell phones provided the Burnhams their only hope for communication with the outside world and potential ransom and release.

"If there had been a gun battle with the military, my fear became that one of those bullets isn't going to whiz past my head," Gracia said. "My fear was that it was going to find me. We knew that one of those days one of those gun battles wasn't going to end well."

During one particularly difficult period, the Burnhams spent more than a week without food. They were traveling through the jungle with their captors in an unfamiliar area. The group approached a muddy logging road area that they crossed, inadvertently leaving



BOOK SIGNING • Gracia Burnham autographs a book following her chapel presentation. • photo by Lizzie Holmes

tracks. The next day, the military found the tracks and began to follow the group. The sky grew cloudy and it began to rain. An unwritten rule of the ASG and the military was that they never fought in the rain. The Burnham's captors set up camp to keep themselves dry, and laid down for a rest. However, that day, the military did not rest. They discovered the ASG and opened fire immediately.

"We had learned in gun battles to hit the ground," Gracia said. "Immediately, I was hit, and I slid down a mountain that was wet from the rain. I landed right beside Martin."

She looked at her husband and saw the blood streaming from his chest.

"I knew from past gun battles that you don't recover from a chest wound," Gracia said. "He laid there almost sleeping, breathing very heavily, almost snoring and then suddenly I felt his body go heavy. I always heard people talk about the 'weight of death.' I think that's what I felt with Martin."

Gracia tried to appear dead

until the ASG were gone. When she heard soldiers approaching, she began to move her arms around, and they came and began to drag her up the hill.

"That's when I looked back at Martin, and he was white," Gracia said. "That's when I knew that he was dead. It was like at that moment God gave me a decision. 'Okay Gracia, you can either go home bitter and upset because you lost Martin and because of what has happened to you or you can go home happy and joyful because you're finally out of here.'"

She chose to go home joyful, because God answered her prayers and allowed her to go home.

"Martin had always told me, 'If and when we go home, our kids are going to need us back, they aren't going to need you minus your mind. Keep your mind intact. They are going to want their fun mom back. They aren't going to want some shell of a woman who went into the jungle.'"

The Burnhams have a different family now. It is a family that misses Martin but feels God's presence and grace.

"I have got good kids, and God's grace comes down on us every day," Gracia said. "They worry about me coming home because we realize that we aren't guaranteed anything."

Gracia realizes that in the case of her and Martin, she feels like it may seem that the "weak" one got to return from captivity, but her husband, always the "strong" one, got the "good end of the deal"-he got the reward.

"I'm the one that has been left," Gracia said. "I'm the one that travels around to speak, even when it's very difficult. I have to pay the bills, but he is experiencing life we can't even imagine, and I am so happy for him. He is getting to know the people, the best spots in heaven, so he can introduce me and show me someday." • by Mary Lynn Burns

Homecoming



Homecoming Queen Tracey Beckett • photo by Angela Harger



EEE Tiger Tunes • photo by Lizzie Holmes



Tigers enter the stadium • photo by Stephen Carter



Kappa Chi drop in • photo by Stephen Carter

EMERGING QUEEN

a freshman elemen-
major from Garland,

Melani Bridges, a
ministries major
uke

Whitney Swin-
more communication
disorders major from

(tie): Jenna Mor-
Music major from Lib-
and Ashley Allison, a
and nutrition major
Tennessee

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Women's Social
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Tiger Tunes grand prize
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Kappa Chi Tiger Tunes • photo by Lizzie Holmes

Answering the Call

Students, faculty and staff respond to disaster relief efforts following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita



photos provided by Campus Ministries and Danny Brown

In the wake of tragedy, students, faculty and staff extended helping hands to provide relief for people displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Groups and individuals worked on projects ranging from gathering needed items to serving meals at a local shelter.

Many students were already in preparation for volunteer service through the Ben McElrod Center for Family and Community, where teams were planning for the semi-annual Tiger Serve Day on October 8. Tiger Serve Day has traditionally been a day set aside for teams of students, faculty and staff to go throughout the community and provide service to people in need. Established in 1997, Tiger Serve Day has allowed volunteers to log thousands of service hours in the local community.

In light of the hurricanes, Elrod Center and Tiger Serve Day leaders adapted their planning in an effort to better meet the immediate needs of people displaced by the disasters. Directed a "rolling" Tiger Serve Day, the new activities focused on collecting and sending teams of students, faculty and staff to provide assistance for on-going service projects.

According to Ian Cosh, assistant to the president for community development and director of the Elrod Center, "In a time of such tragedy and chaos, we felt our greatest role would be to coordinate with disaster-relief organizations like the American Red Cross and the Arkansas Baptist State Conven-

tion (ABSC) to try to provide people to fill needs within the local area." Cosh said hundreds of members of the Ouachita community volunteered, and the Elrod Center worked to help them identify places of service.

The Red Cross initially used the Arkadelphia Recreation Center to provide temporary housing for evacuees from

Louisiana and Mississippi. Tiger Serve teams aided these evacuees by donating clothing and supplies and by helping to distribute food. In addition to housing evacuees, the

Recreation Center, Red Cross and local churches provided daily meals. For the "rolling" Tiger Serve Day, the Elrod Center established a schedule allowing students to volunteer in three-hour time slots to aid in serving breakfast, lunch and dinner and to assist with other tasks at the Recreation Center.

"These students were not simply serving food; they were cleaning bathrooms, setting up tables, and providing much of the general cleaning for the Recreation Center," said Sydney Davis, assistant director of the Elrod Center. Once the Recreation Center no longer needed support, the "rolling" Tiger Serve Day began assisting with other community needs.

During fall break, 25 students and three sponsors participated in disaster relief efforts in Vinton, La. They worked three days cutting down and hauling off trees, patching roofs, and cooking and feeding about 1,000 people each day.

In addition to the response of the Elrod Center, some individuals and classes took an

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Ian Cosh

active role in the relief effort. One Ouachita family, Dr. Trey Berry, associate professor of history, and his wife, Dr. Kathy Berry, director of development, enlisted the help of students to meet the needs of several families who found shelter at the Arkadelphia Recreation Center.

"We met five families that told us their stories, and we decided to help them with short-term needs as well as planning to help with long-term needs," said Dr. Trey Berry.

Berry teaches five classes, and he offered each class the chance to select a family to assist. The classes were responsible for finding items to supply for the new homes the families have established throughout the area. Berry's students also committed to doing something special at Christmas for each family.

"It is an opportunity for the students in my classes to get to

know people in a more meaningful way," said Berry.

Some students also volunteered with outside organizations to serve in the relief effort. Austin Wadlow, a senior business administration major from Mesquite, Texas, volunteered to aid an Arkansas Baptist Disaster Relief Team.

Wadlow's team was responsible for helping homeowners in Laurel, Mississippi, with the removal of debris from their homes and property.

Of his experience, Wadlow said, "God places people where He knows there are people ready to be affected. The people in Laurel that we helped were definitely ready to be affected, and they were so grateful when we finished."

Of the overall campus response, Cosh said he is grateful and humbled by the willingness to serve that he has witnessed. "So many people have given of their time and energy, and I believe that it is this type of service that will help those who have been affected by Katrina to recover. We want to do our part now and in the months and years to come to aid in that process."

According to Cosh, 251 students, faculty and staff were involved "in specific tasks related to volunteerism and they completed 2,160 hours of work, which is a record number of hours volunteered."

And the work will continue. Plans are being made for a spring break service trip to the devastated areas. • by Kathryn Kittrell

FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

• **CLARK EASTER**, assistant professor of military science at Ouachita Baptist University and Henderson State University, has recently been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the aviation division of the Army National Guard. Easter, director of the ROTC program at OBU and HSU, was officially pinned on Tuesday, August 30, at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock.

• **DR. IRENE TROFIMOVA**, professor of modern languages, has been selected for inclusion in the 2006 editions of *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who of American Women* and *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. Each of the three editions 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* and the 2005 edition of *Who's Who in America*.

• Three faculty members in the Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies have written a textbook that was released by Zondervan in August.

DR. TERRY CARTER, **DR. SCOTT DUVALL** and **DR. DANNY HAYS** are the authors of "Preaching God's Word: A Hands-on Approach to Preparing, Developing and Delivering the Sermon." The textbook is a companion book to "Grasping God's Word: A Hands-on Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible" (Zondervan, 2001), a Biblical interpretation textbook written by Hays and Duvall.

• Two professors wrote an essay that was recently published in a book about translating Chinese culture. **DR. TOM GREER**, the Clarence and Bennie Sue Anthony Professor of Bible and the Humanities, and **DR. RAY GRANADE**, director of library services and professor of history, wrote "Translating China to the American South." The essay was recently published in *Translation and Cultural Change* (Benjamins Translation Library), edited by Eva Hung of the Chinese

University of Hong Kong. "Translating China to the American South" explores the publications of Southern Baptist missionaries who were appointed to China by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1845 until 1950.

• **DR. TIM HAYES**, assistant professor of chemistry, and **DR. LORI HENSLEY**, assistant professor of biology, recently received an Arkansas INBRE (IDEA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence) Grant, funded by the National Institutes of Health through a program of the National Center for Research Resources. This grant will supply them with five years of research support. The grants were awarded to develop the research capacity of states that receive less than average amounts of research funding.

• **DR. WAYNE H. BOWEN**, associate professor of history, recently signed a contract agreeing to author his second book, "Spain during World War II." Bowen's book, which will be based on archival

research in Spain, examines Spanish politics, economics, religion, and other areas during this period of global crisis. "Spain during World War II" will be published in fall 2006 by the University of Missouri Press.

• **DR. MIKE REYNOLDS**, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, made two presentations at the national Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) conference. The conference was held October 27-29 on the campus of the University of Buffalo in Buffalo, New York.

Reynolds' first presentation was titled, "Cooperation in Outdoor Recreation: Are We Working Together toward Common Purposes?" In his presentation, Reynolds revealed the results of research that measured cooperation between groups involved with outdoor recreation programs on college campuses. "Stop, Drop, and Roar: A Role Play for a Bear Encounter," was Reynolds' second proposal. The presentation featured a practical approach to preparing for an unexpected encounter with a bear

University hires eight new faculty members

Eight new faculty members were introduced during the faculty/staff banquet in August.

Jacynda Ammons ('03) joined the School of Social Sciences for a one-year appointment as visiting instructor of history. She received a master's degree in history from Louisiana Tech University in 2005.

Dr. Jim Files joined the faculty of the Hickingbotham School of Business as assistant professor of accounting. He earned a Ph.D. in business administration from Mississippi State University in 2004. Prior to coming to Ouachita, Files served as assistant professor of accounting at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland.

Dr. Sherry Laymon has been named assistant professor and archivist with the Riley-Hickingbotham Library. She earned a Ph.D. in heritage studies at Arkansas State University. She has taught at Pulaski Technical College and UALR and as a secondary school teacher.

Li Lichun is serving as Ouachita's 2005-06 Chinese exchange professor as a visiting instructor of Chinese. She teaches in the English Department of the School of Foreign Languages at Peking University in Beijing, China.

Dr. Jay Robbins has taught at Ouachita for several semesters as a part-time instructor but now holds his first full-time appoint-

ment in the Hickingbotham School of Business this year as a lecturer in business administration. Robbins received a doctor of business administration degree from Nova Southern University in 2000. His work experience includes 23 years at Maybelline. Robbins has taught at the University of Central Arkansas and Webster University.

Nick Stransky joined the School of Social Sciences as a visiting instructor of sociology. He is a Ph.D. candidate at Texas A&M University and served last year as a visiting instructor at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Larry Thompson rejoined the faculty of the Jones School

of Fine Arts as associate professor of visual arts. Thompson taught last year at Texas A&M University—Commerce. He earned a master of fine arts from the University of North Texas. Thompson taught at Ouachita from 1999 until 2004.

Richard and Sharon Cook are serving as this year's missionaries in residence. He is teaching part-time in the Pruet School of Christian Studies, and he and Sharon work with Campus Ministries. The Cooks are missionaries in Panama where Richard is a professor, academic dean and coordinator of student field work at Panama Baptist Theological Seminary.

• by Jennifer Byrd

Ouachita recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*

For the fifth consecutive year, Ouachita was placed among the top five regional comprehensive colleges and universities in the South by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Ouachita was also named to the "Great Schools, Great Prices" listing as one of the top five best values in regional comprehensive colleges and universities in the South.

"We're striving daily to provide the highest quality educational experience to our students," said university president, Dr. Andrew Westmoreland. "Achieving recognition for our efforts is an honor. Most importantly, though, we delight in the successes of our students and focus our attention on helping each student reach his or her unique potential."

The 2006 rankings were released in September by U.S. News on its Web site and were

featured in the printed version of the newsmagazine. The rankings also appeared in the "America's Best Colleges" guidebook. The Web site and guidebook provide statistics and rankings for more than 1,300 colleges and universities divided into categories based on mission and region. Most of the data used in producing the rankings were provided by the colleges. More than 95 percent of those surveyed participated and additional information was gathered from other organizations.

Ouachita is included in the "Best Comprehensive Colleges-Bachelor's" category, which is made up of 324 colleges and universities that focus on undergraduate education and offer degree programs in the liberal arts and in professional areas. Ouachita is located in the southern region.

• by Rebecca Jones

105 graduates receive degrees

Ouachita held fall commencement exercises on Saturday, Dec. 17. Dr. Cary Heard, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church in North Little Rock, was the commencement speaker.

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 faculty speakers were: Nona Anderson, associate professor of modern languages; Dr. Danny Hays, the Elma Cobb Professor of Biblical Studies; and

Dr. Wayne Bowen, associate professor of history.

The student speakers for the prayer breakfast were: Dinah Rucker, an early childhood education major from Powderly, Texas; Scott Neathery, an accounting major from Arkadelphia; and Jessica Bryant Head, a dietetics and nutrition major from Arkadelphia.



Dr. Cary Heard

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

Academic Enrichment Center awarded five-year grant

The Academic Enrichment Center (Student Support Services) has been awarded a five-year grant by the U.S. Department of Education. The \$278,307 grant will allow the program to continue serving first-generation college and low-income students.

The Academic Enrichment Center (AEC) is one of five federally-funded TRIO programs housed on Ouachita's campus. TRIO made its home on the campus during the summer of 1966 and aims to help motivate first-generation and low-income students to attend and travel successfully through college.

"Every year we recruit new students," said Frances Nelson, director of the AEC. The program seeks to aid the students with tutoring and academic counseling. Students are also able to attend area cultural events.

"The most exciting [thing about AEC] is the grant aid," said Dr. Lewis Shepherd, Jr., assistant to the president for special programs. During the 2004-05 academic year, the AEC was able to supply \$45,000 in grant aid to freshmen and sophomores who were in the greatest financial need. "Some students get up to \$2,000 to \$3,000 each," Shepherd said.

"My favorite time of the year is when students receive [scholarship] letters," Nelson said. She called this money "pennies from heaven."

Nelson said that she is very excited about the five-year grant funding. She said she was asked by Shepherd to help prepare a proposal for the grant. "We usually use a professional outside source" to prepare the proposal, Nelson said. This year, Shepherd introduced her to someone who she called the "perfect person" to construct the 75-page proposal—Dr. Kathy Berry, who now serves as director of development. Special programs staff members Brenda Philson and Cindy Goodman also helped to organize the proposal.

Shepherd said that over a three-year period, each TRIO program is graded on whether it met its goals included in the program's grant proposal for the previous year. A program receives up to five points per year for completing its goals. AEC was fortunate enough to have received all 15 points over the last three years to result in a perfect score of 115.

Nelson said that the AEC hopes to keep students involved so that they will be more likely to finish college. She said that she is eager to keep students until graduation.

Shepherd said that he is sold on the effectiveness of TRIO and the AEC, as evidenced by the lives that have been affected through the programs. He shared the story of one recent Ouachita graduate who experienced the benefits of TRIO, despite a death in her family and financial struggles. She told Shepherd with tears in her eyes, "TRIO works."

"No one could have said it better," Shepherd said. • by Maggie Hambrice



LESSONS LEARNED • (above) Sophie Liu and Casilia Deng discuss "Ah! Wilderness" with Dr. Scott Holsclaw.

• photo by Rebecca Akin

SUMMER STAGE • (right) Peking University students and Ouachita students pose following their summer production in Beijing. • photo courtesy of Scott Holsclaw



Stage provides forum for

EXCHANGE

A true cultural exchange took place this year for students and faculty from Ouachita and Peking University (PKU) in Beijing, China. During the summer of 2005, Dr. Scott Holsclaw, chair of the department of theatre arts, and eight Ouachita students traveled to Beijing. The group spent six weeks working with PKU students to produce a play, Eugene O'Neill's "Ah! Wilderness." The play was presented at the International Conference on American Drama, which was hosted by PKU under the direction of Joseph Graves, a Ouachita alumnus and the artistic director of PKU's Institute for Drama and Film (see insert article).

The Chinese/American stu-

dents' theatrical collaboration, the first of its kind according to Holsclaw, involved overcoming countless challenges but resulted in a one-of-a-kind learning experience. It also led to a visit to Ouachita by two of the Chinese students who were involved in the summer production.

Holsclaw described the process of developing the summer production, saying the play itself was "complicated." Set in turn-of-the-20th-century New England, the comedy features language and colloquialisms that are difficult for native English speakers to master. Holsclaw and the students from Ouachita worked with 45 Peking students who were participating in the summer-term project. They spent time evaluating English speaking

skills and helping their Chinese counterparts understand the emotional intent of the play's script. "It took two weeks to cast the play, and we spent a long time working with the script," said Holsclaw. "We put the play up in just three weeks."

Production details had to be arranged as well. Costumes were tailored in Beijing to fit the actors cast in the play's roles. Additionally, sets were built on PKU's campus by maintenance staff members whose normal tasks involved building classroom desks. The university does not have a theatre department so Holsclaw and his group had to improvise in order to arrange for all the necessities of the production.

Despite the difficulties, the play came together and was

presented at the which also hosted American theatre company productions. Holsclaw said sentatives from 40 many from China, conference. PKU is a model that may be at other Chinese colleges universities. It is beginning encourage its students to American film and drama way to enhance English-speaking skills.

"It was amazing how (the Chinese students' conversational English improved, said Holsclaw. "I thought was no way we were going able to do this, but the students were such hard workers. They always wanted to rehearse more and more." Following midnight

Graves helps develop Institute of Drama at Peking

rehearsals, many of the Chinese students would continue practicing lines for several more hours. "They wanted to show improvement," said Holsclaw.

After the completion of the production, two of the Chinese students were selected for a continuation of the Chinese exchange. Sophie Liu and Casilia Deng spent a portion of the fall semester at Ouachita. The women were invited to visit Ouachita's campus to assist with the university's own presentation of "Ah! Wilderness" and to observe American theatre first hand.

Liu and Deng spent a month at Ouachita. During their time on campus, they visited classes, lived in residence halls, assisted with the production and interacted with students. The experience had an unexpected impact on the students. Liu said that she learned the types of lessons she'd hoped to learn about cultural differences and American theatre production through the exchange, but she gained other insights. "This experience makes me understand what kind of person I am," she said. "I came

When Joseph Graves was a student at Ouachita in the late seventies, he "lived" in the theatre department.

"I don't think there could have been a better place to be than Ouachita," Graves said.

Upon graduation in 1978, Graves attended drama school at the London Academy, but he still managed to keep in touch with some of the faculty that had influenced him so closely at Ouachita.

"One summer I was in Texas doing a play, and I stopped by on my way back to Los Angeles to see Dr. Johnny Wink," Graves said. "It was then that I met students from Peking University and was asked to read Shakespeare's 'As You like It,' to the Chinese students learning English. They read and understood it so well that I stayed a couple of weeks to stage an outside reading."

One thing led to another and years later, Graves went to be a foreign face at Peking University in the northern part of Beijing, China. At Peking University, there are approximately 28,000 undergraduate students and 35,000 graduate students.

"Once I finally got a chance to go, I fell in love with the students there," Graves said.

His first play was a mixture of students and professors. "The Tempest" was an experiment. Four thousand students requested auditions for the Italian play.

"In rehearsal one day,

I saw a professor crying, so I stopped the rehearsal and asked him what was wrong," Graves said. "He said, 'They took my books'-referring to the Cultural Revolution. He was crying for joy that he was getting to experience this play."



Joe Graves performs a one-man show during a visit to Ouachita in the fall. •

Graves helped the English department at Peking put on the play "Our Town" and involved Peking University students. There was no traditional rehearsal schedule for the play. It was all done in their classes.

"There is an innate native passion for the arts in China, but there is no form of expression," Graves said. "The cultural revolution of China is long over, but the environment is still a by-product of it. There is currently what seems to be an artistic renaissance right now in China and Beijing."

Graves has worked with the dean of the school of foreign languages at Peking University to

begin the Institute of Drama and Film where he serves as the artistic director. According to Graves, the work that is being done at Peking University is beginning to influence other universities and is helping to expand the creative movement.

"Our three visions for the future are to produce professional theaters in Beijing and surrounding areas to mix Chinese and others in production, to create a cultural and artistic exchange between China and the west, and to involve mainland schools, through big festivals, in the professional theater," Graves said.

Ouachita is also connected with Peking University's expanding creative developments. Dr. Scott Holsclaw, chair of the department of theatre arts, directed Eugene O'Neill's comedy of recollection, "Ah Wilderness!," performed October 27-31 at Ouachita,

earlier this year during the International Conference on American Drama hosted by Peking University in conjunction with their Institute for World Theatre and Film.

Also, the Arkansas Repertory, a professional theatre company in Little Rock, sponsored a show in Beijing last summer. Graves helped establish the relationship between Peking University and the Rep.

"Everything that I do in China stems from Ouachita," Graves said. "I thank Ouachita for the opportunity to work with these students." • by Mary Lynn Burns

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 at 870-245-5506.



Arkansas Ouachitonians!

Remember to get your Tiger Tag the next time you renew your automobile license. Proceeds from the fee benefit the Tiger Network Scholarship Fund. Renew via the Arkadelphia or Little Rock offices of the Department of Finance and Administration or their link on Ouachita's Web site, www.obu.edu.

Ouachita's On-Line Community

If you've not registered for it, go to www.obu.edu and click on "Alumni and Friends." Your security code is printed on the label of this magazine. Benefits of registering include: permanent e-mail, alumni directory information, class notes, and photograph postings.

A BEAUTIFUL MIND...

By: Becky Kirkpatrick • FSA President

Several years ago, the movie "A Beautiful Mind" was released unfolding the true story of John Nash. With an I.Q. categorized as genius, Nash accepted a scholarship to Princeton. Nash struggled with schizophrenia for many years, unaware that he was ill. He grew deeper into a fantasy world that he thought to be reality.

Many of us dreamed unrealistically of how we were going to "set the world on fire" or what we might become during our college years. OUR lives were going to make a difference through the professions we would choose.

My roommate and suite-mates would often express aloud their own aspirations. Carla Jo wanted to be a personal accountant (now CFO of a leading Arkansas hospital). Lydia was going to be a nurse (became the head intensive care neonatal nurse in the largest hospital in Arkansas). Marcie wanted to be a school teacher (been there, done that). She teaches and ministers to hundreds with her husband as he pastors a church in Lewisville, Texas. Most importantly, these three Ouachita buddies nurtured and raised-up nine "Daniels and Esthers."

But why, after all these years do I think of these women when I hear "A Beautiful

Mind?" I'm certain that Paul explains it perfectly in I Corinthians 2:6-16 — "...we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began... No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" — but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit... This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. .. For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

Ouachita gives a double portion education: study and preparation for her students to become the best in their professions woven with the truths of "the mind of Christ". My daughter Katie was at a function (really, not a dance) with her roommates recently. In my mind, I still think of them as freshmen. But at the night of the function as we were talking, I realized that I was conversing with adults. Not freshmen—two lawyers, two accountants and a dietitian. Adult women who had a great education working in great professions. They were taught by the Spirit. Taught by trustworthy professors. Taught to have the mind of Christ... "a Beautiful Mind."

