

**YOUNG REPUBLICANS** Brian Burton and Michelle Early support Reagan in a student debate in chapel.



**DR. PAUL BROWDER**, the foremost historian on the Russian Revolution is the speaker at a Phi Alpha Theta honor society lecture.

**MEMBERS OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS** display the Rainbow Connection in Tiger Tunes, an OSF production.



**MEMBERS OF ALPHA CHI** are **FRONT ROW:** Suzanne Campbell, Judy Blevins, Carmen Huddleston, Linda Robinson, Twyla Roach, Kim Fischer. **SECOND ROW:** Elizabeth Eudy, Joy Deaton, Laura McBeth, Michelle Early, Marsha Shoffner. **BACK ROW:** Drew Atkinson, David Chappell, Kirk Bullington, Dr. Johnny Wink, Kevin Harlan.



**MEMBERS OF PHI BETA LAMBDA** are **FRONT ROW:** Sandra Ma Diane Hopson, Donna Preckwinkle, Sandy Butler, Laura Tucker. **MIDDLE ROW:** Sheryl Weaver, Sarah Drennan, Sherry Bettis, Chris Co sure, Kid Cooper, Freddie Walters, Brenda Belk. **BACK ROW:** Brandt, Tony Smith, Mr. Eddie Ary, Lisa Hill, Leslie Davis, Brian R



## A sense of unity

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Beta Lambda, a national business fraternity, and Phi Alpha Theta, an international honor society in history.

Dr. Paul Browder, a professor from the University of Arizona, who had known and studied personal papers on Alexander Kerensky, one of the leaders of the Russian Revolution highlighted Phi Alpha Theta's year of accomplishments by giving a very informative lecture to history majors and interested students.

"I thought Mr. Browder was especially interesting when he spoke to us informally," said vice president, Robbie Clifton, "because we got to hear personal things about Kerensky that we would not have read in a book."

The American Chemical Society, Gamma Sigma Epsilon and Beta Beta Biological Society were added science honor organizations that strived to further a student's education in his or her particular field of study by sponsoring guest speakers for seminars.

And last but not least, was Blue Key National Honor Fraternity for men. It sponsored the Miss OBU pageant and sold mums during Homecoming.

With that many service and academic clubs on campus, it was easy to understand how students got so involved in extra-curricular activities. There was no end to the excitement they stirred up.



**MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG REPUBLICANS** are, **FRONT ROW:** Myra Conaway, Cindy Brown, Michelle Early, Vera Prince. **SECOND ROW:** Ann Pryor, Robbie Clifton, Lisa Morton, Carmen Huddleston, Rth Reeves, Paula Holland, Nadine Marshall, Laura Moore. **THIRD ROW:** Maureen Leonard, Renata Greene, Melanie Hettinga, Kevin Grisham, Matt Garner, Kid Cooper, Robin Mcallister, Susan Mitchell. **BACK ROW:** Todd Lee, Bruce Green, David Sims, Jim Yates, Steve Patterson, Mike Spivey, Bo Braden, Don Larson, Phil Glover.



**MEMBERS OF SELF** are **FRONT ROW:** Myra Conaway, Pam Tucker, Teresa Thomas, Vicki Kieth, Dale Yeary. **SECOND ROW:** Ann Pryor, Robbie Clifton, Lisa Morton, Carmen Huddleston, Rth Reeves, Paula Holland, Nadine Marshall, Laura Moore. **THIRD ROW:** Maureen Leonard, Renata Greene, Melanie Hettinga, Kevin Grisham, Matt Garner, Kid Cooper, Robin Mcallister, Susan Mitchell. **BACK ROW:** Todd Lee, Bruce Green, David Sims, Jim Yates, Steve Patterson, Mike Spivey, Bo Braden, Don Larson, Phil Glover.



MEMBERS OF THE COLOR GUARD are FRONT ROW: Denise Price, Nancy Owen, Mary Alice Chambers, Allen Foster. BACK ROW: Jay Martin, Mike Carr, Terry Gibson, Robert Foster, David Cunningham.



MEMBERS OF THE RANGERS are FRONT ROW: Derek Br Capt. Merriweather, Allen Foster. SECOND ROW: David Cunningham, Scott Byrd, Andrew Brown, Tommy Nix. BACK ROW: Martin, Terry Gibson, Ken Locke, Blair Thomas, Robert Foster.

Whether it was through lectures or mountaineering, ROTC helped students develop leadership abilities

# Teaching adventure

Whether it's climbing a mountain, building a shelter or firing a rifle, ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) taught adventure to males and females.

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Program, which was administered by the Military Science Department, was a program that had college students for the United States Army, the Army National Guard, and the Army Reserve and while some selected students were earning their college degree, they earned an officer's commission. The department not only taught leadership and tactical experience but helped the students develop physical stamina, self discipline, and discipline.

As a commissioned officer, one served on active duty or pursued a civilian career and remained in the Army Reserve program at the same time.

Senior Paul Floyd was enrolled in the additional four year program.

"It's been hard being on ROTC scholarship for four years and often times I look back and wonder if it's all worth it," Paul states. After graduation Paul reported for duty in the Army.

"After I serve in Arizona, I hope to go to Japan or somewhere in the Far East."

The majority of students enrolled in the ROTC program were transfer students and Freshmen. The requirements for Freshmen were two semesters consisting of a lecture on Wednesday and a lab on Monday.

The Wednesday classes explored the history of the Army and ROTC, National Security, and lifestyles and traditions of the Army; classes on the practical and theoretical course in rifle marksmanship; a survey of leadership theories; and basic first aid.

"I think ROTC provides a good insight to those who don't know a lot about the Army," said Freshman Jay Nicholson.

However, some Freshmen didn't feel this way. The idea of having to take a class like ROTC often brought a picture in one's mind of green fatigues and Army boots.

Jay commented, "I'm glad it's required because if it hadn't been I would have never found out about this part of our school."

The adventurous labs include: Wilderness Survival, Hunter Safety, Introduction to Firearms, Mountaineering, Military Skills, Backpacking and Camping, and Tactics and Strategy Games.

Mountaineering and Wilderness Survival required several Saturday morning trips to DeGray State Park where the students in Mountaineering learned to repel off 60 foot

cliffs and the students in Wilderness Survival learned to build shelters and explore the environment around them.

Freshman Kevin Williams said, "I think mountaineering was a good experience, I believe I would have never found myself repelling down a mountain if I hadn't taken this class."

Not only were there classes offered for those enrolled in ROTC but there were many extra-curricular activities offered.

The OBU Rangers gave those interested a chance to participate in outings which included wilderness survival and training techniques, float trips, Army training exercises, and repelling trips were a few of the outings.

The ROTC Color Guard made itself known by presenting the colors at all the OBU football and basketball games. Not only did they present them at the games but they also did parades and other events on and off campus.

Another volunteer group were the Pershing Rifles Drill Unit. Their activities included competition with other Pershing Rifle groups from all over and they presented their annual Halloween "Haunted House."

From serving students to serving our country, the OBU ROTC program was there teaching each involved member what to be ready for in case they were ever called to serve their country.

AN FOSTER AND DENISE PRICE are on Training Exercises at DeGray State Park for a to practice their military exercises.



MEMBERS OF THE RIFLE TEAM are FRONT ROW: Robert Foster, Mike Fischer, Kelly Cooke. SECOND ROW: Tony Barrett, Chris Watts, Mike Ekdahl, Mike Petty.



MEMBERS OF THE PERSHING RIFLES are FRONT ROW: Mary Alice Chambers, Anita Warren, Denise Price. SECOND ROW: Capt. Lippencott, Nancy Owen, Alan Haley, Alan Foster. BACK ROW: Mike Carr, Bill Atchinson, Max Easter.

It was the kind of job where the calendar  
and clock were an everyday threat

## Deadline dilemmas

**T**he battle of the deadline was a never ending challenge for those who camped out at Flenniken-two. Once atop the creaky stairs to the second floor, one could enter a world where time was of the essence. A late picture was of no use, late stories meant Wednesday night marathon paste-up sessions, and a missed deadline was a threat for a late book delivery.

Flenniken was home for the *Signal*, *Quachitonian*, Photo Lab, News Bureau and Printing Department. And the late hours spent to meet the deadlines paid off. The *Signal* newspaper was given a first class rating by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The 1980 *Quachitonian* yearbook also received first class ratings from Columbia, and a Medalist rating, which was only given to the top ten per cent of the yearbooks in each division. The yearbook also received first place honors in competition with other Arkansas college yearbooks.

Yes, Flenniken-two was a home away from home for many students who chose to give their time for on-the-job journalism training. The work called for dedication, responsibility and patience. Many times it meant late night work sessions, a missed movie and self-sacrifice. But it was worth it. Those who shared the Thursday *Signal* deliveries, yearbook deadline "tapping sessions" and print orders completed, knew what it meant to work together and to share with each other time, talent and friendship.

In August, *Quachitonian* staffers Deborah Holley, DeAnna Travis, Brenda Wense, and photographer John Crews, went to Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, for a college yearbook workshop. With their southern accents and award-winning book, they made their way up north to learn what was in and was out in yearbook style. The Associated Collegiate Press Convention was held in October at the Chicago Hyatt Regency. Deborah, DeAnna, Brenda, and Tim Wooldridge of the yearbook staff, and Jeff Root, Pat Blake, Suzanne Campbell, and Sue Walbridge of the paper staff were "on the road again," (as Tim Wooldridge would say) for five days of workshops, sightseeing and even a little craziness. The staffers took in such activities as the play "Annie," walking around the Sears tower at midnight, and sitting in a dark pizza parlor brain-storming yearbook themes. In March, Deborah, Brenda, DeAnna, Jeff, Pat, Dana Reece and Laura Bailly took to the air for the Big Apple.

New York City was the place and The Columbia Scholastic Press Convention was the event. It was another week of fun, fellowship, and an occasional conference. After all, one could never learn too much!

Friendships were the reward, deadlines were the issue, and craziness was the key to it all. But the jokes, pranks, and bickering were all in fun in a quest to keep the sanity of all.

It was Thursday before a Friday deadline, and the class pages were neatly done and ready to mail. When what to my wondering eyes should appear but a miniature box from our portrait studio. "Brenda," said Deborah, "you're not gonna believe this. Here are over a hundred pictures that were not sent." "What are we going to do?" said Brenda. While trying to hide the tears and calm the madness, Deborah replied, "We start all over." And so they did. Was the deadline met? Of course.

And sanity also meant locating a *Signal* editorial on Thursday morning that was due on Tuesday. And so at 7 a.m. editor Jeff was retrieving copy from atop the pay phone in Francis Crawford lobby. And there were those soap opera nights like — "Burt, I need your copy Friday, or you'll get a B in practicum." "Yes, Miss Editor," replied the izod-clad freshman. In walks Matt Greene the photographer. "Are all your picture orders in?" "Yes, and I have to have my picture tomorrow, no later. I won't have a late book due to late pictures." And, yes, she always got her pictures.

And next door Jim was yelling, "I need a woman" and Myra was fuming because Henderson had her ads. Editor Root was perched behind his desk, designing pages, editing copy, and drinking what else — rootbeer.

A daily "Hello, hello, hello" was bellowed by Mac the News Bureau Director. Yes, the vivacious, energetic, pageant person kept the publications supplied with releases, news, and house cleaning chores.

And although we never could remember what a PMT stood for, John Savage and his crew were prompt in serving staffers with headlines, blurbs, and artwork.

Work. It's a four letter word we all liked, or we wouldn't have been here. Although the monetary pay was low, if any, the rewards were reaped through knowledge, experience, fun and friendships. That's what it was all about.



AS SPORTS EDITOR of the *Quachitonian*, Wooldridge orders pictures for his pages



PREPARING THE PRESS is one chore of department employee Steve Efurd.



MEMBERS OF THE SIGNAL STAFF are FRONT ROW: Myra Conaway, Walbridge, Suzanne Campbell. BACK ROW: Dana Reece, Jim Yates, Sandra Clinesmith, Jeff Root.



MEMBERS OF THE OUACHITONIAN STAFF are FRONT ROW: Sandra Maroon, Deborah Holley, Tim Wooldridge, Foster Sommerlad, Burt Lace. BACK ROW: DeAnna Travis, Sharla Whitworth, Deb Williams, Brenda Wense, Dena White.



DESIGNING THE LAYOUT for the center spread of the *Signal* is the responsibility of Susan Pitts.

# Congrats

From OBU to the Emmy's. It was dream to many, but for 1977 alumnus Kelvin Story, the dream became a reality in December.

Story won an Emmy Award from the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences for sports film footage within a local newscast at television station WTNH (Channel 8) in New Haven, Connecticut.

Story and two other station photographers combined to receive the high recognition with sports director Mike Elliott as the host.

WTNH, an affiliate of the American Broadcasting Company, was among the top 25 television markets (New Haven-Hartford) in the United States.

While attending OBU, Story majored in communications and was the University's chief student photographer in the public relations department. After graduation he was employed by Little Rock television station KATV (Channel 7) as a photographer, before accepting the New Haven position in 1979.

The 1981 *Ouachitonian* salutes Kelvin Story.



PHOTOGRAPHY TALENTS won alumnus Kelvin Story an Emmy in December.



MEMBERS OF THE NEWS BUREAU are FRONT ROW: Donna Moffatt, Mac Sisson, Susan Dodaon. SECOND ROW: Rita Sutterfield, Jill Hankins, Judy Waight, Paula Bell. BACK ROW: Brenda Williams, Rex Nelson, Terry Fortner, Suzanne Parker, Joy Moses.



MEMBERS OF THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT are FRONT ROW: S. Efurud, Robbie Hankins, Darlene Phillips. SECOND ROW: Darlene E. Joan Brown, Bridgett Arendt, Retha Herring. BACK ROW: Robert Jackson, Roger Robins, Gabriel Ojo, Kent Williams, John Savage.



**TAKING OVER AS EDITOR** of the *Signal* at semester, Jeff Root edits copy for the weekly paper.



**FILING AND CATEGORIZING** picture proofs is the job of Photo Lab secretary Linda Rowin.

**CHECKING THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE** of campus activities is a constant duty for photographer Steve Blenden.



**MEMBERS OF THE PHOTO LAB** are Ken Shaddox, Steve Blenden, Linda Rowin, Matt Green.









TWO P.M., the dorm lobby television and "General Hospital" always meant a gathering of girls in O. C. Bailey.



SOMETIMES THE BEST PART of dinner, for Daryl Peeples and Tim Church, was the conversation afterwards.

# People

**S**tyle, as always, was a subjective word. Yet, at Ouachita, style was easiest to find in the uniqueness of people.

Our tastes ranged from t-shirts, sweat pants and tennis shoes to izod sweaters, plaid skirts and top siders. Home may have meant Fukuoka City, Japan or Cotton Plant, Arkansas. And although we were proud to be a student of a religious school, our interests varied into 54 majors.

The closeness of our 1650 member family made it easier to get to know people on a one-to-one basis. Enjoying popcorn and a late night movie in the dorm, sharing a Coke in the grill or contemplating the menu in the cafeteria were all irreplaceable opportunities to make life-long friends.

And most students will confess that they have learned more from people than from four years of classes.

Yet, professors also added a unique dimension. For most teachers, the open door policy went far beyond the academic. It meant getting to know them personally, babysitting their children or being a member of their Sunday School class.

**A TALK WITH A FRIEND**, a Coke and the plaza swings added up to a relaxing afternoon for Lori Hansen.

We had an image to uphold. Visitors expected us to smile and speak to them in that typical Ouachita fashion they had heard about. It was that friendly atmosphere that set us apart because the people made it our style.

