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# The OUACHITA CIRCLE

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## A Word from the President ...

I've mentioned in previous editions of this publication that some interesting letters cross my desk. One such letter recently came from Janet Ozmun, a second grader who is the daughter of Dave and Adria Ozmun. Dave teaches in our communications department.

Janet participated last year in Ouachita's version of the "America Reads" program, a nationwide effort to have every child read well and independently by the end of third grade. Kammie Bass, a junior at Ouachita, served as Janet's tutor and mentor. The program is sponsored through the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community.

The letter from Janet was short and to the point, unlike most letters written by college presidents. She said, "It was fun to work with Miss Kammie in 1st grade. She helped me a lot. I enjoy reading more now. Thank you."

Kammie's important work reminds me that we each make a difference by touching one life at a time. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with students and faculty who take Christ's second commandment to heart....by loving their neighbors and by investing themselves in the lives of others.

*Andy Westmoreland*

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## Homecoming 2-3

*The pirates of the Kappa Chi Men's Social Club won the Grand Prize in the annual production of Tiger Tunes. Members of the Ouachita family returned to campus for a weekend of Homecoming activities.*

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*On the Cover: America Reads tutor Jane Schaffner helps Angelia McClure with her reading skills at Perritt Primary School in Arkadelphia.*

# Homecoming Highlights

**Tiger Tunes** • The Kappa Chi men's social club won its fifth Grand Prize Award at the conclusion of the 1999 Tiger Tunes program. The Kappas chose a pirate theme this year with a show titled "Swashbucklers in Vests." The runners-up were: EEE women's social club, first runner-up; Tri Chi women's social club, second runner up; and the Baptist Student Union and Beta Beta men's social club tied for third runner-up.

**Golf Scramble** • The team of Phil Rickles of Little Rock and Jimmy Franklin of Arkadelphia won the championship flight of the first Homecoming Golf Scramble held on Friday afternoon at the DeGray Lake State Park course. Seventy-eight golfers competed in the scramble.

**Homecoming Queen** • Candace Sharp, a junior musical theatre major from Mesquite, Texas, was crowned homecoming queen during pre-game ceremonies. The court included: Jana Keasler of Shreveport, Louisiana, first runner up; Leah Creed of Fort Worth, Texas, second runner-up; Abigail Clark of Germantown, Tennessee, third runner-up; and Lauren Eagle of North Little Rock, fourth runner-up.

**Football Game** • The Tigers ended the season with a 41-7 loss to Harding University.

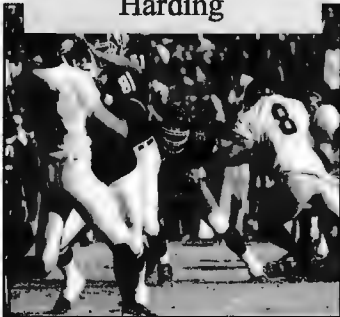
**Halftime Recognition** • It was a special homecoming for Nick James, a member of last year's freshman class. Nick suffered severe injuries in an automobile accident in November of 1998. Homecoming marked his first return to campus since the accident. President Andrew Westmoreland and Athletic Director David Sharp presented Nick an autographed football from the Tiger football team.

**Reunions** • The Former Students Association hosted a reunion dinner for Ouachita graduates and former students on Friday evening. Special recognition was given to classes ending in "4" and "9." Clubs and organizations held reunions on Saturday morning. The Saturday FSA luncheon was replaced with a tailgate party prior to the football game. The cookout was on the outfield of Rab Rodgers Baseball Field. Reunion classes gathered for after-game fellowships at various homes and campus locations.

Homecoming Queen  
Candace Sharp



Tigers Battle  
Harding



Campus Ministries  
Reunion





Kappa Chi  
Pirates

Tailgate  
Party



Welcome home, Nick!

Alumni Golf Scramble



# Homecoming



## *“Ouachita is always asking for money...”*

Death, Taxes, and Fund-raising appeals from Ouachita...I contend that these represent the three unavoidable life experiences for friends of OBU.

While I have neither the expertise nor the inclination to address the first two of these certainties of life, I am willing to try my hand at the third. In fact, I consider myself to be, probably much like you, a self-educated expert on the issue of fund-raising appeals from Ouachita. After all, I have been the recipient of these appeals (whether by phone, mail, or in person) for many years now.

My perspective regarding these fund-raising appeals has undergone a thorough transformation in recent years. While I once would have been accurately described as a “toss it in the trash” kind of recipient, I am now an “I’ll do what I can” kind of recipient. While I do not and cannot always respond positively to each and every request for money, I am no longer irritated or annoyed at the occasional (albeit certain) Ouachita fund-raising appeal. In fact, I feel a certain degree of pride when I receive these requests.

My perspective has changed because I have gradually come to appreciate the following truths: First, *Ouachita has enriched my life*. Second, *Ouachita is worth supporting financially*. And third, *my gifts make a difference*.

*Ouachita has enriched my life.* I believe the University succeeds in fulfilling its longstanding mission of educating the whole person—intellectually, socially, physically, and spiritually. I am convinced that many of my later successes in life are the consequences of the meaningful and nurturing relationships I established while at Ouachita. And Ouachita continues to enrich my life—even to this day. Just last December I attended OBU’s annual production of Festival of Christmas. As always, it was truly inspirational, and I returned home with a deeper appreciation for the holiday season.

*Ouachita is worth supporting financially.* This is really the bottom line. Ouachita is worth it. Quality leadership. Quality faculty. Quality facilities. And, best of all, a wonderful group of students who deserve my support. Quite honestly, I hope to see my children and grandchildren attend Ouachita, and I am willing to do what I can to make the Ouachita of tomorrow even better than the Ouachita of today.

*My gifts make a difference.* I have only recently come to appreciate this reality. Because of financial limitations, my gifts to Ouachita have always been modest—at best. For this reason, I once mistakenly assumed that my gifts did not matter. After all, there will never be a building named after me on Ouachita’s campus. While my gifts to Ouachita will never build a new housing complex or a new dining facility, they will do something just as important, if not more so. My gifts are designated for student scholarships—scholarships that provide opportunities to mature young students into young adults who will make our world a better place.

Yes, it is true, Ouachita is always asking for money...

Nonetheless, I am pleased to associate my time and my gifts with such a fine institution. I am proud to know that I am responsible, at least in a small way, for the success of Ouachita Baptist University. Won’t you join me?

Sincerely,  
An anonymous alumnus

## **Fund-raising efforts focus on student scholarships - both current and endowed**

Ouachita is now focusing as never before on raising funds for student scholarships. Efforts are underway to increase both gifts to current scholarships, and gifts to endowed scholarships. “While we cannot control the rising cost of higher education, I am confident that our alumni, former students, and friends will realize the need for increased giving to student scholarships in the coming months and years,” President Andrew Westmoreland said.

As the cost of higher education increases, so does the need for student scholarships. Currently, over ninety percent (90%) of Ouachita students require some form of financial aid in order to complete their education. Often students have a combination of state and federal aid, along with outside scholarships and institutional scholarships.

Attempting to combat the rising cost of higher education, the university has made a concentrated effort to substantially increase the amount of institutional aid it offers students. During the previous decade, Ouachita has more than doubled the amount of institutional aid provided to students. During the 1989-90 year, Ouachita awarded \$2.2 million in institutional scholarships. During this academic year Ouachita will award over \$4.5 million.

The ultimate goal, according to Vice President for Development Joe Franz, is

a scholarship endowment in excess of \$100,000,000. The expected growth in interest and earnings from an endowment of this size would allow the university to more effectively and comprehensively award the institutional scholarships that students need.

During recent years, the general endowment has grown at a remarkable rate, from \$15,184,000 in 1989, to over \$40,000,000 currently. During the previous 18 months alone, nearly \$4 million has been given and designated as scholarship endowment. “While this growth represents remarkable progress, we are not there yet,” Franz cautions.

“Eventually, I expect the endowment will be large enough to provide for these financial needs of our students,” stated President Westmoreland. “In the interim, we must not only focus on growing the endowment, but we must also concentrate increasingly on current scholarships.”

As evidence of this renewed focus, Westmoreland recently announced the creation of the Ouachita Baptist University Scholarship Fund. One hundred percent (100%) of the money given to the Ouachita Baptist University Scholarship Fund will be used for current student scholarships. Westmoreland concluded by explaining: “We simply have no greater need than providing scholarships for our students.”

·Bryan McKinney

# Churches support needs of School of Christian Studies

Ouachita's Campaign among the Churches of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention continues to gain momentum as numerous churches have added this special campaign for scholarships and the School of Christian Studies to their budgets.

Funds have also been received in other ways such as a quarterly love offering, an endowed scholarship in memory of a former pastor, various en-

dowed scholarship donations from individuals, a special gift in honor of a former pastor, and individual donations for the Berry Bible Building addition. A pledge for the endowment of a faculty position has also been made.

Ouachita's suggestion to the churches is that they consider making a three-year budget commitment through the Campaign.

·Ellis Leagans



**OUACHITONIANS HONORED** • On September 19, First Baptist Church Star City observed Christian Higher Education Day with worship service leadership provided by Ouachita. The Praise Singers gave a mini-concert and President Andrew Westmoreland delivered the morning sermon. Four members of the church who graduated from Ouachita more than 50 years ago were recognized in the service. Pictured are Pastor Randy Mager, Hallie McGraw Steed (1924), Ava Fish Halbert (1935), President Westmoreland, Ruby Ross Vick (1934), and Aileen McBryde Petty (1947). Steed was given special recognition as a "Diamond Tiger."

## ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

### The William E. Clark

#### Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established by Mr. William E. Clark of Little Rock to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students enrolled at Ouachita.

Recipients must be enrolled in the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business and will be selected by the University Scholarship Committee.

### The Walter Tardy Cunningham and Mary Louise Cunningham

#### Endowed Honorary Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dr. Richard D. Wilhelm to honor his stepfather and mother. The first scholarship will be awarded in the fall semester of 2000.

Recipients must be pursuing a major in Christian ministry or missionary work. Second priority will be to students majoring in business, and third, to students in family and consumer sciences.

### The Paul E. Kaniss, Jr.

#### Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Paul E. Kaniss, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by Mrs. Carrie Denise (Clark) Kaniss to honor the memory of her husband, ISG Paul E. Kaniss, Jr. Mrs. Kaniss is a member of the Ouachita class of 1982.

Scholarship priority will be awarded to students who have served or are serving in the military. Second priority is to students who are planning to serve in the military, and third priority to those who are pursuing a major in education.

### The Harold and Maurine Hicks

#### Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship has been established by members of the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church in Little Rock in memory of W. Harold Hicks and in honor of Maurine Hicks. Dr. Hicks served as pastor of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church for 30 years until his retirement in 1971.

Recipients should be in need of financial assistance, a Baptist, and in their sophomore, junior or senior year. Students from Pulaski Heights Baptist Church will be given first priority.

### The Donald E. Spradling

#### Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established with a gift from the McGovern Foundation in honor of Mr. Donald E. Spradling. Mr. Spradling is a 1957 alumnus of Ouachita. The scholarship is in recognition of Mr. Spradling's many years of dedicated service.

The purpose of the scholarship is to aid worthy students who, without financial assistance, might not be able to attend college. Recipients must be in need of financial assistance and be preparing for a career on the mission field.

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY'S

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2000

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*Volunteer students will be calling alumni, former students, and friends of the University asking for their support of Ouachita's Annual Scholarship Fund.*



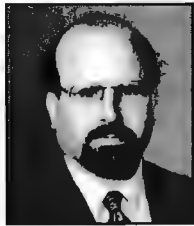
## —Newsmakers—



**Dr. Mike Arrington**, vice president for academic affairs, has been named to three professional positions within the national academic arena.

He has been selected as a member of the Accreditation Review Council of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The Council reviews all institutional visit reports and recommends action to be taken.

Arrington was also appointed recently to the Board of Directors and Chair of the Deans Group of the Association of Southern Baptist Schools and Colleges.



**Dr. Jay Curlin**, assistant professor of English, recently had an essay published in a book titled "The English Civil Wars in the Literary Imagination."

Curlin's submission is titled "Is There No Temperate Region?: Coopers Hill and the Call for Moderation."

The book was edited by Claude J. Summers and Ted-Larry Pebworth and published by the University of Missouri Press.



**Dr. Steve Garner**, associate professor of music, is the author of an article titled "Solitude and Song" published in the November/December edition of

"Creator" magazine.

The magazine is an independent national publication for church musicians.



**Dr. Jeff Root**, assistant to the president for public relations and assistant professor of mass communications, had a column published in The

Southern Baptist Educator titled "Ouachita Singers become 'Choir of Angels' in Aftermath of Fatal Plane Crash," reflecting on how the Ouachita students reacted following the crash of American Airlines flight 1420.

6 Faculty/Staff News

# Athletic training program added to natural sciences

The division of natural sciences at Ouachita is formulating plans for a new academic athletic training program to be in place by the year 2002.

Terry DeWitt, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation and coordinator of the proposed athletic training education program, is in the process of developing the academic curriculum for the new degree.

According to DeWitt, athletic training formerly only required a certification process with any degree. Since the profession has been recognized by the American Medical Association with new accreditation requirements, which were put in place in 1995 with the Athletic Training License Law, there have been changes made to the field of athletic training.

"The role of the athletic trainer has traditionally been thought of as ankle taping and hydration but, this is a misconception because there are many more very important roles in which an athletic trainer is involved," said DeWitt. "This is becoming more of a science and a profession than it has been in the past."

The responsibilities of an athletic trainer include insurance and medical referrals, re-conditioning and rehabilitation, educating players about equipment that is used, and injury prevention.

There are plans to create a department of allied health at Ouachita that will include areas of communication disorders, dental hygiene, dietetics, and athletic training. Dr. Tim Knight, associate professor of biology, will assist DeWitt in designing the degree curriculum for the program.

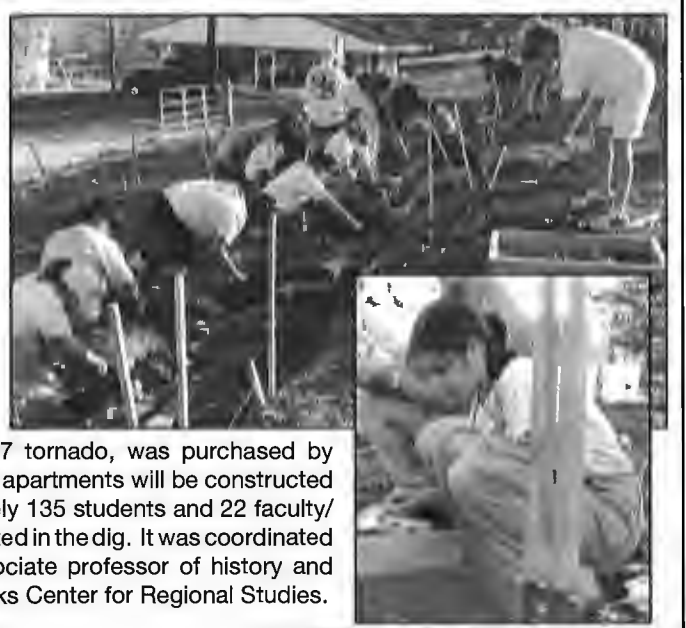
"We hope to have this entire curriculum in place by 2002," said DeWitt. "It is required to be in place by 2004 for the school to be accredited in the area of athletic training."

Currently there is only one other school in the state of Arkansas that has an accredited program. According to DeWitt, this is one other positive aspect of the addition of athletic training to the school's degree opportunities.

"This program will most certainly have a positive effect on enrollment and will help draw in those who seek this type of degree because it is not offered at many other universities," said DeWitt.

Currently there are classes being taught that will be a part of the athletic training program curriculum, including a therapeutic techniques class and kinesiology. Each class that will be a part of the curriculum must be taught prior to the implementation of the program. "This is part of the reason that the development of the program will not be completed until the year 2002," said DeWitt.