Calling all

Gold Tigers!

April 28, 2006

10 a.m. – Registration

11 a.m. – Ouachita Showcase

12 noon – Lunch and Class of 1956 induction

Watch for details soon!

Don't miss it!

Westmorelands to host alumni trip to Natchez

Join other alumni and friends as a group travels to Natchez, Mississippi - March 27-29, 2006.

Drs. Andy and Jeanna Westmoreland will host the trip to Natchez, the oldest settlement on the Mississippi River. It is an antebellum city; a river town full of adventure.

It is a 3-day trip. The group will leave Ouachita's campus on Monday, March 27, at 9 a.m. on a deluxe motor coach. The group will check into the historic Natchez Eola Hotel. Dinner will be at the Cock of the Walk Restaurant before a wonderful performance by the Garden Clubs of Natchez.

The next morning will begin with a special attraction. Dr. Trey Berry, professor of History at Ouachita, will give a guided tour of the ruins of William Dunbar's plantation,

"The Forest." Following this, the group will travel along the Natchez Trace Parkway and visit parts of the old sunken trace. The final stop before lunch will be at Jefferson College, one of the first four-year colleges in the Deep South. A light lunch will be served at the King's Tavern.

A local Natchez guide will provide a tour of the Pilgrimage of Homes. The group will visit three homes on this Tuesday afternoon: The Parsonage, The Rosalie, and Green Leaves. Following a time of rest, dinner will be at the Carriage House Restaurant. Following dinner, the group will attend a stirring musical tribute to the struggle and victory of the African-Americans in Natchez. It is called "Southern Road to Freedom."

On Wednesday, the group will tour one

last home before leaving Natchez. Longwood is the grandest octagonal house in America. After this tour, the group will begin its journey home with a stop in Monroe, LA, for lunch.

Price includes: deluxe motor coach transportation, hotel, 4 home tours, all meals, and baggage handling. Price per person is based on: Single - \$ 625; Double - \$ 490; Triple - \$ 450; Quad - \$ 430. Deposit of \$50 is due by February 1, 2006. Final payment due by March 1, 2006.

For more details, call the Alumni Office at 870-245-5506 or email alumni@obu.edu or go online to www.obu.edu, click on Alumni & Friends and scroll down to click on "Natchez Trip" for information and a reservation form.

Gamma alumni launch Web site

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gammaphiobu/>

The club may not be active, but the alumni are making sure that the sisterhood stays alive. The Gamma Phi women's social club was founded in 1944 with 10 charter members and continued to thrive for decades, but after several years of low membership, the club ceased as an active club in at the end of the spring 2001 semester. However, one Gamma alumnae wants to make sure that the club stays alive through a newly-launched online community.

Major Naomi Stankow-Mercer is an assistant professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point. In the midst of her duties to the military and the mom of a preschooler, Naomi wanted to find a way for the Gamma Phi sisters to stay in touch. "After years of complaining how I'd lost touch with people -- specifically my Gamma Phi sisters, I decided to do something about it," she said.

After finding a template and honing her webmaster skills, Naomi enlisted the help of the Ouachita alumni office. The University sent cards to Gamma Phi alumni, notifying them of the online community. "We have 90 members currently, ranging from women who pledged in the 1960s up through 2000, the last pledge class before our charter was retired at OBU," she said.

Naomi, along with other Gamma alumni, are working on completing a database of each pledge class and finding alumni not yet listed on the site and not listed with the alumni office as former Gamma members. The Gamma also hope to plan, through their Web site, their own homecoming teas on campus to reunite former members.

The site, found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gammaphiobu/>, includes a calendar of significant events and birthdays,

photos of families and old Gamma Phi event photos. Members can also post links to their personal Web sites and businesses, she said.

And the site stays very busy. "Sometimes, we just chatter; other times we take walks down memory lane and there have been many 'whatever happened to so-and-so?' requests," Naomi said.

While Naomi has spent numerous hours developing the site and contacting alumni, she knows the time has been well worth it. "The best thing that has come out of starting the Web site is that I and others have not only reconnected with the Gamma Phi sisters we knew in college, but we have 'met' many Gammaphis who came before us and learned more about our sorority than we ever knew before," she said. "Our sorority was always about camaraderie, and I think with the Web site, we still are." • *by Deborah Root*



Alumni Club Updates

Northeast Arkansas OBU Alumni Association

The Northeast Arkansas OBU Alumni Association invited all incoming Ouachita freshmen to a "get acquainted meeting" before leaving for their first semester at OBU. Seven freshmen and their parents from the northeast area attended this ice cream sundae event, which was hosted by First Baptist Church of Jonesboro. This was the first meeting of the Northeast Arkansas OBU Alumni. The group is planning a spring meeting for all alumni in our northeast area.

OBU Alumni club of NWA

The alumni club of northwest Arkansas held a Tiger Serve Day in the fall. Alison Raymer wrote, "The Tiger Serve

Day was a success! We had about eleven alumni at the event and I think each of them would tell you the event was very touching. The hurricane victims are staying in this old prison that has been filled with donated items. There is a lot of stress in the air at the Pilgrim House, as people are desperately searching for apartments, jobs, transportation, and child care.

We met one family, a mother no older than me, with 4 boys ages 11, 5, 2 and 5 weeks. Her gentle spirit and desire for her children to be well adjusted in such conditions touched all of us. Her oldest son told us that she was looking for

transportation so that she could start going to work during the day. When we left the Pilgrim House a little later, the Salvation Army Sergeant told us they had just found her a car that, along with 3 months of insurance, had been donated- what a blessing for her!!!

We worked at organizing the children's room, painting our adopted jail cell, organizing the job postings and literature in the media room, and hanging fall flowers and wreaths on the prison doors."

The OBU Alumni group of NWA Christmas party was held Saturday, December 3, at the University Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Fayetteville, AR. The speaker was Fitz Hill, director of the Ouachita Opportunity Fund. Alumni brought children's scarves, hats, and mittens that were given to help organizations supported by the United Way.



Members of the NWA alumni club who participated in the club's Tiger Serve Day included (front row) Iris Le ('04), Jennifer Wagner ('04), Lacy Watson ('03) (back row) Alison Raymer ('04), Kelli Wolff ('04), Cindy Virden ('04).

Alumni Clubs

If you are interested in being a part of an Alumni Club in your area, please contact the club president.

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Where There's a

Will There's a Way

Close your eyes and imagine never being able to open them to see the world again. For Ouachita graduate Matt Lyles ('00), cancer of the retina, took his life away from him. Both of his eyes were removed at the age of four. However, a conviction, "where there's a will there's a way" has always taken Lyles further than most members of society could have imagined.

"There are always ways to do things, with or without sight. The trick is figuring out the 'how' to do what needs doing," Lyles said. "That's sometimes very difficult; but the problem is more one of imagination than of visual disability."

The greatest source of support and inspiration regarding his blindness has always been the National Federation of the Blind (NFB).

"Their literature preaches a positive philosophy with appropriate skills training in alternative techniques (to travel, to cook, and to deal with other aspects of daily life)," Lyles said. "With such training and a positive attitude, blindness can be reduced to a nuisance, not a tragedy at all."

Lyles currently serves on the NFB's scholarship committee, which awards 30 annual scholarships, ranging in value from \$3,000-\$12,000.

Computer technology has made a big difference for blind people today. Lyles sees technology as a blessing. He recently acquired a personal data assistant (PDA) that has been specially designed with Braille readers in mind. Instead of a monitor, Lyles' PDA features a refreshable Braille display located below the keyboard. Lyles is able to read the status line of any document, and the machine's memory enables him to carry literally hundreds of pages of vital information.

"I am able to carry a library of books wherever I go," Lyles said. "I can read for pleasure or study at any time. That kind of computing power would have made college and especially grad school much easier."

Throughout his education, Lyles relied heavily on sighted readers who recorded hundreds of pages of assigned reading material onto cassette tapes.



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"Today I would probably scan that print matter into my PC, and then transfer the data to the PDA for reading later," Lyles said.

After spending five years on campus, he knows how to appreciate the Ouachita environment.

"OBU is a special place because of some very special people who make the campus home, whether temporarily as students or permanently as faculty and staff," Lyles said.

While at Ouachita, Lyles majored in music and religion and minored in history. As a music major, he felt the closeness that academic departments can cultivate.

"Music majors spend a tremendous amount of time together: in ensemble groups, in concerts, in studio and master classes, and practicing long hours in the evenings and on weekends," Lyle said. "All that togetherness fosters an intense sense of community."

After Ouachita, Lyles decided to further his education through the study of worship. He applied to Yale University.

"My reason for applying to Yale had much less to do with its Ivy League identity than its unique and prestigious Institute of Sacred Music, Worship and the Arts (ISM), an interdisciplinary program between the divinity school and school of music. Students who successfully apply to ISM receive full-tuition scholarships and opportunities to earn generous living stipends as well by working as interns in one of Yale's chapels or in affiliated church music programs around New Haven," Lyles said.

The ISM program also opens doors for students to take apprenticeships at some of Manhattan's high profile churches: St. Thomas's Fifth Avenue, St. Bartholomew's, Riverside Church, St. Patrick's Cathedral, to name a few. These internships offer financial support for students. They also provide priceless experience for organists and choral directors who have the chance to work with some of the world's most notable choirs.

"In the end, I completed the master of arts in religion and the master of divinity, having gained both academic and practical knowledge of Christian worship in its various forms," Lyles said.

Part of that learning experience for Lyles involved a study tour through Denmark and Sweden organized and funded by the ISM. He toured the Swedish province of Gotland, an island in the Baltic Sea, and explored its medieval churches.

"Many of them (the churches) remain in remarkably good condition a thousand years after their construction," Lyles said.

After graduating in May of 2004, Lyles returned to South Arkansas and accepted a position as church musician at St. John's Episcopal Church in Camden. Lyles also serves as a lay preacher and Sunday school teacher for the church.

"Seeking a clearer vision of my particular calling, I am glad to have this opportunity for practical ministry to my friends at St. John's who encouraged me so much through my college years," Lyles said. "God has work for all of us, and mine seems to be in South Arkansas at the present." • by Mary Lynn Burns (photo: Lyles receives the master of divinity degree from the dean of Yale Divinity School.)

THE DANIEL R. GRANT CENTER FOR International Programs

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The Daniel R. Grant Center for International Programs is actively involved in locating and bringing into the mainstream all international graduates and former students. The staff has located about 10 percent of the 800+ internationals who have attended since 1923. If you know the address of any international who attended Ouachita, please send it to dixonb@obu.edu so we can add the name(s) and addresses to our data base.

If you know of international students who would like to study in one of Ouachita's degree programs, in English as a Second Language (ESL), or in the OASIS one semester program, please advise the Center or check out the information on the Web site (www.obu.edu <file://www.obu.edu>) under "University Centers." Your help will make this a growing program at Ouachita.

•**Akramov, Dilmurod** (Spring 2004): Dilmurod lives in Short Hills, NJ, and is taking some additional classes at Keen University, working at a high-end vehicle dealership, and has started a small import business.

•**Aliyeva, Lika** (Fall 95-Spring 99): Latafat (Lika) is a dentist in Philadelphia, PA.

•**Barberio, Mario** (Fall 87): Mario returned to Rio, Brazil, where he completed his undergraduate and an MBA in Marketing at IBMEC (Instituto Brasileiro de Mercados de Capitais, in Rio de Janeiro). He is currently Marketing Manager for Filperson Ind. Papeis Especiais Ltda in Rio. He is married and has two sons, ages 4 and 10.

•**Barbosa, Paulo** (Fall 70 – Spring 74): Paulo worked for an investment company in Brazil immediately following his degree at Ouachita. He has a Masters in Business and Economics from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in International Affairs. He has been active in local politics and worked in Iraq for several years for a Brazilian oil company. He is back in Rio and is a partner and general manager of a foreign trade company. He said that "being a Ouachita graduate has given me a unique set of values that has followed me through my career, and I am grateful to OBU for that heritage."

•**Bahsoon, Alie** (Fall 84 – Fall 86): Alie came to Ouachita from the Ivory Coast and after leaving Ouachita, he completed his degree in Business Administration at Arkansas Tech. He and his wife, Joanie, have two children, Matthew, 16, and Lauren, 13. For the last 11 years, Alie has been Purchasing Manager for the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

•**Bee, Stefano** (Spring 97): Stefano is currently living in Torre de Roveri, Italy, and he works in the marketing department of Banca Popolare di Bg.

•**Buffon, Nicholas** (Spring 00): Nicholas and his wife, Julie Elkaim, live in LePaeerux sur Marne, France, where he is employed by Decathlon Sports Business.

•**Chayama, Takumi** (Fall 98-Spring 03): Takumi is working at the Toyota training center in Japan.

•**Coubard, Guillaume** (Spring, 2003): Guillaume is currently living in Courtillers, France.

•**Demel, Heshan** (Fall 96 – Spring 97): Heshan, from Sri Lanka, is working at Regions Bank as a Credit Officer in Little Rock.

•**Dilbert, Patrice** (Fall 01 - Spring 05): Patrice returned to her home in the Cayman Islands and is currently teaching third grade in her home town.

•**Edwall, Andre** (Fall 00 – Spring 03): Andre lives in Mora, Sweden. He is a tennis coach.

•**Enqvist, Toby** (Fall 90 – Spring 94): Toby and his wife, DeDee, are living in Houston, Texas, where he works with Continental Airlines as Managing Director of Corporate Real Estate.

•**Eriksson, Johan** (Spring 72 – Fall 75): Johan and his wife, Candice, have one daughter, Emilia. He works for Wal-Mart in Statesboro, Georgia.

•**Escobar, Ricardo** (Fall 85 – Spring 89): Ricardo is married and has three children, Ricky, Sammy and Elena. He and his family live in Houston where he is president of Alpha & Omega Casket Company, an e-bay com-

pany. He is owner & president of Escobar Company, a contracting hardscaping company.

•**Fernandez, Bernardo** (Spring 79- Summer 83): Bernardo traveled the world immediately following college and did many types of work to support his adventures... from being a crew member on a North Atlantic fishing boat to working the field of a kibbutz in Israel. After many months of being an adventurer, he married his Ouachita girlfriend, Jamie Avarad, and they currently live in Austin, Texas, where he is working for a non-profit organization, Caritas, as a Program Manager for Refugee and Employment Services. They have two boys.

•**Garba, Ibrahim** (Spring 00- Spring 01: Ibrahim is in a PhD program at Notre Dame in Indiana.

•**Gomes, Alberto** (Fall 84 – Spring 88): After leaving Ouachita, Alberto received master's degrees from Henderson State University and Yeshiva University in New York City. He has worked as a professional psychologist and counselor in New York for several years. In November, 2005, he returned to Manaus, Brazil, to partner in a medical/psychological clinic with his physician brother.

•**Gulyamov, Said** (Fall 96 – Summer 00): Said finished an MBA at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and is now the Branch Manager of Regions Bank – Riverdale Branch, in Little Rock.

•**Gwekwerere, Cindy** (Spring 99 – Spring 02): Cindy lives and works in Dallas at the Gramercy Insurance Company. She is a "reinsurance accountant" specializing in commercial auto insurance. Her brother, Aaron, is a current student at Ouachita.

•**Hall, Kate** (Fall 93): Kate was an exchange student from the University of Reading (England). She is now the General Manager of Surgery, Anesthetics and Imaging at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital in London.

•**Ibragimova, Bashorat** (Fall, 92 to Spring 95): Bashorat received a master's degree from Henderson State University in accounting, and a second master's degree in International Relations from Baylor University. She taught at a university in northern Thailand for one year before pursuing her PhD in Information Systems at the University of North Texas. She is completing her dissertation this year and is teaching at UNT.

•**Ikuji, Matsuyama** (Fall 93 – Summer 94): Matsuyama lives in Asahikawa, Japan, and is working for a U-15 youth soccer team under a professional team called Consadole Sapporo. He is married to Nicole, who also attended Ouachita, and they have one child.

•**Ismatullaev, Khamid** (Fall 97-Spring 98): Khamid came to Ouachita from Tashkent, Uzbekistan and is now living in Dubai, U.A.E. He is General Manager for VALUELINK-FZE in Jebel Ali Free Zone, and his company imports from around the world most of the health care and beauty products sold in that region. He is married and has one child.

•**Iwasaki, Wataru** (Fall 01 – Spring 05): Wataru is currently living in Stockton, CA, where he is a graduate student in the MBA program at the University of the Pacific.

•**Jaakik, Ali** (Fall 03): Ali was an exchange student from Morocco in the Al Akhawayn/Ouachita program, and he returned to graduate in the spring, 2005. He will pursue a master's degree in International Relations and Diplomacy.

•**Johansson, Cristofer** (Fall 94 – Fall 98): Cristofer returned to Sweden and lives in Stockholm. He is a stock trader for ABG Sundal Collier, and is responsible for executing orders in Sweden, Finland, and Denmark.

•**Kartiarso, Trixie** (Fall 99 – Spring 03): Trixie is in her second year of teaching first grade in Colorado.

•**Karuri, Samuel ("Sammy")** (Fall 99 – Spring 01): After working in Chicago for a while and being away for ten years, Sammy returned to his native Kenya to work as an administrator and teacher with the Joseph House of Hope project in Bamburi, Kenya. This project takes orphans from poor areas, many of whom come from families where both parents have died of AIDS. The orphanage is supported solely by contributions. Information is available in the Ouachita International office.

•**Kasahara, Marimi** (Fall 72 – Summer 77): Marimi is now working in the Commercial Section of the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo.

•**Kernitsky, Alex** (Fall 82 – Spring 83): Alex is living in his hometown, Lima, Peru, and has been in the retail business since returning home. He now has his own import business.

•**Khamidov, Askar** (Fall 95 – Spring 00): Askar worked for a major national trucking line in Dallas and Portland before returning to Uzbekistan where he married Samira Sagitova. They now live in Almaty, Kazakhstan, where he works with an international bank. They have one son, Bek.

•**Khodjaberganov, Fazliddin** (Fall 97 – Spring 02): Fazzi lives with his wife and daughter in Little Rock. He is the Corporate Loan Review Analyst/ Credit Quality Management Group at Regions Financial Corporation.

•**Koralage, Prabodha (Bo)** (Fall 93 – Spring 97): Bo is a Software Engineer with Objective Solutions, Inc (www.objectsoln.com) and lives in Irving, Texas. He was recently married, and is a volunteer with international students who attend universities in the Dallas area.

•**Kraic, Ksenija** (Fall 01 –Spring 05): Ksenija graduated in the spring 05, and left Arkadelphia to work in Washington, DC. Currently, she is working at Starbucks, but is searching for a job in graphic design.

•**Kunitomo, Eri** (Fall 95 – Spring 96): Eri was an exchange student from Seinan Gakuin and now lives in Fukuoka. She works as a clerk in a pharmaceutical firm.

•**Kumagai, Yukiko** (Fall 95 – Spring 96): It has been almost ten years since Yukiko left Ouachita, but she said in a recent e-mail "the year that I spent at Ouachita is the best year I have had..." She now works at an American software company in Fukuoka, Japan.

•**Lagardere, Gilles** (Fall 00 – Spring 04): Gilles is working as a tennis pro at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Little Rock.

•**Lange, Samuel** (Fall 00 – Spring 04): Sammy returned

to Austria to fulfill his one year requirement of military or civil service for the government. The organization that he works for is called Lebenshilfe (life-help). He is working with a group who have mental and physical handicaps in a special educational program.

•**Lima, Alex & Lidia** (Fall 91 – Summer 94): Both Alex and his wife, Lidia, graduated from Ouachita. Both were from Brazil, but currently live in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. They became Canadian citizens in 2003. Alex currently works as an Oracle DBA (IT), and Lidia is a Fitness Director at the YMCA. They have an 8-year-old son, Rafael.

•**Linkhorst, Martin** (Spring 97 – Fall 00): Martin is currently living in Borlange, Sweden.

•**Lofvenberg, Patrik** (Fall 92 – Spring 96): Patrik lives and works in Stockholm, Sweden. He is employed by GE Capital Bank as a Senior Pricing Analyst.

•**Maltez, Cristina** (Fall 86-Spring 91): Cristina is a Real Estate Broker in the greater Boston area.

•**Markov, Nikita** (Fall 95 – Spring 99): Nikita is a Financial Cost Accountant at Wayne Farms, LLC in Oakwood, Georgia. He lives in Flowery Branch, GA.

•**Mirtalipov, Jamshid** (Jimmy) (Fall 98 – Spring 03): Jim is the Southern Account Manager for Delta Plastics, Inc. and lives in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

•**Mirtalipov, Jakhongir** (Spring 98 – Fall 03): Jakhongir moved to New York City upon graduation and is affiliated with a furniture company in that city.

•**Molin, Michael** (Fall 90 – Spring 94): Michael lives in Luxembourg.

•**Nakamura, Yoko** (Fall 02 – Spring 03): Yoko is now living in Oita, Japan.

•**Nyangao, Ambrose** (Fall 88 – Spring 91): Ambrose returned to his native Nairobi, Kenya, where he has become the senior pastor of Parklands Baptist Church. The church has over 5000 members plus many missions and ministries. Ambrose recently visited Ouachita. He is married and has three children.

•**Obraztsov, Ilya (Alex)** (Fall 94 – Fall 97): Alex lives in the Houston area. He is co-owner and Vice President of a company called "Nature's Electric, Inc." (www.natureselectric.com). He is married and has one son.

•**Oussov, Anton** (Fall 94 – Spring 98): Anton is senior manager in KPMG's Moscow Energy and Natural Resources Audit group and he works primarily with oil and gas companies. He is a member of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (Great Britain) and has a PhD in Sociology from Moscow State University.

•**Ohlsson, Johan** (Fall 96 – Spring 02): Johan lives in The Colony, Texas (Dallas), and works as the Tennis Pro at Canyon Creek Country Club.

•**Onigbinde, David** (Spring 00 – Spring 04): After working for an oil company and living through three hurricanes in Florida, he decided to resign in order to pursue a master's degree in Aviation Science at Everglades University in Boca Raton, Florida.

•**Palafox, Victor Amaral** (Fall 78 – Spring 80): Victor is the Tennis Pro and Coach at the Hot Springs Country Club.

•**Rajah, Ravi** (Spring 01 – Spring 05): Ravi is currently enrolled at ITT Tech in San Diego.

•**Rajah, Vinita** (Spring 00 – Spring 03): Vinita graduated in May 05 with a master's in Speech Language Pathology from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She was named "Graduate Student of the Year" by the department. She lives in Point Loma and is completing her Clinical Fellowship Year at Morse High School in San Diego.

•**Rakhimi, Timour** (Fall 92 – Spring 95): After working in New York City for several years, Timour and his wife moved to Moscow where he is working for McKinsey & Company. He and Lola have one son.

•**Reichelt, Sven** (Fall 96- Spring 97): Sven is a graduate student at the University of Regensburg in Bamberg, Germany.

•**Sarbasov, Dos** (Spring 91): Dos has completed his PhD and is a Research Scientist at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, MA. The Institute is affiliated with MIT and he has published several articles related to his research in professional journals. Dos is married and has one son, Arman.

•**Sarkisov, Ashot** (Fall 99 – Spring 04): Ashot returned to his home, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and is currently working with an international oil company and also attending Tashkent State University where he is complet-

ing an MBA degree.

