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Since we are less than 12 months from the beginning of the celebration of OBU's one hundredth birthday, I think it is important for us to look carefully at OBU's history.

OBU was created by and for Oklahoma Baptists at the direction of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. The incorporation papers were filed in February 1910, and the school's board of trustees then signed an agreement with the City of Shawnee for 60 acres of land northwest of the town. This location, which we know as Bison Hill, was called the Kickapoo site at that time.

Shortly after the future location of the school was determined, two men traveled to the Kickapoo site. They gathered and arranged 12 stones, commemorating God's leadership of the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Moved by this experience and their belief in the future, each prayed for the new school. These men were W.P. Blake, chairman of the OBU trustees, and G. Lee Phelps, missionary to the Indians.

Blake's prayer, as handed down through the generations, was, "Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who art the only source of light, send down upon this school the rich gift of Thy Good Spirit, that truth may be sincerely sought, faithfully received, and obediently followed. Endue its teachers with wisdom, zeal, and patience. Inspire its scholars with the spirit of truth, honor, and humility. May they, day by day, grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Grant to all in this school such a cheerful and forbearing spirit, such strength of body, clearness of mind, and purity of heart that Thy word may be heartily done and Thy name glorified. Let Thy blessings rest upon us now and Thy Spirit dwell in this place from generation to generation."

With Blake and Phelps and other men and women of strong faith supporting the school, OBU opened for business in 1911 and held classes in Shawnee's First Baptist Church and in other downtown facilities. Construction of Shawnee Hall on the campus at the Kickapoo site was underway but was several years from completion. In the summer of 1912, after graduating its first class, the board of trustees closed OBU because of financial difficulties; a three-year recess was described as "suspended animation."

Despite these difficult days, the convention's Education Commission was optimistic. The commission's report at the BGCO's annual meeting of 1912 said, "We believe that we as Baptists are going to be able to realize the dream we have had for years, and that we will see at Shawnee a great co-educational college which will be the glory of the Denomination."


Faculty and students gathered on Bison Hill in the fall of 1915 to bring to life this on-going dream of higher education for Oklahoma Baptists. In the summer of 1915, the new president, Frank M. Masters, called his staff together. One of those present, Dr. John W. Jent, wrote these words about that meeting: "... we sat about a big table in the President's study. He arose and called the group to order. He looked into our faces and said, 'Gentlemen, we are about to make Baptist history. You are assembled by the will and wish of the Baptists of Oklahoma and I am persuaded by the grace and purpose of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father. We are charged with the challenging task of building a university on the ash heap of dead schools. [Here President Masters was referring to previously attempted but failed Baptist schools in Oklahoma.] We cannot afford to make a mistake.

"I suggest we go down upon our knees and ask Almighty God to give guidance and wisdom without which we cannot perfect the organization of this institution properly.' So we knelt about that big table. President Masters began the prayer and we all prayed around, every one of us praying. I was never before nor since quite so profoundly moved. The weight of responsibility was crushing. Everyone in that group, I dare say, will never forget it."

One hundred forty-three students enrolled in the fall of 1915 and OBU was in business again. The years that followed were not easy for this youthful school. There were many presidential changes, many debts, and many challenges and struggles. OBU began to grow and stabilize.

The rest is history! Indeed God has blessed OBU and His Spirit has dwelled on Bison Hill from generation to generation. Please join us in 2009 and 2010 to celebrate the OBU Centennial.




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Entrance to a New Era

A PASSAGE WITH PARRISH

In an academic year marked by transition, OBU experienced a significant number of milestone achievements. The year started with the opening of a major facility and was capped by news of enrollment growth.

The tenure of John W. Parrish as interim president demonstrated that “interim” is not a synonym for “waiting.” Parrish delivered on his promise that the year would be a busy time in the life of the University.

Here are some of the accomplishments from the past year.



OBU opened the doors on the massive Recreation and Wellness Center in November. The two-story facility, dubbed “The RAWC,” quickly became a gathering point for students, faculty and staff. It provided the campus community with an array of resources and programs.

Throughout the fall and winter months, OBU personnel worked to complete a massive self-study report for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The report, which is completed every 10 years, was part of an intensive internal study by OBU as the University sought continuing accreditation from the regional association. A team of educators from other academic institutions visited the campus in March to assess the University’s operations. Pictured are Dr. Jeanne Akin, associate professor of teacher education, and Dr. Michael W. Firmin, an HLC team member, discussing the “OBU Showcase” created for the visit. OBU received word of continued accreditation in August.





Nicole Kuhns, a nursing major from Enid, was one of 247 congratulated by Interim President John Parrish at Spring Commencement.



OBU added its 17th varsity sports team during the year. The women's volleyball program, discontinued in the 1980s, was re-launched and Anna Monsen was named coach for the team. The Lady Bison started their season in late August and were off to a strong start in their first month of play.

Friends and alumni helped OBU set a new record for gifts during an academic year, as a total of \$9,246,414 was received during 2007-08. That record-setting total was an increase of nearly \$2.5 million over the 2006-07 total of \$6.74 million.

OBU gained approval for the launch of a master of science degree in nursing. The graduate program, which is designed to equip nursing educators, is based at OBU's International Graduate School in downtown Oklahoma City. It is the second graduate degree offered through the OBU-IGS. The University's first cohort of MBA degree students completed requirements for graduation during the summer. The 12 graduate students participated in the OBU International Graduate School's inaugural Commencement in September 2008.



The University's athletic facilities were enhanced in several ways. New locker rooms were opened for varsity basketball, the University's new outdoor track was opened, and lights were added to the new baseball park, which opened in the spring of 2007. The baseball complex was named Bison Field at Ford Park in the fall of 2007, and OBU's new track complex was named the Eddie Hurt Jr. Memorial Track Complex in July 2008.

The pages of this issue of OBU Magazine contain details on several recent achievements on the campus. In addition, news of OBU students and programs is available year-round at www.okbu.edu.

Resistance *or* Opportunity:

The Pioneering Spirit of Rhetta Mae Dorland

By Dr. Joyce Spivey Aldridge

OBU's Centennial celebration offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the pioneering Christian educators who invested their lives in establishing the institution's heritage. There were many individuals who left a lasting mark on Bison Hill through their dedicated leadership. One of those legendary figures is Rhetta Mae Dorland.



Dr. Joyce Spivey Aldridge, associate professor of theatre, recently delved into the life of Mrs. Dorland to examine what made her successful. This abridged text paints a picture of a creative, persevering teacher.

[The entire text of Aldridge's research is available at www.okbu.edu/obumagazine.]

I am a fan of Anne Bogart. My status as “a fan” originates out of the great respect and appreciation I have for the views Ms. Bogart shares in her text, *A Director Prepares: Seven Essays on Art and Theatre*. I consider this writing in the same way I view a Norman Rockwell painting. Each time I look at one of Rockwell’s illustrations, I can easily imagine the character’s circumstances. And yet, each time I look at one of his paintings, I see something new. This has been my relationship with Bogart’s *A Director Prepares*. When I first read her text, I could identify with her directing anecdotes. Then I read the text again, this time assigning it to my advanced directing class. As these young directors compared their situations to her experiences, I discovered information that became meaningful to me in a “new” way. Most recently, in my Senior Seminar class, I assigned Bogart’s final chapter, “Resistance,” to a student to read and then report her observations to the class. As I listened to this young woman on the verge of a bright new future, I tried to imagine how she might define resistance. Then I began to consider what “resistance” actually meant to me, a 40-something theatre practitioner.

I thought I *knew* what “resistance” meant. I teach in a small, private Christian university in Oklahoma. My colleague and I divide the teaching and directing responsibilities that are required to maintain an active theatre program of 30 majors. As women in theatre, we struggle with managing our children’s schedules with our production calendars. At the beginning of the academic season we question our ability to continue to produce on the scale that we do and at the end of the year, we sit in exhausted amazement at how we managed to “make it happen” once again. I thought I *knew* what “resistance” meant.

And then, when my student explained to the class, “Anne Bogart states, ‘theatre is the act of resistance against all odds,’” I began to think less of my current situation and more about Rhett Mae Dorland, the woman who pioneered the theatre program at OBU. How might a woman responsible for creating a vibrant, eclectic theatre in a newly formed Christian university of the Oklahoma prairie define resistance?

The first form of resistance Dorland encountered must have been simply finding the strength to survive in the frontier. Research on Dorland’s early life is scarce. Born in Kansas in 1882, census records for 1900 show that she and her family



Dorland, standing with string, in a performance early in her career.

(mother, father, and brother) resided in Tecumseh City, a small town located in the heart of Indian Territory. Dorland may have witnessed decisions made by the U.S. Congress when, in 1907, Oklahoma became the forty-sixth state. A mere three years later, Dorland may have read newspaper reports concerning Baptist leaders’ desire to build a university in nearby Shawnee. She may have followed the developments of this story until it was announced that having received its charter on February 9, 1910, Oklahoma Baptist University would soon begin providing “moral leadership” to the young state.

Ground was broken almost immediately for the main building that would serve to feed, house, and educate the 200 students enrolled. The building was described as “an island in a sea of grassland with farms on every side and neighbors at extended distance”. In fact, the building – Shawnee Hall – sat securely on an open prairie of more than 60 acres, a gift from the city of Shawnee. Shawnee Hall would feature prominently in Dorland’s story due to the large auditorium built on the second floor. The University opened its doors to students in 1911. Historian J.M. Gaskin writes “the story of the first year is a record of sacrifice and struggle; a fight for existence; an effort to do the impossible.” In spite of these labors, the school closed after the first term, incurring a debt of more than \$10,000. The 15 faculty members begged to receive “even a portion of their salary.” Needing time to reevaluate decisions that had led to such a disastrous first year, the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma called for “suspended animation” of the university.

