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# The OUACHITA CIRCLE

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## A Word from the President ...

As the parents of a 13-year-old daughter, Jeanna and I are reminded every day just how great it is not to be 13 years old! Of all the wistful comments that I hear from my middle-aged friends, the one I never hear is, "Wouldn't it be great to go back and relive those junior high years?"

Being a teenager has always been tough, but being a teenager today may be more dangerous than ever before. We pray for our daughter, we try to impose the right boundaries, we encourage, we have straight talks, and we recognize that our credibility deteriorates during these particular years. That's why we're grateful that Riley is blessed by being a part of a great youth program in our church in Arkadelphia.

So what does that have to do with Ouachita? The answer is that many of our Ouachita students are investing themselves in the lives of junior and senior high kids in Arkadelphia's churches. They speak with authority to our kids and their lives are beautiful examples of the ways in which Christ makes a difference, an eternal difference. On a recent Saturday night, David James, the leader of the collegiate ministry team for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, spoke to the youth of our church. Afterwards, as I thanked him for making the drive from Little Rock, he looked around the room at the dozen or so Ouachita students who were caring for our kids and said, "It must be great to see the fruits of your labor return to help your own daughter." It was such a transparent observation, but it was one that I had missed. Frankly, my labor is a tiny part, if that, of bringing these students to this point of ministry. Instead, it is the parenting they received, the influence of servant-leaders in their home churches, the relationships with Ouachita faculty and staff, and — especially — the abundant grace of God. For all of these things, and especially for the presence of these students in our lives, I am grateful.

As always, please keep Ouachita in your prayers.

*Andy Westmoreland*

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*On the cover: Ouachita Student Senate President Sarah Huckabee, Arkansas First Lady Janet Huckabee, Governor Mike Huckabee, and Ouachita President Andrew Westmoreland in the Governor's Conference Room at the State Capitol. (story page 9) • photo courtesy of Jim Harris/Governor's Office*

# Hickingbotham Hall

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## HICKINGBOTHAM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



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• Frank Hickingbotham

Business students at Ouachita will soon have the opportunity to study in a new state-of-the-art facility thanks to a \$3 million gift from Frank D. Hickingbotham, according to Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. The new facility will offer a total of approximately 40,000 square feet of space, which will almost double the space currently used by the Hickingbotham School of Business.

"Over the years, Ouachita's school of business has demonstrated a commitment to constant improvement and has a reputation for providing students with a high quality education," said Hickingbotham. "It has been a pleasure working alongside friends at Ouachita to be a part of this undertaking. It is my hope that the new building will help the school of business to continue in its efforts toward educating the next generation's business leaders."

The gift will be matched through fundraising efforts that will take place over the next nine months with construction of the new Frank D. Hickingbotham Hall set to begin next year. The total cost of the building is estimated to be \$6 million.

Hickingbotham Hall will serve as the anchor for a series of buildings known as the mega-structure, which houses the majority of classroom space at Ouachita. Centrally located on campus, the new hall will be positioned in an area that was once

the site of Old Main Hall, one of the first campus buildings, so the new facility will serve as a connection to the university's history.

"In this competitive economic climate," said Westmoreland, "we believe it is important to give our students the best tools possible to assist them in the educational process. Hickingbotham Hall will help us to accomplish that goal. The new facility will include computer labs, an auditorium, classrooms, faculty offices and a student lounge. We are honored to have Mr. Hickingbotham's continued support, and we look forward to working with other friends to finish the financing for the project."

Hickingbotham, the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Hickingbotham Investments, Inc. the founder and former chairman of the board, and CEO of TCBY Enterprises, Inc., has a long-held interest in Ouachita. A former student, Hickingbotham has maintained support of the school for many years and has been a contributing factor to the growth of the business program.

Business courses have been offered at Ouachita for more than 100 years. A division of business was organized in the early 1950s, and the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business was established in 1992. In 1999, Hickingbotham and several family members assisted the school by helping to endow the program. In 2002, the school gained recognition

by earning accreditation from AACSB International-The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

"We are grateful for Mr. Hickingbotham's generous support of our program," said Dr. Phil Rice, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business. "He is a member of our executive advisory board and never misses a meeting. That type of personal commitment from leaders such as Mr. Hickingbotham is tremendously valuable to our students. Also, I believe that the addition of this facility will provide a critical element that will help take our program to the next level. Over the years, we've worked to put together the four necessary ingredients for a strong program. We've sought to assemble a strong faculty, to attract and mentor students who want to learn, to develop a curriculum that is relevant and challenging and to house all of this in an environment most conducive to learning. Frank D. Hickingbotham Hall is the final needed ingredient and will be a wonderful learning center."

The gift moves Ouachita past the \$47 million mark in its Circle of Excellence campaign. The campaign goal of \$62.5 million is Ouachita's most ambitious fund-raising campaign to date. The campaign is the first phase in what will be a decade-long effort to reach a goal of \$125 million in support for the University.

• Rebecca Jones



## Challenge gift prompts fall phonathon

Students at Ouachita have been busy contacting alumni, former students, and friends of the University as part of a first-ever Fall Phonathon. The project was prompted in part by a \$500,000 challenge gift from a Ouachita alumnus. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, asked that a matching amount be raised for the Ouachita Scholarship Fund by the close of the fiscal year on May 31, 2004.

According to Ouachita President Andrew Westmoreland, the anonymous gift is very welcome because of an ambitious effort to raise scholarship funds during the current fiscal year. "Our goal for current scholarships this year is challenging. This generous gift will make a significant dif-

ference, and it provides a perfect opportunity to involve other Ouachita alumni in assisting our current students."

"The possibility of a Fall Phonathon had already been discussed," explained Director of Annual Giving Shirley Hardin. "The challenge gift quickly became the focus of this new effort. It's been exciting to share the news of the gift with our student callers."

The National Phonathon has traditionally been held in the month of February. "Because Ouachita is blessed with so many alumni and friends, the students have never been able to call them all in the spring," Hardin said. "We hope that the addition of a Fall Phonathon will allow more of them to be reached."

The time of year was not

the only change in the Phonathon's format. A smaller group of student callers was used and more time was spent training them. Callers urged friends and alumni to stay connected via Ouachita's website, answered questions about student life, and encouraged them to introduce high school students to Ouachita.

Amanda McGill, a senior business major, liked the new format. "We spent more time on the phone and tried to make a connection, whether they made a pledge or not," she said. "I stayed late one night to make calls to the west coast. The people I reached were excited to talk to someone from Ouachita."

Hardin said it was difficult to set a goal for the Fall

Phonathon since there was no precedent. The previous four Spring Phonathons had averaged slightly over \$100,000 in pledges, so \$50,000 was set as a goal for the fall event. "We didn't know what to expect," she said. "So I am very pleased to report that the alumni and friends we contacted pledged over \$66,000. We will contact the other half of our group in the spring, and anticipate that the combined results will show more total contacts and money raised for students scholarships."

"The Fall and Spring Phonathons will play an important part in matching the generous challenge gift from our alumnus," Hardin added. "The Phonathon gives hundreds of our alumni and friends a chance to make a real difference in the lives of our students."

## Banquet honors University's top donors

Drs. Andy and Jeanna Westmoreland welcomed friends of Ouachita on December 6 to the Annual Donor Appreciation Dinner, followed by the Festival of Christmas musical presentation.

As the official launch of the holiday season for the campus community, the events provided a perfect atmosphere to thank donors who are members of the Founders' Society, the Circle of Excellence, and the President's Associates donor clubs. Financial support provided by these friends is vital to Ouachita in ways that are as numerous as the donors themselves. From scholarships to baseball equipment to summer research to medical funds, and beyond, donors to Ou-



### FESTIVAL •

The annual donor banquet was held prior to the Saturday production of Festival of Christmas. The musical event was sponsored by the Jones School of Fine Arts.

chita enable the university to continue to grow and to thrive.

Following dinner, the Festival of Christmas musical event showcased the vast talent of over 200 Ouachita students. Sponsored by the Jones School of Fine Arts, the show included vocal music as diverse as lively hip-hop holi-

day tunes to sacred Christmas carols, and instrumental music ranging from horns to handbells. Like years past, this year two sell-out crowds enjoyed the start of the Christmas season by attending the Festival of Christmas. The event was directed by Dr. Charles Wright.

Of the evening, Dr. Wesley Kluck, chairman of Ouachita's Board of Trustees remarked, "Each year at this special event, we look forward to seeing people who love Ouachita the way we do. It always refreshes us to spend this time with members of the Ouachita family. For my own family, this evening at Ouachita has become our official beginning to the Christmas holiday season."

Kluck encourages those invited to attend the annual Donor Appreciation Dinner and the Festival of Christmas to include this evening in their plans for the upcoming 2004 holiday season. The date for next year's event is December 4, 2004. • by Kathy Berry

## James Guthrie to lead new church scholarship program

James E. Guthrie has been named as coordinator of the church scholarship program at Ouachita.

"James will be working directly with pastors, alumni, former students and friends of the University in Southern Baptist churches to identify outstanding students in their churches who should be coming to Ouachita," said Joe Franz, vice president for development. "He will work with these churches and their members to raise \$6,000 for these students and the University will then match that money with \$3,000, giving these students \$9,000 in aid per year from this source."

Guthrie is a 1971 graduate of Ouachita. He attended seminary extension classes in Little Rock.

His wife, Rita, is a 1972 graduate of Ouachita and a counselor at Gurdon High School. The couple has two daughters: Jennifer Guthrie Baker, a 1999 OBU former student who completed her degree at UA-Fayetteville and now lives in Little Rock, and Jessica, a senior pre-dental hygiene major at Ouachita.

Prior to coming to Ouachita in July, Guthrie was in pastoral positions over a period of 33 years that include: Shady Grove Baptist Church, Sparkman; First Baptist Church, Curtis; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Harrisburg; Second Baptist Church, West Helena; Beech Street Baptist Church, Gurdon; and Third Street Baptist Church, Arkadelphia.

"I am excited about this program and James heading it," said Franz. "It offers our churches an advantage of having a direct impact in assisting outstanding young people in their fellowships to attend Ouachita when they might not otherwise be able to attend because of financial considerations."

• by Mac Sisson

## SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED

### The John W. and Gloria Elrod Endowed Scholarship Fund

The John W. and Gloria Elrod Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by John W. Elrod of Rison. To be eligible for an award from the Fund, a student must have demonstrated above-average academic achievement and potential as reflected in his or her grade point and ACT score. Academic merit, combined with personality and citizenship, will be the determining factors to qualify for an award.

### Chaplain Austin L. Ingram Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund has been established by Chaplain Austin L. Ingram of Texarkana, Texas. The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students enrolled at Ouachita. Recipients must be in the junior or senior year of study and must be responding to a calling to the chaplaincy ministry in an institutional, hospital, industrial, or military setting. Recipients from southwest Arkansas and/or northeast Texas will be given first preference.

### Lehman and Virginia Webb Endowed Scholarship Fund

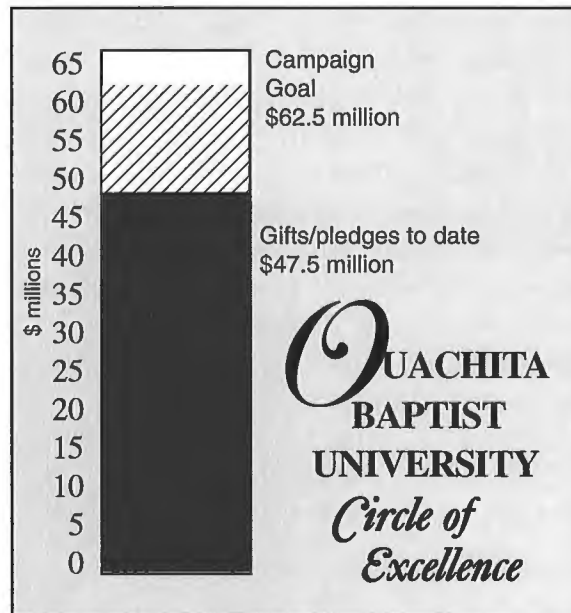
This scholarship fund has been established by Mrs. Virginia Webb and the late Lehman Webb of Little Rock. Recipients of the scholarship fund must be enrolled as a full-time student at Ouachita, pursuing a major within the Pruet School of Christian Studies.

## Campaign continues: nearing \$48 million

The Circle of Excellence Campaign, which has a goal of \$62.5 million, was approved by the Board of Trustees in August, 2001, with the public launching in March 2002. In March 2002, gifts and pledges totaled \$30 million and in May 2003 that total was \$42 million. As of the end of November 2003, the total is nearly \$48 million.

We have concluded the campaigns among the faculty and staff and exceeded their goal of \$500,000 with a total of \$770,000 and the Clark County portion with a goal of \$800,000 reached \$1,070,000. An amazing total of \$1,840,000 was committed from our local faculty/staff, alumni and friends.

The campaigns for the trustees and former trustees, central Arkansas, foundations, friends, and alumni are still ongoing. The response from all of the leaders in the various campaigns has been tremendous.





## A Ouachita Story...

### *Life-long relationships that encourage purpose and learning*

Across the bistro table at Market Place Pharmacy and All Thru The House in Little Rock, Janice and Ray Turnage frequently laugh as they share the story of how their lives have become intertwined with Ouachita. With both Janice and Ray coming to Ouachita in the mid-1960s, they describe a student life that is similar in many ways to today's traditional, residential college experience. Although both enjoyed a rich social life and the close quarters of dorm living, each maintained on-campus work assignments to help their parents in the effort to pay for Ouachita. Their young determination was rewarded with Ray going to pharmacy school as an early-admitted student, and Janice graduating from Ouachita in 1968.

Janice and Ray instilled this same passion for Ouachita and a solid work ethic in their children, Stephanie and Chris, who have graduated from Ouachita in recent years. As the Turnages encouraged their children to consider college, they held strongly that it was important for their children to accept on-campus work opportunities and to fully connect in the social aspect of college life. Janice recalls, "We told them to stay on campus for at least four weeks before coming home, to participate in social activities and dorm life, to really enjoy being a student, and of course, to go to class!"

As time passed, the Turnages began to consider ways to help Ouachita after the many years of paying tuition ended. This past year they have served in a volunteer leadership role as chairpersons of the major gifts section of the central Arkansas division of the Circle of Excellence Campaign. By establishing the Ray and Janice Turnage Endowed Scholarship Fund, they will help students choose Ouachita as their college home for generations to come. Janice passionately comments, "That's what we just tell everyone - you can go to Ouachita if you want to! There are scholarships, and work opportunities, and loans, and even if you have to borrow, there is just a noticeable difference that Ouachita offers." She goes on to describe very touchingly that among those who attend Ouachita, there is an extended-family type of relationship, a relationship that is Christian, and a personal quality that is unmatched. Like their family business, Ray and Janice reflect that Ouachita has a similar character. In this setting, they remark "relationships are everything." They continue to demonstrate the heritage of a Ouachita education as they celebrate their brand new granddaughter's first Christmas by opening an account for college - "a Ouachita fund" Janice proudly announces.

Ouachita is grateful for the life-long relationship with Janice and Ray, their children Stephanie and Chris, their son-in-law, Jay Southerland, and now granddaughter, Addie. We'll save a place for Addie in the Ouachita Freshman Class of 2021!

• by Kathy Berry



# Governor Huckabee to donate political memorabilia to Ouachita



photo courtesy of Jim Harris/Governor's Office

Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee will donate the papers and memorabilia from his years in political life to Ouachita. The announcement was made at a press conference held December 3 in the Governor's Conference Room at the Arkansas State Capitol.

Huckabee, an OBU graduate and former member of the Ouachita Board of Trustees, will have served as governor for more than 10 years when he leaves office in January 2007. He will be the third longest serving governor in Arkansas history and by far the longest serving Republican governor.

"The decision to donate all of my papers and memorabilia to Ouachita was an easy one," Huckabee said. "No institution has had more of an impact on my family and me than Ouachita has had. Ouachita was vital in helping me advance my faith, stimulate my intellect and shape my life.

"Ouachita challenged me to pursue excellence as a Christian and as a student. It challenged me to live a life of service to God and others. If I spent 10 lifetimes working full time, I could never repay Ouachita for its contributions to me and the thousands of others

the school has served through the decades," he said.

Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita, attended the announcement and described his excitement that the collection would be held by Ouachita.

"Governor Huckabee's terms in office have come at an unprecedented time in Arkansas history," Westmoreland said. "He has led our state through difficult times in the aftermath of natural disasters and September 11. He has aggressively engaged some of the most difficult issues we face today, from health care to education reform. His time in office is one that historians and political scientists will want to study. We're pleased that Ouachita will be the site of this research."

Westmoreland, who also teaches political science, said the Huckabee donation will join a growing collection of political papers housed at Ouachita. The first major collection was that of the late John L. McClellan, U.S. senator from Arkansas from 1943-1977. Former U.S. Rep. Jay Dickey also recently donated his official papers to Ouachita, and Rep. Mike Ross has announced his intention to do so.

Huckabee was only the fourth Republican elected to statewide office since Reconstruction when he became lieutenant governor in a special election in 1993. He was elected to a full term as lieutenant governor in 1994 and became one of the youngest governors in the country in 1996 when his predecessor resigned.

Huckabee is recognized as a national leader in education reform, serving as chairman-elect of the Education Commission of the States. Also a national figure in health care reform, his ARKids First program has been recognized nationally for providing health insurance to tens of thousands of children who previously had no access to health insurance. Historians will find discussion of a variety of other issues in which the Governor has been proactive, including improvements in Parks and Tourism, technology and road construction.

Huckabee and his wife, Janet, were students together at Ouachita. Their daughter, Sarah, is a senior at Ouachita and serves as president of the student senate. One of her older brothers, John Mark, was graduated from Ouachita in 2000.

• by Jeff Root

# Bernice Young Jones

*"Her happiness was found  
in making life better for others."*

*Chancellor Ben M. Elrod*



**B**rilliant, she was absolutely brilliant," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita Baptist University, when asked to describe Bernice Jones. "She had a great business mind and could see possibilities that most of us can't. She could recognize potential and would want to invest herself, and she had a tremendous spirit."

Mrs. Jones, a long-time friend to Ouachita, passed away on September 10, 2003. She was 97 years old, and for most of those years she devoted herself to the service of others. An entrepreneur and close partner to her husband of 51 years, Harvey Jones, Mrs. Jones felt that she had been given an opportunity to help and serve others because of the prosperity she and Mr. Jones had experienced.

The Joneses were married in 1938. Several years prior to their marriage, Mr. Jones opened a transport business in north-west Arkansas. The company, which came to be known as Jones Truck Lines, Inc., flourished under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Jones and in 1948 became the largest independently-owned trucking line in the United States, a status the company would enjoy until 1980 when the Joneses sold the business. Mr. and Mrs. Jones served as the "board of directors" for the company and were both actively involved in the day-to-day operation of the business. According to a 1996 interview with Mrs. Jones, the two spent countless evenings discussing business ventures and financial strategies for their enterprise.

The business, however, was far from

the only topic of conversation in the Jones household. The couple shared a strong sense of community, and both were dedicated to such causes as education and health care. The two served on numerous boards and were instrumental in the creation of the Springdale Memorial Hospital.

Upon retiring from the trucking business, the Joneses looked for ways to increase their philanthropic work. They continued past involvements and sought new opportunities for service to various organizations. After Mr. Jones' death in 1989, Mrs. Jones decided to continue their work.

Dr. Ben Elrod, Ouachita's chancellor, mentioned a story that Mrs. Jones would often tell. She said that shortly after Mr. Jones passed away, she sat in her home

thinking and praying, and she realized that she could feel sorry for herself or "get busy doing things for others." She felt that God had given her the instruction and inspiration she needed. Mrs. Jones began what some would call a tireless mission of philanthropy that has benefited countless numbers of people.

On one college campus in south Arkansas alone, Mrs. Jones transformed the landscape and helped a school and its students take important steps during a critical period of development.

The relationship between Mrs. Jones and Ouachita began more than 25 years ago during the administration of then-president, Dr. Daniel R. Grant. The Joneses assisted with the building of McClellan Hall, which houses academic programs in the social sciences and education. Several years later, they wanted to increase their charitable relationships and contacted their former pastor and close friend, Burton Miley, to learn more about Ouachita. Miley made contact with Grant. Soon, Mrs. Jones had established the Harvey Jones Chair of Marketing. Over the next couple of years, the Joneses endowed a scholarship and provided funding to outfit Ouachita's telecommunications program.

"Mrs. Jones always had a strong feeling toward Ouachita," said Grant. "She had such a generous spirit, and she was always so cheerful. We would talk on the phone from time to time, and our conversations were such a pleasure for me. She was a classic case of a person with a generous heart. She simply loved to give of herself to others, and she enjoyed seeing the results of her gifts."

Following Grant's retirement from office in 1988, Elrod was elected to serve as Ouachita's president. During his term in office, he worked closely with Mrs. Jones whose interest in the college seemed to grow as her relationship with members of the campus community deepened. Elrod, Westmoreland, who served as executive

vice president for administration during Elrod's presidency, and associate vice president of estate and gift planning, John Cloud, were among the friends of Mrs. Jones. They were able to develop a strong rapport and a partnership that allowed Mrs. Jones to pursue her interests in building projects that would enable Ouachita to make great advancements in academic and structural quality.

The Jones Performing Arts Center opened in the fall of 1992 with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra performing the first major concert in the 1,500-seat facility. The grand opening event honored the lives of both Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Since that opening performance, the Center has hosted hundreds of cultural events each year that have benefited Ouachita's community and visitors from all over the United States and around the world.

In 1997, the Harvey Jones Science Center opened for classes. The four-story facility allowed Ouachita's natural sciences program the opportunity to progress dramatically. The building offered large classroom and lab facilities, all outfitted with high-quality equipment.

"Bernice Jones' gift to build the Harvey Jones Science Center was a dream come true for those of us in the natural sciences," said Dr. Joe Jeffers, dean of the J.D. Patterson School of Natural Sciences. "We were able to build a state-of-the-art facility that provided classrooms, labs, study centers, and research facilities. We continue to thank Mrs. Jones every day as we move about in this lovely building. It is a monument to both Mr. and Mrs. Jones."

Although the buildings exist as a lasting reminder of the generosity of Mrs. Jones, it is the fond remembrances of her held by those who knew her that more poignantly illustrate the depth of caring felt by members of the Ouachita community. Essentially, the relationships that Mrs. Jones had with people at Ouachita were about much more than donations

and building projects.

According to Cloud, "Mrs. Jones didn't care who you were, what you did, how much you owned or didn't own. You were her favorite person at that particular time. And, you felt it." Cloud would visit Mrs. Jones in her home from time to time and talked about the kindness and hospitality she demonstrated to him. "On the many occasions I had the great privilege of being in the company of Mrs. Jones over the years," said Cloud, "I never once saw her in a bad mood."

In addition to the kindness Mrs. Jones demonstrated, she was a person with a keen sense of curiosity, many interests and a very positive attitude.

"Mrs. Bernice Jones was one of the most generous and happiest people whom I have ever known--and I feel that those two characteristics were closely related," said Elrod. "Her happiness was found in making life better for others. She had an infectious laugh that could come only from a happy heart, and she was interested in literally everything. Our conversations were sheer pleasure for me, and they seemed to be so for her. Telephone conversations almost always turned into long-lasting ones, with her inquiring mind ranging over many and varied interests."

"To say that Bernice Jones was charitable can't begin to cover all that she did," said Westmoreland. "It's difficult to describe what she has meant to Ouachita. I know that without her, we would not have made several important advancements, and we would not be able to provide the education and environment that we are currently providing for our students. Beyond the sheer magnitude and impact of her gifts, I have always considered it a great honor that Mrs. Jones chose to invest herself in Ouachita's development. I counted her a friend and will continue to be inspired by her life, her accomplishments, her faith and her brilliance."

• by Rebecca Jones



**Dr. J. Daniel Hays**, the Elma Cobb Professor of Biblical Studies, is the author of a recently released book titled "From Every People and Nation: A Biblical

Theology of Race." The book is published by InterVarsity Press of Downers Grove, Illinois.

The analysis provides a theological foundation for life in contemporary multiracial cultures and challenges churches to pursue racial unity in Christ.



Perry

This past summer, **Dr. Marty Perry**, associate professor of chemistry, and **Dr. Tim Hayes**, assistant professor of chemistry, received Biomedical

Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) Fellowships to participate in research projects at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock.



Hayes

Perry was involved with a cancer-related project with Dr. Tom Kieber-Emmons from the UAMS department of pathology. "We're trying to develop ways to slow down the spread of cancer, and maybe even ultimately develop vaccines," Perry explained.

The project, done solely through computer simulations, models the interaction of protein molecules with carbohydrate molecules. "We'd like to look for a way to stop the interaction of the proteins and the carbohydrates," he said.

Hayes spent the summer working with Dr. Bobby McGehee of the UAMS department of physiology. Hayes explained that his research is directed at one particular question; "How do precursor cells turn into the kind of cells they're going to end up being?"

Hayes wants to determine the mechanisms involved in making a precursor cell into a differentiated cell. His specific area of focus is fat cells.

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

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

The 2004 rankings were released Aug. 22 by "U.S. News" on its website and are featured in a printed version of the newsmagazine. The rankings also appear in the "America's Best Colleges" guidebook. The website and guidebook provide statistics and a number order ranking of almost 1,400 colleges and universities divided into categories based on

mission and region. The accompanying "best value" rankings are a combination of academic quality and cost.

"We're pleased to be included again among the top colleges and universities in the South," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. "Our faculty, students, and alumni deserve the praise for Ouachita's success, because they demonstrate each day the value-added nature of the education that we attempt to deliver. Ouachita's ranking, and the high standing of other private colleges in the state is added proof that Arkansas students don't have to look far in order to find great options for a college education."

• by Jeff Root

## Employees honored for service to University

Thirty faculty and staff members representing 495 years of service to Ouachita were recognized by the institution with service awards at the annual Faculty/Staff Banquet on August 21.

The awards were presented by President Andrew Westmoreland.

One faculty member, Dr. Alex Nisbet, professor of chemistry, was recognized

for 40 years of service. Four individuals shared the spotlight for 30 years of service to Ouachita. They were: Dr. Tom Auffenberg, R. Voyt Hill Professor of History; Dr. Raouf Halaby, professor of English and visual arts; Dr. Richard Mills, professor of sociology; and Dr. John Wink, Betty Burton Peck Professor of English.