•**Starr, Tjeerd** (Fall 94 – Spring 99): Tjeerd is Tennis Pro and Coach at T.C. Bollenpark in Noordwijk, The Netherlands.

•**Suzuki, Ayumi** (Fall 00): Ayumi lives in Arkadelphia with her husband, Josh Williams. After leaving Ouachita, she went to California where she received a degree in Fashion Design. She is currently seeking a position in design with Dillard's.

•**Tjahjadi, Jeffrey** (Fall 00 – Spring 01): Jeffrey returned to his homeland, Indonesia, and now lives in Tangerang, West Java. He transferred to Regent University where he received an MBA and is currently working in the Corporate Banking department at the Lippo Bank.

•**Turaani, Khaled** (Spring 89 – Spring 91): Khaled worked in Washington, D.C., for several years where he was an executive with an American Muslim organization. He is now the General Manager of Silk Road International (SRI Inc) in Dubai, (UAE) and he and his wife, Reem, live with their two children in Jordan.

•**Uchiyama, Kaori** (Fall 01- Spring 05): Kaori is currently living in San Francisco and is working as an International Inflight Service Representative for United Airlines. She travels to Japan two times per week.

•**Ungb, Robert** (Fall 95 – Spring 99): Robert lives and works in Transgund, Sweden. He is an accountant for G E Medical Systems.

•**Vejman, Daniel** (Fall 97 – Fall 01): Daniel is Director of Sales and Marketing at Lakes Tennis Academy in Dallas. He lives in The Colony, Texas.

•**Vodounou, Theophilus** (Spring 81 – Spring 84): Theo came from the Cote D'Ivoire, but is currently in Benin. For a number of years, Theo has been Head of Operations with the United Nations. He has headed relief operations in several African countries, including The Congo, Zaire and Sudan. After retirement in three years, he plans to establish a Christian Vocational School to train very poor youths, school drop-outs, in a trade so they can become self-sufficient. His website is www.theophilusvodounou.net.

•**Vodounou, Thierry** (Fall 93 – Fall 97): Thierry is married, and is a Treasury Analyst in the corporate office of the Sara Lee Corporation in Chicago.

•**Wang, Zhizhen (David)** (Fall 89 – Fall 93): David is currently working for BearingPoint, one of the US based consulting companies in Beijing, China. He is the Business Development Director of the company. He moved back to China four years ago and has a wife and two daughters, Emily, age 6 and Olivia, age 1 year.

•**Wanje, Elijah** (Fall 80 – Spring 82): Elijah is pastor of Ridgeway's Baptist Church, Nairobi, Kenya. Ridgeway's was founded 17 years ago by Dr. Sam Turner, also a Ouachita graduate, and Elijah. Elijah has served as pastor for 16 years and they have a congregation of 500. Ridgeway's has planted 13 churches under the leadership of Elijah, and 40 members recently traveled to western Kenya and planted two churches and saw over 700 people come to the Lord. He and his wife, Joy, have three children, Edwin, Lushun, and Grace.

•**Wanje, Hapi**: Hapi entered politics in 2002 when he ran for a seat in Parliament. He plans to run again in the 2007 elections. Prior to his political career, he worked for eight years with Compassion International, and still serves as a consultant in communication and development. He is married and has two boys, Teli, age 12, and Saro, age 10.

•**Washer, Christian** (Fall 94 – Fall 98): Christian lives in Arlington, Texas, where he coaches tennis (for women) at the University of Texas, Arlington. He also works as a freelance journalist for a German sports TV network for NBA and NHL games.

•**Wu, Dongle (Winnie)** (Fall 93 – Spring 97): After completing her degree at Ouachita, Winnie moved to England where she met and married Nick Ponder. She worked as a Personal Assistant at the Cambridge Pharma Consultancy, a pharmaceutical consultancy company until she became a mother. She and Nick have two boys, Christopher and Thomas, and they live in London.

•**Zhang, Marie** (Fall 86 – Spring 90): Marie, her husband and two children live in San Diego, California, where she is a research scientist at Stratagene, Inc.

•**Zimin, Igor** (Fall 98 – Spring 02): Igor is a graduate student in the MBA program at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock.

OUACHITA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM

Another division of the Grant Center is the Ouachita International Travel Program which was started in 2000. The trips planned for 2006 are as follows:

The Churches of John & Paul in Turkey & Rome March 16 – 28, 2006

Izmir (Smyrna), Sardis, Philadelphia (Alasehir), Laodicea; Aphrodisias, Miletus, Ephesus, Thyatira, Pergamos,

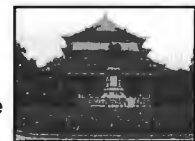


Alexander Troas. Istanbul, Rome, Pompeii

•The price is \$2995 (subject to additional airline fees). Guides: Dr. Randy Richards, professor of biblical studies and Christian missions; Bill Dixon, retired as OBU's VP for student services having served from 1970 to 2002, Director of the Ouachita International Travel Program and International Student Coordinator.

The History & Culture of China May 24-June 5, 2006

Beijing, The Forbidden City, The Summer Palace, Tiananmen Square, Great Hall of the People, The Great Wall,



Xian, the ancient city wall, the bell tower, and the city landmark, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Ban Po Museum, the renowned excavation site of the Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses, Guilin, Longsheng, Guangzhou, Chen Clan Temple, Dr. Sun Yatsen's Memorial Hall, Hong Kong, island tour to Aberdeen, Victoria Peak, Santeley Market and Repulse Bay

•The price of the above trip is \$2995. The guides will be professors at Peking University in Beijing and professional English-speaking guides for the remainder of the trip. The tour conductor will be Bill Dixon who has traveled in China seven times prior to this tour.

Other Trips

Other OBU trips planned for 2006 include The Splendors of Russia (June 30 – July 12, tentative). The other trip will be to Chile, Argentina, Uruguay & Iquazu Falls (September – tentative)

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Kluck named vice president of institutional advancement, university physician; Berry to direct development initiatives



Wesley Kluck
Vice President
for Institutional Advancement



Kathy Berry
Director of Development

On July 8, 2005, Dr. Andrew Westmoreland announced that Dr. Wesley Kluck of Arkadelphia had been named vice president for institutional advancement. His responsibilities include providing overall supervision in the areas of student recruitment, alumni affairs, career planning and placement and development. He also serves in a limited capacity as university physician. Kluck began his role in the position on August 15.

Westmoreland noted Kluck's history of university leadership and volunteer service as key contributors to his preparation for the position. "For more than two decades, Wesley Kluck has been one of Ouachita's most active volunteers," said Westmoreland. "He founded the Tiger Network, a group of more than 2,400 alumni who assist the university in student recruitment and placement of our graduates. He chaired the past two capital campaigns for the Arkadelphia area, leading each campaign to success. He helped to establish the Tiger Gridiron Club to provide support for athletics." Westmoreland also cited Kluck's service as a member of the board of trustees and chairman of the board, saying Kluck had "gained a full appreciation for the challenges and opportunities that we face."

As for Kluck's plans for his longstanding medical practice in pediatrics, he remains a partner in the clinic but does not see patients on site. Instead, he devotes a portion of his time to his role as university physician and sees Ouachita students on campus. He also retains his responsibilities as team physician for Ouachita's athletic program.

A native of Arkadelphia, Kluck graduated from Ouachita in 1977. In 1981, he received his doctor of medicine degree from University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and in 1984 he completed his pediatric residency at Arkansas Children's Hospital. He and his wife, Debbie, have one daughter, Jennifer, a sophomore at Ouachita.

As a result of the change to a collabora-

tive model for institutional advancement, on August 16, 2005, Kluck announced that Dr. Kathy Berry now serves as director of development. In this role, Berry provides oversight of all university fund-raising programs including the annual fund, major gifts, foundation and corporate grants, planned giving, athletic development initiatives, church scholarship programming, prospect research and donor-related data management. Berry also provides leadership in planning and executing comprehensive fund-raising campaigns.

About the invitation to become director of development, Berry stated, "Serving Ouachita in this way at this time was an unexpected opportunity, but one that reminded me of the importance of fund raising for this university I love so much. The best part of this work at Ouachita is being a bridge between Ouachita's needs as a Christian college and the desires of donors to leave a legacy that benefits the lives of our students. It is my hope that Ouachita will be strengthened through the leadership Dr. Kluck will provide and that through my work here, I may help bring to life the far-reaching vision for Ouachita's future."

Of Berry, Kluck remarked, "Kathy is well trained for this position and I am confident she will do an excellent job of leading the development team."

Berry graduated from Ouachita in 1992. She earned her doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 2002. While at Ouachita, Berry has served in various roles including director of admissions counseling, consultant for enrollment management and in the development area as associate president for major gifts. In other work, she occasionally serves in advisory roles in the doctoral program in higher education at UALR. Berry married to Dr. Trey Berry, professor of history and they have one son, Tanner.

Classes make plans to increase giving

A little competition can be healthy, especially if it benefits Ouachita. That has been the feedback resulting from the list of "Class Leaders in Alumni Participation" published in the 2005 summer edition of the Circle. The list, based on the percent of living alumni who gave from June 2004 – May 2005, was dominated by classes from the 1940s and 1950s.

Additional ranking methods have been suggested by younger alumni who hope to break into a "Top 10 List."

The three suggested criteria per class year are: percent of participation, number of donors, and total amount given. Only the percent of participation number is based on living alumni from 1940 and above. Gifts given through May 31, 2006, will be used to make the final calculations for class leaders in each category.

A "class to watch" is 1960. Members met in the fall to celebrate their 45th reunion and to begin looking toward the year when they will become "Gold Tigers." By the year 2010, the class plans to establish and endow a scholarship which will bear their name and help a deserving student achieve his or her goal of a Ouachita degree.

Classes who wish to organize to meet particular giving goals should contact Shirley Hardin in the Development Office at 870-245-5169 or hardins@obu.edu.

Six months into Ouachita's fiscal year, the following classes are setting the pace:

Alumni Participation By Class Year	Number of Donors By Class Year	Total \$\$ Given By Class Year
1. 1942	1. 1962	1. 1947
2. 1943	2. 1967, 1969	2. 1939
3. 1947	3. 1968	3. 1952
4. 1951	4. 2005	4. 1943
5. 1941	5. 1965, 1988	5. 1967
6. 1948, 1962	6. 1951, 1998, 1999	6. 1950
7. 1949	7. 1963, 1970	7. 1956
8. 1961	8. 1961, 1977, 1978, 1995	8. 1962
9. 1953	9. 1983	9. 1994
10. 1952	10. 1981, 1994, 2000, 2003	10. 1968

Ouachita to offer Legacy Award

Ouachita will offer a new scholarship for students entering in the fall of 2006. The scholarship, which has been dubbed the Legacy Award, will be available to the children of Ouachita's alumni and former students and will cover \$1,000 per year of a student's university expenses for up to four years. The award is intended to help defray university expenses for students and to recognize the relationships that exist between alums and former students and Ouachita.

Randy Garner, director of enrollment management and alumni affairs, said the Legacy Award was a way for the university to say thanks to the many alums who support Ouachita. "Alumni involvement is a key element in the student recruitment process," he said. "A word of encouragement to a prospective student from an interested alum or former student can make the difference in whether that student continues to pursue an education at Ouachita."

The Legacy Award will be available to any admitted student who had at least one parent attend Ouachita for at least one semester. Recipients will have to maintain full-time enrollment and a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher in order to retain the funding.

Lane Smith, director of financial aid at Ouachita, said, "The financial aid staff is very excited about this new award. We often interact with alums and former students who are seeking a wonderful college home for their children. We're delighted to be able add this award to the many financial aid programs available to our students."

In order to apply for the Legacy Award, students should complete and submit Ouachita's Institutional Aid Application (IAA), which is a part of the university's application for admission. The application is available online at www.obu.edu/finaid. The deadline for submitting the IAA is February 15 for students interested in enrolling during the fall semester of 2006.

Persons interested in obtaining more information about the Legacy Award should contact Ouachita's Office of Financial Aid by calling 870.245.5570.

Scholarships Established

Truman and Augusta Boatright Scholarship Fund

The Truman and Augusta Boatright Scholarship Fund has been established by Truman and Augusta Boatright of Alma, Arkansas. The purpose of the fund is to help bridge the tuition gap between state-supported schools and Ouachita. Recipients must be full-time students. First preference will be given to students who are resident members of First Baptist Church, Alma, Arkansas; second preference to students from Alma High School; and third preference to students who are resident members of a Southern Baptist church in Crawford County, Arkansas.

Philip and Hazel Sample Guyol Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Philip and Hazel Sample Guyol Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established through the estate of Mrs. Hazel Guyol of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time Ouachita students. Recipients must meet the academic standards of the University, establish a record of academic excellence and must be good citizens of the campus community.

Chaplain Austin L. Ingram Endowed Scholarship Fund III

This scholarship fund has been established by Chaplain Austin L. Ingram of Texarkana, Texas. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students at Ouachita. Recipients will be students in their junior or senior year of study 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.

A Ouachita Story

*Students
connecting
with the
community...*



TIGERS ON THE ROAD

• (above) Ouachita alumni join members of the OBU staff in a fellowship time prior to the OBU-SMU basketball game. (above right) Head men's basketball coach Charlie Schaefer visits with a patient at the Behavioral Hospital in Maumelle.

The Ouachita Men's Basketball team recently had the privilege of visiting some very special groups of kids and then practicing and playing before a few Ouachita alumni and friends at Pulaski Academy gymnasium in Little Rock, and in Dallas.

Coach Charlie Schaefer, head coach of the team and Dr. Fitz Hill, executive director of the Ouachita Opportunity Fund (OOF) jointly organized this day of events to both reconnect the basketball team with alumni and to increase the awareness of the newly created Opportunity Fund. Schaefer and his staff brought the men's basketball team to central Arkansas on the weekend of October 29th to bring a little sunshine and reach out to a group of patients at the Arkansas Children's Hospital and the Methodist Behavioral Hospital for Children, and then on to Dallas November 4 for a school visit and to play the SMU Mustangs.

The Tigers began by visiting the 3rd floor playroom of the Arkansas Children's Hospital on Saturday. The student-athletes played basketball, read books, played video games and painted pictures with the children. Another group of Tigers shared their basketball talents with youth at the Behavioral Hospital in Maumelle. A mini basketball clinic was held for the patients who responded very enthusiastically.

After completing a morning of community service, the team had lunch at the home of Drs. Fitz and Cynthia Hill. A few of the basketball players even worked in the backyard on developing the basketball skills of future Tiger, Justice Hill.

After lunch, the student-athletes resumed their mission of spreading the spirit of Ouachita by hosting an open practice at Pulaski Academy for alumni and friends of OBU. Greg Ledbetter, director of admissions at PA, and father of freshman basketball student-athlete, Rowan Ledbetter, coordinated efforts for the team to practice at Pulaski Academy. After the two hour practice session, the team was invited to a Corky's-catered dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are proud parents of basketball player, Brian Ross, a sophomore at OBU.

It was a great day for Ouachita in Central Arkansas. But that was just the beginning. The following weekend, the basketball team traveled to Dallas to take on the Mustangs of Southern Methodist University. Dr. Fitz Hill coordinated a meeting on Friday morning, November 4, for the team to visit the elementary school of OBU alumnus, Keith Baker. Baker is a former track All-American and currently Assistant Principal at Ronald E. McNair Elementary School in Dallas. Baker gave his personal testimony to the team on how Ouachita had positively changed his life. The Tigers spent Friday morning talking to the students about the importance of education and how college could help improve opportunities in life. The entire school was then invited to the game on the SMU campus at Moody Coliseum as guests of Baker.

These community engagement activities were sponsored by the Ouachita Opportunity Fund. The Ouachita Opportunity Fund was created to reach out, touch lives, and inspire youth to seek education as a path to better opportunities in life. Schaefer and his team helped in these efforts through their involvement. The Ouachita Opportunity Fund serves a dual purpose at Ouachita: to provide scholarship assistance to students and student-athletes who wish to grow intellectually and compete athletically in an environment that combines a love of God with a love of learning. The second program goal is to provide students with the highest quality instruction and facilities so that they are prepared for success both while in college, and after they begin their chosen careers.

Social Science research lab to honor Cole

Officials of the Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Educational Trust of Little Rock, Arkansas, have awarded a \$64,211 grant to Ouachita. The grant will be used to provide the Lewis Lavell Cole Computer and Research Lab for the school of social sciences.

"The lab will allow social science majors to use technology," said Dr. Hal Bass, dean of the school of social sciences. "It will allow us to prepare our students to better understand and appreciate the quantitative aspects of our disciplines, which will help them succeed in graduate school."

Ouachita's school of social sciences includes the departments of political science, history, psychology and sociology. The new facilities for the research lab will accommodate 21 computers, with software and projection system. The lab will be located on the second floor of the McClellan Hall building.

"This is something that I've long desired in social sciences," said Bass. "I'm very grateful to the Sturgis Trust for providing support."

The research lab will be named in memory of Lavell Cole, who served on Ouachita's history faculty from 1969 until his retirement

in 2000. "For over 31 years, Lavell inspired, fascinated, challenged, stretched and sparked unyielding curiosity in all who had the pleasure of taking one of his classes at Ouachita," said Dr. Trey Berry, professor of history and director of the Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies.

Dr. Lisa K. Speer, a trustee of the Sturgis Trust, is one of Cole's former students. "Lavell Cole was my mentor and the person at OBU most responsible for influencing the course of my professional life," said Speer. "I think this project is an appropriate way to honor one of OBU's most loved and respected educators."

The Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Educational Trust of Little Rock has granted funds to Ouachita for many capital improvements and project developments since 1981. Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis lived for a time in Arkadelphia and spent most of their lives in Arkansas, where they were very successful in the timber, lumber and sawmill industries in the area. They had no children, but were interested in educational opportunities for youth, as well as programs promoting health, social services, medical research and the arts. • by Jennifer Byrd

Scholarship established in memory of Brady Hooper

A worship service to highlight Ouachita was scheduled at First Baptist Church, Cabot on the evening of April 3, 2005. A few hours before the event was to begin, James Guthrie, Coordinator of the Christian Leadership Scholarship Program at Ouachita, received an urgent phone call sharing the tragic news of the death of Brady Hooper. Brady was the teenage son of FBC Cabot's associate pastor, Greg, and his wife, Sara Lu Hooper.

Even as the news was being shared to the Ouachita team preparing to go to Cabot, these students and staff immediately gathered to pray. The prayed for comfort upon the Hooper family also included a call for God to bring something hopeful from this terrible loss.

On November 6, 2005, FBC Cabot invited Ouachita to a worship service. This service included a performance by the Ouachita Singers and a message of hope from Dr. Andrew Westmoreland. In his remarks,

Westmoreland reminded the congregation that "God never wastes a single experience."

Following words of welcome by the pastor, Dr. Dennis Phelps, Guthrie came to the platform and invited Greg and Sara Lu Hooper to join him. At this time a plaque was given to the Hooper Family and the announcement was made introducing FBC-Cabot's commitment to the Brady Hooper Christian Leadership Scholarship for students wishing to attend Ouachita. The scholarship will provide \$6,000 per year to a student exhibiting principles of Christian Leadership. Ouachita will match this award with \$3,000 per year. The Brady Hooper Scholarship ensures that Brady's vibrant legacy will have a major impact on the lives of students in the future.

For more information about Ouachita's Christian Leadership Scholarship Program, please contact Guthrie at 870.245.5169. • by Kathy Berry



Brady Hooper

Scholarships Established

Joe Jeffers

Scholarship Fund

The Joe Jeffers Scholarship Fund has been established by friends of Dr. Joe Jeffers, dean of the Patterson School of Natural Sciences. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students. Recipients must be a junior or senior chemistry and/or biology major with a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

Ted and Mae Ruth Reed

Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Ted and Mae Ruth Reed Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established through the estate of Ted and Mae Ruth Reed. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships for deserving ministerial students.

Joe F. Parks, Jr.

Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund has been established through the estate of Mr. Joe R. Parks, Jr. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students at Ouachita. Recipients must be pursuing a major within the Pruet School of Christian Studies and must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

Scott F. Southerland Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Scott F. Southerland Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by Dr. Barry F. Southerland in memory of his son, Scott F. Southerland. Recipients must be full-time ministerial students pursuing a degree within the Pruet School of Christian Studies.



Estate gifts to Ouachita set record



JOHN CLOUD, J.D.
Associate
Vice President for
Estate and
Gift Planning

Two marvelous construction projects are well underway at Ouachita, both to be completed by spring 2006 if all goes as planned. Favorable weather has helped the crews bring Hickingbotham Hall (School of Business) into the “dry” ahead of schedule, with very few, if any, down days thus far. The Pat and Willard Walker Center already displays some hints of the elegant accouterments it will feature as the primary banquet hall and convention center at Ouachita. The activity associated with these edifices adds a palpable sense of expectancy and excitement to the campus.

All of us who hold Ouachita close to our hearts owe a debt of gratitude to Frank Hickingbotham and his family, and to Pat Walker and her family for making these major additions possible. We are grateful to the host of donors through the years who have made contributions to these and other projects, tangible and intangible, without whom there would be no Ouachita. No Dr. J.R. Grant who enrolled impecunious students on a prayer and a promise, no Dr. J. W. Conger whose vision and selflessness kept the engine running when the tank appeared empty, no myriad of professors who could compete with anyone on a scholastic level but who paid, and pay, personal attention to young people struggling with all the problems attendant with that turbulent age. I can name several in my years here, and I imagine most of you can too.

Thank you for your gifts. Through them you have a vested interest in the life of Ouachita.

During the last fiscal year, June 1, 2004, to May 31, 2005, Ouachita received a record number of estate gifts. In that twelve-month period, Development recorded 22 bequests, legacies, and “matured” gift annuities and charitable trusts. The total amount was not a record, but at over \$3 million it was not far off that mark. A few of these are counted as estate gifts every year, for example payments from a perpetual charitable trust, but most were brand new.

Estate gifts are indispensable. Of those mentioned above, most were used to initiate or augment permanent endowed scholarship funds. A great majority of the students here utilize some type of financial

aid, and scholarship funds are at the top of the list. Without this assistance many students just could not choose Ouachita over a tax-supported university. Estate gifts have also provided most of the endowed chairs here, which enable Ouachita to hire and keep outstanding professors in a variety of fields.

This year promises to be another great one for estate gifts, from bequests in the administration stage, including at least one endowed chair in science. We appeal to you, alumni and friends, to consider a bequest in your estate that will enable young people, year after year, to have the same opportunities you had to be a part of Ouachita.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION • Hickingbotham Hall (above) will house the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business. The school of business will occupy the new facility beginning the fall 2006 semester. Walker Hall (left) will provide banquet facilities on the first floor of the Commons. • photos by Josh Tilsworth and Laura Brockinton

Estate-Gift Tax update

Tax rules and regulations regarding non-charitable gifts and estates are so confusing that even attorneys dedicated to that facet of the law never feel totally confident in what they are doing. People seem to lose their mental traction (i.e., "go foggy") once this subject arises, and for good reason. Perhaps the following discussion will help.

Gift tax is the tax the IRS imposes on transfers to other people or non-qualifying entities during a donor's lifetime. For example, a widow transfers her home to her two children, retaining the right to live in it for her lifetime. This transfer is a gift. Let's say that the value of the gift, based on life expectancy and applicable rates, is \$100,000. First, each person has an annual gift tax exclusion of \$11,000 per person per year, leaving the widow with a taxable gift of \$78,000. Each person has a tax credit equivalent to \$1 million in gifts (higher for estates). So here the lady just fills out a form which declares her \$78,000 gift, and deducts it from her \$1 million allowance, leaving a balance of \$922,000 she may give away during her lifetime without incurring any tax.