While OBU’s early years are well documented, information about Dorland’s youth is harder to ascertain. She did marry sometime between 1900 and 1906 but her marriage is shrouded in mystery. Interestingly, there are only two occurrences when Dorland is referred to by her husband’s

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name, Mrs. Theodore G. Dorland. Instead, all published material refers to her as Mrs. Rhett Mae Dorland. Dorland's relationship with her husband was a mystery to her students as well. "We students knew her as Mrs. Dorland, but we never met a Mr. Dorland," says Jerry Young, '53. "I do not believe there was a picture of Mr. Dorland around."

While Dorland's personal life remains unexplained, numerous newspaper clippings document her popularity as a performer. Described as "one of the most popular readers and impersonators in the Southwest" by a writer for The OBU Bison, the first account of her work appears in 1906. A reporter for The Oklahoman explains, "the crowning feature of the afternoon was the reading of Mrs. Dorland, one of the club's new and talented members."

Census reports for 1910 mark a turning point in Dorland's life. In addition to her work as a performer, Dorland's profession lists "teacher of elocution." Dorland's decision to teach is interesting, but her ability to do so is even more intriguing. Oklahoma women who worked outside of the home were a rarity and married women who were employed as school teachers were almost unheard of. Records do not show Dorland working in the public school system. It is possible that she worked as a private teacher, affording her opportunity that was denied to many married women of the time. Perhaps Dorland anticipated Bogart's belief that it was "possible to turn the irritating mass of daily frustrations into fuel for beautiful expression."

By 1912, Dorland established a pattern that would continue for the rest of her life. She began earning a list of degrees that are remarkable even for a contemporary woman. Dorland traveled to Kansas, where she was awarded a bachelor of arts degree from the Western School of Oratory. By 1914, she earned an additional degree from the Kelso School of Music and Dramatic Art in Chicago. Dorland put this advanced training to work as a gifted performer. "The most memorable performance for me was her reading of Luke 2 in the last chapel service before Christmas," said the late Dr. Coleman Raley, '38, one of her former students. "I still remember the most remarkable presentation of this beautiful story. Instead of hearing the words, I saw every event transpire."

OBU reopened in 1915 with 143 students enrolled. Academic catalogues for the University show that classes in oratory, vocal interpretation, and dramatic reading were available for study. However, the man designated to oversee these courses was hired on a half time basis and paid only \$60 a month. OBU continued to struggle through years of world war, deadly influenza, and financial insecurity. Meanwhile, Dorland thrived on teaching expression and dramatic art in several

southwestern Oklahoma high schools. Although immensely popular with her students and administrators, Dorland selected to change the direction of her life and applied to teach at OBU. Perhaps she chose to see the opportunity the position offered and, like Bogart, appreciated "the resistances that life offers and [learned] to recognize them as an ally." At any rate, in 1919, at the age of 37, Dorland was unanimously elected to head of the department of public speaking at OBU. She was paid a salary of \$900 per year.

What was Dorland thinking when she began this chapter of her life? The obstacles must have been numerous. Curriculum issues required her attention, demanding decisions on which courses she alone would teach. Although the University had an auditorium, it was little more than a large room. Dorland would need to locate textbooks, find performance material, and recruit willing students. Dorland, like Bogart, "learned to use the given circumstances, whatever they might be." With her daring pioneering spirit, perhaps she envisioned the amorphous OBU as the place where she would share her innumerable gifts as performer, teacher and director.

Once hired, Dorland wasted no time leaving her mark on the University. The Academic Catalogue for 1920 indicates students were able to obtain a bachelor of oratory degree. Dorland's second year at OBU saw the creation of the Dramatic Club. Twenty-three students joined this organization, serving to establish a nucleus for the emerging theatre program. Momentum quickly gathered speed throughout the next academic year when Dorland installed a chapter of Theta Alpha Phi, the national dramatic fraternity. Her decisions involving curriculum and play selection issues are fascinating. Deciding what plays to produce in a private, Christian university can be daunting even today. As a junior faculty member teaching in a newly formed Christian university, Dorland could have easily succumbed to the idea that religious drama or plays with only an "overt Christian message" would be the only acceptable type of performance material. Dorland could have set a precedent that would have been almost impossible to overcome by future generations of OBU theatre professors and students, and yet, she didn't. Her choices in these early years instilled a strong theatre tradition that is still enjoyed today. From the beginning, she selected currently released plays from the New York stage, providing the added bonus of expanding popular theatre culture further west. She expanded curriculum choices and established a strong foundation of courses intended to prepare the performer.

The 1930s offered continued hardship. America struggled with financial depression and Oklahoma suffered under the ravaging effects of the drought. OBU grappled with problems created by inconsistent leadership and debt. In contrast, these

years marked the beginning of Dorland's best. Bogart provides commentary on situations like these. She writes, "Meeting a resistance, confronting an obstacle, or overcoming a difficulty always demands creativity and intuition. ... You develop your muscles in the act of overcoming resistance – your artistic muscles."

Dorland's artistic muscles were strengthening with great speed. Students wanted to study with this dynamic teacher who was known for her unfailing patience. Dorland encouraged students to learn by experience. "She was always very assured, and students trusted her explicitly," said Young. "I feel that students trusted Mrs. Dorland because she trusted her students. She gave students freedom to take risks, and in doing so, they learned theatre." Perhaps as a sign of their support, the student body designated class funds to improve the auditorium where performances were held instead of addressing more pressing campus needs.

Dorland continued to direct romantic comedies that originated on the New York stage. Plays like "The Nut Farm," "The Brat" and "The Tightwad" provided enjoyable entertainment for the University and local communities in a time in which audiences needed to laugh. Life in Oklahoma during the early 1930s was hard. While others struggled, Dorland stretched her artistic muscles even further, engaging in experiences that strengthened her abilities as a performer and professor.

By 1935, Dorland had directed 17 seasons at OBU. She was 53 years old, a time when most people consider retirement; however, this idea seems to have been the furthest from her mind. The future continued to be rich in performance and study. Dorland charmed audiences with her vocal interpretations, appeared sporadically in feature roles of plays, and added directing radio dramas to her list of accomplishments. In an interview conducted by the Oklahoma City Times late in her life, Dorland said, "I don't think you can ever stop learning. If you are going to teach, you need to know more, not only about your own profession, but about others. Experience and travel add to learning."

She made national news when the New York City Sun reported on Dorland's requirement for student preachers to record their sermons so that "they can catch the faults in their style."

Dorland concentrated on curriculum improvements as well. Her devoted time and energy addressed the needs of the growing program and now prospering university. An array of theatre courses were added, but Dorland remained the only teacher responsible for the courses required to complete a bachelor of fine arts degree in speech and dramatic art.

At the end of her professional career at OBU, her work appeared as strong as it was in the beginning. Production schedules remained intense and in spite of suffering a broken hip in 1954, Dorland and department remained strong.

Her efforts in creating such a legacy did not go unrecognized. Thirty-one years into her career at OBU the theatre students inaugurated the "Rhetta Mae Award Night," a ceremony recognizing the best actors and play of the season. Although changed to "Dorland Awards," this annual celebration continues.

In 1956, Dorland retired at the age of 74. She devoted 37 years of her life to the successful creation of a speech and theatre program at OBU. The University acknowledged her commitment to service by naming the campus theatre in her honor, and in 1965 Dorland was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree.



Dorland, fifth from right, with a production cast.

Not surprisingly, Dorland never really retired. Instead of working with college age students, she turned her attention to Shawnee's youth, instilling in them a passion and respect for theatre.

Rhetta Mae Dorland was heroic in her single determination to create a vibrant, eclectic theatre program in what began as the Oklahoma prairie. She was courageous, traveling across the nation to learn how to better herself so that she could in turn, better her students. Her connection to the reason for the action was unbreakable. She believed in the creative act of making theatre. She believed in its ability to transform the individual. Perhaps it was this conviction that allowed her to conquer any form of resistance, leaving a legacy rich in tradition. ♦



Gerald Adams: A multi-faceted man

Gerald Adams is a gubernatorial vicar. He's a guardian of the palace. He's also a headhunter, chief "firefighter" and confidant. In short, Adams is chief of staff for Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry. In that role, he acts as the Governor's surrogate, doorkeeper, recruiter, crisis coordinator and trusted advisor.

"The job obviously requires the wearing of many hats, but it is a great, unique job, and I am very grateful that Governor Henry gave me the opportunity," said Adams, '78.

The son of OBU alums, Laddie Adams, '53, and Nita Owens Adams, ex '54, Gerald grew up in Oklahoma Baptist life. His father served for many years on church staffs and with the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. From his father, Gerald gained a love for the outdoors.

"I love to fly fish," he said. "My dad put a fly rod in my hand when I was a little kid, and I will always be thankful to him for that. I still love to fish with my dad and my son.

"I like to hunt quail and pheasant," he added. "I love to read. I love great music and art. And I feel good when I mow my yard, although my neighbor John Parrish (OBU's interim president) probably wishes I did that more often."

At OBU, Adams said, the faculty provided an environment of concern, support and understanding which allowed him to grow.

"Probably the most important thing OBU did for me was to open my mind, to present horizons I'd never before encountered," he said. "I learned I could be both grounded in my own beliefs and tolerant of others. What resulted in me, I hope, was a person not afraid of thinking in a bigger way, in a more comprehensive fashion, about policies and initiatives that could have an impact."

Adams also learned OBU faculty provided accountability for young adults with expanding horizons. His sophomore year, he took an 8 a.m. Shakespeare class taught by his adviser, Dr. Shirley Jones. He slept in and missed three of the first few classes.

"One morning in about the third week, she called me at 7:30: 'Mr. Adams, I have so missed seeing your bright, shiny face, and I couldn't bear it if I had to teach another day without you. So I will see you in 30 minutes,'" he recalled. "She kept calling. And I didn't miss any more of her classes."

He also developed meaningful friendships with Dr. Jim Hurley, Dr. Joe Hall, Max Brattin, and many others who have served on OBU's faculty and staff.

"For me, the opportunity to have formed those kinds of relationships was an important part of my OBU education."

Adams didn't shy away from the social side of campus life, either. As a member of the Sigma Delta Phi social club, he remembered a specific pledge-year prank involving a campus security car, graffiti and axle-deep mud, displayed for the student body to see on the lawn of Raley Chapel before Wednesday's weekly Chapel service. Adams admitted the joke went overboard, but is grateful the dean of students didn't prosecute the offenders.