Twenty-year awards were presented to Daniel Bailey, physical plant; John Cloud, associate vice president for estate and gift planning; Philip Easley, physical plant; Dr. Craig Hamilton, Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music and director of bands; Luke Owens, physical plant; and Bill Phelps, director of computer services.

Five individuals were honored for 15 years of service. They were: Nona Ander-

son, assistant professor of modern languages; Ian Cosh, assistant to the president for community development and director of the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community; Russell Marshall, physical plant; Nancy Spann, director of Educational Talent Search; and Dr. Bill Viser, associate professor of Christian ministries.



**SERVICE •** Dr. Alex Nisbet was honored at the faculty/staff banquet for 40 years of service to the University.

Honored for 10 years of service to OBU were: Terrence Carter, special programs; Rosemary Flora, lecturer of English; Dr. Charles Fuller, professor of music and director of choral activities; Cindy Fuller, visiting instructor in music; Dr. Keldon Henley, vice president for student services and dean of students; Bill Hulan, physical plant; Debbie Pounders, lecturer in English; Linda Purifoy, special programs office; Dr. Phil Rice, dean of the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business and professor of business; John Selph, computer network manager; Dr. Amy Sonheim, associate professor of English; Larry Sparks, physical plant; Dr. Bob Webster, George Young Professor of Business; and Mary Worthen, visiting assistant professor of music.

• by Megan Beeson

# Keck leads NFMC in rededicating UN piano

In a sparkling rededication of a piano at a world assembly, Dr. Ouida Keck, professor of music, recently ended her term on a high note as president of one of the world's leading professional music organizations.

Keck served for four years as president of the National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC). At the United Nations Building in New York recently, Keck presided over the rededication of piano that had been given to the international organization in 1985 by the NFMC and placed in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium.

"After 18 years, it was in much need of repair," said Keck. "I coordinated efforts and secured \$20,000 in funds to have the instrument restored by Klavierhaus, a well known New York piano firm." She said the restoration took approximately four months to complete and the piano was returned to the newly redecorated Hammarskjold Auditorium in June.

On July 20, Keck planned and held a re-dedicatory recital for the piano. Prior to the concert, which was presented to a full auditorium of NFMC members and UN delegates and employees, Keck presented the piano to Gillian Sorrensen,

assistant secretary general to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The concert featured the Perlman/Schmidt/Bailey Trio with Navah Perlman, pianist (Itzhak Perlman's daughter), Giorgi Schmidt, violinist, and Zuill Bailey, cellist. Bailey is a former NFMC Young Artist winner who has performed several times on the campus of Ouachita. Also on the program was Rieko Aizawa, a member of the New York Philomusica, the group responsible for providing performers for the original dedicatory recital in 1985. Aizawa performed an American piano composition by Dan Coleman, one of the NFMC composition award winners. Funding for the concert was provided by the NFMC and Klavierhaus.

After four years at the helm, Keck surrendered the president's gavel of the NFMC in August and moved to the past president's role. She was also asked to become Finance Division Chairman for the organization which involves responsibility for over-seeing the more than \$5 million in investments for the NFMC.

"Being the president of such an organization as NFMC was a tremendous experience," said Keck "It was at the same time very rewarding and very demanding."

• by Mac Sisson



**THEATRE PRODUCTION** • The department of theatre arts of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts presented Arthur Miller's adaptation of the play "An Enemy of the People" in October. Adapted from Henrik Ibsen's play of the same title, "An Enemy of the People" concerns a physician in a small Norwegian town who has discovered that the medicinal spring waters which have brought fame and wealth to its town are poisoned. Because the townspeople think he is trying to bring ruin upon them, they urge secrecy and compromise, causing the doctor to see that the honesty and idealism that he has relied on does not exist in the face of selfish "practical" interests. He continues to fight for the truth, even though he stands alone. • photo by Lizzie Holmes

## — Recognitions —

### Student educators honored for academic achievements

Two education students were honored for distinction in their academic pursuits. Cara Funderburg, a senior early childhood education major from Hot Springs, received the Educational Testing Service's Recognition of Excellence. She earned a score achieved by the top 15 percent of individuals who took the national test between March 1998 and present. She is a 1999 graduate of Mountain Pine High School

Alicia Whitaker, a freshman choral music education major from St. James, Mo., was named as the State Cadet Teacher of the Year for Missouri. She is a 2003 graduate of John S. Hodge High School.

### Students excel at NATS

Eight music students advanced to the Finals of the 2003 Southern Regional National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Competition held on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton.

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

Of the 60 collegiate slots available in the Finals, Ouachita singers occupied eight, said Dr. Jon Secrest, professor of music, chair of the department of applied music, and coordinator of vocal activities in the Division of Music of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts.

In the Finals, OBU had two first place finishes. Stephen Ray won first place in the Freshman Men category and fourth place in the Lower Division Musical Theatre category. He is a student of Dr. Jon Secrest. Jonathan White won first place in the Junior Men category.

Other finalists from Ouachita included: Elizabeth Hall, fourth place in the Sophomore Women category and second place in the Lower Division Musical Theatre category; Jessica Gartman, fifth place in the Junior Women category; and Kyle Thomas, fifth place in the Upper Division Musical Theatre category.

## —Newsmakers—



**Dr. Mike Reynolds,** associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, completed a Wilderness Education Association (WEA) Professional Short

Course held in the Grand Targee and Grand Teton National Forests in Idaho and Wyoming. Reynolds spent two weeks in Idaho learning how to plan and conduct expeditions into the outdoors.



**Shirley McMillan,** director of the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), was elected to serve a two-year term as President of the Arkansas Association of National Senior Service Corps Project Directors.

The OBU program now has 80 Foster Grandparent volunteers serving in five counties.



**Larry Thompson,** associate professor of visual arts, was the winner of the "Arkansas Times" Best in Show Award at an exhibition titled "UP WITH ART 3"

held recently at the Clear Channel Metroplex in Little Rock. Thompson will be featured in the "Arkansas Times" with a cover story this spring.



**Dr. Amy Sonheim,** associate professor of English, recently had an article titled "Picture Books About the Golem: Acts of Creation Without and Within" published in

a professional English journal titled "The Lion and the Unicorn."



**Dr. Nancy Hardman,** associate professor of communication disorders, recently received her Ed.D from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Her

dissertation was titled, "Pedagogical Knowledge in Teaching General Education and Discipline-Specific Courses: A Phenomenological Study."

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## Eight educators join University's full-time faculty

Eight new full-time faculty members joined the Ouachita faculty this fall. The new faculty members are:

• *Kay Calvert, instructor in education.* Calvert graduated from Ouachita (1993) with a B.S.E. in elementary education. She obtained the master of education degree from Harding University and the education specialist in reading certification from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Calvert taught in K-4 in the Cabot public school system since 1993.

• *Dr. Lori Hensley, assistant professor of biology.* Hensley received a B.S. in biology from Bowling Green State University. Her graduate education included study at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. She earned a Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee in Memphis. Hensley also received post-graduate training at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Prior to coming to OBU, Hensley served as programs specialist for the Arkansas Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

• *Douglas Nykolaishen, instructor in biblical studies.* Nykolaishen received a B.A. in philosophy and an M.Div. from the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. He obtained an M.A. in Hebrew and Old Testament Studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He most recently attended the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, where he is completing his Ph.D. with an emphasis in Hebrew and Old Testament Studies.

• *Dr. Fasika Damte Haile, visiting professor of economics.* Haile attended Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia and earned the B.A. in economics and an M.S. degree with an emphasis on economic policy analysis. He was awarded the M.A. degree in economics and the Ph.D. in economics from Western Michigan University. Previous teaching experiences for Haile include positions as a lecturer at the Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia from September 1995 to August 1998.

• *Dr. Chris Gassler, visiting instructor in music.* He obtained a D.M.A. in trombone performance from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. Gassler earned a B.M. degree from the University of New Mexico and an M.M. from the New England Conservatory of Music. Gassler comes to Ouachita from the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas.

• *Guy and Elena Key, missionaries-in-residence.* They most recently served in Brazil as church planters in Rio de Janeiro. The Keys are both graduates of OBU. He graduated with a B.A. degree and she with a B.M.E. Following graduation, he attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas and completed the M.Div. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in divinity from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California.

• *Zhang Min, visiting instructor in Chinese.* Zhang comes to OBU from Tiantai, Zhejiang Province in Beijing, China, where she is a lecturer in the English Department of Peking University. She received a B.A. from the School of Foreign Languages, Ocean University of China. She obtained the master of arts degree in English from Peking University. Previous work experiences for Zhang include employment at both the Ocean University of China in the School of Foreign Languages and in the English Department of Peking University.

## Counselors named

Danny Prescott and Karen Sines have been named as new admissions counselors at Ouachita.

Prescott is a native of Dallas, where he graduated from First Baptist Academy. He graduated from OBU in 1997 with a degree in health, physical education and recreation. Prescott has worked with the Lady Tiger volleyball program as a student assistant and then graduate assistant. He will coordinate Ouachita recruiting efforts in Dallas, Collin, Ellis and Rockwall counties in Texas.

Sines is a 1999 graduate of Ellison High School in Killeen, Texas. She was a 2003 magna cum laude spring honor graduate of OBU. As a student, she was on the President's List (all As), Dean's List, special events director for the Ouachita Student Foundation, and served as editor of the campus newspaper, "The Signal." She will coordinate OBU recruiting efforts in Denton, Johnson and Tarrant counties in Texas.

# "The Forgotten Expedition" wins Emmy

"The Forgotten Expedition," a documentary film produced through the collaborative efforts of Ouachita, the Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) and the University of Arkansas, was recently honored with an Emmy award for photography and videography from the Mid-America Chapter of the National Television Academy. In addition to winning the award for photography and videography, the film was also nominated for awards in the editing and music categories.

Dr. Trey Berry, associate professor of history and director of the Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies at Ouachita, held the initial vision for the project. He became interested in researching the expedition of historical figures William Dunbar and George Hunter when he was a student at Ouachita. Professors Lavell Cole and Joe Nix made mention of the explorers in classes and emphasized the importance of their work. They noted that history had overlooked Dunbar and Hunter in favor of contemporary explorers, Lewis and Clark, who were commissioned to do the same type of work.

"When Lavell and Joe mentioned that these names were not even in my history textbooks, I became fascinated with the figures," said Berry. "History is full of untold stories, and this is just one of them."

According to Berry, Dunbar and Hunter were the southern counterparts to the Lewis and Clark expedition. In 1804, they were commissioned by U. S. President Thomas Jefferson to explore the southern portion of the Louisiana Purchase. The famous land acquisition included more than 800,000 square miles of new territory and essentially doubled the size of the United States.

Close to 20 years after initially hearing of Dunbar and Hunter, Berry approached AETN about the possibility of a project that would culminate with the creation and distribution of a documentary film that would tell the story of these explorers and their work. Over the next three years, Berry worked in partnership with Carole Adornetto of AETN who served as executive producer for "The Forgotten Expedition" and with Larry Foley and Dale Carpenter of the Univer-

sity of Arkansas who worked as producers for the project. Additionally, Carpenter held primary responsibility for filming the documentary, and Foley was responsible for the script development.

"Thanks to Dr. Berry and Ouachita Baptist University, the forgotten expedition of Hunter and Dunbar has taken its rightful place among all the other noteworthy stories that make up American history," said Adornetto. "AETN is pleased to have played a part in bringing this effective presentation to a well-deserved wider distribution."

Other contributors to the film included Dr. Tim Knight, professor of biology at Ouachita, Dr. Bill Downs, chair of Ouachita's department of mass communications and vice chair of the AETN Commission, and Nix. James Greeson of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville composed the original score for the film and was nominated for an Emmy in music.

"I am extremely happy the film has received top recognition from the National Television Academy," said Berry. "The project was very much a team effort, and it allowed many members the opportunity to contribute to the documentation of an important section of American history. I'm especially excited for Dale Carpenter, our photographer and videographer. The quality of his work truly brought life to this story."

Since its original premiere in October of 2002, "The Forgotten Expedition" has been seen on AETN and at documentary film festivals throughout the United States. It was also selected by the Centers for Media and Instructional Learning at the University of California, Berkeley, for distribution, and plans are in place to provide copies of the film for use as an educational tool in classrooms.

Prior to receiving the Emmy award, "The Forgotten Expedition" had been selected for previous awards, including the award for "Best of Competition" from the Broadcast Education Association in the documentary category, the "Crystal Award of Distinction" from the Communicator Awards, "The World Medal" in the history and society category of the Television Programming and Promotional Competition and "The Aurora Award."

• by Rebecca Jones

## —Newsmakers—



**Lane Smith** has been named as director of student financial aid. Smith, a Germantown, Tennessee native, has served for the past three years as a development officer at Ouachita, where he coordinated the annual giving program.



**Shirley Hardin** has been named as director of annual giving and data base manager in the development office. Hardin has worked in the development office in various capacities since 1992, including campaign secretary, assistant to the annual fund director, and having primary responsibility for managing the school's donor database.



**Terrance Carter**, who has served as director of multicultural services at Ouachita, has been named assistant director of the Upward Bound Program. Upward Bound is designed to help selected students develop the skills and confidence to pursue a college education.



**Dr. Drew Smith**, director of the Daniel R. Grant Center for International Studies, has completed requirements for a doctor of philosophy in religion degree from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

The title of his doctoral dissertation is "The Theology of the Gospel of Mark: A Literary-Theological Investigation into the Presentation of God in the Second Gospel."



**Dr. Sim Flora**, professor of music and chairman of the department of theory-composition, recently celebrated the release of his recording titled "Sound Doctrine." The recording is a collection of American hymns arranged for trombone and flute and performed by Flora.



# NEWS Briefs

◆ Committed to helping raise a generation of students with an "on mission" approach to life, J. R. Vassar of Rockwall, Texas, led the annual Campus Renewal program in September. Vassar is the founder of iWitness Ministries and is a teaching pastor at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall.

Bryan Bailey, manager of Jones Performing Arts Center, was the worship leader.

The focus of the two days was on Christian renewal, according to Kevin Inman, director of the Campus Ministries Program. The theme this year was "The Church: The Body of Christ."

◆ The Daniel R. Grant Center for International Studies, along with the Ouachita Campus Ministries Office, co-sponsored the campus' second annual International Awareness Day on Oct. 7.

The day began with International Awareness Day Chapel, after which a lunch consisting of international cuisine was served in the Ouachita Commons. Following lunch was an informational drop-in in the lobby of Evans Students Center for Ouachita students to talk to other students who have studied abroad.

"International Café," a dinner presented by the members of the International Club, was held that evening.

The events of the day concluded with an international worship and prayer service in Berry Chapel.

◆ Arturo Miranda, executive chef for the Commons dining facility, defeated nine other chefs from Arkansas and Tennessee in the biannual "Copper Chef Culinary Competition: The Heat is On" sponsored by Sodexo Campus Services.

The competition was held at Ouachita and involved chefs from schools served by Sodexo, one of the nation's largest food services companies. Each chef competed in preparing their own traditional, creative, and mystery cuisine before a panel of judges.

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**VOLUNTEERS •**  
Approximately 381 students, faculty and staff volunteered to perform community service projects during the fall Tiger Serve Day. A total of 46 teams worked 1,143 hours during the event sponsored by the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community.  
• photos by Emily Byers



## Tiger Serve Day

### Westmorelands host book discussion

President Andrew Westmoreland and his wife, Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, dean of the School of Education, recently started a book discussion in their home for faculty and staff members. One discussion was held during the fall semester with another one planned for March 1.

"Jeanna and I had wanted to do something like this for a couple of years where we just the faculty and staff to the house and treat them to dinner," Westmoreland said. "We fixed potato soup and sandwiches for the group and gathered downstairs in the basement."

Sign up for the discussion was handled via campus e-mail, and, according to Westmoreland, the pre-set limit was reached within just a few hours. "We limited the group to about 30 people," he explained, "so that we could have good discussion."

Westmoreland divided the participants into four different discussion groups of six to eight people each that met in different parts of the house. Each group then worked through a list of questions that were part of the discussion guide developed by Westmoreland prior to the event. "Then, I called time and we got back together and had coffee and dessert," he concluded. "It was a lot of fun!"

"We tried to pick books that we thought people would not have read," Westmoreland said of the selections. The first, *The Smell of Sawdust*, is a personal memoir of Dr. Richard Mouw, president of Fuller Seminary in California.

The second, *The Island of Lost Maps*, is a true crime story about a man who was apprehended for stealing ancient maps from an antiquity library. "He travels from library to library and steals priceless old maps," he explained.



Ninety Ouachita students received baccalaureate diplomas at the University's fall commencement exercises on Saturday, December 20. Dr. Charles W. Wright, dean of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts and professor of music, was the commencement speaker.

Preceding the commencement ceremony on Saturday, a senior prayer breakfast was held for the future graduates and faculty and staff. At the prayer breakfast, senior Stephanie Moulton and Dr. Barbara Pemberton spoke about faith; senior Lisa Musick and Dr. Jan Duncan shared their thoughts on scholarship; and senior Paul Morgan and Dr. Richard Mills shared their thoughts on friendship.

With the 2003-2004 academic year, Wright is completing his fortieth year on the faculty at Ouachita. In 1982, he was appointed dean of the school of music and when the

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school of music, the department of visual arts and the department of theatre arts were combined to form the Jones School of Fine Arts, Wright was named the dean. From 2001-2003, he served as acting vice president for academic affairs, in addition to his dean's duties.

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



**WORSHIP** • (top) Graduating seniors Jodi Blackwell and Stephanie Blocker participate in the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

**CONGRATULATIONS** • Emily Byers is congratulated by President Andrew Westmoreland upon receiving her bachelor of arts degree.

**REFLECTIONS** • Dr. Charles Wright, dean of the Jones School of Fine Arts, addresses the faculty, staff, graduates and guests.

*(photos by Kristin Hare)*





# HOMECOMING



**GRAND PRIZE** • (top) The EEEs perform their winning show during Tiger Tunes. • *photo by Stephen Carter*

**REUNION** • (above) Rick Briscoe, Kale Magness and Carlos Ichter enjoy homecoming festivities. • *photo by Randy Garner*

**ROYALTY** • (right) Irma Nugroho is crowned homecoming queen during the pregame festivities. Members of the court included Maggie Hambrice, Nancy Goodwin, Nugroho, Miranda McKay and Andrea Signaigo. • *photo by Stephen Carter*



## HOMECOMING COURT

### Queen

Irma Nugroho  
International Club  
Surabaya, Indonesia

### First Runner-up

Maggie Hambrice  
Signal newspaper  
Magnolia, Ark.

### Second Runner-up

Nancy Goodwin  
NSSLHA  
Conway, Ark.

### Third Runner-up

Miranda McKay  
Kappa Chi Men's Social Club  
Marshall, Texas

### Fourth Runner-up

Andrea Signaigo  
Chi Delta Woman's Social Club  
Little Rock

## TIGER TUNES

### Grand Prize

EEE Women's Social Club

### Second Place

Kappa Chi Men's Social Club

### Third Place

Campus Ministries

### Fourth Place

Tri Chi Women's Social Club

### Fifth Place

Chi Delta Women's Social Club

## GOLF SCRAMBLE

### Championship Flight

#### First Place

Lee Busby  
Wes Sullivan  
Charlie Schaef

#### Second Place

Chad Brinkley  
Phyl Brinkley  
Kris Shinn

### President's Flight

#### First Place

Mike Reynolds  
Ted Barker  
Brian Carroll

#### Second Place

Johnny Heflin  
Jay Heflin

### Tiger Flight

#### First Place

Ricky Reynolds  
Kevin Inman  
Ed Simpson

#### Second Place

Steve Lemmond  
Mike McMullan  
B. J. Brown



**TEETIME** • (left) Ricky Reynolds, Eddie Simpson and Kevin Inman enjoy the Alumni Golf Tournament held on Friday at DeGray State Park. • *photo by Randy Garner*

**GO TIGERS** • (below) Children of alumni enjoy the Tiger basketball clinic held Saturday morning. • *photo by Katherine Jenkins*



**HARMONY** • (left) The Kappa Chi men's social club perform as Lumberjacks during Tiger Tunes. The club earned second place honors. • *photo by Stephen Carter*

**VICTORY** • (below) Josh Holcomb carries the ball through the open field in the Tigers' homecoming victory against Harding. • *photo by Stephen Carter*



# Ouachita Athletic Hall of Fame



Ouachita honored six people as the first class of the Ouachita Athletic Hall of Fame was inducted on Saturday, November 1, at halftime of Ouachita's football game with Henderson State.

Together, these six inductees represented almost 120 years of Ouachita athletic history. Three coaches and three players made up the inaugural class. The Ouachita Athletic Hall of Fame induction class was voted on by members of the Tiger Letterman's Club, which is open to all former student-athletes at Ouachita.

The class of 2003 included Buddy Benson (football coach and athletic director), Leon Clements (basketball player), Cliff Harris (football player), William Miller (football player), Carolyn Moffatt (basketball player and coach), and Bill Vining (basketball coach and athletic director). Below are brief capsules of the achievements that landed these six people into the Ouachita Athletic Hall of Fame:

**Buddy Benson** walked the sidelines as the Ouachita head football coach from 1965 to 1995 and compiled an overall record of 161-140-9 during his tenure that included conference championships in 1966, 1970, 1975, and 1982. Benson's teams won four conference championships and he coached 16 All-Americans and 308 All-Conference selections. A native of DeQueen, Benson was the coach during the program's 300th and 400th victories and is the program's winningest coach. The Ouachita job was Benson's first college head coaching job and it would become his last head coaching job 31 years later. After retiring from coaching in 1995, Benson became the school's athletic director until 1998. Benson is a member of the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame.

**Leon Clements** ended his brilliant basketball career at Ouachita as the leader in

many statistical categories. Most of those records still stand today. Clements, a Tiger from 1961-1965, was a three-time All-AIC selection during his time at Ouachita and was named an All-American in his senior season of 1964-65. The only year Clements was not named All-AIC was during his freshman year when he was honorable mention. Clements still holds the record for most career points (2,265), and most points in a season (964) which was also the AIC record when the league disbanded in the 1990s. The Kingsland, Arkansas, native broke 10 AIC records during his career.

Quite possibly, this inductee has given more nation-wide name recognition to the university than anybody has. **Cliff Harris** not only excelled at Ouachita but went on to see greater success as a member of the Dallas Cowboys. Harris played defensive back for Ouachita from 1966-69 under head coach Buddy Benson and was a two-time All-AIC selection. Harris was a part of the 1966 AIC championship team during his freshman season. The Des Arc native earned two Super Bowl rings, played in five Super Bowls with Tom Landry's Cowboys, and played in six Pro Bowls. "Captain Crash," as he came to be known, is also a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame and a member of the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame. He and former teammate Charlie Waters have a new book out titled *Tales from the Dallas Cowboys: A Collection of the Greatest Stories Ever Told*.

**William Miller** ended his career as the third-leading rusher in Ouachita history totaling 2,723 yards rushing during his time as a Tiger from 1975-78. Miller, a Rison, native, holds the career records for rushing touchdowns and scoring, and holds the season-high for rushing yards with 1,668 yards that came in 1978. After the 1978 season, Miller was named a first-team NAIA All-American after leading the nation in rushing and scoring. Miller played tailback for only

one and a half seasons after moving from slot-back and wide receiver. After his time at Ouachita, Miller was signed by the Atlanta Falcons of the National Football League and then played with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League where he was the Rookie of the Year.

**Carolyn Moffatt** made the Ouachita Tigerette basketball program one of the premier women's basketball programs in the nation in AAU. Moffatt coached at Ouachita for 19 seasons from 1965-1984 and is the winningest coach in Lady Tiger history with an overall record of 213-162. Moffatt held numerous national AAU positions throughout the years. Moffatt, a native of Crossett, was a member of the national AAU women's basketball executive committee from 1969-73 and was the National Chairman for AAU women's basketball in 1971-72. During that same era, Moffatt was a national rules interpreter for women's basketball and was on the US Olympic Committee for the sport of women's basketball. Moffatt was the first female coach inducted into the NAIA Basketball Coach's Hall of Fame.

**Bill Vining** served as the head coach for the Ouachita Tiger basketball program for 33 seasons from 1955-89. Vining's career included 26 winning seasons, over 500 victories, six conference championships and six NAIA District titles. Vining, a native of Eudora, is the winningest coach in OBU history with an overall record of 520-364-1 for a .588 winning percentage. Vining coached both football and basketball at Ouachita, but is known for developing the Tiger basketball program into a national power in the NAIA. Vining earned five NAIA District 17 Coach of the Year Awards, three Area V Coach of the Year awards, was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1979 and was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1986. • by Chris Babb

# Sports Briefs

compiled by Sports Information Director Chris Babb

## Football

The first perfect record at home since 1982 highlighted the Tiger football season of 2003. Ouachita won all of its home games this season and finished with a 5-5 overall record and a 4-5 mark in the Gulf South Conference for a second consecutive fifth-place finish in the league. It was the first time since 1990 and 1991 that Ouachita had put back-to-back .500 seasons together.

Four players were honored by the GSC coaches on the All-GSC teams. Senior tailback Montoya Brown, who finished his career as the fourth-leading rusher in Ouachita history, was named first-team All-GSC. Senior offensive tackle Broderick Holmes earned his third second-team All-GSC award and senior fullback Donte Waldon and junior cornerback Chris Porter earned their first second-team All-GSC awards. Porter led the GSC in interceptions and tied for second in school history in interceptions in a season.



**VICTORY** • Sophomore Princlla Smith looks to pass the ball during the Lady Tigers' game against Lane College December 1. Smith scored 16 points as the Lady Tigers won 77-66.

• photo by Stephen Carter

## Lady Tiger Classic honors McHaney

The college women's basketball classic hosted by the Ouachita Lady Tigers Thanksgiving weekend was named after Dr. Jack McHaney, who was a long-time friend of the Lady Tiger basketball program before he passed away in October of 2001.

"We felt like this would be a great way to honor the life of Dr. McHaney for the support that he and Mrs. (Martha) McHaney gave to our program," said Lady Tiger head coach Garry Crowder. "He was a tremendous man and we were really blessed to have him as a fan. He has been and will be truly missed by all of his friends."