On the other hand, the estate tax credit (and maximum total of all credits) in 2006 will cover \$2 million in transfers at death. A person who has never made gifts exceeding the annual exclusion, for all practical purposes, can then give \$2 million to family members other than a spouse through his or her estate without incurring an estate tax.

Transfers to spouses or charity incur no tax irrespective of the amount. The credit is scheduled to stay at \$2 million until 2009, when it increases to \$3.5 million, followed by total repeal of the estate tax (not gift tax though) in 2010, then back to a \$1 million credit in 2011. The logic behind all of this confusion escapes most laymen and virtually all professionals in the tax arena.

Just about everybody expects Congress to amend the rules before 2010. Two schools of thought seem to prevail: one faction calls for complete abolition of the estate tax, and the other calls for a generous credit which will exempt all but the most wealthy from these taxes. Either way, for the great majority of us neither gift tax nor estate tax will be an issue to address in our lives. Most estate gifts to Ouachita, in my experience, have not been motivated by the existence of an estate tax. Most gifts are made from the heart, and Ouachita donors are no exception.

One aside: A lifetime gift to, say, family members, of appreciated property such as stock or realty carries with it the basis of the donor. An estate gift of the same property entitles the recipients to a stepped-up basis equal to the value on the date of death, with some exceptions not important here. Thus a lifetime gift can have capital gains ramifications for the recipient if he or she sells the gifted property. Congress may make some changes in this realm, too, in concert with estate tax "reform".



DONOR APPRECIATION

• Dr. Wesley Kluck, vice president for institutional advancement, welcomes guests to the annual Donor Banquet held Saturday, December 3. Following the banquet, guests attended the Festival of Christmas, a production of the Jones School of Fine Arts.

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Sports



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FOOTBALL

It was a season that featured a slow start and a slow start enough leading for the Ouachita Tiger football team in 2005. The Tigers finished the season with an overall record of 2-8 and a Gulf South record of 2-7.

The Tigers got the first win in week five of the season with a road win over West Alabama and returned home on the next week with a 51-28 defeat over Arkansas-Monticello. The next week the Tigers looked to continue their winning ways at No. 7 Arkansas Tech, but a touchdown in the last minute of the game gave the Wonder Boys a 49-35 win. In the ninth game of the season, the Tigers traveled to Delta State where a touchdown with 41 seconds left gave DSU a 35-34 lead. Ouachita's hail mary attempt with time running out was ruled an interception in the end zone and the Tigers had suffered another heartbreaker.

It was the final season for 12 seniors, but All-GSC tailback Josh Holcomb ended his career earlier than he had wished with a season-ending knee injury in the win over UAM in week six. The Tigers put offensive numbers up this season but were plagued by turnovers. Junior quarterback Taylor Carter set a school single-season passing record with 2,123 yards breaking Andy Jayroe's mark of 2,021 set in 1991.

Four players were named

to the Gulf South Conference - Second Team. They were: running back Don Rich, wide receiver Bruce Steele, offensive guard Luke Woodard, and punter Craig McFarlin.

MEN'S SOCCER

Ouachita senior forward Phillip Presley of Palestine, Texas, capped off his Ouachita soccer career by being named to his third straight All-Gulf South Conference team at the end of the season by the league's coaches. The Tigers finished the season with an overall record of 4-10-1 and a GSC mark of 1-6-1.

Presley led the team in points with 22 (seven goals, eight assists) and senior forward Cory Leeder of Nacogdoches, Texas, led the team in goals with nine and was second on the team in points with 19.

The Tigers started off the season strong winning two of their first three matches with wins over Central Baptist and Dallas Baptist and picked up wins over Lyon College and Delta State throughout the season.

Leeder, Presley, Robert Wilson, Mark Leonard and Matt Knips made up the senior class for the Tiger soccer team.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The 2005 Lady Tiger soccer team put together the young program's first-ever three-match winning streak in the middle of

September with wins over Texas-Tyler, North Alabama and Lyon before running into a buzzsaw in No. 6 West Florida to break the streak. The Lady Tigers struggled after the UWF loss and finished the season with an overall record of 5-12 and a 2-8 Gulf South Conference mark.

Junior forward Rachel Folk of Irving, Texas, led the team in goals and points with 15 points on five goals and five assists.

Freshman forward Paige Ross of Saginaw, Texas, was second on the team in goals and points with 10 points on four goals and two assists and was also named Second-Team All-Gulf South Conference. Ross is only the second freshman Ouachita has placed on All-GSC teams.

CROSS COUNTRY

With a score of 245 points, the Ouachita Lady Tigers finished 10th out of 16 teams in the Gulf South Conference Championships in Memphis, Tenn.

Freshman Logan Whitlow was Ouachita's top finisher, as she came in 37th with a time of 20:05. Sophomore Brandi Crane was the second Lady Tiger to finish, as she came in 43rd in 20:24. Senior Hannah Brown was 49th in 20:33, followed by Hannah Wagley in 53rd place four seconds later. Sophomore Aubrey Rutland rounded out Ouachita's scoring as she finished 64th in 21:04.

"Our times were faster

than they were at the GSC meet last year," said Ouachita head coach Jason Jones, "but we finished fifth last year."

The Lady Tigers finished third in the Ted Lloyd Invitational at Harding, fourth in the Orange Crush Invitational at Hendrix and third in Ouachita's Bob Gravett Invitational.

VOLLEYBALL

The Ouachita Lady Tiger volleyball team posted the team's most wins overall and in GSC play since the 2000 season as they were just one match away from qualifying for the GSC Tournament for the first time since the same season. Under the direction of head coach Danny Prescott, the Lady Tigers finished 2005 with an overall record of 14-22 and a 6-8 league record.

Highlighting the season were season sweeps of Central Arkansas in UCA's last year of membership in the GSC and a season sweep of cross-town rival Henderson State. The win at Henderson State in the first half of the conference schedule broke a 24-match losing streak to the Lady Reddies and the win in the Sturgis Center a month later completed the season sweep.

Middle blocker Breanne Garrett was named First Team All-GSC for the second year.

The future looks bright as there was only one senior on the 2005 team in outside hitter Jessica Lawrence of Waxahachie, Texas.

DREAM JOB

*Brent Gambill
combines educational background and
love of sports to land job with XM radio show*



Gambill (far left) at the World Series.

The Chicago White Sox had just won the franchise's first World Series title since 1917, and the team was celebrating with the conventional champagne ceremony in the visitor's clubhouse of Houston's Minute Maid Park.

Closer Bobby Jenks, who had just saved the fourth and deciding game for the White Sox and numerous others had converged in the middle of the clubhouse as the World Series trophy was brought in.

A picture of this pure joy was taken in the clubhouse and if you look hard enough in the middle you can see a hand holding a microphone in the air. The interviewer had just been interrupted while he was interviewing Jenks and went from journalist mode into self-defense mode as the White Sox celebrated.

The man in the middle of the mayhem was 2001 Ouachita graduate Brent Gambill working for XM Satellite Radio, and the story of how he made it into the winners' locker room is one story. How he was even in the ballpark is a whole separate story.

Gambill, a native of Paragould, Arkansas, entered Ouachita as a freshman in the fall of 1997 looking to double-major in political science and mass communications.

Writing was what he had always wanted to do and writing about baseball could be as close to the perfect job as there is.

Gambill worked for the first part of his years at Ouachita in

the sports information office under long-time Ouachita Sports Information Director Mac Sisson. Toward the end of his years at Ouachita, Gambill decided to enroll in law school.

During his second year in law school at the University of Arkansas, Gambill began sending out resumes to MLB general managers with the hope of one of the requests paying off.

After all of the mailing of resumes, it was actually a trip to a Barnes and Noble bookstore in Fayetteville that ended up paying dividends for Gambill, who is married to the former Tilly Carter, a Ouachita graduate and daughter of Dr. Terry Carter, a professor in Ouachita's Pruet School of Christian Studies.

"During my third year of law school, Tilly and I went to Barnes and Noble in Fayetteville where Tim Wilds, the director of research for the National Baseball Hall of Fame, was there with two authors, and they were doing a project and needed some legal research," Gambill said. "To make a long story short, the book never came out, but in getting to know them they began asking me what I wanted to do."

At this time, Gambill was six months away from completing law school at Arkansas, and getting ready to hit the job market when his friendships with Wilds and the other two authors he met began to pay off.

From this moment to now, the story of how Gambill got his first job and got to where he is

now resembles one that dreams are made of.

Wilds and the two authors that Gambill met in Fayetteville began introducing him to former Los Angeles Dodgers' employees because the authors were from the West Coast. One of those was Fred Claire, who was the Dodger GM from 1987-98. Gambill and Claire struck up a friendship and visited through e-mail and on the phone.

"Fred e-mailed me and told me to give him a call and that he would be happy to talk to me about what I wanted to do after law school," said Gambill. "We talked for about 10 minutes and then he told me to send him my cover letter and resume, and he ended up editing it and helping me out with contacts."

Claire helped Gambill land a job offer from the Dodgers' minor league program in Vero Beach, Florida, which has a program in which employees are trained in all aspects of baseball operations.

At the same time, Gambill had a job offer from a sports management firm in Washington, D.C., one of the largest in the world.

"It came down to taking an entry level job with the firm that actually had a real salary or taking something that was essentially something less than what I was making as a law clerk," said Gambill. "Tilly and I thought about and prayed about it and asked ourselves 'When are we ever going to have this chance

again?' We decided to do it and we moved to Vero Beach."

After working for the minor league organization, Gambill was assigned to the PR department for Dodgers' spring training and now worked for the parent club and the fairy tale continued.

In the PR department, Gambill was able to meet many of the front office employees and the Dodgers' radio play-by-play man Charley Steiner and a friendship was formed.

During the spring training season, Gambill's duties were to get all of the Dodgers' and opponents' information to the broadcasters before the game and in turn had several conversations with Steiner about his days as play-by-play man for the New York Yankees.

Gambill's duties with the Dodgers also led him to meet the former Commissioner of Major League Baseball Fay Vincent. Gambill and Vincent met at a meeting of the Society of American Baseball Research and Gambill gave him his business card. Later when Vincent was in town for a Dodgers' spring training game, he called Gambill to arrange transportation.

"After he came to the game, he sent me an e-mail thanks and that we would get together for lunch at spring training was over," said Gambill. "I was thinking of myself, 'Sure, you're Fay Vincent, I love to eat lunch with

Much of the Vincent gave to Gambill

that lunch ended up helping him out with accepting his current job.

Gambill was in the running for a job in the research department at ESPN and Steiner put in a call on Gambill's behalf.

Gambill didn't get the job with ESPN, but later Steiner would help Gambill land the job that he currently holds and the job that sent him to cover the 2005 NLCS and the World Series.

When the producer's position for Steiner's XM Radio Show came open, the former producer and Steiner made it known that they wanted Gambill to fill the position.

Gambill remembered some of the advice Vincent had given him during their lunch together and couldn't help but take the XM job in Washington, D.C.

Gambill's job with XM radio is as a producer for two shows during the midday on XM Home Plate Channel 175, although he had no really prior radio experience. Gambill, an avid reader of numerous national baseball writers, was responsible for booking a lot of those same writers on both shows.

"I'm only a year and a half out of law school and I don't know if it's a dream come true, but it fits more of my personality than what I was previously doing," said Gambill. "It gives me more time for family and to do what I really enjoy which is writing."

Gambill has a few on-air responsibilities, but none were more in the limelight than the duties he incurred during the NLCS in St. Louis and then afterward at the World Series. One of the producers of a separate show could not attend the NLCS and Gambill was next in line, because many of the others on the XM staff were covering the ALCS.

Gambill was representing

one of only four media outlets (Fox, ESPN, MLB Radio and XM) that are allowed on the field and Gambill felt a little under-qualified.

"You're sitting there looking over at who else is on the field with you and there's Peter Gammons and Tim Kurkjian (ESPN) and all of Fox's guys and all of the guys who do this for a living and then there's me," said Gambill. "Probably the youngest person ever to walk on the field at that

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• Brent Gambill

point and hold a mic in someone's face and ask questions. I kept thinking, there are so many other people more qualified to do this than I am."

After a shaky first night, game two was much better -- at least he thought.

"I stumbled through the first question, I nailed the second one and I nailed the third one and I was pumped up," said Gambill. "I go back to the room to playback and the technical side didn't have it set up right. Charley called me the next day to ask how it went and I told him that it went great but I don't have any proof that it went great. He assured me that I hadn't messed up and it was someone else that had made the mistake."

Gambill was assigned the loser's locker room at the World Series and as he put it "The Astros and me got really tight."

Gambill was constantly working with nationally known and respected baseball writers and felt a respect from them even though he was still a little wet behind the ears.

"They all know you're new

and it's something you've never done before so you can just pick their brains and they're fantastic," said Gambill. "I've never been around a group of people who are so overly nice. It was really nice to see how they treat young people in the profession."

With the White Sox up 3-0 and on the brink of winning the franchise's first World Series in 88 years, Gambill was told his assignment might change.

"They told me they wanted me to cover the White Sox if they won and it caught me off guard," said Gambill. "My first thought was 'Wow, that's really cool' and my second thought was 'Oh no, I'm in good clothes and everything's going to get ruined from the champagne.'"

Two weeks earlier on Steiner's show, he had done a segment on some do's and don'ts for broadcasters covering baseball in the locker room of a team that has just clinched.

Gambill was interviewing long-time White Sox slugger Frank Thomas when World Series MVP Jermaine Dye emptied a completely full bottle of champagne on Gambill's always perfectly-coiffed hair.

"All I could do was tell Jermaine 'Thanks' and then I moved over to interview Bobby Jenks when he was done with Pedro Gomez from ESPN," said Gambill. "That's when they brought the trophy over and I'm stuck in the middle and I can't get out. I'm just trying to hold the mic up and get some sound and I'm saying into the microphone 'This is celebration, this is celebration.'"

Indeed it was celebration in that Chicago clubhouse. Not only for the White Sox, but for Brent Gambill as well.

It was a lifelong dream being realized before his very eyes -- no matter how bad they might have been burning because of the champagne. • by Chris Babb



Summer Sports Camps @ OBU

BOYS' BASKETBALL

June 2-4 Team Camp 1 for Jr.High and Sr. High Teams
June 16-18 Team Camp 2 for Jr. High and Sr. High Teams
June 19-22 Individual Camp for boys from 4th to 12th grades
June 26-28 Morning Camp for boys and girls K - 6th
•For more information, contact Coach Charlie Schaefer at 870.245.5184 or schaeferc@obu.edu

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

June 5-7 Team Camp for Jr.High and Sr. High Teams
June 7-9 Team Camp for Jr. High and Sr. High Teams
June 11-14 Individual Camp for girls Grades 6-12
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1934
Corinne Anders Walker writes that she is active in church, loves the Atlanta Braves and has lived in Atlanta, GA, for the past 39 years.

1941
Frances Tow Barnes and husband, Bill, are active at Trinity Baptist Church in Santa Monica (CA), at Riviera Country Club of Pacific Palisades, and in events at UCLA Athletic Department, where he was head football coach in late 50's and early 60's.

1943
H. Stanley Stanford and wife, Louise, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on July 28 with their family. He is retired from Arkadelphia Public School System. They live in Arkadelphia and have one daughter, Janice, who lives in Little Rock.

1944
Betty Ramay Rice lives in Waldron, AR. She has been church organist for 57 years. She loves to travel at home and abroad. A retired high school English teacher, she has five children, 10 grandchildren and five great grand children and holding.

1948
Bob Gladden lives in Little Rock and is chief financial officer for Coulson Oil Company in North Little Rock. He has two daughters, **Gay Pappin ('73)** and **Beth Coulson ('75)**.

1950
Preston Taylor had has three books published. One on Ezekiel published by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in June titled, "Ezequiel: El Profeta y Su Mensaje." The second two were published and were released this fall by Tate Publishing of Oklahoma City and are titled "The 13 Apostles" and "Revelation: Jesus, King of Kings." He can be reached at ptaylor13us@yahoo.com/

Friends from the 1950-52 school years have made get-

ting together an annual affair. Those meetings include: **James ('50) and O'Nolda "Sneldy" Dyer ('52) Tabor** of Smackover, **Bobby Newman ('50)** and wife, Joan, of Smackover, **Bill and Ann Strickland Vining ('51)** of Arkadelphia, **Jack and Pat Duke Lowman ('51)** of Cabot, **Ike Sharp ('51)** of Arkadelphia, **Carl A. Jiggs and Virginia Cothran Ramsey ('51)** of Manning, SC, and **Don and Almeda Park Elliott ('51)** of Cabot.

1951
Hudson and Mary Jo (Balcom, fs'51) Rogers of Little Rock celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church. They were married June 26, 1955. She is a retired registered nurse and he is retired from Sawyers Market. They are parents of three children.

1955
Johnny and Patricia (Byers) Harrison live in Memphis where he is pastor of Crestview Baptist Church.

Candy (Betsy Ross) Brar writes that she has been a member of Prestonwood Baptist in Plano, TX, since 1990, and that they finally decided to trust her with a part-time job. She works with the food and hospitality service in the lower school of Prestonwood Christian Academy.

1956
Ollie and Thelma (Conant, '57) Trout celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17. After graduating from OBC, they spent most of their life pastoring and teaching school in Arkansas, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. They returned to Arkansas in 2000. He works at Ouachita and serves as pastor of Centerpoint Baptist Church. They have two daughters, Pam Hurley and Anita Douglass and three grandchildren.

Nancy Burchfield has been retired for five years after working 30 years as a pediatric registered nurse at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. She

is very active in her church in Picayune, MS, and is busier now than while she was working. She would love to hear from 1956 classmates. They can contact her by calling 601-798-4155.

Sylvia Cawvey McBryde lives in Texarkana, TX. She writes that she was the first art major to graduate from Ouachita (August 1956). She retired in 1997 after teaching elementary art for 24 years.

Richard and Bea (Rodgers) Walker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 1 with a dinner hosted by friends at the Western Sizzlin'. They plan to travel to Brazil to visit their children later. He is president of Amazon Mission Organization and they served as missionaries to Brazil for 33 years. They have two sons, Winston and **Boyd ('88)** and seven grandchildren.

Frank Hickingbotham (fs) will be inducted into the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame in February along with three other businessmen. He founded TCBY Enterprises in 1981 and served as chairman and CEO until he sold the company in 2000.

1957
Bill and Evelyn (Robinson, '58) Bullington were among 39 retiring missionaries honored in July by the International Mission Board. They served on the mission field to West Africa for 39 years. They have retired to Hot Springs.

1960
George Watanabe sends greetings and aloha from Hawaii. After retiring in 2000 after serving for 32 years in Japan, he is presently pastor of the Nuuanu Japanese Baptist Church in Honolulu.

James and Shirley (Harrison, '59) Hickman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 9 with a family dinner. He is pastor of Tyler Street Baptist in Little Rock and she is a school teacher. They are parents of a daughter, **Denyce Frisco**.

Ruth Ann (Thomas) Frisco traveled in September to Alge-

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friends from her

Gene Weatherly thought **moving** when he moved to **Carolina** and built his home on **Lake Hortwell**. He is **building** project, **wife** and a whole

Frank Burruss, who **teaching** in the late **ring** in an antique **enjoying** her 10 **and husband**, **Linville, VA**.

David, **former coach** **was inducted** **High School** **2005 Hall** **annual banquet** **Springs Con-**

Barber Percy has **as executive** **Time Warner** **After spend-** **er**, she has **Virginia** where **the East**

Clyde Snider lives in Little **lock**, has remarried (wife's name **is Joyce**) and owns an audio production studio which produces radio commercials for advertising agencies all over the country. He also is having a blast playing tenor horn in The Natural State Brass Band, a British-style band that competes on the national level. You can go to www.nsbb.org to see more information about the band.

Hoyt Bunn is a retired teacher/counselor and now lives in Bismarck, AR.

1965

Ginger Maples Dudey is vice president for human resources for Malvern National Bank.

1966

Tom Elliff has accepted the position of senior vice president

for spiritual nurture and church relations with the International Mission Board. In his new position, he will teach and nurture missionaries, mentor IMB staff and relate to SB pastors and churches. He resigned in August from Del City Baptist Church after serving for 20 years as their pastor.

Ron and Ina (Jones, '58) Winstead retired in 2001 after 30 years in mission work with the International Mission Board of the SBC and CBF in Taiwan and China. They currently live in Jackson, MO.

Susan Irby Gaske (fs) was one of 15 teachers selected by Fairfax County (VA) Public Schools to participate in a cohort program with Catholic University of American. She received her master of library and information science degree in May; and after spending 20 years in a classroom, she will now serve as an elementary library media specialist. She and husband, **Dan ('68)** live in northern Virginia.

1967

Lane Strother was selected as Outstanding Volunteer Attorney of the Year by the Legal Aid of Arkansas. He has placed a high priority on helping the elderly and disadvantaged and has donated hours of pro bono legal services to low-income clients

in Baxter County. He lives and practices law in Mountain Home with wife, **Judy (Cook)**. Their daughter, **Jodi ('90)** also is in practice with them at their law firm, The Strother Firm.

Pat Rankin Sorsby is a professor at Texarkana College. She and husband, Robert, live in Texarkana, TX.

Carolyn Yeldell Staley (fs) has joined the staff of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church in Little Rock as minister of education.

1968

Barbara Battle Larkin was selected as the May Artist-in-Residence for Hot Springs National Park. She has over 30 years experience in pottery that has brought recognition for her work. She and husband, **Jim ('68)** own Fox Pass Pottery, a studio and shop just north of Hot Springs.

Britt Pruitt and wife, Doris, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at Second Baptist Church in Russellville, AR. They were married August 15. He is retired from the Department of Human Services at the Booneville Human Development Center and a retired Baptist minister. She is a retired clerk from Arkansas Bank & Trust. They are parents of two daughters, Theresa P. Holland and Judith P. Berkau.

Sarita Baker has taught high school English at Greenwood, AR, since 1982. She lives in Mansfield.

Carol Cantrell teaches music full time and operates a limited law practice out of her home office in Durham, NC. She also writes a column for a music education magazine.

Gary Cheatham lives in Collierville, TN, with wife, Sarah, and daughter, Laura. He is a senior manager of information systems with Federal Express in Memphis.

1969

Steve Edwards (fs) is professor of theatre arts at LaGrange College in LaGrange, GA.

Brenda Branscum Key lives in Augusta, AR, and is the reading facilitator for K-8 at Augusta Elementary.

1970

John Saunders and wife, Betty, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at Antioch Baptist Church in Little Rock. They were married July 28. He is a retired Navy chaplain and instructor at the Missionary Baptist Seminary. They are parents of two children, **Rhonda (Saunders) Sanders ('83)** and **Ralph Saunders ('88)**.

Steve Perdue, a retired history teacher from the North Little



REUNION • OBU friends '50-'52 get together to remember 'old times'. The reunion has become an annual affair when the Ramseys come back to Arkansas for a visit. Pictured are: James Tabor behind wife, Sneldy; Bobby Newman & Joan; Bill Vining & Ann; Jack Lowman & Pat; Jiggs Ramsey & Virginia; Ike Sharp; Don Elliott & Almeda.

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Rock School District, has been serving as curator of the David O. Demuth Arkansas Room of the Saline County Library in Benton, AR, for the past five years and was elected in April 2005 to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Historical Association which is headquartered in Old Main at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. (Note: **Dr. Trey Berry ('84)**, professor of history at Ouachita, also serves on the Board.)

Fran Jackson Farias lives in Atlanta, GA, with husband, Philip. She is a State Farm agent, is president of the Rotary Club, is an elder at Roswell Presbyterian Church, sings in the chancel choir and has played handbells for 20+ years. They have three children and their fourth grandchild will be born in March.