"There are respectable people like doctors, ministers and professors who were in that pledge class and participated in that event, but I'll not name names, just in case the statute of limitations hasn't run," Adams joked.

Since his time on Bison Hill, Adams has distinguished himself as a journalist, communications professional, civic servant and governmental spokesperson. It's been an interesting career path for the one-time English major who, during his time at OBU, had no concrete idea where he would wind up after graduation.

"I was fascinated with government, to be sure," Adams said. "My mother worked for David Boren for 22 years, and I was

always very interested in what she was doing. I became, and still am, very good friends with a number of OBU students who ultimately staffed his offices when he was Governor and U.S. Senator.”

Adams considered seminary, law school and graduate school, but in the end, he chose to work close to his alma mater. He worked at the Shawnee News-Star, then at OBU in the admissions and public relations areas prior to venturing into the government sector. In addition to running political campaigns for friends, Adams became the communications director for three different Oklahoma attorneys general: Robert Henry, Susan Loving and Drew Edmondson.

After many years of public service, Adams made the decision to go to work for the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation shortly before his friend of many years, Shawnee native Brad Henry, asked him to join his administration as Chief of Staff.

During his time with the Governor's office, Adams has overseen and led many crucial initiatives for the State of Oklahoma. He has witnessed historic events. He has advocated for the cause of higher education.

While Adams excels in his current occupation – juggling the many hats as the Governor's right-hand man – he also is a family man. His wife, Leesa Rose Adams, '78, teaches fourth grade in Shawnee Public Schools. The couple has two children, Zachary, age 19, and Katherine, age 14. Adams is a member of the First Baptist Church of Shawnee, where he serves as a deacon and trustee.

Despite an impressive career and numerous related awards, Adams hasn't forgotten the roots of his adulthood: his time on Bison Hill.

“In my experience, OBU is a wonderful place – a small, liberal arts university with an impressive faculty and a great tradition,” he said. “I loved my time there.” ♦

GERALD ADAMS, '78





JUDITH ELLEDGE, '68



JUDY ELLEDGE rides her bicycle to work. It's not a sleek racer or a mountain bike – it's a coaster bike with big, fat tires and fenders. And Elledge is not making the trip along a country road or small-town main street – she's riding nearly eight miles each way to the ConocoPhillips headquarters in Houston.

"I am quite fortunate that my employer has a fitness center where I can shower and change on arrival!" Elledge pointed out. "Riding the bike to work allows me

Spirited Journey

Corporate litigator
Judy Elledge
views each day
as a new adventure.

to accomplish both my commute and my day's exercise at the same time. Plus, it is fun.

"When I'm on a bike, I feel like an 8-year-old again – which is about the last time I ever spent so much time on a bike," said the 1968 OBU graduate. "And every commute is an adventure!"

Born in Washington, D.C., the former Judy May grew up in Falls Church, Va., and was a member of McLean Baptist Church. Dr. Orin Cornett, a 1934 OBU alumnus, encouraged Elledge to consider attending OBU. Not to be daunted by a potential adventure, Elledge struck out for the southwestern campus.

"God has blessed me in so many ways: with wonderful parents, a relatively healthy body, a normal brain," she said. "How could I not look for ways to give back?"

"It helped that my dad was from a very small town in West Texas, and I had visited there practically every summer of my life," Elledge said. "I did notice that in Oklahoma there was an awful lot of red dirt and no water in the rivers."

Being far from home, Elledge found it difficult to miss her family's big, traditional Thanksgiving celebration. But she said she had "the best roommate ever," Joyce Cook Hall, '68, whose family adopted her for the holiday.

On Bison Hill, Elledge was active in Mortar Board, Sigma Alpha Iota, Atheneans and the University Chorale. Academically, she felt challenged by Dr. Bill Mitchell, who taught her freshman English class.

"He impressed on us all, through accounts of his own experiences, the importance of taking the opportunity to really learn all that we were being exposed to for the very first time – not simply making a slap-dash effort at packing in just enough information to pass the next test," Elledge said. "He was wise and also obviously concerned for us all."

Following graduation, Elledge taught English and psychology in high school, served as a social work associate in a veterans' hospital, worked as a secretary in the Department of Justice and became a legal assistant for Conoco Inc. Her son, John, was born in 1977, and her daughter, Julia, was born in 1980. Then a mother of two, Elledge earned her juris doctorate from the University of Houston Law Center, graduating with honors in 1988.

Difficult, Fulfilling Work

Surviving a courageous commute, the adventure continues at work, where Elledge serves as senior counsel for the third-largest integrated energy company in the United States. She is responsible for toxic tort litigation and manages several hundred cases annually, working with in-house legal staff as well as outside counsel in various jurisdictions nationwide.

"Probably the most challenging thing about my work is the fact that I don't care much for confrontation – an odd characteristic for a litigator, to be sure," she said.

"One of the more fulfilling things about my work is also part of what makes it very difficult," she continued. "The lawsuits that I deal with involve claims of disease resulting from exposure to potentially harmful substances during the 1940s to 1970s."

Trying to develop facts about such long-ago operations creates a difficult challenge, particularly since no one involved in the

events of that time still works with the company. In the course of her investigations, she has the opportunity to talk to many retirees of both Conoco and Phillips.

"I inevitably find them to be wonderful and impressive individuals," she said.

Giving Back

Elledge balances her work with a healthy dose of volunteering, including service through the American Heart Association and Habitat for Humanity. She became involved in the American Heart Walk because heart disease is the leading killer of women in the United States – including her grandmother and mother.

"God has blessed me in so many ways: with wonderful parents, a relatively healthy body, a normal brain," she said. "How could I not look for ways to give back?"

Habitat for Humanity impressed Elledge the first time she read about it several years ago. She believes there are many benefits to home ownership both to the individual homeowner and to the community. She has put this belief into action by helping build a Habitat home in New Orleans, assisting homeless veterans and providing legal services to Habitat home buyers in the Houston area.

"Habitat makes home ownership possible for many, many people who have worked hard all their lives at jobs that simply don't pay enough for them to accumulate a down payment on a home," she said. "And the homeowners pay for their homes and contribute labor to the building effort. I like the dignity of that."

Elledge also remains an active part of her local church, Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston, moderating the worship and music committee, serving on the stewardship committee and singing in the choir.

Despite the many adventures of Elledge's daily life, family remains centrally important. John graduated with honors from the University of Texas in Austin, and Julia, a National Merit Scholar, also graduated with honors in a triple-major at the university. John and his wife, Vanessa, gave Elledge her first grandchild, Parker, born in February and named in honor of Judy's father, Parker May. She plays with her "good-looking, personable" grandson every spare moment.

If little Parker follows in his grandmother's footsteps at all, life should be quite an exciting ride. ♦



In 1954, Southern Baptists adopted a church-growth campaign with the lyrical tagline, “A million more in ’54.” A young Oklahoma cowboy named Sam Friend, from a ranch in Osage County, was one of the people changed through that enthusiastic Sunday School Board endeavor.

In his early 20s when he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, Sam spent the majority of his time on the ranch, working alongside his dad and two brothers. He completed his basic schooling at Vinita High School in 1949. At the time of his salvation, Sam felt God leading him to preach. His church told him, “You need to go to OBU because you need training for preaching.”

Across the country, in south central California, 18-year-old Donna Jones also accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior through the Southern Baptists’ national campaign. Following the advice of two girlfriends headed to a Christian college in the Heartland, Donna packed her bags, borrowed the necessary funds from a bank and drove with her friends to Shawnee.

“I knew I needed a Christian education or some grounding for discipleship,” Donna said.

God was leading the two young believers to Bison Hill.

Sam and Donna Friend celebrate the 50th anniversary of their OBU graduation with fellow Class of 1958 alums this year. But looking back, it’s not a simple story of meeting the first day of classes, falling in love and living happily ever after. God had an interesting plan – a divine path – in store for this adventurous couple.

When he arrived at OBU ready to enroll, Sam faced a daunting message from a dean who said his grades were too low. Sam respectfully requested to speak with someone “higher up” in the chain of command, and he was directed to the office of Dr. John Wesley Raley, OBU’s legendary president. Convinced that Sam felt pulled by God’s call to attend OBU to learn to preach, Raley allowed Sam to attend on probation for six weeks. Any grade less than a “C” would equal instant dismissal.

“God blessed Sam and allowed him to make the grades,” Donna recalled. “It was actually a thread of people who God influenced to allow both of us to go to Oklahoma Baptist University.”

