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## A Word from the Chancellor ...

The messengers to the recent annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention voted on the amendments to the ABSC Constitution and Bylaws which were designed to accommodate the agreement we reached last year for the selection of Ouachita's trustees. The vote of the messengers was 65.4 percent in favor of the proposal, but amendments to the ABSC Constitution require a two-thirds majority, so the measure failed by 1.3 percent. Despite the defeat of the amendments, the messengers gave overwhelming approval to the proposed 1998 budget, which includes \$2,539,893 in support of Ouachita. They also endorsed the new trustees jointly recommended by our Board of Trustees and by the ABSC Nominating Committee.

Ouachita has done all that has been requested of her by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. At our December Board meeting, we seated the trustees who were elected by the Convention. We have no desire to be alienated from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and recent events will not deter us from our mission of serving the Baptist churches of our state and region.

The fact that the Convention failed to amend its Constitution and Bylaws by a two-thirds majority does not suggest, in our minds, a refusal on the part of the Convention to retain its relationship with Ouachita. To the contrary, Convention votes that overwhelmingly approved trustees for Ouachita, the budget containing Ouachita's allocation of funds, and registered over 65 percent approval for reconciliation convince us that the Convention desires to proceed in good faith as we do. With good faith and the pervading spirit of Christ there are no problems that cannot be solved.

To those who would fear that Ouachita might drift away from Baptist life or would doubt the sincerity of the members of our Board of Trustees in keeping Ouachita free from harm, I suggest patience and trust. To those who would express pride regarding these events, I suggest humility. To those who would attempt to continue this fight, I suggest reconciliation.

We remain a university under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. There are no limits to the future greatness of Ouachita, except our lack of vision. We move ahead with strong confidence that an already exceptional institution will become even greater.

*Dr. Ch. E. E. E.*

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## University Leadership 2-5

*On December 11, the Ouachita Board of Trustees elected Dr. Andrew Westmoreland (right) the 14th president of the University. Dr. Ben M. Elrod, president since 1988, was named chancellor.*

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On December 11, the  
 Ouachita Board of Trustees  
 elected  
**Dr. Andrew  
 Westmoreland**  
 to serve as the  
**14th president**  
 of the University.  
**Dr. Ben Elrod,**  
 president since 1988,  
 was named  
**chancellor.**

**D**r. Ben M. Elrod, thirteenth president of Ouachita, was named chancellor of the University, and Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, executive vice president, was named president by the Board of Trustees in its meeting December 11 in Arkadelphia.



President Andrew Westmoreland



Chancellor Ben M. Elrod

Board chairman William H. "Buddy" Sutton made the announcement. Westmoreland officially took the reins of the 111-year-old institution on January 1. Elrod, 67, a graduate, longtime administrator and president of the University since 1988, remains as chancellor with responsibilities in fund raising and public relations.

"As chancellor of the University, Dr. Elrod will be able to focus on the major needs of the institution where his skill, judgment and experience can best be utilized," said Sutton.

Westmoreland, 40, becomes the fourteenth president of Ouachita after devoting his career to the institution since being graduated from Ouachita in 1979. He began his career as director of student activities, and later became director of the Ouachita Student Foundation and student support services. In more recent years he has served as a development officer, assistant to the president and director of alumni affairs, vice president for development, and, since 1995, executive vice president.

"Dr. Westmoreland is passionately



committed to the vision of a university which is Christ centered above all other considerations," said Sutton. "At first hand, he has earned the confidence and support of Dr. Elrod, the Board of Trustees and supporters of Ouachita who know well his talents and the depth of his commitment. No one knows the University better not has a better understanding of its mission as a Baptist institution than Dr. Westmoreland. We could not find a person anywhere in the world so uniquely prepared to serve as Ouachita's president at this time."

Citing the opportunity to learn his craft from two of Ouachita's strongest presidents, Elrod and Dr. Daniel R. Grant (president from 1970-1988), Westmoreland welcomed the challenge of leading the institution.

"This is an honor greater than any I could ever know, and I pledge to you that you will always find my heart in the center of the life of this campus," Westmoreland said. "I'm embarking on what I know will be a great adventure, and I am thrilled with the prospect of addressing the opportunities that await us."

Westmoreland said he plans no major changes immediately, but will base his administration on the fulfillment of five major goals:

- Develop, retain and recruit faculty members who are at the top of their disciplines and are models of Christian life

- Foster a strong spirit of responsibility among students

- Maintain and develop a clear sense of community on campus

- Strengthen relations with the Southern Baptist churches of the state and region

- Build a substantial endowment

With a varied administrative background at Ouachita and strong relationships with Arkansas Baptists, Westmoreland is in a unique position to see the needs and opportunities of the University, Sutton said. Westmoreland,

whose academic field is political science, plans to teach one course each semester. This spring he is teaching a section of American National Government.

Westmoreland has worked closely with Elrod and board members in the past two years to strengthen a strained relationship with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Westmoreland said he believes the future of Ouachita's association with the ABSC is bright.

"The mutual advantages and the historical association can only lead to cooperation," Westmoreland said. "We will be known by the fruit we produce, and our relationship will be built on trust. That is as it should be."

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**William H. "Buddy" Sutton  
Chairman, Board of Trustees**

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Elrod's tenure as president was marked by strong growth in student enrollment and financial support for the institution. During the Elrod presidency, student enrollment increased from just under 1200 to more than 1600, market value of Ouachita's endowment increased from less than \$13 million to \$29 million, the percentage of alumni giving to the University rose from less than 10 percent to 32 percent, and the campus received a major facelift with the construction of five major buildings and the renovation of several others.

Elrod was instrumental in the development of an international emphasis at Ouachita. The Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program was enlarged to include active exchange/study opportunities in 12 nations, and the number of native internationals on campus multiplied seven times. Ouachita also became the favorite college choice among the 53 Southern Baptist colleges and universi-

ties for children of Southern Baptist missionaries. More than 80 "missionary kids" from around the world made their home at Ouachita this fall.

"These 10 years have been very happy ones for the Elrods, and we are delighted with what has been accomplished," Elrod said. "I am looking forward to having less responsibility, but staying connected to Ouachita."

Elrod told the executive committee of the board several months ago that he was ready for a change. He was pleased when the committee, which served as a search committee, suggested Westmoreland, who had served under him as assistant to the president, vice president for development and executive vice president.

"I feel very comfortable with the fact that Andy Westmoreland was chosen to succeed me in the presidency," Elrod said. "I have every confidence that he will do a superb job and that Ouachita will continue on the path of progress."

Elrod also served as president of Georgetown College in Kentucky and Oakland City College in Indiana. He was vice president for development at Ouachita for 13 years under the presidencies of Dr. Ralph Phelps and Grant. Elrod and his wife, Betty, have two grown children, Cynthia Stroud of North Little Rock, and Bill Elrod, who resides in Benton. They have four grandchildren, the oldest of whom, Jay Stroud, is a sophomore at Ouachita.

Westmoreland is a member of the advisory board for Baptist Medical Center-Arkadelphia, the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, the Arkadelphia Rotary Club and has served on the board for the Clark County Industrial Council. He has presented papers at state and national meetings of political scientists. His wife, Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, is assistant professor of elementary education at Ouachita. They have a 7-year-old daughter, Riley.

• Dr. Jeff Root  
director of public relations

An interview with Dr. Andrew Westmoreland,  
Ouachita's

# Fourteenth President

## What are your goals for Ouachita in the next five years?

First, we must be absolutely committed to developing, retaining, and recruiting faculty members who are at the top of their disciplines and who model the Christian life for their students. The president may be the one most accountable to the trustees, but the institution's strength is proportional to the strength of the faculty. I will invest as much of my time and energy as possible to encourage academic leadership on the campus. Ouachita is fortunate to have a great foundation on which we will continue to build.

Second, we must foster a strong spirit of responsibility among our students. We hope to prepare our students for lives of service, and if that ethic is not in place by the time they reach us, we must do our best to impart it while they are in our care.

Third, we must develop a clear sense of community. I am convinced that the best teaching and learning is done in an environment where core values are understood and where the members respect one another. Few of us do our best work alone, and I want us to have a climate where collabora-



tion crosses generational and disciplinary boundaries. The liberal arts setting is the ideal place for that to happen.

Fourth, we must turn the corner on the denominational turmoil of recent years. Our trustees are resolved that Ouachita will move forward with renewed energy to serve Christ as partners with the churches of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. I don't have all the answers to the denominational problems of the past, but I am certain that we must focus on Christ as the basis for our future. Those of us at Ouachita need to do a better job of relating to our churches, and I

intend to lead the way in that regard.

Finally, we must encourage Ouachita's friends to focus as never before on building a substantial endowment. Our colleges and universities are responsible for serving our society, but they cannot be fully engaged in that process without strong financial support. I will not rest until we secure those funds.

## What is your relationship with the leaders of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention?

My experience of almost two decades at Ouachita and my family history provide me with a good framework for relating to all Arkansas Baptists, including the leadership of the Convention. I was born into the home of the pastor of Arkansas Baptist churches, so I have been around Baptist work my entire life. My dad pastored small churches in northern Arkansas, and I saw first-hand the opportunities and challenges that he faced. I have extraordinary respect for our pastors, and I welcome the increased interaction as a result of this new role. In addition, I have developed a strong

relationship with Dr. Emil Turner, the executive director of the Convention, and I look forward to working with him and with other Convention leaders in the days ahead. I am grateful to all Arkansas Baptists for their support of Ouachita.

### **Do you plan immediate changes in administrative personnel?**

I will take some time to reflect on where we are and where we are headed, and to talk with folks on and off campus to ask for their ideas. My goal is to have my thoughts collected on structural and personnel matters by the time of the next meeting of our trustees, which is in March. I hope to be known as energetic, but not impulsive.

### **How will your presidency be different than Dr. Elrod's?**

Having served with Dr. Elrod these past nine years, I probably know better than anyone that he is a tough act to follow. As he vacates the presidency, he leaves Ouachita in stronger condition than at any time in our history. Many of the themes of Dr. Elrod's tenure will apply to my own work, including our emphases on international studies and service through the family and community, because they have become important parts of our institutional culture. Because my background, like that of Dr. Elrod, is in institutional advancement, you can also expect me to be active in promoting Ouachita through fund raising and public relations.

I will put a great deal of energy into working with our faculty, staff, and students toward creating an authentic sense of community. We have made progress toward that goal, but there is work to be done. When I speak of

community, by the way, I mean a community that grows out of the Christian faith of its individual members. I believe that a university built on the Christian faith demands a commitment to the highest standards for scholarship, personal conduct, and service.

The ultimate goal for the members of this kind of community is not to create a monastic existence, but to enable them to share their gifts with the larger society. I believe that we

#### **COMMUNITY •**

Dr. Andrew Westmoreland and Dr. Ben Elrod visit with students on the steps of Cone-Bottoms. One of Westmoreland's goals for his presidency is to maintain and develop a clear sense of community on campus.



have important contributions to make, and we cannot make those contributions if we hide from the world.

### **Comment on your relationship with the Ouachita faculty and staff.**

It is no exaggeration to say that I love the members of our faculty and staff. I know of the sacrifices they have made and of many of the burdens they carry. These folks are the heart of Ouachita, and I am honored to work with them.

### **You have held several positions at Ouachita during the past two decades. How has this prepared you for serving as president?**

I believe that my experiences have prepared me to understand the breadth of the institution. I have worked in practically every area of college administration, but my teaching experience is limited. In that light, and because I believe that a person must lead by example, I'll be teaching one course each semester, beginning this spring with a section of American National Government. Given what I already know about the demands of a college presidency, the course may provide me

with my most enjoyable moments.

### **What do you see as the long-term relationship between Ouachita and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention?**

I am confident that Ouachita and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will remain partners. The mutual advantages and the historical association can only lead to cooperation. If Ouachita's goals are clear, if the Christian model is embraced with strength and commitment, and if Christian service is at the heart of the enterprise, Ouachita will not fail to receive the support of Arkansas Baptists and the larger evangelical community. We will be known by the fruit we produce, and our relationships will be built on trust. That is as it should be.