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# Class Stats

**T**he total enrollment of the senior class was 302. Fifty-one percent were male and 49 percent were female. Arkansas was the home state of 80 percent of the class, while 20 percent were from other states and foreign countries. Pulaski County was represented by 14 percent of the class, and eight percent were from Clark County. The remaining 78 percent were from counties with less percentages.

Fifteen percent chose Business Administration as a major, and nine percent chose Pastoral Ministries. The remaining 74 percent chose other fields of study. Fifty-six percent were seeking a BA degree, 22 percent a BSE, and the remaining 22 percent sought another degree or were undecided.

Baptist was the religious preference of 86 percent of the class.

**SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS** are SEATED: Madeline Bruce, Vicki Keaton, Theresa Shultze. STANDING: Foster Sommerlad, Mike Wagnon, Brian Burton, Gwyn Monk.

## SENIORS

Clint Aclin/Searcy  
Bim Allison/Siloam Springs  
John Amromare/Jesse Sapele, Nigeria  
Cheryl Anderson/Keiser  
Bridgett Arend/Little Rock  
Steve Argo/Phoenix, AZ

Mark Bennett/Cabot  
Laurie Benson/Arkadelphia  
Dan Berry/Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Gary Berry/Fredericktown, MO  
Sherry Bettis/Arkadelphia  
Cheryl Biggs/North Little Rock

Sally Bishop/Bradley  
Libby Blake/El Dorado  
Patricia Blake/Prescott  
Judy Blevins/Maynard  
Carl Bradley/El Dorado  
Luann Bratton/Fort Smith





Shelby Brewer/Dyess  
 Debbie Brown/Little Rock  
 Derek Brown/Homewood, IL  
 Joan Brown/Jacksonville  
 Bill Browning/Hope  
 Bob Browning/Hope



Madeline Bruce/Carencro, LA  
 Elizabeth Buffalo/Little Rock  
 William Buffalo/Little Rock  
 Ken Bunch/North Little Rock  
 Dwight Burks/Texarkana  
 Brian Burton/Little Rock



Ron Butler/Atkins  
 Leonard Campbell/Dallas, TX  
 Suzanne Campbell/North Little Rock  
 Vickie Carroll/Curtis  
 Scott Carter/Pine Bluff  
 Tara Carter/Little Rock



Donna Catlett/Little Rock  
 Rick Christensen/Carlinville, IL  
 Sheila Christopher/Pocahontas  
 Lynne Clark/North Little Rock  
 Robbie Clifton/Jonesboro  
 Nancy Cole/Forrest City



Ed Connelly/Hope  
 Kelly Cook/Searcy  
 Pam Cook/Little Rock  
 Kid Cooper/Jonesboro  
 Jimmy Cornwell/Pine Bluff  
 Archie Cothren/Dierks



Glenn Cowart/Myrtle, MS  
 Becki Cox/El Dorado  
 Kevin Crass/Pine Bluff  
 John Crews/Heber Springs  
 LeAnne Daniel/Kirby  
 Terry Daniell/Arkadelphia



Leslie Davis/Ozark  
 Joy Deaton/Hot Springs  
 Angie Dennis/Corning  
 Mark Dewbre/North Little Rock  
 Peggy Dunn/Jacksonville  
 Sandra Dunn/Searcy

# Discover the magic

**P**reparation for the future. There was no secret formula, but fond memories surely helped. And for the Class of '81, Senior Week meant lots of happy memories — memories to be looked upon and cherished long after the seniors' final good-bye.

The Senior Luncheon, the first activity of the week, featured two alumni as guest speakers, Mrs. Mary Ann Campbell, a 1967 graduate, and 1980 Senior Class president, Brent Polk.

Mrs. Campbell, an economics professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, performed magic during her talk in which she urged seniors to "grow from failure and adjust to the changes."

Polk, a medical student at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, related his experiences of the first few months of his "life after Ouachita."

And then, Ouachita's own "Blues Sisters" issued an invitation to the second big event of the week, Senior Follies.

The world-famous Follies were held in Mitchell Hall Auditorium and featured such top talent as the "Sweet Inspiration," a Beach Boys Trio, and Mike Moore playing a Latin love song on his cheap guitar.

The talent show, which was hosted by Pam Cook and Chris Chance, was highlighted by an appearance of Gwyn (Sedaka) Monk singing his forte — "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do."

Sponsored by the Former Students Association, the OBU Placement Office, and the senior class, the week served a two-fold purpose. It was Ouachita's last chance to honor the Class of '81, and it was the Seniors' last chance to make their mark — until graduation day 1981.

## SENIORS

Denise Duren/Pine Bluff  
Michelle Early/Helena  
Elizabeth Eudy/Hot Springs  
Jenny Evans/Singapore  
Phyllis Faulkner/Little Rock  
Ronnie Faulkner/Searcy

Wayne Fawcett/Cabot  
Janice Ferren/Pine Bluff  
Marlene Fleming/Bastrop, LA.  
David Fletcher/Little Rock  
Judy Fletcher/Gentry  
Max Fletcher/Gentry

Paul Floyd/Memphis, TN  
Stuart Ford/Bismark  
Cynthia Friedl/North Little Rock  
Steve Galbo/Hammond, IN  
James Garner/North Little Rock  
Matt Garner/Lepanto





AS GUEST SPEAKER at the senior luncheon, Mrs. Mary Ann Campbell performed magic tricks during her presentation.

THE SENIOR LUNCHEON provided a time for the class of 1981 to gather for a meal and entertainment.



Cindy Gill/Hurst, TX  
 Steve Gimenez/Lead Hill  
 Gina Glover/Monticello  
 Clara Graves/Camden  
 Phillip Graves/Luxora  
 Deborah Gray/Okinawa, Japan

Gayle Grayson/Corning  
 Carol Green/Parkin  
 Sherri Greer/Searcy  
 David Griffin/Cabot  
 Glen Gullledge/Texarkana  
 Jean Hale/El Dorado

Hank Hankins/Arkadelphia  
 Jill Hankins/Arkadelphia  
 Yvonne Hansberry/Little Rock  
 Gary Hanvey/Benton  
 Alan Hardwick/Little Rock  
 Elaine Hardwick/Batesville

# SENIORS

Kevin Harlan/Arkadelphia  
 Van Harness/Dover  
 Tom Harris/Pine Bluff  
 Chuck Henderson/Memphis, TN  
 Julie Hendrix/Fort Smith  
 Retha Herring/Warren



Jana Hill/Houston  
 Lisa Hill/Little Rock  
 Randy Hill/Malvern  
 Brian Hintz/San Antonio, TX  
 Kevin Holcomb/Searcy  
 Amy Holland/Milton, IN



Deborah Holley/Little Rock  
 Deane Hopson/Prescott  
 Bruce Huddleston/Hope  
 Carmen Huddleston/Thayer, MO  
 Kim Huddleston/Little Rock  
 Okey Irechukwu/Owerri, Nigeria



David Jackson/Powhatan  
 Eddie Jackson/Jacksonville  
 Dan Johnson/Lamar  
 Jill Jackson/Little Rock  
 Larry Kern/Jacksonville  
 Vickie Keeton/Cabot



Elena Key/North Little Rock  
 Becky King/Hurst, TX  
 Pam Kirkpatrick/DeQueen  
 Tina Kitchens/Memphis, TN  
 Cortiss Klinkner/Arkadelphia  
 John Lankford/Clearwater, FL



Mike Laurie/Danville  
 Diane Lawrence/Siloam Springs  
 Diane Leflett/Rogers  
 Rickie Lemay/Cabot  
 Marcella Mantooth/Charleston  
 Vicki Martin/Little Rock



Cindy Massey/Searcy  
 Laura McBeth/Arkadelphia  
 Monica McBrayer/Smackover  
 Jean McBryde/Little Rock  
 Joan McBryde/North Little Rock  
 Donna McCoy/Pine Bluff



# Popeye has his spinach, David has his Tab

While walking by room 165 Daniel South, you can often hear the sounds of "Give me 35¢ for a TAB. I need my TAB." These sounds could only be from David Strain. David, a senior from Mountain Home, is easily the smartest person Ouachita was seen close to four years. The English/History major will be graduating in the Spring of '81. When asked what will happen after OBU, David replies, "After graduation I will go to Yetteville and work on my masters." While going to school, David will be teaching Freshmen English at the university. At OBU David had maintained a 4.0 every

semester, but the question was, did he ever study?

"I'm the kind of person that puts off my studies. I always seem to wait till the last minute, then I cram.

Usually David studied on the weekend.

"I really can't study during the week because the floor keeps me pretty busy."

David was one of the chosen few who got to be a RA's roommate, and the RA was Steve Patterson. Students were always tramping in and out of their room to visit or to get help on their English papers and David was always there to assist.

In his spare time David loved to write, although he was not focusing on a book right

now; to go to the movies, his favorite all time movie was "Gone with the Wind;" and recently because of a light load of two classes this semester David had taken up knitting. Why knitting?

"It's just something to do," David replied.

David had only knitted one thing so far — a lap robe or afghan. He worked on it anytime he had a free minute and he could usually be found sipping a TAB while knitting.

You may be asking where does the TAB fit in. David said that it was his source of strength.

"Popeye has his spinach, I have my TAB."



Janet McCully/Orlando, FL  
Karen McGill/Okolona  
Mike McGough/Texarkana, TX  
Ken McKee/Sacramento, CA  
Toby McSwain/Oklahoma City, OK  
Terry Mee/Nashville, TN

Angela Mobley/Davie, FL  
Gwyn Monk/Pine Bluff  
Kay Morgan/Little Rock  
Melody Mosley/Nashville, TN  
Lydia Nicholson/Little Rock  
Sharon Odom/Greenbriar

Donnie O'Fallon/Dierks  
Sharon Orr/Russellville  
Kaye Michael Osborne/Cord  
Nancy Owen/Mountain View  
Karen Owens/Pine Bluff  
Jeff Parker/Hot Springs



# A Fikes family tradition

By Jill Hankins

**W**hen Jennifer Fikes finished her freshman year at OBU, the Stuart Fike Family of Benton had one student or more at the school for 15 straight years — or 30 straight semesters.

The oldest of five children, Mike, came to Ouachita in the fall of 1966. Connie Fikes (now Connie Mitchell of Arkadelphia) followed two years later in 1968. Mark enrolled in 1971 and Corinne in 1975 (now Corinne Thomas). Jennifer enrolled at OBU last fall.

To add to the list are all of the four inlaws who also attended Ouachita.

Jennifer admitted there wasn't much of a choice of where she could go to college. But she enjoyed living in the same town as one of her sisters. While living in the dormitory, she could still have the comforts of home.

"I go over to Connie and Frank's a lot," she

said. "I like to babysit for their three children, wash my clothes there and eat with them on Sundays after church."

When the weather was warm, she would go water skiing with them.

"DeGray Lake is a real plus," she said. "I even went swimming early last fall. But I also like to go to Lake Catherine where my family has a lake house."

Miss Fikes also worked at Kentucky Fried Chicken in Arkadelphia — owned by her father, Stuart Fikes, and managed by her brother-in-law, Frank Mitchell.

Stuart Fikes also owned the KFC stores in Malvern, where Mike was manager, and Benton, where Mark was manager. Corinne's husband, Keith, was also working at KFC in Benton as a manager trainee.

Mark was the only business major of the five children — although Jennifer was still undecided. Mike graduated with a biology

degree and taught five years before working at KFC. Connie taught mathematics before she had her three children. Corinne has a degree in elementary education.

The Kentucky Fried Chicken business began 14 years ago for their father when he got his franchise. At one point he worked in an office in the barn behind Colonel Sanders' house in Kentucky.

Fikes didn't go to college at Ouachita, but his wife, Betty Sue Hightower Fikes, went to OBU from 1946-1947.

Why did all their children go to Ouachita?

"We felt like it was a good Christian school," he said, "and a good place to receive an education. Especially since we are Baptist, we felt like it was the best school to send them to. We think highly of Ouachita and all the devoted professors and Christians there."

## SENIORS

Dan Patterson/Camden  
Steve Patterson/Mountain Home  
Alfred Patton/Portageville, MO  
Edwin Patyne/Okolona  
Gary Peacock/Helena  
D'Ann Pelton/Hot Springs

Garland Phillips/Arkadelphia  
Leigh Ann Pittman/Little Rock  
Pearlette Powell/Washington  
Donna Preckwinkle/Pittstown, NJ  
Kent Priest/Blytheville  
Tamra Prince/Arkadelphia

Lisa Privett/Lonoke  
Amy Pryor/Searcy  
Robert Purdy/Harrison  
Dale Rainwater/Van Buren  
Dana Reece/Benton  
Brian Reed/Los Alamitos, CA





Greg Revels/DeQueen  
 Cindi Richards/Memphis, TN  
 ReNae Richardson/Little Rock  
 Lynn Robertson/Conway  
 Melanie Romesburg/Arkadelphia  
 Fred Ruckman/Arkadelphia



Alan Sandifer/Arkadelphia  
 Marty Sartain/Melbourne  
 Jamie Scott/Van Buren  
 Teresa Sharp/Harrison  
 Cindy Shelton/Sherwood  
 Jeff Showalter/Batesville



Elaine Skaggs/Greenwood  
 Arby Smith/Dallas, TX  
 Bill Smith/St. Peters, MO  
 Carol Smith/Bauxite  
 Charles Smith/DeQueen  
 Dana Smith/Little Rock



Debbie Smith/Heidelberg, Germany  
 Eddie Smith/Rogers  
 Greg Smith/Hot Springs  
 Ida Sue Smith/Carthage  
 Laura Smith/Little Rock  
 Vicki Smith/Kennett, MO



Foster Sommerlad/Daytona Beach, FL  
 Laurie Sorrells/Knoxville, TN  
 Cathy Starbuck/Bald Knob  
 Joyce Steward/Hot Springs  
 Deronda Stone/Nashville  
 David Strain/Mountain Home



Bill Sudberry/Camden  
 Bill Janet Summerlin/Little Rock  
 Judy Sutton/Fouke  
 Ken Sweatman/Atlanta, TX  
 Michael Swedenburg/Pusan, Korea  
 Mitchum Tapson/Little Rock



Amy Tate/Camden  
 Lajuanna Terrell/Magnolia  
 May Lynn Thomason/Bismarck  
 Bill Thornton/Hope  
 Kenne Threet/Harrison  
 Vera Tolefree/Warren



**STUDYING ABROAD** is the dream of many students. For senior Connie Opper, the dream meant adjusting to a new way of life in Salamanca, Spain.

# Learning a lifestyle

**S**tudying in a foreign land is a thought that crosses everyone's mind at one time or another. Just think, the excitement of Japan, France, or Spain, a time to learn the language and customs of these countries for a summer or even a year. Many students had the opportunity to take advantage of these situations. One senior, Connie Opper, from Nilwood, Illinois, had the chance to study at a large university in Salamanca, Spain.

"Before coming to OBU I had wanted to study in a Spanish speaking country," said Connie, "but never dreamed it possible."

Connie went through The American Institute for Foreign Study program with about 48 other Americans from all over the United States. They went through an orientation

program in Seville, Spain for four weeks then traveled to their next destination, University of Salamanca. The University they attended had a student population of 15,000 students from all over the world.

During orientation, the resident dean was busy choosing the families the students would live with in Salamanca. Connie can still remember how nervous she was when she went to meet the family that she would spend the rest of the time with. The family had four members: the parents and their two sons, 9 and 21-years-old.