Larry Lefter owns a real estate company and is a residential general contractor of homes. He and his wife, Charlotte, a certified kitchen designer, live in Stuttgart.

Barbara Barr Cox writes that she is "aging gracefully" as a retired Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service home economist and wife of a retired farmer and mother of a 23-year-old son, Eugene, who's attending Ole Miss, and a 22-year-old daughter, Carrie, who's attending Pulaski County Community College in North Little Rock. She and husband, Roy, live in Osceola, AR.

Robert Wilson is the chief counsel for the Arkansas Highway Department. He lives in Little Rock.

Ralph Shoptaw has taken the job of director of the Arkansas State Fair. He and wife, Bette, plan to move to Little Rock from Texarkana.

1971

Kathy Otwell Henson retired after 30 years of teaching public school. She lives in Little Rock and helps husband, Carl, in his construction company.

Larry Darnell is a speech pathologist with the Mt. Pleasant (TX) ISD.

Sharon Baldrige O'Neal

made history this past April in Godfrey, IL, by being one of the first ever elected trustees to the board of the Godfrey Fire Protection District. She is president of the Board and is serving a four-year term. Concurrent with that, she remains a commissioner on the Village of Godfrey Planning and Zoning Commission.

Vicki Hubbs Steward lives in Little Rock and is employed as management support specialist with the Social Security Administration.

1972

Jerry Kinnaird works as vice president of program research, development and implementation for the Education Management Corporation in Pittsburgh, PA. EDMC serves more than 64,000 students in 24 states and two Canadian provinces. He also recently got married. He married Kim Harpell in May.

David Easley is a agency field specialist for State Farm Insurance in Little Rock. He and wife, **Donita (Austin, '70)**, live in Hot Springs.

Myrtle Williamson Smith, a retired teacher, continues to stay active. She is on the Board of Directors at Group Living and continues to substitute teach for Arkadelphia public schools. Son, **Gerren**, is a senior at Ouachita and will graduate in December 2005.

1973

Karen Shank lives in Crystal Lake, IL, with husband, Toby Lange, where she is a writer for The Write Path.

Leanetta Glenn Allen is a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator at the Jackson Clinic in Jackson, TN. She and husband, Bill, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this summer. Their older daughter, Berkley, graduated from college and younger daughter, Justine, graduated from high school this year so they celebrated all three special events with a trip to the Caribbean.

Kenneth Overton has pastored Mt. Zion Baptist Church

in Walcott, AR, since October 2001.

Brenda Davis Russell retired in May after teaching for 28 years (20 years in public and eight years in Christian education). She and her husband, Mike, live in Fayetteville, AR, and are enjoying their first grandchild, Emma.

1974

James Thompson is director of the Stuttgart (AR) Housing Authority. He and wife, Deborah, have three children, Ross, Jonathan and Jamie, and live in Clarendon.

Ernest Romero has served for the past five years as the Hispanic cultural specialist for the Purchase Area Health Education Center at Murray (KY) State University. This position was created because of the huge migration of Hispanics into the 12 counties of Western Kentucky served by the Purchase AHEC. He was informed in June that he had been nominated by U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell (R - KY) to participate in this year's U.S. Senate Hispanic Leadership Summit in Washington, DC, in September.

Carolyn Wilson Meyers teaches in the St. Louis school district. She lives in Black Jack MO, with husband, Barry.

Philip Bowles is an investment rep for Edward Jones Investments in Crossett, AR.

Peggy King Bobbitt teaches elementary music for North East ISD at El Dorado Elementary in San Antonio, TX. She and husband, Danny, have two daughters, Amanda and Emily.

Dan and Judy (Komorou) Pike live in Alexandria, VA. He retired last year after 30 years with the U.S. Army. He now works as a civil servant with the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She still works with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

1975

Noel Ferguson has recently been promoted to Senior Vice President - Human Resources for the La Quinta Corporation in Ir-

ving, TX.

Beverly Devine Braswell is the 6th grade language arts teacher at The Anthony School in Little Rock.

Barbra Good Clack has published her first book, "The Pledge of Allegiance," which was released in August and distributed by Texas A&M University Press Consortium. It explains through paraphrases and beautiful illustrations that "a pledge is a promise." It guides the reader through each part of The Pledge with meaningful, illuminated texts designed to spark questions and to build an understanding of the principles set forth. She and husband, **Jay ('76)**, live in Albany, TX, and she teaches third grade at Breckenridge (TX) Public Schools. She also teaches a five-week summer art class called My Dog Could Do That!

Denise Chamberlin Garrett and husband, William, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary this year. They live in Clover, SC.

Kay Moore Payton and husband, Larry, created Celebrity Attractions in Tulsa nearly 22 years ago. They are now producers of the national tour of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and recently purchased the touring musical "Rock and the Rabbi." Larry was director of the student center and the men's tennis coach at Ouachita in the 1970s.

Tim Norrell (fs) is president of Sales and Leadership Training LLC in Nixa, MO.

Steve Lemmond recently retired from Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance in Dallas and started his own investment company, the Lemmond Financial Group. He and wife, Carol Ann, live in Richardson, and have two sons, **Matthew**, a junior at Ouachita, and **Patrick**, a freshman.

Bill Vining, Jr. is the new superintendent at Crossgate Christian Academy, the private school associated with The Church at Crossgate in Hot Springs.

Don and Dealia (Thornton) Yancey send greetings from Augusta, GA! He retired as Army

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claplain in 2000. Since that time he has served as pastor of the **First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church**. He's also an **adjunct professor of ethics at the Erskine Theological Seminary**. She is an elementary school **media specialist** and is pursuing her **master of library and information science degree at the University of South Carolina**.

1976

Jay Clack is a teacher and **chair of the English Department at Breckenridge (TX) High School** and teaches at **Cisco Junior College**.

Mary Lois Burfield Banks has begun her 30th year of teaching and is presently teaching at **Marion Elementary School in Marion, AR**. She and husband, **Brett**, live on the Banks' farm outside of **Tyronza, AR**.

Ken Yopp is a bank examiner for **FDIC in Albany, GA**.

Regina McClure Rogers lives in **Van Buren, AR**, where she teaches kindergarten.

1977

Phyllis Allison Hall is the audit director at **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN**. She and husband, **Richard**, have two sons, **Griffin** and **Garrett**, and live in **Lakeland, TN**.

Richard Lollis is the program manager in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the **Pentagon**.

Wesley Kluck has been hired as **Ouachita's vice president for institutional advancement**. In his new role, he will provide supervision for student recruitment, alumni affairs, career planning and placement and fund raising. He will also serve in a limited capacity as **University physician**.

Lori Johnson Thirion (fs) has joined the staff of **First Baptist Church of Hot Springs** as children's minister, coming there from **University Baptist Church in Baton Rouge**.

Sherree Millwood Telford and husband, **Dan**, '76, have moved from **Nashville, AR**, to **Nashville, TN**. She is a certified

diabetes educator at the **Centennial Medical Center**.

Brad Rountree writes that he "has a blessed life." He has served on staff at **New Liberty Baptist Church in Garland, TX**, for 28 years. He and wife, **Rhonda**, live in **Mesquite**, and have a son, **Timothy**, who is a freshman at **Ouachita** this year. In July, he traveled with the **Dallas Symphony** and sang the role of **El Remendado in Carmen**. Also each year, his "reunion gang" from the **OBU Singing Men** get together to perform in one of the gang's churches. This year during **Labor Day weekend**, they met and sang at **Central Baptist Church in Marshall, TX**, where **Don Parks ('78)** is minister of music. The reunion gang consists of **David Hays ('77)** of **Plano, TX**, **George Mann ('77)** of **Fort Smith, AR**, **George Mayo ('77)** of **Conway, AR**, **Parks**, and **Rountree**. **David Williamson ('77)** of **Winston-Salem, NC**, and **Dr. Paul Hammond**, former director of **Singing Men**, of **Shawnee, OK**, joined them this year.

Gloria Fuqua Gonzalez is a professor at **Pensacola (FL) Junior College**.

1978

Clyde and Sharon (Allen, '77) Gray have moved to **Arkadelphia** where he manages the **Ford division of Gildner Auto Group**. They have four children.

Terry and Patty (Wheelis) Purtell live in **Galesburg, IL**. He is pastor of **Allen Park Baptist Church**.

1979

Mary Ruth Henry-Bell recently received her doctor of philosophy in education degree from the **University of Southern California**. She is vice principal of the **Sacramento (CA) County Office of Education**.

Denette Scoggins Pennington (fs) is a retired legal assistant and lives in **Franklin, TN**.

Susan Grafton was the recipient of the 2005 **Woman of Influence Award**, presented by **CREW (Colorado Real Estate Women) Denver**. This award



OUTSTANDING TEACHER • Marsha Dugan Petty ('75) is congratulated by Governor Mike Huckabee after being named **Arkansas' Teacher of the Year for 2005-06**. Petty has taught for 29 years and has been a chemistry teacher at **Arkansas High School in Texarkana** for 12 years. Petty's husband **Doug (fs '76)** and son **Phillip ('02)** also attended **Ouachita**, and her daughter **Anna** is a senior communication science and disorders major.

honors a nominee in the economic development area who has enhanced the community, generated or preserved jobs and revenue, served as a catalyst for revitalization and stimulated development of new commercial real estate projects. She is the economic development director for the **City of Westminster, CO**.

James McCully was nominated by the **City of Alexandria, VA**, for the 2005 **ALEX Award** for exceptional contributions to enhancing the quality of artistic opportunities.

Martha Jane Smith is pursuing her doctor of ministry degree in formational counseling at **Ashland Theological Seminary**. She currently lives in **Ashland, OH**.

Frank Fawcett (fs) lives in **Brownsville, TN**, about 12 miles from the home where he grew up, works in the same town and fishes in all the old fishing holes.

1980

Wyley Elliott was named president of **Metropolitan National Bank in Benton County** and the **Northwest Arkansas region**. He and his family moved from **Hot Springs** to **Bentonville** with his office being in **Rogers**.

Alisa Wolfe Goodwin teaches 6th grade social studies at **Elberta (AL) Middle School**. She and husband, **Bill**, live in

Robertsdale.

Cindy Sharp Timmerman is high school assistant principal at **St. James High School in Montgomery, AL**. Her husband, **Guinn**, is a detective with the **Montgomery Police Department**.

Rockey Starnes graduated in May with his doctor of ministry degree from **Memphis Theological Seminary**. His doctoral was in the area of historical liturgies for **Methodist worship**. He has just been appointed pastor of the **First United Methodist Church of De Queen, AR**, and the **Gilham UMC in Gilham, AR**.

Claude Freeze lives in **Marshall, TX**, where he practices anesthesia as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. On **November 1**, he and **Debbie** were married 19 years. He is the father of a son, **Caleb (23)** and a daughter, **Catherine Elizabeth "Catie Beth" (2)**. He writes that he preaches whenever and wherever he is asked.

Mark Hart is a research microbiologist for the **National Center for Toxicological Research** and lives in **Bryant, AR**, with wife, **Brenda**, and children, **Morgan** and **Sarah**.

Andy Morgan lives in **Memphis** with wife, **Linda**, and children, **Jessica, Maria, Juliana**, and **Matthew**. He is director of operations for **McAlister's Restaurants of Tennessee**.

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THEATRE PRODUCTION • The department of theatre arts in the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts presented "Androcles and the Lion," during the fall semester. The student director of the play was Nicole Huryta, a senior theatre major from Omaha, Nebraska. • photo by Lizzie Holmes

1981

Don Turner is a senior clinical engineer with Beckman Coulter, Inc. He lives in Montrose, CO, with wife, Melissa.

Kim Huddleston Harpole is a stay-at-home mom of 4-year old daughter, Heather. She and her family live in Little Rock.

Donna McCoy Evans has started her own photography company in Conway. You can email her at devans@conwaycorp.net for more information. She and husband, Mark, have two children, Molly and Matt.

1982

Mark Perkins is assistant principal and athletic director at

Sheridan (AR) High School.

Larry Redmon lives in Little Rock where he's an accountant for Cauley, Bowman, Carney & Williams, PLLC.

Mike Hart is minister of education and administration at Nettleton Baptist Church in Jonesboro, AR.

Kirk and Karen (Williams, '85) Bullington have bought a home in Woodstock, GA, outside of Atlanta. He is teaching music and Spanish and serving as performing arts director at Fellowship Christian High School in Roswell. Karen is a physician at the Fibromyalgia & Fatigue Center in Marietta. They have three children, Ashley, 12, Emily, 9,

and Wesley, 6.

Rex Nelson has been appointed by President George W. Bush as alternate federal co-chairperson of the Delta Regional Authority Board. He has been serving as the director of communications for Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee.

Kent Sweatman is pastor of Oak Cliff Baptist Church in Fort Smith, AR.

Bill Thornton has begun his 4th year as minister of music and youth at Lynch View Baptist Church in North Little Rock.

1983

Mark Winscott is a CAD/CAE engineer with Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico.

Carl Turner is a training consultant of curriculum development with Verizon Wireless in Rancho Cordova, CA.

Rebecca Griffis Dunn has been the controller at Conestoga Wood Specialities in Jacksonville, AR, since February 2001. She and husband, Ron, live in Jonesboro.

Charles Ingram is the IT business analysis for MCI in Mobile, AL. He and wife, Lou Ann, have two children, Aubrey (7) and Schuyler (5).

Steve Keifer owns and is chief financial advisor of Keifer Retirement Services in Little Rock. He also is a published author and hosts his own radio talk show each Saturday on 102.9 FM. He and wife, Alice, have two children, Brittney and Brandon.

Mark and Perri (Bethelot) Whatley have moved from Newport to Jacksonville, AR, where he will serve as head football coach. They have four children: Amanda (18), Alana (14), and twins Wyatt and William (11).

Robert Chadwick is an insurance agent for Texas Farm Bureau in Marshall, TX. He and wife, Kim, and Jonathan (18) and Jordan (14) live in Longview.

1984

Rob Koonce has been named 2005-06 International Co-

Chair of the State and Provincial Bar Special Interest Group for the Association for Continuing Legal Education. He recently spoke at a conference in Washington, DC, on emotional intelligence in organizational leadership. He serves as director of the Center for Legal Education and Professional Development for the New Mexico State Bar Foundation in Albuquerque where he and wife, Kimberley, enjoy the Great Southwest.

Teresa Thomas Peters has been promoted to commercial division manager of Lenders Title Company in Little Rock.

Alan Moore and wife, Lynda, gave up their "dream home" in the country to finance a family mission trip this summer to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where they spent eight weeks. He and his family, including Austin (15), Emily (13) and Hannah (5) live in Conway, where he's minister of music and youth at Woodland Heights Baptist Church.

Nancy Daniels Anderson lives in Arkadelphia with husband, **Ronnie ('73)**. She is the payroll and benefits administrator for Summit Bank.

Cary and Michelle (Howard, '83) Cox are in Little Rock. He is the program coordinator at the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies/Central Arkansas Library System. She is in her 17th year as a speech/language pathologist at Baptist Health Rehab Institute. They have three children: Elizabeth (15) and twins Andrew and David (8).

Kelly Garcia Singletary is the assistant financial secretary for First Baptist Church in Slidell, LA. She and husband, Timothy, have two daughters, Lauren (17) and Jessica (15).

Benji Post has been appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee to the Board of Pharmacy. He will serve until June 2011. He is the pharmacy manager at **Fred's** in White Hall, AR.

Jay Nicholson and wife, Sally, live in Overland Park, KS, where he's a district manager with Novartis Pharmaceuticals. They have four daughters: **Clair**,

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Sarah Grace, Emily and Jill.

Gary Corker writes that in July he joined his father-in-law at the Batista Jardim Casqueiro where he is in his last year as pastor. Gary is serving as minister of music and worship and teaching a young single adults Bible study. He and wife, Rosileia, live in San Paulo, Brazil, with younger daughter, Leticia.

Roger and Linda Robins live in Gentry, AR. He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Highfill for eight years. She teaches first grade at Lifeway Christian School, a ministry of First Baptist Church, in Center-ton. Their daughter, **Stephanie ('97)** and husband, **Joel ('97) Gaddis** live in Rhode Island with the Robins two grandsons, William and Benjamin.

Clay Price is the supervisory special agent and unit chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, DC. He and wife, Janelyn, and Jay (14) and Sarah (11) live in Fairfax Station, VA.

Andrea (Torbert) Bain lives in Orlando, FL, with husband, Garrett, and children Chancellor, Adair and Chloe. She works as a real estate paralegal for Cramer, Price & de Armas.

1985

Scott Bryant lives in Orlando, FL, where he's director of application support for the Hilton Grand Vacations Company.

Carrie Williams Sharp has been named to the 2005-06 Advisory Board for the National League of Junior Cotillions-Arkadelphia Chapter.

Stacy Williams has been appointed by Gov. Mike Huckabee to serve on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission. He lives in Little Rock where he's a public relations consultant.

Brent Fields writes he has been very busy this past year. He and wife, Suzette, had a son in November 2004. He was transferred to the Austin, TX, headquarters of the American Heart Assn. in February, and his son, Micah, turned 16 and started to drive, date and work! He says

it is keeping this 42-year-old dad on his toes.

Clark Easter, director of the ROTC program at Ouachita and Henderson, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the aviation division of the Army National Guard. He was officially pinned on August 30 at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock. He is married to **Lisa Pruitt ('84)** and they have three daughters: Christine, Roxanne and Tiffany.

Jon and Brenda (Leigh, '86) Rice live in Wake Forest, NC, where he is completing his master's degree. They have five children, Jonathan (15), Aaron and Hannah (13), Natalie (12) and Rachel (9). They recently moved from Charleston, SC, where Jon served for seven years as minister of music and Brenda taught elementary school.

1986

Kathy Humphreys lives in San Francisco, CA, where she's employed as a management consultant with KSHConsulting.

Philip Darr is the internal group service rep for Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield in Fort Smith, AR.

Julia Foster Hughes lives in Cabot with husband, Russell, and children: Daniel (14) and Andrea (12). She works for Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield as a supervisor in the government program affiliates with Medicare Part D. Russell is employed as an engineer with Remington Arms. She would love to hear from friends and former classmates. You can contact her at jrhughes@obualumni.org.

James Miller is a forensic criminologist with the Houston (TX) Police Department.

Beth Perry lives in Silver Springs, MD. She has one daughter, Caroline (2). She is a senior program manager for NASTAD in Washington, DC.

Jonna Price Bradley teaches science at Smackover High School. She has two sons, Logan (17) and Landon (11).

Jeff Stotts began serving in June on staff of Central Baptist

Church in Jonesboro, AR, as associate pastor of worship, coming there from Wynne Baptist Church.

Rhonda Auten Bailey and husband, Dale, live in Knoxville, TN, where she is human resource manager for Sea Ray Boats, a division of Brunswick Corporation, and he is a territory manager for NCR.

1987

Mary Ann Moses is on staff at Downtown Baptist Church in Orlando, FL, as children's minister.

Ronnie and Kristi (Mason) Clay live in El Dorado, AR, where he is vice president of finance and treasurer of Anthony Forest Products and Kristi is treasury cash manager of Murphy Oil Corporation. They have two children, Megan (12) and Mason (9).

Tammy Allen Hartsfield and husband, Mike, are in Hot Springs, where they finally completed the remodeling of their home. She is working part time from her home as a free lance editor, working mostly on Christian books. She has also been serving as a substitute teacher in her sons' school district. They have two boys, Ryan and Joshua, who stay busy playing football and soccer.

Mike Woertz is a computer program manager for BAE Systems. He and wife, Jung Soo, and daughter Alexandria (6) live overseas.

1988

Jana Hall Wells and husband, Ken, have moved to Bentonville, AR, where he is employed as manager in informational systems at Wal Mart's Corporate Office. Jana enjoys volunteering at school and church. They have three children: Jonathan (13), and twins, McKenzie and Miranda (10).

Loretta Neal McGregor moved this summer to Jonesboro where she has been hired as chairperson of the Department of Psychology and Counseling at Arkansas State University.

Janet Rico Everett recently accepted a position at First Baptist Church in Camden as part-time interim education director.

Patrick Ponder, men and women's head track and field/cross country coach at Texas A&M University in Commerce, was voted as the 2005 Lone Star Conference Men's Coach of the Year. He was recently asked to be the guest speaker at the New Mexico Activities Association on the subject of training for the sport of cross country.

Tammie Freeman writes that after graduating from Ouachita, she spent 10 years on active duty in the Army where she obtained her master of health-care administration and served as a hospital administrator. Seven years ago, she left active duty for the Reserves and a sales position with Merck & Co. where she was recently promoted to an executive hospital rep. In November 2004, she was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves. She currently is an instructor in the Command and General Staff College and has lived and worked in Little Rock since 1999.

Scott Harris owns the All Star Sports Arena in Springdale, AR. He and wife, **Connie (Gorum, '85)** live in Fayetteville with Chantelle (14) and Darian (11).

Philip Ingalls is director of music ministries at Miami Shores Presbyterian Church in Miami Shores, FL.

1989

Gary and Michele (Retor) Tollett live in Springdale, AR, with their four sons: Trent (13), Travis (11), Turner (5) and Truitt (3). He owns Wynco Distribution Company and she is a homemaker.

Chris (Tschiegg) and Wendy (Johnson, '91) Taylor have moved from Colorado to Rogers, AR, where he is pastoring Grace Baptist Church.

Lisa Putman is the district framing manager for Hobby Lobby Creative Center in Germantown, TN.

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Sarah Brattain Schaefer and husband, Brendan, and Aidan (7) and Faolan (3-1/2) live in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. After serving as missionaries for years with Global Youth Network, Brendan has taken a job with Habitat for Humanity in its Canadian national office in Waterloo. He is the building resource coordinator which means he's a liaison between government funding projects and researches new building information. They build five or six houses a year.

Jennifer Nix Mooney and husband, Brad, have relocated from Springdale, AR, to Little Rock where he has joined Centennial Bank. She enjoys staying at home with Nate (7) and Allie Grace (4).

1990

Charlie and Angela (Bryant, '89) Lechner writes that they are still serving as International Mission Board missionaries in Johannesburg, South Africa. He helps start and develop churches. She spends most of her time doing the "mommy-thing." Their children are 12, 10, 6 and 4. They would love to hear from Ouachita friends, who can email them at lechner@iafrica.com.

Lisa Long Clark is a pharmacist with Brookshire's Pharmacy in Pine Bluff, AR.

Leslie Herring Thomas is the senior compliance and policy automation specialist with US-Able Life in Little Rock. She and husband, **Jeff ('87)** and Alexis (9) and Joshua (5) live in Roland.

J.J. Kindred (fs) has worked for over two years as a reporter at The Mountain Press in Sevierville, TN, where he covers entertainment and education. He is also a member of Sevier Heights Baptist Church in Knoxville. He writes that even though he didn't graduate from Ouachita, it was where he was saved and served as a launching pad in his walk with the Lord. He recently became engaged to his girlfriend of two years, Polly, who teaches at a Christian school. Wedding date is set for June 10, 2006. He would love to hear from

friends, who can contact him at doublejrr@yahoo.com.

Donnie Smith is an EMS helicopter pilot with Air Evac Lifeteam. He and wife, Kristi, and daughters Taylor and Allie, and son, Jake, live in Greenwood, AR.

1991

Jimmy and Tanya (Cansdale) Johnson live in El Dorado with two children, Hannah (10) and Daniel (5). He coaches varsity football and she is director of rehab for ONR at Oakridge.

John Davis is employed with the State of Arkansas and coordinates all recreation activities, facilities and employees for the National Guard at Camp Robinson. He works part time as a marshal, coordinator or judge for outdoor sporting events such as the Total Outdoorsman's Challenge, the World Retriever Championship and the Super Retriever Series. He and wife, **JaNan (Arnold, '94)**, recently traveled to China and brought home their third daughter, Ella FuShu, who was 17 months old. She was welcomed home by their daughters, Elizabeth (8) and Emmie (5). They live in Maumelle, AR.