# The Kresge Foundation awards challenge grant

Ouachita has been awarded a \$450,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation for the purchase of equipment for the natural sciences.

"We are very pleased that The Kresge Foundation has chosen to support our natural sciences program in this significant way," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. "Our program in the natural sciences is very strong and the new equipment this grant allows us to purchase will keep our work in this area on the cutting edge."

Kresge Foundation grants are made on a challenge basis, requiring the raising of the remaining funds, thereby insuring the completion of projects.

The grant to Ouachita includes an initial outlay of more than \$225,000. Ouachita then will be responsible for raising an additional \$1.1 million in

order to qualify for the \$225,000 challenge portion of the grant.

"The Kresge grant could

equipment as we move into Harvey Jones Science Center. It allows us to acquire several new specialty instruments to

and computer science, and an array of scientific equipment for chemistry and physics.

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. It is not affiliated with any corporation or organization.

In 1996, The Kresge Foundation reviewed 699 proposals and awarded grants totaling \$87,766,485 to 144 charitable organizations in 40 states, England and Canada.

Grants are made to institutions operating in the areas of higher education, health and long-term care, arts and humanities, human services, science and the environment, and public affairs.

Grants are made toward projects involving construction or renovation of facilities and the purchase of major capital equipment or real estate.



**ZOOLOGY LAB** • Dr. Tim Knight (standing) assists students with a dissection project in one of the new labs housed in the Harvey Jones Science Center.

not have come at a better time," said Dr. Joe Jeffers, the W. D. and Alice Burch Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies. "It allows us to upgrade and expand basic lab

enhance undergraduate teaching and research."

The broad range of new equipment includes 56 microscopes for biology, 19 pentium processor computers for math

## Erp estate provides gift for scholarship fund

Ouachita recently received a gift of approximately \$700,000 from the estate of Mrs. Ruth Erp. Mrs. Erp, a longtime resident of Booneville, passed away on March 11, 1997. Prior to her death, Mrs. Erp created a Revocable Trust, making Ouachita a primary beneficiary to her estate.

Ouachita trustee and Booneville resident Jeral Hampton provided assistance to Mrs. Erp as she created her plans for the establishment of the fund.

This generous gift will be used to fund the J. Keith Edwards and Ruth Erp En-

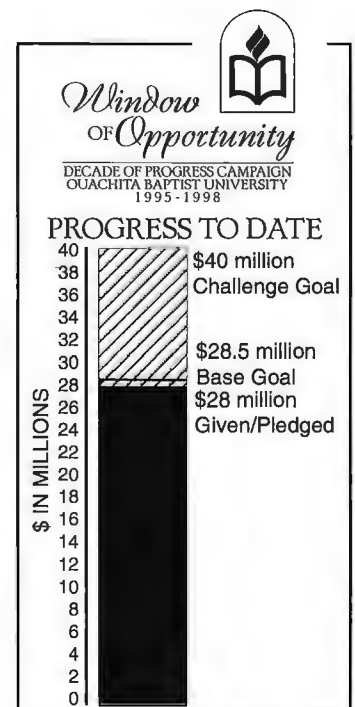
dowed Scholarship Fund. Erp and Edwards (a Ouachita class president 80 years ago) were married until Edwards' death due to cancer.

In accordance with the terms of the Trust, Ouachita will retain and invest the proceeds from Erp's estate as permanent principal. Any additional contributions to the fund will also be retained and invested as principal. The income generated from these investments will be used to award scholarships to future Ouachita students.

"Maintaining affordable tuition costs for our students is an important priority. One

way to accomplish this is through the creation of an endowed scholarship," said John Cloud, director of estate and gift planning. "We are most grateful to Mrs. Erp. Her gift will benefit Ouachita students for generations to come. We are grateful to her for the legacy she leaves behind."

The J. Keith Edwards and Ruth Erp Endowed Scholarship Fund will award the scholarships to students based on guidelines set forth in the Trust. Pursuant to the intentions of Erp, an important factor in awarding the scholarship will be the financial need of a prospective student.



## • ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS •

### **The Cothran Endowed Scholarship Fund**

The Cothran Endowed Scholarship Fund for Missionary Dependents is established by Mr. Joseph G. Cothran of Greenville, South Carolina. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to dependents of Southern Baptist Convention missionaries who are full-time students at Ouachita.

### **The Jerry Cound Endowed Scholarship Fund**

The family and friends of Jerry Cound have recently established the Jerry Cound Endowed Scholarship Fund. Jerry, a 1995 graduate of Ouachita, died on March 15, 1996. Jerry received two heart transplants during his lifetime -- the first transplant during his ninth grade year, and the second while a student at Ouachita. In awarding this scholarship, very strong preference will be given to students who are transplant patients. Above all, the recipient of this scholarship will demonstrate a genuine love for and appreciation for God's gift of life.

### **The Crittenden Family Endowed Scholarship Fund**

This fund is established by Mr. and Mrs. James E. Crittenden ('50) of Beaumont, Texas, in memory of the members of their family who attended Ouachita. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students at Ouachita. The amount of the awards will vary to provide meaningful assistance to students who might otherwise find it difficult or impossible to bear the financial burden of completing a degree at Ouachita.

### **The Mandy Draffen Fulton Endowed Scholarship Fund**

The Mandy Draffen Fulton Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established with gifts and pledges from the family and friends of Mandy Draffen Fulton, a 1988 Ouachita graduate from Paragould. Mandy was a much loved and greatly admired member of the Ouachita family who lost a courageous battle with cancer in June of 1996. She was an education major at Ouachita and taught in public education for several years. The effort to begin this endowment was initiated and coordinated by Felley Nall Lawson, also a 1988 graduate, as a means of honoring Mandy and continuing her influence on the education of young people.

### **The Eubank Endowed Scholarship Fund**

The Eubank Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established with gifts from the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Eubank and in memory of Mrs. Eubank, who died in July of this year. The Fund will be used to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students at Ouachita. Additional gifts may be added at any time.

### **The Robbie Hobbs Endowed Fund for Mission Support**

The Robbie Hobbs Endowed Fund for Mission Support has been established with gifts from the family and friends of Mr. Robbie Hobbs of Lone Star, Texas. Scott Hobbs, a 1987 graduate of Ouachita, is the son of Mr. Hobbs. The Fund will be used to support mission causes at Ouachita. Additional gifts may be made to the fund at any time.

### **The Mary McPherson Harmon Endowed Scholarship Fund**

The Mary McPherson Harmon Endowed Scholarship Fund was established from the estate of Mrs. Mary McPherson Harmon of Little Rock. The Fund will provide scholarship assistance to full-time students at Ouachita.

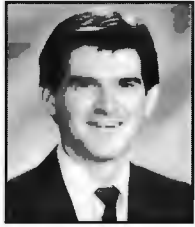
### **The Carl B. Ramsey, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund**

This fund has been established by Dr. and Mrs. Carl B. Ramsey, Sr. in memory of their son, Carl B. Ramsey, Jr., who graduated magna cum laude from Ouachita in 1982.

The recipient of this scholarship should be a person of high moral, Christian character, have a strong academic record, and preferably an interest in science and/or medicine with a keen interest in pediatrics.

### **The Braxton B. and Ruth Sawyer Endowed Scholarship Fund**

The Braxton B. and Ruth Sawyer Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by family and friends of Braxton B. ('39) and Ruth Sawyer to provide assistance to full-time students at Ouachita. Gifts may be added to the fund at any time. Recipients will be students who demonstrate financial need and who are planning to enter some form of vocational or bi-vocational ministry.



**Dr. Joseph Bradshaw**, assistant professor of chemistry, was recently accepted for publication in the *International Inorganic Chemistry Journal*, "Inorganica Chimica Acta."

The journal will feature Bradshaw's paper, "New Non-Ionic Water-Soluble Porphyrins: Evaluation of Manganese (III) Polyhydroxylamide Porphyrins as MRI Contrast Agents." The results of Bradshaw's work are now patented.



**Dr. Ouida Keck**, associate professor of music and first vice president of the National Federation of Music Clubs, the nation's largest music organiza-

tion, was honored recently by being named the Outstanding College Teacher of the Year by the Arkansas State Music Teachers Association (ASMTA).

The criteria for award selection includes an outstanding teaching record, community and musical service, and contributions to ASMTA. Keck is past president of ASMTA and has served the organization in several other leadership capacities.



For the 32nd consecutive year, **Dr. W. Francis McBeth**, distinguished university professor, professor emeritus of music, resident composer and

former chair of the department of theory/composition of the division of music of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts, has been honored nationally in receiving a 1997-98 American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Award for his music compositions.

The ASCAP awards committee said McBeth's career is an illustrious one that reflects favorably on Ouachita and on his personal commitment to the growth and appreciation of music for all ages.

McBeth's works for bands and conducting have brought him worldwide recognition. His publications include works for all media, choral, chamber, orchestra and band.

8 • Faculty/Staff News

## Kolb serves community as mayor

Mike Kolb has his plate full serving in dual roles as Mayor of Arkadelphia and Director of Career Planning and Placement at Ouachita.

Kolb, a native of Tyler, Texas, was transferred with his family in 1978 by Exxon Corporation from Nacogdoches, Texas to Arkadelphia, where he served as a petroleum energy landsman.

A career change brought Kolb to the doorsteps of Ouachita where he was hired

as registrar and director of admissions in 1982. In 1987, the title of director of placement was added to the job description. And in 1995, Kolb was named to a newly created post on the campus as director of career planning and placement.

Kolb said that since his first day on the administrative staff he was encouraged by Ouachita's leaders to become active in the community. Kolb first joined the Arkadelphia Rotary Club, and later other community, religious, political, economic and social groups and agencies.

That desire to serve propelled Kolb into the ranks of the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce where he was elected to serve a term as president and was the Chamber's Citizen of the Year in 1988.

His love for people led him into the political realm, where he won a position on the City of Arkadelphia Board of Directors. From that spot, he was subsequently elected as mayor of the city in 1996. "I was encouraged by many people to run for the position." He was unanimously elected to the position by his fellow board members. Arkadelphia has the city manager form of government, where the mayor usually takes a more ceremonial role.

Kolb said, "I am mayor because of Ouachita's commitment to their faculty and staff. They have a strong desire for the staff and faculty to be involved in the community." His role as mayor is crucial but is usually more ceremonial than political. "I have a desire to serve this community... politics plays only a small role," he said.

The tornado that hit Ouachita on March 1st of last year dramatically

changed Kolb's role as mayor. After the tornado, Kolb left campus for two weeks, in order to fulfill his job as mayor. He said "everyone on campus was extremely supportive. They knew what I was doing, and supported it." He said he was encour-

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**Mike Kolb**

aged to see a large contingent of volunteers following the tornado from all areas of the community, and, in particular, college students from Ouachita and Henderson State University and Arkadelphia High School students and their teachers.

Kolb said that his main goal this term is a continued focus on tornado recovery. "We plan to make rather dynamic changes," he said. "We want the downtown area to reflect the early 1900's." Kolb and the city fathers have been working long hours with existing business owners downtown on the new outlook and at the same time promoting new interests in the city as a place for businesses to locate.

He expects the tornado recovery to be a six year process, and looks for the population of Arkadelphia to increase from its current population of 10,000 to 15,000.

When Kolb started his term of office as mayor, he had no idea how dramatically his role would change in a matter of minutes.

He said the tornado taught him more than he could have ever imagined. "It taught me to work with and depend on others. I am a pretty independent person and working with others was a tremendous plus for me," Kolb said.

Although this term has caused more stress on Kolb he has enjoyed it because of his love for the community. "This community has a spirit unlike other cities and it's hard to define," he said. "I think the young people particularly contribute to Arkadelphia's unique spirit," said Kolb.

For Mike Kolb, the willingness to serve others is a reflection of what he sees in others as his "team" of citizens endeavor to make Arkadelphia the city anticipating its role in the approaching new millennium.

