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Students study and hang out in the lobby of Agee Residence Center.

ON THE COVER: OBU students Paul Inman (left), Clancy Richards, Kyle Colvin and Jake Morris enjoy a few warm spring moments throwing a Frisbee in front of Agee Residence Center.

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There is much talk about “vision” on Bison Hill these days. When I arrived on campus in November 2008, I was committed to building a shared vision for the future of our University. We were nearing our centennial year, and the time was right for casting a vision for OBU’s second century. We are in the early stages of our aptly named “Vision For A New Century” capital campaign. Like “excellence,” the word “vision” can be tossed around to the point that it loses the promise and focus it should convey. I want to ensure that we hold fast to the definitions of “vision” and “excellence” that challenge us to offer the kind of educational experience where lives are transformed.



During our 2011 Homecoming Chapel, I shared an example of how Abraham conveyed a sense of vision. Following his treaty with Abimelech, recorded in Genesis 21:22-34, Abraham planted a tamarisk tree. Why would the biblical account record a tree-planting? It signifies a desire – a vision – to help others remember how God had blessed Abraham at that point in his life. He planted a tree that would benefit future generations. He planted a tree known for stamina and long life. Tamarisk trees provide dense leaf cover, and a mature tree can produce 600,000 seeds in a year. It would be easy to envision a grove of tamarisk trees springing from this single tree. Abraham was looking beyond the present to influence the future.

That simple illustration carries a profound example for us. Tree-planters do their work for the benefit of others. They are people not given to instant gratification, but who take delight in future enjoyments, even the future enjoyments of those they may never know. The parallel is easy to see. OBU stands today as an enduring reminder of visionary “tree-planters” who have worked for the benefit of others. Our founders, faculty, staff, alumni and friends have invested their lives and resources in students, taking delight in the future success of those who are growing in our nurturing campus community.

As we embrace that vision, we are serving as a reminder that God continues to bless OBU. I encourage you to be a planter of trees. Invest in the lives of others, particularly in the lives of our students at OBU, knowing that as you do, you are making a worthwhile investment in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David Wesley Whitlock". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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New Housing on Bison



Engaging one of the top priorities in OBU's long-range master plan, new residential facilities to be constructed on the north side of Bison Hill soon will provide contemporary housing options for students.

"One of the great strengths of OBU is that we have a residential community where lifelong friendships are formed, and students encourage each other to live lives of excellence," said OBU President David W. Whitlock. "We are committed to continuing that tradition as we move into the University's second century."

The apartment-style housing, to be built in several phases directly north of Agee Residence Center on the north side of MacArthur Street, will incorporate several three-

story buildings. The first phase of building will begin with two large apartment buildings, followed by one smaller apartment building.

Each of the larger apartment buildings will hold 24 apartments and 92 beds. The smaller apartment building will contain 12 apartments and a total of 46 beds.

Each apartment unit will feature four individual bedrooms, two bathrooms and an open floor plan including a kitchen,

Hill Horizon



dining area and living area. Some of the apartments will include a washer and dryer, while others will share laundry facilities on the first floor which also doubles as safe rooms to be used in severe weather threats.

In all, the proposed complex will include six large apartment buildings, one small apartment building and a centrally located clubhouse building attached to another large apartment building. The total floor area, including the clubhouse, is 290,558 square feet with 204 apartment units, 782 beds and 20 laundry facility/safe rooms.

“I am excited about the development of a new housing option at OBU,” said Brandon Skaggs, OBU’s dean of

students. “The apartment village will provide OBU students an excellent place for community while still having a place to call their own. Upon completion of the apartment village, students will have a world-class clubhouse facility to provide exceptional space to study, hang out with friends, and truly build a closer community among our student body.”

Plans call for ground-breaking on the initial phase of the new residential facilities in April, said Randy Smith, executive vice president for business and administrative services, with occupancy projected for the fall 2013 semester. Therefore, current OBU students could anticipate an opportunity to live in the new complex.

CJC Architects Inc., a Tulsa firm which has worked with the University on several major projects, estimate each of the large apartment facilities will cost \$8 million. Architects estimate the entire complex will cost \$35 million.

“Future construction phases will be determined as we identify funding sources in the future,” Smith said.