**THE DIG** • Students, faculty and staff spent several weeks conducting an archeological dig on the Caddo Street property recently purchased by the University. In late November, the students discovered what is believed to be the brick foundation from Arkadelphia's first cotton mill. The property, which was home to the Riverwood Nursing Home prior to the 1997 tornado, was purchased by Ouachita. New student apartments will be constructed at the site. Approximately 135 students and 22 faculty/staff members participated in the dig. It was coordinated by Dr. Trey Berry, associate professor of history and director of the Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies.



# Service learning approach emphasis of workshop

The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community held a service learning conference for 90 members of the Ouachita faculty and administrative staff to ascertain goals and objectives concerning a "hands on" learning approach that continues to be developed at Ouachita.

Service learning is a concept that involves students working within their communities allowing them to gain first-hand experience in their area of study both in the classroom and in the field. Students actually get to participate in career activities while gaining school credit. This could include a political science major working at the local court house, an elementary education major tutoring at the local school, or a mass communications major announcing plays at the local football games.

"This is a methodology used to connect academic and community needs while creating a bridge between abstract concepts and practical realities," said Ian Cosh, director of the Elrod Center.

The conference was titled "Focusing Attention on the Service Commitment of Ouachita" and it featured several key speakers from various disciplines of study at Ouachita. Speakers addressed issues of service from areas of theology, the social sciences, education, humanities, fine arts, natural sciences and business. Dr. Hal Bass, the Herbert and LaDelle Moody Professor of Pre-Law Studies and Political Science, spoke on the subject of service learning and the social sciences.

According to Bass, service learning is

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**Ian Cosh**

a subject that those in the social sciences can closely identify with due to the publics involved with that discipline. Bass said that this type of learning makes perfect sense at Ouachita and adds another positive dimension to the school.

"It is important that we can gear our students toward a learning through service mentality and allow them to learn by doing," said Bass.

The education department at Ouachita is one area that is currently practicing service learning within its curriculum. Education majors have traditionally been required to spend at least a portion of a semester in the classroom gaining hands-on experience through practice teaching.

Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, associate professor of education, spoke on the subject of service learning and education. According to Westmoreland, this type of learning is one that helps students by giving them the opportunity to learn from teaching others and gain experience from their mistakes.

"The classroom experience helps determine what works in the classroom and what doesn't before the students are actually teaching in their own classroom," Westmoreland said, "Hopefully the benefits of this method of learning benefits both the students and those within the community."

Dr. Mike Arrington, vice president for academic affairs at Ouachita, is a firm believer in the process. "I think the intent of the workshop goes directly to the heart of our mission as a Christian educational institution."

## Westmoreland attends BWA meeting

President Andrew Westmoreland attended the annual meeting of the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance, where discussion included the beliefs and polity of Baptists worldwide and how to further affirm the roles of Christianity to a diverse society.

The meeting was held in Dresden,

Germany, and was attended by approximately 500 other university presidents, pastors, denominational leaders, and lay people from around the world. They discussed a variety of topics, including human rights, Baptist heritage, and effective communication and development.

## —Newsmakers—



Henderson

**Dr. Caroline Henderson**, associate professor of music, has been invited to perform at the 12th World Saxophone Congress to be held next summer in Montreal, Canada. Henderson's program will include the world premiere of a work for saxophone and percussion by Dr. Bud Udell.



Wilborn

Henderson has also been invited to present a clinic, "Assessment of Music Majors in Higher Education" co-authored by **Dr. David Wilborn**, assistant professor of music, at the joint meeting of the Music Educators National Conference and the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors, to be held March 8, 2000 in Washington, D.C.



**Dr. Patrick Houlihan**, associate professor of music, recently had a musical composition published by Warner Brothers.

The piece, titled "The Touch of a Savior," is for mixed choir and was performed recently by the OBU Chamber Singers.



**Dr. W. Francis McBeth**, distinguished university professor and resident composer at Ouachita and composer laureate of Arkansas, has been named an

American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) winner for the 34th consecutive year.

The award has been granted annually to McBeth for the noted and distinguished volume of international work that he has composed for bands and wind ensembles. It is granted by an independent national panel and is based upon the value of each writer's original compositions as well as recent performances.



Sumner

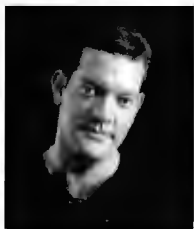
**Dr. Glenna Sumner**, assistant professor of economics, has written an article titled "A Lesson From Baseball?." The article has been published in "The Teaching Professor."



Webster

Sumner and **Dr. Robert Webster**, the George Young Professor of Business, presented a paper titled "How Do Social and Economic Inputs Impact Student

Achievement in Arkansas?" at the National Social Science Association meeting in November.



**Larry Thompson**, assistant professor of art, participated in "Celebration: Celebrating Mexico's Day of the Dead" exhibition at the

Lubbock Fine Arts Center in Lubbock, Texas. This is Thompson's fifth exhibition at the Center.



**Dr. William C. Viser**, associate professor of Christian ministries, spoke at a meeting of the World Conference of the American Association of

Christian Counselors held in Nashville, Tenn. His topic, "The Devil You Say" concerned itself with the therapeutic issues in the counseling context with an occult-involved client.

Viser has also been elected president of the Southwest Mental Health Counselor's Association.



**Dr. Johnny Wink**, professor of English, recently had a sonnet published titled "Praise God." The sonnet was published in the summer 1999 issue of

"Christianity and Literature."

# Students involved in tutoring

Ouachita students are currently involved in a public school activity to help Arkadelphia area school children enjoy the merits of reading.

The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community is the sponsor of the program known as America Reads.

"America Reads tutoring helps college students share a love of reading with a child, connect with the off-campus community, gain skills that improve one's resume and have a fun and challenging college experience," said Jan Bass, the Elrod Center coordinator for public school initiatives.

During the fall semester, 20 first grade children in reading at Perritt Primary School in Arkadelphia participated in the program.

"Helping a child learn to read can really make a difference," said Bass.

**"The chance for Ouachita students to work with elementary children one-on-one is a unique tutoring and mentoring setting which allows for growth both academically and in the area of self-esteem."**

**Jan Bass**

Building on the success of the America Reads program, the Elrod Center launched a pilot program in the fall of mathematics tutoring known as America Counts.

In this program, Ouachita students work with third grade children at Central Primary School in Arkadelphia. These tutors receive training conducted by Sharon Kolb, third grade teacher and mathematics specialist

at Central Primary School. All of the tutors have a strong interest in mathematics and in helping children to be successful with the subject.

"The chance for Ouachita students to work with elementary children one-on-one is a unique tutoring and mentoring setting which allows for growth both academically and in the area of self-esteem," said Bass.

· Whitney Moore

# Speaker's Bureau established

The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community has established a Speaker's Bureau to offer the expertise of the campus faculty to clubs, organizations, classes, churches and other entities.

The list of available speakers can be accessed through the Internet at [www.obu.edu/famcom/speakers/index.htm](http://www.obu.edu/famcom/speakers/index.htm).

"As a Center we invite groups to look at the Speaker's Bureau to see what resources we have to offer for speaking and expertise in our faculty members' areas of discipline," said Ian Cosh, director of the Elrod Center.

The goal of the Speaker's Bureau is to open the resources that Ouachita has to offer to many different publics in various locales. There are currently several Ouachita professors listed on the web site who can be booked for speaking engagements on a variety of topics.

"We encourage folks to visit the site or contact our office personally to learn

about the experts available to them," said Cosh.

"There are no set fees for speakers, some are pro-bono and some charge a fee, but that is between the organization and the speaker," said Cosh.

The web site was set up by Brandi Womack, assistant director of the Elrod Center. It includes the speaker's name and position at Ouachita, sample speech titles, academic credentials, areas of expertise/speech topics, and a brief biographical sketch.

The Elrod Center is available to broker any suggestions or comments about the Speaker's Bureau. To book speakers or make arrangements, speakers should be contacted personally.

For more information on the Speaker's Bureau at Ouachita, contact either Cosh or Womack through the Internet, or by mail at OBU Box 3783, Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001 or call (870) 245-5321. · Whitney Moore

# Franklins serve as missionaries-in-residence

From Japan they came, leaving their mission field with a new love for rice and raw fish behind. Ray and Ardith Franklin are the new missionaries-in-residence at Ouachita Baptist University

The Franklins are a part of a program that has been in effect at OBU since the 1970s. The concept has attracted career missionaries and their families to Arkadelphia who have represented all the world's continents. They are chosen through an application process, reviewed by a campus committee, and recommended to the president of the university for appointment. The missionaries come to campus for a two semester stay.

"We initially looked at Ouachita because our daughter was planning to come here to college," said Ardith. "Then after we prayed about it, we knew that it was where we wanted to be."

The Franklin's daughter, Ariane, is a freshman psychology major at Ouachita. Their two other children are Angela, who is 14 years old and Reece, who is 8 years old. The situation worked well to allow the family to spend one last year together with everyone in the same city. As well as being parents to their own children, the Franklins feel that they are secondary parents to the many other missionary kids attending school at Ouachita.

"We are 'parents' for the kids here just as we would hope other missionaries would be to our children," said Ardith.

According to the Franklins, their mission at OBU is to meet students and provide them with information about missions. They hold a Bible study on Wednesdays for the Japanese students who are living on campus and are joined in the leadership of the group by Ouachita staff member Sharon Cosh.

"As missionaries it is good to be on a

campus where we can talk to students about missions, in general, and Japan, in particular. Naturally, we have a certain acquaintance with the Japanese way of life and relate well to the Japanese students," said Ardith.

While in Japan, the Franklins did

in their culture and the many influences of other religions such as Buddhism, Daoism, Shintoism and the tradition of ancestor worship," said Ray. "Many of the Japanese see Christianity as an American religion which makes it hard. On the surface they seem westernized,

but the people are bound deeply in traditionalism."

While they are in the states, the Franklins are still doing mission work for the Southern Baptist Convention. They are speaking to churches to gain support for their work and to various schools, clubs and organizations who invited them as resource guests. They are also recruiting other missionaries and pray for a great awakening for mission work around the world. It is clear that they are making good use of their time here in the states. The Franklins get one year of furlough in the states for every four years they spend in Japan.

"Our time here is nice because we are able to return to what is familiar to us," said Ardith. "We get to shop for American clothes and it is nice to see our

friends and family here. Our children are also more fully exposed to their American heritage."

The Franklin children are considered "third culture" children. This means that they are American by blood, but they have spent most of their lives surrounded by the Japanese culture. According to Ray and Ardith, the furlough is a good chance for them to get accustomed to their American roots. While in Japan, the children attend an international English school with an American curriculum. "At first, I really wasn't sure about our decision to go to Japan. But, the Lord led us in the decision to go and soon showed us that he can change even the small things in our lives...like enduring raw fish," said Ray with a smile.

Whitney Moore



**GATHERING** • Ray and Ardith Franklin, missionaries-in-residence from Japan, host some of Ouachita's Japanese students for a Christmas party. The Franklins lead a Bible study for the students on Wednesday evenings.

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**Ardith Franklin**

quite a bit in service for the Lord. They began four churches and saw several people come to know the Lord. According to the Franklins, the people in Japan are highly urbanized with two thirds of the population living within four areas of the country. The country has been lacking missionaries since World War II when many were forced to leave.

Historically, the country has had a distrust of Western religions which makes mission work in the country particularly difficult. There are currently 10,000 Baptists in the country and 200 churches. There is complete freedom of religion legally within the country, but the Franklins say most of the citizens are not receptive to the concept.

"In Japan, the response is slow to come to the Lord because of the affluence

# Enrollment increase, graduating class size lead to December commencement

Sixty-seven Ouachita students received their diplomas in the first-ever fall commencement held December 10 in Jones Performing Arts Center. The creation of the ceremony in the fall was necessitated by growing enrollment figures and senior classes too large for single springtime commencements at Ouachita's Sturgis Physical Education Center.

The fall commencement allowed students who completed degree requirements in the summer or fall semesters to receive their degrees in December instead of returning to campus the following May. Dr. Andrew Westmoreland said the new ceremony was a natural result of growth.

"Ouachita's student enrollment has grown by more than 25 percent during the 1990s, and it had become difficult to fit all the family members of graduates in our athletic facility for spring commencement," said Westmoreland.

The speaker for the evening was Rev. Gary Turner, senior pastor of Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia.

A graduation reception, sponsored by the Former Students Association, was held following commencement in Evans Student Center.



**PREPARATION •** (above) Bonnie Brockway of Anna, Texas, Donna Robertson Rice of Wynne, and Ruth-Anne Mwase of Harare, Zimbabwe, adjust their caps and gowns before the processional.

**CONGRATULATIONS •** (above) Keisha Miller of Mesquite, Texas, receives her diploma and a congratulatory handshake from President Andrew Westmoreland.

**SPEAKER •** (right) Rev. Gary Turner, senior pastor of Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, delivers the commencement address.



# Ouachita listed among top colleges in U.S. News & World Report rankings

For the third consecutive year, Ouachita has been ranked among the top fifteen regional liberal arts universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report. Ouachita also was named one of the South's top ten best values.

"We're pleased to have been listed in U.S. News & World Report's college rankings again this year," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president. "As the institution has grown and matured, we've seen increasing indications that Ouachita is building a strong reputation. We encourage, as U.S. News does,

anyone interested in a university to visit and perform their own evaluation. Still, the rankings do provide some valuable statistical information, and it's good to see that those beyond our doors have noticed our progress."

In its annual "America's Best Colleges" guidebook, U.S. News listed schools as either national in scope or regional and as either liberal arts or comprehensive in its academic program. The liberal arts colleges and universities tend to be smaller, with resources devoted to a broad undergraduate-only curriculum,

while the comprehensive schools were larger and generally had a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs.

Of the 130 regional liberal arts colleges and universities in the South, Ouachita was ranked number thirteen. In a separate ranking using the same categories, U.S. News compiled a list of "best values," a combination of academic quality, cost of attending, and financial aid availability. Ouachita ranked number nine, the third time in the past four years that it's made the top ten.

• Jeff Root

# Ouachita reports record enrollment

Enrollment at Ouachita is up six percent from last year and has reached a record high with 1,638 undergraduates in classes, according to President Andrew Westmoreland.

"We're delighted that Ouachita has reached another record enrollment this year," he said. "The increasing numbers indicate both strong

interest among the students we're recruiting and improved efforts in retention of our present students."

The enrollment news comes on the heels of Ouachita's recent recognition in U.S. News & World Report as one of the top 15 regional colleges and universities in the South and one of the top 10

best values.

"Ouachita's tradition of excellent academic programs in combination with a Christian commitment is gaining recognition in the higher education community and has been welcomed by an increasing number of students and parents," Westmoreland said.

• Jeff Root

# Campus BRIEFS

◆ Pastors from Arkansas and surrounding states gathered at Ouachita September 30 for the University's annual Pastors' Conference. The event was sponsored by the School of Christian Studies (SCS) at Ouachita and focused on the Bible books of 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

Program personalities included four members of the faculty: Dr. Randy Richards, associate professor of biblical studies and author of a journal article titled "Ministering in a Tough Place: Paul's Pattern in Thessalonica;" Dr. Preben Vang, associate professor of biblical studies and theology, and author of a journal article titled "Sanctification in Thessalonians;" Dr. Terry Carter, chair of the department of Christian ministries; and Dr. Scott Duvall, dean of the School of Christian Studies.

◆ The department of theatre arts of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts and the division of theatre arts of the Russell School of Fine Arts at Henderson State University co-hosted the 1999 Arkansas College Theatre Festival on October 7-9 and 11-12 on both campuses in Arkadelphia.

The festival is part of the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival, a national education program that aims to identify and promote quality in college-level theatre production. Selected students in the national competition participate in programs involving awards, scholarships, and special grants for actors, playwrights, designers, and critics.

Nine colleges and universities presented 13 plays and staged readings at the Arkansas level of the festival.



## SOCCER DEBUT •

Defender Angela Garcia takes the ball up the field in pursuit of scoring for the Lady Tigers. Ouachita Baptist University fielded its first intercollegiate soccer team this season with the women competing in the Lone Star Conference.