McHaney graduated from Ouachita in 1942 and played football, basketball, track and tennis for the Tigers. McHaney, a long-time resident of Arkadelphia, was a dentist by profession and remained involved in the Ouachita athletic programs as a supporter of the basketball programs and as a member of the Tiger Gridiron Club.

McHaney's wife, Martha, was presented with a plaque honoring Dr. McHaney during the tournament.

On the field, the Tigers won both of the "trophy" games that they played. Ouachita took a 37-36-6 lead in the "Battle of the Ravine" with a 35-17 victory over the Reddies at home and defeated Harding 26-18 on Homecoming Day to win back "The Traveling Trophy."

## Women's Soccer

It was a rebuilding year as first-year head coach Erik Forrest took the reins of the Lady Tiger soccer program and the team could not have fallen on harder times. Of the team members that started the season, only eight of them were not injured at one point or another. Forrest was forced to recruit on campus to fill the team because of the injuries and the Lady Tigers finished the season with a 1-16 overall record and a 0-8 mark in the Gulf South Conference.

All news was not bad, however, as junior goalkeeper Lauren Gross set a school and GSC record for saves in a season with 206. Gross was also only a

few saves shy of the GSC career saves record and was named All-GSC at the end of the season.

## Men's Soccer

It was also the first year under Forrest for the Tigers and narrow losses became the norm for the season. The Tigers were also hit by injuries. The Tigers struggled early, but lost five of their last seven games by two goals or less. Tiger forward Phillip Presley led the team in goals scored, despite suffering a knee injury midway through the season, and was named to the All-GSC second team by the league's coaches at the end of the season. The Tigers ended the season with an overall record of 1-13-2 and 0-6-1 in the GSC.

## Cross Country

The Lady Tiger program recorded its best finish in the GSC Championships since entering the league with a fourth-place performance in the 2003 meet. Ouachita junior Robyn Hopper finished in the Top 10 in each of the meets that the Lady Tigers were entered in and earned second-team All-GSC laurels for her performance in the conference meet. Hopper also qualified for the NCAA Regional meet in the fall.

The Lady Tigers hosted the annual Bob Gravett Invitational on the Ouachita campus and posted a fourth-place finish, and had their best effort of the season at the Orange Crush Invitational at Hendrix College where they finished in third place, but only four points out of first place.

## Volleyball

The Lady Tiger volleyball team's season was highlighted by a 3-0 win over Central Arkansas that broke a 24-match conference losing streak for the Lady Tigers. Ouachita finished the season with an overall record of 8-21 and a 2-10 GSC record.

Ouachita placed one player on the Academic All-District team as senior outside hitter Jessica Lawson was named to the team. Lawson also finished her career with over 1,000 kills. It was also the final year for fellow seniors Michelle Neurohr, Ashley Dimsdle and Jill Evans.



**Larry  
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Have you noticed how fast time seems to slip away? Homecoming season has come and gone and soon the glitter and rush of the Holidays will be but a memory.

It seems as though kids who were kindergartners yesterday are taking the ACT and preparing for college. We, as alumni, know Ouachita to be a special place, a place not duplicated anywhere. Some of these kids, the kids from your town, church or neighborhood, don't know just how special Ouachita is. Some may never know if we don't educate them.

Ouachita certainly isn't for everyone; but for many of us, it was not only the place we received a solid foundation for our careers, but the place we grew, and grew into the kind of people our Lord could use. Ouachita is that place for many of the kids you know.

Please consider taking a few minutes to visit with some of the students you know, telling them what Ouachita has meant to you. Nothing will ever equal personal testimony in bringing these kids into the Ouachita family.

This will be my last column as President of our Association. I have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of working with some great people and reliving the memories of my youth.

Becky Sutton Kirkpatrick will be our new leader. Becky has a great love of Ouachita and tremendous talent and ability. I believe she will be one of our greatest leaders. Let's all help Becky and Randy assist our Faculty and Administration in any way possible to carry on the Ouachita tradition.

May God continue to be with each of us.

# Gold Tigers

are invited to celebrate  
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Evans Student Center  
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10 a.m. through lunch

Mark your calendars now!!  
Watch for details!

Ouachita welcomes its newest group of  
alumni ... the Fall 2003 graduating class.



## —ABSC music camps celebrate 50 years at Ouachita—

Did you know . . . that ABSC music camps have been held on Ouachita's campus for 50 years next summer? We are looking for past campers and faculty to help celebrate this special occasion. If you attended or taught at music camp 1954-2003, call and tell us about your experience, send any pictures or memorabilia, camp programs, to help us make a display of camp through the years. Also, consider serving on the faculty of JoyWorks, June 14,-17, and PraiseWorks, July 19-23, and plan to attend the special celebration on July 23 at the conclusion of PraiseWorks. For more information, contact Peggy Pearson, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Leadership & Worship Team, P.O. Box 552/525 West Capitol, Little Rock, AR 72203, 1.800.838.2272 / 501.376.4791 / ext 5121, ppearson@absc.org.

# Travel program takes Ouachitians to Africa

A group of 15 Ouachita alumni and friends of the University from around the country visited Africa through the auspices of the Ouachita International Travel Program.

The group first visited three game parks among the Samburu tribe in Nairobi, Kenya, and two among the Masai in Kenya.

"A game park is a national reserve where the government has preserved many kilometers of land that no one can use," said Bill Dixon, vice president of student services emeritus and coordinator of the International Travel program. "It's kept in reserve as a natural habitat; that's the reason for so many animals."

Visits to the game parks consist of daily excursions with professional guides. However, the excursions are confined to Land Rovers by government regulations due to the nature of the animals that make their homes in the parks.

"During the time we were there we traveled about 1400 miles," said Dixon. "There are some rough semblances of roads. It wasn't exactly an easy trip."

However, according to Dixon, accommodations for the group made up for the rough terrain. He explained that the government has allowed for first class four and five star hotels to be built within or very near the game reserves. Most

have all of their supplies flown in on short, on-site airstrips.

"These hotels are nearly isolated," he said. "It's really a contrast to be out in the savannah, and then to all of sudden come up to a five star hotel. It makes it very nice when you're traveling like that."

Dixon described the variety of food



**NATIVE SONG** • Bill and Snookie Dixon enjoy a traditional song with the Massai, who live in the Serengeti National Park as nomads.



**ALUMNI** • Ambrose Nyangao ('91) is pastor of Parklands Baptist Church in Nairobi. Hapi Wanje ('85) is associate pastor of Ridgeways Baptist Church in Nairobi, where his brother, Elijah ('82), is pastor. They visit with Paul Jones ('64) and Bill Dixon.

that the group ate. "It was a combination of African and European food," he said. "I had ostrich, eland, zebra, and crocodile, but there was also a lot of beef, pork, and lamb."

In addition to game park excursions, the Dixons and the rest of the group took time to meet with three OBU graduates

living in Nairobi.

The group spent time with Ambrose Nyangao, the pastor of the 3000 member Parklands Baptist Church in Nairobi. Dixon described much of the congregation as "squatters" living around the church.

"He is doing a great deal of teaching and ministry to this squatters group," Dixon said. "He also has several government officials and members of the upper class, and he is doing a tremendous ministry there as well."

The other two Ouachita graduates residing in Nairobi are brothers, Elijah and Hapi Wanje. Elijah is the pastor of 300 member Ridgeways Baptist Church, where Hapi is the associate pastor for outreach.

"They're doing a lot of social work in addition to the normal church ministry," Dixon commented. "They've got some educational classes, and that kind of thing that makes them pretty important."

The group also visited the home of Elijah Wanje for an evening tea.

On that afternoon, Elijah and Hapi shared with the group about the impact that Ouachita had on their lives. "They said that they had been so well trained as a result of coming to Ouachita," Dixon expressed. "They felt like Ouachita was having ripple effect through them in Kenya and Tanzania."

• by Megan Beeson



**REUNION** • (above left) Ian and Sharon Cosh had an opportunity to visit former students of Ouachita's ESL program during the University's mission trip to Japan this past summer. The reunion party was held at the magnificent Grand Hotel, Hamamatsu, where two former OBU students work - Masa Yamamoto, a former OBU swimmer and graduate, and Nana Shimizu, a former ESL student and piano scholar. About 44 students attended, some bringing their spouses and children to meet the team. (above right) The Coshes also had the opportunity



to visit with former Seinan Gakuin University-OBU exchange students who have participated in the program since its inception 25 years ago. A total of 31 former exchange students arrived, ranging from as far back as 1977 until the present time. Ian Cosh serves as assistant to the president for community development and director of the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community and Sharon is coordinator of the English as a Second Language program.



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# Class Notes

1929

**Clyde Hart** of Waco, TX, celebrated his 100th birthday on September 11. According to Dr. Dan Grant, ('45 grad and former president of Ouachita), Rev. Hart took a 90-day leave from his pastorate in 1949, after Old Main burned, and raised \$1,000 a day from Arkansas churches to help replace the facility.

1934

**Ferne Jones Machen** was honored by her family June 14 with a surprise birthday party for her 90th birthday. She and husband, Mac, live in Albuquerque, NM.

1940

**Richard and Evelyn (Holeman) Wallis** live in a retirement village in Dallas, where he celebrated his 88th birthday in September. Their daughter, **Sondra ('62)** is employed on staff of Baptist General Convention of Texas.

1941

**Marian Farquharson Sugden** resides in Seagoville, TX, and teaches a senior adult Sunday School Class. She writes that after living in Rhode Island for 32 years, she retired from social work in child welfare and moved to the Dallas area 25 years ago and loves it.

1944

**John and Norma (Webb) Johnston** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 2. This year, their weekly trip to Burger King turned out to be a special event. The manager found out it was their anniversary and called the local newspaper. They sent a reporter who wrote a feature story and included a picture of them sharing their meal. Tradition has it that they ate a hamburger at a café in Waldron, AR, while on their honeymoon and they have been eating a burger on their anniversary every year since. They both are retired but still teach senior adult Bible studies at Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview, TX. (Burger King threw a little party and picked up the tab for their meal.)

1947

**Doris Lisemby (fs)** was named the first-ever Mission Service Corps (MSC) Emeritus in Arkansas on July 13 at a special service in her home church, Second Baptist of Arkadelphia. MSC is a team of self-funded missionaries who serve for four months or longer throughout the U.S. and Canada as part of the evangelism and church planting efforts of

the North American Mission Board of the SBC. She is one of 49 MSC volunteers serving in Arkansas.

1948

**Rosie Dunham**, who works at Pulaski Heights Baptist Church in Little Rock, innocently walked to the street curb in May to cheer on the runners in the Little Rock Marathon. She was surprised when a runner from England trotted by carrying a British flag, kissed her and trotted off. When asked about it, Rosie laughed that she was honored until she learned that he had kissed a friend of hers farther up the street. They are still laughing about it.

**Harrison Pike** recently completed his autobiography, "Confessions, Anecdotes, Musings of a Real Life Missionary." It will be published in December 2003.

1950

**Owen and Dorothy Monk** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at Pine Bluff First Baptist Church. He's retired from Worthen Bank and she's a retired registered nurse. They have four children: Leslie, Jerry, **Gwyn Alan ('81)** and **Melinda ('86)**.

**Margaret Pearce Anderson** has published five books on genealogy and has nearly completed her sixth book, while indexing all of them for placement in the Daughters of the American Revolution Library in Washington, DC, and the Library of Congress. She lives in Longview, TX.

**Jack and Lea Hardin** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 14. They live in Hot Springs Village, have five children and eight grandchildren.

**Katherine Hendrix Aratani** is the Hawaii District Director for Lay Speaking Ministries for the United Methodist Church. She and husband, Roy, live in Kaneohe, HI.

**Arthur and Jo (Peeples) Graves** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 2. She's a retired elementary teacher and he retired from Lake Catherine Steam Electric Station for Entergy. They live in Hot Springs and have three children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Robert Talley** and wife, Marilyn, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 23, 2003. They live in Monifee, CA.

1952

**Nancy McNeil McCuin (fs)** lives in Rogers, AR, and is the librarian at Lee and Beulah Moore Children's Home.

1953

A reception in honor of **Fred and Peggy (Bull) Davis'** 50th wedding anniversary was held at Broadlawn Baptist Church in Unionville, MO. They met as students at Ouachita in 1952 and married September 6, 1953. He has served as a bi-vocational minister for 54 years and is currently Broadlawn's part-time pastor. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

**Alfred Cullum** is singing in a quartet, "Heaven Bound," and is supply preaching when possible. He lives in Forrest City.

1954

**James and Betty (Miller, '53) Wilson** live in Benton, AR. They proudly write that they have three grandchildren at Ouachita this fall: senior Jill Johnson, senior Jennifer Wagner and freshman Tyler Wagner.

**Joe and Mary K. (Sims, '53) Wright** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 7 with a reception at First Baptist Church in Benton, AR. He's a retired teacher and administrator from Henderson University. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

**J. Bedford and Eva (White) Jackson** live in a four-plex independent living facility near the Baptist Home in Ozark, MO, and are involved with the Lifestyle Evangelism Ministry at the Riverview Manor.

1955

**Joan Gore Allen** retired in June after 48 years as an educator. She taught in elementary schools in Arkansas, Texas, and Alaska and at the college level at University of Houston, University of Texas-Dallas and Dallas Baptist University. She and husband, J. C., live in Dallas to be close to their children and grandchild.

**Don Moore**, who served as Arkansas Baptist State Convention's executive director for 13 years, celebrated 50 years in the ministry on June 22 at Immanuel Baptist in Pine Bluff. He and wife, Nita, live in Little Rock.

1956

**John and Helen (Nutt) Floyd** proudly write that they are keeping up the Ouachita tradition. Their granddaughter, **Rachel Stivers**, is a December 2002 graduate; and granddaughters, **Sarah** and **Rebecca Stivers**, are enrolled at Ouachita this semester. Sarah is a sophomore and Rebecca is a freshman. The girls' parents, **Betsy**

**(Floyd, '79) and husband Tom ('78) Stivers**, live in Scottsburg, IN.

**Carl and Peggy (Wood) Koen** were featured in an article in the June 1st edition of the "Arkansas Democrat-Gazette" about their courtship, dating and marriage on July 8, 1956. Carl, a retired optometrist, and Peggy live in Pine Bluff and have two children.

1957

**Jim and Betsy (Chenault) Gerrish** has relocated from Jerusalem, Israel, to Colorado Springs, CO.

**Marjorie Witherington Crump** retired in 1996 after teaching special-needs students for 25 years with Mobile (AL) Public School System. Since January 2003, she has been taking chemotherapy for recurrence of breast cancer; but writes she is doing well.

1958

**Nathan and Mary (King) Barrett** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 2 with a reception at Warren's First Baptist Church Activity Center. He's a registered pharmacist and owner of Barrett-Pirtle Pharmacy. They are the parents of two daughters and have four grandchildren. They live in Warren, AR.

**Janice (Shepherd) Lambert** and husband, Maurice, reside in Fort Worth. She retired after 45 years in public education as a counselor in high schools and colleges in Arkansas, Florida and Texas. He retired from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She currently is self-employed as an antiques/collectibles dealer on e-Bay. They enjoy retirement by pursuing their passion for traveling.

**Gene Davis** is a bi-vocational pastor. He taught school for 32 years and has pastored churches since 1955. He currently pastors Stanfill Baptist Church in Jacksonville, AR.

1959

**Gene Boone** enjoys retirement by living on his sailboat in the Charleston (SC) harbor and points beyond. The boat, "Savannah Lauren," is named for his two granddaughters. He is active in his church, Holy Cross Episcopal. He was officiating high school football until he had heart surgery.

**Jack Harrison** is a teacher and coach for Muskogee (OK) Public Schools.

1960

**Nannette (Webb) Lites** and husband, Milton, have returned to

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the United States for their final state-side assignment. They have served as missionaries to Taiwan, Columbia, and China and have plans to retire to Little Rock in April 2004.

**George O'Neel** retired this summer as pastor of Bella Vista Baptist Church following 27 years of service.

**George (fs) and Carolyn (Jones) Otwell** live in Wake Village, TX. Both are retired and spend time working in Rock Creek Baptist Church (where he serves as pastor) and visiting their six children and 20 grandchildren.

### 1961

**Bob and June (Zimmerman) Duffer** live in Kailua Kona, Hawaii, where he's director of missions for Neighbor Islands Baptist Association.

**Hoyt Bunn (fs)** retired in 1995, after serving as a teacher/coach at Crossett for 28 years. He and wife, Omer Lee, then moved to Bismarck where they built a home. He worked as a counselor in student support services at Henderson State University before retiring again in 2002.

**Ken and Margaret Anne (Howard, '62) Robertson** settled in Arkadelphia after they retired. He served as a chaplain for the Army, for hospitals and for prisons. She retired as a teacher.

### 1962

**Charles Doggett** has retired from International Mission Board and LifeWay and lives in Nashville, TN.

**Kathy Houghton Crone** works part-time as an RN at Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock and is doing well following breast cancer and chemo treatments in 2002. She and husband, Jim, are enjoying their three grandchildren and traveling. She also serves as conference officer with United Methodist Women and he's their church's treasurer.

**Jerry Cox** retired in March as vice president of finance from Ferry Morse Seed Company in Fulton, KY, after 31 years of service. He and wife, Gloria, will continue to live in Fulton.

**Bonita Liles Watts** is in her 22nd year with Bama Companies in Tulsa. She is back in the product development area serving as a chef in the culinary department. Husband, John, is semi-retired and works as a Habitat for Humanity supervisor.

**David Bowen** retired as director of Technology for Seegott, Inc. He and wife, Tina, live in Ann Arbor, MI.

**June Hines Moore** has written

her fourth book, "Social Skills Survival Guide." She and husband, **Homer ('58)** live in Little Rock and have two sons and two granddaughters.

**William Kittler** retired in 2000 from Carlisle (AR) School District after teaching for 33 years.

### 1963

**Dr. Paul Redditt**, professor and chair of the religion department at Georgetown (KY) College for the last 17 years, was selected for the 2003 George Walker Redding Faculty Award for Outstanding Christian Service.

### 1964

**Cliff and Jo Lee (Rotton, '66) Schaaf** moved from New Jersey to the Dallas area with his job at Lockheed Martin Corp. He plans to work for 2-3 more years before retiring.

**Ralph Morris (fs)** is pastor at Winston Baptist Association in Louisville, MS.

**Michele Carter Knight** retired in 2002 after teaching elementary education for 34 years. She and **Arley ('62)** live in West Memphis.

### 1965

**Paula Brown Spurlock** is a medical technologist in Waco. Has one son, Mark.

**Joe Franz** was installed as president for 2003-04 of the Arkadelphia Rotary Club.

**Linda Beene St. John** works as the receptionist for Bradley County Medical Center in Warren, AR.

**Patricia Culley Folk** is retired as assistant office manager for the Neurology Center and lives in Gaithersburg, MD, with husband, Robert.

### 1966

**Mary Roswell Moore** continues to enjoy a practice in psychotherapy, working with children, adolescents, families, couples and adults with a wide variety of problems. She lives in Austin, TX, with husband, Adrian.

**Tom Buzbee** has had a colorful career. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he and wife, Marilyn, settled in Baton Rouge where he has sold heavy equipment parts, taught personal development courses in a Louisiana prison, managed a skating rink, and owned and operated an automobile parts store. He is now enjoying retirement and trying to keep up with their five grandchildren. The Buzbees have three grown children.

**Linda Ream Dawkins** has moved from the classroom to elementary guidance counselor at Evangelical Christian School in Memphis. Husband, **Bob (fs)**, retired from Bank of Commerce in Memphis, now serves as president of Bellevue Baptist Church Foundation and they live in Germantown. She writes that she works with former OBU classmate, **Carol Christilles Smith**.

### 1967

**Stanley Webb** is a microbiologist with Virginia Commonwealth University. He and wife, Noelle, Zachary (13) and Kathleen (11) live in Richmond.

**Mary-Lee Saunders Fray** is employed with Laman Public Library. She lives in Sherwood, has four children, two grandchildren and is a member of Second Baptist in Little Rock.

**Bob Snider**, managing director for Morgan Keegan in Little Rock, is included on the website: [theartsources.com](http://theartsources.com). He specializes in creating watercolor portraits from photographs.

**David Rickard** is a consultant for the pesticide industry, specializing in agricultural chemical technology, research management and regulatory affairs. He and wife, Mary Lu, live in Westfield, IN.

**Gene Triplett** retired as chaplain for the Arkansas State Prison System and pastor of Reydele (AR) Baptist Church near Star City.

**Rod and Sandra (Penny) Sharpe** live in DeSoto, MO. He's a retired teacher. She teaches first grade for DeSoto Public Schools.

**Larry Johnson** is a registered sonographer with Central Arkansas Cardiovascular Institute, where he specializes in cardiovascular and carotid diagnostic ultrasounds. He and wife, Jeannette, live in Hot Springs. He writes that he enjoys travel and riding touring motorcycles and is into sports and grandchildren.

### 1968

**David and Nancy (Jones) Cone** are currently living in Mesquite, TX, where he's the associate pastor at Calvary Hill Baptist Church. She is an English teacher at West Mesquite High School. They have one daughter, Dori.

**June McWha Jones** is teaching high school English in Midland School District. She and husband live in Batesville, AR, where he pastors Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. They have three children: **Jason (assistant women's basketball**

**coach at Ouachita)**, Janee' and Justin.

**Virginia "Ginna" Patterson Miller** is a counselor for Jessieville (AR) School District. She and husband, Curtis, have moved from Little Rock to Hot Springs Village. She writes she would love to hear from her old OBU buddies. They can contact her at [hsvgin@cox-internet.com](mailto:hsvgin@cox-internet.com).

**Kenneth and Nan (Wynn) Hall** live in Alton, MO. He retired in 1998 after 30 years teaching high school social studies and as a school counselor; and she retired in 2002 after teaching in elementary schools for 25 years.

**Gary Cheatham** lives in Collierville, TN, where he's employed as senior manager in the information systems department with Federal Express.

**Thearon and Vanette (Burks) McKinney** reside in Raleigh, NC. He's the interim state 4-H director and she is the director of Miniwanca Girls Camp.

**Mitchell Chunn** is a technical advisor with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. He and wife, Dianne, live in Richardson, TX.

### 1969

**Jerry Corbitt (fs)** retired in June after 31-1/2 years in public education as a counselor. He and wife, Faye, live in Battle Mountain, NV.

### 1970

**Bill Kennedy** is a consultant with QHR and lives in Madison, MS.

**Dale Tucker** is director of development for Hospice of Southern Indiana and is a member of the Association of Fund-raising Professionals. He lives in Louisville, KY, where wife, Gail, is a public information officer with KY Transportation Cabinet. Son, Todd, is a research analyst in Washington, DC, and son, Daniel, is a junior at The Art Institute of Chicago.

**Ed Martindale** has practiced law in Little Rock for 30 years; has four children and one grandson. He enjoys exercising, reading, and traveling to the beach and mountains.

**Cliff Harris** and former Dallas Cowboy teammate, Charlie Waters, have written and published a book, entitled "Tales from the Dallas Cowboys." Friends can check it out on their website: [CliffandCharlie.com](http://CliffandCharlie.com)

**Don Sloan** and wife, Cathy, live in Woodbridge, VA, where he's a procurement analyst for the U.S.

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1971

**James Guthrie** has joined Ouachita's staff as coordinator of the church scholarship program. He previously served as associate pastor of Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. Wife, **Rita (Justus, '72)** is a school counselor for Gurdon Public Schools. They have two daughters, **Jennifer (fs99) and Jessica (a senior at OBU)**.

**Marvin Peters**, former associational missionary for North Pulaski Association, is now an associational missions strategist on the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's Missions Ministries Team. He and wife, **Pam (Rainbow, fs70)**, a teacher for Pulaski County Special School District, live in Jacksonville.

**Sharon Baldrige O'Neal** is a substitute teacher and serves on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Village of Godfrey, IL, where she and husband, Dennis live. She has a daughter, Tara, who is serving in the U.S. Air Force.

**K. Randel Everett** has served as the first president of The John Leland Center Theological Studies Seminary in Arlington, VA, since 2001, and is professor of homiletics for the seminary. Over a span of 30 years, he has pastored churches in Virginia, Florida, Texas and Arkansas. He and wife, Sheila, who serves as dean of students for the Seminary, have two children: Jeremy and Rachel.

**Connie Quick** is retired and lives in Arkadelphia.

**David Fulton** lives in Paris, TX, where he's a sales rep for Guest Products, Inc.

1972

**Steve and Casey (Kerr) Starkey** own their own State Farm Insurance agency in Mountain Home, AR.

**Wilma Gill**, manager of the Clark County Employment Security Department in Arkadelphia, recently graduated as a certified employment manager after completing nine 2-day courses and passing a final exam. She was among 65 Arkansans who were honored with a ceremony at the state capitol by the Arkansas Public Administration Consortium.

**Bubba Cope** is a chemical manager for PCC Chemical. He and wife, Martha, live in Little Rock. 1973

**Betsy Steele Danner** was named Gulf South Conference's Women's Tennis Coach of the Year and led her 2003 Lady Tigers to become the first team in any sport at Ouachita to win a GSC championship. She was also the Wilson Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Division II National Women's Coach of the Year.

**Debbie (Tate) McCann**, and husband, Mitch, have been married for 26 years. They are in a ministry to the poor and homeless on the streets of Wichita Falls, TX. They traveled to East Africa last year to share the gospel in prisons, leper colonies, hospitals, orphanages, churches as well as to those on the streets. They have one son, Matthew. He and his wife are expecting the McCann's second grandchild.

**Elaine Clopton Rogers** is the bookkeeper for Scottco Manufacturing in Hampton. She and husband, Billy, live in Fordyce, AR.

**Buddy Goodwin** is a business

analyst for Fidelity Information Services in Little Rock.

**Karen McKinney Johnson** retired from teaching after 25 years. She and husband, Jim, live in Arkadelphia where she's the manager of the new Arkadelphia Aquatic Park. He manages Arkadelphia's Entergy office.

**Sharon Otwell** teaches in the North Little Rock School System.

**Gail Jameson Wilkins** has taught at Greenville (MS) Christian School for 21 years. She recently received her lifetime teacher's certificate from the Mississippi Private School Association for teaching 25 years. After living for 23 years on the "refuge," she and husband, Tim, (who manages Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge) have purchased a home on Lake Washington in Glen Allen.