Douglas and Kelly (Spivey) Schmidt along with Ashli (14), Brooke (11) and Beaux (6) reside in Rowlett, TX. He teaches at Rowlett High School.

Cristine Maltez sells real estate in the greater Boston (MA) area.

Arden and Kymberly (Shultis, '92) Jones live in Huntington, AR, with Garret (9), Eden (7) and Darby (2). He is the senior U-Pack quotation analyst for Arkansas Best Freight System in Fort Smith.

Charles Fregeau works as a computer IT programmer and lives in Kankakee, IL. He was scheduled for a triple by-pass in July, even though he is only 47.

DaLynne Reed Horner received her masters in social work and is a child's psycho therapist with Living Hope in Little Rock. She and husband, Max, who has his own law firm, have

a 5-year-old daughter, Triniti Alyse. They attend Rock Creek Church and moved to Mayflower this spring. She is an executive board member of the National Association of Social Workers.

Cindy Allison McDill and husband, Allen, live in Arkadelphia. She works as assistant vice president for mortgage lending at Elk Horn Bank, and he is employed at Gildner Auto Plex.

Jennifer Harrington Wunstel works for Arkansas Department of Human Services in Faulkner County as a supervisor for child abuse and neglect. She and husband, Joe, a Conway firefighter, live in Greenbrier with Alyssa (13) and Caleb (8).

Chris Rinehart is principal at Calvary Christian School in Forrest City, AR.

Keri Dickerman Sarver (fs) lives in Grand Prairie with husband, Paul, son, Tre (12) and daughter, Rhandi (10). She is a speech-language pathologist with Grand Prairie ISD.

1992

Toby Talley resigned in August as pastor of First Baptist Church of Booneville to join the staff of Arkansas Baptist State Convention as evangelism specialist. He works with church staff, lay leaders, churches and associations in areas of evangelism, Sunday school, discipleship, vacation Bible school and general church growth. He and **Rachael (Ward, '94)**, have two children, Sophie (4) and Trace (7). (See page 51)

Phillip Miller is pastor of Second Baptist Church in West Helena, AR. He and wife, **Katrina (Wickland)** have three children, Alyssa (13), Austin (10) and Abbi (4).

Kelly Stabley is the marketing manager for Southridge Mall, a Macerich Company property, in Des Moines, IA. She is engaged to marry Justin Thevenot in December.

Kevin Clark is stationed at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois as a system engineer.

Kathy Simms Berry has

accepted the position of director of development at Ouachita. She has worked at several positions at Ouachita (admission counselor and development officer) prior to taking on this responsibility.

Rod Bryan owns a record store in Little Rock and has released a full length album with his band, HoHum.

Randal Biggs was recently promoted to head football coach at Frederick (OK) High School. Former Tiger teammate, **Charles Roady ('92)**, is the new defensive coordinator for the Bombers.

Curtis Arnold was selected as one of "40 Under 40" by the *Arkansas Business Magazine*. This is a way of introducing young business and professional leaders from across the state. Curtis is founder and CEO of U.S. Citizens for Fair Credit Card Terms, Inc. in North Little Rock. You can check out CardRatings.com, a website dedicated to educating consumers about credit and reviewing credit card offers.

Courtney Carlton Wood is employed as an adjunct professor of education at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

Bob Biggers has resigned his church in Rison to become pastor of Stamford Baptist Church in Stamford, CT. He and wife, **Tricia (Murphree)** have four daughters: Allison (8), Leah (7), Jenna (5) and Lilly (2).

Daphne Davis Moore is director of community affairs for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. She and husband, Ben, and son, John David (1), live in Bentonville.

1993

Lori Abbott Motl works as a senior consultant for Creative Memories in College Station, TX.

Mike Sossamon is employed as the designer and operator of lighting and audio for Celebration Theatre at Celebration City, the newest theme park in the Branson (MO) area. He and wife, **Kathi (Hopper)** live in Ozark, MO, where she's a mortgage loan processor.

Kate Hall (fs) works in the

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Health care industry at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital in London, England. In her spare time, she sings in a jazz choir and races yachts. She says "my experience at OBU and in Arkadelphia was life-changing and I can't imagine what it would be like now without that link."

Kayla Miles Abernathy lives in Bentonville, AR, where she's the choral director at Bentonville High School.

Tony and Mary Jane (Lee) Hutchins have moved from Arkadelphia, where he was teaching low brass at Ouachita, to Midwest City, OK, to start his doctoral degree at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. She will be home schooling their children, Sarah (10), Joshua (7) and Caleb (3).

Cindy Waller Stalnaker and husband, Dan, live in Elgin, SC, where he is employed as chief engineer of WLTX in Columbia. She stays at home with Emma (5) and Evan (1). She started a home business in 2004, Muffins and More, where she prepares healthy food mixes and gift baskets.

Adam Carson just completed his doctorate in physical therapy at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences. He owns and operates his physical therapy clinic, Carson Physical Therapy, in Bryant, AR.

Scott Schrader is a partner in the law firm, Miller & Schrader, in Little Rock.

Pam Waymack has moved from Arkadelphia to Cabot, AR, where she will be employed as a principal in the Cabot Public Schools.

Millie Crawford Copeland is employed in San Antonio with Boral Material Technologies as their marketing representative.

Steve Harness is the founding pastor of The Crossroads Church in Richey, FL.

Jennifer (Lowry) Woodfield and family have relocated to Mt. Ida, AR, where husband, Joey was transferred with the Arkansas Dept. of Health. She home schools sons, Landon and Caleb, and also has a new baby,

Jacob, who was born in April.

1994

JaNan Arnold Davis is the elected City Attorney for Mammelle, AR, and is associated with the law firm of Duncan & Rainwater in Little Rock. She and husband, **John ('91)** recently traveled to China and brought home their third daughter, Ella FuShui. She was 17 months old when they got home. She was welcomed home by their daughters, Elizabeth (8) and Emmie (5).

Denver Peacock graduated in June with the Class XX of the 2005 Leadership Greater Little Rock program. This is a 9-month program which consists of one full day per month and is designed to identify local leaders and potential leaders and to motivate them to what needs to be done to maintain a healthy and viable community. He is employed as a senior public relations account executive with the advertising firm, Cranford Johnson Robinson & Woods.

Stephanie Anderson Bird teaches high school math at McKinney (TX) North High School. She and Jason, have a daughter, Jordan (4).

Dale Carlton lives in Fayetteville, AR, and works with Lindsey & Associates as senior vice president and executive broker.

Kyle Wiggins has joined the law firm of Thomason, Hendrix, Harvey, Johnson & Mitchell in downtown Memphis as an associate attorney. He practices all areas of civil litigation. He and wife, Andrea, have a three-year-old daughter, Kate.

Dwayne and Leslie (Tip-ton, '97) Whitten, have moved from Waco to College Station, TX, where he's the assistant clinical professor of information systems at Texas A&M University.

Heath Clower has joined the staff of Calvary Baptist Church in North Little Rock as pastor, coming there from Clinton First Baptist.

Slava "Vic" Oreshkin (fs) works in Moscow, Russia, as vice



BALL CONTROL • Ciera Lima, a freshman from Mansfield, Texas, controls the ball in Gulf South soccer competition on Ouachita's home field. • photo by Katherine Jenkins

president of corporate lending for Bank Petrocommerce.

Duane Green and wife, Kelly, have opened up Foundation Fitness System, a full line of exercise equipment gym, in Arkadelphia.

Johnpaul Arnold enrolled this fall at Middle Tennessee State University in pursuit of his master's in mass communications, thanks to the U.S. Army. He and wife, Amy, will live in Clarksville, TN. She graduated at the top of her class from Austin Peay State University, has been hired by Lifeway Sunday School literature department as a contributing writer, and has been accepted into Dallas Theological Seminary as an on-line student.

Tony Vacha is a media consultant with the advertising firm,

On Target Media, in Grand Rapids, MI. He also is a captain in the U.S. Army infantry. He and wife, Lara, have three daughters, Elisabeth, Abigail and Emma.

Brad Justice has joined the staff of Second Baptist Church in Forrest City as pastor.

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Gindi Eckel joined a large national law firm, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pitman, in May. She was also elected chair-elect of the Texas Young Lawyers Association. She lives and practices in Houston.

Brandon Barnard and wife, Julie, have moved from Arkadelphia to Senatobia, MS, where he serves on a pastoral leadership team at Life Point Church.

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WEEKEND OUTING • Ouachita friends from the class of 1989 get together for a "girls weekend" in April at the Embassy Suites in Hot Springs. The girls try to get together at least once a year. Pictured are: Donna McWilliams Thomas, Karen Gourley Connelley, Michele Rector Tollett, Debbie Stuckey Tyler, Jennifer Nix Mooney, and Jerri Ann Day Groustra.

Audrey Weaver Doyle was recently promoted to chief radiation therapist in San Antonio. She manages a small radiation therapy department for US Oncology.

Marc Heflin was selected as one of "40 Under 40" by the *Arkansas Business* magazine. This is the magazine's way of introducing young business and professional leaders from across the state. He, along with brother, **Jay ('93)**, founded Bird & Bear Medical Inc. of Little Rock, which provides home medical equipment and respiratory therapy. They have nine branch offices.

Dos Sarbassov is a research scientist for Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, MA.

John Selph resigned in September from Ouachita after 12 years as computer network manager. He and wife, **Laura (Walker, 2003)**, have moved to Greenville, TX, where he is employed with L-3 Communications Integrated Systems as a server administrator.

Dan Reeves of Jonesboro has joined staff of Marked Tree First Baptist Church as pastor.

Julie Snider Ramsey and husband, **Scott**, live in Batesville,

AR, where she teaches English as a second language for Batesville School District.

Pete and Rebecca (King) Lake celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in June. They live in Flower Mound, TX, and have two children, James (9) and Charlece (6). He is employed with Pitney Bowes in Dallas as a district solutions consultant. She teaches kindergarten at Parkway Elementary in Lewisville.

Monty Self is an instructor at Simmons College and lives in Louisville, KY.

John and Jennifer (DeVault) Bunch live in Little Rock. He's an operations manager with Dillard's Inc. They have one daughter, Abigail, who will be 2 in May 2006.

Sarah Yoakum Pulley is director of admissions and advising, post masters program, for Regent University, headquartered in Virginia Beach, VA. She and husband, **Matt**, live in Houston, TX and have one daughter, Madelyn, born in March 2005.

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Kevin Morgan is stationed at Fort Riley, KS, where he's a battalion fire support officer with the U.S. Army.

Kellee and Natali (Bice)

McCoy live in Birmingham, AL, where he is the worship leader at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church. They have two children, Jon (3) and William Clayton (1-1/2). Kellee is the former director of student activities at Ouachita.

Stony Evans is the band director at Bismarck (AR) Middle School.

Erica Hitt teaches 4th grade at Cutter Morning Star School in Hot Springs.

Josh Hildebrand is pastor at Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Cynthiana, KY. He lives in Lexington.

Andrew Bledose is attending graduate school at Henderson State University, pursuing his masters in MLA program. Upon completion, he intends to pursue his Ph.D in history and teach on a college level. He earned his law degree from the University of Tennessee in 1999 and worked as an attorney for Harris, Shelton, Dunlap, Cobb & Ryder law firm in Memphis.

David Montgomery is a captain and chaplain with the U.S. Army. He is currently stationed at Ft. Hood, TX, but expects to be deployed to Iraq after the first of the year. Wife, **Sheri (Donie)** will remain in Texas. They have two children: **Christopher**, a junior at Ouachita, and **Meghann**, a sophomore at Ouachita.

1997

Shannon Duke has enrolled in graduate school at UALR to obtain additional certification in early childhood education. She plans to work at Redwood Early Childhood Center while attending college. She will continue to choreograph for the Children's Theatre which she really enjoys.

Scott Bell is a dentist and lives in Bentonville, AR.

Erik Holley is a teacher and coach at Hermiston (OR) High School.

Bruce and Sarah (Green, '02) Orr live in Hot Springs with daughters, Carly (2) and Riley (born in July). He is assistant principal at Lakeside Public Schools and she is working part

time at First United Methodist Church as director of women's ministries.

Joanna Baillio Sullivan graduated in May from Arkansas Northeastern College with an associates degree in nursing and accepted a position at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, AR, as a registered nurse. She works in the cardiology unit.

Alan Sisson (fs) has been transferred from Fort Leonardwood, MO, to Fort Hood, TX, with the U.S. Army where he is assigned to a combat engineer unit.

James Parker is sales manager for Red Roof Ventures in Pilot Point, TX. He lives in Denton with wife, Meridith, and son, Caleb.

Kyle Hamman and wife, Shannon, live in Chicago, IL, where he is pursuing his acting career.

Clayton Owen has opened an orthodontic practice in Cabot, AR.

Kelley Harris Meshirer has moved from Alexandria, VA, where she lived for 7-1/2 years, to a suburb of Las Vegas with husband, Michael, and three dogs. She is employed with the Nevada Policy Research Institute as director of development.

Mike and Amy (Campbell, '98) Floyd have moved to the Kansas City area to start a new church. It is called Network Church and is located in Lee's Summit and had its first service on September 18. He was working for a mortgage company while getting the church started. They live in Greenwood, MO, with sons, Caleb and Aaron.

Bill Criswell is employed as a financial advisor with Raymond James Financial Services in Little Rock.

Jamie Smith (fs) lives in Crowley, TX, and is employed with Pier 1 Imports in Fort Worth as a communications specialist and customer relations.

Kyle Rowe works as a sales rep for United Rentals in Little Rock.

Mike Cloud is the children's

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ministry pastor for Fellowship Dallas Church. He and wife, **Ginger**, live in Garland, TX, with daughter, Macy Genevieve, who was born in April 2005.

Will Harris is the band director at Forrest City (AR) Junior High School.

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Meredith Kelley Hankins graduated with her master's in communication disorders from the University of Montevallo in Alabama. She has been working for the past three years as a speech-language pathologist in the Midfield City School System with special needs pre-schoolers.

Shannon and Shelley (Stricker) Hodges are living in Frisco, TX. He works for EDS in Plano, and she works for the Frisco ISD as a technology integration facilitator. They are expecting their first child in December.

Mark Jansen has accepted a position of controller with Hickingbotham Investments, Inc. in Little Rock. He and **Heidi (Warren, '97)** live in Little Rock with 2-year-old daughter, Abigail.

Angela Craig has moved from Bossier City, LA, to Dallas and is a flight attendant for American Airlines.

Russell Jones graduated in May from Mid-America Baptist Seminary. He and wife, Crystal, have applied to go overseas with the mission board. Until that happens, his church (in partnership with Union University in Jackson, TN) sent them in May for eight months to do mission work in the Dominican Republic.

Shannon Bradley Taylor lives in Berryville, AR, with husband, Phillip, daughter Mallorie, and son Bradley. She graduated with her master's in communication disorders in May from Western Kentucky University. She is now employed as a speech-language pathologist with the Berryville Public Schools and O.U.R. Educational Cooperative.

Emily Higgins is a grad school student service coordinator for Lancaster Bible College in Lancaster, PA.

Tony McCreery is work-

ing on his master's of divinity at Logsdon Seminary in Abilene, TX. He is pastor of Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh, TX. He and wife, Leeann, adopted a daughter, Kylan Alynn, who was born in February 2005. She joins sister, Karys (5).

Shea and Kim (Pessel) Jones live in Crestwood, KY, outside of Louisville, with son Will, who was born in June 2005. Shea is employed with the U.S. Department of Treasury and Kim is taking some time off from teaching to stay home with new son.

Brad Patterson is an RN with Baylor Irving Neuro ICU in Irving, TX.

Ben and Jeanetta (Bechdoldt) Darley are in San Antonio, TX, with their children, David (7), Phoebe (5) and Luke (1-1/2). Jeanetta is the art teacher/muralist for Rainbow Hills Baptist School.

Ryan Killackey lives in Oklahoma City and works as a school counselor for the Putnam City High School in Warr Acres. He and wife, Jennifer, have a son Taylor (2).

Elizabeth Smith Evan accepted a position at Connally High School in Pflugerville, TX, as choir director. She will be in charge of three choirs and will teach a music theory class.

Rhonda McLaurin is a financial analyst with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana. She lives in Zachary, LA.

Joshua and Julie (Abbott) Parker live in Birmingham, AL, where he works for DST Health Solutions as an executive assistant to the senior vice president of operations and to the vice president of BPO. She recently completed her Ph.D in neurobiology from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and currently teaches at UAB as an inner city college preparatory course director.

Clay Conly is president and CEO of First Western Mortgage in Rogers, AR. He and wife, **Cara (Hampton)** live in Bentonville.

Erin Crow Mills is in her

8th year of teaching at Alma High School. Erin, Nathan and one-year-old Jillian can be reached at eecmills@yahoo.com.

Billy Bird passed the Arkansas Bar exam in July. He has joined the law firm of Dover Dixon Horne as an attorney. He and **Julie (Jones, '97)**, and children, Olivia (4) and Wesley (1), live in North Little Rock.

Aaron Black was appointed by Gov. Mike Huckabee to the Governing Board of the Streamlined Sales Tax Administrative Act. A policy adviser in the Governor's office, he will fill a new position and will serve at the will of the Governor.

Jason Miller is serving as student pastor at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church in Little Rock.

DeAnna Swilling is an audit manager with the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche of Dallas. She lives in Washington, DC.

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Jeremy and Summer (Gilbert) Palmer are in their second year serving as long-term volunteers in the Miskito Coast of Honduras and Nicaragua, along side IMB missionaries Jim and Viola Palmer and volunteer Clint Kelley. They have two children, Mackenzie (3) and Luke, who was born in April 2005.

Chrisy McCorkle Currier writes that she and husband, Clint, celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary in August with a trip to Kauai, Hawaii. They live in the Los Angeles area where she works for the Federal Highway Administration (out of the Washington, DC, office) and he is employed with the Department of Justice.

Jordan and Tracy (Smith) Thomas and children, Taylor (4), Kaitlyn (3) and Andrew (1) moved from West Memphis to Minneapolis, MN, in August to be part of a church planting apprenticeship at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Tad and Monica (Leagans, '98) Hardin have settled in Jackson, MI, following their graduation from Florida State in

Tallahassee. She is working at Spring Arbor University as assistant professor of history.

Jennifer Collier is in her third year of pediatric residency at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

Rob Crockett has been promoted to network manager in the computer services department at Ouachita.

Lika Aliyeva is a dentist in Philadelphia, PA.

Aaron and Heather (Nance) Kirchhefer have moved from Wake Forest, NC, to Lottsburg, VA, where, as of June 1, he became pastor of New Hope Baptist Church. Heather stays home with 1-year-old son, Connor.

Jay Baker is serving as associate pastor at First Baptist Church in Odessa, MO. Wife, **Michelle (Vaughn, 2000)** is a stay-at-home mom with son, Samuel, who was born in February 2005.

Tammy Billings Alexander and husband, **Jamie ('97)**, live in Madison, MS. She is the office manager for Bethany Christian Services in Jackson.

Wendy Willets Bird is the Arkansas wish coordinator for Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-South. She lives in Little Rock with husband, **Jason ('97)**.

T.K. Zellers Crabtree and husband, Danny, live in Little Rock where he's an attorney and she is a dental hygienist for **Kevin Jones ('96) Family Dentistry**.

Amber Bryant Goodrum lives in Arkadelphia with husband, Kirk, and three sons, Keaton (5), Sawyer (3) and Tate (1). She is a stay-at-home mom and serves as children's ministry coordinator for Second Baptist Church.

John and Janna (Young, '98) Barber are in Pasadena, MD. He is a government contracts rep for Northrop Grumman. They have two children: **Samuel (6) and Laney (2)**.

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Jason Luce is a financial advisor for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, The Texas

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Financial Group in Dallas. He and wife, **Scarlett (Grady, 01)** and son, Bowden, live in Little Elm.

Derek Watts serves as the sports ministry director and college pastor at First Baptist Church in McKinney, TX.

Amy Bridges Babb has accepted a position as pharmacist with Thomerson's Drug in Gurdon. She and **Chris ('99)** and Carter (1) live in Arkadelphia.

Rob Griffith graduated in May with his master's in English from Southwest Missouri State University. He was also extended a fellowship to the doctorate program at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville for this fall. Wife, **Tami (Harper, fs02)** is still performing in Branson, MO, with "50s at the Hop" show.

Laura Moshinskie Smith received her master's in speech-language pathology from Louisiana Tech in May, receiving the highest grade in her oral comprehensives class. She has accepted a position at Hot Springs Rehab Center as a speech therapist. She and husband, Robert, live in Hot Springs, where he's a mechanic and salesman for Western Auto-Napa Parts Store.

Mark Davis has accepted a new position with Prestonwood Christian Academy as their lead media technician. PCA is a ministry of Prestonwood Baptist Church where he has been working for the past 4-1/2 years.

Brooks and Sarah Beth (Milam, '99) Harrington live in Richmond, VA, where he's a policy analyst with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Phillip and Cara (Coleman) Porcelli are living in Grove City, OH. He is serving as a neurosurgical resident.

Shelli Beauregard is a computer web developer for InterTrak Tracking Services in Frisco, TX. She lives in Plano.

Kevin Miles lives in Oak Grove, LA, where he serves as youth minister at First Baptist Church. He has also accepted a position as the state coordinator for the National Network of

Youth Ministries and will be working with the Louisiana Baptist Convention to start and head up Super Summer Louisiana for 2006.

Kathryn Sohne has settled in Arlington, TX. She works as a prevention education specialist for the Fort Worth ISD and is responsible for providing services to ten campuses in the north side of the city. These services include drug and violence awareness and prevention, anger management and other life skills.

Aaron Hawley has been named head choir director for South Garland (TX) High School.

Rachel Sole is a nursing student at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth.

Steven Lewis has been promoted to manager-in-training at Follett High Education Group, located in Memphis. He lives in Marion, AR, and is in training at the Union campus of Southwest Tennessee Community College. In December, he will complete his training and will be made manager or assistant manager of a bookstore.

Rosalyn Blair Dion, husband David, and son, Canyon, live in Grapevine, TX. She is a real estate agent with Trinity Realty and Mortgage Lending.

Jonathan Watson received his master of divinity degree with specialization in Christian thought at the spring commencement of New Orleans Seminary.

Beau Bishop (fs) was promoted to special projects coordinator for Rep. (D-Ark) Mike Ross. His new responsibilities will include legislative correspondent, grants and systems administration. He and wife, **Courtney (Lipscomb, '01)** live in Washington, DC.

Dominique Yan is a software engineer for Sprint in Irving, TX.

Tim Webb began in July serving as youth minister at First Baptist Church in Commerce, TX. He is still working on his master's from Dallas Baptist University which he hopes to complete by spring of 2007.

Melinda McGough accepted a position with CTX Mortgage in Dallas as a business intelligence developer.

Brian Hicks was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant for Escambia County Fire Rescue in Cantonment, FL, where he will be put in charge of an engine company.

Myles Werntz is attending Baylor University pursuing his Ph.D in religion.

Holly Tidball recently accepted a position at Mesquite (TX) ISD as a music teacher at J.R. Thompson Elementary.

Signe Vang has relocated from Phoenix to College Station, TX, where she's working on her master of science degree in human resource management at Texas A&M.

Ginny Swearingen lives in Lubbock, TX, and is employed as a 5th grade math teacher at Frenship ISD in Wolfforth.

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Sammy Karuir moved back in June to his home in Nairobi, Kenya, to help build a school and orphanage in Mombasa.

