A Word from the President ...

In the dark moments of life we rely, more than ever, on our faith, our family, and our friends.

We've faced a few dark moments at Ouachita this past summer. First, with a touring boat accident in Hot Springs that claimed the life of Melanie McGuirk, secretary for the Elrod Center for Family and Community and the wife of James McGuirk, one of our students; and then the June 1 crash in Little Rock of Flight 1420, in which we lost James Harrison and Rachel Fuller, and in which Kristin Maddox was seriously injured.

Those of us on the campus are grateful beyond words for the thousands of expressions of love and sympathy that have been forwarded to us. Jed McGuirk, the Harrison Family, the Fuller family, and the Maddox family join me in a heartfelt word of thanks for your love and for your prayers. Those most affected by the tragedies have been sustained by faith, family, and friends.

Thank you for your unwavering support of Ouachita.

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Focused ON Faith

by Jeff Root
Before the high winds of the thunderstorm, before the wheels ran off the runway, before the impact with the light support tower, before the fire, smoke, hail and rain, it had already been a life-changing trip.

That's what Charles Fuller hopes people will come to understand when they think about the Ouachita Singers and the crash of American Airlines flight 1420. It was one of the things Fuller prayed for as he and his daughters, Becky and Sarah, were taken away from the crash site with other survivors in an old school bus. He also prayed for the Singers and for his wife, Cindy, and their daughter, Rachel, who were already on the way to a hospital in an ambulance.

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“I didn’t want the remarkable story of our trip to be hidden in this tragedy, but I did want the cause of Christ to be furthered by our response. Our students responded so wonderfully with their own stories of faith that were broadcast literally around the world.”

- Charles Fuller

Flight 1420

The Ouachita Singers were flying into Little Rock at the conclusion of a three-week mission trip to Germany and Austria. Already two hours behind schedule, flight 1420 took off from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport late in the evening. Although the official cause of the crash has yet to be determined, flight 1420 arrived in Little Rock simultaneously with a thunderstorm. Richard Buschmann, a veteran pilot for American, circled the airport, and then determined he could land.

With a cross-wind buffeting the plane, the MD-82 bounced at least twice and then its wheels began to roll. The passengers could tell, though, that the brakes weren’t taking hold and that the plane wasn’t slowing. Then they could tell that at least one wheel had left the side of the runway.

A flight attendant yelled, “Brace!”

Flight 1420 left the end of the runway at more than 90 miles-per-hour, heading downhill toward the Arkansas River.

The collision with a runway light support tower surely saved many lives since it stopped the plane just yards from the river, but it also killed Buschmann and five of the passengers, broke the plane in pieces, and started an intense fire. Three others, seated near the fire, died quickly of injuries and smoke inhalation. For the remaining 136, survival meant getting off the plane quickly, thus avoiding the fire and thick smoke.

Tad Hardin, a member of the Singers who was graduated in May, remembered the scene.

“When the plane stopped, we were immediately aware that both fire and fuel were present. You begin thinking that the plane is likely to blow and it’s just a matter of whether you’re going to be inside or outside when it happens. You want to hurry, but you don’t want to run over anybody in the process. We also had to walk toward the fire to get out (the emergency exit door above the right wing, where Fuller was helping people out), so you’re figuring that getting burned is a real possibility. Most of the fear disappeared for me when I made it to the wing. Going through the (emergency exit door) was a tremendously liberating feeling,” said Hardin.

Hardin later told the press that it was the voice of Fuller and his...
silhouette at the door which reassured him that order could be maintained and that the group could be saved. Fuller opened the emergency door and stood on the wing, helping each person step through. His was perhaps the first of what would be many stories of heroism among the Ouachita Singers.

Heroes and Heroines

The stories of the choir members were told on CBS, CNN, ABC, and every other television news operation, as well as the nation’s leading newspapers and news organizations abroad. (Ouachita’s public relations office list of 95 media outlets covered the largest, but didn’t even touch the local affiliates and local newspapers which picked up the stories on the wire.) In each case, faith in God and love for their fellow passengers, whether they knew them or not, shone through.

James Harrison, a senior church music major from Paragould, had spent much of the plane ride home looking through the viewfinder at the video he had shot during the trip. He survived the crash. He briefly talked with Tad Hardin as they got up to exit. Barrett Baber, a freshman from Marion, remembers hearing James give instructions about which way to go. When the last passenger exited his door, Fuller looked inside and yelled three times asking if anyone else was on board. He couldn’t see James, but he heard him yell, “That’s the last of them.”

What Fuller couldn’t have known is that James didn’t leave at that point. Continuing to search for passengers who needed help, Harrison eventually succumbed to the toxic smoke and died in the aisle.

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- Misha Perkins

Meanwhile, other heroes were at work outside the plane. Several choir members tended to the injured and helped people evacuate. Tad Hardin, for example, directed people away from the plane, while Jim Simmons carried a burned child to safety. Then there are the stories of Luke Hollingsworth and Misha Perkins. Hollingsworth, a former high school fullback, carried a woman with a broken hip over his shoulder through waist-high water to get her a safe distance from the plane and the smoke. He also went to the cockpit, where Michael Origel, the co-pilot, was still strapped in, unable to move with badly injured legs. He and other passengers helped Origel to safety.

In contrast to Hollingsworth, Misha Perkins isn’t tall and strong. Her ability to lift and carry is limited, and her nightblindness prevented her from leading groups of passengers through the dark fields. Instead, she’s an example of how the Singers were able to find other ways to comfort people and save lives. Sitting over the left wing, she waited for Dr. Dave Ozmun, an assistant professor of mass communications who traveled with the group to shoot video, to open the emergency door beside them. The left wing was missing and they couldn’t see the ground, but they jumped anyway. Misha dropped through flames on the way down, but she found herself relatively unscathed and she began to move, sometimes running, sometimes crawling, to avoid the smoke.

She was one of the first to find Kristin Maddox, a Singer with serious burns on her arms and hands. She gave Kristin her jacket, and then turned to the sound of people asking for help. Fred Agag of Honolulu, Hawaii, was lying in the grass with a deep cut in his lower abdomen. Seriously injured, amid the cold rain, hail and confusion, he was going into shock. Misha Perkins
did the only thing she could think of to help him. It was precisely the right thing.

With nothing available to cover Agag and keep him warm, she stretched herself over the man, holding him tightly and locking her arms underneath him. He was shaking, but the warmth of her body and her conversation seemed to calm him. For several minutes until paramedics finally arrived, she put pressure on the wound, sheltered him from the rain, kept him warm and talked with him to keep him awake. They talked about faith. She sang “Amazing Grace” and he tried to sing along. She recited Psalm 91 in prayer. They talked about their families. She even tried to explain that she was normally a very modest person. He survived.

“I was so proud of everyone,” said Misha. “People were looking for a calm person to help calm them down. Many in our group were able to be that calm person, as were some of the other passengers. Inevitably, they were Christians. The words of encouragement were so often words about Jesus and faith.”

**Tragedy and Support at Arkansas Children’s Hospital**

Charles Fuller found most of his family quickly when he jumped off the wing. Rachel was the only one missing. They huddled quickly and prayed, and then Charles set out to find his fourteen-year-old daughter. Rachel was walking alone on the other side of the plane, critically injured with burns over much of her body.

Taken to the burn unit at Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Rachel was conscious when not heavily sedated, and she communicated with her family. Nearby was her friend Kristin Maddox, a senior choral music education major from Ponca City, Oklahoma. Kristin was not injured as severely, but she had serious burns, especially on her hands and arms.

On Wednesday, June 16, Rachel died of complications from her burns. More than 1000 people attended her funeral in Jones Performing Arts Center at Ouachita. She was a 4.0 gpa student at L.M. Goza Junior High, the drum major of the band, an all-region oboe player, and a member of the Lady Beavers basketball, volleyball and softball teams. She was described by Sally Dann, assistant principal at Goza, as “one of our golden children.”

James Harrison was honored on June 5 in a memorial service at the First Baptist Church of Royal, where he served as music minister. His funeral came two days later at his home church, Eastside Baptist Church in Paragould. At each service his peers and his professors remembered him as a selfless person, someone who shunned the limelight and delighted in helping others.

Through the services and through the stories of the Singers and those who traveled with them, two themes are consistent — faith in God and a willingness to praise him in the face of any loss.

Rachel and James’ stories have been a beacon of Christ’s light in a dark world. We continue to learn of people who have come to saving faith in Christ because of their lives,” said Fuller. “While we miss Rachel desperately, we find great comfort in knowing that God has used her life to influence so many to make eternal decisions.”

**The Road Back**

Kristin Maddox went home to Oklahoma where she continues to recover from her burns. She did return to Ouachita for a Singers retreat held one month after the crash. The meeting was the first opportunity for the group to come together since they went to their separate homes after the accident.

Jon Merryman, a junior mass communications major, illustrated the importance of seeing his fellow choir members in describing his prayer request at the retreat for Michael Origel, the co-pilot.

“I have a huge burden on my heart for the co-pilot... I was upset until I looked over and saw tears rolling down Kristin’s face as she whispered that she knew exactly

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what I meant and she felt the same burden," said Jon. "She got up and shuffled towards me and placed a box of tissues in my lap with her bandaged hands and hugged me. Her heart is still as genuine as ever."

**A Special Unity**

It would be easy to assume that the crash produced the uncommon bond among the Singers, but, by all accounts, the group displayed a special unity throughout the trip.

"They would have all had a special place in my heart even before the crash," said Fuller. "God had brought us a focus unlike any I've ever experienced with any group with which I've worked and each of our hosts had noticed and mentioned it to me."

Preparation for the trip involved more than learning music. Prayer was a key, as well.

"We had sought to prepare in a very pro-active way spiritually for the trip, including weekly prayer meetings to pray for those for whom we would sing and all with whom we would come into contact," said Fuller.

The group had expected to tour China, but protests there over NATO's accidental bombing of the Chinese embassy in Yugoslavia forced the cancellation of the trip. Despite the quick change in plans, the trip was immensely successful, including concerts in streets, schools and churches in the former East Germany and Salzburg, Austria. An unexpected blessing came in Salzburg when the group was asked to perform for Kosovar refugees in a nearby camp.

**Performance for Kosovar Refugees**

Upon arrival in Salzburg, Jerry Jones, a missionary contact there, asked Fuller if the group would like to perform a previously unscheduled concert for a group of Kosovar refugees at a nearby Austrian military base. Fuller quickly agreed. The next day, they arrived at the camp by bus.

"When we first pulled up and we were on the bus waiting for instructions, some of the (refugee) kids would climb up and look around inside the bus," said Fuller. "I walked down and sat on the bottom step of the bus and played with them. We couldn't speak the same language, but we connected by just playing hand games."

Jones said the refugee children ran to the students, and an instant bond developed. The director of the refugee center indicated that the Singers provided the most significant attention given to the refugees from outside the base.

"Beyond all language and cultural barriers, it was love that was communicated, and that clearly, as the students, without shyness or reserve, gave of themselves and the love of Jesus, so overflowing, to these lonely, misplaced folks," Jones said.

Jon Merryman described it as an unexpected, but wonderful, experience.

"We just knew we had to do that concert," said Merryman. "When I saw tears in their eyes and heard them ask us to tell America thank you for saving their lives, it was heartbreaking."

The refugees had been receiving support in the form of food from a Catholic relief organization, but many of them had been there for more than a month with very little to do. Fuller said some of the people cried for joy that the Singers had cared enough to visit with them and perform for them.

"There was a lot of clinging when we left. Even though only two of them spoke any English, there was definitely a bond there," said Fuller. "I hope we came out of that experience thinking about how we can bring it home. The refugees obviously felt alone and ignored. Who have we not thought about that we can help here at home? There are people all around us who are just as alone in a crowd as the Kosovars were in that camp. We need to recognize that, and we need to find ways to reach them."

**A Witness in Germany**

Before the visit with the Kosovar refugees, the Singers had performed several concerts in Germany. Along
the way, they saw a World War II concentration camp. The stark reality of a death camp seemed to help the group focus on their mission.

“This trip was very missions related,” Tad Hardin said. “I thought we had a significant impact in a relatively new mission field. We were working in the former East Germany, which hasn’t been open long and is vastly unchurched. We also went to smaller towns and cities which don’t often have touring concert groups.”

Fuller had been in Germany the previous year, at which time he developed a plan which he put into effect on this trip. He had the Singers dress more casually, instead of the tuxes and dresses of a formal concert tour. The more casual attire was helpful in communicating with the less affluent citizens of smaller cities in eastern Germany.

School concerts were “teasers” for the evening church concerts. In cooperation with school officials, the choir sang during lunch and other breaks, often outdoors on the school steps. The promotions apparently worked. Almost all of their church performances were to capacity crowds. At times during the service, the Singers had the opportunity to give their testimonies. They were aided by Melinda Dill, a member of the Singers who grew up in a missionary family in Germany and is fluent in German.