# Campus BRIEFS

◆ The "Ouachitonian" yearbook has been awarded the prestigious Pacemaker Award by Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) in Minneapolis, MN.

The announcement was made recently at the conclusion of the organization's annual meeting held in Atlanta, GA. The 1998 collegiate yearbooks were submitted for judging in January, and finalists were announced in May.

Since 1925, the Pacemaker competition has been considered by many people to be student journalism's highest honor, according to ACP. Yearbooks from around the nation are judged by non-ACP staff persons knowledgeable about design, journalism and yearbook production. Each judge works independently, and the scores are added to decide the final winners.

The editor of the 1998 "Ouachitonian" was Jennifer Hillman Goode.

◆ Whitney Lea Moore of Cabot, a December graduate in mass communications, won the 2000 Miss Arkansas-USA title on November 5. As a result of winning the title, Moore will represent the state at the Miss USA Pageant to be held February 4 in Branson, Missouri. The pageant will be shown nationally over CBS television.

"Of course I was ecstatic and elated," said Moore after winning the pageant. "I was shocked and feel incredibly blessed at having been given this opportunity and I plan to use it in service for the Lord."

Moore plans to attend the University of Arkansas-Little Rock School of Law and pursue a career either in corporate law or as a legal correspondent in the communications field.

## University hosts Governor's Conference on the Family

Governor Mike Huckabee's Conference on the Family: Stronger Families for a Stronger Arkansas was held in Jones Performing Arts Center on Saturday, October 23.

The purpose of the conference was to:

• expose Arkansans to the best possible resources available for strengthening marriages and families,

• equip parents and organizations with the tools needed to fortify families, and

• enlist parents, businesses, public servants, churches and synagogues in the focuses of the conference.

Concurrent sessions were led by noted speakers and

addressed topics such as saving marriages, family finances, seven steps to step-family success, building the Y2K family, re-kindling the flame, protecting children from the media, single parenting, foster parenting, educational opportunities in family and marriage counseling, and divorce reform in Arkansas.

The program speakers included: L. Brent Bozell III, founder and chairman of the Board of the Media Research Center; Kay Coles James, senior fellow for The Citizenship Project at The Heritage Foundation; Robert L. Woodson, Sr., founder and president of the National Center for Neighborhood

Enterprise (NCNE); Larry Burkett, founder and CEO of Christian Financial Concepts; and Mike McManus, a former TIME correspondent, who has been a syndicated columnist for 22 years, and written the syndicated column, "Ethics & Religion" since 1981.

The Ben M. Elrod Center for the Family and Community hosted the conference at Ouachita. "The event resonates with our commitment to better serve our community by offering our resources for its use," said Ian Cosh, director of the Center. "We care about strong families, and it's good for us as well as for Arkansas citizens."

• Rachel Deckelman

## "Food Fight" benefits local Food Bank

The Student Senate in conjunction with the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community sponsored a "Food Fight" to benefit the Southwest Food Bank in Arkadelphia.

Approximately 200 students volunteered to participate in the food fight by forming student-led teams. Each student went door-to-door asking Arkadelphia citizens to contribute non-

perishable food items that would be donated to the Southwest Food Bank. The teams competed against one another to see which could collect the most canned goods in an hour.

The EEE women's social club team was awarded \$100 for bringing in the most items.

All of the teams collected a total of 2,800 pounds of canned goods.

At the time of the food

fight, the food bank had a shortage of canned goods. The Student Senate and the Elrod Center saw the shortage as an opportunity for Ouachita to help the region by addressing a specific need.

"We felt it was great for everyone. They needed help and we were able to provide that help. Plus, our students seemed to enjoy the food fight," said Ian Cosh, director of the Elrod Center.



**OPERA PRODUCTION**• The Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts presented Douglas Moore's opera "The Ballad of Baby Doe" November 18-20. The fictional characters are recreated from actual events drawn from the pages of Colorado's mining industry at the turn of the century.

From Preview Days and school visits to campus tours and personal contacts, the admissions counseling staff is

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A *Mission*

According to the head of the admissions counseling office, student recruitment is a lot more than just getting someone to choose to attend Ouachita, it is about developing a personal relationship with the prospective student and their family.

"I certainly do not ever intend to persuade someone under pressure to come to Ouachita," said Rebecca Jones, director of the admissions counseling office at Ouachita. "I want them, instead, to make a wise and prayerful decision for themselves either to come here or not."

In her first year as director of admissions counseling, Jones has encountered many challenges and surprises. The best surprise for Jones was seeing the diverse backgrounds of students that elect to attend the 113-year-old university.

Added to that, she said, was the "real pleasure" of becoming acquainted with the families of the prospective students.

"What makes this job worthwhile is the opportunity to interact with many incredible families and perhaps to be a small part of helping make some life-changing decisions with these students and their families," Jones said.

The process of recruiting students begins very early in the high school years. The Ouachita admissions counseling office receives the names of prospective students from college fairs, church visits, alumni, former students, friends

of the university, phone calls, family members, through solicitation in ads or brochures, and via the Internet. A counselor then follows up by sending various forms of information including an application for admission. Personal contact is always on the agenda for the

job is to contact prospective students and determine their interest level. "We are not trying to bother or annoy anyone who is not interested," said Jones. "We are here to help and answer any questions for the students who have shown an active interest in Ouachita."

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*Admissions Counseling Staff*

**Nancy Day:** South Arkansas, Louisiana, International Students

**Jason Greenwich:** Texas, Missionary Kids

**Rebecca Jones:**

states that do not border Arkansas, Clark County

**Jennifer Redmond:**

Northeast Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi

**Andrea Walker:** Central Arkansas

**T. K. Zellers:** Northwest Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri

**Rebecca Jones:** Director of Admissions Counseling

**Ann Collier:** Office Manager

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counselors as they also work the phones and e-mail.

Five admissions counselors assist Jones in recruitment, each being assigned a territory for which they are responsible. Recruitment is concentrated on Arkansas and its surrounding states. Travel becomes intense for the counselors as they traverse the region, particularly during the fall months.

The Internet has proven to be a very useful and popular tool for students who are interested in attending Ouachita. Many students and parents are very Internet savvy. On the Ouachita Web Page, interested students can meet with and e-mail their counselor.

Current students work as telecounselors at night. Their

The admissions office sponsors annual events during which prospective students and their families can visit the 200-acre campus.

The first of these is Preview Day. It is designed to give high school juniors and seniors and their parents a glimpse of Ouachita and hopefully spark their curiosity. This year, 400 students and parents were scheduled to attend this event. Two Saturday Preview Days are sponsored every year in October and April.

In November and December, the admissions counseling office sponsors an event called SCOPE that provides prospective students a chance to attend several classes of their choice, visit with faculty,

and spend the night in a residence hall with a current freshman. Special events that occur during SCOPE are Tiger Tunes in November and Festival of Christmas in December.

Student recruitment is a very competitive field these days. "There are a lot of college and career choices for the graduating high school or home schooled student, and there are a lot of people hoping to get those students to attend their college or university," said Jones. "We don't focus so much on the competition. We focus on working with a student on a one-to-one basis and making sure that student has all the information they need to make the right college decision."

According to Jones, Ouachita has a lot to offer future college students. "We have a very capable faculty and staff who focus on Christian and academic excellence and who really prayerfully care about the lives and future of the students for which they are entrusted. That's a strong point. We also have a very beautiful and extremely friendly campus."

In the world of student recruitment, the Ouachita admissions counseling staff is definitely an office on a mission to change the world. "We take our responsibilities seriously and always want to help prospective students and their families make the best decision for their future," Jones said. • Cara Funderburg



# Benson honored at Roast & Toast

Longtime Ouachita Tiger football coach and athletic director Buddy Benson was the honoree at a roast and toast on Saturday, October 9. Benson spent nearly 40 years of his life coaching and teaching at Ouachita before retiring this past spring.

On the program for the roast were OBU Chancellor Ben M. Elrod, Rex Nelson, Cliff Harris, Coach Harold Steelman, Jimmy Dean, and Walter "Jiggs" Ramsey. Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame Executive Director Ray Tucker was the emcee for the event.

In addition to the roast and toast, Benson was



**GIFT** • Among the gifts bestowed upon Buddy Benson were a set of golf clubs presented by Cliff Harris and Jiggs Ramsey.

recognized at halftime of the OBU-Southeastern Oklahoma State University football game. Former players joined Benson on the field for the halftime recognition.

## Powerhouse wins state

The BSU Powerhouse intramural football team defeated five teams en route to winning the team's second consecutive Arkansas Women's Flag Football Championship.

As a result of the finish, the BSU Powerhouse participated in the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Women's Intramural Flag Football Championship Tournament December 31, 1999, and January 1, 2000, in New Orleans, La.



## Wagstaff joins coaching staff

Michael Wagstaff has been hired as the assistant men's basketball coach and head men's cross country coach at Ouachita.

Wagstaff most recently served as the assistant basketball coach at Merced College, a junior college in Merced, California. Prior to his position at Merced, Wagstaff was an assistant basketball coach at Columbia College, another junior college in Sonora, California.

He earned a bachelor of science degree from Taylor University in Upland, IN. and a master of science in education degree from Hardin-Simmons (TX) University.

# Ravina Rivalry



**FOOTBALL** • The cheerleaders lead the fans and Coach Jay Derby reviews the defensive strategy as the Tigers defeated the Henderson Reddies 34-14.



**BASKETBALL** • Jamie Schepman leads the Lady Tigers to a 75-69 victory of the Lady Reddies in December. The Tigers, led by T. J. Jones with 16 points, fell short to the Henderson Reddies, 52-69.

# Sports Wrap-Up

## Football

The Tiger football team had seven players honored by the NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference (LSC) with first and second North Division team honors as chosen by conference coaches.

Ouachita offensive lineman Nathan Syer from Houston, Texas (North Hardin) shared the league's Freshman-of-the-Year Award with Northeastern State (OK) University offensive lineman Micah Lomas.

Tiger senior punter Jeff Works from Longview, Texas, was named to the LSC North Division First Team Defense's punter position. Works punted the ball 55 times this season for a total of 2401 yards and an average of 43.7 yards per punt. He was the conference's top punter and was the third best punter in the NCAA Division II.

Named to the LSC North Division Second Team Offense was senior tight end Wilmer Wade from San Antonio, Texas (Converse-Judson). For the year, Wade had nine receptions in 10 games for 182 yards and one touchdown. He rushed the ball six times this season for 38 yards. During his playing days as a Tiger, he played in 32 games. He caught 40 passes for 937 yards and six touchdowns.

Sophomore defensive end T. J. Bingham from Humble, Texas (TR-Texas Southern) and senior cornerback Jason Luce from Henderson, Texas, were named to the North Division Second Team Defense.

Bingham led the Tigers this season with 72 tackles, including 43 unassisted and 29 assisted, along with eight sacks in 10 games.

Luce this season had 24 tackles, 21 unassisted and eight assisted, three pass break-ups, and one sack. As a Tiger, Luce played in 30 career games and made 93 tackles, including 67 unassisted. The cornerback intercepted three passes. He was involved in 30 punt returns for 186 yards and six kickoff returns for 109 yards.

Named to the honorable mention team was senior offensive lineman Donnie Burrow from Paragould, Ark., senior running back Rico McClarity from Radcliff, Ky., and freshman offensive lineman Nathan Syer.

McClarity had 595 yards rushing, 460 kickoff return yards, 130 punt return yards, and 78 yards receiving for 1263 total yards in 10 games this season. In his career,

McClarity through 40 games at Ouachita, rushed the ball 481 times for 2299 yards for a 4.8 average. He had 541 yards in pass receiving on 44 receptions.

Senior linebacker Caleb Rawls was selected to the 1999 LSC's North Division All-Academic Football Team. Rawls was one of 12 players chosen for the honor. He is a political science major from Oak Grove, La.

This year, Rawls was the team's fifth leading tackler with 56 tackles in 10 games, including 38 unassisted take downs. Thirteen of the tackles were for losses of 63 yards. He made four sacks for losses of 14 yards. Rawls also broke up two passes and had one fumble recovery.

A total of 34 student-athletes qualified for the LSC Commissioner's Honor Roll by having at least a 3.2 grade point average and completing a minimum of 24 hours at the member institution. From the Commissioner's Honor Roll, the league's sports information directors voted 12 student athletes to the All-Academic Team -- a team based on academic and athletic achievement.

The Tigers finished the season with a 3-7 (overall), 1-7 (LSC) record under first year head coach Todd Knight.

## Volleyball

Junior Susi Kurth and freshman Amy Pace were named to the 1999 LSC North Division All-Conference Women's Volleyball Team in the Honorable Mention category.

Kurth, of Freital, Germany (Landmark Christian), led the Lady Tigers as an outside hitter in several categories for the season including kills, kills per game, aces, and aces per game. Kurth recorded 239 kills for the season and 2.63 kills per game. She had 41 aces and an average of .45 aces per game. Kurth also played well on defense and recorded 170 digs and 58 total blocks.

Pace, from Plano, Texas, excelled on defense leading the Lady Tigers in digs and blocks for the season. Pace recorded 178 kills for the season as well as 26 service aces for the season. Pace had 229 digs and 71 total blocks. She played middle hitter for coach Bill Sutton's Lady Tigers.

The Tigers ended the season with a

record of 9-24 overall and 2-10 for a sixth place finish in the North Division of the LSC.

## Men's Cross Country

Two Tiger cross country runners were named to the 1999 LSC Men's Cross Country All-Academic Team.

Adam Norwood, a junior biology major from Port Orchard, Washington, and Kevin Rogers, a junior biblical studies major from Fayetteville, Georgia, were among nine athletes chosen for the honor based on academic and athletic achievement.

A total of 30 women and men qualified for the LSC Commissioner's Honor Roll, with the sports information directors choosing 10 student-athletes for the honor.

Michael Wagstaff serves as head coach of the men's cross country team.

## Women's Cross Country

Injuries to the best two runners on the women's cross country team hampered Ouachita's performance in the Lone Star Conference. The team finished 13th. Holly Willett and Anna Stuckey were injured the last three weeks of the season, but were able to compete in the LSC meet.

The team of nine women were coached by Jason Jones.

## Women's Soccer

The Lady Tiger soccer team completed its first season of LSC play with a 3-15 record. The one LSC win was against the Southwestern Oklahoma University Lady Bulldogs.

The team had a goal of winning 3-6 games. "We were determined not go to the way of many first year teams who seldom win any games during the first year," said Coach Isaac Mwase. "As far as first year teams goes, we had a fairly good season, especially since we did not have a proven goal keeper."

Beginning with the 2000 season, the women's soccer program will compete in the Gulf South Conference.



**Bruce  
Tippit**  
President  
Former Students  
Association

My wife said the words that made me stop. "I'm ordering Jennifer's graduation announcements." Graduation? It seems only yesterday that we were sending out baby announcements. Graduation?

We've begun getting all the forms and scholarship applications ready for her to enter Ouachita in the fall. We've saved for this it seems forever. We've planned, prepared and prayed for this day for a long, long time. Now the moment is here.

When you have an excellent university within ten minutes of your front door and compare the cost, you stop and wonder, "Why?" The reason is because we believe.

- We believe that Ouachita is a place that will provide an education from a distinctive Christian perspective.
- We believe that the close contact with professors, students, and administrators is something that money can't buy.
- We believe that the difference in private education is worth the extra-money, distance, time and sacrifice.
- We believe that in a world that continues to blur the lines between secular and spiritual that an informed, trained mind founded on the truth of Jesus Christ is absolutely essential.
- We believe that in a time when mission opportunities are both opening and closing that Ouachita is a place to connect with those needs.
- We believe in the continued vision of President Westmoreland for young men and women to be equipped with the tools needed for a post-modern world.
- We just believe!

So, when Kathy and I drive away in August 2000 and leave behind the most valuable possession of our life, we do it because we believe! Thanks to so many who have believed, continue to believe and will believe that Ouachita Baptist University is worth it all!