While the new residential facilities are not a part of the current phase of the University’s capital campaign and the complex is not yet named, the University is always interested in working with donors who have an interest in providing excellent housing opportunities for OBU students, said Will Smallwood, vice president for university advancement.

The buildings will be constructed to reduce energy costs while conserving resources, Smith said.

“Another step in the University’s commitment to environmental stewardship, the apartment complex will be heated and cooled using a ground source heat pump system,” Smith said. “Previous projects on campus – including Craig-Dorland Theatre in Shawnee Hall, Taylor Residence Center and the Recreation and Wellness Center – have shown the wisdom of the University’s commitment to this system in terms of cost-effective reduction of energy usage compared to conventional systems.”

The new facility will encompass the existing MacArthur Apartments complex, which houses 64 men on campus. In 2008, the MacArthur Apartments were refreshed to include new paint and carpet, contemporary furniture in the living room and dining areas, and new mattresses.

Plan for Agee Residence Center

The plan for new men’s housing means the eventual discontinuation of student housing in Agee Residence

BROTHERHOOD DORM/AGEE RESIDENCE CENTER

66 Years in the Making

1945
Groundbreaking
for Brotherhood
Dormitory

Opened
in 1947.

1957 Groundbreaking for
Brotherhood addition.



Construction of the J.W. Storer Wing of Brotherhood Dormitory. The Baxter and Storer wings were completed in 1958.

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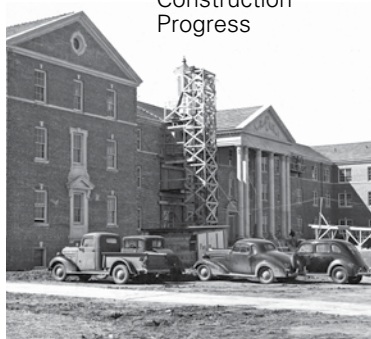
1950

1960

1970

1956 Dorm Room

1946
Construction
Progress



1960 photograph of completed Baxter and Storer wings



Center. The building was constructed in 1947 as Brotherhood Memorial Dormitory, with groundbreaking for the Baxter and Storer wings a decade later. The facility has a standard occupancy in recent years of 365 male students.

During Homecoming activities in 1998, OBU renamed its men's dormitory and dedicated it as the Bob R. and Nelle H. Agee Residence Center. Dr. Agee served as president of the University from 1982-98. The facility underwent extensive remodeling in 1980 and refurbishing in 1999. OBU officials noted the stately, well-constructed facility has served students well, but retrofitting it to address current housing expectations would be a costly undertaking.

"It was determined transforming Agee Residence Center into a more modern-style housing complex was financially unfeasible," Smith said.

Current plans call for the east side of the building to be used for administrative offices including University Advancement and the OBU Alumni Association; the center section for student development and other administrative offices; and the west side for athletic offices and meeting space.