“Melinda did a lot of our translating, and I think the fact that we could communicate in their language helped us connect,” Hardin said. “We also stayed with host families, which I think they appreciated.”

One of the most touching moments of the concerts, as described by both members of the Singers and Jerry Jones, was Kristin Maddox’s rendition of “It Is Well With My Soul,” one verse of which she sang in German.

Jones reported that the song had been especially moving to Austrian friends of his, for whom he had been praying for several years. They had attended the concert and later expressed great concern about the crash. When told of the Singers’ ministry to the other passengers, one friend commented that the students actually lived what they had sung. The friends have since attended a worship service and have promised to return.

Whether in a German or Austrian school or church, a refugee camp, or the site of a burning plane in Little Rock, the Singers were ministers. And their ministry will continue. Jerry Jones may have said it best.

“The Singers brought us the joy of music, faith in action, and in their lingering ministry, hope.”
Window of Opportunity campaign surpasses $40 million

Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita, announced at commencement ceremonies success in the most ambitious financial campaign in the history of the 113-year-old institution. Speaking before a capacity crowd in Sturgis Physical Education Center, Westmoreland said Ouachita had surpassed the challenge goal of $40 million in its Window of Opportunity campaign.

The Window of Opportunity was the second phase of the Decade of Progress campaign, the first phase of which had raised more than $28 million earlier in the 1990s. Some of the funds, especially from the initial campaign, were used to improve facilities, including the construction of the Harvey and Bernice Jones Performing Arts Center and the Harvey Jones Science Center, as well as the renovation of Cone-Bottoms Hall as an administration building.

The primary goal of both campaigns, however, was to increase endowment funding for the University. Keyed by the record success of the Window of Opportunity campaign, the market value of Ouachita's endowment has grown from less than $15 million in 1990 to more than $40 million today. Westmoreland was quick to credit Dr. Ben Elrod, the former president who began the campaign, and all those who have faithfully supported Ouachita.

"Words cannot adequately convey my deepest appreciation to those whose generosity has sustained Ouachita," said Westmoreland. "I am personally indebted to Dr. Ben Elrod and Johnny Heflin, our campaign chair, for their vision, and for their confidence in the thousands of people who have made this Window of Opportunity campaign a success."

Heflin, former president of Terminix Inc., in Little Rock and national chair for the Window of Opportunity campaign, joined Westmoreland in congratulating those who contributed to the campaign.

"I would like to express my thanks to the many good people who gave generously to Ouachita through this campaign," said Heflin. "As a non-profit, independent educational institution, Ouachita's financial strength depends upon such generosity."

The Window of Opportunity campaign was comprised of several directed campaigns among various Ouachita constituencies, such as alumni, foundations, the citizens of Clark County, faculty and staff, trustees, and selected friends of the institution. Joe Franz, vice president of development at Ouachita, emphasized the cooperative effort characteristic of the campaign.

"For a campaign of this magnitude, we needed generous support from each of our publics," said Franz. "Thanks to the sacrificial giving of each of these constituencies, we have now surpassed our challenge goal. In addition to nearly tripling the value of our endowment, these gifts have met vital current campus needs—from scholarships to salaries to buildings."

School of Business Campaign sets $10 million goal

Frank Hickingbotham to serve as honorary chair

A pledge of $4.5 million from the Frank D. Hickingbotham Foundation and the Hickingbotham family will provide the basis for a $10 million capital campaign for the Hickingbotham School of Business at Ouachita. The five-year campaign began September 1.

Hickingbotham, Chairman of the Board and CEO of TCBY, Inc., attended a press conference on August 12 at which the pledge and campaign were announced by Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita.

"Our trustees, faculty, students, and alumni join me today in expressing our deep appreciation to the Hickingbotham family for this remarkable demonstration of their commitment to Ouachita's academic program," said Westmoreland.

Hickingbotham will serve as the honorary national chair of the campaign, according to Joe Franz, vice president for development. Franz said the campaign has a base goal of $7.5 million and a challenge goal of $10 million. He noted that proceeds to the campaign will be added to the $5.75 million that Hickingbotham and other friends of Ouachita have contributed toward endowment and the capital structure of the Hickingbotham School of Business in recent years.

"This campaign will not only increase the visibility of our outstanding business school, but the endowment funds will enable the program to grow even stronger in the future," Franz said. "The interest level among alumni and other business leaders in the beginning stages of the campaign has been quite high. We expect the campaign to be very successful and to have a noticeable and positive impact on the lives of our students."

Dr. Phil Rice, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business, said funds from the campaign would strengthen five areas:

- the addition of substantive scholarships
- the retention and attraction of outstanding faculty members
- the incorporation of current technology in student work and classroom teaching
- the opportunity to enlarge international relationships
- and, the establishment of a distinguished speaker series.

"The endowment these friends are establishing is the cornerstone for maintaining the continuous improvement of our academic program," Rice said. "We appreciate Mr. Hickingbotham's support and encouragement. His investment in Ouachita's business school has been the catalyst for our recent progress."

Business courses have been taught at Ouachita for at least 100 years. A division of business was organized in the early 1950s, and the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business was established in 1992.

by Jeff Root
Coleman Estate provides $1.4 million for scholarships

The estate of the late Henry Foote Coleman of Princeton (Dallas County) has left a bequest of an estimated $1.4 million to Ouachita.

Under provisions of the Henry Foote and Thelma Mays Coleman Endowed Scholarship Fund, interest accrued from the amount will be used for student scholarships, according to Joe Franz, vice president for development.

Henry Coleman died on March 20, 1999 and his wife passed away in 1993. They owned a grocery store in Princeton, and she was a school teacher.

"Mr. Coleman's story is very interesting," said Franz. "This extravagant gift is beautifully contrasted with their modest lifestyles spent in a simple white frame house." Coleman was a former student at Ouachita in the early 1920s and was a supporter of the ideals of the university both in and out of the classroom.

One of his interests, Franz said, was following the fortunes of the OBU Tiger football program.

For more than two decades, Coleman was a spectator at the Ouachita-Henderson State University "Battle of the Ravine" football series.

"He faithfully made the 62 mile round trip from Princeton to Arkadelphia to watch his Ouachita Tigers play the Reddies," Franz said.

Coleman's million dollar plus gift to Ouachita, Franz added, leaves a lasting legacy. "We will miss him, but our students will benefit from his generosity forever."

-Mac Sisson

Ferguson Estate provides $1.2 million for scholarships

The estate of the late Robert G. Ferguson has left a gift of $1.2 million to Ouachita to further the cause of music and music education at the University. Ferguson, a resident of Mt. Home who died April 26, did not attend Ouachita, but was always supportive of its music program.

Following the June 1 American Airlines crash involving the Ouachita Singers, the attorney for Mr. Ferguson's estate granted permission for a portion of the gift be used to establish the James A. Harrison Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Rachel Renee Fuller Memorial Scholarship Fund. Harrison and Fuller both died as a result of the plane crash.

Dr. Charles Wright, dean of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts, is grateful to Mr. Ferguson for his generous support of music at Ouachita. "Not only will this gift benefit numerous music students at Ouachita, but it will serve as a permanent legacy to honor the memory of James Harrison and Rachel Fuller," Wright said. "I can think of no greater purpose for any gift."

Recipients of the scholarship funds will be full-time students pursuing a major in the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts, Division of Music, and will be selected by the division's faculty.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Clyde C. and Meryl B. Godfrey Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established by Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Godfrey to help Ouachita continue to be the source of Christian guidance and inspiration to many young people. Reverend Godfrey was a 1939 former student of Ouachita.

Recipients must be full-time students majoring in Christian Studies.

The Frank D. and Georgia Hickingbotham Endowed Business Scholarship Fund

The Frank D. and Georgia Hickingbotham Endowed Business Scholarship Fund was established by Herren and Susan Hickingbotham to honor Frank and Georgia Hickingbotham. Additional gifts may be added to the fund by donors and others at any time.

Recipients must be full-time students at Ouachita pursuing a major in the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

The Rose Elizabeth Ray Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established by Rose Elizabeth Ray, a 1965 graduate of Ouachita. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time female students enrolled at Ouachita.

Scholarship priority will be given to a sophomore, junior or senior female student pursuing a major in psychology, and recipients must be in need of financial assistance. Priority will be given to a resident of the state of Missouri.

The A. O. Smith Memorial Fund

This fund has been established with gifts to Ouachita from the family of Mr. A. O. Smith (fs '26), for the purpose of establishing an endowment in memory of Mr. Smith. The funds will be used to provide scholarships to students with demonstrated financial need.

Recipients must be pursuing a degree within the School of Christian Studies, and preference will be given to married students with children.
Service awards presented

Thirty faculty and staff members have been recognized by the University with presentations of service awards. The employees represent a total of 510 years of service to Ouachita.

Receiving a 35-year service award was Dr. Charles Wright, dean of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts and the Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music.

Thirty-year awards were given to: Lavell Cole, professor of history; Glenn Good, professor of physics; Dr. George Keck, the Addie Mae Fuller Professor of Music; and Margaret Wright, associate professor of accounting.

Twenty-five year awards were given to Pam Arrington, associate professor of education; and Bob Sanders, adjunct instructor in business administration.

Four persons received 20-year service awards. They were: Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president and professor of political science and education; Minnie Jones, maintenance department; Sadie Buckley, maintenance department; and Evelyn Bettis, secretary for the Foster Grandparent Program.

Seven persons received 15-year citations. They were: Dr. Roy Buckelew, professor of speech; Mike Reynolds, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation and head men's basketball coach; Shirley McMillan, director of the Foster Grandparent Program; Dr. Ouida Keck, associate professor of music; Judy Hollingsworth, business office; Yvonne Cloud, manager of the Follett Bookstore on campus; and Sam Walton, maintenance department.

Twelve individuals received service awards for 10 years of service to Ouachita. They were: Dr. Trey Berry, director of the Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies, Director of the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program and associate professor of history; Charles Burris, maintenance department; Dr. William Cook, the Elma Cobb Professor of Bible; Dr. Scott Duvall, dean of the School of Christian Studies and the J.C. and Mae Fuller Professor of Bible; Margaret Frazier, director of campus housing; Cindy Goodman, Ouachita TRIO staff; John Hardman, director of the physical plant; Judy Jones, registrar and director of admissions; Dr. Tim Knight, associate professor of biology; Wendy Richter, assistant professor and archivist; Linda Rollins, postmistress; and Cornelious White, maintenance department.

Ten faculty members receive promotions

Ten Ouachita faculty members have been promoted to higher academic rank.

The promotions to the rank of full professor include: Dr. Scott Duvall in biblical studies and theology, Dr. Craig V. Hamilton in music, Dr. Robert Webster in accounting, and Dr. Susan Wink in English.

Promotions to the academic rank of associate professor include: Carolyn Cagle in mathematics and computer science, Dr. Selwyn Ellis in business administration, Dr. Byron Eubanks and Dr. Isaac Mwase both in philosophy and ethics, and Dr. Jeff Pounders in sociology.

Promotion to the rank of assistant professor was granted to Carol Morgan, department of communications disorders.

Along with the academic rank promotions was an endowed chair appointment of Dr. Terry G. Carter to the W.O. Vaught Chair of Bible.

SPRING MUSICAL • Jeremy Bishop, a junior music major from Abbeville, LA; Julia Hall, a sophomore music major from El Dorado; and Scott Wozniak, a senior biblical studies major from Fayetteville, GA, perform in the Jones School of Fine Arts production of "My Fair Lady."
**Henley named dean of students**

Dr. Keldon Henley, associate dean of students for assistance programs, has been promoted to dean of students. "Dr. Henley has been an important member of the staff since returning to his alma mater six years ago," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president. "In his new role as dean of students, Dr. Henley will continue his efforts to better serve our students in all aspects of their campus lives."

B. Aldon Dixon, promoted two years ago to vice president for student services, had served as dean of students since 1970. As vice president, he supervises all programs and work of the office of student services.

"Ouachita's success for more than 100 years has been based to a great extent on individual attention given to students," said Westmoreland. "Bill Dixon has been a strong leader in this area for a number of years, and I'm excited about what the future holds as he and Keldon lead our student services team."

Dixon, who has worked with Henley since 1993, was pleased with the change. "After 29 years in this role and in the dual role of vice president and dean of students, it is with great pleasure and with confidence that I hand over to Dr. Henley the responsibilities of dean of students at Ouachita."

As dean of students, Henley will be responsible for the supervision of all aspects of student housing, both on and off campus. He also will supervise on-going programs in disability support, new student orientation, counseling, student conduct and discipline, and campus traffic. Henley also will teach one section of Introduction to Liberal Arts in the fall and a course on counseling in the spring.

Henley, a 1986 Ouachita graduate, completed a master of arts degree in marriage and family counseling from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1988, and a doctor of education in higher education administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

*by Jeff Root*

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**Keck elected to serve as president of National Federation of Music Clubs**

Dr. Ouida Keck, associate professor of music, has recently been elected as president of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

The Federation is the largest music organization in the United States with a 200,000 member base. Chartered by Congress, the group awards over three-quarters of a million dollars each year in scholarships. It is the only music organization member of the United Nations.