Donna sought employment as a student worker in the University’s financial offices to enable her to make ends meet. She also worked in the summers to raise funds for college. Sam and Donna had met once in the student center during their early years at OBU. But in the second semester

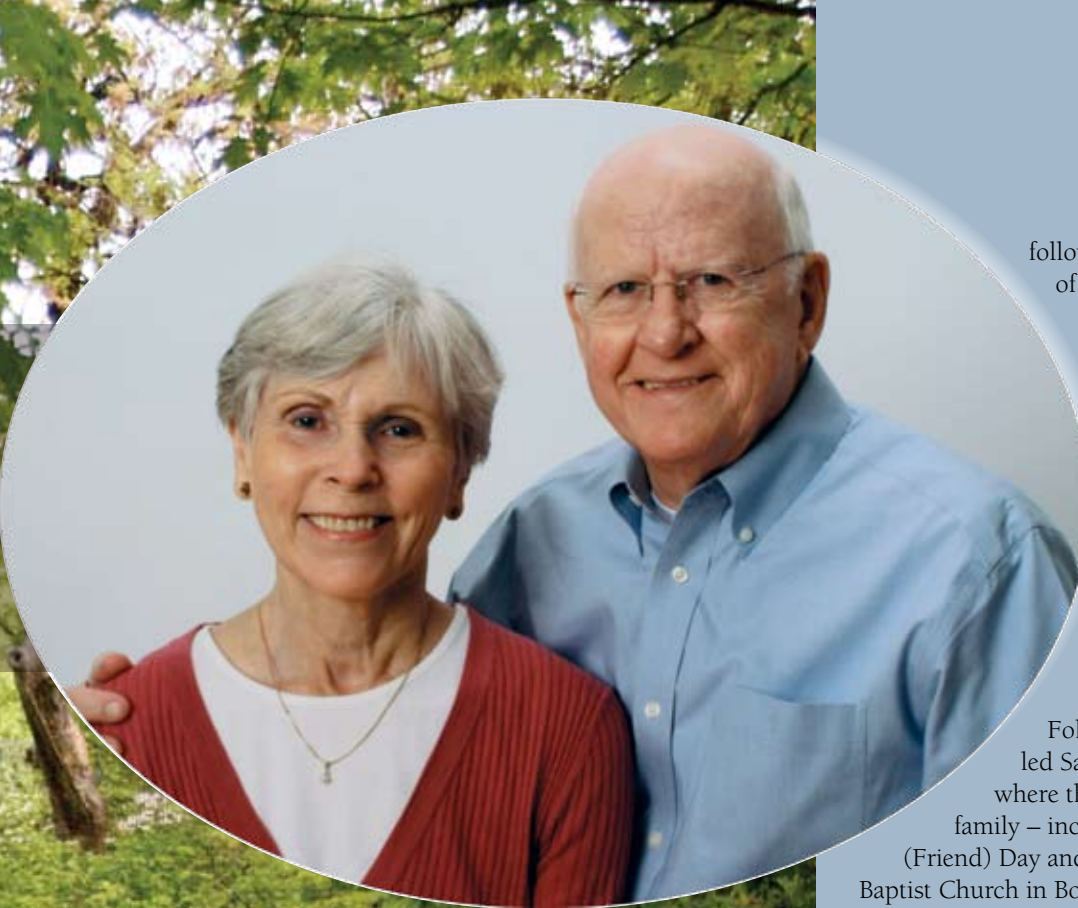
of her junior year, Donna’s funds ran out, and she returned to California to attend Long Beach State.

Meanwhile, back on the ranch, things weren’t going very smoothly for Sam, who juggled home life and a full school load. A good friend encouraged him to press forward in his goals. In the meantime, the friend’s wife contacted her friend – Donna in California – and asked her to pray for and write encouraging letters to the struggling cowboy.

Sam and Donna became pen pals the second semester of their junior year in college.

The summer of 1957, Sam traveled to California to visit family – and to visit Donna. However, the trip was cut short

A divine path



SAM AND DONNA FRIEND, '58

by a family illness back in Oklahoma, and he went home early. But the pair stayed in touch, and Sam sent Donna a plane ticket to visit him.

"Then God intervened," Donna said. "Dr. Raley called and said, 'You are a wonderful student, and I want you to be a graduate of our school, so I'm giving you a full scholarship.'"

Donna returned to OBU her senior year, and she and Sam married on Dec. 20, 1957. As a cash-strapped college student, she said she borrowed "everything" for the wedding – the venue, the wedding dress, even her escort down the aisle: classmate Donna Nigh Jones' father filled the role.

The newlyweds completed their time on Bison Hill the

following spring, graduating with the Class of 1958.

"It's amazing how God brings beauty out of ashes," Donna said.

While attending Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Sam felt challenged to fulfill a call to missions. At the same time, he continued managing the family ranch, developed a housing division and served as pastor of a growing church.

Following their call to missions, God led Sam and Donna to Bellingham, Wash., where they helped a small church. In 1968, the family – including children Rauk Friend, '80, Robin (Friend) Day and Joe Friend – answered a call to First Baptist Church in Bothell, Wash. Sam and Donna served there until 1996.

Missions became a priority not only for Sam and Donna, but also for First Baptist Church. Since 1979, Sam and Donna have traveled to Eastern Europe each summer to minister to pastors and churches. The ministry became a vital part of the church, with many of its members serving overseas.

The Friends ministered in Poland and Hungary, but the main ministry was to Romania until 1985, when the Romanian government expelled Sam from the country. Donna carried on the work, while Sam remained just outside the country.

"It has been fulfilling," Donna said. "It was a tremendous impact on our lives and the lives of the Romanians."

They have ministered in the former Yugoslavia – Serbia, Macedonia, Slovenia, Kosovo and Croatia – as often as possible with the current political climate in the Balkans. They also worked with pastors in Bulgaria and Albania as soon as the countries opened to Westerners. Their church organized Friend International, a non-profit corporation, in December 1992 to continue the ministries to Eastern Europe and around the world.

"God has used all of our experiences from our days at OBU until now to honor Him," the Friends said. "We have always worked as a team in all of these years."

The couple continues to follow a divine path, going wherever God leads. ♦

Gulf of
Mexico

Florida

ATLANTIC OCEAN

PASSION *for* PEOPLE

He always knew he wanted to be a doctor.
In fact, his passion for international medical missions has not changed for more than 50 years.



After Lynn Hughes graduated from OBU with degrees in English and philosophy, the path to becoming a doctor seemed difficult. He began to explore his career options when he received a draft notice for the war in Vietnam.

"My draft number was real low and Vietnam was cranking up, and I didn't want to go over as a grunt," he said. "With my education, I didn't think that was the place for me to be, and I didn't know exactly what I should do with my draft notice."

With guidance from his father, a 1935 OBU alumnus and the main source of encouragement for Hughes, he decided to pursue a master's degree in theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He traveled with a SWBTS group to the Bahamas to do Vacation Bible School and mission work, but realized he could not deny his calling to medicine any longer.

"When I got back I said, 'You know, I'm really meant to be a doctor.'"

Hughes worked to meet the qualifications and was accepted into the Oklahoma School of Medicine. Finally pursuing his dream of working in the medical field, Hughes received a variety of opportunities, giving him a wide range of training that would eventually assist him in his practice.

Hughes encountered an opportunity to go to Vietnam with the Oklahoma State Department. He performed amputations and insert chest tubes, attending to wounded soldiers.

"I spent two-and-a-half months there and was able to travel by helicopter to many locations across Vietnam to take care

of civilian casualties," he said. "When I returned I had almost done more surgery than I witnessed during the two-month surgical rotation I did in medical school."

Following his study at the Oklahoma School of Medicine, Hughes accepted a U.S. Air Force post as a flight surgeon for the C-130 squadron, and increased his travel resume by working with the squadron in locations across Europe. The more he traveled and experienced foreign cultures, Hughes felt led to his original passion of international medical missions.

After Hughes finished his doctorate at Duke University focused on head and neck surgery, he established a private practice in Concord, N.C., and immediately sought to start medical work in a third world country.

"I've learned that people are the same the world around," he said. "They have the same problems and the same needs. I wanted to do some mission work once we got established in Concord."

"There is a Mennonite hospital called Clinica Christiana in San Juan de la Maguana in the Dominican Republic, near the Haitian border," he said. "That is where I started going 18 years ago and we have gone every year but one, spending 10 to 14 days there just doing volunteer surgery."

After his first trip, Hughes knew he would need to learn Spanish to provide optimal assistance to the Dominicans. By living with Spanish-speaking families and taking Spanish courses, he became fluent enough to understand and take care of patients.



DR. LYNN HUGHES, '61

As he continued to annually visit Clinica Christiana, he was encouraged by the growth of the hospital and its resources, including the much needed follow-up doctors provided the patients once he left.

"They have a surgeon there and they also have a dentist available whenever the doctors who are doing volunteer work are not there," he said. "They can take care of bleeding problems, rather than having a patient die because no one is there to follow up."

While in the Dominican Republic, Hughes eagerly looks for opportunities to talk to patients about their faith and continues to look for new ways to serve the Dominican people. Apart from the hospital, Hughes and the primary care doctors who go with him also travel to schools in the area, where they tend to patients who walk for miles to see the doctors.

"Last year we had 45 we took with us and did over 80 surgeries," he said. "The patients come all at one time and we work through them as the day goes on. We use them to spread the word to others about why we're there. The groups that go into the woods also speak to the people through the interpreter about what our purpose is, and to ask if they need any help or if they have any questions about our faith."

Hughes looks to integrate his mission mindset into his work in North Carolina as well.

"In the private practice it is always good to – and I like what Paul recommends – pray without ceasing," he said. "And that means that whenever I see that things are perplexed, I say a

prayer right there asking 'where do I go with this patient' or 'what needs to happen with this patient who is confused.'"

Hughes often reflects on the influence and encouragement he received at OBU to continue to pursue his passion and be open to the opportunities he comes across during his career.

"The influence for me was mainly Dr. (Gregory) Prichard, who taught me to be more open and to be looking closely at the world through all of my traveling experiences," he said.

His love for traveling has been contagious among his family, including his wife, Shelia, daughters Shannon and Heather, and step-son Brian. The travel has provided a variety of cross-cultural experiences in locations like China, Tibet, Australia and Tahiti.

It is his love for medicine, however, that has been the most evident in Hughes' life and he hopes to convey that passion in his book, "Lame Science, Blind Religion," pointing out the interworking of science and theology.

"My book comes from a quote that Einstein created, that science without religion is lame and religion without science is blind," he said. "A scientist who denies God and that he has anything to do with his research is missing out on major things that he could be doing if he was doing it with God."

No matter if Hughes is in North Carolina, the Dominican Republic or Vietnam, his passion for medical missions lives on as he continues to make a difference in his patients' lives around the world. ♦



CALLED TO COMFORT *God's People*



In the 1980 Yahnseh, senior performing arts major Chuck King stated he planned to pursue a job in California, New York or Dallas. But God had other plans for King, who instead landed a job with a children's theatre troupe in Oklahoma City. It was the first step toward fulfilling his life call – a call which has taken him around the world to his adopted home of Israel.

King's first job out of college was with the Oklahoma State Arts Council. He said the experience was fantastic – but even more, it was life-changing.

"The Lord used it to bring me around to the original call I felt as a teenager that I was dedicated to serve Him with my whole life, that whatever gifts or talents I had belonged to Him and were reserved for His purposes."