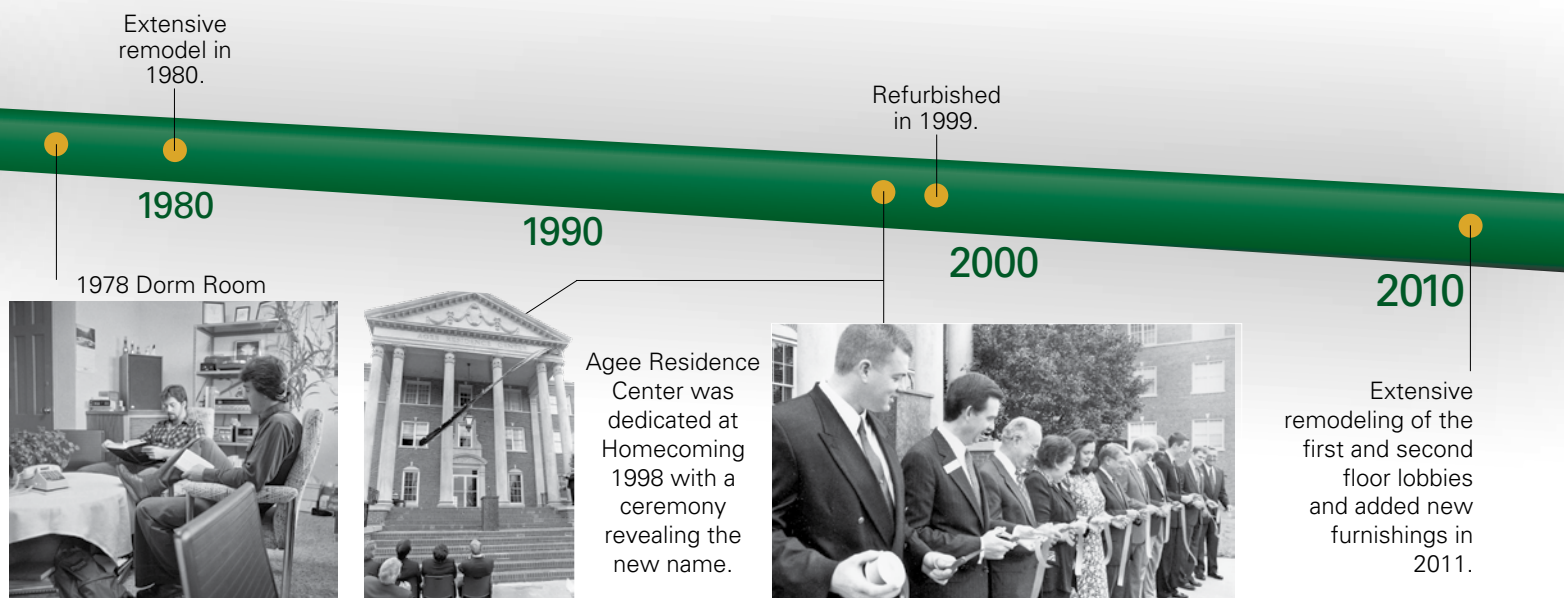
The transfer of athletic offices from the first floor of Baxter Hall to the third and fourth floors of Storer Hall is scheduled for summer 2012. Eventually, all of the Storer Hall wing will become dedicated to Bison Athletics.

Renovation of Agee Residence Center is one endeavor of the University's "Vision For a New Century" capital campaign. The campaign seeks to raise \$6 million for the renovation, which will assist in the transformation of the historic building. (For more information about the Vision For a New Century campaign, see pages 8-9.)

The new men's housing complex is only one of several priority projects in the OBU master plan. Whitlock said the master plan is a guide to achieve the initiatives set forth in OBU 2020, a strategic vision which OBU trustees approved in the fall of 2009. He said the plan addresses not only residential life needs, but also academic, administrative and athletic initiatives.

"The new residential village is a major step in maintaining our mission as a distinctively Christian institution," Whitlock said. "It allows OBU to incorporate the best aspects of contemporary student housing facilities while also building on our historic strengths as a residential campus."

➤➤➤ To learn more about OBU 2020, visit okbu.edu/2020.



vision FOR A new century

As OBU embarks on its second century, the University is positioned for a season of unprecedented growth and expanded effectiveness.

Through the Vision For a New Century capital campaign, OBU will invest resources in academic and athletic programs, scholarships and capital projects that will enhance the first-rate education and experience for current and future students of OBU.

In addition to the planned Agee Residence Center renovations (see pages 4-7), other campaign projects include:

Endowment – \$16 million

OBU provides a standard of excellence which has helped build a national reputation for quality and a global reputation for leadership. That standard has been established because of a strong endowment fund. The endowment provides scholarships and initiatives while facilitating growth and minimizing inflation. Through the campaign, OBU will strengthen student scholarships, endowed academic chairs and professorships, the campus lecture series, the honors program, the faculty sabbatical program and emerging Centers of Excellence.

Nursing and Allied Health Building – \$8 million

Enrollment has consistently increased in the OBU College of Nursing. Since 1987, the college has been housed in the Williamson Nursing Education Center on the lower level of Thurmond Hall. The program has outgrown its home with more than 200 nursing students, and 98 percent of our nursing graduates are employed within six months of graduation. The new building will be constructed at the southwest corner of the Kickapoo and MacArthur intersection. The facility will include state-of-the-art simulation laboratories and other equipment to support this outstanding academic program. The design for the facility also will be adaptable for equipping students in other allied health fields.