The Federation has numerous clubs, both senior for adults and junior for students, throughout cities and states across the country. "The Arkadelphia Philharmonic Club is a member of the organization, as is the OBU Division of Music."

"Basically," said Keck, "we encourage American music and musicians by hosting various contests, festivals, award ceremonies, and other such activities."

After being solicited to run for the office, Keck was elected as President by the Federation's Board of Directors at the National Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Her duties include planning all national meetings, coordinating departments, representing the organization before Congress, and traveling to various state conventions. She recently attended the meeting of the United Nations and presented the world organization with a gift piano from the Federation.

Her new position benefits Ouachita in several ways. Every time she performs a presidential duty, OBU gains name recognition. Students have many more opportunities to participate in competitions because they are made aware of them. "I'm able to attend conferences and workshops that help me be a better teacher," Keck added.

Keck began playing piano in the third grade and has followed what she calls her "passion" since.

She holds a bachelor of music (1971) from Ouachita, a master of music (1974) from the University of Arkansas, and a doctor of musical arts (1982) from the University of Iowa.

She joined the Ouachita keyboard faculty originally in 1973 and returned in 1996.

*by Rachel Deckelman*

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**Newsmakers**

*Dr. Sim Flora,* associate professor of music, recently had an anthem published by Monarch Music. Monarch is the publishing division of the Lorenz Corporation in Dayton, Ohio.

"How Beautiful is the Gift" is the first choral anthem Flora has had published.

Professor of English and art, Dr. Raouf Halaby traveled to the Iberian Peninsula for a portion of May and June. Halaby participated in a 12-day seminar sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange. The seminar, "Spain, Past and Present: El Camino de Santiago," was held in Leon, Rionta, and Santiago, Spain.

Following the seminar, Halaby traveled to Madrid, where he spent five days visiting museums and cathedrals. In the city, Halaby participated in a second seminar with topics such as "The Literary World of the Camino," "The Architecture of the Camino," and "Artistic Treasures of the Camino." He then traveled to Toledo, Salamanca, and Andalucia.

*Dr. Caroline Henderson,* associate professor of music, was invited by The College Music Society to San Juan, Puerto Rico to present a project on "An Integrated Method of Assessment As An Alternative to Performance Juries" with Dr. David Wilborn from Ft. Hays State University in Kansas. Henderson and Wilborn were also invited by the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors to deliver the presentation at Ball State University.

Henderson performed at the conference in a joint recital with Dr. Kenneth Broadway, assistant professor of percussion studies at the University of Florida.

Henderson also performed at the North American Saxophone Alliance regional meetings at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., and at the University of Georgia.

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Smith serves as editor of "Teaching of Psychology"

College essay tests sometimes cause groans of agony from students who have spent hours preparing for an examination.

Students taking a class from Dr. Randolph Smith, professor of psychology and chair of the department of psychology, have the advantage of a professor who spends a great deal of his off-time from the classroom in critique of such instruments of academic knowledge on a very broad scale.

Smith currently serves as editor of the national journal "Teaching of Psychology." He reviewed and selected the best out of 200 plus essays last year that were submitted by psychology professors and graduate students from all across the nation. These essays set a strict criteria for Smith's students' essays.

The journal is a publication of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology, American Psychological Association Division Two.

All articles Smith chooses to print discuss topics such as continuing education, faculty development, and classroom techniques. Anyone may submit an article for review. Smith personally reads every piece and then has three other qualified people review them.

Smith began serving as editor-elect in 1996, and started his six-year term in 1997. He received the position after sending a letter of application, including his numerous professional credentials, to the American Psychological Association (APA). A committee chosen by division two members reviewed the applications and made suggestions to the society. Smith was chosen as the most qualified applicant.

"Being exposed to hundreds of ideas about teaching will hopefully make me a better teacher," Smith said. He also said that his students understand that he's a tough grader because he's holding them to the same strict criteria he uses in reviewing articles for the journal.

Smith also said his students benefit from his being editor because he passes stories on to the other OBU psychology professors. "Hopefully all of our students will receive a better education," he said.

Faculty awarded sabbaticals

Four Ouachita faculty members have been awarded sabbatical study leaves for portions of the 1999-2000 academic year.

Dr. Byron Eubanks, associate professor of philosophy and ethics, plans to re-design two courses in logic and symbolic logic, attend a critical thinking workshop, and begin developing a workshop to use for training church members to be better critical thinkers. Eubanks also intends to develop an ethics training presentation for local governmental bodies.

Dr. Freddie Jolley, associate professor of education, will work on a project with the Arkadelphia School District which will articulate the strengths and weaknesses of the teacher education department at Ouachita. During her fall sabbatical, Jolley also plans to visit other private Arkansas post-secondary campuses to observe institutions similar to Ouachita and gain knowledge about improvements that can be made on the OBU campus. She also plans to work on computer projects for a secondary/middle school methods class.

Dr. Terry Carter, associate professor of Christian ministries, plans to use his spring 2000 sabbatical leave to serve as interim pastor at the International Baptist Church in Vienna, Austria. He will also study Anabaptists and European Baptists at a Baptist seminary English language library in Prague. Carter will be responsible for teaching various courses in religion and supervise other areas of ministry teaching.

Glenn Good, professor of plans to use his spring 2000 sabbatical to review and research materials to encourage students in a science course for elementary teachers to incorporate more technology in their preparation to enter the teaching field.

He also plans to travel to view the aurora borealis in Fairbanks, Alaska. Good's sabbatical time will also be used to rewrite several of the general physics laboratory experiments to bring them up to date and in line with current procedures.
Morehead retires from faculty; honored as outstanding teacher

Joyce Morehead, associate professor of family and consumer sciences, will now be able to catch up on her reading and spend time with her family due to her retirement this spring from the job that she has loved for 38 years ... teaching students.

"I have found that the best thing about teaching has been the interaction with students and the personal relationships that give students an improved quality of life," said Morehead.

Morehead taught in the Malvern and Arkadelphia Public School systems prior to joining the Ouachita faculty in 1974. Morehead has seen her department produce graduates who have since assumed leadership roles and prominent positions in education, business, research, cooperative programs, and health professions.

"One of the greatest rewards of my work at Ouachita is seeing my former students who have become successes," said Morehead.

The accolades for her performance as an educator have come from many sources.

She was most recently honored as the 1999 Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Arkansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

"This was very special to me because the award was voted on by my professional peers," said Morehead. "It's nice to be recognized after all these years as someone who cares about students and loves what they do."

Her dedication can easily be seen in her involvement with such professional organizations as the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Arkansas Association of Consumer Sciences, which she has been involved in for 27 years. During this time she has served as a board member and on numerous committees to do her part in advancing her profession and its mission to strengthen the family.

"My basic belief is that the needs of society are best met by strong Christian families," said Morehead.

Morehead received her bachelor of science in education degree (1960) from Henderson State University, and a master of education degree (1969) from Arizona State University. She is a Certified Home Economist.

According to Morehead, the greatest accomplishment in her life has been her family. She has two married daughters and one granddaughter. Both daughters, Angela and Elizabeth Ann, attended OBU. Angela graduated from Ouachita and is currently a homemaker. Elizabeth Ann is a graduate of Baylor University and later received her law degree from Tulane University. Morehead plans on spending more time with her daughters and their granddaughter after her retirement.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching and will greatly miss everyone at OBU," said Morehead. "I have grown and learned from them and I hope that they have gotten the same enrichment from me."

by Whitney Moore
President Andrew Westmoreland (below left) presented 255 students with bachelor degrees at the 112th annual spring commencement held May 15.

Dr. J. D. Patterson (below center), a dentist from Searcy, was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree.

Dr. Carl Wesley Kluck, Jr. (below right), a pediatrician from Arkadelphia and a member of the Ouachita Board of Trustees, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Baccalaureate speaker was Rev. Paul R. Sanders, pastor of Geyer Springs First Baptist Church in Little Rock and a member of the Ouachita Board of Trustees.
Ouachita listed second in number of church vocational students enrolled

Ouachita is number two among 48 Southern Baptist Convention colleges and schools in the number of church vocational students enrolled for the 1998-99 academic year.

The announcement was made in the quarterly edition of "The Southern Baptist Educator," a news journal of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools. The publication is a collaborative news source among post-secondary educational institutions in the estimated 15-million member Southern Baptist Convention.

In the report, Ouachita is listed with 461 church-related vocational students, with only Baylor University in Waco, TX, having more with 1,683.

Ouachita reported a fall enrollment of 1,536 and was 29th in undergraduate size.

Ouachita listed among best college buys

Ouachita has recently been named in "America's Best College Buys 2000."

Annually, Institutional Research and Evaluation Inc. (IRE) from Gainesville, Georgia identifies the 100 American colleges and universities that provide students the highest quality in education at the lowest cost.

Thirty-seven-private and 63 public institutions from 37 states met the requirements for recognition in the eighth annual edition of the publication.

"A college or university does not have to be expensive to be good," said Lewis T. Lindsey, president of IRE. "Prospective students and their parents should not automatically think that to get a quality education they must pay a high cost. It is amazing that the schools, such as Ouachita, listed in the report can consistently, year after year, deliver a quality college education at a cost that is within every student's reach."

To be considered for the designation of "America's 100 Best College Buys-2000" an institution must meet the following requirements: (1) be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor degree for both men and women; (2) offer full residential facilities including residence halls and dining services; (3) offer opportunities to qualified students for need-based, academic-based and athletic-based financial aid; (4) have had an entering freshman class in the fall of 1997 with a grade point average and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average for entering college freshmen; and (5) have had an out-of-state cost of attendance in 1998-99 for three quarters or two semesters below the national average for entering college freshmen.

The eighth annual poll was conducted between May 4, 1998 and June 30, 1998. One thousand three hundred ninety-one institutions responded to the survey form.

Schools listed in the IRE report did not pay to be included in the report. Institutions were included solely on the basis of merit.

Ouachita is also among 110 colleges and universities, nationwide, that have been notified of inclusion in a publication titled "America's Best College Buys-2000."

"Ouachita offers exceptional opportunities through scholarships to the brightest students," Lindsey said. "The second annual report indicates that fewer than one in 15 colleges and universities in the nation actually meet the criteria to be included in the listing. We are pleased to announce that Ouachita is among the colleges and universities to provide the nation's top merit scholarships."

by Rachel Deckelman

Campus Briefs

- Ouachita students who are part of the school's communication disorders department have had opportunities recently to gain professional experience by attending conferences in Memphis, Tennessee and San Antonio, Texas.

- The National Convention of the American Speech Language Association was held in San Antonio and provided eight OBU students with the opportunity to attend meetings, make professional contacts and listen to papers that were presented.

- The Mid-South Conference of the American Speech Language Association was held in Memphis, Tennessee and attracted 15 Ouachita students who had a parallel line of professional interaction with the national SLA convention.

- Carol Morgan, assistant professor of speech pathology, and assistant professor of speech pathology Nancy Hardman also attended the conferences.

- Members of Ouachita's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Club completed a mock stock market investing course involving students in American history courses at Goza Junior High School in Arkadelphia. Each Goza student involved in the project managed a fictitious stock portfolio for six weeks, with the student having the greatest portfolio value at the end being awarded a $50 U.S. Savings Bond by the Frank D. Hickinbotham School of Business at OBU. Louise Moore was the first place winner and Heather Martin was the second place winner.

- Ouachita's SIFE sponsor is Dr. James Philpot.

REUNION • Dr. Paul Root, professor emeritus of education; Dr. Herman Sandford, professor emeritus of English; and Dr. Raymond Coppenger, professor emeritus of religion, provide entertainment at the "Ouachita Hills Reunion" July 4. Approximately 60 Ouachita Hills residents, former residents, and their families attended the day's activities, which included attendance at Sunday morning services at First Baptist Church, an after-church lunch at Western Sizzlin', an afternoon of swimming at the home of Bill and Ann Vining, and an evening picnic at the home of Jack and Mary King. Ouachita Hills subdivision is located by A. U. Williams Field.
Senior Ouachitonian awards presented to Milam, Granade

The Student Senate was host of the institution's annual Academic Awards Banquet honoring more than 100 students for academic excellence during the 1998-99 school year.

Ouachita faculty/administrative staff members annually select a Senior Ouachitonian Woman and Man who best signify exemplary traits in academics, character, involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership, and Christian service.

Chosen for those honors this year were: Sarah Beth Milam, a chemistry major from Shreveport, LA; and Andrew Granade, a music and history major from Arkadelphia.

The Carl Goodson Honors Program at the university designates a Ben Elrod Scholar each year in honor of the Chancellor of the University. Andy Davidson, a junior English major from Camden, was awarded the honor for the 1999-2000 academic year. This award allows for summer travel and educational enrichment.