Gary Miller received his master's in adult education from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville at its May graduation.

Krista Smith received her CPhT designation, which means she has passed the national PTCEB exam. In January, she plans to begin her 6-year journey to a doctor of pharmacology degree.

Michael and Paula-Beth (Rutherford, fs04) Toller live in Virden, IL. He is the worship pastor for Grace Southern Baptist Church.

Wes and Cendi (Weatherford, '02) Engram relocated last year from Memphis to the Tampa Bay area where he was the corporate partners account executive for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He has now taken a job with the Atlanta Falcons so they have moved to Atlanta. She was working as the volunteer and development coordinator for Pinellas Habitat for Humanity before the Georgia move, but plans to stay home once their baby is

born.

Zac Stuckey is the art director for Tyson Foods in Springdale, AR.

Karen Cunningham Wright has taken the position of PE teacher, head volleyball coach and assistant swim coach at Trinity Christian Academy in Wylie, TX.

David Roshto has been serving since May 2003 as interim pastor at a small, Southern Baptist church near Montgomery, AL. He is also attending Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, planning to graduate in December 2005. He writes that he went on a school trip in August to Scotland and Ireland to receive credit hours studying Celtic Christianity.

Brent and Tilly (Carter, 02) Gambill have relocated from Florida to the Washington, DC, area. He has taken the position of producer for XM Radio's Home Plate channel. He will be in charge of producing former ESPN alum and current Dodgers broadcaster, Charley Steiner's Baseball Beat show as well as a show called Fantasy Focus. He previously was employed with the Los Angeles Dodgers in baseball operations.

James Kitchens received his dental degree from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in May. He graduated #1 out of 68 dental graduates and will attend an endodontic residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Emily Goode Drummond and husband, Gabriel, are living in Warrensburg, MO. Her husband is stationed at Whiteman AFB.

Doug and Jessica (Coleman) Connell learned in September that they would be appointed in November by the Southern Baptist International Mission Board as missionaries to Central Asia. They will go to Virginia for training in January and leave in March.

Faith Hunter teaches 6th grade language arts in the Richmond (TX) School District near

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Houston. Her campus is the YES (Youth Engaged in Service) College-Prep Middle School. She hopes to include some journalism and theatre studies along with language arts for her students. Daughter Leila (3) will start preschool soon.

Kelly Krueger Miller lives in Texarkana, TX, with her husband, Ray. She works for Commercial National Bank in loan operations and he is an equipment salesman for Vermeer Equipment of Texas. They are expecting a baby girl in October.

Leah Bushey teaches 1st grade at The Anthony School in Little Rock.

Justin Eisele passed the Arkansas Board of Law exam at its July sitting.

Corey Green lives in Atlanta, GA, studying for his masters of Fine Arts in creative writing poetry. He has been published many times with StorySouth and canwehaveourballback? being the biggest. He has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize. Friends can contact him at corey_green@email.com.

Stacey Bowers Foot writes that she and husband, Jeremy, are being transferred to Washington, DC. It is a military move for them. He was promoted to Major in the National Guard. She plans to look for a teaching job when they are settled.

Scott Walters is a claims team leader for Progressive Insurance. He was accepted into the doctorate program at Regent University but turned it down to pursue a career with Progressive. He lives in Benton, AR, with wife, Ashley and 1-year old-son, Brighton.

Tracy Krueger Allred recently became self employed as a mortgage broker. She was previously employed as a senior office with Home123. She plans to work out of her home where she can spend more time with baby, Hayden, born in June. Her husband, Jake, is a nurse in the cardiovascular intensive care unit at Harris Methodist Hospital. They live in Crowley, TX.

Brandon Horton graduated

from dental school in May. He and wife, **Tanna (Thornton, '02)** have moved to Oklahoma City where he's a dentist at Tinker Air Force Base and she teaches 7th grade science.

Mauria Jackson is an attorney with the Law Office of Joseph Paul Smith in Fayetteville, AR.

Candace Crouse Eriksson teaches art at Portal Elementary School in Statesboro, GA.

Jennifer Greer is the compliance coordinator for the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

David and Noelle (Mason) Stanley live in Dallas. He is associate pastor for worship at First Baptist Church and she is a drama instructor with Caper's for Kids, a private fine arts school.

Susan Burkhead is a speech therapist for the Lonoke School District and lives in Little Rock.

Jennifer Davis is a credentialing coordinator and administrative assistant at Austin Pain Associates in Austin, TX.

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Barrett Baber lives in Conway, AR, pursuing a public relations degree at UCA. He's also been playing his acoustic rock guitar across the South. In 2004, he released a 10-track CD titled, "Barrett Baber-Fratbar Superstar."

Cindy Gwekwerere works in Dallas for the Gramercy Insurance Company as a staff accountant and is studying in the Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter program. She was able to visit her family in Zimbabwe this summer.

Eric and Rachel (Payne) Harrison have settled in Spokane, WA, where he's enrolled in physical therapy school. She is looking for a teaching job.

Doug McPherson is minister to young singles at Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

David and Kristen (Rickett, '03) Nelson are living in Little Rock. They are students at UAMS. He's a senior with plans to graduate in May 2006; she's a

junior who will graduate in May 2007.

Kaylan Christopher has taken a position at PowerPoint Ministries located in Plano, TX, as the senior writer and editor. PowerPoint is a radio and television broadcast ministry of Prestonwood Baptist Church and Dr. Jack Graham in Plano. She is also writing and editing (freelance) for *Starpoints Magazine*, *TEXAN News Journal*, *Crossroads Magazine*, *Senior Living Ministries*, *Bayless Conley Ministries* and *Insight for Living*.

Chris and Mary Carole (Young) Crane live in Little Rock where she's an attorney with the Laser Law Firm doing insurance defense work. He is a grad student at UAMS studying neurobiology-anatomy.

Becky Hart Lemons has accepted a position at Mesquite (TX) High School as a special education teacher.

Beth Hart recently accepted a position at Mesquite (TX) High School as a paraprofessional. She plans to get her teaching certificate to teach special ed in the Fall of 2006.

Brannon Brown is a financial advisor with Capital Consulting in Greenwood Village, CO. He writes that he loves living there, enjoys the weather, the climbing and the skiing...but states that it is a far cry from the hospitality and warmth he found at OBU. He would love to hear from friends and former classmates. They can contact him at kxskier31@yahoo.com.

Nathan Statton is a marketing specialist for West Side Open MRI in Little Rock.

Suzanne Duncan Bartolomei and husband, Jim, have moved from Boston, MA, to Little Rock, when he graduated from law school. He is employed with Duncan & Rainwater. She loved Boston and while there she got to be an "extra" in the movie, *Fever Pitch*.

Sam Myrick has accepted a position of pastor of community and mission with Mosaic, an emerging church in Austin, TX.

Stephanie Harper Kees

moved to Hawaii in May where her husband has been stationed since returning from Afghanistan.

Andy Taylor and Mary Carole Young-Crane passed the July Arkansas Board of Law Exam.

Kyle Proctor has accepted a position as marketing director for Community Bank in Cabot. He and **Begina (Brawner)** live in Little Rock with son, Thomas, born in October.

Joe Hurst is the assistant city planner for the City of Rogers, AR. He and **Amanda (Wiley, '03)** live in Fayetteville where she is attending law school.

Mary Crenshaw Tullos writes that it is great to be back in Arkansas. She and husband, Kevin, live in Clarksville, where she is working in the JRMC intensive care unit.

Will and Camille (Crouse, '04) Guyton are living in Bossier City, LA, where he serves as youth pastor at First Baptist Church. She graduated in May with her post graduate degree in dietetics from UAMS.

James Garner lives in Eugene, OR, and works as a youth pastor at Emerald Bible Fellowship.

Angela Sparks is employed as an account assistant with Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance in Memphis.

Collier Moore graduated from the University of Arkansas law school and has moved to Kansas City where he's pursuing his LLM degree in tax law.

Kimberly Denham Cleveland is the purchasing assistant for Practice Plus. She and **Matt ('03)** live in Little Rock.

Dustin Freeman spent two years as a IMB journeyman in Africa where he lived and ministered to the Muslims in remote villages.

Rachel Nowell returned this summer from a 2-1/2 year journeyman assignment in Mexico City, Mexico. While there, she taught MK's and helped plant churches. She is now living in Fort Worth and attending Southwestern Seminary pursuing her

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OPERA PRODUCTION • Students in The Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts perform in Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore" in November. The performance were directed, produced and conducted by Dr. Jon Secrest, professor of music at Ouachita. • photo by the OBU photo lab

master of divinity with a concentration in pastoral counseling.

Matt Snow is performing in Branson, MO. He is in a new show at Echo Hollow amphitheater in Silver Dollar City. He's also the lead singer for a band, Fantastic Elastic Waste Band, which performs hits from the 90s.

Sarah Gore is a speech-language pathologist for White Hall (AR) School District.

Kara Dexter has moved to Plano, TX, where she is a preschool teacher at The Hearing School of the Southwest.

Josh and Sara (Floyd) Shaw are living in Burbank, CA, and are looking for jobs in the music-related entertainment business.

Karen Kallaher works as a secretary for Agricenter International in Memphis.

2003

Kyle Cook is an accountant with Alltel in Little Rock. He and **Jamie (Wieser, fs)** live in Benton where she works as a dental hygienist.

Nancy Swanigan Stephens and husband, Joshua, live in Albuquerque, NM. She graduated in May with her master's in nutrition from the University of New Mexico. She now works as a WIC nutritionist.

Elizabeth Jeff lives in Texarkana, TX, where she's an accounting technician with NAF Financial Services.

Dustin Slaton is the associate pastor for students and outreach at Kentuckytown Baptist Church in Whitewright, TX.

Joy Hutcherson received her master's degree in music education in May from McNeese State University and is now a band director in Jasper, TX.

Matthew Lumpkin recently accepted a position at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock as a chaplain resident. He previously was employed as a high school teacher and English coordinator at Mando International School in Indonesia. He and wife, **Melody (Williams)** have a daughter, Eleanor, born in August 2005.

Emily Byers Smith works for Family Life Ministries. She and Wayne live in Bryant.

Nathan and Elise (O'Brien) Syer are back in the United States after spending ten months in Mongolia and two months in Afghanistan. They are employed with Antioch Ministries International in Waco, TX, a ministry sponsored by their church. He is the regional manager and she will train teams and do development. He will also work as a physical therapist aide in a local sports and rehab clinic.

Jennifer Landers works as sales manager at Maurice's in Conway, AR.

Jamie Griffin is an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher at Lewisville (TX) ISD.

Clint and Sara (Bridges) Recktenwald live in Little Rock. She teaches 2nd grade at Otter Creek Elementary and he's attending pharmacy school.

Laura Fletcher is a speech-language pathologist for Pediatric Speciality Care and lives in Hot Springs.

Chrystal Edwards Ball recently accepted a position at Little Rock's Second Baptist Church as church secretary. Although she is no longer a classroom teacher, she plans to volunteer in a local school and hopes to pursue her master's degree in library science in the near future.

Erica Kimbrough Ederington is a hair stylist and makeup artist at Above & Beyond in Benton, AR.

Angela Garcia is enrolled at Florida State University pursuing her master's in sports management. She has been awarded as assistantship/internship as assistant to the director of basketball operations for the FSU women's basketball team.

Casey Garrison received her master of science degree in accounting in August 2005 from the University of North Texas. She is employed as a federal tax analyst for the software-security company, McAfee, in Plano, TX.

Mark Day is the youth pastor at Second Baptist Church in El Dorado.

Meagan Stilwell is attending law school at South Texas College of Law in Houston, TX. She writes that she went to a lecture for the Young Lawyers Association and found out that the president of the YLA is **Gindi Eckel**, a 1995 Ouachita grad.

Jacynda Ammons completed her master's degree in May from Louisiana Tech. The chapter of her thesis won the Overdylee Award for best graduate paper from the North Louisiana Historical Association and

will be published in their journal. She is now employed at Ouachita as an instructor in history.

Daniel Bramlett resigned his pastorate at Anchor Church in Donaldson and entered New Orleans Seminary this fall--only to have to leave in September when Hurricane Katrina flew in. He is currently working at First Baptist Church in Hope until he can return to NOTBS next September.

Vinita Rajah graduated from Edinboro (PA) University in July with her master's in speech pathology and has moved to San Diego, CA, where she's a speech language pathologist at Morse Senior High School in the Unified San Diego School District.

Jenny Gable Bobadilla has taught art for three years at an arts magnet school in the Richardson, TX.

Tiffany McCarty Stephenson is the advertorial coordinator for the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* in Little Rock. She assigns and edits the Sunday cover features for three regional editions: Tri-Lakes, River Valley & Ozark, and Three Rivers. She and husband, **Donny (current student)** are living in Malvern until he graduates.

Jennifer Dyer Holland lives in Fayetteville where she is the assistant director of development at the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas.

Laurel Tharel resigned as a staff member and head resident of O.C. Bailey Hall at Ouachita and moved to England where she will be enrolled in the Institute for Medieval Studies at the University of Leeds, pursuing her masters. She had received her masters in liberal arts, emphasizing in medieval literature, this past May at UALR in Little Rock.

Pamela Stone worked for a year after graduation at a residential counseling facility in Hallsville, TX. She has since moved to Little Rock where she is doing social work at a non-profit organization in the inner city as well as doing some part-time nanny-ing.

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Michael and Kristi (Lane, '04) Scott moved from Arkadelphia in June to Edmond, OK. He has joined the staff of Henderson Hills Baptist Church as a technical assistant. She is teaching 7th grade math at Cheyenne Middle School.

James Huber accepted a position at the Automation and Robotics Research Institute in Arlington, TX, as a research assistant. He is also pursuing his masters in mechanical engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington.

LeAnn Arnold Smith lives in Denton, TX, and teaches 6th grade math at Crownover Middle School. She is also the cheer coach.

James Cole is associate youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Alma, AR.

Blake Johnson is pursuing a medical molecular genetics degree from the University of Aberdeen for Medical Sciences in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Holly Willett is the new accounts representative for the Smackover (AR) State Bank.

Karen Sines resigned as an admissions counselor at Ouachita in June to move to Athens, GA, where she is attending the University of Georgia.

Stephen and Stephanie (Lockala, '04) Wickliffe live in Tyler, TX, where he is pastor of Grace Community Church.

J.T. Thompson has been living in Durham, NC, for the past two years attending Duke University Divinity School. Wife, **Julie (Wedge, 2000)** teaches 4th grade in Wake Forest.

Deanna Tacker works as a registered dietitian at the Memphis VA Medical Center.

Greg Dunlap is employed by Arkansas State Bank Department as a financial examiner.

Bryant Adams accepted a position as legislative assistant at the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, DC. He was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as a liaison to Congress for the issues of transportation and border security.

April Meyer is a corporate compliance analyst with NuVell Financial Services in Little Rock.

Clint and Lea (Russell, '05) Sheppard live in Monroe, LA, where he is the college minister at North Monroe Baptist Church and she teaches second grade and is working on her masters.

Marlin Ray is an investment rep for Edward Jones Investments in Bryant, AR.

Justin Harrison is working for Global Merchandising Concepts as an account manager for a nationally-internationally known company in the wireless industry. He lives in Dallas, but travels internationally quite often and works with colleagues in Asia.

Brad Monk has taken over as area director of K-Life in Conway, AR.

Elizabeth Westlund has been living in Nagoya, Japan, for the past year and a half, working with University students through the journeyman program. She loves living there and has learned so much.

Jennifer McInturff Miles lives in Broken Arrow with husband, **Brian ('01)** and one-year old daughter McKenna.

Jamie Thigpen has started her second semester at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY, and loves it! She has been asked to serve as student leadership team chaplain this year and is excited about that opportunity.

Alison Grooms teaches kindergarten at Bellaire Elementary in Bossier City, LA.

Daniel Morton is working as a shift manager at Starbucks in Wichita, KS. He is also a volunteer leader with Young Life.

Scott Cole is attending graduate school at Azusa (CA) Pacific University.

Gary and Marie (Bryant, '04) Keene recently won a 2006 Chevy Tahoe by playing the GM Hot Button game. They live in Murfreesboro, AR, where he is minister of music and education and she is director of children's ministry at First Baptist Church.

2004

Adam and Julie (Sandlin) West have bought a house in Sachse, TX. He is employed as minister of music at Sachse First Baptist Church and she is working there as the children's minister.

Lindsey Choate is a marketing coordinator for New Benefits, Ltd, in Dallas.

Rachel Brackett, after working for a year as the marketing coordinator at Magic Springs and Crystal Falls in Hot Springs, has accepted the "sophomore year experience" coordinator position at UCA in Conway while she works on her master's degree in college student personnel and administration.

Andy and Rachel (Eubanks, '03) Gee have moved from Arkadelphia to Bullard, TX. He is coaching football and she is employed at Brookshires Corporate Office in Tyler.

Amy (Beene) Blasingame and husband, **Jonathan**, live in El Dorado where she teaches kindergarten at Murril Acrospace Academy and he works for Jay Lawrence Construction.

Shauna Morrissey has moved back to Arkadelphia after living for a year in Texas. She is teaching dance at the Stars Dance, Cheer & Gymnastics Studio as well as at the Texas Dance Academy.

Caroline Broyles lives in Arkadelphia where she is the student minister at Third Street Baptist Church.

Erin Turner Hogue has been promoted to the position of executive assistant and scheduler with the office of Fourth District Congressman **Mike Ross (D-Ark)** in Washington, DC. She is also enrolled at George Washington University pursuing her master's in legislative affairs.

Lori Pinkston has accepted a position as community relations and development coordinator at Buckner Children and Family Services located in Dallas.

James Holston is a personal trainer with **Arn Sun and Fitness Club** in Vail, CO.

Leslie Blake works for

Murphy-Pitard Jewelers in El Dorado, AR.

Tiffany Barton Hogg (fs) and husband, **Emeal**, live in Arkadelphia. She is employed by Twin Rivers Health & Rehab and he works at Scroll Technologies.

Bethany Watson is an accountant for Deloitte & Touche in Little Rock.

Bryan Jones teaches math at Goza Middle School in Arkadelphia.

Jennifer Wilkins Collier lives in Blytheville, AR, with husband, **Matt**. She is a case manager for Arkansas Counseling Associates.

Iris Le is now working as an accountant at Cooper Homes in Rogers, AR.

Amy Davis has been accepted into Hillsong International Leadership College in Sydney, Australia, and left in August to study under **Darlene Zcheusch** and their music staff there.

Tracie Bryant Marlin is director of bands at Norphlet (AR) Public School. She and husband, **Michael**, live in Camden.

Justin and Barri (Cosh) Bridges live in Dallas where he works for GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. She is the Shoes for Orphan Souls Assistant at Buckner Orphan Care International.

Bobby Matthews is the executive recruiter for RemX Search & Placement in Dallas, TX.

Bryant Turney is the head boys' basketball coach at Magnet Cove School, outside of Malvern, AR.

Jacob Simmons writes that after one semester of grad school, he decided to take a break. He took a position as a mechanic with a Sprint car team, **Hoffman Auto Racing**, in Cincinnati, OH. This was a one-year commitment with the season ending in November.

Spencer Satterfield and wife, **April**, live in Austin, TX. They are both entering their second year of graduate school at the University of Texas. He will be

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assisting in directing the fall children's theatre show, Two Donuts, with Coleman Jennings, a guru of the children's theatre world.

Katie Black is enrolled at UAMS College of Pharmacy in Little Rock. She is engaged to be married in July 2006.

Chris and Vanessa (Green, '05) Pritchard live in Little Rock. He works in advertising for the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* and she works for Bath and Body Works in the Park Plaza Mall.

Aaron Cardona teaches math at Pulaski Academy in Little Rock.

2005

Craig and Michelle (Guehler) Langford live in Centerton, AR. She teaches 4th grade at Bentonville Public Schools.

Mandy Pierce has taken a job with a lobbying firm in Washington, DC.

Lauren Blackburn lives in Fayetteville and works at the Wal Mart Home Office in Bentonville as a merchandising coordinator in direct imports for the Logistics Department. She works with buyers who go overseas to create their purchasing orders.

Nathan and Christina (Overton, '03) Parker live in Little Rock. He works at Dasault Falcon Jet at the airport as a security guard and she works as an instructional aide at Booker Arts Magnet Elementary.

Calli Hammett is employed in accounting as an assurance associate for Grant Thornton, LLP, in Dallas, TX.

Daniel McPherson moved from Fayetteville to Little Rock to help **Nathan James ('04)** and **Grant Harrison ('04)** start a new church, Epoch Church. His main responsibility will be handling the church's public relations.

Tara Reese is the production manager for The Marketing Advantage in Little Rock.

Nathan Brown is an IDA educator and case support worker for Economic Opportunity Agency of Washington County. He lives in Fayetteville, AR.

Tracy Viala lives in Pensac-

ola, FL, and works in accounting and payroll for Coldwell Banker JME Realty. She is engaged to be married in December to **Adam Purdy ('04)**.

Chris Davis is a junior systems analyst for Thomas & Betts in Jonesboro, AR. He is working to attain his Cisco certification.

Justin and Autumn (Taylor, '04) Reddin live in Bryant, AR. He is employed in the loan review department with Summit Bank and she's a student at UAMS in Little Rock.

Sheryl Henson Greenway is a grad student at Arkansas State. She and husband, Jimmy "Cotton," a telephone lineman with Mountain View Telephone Co., live in Mountain View, AR.

Michael Rodriguez is attending Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY.

Brad and Nancy (Goodwin, '04) Evans have settled in Littleton, CO. He's attending Denver Seminary and she has a speech pathology job at a local middle school.

Michelle Chapman is a grad student at University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

Christen Hall teaches middle school English at Palestine-Wheatley Middle School and lives in Marianna, AR.

Christine Syptak lives in Little Rock and is employed as research assistant for the advertising firm of Cranford Johnson Robinson Woods. She writes that she reports directly to **David Martin**, a 1979 Ouachita graduate.

MARRIAGES:

1972

Jerry Kinnaird to Kim Harpell, May 29, 2005.

1975

Nancy (Jordan) McKay to Doug Sanders, August 6, 2005.

Janet (Henderson) Jackson to B.B. Malin, November 12, 2005.

1979

Amy Nichols to Larry Thompson (faculty), May 14,

2005.

1985

Elise Arrington to Timothy Allen Leitzel, July 31, 2005.

1986

Rhonda Auten to Dale Bailey, June 5, 2004.

1988

Laura Beth (Bridges) Woolfolk to Curtis Lee Loughridge, October 22, 2005.

1992

Steven Nelson (fs) to Julie Holloway, August 6, 2005.

Kelly Stabley to Justin Thevenot, December 10, 2005.

1993

William Martin Jones (fs) to Paula Rachael Juels, September 24, 2005.

1994

Keith Cooper to Yolanda Rochelle Brown, June 4, 2005.

1995

Elizabeth "Libby" Doss to James Lee Lloyd, May 21, 2005.

Angela Williamson to Jerry Gale Rye, Jr., October 29, 2005.

1997

Kyle Hamman to Shannon Hoag, October 10, 2004.

Joanne Baillio to Charlie Sullivan, April 9, 2005.

Mark Lenow to Jeanelle Marez, September 10, 2005.

Jason Bright to Tiffany Hatchett, November 19, 2005.

1998

Kevin Duane Hopkins to Erica Renee Leckner, May 21, 2005.

2000

Allison Ray to Peter Brake, April 30, 2005.

Derek Watts to Kelly Tool-ey, June 11, 2005.

Lisa Honey to Jamison Ferramisco, June 25, 2005,

James Plyler to Lynsey McKenzie (current), June 25, 2005.

Laura Moshinskie to Rob-

ert Smith, August 27, 2005.