1974

**Lee Sanders** is retired and lives in Waldo, AR.

**Don McMaster** is minister of music at Raleigh (MS) First Baptist Church. He and wife, Julia, have two children, Anne, a sophomore at Delta State, and Andrew, a senior in high school.

**Shirley Grant Hardin** has been named director of annual giving and database manager. She has been employed at Ouachita since 1992.

**Kathy Vining DeLone** has joined the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau as media relations and promotions manager. She will be the "spokesperson and promoter" for all Little Rock events and promotions coming into the Little Rock area. She and Herb have one daughter, Natalie.

1975

**Rick and Tracey (Yazza) Lineberger** have moved from Texas to Florida where he will pastor First Baptist Church in Bradenton.

**Jimmy Hankins** attended the alumni meeting of the Dawson Center of Advanced Dental Study in Orlando, FL, in June. The center is a post graduate educational and clinical research facility for the advancement of dentistry. He and wife, **Beverly (Johnson, '76)** live in Arkadelphia where he has his dental practice.

**Brenda Downs Taylor** is teaching resource special education for the Lafayette County School District. She and husband, Charles, have been married for 15 years and live in Stamps, AR. She would love to hear from friends "if they remember me". They can contact her at shewolf@ipa.net.

**Janet Henderson Jackson**

has changed jobs at Ouachita. Moving from the Admissions Counseling office, she now works in Student Services where she is in charge of the campus' electronic entrance and ID cards as well as maintaining the web page for student services. She also is head resident (dorm mom) for Conger Hall.

As reported in the last issue of the Circle, **Jim Veneman** spent ten days in March aboard on the USS Harry S. Truman on assignment for Baptist Press. He was documenting stories of faith and patriotism among the 5,000 sailors and marines. A gallery of his photos can be seen at [www.uu.edu](http://www.uu.edu)

**Charlotte Allison Miller** is office manager for a CPA firm. She and husband, **Rama (fs74)**, live in Little Rock where he's a pharmacist at Wal Mart.

**Steve Bean** is a private investigator in Irving, TX. He is also pursuing his dream of an acting career. He has appeared in television, films, commercials and a major motion picture.

**Sheila Stephan** is band director for Trumann (AR) Public Schools.

**Joe Blackerby** was promoted to vice president for general accounting in the finance group of Simmons First State Bank in Pine Bluff.

**Brenda (Bagwell) Pendleton** writes that she is finally doing what she really enjoys: teaching. She has taught kindergarten for the past two years for Pine Bluff Public Schools.

1976

**Marie Estes Bean** has lived in Euleess, TX, for 15 years and works as a dental hygienist. She has one son, James Ashlin, who's a sophomore at Texas A&M-Commerce.

**Bill Sanders** is executive director of the Gallatin County Housing Authority. He and wife, Sharon, live in Equality, IL.

**Kathy Ferguson Williford** began a new job this fall as elementary music education teacher at Valley View Elementary in Jonesboro, AR. Husband, Danny, is currently serving with the Marines in Iraq.

**Cindy Miller Haynes (fs)** is a real estate agent and lives in Cedar Hill, TX, with husband, Dwight.

**Charles Overton** presently serves as bi-vocational pastor of West Covington (KY) Baptist Church. He is also a chaplain for Heartland Hospice of Cincinnati, OH. He and wife, Debbie, live in Alexandria, KY.

**Phyllis (Allison) Hall** is director of internal auditing at St. Jude's



**OUACHITA FAMILY** • At a family gathering, these Gladden cousins and Ouachita graduates lined up in birth order. They are Gay Gladden Pappin ('73) of Charlotte, NC; Douglas Gladden West ('73) of Sheridan; Rita Gladden Lane ('74) of Katy, TX; and Beth Gladden Coulson ('75) of Little Rock.

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in Memphis. She and husband, Richard, live in Lakeland, TN.

**Joseph Tillery** is director of missions for Pecos Valley Baptist Association. He and wife, Sharon, live in Artesia, NM, and are proud first-time grandparents to grandson Kaleb Joshua, who was born in May.

**Marsha Tolleson Rhodes** is completing her 26th year of teaching. She writes that "I'm going to teach one more year; and if I like it, I'm going to make a career of it." She presently teaches 9th grade English in Sunnyvale, CA, at a private Christian school. Her husband, Allen, is a satellite systems engineer for Lockheed Martin. Many will remember that Marsha's mom, Virginia Tolleson, served as a dorm mom at Ouachita in the 70's. She will be 80 years old in December and lives in Nashville, AR. Marsha would love to hear from any of her OBU pals. They can reach her at arkycalgal@aol.com.

**Myra McLaughlin Hardy** is a family and consumer sciences teacher for the Pine Bluff School District.

**Stephanie Phillips Tapley** lives in Hot Springs where she is the pastor's secretary at Second Baptist Church. Her daughter, Laura, is a freshman at Ouachita.

**Edward Darbonne** is vice president and CIO of Indiana University Foundation. He and wife, Martha, live in Bloomington with children, Amanda and Nathaniel.

**Mary Lois Burfield Banks** is in her 28th year of teaching; the last six at Marion Elementary. She lives in a cotton field between Whitten and Birdsong, out of Tyronza, AR, with husband, Brett, and a dog. She loves it!!

1977

**Paula Webber Hibbs** is the special projects director for Easter Seals. She lives in Sherwood with husband, Johnny.

**Joy "Susan" Brumley Everett** and husband, Dwight, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They live in Benton, AR, and have two daughters, Christa Joy and Anna Leigh, who are attending University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Susan volunteers for the Susan G. Koman Foundation and the Saline County Christian Community Care Clinic as a RN.

**Doug and Ann Anderson** recently relocated to Tuscaloosa, AL, where he's employed as systems officer with the University of Alabama Libraries. They have two children: Carrie, a junior at Furman University and Robert, a freshman

in high school.

**Phyllis Mitchell Wells** is a librarian for River Valley Christian School. She lives in Fort Smith with husband, Robert.

**David Hays** is director of music at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church. He and wife, Mary Beth, live in Plano, TX.

**Jeff (fs) and Kelly (Vandegrift, fs78) Cornelsen** and their two children, Lindsey and Taylor, live in Fort Smith. He's a pharmaceutical sales specialist with AstraZeneca and she's self employed as a 2-diamond designer with Premier Designs, Inc.

**Randy McFarlin** and wife, Carolyn, live in Daingerfield, TX, where he's the athletic director and head football coach at Daingerfield Lone Star ISD.

**Gary Wakefield** is a realtor with Coldwell Banker. He and wife, Jenifer, live in Round Rock, TX.

**Ross Brummett** is professor of religion at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, TN.

**Charles Cook** is senior vice president for First National Bank of Fort Smith.

1978

**Jeff Bradley** graduated in May from Southern Seminary with his doctorate in education leadership. He and wife, Suzie, live in Brunswick, GA, where he's employed as a youth pastor and worship leader at Calvary Baptist Church.

**Ted Barker** is employed with Donruss/Playoff Corporation as divisional business manager. They produce licensed MLB and NFL trading cards.

**Richard Young** is a licensed marriage and family therapist in private practice with offices in Wickenburg and Prescott, AZ. He also conducts workshops and performs dramas in churches. He and wife, Leslie, have two boys, Jeremiah (15) and Ryan (10).

**Randy Granderson** is assistant principal at Cabot High School. Wife, Janet, teaches music at Cabot Middle School South. They have two children: Corey, a senior in high school, and Lindsey, a senior at UCA.

**Jim Pennington** is the boys basketball coach at Hot Springs High School, coming there this summer from Searcy.

**Ron Edsell** lives in Dallas where he's a property manager.

**Stefan Eubanks** is pastor of Calvary Baptist in Batesville, AR.

**Rodney Davis** is an associate professor of urology at Tulane

University's Health Science Center. He and wife, Gloria, live in New Orleans.

**Frank and Susie (White '79) Orr** live in Gadsden, AL. A colonel with the U.S. Army Dental Corps, he retired this summer after serving 21 years of active duty, with the last four as chief of oral and maxillofacial surgery. After ten moves since leaving Ouachita, they are ready to put down some roots. He has set up his private practice as a surgeon in Gadsden. They have two sons: Brian, a junior at UT-Knoxville, and Scott, a freshman at Samford.

**John Wiley** lives in Eureka Springs where he stays quite busy. He has two business establishments: Eureka Springs Model Trains Companies and a deli and retail gift store. He also serves as substitute organist for several local churches.

**Jim Shults** is vice president and commercial loan officer for Regions Bank in Benton, AR. Wife, **Sue (Powers, '80)**, is principal at Benton Middle School. They have two children, Joy (17) and Jarrod (13).

1979

**Lynn Irby Bloomfield** teaches fourth grade at New Covenant Academy in Springfield, MO. She has two sons: Nathan (19) and Trevor (12).

**Warren Watkins** is a bi-vocational pastor of the Journey Church, a nontraditional Southern Baptist congregation in Cabot, AR. He also began this fall teaching for the Arkansas Baptist School of Biblical Studies, which is part of seminary extension. As editor of the Sherwood Voice newspaper, he writes for several central Arkansas newspapers and has won a number of literary awards. He and wife, **Karen (Boone, '81)** have three daughters and live in Sherwood.

**Lisa Trumbull Shields** teaches fifth grade at Irving (TX) ISD.

**Joey Morin** received the New Mexico Division B "Teacher of the Year for the Science Olympiad" this spring at New Mexico Tech University's state competition. He and wife, Lee, live in Hobbs and he teaches at Heifer Junior High School.

**David Carswell** is a senior business analyst for International Profit Associates in Little Rock. He has three children: Sean, 19, Ricardo, 17, and Alice, 15.

**Teresa Braughton Crichton** has taught math at Duncanville (TX) High School for the past ten years. She and husband, Peter, have a 4-year old daughter, Sarah.

**Steve Buelow** was elected president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas in July. He and wife, **Donna (Rowe, '80)** own/operate Anderson-Frazier Insurance Agency in Hope. They have three daughters, **Erin**, a junior at Ouachita, **Meredith**, a sophomore at Ouachita and Ashley, a high school student.

**Nancy Whitten Hardman** successfully defended her dissertation in November at University of Arkansas-Little Rock for her doctorate degree. She is associate professor of communication disorders at Ouachita.

**Joel Olive** has joined staff of Maple Grove Baptist Church in Trumann (AR) as full time minister of music.

**Jimmie "Bo" and Kimberly (Campbell, '80) Davis** live in Wichita Falls, TX, where he owns an auto business. She is principal of an elementary school. They have two sons attending college on baseball scholarships: Jason, at SW Oklahoma, pursuing a physical therapy degree, and Justin, who's studying law at Dallas Baptist.

**Michael Lee** pastors Scottsville (VA) Baptist Church.

**Mike Dwyer** is employed with Little Rock School District as the violence prevention coordinator.

1980

**Lonnie Daws** lives in Shreveport, LA, where he's an accounts manager.

**Cindy Gossett Roberts** is in the real estate business and lives in Frisco, TX, with husband, Jim.

**Wyley Elliott** has joined Summit Bank in Hot Springs as executive vice president. He was recently selected as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Arkansas Independent Colleges and Universities and serves on the Board of Trustees at Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge.

**George and Tammy (Prince) Fuller** live in Wake Forest, NC. He pastors New Community Church in Raleigh, a church he helped start in 1992. She is an elementary teacher. They have two sons: Tripp, who's married and a junior at Campbell University and Steven, who's a sophomore at University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

**Shannon Scott** is a senior account executive with Telcove. He and wife, Valarie, live in Maumelle. He has an 8-year old son, Hunter, who's a third grader at Pulaski Academy.

**Debbie Travis Nutt (fs)** owns

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## ALUMNI *Profile*

Tom Goodwin ('69)

Dr. Tom Goodwin always has a desire for knowledge and that drive was fortunately directed to teaching young adults the lessons of science and its application to making a better world in which to live.

Goodwin, a native of Nashville, Arkansas, and a 1969 chemistry honor graduate of Ouachita, was named a winner of the 2003 U.S. Professors of the Year Award, one of only four college and university professors recognized nationally from a pool of nearly 400 nominees.

Goodwin currently is professor of chemistry at Hendrix College in Conway.

He was named Outstanding Baccalaureate College Professor of the Year by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He was recognized at a luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington.

Goodwin's teaching has been enriched by collaboration between Hendrix and Riddle's Elephant and Wildlife Sanctuary in Greenbrier, a nonprofit elephant sanctuary. His research students have studied the reproductive cycles of female elephants and chemical communication at the sanctuary.

Another of Goodwin's interests is the practice and teaching of environmentally friendly "green" chemistry. Last fall, the Hendrix chemistry department instituted a new green chemistry ethic in all its programs, placing the school among a select group of all colleges and universities across the nation that are translating green chemistry principles developed in industrial settings into undergraduate classes and laboratories.

Goodwin is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, former president of the Council on Undergraduate Research and past chair of a Gordon Research Conference. He earned a doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

At Ouachita, Goodwin was a Distinguished Military Graduate, member of the Student Senate, Beta Beta men's social club, Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society, Arkansas Collegiate Academy of Science, Gamma Sigma Epsilon Honorary Chemistry Club, and Who's Who Among American College and University Students. At Nashville High School his senior year, he was voted "Most Likely to Succeed."

Goodwin and his wife, Cathy, have been married 33 years and have two sons. Daniel is a lawyer with Gill, Elrod, Ragon, Owen, and Sherman in Little Rock. Matthew is a third year medical student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Science. • *by Mac Sisson*

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Silver Linings Jewelers in Camden. She and husband, Gerald, have two sons attending Ouachita: **Michael** (a senior) and **Brian** (a sophomore).

After a long career in hotel industry, **Kevin MacArthur** joined Natural Brands in 1996 as vice president of operations and product development. This company is a leading marketer of fresh-squeezed juices. He lives in Dallas.

**Paige Witt Cortes** and her fam-

ily lived in Sendai, Japan, last year where husband, Dean, taught economics at Tohoku National University. They are back in the States and live in Pittsburg, KS, where they have pretty much adjusted to life in the U.S.

**Eric Marx** has lived in Australia for the past three years and recently joined the Australian Catholic University as a lecturer in psychology.

**Cindy Sharp Timmerman**

works in the regional office of Countrywide Mortgage. She and husband, Tim, live in Montgomery, AL, where he's a juvenile detective. Their daughter, Lindsey, is a senior marine biology major at University of South Alabama-Mobile. Cindy would love to hear from other alumni living in Alabama or from the class of 1980. You can email her at smart3ones@aol.com.

**Mary Ann Harrington Bishop** and husband, James, live in Mandeville, LA. She is an administrative assistant at First Baptist Church in Covington. They have two sons: Josh, who is a junior business major at Ouachita, and Sloan, a high school student.

**Mike Marshall** is a pharmacist at St. Vincent Hospital in Sherwood, AR. He and wife, Ginger, reside in Conway.

**Joe and Vickie (LeMay, '81) Keeton** moved to Wynne this summer. He is director of accounting for Sanyo Manufacturing. She is an in-school suspension instructor for Wynne Public Schools. They have three children, Kara (19), Kellie (15) and J.C. (14).

**Mike Townsend** is manager of Assist Medical Equipment Co. in Little Rock. He and wife, Ginger, have been married 21 years, have three sons: Christopher (11), Matthew (8) and Andrew (4), and attend Holy Souls Catholic Church.

**Mariko (In) Kajihara (fs)** is a stay-at-home mom. She and husband, Kazuhau, have three daughters: Yoko (18), Sakiho (16) and Tomoko (13).

**Neill Hunter** is a marriage and family therapist at TFS Counseling Center in Malvern. He and wife, **Kim (Maddox)**, who is employed as purchasing agent at Ouachita, live in Arkadelphia and have two children, **Darby**, a freshman at Ouachita, and **Charles** (16).

**Ken Worthen** has served for 14 years as director of Arkansas Tech's Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship. He and wife, Donna, adopted a son, Shawn Caleb. He was born November 7, 2001, and they have had him since November 8. Legal adoption was finalized this summer.

1981

**Donna Trigg Adkins** was named Arkadelphia School District's "Teacher of the Year." She has taught for 17 years, with 12 of them in Arkadelphia. An elementary teacher at Perritt Primary School, she was chosen by her peers as the teacher who best exemplifies the district's goals and mission. She

has two children: Eric (19) and Sarah (7). She was also named Arkansas Teacher of the Year.

**Charles and Debbie Smith** recently returned from a mission trip to Arnsberg, Germany. They live in Grand Prairie where they both are on staff at First Baptist Church.

**Marlene Fleming** is the administrator of Eastwood Baptist Church's preschool in Haughton, LA.

**Dana Smith** is professor of theatre at Truman State University in Kirksville, MO.

**Retha Herring Sawyer** teaches social studies at Woodlawn High School in Rison, AR. She and husband, Eldon, live in Monticello.

**Michael and Terri Ann (Bell) Swedenburg** live in Little Rock. He's a physical therapist and she teaches at Little Rock Christian Academy.

**Denise Clark Kaniss** is a special ed teacher for Pleasant Grove ISD, outside of Texarkana.

1982

**Randy Fontaine** is the western regional director for Transport for Christ International. He and wife, **Nadine (Marshall, '83)**, and sons, Jarrett (17), Ryan (8), Jonathan (6) and Nathan (5), live in Council Bluffs, IA.

**David Cassady** has been named publisher and executive vice president of Smyth & Helwys Publishing Co. He and wife, Rejeana and two children (Jonathan, 13, and Megan, 9) live in Macon, GA.

**Bruce and Gigi (Peters, '79) Webb** live in Hope, AR. He teaches music at Springhill Public Schools and she is a kindergarten teacher at Hope.

**Marcia Ramirez Waldron (fs)** has written a song entitled, You Belong in the Sun, for country music star Jo Dee Messina. It will be included in Messina's new CD. Waldron performs as a studio back up vocalist for some of the leading names in country music business. She lives in Nashville, TN, with husband, Mike, and sons Derek and Samuel. She is touring this fall with Rodney Crowell as his keyboard player and back-up singer. You can check out his website for schedule: [www.rodneycrowell.net](http://www.rodneycrowell.net).

**Clint Aclin** teaches at Avoyelles Parish School and works with youth at First Baptist Church in Bunkie, LA.

**Kent and Sarah (Hays) Sweatman** live in Van Buren, AR. He was called in July to serve as administrator of First Baptist Church. She is the new choral director at Coleman Junior High. They have three sons: Adam, Andrew and

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Aaron.

**Maureen Leonard Thomas** wrote and received her second million dollar grant for a technology career center in the Los Angeles County Welfare-to-Work division. She and husband, Dean, recently adopted an 11-year old son, Jared, and are having lots of fun learning about parenthood. They live in Downey, CA.

**Allen Cole** is an attorney in the government compliance department at A.G. Edwards headquarters in St. Louis.

**Kelli Gooding** accepted a position as fertilizer procurement customer service rep for United Services Association, located in Des Moines, IA. She is responsible for the purchasing for eleven Iowa cooperatives.

**Tricia Taylor** has taken a job with the Department of Defense Schools and has been assigned to an air base north of London, England.

**Kirk and Karen (Williams, '85)** Bullington and family have relocated from Dominican Republic to Frisco, CA.

**Bill Meador** is a CPA and partner in the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche. He and wife, Shelley, live in Fishers, IN.

**Mike Hart** is minister of education and outreach for First Baptist Church in Kettering, OH. He and wife, Lisa, have three children: Sean Marie (12), Michaela (8) and Wesley (6).

**Brenda Sharp Holmes** teaches first grade at Brevard County Schools in Melbourne, FL.

## 1983

**Ron and Cheryl (Stevens, '82)** Bramos live in Coconut Creek, FL, with their children, Maegan (17), Joshua (16), Jacob (11) and Luke (9). He is pastor of First Baptist Church of North Lauderdale and she is secretary to the headmaster at Fort Lauderdale Christian School.

**Carl Turner** is a training consultant and developer for Verizon Wireless in Rancho Cordova, CA.

**Rick Johnson** is vice president of Comerica Bank in Dallas. He and wife, Tandra, have a 5-year-old daughter, Alix.

**Carlos and Shannon (Bowen)** Ichter have moved to New Orleans after having served as missionaries since 1988 to Brazil and Germany. He has accepted the position of associate pastor for worship and music at First Baptist Church. They have three children: Leslyn (16), Christian (13) and Daniela (5).

**Alisa Cole Sandusky** is the

choir teacher for Verdigris High School. She and husband, David, live in Claremore, OK, with children, Emily, Nicolas and Seth.

**Brent Powell** recently moved to Walnut Ridge, AR, serving as associational missionary for Black River Association.

**Terry Griffin Peeples** was honored with the "Arkansas Spirit Award" at a special luncheon in May by the National Association of Women Business Owners.

**Vance and Sandy Cortez-Rucker** are working 26 miles above the Arctic Circle in Kotzebue, Alaska. They both are employed by the Northwest Arctic Borough School District. He is restructuring the local high school and middle school to a non-graded system. She's administering state and federal programs related to after-school programs.

**Teresa Parr Tripp**, husband, Chuck, and 14-year-old son, Joshua, just returned with their church from a mission trip to Guerrero, Mexico. She's a medical technologist at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock and Chuck's a high school teacher. They live in Sheridan.

**Paul Jacobs** was called to pastor First Baptist Church in Heath, TX. He will continue to serve on the faculty of The Criswell College, teaching psychology and Biblical studies.

**Susan Hughey Johnson** and husband, Bill, live in Arlington, VA, where she's a Montessori teacher for The Boyd School.

**Tony Woodell** is director of community relations for Heifer International. He previously served as minister of education at Pulaski Heights Baptist Church in Little Rock.

**Ken McAlister** is manager of Weatherford Wellhead Productions Systems and lives in Midland, TX, with wife, Tammy. They have three children, Brandon, Kayla, and Kendra.

**Kevin Carswell** and wife, Nyeer, celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on December 7, 2003. They live in Tyler where he is a financial consultant for Smith Barney. They have two daughters, Nina (14) and Anna (12).

## 1984

**Judy Johnston (fs)** is a sales manager for Marriott and lives in The Woodlands, outside of Houston.

**Teresa Thomas Peters** is employed as an escrow officer with Lenders Title Company, where she's responsible for closing commercial real estate transactions. She and husband, Greg, have been married

18 years and have one daughter, Katherine, 15. They live in Cabot.

**Kelly Garcia Singletary** resides in Slidell, LA, with husband, Tim, and daughters, Lauren (15) and Jessica (13). She works three days a week at First Baptist Church.

**Cammie Stephens Landholm** and husband, Lynden, just celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary at the Atlantis Resort in Nassau, Bahamas. When not celebrating, they live in Topeka, KS, where she's a pharmaceutical sales territory manager for Novavax.

**Cindy Brown Conway** and family relocated to Fredericksburg, VA, this past summer. Husband, Tom, is a "beltway bandit" at the U.S. Naval Yard in Washington, DC. She home schools their three daughters, Kelsey (14), Bethany (10), and Shannon (7).

**Bryant and Lisa (Nevin) Moxley** both teach at Bluefield (VA) College. He's chair of the music department and she's an adjunct music instructor. They recently discovered that another OBU grad works there. **Elizabeth (Eudy) Gomez ('82)** is the dean of academic services. She and Lisa both studied piano with **Dr. Ouida Keck**.

## 1985

**Djuna Cheek Dedeck (fs)** is a media specialist for Pulaski County Special School District and lives in Conway.

**Tracy Griffith** lives in Philadelphia and is a psychiatric social worker at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Nina Stewart Sellner**, a corporate health promotion professional with Federal Insurance Company, achieved ATM-Bronze with Toastmasters International. This the advanced toastmaster's bronze level. She and husband, Eric, live in Owatonna, MN.

**Keith Whitworth** is a sociology instructor at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

**Rob and Margaret (Slavens) Evans (fs)** recently purchased Peoples Pharmacy in Murfreesboro, AR, where Rob has worked as a pharmacist for several years. Margaret is a physical therapist for Pike Co. Hospital and the public schools. They have two sons, Neil (16) and Kyle (11).

**May Wye Lim** is a senior lecturer with Informatics Ipoh Institute. She and husband, Yen Chou Wong, live in Malaysia.

**Lynn Smith** and wife, Mary, live in Houston where he's the graduate program administrator for economics department at the Univer-

sity of Houston.

**Julia Gray Cecil** is the editor of "Equity Research" at Stephens, Inc. in Little Rock. She and husband, Kevin, a design engineer for Power Technology, live in Paron.

**Gene Hodges** received his doctor of ministry at the May commencement from Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, MO. He and wife, Sherrell, live in Eldon, MO, where he's a director of missions with the Missouri Baptist Convention.

**Brent Fields** was recently named vice president of prevention and treatment for the American Heart Association. He and wife, Suzette, live in Houston, TX and have one son, Micah, 14.

**Bryan Olliger (fs)** is employed with Rice Hull Speciality Products and lives in Humnoke, AR, with wife, Beverly.

**Boyd and Rhonda (Dismuke) Hall** are IBM missionaries in Greenacres, South Africa. He is the student and sports evangelism minister and she works with church and home ministries.

**Steve Russell** was recently featured on the front page of newspapers across the United States as he was interviewed following raids he led in Iraq seeking Saddam Hussein. Steve's a Lt. Colonel with the 4th Infantry Division and his Army battalion is part of Operation Freedom Iraq. His family, which includes his wife, **Cindy (Myers)** and their five children, live in Texas.

**Spike Dean (fs)** is a fitness consultant at North Little Rock's Family Practice.

## 1986

**Julie Eitelman Yngsdal** and husband, David, were appointed in July by the International Mission Board as missionaries to southern Africa. He will be a church planter/evangelist and she will take part in outreach ministries. They have four children: Mariah (9), Wesley (8), Corey (6) and Cameron (5).

**Allan Perry** practices law in Westminster, CA. He and wife, April, have three children, Austin (6), Allan, Jr. (3) and Alexis (1). April, a stay-at-home mom, runs their chain-store maintenance business and takes care of the children. They would love to hear from friends. Email them at Aeplawyer@aol.com.

**Deana Doss Day** and her family have relocated from Meridian, MS, to Fayetteville, AR, where she is the 6 and 10 p.m. news co-anchor at the local NBC television affiliate, KFAA/KPOM. She and husband,

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Bill, have three children.