The Arkadelphia Rotary Club Service-Above-Self Award was presented to James Taylor, a senior biblical studies major from Little Rock.

Mrs. J.R. Grant Memorial Awards to Outstanding Students in their respective classes went to: Christine Brown Jones, a senior biblical studies major from Heber Springs; and Vanessa Seals, a freshman elementary education major from Heber Springs.

The Betty Oliver Grant Awards to Outstanding Students in their respective classes went to: Jana Keasler, a junior family life ministry and Christian counseling major from Heber Springs; and Mary Roberts, a sophomore mass communications major from North Little Rock.

Seven students received recognition in being selected by their respective divisions or schools as Academic Achievers of the Year. They were: Frank D. Hickinbotham School of Business-Lukasz Staniczek, a senior finance major from Clarendon; Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts-Andrew Granade a senior music and history major from Arkadelphia; Division of Education-Kim Bailey, a senior English major from Little Rock; Division of Humanities-Greg Brownderville, a senior English major from McCrory; Division of Social Science-Andrew Granade; Division of Natural Science-Scott Witherspoon, a senior physics major from Mt.Pleasant, TX; and School of Christian Studies-James Taylor, a senior biblical studies/language major from Little Rock.

Lukasz Staniczek was honored as the Overall Academic Achiever.

Kathryn (Kati) Leigh Guyton of Bossier City, Louisiana, a 21-year-old junior elementary education major at Ouachita, was named the 1999 "Ouachitonian Beauty." Guyton represented OBU's junior class in the competition.

Runners-up to Guyton in the 1999 Ouachitonian Beauty Contest were: first runner-up-Whitney Moore, a 21-year-old mass communications major from Cabot; second runner-up-Mandy Richardson, a 20-year-old music education major from Benton (Fountain Lake-Hot Springs); third runner-up-Rachel Winston, a 20-year-old Christian counseling and psychology major from Sheridan; and fourth runner-up-Lisa Honey, a 21-year-old speech and mass communications major from Arkadelphia.
STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MISSIONS ENDEAVORS  
AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD

Extreme Life

Thirty-seven students spent their spring break ministering to college students on the beaches of Daytona Beach, Fla. The trip was sponsored by the Baptist Student Union (BSU).

While in the Sunshine State, the group was under the leadership of the Halifax (Fla.) Baptist Association from March 20-25.

The association allows different groups from across the country to minister to the permanent residents and visitors to the Daytona area through its van ministry, food giveaway assistance, healthcare unit, and environmental assistance to local shops.

The theme for the beach ministry program is "Extreme Life."

"The purpose of the week is to do things for other people and to help build relationships with them so that they will see Jesus in us and allow us the opportunity to share Christ with them," said Julie Wilson of the BSU.

While in Florida, the students gave daily free van rides to area visitors, served free pancakes to students, ran a free sunscreen unit to give lotion to those in need, and helped local merchants clean shops.

The OBU team also led in worship on Wednesday night and had a time of testimony to the college students in the Daytona area.

"The hardest and neatest thing about the trip is that everything we did was us individually taking the initiative to reach the person for Christ and help them to open up," said Wilson.

"Our entire Florida group met all semester to prepare for the trip," Wilson said. "We also met at different intervals in small groups of six or seven to pray for the trip," said Wilson.

Wilson said that the group also was part of a preparatory evangelism workshop led by OBU graduate Jeff Noble, the BSU director at Southern Arkansas University.

She said the workshop, meetings and prayer sessions all were designed to offer a challenge of personal involvement to the students.

"The students had to be willing to sacrifice their spring break and to get out of their comfort zone in order to participate," said Dave Johnston, the BSU spring break coordinator and a junior biblical studies major from Alexander.

Kevin Inman, director of campus ministries at OBU, also participated in the mission trip. "Kevin has been involved with beach ministry three times before," said Wilson. "He has had a good experience with the outreach and wanted the OBU students to experience it."

TAWAIN

Tears welled up in her eyes as she left the English school for the final time. She wanted so badly for the students to come to know Christ, but she had done all she could. The seeds of salvation had been planted; growth and harvesting would be left to someone else. Taiwan was ready.

Last fall, the University of Oklahoma planned a trip to China. Students, accompanied by BSU leaders Kevin Inman and Julie Wilson, prepared and trained for the trip.

Due to political unrest between China and the United States, the trip was changed just days before departure to Taiwan.

Twenty-six students remained on the team, and Drs. Andrew and Jeanna Westmoreland, along with their daughter, Riley, joined.

The students were divided into four teams in five different cities. The first team was in Hualien and was led by Cory Goode. "Our purpose was to encourage the Christians on the different university campuses as well as open doors of ministry there through music," Goode said. The six-member team performed over 10 concerts in places ranging from classrooms to teahouses.

The second team was led by James Taylor. The team spent its time in the capital city of Taipei. Students did sports evangelism and had the opportunity to speak in up three weeks of their summer to tell people in Taiwan about Jesus."

The Ouachita team was hosted by a team of missionaries in Taiwan who work primarily to train Christian student leaders in colleges and universities.

"The trip changed my life," said Horton. "I came away truly burdened for the people of Taiwan. It's imperative that we focus our prayers and efforts on this nation."

by Jennifer Goode
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Outstanding athletes honored at spring banquet

Ouachita honored its outstanding athletes at a banquet sponsored by the Student Senate.

Three senior individuals were acclaimed as the University's best male and female student-athletes for the 1998-99 sports year.

The co-recipients of the Bob Lambert Award given to the Outstanding Male Athlete were: Scott Witherspoon, a physics major and football player from Mount Pleasant, TX; Robert Brumsey, a business administration major and basketball player from New Boston, TX. The Outstanding Woman Athlete Award went to Jennifer Jones, an early childhood education major and tennis player from Texarkana, Arkansas.

The awards are given annually to athletes who best demonstrate the traits of Christian witness, desire to win, sportsmanship and athletic ability.

Three Ouachita athletes won recognition for their status as outstanding scholar-athletes.

Preferrence for these awards goes to upperclassmen student-athletes with at least a 3.00 grade point average. Consideration is given to student-athletes who excel in scholarship, character, high moral standing, desire to win, and athletic ability.

The Male Scholar-Athlete Award went to Andy Scott of Nashville, AR. Scott is senior health, physical education and recreation major who is a member of both the Tiger baseball team and Tiger Sharks swimming and diving team. The award is given to a student-athlete who is a letterman in the sport of golf, tennis, swimming or cross country.

Ouachita's Woman Scholar-Athlete Award recipient is Catherine Manning, a junior computer science major from Allen, TX. She is a member of the Lady Tiger Sharks swimming and diving team and the Lady Tiger cross country team.

Caleb Rawls of Oak Grove, LA, a junior political science and French major and a member of the Tiger football team, was chosen as the recipient of the Frank Reed Scholar-Athlete Award. The award is given to a male student-athlete who is a letterman in the sport of football, basketball, or baseball.

Rawls holds a 3.818 grade point average.

Tigers post win over Ravine rival

The Ouachita Tigers opened the Todd Knight era and the 1999 season with a dominating 34-14 victory in the "Battle of the Ravine" over cross-street rival Henderson State University.

Senior running back Rico McClarity led the Tigers (1-0) with 80 yards rushing and four touchdowns. His 84-yard punt return stretched Ouachita's lead to 21-7 in the third quarter.

Senior fullback Brian Robinette gained 113 yards on 18 carries, and sophomore quarterback Cary Wheaton was two for two passing for two touchdowns.

Ouachita's new slotbone offense amassed 277 total yards to Henderson's 133.

The much-anticipated matchup between the new head coaches, Knight for Ouachita and Patrick Nix for HSU, drew almost 6,500 to A.U. Williams Field.

Brown, Jones, join coaching staff

Ouachita Athletic Director David Sharp has announced the employment of two new coaches for the 1999-2000 academic year.

B.J. Brown is the new Tiger head baseball coach, Jason Jones has been named as assistant women's basketball coach and women's cross country coach, and Ira Peterson is the new assistant men's basketball coach and men's cross country coach.

Brown has served as Tiger assistant coach since 1995 under head coach Dr. Tom Murphy, who will remain at the school in his current roles as NCAA compliance officer and professor of health, physical education, and recreation.

Brown, 36, holds a bachelor of science in education degree (1986) from OBU and a master of science in education degree (1987) from Henderson State University.

At OBU, he was a four year letterman in the Tiger baseball program, where he won All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Honorable Mention honors, and was an All-AIC All Star performer. He was an officer in Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Previous employment for Brown includes serving as athletic director and head baseball coach at American Christian Academy in Tuscaloosa, AL, from 1993-95; assistant baseball coach and teacher at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa from 1989-1993; assistant basketball coach at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa from 1987-89; and assistant basketball coach at HSU in 1985-87.

Jones will take over in the assistant women's basketball and head women's cross country role from Joveta Arnold, who with her husband, Steve, is returning to the Lead Hill-Harrison area to go into private business. Jones will assist OBU head coach Garry Crowder.

Jones holds a bachelor of science in education degree (1993) in kinesiology from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville and a master of science in education degree (1996) from HSU.

Most recently, Jones, 28, has served since 1995 as assistant girls senior high basketball coach and head junior high coach for the Sheridan Public Schools.

In addition, Jones from 1990-93 was graduate assistant coach at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville under former Lady Razorback basketball coach John Sutherland.

Jones was an assistant women's basketball coach under David Thigpen at Henderson from 1993-94. He was head women's basketball coach for the Hendrix College Lady Warriors in Conway from 1994-95 and assistant girls' basketball coach for the Fayetteville Public Schools from 1992-93.
Men's Tennis

Ouachita Tiger tennis coach Craig Ward has been selected by his fellow coaches as LSC Coach of the Year in men's tennis for leading his athletes to the conference title for the second consecutive year.

Ward has served as OBU's coach since 1990 and has consistently seen his team in the top 10 among small college and university programs in the nation.

Ward had several of his athletes named to the Lone Star Conference Men's Tennis All-Conference Team.

Four were named to the Lone Star First Team in Singles. They were: Raul Bermudez, a freshman liberal arts major from Caracas, Venezuela, (San Ignacio) as the number three singles player; Martin Linkhorst, a junior business administration major from Borlange, Sweden, (Hagaskolan) as the number four singles player; Johan Eriksson, a sophomore business administration major from Karlstad, Sweden, (Tingvalla) as the number five singles player; and Johan Olsson, a junior finance major from Smedjebacken, Sweden, (Adalsskolan) as the number six singles player.

In First Team doubles, Ouachita fared equally well. Daniel Vejman, a sophomore business administration major from Stockholm, Sweden, (Avgangeberg) and Henric Axelsson, a freshman business administration major from Karlstad, Sweden, (Tingvalla), were selected as the conference's number one doubles team.

Bermudez and Robert Ungh, a senior business administration major from Stockholm, Sweden, (Sapporo Tounn), were chosen as the LSC's number two doubles team; and Eriksson and Olsson were tabbed for honors as the conference's number three couple team.

On the Lone Star Conference's Second Team All-Conference from OBU in Singles were Vejman as the number one singles player and Ungh as the number two singles player.

Armstrong Atlantic State University of Savannah, Georgia upset the third ranked Ouachita Tiger tennis team, 5-3, in the round of eight at the NCAA Division II Championship Men's Tennis Tournament at Skeeter-Carson Tennis Complex In Pensacola, Florida.

Women's Tennis

Lone Star Conference Commissioner Fred Jacoby announced that Ouachita's Christina Henry, a junior mathematics major from Ennis, TX; and Karyn Hughes, a freshman applied music major from Forrest City, have been selected for inclusion on the LSC Commissioner's Honor Roll for their academic performance during the 1998-99 sports year.

The Lady Tigers, coached by Betsy Danner, finished the year at 1-14.

Baseball

Commissioner Fred Jacoby announced that three Tiger baseball players have been chosen for honors for their classroom work. Named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll were: Billy Adams of Sherwood (Sylvan Hills), a junior pre-engineering major and a pitcher for coaches Tom Murphree and B.J. Brown; Ronald Glass of Ashdown, a junior accounting major and a pitcher; and Louie Heard of Hot Springs (Lake Hamilton), a senior biblical studies major and a shortstop.

OBU ended the season with a 10-38 record overall and a last place 4-17 Lone Star Conference North Division conference mark.

The Tigers ended the year with a school record 15-3.

Gortmaker named defensive coach

Ouachita head football coach Todd Knight announced the hiring of defensive coach Rustin Gortmaker to the Tiger football coaching staff.

Gortmaker, a graduate of Tarleton State (TX) University and a native of White Deer, Texas, came to Ouachita from his position as a graduate assistant under Ken Hatfield at Rice University in Houston.

Gortmaker graduated from Tarleton State with a business degree and lacks three hours before earning a master's degree in education and athletic administration from the University of Houston.