## Jaynanne Brown ('80) victim of Wedgwood Baptist shooting

When Forty Days, a Christian rock group from Dallas, performed a concert at Wedgwood Baptist Church on December 8, it was there to complete some unfinished business. The group was performing as part of the See You at the Pole emphasis on Wednesday, September 15, when a gunman entered the church and randomly opened fire. Seven people were injured, and seven killed, before the stranger turned the gun on himself.

Among those injured were Jaynanne (Warren) Brown, a 1980 graduate of Ouachita. She and her husband, Steve ('82), and children, Steven, Cody and Holly have been members of the Ft. Worth church for 13 years. On that evening in September, Jaynanne was sitting in the church foyer visiting with friends, while children Cody and Holly were inside the sanctuary with over 300 young people. Steve was at home, having just finished coaching football practice, and Steven was at work.

In the foyer, Jaynanne had just moved down on a bench to make room for her friend Sydney when the man entered. Jeff, a custodian and seminary student, approached the man to offer assistance. It was at that point the man pulled out a gun and began shooting. Jeff was his first victim, then nine shots were fired in the direction Jaynanne was sitting.

Sydney was fatally shot with three bullets. Jaynanne received a head wound, perhaps from a bullet that first hit her friend. The bullet hit the back of Jaynanne's head, one-eighth of an inch from her brain, causing a three inch gash. The injury required only minor surgery and stitches.

Jaynanne doesn't consider herself lucky, she considers herself blessed.

"It's just a miracle," said Jaynanne of her injury. "We ducked on the couch and began praying. I knew I was hit." She and others ran outside and around to the nursery area, knowing their children were inside the auditorium. "I thought about my children, but I knew I couldn't do anything. I just had to pray." Jaynanne and the others were then led across the street to a school, and when the shooting was over, her children were reunited with her there. Steve found out about

the shooting from a relative, who drove him to the hospital to meet Jaynanne.

"Our family was truly blessed that night," said Jaynanne. "I don't understand why I was allowed to live. We have to take it in faith and know that God is in control."

In the four months since the tragedy, Jaynanne shared that there have been good

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I feel a responsibility  
to tell others my story  
and about Jesus."**

**\* Jaynanne (Warren) Brown**

days and bad days, but their family is doing well. "It's amazing the power of comfort and strength that God can provide," she said. "We have received grace and strength with support of family and

friends." She complimented the school district for its support of the students who were involved. A routine schedule helps, she added. "There's a new normal now, not the old normal."

While Jaynanne is not angry at what happened, she is sad. "My trust in people has been taken away. I have to work through that." Jaynanne, who says she's always had that motherly instinct of being in control, has also learned to relinquish that to God. Experiencing the tragedy not only as a victim, but as a parent, she has learned to place her children in God's hands. "I am letting go of controlling feelings that I have. I trust my children to God."

It took that trust in God to return to the concert December 8. The auditorium was packed. The scene was eerily the same as it was September 15. Many of the same young people, the same band, and the same set up. "Part of me wanted to keep the kids at home," Jaynanne commented. "But they had to go, and they had no fear."

In the weeks and months following the shooting, Jaynanne and Steve have had numerous opportunities to share their story and their testimony with friends and strangers. They have conducted interviews with several news organizations and have appeared on CNN, Good Morning America, and The Today Show.

"I was spared," said Jaynanne. "I feel a responsibility to tell others my story and about Jesus." She added, "One thing to remember, we are never promised a tomorrow."

•Deborah Root

# Randy Hill ('81) becomes safety advocate following American Airlines disaster

Before June 1, 1999, Randy Hill ('81) had never heard of the National Air Disaster Foundation. Today, he sits on the 15-member board of the national organization dedicated to issues related to aviation safety.

Hill was one of 134 survivors of the crash of American Airlines flight 1420, the same flight that carried the Ouachita Singers. Eleven were killed either at the scene or from injuries sustained there, including Ouachita senior James Harrison and Rachel Fuller, the 14-year old daughter of Singers' director Charlie Fuller.

"One of the things that can help you get better is to do something proactive," Hill said. "You have no control over the situation in an airplane crash, so it's therapeutic to be able to do something in response."

Hill is one of two on the board who has survived a crash. The other 13 are relatives of passengers or pilots who lost their lives. The non-profit organization lobbies for victim's legislation and offers support for families touched by aviation disasters, often through simple steps like placing flowers at an appropriate place on the anniversary of a crash.

Hill, an attorney and municipal judge traveling on business, was pleased to be on his way home to Arkadelphia to see his wife, Jessica. She was more than eight months pregnant, and they agreed that she would go to bed and he would awaken her when he arrived home around 1:30 a.m. Much would happen before the appointed hour.

After greeting the Singers and his jogging buddy, Charlie Fuller, at DFW

International Airport, Hill settled into his seat, closer to the front of the MD-82 than the Singers. After the crash, he quickly gathered his senses and looked for an exit. Behind him, he could see nothing but fire. In front, the way was blocked by debris. Finding a crack in the side of the fuselage, Hill attempted to crawl through. Momentarily stuck, he kicked at the plane until he fell free a dozen or so feet from the ground. His successful escape showed the way for several others. After a child fell on him, he picked her up and helped her to safety. For the next 90 minutes, he helped calm those who were scared or injured, and, finally, move people into ambulances and away from the scene.

**"I didn't see any selfish acts. Everyone seemed to be thinking about others, and it renews your faith in mankind."**

**\* Randy Hill**

Hill did awaken Jessica at 1:30 a.m. that night, but he wasn't quite home yet. He called from a makeshift triage area.

"I could hardly stand up, but I got in line for a phone because I felt like I just had to call her. I told her what happened, and that I was okay, but I had to go to the hospital. She knew I was alive, and I was just glad she hadn't seen it on television before I called."

Hill was treated at Southwest Hospital for broken ribs and several cuts and abrasions. On a night filled with unwanted memories, one positive stands out.

"The thing that impressed me the most is that there were a lot of selfless acts," said Hill. "I saw people helping and comforting other people whether they knew them or not. I didn't see any selfish acts. Everyone seemed to be thinking about others, and it renews your faith in mankind."

Hill has visited with dozens of survivors of flight 1420, mostly through a shared web site or by phone. He reserved special praise for the members of the Ouachita Singers.

"I tried to remember what I was like at that age, and how I might have handled it then," said Hill. "It was difficult to remain calm in that circumstance, but they did it. They were mature and supportive of each other. They showed their faith. I remember talking to Charlie and Dave (Ozmun, another faculty member traveling with the Singers) in the triage area. They were both so helpful and calm, and they were very proud of the way the students were handling themselves."

Hill has resumed a regular routine of jogging as part of his recovery. His partner? Charlie Fuller.

"Charlie and I have run together for years. We've spent many a mile preparing for marathons," said Hill. "You've got foxhole buddies in life, and Charlie is one of them. That relationship helps me a lot. I admire him and way he's handled himself with grace and dignity. He and Cindy and the girls are great examples for the rest of us."

"The rest of us" now includes one more. Randy and Jessica Hill are the proud parents of Claire, born exactly three weeks after the crash. •Jeff Root



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**REUNION** • Ella Blackmon Braden ('58), Betty Brawner Spann (fs. 55-57), Peggy Caldwell Robbins ('57), and Carolyn Royal Neal ('58) gather for a roommates' reunion in the home of Ella Braden in Paragould. Peggy Robbins wrote, "Reliving their sojourn in Terrell-Moore and Cone-Bottoms dorms and reminiscing about driving on campus in our jointly-owned 1940 Ford named 'The Yellow Dragon' was good medicine for the soul. We came away completely reinvigorated and energized and heartily recommend such reunions for all alumni."

**1927**

**Donald Tatman**, a 95-year old resident of Trinity Village, a retirement community in Pine Bluff, has written and published his third book, entitled "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Hereafter." It's a witty account of residents, staff and life at Trinity and all proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Village.

**1937**

**Bernes and Tommie (Green) Selph** celebrated their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on June 14, 1999. The Selphs live in Benton, AR.

**1944**

**John and Norma (Webb) Johnston** attended the Gold Tiger Day in April for their 55<sup>th</sup> year reunion! The highlight of the day was visiting with the Beindorf sisters (Frances and Charleta, '45). The Johnstons live in Longview, TX.

**B.L. and Jessie Dorman** celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary November 11 with a trip through the Ozarks. He is a retired Baptist minister. The Dorman's have one daughter, Sharon Osbourn, and live in Casa, AR.

**Opal (Crutchfield) Cussons** and husband, Clayton, reside in Webster, South Dakota, where they have lived since 1946 when he got out of the Army Air Corp.

**W. Edgar and Edith Harvey** celebrated their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 24,

1999. They live in Batesville, AR.

**1946**

**Nancy (Orr) Hayley** writes that the Orr cousins met on July 4 weekend at DeGray Lodge near Arkadelphia. They attended Central Baptist, their home church in Hot Springs, on Sunday. She reports that **Don Orr ('44)** was able to attend after being out of the hospital for only one week after heart surgery.

**1947**

**Betty Jo (Hicks) Clay**, of Fort Worth, sings in SWBTS's community group, Oratorio Chorus. They traveled to Israel December 21-28 to be part of a choir production which was broadcasted worldwide by Fox Network on Christmas Eve.

**John and Alta Jean (Davis) Hall** moved to Little Rock in August when he retired from his medical practice in Clinton.

**1949**

**James and Winnie Doss (Brown) Reed** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary August 24. They live in Greenbrier, AR, and have two sons and five grandchildren.

**1950**

**Margaret (Pearce) Anderson** and husband, R.L. "Monte," are happily retired in Longview, TX. She has published three books on family genealogy and is working on the fourth. She also writes that she enjoys playing

duplicate bridge with **Martha (Canterbury) Ellis ('49)**. Would love to hear from old friends who can contact her via email at [MA-903@aol.com](mailto:MA-903@aol.com) or write at 21 Tallwood Lane, Longview, TX 75605.

**Billy King** is vice president of accounting for Cleveland Asphalt Products in Houston, TX.

**1952**

**William and Edna (Pitts) Garner** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Texarkana, AR, on August 31, 1999.

**Tommy Robertson** retired September 1 as director of missions for Liberty Association, where he had served for more than 20 years. He and wife, Beverly, live in El Dorado, AR.

**1953**

**Tom Gilbert** and wife, Mary Lou, live in Scottsdale, AZ, where he's a retired electrician.

**1955**

**Dixie (Colvin) Jeghers (fs)** retired this spring after 32 years of teaching at the same school in Stockton, CA. The school board named the auditorium in her honor.

**Luther Brewer** retired as pastor of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC, after 33 years of service to that congregation. They honored him by naming him pastor emeritus. He and wife, Mary George, have three children and one grandchild.

**William Gill (fs)** lives in Little Rock where he's a locomotive engineer for Union Pacific Railroad.

**1957**

**John A. Johnson** lives in Alameda, CA, and writes he would love to hear from former classmates from the classes of 56, 57 and 58. They can email him at [ptolemyl@aol.com](mailto:ptolemyl@aol.com) or write him at Box 565, Alameda, CA 94501.

**1958**

**George and Pearl (Doi) Maeda** live in Pearl City, Hawaii, where he pastors and she's enjoying retirement from teaching.

**Dwight and Ann (Salter) Clark** are semi-retired in Independence, MO. He's been serving as interim pastor for

Besonia Baptist Church in South Kansas City, MO, for past two years.

**1960**

**Joe Larkin (fs)** received the 1999 Pharmacist of the Year Award as special recognition of his many years as a distinguished leader in Arkansas pharmacy. He and his wife, JoAnn, live in Charleston, AR, where he's CEO and general manager of Medi-Sav Home Care Pharmacies. The Larkins have three children, Joe W., Heather and Holly.

**1961**

**L.B. Jordan** serves as interim pastor at Natural Steps Baptist Church, west of Little Rock, and is involved in intentional interim ministry program. He and wife, Nancy, live in Arkadelphia.

**1962**

**Rhea and Linda (Sanders) McKinney** live in Lakeland, FL, where he's program director for Polk District Schools and she's a para-legal.

**James Herzfeld** was named 1999 Agent of the Year by the Professional Insurance Agents of Arkansas. He's an independent agent in Benton, AR.

**Alfred "Dick" Williams** owns and operates Williams Supply Company in Ketchum, OK, with wife, Patricia.

**Lois (Dorsey) Ford** and husband, Larry, live in Lake Charles, LA, where she teaches third grade at Calcasieu Parish Schools.

**Curtis and Sara (Brown) Moore** reside in Waco, TX. He is director of administration for CORD and she's a school music teacher.

**Shirlene (Howard) Schuh** is director of KinderCare Learning Centers in Sugar Land, TX. She and husband, Lloyd, a supervisor over technical department at Houston Community College, have two grown sons, Todd and Chris.

**1963**

**Ray Bostian** retired from teaching and counseling at the high school level but wife, **Martha (Elam, '66)** continues as elementary librarian for Stamps Public Schools. They live in Hope, AR and are enjoying three

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grandchildren.

**Charles "Hank" Wilson** joined the faculty at Henderson State University this fall as an instructor of aviation. He and wife, Lela, live in Arkadelphia.

**Johnnie Darr** retired as director of missions for Buckner Baptist Association. He and wife, Pat, have moved to Greenwood, AR.

**Winston and Tonna (Taylor) Duke** are in Richardson, TX where he's director of program management for the Richardson Independent Schools and she's a coach and teacher.

**Melvin Brown** is executive director for Montgomery County Department of Community Supervision and Corrections. He and wife, Becky, live in Conroe, TX.

## 1964

**Gary Howard** is chair of math department at Marine Military Academy. He and wife, **Dolly (Ballance, '63)** live in San Benito, TX.

**Don Duren**, minister of activities for Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, has been elected president of the Texas Baptist Recreators Association. He also serves as one of two volunteer recreation consultants for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

**Tom and Sandra (Dougan) Sawyer** live in Friendswood, TX, and would love to hear from friends. They can be contacted via email at [tomsandmsa@aol.com](mailto:tomsandmsa@aol.com).

**Lee Hollaway** is reference editor in the reference and electronics publishing division of Thomas Nelson Publishers in Nashville, TN.

## 1966

**Robert and Annette (Perkins, '65) Crockett** have completed 27 years with the International Mission Board, all spent in Argentina. He is presently a team leader of North Buenos Aires church planting team. Visit the Crocketts' webpage at [www.townbeacon.com/crockett](http://www.townbeacon.com/crockett).

**George Sesser (fs)** is assistant professor at Central Missouri State University. He and wife, Mary live in Warrensburg, MO.

## 1967

**Joe and Linda (Brown, '66) Lingo** live in Malvern, AR, where he's the pharmacist at Hot Spring County Medical Center and she is school counselor for Malvern Junior High School.

**Dave Jackson** retired as colonel from U.S. Army in 1998 and is employed by Karta Technologies. He and wife, Danyne, live in San Antonio where she's employed by the Association of Retired Citizens.

**Richard and Nancy (Gifford, fs68) Rose** reside in Arlington, TX, where he's minister of music and education for Meadow Lane Baptist Church.

## 1968

**Larry Seal** is president of Pride of the Country Transport Services, a nationwide refrigerated trucking company he founded in 1986. He and wife, Mary, live in Conway, AR.

## 1969

**Larry and Amy (Lowery, '71) Heslip** have moved from Oklahoma to Katy, TX, area where he's minister of education and administration for Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston. Amy has been teaching school but will not teach for the time being.

**Brad and Reta Hoshaw (M.A.)** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 4 with a reception at Eastside Baptist Church in Conway. He is pastor of Eastside and adjunct professor at Central Baptist College.

**Brenda (Wages) Edge** is comptroller for American Interplex Corporation. She and husband, **Jim ('70)**, live in Paron, AR. They have two children, **Karon ('95)** and **Scott**, a current student at Ouachita.

**Michael and Geneva (Cockmon) Hildmann** live in Quincy, IL, where he's employed by Quality Carpets and she's the director of preschool/daycare program for Easter Seal Illinois.