**Eric Guthrie (fs)**, a former 15-year veteran of the banking business, left that career in 2001 to devote all his energy and talent full-time to mission work. Thinking he and wife, **Staci (Peeler, fs)**, would join the international mission path as missionaries to a foreign land, God has not opened those doors. Instead, they launched Last Frontier Enterprises and lead missions trips to villages in Africa. This effort is involved in variety of areas from installing water filtration systems to reaching out to war-widows by helping them to learn a trade to support their family. The Guthries live in North Little Rock and have a 7-year-old son, Grant.

**Jamie Wood** is a church strategies consultant for the Richmond (VA) Baptist Association.

**Llewellyn Terry** pastors Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. He and wife, Darlene, have three children: Keith, Llewellyn Jr., and Tamara.

**Rita Frazier** writes that her 16-year-old daughter, Promise Victoria, was a featured vocalist on KATV's "Good Morning, Arkansas" recently in promotion of her concert for The Home School Center in Greenbrier.

**Susan McClure Hurst** resigned as Ouachita's Director of Financial Aid as of October 1. She had served in that position since May 1994.

**Kenda Reeves White** is a pre-school coordinator for The Anthony School in Little Rock. She, husband, Mark, and son, Caleb, live in North Little Rock.

**Janean Fitts Cardenas** is starting her third year at Xenia (OH) High School as one of three Span-

ish teachers. She and husband, Edgar, traveled to Houston this summer and had the pleasure of visiting with **Frank Giangrosso ('86)** and his family. She writes that she would love to hear from everyone who remembers her. Email [janeanfc@cs.com](mailto:janeanfc@cs.com).

**Randy Wilcox** and wife, Susan, live in Cabot, AR, where he's employed by Community Bank of Cabot in their central operations department.

**Andy Herzfeld** was named "Agent of the Year 2003" by the Professional Insurance Agents of Arkansas, Inc. He works in Herzfeld Insurance in Benton with his dad, **Jim ('62)** and uncle, **Bob (fs63)**.

1987

**Steve Murdock**, formerly a church planter specializing in Hispanic ministries with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention mission ministries team, accepted a position in May as language design editor for Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, AL.

**Bill Brown (fs)** sells insurance for American Medical Securities. He lives in Cabot with wife, Rebecca, and children: Haven, Ember, Journey and Canaan.

**Scott Crider** has joined Combs & Company, a marketing and advertising agency in Little Rock, as executive vice president. He was recently selected for the 2003-2004 class of Leadership Greater Little Rock, a leadership program designed to develop effective leaders by enhancing their civic, social and professional awareness.

**John and Sharon (Ennis, '88)** **Sayger** and their boys (Sam, 13, Garrett, 9, Caleb, 7, and Isaac, 4)

live in Hernando, MS, where John serves as pastor to students at Colonial Hills Church in Southaven. She is a stay-at-home mom who is home schooling their sons.

**Lannie and Dina (Teague, '89)** **Emfinger** live in West Monroe, LA, with son, Michael. Lannie's a claims inspector for State Farm Insurance Catastrophe Services and she's a injury claims specialist for State Farm's Auto Claims Central operation.

**John Harrison** is a portfolio analyst with GMAC and lives in McKinney, TX, with wife, Alexia, and son, Davis, 4.

**Nancy Wood Mobley** and husband, Mike, live in Bryant, AR. She teaches in the Bryant Public Schools and he's a driver for Dillard's.

**Barry King**, former pastor of Tumbling Shoals (AR) Baptist Church, has taken the position of senior pastor of Woodberry Down Baptist Church in London, England.

**Rhonda Gross Joyner** and husband, Lt. Patrick Joyner, now serve on the home mission field in North Carolina where he's a Navy chaplain stationed at Marine Corp Air Station in Cherry Point. They home school their five children: William (10), twins Audrey and Jordan (8), Maggie (5), and Noah (3). She serves on the board of directors for the Havelock-Newport Homeschool Association. They ask for prayer for the huge mission field of military families, many of whom do not know the Lord.

**Mario Barberio (fs)** lives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He writes that he misses the States, Ouachita, and his American parents, Bill and Snookie Dixon...and if anyone needs anything from Brazil, please let him know. Mario is a marketing manager for Filiperson Industria de Papels Especiais Ltd.

**Scott Mooney** is head football coach at Western Hills High School in Frankfort, KY. He and Kelly, have one daughter, Heather, who will be one year old in January.

**Mike and Beth (Morehart)** **Shull** live in Little Rock with their children, Michael (12), Hannah (10) and Emily (8). Mike works for Caldwell Toyota in Conway and also competes in marathons. Beth teaches journalism and is the staff advisor for the student newspaper and yearbook at Pulaski Academy. She also serves as director of the Arkansas Scholastic Press Association, a state journalism organization that **Dr. Bill Downs**, OBU faculty member, directed for 25 years.

**Keith Newsom** has moved to Harrison, AR. He is a teacher and

senior boys basketball coach at Western Grove High School.

**Kevin Crowder**, director of pastoral care at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, VA, was certified as an Association for Clinical Pastoral Education supervisor in October.

**Scott Stewart** is a financial consultant in Waukesha, WI.

1988

**Terry DeWitt**, assistant professor of biological sciences and director of the athletic training education program at Ouachita, recently earned his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. He and wife, Charlotte, are parents of 13-year-old twins, Lauren and Clinton.

**Bobbi Hart** is employed with Abbott Resortquest and lives in Fort Walton Beach, FL.

**Dan and Julia (Estes, '82)** **Carter** write that they have moved eight times in last 14 years with his job with Ford Motor Credit. They have now relocated back to Michigan. She recently earned her MBA and has started work on her doctorate. He writes that she taught French and Spanish full time while attending graduate school and packing/unpacking boxes in their moves.

**Ashli Ahrens Davis** and husband, Greg, live in England, AR. She works in Little Rock as the State of Arkansas, Department of Finance and Administration's director for employee benefits division.

**Kenny and Christi (Lyday, '85)** **Nichols** live in Cordova, TN. He is a quality control inspector with Premier Tool and she's a choral director with Shelby County Schools.

**John Casey** is employed with Baldwin & Shell Construction Co. in Little Rock as the accounts payable/cost adjustor. In addition, he is part of the music ministry team at Agape Church and is a member of two evangelism teams: Jesus is Lord Ministries and Christcom Ministry.

**Marla Chisum** lives in Tulsa, OK, and is employed by Associated Center for Therapy as the on-site occupancy manager for a HUD-subsidized apartment complex for the mentally ill. She also serves as the housing resource consultant, overseeing all areas of the agency's housing properties.

**Loretta Neal McGregor** was one of fifteen college/university faculty members nationwide to be selected to attend the 6th annual Research Training in Psychology of Aging Program held in July in Duluth, MN. She is associate professor of



**REUNION** • Diane (Cato) Williamson, Mary Anne Wilkerson, and Mary Ann (Thornton) McKinney, all members of the class of '65, pose in front of the Tiger during their college days and during a visit to campus in October. The three were roommates in Terrell Moore during their freshman year, were roommates/suitemates in Cone-Bottoms as sophomores and juniors, and were roommates/suitemates in Flippin-Perrin as seniors.

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psychology at Ouachita.

**Kevin Smith** is senior programmer/analyst for Walsh Healthcare Solutions and lives in Texarkana with wife, Christy.

**Johnifer and Lisa (Edwards, '89) Cooper** live in Memphis with their 4-year-old twins, Matthew and Amanda. Johnifer is the creative director for Signature Advertising. He recently received a Gold Award and Best of Show Award for one of his print productions. Lisa is the rehab services manager and marketing director for Sycamore Care and Rehab Center. Friends can email them at jcooper7@midssouth.rr.com

**Cary Humphrey** and his family have moved from Florida to Rochester, MA. He has changed careers and is now employed with a mortgage company as a senior loan officer. He and wife, Michelle, had a baby, Faith, in November, who joined their daughters, Emily (2), Meghan (12) and Erin (8).

**Angela Kennedy Charrier** is business manager for Alston Power Co. She and husband, Chuck, and Spencer (3) and Brooke (10) live in Sheridan.

**Stephen Nortier** is senior account rep for Ikon Office Solutions in Los Angeles, CA, and volunteers at First Southern Baptist Church in Glendale.

**Drew Smith** earned his doctorate from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is director of Daniel R. Grant Center for International Studies at Ouachita. He and wife, Stephanie, a part-time visual arts teacher at Ouachita, have three children: Justin, Brandon and Callie.

**Mark Roberts** is the national account manager for J.B. Hunt Transportation. He lives in Bella Vista, AR, with wife, Carolyn, and children Michael, David, Rylee, and Sydney Grace.

**Tricia Hossler Hamner** lives in Maumelle with husband, John, and children, Heather (11) and Michael (4). She works as a receptionist for Alltel and is studying for her associate's degree in business management. She is proud to say that she is a three-year breast cancer survivor.

**Audra Bolhouse Aldridge** is a stay-at-home mom and lives in Sullivan, MO, with husband, Evan, and daughter, Madison, 4.

**Mike and Cindy (Vance) Hamilton** have moved to Monroe, LA, where he will serve as pastor of Parkview Baptist Church. They have two children, Brittney (10) and Tyler (9).

1989

**Denise Swedenburg Overton** is the director of New Beginnings Crisis Pregnancy Center in Benton, AR.

**Joe Cathey** completed his Ph.D. in Old Testament at Southwestern Seminary in May. He is an adjunct professor of Old Testament at Dallas Baptist University. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Godley, TX, and would love to hear from old (and new) friends who can contact him at josephrcathey@earthlink.net.

**Jennifer Nix Mooney** and family have moved to Springdale, AR, where she works part time as a speech-language pathologist. Her husband, Brad, is vice president of commercial lending at United Bank. They have two children: Nate (5) and Allie (2).

**Mark Neese** is assistant principal at Smithfield Middle School in the Birdville ISD. He and wife, Tammy, and 1-year-old son, Brock, live in Fort Worth.

**Julie Gibbens** lives in Fayetteville, AR, with her daughter Avery, born in April 2003. Julie graduated from law school in 1993 and is a senior corporate counsel with Wal Mart Stores, Inc.

**Mike Robinson** lives in Greenville, TX, with wife, Kim and Lindsay (16) and Josh (14). Son, Jeff, is a freshman at Ouachita. Mike runs a baseball academy and Kim works for Greenville ISD.

**Lisa Putman** has relocated to Oklahoma City where she's the project manager and designer for marketing and training programs at Hobby Lobby/Greco Corporate Offices. She would love to hear from OBU friends. Email: LisaPutman@msn.com.

**John Blase** resigned Oct. 1 as pastor of Arkadelphia Second Baptist Church to accept a position at the Little Log Church in Palmer Lake, CO. He will co-pastor with friend and '89 grad, **Chris (Tschiegg) Taylor**.

**David Barnett** is a business development officer for Charles Schwab & Co. Wife, **Amy (Garrett, '88)** is a stay-at home mom to Callie (10), Ben (7), and Adam (5-1/2). They live in Conway.

**Margie Bright Sexton** works as a family support specialist for Arkansas Dept. of Human Services and lives in Malvern with husband, Steve, and Logan (9) and Sydney (5).

1990

**Laura Beth Williams Chelf** is a channel manager for AML and lives in Southlake, TX, with hus-

band, Phil, and son Andrew, 7.

**Andy Dean** owns and operates Dean Film and Video in Lakeland, TN, (just outside Memphis) producing corporate and ministry videos and programming interactive DVDs. He also freelances as a Steadicam operator and Jimmy-Jib operator. He and wife, Annette, have a son, Lucas (14), who received the President's Award for Educational Excellence last May.

**Jennifer Hamner** of Hot Springs received an advanced women's ministry certificate at May commencement of Leavell College of New Orleans Theological Seminary.

**Brian Beck (fs)** is a sales rep for Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He and wife, **Paige (Spann, '91)** and children, Morgan (5) and Jake (2), live in Bryant, AR. Paige is the assistant preschool director at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church.

**Jeff Hinkle** lives in Belmont, MA, and is employed with Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

**Greg and Allison (Finley, '92) Stroud** have moved to the Montgomery, AL, area where he's employed with Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Co. They have two children: Alex (5-1/2) and Caroline (born in June).

**Jeff Noble** resigned in August as BCM (formerly BSU) director at University of Arkansas-Monticello to begin a new church in that city. He and **Carolyn (Brooks, '92)** have two children, Sam (6-1/2) and Adelyn (3).

1991

**Don Smith**, a pilot with Air Evac Lifeteam, accepted a transfer last spring that brought him and his family back to Arkansas. His new base is Paris, AR, and they live in Greenwood.

**John Mark Wheeler** is a chaplain with Arkansas Department of Correction and pastor of South Pinewood Baptist Church. He and wife, Kandy, live in Kingsland, AR.

**Steven Galatas** is assistant professor of political science at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, GA. He also directs the European Union Studies Program. Wife, Rebecca, works in the registration office at Troy State's campus in Albany.

**Steve Brawner** began in June as Arkansas Lt. Gov. Win Rockefeller's director of communications. He had previously worked for Gov. Mike Huckabee, but for the past four years has devoted his time to writing family biographies.

**Brent Trammel** and wife,

Jennalee, live in Frisco, TX, where he's an account executive with Karl Storz Endoscopy in Plano.

**Vince Husted** is employed as a planner with the City of Little Rock.

**Tiffany (Smith) Dillon** and her family have moved to Midland, TX, where she's a stay-at-home mom. She and husband, Jeff, have two children: David Clay (19 months) and Lauren (born in July 2003).

**Mike House** is employed with Dean Foods as national director of logistics and supply chain. He and wife, Jennifer, and 2-year-old son, Clayton, live in Rockwall, TX, outside of Dallas.

1992

**Greg and Dana (Roberts) O'Neal** live in Texarkana, TX, with their children, Geoffrey (10) and Kirsten (8). She teaches music at Trinity Christian School and he is a sound contractor with Regional Sound.

**Melody Buras** is the chief information officer for the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Ways & Means in Washington, D.C.

**Geneen Souder Cochran** is a trainer and supervisor at Flight Safety at DFW Airport. She is pursuing her master's online with the University of Phoenix and has three children.

**Janet Ellis Watson** recently joined Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Oklahoma as an individual marketing specialist for senior markets. She and husband, Jeffrey, have two children: Megan (8) and Jeffrey (5).

**Mat Stewart** is head girls' basketball coach for Marshall (AR) School District.

**Mark Railey** is president of the new Lyell College in Fort Smith. This college was established in 1858 by his ancestors, but closed down in 1887 following the death of one of the founders, David Kersh. It was reopened in January 2003 and is non-denominational, offering 26 courses, ranging from Introduction to Christian Leadership to Fundamentals of Music Theory, to New Testament Survey and Christian Ethics. Serving as part of the faculty are his father, **David Railey ('57)**, his mother, **Joy Kersh Chamberlain ('57)**, and sister, **Sharon Railey ('86)**.

**Pete Gibson** lives in Michigan with wife, Kristan and children, Carter (2) and Caden (9 months). He is purchasing manager for Pratt & Whitney, an aviation company.

**Sharon Roper Stewart** teaches middle school art in Lake

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Worth ISD. She and husband, Wesley, have two children: Wesley (3) and Gianna (born in August).

**Bobby and Tricia (Murphree)**

**Biggers** live in Woodlawn, AR, outside of Rison, with their daughters, Allison (6), Leah (5), Jenna (3) and Lilly (born in September). He is pastor of Shepherd Hill Baptist Church and she works part time at Woodlawn Schools as the speech pathologist.

**Dennis and Jody (Roberson, '93) Janz** were appointed recently by the International Mission Board as missionaries to southern Africa. They have three children: Andy, Josiah and Caleb.

**Butch and Melissa (Burton)**

**Gray** live in El Dorado where he's a teacher and coach.

**Cathy Smart Fletcher** is an RN in the medical intensive care unit at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock. She and husband, Tony, live in Lonoke. She writes she is a new step mom to 11-year-old T.J. and loves it!

**Katherine Massey** is a customer service analyst for Health Advantage in Little Rock.

## 1993

**Shelley Davis**, head girls' basketball coach at Morrilton (AR), was selected as one of two head coaches for the girls' East-West All-Star Basketball game, which was played in June at Bud Walton Arena in Fayetteville. She served as the West girls' head coach. One of the coaches on her All-Star staff included **Mickey Staffer** ('88), who is head coach at Poyen.

**Michelle McCoy Smith** is the educational secretary for Watson Chapel Baptist Church near Pine Bluff.

**Dwight and Carla (Davis) Caldwell (fs)** live in Benton, AR. He's a vice president with the investment banking firm of Crews & Associates where he trades bonds. She is a CPA and works part time at Saline Memorial Hospital. The Caldwells have a two-year-old son, Rhett Carson, and are expecting their second child in December.

**Beth Anne Rankin** resigned in December from the Governor's Office and returned to the world of motivational speaking and music, residing in her hometown of Magnolia.

**Tony and Mary Jane (Lee, '92) Hutchins** have been transferred from Alaska to San Antonio, TX, by the Air Force. Tony is stationed at Lackland AFB where he plays bass trombone for The Band of the West.

**Amy Wilson Sanchez (fs)** teaches 8th grade language arts in Sarasota (FL) School District. Husband, Steven, is an occupational therapist.

**Michele Bradley Purtle** and husband, Steve, own a Honda dealership in Russellville. They celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary in June and have one daughter, Ashton (7),

**Jody Bynum Nance**, husband, Jon, and 20-month-old daughter, Emma, relocated last spring to Alexandria, LA, where she opened her medical practice, Premier Family Practice. Jon is a stay-at-home dad.

**David Whited** is the director of chapel at Trinity International University in Deerfield, IL.

**Andy and Holly (Clark) Jayroe** reside in Carrollton, TX. He is part owner of Jayroe Litho, Inc.

**Kris Shinn** is working on his first book of poetry and should have it completed early next year. He lives in Conway and works in the insurance business.

**Lance and Kandi (Knod) West** reside in Maumelle, AR. He's vice president of finance with Coulson Oil in Little Rock. He graduated this spring from the Leadership Greater Little Rock program, which produces leaders for the future.

**Cindy Waller Stalnaker** wants to share her testimony of God's love during a very difficult time in her life. She and her husband, Dan, live in South Carolina, where she's a stay-at-home mom to their 3-1/2 year old daughter, Emma. In summer of 2001, she experienced vision loss and muscular problems and an MRI revealed a tumor in her cerebellum. Surgery followed. After she returned home, she had to return to the hospital due to a spinal fluid leak. Six weeks following the first surgery, she had to have a second one. She did not improve and had to have a third operation to remove a piece of bone, but had to stay in the hospital for a week due to a bad staph infection. All of this over a period of three months. In the spring of 2002, the symptoms returned: vision loss and muscular problems. The MRI revealed that she did not have a tumor but minor problems that had nothing to do with her brain. Praise God for the symptoms so the doctors could discover and remove the tumor before it became cancerous! She writes that she and Dan are expecting a baby boy this November.

**Krisie Holmes** is choral director for Kennett (MO) Public Schools.

**Melanie Barr Bonam (fs)** is a hairstylist. She and husband, David, the children's minister at The Church at Burleson (TX), have three children: Ryan (5), McKenzie (3) and Karlie (1).

**Dana Caldwell**, a member of the sports department at The Morning News of Northwest Arkansas in Springdale, won first place and third place in the Sports Column competition in the 2003 Associated Press Managing Editors Association's journalism competition in May. He, wife Leah, and daughters, Sloan and Sydney, live in Fayetteville.

**Brent and Rebecca (McClenning) Lindsey** have relocated to Ann Arbor, MI, where he's an area sales manager for Pfizer Animal Health. She does free lance work and stays home with new son, Ethan.

**Kristi Hart** lives in Frisco, TX, and is assistant principal for Little Elm ISD.

**Sara Fish Campbell** and her family have moved to Ankara, Turkey, where she and husband, Ross, teach in the International Community School. They have three daughters, Mary Erin (4-1/2), Annika (3) and Esther (1).

## 1994

**Toni Walker (fs)** accepted the high school softball coach position at Cypress Community Christian School. She and husband, Daniel, live in Katy, TX.

**Kiri Tan Lo** got married in July 2002 in England, after having spent four years in Taiwan, teaching at an MK school and learning Chinese. She and husband, Peter, relocated this summer to the Netherlands where she is teaching math at Schiller International School.

**Naomi Stankow-Mercer** graduated in May 2003 from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst with a master of arts in English literature. In September, she accepted a position as an instructor at the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) in New York. Husband, George, was assigned to the American Embassy in Cairo, Egypt, in June. She will live in Newburgh, New York.

**Clay Goff** is president of First Security Bank in Beebe. He and wife, Susan, have two children: Noah (3) and Avery (1-1/2).

**Quinton and Stacey (Slaten) Miner** live in New Orleans, where he has his own dental practice.

**Heath Clower** has joined the staff of Clinton (AR) First Baptist Church as minister of youth.

**Christy Cowling Wallace** is a

stay-at-home mom to three daughters: Carley (5), Ashley (3) and Malley (born in March 2003). She and husband, Todd, who's a physical therapist for a home health agency, live in Texarkana, TX.

**Chris Ratley** has taken a position as youth pastor with First Baptist Church in Corinth, TX. He and Sheri have two daughters, Hailey Faith (3-1/2) and Katelyn Grace (5-1/2).

**Laurie Delezen** teaches elementary art at Bentonville (AR) Public Schools.

**Jason and Jenna (Schwalier) Collins** live in Knoxville, TN, and have three children: Noah (5), Abby (3) and Faith (born in May 2003). Jason is in private practice at Baptist Hospital of East Tennessee and serves as Chief of Family and Emergency Medicine.

**Stephanie Blackmon** is a software developer and analyst for Fidelity Information Services in Little Rock.

**Mica Strother Hicks** is an attorney in the Arkansas Attorney General's office. She and husband, Tim, have a son, Eli, 1-1/2.

**Jennifer Sanders** teaches first grade and reading recovery as well as serves as Title I coordinator for the Spring (TX) ISD. She was honored this year as "Teacher of the Year" by her school. She also competed in the HP/Houston Marathon this past spring.

**Bradley Myers** is a wetlands biologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He and wife, Stasia, live in Little Rock.

**Jim and Janna (Southerland) Maxwell** and daughter, Kendall (3-1/2), have moved from DC area to Augusta, GA, where he's the assistant chief of nephrology at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

**Jay Turley** is head football coach at Fouke High School. Wife, **Vicki (Thompson, '92)**, is a speech pathologist at Nash (TX) Elementary School. They have a 6-year-old daughter, Olivia.

## 1995

**Allison Walsh Kizzia** is minister of childhood education at Park Hill Baptist in North Little Rock. She and husband, David, live in Maumelle.

**Adam Sigler** is a cardiac sonographer for Saline Memorial Hospital in Benton.

**Angela Williamson** and daughter, Alyssa Grace, live in Conway where Angela's employed with Acxiom.

**Monty and Leigh Ann (Miller) Self** are no longer with the Interna-

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tional Mission Board. They returned to the States from the Ukraine in April and live in Little Rock.

**Holly Rusher** completed her second year in May serving as a language student in East Asia. What an adventure!

**Ted and Lori (Barnes, '96) Jolley** live in Little Rock where she teaches third grade at Williams Magnet School and he's in dental practice in Bryant with Howard Family Dentistry.

**Allen Morrison** is employed with Delta Waterfowl as regional development director. He's responsible for chapter development and fund raising. He and Amy live in Little Rock where she's employed with Axiom.

**Virgil Hellums** is the mill and environmental manager for Lafarge North America in Palatka, FL. He would love to hear from some of his Ouachita buddies. He can be reached at [virgil.hellums@lafargena.com](mailto:virgil.hellums@lafargena.com) or [virgilhellums@aol.com](mailto:virgilhellums@aol.com).

**Nikki Northern Chumley** is print production specialist for Alltel in Little Rock.

**Brian Moore** is serving as pastor of Highland Heights Baptist Church in Benton. He shares in a recent newspaper article that the journey was not easy. He says he was like Jonah - he was swallowed by the "whale" of drug addiction and it spit him out in a drug rehabilitation center. "The whole time I was running (from God), I knew He had a call on my life." He credits his freedom from drugs in part to the prayers of his family and friends.

**Shelli Reeder (fs)** works at St. Jude Medical USSD as a medical device sales representative.

**Michael Sepulveda** lives in Birmingham, AL, with wife, Allison, and daughter, Katilyn Grace. He serves as associate pastor for West Side Baptist Church.

**Kelly Martin Stamps** is an account manager for Wal Mart. She and new husband, Scott, live in Springdale, AR.

**Laddie Crouch** is a special agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration and lives in New Jersey.

**Mark White** has been appointed administrative law judge of the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission. He previously worked as an attorney with the Governor's Office. He and Julie live in Bryant, AR.

**Steven Cole (fs)** is minister of music at East Side Baptist Church in Paragould.

**Alana Boles** will serve as office manager of Governor Mike

Huckabee's new Washington, DC, Office.

**Tracy Pennington** is the training and curriculum-programming specialist at Pine Bluff Arsenal's Child and Youth Services.

**Gina Denton Fox** resigned as director of financial aid at Hendrix College in Conway to spend more time with their son, Drew.

### 1996

**Brandon Massey** and **David Whittington** earned their graduate degrees in May commencements. Brandon received his master's of divinity from New Orleans Seminary and David received his master's of music in church music from Southwestern Seminary.

**Valeree Kelehar Davis** and husband, Ron, live in Cypress, TX, where she's a teacher.

**John Tolbert** graduated from Cumberland School of Law and passed the bar. He currently practices in Birmingham, AL. Wife, **Jennifer (Middleton, '99)**, is a stay-at-home-mom to their three children: Chandler (5-1/2), Mary Madison (4) and Wesley (born in March 2003).

**Gibson Largent (fs)** is an associate pastor at Northwest Baptist Church. He and Julie Anne live in Oklahoma City.

**Jamie Crenshaw** is an RN at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

**Brian Davidson** and wife, Yuko, live in Lewisville, TX, where he's an auditor for TravisWolff Advisors and Accountants.

**Matt and Amy (Fisher) Pryor** have moved from Arkadelphia to Pine Bluff. He has joined staff at South Side Baptist Church as minister of students and education. Amy is a stay-at-home mom to Vivian (1-1/2).