# A gathering from around the

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With students attending Ouachita from such places as Australia, Uruguay, Mexico, Kenya, Great Britain, Sweden, China, and Russia, campus students and faculty have the opportunity to experience an international diversity in both the academic and extracurricular settings.

This year, Ouachita is serving as host to 88 international students and 90 children of Southern Baptist Convention career missionaries, known commonly as Missionary Kids (MK's) from a total of 57 countries.

"Ouachita firmly believes that exposure to international programs appreciably benefits the development of the whole person and the institution, in general," said Dr. Trey Berry, director of the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program and assistant professor of history at Ouachita.

International students and MK's make up almost 11 percent of Ouachita's student body. The university's reputation has attracted, Berry said, some of the "brightest and best" students from around the world.

"These students have gone to great lengths to come to school in America and they see the importance in succeeding," Berry said. "They are determined to follow through with their investment and do their very best," Berry said.

Approximately 75 percent of the international students are degree seeking students. The vast majority of these students study in the business and science fields.

The other 25 percent will spend either a semester or a year studying at Ouachita.

Several steps are taken by Ouachita to help these students prepare for the upcoming semesters in America. They are sent an "International Student Handbook" before the year begins which explains some of the things to expect when they arrive at Ouachita. Other steps, like an orientation period at the beginning of the school year and the requirement to have an American roommate their first semester, also help make the transition easier. However, students are left to make the majority of the adjustment themselves.

"The International Studies Program likes to step back and let these students fend for themselves, yet we always offer avenues for their hopeful success in making the transition. They don't really need us to hold their hands; they need the experience of adapting to this new culture for themselves," Berry said.

For many, it is the first time they have ever been to the United States. Others have attended school in America for several years.

Lika Alieva, a junior biology major from Baku,

Azerbaijan, said, "I have been a student in the United States since I was a senior in high school. An American education offers many more benefits for the future.

"The toughest part about studying so far away from home is seeing my family only during the summers. I guess that's the sacrifice I have to make in order to obtain the education I desire," Alieva continued.

Other students also expressed sadness over the lack of family contact. Jeremy Greenwich, a sophomore history major whose parents serve as missionaries in Floranopolis,

Brazil, said, "It's hard getting used to not having your parents near-by. It strains the entire family being separated."

All will agree that one of the downfalls of living so far from home is not being able to go

home to their families for holidays and vacations. Many MK's and international students go to the homes of their friends and classmates, while others go to host families provided by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Jeffrey Verlander, a sophomore business major whose parents are missionaries in

Senegal, West Africa, said, "I spend weekends and some holidays with the friends I've made here at Ouachita. I also attended the MK retreat last Thanksgiving, but nothing substitutes for spending the breaks with family."

International students and MK's are given many opportunities to get involved on campus. The International club is open not only to international students, but also MK's and American students. It is designed to acquaint students with varying backgrounds and cultures through weekend fellowships, athletic events, and other campus gatherings. However, all international students are encouraged to be involved in any and all campus clubs and organizations.

"One of the main reasons I decided to rush and pledge to a social club and get involved on campus through other activities was to get to know more people. My friends are like a second family," Verlander continued.

Berry believes that the university greatly benefits from the diversity of the international students and MK's bring to the campus.

"There is a great value in a global education. Not only does the experience of other cultures help to make students more marketable in an ever shrinking world, but it also helps to broaden their understanding that there are people and things that are also important in this world other than America," said Berry.

· by Joanna Haver



**BRINGING THE WORLD TO OUA-CHITA** • Leigh Anne McKinney, international student admissions counselor, is surrounded by four of the students from Japan. These students are Yurika Tamura, Kumiko Saito, Matsue Sato, and Makiko Saito.

From the riverfront development to Jones Science Center,  
Bill Harkrider spent 22 years leading a team in

# Building a campus

As he walked across campus, his eyes moved from the bright yellow pansies to the white blossoms of the Bradford pears—from the imposing columns of the Harvey Jones Science Center to the red and blue of the Union Jack rustling in the afternoon breeze at the international flag plaza.

Bill Harkrider knows every inch of the campus at Ouachita.

Harkrider's retirement after 22 years as director of the physical plant was not something that Dr. Ben M. Elrod, chancellor of Ouachita, wanted to consider. So, the chief executive did the logical thing. He convinced Harkrider to remain at Ouachita as a consultant for new building projects.

"Bill was ready to retire when he turned 65 last month, but we were pleased that he agreed to stay with us in the area of new construction," Elrod said. "Bill has been directly involved in the building or renovation of almost every structure on campus. We need his expertise."

John Hardman, who replaced Harkrider as director of the physical plant on Oct. 1, was among a group which gathered on Sept. 30 to honor Harkrider on his last day in his former position. "The man can do anything," Hardman said. "He is very knowledgeable in several areas, and I think that's been a big bonus for him through the years. It builds respect when the craftsmen know that he understands every step of their work."

## Building Organization

Arguably, Harkrider's greatest contribution has been



the creation of an organization which honors the skill of individuals and builds the common bond of a team. The University's growth and increasing demands on its maintenance department required a systematic approach.

Harkrider started by convincing the University of the importance of competitive salaries for craftsmen in maintenance and setting in place a supervisory system which amounts to leadership training for maintenance employees.

"Our people are great and their evaluations reflect it," said Harkrider. "A person who holds a master plumber's license didn't get it by just asking for it. He had to earn that by demonstrating his proficiency in that area. He is a craftsman, and he deserves a proper salary structure."

Once an employee shows the necessary skills, he is considered for a supervisory role, in which he is expected to help develop the skills of those under him. Teamwork is emphasized.

"We look for skill, but we also look for attitude and how they interact with others," Harkrider said.

"We want people to be motivated to be proud of their work, no matter what kind of work it is," he said. "It is all important. I'm constantly tell-

ing them when they're doing a good job. If something needs improvement, you tell them how to make it better and that you're confident they can do it."

Through increased skills, greater motivation and a systematic approach to addressing needs of the University, the maintenance department has become more efficient and its employees have found the work more fulfilling.

With the new era of excellence has come a new era of higher expectations. Hardman believes the staff and organization Harkrider has left behind will be up to the challenge.

"A lot of forethought has gone into the process," Hardman said. "We've come a long way, but we can't be complacent. We must continue to take steps forward."

Harkrider agreed. "I think that John is inheriting a good system, but he will do his thing now and continue to improve all these good things for Ouachita," he said. "I'm excited about it. You won't find a more dedicated group of people than the group here."

## Construction Consultant

In his busy semi-retirement, Harkrider will concentrate on Ouachita's seemingly never-ending stream of construction projects.

"We're a new school from

the standpoint of buildings and grounds," Harkrider said. "In facilities, we're a 25- to 27-year-old school.

"Our publics have been good to us—our trustees, our alumni, our donors. That's what caused all this to happen," he said. "The goodness of the Bernice Joneses, the Katie Speers, and so many others—these are the people that have made (the campus renovation and expansion) possible. Then we've tagged onto that by giving them a finished product they can be happy with."

As a consultant, Harkrider will work with the faculty and staff who will occupy a new or renovated building and the architects and contractors who will design and build the project.

"I'm a goal-setter. I can envision the projects that we're going to do and how they'll look," he said. "I see all of this in a picture in my mind—what Moses-Provine will look like, what the extension of Berry Bible Building will look like and what the new cafeteria will look like. I see a project, and then to sit back and watch it grow and become a finished product is a tremendous joy."

With the aforementioned plans still on the drawing board, Harkrider's next project will be the construction of new steps and landings to further enhance and increase accessibility of the Katie Speer Pavilion and Gardens on the shore of the Ouachita River.

Development of Ouachita's riverfront property had been a long-term goal of Harkrider's (and the University's), and was finally realized in this decade. The



# Hardman named director of University's physical plant

John Hardman of Arkadelphia has been named director of the physical plant at Ouachita.

Hardman, who has worked at Ouachita for nine years, was promoted to the director's position on Oct. 1, upon the retirement of Bill Harkrider, who had served as physical plant chief for 22 years.

Hardman, an Arkadelphia native, came to Ouachita as a mechanical supervisor and has served for two years as assistant physical plant director. He said he looked forward to the challenges of the job.

"The biggest challenge may be the upkeep of everything we have going now, but we've also got a number of new projects lining up," said Hardman. "We're in the process of updating technology, plus the beautification and design of campus is important to us."

Technology improvements refers to both the increased access of students to the internet through residence hall hook-ups and a computerized approach to traditional maintenance work.

Ouachita's Energy Management System is a computer network which controls all the basics for the campus's main buildings, including heating and cooling systems, water temperature, etc. Hardman said a goal will be to get all the buildings

## Harkrider (continued)

same was true of Harkrider's landscaping goals for campus.

### Campus Beautification

Postponed for years because of greater needs in the budget, Ouachita recently has been able to fund a more elaborate plan for campus beautification. What they've found is that a more beautiful campus attracts students, sends a positive message to faculty, staff and campus visitors alike and sets the tone for a place that takes pride in itself.

"We had tried to do some landscaping earlier, but we got a lot of green on green," Harkrider said. "It always had to be a lower priority because of other needs. Consequently, it's been over the past three or four years that we've been able to fund landscaping.

"Then we really ran with it," he said. "People come back now and tell me they think the campus is one of the most

up to state-of-the-art technology, which in turn will increase energy efficiency.

Continuing an emphasis on campus beautification is a key goal, also. Creating a setting that encourages pride in the school and sends a positive message to students, faculty, staff, alumni, the community and prospective students and their parents is a challenge Hardman is anxious to accept.

"We want campus to have the look of a home atmosphere," said Hardman. "We want the students to feel at home and be comfortable here. In addition to looking at the academic departments and meeting faculty and staff, prospective students and their parents ask themselves if this is the kind of place where students enjoy living. The appearance of the campus has a lot to do with their impression of the university."

Hardman's confidence in spite of the growing demands on the maintenance department is in part because of the dedication of his staff.

"The people who work here want to do what we're doing," Hardman said. "They want to go to seminars and classes to increase their skills and stay up to date. They're interested in improving things for tomorrow, not just working 8 to 5 today."

· by Jeff Root

beautiful they've seen. It's because of the generosity of a lot of supporters of Ouachita. I take pride in it because the University has funded it, and our people have done it."

So, if he seems to spend a little extra time studying the new skyline of Ouachita Street or the lean of a Walnut tree on North Campus, don't disturb his concentration. He's spent 22 years making it happen.

And, the happy ending is that the association hasn't ended at all. Bill Harkrider will have more time with his family, but his days at Ouachita will last as long as the enthusiasm in his voice as he talks of a new project.

"I have no bad days when it comes to Ouachita," he said. "I get up every day with excitement that I'm going to Ouachita."

· by Jeff Root

## —Newsmakers—



The scientific, ethical and social challenges confronting the international health care scene, particularly as each relates to genetic research, was

the topic of a speech delivered by **Dr. Isaac Mwase**, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, at a workshop hosted recently by the division of medical humanities at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences campus in Little Rock.

Mwase's speech was titled "Science, Religion, and the Human Genome Project" and was presented to a variety of health care professionals and those from allied fields in the state gathered for the meeting.

Mwase said his topic presentation in Little Rock was related to the rapidly unfolding current societal discussions concerning genetic research, technology and application and the relationship of the area to humanities.



**Dr. Robert Stagg**, the J.C. and Mae F. Fuller Professor of Bible, and his wife, Betty, recently attended the fifteenth annual international meeting of the

Society of Biblical Literature in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The annual meeting, hosted by the faculty of the Sciences of Humanities of the University of Lausanne, was attended by more than 300 Bible scholars from throughout the world.

Throughout the conference, 45 sessions were held dealing with topics in the areas of biblical scholarship, Christian history, biblical archaeology, and background studies of the Ancient Near East.