**Bob and Cheryl (Peterson) Russell** are retired from government employment and living in Valrico, FL.

**Robert George Forward** is professor of data processing at Texarkana College.

## 1970

**Louise (Hill) Golden** teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Russellville (KY) Independent Schools.

**Don Sloan** is contracts manager for the U.S. Department of Energy. He and wife, Cathy, live in Oak Ridge, TN.

**Donita (Austin) Easley** and **Becky Patterson** have opened a counseling center in Hot Springs called Woman to Woman. The center is dedicated to spiritual renewal and emotional well being for women.

**Bill Bowen**, pastor of Mena First Baptist Church, was elected first vice president at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention held in November in Springdale, AR.

**John Schmidt** retired as lieutenant colonel from the military and he and wife, Susan, live in Martindale, TX.

## 1971

**Barbara (Standridge) Beaumont** lives in Katy, TX, with husband, Richard, and is a customer service rep for First Health Insurance Company.

**Ann (Graves) Smith** teaches kindergarten at White Hall Public Schools.

**Homer "H. B." Moran** was promoted in October to branch claims manager for EMC Insurance Companies. He and wife, Charlotte, relocated in December to Lee's Summit, MO, where he'll work out of the Kansas City office.

## 1972

**Jim Freeman** began serving in August as pastor of Hurricane Lake Baptist Church in Benton.

## 1973

**Gene and Judy (Nichols, '71) Mason** live in Enid, OK, where he's a social studies consultant with the Enid Public Schools and she's a child welfare specialist with the Department of Human Services. They have two grown children, **Marrilee 22** and **Mitchell 19**.

**Sandra (White) Lockhart** was elected treasurer of the board of directors for the Arkansas Chapter of the Bank Marketing Association. She is vice president for marketing for City National Bank and lives in Van Buren.

**Drew Rogers** retired in August from General Motors

Acceptance Corp. after 27 years of service. Wife, **Rebecca (Barron, '71)**, continues to teach high school for the Pulaski County School District. They live in North Little Rock and have two children, **Melissa ('98)**, a teacher at Nashville, AR, and **Philip**, a senior in high school.

**Mike Davis**, president of Betsy Production Co. in Magnolia, AR, was appointed to the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission by Governor Mike Huckabee.

**Gwynn (Teal) Carpenter** lives in Austin, TX, where she owns Home and Hearth Realty Company. Writes she would love to help any OBU alumni interested in real estate in Texas. Would also love to hear from former Ouachita Tigerette basketball players whom she played with in late 60's and early 70's. Can be reached via email at [gwynntc@flash.net](mailto:gwynntc@flash.net).

**Eddie Robinson** is a chemist with the U.S. Army and currently lives in England, AR, with wife, Dolores.

## 1974

**Gregg and Terry (Miller, '75) Greenway** recently resigned his pastorate at Almyra (AR) First Baptist and has taken the pastorate of Stuttgart Southside Baptist. Terry will continue to teach music in the Gillett and Humphrey School districts. They have two sons, **Travis**, is a freshman at Ouachita, and **Drew**, 15.

**Judy (Featherstone) Golden** is director of the Clark County Library in Arkadelphia. She and husband, David, have one daughter, **Leah**, a freshman at Ouachita.

**Peggy Pearson** taught at the 1999 Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center Music Week, giving piano classes, multi-keyboard classes and recitals. She also taught and accompanied reading sessions for the New England Baptist Convention retreat.

**Mike Crawford (fs)** is employed by Traveling Coaches as a computer trainer. He and wife, Karisa, live in Mansfield, TX.

## 1975

**Miles and Susan (King) Kelly** live in Lexington, KY, where

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Dr. Westmoreland  
 hi. My name is  
 Ben Worley and  
 I'm 3 yrs 2  
 old. My mom  
 Cathy Richardson  
 and my dad  
 Michael Worley  
 live in the  
 Ouachita  
 mountains  
 and she thanks



**TIGER PRIDE** • Ben, Thomas and Noah Worley sit atop the Tiger carved by their great-grandfather, Ben Worley (fs '35). They are the children of Michael and Cathy Richardson Worley ('92). The excerpt is the first page of a letter three-year-old Ben wrote to Dr. Westmoreland explaining the photo and thanking him for the Ouachita shirts he sent to Ben's little brothers.

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he's a deputy with the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office.

**Joe Robertson** is a staff manager with communications for AT&T. He and **wife, Robin (McBride, '77)** live in The Colony, TX, where she has gone back to teaching after staying at home for sixteen years.

**Deborah (Walters) Wright** is an auditor with Yoakum Lovell & Company and lives in Benton, AR with husband, Allen.

**Bobby and Lana (Weeks) Gilliam** live in Shreveport, where he's an attorney with Wilkinson, Carmody and Gilliam and she teaches kindergarten at Eden Gardens Magnet School. The Gilliams have one son, Bobby, Jr., who was an all-state pitcher in high school and is now a freshman at Centenary College.

**James Washington** is Little Rock School District's first ombudsman. A former teacher, coach, counselor and principal, he says he's embarking on what could be his most challenging job, as the person who talks with parents and students having problems or questions with all aspects of the school district's operations.

1976

**Lindsay Crain** is principal at Redwater Middle School, located near Texarkana, TX. He resides in New Boston with wife, Andress, a second grade teacher and sons, Caleb and Micah. Lindsay also continues to supply preach and

sing. He would love to hear from former classmates via email at [LCrain122@aol.com](mailto:LCrain122@aol.com).

**Joe Narbut** lives in Millville, NJ, where he's a security officer with Algroup Wheaton, a glass factory.

**Sammie (Inlow) Benjamin** teaches at Centerpoint High School. She and husband, John, live in Glenwood, AR.

**Joseph and Sharon Tillery** have been appointed by North American Mission Board as missionaries for Pecos Valley Baptist Association in Artesia, NM. A former pastor for Dear Park (TX) Baptist Church, the Tillerys have two daughters, Angela and Katie.

**John Pennington** is an account rep for Eagle Radio/Cable TV in Hays, KS. He and wife, June, have three children, Colleen 10, Lesley 5 and Erin 3. He writes he would love to hear from his Beta brothers at [penna@eaglecom.net](mailto:penna@eaglecom.net).

**Vivian Highsmith** and husband, William Wagnon, live in Malvern, where she has an emergency/family medicine practice.

**Dennis Wehmeir** is the senior member of the technical staff at Litton TASC in Chantilly, VA. He's responsible for system security engineering on federal government systems. Has three children, J.R. 21, Tamara 17 and 3-year old Zachary Kai.

**Ray Trantham** is director of admissions and student services at ELS Language Center in Culver

City, CA.

**Jan (Mosley) Hill** and husband, Marty, live in Fort Worth where she's staff secretary at St. Matthews Baptist Church.

1977

**Phyllis (Allison) Hall** is director of internal audit department at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Her department recently received an international award for professional excellence, qualify of service and professional outreach from the Institute of Internal Auditors. She accepted the award at the Institute of Internal Auditor's International Conference in Montreal, Canada.

**Tim McCowan**, chief of the vascular and interventional radiology department at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, was named to "Best Doctors in America, Midwest Region." He and wife, Nancye, have a daughter, Hannah, 2.

**Karen (Claiborne) Porter** is a music specialist for Mesquite (TX) Independent School District. Husband, **Russ ('78)** is minister of music for Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church. The Porters have two children: **Kristen**, a current Ouachita student, and Ryan 15.

**Rhonda (Hughes) Dickson** is assistant media manager for J.C. Penney in Plano, TX.

**Brice and Vicki (Wilson, '79) Wagner** are in Rogers, AR, where she's a counselor for Eastside Elementary and he serves as principal for Springdale's

Southwest Junior High School.

**Terry and Suzanne (Dodson) Barber** live in Acworth, GA, where he runs a fund-raising business.

1978

**Jim and Kathryn (Wadley) Ingram** have moved to Camden where he is pastor of Cullendale First Baptist. Former missionaries to France, the Ingrams have three daughters: Sara Kathryn, Emily and Laura.

**Richard Young** is a therapist at Remuda Ranch in Wickenburg, AZ.

**Martha Vastine** received her MS degree in counseling from John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR, in December 1998. She is a licensed counselor for New Hope Counseling Center in Springdale and Debbie's Healthy Living Center in Rogers.

**Tommy Wasson** was promoted to vice president of construction in northwest Arkansas by Kinco, Inc. He and wife, **Lynn (Kinnaman)** live in Springdale, AR.

**Jimmy Purifoy** is an elementary music teacher for Little Rock school district. He has also established a music typesetting/engraving business. Visit his website [www.act1.freesevers.com](http://www.act1.freesevers.com). Under construction is an online service that will assist aspiring musicians in finding private teachers.

1979

**Kathy "K.C." Jones** is an education professor at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

**Wanda (Walker) Woods** is food service manager for Broken Arrow (OK) Public Schools.

**Tom Hart** is national director of coaching for the U.S. Youth Soccer Team. He lives in Plano, TX.

**Ralph "Trey" Smith** is administrative coordinator for the Oregon Peace Works. He and wife, Della Jean, live in Salem, OR.

1980

**Ron Winkle** is the cost accountant for Windsor Door in Little Rock.

**Loy "Butch" Haley**, wife Linda, and children William 6 and Rachel 4, arrived in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) in July where he serves as

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a diplomat at the American Embassy with the U.S. Department of State. He would love to hear from old friends and can be reached via email at [butchriyadh@yahoo.com](mailto:butchriyadh@yahoo.com).

**Tim Spainhour** (fs) traded in a career as a high school band director to become a lawyer for Acxiom Corp. in Conway. He and wife, Carla, live in Little Rock where she is a tax attorney and partner with Friday Eldridge and Clark.

**Greg Glover** is corporate planning officer with Simmons First National Corporation in Pine Bluff. He and wife, Cyndy, have three children: Lauren 14, Kimberly 10, and Blake 7.

**William Tollett** joined the staff of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation in the newly created position of vice president of business administration. He and his wife, **Rhonda (Francis)**, have two children, Rachel and Drew.

**Roger and Sharon (Price) Orr** live in Dumas, TX, where he's minister of missions at First Baptist Church and she teaches first grade for Dumas Independent School District.

1981

**Retha (Herring) Sawyer** and husband, Eldon, live in Warren, AR, where both teach at Woodlawn High School. The Sawyers have one daughter, Laura Faye.

**Carmen (Huddleston) Seal** is controller for Siloam Springs (AR) Memorial Hospital.

**Freda (Wallace) McKinney** teaches music in Dayton (OH) Christian School and also gives private music lessons.

**Susan (Mitchell) Fletcher** (fs) and husband, Michael, live in Cary, NC, where she's in public relations with the School of Communications Arts.

**Diane Leflett** is office manager and accountant for Pathfinder Energy Services in Lafayette, LA.

**Nick Brown** of Little Rock was promoted to senior vice president for Southwest Power Pool, a company formed to oversee electric power systems and trading in portions of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

**Randy Walker** was honored

for 10 years of service as the association's family counselor by the North Pulaski Baptist Association at its annual meeting, held in October at Jacksonville Second Baptist Church.

**Bernie Nusko, Jr.** is account executive with Arkansas Best Insurance in Hot Springs.

1982

**Wayne and Laura (Couch, fs'79) Fawcett** reside in Marion, AR, where he's principal of Marion High School and she's a nurse.

**Donna (McKenzie) Gosser** is contemporary worship coordinator for Little Rock Second Baptist Church.

**Lisa (Thrift) Mills** (fs) is employed as secretary/receptionist for Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and lives in Hazen, AR, with husband, Randall, and daughter, Lonibeth.

1983

**Carla (Hayes) Garland** is library media specialist for Cabot Public Schools.

**Melinda (Thomas) Martin** serves as office building manager for Plaza West Realty in Little Rock.

**Lynn Lisk** practices criminal and civil rights law with Ed Webb & Associates in Little Rock. He and wife, Ann, have two children, Samuel 4 and Solomon 9 months.

**Joyce Ellen (Steward) Knighton** is an administrative assistant with General Atomics in San Diego, CA.

**Beth (Holland) Dawson** is publications manager for Independent Pilots Association in Louisville, KY.

**Bruce and Edie (Barrett, '82) Barrett** and two daughters were at Fort Worth Wedgwood Baptist Church on September 15 when the gunman entered the worship center and killed seven people. Although they were not hurt, he and his family have been greatly affected by the sight of friends being injured and killed.

**Bobby Gosser, Jr.** was elected to the board of directors of Baldwin & Shell Construction Co. in Little Rock, where he has served for seven years as manager of their construction services division.

**Terry (Griffin) Peeples** was elected to the board of Arkansas Society for Healthcare Marketing

and Public Relations. She is the community relations director for Baptist Memorial Medical Center in North Little Rock.

1984

**Gary Akers** has joined the staff of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention where he will serve on the evangelism and church growth team. He also received his master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in December.

**Todd George** has opened Arkadelphia Physical Therapy Center, an outpatient physical therapy center which treats orthopedic injuries.

**David and Teresa (Blue, '83) Adams** live in Sugar Land, TX, where he serves as associate pastor of education and administration for Williams Trace Baptist Church.

**Kathy Olive** is secretary for the Hot Springs Middle School.

**David Mosley** is a family physician with Ouachita Valley Family Clinic in Camden. He and wife, Kristy, have three children: Hope 5, Jackson 3-1/2 and Claire 1.

**Mark Dopson** is director of Primerica Financial Services, an investment firm in Snellville, GA.

**Susan (Monroe) Fluharty** and husband, Wayne, live in North Little Rock where she teaches music at Pulaski Technical College.

1985

**Kristal (Johnson) Conine** is a CPA and vice president of Echols, Thompson, Connie and Sullivan, Ltd. in Arkadelphia. She and husband, **Bill ('84)**, have three children: Cliff 12 and twins Matt and Morgan 10.

**Rita Frazier** is director of Metro Care Center for Gloryland Baptist Church in North Little Rock.

**Sharla (Whitworth) Dunigan** was recently named 1999 "Elementary Counselor of the Year" at the November conference of the Arkansas School Counselors Association. She's a kindergarten and first grade counselor at Sheridan Elementary School. She and husband, Ed, have one son Sawyer 7.

**Leanne (Sandifer) Strickland** was recently promoted to supervisor of the DNA section

of the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory. Husband, **Russell ('84)**, who works for BP-Amoco, was recently recognized as this year's top fund raiser in Alaska for the MS Society. The Stricklands live in Eagle River with two daughters, Emily 8 and Kelly 6.

**Denise (Kneisel) Alcover (fs)** received her master of education in counseling in August from Houston Baptist University. For past six years, she has taught at Sharpstown Middle School in the Houston ISD, but this year will serve as school counselor. She and husband, Aaris, live in Missouri City, TX, with son, Micah Fields, 10.

**Mark Reynolds** is a computer consultant for RISEN, Inc. and lives in Allen, TX, with wife, Vicki.

**Brent Fields** is regional director for the American Heart Association and is responsible for a 15-county area in west Texas. He and wife, Suzette, live in San Angelo. He has a 10-year-old son, Micah.

**Bill and Nancy (Watson, '84) Izard** have returned to Arkansas from Cincinnati where Bill served as instructor and headmaster at a Christian school for three years. They have moved to Tumbling Shoals near Heber Springs with their three children, Hannah 12, Emily 10 and Nathaniel 8 where Bill teaches and freelances as a writer and editor. They can be contacted via email at [billizard@arkansas.net](mailto:billizard@arkansas.net).

**Tina (Johnson) Unruh** is employed as a air traffic controller with the Federal Aviation Administration and is stationed at the Tulsa International Airport. Her husband, Brad, is a pilot for a local corporation and they have two daughters, Emily 4 and Kristina 2.

**Scott and Connie (Gorum) Harris** live in Fayetteville, AR, where he's materials manager for Hanna's Candles.

**Mike Seabaugh**, pastor of Camden First Baptist, was elected second vice president at the annual Arkansas Baptist State Convention, held in November in Springdale.

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1986

**Andy and Tammy (Holstead, '77) Herzfeld** live in Benton, AR where he's an insurance agent with Herzfeld Insurance and she's a library media specialist for Harmony Grove School District.