After working at the Governor's office for three years, **Christy Rogers** began a new job in June as headhunter and recruiter for CPI Recruiters. She primarily recruits manufacturing professionals but does cover other professions. She also traveled to Honduras recently with World Gospel Outreach and will be returning over Christmas for another visit.

**Landon Lawhon** is self employed in the advertising business. He and wife, Ashley, live in Cabot.

**Kellee and Natali (fs2000) McCoy** and son, Jon Michael, have relocated to Broken Arrow, OK, where Kellee is pastor of corporate worship at The Church at Battle Creek. She works for an insurance agency and runs the church's CD

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## ALUMNI *Profile*

Donna Adkins ('81)

The role of a teacher in a person's life can forever be a catalyst in reaching goals with far-flung expectations.

For one Ouachita graduate this challenge has led her to excel in the classroom and be noticed by her peers in the distinction of being named the 2004 Arkansas Teacher of the Year.

Donna Trigg Adkins, a native of Arkadelphia and a first grade teacher at Perritt Primary School in the city, was selected recently by the Arkansas Board of Education for the prestigious honor.

"I was very surprised when they called to inform me that I had been selected," she said. "It is overwhelming."

As Teacher of the Year, Adkins will receive \$15,000 and have the opportunity to represent Arkansas in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Adkins is a 22-year veteran of the teaching profession with 17 years in the Arkadelphia Public School District. She earned a bachelor of science in education degree from OBU in 1981 and a master of science in education degree from Henderson State University. She is a member of the National Education Association, International Reading Association and the Arkadelphia Reading Council.

In her state Teacher of the Year application, she wrote, "I love teaching more today than I did 22 years ago when I began my teaching career. I want to provide a safe haven in my class. A place where children are free to learn, free to think, free to be themselves, without fear."

She said that she does not think she stands out from any other teachers at her school. "I do the best I can and try to be the type of teacher I want my children to have. I try to make them work hard and know that they are loved."

Adkins was chosen to represent the Arkadelphia School District by other teachers in the district as the one who "best exemplifies the district's goals and mission." She was then chosen to represent the Dawson Cooperative District—the district that includes Arkadelphia—in the state competition. The district winners are then narrowed to four finalists with one being Teacher of the Year.

Adkins said she was convinced that the Lord was leading her to Ouachita when it came time to choose a school to attend after high school graduation.

"I knew God was leading me to OBU, though at the time I did not know why," she said. "But, it shows God's providence in our lives. At Ouachita, I met teachers who took a personal interest in me and my progress, not just academically. He knew, even if I didn't, that Ouachita was the place where I would be able to start developing into the person He wanted me to be.

"I also knew God was calling me to be a teacher. Ouachita helped me realize that teaching is a ministry, a way to reach out to all children, regardless. As a public school teacher, I cannot openly share my faith, but it is an opportunity to show Christ's love each and every day as I work to meet the needs of my children. Winning Teacher of the Year has been very exciting, but I don't do what I do each day for recognition, but for the satisfaction of knowing that I am working to fulfill God's purpose for my life," she said.

This is the second consecutive year and the third time in recent years that the Arkadelphia School District has had a finalist for Teacher of the Year. Beverly Slavens, a current teacher in the school district and a former student ('67) at Ouachita was also selected for the honor. Slavens is an adjunct teacher in English at OBU.

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ministry.

**Greg Moss** is a computer programmer with Fidelity Information Services, a division of Fidelity National Financial, and resides in Conway, AR.

**Chad Gallagher** moved his family to Maumelle last spring. He now works for Governor Mike Huckabee as his policy advisor for Homeland Security. He and Jessica, have two daughters, Hannah (6) and Grace (4-1/2).

**Scottie Johnson (fs)** is on staff at Farmington (AR) First Baptist Church.

**Brandy Long Davis** completed her residency in June at University of Tennessee Family Practice-St. Francis in Memphis. In August, she began a one-year Women's Health Fellowship at the same location.

**Shannon Cone** has relocated to Morgan City, LA, to pursue a new career. She worked in Memphis as a sales rep for Telecheck.

**Theodocia Johnson Latham** was honored as Hot Springs Young Careerist by the Spa Area Business & Professional Women.

**Ryan Baldi** has been promoted to customer center manager by FedEx Freight and transferred to Longview, TX. **Michelle (Egner)** is a stay-at-home mom to Nickolas (4), William (6) and Emily (8).

## 1997

**Shannon Rogers Baker** went back to school to get her Texas teaching certificate and is now teaching third grade in Texarkana at Highland Park Elementary Park. She married Dennis Baker in 2001 and has two step children: Emily and Zachary.

**April Heintz Minor** graduated in May with high honors from the UALR's William H. Bowen School of Law. She currently works as a law clerk to Honorable Stephen M. Reasoner in Little Rock, the senior judge for U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas. She and husband, Christopher, live in Little Rock.

**Patrick and Misty (Bigler, '99) Faircloth** live in Corsicana, TX. He's the band director for Blooming Grove ISD and she's the band director for Corsicana ISD.

**Jennifer Tolbert Byrd** is teaching at Glen Rose Public Schools, outside of Malvern. She will be teaching 7th grade English classes plus yearbook and journalism.

**Kaleb Barrett's** band, "The Scuffs," recently released its first

album, "And, They're Off." More information is available on the band's website: [www.thescuffs.com](http://www.thescuffs.com).

**Lane Smith** is wearing a new hat at Ouachita. Previously employed as director of annual giving and development officer since summer of 2000, he became director of financial aid effective October 1.

**Thierry Vodounou** recently received his master's degree in business administration from Loyola University in Chicago.

**Ben Blackwell** graduated in May from Dallas Theological Seminary with his master of theology degree. He is the actuarial consultant for Watson Wyatt Worldwide. He and **Heather (Mills, '98)** live in Dallas.

**Robin Davis Goff** teaches music for Williamsburg County School District. She and husband, David, live in Myrtle Beach, SC.

**Joshua Jones** has taught school for seven years. The past two, he has taught and coached at Fouke High School. He is active in the local theatre and serves as vice president of planning and development for TEX REP, a community theater group. He writes that he "runs a live music venue that has hosted several Grammy-nominated bands."

**Chad and Joanna (Thurston) Strike** live in Mabelvale with two sons, Josiah (4) and Isaiah (2-1/2). Chad's employed with the Methodist Children's Home and Joanna is a stay-at-home mom.

**Becka Hester** moved back to Arkansas last year from Arlington, TX. She is a graphic artist with Leisure Arts in Little Rock.

**Karen Temple Walker** and husband, Keith, moved to Los Angeles, CA, in July. She will be attending the University of Southern California pursuing her masters in professional writing with an emphasis in fiction. Her first short story, "Mad Satisfaction," will appear in the Fall 2003 issue of the Gainesville (FL) literary arts journal, The Hogtown Creek Review. She is also an assistant lecturer in the writing program at USC.

**Sabrena Ault Morris** is starting her third year as a chemistry specialist III for Entergy at Arkansas Nuclear One in Russellville, AR. She and husband, Michael, live in Conway.

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

**Shana Fuller Lane** lives in Amarillo, TX, and is a speech-language pathologist for Progressive

Step Rehab.

**Shane (fs96) and Becky (Herndon) Wooten** have moved to Russellville where he's a salesman for Sysco Foods and she is completing her masters degree in speech pathology.

**Amy Miles Compton** is a bookkeeper for Williams Florist & Gifts in Van Buren. She and husband, **Doug ('95)** recently celebrated five years of ministry at Van Buren First Baptist Church as minister to students.

**Shannon Duke** has moved back to North Little Rock from Branson, MO. She is teaching speech and drama as well as Keystone, a freshman transitional course designed to help new high schoolers navigate high school and beyond with more ease, at NLR High School East.

**Ryan and Angel (Cannell, '98) Duncan** live in Fulton, MO, with sons, Joseph (1-1/2) and Conner (born in July 2003). Ryan is events and public relations coordinator for Westminster College and she's a claims technician for the State of Missouri.

**Chris Meseke** is the new head basketball coach at Magnolia (AR) High School.

**Jo Ellen Green Colvin** is a speech pathologist with Speech Pathology Associates in El Dorado. Husband, Mitch, is an environmental specialist at Lion Oil Refinery.

**Kristen Tache Mizell** is a national speaker to teens. She and husband, Capt. John Mizell, are stationed with the Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH.

**Dmitry Maslovsky** is an associate research scientist at Columbia University. He and wife, Marla, live in New York City.

**Ashley Arrington** has transferred to Atlanta (GA) with American Cancer Society.

**Melissa Wooley Sims** lives in Benton, AR, with husband, Mark, and daughter Jocelyn. She's a registered dietitian and he's a sales associate/driver with Conway Southern Express.

**Roderick Edwards** is vice president of Triple-S Alarm in Little Rock.

**Julie Packwood Welch** and husband, Scott, reside at Valley Ranch in Irving, TX, where she teaches Spanish at Ranchview High School.

## 1998

**Nancy Day**, formerly on staff at Ouachita, moved in July to Wheaton, IL, where she's enrolled in the 2-year Biblical Studies pro-

gram at Wheaton College.

**Steven Orsburn** was named president of First State Bank of Gurdon in June. He and wife, Holly, live in Okolona with two sons, Kyle and Garrin.

**Neal Satterfield** has joined the staff of Ozark First Baptist Church as minister of youth.

**Clint Rickett** is a speech therapist with First Step Inc. He and wife, Crystal, live in Pearcy, AR.

**Jeremy Allen** has extended his tour in Korea until October 2004. He is an intelligence analyst with the U.S. Army. Wife, **Christy (Hudson)** joined him in March. He writes that "life this close to the DMZ is somewhat restricted but we love learning the new culture and language."

**Shawn Paine** is a customer service rep for FamilyLife in Little Rock.

**John Honey** has relocated to northwest Arkansas where he is the adult student programs specialist at Northwest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville. He's be coordinating the weekend college programs.

In May, **Carrie Spradlin** graduated with her master's in social work from Southwestern Seminary. She has accepted a position with TeenHopeLine.com as director of ZJAM Youth Ministries International, a place on the Internet for teens to find help for issues they face. She also hosts a nightly national call-in talk show with Dawson McAllister. She is living in Spring Hill, TN.

**Taft Laster** is a radiology account manager for General Electric Medical Systems and lives in Spring Hill, TN, with wife, Anita.

**Alison Wilson Hendricks** lives on a farm near Fayetteville, AR, with husband, John, and son, Will (1). They own and run a landscaping company, The Grey Barn, and have plans to open a garden center soon.

**Jodie Matthews Daniell** is a travel agent for Goodwin Travel-American Express in Hot Springs. She lives in Arkadelphia with husband, Mike, and son, James Cody, who was born in July 2003.

**Jim Yates** is a photojournalist with I.D. Comm, Ltd. and has been living in Thailand. He has applied to the graduate program in international communication/journalism at the University of Florida.

**Emily Higgins** is the outreach coordinator in the Department of Music for Lancaster Bible College in Lancaster, PA.

**Kristina Baranova** lives in Little Rock and is a LAN/Desktop specialist in asset management at

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**Brent and Jessica (Humphrey, '99) Black** are in Little Rock. He's vice president and controller for Southern Development Bancorporation; she's a senior tax accountant with Stephens, Inc.

**Russell Jones** is attending Mid-America Seminary in Memphis and works full time at Germantown Baptist Church as the church planting associate pastor.

**Meredith Archer** is enrolled at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, after serving for two years as a journeyman to Kenya.

**Peter Cunningham** graduated in May from Southwestern Seminary with his master of arts degree in Christian education and a master of arts in ministry-based evangelism. He and **Theresa (Gillespie)** left in September for Guatemala City, Guatemala, with the International Mission Board to do mission work for two years.

**Jennifer Carroll** is a Tommy Hilfiger specialist at Macy's West in Fort Worth.

**Shawn Finney** lives in Columbia, TN, (south of Nashville) and works as minister of students and recreation for Pleasant Heights Baptist Church. He and wife, Pam, have been married for four years.

**Virginia Hensley** is a registered nurse at St. Vincent Health System in Little Rock.

**Neil Langston** teaches World and U.S. History at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, while awaiting admittance to an African Studies Ph.D. program.

**Tisha Elrod Launius** is a benefits administrator for Electrolux Home Products. She and Mike and sons, Cody (5) and Cason (1), live in Nashville, AR.

**Sandra Scucchi Kleinert** is a marketing coordinator for Mighty Leaf Tea Company. She lives in Mill Valley, CA, with husband, Shorel.

**Kim Roth** is a human resources representative for Stephens, Inc. in Little Rock.

**Nikki Burns Mullins (fs)** teaches first grade at Clarksville Community School Co-op and lives in Jeffersonville, IN, with husband, Jason.

**Shane and Katrina (Beaty, '99) Robertson** live in Hot Springs where Shane is junior high youth minister at Second Baptist Church. She works part-time as an accountant with Spann & Associates. They have a two-year-old daughter, Savannah, and expecting a boy in March.

**Jake Hambleton** works for State Farm Insurance in Texarkana.

**Amy Adams** is a professor in

the Graduate Counselor Education Department at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR. She also has her own private counseling practice. Friends can email her at Aadam@jbu.edu to catch up and make plans to visit.

**Tony McCreery** is working on his master of divinity degree at Logsdon School of Theology in Abilene, TX. He is pastor of Central Baptist Church and serves as BSM director in Snyder. He and wife, Leeann, have a daughter, Karys, and two foster children. He would love to hear from friends. He can be reached at mcreery98@peoplepc.com.

**Ray Baser** lives in Ann Arbor, MI, where he's a pre-doctoral Fellow in biostatistics in the graduate program at University of Michigan.

**Kerri Newborn Jones** teaches 7th grade math for Dallas ISD and is pursuing her certification as a school principal. She and husband, Nathan, a senior network engineer, live in Frisco.

1999

**Christine Brown Jones** graduated in May 2003 with her master of divinity degree from Truett Seminary in Waco. She entered the Ph.D. program in Old Testament at Baylor this fall.

**Vicky Selivanova** lives in Little Rock and is employed with R&K Inc., a domain registration company (Internet).

**Tommy Stringfellow** joined the staff of Lake Ouachita Baptist Church in Mt. Ida as minister to youth. He also teaches in the Mt. Ida school district.

**Justin Rhymes** resigned in September as a computer technician in the Computer Services Dept. at Ouachita to take a job with Smiley Technologies, headquartered in Little Rock. He will be based in Arkadelphia, working out of Southern Development Bancorp.

**Jennifer Jones** is a teacher and coach for McKinney (TX) ISD.

**Joey Head** is in property management in Corsicana, TX.....and he is not married. This is a correction from the last Circle.

**David and Whitney (Elliott) Smith** have moved to Benton, AR. He is minister of music at Bryant's First Southern Baptist Church and she is assistant band director for Arkadelphia Public School.

**Whitney Moore** passed the Arkansas bar exam and has joined the law firm of Barber, McCaskill, Jones and Hale, PA. She lives in North Little Rock with one-year-old son, Preston.

**Sarah Jones Adams** is a senior financial analyst with Alltel in Little Rock.

**Jason Owens** is an attorney with the law firm of Duncan & Rainwater in Little Rock.

In October, **Rob Crockett** joined the staff of Computer Services Department at Ouachita. Previously employed at Pinnacle Computers as a computer programmer, he and wife, Mariela, live in Arkadelphia. She's employed with Group Living.

**Derek and Alicia (Gee) Spicer** live in Sherwood, AR. He works as a computer programmer with Fidelity National Financial, formerly Alltel's Information Services. She is the administrative assistant to the senior associate pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock.

**Robert and Karen (Nix) Niehuss** have moved back to Arkadelphia. She's a speech pathologist with UAMS/Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

**Lori Reed Laird**, who is employed in patient relations at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, has a part in the final song on a new CD released by John Daly, the professional golfer. She talks about her battle with cancer. The CD will benefit the Make a Wish Foundation.

**Allison Trumble** teaches English at Baylor in Waco. She is also training for a marathon to be held in Austin in February for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

**Mike Renfro** heads up the advertising sales department for the entire Midwest for CBS MarketWatch.com, which handles the radio, television and on-line advertising assignments for CBS News. CBS MarketWatch was recently awarded the Eppy 2003 Award as the best business news site on the web. He and wife, Leslie, live in Plano, TX.

**Janice Hart** received her doctor of audiology degree in May from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and is employed as an audiologist at ENT Associates of East Texas in Tyler.

**Daniel Gordon** graduated from Mississippi College of Law in May. He lives near Shreveport, LA, with wife, **Janifer (Pierson, 2000)**, and is an attorney with Norman R. Gordon Law Firm.

**Sarah Beth (Milam) Harrington** is a medical resident with VCU Health Systems in Richmond, VA.

**Timothy Whedbee** earned his master's degree in church music at May commencement of Southwest-

ern Seminary in Fort Worth.

**Eric Torrence** relocated to Plano, TX. He is teaching math in the Allen ISD.

**Nathan Nipper** sold a screenplay to ABC Family Network. The romantic comedy, called "This Time Around," aired in June with two showings. He and **Trevlyn (Merritt)** live in Grand Prairie, TX.

**Chris McAlister** is serving as pastor of lay ministry and as a teaching pastor at Second Baptist Church in Hot Springs.

**Amber Golden** is pursuing her master's in Christian education with a concentration on missions at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

**John Dribus** lives in Denton, TX, with wife, Cammie. He is a doctoral fellow in composition at the University of North Texas. He presented his music at a number of conferences last spring, including the Electric LaTeX Conference in Baton Rouge, the Electronic Music Festival in Florida, and Scarborough Electro-Acoustics in England. His new video work, "ChimeStorm," was shown at Rice University in September.

**Susan Purdy (fs)** works at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, TN.

**Patrick Netherton** is the new play-by-play announcer for the Northwestern State University athletic department in Natchitoches, LA.

**Bryce Mitchell**, a sergeant in Charlie Company and part of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, moved through Iraq with his company and secured Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom. His company participated in the assault on Tail Airfield, secured the Carbala Gap, secured the main supply route and conquered and secured Baghdad. His plans are to complete his time with the Army and enroll in Luther Rice Seminary in the spring.

**Preston Harris** will graduate in May 2004 from Southwestern Seminary with a dual master's. He then plans to enter the doctoral program in counseling. At this time, he is employed with the Mental Health Mental Retardation Service of Tarrant County as a lead rehab specialist. He also works for the North American Mission Board as a prayer line operator. Wife, **Julie (Pierce)**, teaches at Wedgwood Baptist Church's Discovery School Preschool program. She also is pursuing her BS in nursing. They live in Fort Worth with daughters, Kaili (4) and Madison (2).

**Andrea Carter** is in the disser-

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tation phase of the doctoral program at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

**Josh Hargrove** is employed with Youth Villages in Nashville, TN, as a family counselor.

**Laura Crow Copeland** is a new accounts associate for Stephens, Inc. She and husband, Chad, live in Conway.

**Alice Wooten Holt** is director of children's ministries at Ellijay (GA) First Baptist Church.

## 2000

**Rosalyn Blair** is coordinator of volunteers for junior high ministry at Fellowship Church in Grapevine, TX.

**Matt Reddin** has joined Regions Bank in Little Rock as assistant vice president of commercial lending.

**Jamie Bauman** is pursuing a double master's degree at Baylor, studying for her master of divinity and master of social work degrees. She works as a research assistant for the FASTEN project.

**Stephen Boissy** accepted a job in Atlanta, GA, as cameraman/journalist for WXIA-TV, the NBC affiliate. He and wife, Christie, moved in September.

**Holly Burris Kyzer** is the clinical dietitian at Baptist Medical Health Center in Arkadelphia. She and husband, Jared, live in Malvern.

**Melissa West Ray** lives in Arkadelphia with husband, Joe, and is program technician for USDA-Farm Service Agency.

**Jeremy and Keri (King) Elliott** live in Perris, CA. He's teaching at Perris High School as well as coaching the swim teams and water polo teams. He is also head coach of the local age-group swim team. She's just been accepted into Western University's first class of College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Jennifer Dyer (fs)** is a researcher-interviewer for Market Insights in Conway.

**Jeffrey Verlander** is manager of LifeWay Christian Store in North Charleston, SC. He and wife, Rebecca, live in Goose Creek.

**Heather Lyon** teaches in Aldine ISD in Houston, TX.

**Whitney Dickens Fletcher** graduated with her master of social work degree from UALR in May. Following a cruise she and **Cannon** took, she went to work as a clinical therapist with Centers for Youth and Families in Little Rock.

**Mary Frank** teaches in Mesquite (TX) ISD.

**Dustin and Julie (Wilson, '98)**

**Wagley** were appointed this summer by the North American Mission Board to serve as missionaries in Breckenridge, CO. He will do resort ministry through the planting of house churches and other efforts.

**Ginny Swearingen** has moved to Lubbock, TX, to pursue her master's at Texas Tech. She is the technology manager for the Lubbock ISD.

**Daryl White** is pursuing his master of divinity degree from Beeson Divinity School, located on campus of Samford University in Birmingham.

**Ashley Stacy Bell** works as the registration secretary at New Orleans Baptist Seminary, while husband, Joshua, is doing his undergraduate work. He also serves as music minister at Albany (LA) First Baptist Church.

**Jennifer Rushing Templeton** is a mental health professional with Dallas Metrocare Services. She and husband, Charles, live in Garland.

**Gretchen Poole** writes that she "has taken a bite out of the Big Apple, has chewed it up and digested it." She is living happily in Manhattan and studying acting at the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute, despite her BA in mass communications. She wants everyone to keep their "eyes peeled for her on Broadway and the big screen in years to come."

**Bryan Slaton** lives in Corpus Christi, TX, and is minister to youth at River Hills Baptist Church.

**David Johnston**, who completed his master of divinity in theology degree from George Truett Seminary at Baylor in December 2002, was hired in August as director of Baptist Collegiate Ministry at University of Arkansas at Monticello, AR.

**Christie Anderson** lives in Grand Forks, ND, pursuing her early childhood education degree at University of North Dakota. She plans to graduate in December 2003 and move to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

**Janna Freibolt** is a community re-development and home mortgage loan officer with Summit Bank in Arkadelphia.

**Mark Simmons** has joined the staff of Lake Ouachita Baptist Church in Mt. Ida as youth worship leader.

**Mai Friesen Swan** received her master's degree from TCU in May 2003. She and husband, Jimmy, live in Arlington.

**Donnie Copeland**, a student at Dallas University pursuing a masters in art, has been included in the New Texas Talent Exhibition at the Craighead-Green Gallery in Dallas.

His drawing "Vinum Vulgi" was selected for inclusion.

**Ellen Wade (fs)** has moved to New Orleans where she teaches 6-8 grade at an alternative middle school.

**Kymerly Brinkley** is a full-time staff member of Youth Life in Northwest Arkansas, with her focus being Fayetteville High School. This program trains college leaders and ministers to high school students.

**Josi Aldridge** teaches 5-6 grade music at Duncanville (TX) ISD. She is also active in her church's children's ministry and serves as children's choir director. She and 8-year-old daughter, Brittany, live in Grand Prairie.

**Rachel McCormack** began a new job in July with Graham Advertising Agency, a nationwide automotive ad agency. Their clients are car dealerships in Southern Colorado. She and husband, Brad, live in Colorado Springs.

**Kathryn Sohne** is a licensed master social worker and counselor for the Prevention Services Department of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth.

**Jessica Carter Runyan (fs)** is attending Henderson, majoring in business. Her husband, John, is in the U.S. Navy.

**Melanie Ross Carlton** recently changed positions at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. She is now a patient activity specialist for the hospital. Husband, Jason, is completing his degree at Missionary Baptist Seminary and working as associate pastor at Bryant First Baptist Church.

**Phillip Runyan** earned his master's of science degree at the May 2003 commencement at Henderson State University. He lives in Arkadelphia and serves as pastor of Caddo Valley Baptist Church.

**Sara Plummer Small** is a stay-at-home mom to one-year-old son, Matthew. She and husband, Matthew, recently bought a new home in Pearcy, outside of Hot Springs.

**Steven Lewis** is attending Arkansas State University in Jonesboro pursuing his degree in corporate finance. He lives in Blytheville, AR.

## 2001

**Rachel LeMay** is attending Baylor Law School in Waco.

**Roseana Smith** lives in Washington, D.C., and works in the employment and training section of the Department of Labor. She was

selected by the Business Relations Groups and the Asst. Secretary of Labor to serve for a year helping to build the capacity of the workforce system.

**Heather Bennett Bryant** and husband, **Steven ('94)**, live in Lyndhurst, NJ. She's pursuing a music career in New York City and has performed at Carnegie Hall, the 92nd Street Y, The Bitter End, the Roseland Ballroom and others. She is also working on an album and music video.

**Jonathan Carothers** is employed with Morgan Keegan investment company in Memphis.

**Jami Williams** received her master's in speech-language pathology from Baylor in May and is a contract speech-language pathologist in Dallas.

**Jeff Works** is stationed at Fort Knox, KY, with the U.S. Army. He's a chaplain assistant.

**Jared and Jenny (Othold, fs98) Stowell** live in Bossier City, LA. He teaches and coaches at Benton Middle School and she is an exercise specialist with Willis-Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport.

**Chrissa Mansfield** is attending court reporter school in Dallas. Upon completion in 2004, she plans to move to New York City to pursue that profession. (She presently is in the 200-words per minute speed room.)

**Jenni Greer** is attending University of Arkansas-Fayetteville pursuing her master of education degree in recreation-sports management. She also works as a grad assistant teaching physical education at Westwood Elementary in Springdale.

**Carrienne Cassandras Eller** is a prevention specialist at Professional Counseling Service teaching drug prevention to 4-6 graders. She and husband, Matthew, live in Cordova, TN.

**Phillip Davis** earned his master's of science degree at May commencement at Henderson State University. He is on staff at Ouchita, assisting OBU swim coach, Jim Dann, and announcing home football and basketball games.

**Courtney Lipscomb** is attending George Washington University in Washington, DC., pursuing her Ph.D.

**Jana Allcock Liebermann** is a medical librarian working in 13 states for the National Library of Medicine. She and husband, Rick, live in Baltimore, MD. He's raising support to begin a full-time children's ministry next year in Baltimore City.

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**Taylor Bailey (fs)** received his bachelor of business administration degree in the May commencement at Henderson. He and **Casey (Stevens, '02)** live in Arkadelphia where he's employed with Southwest Sporting and she is substitute teaching.