Ford Music Hall Renovation – \$3 million

The primary practice facility for students in the Division of Music, Ford Music Hall includes piano practice rooms and space for OBU Preparatory Department classes and choral rehearsals. Renovation will include a new heating/cooling system, a new roof, a new card-access entry system and significant interior renovations including updated furniture.

Student Services Center – \$6 million

The Student Services Center, in the heart of the campus, will accommodate a wide range of administrative areas in one convenient facility. The building also will serve as an inviting welcome center for guests, prospective students and their families. The stately, high-use structure will be constructed north of John Wesley Raley Chapel, linking one enduring campus landmark with a new major resource for Bison Hill.



THE MILBURNS

Challenge Gift Bolsters Capital Campaign

A Shawnee couple has issued a \$1 million challenge gift to OBU, encouraging others in the local community to support the \$42 million Vision For a New Century capital campaign.

Land developer Paul Milburn and his wife, Ann, a civic volunteer and retired educator, have designated their gift for OBU's Student Success Center. The gift helped secure the success of the Shawnee phase of the University's capital campaign, which had a base goal of \$1 million and a "challenge" goal of \$1.5 million.

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**W.P. Wood Science Building
Expansion – \$1 million**

Outstanding science programs at OBU have produced internationally acclaimed researchers. More than 90 percent of pre-medicine graduates are accepted to medical schools, while the national average acceptance rate hovers below 60 percent. Strong programs in physics, biology, mathematics and chemistry have taxed the resources of the W.P. Wood Science Building. To house the newly established James E. Hurley College of Science and Mathematics, the University plans to add a new section to the existing building, expanding to the south. The section will provide 11,000 square feet of added space for laboratories and storage areas, offering opportunities to reconfigure and enhance existing classrooms and labs.

**Campus Property and Grounds
Improvement – \$2 million**

With a commitment to providing an attractive campus setting, OBU offers a welcoming environment with well-maintained landscaping. To build on that strength, the University will take steps to beautify and enhance the grounds of Bison Hill, making the campus one of the most appealing arboretums in the region.

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the Vision For the New
Century Campaign.



the TAMARISK TREE

For more than 100 years, Oklahoma Baptist University has been in the business of transforming lives through Christian liberal arts education. In that time, God has raised up generations of faithful men and women who have sustained OBU through their investment of time and resources. This enduring legacy has endowed scholarships, lectureships, faculty chairs and professorships all while enriching OBU with many other resources.

The Tamarisk Society honors those who have generously answered the call to make such a provision for the future. Hundreds of Tamarisk Society members, who have included OBU as a beneficiary in their will, trust, life insurance, life income plan or other deferred gift arrangement, have planted the proverbial tamarisk tree for future generations. Because of the foresight of Tamarisk Society members, many more generations will benefit from the life-transforming education found on Bison Hill.

A planned gift to OBU provides an important way to both impact future generations and to further our distinct mission. Will you answer the call for the next generation? To learn more about becoming a member of the Tamarisk Society or how to make a deferred or planned gift, please contact the Office of University Advancement at development@okbu.edu or (405) 878-2703.

➤➤➤ To read Dr. Whitlock's full address including the tamarisk tree analogy from the 2011 Homecoming Chapel, visit okbu.edu/tamarisk.html.

As of March 27, the Shawnee phase garnered \$2,229,659 in gifts and pledges.

"Paul and Anne Milburn have set the tone for the Vision For a New Century capital campaign with their tremendous investment in the lives of OBU students through the establishment of the Paul and Anne Milburn Student Success Center," said Will Smallwood, vice president of University Advancement. "In the days and months ahead, as the fundraising effort moves from the successful campaigns held on Bison Hill and in Shawnee, we are confident that OBU

alumni and friends will continue to lead OBU to new levels of excellence."

The Milburns are serving as honorary chairs of the Shawnee phase of the campaign.

"We continuously gain appreciation for OBU as we get to know the administration, the staff and the quality of students from many states and foreign countries," Paul Milburn said. "It is refreshing to learn of the vision for the future of making this highly rated university an even better institution."



CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM THE LORD;

c e l e b r a t i n g

Jennifer Cloyde can't be stopped.