King and his wife, Louann – a 1981 OBU nursing graduate – continue to live focused on using their talents and gifts for the eternal good of God's Kingdom. King directs the musical activities of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, serves as a worship leader and ministers as a recording artist. Louann volunteers her nursing skills a few times a week, making home visits to the elderly and destitute in Jerusalem. The couple also hosts a home group of Christians who depend upon one another for encouragement and support as they live out their faith in Jerusalem.

As a new freshman, King said he felt he was moving a world away to attend OBU, when in reality he was traveling only 35 miles from nearby Oklahoma City. Until college, his life had revolved around the same house, the same school district and the same group of kids.

"OBU was my first real opportunity to get outside of my very narrow world and experience a broader community – to study and live among peers with backgrounds, ideas and opinions that were different from my own," King said.

He credits a broad-based education on Bison Hill with giving him the foundation and confidence to serve in the church, as well as the skills and language he needed to work in various musical and performance settings, even in the professional world. Because of the relatively small size of the student body, opportunities abounded for 'on the job' training in music and theatre venues including the Bison Glee Club, Shawnee community theatre and other outlets.

A promising future

While King pondered where God's leading would take him career-wise, he felt immense support from the OBU faculty to fulfill his potential.

"Jeri Graham Edmonds was a great vocal coach, but more importantly, she was the one who really challenged me to pursue my passion and to follow my heart," he said. "Dr. Michael Cox was an outstanding conductor and choral technician. I learned so much by just observing him and sitting under his baton in the Glee Club.

"Brack Marquette, the chairman of the speech and theatre department, was a person with a sense of professionalism and leadership savvy that I wanted to emulate. He became a good friend, was always available as counselor and advisor, but was able to keep the proper boundary between faculty member and student.

"Rhetta Mayfield was just a total inspiration, and very down-to-earth as well," King recalled. "She helped me to believe in my own abilities as a performer."

Landing the job with the children's theatre troupe immediately after graduation, it would be nearly a decade before King first traveled to Israel. In 1989, he attended the Christian celebration of the Feast of the Tabernacles hosted by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem. It changed his life.

"I was just blown away," King said from his home. "I knew I had a destiny here."

It was a seven-year process before the King family changed their address to Jerusalem, but the couple – along with children Jacob, Kaitlyn and Jessica – took the steps of faith to relocate following God's call. They now live among more than 1 million Russian and Ethiopian Jews who have migrated to Israel in recent years.

"That is a modern-day miracle, and we've been able to be a part of it," King said.

The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem was founded in 1980 by Christians from around the world as an act of solidarity with the Jewish people's 3,000-year-old claim and connection to Jerusalem. The embassy represents millions of believers from more than 125 countries who share a love and concern for Israel and the Jewish people. Its ministries are to comfort Israel, educate the Church, celebrate God's faithfulness and confront anti-Semitism.

"My prayer is that we can remain faithful to the calling to 'comfort Israel' at any cost," King said. "We hope that our testimony to Israelis, our Jewish friends and neighbors, is that we are true and uncompromising believers in Jesus who can show unconditional love and support in spite of the horrific history of the Church as it relates to the Jewish people."



CHUCK KING, '80

The ICEJ is best known for hosting the annual Christian celebration of the Feast of the Tabernacles. It was the event that first caught King's attention, and it is now the focal point of his year-round work. The celebration is a multicultural event which draws thousands of pilgrims from more than 70 nations for a week of teaching, worship and prayer during the Jewish holiday of Succot. It's the largest annual tourist event in Israel.

With King's travel schedule and parenting a daughter in high school, the couple rarely finds a dull moment in their life in Israel. However, the family cherishes a cultural routine they adopted with their new homeland: celebrating Friday nights as the Jewish Sabbath with a traditional meal, blessings and rest. When his schedule allows, King also participates in the local theatre.

"I view myself as one of those rare, fortunate and blessed people who has been able to live out my hobbies and interests as a career," King said. "I've tried to invest my time and energy into things that have eternal value and significance. I graduated from OBU with the sense that my role in life would be played out in unusual ways, and I think that has come to pass. I'm grateful for every stage of the journey, including the time I spent on Bison Hill. In many ways, those years steered the course for me." ♦

OBU Ranked By U.S. News, Princeton Review, Forbes.com

For the 15th consecutive year, OBU has been listed as Oklahoma's highest-rated baccalaureate college in **U.S. News & World Report's** annual ranking of "America's Best Colleges." In the 2009 ratings, OBU is ranked second in the West. OBU has made the news magazine's "top 10" in its category for 17 consecutive years.

In addition to the ranking for overall academic quality, OBU ranked sixth in the magazine's "Great Schools, Great Prices" category for the western region.

The Princeton Review named OBU one of the best colleges in the western United States, based on student opinion data collected from colleges and universities across the nation. The educational research firm selected OBU as one of 120 "Best in the West" institutions for 2009. The annual listing of "Best Colleges: Region by Region" was released in July.

OBU was named as the state's top-ranked university in **Forbes.com's** inaugural listing of "America's Best Colleges." A total of 569 undergraduate institutions are ranked based on the quality of the education they provide and how much their students achieve, according to the **Forbes.com** Web site. The rankings were determined through a process established by Dr. Richard Vedder, an economist at Ohio University, and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity.

Nationwide, OBU ranked 163rd on the list, followed by Oklahoma Wesleyan University at 185th. Other Oklahoma universities making the **Forbes.com** list included the University of Oklahoma at No. 380, Oklahoma State University at No. 406, and University of Tulsa at No. 515.



Tresch Named OBU's School of Business Dean

W. Kyle Tresch, a 1986 OBU graduate, is the new dean of the University's Paul Dickinson School of Business. Tresch also serves as the Loyd G. and Betty Minter associate professor of business.

Tresch most recently worked in commercial lending and general counsel support with McQueen, Rains and Tresch, LLP. He was a founding partner in the Tulsa-based firm. He previously worked as senior counsel for CITGO Petroleum Corporation in Tulsa; shareholder/director attorney for Tulsa's Crowe and Dunlevy; and transactions counsel/executive vice president for the Baptist Foundation of Arizona in Phoenix.

In addition to his bachelor's degree from OBU, he earned a juris doctorate from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va.

Tresch's wife, Lisa Jackson Tresch, graduated from OBU in 1987. The couple has three children: Colin, Erin and Alison. Tresch has served as an active church leader, as a Sunday School teacher and as a volunteer with Tulsa's Habitat for Humanity chapter.



Twelve Earn OBU's First MBA Degrees

The first 12 graduates of OBU's International Graduate School received master of business administration degrees Sept. 27. They are the inaugural graduating class for the graduate program which began in February 2007.

Shryln Treadwell, Oklahoma City, and Andrew Ranson, Stillwater, graduated summa cum laude, achieving perfect 4.0 grade point averages in their graduate courses.

The graduating class also included Matt Boston, Edmond; Kevin DeShazo, Oklahoma City; Ron Duggins, Stillwater; Penny Dunaway, Shawnee; Michael Hargrove, Oklahoma City; Amanda Hayes, Edmond; Eric Jordan, Choctaw; Kenneth Massey, Palm Harbor,

Fla.; Mac Swindell, Piedmont; and Mike Williams, Edmond.

Jeremie Kubicek, president and CEO of Giant Impact, delivered the Commencement Address during ceremonies in the Louise Prichard Chapel at the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City. A 1993 OBU graduate, Kubicek consulted with the University's academic leadership in the development of the M.B.A. degree program.

Operated in downtown Oklahoma City, the 18-month OBU-IGS program includes an international study component. The graduates journeyed to Europe to learn from European business leaders in January 2008.

OBU International Graduate School Introduces Online MBA Program

Less than two years after its doors opened, the OBU International Graduate School recently added a third offering to its lineup of master's degree programs designed for working adults. Working in concert with Vertical Learning Curve, a Web-based virtual-reality business training organization, OBU-IGS offers students the opportunity to earn a master of business administration degree in a unique online environment.

Accredited through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the new online MBA degree program places students in a virtual internship position with an Oklahoma-based company. Students gain hands-on experience and education in a virtual world filled with real-time deadlines, realistic co-workers and real-world obstacles. The program is designed to fit conveniently into any schedule, allowing students two to three years to complete the self-paced program.

In addition to an online MBA degree, OBU-IGS offers MBA and master of science in nursing degree programs which meet one night a week for 18 months at the OBU-IGS downtown Oklahoma City location. Information for all three programs can be found online at igs.okbu.edu.

OBU Accreditation Continued By Higher Learning Commission

OBU recently received formal notification of its continued accreditation by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The University's next comprehensive evaluation with the commission is scheduled for 2017-18.

The continued accreditation process concluded a two-year self-study conducted by the University. Dr. Glenn Sanders, OBU professor of history and chair of the division of behavioral and social sciences, served as chairman of the self-study committee.

The self-study resulted is a 250-page summary of the University's current operations derived from various institutional measures and from discussions within the OBU community. It is based on five criteria set by the Higher Learning Commission which focus on mission, resources, teaching and learning, internal environment, and constituency relations.

A five-member HLC visiting team received the self-study report and accompanying documentation about a month before visiting OBU last spring, Sanders said. During their time on campus, team members talked with different individuals and groups to determine the accuracy of the self-study and other aspects of OBU's operations.



To learn more about OBU-IGS's revolutionary online MBA degree program, visit igs.okbu.edu and click on the "VLC" link, or call 405.319.8470.

Fifteen Join OBU Faculty

Fifteen faculty members began their service with OBU at the start of the fall semester.

Jennifer Allen-Ayres, instructor of English, earned a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma City University and a master's degree in English from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Jennifer Barnett, instructor in OBU's Intensive English Program, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, a master's degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and is working toward a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

Dr. Carolyn Gregory, assistant professor of education, earned a bachelor's degree from East Central University, a master's degree from UCO, and a doctorate from Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Vickie Ellis, associate professor of communications arts, earned a bachelor's degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University, a master's degree from the University of North Texas, and a doctorate from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Dr. Terry James, assistant professor of education, earned a bachelor's degree at Indiana State University, a master's degree from Indiana University, and a doctorate from the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Louima Lilite, assistant professor of music, earned a bachelor's degree from Biola University, a master's degree from Pennsylvania State University, and a doctorate from Eastman School of Music.