**Belinda (McCaskill) Baker** is an accountant and partner with Grier, Reeves and Lawley, CPA firm in Texarkana.

**Paul Price** is a family nurse practitioner at Northwest Family Care in Springdale, AR, where he specializes in allergies and asthma. He and wife, Nora, live in Rogers where she home schools their five children: Muriel 12, Caitlyn 7, Ethan 5, Danielle 3 and Aaron 6 months. Email is [priceseven@juno.com](mailto:priceseven@juno.com).

**Lance Cansdale** is executive director of Swim BC in Vancouver, Canada.

**Stan and Deanna Lee (fs)** live in Nolanville, TX, where he's student minister at Memorial Baptist Church.

**Sheila Bearden** is a corporate accountant for Response Oncology, Inc. in Memphis, TN.

**Doug and Margo (Bearden) Turner** live in Round Rock, TX, where he's a career services consultant for the PGA of America.

1987

**Andy (fs) and Sydney (Preslar) Reno (fs '86)** were transferred in December from Tinker AFB in Oklahoma to Germany where he will be stationed with U.S. Air Force as an evaluator radar technician. She is self employed as an educational consultant and home schools their five children: Katie 11, Caleb 10, Courtney 9, Christopher 6 and Isaac 5.

**Jim and Alma (Jack) Gallagher** live in Dallas, TX, where she's the communications coordinator for Dave and Buster's restaurant.

**Karen (Erwin) Webb** is a physical therapist for Hot Springs Rehab Center.

**Sandra (Clark) Brosius** is a teacher at Malvern Public Schools.

**Terry Jackson** is a mortgage underwriter with Superior Federal Bank in Little Rock. He and wife, Carolyn, live in Bryant.

**Rhonda Clark** is assistant professor of history at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA.

**Ellen Neill** is a nurse with Episcopal School of Dallas.

**John Threet** was selected as a 1999 Top Ten Young Arkansan by the Arkansas Junior Chamber of Commerce.

**Allan Meador** and wife, Amanda, and children, Mackenzie 12 and Kirby 10, live in Plymouth, MA, where he's assistant vice president for State Street Corporation.

**Raymond Allen** is a sales and technical director for Richardson Electronics in Greenville, TX.

**Steve Murdock** joined staff of Arkansas Baptist State Convention as church planter strategist with missions ministries team and will serve southeast Arkansas. After serving as missionary to Peru for four years, he and wife, Lisy, were on staff at Baptist Spanish Publishing House of the International Mission Board before moving to Arkansas.

**Ronny Bedford** lives in Tulsa, OK, and is manager of internal audit services for Price-Waterhouse-Coopers accounting firm.

1988

**Mary "Kay" Bates** is a media specialist for Florence County District Three in Florence, SC.

**Marty Polston** became first full-time pastor for Immanuel Fellowship in Searcy. He and wife, Hilary, have three children, Natalie, Ryan and Davis.

**Carla Duggan** is the veterans service representative for the VA Regional Office in Little Rock.

**Mickey Shaffer** has taken head girls basketball coach position at Poyen, AR, after holding that position at Caddo Hills High School.

**Bobbie Hart** is a residential mentor for the Arkansas School Math and Sciences in Hot Springs.

**Lisa Speer** is the audiovisual technician for the University of Alabama.

**Kevin and Christy Smith** live in Texarkana, TX, where he's a senior computer programmer for Walsh Distribution Co.

1989

**Mike and Kecia (Stuart) Sandusky** moved to Moscow, ID,

last year where he serves as the BSU director at the University of Idaho. She stays at home with daughter, Jessica 1-1/2 and reports they are expecting second child in February.

**Phillips Fields** is the safety and environmental manager for Rose Aircraft Companies in Mena, AR.

**Mandy Bibbs** is minister of childhood education for Lakeland Baptist Church in Plano, TX.

**Peggy (Tackett) Salajka** and husband, John, live in Germantown, TN, where she's a stay-at-home mom with children, John Matthew and Sarah Katherine.

1990

**Darryl and SuLyn (Miles) Wine** live in Pelham, AL, and work in Birmingham, where she's interim preschool coordinator at Valleydale Baptist and he's a software engineer for Southern Company Services.

**Mitch and Meg Bettis** have moved to Aspen, CO, where he's publisher of the Aspen Times and Aspen Weekly and serves as general manager of the Glenwood (CO) Independent.

**Chris and Jenifer (Moseley) Norris** live in Evans, GA, where he's minister of music for West Acres Baptist Church.

**Brooks (Benson) Sawyers (fs)** is a marketing specialist for Southern Brown Rice Company in Jonesboro. She and husband, David, have three children Timothy Logan 7, Benjamin Jacob 3, and Benson Blake 1.

**Gayla (Williams) Rogers** teaches in the Texarkana School District.

**Jana Taylor** is a field marketing manager for Dr. Pepper/Seven Up Bottling Company in Dallas, TX.

**Rob and Cheryl (Taylor) Jones** live in Matthews, NC, where he's pastor for Pleasant Plains Baptist Church.

**Karly Irmukhanova Sea (fs)** is a mortician in Houston, TX.

**Rachel (Wallace) Reid** is a staff accountant for Metromedia Restaurant Group. She and husband, Greg, a courier for Federal Express, live in Keller, TX, north of Fort Worth.

**Greg and Kelli (Lambert) Gilbreath** have relocated to Edwards AFB, CA, where he will

begin Air Force Test Pilot School. She stays at home with children, Nathaniel 4 and Kiri 6 months old.

**Alex Brookhuis** is staff chaplain at Tanner Medical Center in Carrollton, GA.

1991

**Mark and Candice Herbert** live in Ruston, LA, where he is a staff assistant for U.S. Senator John Breaux.

**Tony and DeSonya Floyd** live in Pangburn where he owns and operates Floyd Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.

**Michael House** recently accepted the position of corporate controller and vice president of finance with Rackspace.com. He and wife, Jennifer, live in San Antonio, TX.

**Maurie (Gray) Green** is a stay-at-home mom to sons, Christian 4 and Seth 1. She and husband, Brian, an engineer at Trane in Fort Smith, live in Lavaca, AR.

**Susan (Greenwood) Scates** works for the U.S. Mint in legislative affairs. She lives in Oakton, VA, with husband, Craig, and triplet sons, John Hayne, Travis Mason and Thomas Peak.

**Anita (Murdock) Justice** and husband, Kevin, live in Rhine, GA, where she's the student and family prevention services support counselor for HODAC, Inc.

**Marty and Sherri (Martin, '97) Smith** live in Glenwood, AR, with twins, Carson and Gracen. He's the boys basketball coach for Kirby Schools and she's working on her masters in speech pathology at UAMS with plans to graduate in summer of 2000.

**Kelli (Jackson) Michaelis** is an instructor in the adult education department at Ouachita Technical College in Malvern, AR.

**Tanya (Sollis) Spiva** earned her CPA license this fall and is the accountant for Diamante Country Club in Hot Springs Village. She and husband, Marty, also own a heating and air conditioning business in Hot Springs. They attend Hot Springs Baptist Church where the pastor is Dr. Craig Price, former professor of religion at Ouachita, and Dr. Sim Flora, current OBU music professor, is the orchestra leader.

**Steven Kroening** is the editor of Soundview Communications in Woodstock, GA.

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**Brian Smith** is the owner/president of Creative Co-Op, a printing and graphics business in Farmers Branch, TX.

1992

**Tony and Leigh Ann (White, '93) Guerra** live in Benton, AR. He's a federal probation officer in Little Rock and she works part time as a speech pathologist in Benton. Her main job is staying at home with son, William Anthony.

**Janet (Ellis) Watson** is a marketing specialist for Mass Mutual Life Insurance. She and husband, Jeffrey, live in Glenwood, OK.

**Mark Haywood** is assistant finishing manager for Temple Forest Products in Hope, AR.

**Randy Biggs and Charles Roady** have joined coaching staff for 6-A Enid (OK) High School as offensive and defensive coordinators respectively, after serving in those positions for 3-A Frederick (OK) High School. Charles and wife, K.K., have a daughter, Faith. Randy and wife, Jill, have two children, Drew and Molly.

**Dory (Nelson) Thornton** is senior account executive with Gabriel Communications in Conway, AR.

**Amanda (Wood) Aucoin** completed her course work and comprehensive exams for a doctorate in history from the University of Arkansas in May 1998. In August 1998, she and husband, Brent, moved to Russia for almost a year, where she did research for her dissertation. Her husband worked during that time as instructor of English at St. Petersburg State University. They returned to the States in July 1999 and moved to Walnut Ridge, AR where he is chair of the history department at Williams Baptist College. She will serve as an instructor at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville for Spring 2000.

**Todd and Debbie Reed** live in DeKalb, TX, where he's pastor of Malta Baptist Church.

**Stephen and Cathy (Setliff) Dawson** live in Knoxville, TN, where he's principal of Highland Hills Christian Academy and she's a kindergarten teacher.

**Christie (Schleiff) Harper** is a marketing manager with Home Wireless Networks, a technology

company in Atlanta, GA.

**Dee (Small) Richardson** is employed with Warmack & Co., LLC as marketing director of Central Mall in Fort Smith, AR. She and husband, Shannon, are expecting their first child in February 2000.

**Rick Grant** is pastor of Benton (AR) First Baptist Church. He and wife, Susan, have three children, Amber, Sarah and Wesley.

1993

**Tony and Mary Jane (Lee, '92) Hutchins** are very active in Bellevue, NE. He's a bass trombonist with the U.S. Air Force Band, serves as music director at Chandler Acres Baptist Church and is working on his master of music degree at University of Nebraska at Omaha. She works as a tax preparer for H&R Block during tax season, serves as choir director and treasurer at Chandler Acres Church, sells Tupperware and, most importantly, is a full-time mom to their two children, Sarah Jane 4 and Joshua Lane 15 months.

**Lane and Christin (Smith, '94) Harrison** have moved to Springfield, MO, where he's minister to single adults for Second Baptist Church. They write that they adopted a son, Joshua Michail, in July 1999, in Volgograd, Russia.

**David Gillson** is project manager for IHP Industrial Construction Co. He and wife, Jessica, live in Sherwood, AR.

**Jeff and Kristi Christian** live in Lewisville, TX, and he's account executive with advertising firm of Hallmark Levy Smith.

**Rebecca McClenning Lindsey** is communications manager for Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care in Little Rock.

**Russ Files** is a trumpeter with the U.S. Army Band and is stationed at Fort Lee, VA. He and wife, Stephanie, are expecting first child in February 2000.

**Michael and Christy (Burlison, '92) Oliver**, live in Rowlett, TX, where he owns Clean Tech, Inc. and she teaches piano-voice at Rockwall School of Music. They have two children, Payton and Reagan.

**Dana Caldwell** has moved to Indianapolis, IN, where he works from his home covering

Purdue and Indiana University sports for the Fort Wayne (IN) News Sentinel. Wife, Leah, works for Hoosier Orthopedics and they have two children, Sloan 7 and Sydney 5. He can be reached via email at [DanaHAWG33@aol.com](mailto:DanaHAWG33@aol.com).

1994

**Mica Strother-Hicks** graduated from UALR Law School and was admitted to the Arkansas Bar in July 1999. She and husband, Tim, live in Little Rock.

**Johnpaul Arnold** left the military and is employed with Cook Communications Ministries as IT support manager.

**Karon (Edge) Whitmore** works at FamilyLife, a division of Campus Crusade for Christ in Little Rock.

**Drew and Robin (Copeland) Yoakum** live in Allen, TX, where he coaches and teaches at Richardson ISD and she teaches at Cross Creek kindergarten.

**Stacey Risinger** earned her master of arts degree from UALR this spring and is a clinical dietitian for Medical Center East in Birmingham, AL.

**Julie Shambarger Mitchell** graduated from UALR School of Law in May 1999 and passed the Oklahoma bar exam. She is an associate with McKinney & Stringer law firm in Oklahoma City where she practices environmental law. Husband, **Trey ('95)** graduated from UAMS in May with his medical degree. He is an orthopedic surgery resident at Oklahoma Health Science Center in Oklahoma City.

**Raphael and Lark (Eads) Smith** live in Plano, TX, where he's account manager with The MedLeh Group.

**Kiki (Young) Jones** is a speech language pathologist assistant with Mt. Pleasant (TX) ISD.

**Dwayne and Leslie (Tipton, '97) Whitten** have moved back to Arkadelphia where he has joined faculty at Henderson State University as instructor in Information Systems department of the School of Business and she's working as a transition counselor for Garland County Community College in Hot Springs.

**Laura Smith Piland** lives in Springfield, Ohio, where she's

assistant vice president for a real estate company, Showe Companies.

**Stephanie (Anderson) Bird** is an advanced high school math teacher for McKinney (TX) ISD.

**Laurie Delezen** teaches art at Elm Tree Elementary and lives in Fayetteville, AR.

**Allison (Brawley) Covington (fs)** and husband, David, live in West Memphis, AR, where she's employed by the West Memphis School District.

**Kevin Chambliss** has moved to Macon, GA, where he's professor of chemistry at Mercer University.

**Nicol (Bodenstein) Neal** and husband, Micah, live in Springdale, AR, where she's a speech pathologist for Springdale Public Schools.

1995

**Laura (Pennington) Lockwood** joined the faculty of Henderson State University this fall as didactic program director and instructor of family and consumer sciences.

**Melodie Pike** is the programming supervisor for United Cerebral Palsy in Conway, AR.

**Monty and Leigh Ann (Miller) Self** were appointed by International Mission Board to Ukraine as foreign missionaries.

**Mark Madison** lives in Little Rock where he's a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

**Allen Morrison** is an account associate for Acxiom Corporation in Conway.

**John Cauble** graduated in December from Mid-America Baptist Seminary in Memphis with M. A. degree in Christian Education. He lives in Wynne, AR with wife, **Leslie (Proctor, '96)**, and sons, Jonathan and Jared, and serves as associate pastor for children and activities at Wynne Baptist Church.

**Christine Carter** was recently appointed by the North American Mission Board as a student worker missionary to coordinate the international ministries at Portland (OR) Community College. She previously served as a journeyman to Scotland.

**Scott and Renee (Brown) Thornhill** moved to Livingston,

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TN, where he is minister of music at First Baptist Church and she is self employed as a medical transcriptionist.

**Jon and Crystal Funderburg** are back in their hometown of Murfreesboro after he served as an officer for the Bentonville Police Department for one year. He is employed as the safety technician for Potlatch Corporation in Prescott and she's a licensed master social worker for Howard County Memorial Hospital in Nashville.

**Michael Sepulveda** (fs) lives in Birmingham, AL, where he's the college ministry assistant for Shades Mountain Baptist Church.

**Jennifer DeVorak** is a clinical therapist for the Florence Crittenton Services in Little Rock.

**Elizabeth (Yoakum) Pulley** is a speech therapy assistant for Waco (TX) ISD.

**Mary Anne (Hardaway) Arndt** and husband, Jeremy, live in Hot Springs where she's the production manager for Broadcast Center, which includes four radio stations. She is also the mid-day radio personality (a.k.a. Mary Anne Madison) for KQUS-US97-FM.

**Jamie Hopper** joined the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen in Little Rock.

**Wendy (Norwood) Harris** and husband, Michael, live in Orlando, FL, where she teaches first grade and he's an industrial electrician.

**Krista Brown Joyce** is a vocalist and keyboardist for the U.S. Air Force Band. She and husband, Cully, live in Warner Robins, GA.

**Laddie Crouch** lives in Alexandria, VA, where he's an intelligence analyst for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

**Jason Doom** received his master of divinity degree in Biblical languages in December from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. He and wife, Beth, moved to Raleigh, NC, where he will pursue his Ph.D and she will serve as BSU campus minister at North Carolina State.