One of the programs included an organ recital in the Cathedral of Lausanne, which was dedicated in the year 1275 A.D. with Pope Gregory X and Holy Roman Emperor Rudolf I (Hapsburg) present on the occasion. The conference ended with a banquet cruise on Lake Geneva.

While on the trip, the Staggs also visited Florence and Venice, Italy and many other locations in both Switzerland and France.

# mpus BRIEFS

◆ Approximately 60 Arkadelphia and Caddo Valley area merchants participated in the fourth annual Spotlight on Arkadelphia program at Ouachita on Tuesday, Aug. 26.

The event is designed to acquaint new and returning students at Ouachita with the programs, goods and services of area merchants.

◆ The Center for Christian Ministries (CCM) at Ouachita sponsored its annual Fall Pastors' Conference, Oct. 2-3.

Conference participants studied the Bible book of Luke, which is the focus of the annual Winter Bible Study meetings held in churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Speakers from Ouachita taking part in the conference included: Dr. Terry Carter, associate professor of religion; Dr. Scott Duvall, associate professor of religion; Dr. Isaac Mwase, assistant professor of religion and philosophy; and Dr. Bill Steeger, chair of the department of religion and philosophy.

◆ Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee signed copies of his book "Character is the Issue—How People With Integrity Can Revolutionize America" at a booksigning in the Ouachita bookstore on Thursday, October 9. Huckabee is a graduate of Ouachita and a member of the Ouachita Board of Trustees.

In the book, Huckabee discusses his years in the ministry and presents his vision for a government "grounded in Christian character and solid moral values."

Before entering politics, Huckabee served for 11 years as pastor in Pine Bluff and Texarkana.

## Ouachita included in best values by U. S. News & World Report

For the third consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Ouachita Baptist University as one of the best values among regional liberal arts colleges and universities in the south.

Ouachita was ranked fourth in the south in two categories, Best Value and Operating Efficiency. The former reflects the cost of attending an institution compared to its quality, while the news-magazine described the latter as a

measure of "schools that provide a quality education while spending relatively less."

U.S. News also released its annual academic rankings, in which Ouachita was placed in the top 25 percent in the south among regional liberal arts colleges. It was this designation that made Ouachita eligible for the Best Values rankings.

"We are pleased that Ouachita's quality academic programs and value to the con-

sumer has once again been recognized by U.S. News & World Report," said Dr. Ben M. Elrod, chancellor of Ouachita. "This recognition illustrates what students, parents and alumni have been telling us for some time, that a Ouachita education is a good investment."

More than 125 colleges and universities are categorized by U.S. News & World Report as regional institutions in the south. · by Jeff Root

## Enrollment increases 35 percent in last 10 years

With the fall 1997 enrollment figures compiled, Ouachita has surpassed last year's record number in undergraduate enrollment, according to Dr. Ben M. Elrod, chancellor of Ouachita.

Ouachita's fall enrollment of 1,619 is the largest group of undergraduates in attendance

at the 111-year-old institution of Christian higher education. The figure represents an increase of more than 35 percent in the past 10 years and a one percent increase over the record 1996 enrollment.

"The tremendous surge in enrollment at Ouachita has continued throughout the

decade of the 1990's," said Elrod. "It is an endorsement of our programs and the direction in which Ouachita has been headed. Our twin emphasis on Christian and academic excellence seems to be one students and their parents welcome."

· by Jeff Root

## Faculty/staff host BSU Encounter Groups

A new approach to an old system has proved to be successful as the Baptist Student Union at Ouachita ministers to students in an off-campus environment.

Known as Encounter Groups, the program is open to all students, and is a variation of the traditional Bible studies formerly held in OBU residence halls, but now with new locations. This year's weekly meetings are being held in faculty and staff homes at 9 p.m. every Tuesday evening:

"The studies have been moved to faculty/staff homes this year in order to offer a warm, friendly environment and a chance to go off campus during the week," says Ian Cosh, director of the Ouachita

BSU. "We also want to just change things up to offer something different," adds Cosh.

Attendance has doubled as result of the switch, he said.

Seven groups are available three for women, three for men, and one for couples.

The topics of the men's studies are: "The Sermon on the Mount" led by Dr. Roy Buckelew; "God's Invitation, a Challenge to College Students" led by Cosh; and "James: Faith That Works" led by John Tolbert.

The topics of the women's studies are: "Beauty and the Best" led by Leigh Anne McKinney; "God's Invitation, a Challenge to College Students" led by Kathy Carter; and "Becoming a Woman of Christian Excellence" led by

Donna Hays.

Encounter director Scott Walsh, who attends Buckelew's study, said he really enjoys the chance of getting to know a professor who teaches outside of his major. "It's a great mentoring experience," Walsh said. "I'm even thinking of taking a class from Dr. Buckelew since I have a few hours to play around with. I enjoy getting to know him and learning from his wisdom."

Mendi Stiles, the co-president of the BSU, attends the couples class. Stiles said the group is studying different relationships in the Bible, such as those of Ruth and Boaz. "Having the study in homes is much more personal and comfortable," said Stiles.

· by Rachel Deckelman

# Celebrating 30 years in the SPOTLIGHT

Ouachita's department of theatre arts of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts hosted a 30th anniversary celebration of Verser Theatre on Saturday, October 25.

The celebration included an open house and tour of Verser Theatre and Jones Performing Arts Center, celebrating the past and future development of the theatre arts department at OBU, and a performance of the play "J.B." by playwright Archibald MacLeish.

More than 1000 former and current theatre students and participants, along with supporters of the theatre arts department at Ouachita, were invited to attend the anniversary activities. Mrs. Kati Holt, widow of Dennis Holt, the deceased and respected former chair of the Ouachita theatre arts department, was the guest of honor for the celebration.

"Katie helped us to organize the celebration," said Dr.

Scott Holsclaw, chair of the department of theatre arts at OBU and associate professor of theatre arts. The reunion day began with tours for the public of both Jones and Verser, with the banquet that followed on the Jones stage.

Current students took part in the celebration through a presentation for the public of



**ON STAGE** • Ouachita students present "J.B." in a performance celebrating the 30th anniversary of Verser Theatre. "J.B." was the first play presented in Verser in 1967.

"J.B.," the first play presented on Verser's stage in 1967. "J.B." is a modern day version of the biblical book of Job.

Holsclaw said the history of the department is an outstanding one in the development of theatre appreciation and performance among people both on and off the Arkadelphia campus.

"The department has been

blessed in the past 30 years," said Holsclaw. "We have had the support of faculty and staff, along with determined and motivated students, throughout this department's history. Verser's construction helped to encourage more students to get involved with the theatre."

The establishment of Verser in 1967 gave the theatre arts department an "identity" on campus. "Verser gave us a place where we could create," said Holsclaw. "It made us more noticeable and more connected to the campus."

When Jones Performing Arts Center was built in 1992, Verser was given a "face-lift." The two buildings were joined, giving Verser additional exposure on the campus.

"After Jones was built we were no longer considered 'that building over there.' We were automatically placed in the middle of the majority of Ouachita's activity," said Holsclaw.

The number of students involved in the theatre arts department has grown in the past 30 years as well. According to Holsclaw, there are approximately 25 students who are currently majoring in the-



atre and those who enjoy performing yet aren't majors or minors," he added.

A variety of performances and script material is presented by students in the OBU theatre arts department each year.

"The educational philosophy of the department is to allow students to obtain a background that will benefit them in any theatrical setting," Holsclaw said. "We like to give them an opportunity to perform in all areas of theatre."

"The variety the department offers not only allows the performers to expand their acting abilities, but it exposes the students and guests of our performances to an assortment of playwrights and authors," Holsclaw said.

by Joanna Haver



The Division of Music of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts at Ouachita presented the fairy tale opera "Hansel and Gretel," by Engelbert Humperdink, in November.



"A Festival of Christmas" was presented Dec. 5 & 6 before two full houses in Jones Performing Arts Center. The production was televised Christmas morning on KARK-Ch. 4.

# H Reaching to New S HEIGHTS

HOMECOMING • 1997

- Alumni, family, and friends of Ouachita gathered Nov. 8-9 for Homecoming activities.
- The FSA sponsored a reunion dinner on Friday evening in Evans Student Center.
- Twelve clubs and organizations hosted coffees and teas for their alumni.
- The FSA hosted the annual FSA luncheon on Saturday. Entertainment was provided by the Tiger Tunes Hosts and Hostesses. FSA officers and advisors for 1997-98 were elected.
- Allyson Greenwich was elected homecoming queen by a vote of the student body. Greenwich is a junior music education and elementary education major from Garland, TX.



Tiger Tunes Winners • Tri Chi Women's Social Club



Tiger offense moves the ball against Harding

## A Prayer Offered at Homecoming '97

*Thank you, God, for letting us get together again. We appreciate the challenge you have given us -- it's not real easy to recognize twenty-year-old kids disguised in old adult bodies. And some of us look so funny, God, it's hard not to laugh.*

*Thanks, too, God for preserving Ouachita so another generation can brag to their children about bleeding purple and gold. We know that we are special ... we hope the world has noticed, too.*

*Thank you for letting us live on Earth this long. In the time we have left here, help us live so we won't have to practice much when we get to heaven. See you, God. Amen.*

• An Alum



**Homecoming Queen Allyson Greenwich with husband Jason**



**Kappa Chi Reunion**



**Reunion Dinner**

- The Tigers hosted the Bison of Harding University. It was a hard-fought game with Ouachita coming up short 31-28, and ending the season at 4-6.
- After-game fellowships were hosted in Evans Student Center for reunion groups and their families.
- Tiger Tunes drew the largest crowd ever, with approximately 4,200 tickets sold for the three-night event.
- The crayons of the Tri Chi Women's Social Club won first place in Tiger Tunes with the theme "In Living Color." Second place was awarded to the spacemen of Kappa Chi for "See, Believe, SURRENDER!," third place to the sailors of Chi Delta for "Come Sail Away," and fourth place to the EEE eggs for "EEE's Eggstraordinaire." Also competing were the Beta Betas as M&Ms in "Melt 'N' in Your Heart, Not in Your Hand," BSU as frogs in "Frog Frenzy," and Gamma Phi as boxers in "Gamma's Gonna Knock You Out."





**NATIONALS •** (left) Pasley Heard carries the ball for the BSU Powerhouse women's football intramural championship team. The team placed second in the state tournament and earned a place in the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association tournament held Dec. 27-31 in New Orleans.



**TIGER OFFENSE •** (upper right) William Judge, a junior running back from Vicksburg, MS, gains yardage for the Tigers.

**CELEBRATION •** (right) Christy Hudson, a junior outside hitter from Terrytown, LA, celebrates a victory with her teammates.



## Dann chosen for induction into NAIA Hall of Fame

Ouachita swimming and diving coach Jim Dann has been chosen for induction into the NAIA Hall of Fame.

Dann, 45, has served as the head coach at Ouachita since 1981 and has led the Tiger Sharks and Lady Tiger Sharks to outstanding team finishes and guided the efforts of 67 All American men and women swimmers and divers, along with four national champions.

Dann's selection for the honor in the coaches category was announced by Dr. Steven B. Baker, president and chief executive officer of the NAIA in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"This is tribute in recognition of Jim exemplifying the highest ideals of intercollegiate athletics and fine moral character," said Baker.

The Hall of Fame awards ceremony will be held at the opening banquet of the annual NAIA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships on 16 • Campus News

Wednesday, March 4, in Fife, Washington.

In addition to his duties as swimming and diving coach at Ouachita, Dann serves as assistant professor of physical education and athletic facilities manager. He also serves as games administrator at numerous Ouachita athletic contests.

Ouachita Athletic Director Buddy Benson said Dann's selection to the Hall of Fame was well received by his fellow coaches, administrators, team members, and individual students.

"Jim is a very hard working coach well deserving of this honor," said Benson. "He is well liked and respected both as a coach and person. We are all very happy for him."

Dann's Tiger Sharks have finished among the Top 10 teams in the nation in NAIA ranks on ten occasions since Dann signed on as head coach at OBU. His Lady Tiger Sharks initially formed as a

separate team in 1989 and since that time have been in the Top 20 clubs in the nation on seven occasions.