At TSU, Gortmaker played free safety and will continue on the defensive side of the ball at Ouachita as a coach.

Knight heard of Gortmaker through David Lee, whom Knight assisted at the University of Texas-El Paso and is now the offensive coordinator for the Rice Owls. Gortmaker was intrigued by some of the changes he had seen in the program since playing against Ouachita while at Tarleton.

"I've really been impressed with the commitment the administration has made to improving the athletic program," said Gortmaker. "The remodeling of the field house and the renovations of the weight room are really encouraging."

"Eventually we want to turn the program around and compete for conference championships," said Gortmaker. "We have a long way to go, but we're off to a great start."

By Chris Babb

The Tiger Gridiron Club invites you to a special day honoring Coach Buddy Benson

Saturday, October 9, 1999

Schedule of Events

Noon-1:45 p.m. Sign in (booth adjacent to the concession stand)
2:00 p.m. Ouachita vs. Southeastern Oklahoma
A. U. Williams Field
Halftime: Special Recognition
of Coach Benson with former players on the field
5:30 p.m. Roast & Toast Banquet
Evans Student Center Banquet Room
Tickets: $10
7:30 p.m. Reception

For more information contact David Sharp, OBU Box 3788,
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The events of June 1, 1999, will forever brand themselves into the minds of those primarily affected by them and those who are secondarily touched by that night. As the details unfolded of the crash and its aftermath, there was an overwhelming sense of the awe of God's presence upon all those connected. The bravery, courage, compassion and willingness to act for Christ in a crisis demonstrated by those who were on that flight have been something for which we as alumni of OBU should be proud.

The connection that I have to the choir has been personal. Dr. Fuller served as our interim minister of music last summer and the choir had been in our church in April. Also Barrett Baber and his family have been close friends for years. When I saw Barrett's face on the news I could not help but remember the day he came home from the hospital when he was born. Your heart truly stops in moments like that.

On the Sunday that the choir was at First Baptist they sang a most moving arrangement of Psalm 91. A portion of the psalm says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty, I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day ..." As I listened to the anthem I thought how the psalmist used such powerful images to describe what God does to protect us. Ultimately they are only words but they are the words of God. When we find ourselves threatened by the terrors of any situation all we have are words - His words. I am thankful that we have seen that words do become flesh and make a difference.

As school begins this fall the traumas of that night will be remembered once again. There is still much healing to be done and prayers to be given. There are also words to hold to, promises - the promises of God.

'Traveling mercies' has a whole new meaning, doesn't it?

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Homecoming '99
November 5 & 6, 1999

Schedule of Activities

Friday, November 5, 1999

12 noon  Shotgun start to the First Homecoming Golf Scramble - DeGray
5:00 p.m.  Reunion Dinner Registration - Evans Student Center Lobby
6:00 p.m.  Homecoming 1999 Reunion Dinner - Evans Student Center Banquet Room

7:30 p.m.  Tiger Tunes - Jones Performing Arts Center

Saturday, November 6, 1999

9:00 a.m.  Homecoming Information Booth - Evans Student Center Lobby
10:00 a.m.  Club and Organization Drop-ins

Beta Beta • R. A. Lile Hall, Room 200
Chi Delta • Cone-Bottoms Hall Lobby
EEE • Flippen-Perrin Lobby
Gamma Phi • Maddox Hall Lobby
Kappa Chi • Evans Formal Lounge
Phi Mu Alpha • Mabee Gallery
Rho Sigma • Verser Lobby
Sigma Alpha Iota • Mabee Gallery
Sigma Alpha Sigma • Anthony Lobby
Tri Chi • Frances Crawford Hall Lobby
Friends of BSU • Evans Student Center Bridge
Friends of Education • McClellan Room 314
Friends of OSF • McClellan Room 100
Soccer Alumni • Soccer Field, North Campus
Band Alumni • 10:30 a.m. Mabee Band Room

11:30 a.m.  Tailgate Party/Campus Cookout - Rab Rodgers Baseball Field
( in case of rain - Tiger Den)
1:30 p.m.  Pre-game Homecoming Activities - A. U. Williams Field
2:00 p.m.  Harding vs. Ouachita Baptist University - A. U. Williams Field
5:30 p.m.  After-game Fellowships

Class of '49 • Jones Science Center Lobby
Class of '54 • Elrod Center
Class of '59 • Harold and Jessie Johnson's
Class of '64 • Evans Formal Lounge
Class of '69 • Larry and Gail Pennington's
Class of '74 • Evans Bridge
Class of '79 • Andy and Jeanna Westmoreland's
Class of '84 • Trey and Kathy Berry's
Class of '89 • Rob and Gari Rucker's
Class of '94 • Rob and Allison Pepper's

7:30 p.m.  Tiger Tunes - Jones Performing Arts Center

Thanks to all who attend and support the activities of Ouachita Baptist University's Homecoming
**Memorial Contributions**

*May 1 - July 31, 1999*

- **David O. DeArmond**  
  Former Music Faculty  
  By: Drs. Lynn and Evelyn Whitten

- **Bess Dickinson**  
  By: Drs. George and Ouida Keck  
  Mr. and Mrs. Larry Richter

- **Martha Durrett**  
  By: Mr. and Mrs. Farris C. Purviance, Jr.

- **George O. Ellis**  
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1941
Dorothy Lee (Moreland) Jones was recognized in January for her 47 years of service as church educational director-secretary-administrative assistant by Hampton (VA) Baptist Church. The award named the newly renovated church fellowship hall in her honor. She and her husband, Francis, reside in Hampton.

1945
James W. Johnson (fs) was honored in March by Lake Hamilton Baptist Church in Hot Springs for his 59 years of ministry. He has served at that church as interim and associate pastor since 1992.

1949
Ezra and Laura Jo (Meador) Wingfield celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 2 with a reception at Salem United Methodist Church near Benton, AR.

1950
Preston Taylor had his books, "Colossenses: La Gran Celebra de Cristo" published by the Spanish House of Miami and "Exposicion de Numeros" published by Casa Bautista of El Paso. This brings to eleven books he’s had published in Spanish.

1951
Billy and Geraldine (Dugger, '50) Walsh have retired from North Greenville College, he as professor of religion and she as associate professor of psychology. They live in Tigerville, SC.

John L. Martin and wife, Laurabeth, moved into an assisted living complex in May. They would love to hear from former classmates who can write them at 85000 Emerald Way, #186-C, North Richland Hills, TX 75180.

William S. Townsend is a retired senior economist with Mobil Oil. He and wife, Lawan, live in Rockwall, TX.

Roy Adams celebrated his 50th anniversary as an ordained minister. He was ordained in July 1949 while a student at Ouechita. He pastored for years before joining the Baptist State Convention of Arkansas where he served for 16 years. He and wife, Alline (Smith, '46), live in Goodrich, MI and are members of Eastgate Baptist Church in Burton where he is "pastor emeritus."

1952
Vernon Wickliffe was honored in March by North Little Rock Baring Cross Church in recognition of 50 years as a Southern Baptist minister. He was ordained by that church on March 20, 1949.

1954
Loveta (Smith) Lewis is an elementary school teacher at Buncombe County Public Schools. She and husband, Walter, live in Asheville, NC.

1955
Gerald and Ruby (Martin) Jackson live in Hensley, AR. He's currently the interim minister of education for Little Rock Second Baptist Church.

1956
George Peters recently published a Civil War diary kept by his great grandfather, a Union soldier. The book is entitled "Diary of G. Peters, High Private."

Tom Urey, who has taught New Testament and Greek at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth since 1959, retired this summer. Following retirement, he plans to pastor full-time.

1957
John A. Johnson reports he's in his third career. After obtaining his Ph.D. from University of Oklahoma and teaching history at the university level, he started his own business which developed school district maps. He retired from that in 1995 but didn't enjoy retirement so he is now a special education teacher at Fremont High School in Oakland, CA. He traveled to Arkadelphia this summer to see the campus after 42 years.

Gayle Bone recently joined the staff of Fellowship Bible Church as pastor of congregational care. He and wife, Sandy, live in Little Rock.

1958
Ralph Sullinger retired as controller of Promotions Unlimited Corp. in Racine, WI, and moved with wife, Estelle, to Morganton, NC.

Richard Lamborn retired in July as director of the Missions Department for the Baptist Convention of Iowa, a position he held for fifteen years. He and his wife, Lois (Moeller) live in Winterset, Iowa.

1959
Kay Rodgers Bentley and husband, Kenton, live in Henderson, NV. Before retiring, she was employed by Lockheed and worked with NASA on moon rock experiments.

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Jim Buckner, chief executive officer of Abilities Unlimited of Arkansas, Inc., a nonprofit corporation engaged in counseling and services to the temporarily disabled, served as the keynote speaker at the June dedication of Centennial Park in Crosscut. He and his wife, Carol, live in Crosscut.

1963
Joel Moody retired in May from pastoral ministry after 43 years. He will continue to supply preach and will and his wife, Joyce, will live in Hot Springs.

1964
Mike and Sue (Cros Sant) Scifres own and operate Eufaula Pharmacy and Country Sunshine Christian Bookstore in Eufaula, OK. Mike continues to broadcast basketball and football games for local radio and lay preach in surrounding churches, and Sue teaches Precept Ministries Bible studies. Friends can email them at scifresm@eufaula.lib.ok.us.

Mike Harrison is chaplain at Low Self Correctional Institution. He and wife, Carol (Taylor, '68), live in Ocala, FL.

Harold Harrison and wife, Paullette, live in Mesquite, TX where he’s owner and consultant for InfoTech Search, a computer company.

Tom and Sandy (Dungan) Sawyer have been transferred to Houston where he’s senior sales rep for Mine Safety Appliances. They have four children and six grandchildren.

1965
Ellis and Kay (Miller, '64) Melton work in the International School of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, and Tobago, West Indies.

David Odum is hospital administrator for Medical Group of North Florida. He and wife, Judy, live in Bristol, FL.

Sam and Charlotte (Bennett) McKinney (fs) live in Burlington, KY, where he’s an officer with the Internal Revenue Service.

David Person lives in Longview where he’s self-employed with the forestry industry.

1966
Judith (Hill) Holloway reports that she lost her voice about 10 years ago, but can talk now thanks to Botox injections every three months at Johns Hopkins. She and husband, Stanton, live in Pasakie, PA where she does massage therapy and some freelance copywriting at home. Friends can contact her at mrsrighthand@hotmail.com.

1967
Patricia Bates is associate dean of students for Cedarville (OH) College.

Ronnie Coleman and wife, Galya, live in Arlington, VA where he’s a webmaster and Internet developer.

Dean Dickens has started a new church, North Cities Fellowship, in Garland, TX. Wife, Karrin (Miller) (current student at Ouachita and Doug, ’97), a graduate student in linguistics at Northern Arizona University.

Nancy (Bledsoe) Kennedy lives in Hot Springs where she’s a Herbalife distributor. She maintains that she has her real estate license in Arkansas and Texas and is licensed for insurance, securities and is a certified elementary teacher.

1968
David Claybrook pastors Christ Church of St. Louis, MO, a non-denominational church which reaches teens in drugs, gangs and the Marilyn Manson culture.

Anthony McGowan and wife, Charlene, live in Arlington, TX, where he co-owns a computer company, Highland Moon.

Bill Meeks teaches math at Catoosa (OK) High School as well as being an army helicopter pilot flying CH-47D Chinooks for the Army Reserve. Wife, Becky (Eldor), teaches science at Central Junior High in Sand Springs, OK. They live in Tulsa and have three grown children, Kellye, Johnny and Susan.


1969
Paul and Linda (Casey, ’66) McClung live in North Little Rock where he pastors Sherwood First Baptist and she teaches at Abundant Life Schools.

Ed Johnson was named principal at Norman Junior High School in Crosscut, AR. He formerly served as head football coach and athletic director at Crosscut High School before entering school administration.

Carolyn June (Thurmond) Brooks and husband, Charles Ray, an Arkansas state police corporal, live in West Fork, AR, just south of Fayetteville. She’s a library media specialist, yearbook advisor and a K-1 gifted and talented instructor for the Springdale School District. The Brooks have four children, Charles Tracy, Kellie Arnette, Kimberly Ann and Gina Lou.

Frances Lee (Scott) Smith her husband, Dr. Herschel Smith, are home missionaries to Michigan with the SBC North America Mission Board. They live in Gwinn, MI.

Roy McDaniel is trained and serves as an intentional interim minister in Altus, OK. (Continued on page 26)
1970

On June 1, Kim Patterson was named director of Southeast Arkansas Regional Library, which serves five counties and is headquartered in Monticello. Prior to new employment, he served for 29 years as audio/visual coordinator and librarian at Ouachita Baptist University.

Cliff Harris returned to his hometown of Hot Springs recently with former Dallas Cowboys teammate, Charlie Walters, to appear at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Hot Springs Golf Tournament. Harris' parents still live in Hot Springs.