**Andy Peeks** is director of bands at Glen Rose Public School. He and wife, Angie, live in Benton.

**Wesley and Mollie (Huffstutler) Davis** have relocated to Colt, AR. He works in accounting for Woodruff Electric Co-op. She recently graduated with her master's in marriage and family therapy and is employed as a licensed associate counselor with Counseling Consultants Inc. where she serves as lead therapist for the Forrest City Junior High School.

**Amber Conrad** has moved back to Arkadelphia where she's enrolled in nursing school at Henderson.

**Brian and Jennifer (McInturf) Mills** live in Broken Arrow, OK. He's the student pastor at The Church at Battle Creek in Tulsa, and she's employed at a chiropractic clinic.

**Scott Fitzgerald** moved to Searcy in September where he is leading worship and discipleship for the student group at First Baptist Church.

**Susan Burkhead** will graduate in December 2003 with her master's degree from Baylor's graduate school for communication sciences and disorders.

**Johan and Candace (Crouse) Eriksson** have relocated to Bentonville, AR. He's working as assistant head coach and event coordinator at the Walton Life Fitness Center. She is working for Norton Arts, Inc., a fine art conservation company, and attending graduate school at Southwest Missouri State University.

**Jay and Molly (Higginbottom) Davis** are living in Sachse, TX, and are both employed with the Garland School District. She is teaching high school Spanish and he's a P.E. teacher at a gifted and talented elementary school.

**Meredith Smith Eisele** is a staff accountant for Qual Choice of Arkansas in Little Rock.

**Scott and Amy (Willett) Jones** reside in Arkadelphia where he teaches health education and is the offensive coordinator for Arkadelphia High School football team. They have one son, Whit (3-1/2).

**Brandon and Susi (Kurth) Jeffus** have relocated to Little Rock following her graduation in May from University of Arkansas-Fayetteville

with her master's in cell and molecular biology. She has enrolled in UAMS Medical School and he has begun his Ph.D in biochemistry at UAMS.

**Adam and Heather (Shupe) Benton** have moved to Russellville where she will teach math at Russellville High School. He is attending UCA to complete his master's degree in May 2004.

**David and Penny "Cricket" (Rushing) Jackson** live in Siloam Springs, AR. He's a digital asset coordinator at DaySpring Cards and she teaches music for Gentry Public Schools.

**Meredith Ham** graduated in May from Louisiana Tech with her master's in speech-language pathology. She lives in Ruston and is employed in the private practice of M. Massey Physical Therapy, Inc. in West Monroe.

**Jarrold Wolfe** is a senior accountant for Medical Center of South Arkansas. He and wife, **Heather (Peeples)** live in Smackover.

**Emily Goode** is working temporarily as a researcher for City Core Initiative with the General Baptist Convention of Texas in Dallas. She hopes to pursue her master's next year.

**J.T. and Erin (Elrod) Carter** have moved to Nashville, AR. He's employed with Alltel Communications and she's a speech pathologist for Howard Memorial Hospital. She received her master's degree from UCA in August.

**Leah Bushey** is in her second year teaching kindergarten at the Anthony School in Little Rock. She loves it!

**Joshua and Molly (Lowrance, 03) Franklin** live in Seattle where both are in graduate school.

**Lori McLaughlin** works for Families and Children Together at a child development center in Magnolia, where she teaches preschool for HeadStart and Arkansas Better Chance programs.

**Wes Martin** lives in Flower Mound, TX, with wife, Angie. They recently moved into their first home and love it. He is a coach and science teacher for Irving ISD.

**Jeff Rice (fs)** joined the staff of New Life Baptist Church in Alexander, AR, as music director.

**Meredith Rose Head** and husband, Capt. Brad Head, live in Arizona where he's a professor of aerospace studies at Arizona State University for the Air Force ROTC program. She is substitute teaching.

**Jennifer Davis** is pursuing her masters of divinity at Truett Seminary in Waco.

## 2002

**Collier Moore** is attending law school at University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. In August, he was one of 100 out of 8,000 who advanced to the second stage of "American Idol" competition, which was held in Houston in September. He didn't make the cut at the second stage, which would have sent him to Los Angeles, but he says he benefitted from the experience.

**Rachel Stivers (fs)** is an accountant with Deloitte and Touche and lives in Beebe, AR.

**Larissa Arnault** lives in Nashville, TN, and is a copy editor at LifeWay Christian Resources.

**Justin and Hannah (Smith) Nowlin** live in Little Rock where he's attending UALR and she's employed at Cornerstone Clinic for Women.

**Cindy Gwekwerere** works for Gramercy Insurance Co. in Dallas as a staff accountant.

**Ami Denham** spent a month this summer in South Africa and Botswana and had a great time. She has moved to Powder Springs, Georgia (outside of Atlanta), and is living with OBU alums, **Blake ('91) and Gayla (Graves, '92) McKinney** while looking for a job.

**Kyle and Begina (Brawner) Proctor** recently bought a house in Little Rock. He's a public relations account coordinator for the advertising firm of Cranford Johnson Robinson Woods. She is a financial report accountant at Arkansas Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

**Cory Gustke** works for Fox Network as an animator for X-Men Evolution and King of the Hill series.

**Chris Frensley** is a graphic artist with Communications Development, Inc., an advertising firm in Little Rock.

**Amy Gaden** is back in Covington, LA, after spending a year in Eisenach, Germany, helping in a youth ministry assignment. She is teaching private piano and voice lessons as well as substituting in the public school system and teaching a children's choir at a Christian school.

**Sabra Walker** lives in Little Rock and is an advertising sales consultant for *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*.

**Matt Burns** is a loan officer with National Mortgage Solutions in Little Rock.

**Tristan Harry** writes he's bouncing around Asia, checking out the food, beaches and the people of the Orient.

**Elise Turner** lives in Frisco, TX, and is employed at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas.

**Brandon Smith** is attending Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, pursuing his master's in marriage and family counseling.

**Mike Martin** is a personal financial rep for Washington Mutual, an investment company. He lives in Irving, TX.

**Chrissy Manning King** and husband, Matt, live in Fairfax, VA, where he's employed by USDA. If anyone is ever up that way, please contact her at email: cm1105@hotmail.com.

**Nathan and Shelly (Montalbano) Statton** have moved to Jonesboro, AR. He's employed in sales with ACME Brick.

**Brannon Brown** is an investment rep with Edward Jones in Colorado Springs, CO.

**Susi Pittman Vangilder** and husband, Jonathan, live in Mountain Home. She is director of the daycare at her church and helps with the music ministry. He's a machinist with Baxter Lab.

**Staci Robertson Huber** is an escrow officer with Briner Law Firm in Benton. She and husband, **Jonathan ('01)**, live in Arkadelphia where he's an admissions counselor at Ouachita.

**Eric and Rachel (Payne) Harrison** have moved to Cameron, TX. He's coaching football, basketball and baseball and teaching junior high science for Cameron ISD. She works as assistant manager and leasing consultant for an apartment complex in Temple.

**Terri Fowler** teaches 4th grade in Little Rock School District.

**Shannon Starks Watson** and husband, Michael, live in Sheridan, AR. She's employed with Alltel in Little Rock and he's a pharmacy tech at Walgreen's.

**Micah Smith** is a law student at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

**Levi Simpson** is a chemistry graduate student at Indiana University. He and wife, April, have purchased a home in Bloomington.

**Kim Musgrove Bates (fs)** teaches first grade at Waldron, AR.

**Laura Norris** is an executive assistant with Publishing Concepts in Little Rock.

**Josh McCarty** is employed at Ouachita as hall director for Daniel South Dorm and as recreational sports specialist, assisting with intramural sports.

**Terri Grinage Miller** teaches 5th grade music at College Hill Middle School in Texarkana, AR. Husband, **Gary ('01)** is employed with UAMS/AHEC-Southwest while

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pursuing his master's in adult education from University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

**Ryan Jones** is working for Group Living, a developmentally handicapped organization in Arkadelphia, while attending graduate school.

**Mark and Erin (Pittman) Vaughn** reside in Overland, MO. He's an investment rep with Edward Jones and she is pursuing her graduate degree.

**Jeni Bell** lives in Orlando, FL, and is membership services coordinator for Association Management Specialists, which manages healthcare associations.

**Marcie Lusk** teaches kindergarten in Plano (TX) ISD.

**Rachel Nowell** is a MK teacher with the International Mission Board serving in Mexico City.

**Guy and Julie (Bowen) Green** live in St. Louis. He's employed with AFLAC Insurance Company and she is completing her master's in communications disorders.

**Adam McClure** is attending Mid-America Seminary in Memphis.

**Jarred Seamans** is a coach and physical education teacher at Wiley (TX) Junior High School.

**Johnsa and Mandi (Layman) Phares** are in Fort Worth where they are live-in parents at Buckner Baptist Children's Home and responsible for ten kids. She is also attending Texas Wesleyan University Law School.

**Suzanne Duncan** has moved to Washington, DC, where she is a staff assistant to U.S. Senator Mark Pryor.

**Lauren Adams** is a customer support specialist for Entergy in Little Rock.

**Joe Hurst** is a graduate student in public administration at University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

**Gwen McCollum** is a residential mentor for Arkansas School for Math & Sciences in Hot Springs.

**Luke Hollingsworth** has moved to the Fayetteville (AR) area where he owns and operates International Design, a wholesale company that offers over 150 major colognes and perfumes.

**Jason and Haven (Beadle, fs) Roe** live in Dallas. He's in his second year of dental school at Baylor College of Dentistry and she works as a receptionist at a pediatric dental office. Would love to hear from friends. Email: jroe1ps@ont.com

**Rebecca Lee** is a kindergarten teacher for Keller (TX) ISD.

**Lana Cantrell** is in her second

year of master's program in English at University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and works as a graduate teaching associate.

**Emily Harkreader** is employed in accounting department with the Annuity Board in Dallas.

**Lindsey Cox** is assistant volleyball coach at Ouachita.

**Charles Stanley** is secondary choral director for Lonoke (AR) School District.

**Heidi Schneider** is pursuing her master's in clinical nutrition at the University of Memphis.

**Michael (fs) and Rebekah (Jacobson, '01) Stines** have settled in Phoenix, AZ, where he's employed as youth pastor with First Baptist Church-Tempe and youth worker for Tumbleweed Youth Center. She teaches at Happy Valley Academy.

**Dawn Leathers Russ** is a dental hygienist and lives in DeKalb, TX, with husband, Spencer.

## 2003

**Heather Alexander** is in graduate school at Emporia (KS) State University.

**JT Thompson** is pursuing his master of divinity degree at Duke University's Divinity School. He and **Jennifer (Wedge, 2000)**, live in Durham.

**Jeff Conaway** is a busy guy! He's the hall resident in Daniel North at Ouachita, a receiver coach for Arkadelphia football team, a health consultant at Arkadelphia Health Club and a graduate student in administration at Henderson.

**Sara Bridges** lives in Little Rock and teaches kindergarten at North Little Rock's Indian Hills Elementary.

**Matt Ramsey** is serving as a campus ministries associate with the SBC North American Mission Board at California University of Pennsylvania in California, PA.

**Sara Knight** is a career counselor at Monticello (AR) Public Schools.

**Constance Redmond** is a board technician with WCR/WNOM and lives in Antioch, TN.

**Holly Willett, Laurin Jones and Caryn Bridges** share an apartment in Dallas. Holly and Laurin work for Bank of America and Caryn is co-director of SCORE, a tutoring center for children.

**Brad Rogers** is employed with Walsh Heartland LLC as account manager. He lives in Arkadelphia.

**Rebecca Daniels** works for Inspiration House Christian Bookstore and lives in Deerfield Beach, FL. She writes that as an MK from Uruguay, South America, she will

never forget the memories, blessings and lessons learned while a student at Ouachita.

**Kristi Shirley** is assistant box office manager for the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra.

**Tim Lane** is head basketball coach and history teacher for Rio Vista ISD. He and wife, **Tracy (McBryde, '02)** live in Alvarado, TX, and are expecting their first child in May 2004.

**Blake Johnson** is studying medical molecular genetics at the University of Aberdeen for Medical Sciences at Foresterhill, Scotland.

**Steven and Devin (Weaver) Bertram** live in Little Rock. He's a sale rep for Barloworld Freightlines and she is a grad student at UALR.

**Vinita Rajah** is a grad student at Edinboro (PA) University.

**Angela Garcia** is an athletic trainer intern at Florida's Disney's Wide World of Sports. She also has assisted in the medical coverage of the Orlando Magic pro basketball team and the North American Football League National Championship.

**Lori Eason** lives in McKinney, TX, and works in customer service and web development for Hit! Run! Score!, an Internet sporting goods company in Allen.

**Nick Runyan** is pursuing his masters in political science at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

**Matt and Melody (Williams) Lumpkin** are serving as youth ministers at First Southern Baptist Church in Magnet Cove outside of Malvern.

**Bryant Adams (fs)** is a research assistant with the Republican National Committee in Washington, DC.

**Jamie Griffin** is a student at University of North Texas in Denton.

**April Meyer** works with Nuvel Financial Services in Little Rock as a customer service specialist.

**Frank Schimunek** is a student at Regent Seminary in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

**Matt and Laura (Witherspoon) Day** live in El Doardo, AR. He's the assistant manager at a tire store and she is employed at Westside Christian School.

**Emily Wiseman** lives in Richmond, VA, and is employed with Cooperation For National Service as an Americorps VISTA member, working for national student partnerships.

**Jennifer Waters** has moved to Frisco, TX, where she works as a counselor at Real Options for Women, a Christian crisis pregnancy center. She serves as their spokes-

woman by traveling to churches and schools speaking on abstinence. She is also involved in a women's ministry, called "Daughters of Royalty."

**Rhonda Walsh** is an administrative assistant for a law firm in Nashville, TN.

**Josh and Kati (Elliott, fs02) Floyd** live in Bryant, AR. He's a football coach at Bryant High School and she's a dental assistant for Saline Dental.

**LeAnn Arnold** teaches 6th grade math in Denton, TX.

**John Pierce** lives in New York City and is employed in sales with Kenneth Cole Productions.

**Dan Pryor** is employed with Lawyers Title Insurance Corp. in Little Rock.

**Nancy Swanigan** has moved to Albuquerque, NM, where she is pursuing her graduate degree in dietetics at University of New Mexico.

**Stephen and Stephanie (Lochala, fs) Wickliffe** are in Duncan, OK, where he's a youth minister at Tanglewood Bible Fellowship.

**Jonathan Kelley** is working on his master of divinity at Duke University School of Divinity in Durham, NC.

**Brooke Honnell** is employed with The Mountain Group, an advertising firm, and lives in Irving, TX.

**T.J. Reinhardt** lives in Plano, TX, and is assistant manager at Champ's Sports.

**Sarah Harger** is a sales assistant for Emerald Homes, a real estate firm in Houston, TX.

**Angela Balch** lives in Rogers, AR, and works for Olsten Staffing Service.

**Amber White** will serve as a two-year journeyman with IMB beginning in January 2004.

## Faculty-Staff

**Francis and Mary McBeth** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June with a trip to Disney World with their children, **Laura ('81) and Matt ('86)**, their spouses and three grandchildren. (Dr. McBeth is emeritus professor of theory and composition, serving on Ouachita's faculty from 1957-1996.)

## MARRIAGES:

### 1952

**Bill Pratt** to Minette Drumwright, July 18, 2003.

### 1975

**Nelson Shaw** to Cheryl Bobo Collins, July 20, 2003.

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**1981**  
**Laura McBeth** to Todd Murphy, April 17, 2003.

**1985**  
**Julia Ann Gray** to Kevin Dean Cecil, May 10, 2003.

**1988**  
**Eddie Lee Hinkson (fs)** to Angela Renee Littleton, May 10, 2003.

**1991**  
**Jana Allcock** to Rick Liebermann, March 22, 2003.

**1992**  
**Cathy Smart Sewell (fs)** to Tony Fletcher, August 2, 2003.

**1994**  
**Mark Allen Hixson (fs)** to Amy Elaine O'Glee, October 25, 2003.

**1995**  
**Dixie Morris** to Joshua Shearer, May 31, 2003.

**Mark White** to Julie Holland, July 5, 2003.

**Jason McCord** to Teresa Johnston, September 20, 2003.

**Kelly Lee Martin** to William Scott Stamps, November 1, 2003.

**Justin Mark Wallraven (fs)** to Gladice Lee Go, November 8, 2003.

**1997**  
**Subrena Ault to Michael Morris**, March 17, 2003.

**M. Alicen Laws (fs) to Jason Matthew Bennett (fs)**, May 2, 2003.

**Kristen Tache** to John Mizell, July 11, 2003.

**Corey Gilbert** to Kelly Griffis, July 12, 2003.

**Crystal Nicole Watts (fs)** to Markell Antonio Foreman, July 12, 2003.

**Julie Packwood** to Scott Welch, August 2, 2003.

**Danny Prescott to Amber Elizabeth Dean (current)**, August 2, 2003.

**Randol Glen Odom** to Kelandria Nycole Kelly, September 6, 2003.

**Jo Ellen Green** to Mitch Colvin, September 27, 2003.

**1998**  
**Kelly Nichole Welch** to Dax McDonald, May 17, 2003.

**Joseph Andrew "Drew" Moody** to Tessa Michele White, May 17, 2003.

**Jennifer "Jenny" Othold (fs) to Jared Stowell ('01)**, May 31, 2003.

**Bridget Birdsong to Paul Price ('97)**, May 31, 2003.

**Stacy Stuart to Greg Dalton**

('97), June 21, 2003.  
**Kerri Newborn** to Nathan Jones, June 21, 2003.

**Will Lippott** to Malinda Beavers, June 28, 2003.

**Licia Samuels** to Luis Matute, August 30, 2003.

**Courtney E. Martin** to Ryan Allen Palmisano, October 4, 2003.

**1999**  
**Jill Fowler** to Mitchell Bobo, May 3, 2003.

**Jeff Dylan Breeding (fs)** to Laura Ellen Trover, June 8, 2003.

**Kathryn Leigh "Kati" Guyton (fs)** to Richard Bradley Lewter, June 14, 2003.

**Chad Steven Roberson (fs)** to Courtney Leigh Callan, July 12, 2003.

**Richard B. "Rip" Young** to Erika Marie Durst, July 28, 2003.

**Shawn Trimboli** to Jennifer Adametz, August 23, 2003.

**Alice Wooten** to Christopher N. Holt, October 18, 2003.

**2000**  
**Debra Anne Dalton** to Christopher Allen, September 2, 2002. (Notified August 2003)

**Andrew K. Tam (fs)** to Amber Dawn Burton, April 12, 2003

**Stephen Boissy** to Christie Lynn Mayhugh, May 31, 2003.

**Lori Armstrong** to Kyle Machen, June 7, 2003.

**Justin "Ryan" Perry** to Amy Michelle Murff, June 27, 2003.

**Joshua Michael Osborne** to Mandy Susanne Duncan, July 26, 2003.

**Suzanne J. Shanlever** to Kremer Barr Nicholas, October 4, 2003.

**2001**  
**Katy Durler** to Brandon Chandler, June 2002 (notified April 2003)

**Kadre Clark to Roger Wingfield (fs'95)**, April 26, 2003.

**Dayle Cosh to Anthony "Tony" Carozza**, May 17, 2003.

**Laura J. Fraser to Daniel Bruce Andrews (fs)**, May 31, 2003.

**Katie Michelle Roberson (fs) to B.J. Kyle ('03)**, May 31, 2003

**Kimberly Ann Fischer to Kenneth "Eric" Burton (current)**, May 31, 2003.

**Katie D. Jackson** to Sean R. Holland, June 7, 2003.

**Amber Wilson to David "Alan" Bagley**, June 14, 2003.

**Mary Anne Weis** to David Lattanzio, Jr., June 14, 2003.

**Allison Kemmer** to Jarrett Lee Gurley, June 21, 2003.

**Justin Franz to Ashley Fincher ('03)**, June 21, 2003

**Stephanie Sisson to Jared Green**, July 26, 2003.

**Tracy Krueger** to Jake Allred, October 11, 2003.

**Carrienne Cassandras** to Matthew Eller, November 15, 2003.

**Megan Jantz** to Paul Preedy, November 29, 2003.

**2002**  
**Daniel Johnson** to Shelli Pittman, December 13, 2002 (notified October 2003).

**Hannah Smith to Justin Nowlin**, May 17, 2003.

**Jenna Williams** to Jeff Tucker, May 31, 2003.

**Tilly Carter to Brent Gambill ('01)**, June 7, 2003.

**Robert Hand** to Michele Crain, June 28, 2003.

**Christy Bell to Matthew Cozart (current)**, June 28, 2003.

**Robynn Anders to Jeff McCoart (current)**, July 11, 2003.

**Sarah Hollingsworth to Matt Bell ('03)**, July 12, 2003.

**Vanessa Kalnasy (fs) to W. Ryan Viser ('00)**, July 19, 2003.

**Julie Bowen to Guy Green**, August 2, 2003.

**Jamie Wieser (fs) to J. Kyle Cook ('03)**, August 2, 2003.

**Jennifer Tidball to J. Todd Bunch**, August 9, 2003.

**Elisabeth "Beth" Gauw to Jeffery P. Ward ('00)**, August 23, 2003.

**Chrissy Manning** to Matt King, September 20, 2003.

**Becky Hart** to Darren Lemons, September 20, 2003.

**Chris Frensley** to Brandlyn Bennett, October 4, 2003.

**2003**  
**Amy Tinker to Daniel McNair (current)**, May 11, 2003.

**Holly Cuthbertson to Brandon Jones**, May 17, 2003.

**Steven Wickliffe to Stephanie Lochala (fs)**, May 17, 2003.

**Whitney Moody** to Charles Stuart "Chuck" Miller II, May 24, 2003.

**Kara Keeton (fs)** to Kyle Branscum, May 24, 2003.

**Bethany Jones** to Manalas "Manny" Will Petty, May 31, 2003.

**Duston Slaton** to Melody Dawn Jordan, June 7, 2003.

**Terese Purkapple to Michael Cox (current)**, June 7, 2003.

**Elise O'Brien to Nathan Syer**, June 14, 2003.

**Kristin JoAnna Smith** to Randall Thomas Crowder, June 21, 2003.

**Tony Lynn Jones to Stephanie Leigh Haynes (current)**, June 21, 2003.

**Sarah T. Brown to Chris Landreneau**, June 28, 2003.

**Erin Carpenter to Aaron Green**, July 3, 2003.

**Carrie Vance** to Vip Vipperman, July 5, 2003.

**Jeff Conaway** to Melissa Jones, July 12, 2003.

**Cristi Nicole Heavener** to D.J. Walker, July 12, 2003.

**Kristen Rickett to David Nelson ('02)**, July 19, 2003.

**Devin Weaver to Steven Bertrum (fs)**, July 19, 2003.

**Amy Beth Pace** to Jason B. Light, July 26, 2003.

**Haley Gill** to Ryan Frederick, July 26, 2003.

**Jo Kathryn Garner to John Keith (fs'00)**, August 9, 2003.

**Elizabeth "Beth" Hamilton to Austin Reed**, August 16, 2003.

**Adam Copeland (fs) to Kimberly Sanders (current)**, August 22, 2003.

**Amanda Nicole Stanley** to Jon David Moore, August 23, 2003.

**Emily Gray** to Justin K. Daniell, November 22, 2003.

**Current Students:**  
**L. Marie Bryant to Gary Keene**, May 18, 2002 (notified April 2003).

**Julie Sandlin to Adam West**, June 7, 2003.

**Karessa Smith** to Joe Baird, June 28, 2003.

**Rachel Eubanks to Andy Gee**, August 2, 2003.

**Brooke Smith to Robert Ramsey**, August 2, 2003.

**Lindsey Lee Loper** to Mitchell Beaver, August 9, 2003.

**Kristen Vining** to David Allan Pratt, August 9, 2003.

**Faculty-Staff:**  
**Drew Mills** to Callie Miller, May 31, 2003 (Drew is former assistant physical plant director.)

**Faye Kucera** to David Rogers, June 21, 2003 (Faye is former assistant professor of biology.)

**FUTURE TIGERS:**  
**1983**  
**Cheryl Warren Bradford**, daughter Lauren Amy, born July 14, 2001; adopted February 28, 2003 from Pskov, Russia.

**1984**  
**Paul and Camille Au**, daughter Shayna Niki, August 18, 2002. Joins Austin Allen, 4.

**1985**  
**Bill and Rebecca Brown**, son Canaan, June 6, 2003. Welcomed

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by Haven (7), Ember (4), and Journey (1).

1987

**Lannie and Dana (Teague, '89) Emfinger**, son Michael Teague, April 26, 2003.

1988

**Monty and Angie Freel**, son Grayson Monroe, March 10, 2003.

**Byron and Patti (Thorn) Talbot**, daughter Madeline, September 13, 2003.

1989

**Julie Gibbens**, daughter Avery Lenox, April 10, 2003.

**Brent and Lisa Houston**, twins: son Harrison Ridge and daughter Harmony Rain, October 15, 2003.

1990

**Robert and Carol (Darr) Buchanan**, son Jonathan Adam, December 30, 2002. Joins 3-year old Emily.

**Jodi Strother** and husband, Todd Gilbert, son, Wyatt Lane, February 13, 2003. Joins brothers, Jake (12) and Buck (8)

**Greg and Allison (Finley, '92) Stroud**, daughter Caroline Hope, June 23, 2003. Welcomed by brother Alex, 5.

1991

**Wade and Cindy (Schopmeyer) Moses**, son, Austin Rugby, March 7, 2003. Joins Amber (10) and Cody (9), who were adopted in 1997.

**Steve and Teresa (Davenport, '90) Cook**, daughter Sydney Nicole, June 4, 2003. Welcomed by Christopher, 3.

**Jeff and Tiffany (Smith) Dillon**, daughter, Lauren Carol, July 15, 2003. Joins David Clay (19 months).

**Perry and Alicia (Phillips) Tribble**, son Paul Daniel, September 22, 2003. Welcomed by Luke (4).

1992

**Mike and Cathy (Richardson) Worley**, son, Jonah Hall, March 7, 2003. Welcomed by Ben (7), Thomas (5), and Noah (4).

**Doug and Nica (Vernon) Carson**, daughter Alaina Blaire, April 22, 2003.

**Weslyn and Sharon (Roper) Stewart**, daughter Gianna Nicole, August 13, 2003. Joins brother, Weslyn, 3.

**Kyle and Rebekah (Kinney, '93) Hollaway**, daughter Lydia Faith, August 27, 2003. Joins Moriah (9), B.J. (7), Andrew (5) and Eden (3).