Last year, the Tiger Sharks finished in fourth place, while the Lady Tiger Sharks were tenth.

In addition to high team finishes last year, the athletic season saw Dann named by his fellow coaches as the NAIA National Swimming Coach of the Year. He was named in 1995-96-97 as NAIA National Diving Coach of the Year. He has been named as Master Coach by the College Swim Coaches Association. Conference honors came in the form of being chosen as Coach of the Year in 1983, 1985, 1993, and 1994.

Dann has received the certificate of coaching excellence from the American Swim Coaches Association every year since 1989.

Respected by his peers, Dann has served in every executive position of the NAIA

Swim Coaches Association, including two stints as president of the organization.

Dann and his wife, Sally, are the parents of a daughter, Robin, age 13.

With Dann's selection to the NAIA Hall of Fame, eight Ouachita coaches, former coaches and former athletes have been elected for the prestigious honor.

They include: Buddy Benson, OBU athletic director and former Tiger head football coach; Bill Vining, Sr., former athletic director and head men's basketball coach; Carolyn Moffatt, former head women's basketball coach; Dr. Bob Gravett, former cross country and men's track and field coach; Cliff Harris, former Ouachita great in football and All Pro free safety for the Dallas Cowboys; Leon Clements, former OBU star in men's basketball while playing for Vining; and Gerald Masterson, an All-America track star for the Tigers. • by Mac Sisson

# Sports Wrap-Up

## Swimming & Diving

The Ouachita men's and women's Tiger Sharks swimming and diving teams have been recognized by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America as Academic All-America Swimming Teams for the winter semester of 1997.

To qualify for this award, the entire swimming team must average at least a 2.8 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The Tiger Sharks averaged a 2.875 GPA and the Lady Tiger Sharks compiled a 2.833 GPA; both receiving commendable ratings by the association.

Two members of the OBU Tiger Sharks swimming and diving team also received individual honors. Carl Davis of Nacogdoches, Texas, a 1997 graduating senior, held a 3.960 GPA as a chemistry major and sophomore computer science major Catherine Manning from Allen, Texas, earned a 3.559 GPA.

To be eligible for an individual award, a swimmer or diver must qualify to participate in the NCAA or NAIA National Swimming and Diving Championships, must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5, and must have completed 24 semester hours.

"This is a great honor for our team and Carl and Catherine to receive this type of award," said Ouachita swimming and diving coach Jim Dann. "It shows a dedication to not only their sport, but also their academics."

## Cross Country

The Tiger and Lady Tiger cross country teams got their first taste of Lone Star Conference action in the conference meet hosted by Tarleton State University at Hunewell Ranch in Stephenville, Texas. The Tigers finished eighth out of 11 and the Lady Tigers finished 11th out of 13 teams in the conference meet.

Leading the Tigers was freshman Brandon Jeffus with a time of 28:30. Freshman Matt Parker was ranked in the Top 20 eight kilometer finishes throughout the season with his 27:03 finish in OBU's Bob Gravett Invitational Meet.

The Lady Tigers were led by sophomore Betsy Henry with a time of 21:11. Christy Henry, Anna Stuckey and Catherine Manning—all two-sport athletes at OBU—also ran for the Lady Tigers this season. The Lady Tigers will lose Hope Tate and Stacy Stuart to graduation after this season.

Grant Pate serves as the head men's coach, while Joveta Arnold is the women's coach.

## Football

Before the season coach Jimmy "Red" Parker's Tiger football team never expected to be going into their game with tenth-ranked Central Oklahoma playing for a tie in the north division of the Lone Star Conference. However, Parker and the players were not complaining.

At that point, the Tigers were 2-1 in divisional play and things were looking good. Ouachita won three of its last five games to finish 4-6 on the season and gained momentum going into next season. Ouachita fell to cross-town rival Henderson State University 36-23 at A.U. Williams Field in the first week. Ouachita finished its season against their only other Arkansas opponent, Harding University, on Homecoming and lost 31-28 on a last-second field goal by the Bison.

The Tigers were riddled by low numbers and injuries early in the season, but overcame those setbacks to finish the season strong. The Tigers dressed out 45 players at Angelo State University compared to fourth-ranked ASU's 111 players. The Tigers also had one week in which three players sported casts on broken hands. The Tigers finished 3-5 in their first season in the LSC and 3-3 in north divisional play.

Named to the 1997 All-Lone Star Conference First Team were Ben Wright and Jeff Works. Damien

Harris, Mark Palfreeman, and Jim Dippel were named Second Team All-Conference. Rico McClarity received Honorable Mention recognition. Receiving Academic All-Conference honors were Scott Witherspoon and Caleb Rawls.

## Volleyball

With nine new faces on her squad this season, Lady Tiger coach Betsy Danner needed her team to gel quickly. The youthful team returned only three players from last year going into their first season in Lone Star Conference action.

The Lady Tigers found their first season in LSC to be a rough one as they went 0-10 in conference play. Ouachita compiled a 6-27 record overall in the 1997 season.

The 1997 team loses only two players in Sarah Kelly and Christy Hudson before they prepare for the 1998 season and their second conference season.

Amy Croft and Susanne Kurth were recognized as Honorable Mention All-Conference volleyball selections in the Lone Star Conference North Division. Croft had an outstanding game average of 3.29 and also led OBU with 1049 total attacks. Croft was first on the team in defensive digs with 268 for an average of 2.27. Kurth led the Lady Tigers in serve percentage at .32 and 105 games.



**SHELTER INSURANCE** • Shelter Insurance agents John and Deborah Tackett and Heath Wallace, all of Arkadelphia, recently presented a \$3,655 check to the Ouachita athletic program as part of a \$1 million partnership agreement between the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and Shelter Insurance Companies. Deborah Tackett of Arkadelphia presents a check to Athletic Director Buddy Benson, acting on behalf of OBU, as part of Shelter Insurance Company's Partnership Program. Looking on are Shelter agents Heath Wallace (far l.) and John Tackett (far r.).



## Yevonne Conrad

President  
Former Students  
Association

The snow is falling softly here in Colorado as I write this article. Its sparkling clean blanket covers the landscape's imperfections, making everything appear fresh and new. This time of year is much like that blanket of snow. It is an opportunity for a fresh start, a new beginning.

As the 21st century quickly approaches, Ouachita's success will depend on providing that new beginning for future students. What is the focus of the Former Students Association in this plan? Henry Ford is quoted as saying, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is a progress; working together is a success."

That statement seems an appropriate description of our Association. We began as students, learning, sharing, and growing together. We continue to make progress as we stay in touch with each other and the campus. It is our privilege and responsibility, especially as former students, to work together to maintain the integrity and success of Ouachita in the 21st century.

My thanks to the Board of Advisors for their leadership and dedication to Ouachita. My thanks to all of you for your prayerful support and participation in making this University successful now and in the future.

# Former Students Association

In a business session during the annual Alumni Luncheon at Homecoming '97, proposed changes in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ouachita Former Students Association were approved as printed in the fall issue of "The Ouachita Circle." In keeping with those changes, the following were elected to serve the Association as officers for the following year, and as advisors for rotating three-year terms as shown.

### OFFICERS - ONE YEAR TERM

President	Yevonne Fleming Conrad	'74	Colorado Springs, CO
1st Vice President	Bruce Tippit	'76	Jonesboro, AR
2nd Vice President	Junanne Reynolds Brown	'73	Hope, AR
Tiger Network Chair	Wesley Kluck	'77	Arkadelphia, AR

### BOARD OF ADVISORS · THREE YEAR TERMS

#### ARKANSAS ADVISORS

			Term
John Morgan	'74	El Dorado	'98
Butch Reeves	'73	Bryant	'98
Olevia Deere Babb	'72	Cabot	'99
Craig Campbell	'87	Russellville	'99
Suzanne Duke Franklin	'83	Arkadelphia	'00
Larry Root	'80	Little Rock	'00

#### OUT-OF-STATE ADVISORS

Bogan Morgan	'74	Long Beach, CA	'98
Gretchen Hargis Peacock	'80	Sharpsburg, GA	'98
Brad Rountree	'77	Mesquite, TX	'99
Polly Nation Tuttle	'62	Henderson, TX	'99
Cindy Ritchie Walker	'74	Minden, LA	'00
Bill Vining, Jr.	'75	Smyrna, TN	'00

## Ouachita FSA Long Distance Service

Former students can now take advantage of competitive long distance rates and support the "Tiger Network Scholarship Program."

University Communications Home Connection rates for former students are:

\$.16/minute	(8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
\$.12/minute	(5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.)
\$.10/minute	(11:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m., plus weekends)

#### OUACHITA CALLING CARD

\$.18/minute (no surcharge or monthly fee)

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\$.15/minute (no monthly fee or minimum usage)

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## Upcoming Events

**GOLD TIGER LUNCHEON  
APRIL 17**

**HOME COMING  
OCTOBER 16-17**

**TIGER TUNES  
OCTOBER 15-17**

# Memorial Contributions

August 1, 1997 - October 31, 1997

Mrs. Billie E. Adams  
By: Mr. Grover Adams

Mr. Andy Blake Allison  
*Son of Charolette Allison*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Bobby G. Jones

Mr. James P. Allison  
By: Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Allison

Mr H. D. Bailey, Sr.  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Hickingbotham

Mr. William A. Bass  
*Father of Paul Bass*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Drs. Jeff and Deborah Root  
Drs. Andy and Jeanna Westmoreland

Mr. J. Perry Blount  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Nations

Mr. John D. Bradley  
By: LTC James W. Sanges  
COL and Mrs. Robert L. Utley

Mrs. Virginia Higgason Brewer  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Luther G. Brewer  
Mr. Robert Brewer

Dr. Dewey E. Chapel  
*Former Education Faculty*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson

LTC Marvin E. Childers  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod

Miss Elma Cobb  
By: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cloud  
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Mrs. Shad Medlin  
Mrs. Gloria C. Walker

Mrs. Elizabeth Colbert  
By: Ms. Mamie Ruth Abernathy

Mr. E. N. Conant  
By: Mrs. Anna Lee Conant

Mrs. Joyce L. Cowling  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Argyle Anderson

Mr. James Floyd Crain  
By: Mrs. Elizabeth Crain

Mr. Gordon Culpepper  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Charles Venus

Mrs. Mary Margaret Warren Davis  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Bennett

Mrs. Corinne Eubank  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Atkinson, III  
Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Black  
Bluff City Chapter,  
American Business  
Women's Association  
Mrs. Willie Mae Caughman  
Miss Christine R. Coffman  
Mr. and Mrs. Archie L. Ehrlich  
Ms. Lucille B. Eifling  
Ms. L. Jane Eubank  
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Eubank  
Greenlee Memorial Baptist  
Church, Pine Bluff, AR  
Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Harris  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Hobbs  
Ms. Elveta H. Hobson  
Dr. and Mrs. L. Milton Hughes  
Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Kittler  
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lindsey  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Matthews  
Dr. and Mrs. L. Jack McHaney  
Dr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Monfee  
Mrs. Margaret Muncy  
Mrs. Neil Nelson  
Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Nichols  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Clement Patton  
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Ponder  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Kenneth Reed  
Ms. Thelma N. Ridgway  
Mrs. J. H. Shepard  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Spillyards  
Trinity Foundation  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wells  
Drs. Andy and Jeanna Westmoreland  
Mr. and Mrs. William M. Willett

Mrs. Alvene Fowler  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Mann

Mr. Paul G. Frazier  
*Husband of Margaret Frazier*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Tom Murphree

Mrs. Sylvia Gates  
By: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. French

Mrs. Alla B. Gladden  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Argyle Anderson

Mr. Charles A. Gordon  
*Former Board of Trustee Member*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shults

Mr. John Carroll Hall  
By: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cloud  
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson

Mrs. Marjorie Meador Hankins  
By: Mr. and Mrs. George W. DeLaughter  
Mr. Warren E. Sorrells