She recalled the first time she met the senora, "My first experience was arguing with the Spanish lady as to who would carry the suitcases to the apartment," said Connie. "They weighed a ton and it took both of us to

## SENIORS

Dale Tommy/El Dorado  
Donna Trigg/Arkadelphia  
Sherry Turner/Kirby  
Todd Turner/El Dorado  
Mike Wagnon/Camden  
Sue Walbridge/Sonora, CA

David Walker/Ashdown  
Jim Walker/Little Rock  
Lisa Walker/Texarkana  
Melissa Walker/Mt. Ida  
Terri Walker/Hot Springs  
Freddie Walter/Prescott

Steve Ward/Waldron  
Anita Warren/Arkadelphia  
Pamela Warren/Arkadelphia  
Sheryl Waters/Medora, IL  
Debra Watkins/Harrison  
Karen Watkins/Searcy



them."

took a lot of effort to adjust to the language since the family spoke no English. A few weeks Connie got used to speaking and hearing Spanish all the time. It took a while to carry on a normal conversation but the family had a lot of patience and did everything they could to make her feel at home. "Even though I had learned to read and write Spanish before going to Spain," said Connie, "I found it a lot harder to understand and speak Spanish."

After many conversations in the home, at university, and with Spanish friends, Connie began to communicate more comfortably. "Before too long," said Connie, "I stopped accidentally saying funny phrases in Spanish because I was thinking in Spanish."

Not only did Connie say funny things in English but she almost asked for a bomb in a bakery instead of a pastry with a name that sounds similar to the word for "bomb" in Spanish. In a fabric shop Connie asked for a zipper six miles long rather than six inches.

"I always had to be careful about what I was saying," said Connie. "There is a lot of humor when learning another language."

During Christmas, Connie spent the holidays with a Spanish friend and had no contact with her American friends. After Christmas she met two new American friends and found it strange to speak English again.

"At that point," said Connie, "I realized how much I had learned."



Sheryl Weaver/Camden  
Bruce Webb/Hope  
Bruce Welch/Fresno, CA  
Brenda Wense/Medora, IL  
Kent Westbrook/North Little Rock  
Jeanna Westmoreland/Hot Springs

Bob White/Brinkley  
Greg White/Benton  
Bill Whitmore/North Little Rock  
Charles Whitworth/Sheridan  
Brenda Williams/Ash Flat  
Ken Williams/Rogers

Michael Williams/Arkadelphia  
Susan Williams/Van Buren  
Don Willis/Houston, TX  
Faron Wilson/Pine Bluff  
Jim Wright/Little Rock  
Ron Wright/Hot Springs  
Dale Yeary/Houston, TX

Students receive honor for involvement in campus clubs and organizations

# Ouachitonian Leadership Awards



**Mark Bennett**

Ouachita is probably the most unique place I have ever been. The blend of attitudes, ideas, lifestyles, and even cultures has been stimulating. The friendliness of the entire student body is exemplary. I will have many recollections of the great experiences and past times of my club, the foundation, and just conversing with someone on the bench in front of Conger.

Ouachita gave me many chances to grow and to learn. The leadership experiences I have gained will benefit me as I face the "real world." The many friendships I have found I hope will flourish even though the contact will not be as frequent. We will have our common bond that is strong and pervasive — Ouachita.



**Pat Blake**

Ouachita, with its standards of academic and Christian excellence, has presented just that to me. The special effort that I have had to put forth in order to obtain desirable and acceptable grades has taught me that the same thing is necessary in life.

You must put forth that extra effort or go that added mile for superior acceptability and for self satisfaction.

Ouachita, through the Christian courses taught, the Pi Kappa Zeta social club, and the sharing of Christian students and faculty, has helped me to expand my Christian attitude. I have been able to broaden my Christian views.

Ouachita has helped me prepare for whatever might come up in my life after I leave here. Every aspect of my life at Ouachita has offered a lesson to be learned and treasured.



**Kevin Crass**

Ouachita has been a place that I've heard about since I was in elementary school. Through my brother and his experiences at Ouachita, I looked for the day that I would be able to attend, but never did I realize that Ouachita had so much to offer.

I feel that through my first year until now my third year that I have grown in many different areas of knowledge. Book knowledge is not the only thing that you learn here at Ouachita, but different cultures, yourself and working with other people. Being able to live with myself and my friends around me has opened my mind of thinking on many subjects.

I thank Ouachita for being a great stepping stone of preparation because I feel that through my experiences here so far have made me a more well-rounded person striving to become the best I can be.



**Pam Cook**

Before coming to Ouachita, I was extremely unsure of the future and myself. Ouachita provides such a variety of opportunities that every student can find a place where he or she belongs. Probably, at a larger university one could not be involved in so many diverse areas. I know that the music department here has made it possible for me to do the thing I enjoy most — sing.

The professors here have small enough classes so that they can take interest in the individual students. The curriculum here is flexible enough that any class can be arranged if enough students need it. Ouachita prepares you for your field of interest academically and prepares you mentally for the "real world" with a firm background of Christian morals and ideals. Ouachita helps you be the best you.



**Michelle Early**

I came to Ouachita for an education, but I'm leaving with more social, cultural, and spiritual relationships than many people experience in a life time. From the day I was accepted as

an incoming student, I have been a part of Ouachita. Sometime during the semester of my freshman year, Ouachita became a part of me.

In understanding what Ouachita had to offer me, I began to realize what I had to give to Ouachita. Time usually wasted was budgeted; talents unused were developed; the unknown became loved.



**Paul Floyd**

These past four years have been a time of changing and maturing both academically and socially. The size of the campus and our student body have made it possible to develop lasting relationships through various clubs and organizations available. I have learned to work with others to reach positive goals.

Each faculty member whom I have studied, has uniquely used to give me the best of preparation for the future. I have received a quality, well-rounded education here. OBU with mixed emotions, ever, "I will not fear tomorrow because I have seen yesterday and I love today."



**Deborah Holley**

Although the phrase "Ouachita family" is often used when speaking about OBU, the phrase has never lost its meaning, and has been very real to me in the past four years.

From the girls on my hall to the people I work with, I have found new brothers and sisters whom I have grown to love. And it's a special place when the president knows you by name and your professors are just as interested about you as an individual as they are about the grade. It's a family when your friends laugh with you, cry with you and genuinely care for you.

Ouachita has given me the opportunity to discover myself and my limits and capabilities. Organizations such as the Ouachitonian, OSF, BSU and EEE have provided me with challenges that have helped me to grow as a person.

Ouachita is truly a wonderful world.



**Donna McCoy**

I suppose many have described Ouachita as "home," but I think it has really become a home away from home for me. Jeff laughs when I tell him to pick me up at my "house" (OC Bailey) and I really do have to be careful when I am at home in Pine Bluff not to refer to Arkadelphia as the place where I actually live. Walt even serves Raisin Bran to reinforce that "down home" feeling!

Friends at Ouachita aren't mere acquaintances; many are life-long companions. Not only am I a member of the Ouachita

family, but some of those more intimate friendships will be carried with me forever.

As far as "academic and Christian excellence" is concerned, I think I've been afforded the best. Not only has my educational scope been widened in the general education and music field, but the religious education has prompted me to know why I believe as I do and to reaffirm those concepts as true values.

Ouachita has offered to me many opportunities; many of which I have taken advantage and many that I wish I had. I will always be grateful to her for giving me four fabulous and wonderful years!



**Steve Patterson**

If Ouachita truly does mean "light the way," in some distant country, it is an appropriate definition for my experiences here. This place has helped me grow in so many different areas. These four years have been full of fun, friendship, and achievement, but they've also been full of struggle, pain, and often defeats. I am convinced that those latter items are what helped me and strengthened me the most. So when I think of Ouachita, I refuse to remember only the triumphs and happiness, but I will hold just as special the heartaches and pains for with them I have grown.

What does Ouachita mean to me? It is people. The most beautiful and compassionate folks I've ever known have been here at OBU. It's Ouachita's people that are her strength and pride, and I'm glad to have experienced friendship here. Someone said once that love is where the heart is. That's love to me.



**Arby Smith**

Over the past four years I feel like I have grown in every aspect of human endeavor. There have been many trials over the years, but none that I was not able to overcome.

My experiences here at Ouachita will always be with me, as well as all of the wonderful people I have met along the way. I've learned to appreciate the simple things in life and to concentrate on the important ones.



**Debbie Smith**

As a second generation Ouachitonian, I have always felt a part of the "Ouachita family," yet somehow that phrase has come to mean more to me since I came to Ouachita as a lonely freshman in June of 1977. Despite the fact that I was in summer school, I was immediately impressed with the smiles, the genuine friendliness, and the warm Christian atmosphere.

Since that time, I have grown tremendously. Being a part of campus life in organizations such as OSF and in the role of R. A., I feel that I've been allowed to see something of what the administration sees. Through the influence of professors like Bill Elder, Lavell Cole, and others, I feel that I have grown in my ability to think. Most of all, however, I owe a great deal to the B.S.U. and all that it stands for and involves. The people I have come into contact with through B.S.U. have helped me to determine who I really am and to help make my stay at Ouachita a true "journey inward, journey outward."



**Kent Sweatman**

My four years at Ouachita have been four years of growing, learning, and maturing spiritually and socially as well as academically. Since I have been at OBU I have seen my personal values and goals established. It is here that I have spent my time working hard and enjoying the local recreation. I have a life at Ouachita and can truthfully say that it is my home. The relationships that I have with my friends and teachers have been the most rewarding of my life. The opportunities I have had to participate in the learning experience has been fulfilling as well. Ouachita is a very special environment that has met my needs in preparing for the "real world." I will always have the fondest memories of this place I think of as home. My hope is that Ouachita can be to others as it has been to me.



**Amy Tate**

I feel Ouachita is a great part of my life, because it has helped develop much of my character over the past four years. Due to being a music major I feel I was not as involved in many activities as others were, but the ones I did commit myself to were always enjoyable and were no burden for me to dedicate 100% to. I believe everything I've been involved in has made me a stronger, more responsible person, and has given me the self-confidence I need to meet the challenges up ahead. My thoughts of OBU will always be ones of high regard and fond memories.

Thirty-two seniors are chosen by student and faculty to receive national hono

# Who's Who 81

**T**hirty-two seniors were selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

All eligible seniors at Ouachita voted for Who's Who candidates and the top 64 were selected. After approval from the Student Senate, they were voted on by a representative of the faculty from each of Ouachita's 28 departments. The top 32 were selected.

In order to be included in Who's Who, students displayed scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, leadership qualities and outstanding personality traits.

Members of Who's Who have been selected annually since 1934. They represent over 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign countries.

Those students selected included: **Bim Allison**, from Siloam Springs, was involved in the Student Senate, International Student Committee, Big Brothers and Sisters, Japan Exchange Program and the Executive Council. He is a history major and the recipient of

the Alan Berry Scholarship, Henry Scholarship, OSF Scholarship and a Japan Exchange Scholarship.

**Mark Bennett**, from Cabot, was a member of the Ouachita Student Foundation, Tiger Traks Chairman, Rho Sigma treasurer and secretary, Alpha Chi, Blue Key, Pre-Law Club, Gamma Phi Big Brother, Academic Committee and Library Committee. He is an accounting major and was named to the President's List five times and the Dean's List once.

**Judy Blevins**, from Maynard, held nine roles in Verser Theatre productions, toured twice with the Carousel Players, held technical and production responsibilities in ten productions, and was a member of Phi Alpha Theta. She is a history major and was named to the President's List one semester and the Dean's List two semesters. Judy also had poetry published in *Ripples*, and in the 1980 *College Poetry Review*.

**Debra Brown**, from Little Rock, was her freshman class treasurer, Chi Delta corresponding secretary and president, and Asso-

ciation of Women Students freshman coordinator and international coordinator. She is an education major and was named the National Dean's List, a Ouachitonian Beauty Pageant contestant, homecoming contestant and a member of Delta Pi Education Fraternity.

**Elizabeth Buffalo**, from Little Rock involved in Baptist Student Union Summer Missions and Spring Break Missions committees, Tiger Tunes, BSU Dorm Bible Study and served as a summer missionary in California, and a spring break mission in Pennsylvania and Oklahoma. She is a business administration major.

**Brian Burton**, from Little Rock, was a member of the Blue Key National Fraternity, Student Senate, was his class president, junior class president

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**MEMBERS OF WHO'S WHO** are STANDING: Foster Sommerlad, Judy Blevins, David Foster, Mark Bennett, Elizabeth Buffalo and James Foster. SEATED: Julia Hendrix, Pam Cook and James Huddleston.



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member of the Beta Beta Men's Social and the College Republicans. He is an acting major.

**Ann Campbell**, from North Little Rock, was editor of the *Signal* for four semesters, member of the Pi Kappa Zeta Women's Club, Panhellenic Council, Pres-Council, Chapel Committee, and the Association of Women Students. She is a communications major and was named to the President's List three semesters and the President's List one semester.

**Anna Catlett**, from Little Rock, was a member of the EEE Social Club, Kappa Delta American Chemical Society, Gamma Epsilon, SNEA, and the International League Committee. She is a chemistry and biology major and was an exchange student to

**Steve Chance**, from Richardson, TX, was a member of the varsity tennis team, Rho Men's Social Club where he served as class president, recording secretary, bonding secretary, rush chairman and president, FCA, Blue Key vice-president, Chi Delta Beau, sophomore class president, Student Senate, Ouachita Student Foundation, and the Pre-Law Club. He is a business administration major and was named to the Dean's List, President's List, National Dean's List, and International Leadership.

**Robin Clifton**, from Jonesboro, was a member of the Student Entertainment and Lecture Fund where she served as historian, Arts Chairman, Hospitality Chairman, Student Union World Hunger Committee, Inasmuch, Weatherization, Shut-in Committee, and was a member of Phi Alpha. She is an English and history major and participated in the honors program and summer intern for Congressman Bill Der.

**John Cook**, from Little Rock, was a member of the Ouachitones, Ouachita University Choir, and Centennial. He was president of the EEE Social Club and served as first vice-president and vice-president of the Association of Women Students. She is a math and physics major and was named outstanding Freshman Student, Outstanding Junior, and Major, and was named to the Dean's List and the President's List five times.

**John Crass**, from Pine Bluff, was a member of the Beta Beta Men's Social Club, Varsity Basketball, and the Pre-Law. He was president of the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity. He is a business administration and history major and was named to the Dean's List, was a Harryman Scholarship Semi-Finalist and 2-up, and was named to the COSIDA National All-American Basketball Team.

**Michelle Early**, from Helena, was a member of the Ouachita Student Foundation, Kappa Zeta Float Chairperson, Col-



lege Republicans, Phi Beta Lambda, Pre-Law, AWS Freshman Council, and Intercollegiate Debate and Forensics. She is a business administration major and was named to the President's List and Dean's List and received the Vera Kelly Memorial Business Law Award. She also participated in the Honors Program and was a member of Alpha Chi.

**Julia Hendrix**, from Fort Smith, was a member of the Chi Delta Social Club, Ouachitones, Opera Workshop, Centennial Singers, SNEA, University Choir, and FCA. She was a music education major and a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Fraternity, Kappa Delta Pi National Teacher's Honor Society, was named to the Dean's List and President's List, received the Scholarship to Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, was an honorary Lieutenant for ROTC, and was the 1980 Miss OBU.

**Randy Hill**, from Malvern, was a member of Blue Key Honor Society, Alpha Chi Honor Society, Student Senate parliamentarian, and Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society. He is a

history and political science major and was named to the President's List three semesters, Dean's List two semesters, and the National Dean's List. He was a recipient of an ACT scholarship.

**Deborah Holley**, from Little Rock, served as Editor of the 1981 *Ouachitonian*, and had also served as Associate Editor and Assistant Editor. She was a member of the Ouachita Student Foundation, EEE Social Club historian, Student Entertainment and Lecture Fund historian, Baptist Student Union Noonday Committee, Chapel Committee, Academic Committee, President's Council, Association of Women Students, and served as a Spring Break Missionary for two years, was a homecoming contestant, and was director of the 1981 *Ouachitonian* Beauty Pageant. She is a communications and secondary education major and was named to the Dean's List and had written for three Southern Baptist periodicals.