**Jason Gloria** is program manager for Chem-Fab Corporation, an aviation company in Hot Springs.

**Keith Mayfield** is director of Fox-TV News Affiliate, Channel 28, in Spokane, WA.

**Kelly Martin** lives in Fayetteville and works as an analyst at Wal-Mart Corporate Office in Bentonville.

**Eric Stanton** serves as youth minister at Fairfield Bay (AR) Baptist Church.

**1996**

**Sam and Valeree (Kelehar) Rogers** live in Centerton, AR, where he's the Benton County Farm Bureau insurance agent and she teaches in Gravette Public Schools.

**Matt and Amy (Fisher) Pryor** moved to Fort Worth where he's attending Southwestern Seminary and she teaches 5th grade in the Crowley School District.

**Chad Gay** is the outdoor editor for the Southwest Times Record in Fort Smith, AR and can be reached at [deer\\_grunt@yahoo.com](mailto:deer_grunt@yahoo.com).

**Stony and Cindy (Rook, 96) Evans** live in Bismarck where he's band director for Bismarck Middle School.

**Andrew Bledsoe** graduated in May from University of Tennessee College of Law and is currently an associate with the law firm of Cavett & Abbott PLLC, in Chattanooga, TN.

**Chariny Herring Sontag** is a third-year medical student at Oklahoma State University Medical School. She and husband, John Ritchie, live at 1240 South Birmingham Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74104 and would love to hear from former classmates.

**David and Sheri (Donie) Montgomery** reside in Tupper Lake, NY, where he pastors Tupper Lake Baptist Church.

**Jamie Crenshaw** graduated from Baptist School of Nursing in October 1999 and is employed as a RN in the neonatal ICU at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

**Ashley Eagan** lives in Little Rock where he's assistant director of financial aid for UAMS College of Medicine.

**Albany (Irvin) Colvin** and husband, Michael, live in Las Vegas where she's self employed as a public speaker and voice-over artist.

**David and Carla (Martin) Whittington** moved to Fort Worth after he surrendered to full-time Christian ministry. He is seeking

his master's of music degree with emphasis in music ministry at Southwestern Seminary. She's an account coordinator for the advertising firm of Regian, Wilson & Grey. They can be contacted at [dwhitt2nd@aol.com](mailto:dwhitt2nd@aol.com).

**1997**

**Abby Hughes**, who graduated in December 1998 from Baylor with her masters in public policy administration, is employed by the City of Arkadelphia as director of research and assistant to the city manager.

**Rix White** and wife, Susan, live in Fort Worth where he's a sales rep for Apple One.

**Michael Cloud** is associate pastor at Landmark Baptist Church and he and wife, Ginger, live in Sheridan.

**Amy (Reaves) Reed** graduated in December from Jefferson County School of Nursing in Pine Bluff as a registered nurse. She and husband, Ryan, live in Rison where he's a conductor for Union Pacific Railroad. They have a new son, Samuel, born in September.

**Jesse and Kristin (Lavender, fs) Gray** reside in Cordova, TN, while he's enrolled in University of Tennessee Dental College at Memphis.

**Chad and Jennifer (Reece) Fielding** live in Arkadelphia where he's student activities coordinator for Henderson State University and she's a graduate student there.

**Michelle (Crim) Wickliffe** (fs) is project manager for EDS in Irving, TX.

**Shane Kehoe** relocated from San Francisco to the Los Angeles area where he works for a CPA firm in Santa Monica. He writes that before his move, he backpacked across Europe for two months, touring England, Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy, France, Spain and Morocco.

**Todd, Amy (Swearinger) and Sarah Shaw** live in Fort Worth where he's attending Southwestern Seminary working on his master of divinity degree.

**1998**

**Cynthia Moore** is a graphic designer for Ducks Unlimited and lives in Cordova, TN.

**Rebecca Holt** is an English

teacher for Op-Net English Institute in Shizuoka, Japan.

**Carrie Overton** lives in Hensley, AR, and teaches kindergarten at Abundant Life Schools in Sherwood.

**Matt Rhoads** is pursuing his master's degree in psychology at Forest Institute in Springfield, MO.

**Danielle (Carey) Collins** is a licensed assistant speech/language pathologist for the Cedar Hill Independent School District. She and husband, **Chad ('99)**, live in DeSoto, TX

**Aimee Plummer** teaches second grade in Bentonville Public Schools.

**Lantz and Susan Cofer Smith** live in Benton where he's general manager for Papa John's Pizza. She's the producer and assistant news producer for Little Rock's KATV-Channel 7's "Daybreak."

**Jennifer Newton** teaches first grade at Berean Christian Academy in Little Rock.

**Stephanie Latiolais** is a graduate student in communications disorders at LSU in Baton Rouge.

**Leigh Russom** is a business teacher at Southside High School in Batesville.

**Jeremy and Merrilee (Shoemaker, fs99) Greer** live in Benton, AR, where he's a tile setter and she's a receptionist for "All for Kids" Pediatric Clinic in Little Rock.

**Tom and Kerry (Chandler) Stickney** are in Hot Springs where he's employed with Crossmark and she teaches health and coaches volleyball, basketball and tennis at Lakeside Junior High.

**Justin Seale**, a student at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, has been awarded the Barton Foundation Scholarship. To receive this award, a student must complete the prior year with a 4.0 GPA.

**Andrea Davis** is a first/second grade teacher in Allen (TX) ISD.

**Layne Johnson** lives in Little Rock and is a product manager for Alltel.

**Bryan Hoy** is an investigator for the Texas State Securities Board in Austin, TX.

**Gwen Bagwell** moved to Fort Smith where she's a teacher at Bost Social Services, a developmentally handicapped facility.

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**Joshua and Julie (Abbott) Parker** live in Birmingham, AL, where he's an a psychology nursing technician at Children's Hospital.

**Jessica West** teaches third grade at Alief Independent School District in Houston, TX.

**Randall Glass** is head basketball and baseball coach at Trinity Christian School in Texarkana, AR.

**Marcus Walker Brown** lives in Fort Worth with wife, Amy, where he's attending Southwestern Seminary.

## 1999

**Jeremy and Summer (Gilbert) Palmer** live in Fort Worth where he's a computer consultant.

**J.D. Woodard** joined the staff of Shannon Hills (AR) First Baptist Church.

**Mark and Amy (Morton) Phelan** live in Kumamoto City, JAPAN, where they both teach English for the Japanese government (JET Program). They will live there for three years.

**Marc and Charity (Feemster) Verlander** live in Bedford, TX. He's a student at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth and she teaches fourth grade at Central Immediate School in Carrollton.

**Krista (Thomas) Malin** teaches kindergarten at DeValls Bluff Elementary School.

**Greg and Christine (Brown) Jones** live in Waco, TX, where he's assistant band director for China Springs Public Schools.

**Patrick Netherton** is the sports information director at Centenary College in Shreveport, LA.

**Jill Presley** is employed in the public relations office of Governor Mike Huckabee.

**Lewis Jolly** lives in Hot Springs where he's in resource management for Lowe's Home Improvement Company.

**Scott Witherspoon** is attending graduate school at University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

**Deborah (Hillman) McMillan** teaches fourth grade at Nevada Public Schools. She and husband, **Corey (fs'92)** and son Cole, live in Arkadelphia.

## FACULTY/STAFF

**Jack and Bonnie (Hatfield, '82)**

**Estes** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. He's a professor of French at Ouachita. She retired from teaching history at Malvern Public Schools after 27 years. They have three children: Pam ('74), Mark ('79), and Julia ('82).

**Robert Stagg**, professor emeritus of Bible at Ouachita, served as the John H. and Dot Colvin Distinguished Professor of Religion at Louisiana College in Pineville, LA, for the 1999 spring semester.

## MARRIAGES:

### 1943

**Clyta (Agee) McAtee** (fs) to William R. Gentry, Jr., October 16, 1999, Germantown, TN.

### 1982

**Amy Holland** to Mark Kerrigan, date unknown (notified October 1999), Nashville, TN.

### 1984

**Cathy Crosskno** to Brian Snow, September 11, 1999, Dallas, TX.

### 1988

**Bryan Thomas Toland** (fs) to Jennifer Renee James, August 14, 1999, North Little Rock, AR.

**Gary W. Wade** to Melissa Kay Steeman, November 13, 1999, Grand Rapids, MI.

### 1989

**Jeffrey Todd Devine** (fs) to Jennifer Lynn Mayer, September 25, 1999, Benton, AR.

### 1991

**Mark Herbert** to Candice Mulhearn, May 8, 1999, Monroe, LA.

### 1992

**Heather Floyd** (fs) to Brian Payne, April 30, 1999, Nashville, TN.

**Angela Maris Biscotto** (fs) to Paul Glen Anderson, September 18, 1999, Richardson, TX.

### 1993

**Wade D. Tomlinson** to Susan Kendra Herzfeld, August 7, 1999, Benton, AR.

### 1994

**Jennifer Jane Files** (fs) to Adam Douglas Jordan, August

28, 1999, Fort Smith, AR.

**Amy Noble** to James Darcey, September 11, 1999, Eureka Springs, AR.

**Mica Joy Strother** to Timothy Douglas Hicks, September 11, 1999, Little Rock, AR.

**Lee Ann Hoggard** (fs) to Jeffery Wayne Small, September 18, 1999, Little Rock, AR.

## 1995

**Karon J. Edge** to James E. Whitmore, III, September 4, 1999, Little Rock, AR.

**Michele Lee DeMott** to Christopher Riley King, November 20, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

**Jason Doom** to Beth Brunson, December 11, 1999, Enterprise, AL.

**Keith Mayfield** to Amber Noelle Waldock, May 29, 1999, Tacoma, WA.

## 1996

**Chariny Herring** to John Ritchie Sontag, June 19, 1999, Tulsa, OK.

## 1997

**Jennifer Reece to Chad Fielding**, June 26, 1999, Mayflower, AR.

## 1998

**Jeremy Greer to Merrilee Shoemaker (fs99)**, May 29, 1999, Huntsville, AR.

**Kerry Chandler to Tom Stickney**, June 5, 1999, Dallas, TX.

**Danielle Carey to Chad Collins ('99)**, July 10, 1999, DeSoto, TX.

**Terri Lynn Crouse to Shane Alan Knupps (fs '99)**, July 31, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

**Fawnda C. Cruse** to Jason Andrew White, September 25, 1999, Malvern, AR.

**Tracey Lewis to Kyle Hughes**, October 16, 1999, Dallas, TX.

**Lisa Gale Craig (fs)** to Benjamin Rauschenbach, October 16, 1999, Bossier City, LA.

**Randall Glass to Kim Broom (Dec. '99)**, December 18, 1999, Magnolia, AR.

## 1999

**Summer Gilbert to Jeremy Palmer**, May 29, 1999, Arlington, TX.

**Nicole Baugher to Jason**

**Evers (fs'94)**, August 4, 1999, Star City, AR.

**Beth Ellen Cloud (fs)** to Dillard Hasley, September 25, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

## Current Students

**Kelly Fancher to Mark White**, August 21, 1999, Plano, TX.

**Amy Willett to R. Scott Jones**, December 18, 1999, Smackover, AR.

## BIRTHS:

### 1981

**Eldon and Retha (Herring) Sawyer**, daughter Laura Faye, May 12, 1999.

### 1982

**Kenny and Gina (Scott) Walsh**, son Andrew Scott, August 16, 1999.

### 1983

**Larry and Melissa (Greenway) Chance**, son Jackson, May 20, 1999. Joins Susanna 5 and Alex 3.

### 1984

**Jeff and Jan (Mitchell) Williams**, son, Jeff Mitchell, March 8, 1999. Welcomed by brother Joah.

### 1985

**Edward and May (Lim Wye May) Wong**, daughter Rheanne, September 19, 1999. Joins brother Rheuben 5.

**Gene and Margaret Trantham**, son Evan Carl, September 22, 1999.

### 1986

**Michael and Sandy (Mills) Hooks**, son Jonathan Michael, January 26, 1999. Joins sister, Haley, 6- 1/2.

**John and Melodie (Smith) Allgaier**, daughter Carolyn Joy, February 19, 1999.

**Paul and Nora Price**, son Aaron Michael, March 30, 1999. Joins siblings Muriel 12, Caitlyn 7, Ethan 5 and Danielle 3.

**Todd (fs) and Donna (Hargrove) Wilson**, daughter Anna Faith, April 28, 1999. Joins sister Hope Elizabeth 5.

**Jeff and Teresa Smith**, son Jeffrey "Zane," September 2, 1999. Welcomed by sister

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Danielle, 2-1/2.

1987

Dwayne and **Karen (Erwin) Webb**, daughter Katie Leigh, June 2, 1999. Joins sister, Morgan, 3.  
**Pascal and Amy Stowell**, son William Matthew, July 27, 1999. Welcomed by brother Micah.

**Dean and Tina (Bearden, '89) Worley**, son Joshua Dean, September 15, 1999. Joins Allie 5 and Nichols 4.

**Michael and Jung Soo Woertz (fs)**, daughter Alexandria Jane, September 30, 1999.

1988

**Dana and Jennifer Pierce**, son Joshua David, May 7, 1999. Welcomed by brother Amos 2.

**Bill and Alice Reynolds**, daughter Ashley Jane, August 30, 1999.

1989

Michael and **Denise (Swedenburg) Overton**, daughter Rachel Grace, May 7, 1999. Joins sister Madison Faith, 2-1/2.

1990

Darryl and **SuLyn (Miles) Wine**, daughter Madelyn Grace, June 22, 1999. Joins sister Kerry Beth, 3.

Greg and **Kelli (Lambert) Gilbreath**, daughter Kiri Grace, August 7, 1999. Welcomed by brother Nathaniel 4.

**Donnie and Kristi Smith**, son Carter Jacob "Jake," September 8, 1999. Joins sisters Taylor 5 and Allie 1.

**Jeff and Carolyn (Brooks, '92) Noble**, daughter Adelyn Kay, September 13, 1999. Welcomed by brother Samuel 2-1/2.

John and **Gayle (Williams) Rogers** adopted twin boys, Alex Jonathan and Aaron Jamison on September 15, 1999. They were born February 13, 1999.

Randy and **Suzanne (Bushmiaer) Cain**, daughter Mallory Suzanne, October 15, 1999.

1991

Craig and **Susan (Greenwood) Scates**, triplets John Hayne, Travis Mason and Thomas Peak, June 25, 1999.

**Marty and Sherri (Martin) Smith**, twins Carson Martin and

Gracen Audrey, August 10, 1999.

1992

**Tony and Leigh Ann (White, '93) Guerra**, son William Anthony, March 11, 1999.

**Mike and Cathy (Richardson) Worley**, son Noah Franklin, May 2, 1999. Welcomed by Ben 3 and Thomas 1.

**Stephen and Cathy (Setliff) Dawson**, daughter Elizabeth Anna, May 9, 1999.

Dale and **Toni (Hinch) Blackwell**, son Micah Wayne, September 8, 1999. Joins sisters Olivia and Corianna.

**Randy and Jill Briggs**, daughter Molly M'Ree, September 21, 1999. Joins brother Drew Daniel, 21 months.

**Douglas and Shelly (Ravenscraft) Mullins**, daughter Mallie Ruth Ann, October 6, 1999.

David and **Lori (Kuntz) Walsh**, son Spencer Lee, October 6, 1999. Welcomed by brother Reed 3.

**Toby and Rachael (Ward, '94) Talley**, son Trace Nolan, October 11, 1999.

1993

Michael and **Christy (Burlison, '92) Oliver**, son Reagan Paul, March 30, 1999. Joins sister Payton 3-1/2.

Allen and **Angela (Berry) Nesbett (fs)**, daughter Mary Elizabeth, August 12, 1999. Welcomed by brother Lane 3-1/2.

1994

Ric and **Carrie (Ballard) Haycock**, son Joshua David, March 7, 1999. Joins brother Richard Thomas, 1.

Craig and **Christie (Lang) Cochell**, daughter Margaret "Meg" Frances, May 21, 1999.

1995

**John and Leslie (Proctor, '96) Caubbe**, son Jared Everett, April 23, 1999. Joins brother Jonathan Tyler, 2-1/2.

Derrick and **Heather (Clower, fs) Vest**, son Briklin Ray, August 30, 1999.