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Drs. Woody and Freddie Jolley  
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby G. Jones  
Drs. Jeff and Deborah Root  
Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams

Dr. Lawson Hatfield  
By: Mrs. Juanita Hatfield

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Mrs. Billie Dove Hughes  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hughes  
Ms. Pauline A. Moore

Mr. Wilson Irby  
By: LTC James W. Sanges

Mr. Winfred K. Key  
By: LTC James W. Sanges

Mr. Herbert Manning  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Wade Allison

Dr. Weldon Marcum  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Garland H. Allen

Rev. D. C. McAtee  
By: Mrs. Clyta V. McAtee

Mrs. Marie McGarry  
By: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cloud

Mrs. Ruth Means  
By: Fraternal Order of Police  
Baton Rouge, LA,  
Lodge No. 1  
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Preisler

Ms. Freida Millsapps  
By: Mrs. Carolyn J. Berry

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Raper  
Newman  
By: Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Allison

Mr. Robert Niehuss  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod

Ms. Mabel Nutt  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Leland Tollett

Mrs. Louise Shaver Pendleton  
By: First Baptist Church,  
El Dorado, AR

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps  
*Former Ouachita President*  
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Mrs. Veda F. Gaines  
Dr. and Mrs. Tom Logue  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McVeigh  
Dr. and Mrs. Tom Murphree

Rev. Clarence R. Pierce, Jr.  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant  
Mrs. Sue C. Harris  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Jones  
Rev. Quincy D. Mathis  
Dr. James L. Sullivan

Mr. J. O. Reynolds  
By: Mr. and Mrs. David Cowden

Ms. May Roland  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams

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# Class Notes



**TIGER SERVE DAY** • Students and faculty work on a project at the Central Primary School playground as part of Tiger Serve Day on Saturday, October 18. Students, faculty and staff participated in several community service projects during the event which was hosted by the Center for Family and Community.

## Memorial Contributions

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Mrs. Ruth Sawyer

By: Mrs. Mary Lou Milner  
Carver

Mrs. C. L. Frates

Mr. Robert Gregory

Ms. Marilyn B. Myers

Mrs. Victoria Brown Shults

By: Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson

Mr. A. O. Smith

By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson

Mrs. Caroline Smith

By: Mr. and Mrs. Wade Allison  
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson  
and Stephanie

Mr. Ricky Teel

By: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duke

Mr. Earl Verser

*Former Board of Trustee Member*  
By: Miss Karen Verser

Mrs. Mollie Verser

By: Miss Karen Verser

Mr. David Waldorff

By: Dr. and Mrs. N. C. David,  
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Mrs. Peggy Warnock

By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod

Mr. Larry Watkins

By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G.  
Williams

Mrs. Ruth West

By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Mr. Nelson B. Eubank

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Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne  
Johnson  
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson

Mrs. Alicia Summers Woodell

By: LTC James W. Sanges

IN HONOR OF

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert I. Hamilton

By: Mrs. Evelyn Ward

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny L. Heflin

By: Ms. Catherine H. Mayton

Mr. Gerald W. Jackson

By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G.  
Williams

1930

**Cecil and Mildred Shuffield** celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary, June 4, 1997.

1937

**J. C. Smith** was honored by First Baptist Church of Stamps for 50 years of service as a deacon.

1943

**Joe Beth (Croxtan) Ward (fs)** lives in Anderson, South Carolina, where she retired in 1986.

1944

**Glen E. Crotts**, who retired as director of the Baptist Foundation of Arizona, recently served as consultant in the creation of the Baptist Foundation of Canada, uniting the development efforts of Canadian Baptist conventions, conferences, and unions. Dr. Crotts and wife Nannie Lou reside in Phoenix.

1945

**Sara (Biggs) Wells** of Newhall, California, received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the American Bible Society in June 1997.

1948

**Cotton Cordell (fs)** was inducted into the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame in September 1997. His fishing lures are manufactured by the Fort Smith based PRADCO.

1954

**Robert Shaddox** retired as pastor of Ironton Baptist Church. He and wife Ethel have moved to Harrison, AR.

1955

**Betty Sue (Holt) Dunnam** retired September 1 from Rayonier, Inc. in Fernandina Beach, FL. She and husband James are living in Orlando, FL, and are excited about being closer to their children.

1956

**Joseph Robbins** retired from teaching mathematics at Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX, after thirty-five years. He is now at home in Texarkana, AR.

**Roby Bearden** is senior scientific adviser at Exxon Research & Engineering. He recently was awarded the George A. Olah Award in petroleum chemistry in recognition of his technical leadership, collaborations and innovative contributions to petrochemical synthetic fuels and petroleum refining technologies.

1957

**Bill and Hazel Ann Goff** live in Azle, TX, where he teaches in the Fort Worth School District. They are building their retirement home in Arkadelphia and plan to relocate in May 1998.

1960

**Henry Whitlow** is the Director of the Learning Resource Center at LeTourneau University in Longview, TX.

**Walter Gilbreath** began serving in July as pastor of Kelso Baptist Church in McGehee, AR. He and wife, Mary, have four children.

**Paul and Clydia Stender** live in Harvard, IL, where he is in his tenth year as pastor of First Baptist Church. Clydia is a pre-kindergarten teacher in the Harvard School District.



# Class Notes

1961

**Gene Love** was named to the Oklahoma City University Board of Trustees in July. He and wife Carolyn live in Lawton, OK.

1963

**Franklin Washburn** earned his Master of Photography degree from Professional Photographers of America. He owns Washburn Photography in Little Rock, AR.

1965

**Margaret (Wingfield) Frazier** has been named director of campus housing at OBU. She had previously served as administrative assistant to Bill Dixon, OBU vice president for student services.

1967

**Rev. Carland Margie Kluck (MA)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, August 25, 1997, in Arkadelphia, AR. The Klucks have two children, **Sharon Townsend ('73)** of Starkville, MS, and **Wesley Kluck ('77)** of Arkadelphia.

**Ron Munn** is an associate professor of history at Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, LA.

1968

**Charles Hatch** is now a manager of Training and Organizational Development for Mervyn's California. He resides with his family in Fullerton, CA.

1969

**George Bates** was appointed superintendent of schools of the Washington County R-III Schools in Potosi, MO. He and wife, Rayetta, have just celebrated their 25th wed-

ding anniversary.

1970

**Ed Simpson** is pastor of Calvary Church in Little Rock, and is also a professor for Boyce Bible School and a supervisor for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's D.Min. program in Little Rock. He and wife, Pamela, have three children.

1971

**James Guthrie** began serving October 12 as pastor of Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. He and wife, **Rita (Justus, '72)** have two daughters, Jessica and **Jennifer (cs)**.

1974

**Frances (Eason) Nelson** is the marketing coordinator at Citizens First Bank, in Arkadelphia, AR. She and husband, Terry have 2 children, T.J. and Desarae.

1977

**Bill Sutley** is assistant news editor in the PR office at the University of Southern Mississippi. He stepped down in May 1997, from a year-long term as president of the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi. He and wife Brenda live in Hattiesburg, with their son Coy, 7. E-mail Bill at bill.sutley@usm.edu

**Dr. N. Douglas Anderson** is director of Thomason Library and associate professor of music at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC.

1978

**Dr. Alan Ainley** was named an alternate delegate to the Academy of General Dentistry's 1997 House of Delegates in Chicago. He is president-elect of the Arkansas Academy of General

Dentistry and serves on the executive council of the Arkansas State Dental Association. He and wife, **Jan (fs)**, live in Paragould, AR.

**Don and Sharon (Floyd) Phillips** have adopted a son, Jay, from Ecuador who is 12. They have two daughters, Jenny, 13 and Caroline, 10. Don is pastor at Calvary Baptist in Camden, AR.

**Art Horne** is the Executive Vice President of the Magnolia Hospital Foundation in Magnolia, AR.

1979

**Terry Toler** is the founder and president of Success Dynamics Inc., a company devoted to the development of sales training and helping individuals create success and excellence in every area of their lives. He is the author of "How to Make More Than a Million Dollars: A Proven Plan for Achieving the Ultimate Success in Life." He and wife Donna live in Hot Springs.

1980

**Wyley Elliott** has been promoted to senior banking execu-

tive/city president at NationsBank Hot Springs.

**Sheila Marie (Stender) Sartin** teaches high school home economics in Hamburg, AR. Husband, **Marty (1982)** is head baseball coach for Hamburg. They have one son, M.J., 8.

**Lyn (Peeples) Pruitt** was appointed to the Arkansas Bar Association's Civil Procedure Committee and reappointed for her third term on the Tort Law Committee.

1981

**Michael and Beth (Hunt, fs '83) Williams** are in Bossier City, LA, where he is chief of emergency services at Willis-Knighton Hospital.

1982

**Mitch Tapson** observed his 10th anniversary as pastor of Mount Carmel Church of Cabot. He and wife, **Linda**, have three daughters, Julie, **Emily (cs)**, and **Leslie (fs, '96)**.

1983

**Tony Woodell** has accepted a call to join the staff of

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**AUTOGRAPH** • Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee visits with Dr. Trey and Kathy Berry during a book signing held in the OBU Bookstore on October 9. Huckabee was signing copies of his book "Character is the Issue - How People With Integrity Can Revolutionize America."

## Mondy honored for work in food science

Nell I. Mondy, emerita professor of food science, nutrition and toxicology at Cornell University (Ithaca, N.Y.) was the 1997 winner of the Elizabeth Fleming Stier Award sponsored by the Institute of Food Technologists.

Mondy graduated summa cum laude from Ouachita in '43 with a B.A. in chemistry. She obtained her master's and doctoral degrees in biochemistry from the University of Texas and Cornell University respectively.

Founded in 1939, IFT is a non-profit scientific society with 28,000 members working in food science, technology, and related professions in industry, academia and government. This award honors an IFT member for his or her pursuit of humanitarian ideals and unselfish dedication that have resulted in significant contributions to the well-being of the food industry, academia, students, or the general public. It consists of a \$3,000 honorarium from the New York Section

of IFT and a plaque from IFT. The award was presented at the organizations annual meeting held in Orlando, Florida, in June.

Mondy has had a long, productive, and illustrious career in teaching, research, and extension in the United States and overseas in chemistry and food science. She has taught more than 5,000 undergraduate and hundreds of graduate students the subjects of chemistry, nutrition, food science, and toxicology during her long tenure at Cornell.

Her interests extend to the international arena, and she has served as a Visiting Scientist at the Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Nigeria; and at Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia. She has visited, given lectures, and/or served as a consultant for research institutes, universities, and food companies in 47 different countries. In 1987, she lectured with other IFT members in Chinese universities.



**Nell Mondy**

During 1983-84 she spent a three-month special leave at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Ibadan, Nigeria, to work

with yams and cassava. While there, she visited the Kersey Children's Home in Ogbomosho and was distressed to find many seriously malnourished children. Her colleagues at IITA were adapting soybeans for Nigeria and she persuaded them to donate soybeans to the Home. She then taught the staff the method of preparing soybeans into high protein foods for children. The Soy Research Group at IITA were looking for ways to introduce soybeans into the Nigerian diet; the Kersey Children's Home had a need, and neither knew of the other's existence until Mondy brought them together and started a long-lasting collaboration.

Information provided by the IFT.

rica. They are currently on furlough in Waco, TX.

**Tammy (Stender) Freeman** teaches high school art in Hamburg, AR. She received the school district's teacher of the year award for 1996.

**1987**

**Scott Stewart** lives in Waukesha, WI, where he teaches biology as an adjunct faculty member at Carroll College. E-mail Scott at [stewart@carroll1.cc.edu](mailto:stewart@carroll1.cc.edu)

**Joe Corbino** is a Sales Assistant with CITYGUIDE USA magazine, a Japanese-language tourist magazine. He also operates a small Internet website for tutoring in advanced English.

**1988**

**Melissa "Missy" Ramsey** has been named account executive for Jordan Associates Advertising/Communications in St. Louis, MO.