**Carmen Huddleston**, from Thayer, MO, was involved in the Student Entertainment and Lecture Fund as Ticket Chairman, Pub-

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# Who's Who 81

MEMBERS OF WHO'S WHO are TOP TO BOTTOM: Kevin Crass, Brian Burton, Randy Hill, Brenda Wense, Amy Tate, Donna McCoy, Amy Pryor, Gwyn Monk, Debbie Smith and Michelle Early.

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licity Chairman, treasurer, and Fine Arts Chairman, and attended four regional and one national NECAA conference. She is an accounting major and was named to the Dean's List and President's List and was a member of Alpha Chi.

**Laura McBeth**, from Arkadelphia, was president of the Chi Delta Women's Social Club, reporter of Kappa Delta Pi, member of Alpha Chi, FCA, a feature twirler, OBU Band, and participated in Tiger Tunes. She is a math major and was named to the Dean's List, President's List, National Dean's List, was a homecoming contestant, and was named Outstanding Sophomore Education Major.

**Donna McCoy**, from Pine Bluff, served as first vice-president of AWS, BSU Noonday Committee, Ouachita-tones, OBU Contact Team, BSU Freshman Council, and Kappa Delta Pi. She is a music major and was named Outstanding Freshman Women, was named to the 1980 Homecoming Court, and was the recipient of the first endowed Jim Ranchino OSF Scholarship, a WMU Scholarship and a Presidential Scholarship. She was also a winner of the OBU Piano Competition and was Pi Mu Alpha Sweetheart.

**Gwyn Monk**, from Pine Bluff, was a member of the Singing Men, Chamber Singers, Centennial Singers, JCP&L, OBU Singers, University Choir, Blue Key, BSU, Student Senate, Accounting Club and the Miss OBU Court of Honor. He is an accounting major and received a Presidential Scholarship.

**Mark Moseley**, from Dallas, TX, was a member of the track team, cross-country team, Assistant S-4 ROTC, and Alpha Omega Eta Social Club. A special education major, he was named to the All-AIC Track Team four times, All-American twice, was AIC Athlete of the Week, Track Athlete of the Year, Cross Country Athlete of the Year, All Around Male Athlete of the Year, and ROTC national two mile record holder.

**Rex Nelson**, from Arkadelphia, served as student assistant sports information director, radio voice of the Tigers, and publicity co-chairman for the Ouachita Student Foundation. A communications major, he was named to the President's List three semesters and the Dean's List one semester.



**Steve Patterson**, from Mountain Home, served as the Student Entertainment and Lecture Fund Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Refreshment Chairman. He was also Student Senate Vice-President, and a member of TRAIID, JEC Lecture Committee, College Republicans, Ministerial Alliance, Ouachita Players, and Chapel Committee. A religion and education major, he was named to the Dean's List and was an Honors Program participant.

**Amy Pryor**, from Searcy, was a member of the Ouachita Student Foundation, Chi Delta Social Club, FCA, OBU Band and Flag Corps. A business major, she was third runner-up in the 1980 Homecoming Court, was a Rho Sigma Sweetheart and a Tiger Belle.

**Debbie Smith**, from Sandhouse, many, was a member of the Student Entertainment and Lecture Fund, SNEA Delta Pi, OSF Tiger Traks Chairman, Student Union Social Ministries, Break Missions Committee, Summations Committee, Outreach Committee, Religious Activities Council, Chapel Committee, was a summer missionary, a spring break missionary and participated in the Honor's Program. An elementary education major, she was a recipient of the University Scholarship.

**Foster Sommerlad**, from Holly Hill, was a member of the University Ouachita Singers, Chamber Singers, Centennial Singers, Beta Beta Social Club.

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, *Ouachitonian* Staff, Student Senate, and the 1980 Homecoming Parade Chair-  
man. He is a music major and a member of Miss Arkansas Court of Honor.

**Avid Strain**, from Mountain Home, was Secretary and Lecture Chairman, was a member of OSF Finance Committee, JCP&L, Alpha Theta president, and sophomore secretary. An English major, he received a Ben Elrod Honor Scholarship and Alpha Theta History Research Award.

**Randy Tate**, from Camden, was a member of University Choir, Chamber Singers, Ouachita Singers, Kappa Delta Pi, and was a Tunes Hostess. A music major, she was named to the Dean's List, President's List and was the 1979 Homecoming Queen.

**Lajuana Terrell**, from Magnolia, was a member of the Ouachita Singers, University Choir, Centennial Singers, Sigma Alpha Iota president, President's Council, ASMIA, and the Music Faculty/Student Committee. A music education major, she was named to the Dean's List, and was a recipient of an OBU music scholarship and the David Scott Memorial Scholarship.

**Karen Wallace**, from Bryant, served as president of Pi Kappa Zeta Women's Social Club, president of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society and was a member of Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha Chi and SELF. A history major, she was nominated for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

**Brenda Wense**, from Medora, IL, was a

member of Under Construction, BSU "Blue Thumb," reporter for the *Signal*, and member of the *Ouachitonian* Staff. A communications major, she received honorable mention in feature story at the convention of the Arkansas College Publications Association and wrote for "The Southern Baptist Educator." She was third runner-up in the 1980 Ouachitonian Beauty Pageant and was a 1980 Miss OBU contestant.

**Jeanna Westmoreland**, from Arkadelphia, participated in the BSU Choir, Intramurals, BSU Spring Break Missions Committee, was historian and pledge class treasurer of the EEE Social Club and treasurer of the AWS. She also served on the Academic Exceptions Committee, and was a member of Kappa Delta Pi. An education major, she was named to the Dean's List and the President's List.

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**MEMBERS OF WHO'S WHO are: Donna Catlett, Lajuana Terrell, Rex Nelson, Deborah Holley, Mark Moseley, Suzanne Campbell and Laura McBeth.**



## Outstanding Senior Woman Amy Tate

In Association of Women Students balloting, Amy Tate of Camden was selected as the Outstanding Senior Woman.

A music education major, Amy was a member of the university choir, Chamber Singers and Ouachita Singers. She was also a member of Kappa Delta Pi, was a 1980 Tiger Tunes hostess, was named to the Dean's List, President's List, and was the 1979 homecoming queen.



One of Amy's honors includes being named Homecoming Queen 1979. She represented Phi Mu Alpha.





## Outstanding Senior Man Kevin Crass

As selected by the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, Kevin Crass of Pine Bluff was chosen as the Outstanding Senior Man.

A business administration and history major, Kevin was a member of the Beta Beta Men's Social Club, FCA, varsity basketball and the pre-law club.

He was a Harry S. Truman Scholarship semi-finalist and runner-up, and was named to the COSIDA Academic All-American Basketball Team. Kevin also served as president of Blue Key.



AS A RECRUIT FROM PINE BLUFF, Kevin played basketball for three years. His senior year, Kevin was a student assistant to Coach Vining.



# Class Stats

**T**he total enrollment of the junior class was 291. Fifty-seven percent were male and 43 percent were female. Arkansas was the home for 76 percent of the class, while 24 percent were from other states and foreign countries. Clark County was represented by eight percent of the class, and seven percent were from Pulaski County. The remaining 85 percent were from counties with less percentages.

Fifteen percent chose Business Administration as a major. Pastoral Ministries was the choice of 12 percent of the class, while the remaining 73 percent chose other fields of study. Fifty-three percent were seeking a BA degree, 23 percent a BSE, and the remaining 24 percent sought another degree or were undecided.

Baptist was the religious preference of 90 percent of the class.

**JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS** were **STANDING**: Cyndi Garrett, Britt Mahan, Jay Shell. **SEATED**: Mike Hart, Ann Thrash, Drew Atkinson.

## JUNIORS

Lisa Adams/Rochester, NY  
 Drew Atkinson/Pine Bluff  
 Rhonda Bailey/Fort Smith  
 Julie Baldwin/Bloomington, MN  
 Vickie Banks/England  
 Leah Barker/Marianna

Eddie Barrett/Warren  
 Barry Bates/Camden  
 Johnny Baxter/Richardson, TX  
 Edina Beal/Fisher  
 Jeff Bearden/Pine Bluff  
 Ruth Beaudry/Lincroft, NJ

Suzanne Belford/Hot Springs  
 Joan Bennett/Houston, TX  
 Sandy Blakely/Nashville  
 Brent Blackmore/Foreman  
 Richard Blankenship/Longview, TX  
 David Boyett/Little Rock





Jerry Brandt/Searcy  
 Keith Brickell/Batesville  
 David Brown/Lamar  
 Kirk Bullington/Arkadelphia  
 Joe Bunch/Mena  
 Nancy Burbank/Arkadelphia



Erby Burgess/Texarkana, TX  
 Barry Burnett/Belem, Brazil  
 Paulette Burris/Stuttgart  
 Ricky Busby/Oil Trough  
 Sandy Butler/Atkins  
 Barbara Darlene Byrd/Pine Bluff



Jim Byrum/Carlisle  
 Steve Campbell/Shreveport, LA  
 Anita Carr/West Memphis  
 Marcia Carswell/Itacoatiara Amazonas,  
 Brazil  
 David Cassidy/Hampton  
 David Chappell/Scotia, NY



Tim Church/North Little Rock  
 Vaughn Clary/Crossett  
 Jimmy Colebank/Kensett  
 Amy Coleman/Fort Smith  
 Bruce Coleman/Midlothian, TX  
 Gary Corker/Dumas



Ladonna Cowart/Glenwood  
 Jane Crossett/Pine Bluff  
 Joey Cunningham/Searcy  
 Suzanne Cunningham/Little Rock  
 Mark Cushman/Sherman, TX  
 Linda Darling/Crossett



Lonnie Daws/Camden  
 Julie DeFreece/Chesterfield, MO  
 Jay Dennis/Greenwood  
 Randall Dickey/Valley Springs  
 Kim Dildy/Hot Springs  
 Mary Bob Dixon/Rison



Susan Dodson/Monticello  
 Clay Doss/Camden  
 Sarah Drennan/Knob Lick, MO  
 Pam Drennan/Malden, MO  
 Paul Drennan/Malden, MO  
 Pegi Durkee/Cabot

# In search of "it"

by Dennis Stark

**T**he dorm meeting had come to a close, and the guys were filtering back into their separate rooms when the familiar call echoed down the hall. "Who wants to go to the Gurdon Light?" It was Kenny, the dorm's weightlifting coach, and I immediately thought of a prank that I had always wanted to pull.

I had been to the "light" just the night before with three others from the dorm, and it was all of our talk of spooks and sounds that caught Kenny's interest. He and two others from the dorm had never been and were just itching to go.

Struggling to keep the smiles from our faces, the four of us declined this night's adventure for one reason or another. The whole time we were working it out between ourselves how we were going to scare the unsuspecting three.

I gave Kenny directions on how to get there and what to look for and then sent them on their way.

After we were sure that they were gone, we hurriedly gathered together all of our "spook tools" to do the job. These tools consisted of a hammer to bang on the tracks, an electronic camera flash to imitate our own Gurdon Light, and a shotgun to fire into the air. With all of these things, we piled into the car and headed out.

The short trip to the "light" was full of conversation on how we could "pull it off" and really put a scare into them. All of these ideas vanished shortly after we had arrived and travelled just a few yards down the railroad tracks.

Something was following us!

Who or what, we didn't know, but there was something there — not on the tracks but a few yards off to the left, making its way through the thick woods and newfallen leaves. It wasn't Kenny and his group because we could hear them making their way down the tracks a good bit ahead of us.

There sure wasn't anyone we knew that would have the nerve to walk blindly through the woods at one a.m.

"Whatever it is," I said, "we'll lose it after we cross the first train trestle because it won't go through the creek."

But it did!

We tried to ignore it or pass it off as a dog or a raccoon, but four legs couldn't have walked so steady. Crunch . . . crunch . . . crunch . . . crunch . . . it sounded like two feet at a steady and even pace.

Bill, the one with the hammer, had the simple idea of just stopping and letting "it" walk on by. That seemed simple enough, so we tried it. Sure enough, whatever it was did keep walking, but not on down the tracks. Now it just seemed to be staying right beside us and walking in a circle.

"Here Mike, take the 12-gauge," I said as I reached in my fatigue coat pocket and drew out the camera flash. I turned it on and listened to it whine as it charged up for me. I was hoping to at least get a glimpse of whatever or whoever it was. Standing in front of the others, I held the flash in the direction of the noise and pushed the button.

After the blue dots cleared from my eyes, I

## JUNIORS

Max Easter/Arkadelphia  
Melody Edmonds/Oscoda, MI  
Renee Eshleman/Lake Dallas, TX  
Pam Evans/Stuttgart  
Gerald Ezell/Camden  
Betty Fincher/Waldo

Kim Fischer/Little Rock  
Bud Fleming/Bryant  
Alan Foster/Arkadelphia  
Robert Foster/Bismarck  
Terry Fox/Fort Smith  
Cyndi Garrett/Hope

Brian Geltner/College City  
Rosanne Giannetta/Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Mitchell Lee Gilbert/Glenwood  
Kelli Gooding/Excelsior Springs, MO  
Jenny Gosser/North Little Rock  
Gianna Gregory/Mountain Home



ned that this plan was hopeless, but  
 else could we do? John, our chauffeur for  
 evening, came up with the next bright  
 "Talk to it," he said, as he stepped to  
 side of the tracks.

Why not, but what should I say?" I re-  
 sisted.

Anything, just say something!"

Right, here goes. I don't know who  
 we . . . or what you are, but if you're out  
 to scare someone, we're not them," I  
 said, "so why don't you just step out and  
 show your face or we'll take our shotgun and  
 hit at you! It's your choice, I don't care." I  
 refused to listen.

I heard was crunch . . . crunch . . .  
 still going in a circle beside us—  
 then a break in the rhythm.

A shot into the air," I told Mike, "to  
 even know we're not lying about the  
 . . .

OM! Fire shot out of the end of the  
 I as the sound echoed down the tracks.

Now listen." Crunch . . . crunch . . .  
 h . . .

It didn't even stop, run, or anything. It just  
 kept plodding in that circle. No animal I  
 knew of would ever do that, especially after a  
 gun blast.

John spoke after a long silence, "L-L-Let's  
 just walk on toward the others and try to lose  
 it."

Off we went, trying to shut it out of our  
 minds. After about another hundred yards or  
 so, we stopped to listen again. There it was as  
 real as before. By now we were fed up with  
 the whole incident.

I decided to try and communicate with it  
 once more, and then it would be time to head  
 home.

"We're tired of fooling around," I said as  
 the steps continued. "Whoever you are,  
 show yourself or we'll shoot!"

The footsteps stopped. Only for a moment  
 though, and then they started again. But, not  
 in a circular motion this time.

This time "it" was headed straight for us.  
 Mike released the safety on the shotgun  
 while I raised the flash, and Bill tightened his  
 grip on the hammer. It was about to step out

into the open, and we were not quite ready.

Just as it reached the edge of the dense  
 woods, it stopped again. No one breathed a  
 word for what seemed to be an hour. Finally  
 the leaves began to softly rustle, and what-  
 ever it was turned back towards the woods  
 and continued "its" circular walk.

Kenny, Mike, and Danny were just return-  
 ing from their own midnight adventure, and  
 we welcomed them openly. They could tell  
 we were shaken a bit, and after hearing of  
 our "close encounter," they gladly agreed it  
 was bedtime.

Off we went down the tracks at an eager  
 pace, leaving our "friend" behind and an-  
 ticipating the warmth and security of our  
 dorm. When finally in bed for the night,  
 sleep didn't come easy as I tossed and turned  
 restlessly trying to imagine who or what was  
 still out there, and just how I could avoid ever  
 meeting "it" again.