After feeling called to work in ministry as a senior in high school and hearing great reports about Oklahoma Baptist University from her older brother, Robert, Cloyde chose to attend OBU. As time progressed, she felt called specifically to work in the field of teen pregnancy.

Cloyde, '83, attained a master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1987, and a few years later began working at Arkansas Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries. There, she helped form a maternity program for pre-teen and teenage girls and their families called Promise House Maternity Home. Promise House provides food, shelter, education and medical care during pregnancy. Classes are provided covering an array of topics, as well as counseling services.

Years after creating policies and procedures and completing all the necessary paperwork to fulfill licensing requirements, Cloyde is now in her 21st year at Promise House – her 13th year as director. She has witnessed it develop from an idea to a growing ministry reaching many girls and families each year.

"I have been blessed with the opportunity to help develop and mold a ministry that seeks to give young moms a safe place to live and nurture their babies," Cloyde said.

In addition to providing a home and education for young mothers, Cloyde is present at most of the deliveries. She has grown accustomed to a schedule resembling that of a college student – pulling "all-nighters" as she awaits the birth of the babies. In the 20-plus years Promise House has existed, Cloyde has helped bring nearly 200 babies into the world.

"One of the most rewarding parts of our ministry is the knowledge that we have seen so many healthy babies being born to the most high-risk pregnancy group," Cloyde said. "I truly feel that God loves children, and He gives us the ability to care for these young mothers."

Cloyde attributes her service attitude to lessons learned on Bison Hill. The education she received from her professors and classes prepared her for a job in social work, but they also prepared her spiritually.

"They helped to develop my heart to desire to share God's love to a hurting, and often rejected, group of teens," Cloyde said.

She recalls English professors Dr. Bob Scrutchins and Dr. William Hagen investing in her as they offered their time, wisdom and energy. Under their leadership, she first recognized professors as "real people" as they sought to be her mentors and friends.



THEY ARE A REWARD FROM HIM. PSALM 127:3, NIRV

The nurturing relationships and experiences at OBU provided Cloyde with an inner strength as she became more outgoing, formed true friendships and delved into the world of church ministry. She discovered she would need this new inner strength and faith in God to get her through difficult times ahead.

Cloyde was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002. She experienced many surgeries and years of chemotherapy, radiation treatments and pain, but she trusted the Lord had a plan.

When Cloyde was diagnosed, Promise House recently had relocated from El Dorado, Ark., to the more centrally-located Little Rock to provide care for more pregnant teens. The move also benefited Cloyde as she was able to work and receive treatment from a nearby hospital at the same time.

"I felt God had placed me in a special location to receive the medical care that would keep me going," Cloyde said. "I had my treatments at the same hospital we delivered our babies. I would leave the labor room and run to the other end of the hospital and have the radiation treatment, and then run back to Labor and Delivery."

Her work at Promise House is challenging, heartbreaking and demanding; however, Cloyde feels God has given her the opportunity to teach young girls how to love and nurture their babies.

Cloyde is a member of Central Baptist Church in North

Little Rock, Ark., the Arkansas Association of Homes for Children (AAHC) and Southwestern Association of Executives of Homes for Children (SWA). She is a frequent speaker at churches, organizations and schools. She not only celebrates the lives of every baby born to young, new mothers, but also celebrates her own.

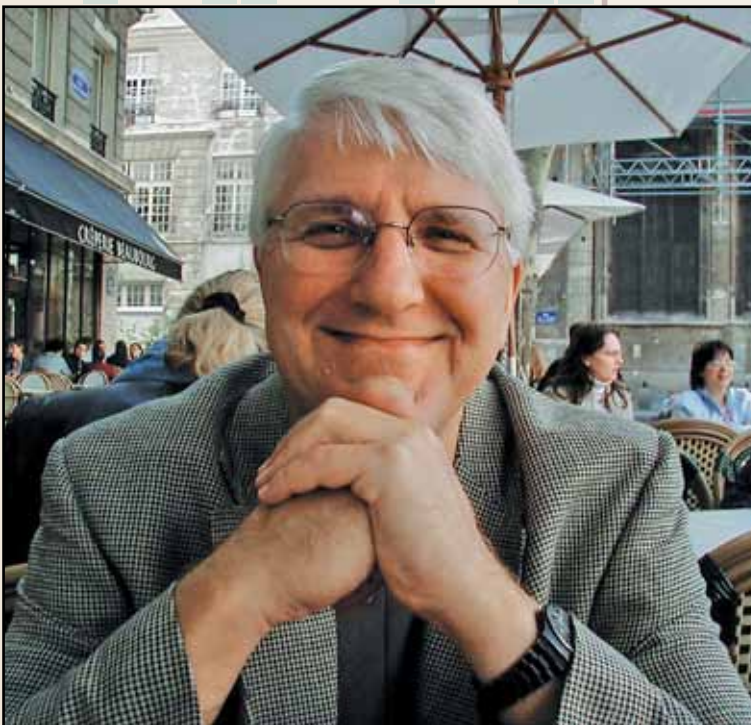
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"I had my 50th birthday in October," Cloyde said. "That was a birthday I never thought I would see. I am not afraid of dying, but while I'm here, I will be sharing God's love and forgiveness to those around me."