1971

Becky (Fullbright) Cox resides in Fayetteville, AR with husband, Ron, and daughter, Allison. She teaches English, speech and drama at Fayetteville High School and sponsors the high school literary magazine, "Connotations."

Ouida (Eppinette) Keck was elected president of the National Federation of Music Clubs. Her two-year term will include planning national meetings, coordinating departments, representing the organization before Congress and traveling to other state conventions. She is associate professor of music at Ouachita.

Boband Debbie (Arnold, '89) Crouch live in Fayetteville, AR where he's enjoying retirement from teaching and coaching and she's a speech pathologist at Fayetteville High School.

To celebrate their 50th birthdays, these former classmates gathered from all over the country to meet in Hot Springs: Dianna Kirk Thayer (Maryland), Rebecca Hodges Blackwood (Texas), Ruth Ann Smith (Florida), Julie Fawcett, Gay Flagg Carver, Sarah Jean Jacks Lindsey and Donita Austin Easley (Arkansas).

1972

David and Donna Henderson reside in Bedford, VA where he pastors Bedford Baptist Church.

1973

Ed Falcomata is minister of music for East Ridge Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN.

Miles and Susan (King) Kelly are in Lexington, VA where he's a deputy with the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office.

1974

Lynn and Towannan (Payne)

1976

Rick Trimble is rabbi for Kehilat Sha'arit Yisrael Messianic Jewish congregation in Colorado Springs, CO.

1977

Janice (Sorrenti) Price, after being a classroom teacher for 22 years, is now assistant principal for Kraus Elementary in Clarksville, AR. She and husband, Bruce, an engineering lab manager for Baldor Electric, and sons, Nathan 16 and Jordan 15, live in Knoxville, AR.

1979

Jane Ann Knowles teaches 6th grade in Mountain Home, AR. Keith (fs) and Doris (Anderson, fs80) McKinney are employed at Camp Carson, a camp owned by the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Newport, TN. He's the camp manager and she's in charge of food services.

Randy and Jean (Saunders) Crowder live with sons, Bryan 16 and Aaron 13, in Pensacola, FL. Randy's an investigator in the economic fraud division of the State Attorney's Office and a Lt. Colonel with the Army Reserve Civil Affairs Command. She's a speech language pathologist working with mentally handicapped and autistic children in county schools. She recently completed her master's degree at Florida State University.

David and Sonia (Hutchins, '80) Garrison have moved to Richmond, VA after serving as missionaries to Egypt, Tunisia and England since their appointment in 1992. He's working at the SBC International Mission Board as associate vice president for strategy coordination and mobilization. She is lead vocalist for a local band, "The
Mouser serves as chairperson of the Board of Trustees for Southeast Arkansas College in Pine Bluff.

Danny Carroll is a computer programmer and database report r for Mental Health Consortium in Topeka, KS.

1981
Cindy Gill is procurement analyst with the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command in Huntsville, AL.

Charles and Debbie Jo Smith live in Grand Prairie, TX, where he's the preschool/children's minister at First Baptist Church.

1983
Casandra Walker Eni is employed with Siemens Corporation, an investment/finance company in St. Albans, NY. She married Barrett Eni Kauf, founder and president of Enichal Foreign Export, in August 1997. She has a son, Frederick Gooden, and two stepdaughters, Oluchi and Chinyere.

Cheryl Warren Bradford is project manager for Nokia, a computer company in Keliri, TX.

1984
Scott Price is a web editor for Startpath.com, a computer company in Los Angeles, CA.

Jim Hubble is case manager for the FDIC's regional office in Atlanta, GA. He and wife, Elizabeth, and daughters, Vivian and Grace, live in Marietta.

David and Majette (Hundley) Green live in Shawnee, OK where he owns a barbecue sales and catering business.

Tim Woolridge is a technical manager and systems engineer at Electronic Data Systems in the Dallas area. He and wife, Nancy, have two children, John 5 and Ashley 3.

Walter Washington is a teacher with the Horry County School in Myrtle Beach, SC. He can be reached at Kappa2Boy@iol.com.

Jim and Melanie (Cardine) Constable pastor a small church, Tabernacle Fellowship, in Warrenton, VA. He also runs his own painting business. They home school their six children.

Steve and Shannon (Cardine) Bollinger recently moved to Warrenton, VA where he runs a building-contracting business. They home school their seven children and has a home library and writes a newsletter for home schoolers in that area.

1985
Shelly (Stout) Pharis is a youth counselor at the Youth Home in Little Rock. She and husband, Jimmy, live in Alexander.

Michael Joe Layton is athletic director for Tipton-Rosemark Academy in West Memphis, AR.

A. Reid Cullum lives in Germantown, TN with wife, Connie.
1987

- **Pat Patterson** is head of the tobacco litigation division for the law office of Windle Turley, P.C. He and wife, Christina, live in Plano, TX.
- **Scott and Christine (Roberston, '85) Street** moved to Jonesboro, AR, where he's chief operating officer at St. Bernards Regional Medical Center. She is full-time mom to Samantha 8, Nathan 5 and Zachary 3.
- **Tammy Wheat** is minister of children education at Calvary Baptist in Little Rock.
- **John Harrison** recently received his MBA from Mercer University in Atlanta. He is employed at GMAC as a commercial lending analyst. Friends can contact him at jdhaw@mindspring.com.
- **Scott Bradley** was transferred to Denver, CO, by Texaco where he works in the employee relations-compensation department. His responsibilities include travel to work sites in the Rocky Mountains and Southern California.

1988

- **Sandra (Merkey) Moulton** is personal lines team leader for Indiana/GRE Insurance Company.
- **Bill Reynolds** is a partner in the law firm of Nolan, Caddell & Reynolds. He and wife, Alice, live in Fort Smith.
- **Tim and Beth (Owens, '89) Ferguson** with daughters, Kayla 10 and Kelesi 8, have moved to Louisville, KY, where he's the network engineer for Baptist Healthcare System.
- In May, Alberto Gomez received his master's in social work degree with concentration in group therapy from Yeshiva University in New York City. He's employed with Puerto Rican Family Institute, Inc. in Brooklyn.
- **Clifford and Ginger (Toland, f86) Holcomb** live in Springfield, MO where he's branch manager for Taylor Paper Company.
- **Eddie Watson** is working on his Ph.D. at Baylor University in Waco, TX.
- **Sam and Lori (Whitlatch) Caery** moved to Jonesboro in July where he joined the staff of Walnut Street Baptist Church. They have one daughter, Beth Anne.
- **John Harrison** moved to Monticello, AR, where he will have a family practice, specializing in OB and surgery. They have two children, William Cole, 4 and Katherine Grace 2.
- **Keith and Renee (Honea, f85) Norwood** live in Alexander, AR, where he's self employed as a psychological examiner.
- **Shawn Presley** is news director for Kenyon College in Gambier, OH.
- **Darin and Lisa (Jones) Williams** live in Lakeland, FL, where he's purchasing manager for Fleetwood Homes and she does the morning show at WOPZ in Orlando.

1990

- **Eric and Gaye (Cox, '88) Ramsey** and children, Andrew 7, Tori 4, and David 1-1/2. She's a full-time mom and he's a sales engineer for The Crane Company.
- **Sarah (Downs) Shooter** is a computer operations analyst for EDS. She and husband, Carl, live in Carrollton, TX.
- **Steve Snider** is president of Fellowship Academy, a foundation established by Little Rock's Fellowship Bible Church to manage the endowment of the church. He also chairs the Little Rock chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- **Craig Hobson** is self-employed as a youth minister who preaches and provides special speaking at retreats, conferences, etc. He lives in Van Buren, AR with wife, Melanie, and four children, Caleb 8, Catherine 6, Meredith 4, and Nathanael born October 1998.
- **Deana (Doss) Day** is the co-news director and co-anchor for WMDN/WGBC TV in Meridian, MS.
- **Steve Moore** is minister of music at East Memorial Baptist Church in Prattville, AL, a suburb of Montgomery. Wife, Sherry (Hendrickson, '87) stays at home with Garrett 4 and Faith, born in December '90.

1991

- **Jay and Karen (Gourley, '89) Connelly** moved to Monticello, AR, where he will have a family practice, specializing in OB and surgery. They have two children, William Cole, 4 and Katherine Grace 2.
- **Robert and Eleana (Owens, f89) Norwood** live in Alexander, AR, where he's self employed as a psychological examiner.
- **Shawn Presley** is news director for Kenyon College in Gambier, OH.
- **Darren and Lisa (Jones) Williams** live in Lakeland, FL, where he's purchasing manager for Fleetwood Homes and she does the morning show at WOPZ in Orlando.
- **Chris and Michelle (Crockett) Johnson** live in Fort Smith where he's the teaching pastor for Community Bible Church and she stays at home with children, Nathan and Anna Kathryn.

1992

- **David and Wendy (Cantebury, 90) Price** live in Magnolia, AR, where he's an attorney and she teaches music in their home and serves as adjunct music faculty at Southern Arkansas University. They have two sons, Jacob 7 and Nicholas 1.
- **Ricardo Escobar** will be traveling to the Czech Republic in September with a group of 70 evangelists to preach. He also plans mission trips to Mexico this summer. He and wife, Amy, live in Houston, TX.
- **Chris and Michelle (Crockett) Turner** are in San Jose, Costa Rica, where he serves as overseas correspondent for "The Commission" magazine, a publication of the BBC International Mission Board.
- **Susan (Young) Wilson** teaches third grade in White Settlement, TX. She and husband, Rick, live in Fort Worth where he owns a landscaping and lawn company.
- **Chris (Tschigg) and Wendy (Johnson, '91) Taylor** live in Fort Smith where he's the teaching pastor for Community Bible Church and she stays at home with children, Nathan and Anna Kathryn.
Greg and Tonya Schanfish live in Cove, AR where he pastors First Baptist Church, as well as serving as associate youth minister and camp programs director. They have two children, Megan and Matthew.

David and Renee (Fleming) Bond and daughter, Kelsey, reside in Bryant, AR where he's minister of music and worship at First Southern Baptist Church.

Shawn and Ashli (Spain), '93 Francie have moved to Arkadelphia where he's a commercial lender with Elk Horn Bank and Trust. She plans to stay home with son, Chandler.

Annaiese Eden is office manager for Primerica in Little Rock.

Jason Beams is minister of praise and worship at Fairfield Baptist Church in Houston, TX. Wife, Stephanie, is a student at Houston Baptist University.

Renée Mehart is speech therapist at Arch Ford Co-op and lives in Russellville, AR.

Danny and Julie (Traux) Barrentine live in Sherman, TX. He teaches history and is football coach at Denison Middle School and she teaches Spanish at Denison Middle School.

Doug Hixson and wife, Dana, have moved to Pine Bluff where he's student minister at First Baptist Church.

Bryan and Erin (Berry) Bolton live in Lamar, MO where he's minister of music and she's a nurse for a local doctor.

Wes and Lesley (Poteet) Hamilton are in Fort Worth, where he's pursuing his masters degree in Christian education from Southwest Seminary and she is business manager for the law offices of Sharpe & Tillman. He also continues his speaking ministry through Shoestring Ministries and can be reached at wes@shoestringministries.com.

Scott and Michele (Woodall) Pickle have lived in Seattle, WA for four years, where he's a design lead for Microsoft and she's a compensation analyst for Group Health Cooperative. She graduated in May with her MBA in human resources management from City University where he's working on his MS in computer science. They would love to hear from friends and can be reached at pickle.m@ghc.org or scoott@microsoft.com.

Jeff and Christy (Akins) Brawner were appointed in March by the SBC International Mission Committee.

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Board as missionaries to Brazil, where they will minister and plant churches in Fortaleza, Ceara.

1995

Mary Anne Hardaway, a.k.a. Mary Anne Morgan, is disc jockey for KQUS-US 97-FM radio station in Hot Springs.

Tonya (Beavert) Lonon is an associate with the law firm of Goins, Underkoffer, Crawford and Langdon in Dallas, where one of the partners is David Paschall, '87. Tonya's husband, Justin, is press secretary for the mayor of Dallas.

April (Works) Moreau is a staff accountant at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

Karon Edge lives in Little Rock where she's administrative assistant for FamilyLife, a division of Campus Crusade for Christ.

Jennifer Lea (Johnson) Goudy teaches at Arkansas Baptist School System in Little Rock.

Dan and Veronica (Nelms, fs) Reeves and Camryn, 2-1/2, live in Jonesboro, AR, where Dan's minister of music and youth and she is children's minister at First Baptist Church in Marked Tree. He also owns his own painting business, Reeves-Walker Painting.

Karissa (Wiley) Cheatham received her master of arts degree in speech pathology at Louisiana Tech in May 1998. She and husband, William, live in Texarkana where he's a civil engineer with Arkansas Highway-Transportation Dept.

Angela Williamson is an internal project leader at Axcion in Conway, AR.

Stacey Swilling graduated from dental school in Memphis in May and is practicing in Sheridan, AR.