**1989**

**Brendan and Sarah (Brattain) Schaefer** live in Tacoma, WA, where they are houseparents for developmentally disabled adults.

**1990**

**Paul and Jennifer (Easter) Harrison** live in Frisco, TX, where Paul is Product and Operations Manager for Transcom General Agency in Dallas, and Jennifer cares for their two-year-old, Kelsey Grace.

**Mitch Bettis** is publisher of the Craig Daily Press in Craig, CO. He recently met two Ouachita alumni, **William "Bubba" ('77) and Cindy (Sisco fs '77) Byers**, who also live in Craig where Bubba is manager of the Holiday Inn.

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Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock as part-time minister of education. He and wife, **Peggy (Clay)** have two children, Emily and Nathaniel.

**1984**

**Jamie B. Fowler** of Atlanta, GA was recently made a partner in the accounting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick, one of the largest firms in the world. She directs their Total Tax Minimization practice.

**Roger Robins** is pastor of Highfill Baptist Church in Siloam Springs, AR. He and wife **Linda** have two children, Stephen and **Stephanie Gaddis ('97)**.

**LeAnn (Jimerson) Stewart** joined the staff of TRO Learning, Inc., as an Education Specialist. She received the 1996 MAACE Special Achievement award for her dedication and service to literacy efforts and adult education programming throughout Missouri. She and husband, David live in Columbia, MO.

**1985**

**Mike Seabaugh** and wife Laurie have moved from North Little Rock to Camden where he is pastor of First Baptist Church. They have two children, Shelby and Haydn.

**Britt Stender** is a district manager with American Family Insurance. He and wife Sheila live in Columbus, OH.

**1986**

**Bryan and Dana Bullington** are missionaries to Namibia, Af-

# Class Notes

1991

**Pat Cantrell** is in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Pendleton after a 6 month deployment in the Western Pacific Ocean.

**Craig Jenkins** is pastor of First Church of Marked Tree, AR. He and wife, **Melanie (Cicero, '93)** have one son, Ryan.

1993

**Mason Lane and Christin (Smith, '94) Harrison**, are living in Huttig, AR, where he serves as pastor of First Baptist Church.

1994

**Cris Belvin** is in Deland, FL, where he is Sports Information Director at Stetson University.

**Shauna Bauer** received her master's in chemical engineering from Texas A&M in August 1997. She is in Dallas, TX, with Trinity Consultants Incorporated, an air quality consulting company.

1995

**Joy (Mayfield) Amason** received her MS in speech-language pathology from Baylor University. She and husband, **Andy**, live in Benton.

**Cristi Watts** is band director in Red Oak School District in Red Oak, Texas. She received her master of music education from the University of Louisville in August 1997.

**Denice Dawley** received her masters in science education in May, 1997, from Henderson State University. She is a third grade teacher in Burlison, TX.

1996

**Steven and Dana (Campbell, '97) Cole** are living

in Pine Bluff where he serves as minister of music and activities at Central Baptist Church.

**Rebecca (Roe) Jones** is assistant information director for the Arkansas House of Representatives. She and husband Jason live in Benton, AR.

**Monica (Myers) Robertson** is a 4th grade English and Science teacher at Atlanta Independent School District in Texas. She and husband, **Matt**, live in Wake Village.

**Allen and Teri (Sherman) Morton** have moved to Fort Worth where Allen is attending Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

**Shannon "Litty" Littman** is Marketing Coordinator for Harbinger, producers of sports handwear and protective gear. She lives in Napa, CA.

**Christy Bonner** has joined the accounting firm Moore Stephens Frost in Little Rock as a staff accountant.

1997

**Zine Smith** attended NASA Academy at Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL, this summer. He and wife **Karen (Cowling, '96)** are living in Huntsville where Zine is attending the University of Alabama.

**Amy (Reaves) Reed** is working at Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff and attending nursing school. She and husband, **Ryan (fs '95)** live in Rison, AR.

## MARRIAGES

1985

**Britt Stender** to Sheila Marie Awe, April 5, 1997, Kirkland, IL.

1986

**Sonja Wiley** to Keith Patton,

August 2, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

1989

**C'ella Renae Fry to Jason Bates (94)**, August 30, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1990

**Jay Beard** to Stratton Horne, July 19, 1997, Memphis, TN.

1992

**Christine Schleiff** to Brian Harper, August 16, 1997, North Little Rock, AR.

1993

**Dana C. Caldwell** to Leah Rose Cross, July 26, 1997.

**Regina Lilly (fs)** to Bryan Braswell, August 16, 1997, North Little Rock, AR.

**Kristy Ann Lindsey** to James Randal Ross, September 27, 1997, El Dorado, AR.

1994

**Dana Lynn Presley** to Chip Coper, August 9, 1997, Batesville, AR.

**Jennifer Lynn Tedder** to Steven Glen Booth, August 23, 1997, North Little Rock, AR.

1995

**Brandi Byrd to Richard Womack (97)**, August 2, 1997, Pine Bluff, AR.

1996

**Lantz Douglas Smith (fs) to Susan Dobbins Cofer (cs)**, August 16, 1997, Searcy, AR.

**Stephanie Ferrill** to Berry Richard, November 8, 1997, Houston, TX.

**Carey Lynn Helges to David Merrill McClain (fs,93)**, September 20, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

**Stephanie Rae Turnage to Jay Lewis Southerland (97)**, August 16, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

**Jennifer Orr to Leroy Twisdale (97)**, June 7, 1997.

**John David Tolbert to Jennifer Middleton (cs)**, August 10, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

1997

**Jaime Fulton to Matthew Melcher (cs)**, August 2, 1997, Garland, TX.

**Christy Jones to David Cox**, July 26, 1997, Sherwood, AR.

**Amy Reaves to Ryan Reed (fs, '95)**, August 2, 1997, Star City, AR.

**Jason Clark Whitlock** to Kelly Jo Allen, August 16, 1997, Gurdon, AR.

**Audrey Hightower to Clayton Gordin (fs '95)**, May 24, 1997, Stuttgart, AR.

**Mandi Cozart to Jared Hodges (fs '97)**, December 14, 1996, Texarkana, TX.

**Shari Provence to Joshua Ulery (cs)**, December 28, 1996, Texarkana, TX.

**Amanda Seale to Kevin Samples (cs)**, June 14, 1997, Texarkana, TX.

## FACULTY/STAFF

**Grant Pate** to Melissa Jolley, August 2, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

## BIRTHS

1980

**Gary ('81) and Gretchen (Hargis) Peacock**, son, Benjamin, May 9, 1997, Sharpsburg, GA. Welcomed home by Caleb, 6 and Joshua, 4.

1981

**Mark and Patty Bennett**, twins, Elizabeth Ann and Andrew

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## Medlin mending nicely, returns to pulpit

Dr. Del Medlin ('73), pastor at the First Baptist Church in Cabot, remembers vividly the May 22 fall that broke his pelvis in three places, crushed two vertebrae, and forever changed his life.

The scariest moment for Medlin occurred before the fall. He said he had reached up to scrape paint from the highest part of the house when he felt the ladder he was standing on shift. Medlin looked down and knew he was going to fall the 35 to 40 feet. He recalled saying, "Oh no!" right before the scaffolding toppled and screaming on impact.

Medlin said he landed in a sitting position on the wheel of the scaffold, and the force of the fall crushed his body parts together. Although the wind was knocked out of him and he was stunned, Medlin never lost consciousness. Fortunately he did not hit his head.

During the fall, Medlin remembered thinking, he had to avoid hitting the steps the scaffolding straddled. He believes he pushed himself away from the house on the way down, and when he opened his eyes the brick steps were about a foot from his head.

Medlin thought he was dying. He said he could not feel anything below his waist due to the damaged pelvis and vertebrae.

His son Michael, who was working on the roof and saw the fall, was the first to reach Medlin. They laugh about it now, but Michael instinctively said, "Dad, are you okay?" Medlin immediately told him to call 911 because he knew he was seriously injured. He praised the Cabot EMTs for

their quick response.

On May 25, Medlin underwent 10 hours of surgery. In six hours doctors inserted steel plates and some 15 screws in his pelvis. His "back doctor" then inserted four rods in his back, a four-hour procedure. Medlin spent a week in intensive care, a week on the sixth floor, a week in the rehabilitation unit, and a week at home before returning for more back surgery; Medlin was hospitalized for another week.

Doctors told Medlin it would take three months for his pelvis to heal, but it took only six weeks. Medlin said it will be a year before he will be able to participate in strenuous activities again.

Medlin is now in physical therapy several days a week. There is still weakness in his hip which prevents him from walking, but physical therapy is helping strengthen the area.

Other problems Medlin is dealing with include a constant burning sensation in his left foot due to nerve damage and permanent damage in his left thigh. His biggest problem, though, is that he tires easily.

Throughout his rehabilitation, Medlin said he has never prayed a desperation prayer for God to save him. He has only asked Him for two things: to get rid of the burning in his foot (which he said has gotten better), and to allow him to walk by Aug. 3 (this did happen).

Medlin said he is fortunate to be alive and to have no paralysis. He once asked his "back doctor" how the vertebrae could be crushed so severely and not cause damage

to his spinal cord. The doctor did not have an answer, but Medlin feels, given the circumstances, that God protected him.

People often ask Medlin if he hates the house since the fall. He replies his "stupidity" for putting the ladder on the scaffold caused the fall, not the house. He still likes the home he and his family put lots of time and money into renovating.

Medlin said the fall and recovery have been a "humbling experience." He added, "God has been the current that has gotten them through it, but you can't say enough about what He does through people." Members of his church painted his house, mowed his yard, and brought meals to the family.

The hardest thing for Medlin to handle has been "everyone doing absolutely everything" for him. He said he "does not feel like [he is] contributing to the church, [his] family, and the community."

Since the accident, Medlin looks at life differently. He realized that day could have been the last time he saw his wife and children. Medlin said he no longer "sweats the small things" or takes anything for granted.

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NOTE: Dale and Peggy are seen frequently in Arkadelphia watching son Michael play basketball for the Tigers. Del is now walking with temporary use of a cane.

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Thomas, August 1, 1997, Little Rock, AR. Join big sister Caitlin.

1982

**Jimmy and Suzanne (Duke, '83) Franklin**, daughter, Madison Jane, September 4, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR. Welcomed by sister Chandler, 2.

**Jay and Cathy Shell**, daughter, Jessica Catherine, July 24, 1997, Little Rock, AR. Welcomed by Mary Kate, 9, Gordon, 6 and Jayme, 2.

**Tommy ('86) and Janean (Shaw) Hardister**, son Christopher Thomas, August 12, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1983

Ron Copeland and **Nancy Jo Rogers**, daughter, Erin Elizabeth Copeland, October 2, 1997, Carrollton, TX.

1985

**Gene and Margaret Trantham**, son, Daniel James, August 9, 1997, Bowling Green, KY.

John and **Susan (White) McGee**, sons, Jeremy David and Justin Christopher, October 10, 1997, Benton, AR.

1987

**Mike and Grace (Mosley) Murphree**, daughter, Sarah Grace, October 9, 1997, Camden, AR. Welcomed by Savannah, 4 and Price, 3.

Rusty and **Jennifer (Cram, fs) Webb**, daughter, Caroline Daphne, May 9, 1997, Springdale, AR. Joins sister Jenny Kate, 5.

1988

**Mark and Donna (McWilliams, '89) Thomas**, son, Ashton Tate, August 23, 1997,

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El Dorado, AR. Joins big brother Braden Tanner, 2.

**1990**

**Joe and Vicki Shell**, daughter, Hannah Katherine, June 27, 1997, Franklin, TN. Joins brother, Hunter, 2.

**David and Dana (Combs, '88) Dixon**, daughters, Erica Lindsey and Samantha Elaine, October 10, 1997, Palos Hills, IL. Joins sister, Hannah, 2.