Dr. Tonia Little, assistant professor of education, earned a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a doctorate from Tennessee Technological University. >>>

OBU Students Start Non-Profit Organization

Last year, an estimated \$8 billion went unused on gift cards. Realizing that, OBU students Peter Wilson and Ryan Womack started the non-profit organization GiveCards.org to collect unused balances on gift cards and turn that money into cash for charities.

GiveCards.org selected charities to support including Blood:Water Mission, The Salvation Army and The American Heart Association, with the final percentage of funds going to urgent disaster relief.

Wilson and Womack want to provide donors an avenue to improve the environment, the community and the individual, as indicated in their motto: Give Hope. Give Love. GiveCards.

"We are trying to create a movement," said Wilson, a senior from Bethany. Womack is a junior from Oklahoma City.

Donations may be sent through the mail; postage is covered by the organization. For information about how to send in your unused gift cards, and to access the free postage instructions, go to www.givecards.org.

OBU Launches Student Success Center

Twenty-six OBU students have committed to promoting academic excellence for their peers through service and support as tutors and mentors at the University's Student Success Center, which opened with the fall semester. Monica Mullins serves as the center's director.

The Success Center is designed for students of all majors, classifications and academic needs, aiding in comprehension of course material as well as in the development of study, research, reading, writing and analytical and critical thinking skills. Student workers offer tutoring in most core subjects as well as mathematics, chemistry, physics, accounting and economics.

The Success Center also offers academic peer mentoring and assistance in developing formal learning plans to aid students in their academic journeys at OBU. The center features a writing center, geared toward assisting students in all areas of composition, proof-reading, research methods and thesis development.

Mullins emphasized that the center aims to enhance the faculty/student relationship. She has encouraged faculty members to refer students to the center, which will help to reinforce what students learn in the classroom.



Dr. Jennifer McQuade, assistant professor of music, earned a bachelor's degree from Mount Allison University, an artist diploma in vocal performance from the University of Western Ontario, and a doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

Gerry Milligan, assistant professor of nursing, earned a bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University, a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University, and a master's degree from Columbia Pacific University.

Dr. David Nagle, assistant professor of German, earned a bachelor's degree from Earlham College, a master's degree

from Murray State University, and a doctorate from OSU.

Krista Ranck, instructor of nursing, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma. She currently is working toward a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma's College of Nursing.

Radonna Roark, instructor of French, earned a bachelor's degree from OBU and Cours de la Civilization from the Université de la Sorbonne, earning credit for her work through OU.

Dr. M. Nicole Warehime, assistant professor of sociology, earned a

bachelor's degree from Oklahoma City University, and a master's degree and doctorate from OU.

Valerie Watts, assistant professor of nursing, earned a bachelor's degree from OBU in 1997, and a master's degree from the University of Phoenix.

Tony Yates, assistant professor of science, earned a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Christian University, a master's degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and a doctorate from OU.

OBU Increases Two Church-Related Scholarships



OBU recently made significant changes to two church-related scholarships, increasing awards for the Church Partnership Scholarship Program and the Church Staff Dependent Scholarship.

The Church Partnership Scholarship combines funds provided by Baptist churches or associations with equal funds provided by OBU. The scholarship, previously matching up to \$250 per year, was increased to

match funds up to \$1,000 per year, for a total of \$2,000 per year when funds are combined. The partnership scholarship program is available for any Baptist church in the nation.

The Church Staff Dependent Scholarship was increased from \$500 per year to \$1,000 per year. The scholarship is available to children or spouses of currently employed full-time vocational ministers working with a Southern Baptist church, association,

or state convention, or with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Two other church-related OBU scholarships are available to participants in two Oklahoma Baptist summer camp programs. The Falls Creek Scholarship and Super Summer Scholarship provide \$1,000 per year for the number of years the student attends each camp. The scholarships can be combined annually, offering up to \$8,000 in scholarship aid over a four-year span. Churches are required to verify their students' participation in Falls Creek or Super Summer programs.

For the 2008-09 school year, 391 students were awarded the Church Partnership Scholarship, with 312 from Oklahoma. The Church Staff Dependent Scholarship was awarded to 115 students, with 69 from Oklahoma. More than 750 students received the Falls Creek or Super Summer Scholarship. More than 95 percent of OBU students receive some form of financial aid each year.

For more information about available scholarships and other financial aid topics, contact OBU's student financial services office at 405.878.2016 or student.financial.services@okbu.edu.

Patterson Resigns OBU Post

A familiar face to OBU alumni and friends departed Bison Hill this fall. John Patterson, '88, OBU senior vice president for university advancement, resigned in September to accept the post of vice president for development at Mercer University in Macon, Ga.

Patterson, who worked in OBU's development office as a student, served full-time on the development staff from 1988-92, before joining Mercer's development team. He returned to his alma mater in 1996 to head the advancement program, which includes development, alumni relations, and public relations operations.

Patterson joined the Mercer administration effective Oct. 13. The Baptist university is led by President Bill Underwood, a 1982 OBU graduate.

During Patterson's tenure, OBU has seen the successful completion of the Foundation for the Future Campaign, as well as the recently completed Winning Spirit Campaign to bolster OBU's athletic, intramural and wellness facilities. Patterson also has overseen major gifts programs, the annual fund, foundation/corporation and special gifts, the Bison Athletic Association, Friends of the Arts, Shawnee Advisory Board, and the National Board of Development, as well as alumni and development records, special events, and development communications. In OBU's most recent fiscal year, the University raised a record \$9.2 million.

"John's career has been marked by success," said John W. Parrish, OBU interim president. "He has provided solid leadership and has assembled a strong team."

Parrish appointed long-time OBU development officer Bill W. Holley to serve as interim vice president for

development. Holley, associate vice president for development, joined the OBU staff in 1983.

At Mercer, Patterson is responsible for management of the departments of development, advancement records, donor and foundation relations, development communications, and planned and estate gifts.



New Web Site Offers Expanded Sports Info

Fans of OBU athletics have a new online resource for information about Bison and Lady Bison teams. OBU's sports information office unveiled a redesigned Web site, www.obubison.com, in August.

The site, produced by Ray Fink, OBU sports information director, offers new graphic elements, photos of recent events, fan poll, scores and schedules on the front page and an easy-to-navigate menu. The front page is dominated by a rotation of five top stories and photographs.

"The new site gives OBU athletics its own identity on the Web, while maintaining contact with the University's overall purpose and message," said Fink. "The site makes it easier for OBU fans and recruits to get their information about the Bison and Lady Bison."

OBU Professor Co-author of Two Works

OBU professor of business Dr. Keith Harman is the co-author of two new books, "Knowledge Management: Theoretical Foundations" and "Knowledge Management: Research and Application."

The books highlight how organizations can use the concept of knowledge management to be more efficient and effective, and provide techniques companies can use in dealing with managing information. Harman worked on the project for the past five years with Dr. Alex Koohang, dean of the School of Information Technology at Macon State College in Macon, Ga.



"Knowledge is the most valuable resource companies have," Harman said. "With modern computing and the rise of the digital world, we have a tremendous amount of information. So companies must learn how to manage that knowledge and take care of it. The books address these kinds of issues."

The books are a part of a series by the Informing Science Institute, an international organization of colleagues helping colleagues teach, research and use information technologies to share their knowledge and information with others.

Harman and Koohang also worked together on the four-volume book series "Learning Objects" released in 2006. The series examines the use and application of learning objects in education and computer and information science.

Harman joined OBU's faculty in 2006. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Oklahoma, and a master's degree in finance and operations management from Webster University. He completed a doctorate in higher education management from OU.

Fall Enrollment Increases 9.1 Percent, Topping 1,750

With a 23.5 percent increase in the number of new freshmen, OBU's overall enrollment is 1,753 for the fall 2008 semester. That is an increase of 9.1 percent over the 2007 fall semester.

"We are delighted with this significant enrollment increase. As more students benefit from our academic programs, the effectiveness of our overall mission increases," said John W. Parrish, OBU interim president.

First-time freshmen totaled 389, an increase of 74 over the 2007 total.

The average ACT score for first-time freshmen was 23.6, a slight increase over the 23.3 average for last year's class.

The enrollment included 1,467 full-time students and 286 part-time students. Full-time students are enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for the semester. The total number of full-time students was up from 1,348 in the fall of 2007.

The overall headcount total includes 1,055 students from Oklahoma, up from 963 in 2007. Oklahomans account

for 60.2 percent of the enrollment, up from 59.9 percent last year. In-state students come from 67 of Oklahoma's 77 counties.

OBU students represent 39 states and 21 other countries. There are 252 students from Texas, comprising 14.4 percent of the overall total. A total of 601 students are from other states, and 97 – 5.5 percent – are from other countries. Thirty students are from China, with 29 from Brazil.

The enrollment also included a total of 135 students who transferred to OBU from other colleges. An additional 35 students are studying in the University's Intensive English Program, and 173 are enrolled in Ministry Training Institute courses offered at off-campus locations.