Lee Crouse has been in West Virginia working for a theatre troupe. This fall he's returned to OBU to work in the Jones Performing Arts Center.

Linda Lea Hanrahan is head volleyball coach and teacher at Jennings (MO) School District.

Jennifer (Wallace) Hale is a RN/surgical nurse at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale and husband, Eric, is an environmental compliance officer with Mitchell Oil in Fayetteville.

Donna (Hobby) Lewis is a nutritional assistant at Baptist Health in Little Rock. She and husband, Terry, live in Benton with three children, Ashlie Dintleman 2, Notie and Hannah Lewis, 7 and 8.

Jason Petty is employed at Topkea (KS) Swim Association as head age group coach.

Brent and Sarah (Armstrong) Moseley live in St. Cloud, FL where he's a teacher and football coach at Osceola High School.

Steven Gonzales is chemist and plant supervisor for GEO Specialty Chemical Company. He and wife, Amber, live in Luka, MS.

Tanya Hicks was recently promoted to senior systems specialist (computer programmer) at Alltel Information Services in Little Rock.

Shelly Porter completed her master of science in education degree in early childhood education this summer at Henderson and has moved to Springdale where she will be testing pre-school special education children for the Northwest Arkansas Educational Cooperative.

1996

Patrick and Misty (Bigler, '99) Faircloth live in Waco, TX where he's assistant band director at Waco High School and she's band director for Tennyson Middle School.

Gibson Largent is an assistant director of residential life at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee and serves as college/career director at Northwest Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, where his wife, Julie, is children's minister.

Heather (Harris) Callaway is a law student at UALR and clerks for University of Arkansas' Office of General Counsel.

Jack Laurence Cates, marketing director for Shoestring Shakespeare Company, had his full-length script, "1869: Aftermath of the Raven," produced as a featured work at the 1999 San Antonio Playwrights Festival in August.

Jason Ponder is a financial advisor for AXA Financial Company in Little Rock.

Kelley McCoy is minister of music for Park Hill Baptist Church in Ardmore, and wife, Natalie, is enrolled in Ouachita.

Chris Jones is head girls' basketball and assistant football coach at Mountain Pine High School near Hot Springs.

Ryan and Michelle (Egner) Baldi live in Arlington, TX where he's freight operations supervisor for ConWay Southern Express truck line.

Beth Ann (Lee) Parnell is self employed in advertising sales in Hermitage, AR.

Jessica Franks has been promoted to weekend producer at KARK-TV Channel 4 in Little Rock.

Bruce Cullom lives in Nashville, TN where he's in full-time music.

Aaron Erskine graduated in May 1999 from Southern Baptist Seminary with a master of arts degree in Christian education.

Kelly Ballard is assistant manager and athletic trainer at Legends Gym and Health Club, owned by Wadley Regional Medical Center, in Texarkana, TX. She recently passed his administrative boards and is a certified athletic trainer.

Amy (Blackwood) Sparks is a speech language pathologist for Waxahachie (TX) I.S.D.

Brett Chumley is recipient relations specialist for Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care in Little Rock.

Mike Nelson lives in Virginia Beach, VA, where he's pursuing his master's degree in education from Old Dominion University and is employed by the Navy in the special warfare community.

Chad and Shayna (Sesne) '97 Poole are in Waco, TX, where he's attending Truett Seminary at Baylor University and she's employed with Habitat for Humanity.

Michael and Wendy (Sharp) Forrest live in Benton, AR, where he's manager for First Choice Lease or Own and she's a full-time daughter, Faith Agnes.

Nathan and Kim (Irwin) Twigg are in Titusville, FL, where he's a RTI with Washington Special, a handicapped/disabled organization.

The Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies at Ouachita will be publishing

Rosemary: A Journey from East to West
(Memoirs of Rosemary "Mom" Chu)
by Lou Ann Locke and Rosemary Chu

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Brant Steffey is a student football assistant at East Central (OK) University at Ada.

Theresa (Gillespie) Cunningham lives in Las Vegas where she's a case manager for Koinonia, a social services organization. Husband, Peter, is a home missionary assigned to that area by the SBC North American Mission Board.

Lance McSwain works for Midland Sun Salmon Fishing Co. as co-captain of a fishing boat in Seward, Alaska.

Caroline Reddin lives in Little Rock where she's an accountant with Deloitte and Touche.

Ben and Jeanette (Becchold) Darley live in Seaside, CA where she's studying Russian at Fort Ord Defense Language Institute of the Air Force. She stays at home with son, David Maxwell.

Bobby and Robin (Matlock) Rollins are in Little Rock where he's an originator for Northwest Mortgage and she's a credit analyst for Nuvell Credit Corporation.

Keith and Meredith (Snow) Purifoy and daughter, Natalie, moved to Springfield, AR where he's employed by Merrill-Lynch.

Angie Stephens is an investment banking assistant for Morgan Keegan & Company in Memphis, TN.

John and Janna (Young) Barber live in Conway, where he's attending graduate school.

Steve and Joveta (Saylors) Arnold live in Omaha, where he owns and operates four chicken houses for Tyson Foods and she's head girls volleyball-basketball coach at Harrison Junior High School.

Krista (Thomas) Malin teaches kindergarten at DeValls Bluff Elementary School and husband, Mark, owns a commercial roofing company in Brinkley.

David S. Smith serves as associate minister of music for Geyer Springs First Baptist Church in Little Rock.

Justin and Becky Rhymes live in Maumelle, AR where he is minister of youth at First Baptist Church.

Richard "Rip" Young is minister to youth at Rocky Mountain Community Church in Westminster, CO.

FACULTY/STAFF

James Haggard, former dean of students at Ouachita, observed his 60th anniversary in the ministry last August by preaching at Holland Baptist Church in Vilonia where he previously served as pastor. He and wife, Sarah, live in Conway. They have four children, James Jr. (73), John (73), Jenny Lind Allen and Sarah Nan Keathley.

Sybil Barkdale, dorm mom for O.C. Bailey, retired last August. She lives in Curtis, AR.
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Brandon Heims to Sherry Hailey, May 28, 1999.

1993

Christopher M. Esch to
Cynthia Lynn Parker, May 1, 1999.

Collins A. Cobgill to

Myllisa Sue Rogers (fs) to

Amy Williams (fs) to

1994

Belynda Ann Keller to Robert
Shawn Haggar, June 20, 1998.

Johnpaul “J.P.” Arnold

Amy Lynn Cooper, November 21, 1999.

Daytra Rogers to Ernest

John Pike, Jr. to Melanie
Branum, April 9, 1999.

Brandon H. Jones (fs) to

Hailey C. Hatch (fs) to Scott

Adam Jordan to Jennifer
Files (fs), August 26, 1999.

1995

Steven A. Gonzales to Amber
Lynn Elliott, April 10, 1999.

Jennifer Diane Wallace (fs) to

Steven Jo Landers, Jr. (fs) to
Shannon Nicole Samples, June 12, 1999.

Karissa Ann Wiley to William
Cheatham, June 19, 1999.

Shauna Erin Bauer to Keith

Virginia “Ginny” Vaught to
Rickey Gregg, June 20, 1999.

Elizabeth Yoakum (fs) to Matt

1996

Gibson Largent (fs) to Julie
Hook, November 21, 1999.

Virginia “Ginny” Loarie to

Carey Richardson to Eric

Lindsay Jo Lay (fs) to Stephen

Mike J. Nelson to Lisa M.

1997

Tamra Meacham to Michael

Rebecca A. Busby to Robert

Kristi Maxwell to Dustin

Clayton Lee Owen to Sarah
Beth Shaw, June 5, 1999.

Jesse Ryan Gray to Kristin
Renee Lavender, June 12, 1999.

Celeste Michelle Sherrod (fs)

Melanie Jacks to Bryan
DeBusk, June 19, 1999.

Jennifer Reece to Chad

April Heintz to Christopher M.
Minor, July 24, 1999.

1998

Meredith P. Kelley to Ryan C.

Robin Matlock to Robert J.
“Bobby” Rolls, Jr., April 24, 1999.

Jeremy Scott Greer to
Merrilee Shoemaker (fs99), May 19, 1999.

Ashley Elizabeth Doss to

Kimberly Ann Pesselt to Shea
Christopher Jones, May 29, 1999.

Matthew J. Shepherd to

Monica J. Leagans to P. Tad
Hardin (‘99), June 12, 1999.

Jennifer E. Fisher (fs) to
Charles Robbins (fs), June 12, 1999.

Shawn C. Finney to Pamela
L. Ventimiglia, June 19, 1999.

Mark Neese to Tammy
Henson, June 26, 1999.

Laura L. Blakey to Matthew
B. Harrison, June 26, 1999.

Patti Blackard to Greg

Terri Crouse to Shane
Alan Knupp (fs99), July 31, 1999.

1999

Krista Thomas to Mark Malin,

Laura Crow to Chad

Summer Gilbert to Jeremiah

Kimberly Leigh Pitts to

Andrew Grande to Joy

Amy Morton to Mark Phelan,

Nicole Baugher to Jason
Evers (fs94), August 7, 1999.

Current Students:

Allison Rose Kemp to Blake
Andrew Smith, May 22, 1999.

Kelli Marie Ashbrook to Bryan
Matthew Wilson, June 5, 1999.

Jennifer Guthrie to Jeffrey

Jessica Lee Webster to

Heather Nance to Aaron

Kathryn Rawls to Ben
Cantrell, August 7, 1999.

Amy Pace to Justin McDonald,
August 7, 1999.

1999

Matthew and Hideko (Ueno)
Howell (fs) to Christian Howell,

Welcomed by Brian T., Tiffany 4,
Rachel 3, and Regan 1.

Jay and Bonnie Cufin,
daugher Gabriel, July 30, 1999.

Joins Christopher (11 in January).

Adam and Jason 10, Gideon 6 and
Charity 2.

1990

Bruce and Ruth (Reaves)

Joins Britany 9 and Brandon
5.

1991

Guy and Cara Wade, Harrison
Seth, April 9, 1999.

Joins brothers Cooper Ryan 4 and
Carter 1.

Steve and Sherry
(Hendrickson, ’87) Moore,
daughter Faith Noelle, December
1998. Welcomed by brother Garrett
4.

Jim and Stacy (Simmons)
Freeman, son Walter Simmons,
May 24, 1999.

1992

Tony and Susan (Girand)
Warren, son Samuel Payne,

John and Joan Threet,
daughter Anna, born April 11, 1999.

Joan and Alexia Harrison, son
Davis Philip, June 25, 1999.

Pascal and Amy Stowell,

Welcomed by brother Micah 2.

1993

Dennis and Michelle (McCoy)
Smith, daughter Hannah Michelle,

Dale and Alicia (Keaster)
Patrick, daughter Kaycee Rose,
February 18, 1998.

Chad and Tracy (Theriaic)
Jean, daughter Katherine Grace,
February 25, 1999.

Kris and Nickole (Muncy,
fs’96) Shinn, daughter Emma Kay,
March 11, 1999.

Rusty and Denise (Prewitt)

Ross and Sara (Fish)
Campbell, daughter Mary Erin.

Turner, daughter Harper Clara,
June 17, 1999.

1999

John and Kelly (Coulter, ’92)
McCuiston, son Chris Edward, April
14, 1999.

Brent and Lynnette (Thomas)
Gourley, daughter Bethanie Grace,
June 29, 1999.

Chris and Wendy (Johnson,
’91) Taylor, daughter Anna Kathryn,

Chris and Felley (Nall, ’88)
Lawson, daughter Josephine
“Josie” Hall, July 26, 1999. Joins
sister Clary 4.

1990

John and Jill (Johnson)
Rothwell, son Joseph Tyler, July
1, 1998. Welcomed by sister Grace
Ann.

Paul and Jennifer (Easter)
Harrison, daughter Ashley Hope voted
May 12, 1999. Joins Kelsey Grace
4.

1991

Arden and Kimberly
(Shultis, ’92) Jones, daughter Eden

Welcomed by brother Garret 2-
1/2.

Brian and Kristi (Walker, ’92)
Harrison, son Austin Edward,

David and Elizabeth (Dyer)
Even, son Matthew Lawrence,
March 9, 1999.

1992

Bill and Laura (Bushmaier)
Haley, daughter Bethel Kennedy,
March 1, 1999.

Patrick and Nancy (Bush)
Hale, son Taylor Andrew, March
30, 1999.

Craig and Melanie (Cicero,
’93) Jenkins, son Reid David,
April 29, 1999. Joins brother Ryan 3-
1/2.

Rick and Leigh (Burnham)
Edmondson, daughter Emily Marie,
July 7, 1999. Big brother Jake is 2. 2.

1993

Jenny and Michelle (McCoy)
Smith, daughter Hannah Michelle,

Dale and Alicia (Keaster)
Patrick, daughter Kaycee Rose,
February 18, 1998.

Chad and Tracy (Theriaic)
Jean, daughter Katherine Grace,
February 25, 1999.