**David and Tina (Hawthorn, '94) Murphy**, daughter Emily Clare, September 1, 2003.

**Bobby and Tricia (Murphree) Biggers**, daughter Lillian "Lilly" Claire, September 15, 2003. Joins sisters Allison (6), Leah (5) and Jenna (3).

1993

**Brent and Rebecca (McClenning) Lindsey**, son Ethan Jasper, September 28, 2003.

1994

**Tim and Mica Strother-Hicks**, son Elijah "Eli" Douglas, May 17, 2002.

**Christopher and Renee (Meharg) King**, son Haydn Christopher, October 2, 2002.

**Todd and Christy (Cowling) Wallace**, daughter Malley, March 21, 2003. Joins Carley (5) and Ashley (3).

**Jason and Jenna (Schwalier) Collins**, daughter Faith, May 25, 2003. Welcomed by Noah (5) and Abby (3).

**Lee and Elizabeth (Garner, '96) Barnett**, daughter Hannah Cadence, June 5, 2003. Joins sister Garner Grace, 2-1/2.

**Brian and Michelle (Warren-Cook, '95) Bell**, son Brooks Warren, June 20, 2003.

1995

**Angela Williamson**, daughter Alyssa Grace, January 13, 2003.

**Ryan and April (Lee) Grisham**, twins Andrew Charles and Benjamin Grant, June 1, 2003. Welcomed by Lee (5) and Emily (4).

**Scott and Renee (Brown) Thornhill**, son Nathaniel Richard, June 6, 2003.

**Brandon and Julie Barnard**, son Caleb Hayes, August 23, 2003.

**Michael and Allison Sepulveda (fs)**, daughter Katilyn Grace, September 8, 2003.

1996

**Zac and Laura Murtha**, daughter Olivia Eden, November 27, 2002.

**John David and Jennifer (Middleton, '99) Tolbert**, son James "Wesley," March 12, 2003. Joins brother Chandler (5) and sister Mary Madison (3).

**Jason and Rebecca (Roe) Jones**, son Anderson, November 10, 2003.

1997

**Scott and Melinda (Henderson, fs '88) Spakes**, adopted Sarah Beth on March 24, 2002. She was born January 23, 2001. (Notified July 2003.)

**Davy and Melissa (Rogers, '98) Jones**, son Grady Thomas, December 13, 2002

**Jay and Allison (Miles) Kennedy**, Jake Aiden, December 18, 2002.

**Jesse and Kristin (Lavender) Gray**, son Zachary Thomas, December 24, 2002. Joins Jackson, 2-1/2.

**Mark and Melissa (Wooley) Sims**, daughter Jocelyn Rose, January 3, 2003.

**Ilya and Jennifer Gordeeva**, son Nikolai Atkins, March 10, 2003.

**Marty and Stephanie (Davis, fs '98) Collier**, daughter Anna Katherine, "Anna Kate," April 23, 2003.

**Will and Courtney (Davis) Rusher**, son Nathaniel Davis, May 12, 2003. Joins Willoughby, 2.

**Jesse and Angela (Green) Taylor**, daughter Jenna Faith, May 21, 2003. Joins sister Ashlyn Grace.

**Bruce and Sarah (Green, '02) Orr**, daughter Carly Gracen, May 23, 2003.

**Joel and Stephanie (Robins) Gaddis**, son William "Will" Timothy, May 27, 2003.

**Bryan and Angie Smith**, son Josiah Garrott, June 2, 2003.

**Matthew and Crystal (Wood) Burnham**, son Carson Matthew, June 24, 2003.

**Andrew and Donna Bagley**, son Collin, July 25, 2003.

**Ryan and Angel (Cannell, '98) Duncan**, son Connor Ryan, July 29, 2003. Joins Joseph, 1-1/2.

**Chris and Tiffany Hough (fs)**, son Connor Sullivan "Sully," August 9, 2003.

**Jamie and Trish (Wortham, '95) Staley**, daughter Mary Kathryn, September 9, 2003. Welcomed by sister Abigail Grace.

1998

**John and Alison (Wilson) Hendricks**, son Will, September 20, 2002.

**Kyle and Tracey (Lewis) Hughes**, daughter Meghan Riley, January 15, 2003.

**Mike and Jodie (Matthews) Daniell**, son James Colby, July 2, 2003.

**Mark and Heidi (Warren, '97) Jansen**, daughter Abigail Rae, July 13, 2003.

**Kevin and Mendi (Stiles) Schutte**, son Parker Thomas, August 17, 2003.

1999

**Antonio and Raygen (Purifoy) Metcalf**, son Antonio, Jr., May 20, 2003.

**Michael and Etta (Waller)**

**Linton**, son James Boyd, June 2, 2003.

**Jim Ed and Lyn Mobley (fs)**, son Will Conner, July 16, 2003.

**Matthew and Andrea (Leagans, '96) McCrary**, son Michael Andrew, August 23, 2003.

**Doug and Ann (Browning) Hibbard**, daughter Angela Elizabeth, September 4, 2003. Joins Olivia, 2.

**Matt and Misha (Perkins, '01) Parker**, daughter Merrilee, September 4, 2003.

**Michael and April (Petty) McFarland**, son Ethan Michael, September 24, 2003.

2000

**Dustin and Julie (Wilson, '98) Wagley**, son Braden Scott, November 14, 2003.

**Bill and Lisa Ann (Fields) Wiley**, son Joshua Powell, November 25, 2002.

**Brian and Debra Hicks**, daughter Alyssa Ann-Marie, November 22, 2003. Joins sister Abigale, 1-1/2.

2001

**Arden and Kymerly (Shultis, '02) Jones**, daughter Darby Raye, July 3, 2003. Welcomed by brother Garrett (7) and sister Eden (5).

**Stephen and Alicia (Willingham, '02) Humbard**, daughter Taylor Rose, October 8, 2003.

2002

**John and Jessica (Carter) Runyan (fs)**, son Douglas Eugene, November 1, 2003. Welcomed by Adreanne, 2.

2003

**Michael and Megan (McGraw, '02) Frisby**, son Aiden Michael, July 29, 2003.

**Current Students:**

**Thomas and Beth (Carle) Cooper**, daughter Jase, July 8, 2003.

**Eric and Christina (Hopson) Allen**, son Isaiah Jamison, August 5, 2003.

**Faculty:**

**Mark and Gia Miller**, daughter Delaney Elizabeth, May 22, 2003. (Mark is assistant professor of history.)

**Mike and Jill Jones**, son Brandon Perry, August 21, 2003. Joins siblings Alissa and Derek. (Mike is associate professor of visual arts.)

**Chris and Lori Gassler**, daughter Marjorie Kristin, September 2, 2003. (Chris is visiting instructor of

# Class Notes

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## DEATHS:

1925

**Ruth Parker Stephenson**, March 16, 1998, Corpus Christi, TX. (Notified July 2003.)

1928

**Erma Lee Rodgers Pulliam (fs)**, May 14, 2003, Little Rock, AR.  
**Lois Royal Strauss**, June 24, 2003, Malvern, AR.  
**Edith Lewis Haynes (fs)**, September 13, 2003, Hope, AR.

1935

**Mayola Johns Clark Feather**, April 2003, San Angelo, TX.

1936

**Edward Francis Horne (fs)**, May 30, 2003, Hernando, MS.  
**Anne Tompkins Goetsch**, September 2003, Santa Rose, CA.  
**Sterling H. Abernathy**, October 6, 2003, Centerville, OH.

1938

**Oneida Sigsby Tull**, June 26, 2003, Little Rock, AR.

1939

**Helen Birtcher Borchering**, August 17, 2003, Irving, TX.  
**Pauline Brooks Palmer (fs)**, August 25, 2003, Shreveport, LA.  
**James Edward Shaw**, September 20, 2003, Eugene, OR.  
**William O. Russell (fs)**, August 12, 2003, Prairie Village, KS.  
**Lilwynne Gresham Long**, November 8, 2003, El Dorado, AR.  
**Vanita Vaught Walker (fs)**, October 28, 2003, Hot Springs, AR.  
**Charles Ashcraft**, December 2, 2003, El Paso, TX.

1940

**Melita Stoker**, October 7, 2000 (notified August 2003), Baytown, TX.  
**Emma "Jean" Webster Moseley**, September 29, 2003, Ruston, LA.

1941

**Louise Reddell Harding (fs)**, February 7, 2001, Richmond, CA. (Notified August 2003.)  
**Sara Erwin Guerrero**, June 6, 2003, Dallas, TX.  
**Virginia Elizabeth Henderson Vereen**, November 14, 2003, DeWitt, AR.

1942

**Louis Power**, May 2, 2003, Springdale, AR.  
**Margaret Stuart Brigman (fs)**, September 16, 2003, Little Rock.

**Geraldine Meador Johnson (fs)**, November 29, 2003, Texarkana, AR.

1943

**Martha E. Hairston**, May 13, 2003, Little Rock.  
**Charles Gladden (fs)**, July 30, 2003, Victoria, TX.  
**DeLois Curry White**, September 15, 2003, North Little Rock.  
**William Kersh**, October 8, 2003, Oklahoma City, OK.  
**Nathan Harvey Thomas**, October 22, 2003, Arkadelphia.

1944

**Lehman Webb**, September 16, 2003, Little Rock.

1945

**Betty Stanfill Hampton**, December 7, 2003, Booneville, AR.

1946

**Eula Bauman McCall**, September 8, 2001. (Notified Nov, 2003)  
**Quincy D. Mathis**, April 4, 2003, Farmerville, LA.  
**Rhoda Alice "R.A." Goings Duffer**, May 18, 2003, Pearland, TX.

1948

**Roy H. Goudy (fs)**, July 12, 2000, El Dorado. (Notified July 2003)  
**William E. Wallace**, April 11, 2003, Carlsbad, NM.  
**Joseph "Joe" C. Hall**, May 30, 2003, Pine Bluff.  
**Mac Stuart Gates**, July 4, 2003, Malvern.  
**Marvin E. Gennings**, November 2, 2003, Richmond, VA.  
**Frances Vance Grafton**, November 16, 2003, Oklahoma City, OK.

1949

**Clinton Claude Powell**, July 25, 2003, Arkadelphia.  
**Myrtice Mae Reynolds Pennington (fs)**, August 17, 2003, Benton, AR.

1950

**George H. Wiggins**, July 31, 2003, Boise, ID.

1951

**Dale Edward Wilson (fs)**, July 24, 2003, Springfield, MO.

1952

**William E. Atchison**, March 5, 2003, Texarkana, TX.  
**Thomas "Radar" Lowery**, December 1, 2003, Little Rock, AR.

1953

**Patsy Ruth Butts Little**, Sep-

tember 3, 2003, Tyler, TX.

1955

**James E. Gladden**, May 5, 2003, Benton, AR.  
**Perry E. "Bud" Lowry**, July 13, 2003, Santa Rosa Beach, FL.

1956

**H. Dale Jackson (fs)**, February 15, 2003, St. Louis, MO.  
**Janis McCown McCaw (fs)**, February 25, 2003, Pensacola, FL.  
**Bob Norvell**, October 7, 2003, Fort Smith, AR.

1957

**Nell Davis Page**, May 11, 2003, Little Rock.

1958

**Earl Dean Sellers (fs)**, April 17, 2003, Crosssett, AR.  
**Robert Heard**, June 30, 2003, Bossier City, LA.  
**Wallace Francis Spencer**, August 29, 2003, Judsonia, AR.

1961

**Luther Darrel Jester**, May 18, 2003, Lepanto, AR.  
**Joe Downs, Jr.**, July 26, 2003, Fort Worth, TX.  
**Harold Richard Green**, October 25, 3004, Bryant, AR.

1962

**Haskel Malone**, November 29, 2000 (notified May 2003), Flint, MI.  
**Michael Charles White (fs)**, February 6, 2003, Tennessee.  
**Melren Mathis**, October 25, 2003, Lexington, KY.  
**Lex Eaker**, October 23, 2003, Pine Bluff, AR.

1963

**Ronald William Dennie (fs)**, July 9, 2003, Austin, TX.

1965

**Gary T. Stephens**, November 4, 2003, Village, AR.

1966

**Albert E. Wynn**, December 27, 2003, Houston, TX.

1967

**Carol Clark Bosen**, September 6, 2003, Collinsville, IL.  
**Ron Gray**, November 26, 2003, Benton, AR.

1968

**Judy Ann Abbott (fs)**, May 17, 2003, Bearden, AR.

1970

**Larry Don Roberson**, February 13, 2003, Little Rock.

1971

**Bettina Reed Jones Fletcher (MSE)**, February 7, 2002, Eudora, AR. (Notified August 2003)

1973

**Eldred "J.D." Pennington (fs)**, May 7, 2003, Sherwood, AR.

1976

**Jimmy Purifoy**, December 17, 2003, Benton, AR.  
**Jamie Lou Peters Harper Cantrell (fs)**, December 26, 2003, North Little Rock.

1977

**Robert Lee Thomas, Jr. (MSE)**, July 6, 2003, Little Rock.

1978

**Curtis Scott (MSE)**, September 2, 2003, Little Rock.

1982

**Perry "Mike" Henderson**, September 26, 2003, Trumann, AR.

1983

**Robert Hugh French**, November 1, 2003, Pine Bluff, AR.

1984

**Linda Mitchell McGrew (MSE)**, May 17, 2003, Mountain Pine, AR.

1985

**Tammy Stalnaker Davis**, December 7, 2003, Bryant, AR.

1997

**David Lane Hutsell**, October 22, 2000 (notified August 2003)

2002

**Tiffany Key Stanley**, July 17, 2003 (automobile accident).

## Current students:

**Rachel Anne Shupe**, May 17, 2003 (automobile accident).

## Friends:

**John Clem**, May 1, 2003, Malvern, (Former Trustee and Parent)

**Anna Mason Seward**, May 28, 2003, Jonesboro. (Former Dorm Mom, Parent and widow of emeritus math professor, Donald Seward.)

**Bernice Young Jones**, September 10, 2003, Springdale. (Former Trustee)

**Kathryn Maddox**, December 7, 2003, Jonesboro, AR.

**Bennie Sue Atha Anthony**, December 20, 2003, Murfreesboro, AR. (Former Trustee)

# The Financial ADVISER.....

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**John Cloud, J.D.**  
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GIFT PLANNING

Many campus landmarks were named to honor or memorialize those who provided a significant portion—in a few cases, all—of the funds to build them. One of those so honored, Bernice Jones, recently passed away a month shy of her 98th birthday. A tribute to her appears elsewhere in this issue. Through the Jones Performing Arts Center, the Harvey Jones Science Center, and other named programs and funds, Harvey and Bernice Jones have joined other Ouachita immortals as champions for young people and Christ-centered higher education. We salute those who have made Ouachita the one-of-a-kind university it is, the people whose names we see and hear because of the magnitude of their beneficence and those whose gifts are not publicized but which are indispensable for the ongoing day-to-day work.

Please read the articles in this issue and pay particular attention to the one on Gift Annuities, the most exciting and popular gift-giving mechanism extant today. This plan works as an investment by paying the annuitants (those who invest in it) an income for their lifetimes, with bonuses in the form of an income tax deduction and partially tax-free income. The payout rates are especially attractive: For example, a person 75 years of age qualifies for a lifetime annual return of 7.1%, but the “effective rate” (incorporating the tax benefits) is actually 10.5%.

Eventually Ouachita receives the principal to be used as the donor dictates. A Gift Annuity is a wonderful way for

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## Invest in our future and yours with a charitable gift annuity

Establishing a CGA is a wonderful way for you to have control over an investment that can produce secure, steady payments for yourself while providing significant benefits.

Although most people think of insurance companies when they think of annuities, we also offer annuities. They are called “charitable gift annuities” because, as a charitable organization, we make the payments for your lifetime. A CGA is a gift vehicle that pays you (and an additional annuitant, if you desire) a predetermined amount each year for life. The gift can be established with cash, securities or other property, and in return you receive fixed annuity payments on a regular basis: quarterly, semiannually or annually.

There are two types of gift annuities: one begins making payments within a year of the gift; the other—a deferred gift annuity—begins making payments at a future time, at least one year after the gift annuity is established.

### The Financial Benefits

Aside from providing a gift to us, your CGA will offer you many personal financial benefits unavailable with typical annuities.

**Charitable income tax deduction:** The charitable income tax deduction is approximately 50 percent of the charitable gift annuity and is taken in the year the gift is made for both the regular and deferred type of gift annuity.

**Favorable capital gains treatment:** If you make the gift with appreciated property, such as publicly traded securities with a low cost basis, you avoid paying capital gains taxes on the gift portion of the transfer.

**Tax-free portion:** The payments you

receive may be partially tax free, whether they commence now or in the future. For gifts established with appreciated property, the income will also be partially taxed at capital gains tax rates.

**Lifetime payments:** You and a second individual, if a two-life annuity is desired, receive a fixed and secure amount for life. Payments are often higher than yields generated from stocks. Generally, the older the donor, the higher the payment. With a deferred charitable gift annuity, the donor's age and the time that payments begin will determine the annual amount to be received in the future.

**Estate taxes:** If you are the sole annuitant, the income ceases at death and is not included as part of your estate. If your spouse is the remaining annuitant, his or her interest may qualify for the estate tax marital deduction. If an individual other than a spouse, such as a sibling or child, is the remaining annuitant, the value of the remaining income is included for estate tax consideration.

**Deferred retirement cash flow:** With this option, you establish a deferred gift annuity while still working and defer the income stream to a later date, such as age 65 or 70, when you may no longer be earning an income and find yourself in a lower tax bracket. Because the payments are deferred, the rate you receive is significantly higher. The gift asset does not go to work immediately at the charitable organization because the gift is held and invested to ensure lifetime payments for the annuitant.

### Figuring Your Annuity Rate

Annuity rates are higher for older annuitants and lower for younger annuitants,

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# How a CGA pays you

## Donor Profile:

Mr. Brown, aged 60, currently owns \$20,000 in highly appreciated stock, which is producing low dividends. With retirement approaching, Mr. Brown is considering ways to secure his future income.

## Strategy: Reduce Capital Gains

Mr. Brown establishes a \$20,000 charitable gift annuity by donating his highly appreciated stock to his Ouachita Baptist University. (CGAs may be established for as low as \$5,000 to \$10,000 at most organizations.)

## Financial Benefits:

Annuity:	\$20,000
Annual Income for Life:	\$1,140
Immediate Charitable Tax Deduction:	\$5,689*

A great advantage of funding a charitable gift annuity with a donation of highly appreciated stock is the reduction of capital gains tax liability. The 15 percent capital gains tax is eliminated on the gift portion of the transfer. Mr. Brown avoids \$2,250 in capital gains tax that he would have incurred if he had sold the securities outright.

## Additional Considerations:

- Charitable organization's assets secure the payments.
- If the deduction exceeds the annual ceiling, the remainder may be carried over for an additional five years.
- There is no need for legal help or other complicated procedures.

\*Assumes a \$5,000 cost basis and a 4.6 percent charitable federal midterm rate

(Maximum Payout)

One Life		Two Lives	
Age	Rate	Age	Rate
50	5.3	50/55	4.7
55	5.5	55/60	5.0
60	5.7	60/65	5.5
65	6.0	65/70	5.7
70	6.5	70/75	6.1
75	7.1	75/80	6.6
80	8.0	80/85	7.3
85	9.5	85/90	8.4
90+	11.3	90/90	9.3

# Deferred annuity can boost retirement funds

Tax reform reduced the tax benefits of IRAs, 401(k)s and other retirement plans for some individuals. If you have been denied these benefits, a deferred gift annuity will let you make up for the loss of funds in the future.

This plan will also allow you to make a significant gift to us now without reducing your income from invested capital at retirement. In addition, you benefit from an income tax charitable deduction now, while assuring yourself life payments later.

## How the Plan Works

You make an irrevocable contribution now, and we agree to pay you fixed annual payments for life starting at a later date. Generally, the older you are and the longer the deferral period the higher the fixed annual rate of payments.

You can arrange for a survivor to receive payments, too. Married couples find this especially advantageous.

## Count the Advantages

The most important advantage you gain from a deferred gift annuity is the opportunity to make a major contribution to Ouachita while still meeting your personal financial needs.

### Count the other benefits:

- You can supplement future retirement funds with a known dollar amount.
- Your contributions are unlimited, unlike those for qualified pension plans.
- You can secure a substantial income tax charitable deduction immediately.
- You can receive fixed payments that are partly tax free.
- You free yourself of investment cares on amounts you contribute.

## A Special Kind of Retirement Fund

A deferred gift annuity promises fixed and attractive payments during retirement with no investment worries or responsibilities. It also enables you to make a special and enduring gift to strengthen our good work when the funds become available for our needs.

We will be glad to explain the specific financial benefits you can enjoy. Just give us a call at 870-245-5169.

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# Can your generosity actually save you money?

You can save money and still give to your favorite philanthropic organizations in a couple of ways. You can save taxes by knowing tax-friendly ways of giving, and you can invest in yourself through gifts that produce income to you.

## Life Income Gifts

**Charitable Trusts.** Various types of charitable trusts not only provide tax benefits, they provide income to the donor. A trust can be established with a modest gift with additions made later, or you can fund it all at once. You can have immediate income, or the trust can be set up to grow now and only distribute income at a later time, like at retirement.

**Gift Annuity.** A gift annuity is a contract with a charitable organization that agrees to pay you (and another beneficiary, if you wish) a fixed amount annually in return for your contribution. Rates remain fixed and are based on your age when you set up the gift annuity. You also get a charitable deduction for part of your contribution. Note: Charitable gift annuities are not available in all states or from all organizations.

## Tax-Favored Gifts

**Appreciated Securities.** Instead of making your gifts in cash, consider using an asset of equivalent value like shares of stock or a mutual fund. If the shares have increased in value since you purchased them, you will

have to pay capital gains tax when you sell them. Donate them to a charitable organization and you will avoid the capital gains tax and still receive an income tax deduction just as if your gift had been cash.

**Depreciated Securities.** If you have shares of stock that have decreased in value since you purchased them, you can sell the stock and record the loss for tax purposes, then give the cash proceeds of the sale to a charitable organization and take a charitable contribution deduction.

Remember, you can carry forward any unused deductions for up to five years.

If you have any questions about how you can make a gift and save money at the same time, please feel free to call us.

## Gift Annuity

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you to guarantee a lifetime income backed by the principal itself and every resource at Ouachita's disposal, then establish a permanent legacy at your death. If you want to know more, call us at 870.245.5169, or send us a note at OBU Box 3754, Arkadelphia, AR 71998.

## CGA

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based on life expectancy. Rates are also adjusted according to the number of annuitants, with rates for two-life contracts often lower due to the extended life expectancy.

A specific annuity rate is a matter of agreement between you and Ouachita. Maximum rates are recommended by the Ameri-

can Council on Gift Annuities. Check with your financial advisor or our representative for current rates.

For more information, please call John David Cloud at 870.245.5169 or write to him at OBU Box 3754, Arkadelphia, AR 71998.

## Your Guide to Charitable Gift Annuities

Return this form for our free booklet, *Your Guide to Charitable Gift Annuities*.

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- I have a specific question. The best time to call is \_\_\_\_\_ (a.m.) (p.m.).

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## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM, 2004

### DUTCH MASTERPIECE

April 17-25, 2004

The group will depart Little Rock on Saturday, April 17, and fly directly from Memphis to Amsterdam. There is a visit to the Aalsmeer Flower Auction before heading North by coach to Windmill Country. You will pass through small fishing ports, see the Barrier Dam and the Frisian Lake District. The tour group will visit the Royal Palace of Hetloo and its famous gardens. There is a stop at the Netherlands Open Air Museum and the Airborne Museum of Oosterbeek. You will visit the Tiel Pewter Factory, then cross the Rhine Canal to enter beautiful Zeeland which features geometric fields of flowers and orchards. You will learn about the Delta Project and then on to Rotterdam, which has one of the world's busiest ports. The Euromast Tower will allow a panoramic view of the city and harbor. The Royal Delft Pottery Factory and the splendid Peace Palace precede the visit to the bulb fields and Keukenhof Park. The final two days will take you to the Diamond Center and finally the world famous Beeleenstruk Parade (Tulip Festival). You will see Dutch art at the Rijksmuseum; then travel home.

### The History & Culture of China

May 20 – 31, 2004

The tour will depart Little Rock to Beijing, home of the 2008 Olympics. The Chinese hosts will be professors from Peking University, often called "the Harvard of Asia." You will stay on campus at the ShaoYuan Hotel for the entire time you are in Beijing. Daily trips will include The Forbidden City with more than 800 buildings; the Summer Palace, a 1750 resort for the Imperial Family; Tiananmen Square, the largest square in the world; the "Pearl Market" (always a favorite shopping place); the Temple of Heaven, where the Emperor and his 1,000 member entourage retreated twice each year for special religious rituals. You will have a full day trip to The Great Wall, a 6,200 mile ancient wonder built in 500 B.C.; Leaving Beijing, you will fly to Xian, where you will see all the landmarks in the largest city of the Tang Dynasty (AD618-907). Finally you will see the breath-taking site of thousands of life-sized Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses that were made to protect Emperor Qin in the afterlife. After two and a half days in Xian, you will depart for Shanghai and visit the famous Nanjing Road and the Bund; the Jade Buddha Temple, the spectacular Yu Gardens and finally the Shanghai Museum.

### Peru & the Galapagos Isles

July 8-18, 2004

Depart the U.S. for Lima for City Tour, then fly to Cusco, visiting Kenko, Puca Pucara, Tambomachay and Sacsayhuaman. You will travel through the Valley of Pisac and Ollantaytambo and have time to shop in the Indian Market. The train will carry you to the Urubamba Valley to reach Macchu Picchu, the center of the past Incan culture. You will return to Cusco for shopping and local site seeing, then to Quito, where we will overnight before going to Baltra, Galapagos Isles. The next few days will be by cruise ship with multiple stops on what has been described as the "most unique" place on earth.

For information on any tour contact:  
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