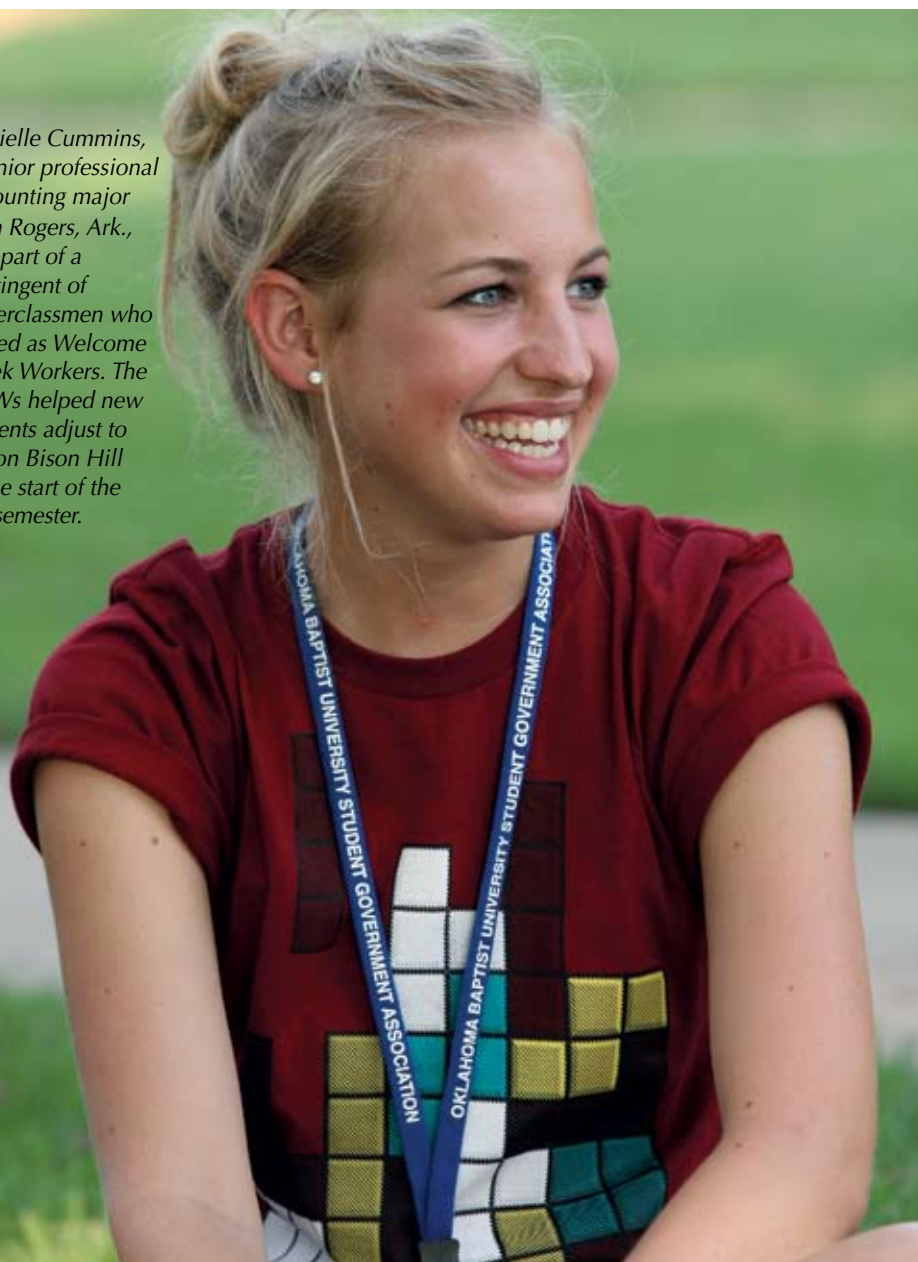
The overall total also includes 46 students enrolled in OBU's International Graduate School.

"To see an enrollment increase of 146 students in a year where energy costs skyrocketed is very significant," said Trent Argo, OBU's dean of enrollment management. "As more families examined our programs and visited our campus, they saw the opportunity for their students to gain a unique educational experience on Bison Hill."

During the 2007-08 academic year, OBU implemented a new financial aid structure, and expanded campus visit opportunities for prospective students and their families.

"Our admissions and student financial services staff members did an outstanding job of communicating with prospective students throughout the year," said Parrish. "As students and their families consider our academic programs and campus life opportunities, we see a very favorable response."

Danielle Cummins, a senior professional accounting major from Rogers, Ark., was part of a contingent of upperclassmen who served as Welcome Week Workers. The Tri-Ws helped new students adjust to life on Bison Hill at the start of the fall semester.



OBU Professors Research New Courses in Costa Rica

Two OBU professors recently traveled to Costa Rica to gather information for development of new courses in tropical ecology and biodiversity. The professors' research will be integrated into science courses this fall, and eventually field courses will be available to students.

Dr. Dale Utt, associate professor of biology, and Dr. John McWilliams, associate professor of natural science, joined Dr. Dennis Siegfried, Southern Nazarene University's assistant professor of biology, to study the ecology and geology of three different tropical environments.

"Experiences at both the rainforest and the volcano will be incorporated into our environmental, botany and earth science courses this fall," Utt said. "We ultimately hope to have some science students participate in an extended field research experience in Costa Rica as part of their senior capstone research project."

Utt and McWilliams hope that both science and non-science majors will take advantage of the unique field study in Costa Rica once available.

"I believe OBU students will benefit greatly from our participation with Quetzal Education Research Center," McWilliams said. "It's also a unique opportunity for subject areas other than science."

The OBU professors traveled with Siegfried to the Quetzal Education Research Center in San Gerardo de Dota, established by Southern Nazarene University in 1986. There they studied the high altitude neo-tropical rainforests, observed the area's ecology and spotted a few of Costa Rica's diverse indigenous birds.

"We were able to experience the misty tree-covered ridges of the cloud forest surrounding QERC at San Gerardo de Dota," Utt said. "In these forests we observed lush growth of various ferns and hardwoods, complemented by mounds of bromeliads clinging to every branch, and a spattering of orchids from the forest floor to high in the canopy."

The group next traveled to La Selva Biological Research Station, an area managed by the Organization for



Dr. Dale Utt holds a Red-Eyed Tree Frog while visiting the La Selva Biological Research Station area. Utt and McWilliams observed a variety of animals throughout the duration of their trip.

Tropical Studies, an assemblage of international universities dedicated to the study of tropical ecology. Here, Utt and McWilliams studied the lowland rainforest and observed a variety of animals including sloths, macaws, army ants, Blue Morpho butterflies and Poison Arrow Frogs.

"Our visit was only at the beginning of the rainy season, but it was truly a unique experience to watch torrents of rain continue for hours on end," Utt said. "Into the evening, as the rain would slack off, we hiked into the forest to a boardwalk through a large marsh. We saw or heard almost a dozen different species in our short time that night, including the well-known Red-Eyed Tree Frog."

The group's final destination was the Volcan Arenal to study the geology of the volcano and the surrounding forests. Utt said they saw boulders the size of cars that were freshly spewed from the volcano, glowing red with heat.

OBU's science department hopes to begin offering courses in Costa Rica in January 2009. People interested in participating in one of the courses can contact the OBU science department at 405.878.2028 or e-mail Utt at dale.utt@okbu.edu.

McWilliams, right, and Siegfried walk across a bridge in the lowland rainforests of San Gerardo de Dota, Costa Rica. The group also studied the highland rainforests and volcanic ecology of the San Gerardo area.





BISON Spirit

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November 7 & 8

50-Year Club Reception and Luncheons – This is a great time of visiting and catching up! Join classmates and friends from your era at OBU. All alumni from the Classes of 1958 and prior are invited to attend. Members of the Classes of '33, '38, '43, '48, '53, and '58, will be our honored guests. Luncheons for the 50-Year Club and the Class of 1953 will follow the reception. Order your tickets for the luncheon today.

Friday Afternoon Class Reunion Fellowships – Same great fun, just a different location. Meet up with your friends in the lower level of the Geiger Center for a cup of coffee, a time to peruse the Yahnsehs from your era, and review the biographical information sent in by classmates. The Classes of 1963, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, and '98 will all gather in the same area for a great time of fellowship.

Harvest Dinner Is For Everyone – Six alumni will be recognized for special awards during this annual event. Dr. Joe Mosley, '58, and Dr. David Saltee, '73, will receive the Alumni Association's highest honor, the Alumni Achievement Award. Dr. Branson Craig Stephens, '00, will be recognized as the recipient of the Graduate Of the Last Decade (GOLD) Alum of the Year Award, and the OBU Athletic Hall of Fame will induct three new members: Desire Pierre-Louis, '98, Destini Anderson, '01, and DuJuan Brown, ex '02. This annual event is Friday at 6 p.m. in the Geiger Center banquet rooms.

Class Reunion Luncheons – Come join classmates and friends from your era. Get caught up on what is going on in their lives and take a walk down memory lane as you recall time spent on Bison Hill. Don't delay! Call some of your friends and make plans to attend!

Dinner at the RAWC – Combining the old with the new. Following the basketball games, dinner will be in the newest facility on campus, the Recreation and Wellness Center. Come enjoy a dinner catered by Van's Pig Stand, a place that holds fond memories for many alumni. Get a group of your classmates together and enjoy dinner as you reminisce and have the opportunity to see the place where "new" memories are being made on Bison Hill.

Showcase – Don Blackley, '63, will emcee this annual event. Chuck King, '80, 2008 Profile In Excellence award recipient, and recording artists Jami Smith, '93, and Paul Langford, '88, will perform. Paul will have several classmates and his wife joining him on stage. There also will be performances by Dr. Larry DeLay, '78; Becky Goodin Morrison, '88; Jennifer Peck, '03; and Thresa Swadley, '03. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of entertainment.



From the 1958 Yahnseh

An Attempt At Explaining The Craziiness

Members of the Class of 1958 often get the same question: “What makes the Class of ’58 so great?” The “greatness” manifests itself by class members’ involvement with their alma mater, by their raucous behavior during Harvest Dinners, and mostly by the close-knit friendships they have maintained for more than half a century. In November, they will try to explain themselves with a unique response.

Spearheaded by class wrangler Donna Nigh Jones, a group of 1958 alums has worked for the past two years to produce “Still Crazy After All These Years,” a dramatic presentation which will be premiered Friday, Nov. 7, in OBU’s Craig-Dorland Theatre.

Jones wrote the original screenplay, which reflects upon and celebrates ‘the class the stars fell on’ and their lives before coming to campus, while they were on campus, and the 50 years since they left.

From dorm life to campus life, poodle skirts to duck tails, “I Love Lucy” to Elvis Presley, the production creatively examines what shaped the Class of ’58. A line from the work explains “what has made the class special is not the accomplishments, as great as some of them are. What has made the class special is the caring and the bond of affection.”