Allen Haley/Fort Smith  
 C. J. Hall/Stephens  
 Hal Hall/Melbourne, FL  
 Robbie Hankins/Mesquite, TX  
 Matt Harnes/Mountain Home  
 Stan Harris/Hope

Valerie Harris/Sheridan  
 Mike Hart/Springhill, LA  
 Gary Harvey/Delark  
 Mike Hays/Burlington, IA  
 Sarah Hays/Van Buren  
 Scott Heller/Hot Springs

Becky Helms/Arkadelphia  
 Paula Helms/North Little Rock  
 Mike Henderson/Benton  
 David Hill/Texarkana  
 Naomi Hopson/Prescott  
 Stephen Hudson/Arkadelphia



# The sharing of a culture

**O**uachita's annual Black Emphasis Week was presented by the Black American Student Society, (BASS). The week of February 8-13 was designated for the event in 1981, with a theme of "The Black Movement and the New Right." BASS president Charles Cooper said the purpose of Black Emphasis Week was "... to promote good will among all students in an effort to open an avenue for students to learn the cultural habits and ways of each other in a harmonious atmosphere."

With the complex nature of today's society, BASS said that more dynamic, new problems were present; many of the old ones were still evident, and it was a certainty that those of tomorrow were waiting to be resolved.

"Our goals cannot be accomplished, though, until each regenerated Christian

stands up for what he knows is right and helps others to establish a priority in their lives," said Cooper. "This priority can be nothing but Jesus Christ."

To kick off the week, Rev. W. H. Hunter, Presiding Elder of the Camden District of the African Methodist Episcopal Churches, was featured at a special worship service in Berry Bible Chapel, Sunday. A gospel music extravaganza held in Mabee Fine Arts Center Recital Hall highlighted the evening, Monday. It featured choirs from Henderson State University, Southern Arkansas University, New Haven Baptist Church of Camden, and OBU. Dr. Everett Slavens, OBU professor of history, and Mr. Kenneth Harris, instructor at Henderson, heightened the evening's music with intervals of the history of black gospel music. Monda Lambert, a graduate of

Ouachita and student at Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C., spoke at Tuesday's chapel sessions. Miss Lambert was a former employee of Fourth District Congressman Beryl Anthony. Wednesday, the BEW Fashion Fair was held in Mabee Recital Hall. The show featured models from both OBU and HSU in four fashion scenes. Cora McHenry, assistant executive secretary of the Arkansas Education Association, lectured on the BEW theme, Thursday. Mrs. McHenry was a former instructor of Upward Bound and a consultant for ATAC on campus. A banquet held in Evans Student Center wrapped up BEW activities. Featured speaker for the banquet was Reanetta Hunt, reporter for KATV Channel 7, Little Rock.

## JUNIORS

Jeff Humphrey/Hot Springs  
Brad Hunnicutt/Danville  
Robbie Jackson/Humphrey  
Joy Johnson/Hot Springs  
Sondra Johnson/Mountain Home  
Tine Johnson/Prescott

Gwen Jones/Fort Smith  
Janith Justice/Fordyce  
Akira Kato/Fukuoka, Japan  
Alica Kirpatrick/Phoenix, AZ  
Billy Land/North Little Rock  
Trevor Lavy/Fayetteville

Bruce Layton/West Memphis  
Maureen Leonard/Chicago, IL  
Nathan Lee Lewis/Arkadelphia  
Kenny Linsey/Van Buren  
Debbie Long/Norphlet  
Britt Mahan/Ashdown





AS PRESIDENT OF BASS, Charles Cooper presides over the Tuesday chapel services.



BLACK EMPHASIS WEEK began with a gospel music extravaganza held in Mabee Fine Arts Center.



Van Matthews/Bodcaw  
 Ken McAlister/Hobbs, NM  
 Vicki McCallum/Arkadelphia  
 Linda McClain/Fordyce  
 Thalia McDougal/DeQueen  
 Phillip Grift/Malvern

Donna McKenzie/Pine Bluff  
 Laura McMurry/El Paso, TX  
 Vikki Middleton/Shreveport, LA  
 Jeff Miers/Texarkana  
 Tammy Milligan/Arkadelphia  
 Rhonda Millikin/Marion

Robert Mills/Lawrenceville, GA  
 Etsuko Misumi/Fukuoka, Japan  
 Annette Mitchell/Arkadelphia  
 Marilyn Mitchell/Ashdown  
 Donna Moffatt/Crossett  
 Lisa Moore/Success

# The transfer trauma

**F**or many students, transferring from one school to another was a traumatic and drastic experience. Adjusting to new friends, classes, and a totally different environment could have been a great challenge.

Mike Henderson, a senior transfer student from Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, had fit into and adjusted to the world of Ouachita Baptist University extremely well. His hometown was Benton, and he was majoring in Religious Education.

At SBC Henderson was a member of the

"Southern Singers" and was on the Student Government Association. He was very active in the Baptist Student Union where he was a member of the drama team and served as president during his sophomore year. Henderson has continued to be active in BSU activities here at OBU. He was on the Executive Council and was the chairman of the Fellowship Committee. Also, he was nominated for State BSU President.

On weekends Henderson worked as youth director at 47th Street Baptist Church in North Little Rock.

## JUNIORS

Ricky Moore/Crossett  
Roger Morgan/Mountain Home  
Susan Morgan/Bryant  
Laurie Murfin/Metairie, LA  
Elizabeth Neighbors/Amity  
Rex Nelson/Arkadelphia



Koji Okamoto/Kitakyushu, Japan  
Roger Orr/Cali, Columbia  
Kenneth Overturf/Austin  
Donna Pananganan/Valrico, FL  
Mark Perkins/Sheridan  
Terry Phillips/Prescott



Terri Pierce/Malvern  
Robin Filcher/Little Rock  
Mark Pitts/Austin, TX  
Susan Pitts/Ola  
Steve Plunkett/Arkadelphia  
Laura Porter/Heber Springs



Brenton Powell/Forrest City  
Carleen Powers/Prairie Grove  
Phillip Powers/Prairie Grove  
Denise Price/Siloam Springs  
James Quillman/Greenwood  
Sandy Ray/Nashville



When asked about the main differences in and OBU, Henderson replied, "The obvious is the size. Southern only has 350 students, so I got to know one. The disadvantage of being so small was the lack of activities. OBU, through the work of a larger BSU, SELF, and provides many more activities outside the classroom. Academically, OBU is quite a challenge, for me anyway. This may be due to the fact that I took mostly junior-senior classes since I transferred from a junior college to a university. Besides that, there's

not really that many differences. Because of the size, the SBC campus had its limitations, but I feel there was a very spiritual atmosphere there."

Henderson said that the hardest adjustment for him was coming from a campus so small to one with three times as many people. "At first I felt lost in the crowd," responded Henderson, "but there's a lot of warm, friendly people here that have helped me overcome that."



Michelle Raymick/Pine Bluff  
Chris Reynolds/Sherman, TX  
Twyla Roach/Hot Springs  
Sammy Roberts/Marked Tree  
Linda Robinson/Van Buren  
Larry Romack/Jacksonville

Donna Ross/Hope  
Jan Rowe/Hope  
LeeAnn Satterwhite/Athens, GA  
Arlene Scott/San Antonio, TX  
Gina Scott/Sparkman  
Jay Shell/Walnut Ridge

Marcia Shofner/Del City, OK  
Carrie Sligh/Gurdon  
Mollie Smith/Camden  
Paula Karen Smith/Arkadelphia  
Tommy Smith/Bismarck  
Sammy B. South/Wynne

Gail Spencer/El Dorado  
Mark Stallings/Greenwood  
Dennis Stark/St. Louis, MO  
Dona Stark/Dallas, TX  
Cheryl Stevens/Dermott  
Jim Ed Stillwell/Malvern

# A week of lectures and leisure

By: Ritta Sutterfield

"Government and Science" was the topic of OBU's fifth annual Washington Seminar January 5-12, sponsored by the Edward Maddox Public Affairs Center. Each year the topic of the seminar was different and each year the experiences had by the students were unique.

A week of running up and down escalators, squeezing through subway doors and sliding on snowy sidewalks was what the group of 12 OBU students found in Washington, D.C. But of course they weren't always on the run. Some time was spent sitting peacefully in a classroom-type atmosphere.

The main purpose of the trip was to study the relationship between the scientific community and government. They did this by visiting science agencies that work with the government on both the legislative and executive levels.

Their home for the week was the Bellevue Hotel, on Capitol Hill. Dr. Hall Bass and Dr. Joe Jeffers, co-directors of the seminar, lectured each morning, and after a briefing on what agency they were to visit, they left the hotel and travelled through the city — underground.

Riding on the subway was a whole new experience for most of them, and it was definitely the best way to travel. It was only 60 cents per fare to ride almost anywhere in the city, but there were a few "hangups" in riding the Metro. Barry Bates learned that subway doors do not rebound like elevator doors do, when he found himself sandwiched between a closing door. Bob White shoved him inside and Barry managed to live through the incident.

During the week, they visited different offices that dealt with science in some way. These included the National Science Foundation, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Office of Technology Assessment and the National Academy of Science.

When they arrived in Washington, most of them had certain views of our government and how things worked. After the trip, a few of those changed.

"We were halfway through the week when I realized how much I was learning and how much I could learn when not under pressure," said Bates. "I found out just how ignorant of our government I really was."

"I went up there (Washington) with the view that government was really wasteful," said C. J. Hall. "But I came back with a very positive view of our government."

With respect to science, Donna Catlett commented: "People are always hollering about spending too much money on basic research (such as studying the mating habits of insects). But we have to fund basic research because it's the whole foundation for other types of research."

Others who attended the seminar included Sara Shell, Dan Patterson, Lea Ellen Fowler, Melody Mosley, Chuck Stowe, Bruce Welch, Kenny McGee and Rita Sutterfield.

## JUNIORS

Rita Sutterfield/Siloam Springs  
Les Tainter/Marianna  
Barbara Taylor/Fairfield Bay  
Ann Thrash/Hope  
Randy Tightsworth/Hot Springs



Suzette Todd/Arkadelphia  
Pam Tollett/North Little Rock  
Cliff Toney/Dallas, TX  
Rachel Trantham/Arkadelphia  
DeAnna Travis/Lawson  
Elizabeth Trimble/El Dorado



Janet Tuberville/Camden  
Laura Tucker/Blytheville  
Sonny Tucker/Arkadelphia  
Brad Turner/Greenwood  
Karen Verser/Eudora  
Dennis Vire/Little Rock



THE WASHINGTON SEMINAR provided students an opportunity to study their national government. The group toured various sights in Washington, including the sculpture of Albert Einstein.



Cassandra Walker/Camden  
 Ginger Walker/Proctor  
 Karen Wallace/Bryant  
 Elizah Wanje/Malindi, Kenya  
 Cheryl Warren/Little Rock



Keith Watkins/Waldron  
 Mike Watts/Harrison  
 Betty Wesson/Prescott  
 Deb White/Hot Springs  
 Janice White/Van Buren



Kent Williams/Marion  
 Shelley Williams/Gideon, MO  
 Jeannie Willingham/Douglas, AZ  
 Danny Wright/Glenwood  
 Sherri Yocom/Hope  
 Muriel Yoder/Richmond, British Columbia, Canada



**SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS ARE BACK** Sims, Don Brown, Joe Reed. **FRONT ROW:** Gene Whisenhunt, Andy Edwards, David Cheryl Bass, Melinda Ingram, Wendy Long.

# Class Stats

The total enrollment of the sophomore class was 368. Fifty-three per cent were female and 47 per cent were male. Arkansas was the home state for 76 per cent of the class, while 24 per cent were from other states and foreign countries. Pulaski County was represented by 13 per cent of the class, and eight per cent were from Clark County. The remaining 79 per cent were from counties with less percentages.

Twelve per cent chose Business Administration as a major. Elementary Education was the choice of ten per cent of the class, while the remaining 78 per cent chose other fields of study. Forty-seven were seeking a BA degree, 20 per cent a BSE, and the remaining 33 per cent sought another degree or were undecided.

Baptist was the religious preference of 83 per cent of the class.

## Sophomores

Teresa Albritton/Hot Springs  
 Sonja Allen/Little Rock  
 Kerry Alley/Marked Tree  
 Lauralyn Alphin/Norphlet  
 Jason Anders/Camden  
 Lisa Andrews/Memphis, TN

Jane Archer/Nassau, Bahamas  
 Jimmy Archer/Jacksonville  
 Monica Ashbrook/Pine Bluff  
 Dennie Ashley/Amity  
 Jay Atkins/Little Rock  
 Paul Au/Honolulu, HI

Connie Avery/Prescott  
 Pam Barfield/Little Rock  
 Kevin Barnes/Little Rock  
 Tony Barrett/Del City, OK  
 Cheryl Bass/Texarkana, TX  
 Karen Bean/Lakeworth, FL





Jenny Beard/Heber Springs  
 Brenda Belk/Ozan  
 Paula Bell/North Little Rock  
 Lynn Berry/Beebe  
 Perri Berthelot/Wichita Falls, TX  
 Phyllis Birdsong/Little Rock



John Birdwell/El Dorado  
 Margie Bishop/Bradley  
 Tracy Bledsoe/Camden  
 Steve Blenden/Pine Bluff  
 Gail Bollen/Friendship  
 Adrienne Bone/Clinton



Donna Bowman/Little Rock  
 Bill Braden/St. James, MO  
 Wendell Bradley/Marianna  
 Kelli Brandt/Carlisle  
 Rick Briscoe/Little Rock  
 Alan Brown/Marianna



Beth Brown/Trou, MO  
 Darrell Brown/Blue Eye, MO  
 Don Brown/Pine Bluff  
 James Brown/North Little Rock  
 Joy Brumley/Malvern  
 Steve Bullock/St. James, MO



Judy Bumgardner/Little Rock  
 Bobin Burdine/Harrison  
 Bruce Burnett/Belem, Brazil  
 Lisa Byrd/Benton  
 Howard Cannon/Kennett, MO  
 Sheri Caple/Bryant



Sandy Carlson/Fort Smith  
 Sallie Carmical/Warren  
 Roland Carrasco/Falfurrias, TX  
 Kevin Carswell/Itacoatiara, Brazil  
 Steve Caruthers/Little Rock  
 Clifford Case/North Little Rock



Mary Alice Chambers/North Little Rock  
 Sharon Chancy/Dallas, TX  
 Dwayne Chappell/West Helena  
 Denise Clark/Texarkana, TX  
 Sarah Clark/Malvern  
 Billy Gay Clary/Crossett



# A different world



**LEARNING TO COMMUNICATE** in sign language was part of Lisa Pruitt's summer missions experience at the Long Island Church for the Deaf.

By DeAnna Travis

**I**t was definitely a summer of changes for summer missionary Lisa Pruitt. Besides learning a new language at the Long Island Church for the Deaf, she made a 50 year old widow her best friend, scrubbed the walls of the pastor's home after a fire, and learned how to get along without pinto beans.

Quite a contrast for the 19 year-old Benton sophomore.

It began in January when Lisa completed her summer missions application anticipating an appointment in work with the deaf and hearing impaired. Yet, her assignment returned in April sending her to resort missions in North Carolina. She was disappointed, but determined to go regardless of her special interests.

However, two weeks before her plane reservation date, the Home Mission Board called Lisa and asked her to work in the only church for the deaf on Long Island, New York. "I didn't have much time to get prepared," Lisa said, "but I was excited because I knew that was what I really wanted to do."