**Dennis and Tish (Campbell) Tucker**, daughter, Hannah Grace, October 28, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

**1991**

**John and JaNan (Arnold '94) Davis**, daughter, Elizabeth Stiles, July 30, 1997, Benton, AR.

**1992**

**Clark and Melissa (Greenlee, fs '91) Colbert**, daughter, Carah Ann, August 12, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

**1993**

Chris and **Blair (Houston) Weisenfels**, son, Logan James, August 15, 1997, Hot Springs, AR.

Ted and **Elizabeth (Weathers) Nguyen**, son, Kolsti Duc, June 10, 1997.

**David and Tina Hardister**, son, Nathaniel Rex, July 14, 1997, Bauxite, AR.

Jeff and **Mishe (Rainey) Norris**, daughter Kaylee Breann, August 29, 1997, McKinney, TX.

**1995**

**Shawn and LaRissa (Warren, '96) Kemp**, son, James Nathaniel, December 4, 1996, Fort Worth, TX.

David and **Stephanie (Shepherd, fs) Ammerman**,

daughter Ashton Nicole, July 22, 1997, Okolona, AR.

Chad and **Wendy (Foster) Donley**, daughter, Coplea Tate, September 2, 1997, Urbana, IL.

**1996**

**Ryan and Jamie (Gilbert) Fray**, son, Taylor Jackson, September 3, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

**Ryan and Michelle (Egner) Baldi**, son, William Chandler, May 28, 1997, Arlington, TX. Joins sister Emily Rose, 2.

## FACULTY/STAFF

**Coleman and Tracy Patterson**, daughter, Kirsten Anne, October 13, 1997, Arkadelphia, AR.

**Ken and Betsy (Ray, '85) Miles**, son, Johnathan David, November 30, 1997, Benton, AR.

## DEATHS

**1918**

**Ruth (Turner) Hardin**, March 1997.

**1922**

**Mary Jane (Gill, fs) Russell**, August 15, 1997, Lewisville, AR.

**1926**

**Morene (Dumas) Smith**, notified October 6, 1997, Gulfport, MS.

**1928**

**Virgie Adelynne Breashears Barry**, September 6, 1997, Crossett, AR.

**Lawrence E. Thrasher**, January 29, 1997.

**1930**

**Virginia Louise Higgason Brewer**, August 16, 1997, Columbia, TN.

**Elma Cobb**, September 1, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

**1933**

**Katye Lou Russell**, November 28, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

**1934**

**G. Arthur Bruce (fs)**, August 5, 1997.

**1935**

**Lois (Keeling) Draper**, October 28, 1997, Brentwood, TN.

**1936**

**Catherine (Dew) Cheatham (fs)**, November 25, 1997, Magnolia, AR.

**1937**

**John Davidson Bradley**, August 7, 1997, Tulsa, OK.

**1939**

**Cecil Charles "C.C." Donoho (fs)**, September 25, 1997, Fort Smith.

**1940**

**Elizabeth Scarborough Colbert**, July 21, 1997, La Mirada, CA.

**Hazel (Barham) Hurst**, October 27, 1997, Hot Springs, AR.

**1943**

**William C. Abernathy**, November 23, 1997, Arlington, VA.

**1945**

**Jeffie (Liner) Welch**, September 14, 1997, Weatherford, TX.

**1949**

**Robert Graham (fs)**, September 21, 1997, Greenbrier, AR.

**1950**

**Mary Margaret Warren Davis**, August 20, 1997, Austin, TX.

**1952**

**Marvin E. Childers**, July 19, 1997, Herndon, VA.

**1957**

**Jack H. Barnes**, September 23, 1997, Omaha, AR.

**1970**

**John P. Gnade (fs)** notified October 17, 1997, Brookland, AR.

**1971**

**Anna (Eaves) Hodge**, August 1, 1997, North Little Rock, AR.

## FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

**Dr. Dewey Chapel**, professor emeritus of education, October 29, 1997, Bismarck, AR.

## FORMER TRUSTEE

**Jay Freeman (fs '38)**, November 28, 1997, Little Rock, AR.



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**John Cloud, J.D.**  
DIRECTOR OF  
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You probably know from various Ouachita publications that endowment growth is our top priority for the foreseeable future. For many years we have focused on the building program, witnessing an era of unprecedented development made possible by a host of generous donors. More buildings are in the planning stage, notably a new cafeteria complex to accommodate our growing enrollment, and a new addition to Berry Bible Building, but now Ouachita's endowment is moving to center stage.

Permanent endowment generates income for Ouachita to use to provide scholarships (a major budget expense), pay salaries, purchase equipment, and much, much more. With adequate endowment Ouachita will be able to maintain the cost of tuition and fees at a level that is affordable for the average Arkansas young person. The endowment fund has grown tremendously in the last decade or so, but we have a long way to go.

Gifts through estate plans or through life-income arrangements ("planned gifts") are the source of most endowment growth, particularly for endowed scholarship funds and endowed chairs. Just last year more than \$1 million was added to the endowment from planned gifts,

See "Endowment" page C

## How you win with gifts of appreciated property

Despite the vast appreciation of assets we've seen on the stock market over the years, many people still don't think of making a charitable gift with appreciated property.

Instead they use cash. Sometimes, they'll even sell an asset and then donate the proceeds to charity. But these are the *after-tax* proceeds.

### Think about your assets

What types of property do you have? For most of us, our biggest investment is our home. But many people also own several other types of assets: publicly traded stocks and bonds, commercial business holdings, undeveloped property, farmland, vacation homes, and tangible personal property (such as artwork, jewelry, or antique furniture). Did you know that *all* of these assets are regularly used to fund gifts to charitable organizations?

Think of how much some of these assets - publicly traded stock, for instance - have grown in value over the years. It's not uncommon for a stock to be worth many times what its value was when it was first purchased.

For example, a stock that was worth \$10 at the beginning of 1970 and that has increased an average of 10% per year (growth plus reinvested after-tax dividends) is worth \$144 at the end of 1997. This means that an initial investment of \$100,000, given the same

growth assumptions, is worth over \$1.4 million.

Many closely held businesses have grown in value even more. Usually, the business owner has a zero cost basis in the stock, often has received no or few dividends, and today owns an asset of almost unbelievable worth.

### Turn it into a cost-effective gift

By the time people are ready to reinvest their appreciated stock, or retire and either sell their business or pass it on to

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**"... gifts of appreciated assets to a charitable organization are not subject to any federal gains tax."**

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their children, they find themselves in a bind. They cannot sell or transfer ownership without facing a tax on the appreciation - a capital gains tax.

Fortunately, it's also around this time of life that people are financially and emotionally prepared to make significant gifts to their favorite charitable organizations. And it just so happens that gifts of appreciated assets to a charitable organization are not subject to *any* federal gains tax.

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# • There's more to know about • CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Most people with appreciated assets own at least some publicly traded securities. These are stocks that are listed in the Wall Street Journal and the business pages of other major newspapers around the United States.

**" ... the charitable organization receives the full benefit of the asset, and the donor avoids paying the federal capital gains tax."**

People who invest in stocks and bonds and accumulate wealth during their primary earning years—prior to age 65—tend to want to diversify their portfolios and plan for retirement. To do this, they might sell the very assets that created their wealth. But then, they discover that they owe a great deal in taxes—a capital gains tax.

Over the past few decades, the capital gains tax rate has generally been lower than the ordinary income tax rate. Although Congress continues to tinker with both (and probably always will), and even though the capital gains tax rate may be lower than the ordinary tax rate, the capital gains tax is still significant enough to consider a legitimate way to avoid it.

What's the best way? A charitable gift funded with appreciated assets. Why? Because the charitable organization receives the full benefit of the asset, and the donor avoids paying the federal capital gains tax.

## **Outright Gifts**

As an example, assume that a donor has \$100,000 of stock for which she paid \$10,000 many years ago. If she sells the assets, she pays a tax on the gain of \$90,000. At the new capital gains tax rate of 20%, the tax due is \$18,000 (\$90,000 x 20%). This means her after-tax proceeds are only \$82,000 (\$100,000 - \$18,000).

But say she makes a gift of the \$100,000 in stock. Some people might say that she spent only \$10,000 to help a charitable organization with a gift of \$100,000. But even if the asset is viewed at its market price, the income tax deduction still makes the transaction eco-

nomical for the donor.

For example, if our donor is in a 31% tax bracket, she removes the \$100,000 from her income, so the gift reduces her taxes by \$31,000. This brings the net cost of her \$100,000 gift down to only \$69,000. So, for the person who wishes to make a significant donation to a charitable organization, the combination of the income tax savings from the deduction and the avoidance of a capital gains tax makes a gift of appreciated property compelling.

## **Deferred Gifts**

A life-income gift may be even more economically advantageous to the donor because it can increase the income that the donor was receiving from the asset. Let's look at this example of a charitable remainder trust which pays the donor 5% of its value each year for life before the charitable organization receives the remainder of the trust assets. The trust is funded with the same appreciated stock as in our previous example.

Asset value	\$100,000
Cost basis	\$10,000
Current income from asset (2% dividend)	\$2,000
Charitable remainder trust income	\$5,000
Increase in annual income	\$3,000
Capital gains tax avoided (20% rate)	\$18,000
Deduction amount	\$35,990
Taxes saved because of deduction	\$11,157
Total taxes saved	\$29,157

## **Find Out More**

Either outright or deferred, a charitable gift funded with appreciated property always makes sense, especially when the asset can be sold easily. Too many people think charities accept only cash, so they sell the asset, pay the capital gains tax, and then donate the after-tax proceeds.

In the example of an outright gift above, the difference to the charitable organization when stock is donated before it's sold is \$18,000, an increase of over 20%. So, it makes a difference to do the right thing.

# The taxes facing your retirement plan assets

Do you know the value of your retirement plan assets? Is it likely that funds will remain in the plan after your lifetime? Do you plan to leave the funds to someone other than your spouse?

Do you know that if you do this, most of your retirement funds may be lost to taxes?

## Taxation on retirement plans

Because Congress intends for retirement plan assets to be used for a worker's retirement years, and not as assets to be distributed to heirs, heavy taxes are imposed at death. If a person dies with retirement plan assets in his

or her estate, those assets face not only *estate* taxation, but also *income* taxation.

Attorneys and other estate planning professionals refer to these assets as IRD; IRD stands for "Income in Respect of a Decedent," and means essentially that these assets create income to the deceased person and are subject to an income tax.

The sum of these taxes can be devastating and can reduce the amount that normally would be passed to heirs by up to 75%. For example, if an 85-year-old dies leaving his daughter \$2,000,000 in a retirement account, she will receive (assuming she's in the 39.6% tax bracket) only 27%

of it - the government will get the rest.

Because taxes are so high, many people consider using retirement assets to make a bequest to a charitable organization at their death. A properly structured bequest to a charitable organization like Ouachita will avoid both the estate and income taxation of these assets.

## Tax law changes

Taxes on your retirement plan assets were even heavier before this year. That's because Congress has just eliminated the two "success taxes" on overfunded retirement plans. Gone are the excise taxes on excess *distributions*

(withdrawals of over \$160,000 per year) and on excess *accumulations* (based on a hypothetical life annuity).

Now that the excess distributions tax no longer exists, many people are beginning to draw out their assets, often making them a gift to a charitable organization during life. Under current law, lifetime gifts to charity of IRA assets are still exposed to income tax, but the charitable deduction you receive can help cancel out the extra income tax.

For more information on how you can preserve the value of your retirement plan assets, just call us.

## Gifts

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If you, too, are in this situation, make the gift of the asset itself, and not the after-tax proceeds. Most charitable organizations accept many types of assets, and all of them

accept liquid assets, such as publicly traded stocks and bonds.

More details about ways to eliminate capital gains tax can be found inside this issue and in our free booklet.

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## Endowment

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and a similar amount is expected this year. We hope that you will consider giving a portion of your resources to

establish a permanent endowment fund in your name that will continue to bless young people forever. You can reach me at 870-245-5169 if you have a question or need estate or gift planning advice.

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