The original screenplay will feature a dramatic portion, “Reflections on an Education in Seclusion,” with a cast composed of current OBU theatre students and many 1958 alums.

Jones is co-directing the production with a fairly accomplished classmate, Dr. Bob Scales, and Dr. Laura Byland, OBU’s director of theatre. Dr. Scales, who directed the theatre program at the University of Southern California before his retirement, also has worked with the show’s computer-enhanced background and music. Dr. Joe Mosley and Dr. Charles Poor co-produced the production and served as the script and technical advisors. Many other 1958 alums served on the planning committee, including Dr. Bruce and Barbara Stine Bell, Dr. Don Clark, Henry Maxey and Dr. Harold and Joan Hendrick.

The production begins at 8:30 p.m., following OBU’s Harvest Dinner. The event is free and the public is invited to join the alums for a trip back in time.

The Class of ’58 Golden Anniversary Reunion Luncheon will start at noon on Saturday, Nov. 8, in the Mabee Suite in OBU’s Noble Complex.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:30 p.m. National Board of Development Banquet
Noble Complex, Mabee Suite

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:15 a.m. National Board of Development Meeting
Bailey Business Center

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Homecoming Registration | *Geiger Center, Upper Level*

10 a.m. 50-Year Club Reunion and Anniversary Reunions of
Classes of 1933 (75), 1938 (70), 1943 (65), 1948 (60),
1953 (55), and 1958 (50) | *Geiger Center, Upper Level*

10:30 a.m. Registration for Golf Tournament,
Driving range opens | *Shawnee Country Club*

11 a.m. 50-Year Club Luncheon honoring the
Classes of 1933, 1938, 1943, and 1948

Class of 1953 55th Anniversary Reunion Luncheon
Geiger Center, Upper Level

Noon Golf Tournament Tee-off | *Shawnee Country Club*

12:15 p.m. National Board of Development Luncheon
Geiger Center, Upper Level

1 p.m. OBU Bench and Bar Association
Dr. John W. Raley Jr., Speaker
Bailey Business Center, Tulsa Royalties Auditorium

2-4 p.m. REUNION FELLOWSHIPS
1963 (45), 1968 (40), 1973 (35), 1978 (30), 1983 (25),
1988 (20), 1993 (15), 1998 (10), 2003 (5)
Geiger Center, Lower Level
*This time is set aside for informal visiting by reunion classes and other
friends. Yearbooks, pictures and other materials will be available.*

2-4 p.m. Library Assistants Reunion | *Library "Bubble"*
Book Signing with Lynda Tinnin Young, '63
Geiger Center Bookstore

2-4:30 p.m. OBU Archives Open House | *MLC, Third Floor*

4 p.m. Bison Jazz Orchestra Reunion | *Raley Chapel, Band Hall*

6-8 p.m. Harvest Dinner | *Geiger Center, Upper Level*
• Recognition of 2008 Harvest Court
• GOLD Alum of the Year Presentation
Dr. Branson Stephens, '00
• Induction of Athletic Hall of Fame Members
• Presentation of Alumni Achievement Awards
Dr. Joe Mosley, '58
Dr. David Sallee, '73

8:30 p.m. "Still Crazy After All These Years"
Production by the Class of 1958 | *Craig-Dorland Theatre*
Limited seating.

Harvest Festival
Raley Chapel, Potter Auditorium

9:15 p.m. Reception Honoring Harvest Court
Raley Chapel, Helen Thames Raley Parlor

10 p.m. ALUMNI REUNION RECEPTION
All alumni invited. Honoring the 50-Year Club
and the reunions Classes of 1958, 1963, 1968,
1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003
Geiger Center, Lower Level
Live at the Black Box | *Sarkeys Telecommunication Center*
Book Signing – John W. Parrish | *GC, Lower Level*
Book Signing – Lynda Tinnin Young, '63 | *GC Bookstore*

10:30 p.m. Bonfire – sponsored by the Social Club Council
Lawn between Jent and Sarkeys

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Homecoming Registration | *Geiger Center, Upper Level*

8 a.m. Omicron Delta Kappa Reunion
Benedict Street Marketplace, 613 N. Pottenger

8:30 a.m. Alumni Association Board of Directors Breakfast
Geiger Center, Upper Level

Student Nurses Association Reunion | *Thurmond Hall 126*

9 a.m. Cousins Reunion | *Montgomery Hall, Global Outreach Center*
University Chorale Reunion | *Raley Chapel, Room 203*

10 a.m. Cheerleaders Reunion | *Noble Complex, Hurt Heritage Center*
Chapel and Alumni Annual Meeting
Raley Chapel, Potter Auditorium

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Children's Festival | *Geiger Center, Lower Level*

10:30 a.m. Legends Basketball Game for Alumni Men | *Noble Complex*

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Childcare: birth through four years | *University Baptist Church*

11 a.m. Reception for Alumni Profile in Excellence Award Recipients
Raley Chapel, Helen Thames Raley Parlor
Alpha Gamma Tau Reception | *Art Building*
Bison Glee Club Reunion | *Ford Music Hall, Third Floor*
Bisonette Reunion | *Raley Chapel, Room 142*
Phi Omega Sigma Reunion | *TBA*

Sigma Alpha Iota Reunion
Sarkeys Telecommunication Center, Black Box
*The year 2008 marks the 80th anniversary for
Sigma Alpha Iota's Alpha Eta chapter.*

Theta Sigma Chi Reunion | *Kerr Parlor*

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Book Signing with John W. Parrish
Geiger Center, Lower Level

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Future Bison Campus Tour and Luncheon for
7th-12th grade students | *TBA*

REUNION LUNCHEONS

11:45 a.m. Classes of 1963, 1968, 1973 | *Geiger Center, Upper Level*

Noon Classes of 1978, 1983 | *Geiger Center, Upper Level*

Class of 1988 | *Geiger Center, Rooms 105-106*

Class of 1958 Golden Anniversary Reunion Luncheon
Noble Complex, Mabee Suite

12:15 p.m. Class of 1993 | *Geiger Center, Upper Level*

Class of 1998 | *Montgomery Hall Lounge*

Class of 2003 | *Geiger Center, Upper Level*

1:30-5:30 p.m. Homecoming Basketball Doubleheader
Lady Bison vs. Evangel University and
Bison vs. Grace University
Noble Complex

2-4 p.m. Reunion for the 1979 through 1983 Lady Bison Basketball teams
Noble Complex, Hurt Heritage Center

5:30 p.m. (immediately following the basketball games)
Student Government Association Reunion
Recreation and Wellness Center (RAWC), Multi-purpose Room

5:30 p.m. Dinner at the RAWC – Everyone Welcome!
Catered by Van's Pig Stand | *RAWC*
Menu: Brisket, Chopped Pork, Potato Salad,
Baked Beans, Texas Toast, Brownies, Cookies,
Lemonade, Tea, Water

7:30 p.m. Alumni Showcase
Raley Chapel, Potter Auditorium

Crime & Culture

By Andrew Adams

studentspotlight

Jon King spent 15 months going above and beyond the traditional classroom learning experiences. Pursuing a psychology major and Asian studies minor, the junior from Dallas spent his sophomore year studying in Japan. When he returned to the states, he began an internship with the Dallas Police Department's homicide unit.

King's study at Japan's Seinan Gakuin University was an Asian immersion. He took six classes each week of Japanese language along with classes about Japanese art, history and literature. "I learned a lot about the culture," King said.

Along with his heavy course load, King was involved with the university's swimming and soccer teams. The experience has carried over on Bison Hill, as he now plays for OBU's soccer team.

King worked with the OBU study abroad program to plan his educational experience at Seinan Gakuin. The universities have had a long-standing educational exchange partnership. He credited OBU with helping him acquire the scholarships he needed to go. Once there, he learned how to maneuver in his new environment independently.

"Being the only one from OBU and being alone taught me a lot about responsibility," King said.

Living in Fukuoka, he studied with many Japanese students, becoming acquainted with them and their culture. Two of his Japanese friends now study at OBU through the partnership program.

The transition back to the U.S. brought King another unique learning opportunity. While he has a keen interest in Asian culture, his academic plans include earning a master's degree in criminology. That desire inspired him to seek a summer internship with the homicide unit of one of America's largest police departments.

"I thought the internship would be a good opportunity because I think detectives have a good understanding of the criminal mind," King said.

Working with the unit allowed King to experience many aspects of the department. He observed interrogations of witnesses and suspects, visited several crime scenes, rode along with a detective on several calls, and watched the crime scene lab process evidence.

"I loved going to the crime lab and seeing how they compare evidence," King said.

Although his major does not require an internship, King received three credit hours for his summer experience.

"My psychology and sociology classes at OBU helped me understand the psychological aspects that go into a homicide detective's work," King said. "It was a great opportunity. I got to work with the best detectives Dallas has to offer. It changed my view on life in many ways."

King gained the experience after e-mailing the Dallas Police Department last spring about the possibility of doing an internship. The inquiry paid off.

"Through the practicum he was able to experience the direct connection between the study of psychology and human behavior in a real world setting," said Canaan Crane, OBU assistant professor of psychology and King's faculty adviser. "He also received the added benefit of making professional contacts and establishing some credibility in a field that interests him."

With his new-found insights into Japanese culture, and a heightened understanding of the criminal mind, King has settled into campus life again, aiming toward graduation in 2010.

"I learned so much, but I'm glad to be back at OBU," he said.



During his first few weeks in Japan, King went to the natural disaster prevention center. At the center, King and his friends went through natural disaster simulations.

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Helen Pridmore, voice, Guest Recital

Oct. 9, 7:30 PM

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A New View of Bison Hill

OBU's online "face" underwent a makeover in September as the University introduced a redesigned Web site at www.okbu.edu. The new site, with an enhanced focus on prospective students, alumni and friends, offers visitors a wide range of resources. Images leading to expanded articles help convey a sense of campus life. New tools for alumni include a searchable, password-protected directory, and the ability to register for upcoming events on the campus and across the nation.

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