Lisa adapted to the change in learning the language of the deaf because she was eager to

communicate. She said no one teased her because she didn't know more than the basics. Describing the members of the church Lisa said, "They'd go so fast I'd ask them to slow down. I told them I didn't understand what they meant." Lisa said they would smile and make the signs for, "Why can't you understand? Are you deaf?"

"Sense of humor included they are just like we are but in a different world," Lisa said.

Besides working with deaf, Lisa taught a hearing children's Sunday School class. And, alone, she organized two backyard Bible clubs by visiting and knocking on doors.

One of the clubs was held 20 minutes from the church in Jamaica, a Black, Spanish and Mexican neighborhood. "Here I was," Lisa said, "a nice little Christian girl, both arms loaded down with Bibles, books and games walking up the driveway, as if I knew what I was doing. The whole time the older kids just sat on the fences staring at me. It was really an odd feeling."

But, Lisa continued the clubs and by the end of the summer one averaged 12 children and the other seven.

Another outreach of the church was to

## Sophomores

Cheryl Clem/Osceola  
Mike Coker/West Helena  
Cris Colclasure/North Little Rock  
Alisa Cole/Searcy  
David Collins/Crossett  
Diane Cooke/Tampa, FL

Wayne Cooper/Cabot  
Karen Craig/Texarkana, TX  
Charles Culpepper/Hot Springs  
Kelly Culpepper/New Boston, TX  
Jay Burlin/Fort Smith  
Walter Dodd/Hot Springs

Dana Donaldson/Forrest City  
Pam Drew/Laingsburg, MI  
Lindley Douthitt/Orlando, FL  
Kim Duke/Hope  
Suzanne Duke/Jonesboro  
Wayne Easterwood/Del City, OK



transport some of the deaf and blind residents of the Helen Keller Center to the church. When the driver was unable to make the usual route on Sunday, Lisa was asked to drive to the Center. Never having driven a van and not having driven far in Long Island she said, "I remember they told me that I'd do things on summer missions that I never thought I could do. I knew that this was one of them, but I thought I could handle it."

Arriving at the Center, Lisa lead each of the people to the van and started back only to have the van die first at a stop sign then a few minutes later in a busy intersection. "It kept getting worse, Lisa said, "but there was no one I could ask for help." She said the people in the van couldn't hear or see but they knew something was wrong because they could feel the vibration. Everytime they would start moving again, they would clap.

When it quit again, within two blocks of the church, Lisa led the group the rest of the way. "I'll never forget it," Lisa said. "It was a perfect example of the blind leading the blind."

Some of the things Lisa thought she would never have to do involved accepting several

lifestyle changes. She didn't wear shorts the entire summer and wore very little makeup because of church members personal convictions. And other than the people not ever hearing of pinto beans, Lisa said describing her diet deficient in Southern cooking, "I only got fried chicken once. They cooked chicken because they knew I liked it. But most of the time they put it in a casserole."

Having a 50 year old woman as a best friend was still another change. Without a partner or no one in the church her age, Lisa grew close to Vera, a member of the church who Lisa lived with the ten weeks. "It was hard at times not having someone my age, but it was neat getting close to someone I normally wouldn't get to know," Lisa said.

Lisa's work progressed until one day during the last week, Lisa and the pastor's wife were driving home when they noticed from several blocks away that smoke was rising from a house in the neighborhood. They arrived minutes later at the Pfaff's house which was surrounded by fire engines and cars. "It didn't burn all the way down, but there was so much smoke and water damage," Lisa said, "the house had to be rebuilt."

The only room that totally burned was the upstairs bedroom where Lisa had left some of her personal things. "I lost my Bible, my camera, all the pictures I had taken, some clothes and my curling iron. But at least most of it was replaceable," Lisa said.

After a hard week of taking out furniture and scrubbing walls, Lisa went to her last Sunday service at the church. "I cried during the message, even before I stood up to say goodbye." She said, "I loved working with them so much and I knew it was going to be hard to leave."

Then at the close of the service the pastor brought out five wrapped packages and called "Miss Lisa" to the front. They had replaced about everything she lost — the same Bible with her name engraved on it, a camera, film, and a Bible concordance. The members of the church also gave her presents such as a New York T-shirt, and a book, *The Joy of Signing*. "But one of the most meaningful gifts was a necklace with a bow in it," Lisa said. "They told me the knot meant I would always be a part of their church."



Nina Echterhoff/San Antonio, TX  
 Andy Edwards/North Little Rock  
 Kathy Edwards/Greenwood  
 Steve Efurd/Mililani, HI  
 Celeste Efurd/Greenwood  
 Mark Elliott/Cabot

Linda Ellis/Malvern  
 Steve Farris/Dallas, TX  
 Bobby Faulkner/Mena  
 Mark Fawcett/West Helena  
 Rocky Fawcett/Cabot  
 Walter Felton/El Dorado

Roger Felty/Malvern  
 Bernardo Fernandez/Mexico City, Mexico  
 Robin Fink/Newport  
 Lou Anne Flanders/Colleyville, TX  
 Leslie Funderburk/Pineville, LA  
 Denise George/Jacksonville

A SOPHOMORE from Mexico City, Bernardo Fernandez is a student worker in Dean Dixon's office.



# A test in culture

By Dena White

**W**hen I just get out of my room in the mornings I must meet a thousand challenges," said Bernardo Fernandez, a sophomore from Mexico City. "I feel like a handicapped person compared with other students, but when I meet those challenges I feel good."

Bernardo created challenges for himself by coming to Ouachita in January of 1979. At that time he spoke no English but said that he grasped the opportunity to leave Mexico, explaining that he was tired of Mexican society and his own lifestyle. It was a big adjustment moving from the world's second largest city to Arkadelphia, but, Bernardo said, "I do not mind if it's a boring town. I came here to study."

And study was something that Bernardo, a sociology, psychology, and Spanish major,

had to do. Not knowing English made studying even more difficult, but Bernardo got valuable experience during his Christmas and summer vacations by hitchhiking across the United States instead of going home. "Of course I am homesick. I lived with my family for 20 years. But I am getting maturity I would not get at home. Each time I come back from these trips with more experience and better English."

Because he could not speak English and faced the unknown when he first came to Ouachita, Bernardo said he did not expect to stay long. "I came thinking I could stay maybe a week, and I've been here two years." Bernardo is overcoming his handicaps by constantly seeking new challenges through study and involvement. "It is like a big test for myself," he explained.

## Sophomores

Terry Gibson/Mena  
Cheryl Gilbert/Forrest City  
Julie Gilmer/Murfreesboro  
Dana Glover/Hatfield  
Nancy Goe/West Memphis  
Sherry Lynn Gorum/North Little Rock



Bobby Gosser/North Little Rock  
Pam Graves/Murfreesboro  
Kay Green/Parkin  
Terry Griffin/Springdale  
Becky Griffiths/Stephens  
Kevin Grisham/Hot Springs



Sheri Grober/Balem, Brazil  
Joyce Hailes/Van Buren  
Doug Hall/Little Rock  
Chuck Hammons/Fayetteville  
Lori Hansen/Mountainburg  
Barry Hardin/Malvern



Scott Harrington/Baton Rouge, LA  
Eric Harris/Bismarck  
Steve Hartley/Branson, MO  
Nancy Hassell/Stuttgart  
Carla Hayes/Cabot  
Andy Hill/Little Rock





Beth Holland/Milton, IN  
 Lori Hope/Cuiaba, Brazil  
 Cliff Hubbs/Van Buren  
 Cynthia Hughes/Des Arc  
 Alec Hunter/Arkadelphia  
 Carlos Ichter/Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Melinda Ingram/Texarkana, TX  
 Robert Jayroe/Dallas, TX  
 LeAnn Jimerson/Indianapolis, IN  
 Rick Jonson/Arkadelphia  
 Sandra Johnston/Searcy  
 Janet Juniel/Sparkman



Dianna Keeton/North Little Rock  
 Doug Keeton/Russellville  
 Taylor King/Gurdon  
 David Kok/Duala Lumar, Malaysia  
 Robby Koonce/Turrell  
 Koug Lancaster/Little Rock



Mike Landrum/Germantown, TN  
 Leslie Lankford/Sheridan  
 Connie Lawrence/New Boston, TX  
 Kirk Lee/Dekalb, TX  
 Lorrie Lindeblad/Munsing, MI  
 Wendy Long/Vacaville, CA



Steven Lovell/Benton  
 Mary Lane Lowman/Cabot  
 Janna Lowry/Little Rock  
 Diana Mackey/Fort Smith  
 Michael Maeda/Pacific Palisades, HI  
 Kale Magness/Texarkana



Carla Manasco/Ruston, LA  
 Nadine Marshall/Nashville  
 Stephanie Matchett/Hot Springs  
 Chris McCollum/Malvern  
 Marty McDaniel/Star City  
 Lorri McKee/Crossett



Angie McMoran/El Dorado  
 Dianne McSwain/Oklahoma City, OK  
 Debbie McTee/Arkadelphia  
 Beth McVay/Wake Village, TX  
 Glen Methvin/Harrison  
 Mary Beth Minor/Brinkley

# Sophomores

Alan Moore/Hope  
 Laura Moore/Benton  
 Dixie Moritz/DeWitt  
 Harry Morphew/Camden  
 Jeanne Murdock/Pine Bluff  
 Mick Murphy/Phoenix, AZ

Ronda Murray/Sherrill  
 Angel Nash/El Dorado  
 Lisa Nevin/Cabot  
 Stephanie Nichols/Greenwood  
 Clara Noler/Arkadelphia  
 Nickol Northern/Benton

Kelly Norton/Warren  
 Gabriel Ojo/Epe, Nigeria  
 Beth Olson/New Boston, TX  
 Pat O'Malley/Little Rock  
 Ann Owen/Pine Bluff  
 Susan Parham/Rison

Suzanne Parker/Little Rock  
 Carol Parks/Rogers  
 Teresa Parr/Little Rock  
 Terri Phelps/Arkadelphia  
 Denise Phillips/North Little Rock  
 Karen Pierce/Batesville

Kellie Pitts/Fayetteville  
 Lisa Pruitt/Benton  
 Ann Pryor/Morrilton  
 Alan Quigley/Del City, OK  
 Joe Dan Reed/Siloam Springs  
 Sandy Reese/Arkadelphia

Pam Reynolds/Marianna  
 Sue Richmond/Cord  
 Damona Robbins/Arkadelphia  
 Diane Rogers/Little Rock  
 Nancy Roger/Stephens  
 Jo Romesberg/Arkadelphia

Jeff Root/Arkadelphia  
 Mark Rutherford/Judsonia  
 Kelli Sandusky/North Little Rock  
 Rhonda Saunders/Los Angeles, CA





Jim Swell/Dallas, TX  
 Sara Shell/Walnut Ridge  
 Dana Shelton/Sherwood  
 Sharon Shelnu/Simi, CA  
 Tina Shiflett/Fort Smith  
 Drew Shofner/Del City, OK



Becky Siler/Bradley  
 Don Simmons/Ashdown  
 David Sims/Pine Bluff  
 Anita Smith/El Dorado  
 Anthony Smith/Search  
 Cindy Smith/Hot Springs



Cindy Smith/Rogers  
 Robert Smith/Murfreesboro  
 Grady Spann/Recife, Brazil  
 Kris Spencer/Carlinville, IL  
 Mike Spivey/Benton  
 Cindy Stanford/Memphis, TN



Kim Stange/Hot Springs  
 John Stark/North Little Rock  
 Joyce Stewart/Ozan  
 Tommy Strickland/Van Buren  
 Randy Sutton/Texarkana, TX  
 Julie Tanner/Pine Bluff



Lacey Taylor/Fort Smith  
 Vicki Taylor/Hot Springs  
 Melinda Thomas/Little Rock  
 Lisa Thompson/Little Rock  
 Gena Thrash/Glenwood  
 Doug Thurman/Crossett



Carol Titsworth/Malvern  
 Linda Ussery/Arkadelphia  
 Susan Voris/Tulsa, OK  
 Shirley Walbeck/Texarkana  
 Jill Walker/San Antonio, TX  
 Beverly Ward/Frenchmans Bayou



Robert Ward/Texarkana, TX  
 Karen Warren/Little Rock  
 Walter Washington/Helena  
 Autumn Weaver/Pocahontas  
 Gene Whisenhunt/Hot Springs  
 Cliff White/Tampa, FL

# Life at the "Blake Hilton"

THE T-SHIRTS, cafeteria posters and the closeness of the Blake brothers illustrated the spirit of this dorm, even though the conditions called for major repairs.

By Dennis Stark

Sitting in a small wooden chair with the title "Blake Hilton" etched across the back, I looked in wonder at my surroundings. The walls were yellowed, hopefully from age, and were full of holes where years of posters and bookshelves had been hung. The ceiling was greyed to almost a charcoal effect from the time of gas space heaters in the winter and the desk was of a vintage model, decorated from engravings of past 20 years, recalling the love affairs and favorite rock artists of the day.

In the window, the air-conditioner seemed to be balanced on the cracked window-sill and the walls vibrated every time the compressor kicked on. A single pipe ran along one wall, supported by two slabs of

wood nailed to the adjoining walls for support, and this served as closet space.

These living conditions were consistent at "Blake Hall," the smallest dorm on Ouachita's campus, and this room costs the student the same amount as a room in "West Dormitory" which consists of white-brick walls, sinks and medicine chests, built-in dressers and closets with sliding doors, and built-in desks and shelves.

"OBU was not treating the people of Ouachita fairly by charging the same costs for housing as in West," Kenny Hickman said. "At Ouachita, housing cost wasn't unreasonable at all, but living conditions were equal, but they weren't!"

"If we're paying the same amount for housing, we should have had the same identical fa-



we were paying for," said Mike Carr, whose room was decorated in military theme.

Mike Lee, another one of the select whose room seemed to have dried egg on the walls and a pipe for a closet said, "I didn't think the messes and the lack of closets were as bad as having desks or dressers worth a flip. It just kind of cuts down on the studies."

When asked about the conflict, Dr. Ed Coulter, the vice-president of administration, said, "It's hard to justify. There are already two rates set up, depending on if the dorms have private baths or not, and two rates are hard enough to work with through Student Aids." He went on to say, "Each has a record that has to be figured according to the cost of his or her schooling and the different rates just take too many man hours."

When also asked why the school does not simply do some improvements on the conditions of Blake, Dr. Coulter said, "Each year everyone turns in a list of things that need to be done in their area. This year the work totaled up to \$532,860, while the budget for these improvements came to \$85,250."

With the conditions and the cost of the dorm being the way it was, why did the men come back to Blake each year?

"To sum it all up," said Mike Petty, the dorms live-in preacher, "it's the brotherhood and closeness of the dorm. The fact that each can take care of himself while looking out for the others around him."

Kenny Hickman, though displeased about the problem, seemed to have a good attitude when he said, "I am perfectly content to remain a Blake Brother. The small number of

occupants in Blake make it more possible to get to know each other and to establish a brotherhood not felt in other dorms."

The spirit in the dorm is good and the feeling definitely warm among this group of mismatched characters, ranging from baseball players to music majors and everything in between. And the majority feels content despite the evident problems.

The future of Blake was dim since the Ouachita Centennial Advancement Program calls for her destruction. But the feelings of the residents seemed to be summed up by Britt Marley, the Head Resident's roommate, when he said, "I'm glad I had this experience for I'll remember it always and it'll be sad to see "her" go."