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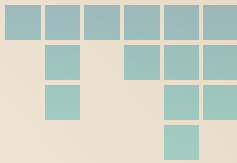
TOM JORDAN, '70

What could inspire a musician to write electronic music for a 30-foot-long flaming dragon? What motivates a man to collaborate on musical works with video, lasers, light sculptures, dancers and even construction workers?

For composer and educator Tom Jordan, '70, the stimulus is an internal drive toward creativity built on a strong Bison Hill foundation.

"As a creative person, I must have a steady stream of creative projects to appease my desire," Jordan said. "It may be a monumental public event that only takes place one time, a series of workshops with students of any age, or a stretch of time to just compose."

Jordan teaches in the music department at Northern Kentucky University. He designed and implemented the Computer Lab for Music which incorporates synthesizers and software for music notation, improvisation and composition.



He also teaches broadcast students the audio curriculum in the College of Informatics, one of the few informatics schools in the entire country. Housed in a new \$53-million building, he continues to learn about the sophisticated high-definition video and audio systems.

“This was a natural connection for me after my years of electronic music right up to the latest digital audio of today,” Jordan said.

He serves as the music technology chair for the Ohio Music Education Association’s Professional Development Conference in association with TI:ME, the Technology Institute of Music Educators. He served for five years as president of TI:ME, helping to nurture the growth of music technology.

Prior to his work at NKU, Jordan received several grants which took him to various parts of the country to work with kids and synthesizers for more than 25 years. He also produced massive public events as composer and performer, premiering his work for audiences ranging from 4,000 to 30,000 people. One of his most impressive electronic music installations included 30-foot high scaffolding in downtown Fort Worth, Texas, with “waves” of music undulating down the streets.

As an educator at Northern Kentucky, Jordan feels rewarded to see his students bloom – something akin to what Dr. Warren Angell must have experienced as he gave special attention to a young Jordan on the cusp of a career in composing.

“Dean Angell took me under his wing right from the get go,” Jordan said. “More than anything, my handwritten manuscript was atrocious, so the Dean gave me his old handbook on calligraphy and music notation. He gave me steady criticism on my clarity of writing style, as well as musical advice.”

Jordan felt comfortable at OBU; he had sung on campus numerous times for the Youth Choir Festival, and he had attended summer music workshops for teenagers. As a musician who played clarinet, sang and wrote music, he felt he naturally would return to Bison Hill for college.

“OBU was the ideal place to get my musical start in life,” Jordan said. “We were all young colleagues with enthusiastic faculty, ready to give us the best in musical education and performance opportunities. I can still look back without regret at all of the fantastic things we learned and did in performances.”

He found opportunities to write for the Chapel Choir and the Bison Glee Club, and he composed, rehearsed and performed works with the Shawnee Choral Society and Orchestra.

“OBU was an open and accepting environment where I could try out my own ideas with a large group of highly talented students and very supportive faculty,” he said. “So when I left the warm nest of OBU, it was only natural to take off and fly!”

He followed his education at OBU with a master’s degree from Duquesne University and a fellowship at Brown University. He lectured and performed with the New Music Ensemble of Rhode Island, taught at Butler University and the University

of Dayton, and was composer-in-residence for Indianapolis Public Schools.