Janna Freibolt to Kyle McAfee, August 27, 2005.

Rachelle Beauregard to Chris Winterrowd, October 8, 2005.

Faith LeAnn Hannah (fs) to Charles Omar Brock, November 5, 2005.

Mark McGowan to MySan Tran, December 17, 2005.

2001

Emily Goode to Gabriel Drummond, April 9, 2005.

Noelle Mason to David Stanley, May 14, 2005.

Kristen McKelvey to Josh Black, August 6, 2005.

2002

Sam Myrick to Kimberly Luckie, January 8, 2005.

Mary Carole Young to Christopher Crane, May 14, 2005.

Ashley Lauren Bridwell to Nathan Daniel Pyle, June 4, 2005.

Tara Ensley to Steven Wilkie, June 11, 2005.

Jojo Gattis to Jay Smith-peters, July 8, 2005.

Douglas McPherson to Re-bekah Catherine Mitchell, July 23, 2005.

2003

Sarah Harger to ~~Janet~~ Gunter, February 12, 2005.

Nancy Patton to ~~Michael~~ Whitten (fs'01), May 21, 2005.

Dan Pryor to ~~Jayme Taylor~~, May 26, 2005.

Christina Overton to ~~Nathan~~ Parker (2005) June 11, 2005.

Brandon Smith to ~~Ken~~ Imboden (current), June 18, 2005.

Lauren B. Johnson to ~~Jonathan~~ Edward Ruthven, June 25, 2005.

Amber Franks to ~~Chris~~ Bass ('02), July 23, 2005.

Nancy Swanigan to ~~Joshua~~ Stephens, July 30, 2005.

Kristen McKay (fs) to ~~Jimmy~~ McCauley, August 6, 2005.

Jennifer Gable to ~~Ronald~~ Bobadilla, November 19, 2005.

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2004

Correction: Janna Leigh Lagrone (fs) to Scott Brandon Strickland, February 12, 2005.

April Adams to Derek Wingfield ('03), May 21, 2005.

Cara McCone to John Akin, May 28, 2005.

Hylan Winkle to Joe Pickett ('03), June 4, 2005.

Ashley Lauren Reddick to Sean Ryan Eppers, June 11, 2005.

Amy Beene to Jonathan Blasingame, June 11, 2005.

Cereida Hurtado to Scott Alan DeMent ('03), July 30, 2005.

Tiffany McCarty to Donald "Donny" Stephenson (current), July 30, 2005.

Autumn Leigh-Ann Taylor to Justin C. Reddin ('05), August 6, 2005.

Tiffany Barton to Emeal Hogg, August 20, 2005.

Nancy Goodwin to Brad Evans ('05), August 13, 2005.

L. Danielle Young to Steve McMorran ('03), August 28, 2005.

Bethany Watson to Matthew Watkins, September 10, 2005.

Joy Celeste Mayo to Robert D. "Bo" Smith, September 24, 2005.

Mary Kathryn "Katie" Lewis to Andrew Todd Spice, November 5, 2005.

Rita Ebsen to Trey Nickell, December 3, 2005.

Amy House to Ryan B. Friedman ('03), December 17, 2005.

2005

Michelle Gera to Daniel Sears, May 15, 2005.

Lauren Michelle Vinsant to Jonathan Ryan Kelley ('03), May 21, 2005.

Ashley B. Tucker (fs) to Josh Allen Guy, May 28, 2005.

Gracen Gannaway to David P. Stogsdill ('03), June 4, 2005.

Melissa P. Miller to James Spurlin ('04), June 4, 2005.

Erica J. Williamson to Paul David Norris, June 4, 2005.

Vanessa Lauren Green to

Christopher Warren Pritchard ('04), June 4, 2005.

Nicole Mealer to Michael Keith Hammett, Jr., June 18, 2005.

Julie Denise Byrum to Joel Gabriel Stone, July 2, 2005.

Rachel Rucker to Wade West, August 5, 2005.

Sheryl L. Henson to Jimmy "Cotton" Greenway, August 8, 2005.

Jenny Phillips to John Rogers ('04), September 3, 2005.

Miranda McKay to Jason Telford, October 1, 2005.

Camille Crouse to Will Guyton, October 8, 2005.

Rebecca Rogers to Joel Winters, November 19, 2005.

Tracy Viala to Adam Purdy ('04), December 28, 2005.

Current Students:

Elizabeth Harper to Jimmy Mitchell, May 14, 2005.

Bonnie Morris to Adam Maisen, May 21, 2005.

Traci Vanderzwardt to Jacob Benson, June 4, 2005.

Amanda C. Johnson to Christopher Montgomery, June 18, 2005.

Rachel Blaul to Austin Johnson, September 17, 2005.

Simmy Flora to Jennifer Todd, October 8, 2005.

FUTURE TIGERS

1984

Fred and Karen (Hill) Lord, son Andrew Jeremy, July 20, 2005. Welcomed by brother, Trey (2-1/2).

1986

J. Philip and Kelley Darr, daughter Elizabeth "Lizzie Kate," May 19, 2005. Joins sister Morgan, 3.

Doug and Margo (Bearden) Turner, adopted twins Caleb and Grace in November 2005. They were born July 9, 2005.

1988

Jeremy and Teresa (Cloud) Iden (fs), daughter Ainsley Yvonne, June 2, 2005. Joins Kacy (13) and John Clark (9).

1989

Mike and Kecia (Stuart) Sandusky, daughter Rebecca Ann, March 30, 2004. (Notified September 2005). Welcomed by sisters, Jessica (7) and Mikayla (5).

1990

Darryl and SuLyn (Miles) Wine, daughter Ruthie Pearson, May 18, 2005. Joins sisters Kerry Beth (9), Madelyn (6) and Stephanie (3).

1991

Cristiane Maltez and Carlos Schulze, son Timothy Luke Maltez Schulze, August 13, 2005. Welcomed by brother, Peter (4).

Kyle and Rebekah (Kinney, '93) Hollaway, son Joshua Kyle, June 27, 2005. Joins Moriah (11), B.J. (9), Andrew (7), Eden (5), and Lydia (22 months).

Allen and Cindy (Allison) McDill, daughter Bret-Allison, September 27, 2005.

1992

Ben and Daphne (Davis) Moore, son John David, August 1, 2004.

Roger and Heather (Mims) Dorsey announce the adoption of daughter, Emma Yang Dorsey, on September 21, 2004. She was born July 5, 2003 in Hunan, China.

Dennis and Courtney (Carlton) Wood, daughter Charlotte Rowe, June 6, 2005. Welcomed by brother Carter (2-1/2).

Sean and Leigh Ann (Woodford) Seger, son Jack William, June 10, 2005. Joins sisters, Olivia (3) and Sophia (2).

Brandon and Sherry Helms, son Holtz Denver, November 10, 2005. Welcomed by brother, Hayden, 5.

1993

Joey and Jennifer (Lowry) Woodfield, son Jacob Daniel, April 1, 2005. Welcomed by sons Landon (9) and Caleb (5).

Kevin and Millie (Crawford) Copeland, daughter Anslee Elleen, April 12, 2005. Joins Paul David (3).

Keith and Carol Anne

(Hardister) Phifer, daughter Emily Grace, April 11, 2005. Welcomed by Joshua (4) and Lizzie (2).

Blake and Jill (Manning) Batson, daughter Manning Elizabeth Blaise, May 8, 2005. Welcomed by brother, Cabb (3-1/2).

Bryan and Leigh Anne (Spivey, '95) McKinney, son Mason Lee, May 13, 2005. Joins son Colson, (2).

Chris and Michelle Walls, son Carson Christopher, July 22, 2005. Joins daughter Riley (4).

1994

Keith and Shauna (Bauer) Leicht, son Slade Allen, May 24, 2004. Joins brother Nathan (4).

Phillip and Allison (Hill) Worthen, son Lyndell Phillip IV "Will", May 1, 2005. Welcomed by daughter Caroline (2-1/2)

Jeff and April (Gosser) Weeks, twin daughters, Anna and Ava, June 19, 2005.

Jeff and Michelle (Smith, '93) Elmore, son Wyatt, October 6, 2005.

1995

Trey and Julie (Shambarger, '94) Mitchell, son Grant Moore, March 11, 2004. Joined brother Nick.

Tim and Sarah (Kellar) Cook, daughter, Rose Katherine, March 30, 2005. Welcomed by brothers Jackson (3-1/2) and Harrison (2-1/2).

Doug and Amy (Miles, '97) Compton, son Levi Miles, May 16, 2005.

David and Jamie (Spigener) Woodward, son Elijah Daniel, June 9, 2005.

1996

Gary and Mary (Lewis) Collins, son Cade Lewis, October 22, 2004.

Ron and Valeree (Kelehar) Davis, son Luke, March 10, 2005.

Chad and Jessica Gallagher, son Ethan Charles, May 20, 2005. Joins sisters Hannah (7) and Grace (6).

Kevin and Cynthia (Moore, '98) Jones, Cooper Glenn, September 16, 2005.

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Shane (fs) and Becky (Herndon, '97) Wooten, son Tucker Michael, September 19, 2005.

Wayne and Kendra (Hodges) Bowen, son Samuel Parker, October 1, 2005.

1997

Bryan Trimboli and Jenny Wild, daughter, Kylie Elle, March 5, 2005.

Mike and Ginger Cloud, daughter Macy Genevieve, April 28, 2005.

Kevin and Genny (Casady) Couch, daughter Neely Kay, May 12, 2005. Welcomed by sister Reece-Mallory (2).

Lannie and Jennifer (Tolbert) Byrd, son Phillip Andrew, October 2, 2005. Joins Caleb (6) and Elizabeth (4).

Bryan and Melanie (Jacks) Debusk, daughter Michal Elisabeth, October 5, 2005.

Bruce and Sarah (Green, '02) Orr, daughter Riley Addison, July 7, 2005. Joins Caryl (2).

1998

Nathan and Amber (Turbyfill, '97) Hurst, daughter Hadlee, December 2004. Welcomed by Ashton (3).

Mike and Melissa (Adams) Carozza, daughter Cassidy Elizabeth, January 28, 2005. Joins sister Mallorie Grace (1-1/2)

Tony and Leeann McCreery, adopted daughter Kylan Alynn, born February 14, 2005. Joins sister Karys (5).

Ryan and Meredith (Kelley) Hankins, daughter Audrey Elise, April 17, 2005.

Dane and Jennifer Abels, daughter Abby Grace, May 5, 2005. Joins Hannah Beth (5).

Matthew and Alison (Hill, '99) Shepherd, daughter Mary Katherine, (Mary Kate), May 10, 2005. Joins brother Eli (2).

Daniel and Ruth Lane, son Matthew Aidan, June 6, 2005. Welcomed by brothers, Nathaniel (6) and Phillip (2).

Shea and Kimberly (Pessel) Jones, son William "Will" Carter, June 11, 2005.

Stephen and Shella

(Qualls, fs'01) Gent, son Robert Cole, July 18, 2005.

Scott and Hilary Walsh, daughter Lochlan, October 19, 2005. Joins Hayden (2).

1999

Justin and Kari (Stewart) Moseley, daughter Hallie Brooke, April 19, 2005. Joins Abigail (2).

Kevin and Nicole (Rainey, '01) Bledsoe, son Beau Alexander, April 27, 2005.

Noah and Sarah Raines Lee, daughter Abigail Faith, June 24, 2005.

Justin and Kaela (Kenley) Easley, son Nathan Garrett, July 10, 2005.

Andrew and Joy Granade, son Samuel Nathan, October 5, 2005.

Justin and Becky (Rodgers, '03) Rhymes, son Ethan Dennis, October 24, 2005.

2000

Jason and Nikki (Burns) Mullins, twins - daughter Avery Dale and son Jackson Paul, February 13, 2004. (Notified September 2005.)

Diego and Rachel (Spiegel) Sole, son Lucas Jordi, March 18, 2005.

David and Rosalyn (Blair) Dion, son Canyon Lee, April 13, 2005.

Dan and Holly (Seamans) Calaway, daughter Morgan Riley, April 23, 2005.

Josh and Kerri (Ross, '99) Packwood, son Joshua Ross (J. Ross), May 29, 2005. Joins sister, Anna Belle (2).

Scott and Rachel Wozniak, daughter Abigail Madelyn, June 18, 2005.

2001

J.T. and Erin (Elrod) Carter, son Jackson Tyler, February 7, 2005.

Jake and Tracy (Krueger) Allred, son Hayden Jude, June 21, 2005.

David and Mary Anne (Weis) Lattanzio, daughter Caroline Weis, June 24, 2005.

Andrew and Melinda (Dill, '02) Morgan, daughter Alena

Christine, July 2, 2005.

Scott and Amy (Willett, 2000) Jones, son Cy Willett, August 1, 2005. Joins Whitt (5) and Jett (1).

Ronald and Shannon (Sangster, '03) Glass, daughter Peyton Marie, September 6, 2005.

Paul and Megan (Jantz) Preedy, son Luke Stafford, September 7, 2005.

Ray and Kelly (Krueger) Miller, daughter Kaelynn Marie, September 17, 2005.

2002

Wilfried and Heidi (Klarhorst) Rolfsmeyer, daughter Eva-Maria, April 12, 2005.

Kenny and Carrie (Brown) Schweer, son Matthew Kenneth, May 4, 2005.

Scott and Donna (Brown) Griffie, daughter Annalise Elizabeth, July 8, 2005.

Taylor (fs) and Casey (Stevens) Bailey, Amelia Mae, September 19, 2005.

Kyle and Begina (Brawner, '01) Proctor, Landon Thomas, October 9, 2005.

Nathan and Shelly (Montalbano, '01) Statton, daughter Kaleigh Nicole, October 15, 2005.

2003

Michael and Ketrina (Dick-ey) Hood, daughter Frances Olivia, December 17, 2004.

Caleb and Kaci (Nottingham, '04) Coats, son Christopher Lee, April 27, 2005.

David (current) and Leah (McCord) Dixon, son David Chase, May 15, 2005.

Sam and Becca (Capper) Cross, daughter Kyla Lee, July 19, 2005.

Matt and Melody (Williams) Lumpkin, daughter Eleanor Katherine, August 3, 2005.

Mark and Kristen (Hall, '02) McCrary, son Evan Neal, October 30, 2005.

2005

Chris and Kim (Ellison) Steiner (fs), son Ebenezer "Eben," October 22, 2005.

Current Students:

Chris and Alicia (Blevins) McGlone, son Andrew Christopher, July 29, 2005.

Faculty-Staff:

Shelley and Cassandra Thrower, son Elijah JaPaul, July 16, 2005. (Cassandra is the Upward Bound Academic Coordinator.)

Mark and Gia Miller, daughter Regan Elise, July 28, 2005. (Mark is assistant professor of history.)

Jim and Patricia Fowler, daughter Andrea Kay, September 14, 2005. (Patricia was support staff for the athletic department.)

DEATHS:

1927

Annallee Hobgood Pennington (fs), November 12, 2005, Arkadelphia, AR.

1930

Marlys Romunder Pugh King, September 8, 2005, Greenville, MS.

Willia Ingram Adams, October 21, 2005, Edmond, OK.

1931

Hazel Sample Guyol, June 14, 2005, Arkadelphia, AR.

1935

LaRue B.R. Williams Burton (fs), November 1, 2005, Hot Springs, AR.

1936

Hope Riner Bethea (fs), September 18, 2005, Fort Worth, TX.

1937

Bernes K. Selph, August 8, 2005, Benton, AR.

Doris Bradley Williamson, April 12, 2004. (Notified November 2005.)

Grace Nell Lyle Patterson, July 3, 2005, Little Rock, AR.

Edith Lancaster Sanford, September 16, 2005, Mead, OK.

1938

Augustus Garland "Gus" Albright, Jr., August 5, 2005.

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Little Rock, AR.

1939

Nelson Eubank, September 2005, Pine Bluff, AR.

1940

Bob E. Edwards, July 26, 2005, Heber Springs, AR.

1942

Raymond F. Owens (fs), 5, 2005, Little Rock, AR.

Marian Young Listenes, June 27, 2005, Miami, FL.

Wilma Wharton Thomas, July 5, 2005, Grand Rapids, MI.

1943

Nell Mondy, August 26, 2005, Ithaca, NY.

1944

Netabel Hardy Joyce, June 5, 2005, Stamps, AR.

1946

Donna Rogers Bluhm (fs), June 23, 2005, Knoxville, TN.

Harry D. "Dusty" Rhodes (fs), September 9, 2005, Pine Bluff, AR.

Dale May Faught (fs), October 11, 2005, Pittsburg, TX.

1947

Carl Raymond Amason, July 30, 2005, Calion, AR.

1948

Emmett B. Fields, September 19, 2005, Nashville, TN.

1949

Wesley L. Pool, May 2, 2005, Sherwood, AR.

Earl Fleming, Jr., September 23, 2005, Burkburnett, TX.

1950

Louise Coats Young, August 8, 2005, North Little Rock, AR.

1951

Helen Sewell Wright, May 12, 2005, Lewisville, AR.

J. Ryland Mundie, August 4, 2005, Little Rock, AR.

1953

Floyd Simmons, September 8, 2005, Memphis, TN.

1955

Jerry D. Pugsley, November 13, 2005, Helena, AR.

1956

William Ray "Bill" Stanford, July 12, 2005, El Centro, CA.

Carolyn Moffatt, September 30, 2005, Hot Springs, AR.

1957

James A. Copeland, October 29, 2005, Mt. Ida, AR.

1959

Jimmie Gibson, August 17, 2005, Hot Springs, AR.

1960

Martha Ann Wilson Jones Norton (fs), May 21, 2005, Little Rock, AR.

Wilbert Brett, July 16, 2005, Millville, NJ.

Joel Richard Stubblefield, October 19, 2005, Fort Smith, AR.

1962

Jay W. Goodwin, May 3, 2005, El Dorado, AR.

1963

Marilyn Ivene Stevens Pugsley, July 30, 2005, West Helena, AR.

Larry Carlyle Davis, August 6, 2005, Stephens, AR.

1965

Jimmy Watson (fs), May 27, 2005, Pine Bluff, AR.

Rose E. Ray, July 23, 2005, Hammond, IN.

James S. Lewis, August 14, 2005, Searcy, AR.

1967

Jarrell Rial, June 8, 2005, New Home, TX.

Larry Winston Ray, July 19, 2005, Angleton, TX.

1968

John L. Hicks, August 14, 2005, Cordova, TN.

1969

Joy Forga Barrett (MSE), June 14, 2005, Hot Springs, AR.

Janice Stone Godsey (fs), June 16, 2005, Scott, AR.

1970

Harold S. Carter, May 16, 2005, Crossett, AR.

1971

Robert "Bob" S. Gibbs (fs), July 29, 2005, Hot Springs, AR.

1973

W. W. "Dub" Elrod II, May 10, 2005, Little Rock, AR.

Ira Love's daughter, **April Renetta Love**, September 2005, Fayetteville, AR.

1975

Richard L. Wade, June 30, 2005, Monticello, AR.

1976

Gary E. Turner (fs), September 4, 2005, Arkadelphia, AR.

Macklon Bruce Bonds (MSE), September 15, 2005, Little Rock.

Rickey Dean Myers (fs), September 25, 2005, Brinkley, AR.

Starback Stiles, October 2, 2005, Malvern, AR.

1980

Patty John Charles McGee (fs), April 1, 2005, Boston, AR.

Larry Ray's daughter, **Nanatha "Lorraine" Ray**, May 11, 2005, Little Rock, AR.

1982

Nathaniel L. Askew (MSE), June 8, 2005, Little Rock, AR.

1984

Eula Ewing Nation (MSE), June 25, 2005, El Dorado, AR.

1994

Rachael Ward Talley, December 18, 2005, Bryant, AR.

1999

Tim Jordan (fs), December 13, 2005, Camden, AR.

2001

Allison Hunt Wells (fs), December 9, 2005, Paragould, AR.

2002

Victor Rivera (fs), September 5, 2005, Nacogdoches, TX.

Current Students:

Ryan Richardson, October 1, 2005, Malvern, AR. (Killed in an auto accident.)

Faculty-Staff:

Truman Strother, June 2005, Arkadelphia, AR. (Mr. Strother worked as a dorm security guard from 1991-2000.)

Roy Buckelew, August 18, 2005, Arkadelphia, AR. (Dr. Buckelew was professor of speech communications.)

Ann Smithpeters Clark, October 12, 2005, Okolona, AR. (Mrs. Clark was employed in food services.)

Hazel Ann (Ashburn) Goff, November 7, 2005. (Mrs. Goff was the first women's PE coach at Ozarka, 1974-1979.)

Ann Collier Gilbert, November 10, 2005. (Mrs. Gilbert has been a member of Maddy Hall and served as support staff in Admissions/Counseling and Student Services Offices.)

A TRIBUTE

ROY BUCKELEW



On Thursday, August 18, the Ouachita community experienced the loss of a beloved member, Dr. Roy Buckelew, the long-time chair of the department of speech communication. Buckelew was known to students and colleagues as a caring and enthusiastic person who was dedicated to the students he served. He was a person whose life and work touched the lives of many others.

Dr. Steve Phillips was a close friend and colleague of Buckelew's. The two spent more than a decade teaching in the speech communication department.

"Dr. Buckelew had a tremendous influence on my life," said Phillips. "He was the most upbeat, positive man I've ever known. If he wasn't talking, he was probably smiling, humming, or singing. The only exception was when he felt a person had been unfairly treated by the media, the bureaucracy, or some institution. At those times Dr. Buckelew could really 'go on the war path' and do everything he could to stand up for the underdog."

Buckelew began teaching at Ouachita in 1981. Christine Syptak, a 2005 graduate of Ouachita, interviewed Buckelew for an oral history assignment in April of 2005. During the interview, Syptak asked Buckelew about his educational background and about his decision to begin teaching. He said that he'd felt a calling to pastoral ministry as a very young child, and that he actually began preaching at age 14. Buckelew attended college and then seminary and served in a number of pastoral positions. It was while he was serving as a pastor at a church in Arlington, Texas, that Buckelew began to sense a desire to teach college students. His next ministerial position took him to California. While there, he decided to visit the University of Southern California to investigate the school's speech communication department. He began working on his doctoral degree and later took a position in administration at Oklahoma

Baptist University. From there, a friend who was on faculty at Ouachita helped him secure a teaching position, and Buckelew came to Ouachita in 1981.

Of his time at Ouachita, Buckelew commented to Syptak, "It's been an extraordinary experience being here. I can't imagine any other thing being more enjoyable or more beneficial than this."

Buckelew's students shared his enthusiasm for the relationships they developed.

One student in particular, Cassidy Allen Jones ('01), considered Buckelew a close friend. "Roy served as a mentor and father figure to me," said Jones. "He always listened intently, and you knew he REALLY wanted to hear what you had to say. He taught me 'life lessons.' The lessons that I learned from him far outreached the classroom and into my every day life."

Jones went on to say that her life was "changed for the better by knowing Roy." She said Buckelew's emphasis on the importance of relationships has had a great influence on her. "I hope that students, friends and family of Roy will continue to live out his 'life lessons' so the spirit of Roy will continue to live."

According to Phillips, Buckelew's impact on the speech communication department and his emphasis on students and relationships will remain strong.

"Dr. Buckelew's long-term influence on the department is that he modeled a very pro-student atmosphere," said Phillips. "In other words, he clearly felt that he was here FOR the students, and not the other way around. He was adamant that relationships were more important than rules and abstract concepts. Dr. Buckelew maintained personal contact with many former students and provided emotional support for any who fell on rough times. He was extremely proud of all of his students' accomplishments. I believe that influence will be with us for a long time."

by Rebecca Jones ('96)
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