## Sophomores

Michael White/Crossett  
 Barry Wiles/DeQueen  
 Kim Wiley/Searcy  
 Chip Wilkerson/Texarkana, TX  
 Jeannie Wilkins/North Little Rock

Deb Williams/Warren  
 Paul Williams/Searcy  
 Sharon Williams/Little Rock  
 Stephanie Williams/North Little Rock  
 Vicky Williams/Dexter, MO

Nancy Wilson/Piggott  
 Tammie Wilson/Nashville  
 Mark Winscott/Arlington, TX  
 Karen Wood/Memphis, TN  
 Tony Woodell/Casper, WY

Steve Woosley/Little Rock  
 Kay Work/Blytheville  
 Jim Yates/Booneville  
 Greg Yurchis/Tampa, FL  
 Kim Zachary/Sherrill  
 Sandra Ziegenhorn/McCrory





# Class Stats

**T**he total enrollment of the freshman class was 509. Forty-seven percent were male and 53 percent were female. Arkansas was the home for 76 percent of the class, while 24 percent were from other states and foreign countries. Pulaski County was represented by 13 percent of the class, and six percent were from Clark County. The remaining 71 percent were from counties with less percentages.

Twelve percent were undecided on their major. Accounting was the top choice of a major with 12 percent. "No indication" was the analysis of 22 percent of the class for a degree choice, while 42 percent chose to seek a BA.

Baptist was the religious preference of 87 percent of the class.

**FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS** are: Mitch Powell, Phil Brown, Glenda Clifton, Chris Owens, Mike Keen, Laura Bailey, Jay Nicholson and Johnny Gosser.

## Freshmen

David Adams/Texarkana  
Linda Adams/Searcy  
Esther Amromare/Jesse Sapele, Nigeria  
Penni Anderson/Magnolia  
Toby Anderson/El Dorado  
Gary Arnold/Arkadelphia



Richard Atkinson/North Little Rock  
Kim Avery/Hope  
Laura Bailey/Malvern  
Mike Baldwin/Little Rock  
Deb Banzhof/Schenectady, NY  
Lisa Barnes/Flippen



Debbie Barnett/Crossett  
Vicky Barton/Fordyce  
Brian Bass/DeSoto, TX  
Mindi Beane/Fort Dodge, IO  
Camille Bennett/Fayetteville  
Leslie Berg/Hermitage, TN





David Bibbs/Little Rock  
 Robin Birdwell/Knoxville, TN  
 Randy Bise/Newport  
 Christine Bliss/Mt. Home  
 Joyce Bollen/Friendship  
 Michelle Bone/Dallas, TX



Beth Bowen/Pine Bluff  
 Beau Braden/North Little Rock  
 Lisa Bradford/Houston, TX  
 Joyce Bradley/Marianna  
 Ron Bramos/Little Rock  
 Russell Branson/Dumas



Daniel Bridges/Dallas, TX  
 Jane Brigance/Booneville  
 Deanna Briley/Blytheville  
 B. J. Broum/Arkadelphia  
 Deborah Broussard/Victoria, MS  
 Cindy Brown/Biloxi, MS



Peggy Brown/Texarkana  
 Phil Brown/Nashville  
 Nolan Buenconsejo/Mililani Town, HI  
 Carl Buford/Oklolona  
 Carol Burnett/Wynne  
 Kameron Burris/Stuttgart



Renee Burton/Smackover  
 Scott Byrd/Pineville, LA  
 Amy Byrum/Benton  
 Robyn Cain/Hot Springs  
 Susan Caldwell/Pocahontas  
 Melanie Campbell/Harrison



Melanie Cardine/Chantilly, VA  
 Shannon Cardine/Chantilly, VA  
 Phylisa Carruth/Russellville  
 Cathy Carter/Marion  
 Carrie Casey/Benton  
 Lisa Castleberry/Fordyce



Dawn Chambliss/Memphis, TN  
 Laura Chaney/England  
 Paul Cheatham/Russellville  
 Mark Churchill/Los Angeles, CA  
 Peggy Clay/Perryville  
 Jim Clement/Oklahoma City, OK

By Rita Sulterfield

To most of us, the North Pole is an imaginary winter-wonderland where Santa Claus and all of his elves live and work. But to freshmen Brenda Ritchie and Lynda Reynolds, North Pole, Alaska is home.

For Brenda, North Pole has been home for seven years, and Lynda has called it home for ten years. Both girls' parents are retired military personnel, and they decided to make this area home, having an Air Force base near North Pole.

"No one believes me when I tell them where I'm from," commented Brenda. "I especially get a kick out of it when they ask if I live in an igloo. I seriously answer, "Yeah. Our igloos stay nice and firm in the winter, but it's kind of messy in the summer."

Located 13 miles south of Fairbanks, Alaska, North Pole is somewhat of a tourist attraction because of one jolly old man who lives there. Santa Claus.

Santa, with his wife and daughter, Merry Christmas, live in the second story of Santa Claus House, the main drawing card for the town. Lynda's home is next door to Santa's house, and last summer, Brenda worked as one of Santa's elves in this store filled with toys and holiday ornaments. She warned that you better be good because he really does know!

In addition to being Santa's home, North Pole is also the home of the North American dogsled racing champion. Generally, dogsleds are no longer used for transportation in Alaska, but dogsled racing is a very popular sport there.

Arkadelphia may not offer anything as unusual as Santa Claus' House, but like North Pole, it does have some things one can't find anywhere else. Namely, Ouachita Baptist University.

Both Brenda and Lynda had wanted to go to a Baptist school, and since Lynda had relatives in the central Arkansas area, she inquired about OBU. Tina Tolliver Phillips, an

# Santa's neighbors

## Freshmen

Carla Clements/Marion, OH  
Glenda Clifton/Prescott  
Sonja Clinesmith/Hartman  
Larry Coleman/New Boston, TX  
Myra Conaway/Mansfield  
Bill Connie/Arkadelphia

Jim Constable/Matawan, NJ  
Brenda Cook/Camden  
Elizabeth Cooper/North Little Rock  
Cary Cox/Pine Bluff  
Caroline Craig/El Dorado  
Joy Crain/Wynne

Diane Crangle/Hot Springs  
Joyce Crawford/Los Teques, Venezuela  
Byrl Criswell/Van Buren  
Lora Croft/Benton  
Cathy Crosskno/Blytheville  
Kerri Culpepper/New Boston, TX

Janna Dace/Heber Springs  
Nancy Davis/Schenectady, NY  
Connie Day/Texarkana  
Monte Dewbre/North Little Rock  
Carolyn Dillard/Little Rock  
Mark Dopson/Russellville



OBU admissions counselor, began corresponding with both girls, sending letters with pictures of the campus.

"The school seemed to take a personal interest in us," Lynda said. "We felt like people and not just numbers."

But Brenda had never been to Arkansas, much less visited "The Wonderful World of Ouachita," and the change was quite a shock to her system — especially the change in the temperature.

Summer temperatures in the North Pole are in the pleasant 60's, while winter temperatures average a chilly 10 to 40 degrees below.

"The heat is about to suffocate us!" Brenda exclaimed. "I feel like I can't get any air."

While the warm temperatures may not be very welcoming to these Alaskans, the warmth of the OBU students and faculty is.

"The people are what make the school," commented Brenda. "Even though we're 'alien', we are accepted here, and we really like it!"



**FOR MOST OF US, the North Pole is an imaginary place. But, for freshmen Brenda Ritchie and Lynda Reynolds, Santa's winter wonderland is home.**



Elizabeth Doyle/Manaus, Brazil  
Shelley Eckerd/Mililani, HI  
Teri Ellis/Independence, MO  
Christopher English/Searcy  
Russell Eudy/Hot Springs  
Toni Evans/Pine Bluff

Cindy Farnam/Russellville  
Julia Ferrell/Warren  
Jennifer Fikes/Benton  
Lori Fitzgerald/Sheridan  
Sandra Flowers/North Little Rock  
Stella Ford/Paron

Dewayne Franklin/Sunset, TX  
Rhonda Fuller/Del City, OK  
Kelly Garcia/Douglas, AZ  
Cindy Garner/Asuncion, Paraguay  
Gloria Garner/Little Rock  
Shelly Garner/Hot Springs

Greg Gideon/Texarkana, AR  
Randy Glidewell/Forrest City  
Gary Glover/North Little Rock  
Phil Glover/Pine Bluff  
Robert Giannetta/Sao Paulo, Brazil

# Freshmen in the spotlight

By Sue Walbridge

**T**his year's freshmen class not only surprised everybody with their enthusiasm during homecoming and Tiger Tunes; but they amazed upperclassmen with their interest in drama.

It proved to be a fresh start for a department which had lost seniors Carl Utley, Kathleen Rainwater and Vic Simpson last spring. According to department head Dennis Holt, "The freshmen coming into Verser now are much more in the know than the ones we used to have." He continued, "I think they're as good as some of the upperclassmen at other schools, and the good thing about freshmen participation is it spreads."

Those who stepped into Verser Theatre for the first time this fall were Lisa Stevens, Jo Patterson, Christopher English, and others who would later walk into tryouts and come

away with parts from "The Interlopers," "Harvey," "The Unwicked Witch," and "Our Town."

"I was surprised to get my part in "The Interlopers," said English, "because it was my first semester and I didn't have much experience."

English did more than act in the plays, he designed the sets, helped construct them, painted two paintings for "Harvey," and aided sophomore Jill Walker with the setting of the lights.

"I think a person should get into all the aspects of theatre," English explained, "so he can learn to appreciate the other guy."

And English jumped in with all the energy he could stir doing everything he could. "Chris and Jo (Patterson) have an overall view of what theater is," said Holt, "and that brings out the best in acting."

Jo Patterson helped design costumes,

spent hours putting them together, and worked on set construction. She made her debut as the maid in "Harvey" and was quite pleased with college acting.

"I first got into drama in high school," said Patterson, "and I was starstruck — I wanted the fame and fortune, but when I came to Ouachita I got more interested in what went on backstage."

She also became interested in directing and asked if she could be assistant director for the second fall play, and together with Bill Ballard (director), and Dora Yoder (House Manager), she guided and coached the 12 actors step by step into opening night.

"The first thing we did," she said, "was to read through the play, then we went through blocking and the next step was for me to begin prompting the actors."

Another freshman that surprised Ouachitians was Lisa Stevens, in "Harvey."

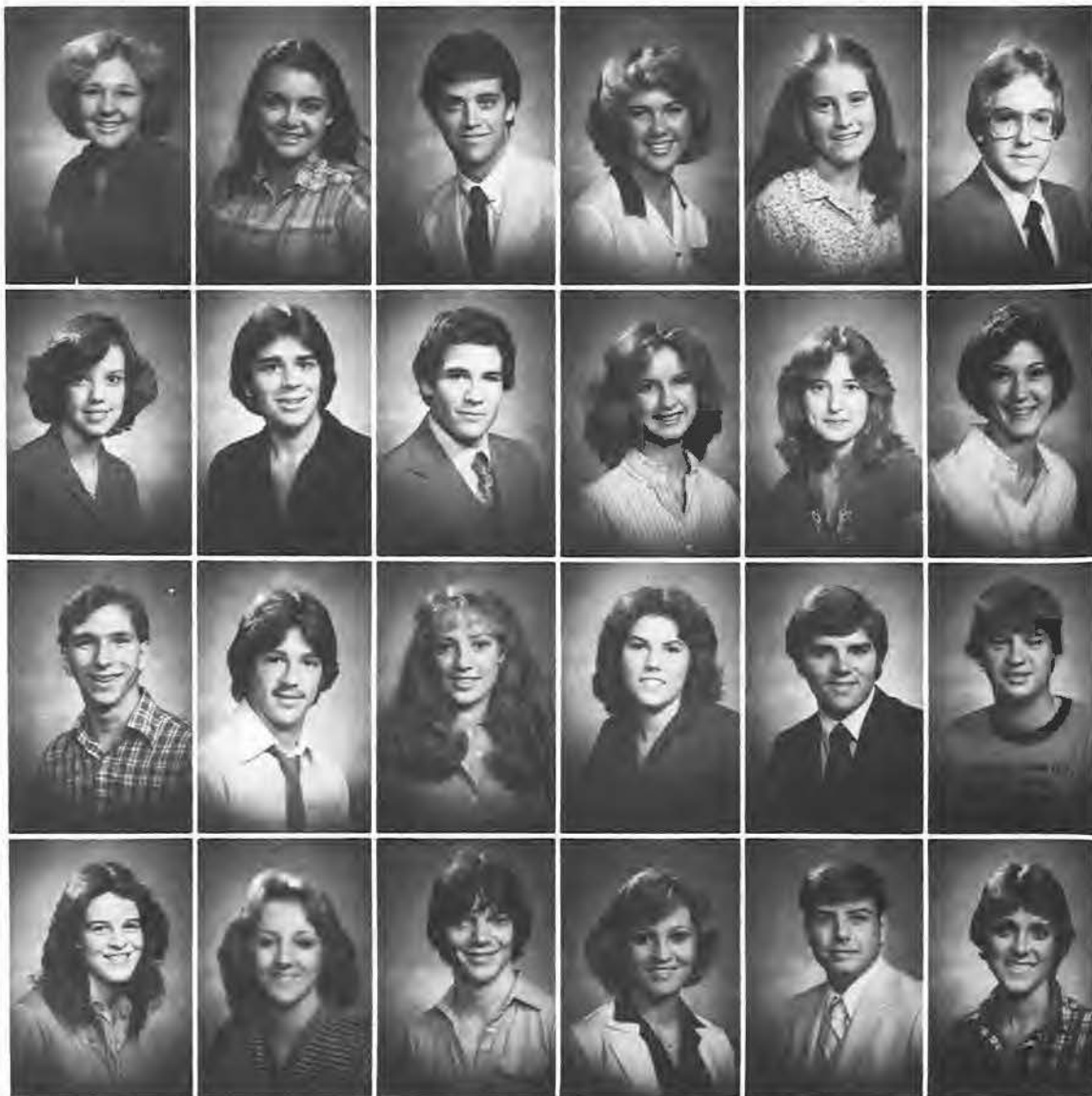
## Freshmen

Cindy Gilmore/Murfreesboro  
Gina Godfrey/Booneville  
Johnny Gosser/North Little Rock  
Scarlet Grant/Dallas, TX  
Jane Gray/Cabot  
Bruce Green/Tulsa, OK

ReNata Greene/North Little Rock  
Tracey Griffith/Delight  
John Guerra/Benton  
Dana Hall/Van Buren  
Laura Hampton/Nairobi, Kenya  
Cindi Hanvey/Benton

Gerald Harkins/Taegu, Korea  
Terry Harris/West Memphis  
Donna Hartsfield/Searcy  
Kim Harwell/Pine Bluff  
Mark Hawkings/Texarkana, TX  
Gary Helms/Arkadelphia

Liz Hendrix/Horatio  
Melanie Hettinga/Bardnnele  
Mark Hicks/Greenwood  
Peggy Hicks/Little Rock  
John Hill/Texarkana  
Karen Hill/Searcy



"When I saw her at tryouts, I thought, 'Man, she's good,'" said drama and speech teacher, Bill Ballard, "and I decided she would be good for the part of Veta."

Stevens was very excited about her role and about OBU drama. "I was very excited to get the role of Veta. I've always enjoyed playing middle aged and older women." She continued, "College drama is exactly what I dreamed it would be, the freedom to interpret characters is fantastic."

The "Unwicked Witch" opened up another semester of plays, and another chance for freshmen to get involved. Christopher English and Jo Patterson were back again working diligently beside their upperclassmen crew members, as was Dora Yoder.

Yoder liked children's plays, and acted in a few of them in high school. Besides her work in "The Unwicked Witch," she was house manager for "Harvey," participated in "Our

Town" and made her first college performance in "The Interlopers". Yoder described getting into OBU drama this way, "At first I was scared," she said, "not really of Mr. Holt or the audience, or my part, but of the others in the play. They were total strangers. Would I ever fit in?"