1996

**Jason and Kristi (Pettit, '94) Merrick**, daughter Hannah, July 26, 1999.

**Eddie and Anna-Marie Struble**, son James Edward, April 16, 1999.

1997

**Todd and Amy (Swearinger) Shaw**, daughter Sarah Kathryn, January 14, 1999.

**Ryan and Amy (Reaves) Reed**, son Samuel Taylor, September 4, 1999.

1998

**Tony and Leeann McCreery**, daughter Karys Aleese, August 18, 1999.

Michael and **Amber (Jackson) Rottinghaus**, daughter Madelyn Cate, August 19, 1999.

**Keith and Kim Stewart**, daughter Mary Elizabeth, August 24, 1999.

1999

Greg and **Christine (Brown) Jones**, daughter Kathryn Tyler, September 23, 1999. Welcomed by sister Bethany 2.

DEATHS:

1927

**Prudence (Amos) Riffey**, July 10, 1999, Hendersonville, NC.

**Irene Lucille (Moore) Cutrer**, October 24, 1999, Houston, AR.

1928

**Louise (Searcy) Bennett**, July 30, 1999, Malvern, AR.

1929

**Alberta E. Harrington**, September 10, 1999, Batesville, AR.

**Ernestine (Allmon) Henderson McKinney**, September 27, 1999, Little Rock, AR.

1935

**Willford Marshall Lee**, September 12, 1999, Hilton Head, SC.

1936

**Mary (Kennedy) Mitchell**, May 21, 1999, Waldo, AR.

1937

**William Burke Sipes**, November 6, 1999, Little Rock, AR.

1938

**Aley L. Holland**, August 24, 1999, Fayetteville, AR.

**Marjorie (Hudson)**

**Fitzhugh**, August 31, 1999, Houma, LA.

**Pen-Life (Compere) Pittard**, date of death unknown, notified October 1999, Greer, SC.

**Horace Neal Beene (fs)**, November 15, 1999, Magnolia, AR.

1939

**Faunt B. Smith**, September 2, 1999, Camden, AR.

1940

**Kathleen Margaret (Crawford) Kaufman**, September 11, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

1941

**George O. Ellis**, May 24, 1999, Pine Bluff, AR.

**Dale McCoy**, July 29, 1999, Jonesboro, AR.

**Ruth (Goodman) Glover (fs)**, September 13, 1999, Newport Beach, CA.

1943

**William G. "Bill" Fleming (fs)**, November 11, 1999, North Little Rock, AR.

1945

**Georgia Ruth (Dudney) Pinegar**, October 27, 1999, Washington, AR.

1947

**Lois Estelle (Davis) Cook**, August 18, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

**Marinelle (Stephens) Pearson**, September 5, 1999, Jacksonville, AR.

**J. Sturgis Miller (fs)**, September 21, 1999, Hot Springs, AR.

**Mary Frances (Shoffner) Waldorff**, November 1, 1999, Altha, FL.

1948

**Robert B. Russell**, February 28, 1997 (notified October 1999), El Dorado, AR.

1949

**Jack Bell (fs)**, summer 1999, Naples, TX.

1950

**Melvin K. Wasson**, August 2, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

**Gail R. Zimmerman**, October 28, 1999, Harrison, AR.

~~**John Hand**, November 18, 1999, Corsicana, TX.~~

## Indelible memories of a great teacher and friend

by Daniel R. Grant

My first vivid memory of Alberta Harrington dates back more than six decades ago when she performed the amazing miracle of making English grammar an exciting venture for this reluctant student at Arkadelphia Junior High School. I will never understand how she made prepositions exciting to one who preferred to be on the tennis court, but she did. My parents appreciated it at the time more than I did, and this may be one of the reasons my father employed Miss Harrington to teach at Ouachita. I later came to share their appreciation of her teaching genius.

It was six years later that Miss Harrington was my college teacher for so-called honors English class my freshman year at Ouachita. The honor involved being shown the huge gap between the work required to make an A in high school and in college. She introduced me to the challenge of searching for the poet's meaning when, for example, he said "All my life is measured out in little coffee spoons," and I had no idea what a coffee spoon was. I remember vividly her withering response when the class failed miserably to describe what we saw while walking from the dorm to class. We resolved to observe the awesome world in which we live and move each day, and to enjoy it.

Academic excellence for Alberta Harrington resulted in life changes such as greater respect for the dignity, freedom, and responsibility of individuals. Although she seldom sermonized to us (she didn't like literature or lectures with what she called "moral tags"), she allowed herself one exception when she learned of a dorm hazing prank of holding a kangaroo court to ridicule a student for growing a mustache. The prank ended with the forcible shaving of it as a public spectacle. I have never forgotten her scorching sermon to us on the importance of respecting individual differences.

She was especially good for Ouachita's "preacher boys," with some of her greatest teaching miracles consisting of opening up for them the wondrous dimension of loving God "with all thy mind," and not just in stature and favor with God and man. It was painful for many students, as she became to them almost a "thorn in the flesh," to use Paul's Biblical term, but she undoubtedly helped to make great pastors out of many of those Ouachita preacher boys.

In the decades that have followed since those memorable classroom experiences in the nineteen-forties, it was a privilege to stay in communication with Miss Harrington on special occasions. She wrote notes of encouragement during my teaching days at Vanderbilt and seemed to be especially pleased when I returned to our alma mater Ouachita as president. Betty Jo and I especially enjoyed having her in our home in Arkadelphia. I never quite felt comfortable addressing my mentor as "Alberta" even though last year my 75 years seemed pretty close to her 90. Somehow I remember Miss Harrington best as my great and gracious teacher, helping me to develop and use to the fullest the mind that God has given me.

~~October 28, 1999, Harrison, AR.~~

**John Hand**, November 18, 1999, Corsicana, TX.

1952

**Arthur W. Upchurch, Jr.**, September 17, 1999, Pine Bluff, AR.

**Billy F. Hicks**, October 20, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

1953

**Calvin D. Austin**, October 13, 1999, Mena, AR.

1954

**Greta Kay (Quattlebaum) Hardison (fs)**, October 1, 1999, Conway, AR.

1955

**Harrell Wood**, November 30, 1999, Conway, AR.

1956

**Lois (Biddle) Carroll**, September 15, 1999, Murfreesboro, AR.

1958

**Aubrey M. Worrell, Jr.**, November 7, 1999, Pine Bluff, AR.

1959

**Cartes D. Armer**, November 29, 1997, Horatio, AR. (Notified September 1999)

1961

**Gaines N. Armstrong, Sr.**, September 27, 1999, Hot Springs, AR.

1965

**Sarah Sue (Haynes) Anderson**, September 29, 1999, Morrilton, AR.

**Wilma (Smith) McBride**, May 29, 1999, Conway, AR.

1972

**James D. Metcalf**, October 18, 1999, Texarkana, AR.

1976

**Roland Earl James (fs)**, August 24, 1999, Benton, AR.

1977

**Gale R. Toney (fs)**, October 11, 1999, London, AR.

1978

**William Lee York, Sr (fs)**, June 24, 1999, Columbia, NC.

1981

**Barry Putman Wiles (fs)**, August 2, 1999, Dallas, TX.

1990

**Linda (O'Dell) Garner (MSE)**, October 30, 1999, Camden, AR.

1993

**Charlie June Herndon**, 2-year old daughter of **Eric and Rennie (Davenport) Herndon**, November 19, 1999, Little Rock, AR.

Faculty/Staff

**Lillian Inez (Garland) Nowlin**, October 5, 1999, Springdale, AR. (Former home economics professor.)

**Georgia Ann Hansard**, October 20, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR. (Former assistant registrar.)



# The Financial ADVISER

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**John Cloud, J.D.**  
ASSOCIATE  
VICE PRESIDENT  
FOR ESTATE AND  
GIFT PLANNING

Most alumni and friends of Ouachita are aware that the majority of buildings on campus are named for individuals. For example, I prepared this message in an office in the northwest corner of the third floor in Cone-Bottoms Hall, named for two families who helped provide the funds for construction of what was originally a stately women's residence hall. It is now, of course, a stately administration building.

With permission, Ouachita names a building for the donor or donors who provide all, or a significant portion, of the funds necessary for construction. A similar policy is in place for permanent endowment funds. In this fashion Ouachita honors the donors and expresses gratitude simultaneously. Most donors are hesitant about being placed in the spotlight, and we certainly abide by their wishes if they ask to remain anonymous. We prefer to add the name to a lovely building because it lends heart and soul to brick and mortar, letting the world know that real people made it possible with their generosity. Let me emphasize that none of the remarkable additions at Ouachita in recent years would have been possible without thousands of gifts from alumni and friends.

After years of a fast-paced building program, our emphasis has turned to building the endowment to a level on-par with similar universities in our region. After the completion of the new \$8.5 million dining hall (unnamed by the way; an opportunity to be remembered for posterity on one of the most popular

See "Endowment" page B

## Attention Professionals: Gift Law and Crescendo Estate/Gift Planning Services Offered

Through the OBU web site, Ouachita is offering GiftLaw to attorneys, CPA's, financial planners, CLU's, trust officers, gift planning professionals, and others who have an interest in the subject. GiftLaw is a free public service provided by Crescendo software and Comdel, Inc., the source for the estate and gift planning software used extensively by the development office. It includes web pages for the Washington hotline, Revenue Rulings, Private Letter Rulings, an Article of the Month, and a Case of the Week. To access GiftLaw, simply type in <http://www.obu.edu/news.htm> on your web browser.

The GiftLaw service also includes a GiftLaw weekly E-Mail. Every week OBU will post an E-Mail to advisors and others requesting the service, containing a summary of changes and updates on the GiftLaw web site. Those who want to be included in the E-Mail updates can get on the list by sending

their E-Mail addresses to the OBU Development Office, OBU Box 3754, Arkadelphia, AR 71998; by calling (870) 245-5169; or E-Mail at [CloudJ@Alpha.OBU.EDU](mailto:CloudJ@Alpha.OBU.EDU).

Ouachita also offers free consultation regarding estate and gift planning, in particular the number crunching for all types of charitable giving plans. Using Crescendo, development office personnel can compute the tax and income benefits of Charitable Remainder Trusts, Gift Annuities, Lead Trusts, Life Estates, and more. We will need an estimated investment amount, the birthday(s) of the income beneficiary(ies), the basis of the funding resource, if applicable, and the duration of the income stream (one life, two lives, term of years). Send this information to us as outlined above, and we will respond as quickly as possible.

•John Cloud



### ENTERTAINMENT •

Beth Anne Rankin, a Ouachita graduate and former Miss Arkansas, entertains guests at the Second Century Banquet held October 29. The annual event is in honor of those who have made provisions for Ouachita in their long-range plans.

# Gift of home with retained life estate

## Great way for many donors to accomplish their charitable goals

John and Jane, both seventy, finally have found the time and solitude to focus on their long-range goals. Their three children are educated, married and on good career paths. With a frugal lifestyle and wise investing they have managed to amass more than they ever thought possible. Through the years they have talked about the possibility of leaving a legacy of some kind to make the world a better place for others after they are gone, focusing particularly on a scholarship fund at Ouachita. Now they believe it is time to make some concrete decisions but don't know where to start. Whatever they do, they want to reduce their income tax burden and avoid any estate tax if possible.

One possibility, often overlooked, is a gift of their home with a retained life estate. Using this giving plan, John and Jane deed their home to Ouachita and reserve the right to live in it for the remainder of their lives. In the process they generate an attractive income tax deduction based on the remainder value of the home at the end of their calculated life expectancies. At the death of the survivor the home will be sold by Ouachita to endow their permanent scholarship fund. The entire value of the property will be deductible from the estate for estate tax purposes. The combined tax savings can be substantial.

Additionally, if John and Jane have selected wills as their asset transfer vehicles, they can count on a nice bonus because the home will not be subject to the probate process and the associated fees.

Let's assume that John and Jane are in the combined state and federal income tax

assumptions, such as useful life and salvage value, so the computation must be made on a case by case basis. Their cash income tax savings will be in excess of \$31,000. Depending on the size of their estate, the estate tax savings could be significantly more, not to mention the avoidance of probate fees. The tax benefits are just the icing on the cake considering the many young people who will be able to attend Ouachita because of the endowed scholarship fund they establish with their gift.

Before making this type of gift, it is important to know that it is irrevocable. As such, it is not something donors should consider unless they have adequate resources elsewhere. The holders of the life estate must maintain the property and pay the taxes just as before, and there should be no mortgage on the property at the time of the deed transfer. Considering everything, the benefits to the donors and to the eventual scholarship fund recipients make this gift arrangement a wonderful option for many homeowners.

For more information about this giving plan, or other giving options or estate planning in general, call (870) 245-5169, or send a note to the Associate Vice President for Estate and Gift Planning, OBU Box 3754, Arkadelphia, AR 71998. •John Cloud



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bracket of 38%, they itemize, and their home is worth \$300,000. A life estate for their home would generate an income tax deduction of about \$82,500 that they can deduct over a six-year period if necessary. The deduction is a product of several

## Endowment

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places on campus) and a \$750,000 addition to Berry Bible Building, there will be no major construction projects in the foreseeable future unless we receive major gifts or grants expressly for that purpose. Our goal is to channel more large gifts into endowment funds, which generate income for scholarships, chairs of instruction, and other needs. On behalf of those whose lives are blessed by Ouachita — a very large number indeed — we convey our deepest gratitude to you who make it possible.

**HALFTIME ENTERTAINMENT •**  
The Ouachita Marching Band performs during halftime of the homecoming game against Harding. The band is under the direction of Dr. Craig Hamilton.



# Quit procrastinating: Keep a record of essential information

Anyone who has ever served as an executor or successor trustee of an estate can testify about the work involved in locating documents and assets to begin the estate distribution process. The already-heavy burden associated with being responsible for someone's estate is often made much worse because the decedent failed to keep an accurate record of what she owned, what she owed, and where everything of importance to an estate representative could be found. In many cases the onus falls on a surviving child or best friend to find and sort through mountains of records, followed by dozens of visits and scores of calls to financial entities and potential creditors and debtors of the decedent just to get some basic information.

Most people do not wish to leave their homes or any other aspect of their lives in disarray for others to deal with when death comes. Even so, it is all too common for a decedent to depart without even a simple will, much

less an organized record of important details. Maintaining a record of essential information is a thoughtful and loving act that will be of great benefit to you and others as time passes.

An updated record of essential information is of value in a variety of circumstances. With such a record, a married couple can map out their retirement and estate plans with confidence; a surviving spouse can know exactly where to find all of their investments and locate any life insurance policies in force; and a daughter can find her incapacitated mother's health declaration and executed durable power of attorney documents. Most assuredly, those who have your record on hand when it is most needed will be grateful that you made the effort.

Ouachita has available a booklet entitled "Your Estate: A Record of Essential Information," free of charge. If you would like to have a copy, use the request form at the bottom of this page. • John Cloud



**THEATRE PRODUCTION** • Will Sonheim portrays Bert, a neighborhood boy, and Blake Powell portrays Joe Keller in the Verser Theatre production of "All My Sons." Will is the son of Drs. Doug and Amy Sonheim, and Blake is a senior Biblical Studies/Theology major from Minden, La.

## Your Estate: A Record of Essential Information

Return this form for our free booklet, *Your Estate: A Record of Essential Information*.

- I have already made a provision for Ouachita through:
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## From the Archives



1950 · Harold Coble, Paul Mitchell and Ray Nelson congratulate each other at commencement. Prior to attending Ouachita, the three served aboard the battleship USS TENNESSEE for three years during WWII. Paul enrolled at Ouachita the summer semester of 1946. In his first class, he and Harold spotted each other. About a year later, Paul met Ray as he entered the door at the bookstore. Ray had started at another college then transferred to Ouachita. All three became ministers and earned seminary degrees.

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Your former classmates and friends would like to know what you have been doing lately. How long has it been since you've updated them? Please send a note today to: Class Notes, Former Students Association, Ouachita Baptist University, 410 Ouachita Street, P.O. Box 3762, Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001. Or send an E-Mail to: alumni@alpha.obu.edu

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