Kris and Nickole (Muncy,
fs’96) Shinn, daughter Emma Kay,
March 11, 1999.

Rusty and Denise (Prewitt)

Ross and Sara (Fish)
Campbell, daughter Mary Erin.
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March 24, 1999.
David and Rebecca (Griffin, '94) Graham, daughter Katie Marie, March 26, 1999. Welcomed by sister Macye.

1994
Lee and Melanie (Stephen) Busby, daughter Madison Louise, August 1, 1998.
Kipper and Holly Clarke, daughter Audrey Louise, April 7, 1999.

1995
Jeff and Michelle (Cannon) Greer, son Spencer Cennon, August 16, 1998.
Carey and Carrie Lee (Reinhart) Roberson, daughter Sara Emilee, April 14, 1999. Welcomed by brother Jacob 5.
Marc and Billie (Cloud, '94) Heflin, daughter Grace Elizabeth, May 1, 1999.
Kelly and Heidi (Steeger, fs) Dall, son David Carson, May 28, 1999.
Jason and Sarah (Goodin) Bean (fs), daughter Emma Marie, June 14, 1999.
Bo and Sarah (Heard) Renshaw, son James Bryan, June 18, 1999.

1996
Michael and Wendy (Sharp) Forrest, daughter Faith Agnes, December 1, 1998.
Ryan and April (Lee) Grisham, daughter Emily Elizabeth, April 28, 1999. Welcomed by brother Ryan Jr. 1.
Chad and Jessica Gallagher, daughter Rachel Grace, June 3, 1999. Joins sister Hannah, 18 months.

1997
David and Becca (Leach, '96) Sanders, daughter Abigail Pennington, March 23, 1999.
Lannie and Jennifer (Tolbert) Byrd, son Joshua Caleb, May 1, 1999.

1998
Ben and Jeanetta (Becholdt) Darley, son David Maxwell, November 27, 1998.
Keith and Meredith (Snow) Purifoy, daughter Natalie Ann, June 20, 1999.

1999
Preston and Julie (Pierce) Harris, daughter Kaili Hope, June 5, 1999.

DEATHS:
1919
Mary (Williams) Beauchamp, March 28, 1999, Little Rock, AR.

1922
Henry Foote Coleman (fs), March 20, 1999, Princeton, AR.

1924
Juanita (Whitaker) Green (fs), March 20, 1999, Princeton, AR.

1926
Madge (Wade) Clayton, June 11, 1999, Conway, AR.

1927
Harry A. Borah, January 21, 1999, Phoenix, AZ.

1929
Max Harrelson, June 4, 1999, Winchendon, MA.

1931
Thomas R. Brown, February 1999, Anderson, SC.

1938
Sarah Frances (Brannon) King (fs), March 17, 1999, Fort Worth, TX.

1939
Marilyn (Goodbar) Viala (fs), April 12, 1999, Cabot, AR.

1940
Ambrose Cash "A.C." Shaw (fs), May 2, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

1942
John M. Basinger, November 8, 1995, Trumann, AR

1944
Henry Thomas Wright (fs), March 23, 1999, McCrory, AR.

1947

1949
John Clay Burch, Sr. (fs), April 30, 1999, Warren, AR.

1952
Earl McCuin, May 23, 1999, Rogers, AR.

1953
Annette (Stephens) Vestal, March 10, 1999, Arlington, TX.

1956
David Lee Hanning (fs), April 23, 1999, Fayetteville, AR.

1964
Lillie Ann (Limbert) McBrayer, April 21, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

1966
Ronald Mensinger, June 1, 1999, Plantation, FL. (Motorcycle accident)

1968
Marjorie (Ringfield) Toombs Bolt, May 4, 1999, Gurdon, AR.

1969
George J. Davis (fs), October 10, 1998, Texarkana, TX.

1982
Roger D. Pattillo, July 29, 1996, Poplar Bluff, MO (notified February 1999)

1975
Gary Bettis (fs), June 23, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

1984
Gary Glover, May 13, 1999, Marianna, AR.

Current Student
James A. Harrison, June 1, 1999, killed in American Airlines crash, Little Rock, AR.

IN MEMORY

Melanie McGuirk, who worked as an administrative assistant in Ouachita's Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community, was among 13 drowning victims in the sinking of an amphibious boat in Lake Hamilton on May 1. McGuirk was touring the area in the "duck" with her husband, James "Jed" McGuirk; his mother, Laura Todd; and her husband Ronald Todd; and the Todds' two children - Thomas, 5, and Emily, 4. The family members were celebrating Jed's 23rd birthday.

According to witnesses and survivors, the duck sank in less than one minute, pulling most of the 21 boat occupants down with it. Among the 13 who died in the accident were Melanie, Ronald Todd, and his two children, Thomas and Emily.

Jan Cosh, Ouachita's assistant to the president for community development and director of the Elrod Center, said that McGuirk's death meant a loss of "a valuable member of this community and the Elrod Center."

Describing McGuirk as a "self-sacrificing" person, Cosh said she was working at the University to put her husband through college. Jed is pursuing his biblical studies degree at Ouachita.

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The Second Century Group is a fellowship of alumni and friends who have included Ouachita in their long-range estate plans. Currently there are 319 families and individuals in this elite club, triple the number of only a few years ago. Provisions for Ouachita include a number of life-income split-interest gifts such as Charitable Remainder Trusts and Gift Annuities which generate tax and income benefits to the donors during their lifetimes, after which the individual balances are distributed to Ouachita to be used as directed. A number of donors have purchased life insurance policies naming Ouachita as the beneficiary. Most estate provisions for Ouachita are simple bequests of a stated percentage of the estate, designated for scholarship endowment, endowed chairs, or other endowment needs. Some bequests are not designated, allowing Ouachita to use them for the most pressing needs at the time.

An accompanying article illustrates the marvelous impact estate gifts have on Ouachita and her student body. In fact, bequests are an indispensable part of Ouachita's very existence. The income from endowment funds initiated through estate gifts provides a significant portion of the budget each year, either directly or via scholarship aid for students. Both current and "deferred" gifts are vital, enabling Ouachita to maintain high-quality programs and facilities that attract our best young people in Arkansas and surrounding states, while keeping tuition affordable.

See "Second Century" page C

Record estate gifts for Ouachita

During the last fiscal year, which spanned the period between June 1, 1998 and May 31, 1999, Ouachita received more than $4.2 million from gifts made through bequests in wills and trusts, charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities. This amount breaks the record of $3 million set in the 1990-1991 fiscal year when Ouachita received the wonderful gift from the Pete Parks estate.

Most of the estate gifts are designated for permanent endowment, meaning that all of the above and attract the best students in the region; and to the donors, who set the example for others by leaving a named legacy that will generate blessings in perpetuity.

The record year follows a succession of solid receipts from estate gifts, averaging $775,000 a year over the preceding four years. The year beginning June 1, 1999, promises to be a great one too: executors hold more than $2 million pledged to Ouachita, representing gifts from two estates which are almost through the probate process. Gifts from trusts and estates are primarily responsible for the three-fold growth in endowment over the last decade or so, which exceeds $40 million.

To illustrate the way endowment funds benefit Ouachita and her students, reflect on what effect $1 million in scholarship endowment has in a typical year. Ouachita’s standard policy is to use 5% of the principal for scholarship awards, plowing any excess income back into the principal to enable the fund to grow. Therefore, from the $1 million endowment there would be $50,000 available for awards. Awards vary in amount, but with awards of $2,500, twenty young people would receive assistance in that year. Most of our students qualify for other forms of financial aid, such as federal and state grants, work study, academic merit scholarships, and if needed, low-cost loans. From the student's viewpoint, the scholarship aid is often the decisive factor in whether he or she attends Ouachita or not. Every dollar is meaningful to college-bound young people.

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Gift annuities provide a multitude of benefits to donors and to Ouachita

Our tax laws encourage charitable giving, allowing individuals to deduct from their taxable incomes and estates the dollars given to qualified charities. With only a few exceptions, a gift has to be complete to generate any tax deduction at all. One of the exceptions is the Charitable Gift Annuity, for many reasons the most popular split-interest giving vehicle nationwide.

The term "split-interest" denotes a gift that initially benefits the donors before it becomes a completed gift to the charitable entities. For example, spouses who invest in a Gift Annuity will receive income for their lifetimes, after which the remaining principal is used as they directed in the original agreement. Since the Gift Annuity is irrevocable, the donors enjoy an immediate income tax deduction based on the "remainder value" of the gift, a product of the combined life expectancies and the applicable discount rate. In essence, older annuitants get bigger tax deductions.

In addition to the lifetime income and the tax benefits, the Gift Annuity offers another "goody" that sets it apart from all other giving options: A portion of the donors' annuity income is tax-free because it is considered return of principal by the Internal Revenue Service. For older annuitants, the tax-free portion of their income is commonly in the 40 - 50% range. Factoring in the savings from the income tax deduction and the tax-free portion of the payout, the real rate of return can exceed the stated rate by 2% or more.

Example: A retired couple, the husband, 72, and the wife, 71, decide to invest $25,000 in a gift annuity with Ouachita. Here's what the annuity does for them:

Charitable Income Tax Deduction: $8,100.00
Annual Annuity Payout: $1,750.00 (7%)
Exclusion Ratio (Tax-Free): 50%
Annual Tax-Free Payment: $875.00
Effective Rate of Return: 9.5%

The income tax deduction may be spread over six years if necessary. The couple will have to itemize to take advantage of the deduction. Of their $1,750 annual income from the Gift Annuity, one-half of it is tax-free, not included in their taxable income for the year. Considering the tax benefits, and assuming that the couple itemizes, their real rate of return is 9.5%. It is worth mentioning that the annual payment obligation is guaranteed even if the principal has to be invaded, and if necessary, to the extent of the resources available to Ouachita.

After the last surviving annuitant passes on, the remaining principal in the Gift Annuity account becomes available to Ouachita to use according to the donors' wishes. In many cases the donors establish a permanent endowed scholarship fund with the proceeds. Ouachita encourages the donors to name these funds for themselves or their families as a lasting legacy, and to motivate others to establish endowments of their own.

A Gift Annuity with Ouachita continues to give in perpetuity, first to the donors, then to deserving young people for decades to come. The Associate Vice President for Estate and Gift Planning will provide a detailed and personalized illustration of Gift Annuity benefits upon request. For more information, call (870) 245-5169, or write to the above at OBU Box 3754, Arkadelphia, AR 71998.

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Estate planning seminars offered

For several years, the Ouachita development office offered estate planning seminars for Ouachita constituents, churches, senior groups, and others, conducted by attorneys and other professionals in the field. During that era, Ouachita personnel presented programs on estate and gift planning in an estimated 150 locations, illustrating options and helping people to accomplish their long-range goals.

Very few things change as fast as technology and tax laws. Even attorneys have a difficult time staying abreast of the constant revisions in the tax code, necessitating subscriptions to update services which provide information for a fee. In the estate planning arena, a practitioner who falls behind may cost a client tens of thousands of dollars. At Ouachita, our development office stays current on tax laws, and our personnel attend a number of legal seminars each year to learn the latest in innovative techniques and options.

Technology has given us a better tool to present the estate planning information. Software programs offer the ability to prepare colorful presentations that are emitted from a small laptop computer and projected through special equipment on a screen. This is a much better way to convey some complex information than, say, with a dull handout. At our program we provide copies of all the slides, along with spaces for notes.

People should review their estate plans annually. A seminar is a good method of motivating folks to look at their planning and make whatever changes are needed, or in too many cases, motivate them to take some first steps in estate planning. The Ouachita program covers wills, irrevocable and revocable trusts, durable power of attorney, estate and gift tax, joint property, life insurance, charitable planning, and more. If you wish to learn more about the seminars, or want to schedule one for your group, call our office at (870) 245-5169.

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There is a nationwide campaign to motivate folks to leave a legacy to benefit others after they are gone. An estate gift is an especially appropriate way for us to give back some of the blessings we have received, making the world a better place for others. A named endowment fund edifies the giver and the receiver, who at Ouachita might be hundreds of young scholars in the years to come. If you have already included Ouachita in your plans, and you are not already a Second Century member, please let us know. If you have not made a provision for Ouachita, please consider doing so. Call me if I can be of service.

All of these benefits recur every year from a permanent endowment fund. With an average investment return on portfolios of stocks, bonds, and market funds, fund growth should at least match inflation so that the endowment continues indefinitely to have the same effectiveness year after year. Endowment funds offer people an opportunity to generate continuous blessings for others, even centuries after they are gone.

We encourage all Ouachita alumni and friends to consider setting aside a portion of their accumulated assets to establish some type of endowment fund. Contact the Associate Vice President for Estate and Gift Planning, OBU Box 3754, Arkadelphia, AR 71998, if we can be of assistance.

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For more information about charitable gift annuities, return this form for our free booklet, Income for Life Through Charitable Gift Annuities.

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