But she did "fit in" as she began to make Verser what so many other students have made it — a second home. For 20 or more freshmen it became a place to laugh, relax, work and learn. Learn about acting, stagecraft, makeup, design and getting along. And for the drama department these people became the actors that Holt and Ballard had been hoping for.

**A FRESHMAN from Canada, Dora Yoder made her Verser debut in "The Interlopers."**



Diane Hoag/Russellville  
Liz Hobson/Pine Bluff  
Suzanne Hodge/Hot Springs  
Lori Hoggard/England  
Paula Holland/Little Rock  
Scott Holland/Milton, IN

Robin Hope/St. Louis, MO  
Michelle Howard/Little Rock  
Tiffin Hubbard/Houston, MO  
Tom Hubby/Cabot  
Rob Huddlesgon/Forrest City  
Twyla Hughes/Glenwood

Mary Humphreys/Hot Springs  
Beth Hunt/Smackover  
Kellie Jackson/Searcy  
Shannon James/Texarkana, TX  
Lisa Jones/Cabot  
Terry Jones/Benton

Tino Jones/Pine Bluff  
Mike Keen/Crossett  
Vicki Keith/Little Rock  
Karla Kelley/El Dorado  
Selena Kesner/Greenwood  
Sarah Keyton/Arkadelphia

# Freshmen

Larry Killian/Forrest City  
 Retha Kilmer/Malvern  
 Jeff Kinney/Del City, OK  
 Ellen Kirk/Benton  
 JoAnn Kirk/Bismarck  
 Bert Lace/Germantown, TN

Beth Laney/Carrollton, TX  
 Don Larsen/Helena, MT  
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 Arnie Lawson/Arkadelphia  
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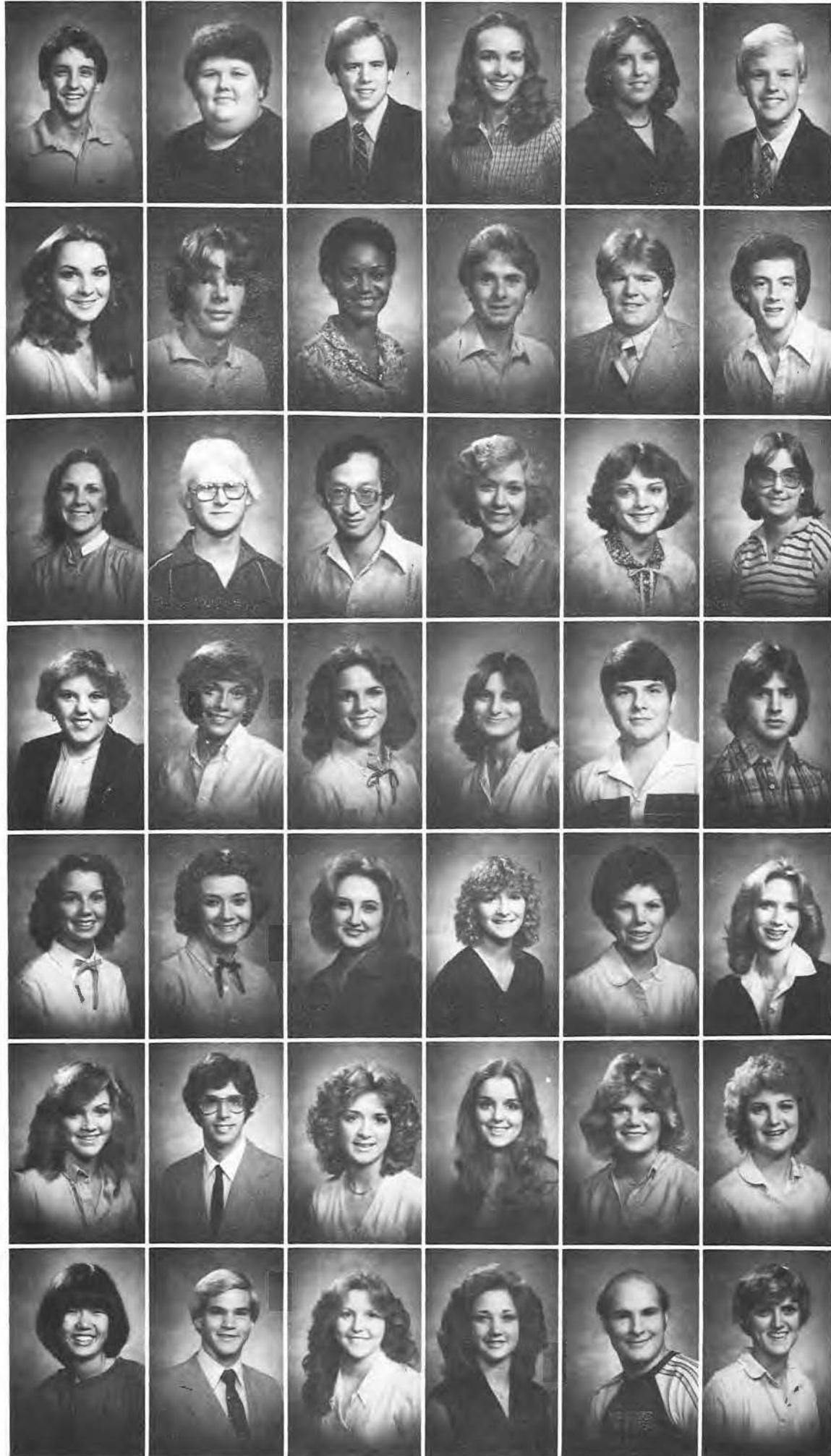
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 Sissy Lloyd/Fordyce

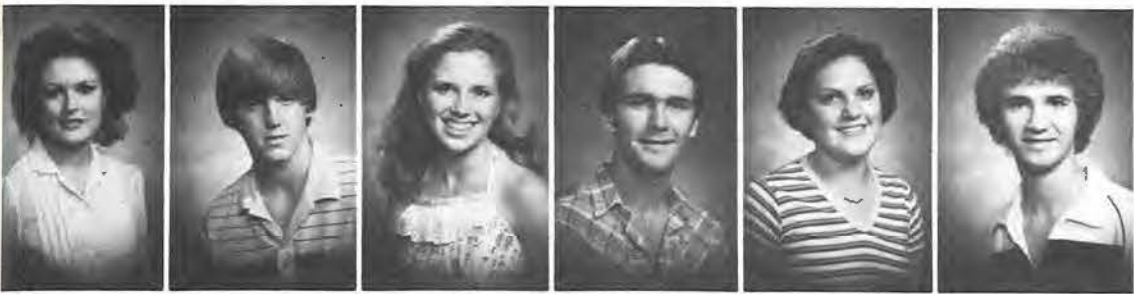
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 Sandra Maroon/Murfreesboro  
 Jay Martin/Cabot  
 Mark Mason/Bedford, MS

Portia Massey/Hot Springs  
 Marsha May/El Dorado  
 Robin McAlister/Pine Bluff  
 Penny McClard/Bismarck  
 Detri McClellan/Warren  
 Lisa McCoy/Pine Bluff

Mary McDaniel/St. Louis, MO  
 John McGee/Mableville  
 Lisa McQuin/Morrilton  
 Beverly McQuire/Prescott  
 Lori McKenzie/Pine Bluff  
 Paula McKinley/Benton

Carrie McKinney/Liberty, MO  
 Robbie Meador/Fordyce  
 Nancy Mees/Irving, TX  
 Rebecca Meggs/Hermitage  
 Allen Miser/Del City, OK  
 Karen Miser/Del City, OK





Susan Mitchell/Fort Smith  
 Thorp Mitchell/Fort Worth, TX  
 Lisa Moore/Carrollton, TX  
 Mike Moore/Little Rock  
 Mona Moore/Success  
 John Montgomery/Russellville



Tricie Montgomery/Newport  
 Donald Moore/Jacksonville  
 Stephanie Moore/Camden  
 Lisa Morton/Little Rock  
 David Mosley/Camden  
 Joy Moses/Pretoria, South Africa



Nancy Moseley/Fordyce  
 Jeani Neal/Douglas, AZ  
 Lacy Newman/Smackover  
 Jay Nicholson/Searcy  
 Tommy Nix/Kingsland  
 Harley Northup/Okahumpka, FL



Renee Oakes/Sheridan  
 Kathy Olive/Hot Springs  
 Barbara Patterson/Texarkana, TX  
 Kelly Patterson/Cabot  
 Amy Payne/Marion  
 Darlene Phillips/Prescott



Susan Pile/Nashville  
 Melanie Pilote/Prairie Grove  
 David Pope/Little Rock  
 Benji Post/Smackover  
 Mitch Powell/Little Rock  
 James Preuett/Pass Christian, MS



Pam Randolph/Pine Bluff  
 Marcia Ramirez/Arkadelphia  
 Barry Raper/Benton  
 Rennee Ray/Cabot  
 Pam Raymen/Little Rock  
 Ruth Reaves/Pine Bluff



Joe Don Reed/Monticello  
 Janine Reeves/North Little Rock  
 Lynda Reynolds/North Pole, AK  
 Jon Rice/Caracas, Venezuela



# Freshmen

Judy Riley/West Helena  
Brenda Ritchie/North Pole, AK



Curtis Ritchie/Benton  
Denise Rogers/Camden  
Nathan Rose/Paragould  
Debbie Rowe/Texarkana, TX  
James Rowe/Royal  
Beth Ryburn/Benton



Kristie Sandusky/North Little Rock  
Angela Scott/Little Rock  
Billy Joe Scott/Newport  
Kim Shepherd/Dallas, TX  
Curtis Short/North Little Rock  
Brian Shuffield/Arkadelphia



Sandi Sloat/Fort Smith  
Leslie Smith/Dallas, TX  
Pam Smith/El Dorado  
Karen Spencer/El Dorado  
Mike Spradlin/Little Rock  
Al Standford/Memphis, TN



Cammie Stephens/Concord  
Karen Stewart/Ozan  
Melanie Stitz/Malvern  
Michelle Sullivan/Camden  
Gayle Sumnat/Pine Bluff  
Beth Sumpter/Marked Tree



Renee Swafford/Little Rock  
Steve Swedenburg/Taipei, Taiwan  
Andy Teddar/Searcy  
Sandra Theiring/Little Rock  
Blair Thomas/Houston, TX  
Teresa Thomas/El Dorado



Kathy Thornton/Malvern  
Karen Tollett/North Little Rock  
Terri Tollett/Springdale  
Gene Trantham/Arkadelphia  
Mike Treadway/North Little Rock  
Dorothy Trigg/Arkadelphia





Beverly Triplett/Sheridan  
Deloras Triplett/Sheridan



Pam Tucker/Blytheville  
Tracy Tugwell/Fayetteville  
Martha Turner/Pine Bluff  
Scott Turner/Harrison  
Elaine Urrey/Fort Worth, TX  
Lyn Vance/El Dorado



Cheri Vining/Little Rock  
Tammy Wagnon/El Dorado  
Judy Waight/Sherwood  
Lyndra Wakeland/Westlake, OH  
Leellen Warner/Little Rock  
Nancy Watson/Fordyce



Phillip Watts/Booneville  
Brain Watson/New Orleans, LA  
Teresa Weaver/Benton  
Dena White/Nashville  
Charles Whitlow/Fort Smith  
Kathy Whitman/Cabot



Marla Whitworth/Sheridan  
Sharla Whitworth/Sheridan  
Suzanne Wikman/Fort Smith  
Chris Wilbourn/Little Rock  
David Wilcox/Conway  
Sandra Wiley/Arkadelphia



Kevin Williams/Ashflat  
Stacy Williams/Sparkman  
Michael Willis/Delight  
David Wilson/Corning  
Ross Wilson/El Dorado  
Melissa Jane Woodall/Hot Springs



Terrie Wooldridge/Bryant  
Tim Wooldridge/Bryant  
Barbi Wright/El Dorado  
Mark Yarbrough/El Dorado  
Dora Yoder/British Columbia, Canada  
Nathan Zimmerman/Del City, OK

# Profs are people too

**A**s we sat in our small comfortable classrooms here at Ouachita, we didn't realize that all across our country universities were full to the rim with students outnumbering teachers close to three hundred to one. At the first of the semester students at OBU entered classes having confidence that by the end of the semester the teacher would actually know their name and not just the identification number. Ouachita was the ideal place to help this dream come true. A small college where we were really students and not numbers.

The idea of going to a big university was hard for most of us to imagine. At the University of Alabama seven hundred students filed into an auditorium each day for some classes. It would seem hard to listen to a teacher who was fifty feet away. At the University of Tulsa one psychology class housed hundreds of students and role is called by

I.D. numbers when the teacher felt like taking time to see who had showed up and who hadn't come to class. On the other hand at our small school the largest class was about forty. Our English classes were divided into small numbers where the teacher could really get to know each student personally. Our psychology classes numbered thirty at the most and Dr. Locke and "Prof Quick" could actually take the time they need to analyze the class.

"I feel that most teachers are generally concerned for students here as opposed to the University of California at Los Angeles where I visited. There you come and go as you please," stated Larry Romack.

Johnny Stark commented, "At UALR you can just walk into the class, light up your cigarette, and eat and drink anything while the teacher lectures. Although they are very liberal, they really don't care what is happen-

## FACULTY

Faye Atkins/Sec. for Administration  
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 Bill Allen/Data Processing Coordinator  
 David Anderson/Spanish  
 Linda Anderson/Baptist Student Union  
 Eddie Ary/Business

Phyllis Ary/Sec. to Academic Affairs  
 Tom Auffenberg/History  
 Shelby Avery/Librarian  
 Jean Baker/Bookstore  
 Bill Ballard/Speech and Drama  
 Ted Barnes/Art

Van Barrett/Physical Education  
 Hal Bass/Political Science  
 Michael Beatty/Philosophy  
 Jesse Benson/Physical Education  
 Betty Berry/Art  
 Jim Berryman/Religion and Philosophy

Evalyn Bettis/Student Center Secretary  
 Larry Bone/Development Office  
 Shirley Bradshaw/Data Processing  
 Marilyn Bray/Registrar Secretary  
 Chip Broadbent/Graduate Assistant  
 Martha Burleson/Conger Dorm Mom



ing."

Johnny continued, "It is a lot different here, the teachers do really take the time to get to know you but at UALR they get to the point and get the class over with."

Ouachita had faculty members that cared. For instance, in the Music Department, Mrs. Mary Shambarger, Dr. Paul Hammond, and Dr. Charles Wright took time to direct a combined group consisting of the Ouachitones, The Singing Men, and The Ouachita Singers. This group was called the Centennial Singers. These faculty members took time to tour all over Arkansas with this group raising money for Ouachita's Centennial celebration.

In the English department, not only being Dean of Women, but Dean Nino Flagg had one class.

"I feel that Dean Flagg really takes the time to help us get to know each other as well as

teaching us English," stated freshman Lisa McCoy.

One student of Betty McCommas said that he really enjoyed her class. She gave a very good insight into the English language.

Ouachita faculty also paralleled to other schools. All teachers were the same or different in the same areas. Across the ravine at Henderson there were the nice teachers and the rough ones just like here. There were those at Henderson who didn't pay attention to who showed up just as there were some professors here who didn't seem to care.

Although some didn't care, the majority did and we have great teachers that want us to be people and they teach us the values of friendships as well as the values of an education.



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Pat Chambliss/English  
Dewey Chapel/Dean of Graduate School  
Dorothy Chapel/Library Media

Clifford Clements/Military Science  
Pauline Cooper/Administrative Secretary  
Agnes Coppenger/Placement Director  
Raymond Coppenger/Manager of Post Office  
Evelyn Cowart/Bookstore  
Virginia Danner/Placement Office

Bob Derryberry/Speech  
B. Aldon Dixon/Dean of Students  
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