His wife, Geneva (Lomax) Jordan, ’71, has worked alongside him faithfully, acting as an “absolute supporter throughout all my madness,” he said. She has been a chief “roadie” on a few occasions, carrying boxes of wires and dragging electronic gear for live performances. She also found success as her husband’s business advisor and became a professional financial advisor for others. The couple has two daughters, Cara and Melanie.

Years after composing works for OBU choirs, Jordan’s creativity is still in high demand today. He is often asked to arrange old familiar hymns in contemporary but classic harmonies for traditional choral groups. His work “Shadrack” was selected for the Oklahoma All-State Mixed Chorus to perform at the Oklahoma Music Educators Association’s conference in January 2011.

With his foundation on Bison Hill, his supportive family and the cutting-edge resources at his disposal, Jordan’s own imagination is the only limit to what this musical mastermind will create next.

“We were all young colleagues with enthusiastic faculty, ready to give us the best in musical education and performance opportunities.”



Ashley Kerr, an art major from Greenville, Calif., receives her diploma from OBU President David W. Whitlock during Winter Commencement.

42 Graduate during OBU Winter Commencement

Receiving a charge to serve God with dedication as they step into their vocations, 42 OBU graduates received their diplomas during the 2011 Winter Commencement on Friday, Dec. 16, in Raley Chapel's Potter Auditorium.

Dr. Todd Fisher, '92, senior pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Shawnee, brought the Commencement address, based on Acts 28:30-31. Fisher said the Apostle Paul was focused on three areas in life: sharing the Gospel, loving people and teaching God's Word. He said the charge to serve God and others applies to all graduates, whether they will be working in churches, hospitals, businesses, classrooms or any other venue.

"As followers of Christ, God has called you to the mission of reaching the world and piercing the darkness with the Gospel of Jesus Christ," Fisher said. "My admonition to all of you today, graduates, is to employ your lives, your gifts and your resources in serving the Lord Jesus and your fellow man."

He told the graduates to remember Christians are meant to serve others, not focus on self. Through humble servanthood, and by investing in others all they have learned at OBU, he said God can use them to change the world. Fisher also reminded the graduates to adhere to

the Bible, continuing to grow in their love, appreciation and admiration of Scripture. He said to boldly proclaim God's Word and live in the truth of the God's promises.

In his charge to the graduates, OBU President David W. Whitlock challenged them to remember they carry the distinction of being graduates of an institution that has sought to stand for Christian distinctiveness and academic excellence since its founding in 1910.

The program included recognition from the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, which founded the university in 1910. Randall Adams, church outreach team leader, brought greetings on behalf of the BGCO. The graduates were inducted into the OBU Alumni Association by Lori Hagans, executive director of the association.

Dr. Stan Norman, OBU provost and executive vice president for campus life, recognized four seniors who earned the academic predicate "summa cum laude" for maintaining at least a 3.95 grade point average on all work completed for their bachelor's degrees. Those honored – Kathryn Erin McVey, Ashley Erin Neel, Katelyn Rose Roberts and Bonnie Ann Whitehead – received academic hoods during the ceremony.

2011 Faculty Hall of Fame Inductees Honored

To honor former OBU faculty members who were master teachers, making a significant impact on students, OBU inducted its second Faculty Hall of Fame class during the Homecoming chapel service Nov. 12, 2011, in Raley Chapel.

Clair R. McGavern, known to his friends as “Mac” and to his students as “Mr. Mac,” served as a member of the OBU faculty from 1949-75 as a piano faculty member, associate dean of fine arts, men’s varsity golf coach, curriculum adviser and piano technician. He was a master concert pianist. In 1974, he helped establish the Concerto-Aria Concert, which features music majors performing with a full orchestra. He was a member of Phi Mu Alpha and the Oklahoma Music Educators Association. McGavern died on his birthday, May 10, 1978.

Jaunita Proctor, a faculty member of OBU’s first nursing program, served at OBU from 1953-84. She joined the program as an instructor; was promoted to assistant professor in 1957; received tenure in 1960; and was named associate professor in 1971. Simultaneous with her work at OBU, Proctor trained corpsmen at Tinker Air Force Base for 11 years. The OBU tradition of giving each nursing graduate a yellow rose during the pinning ceremony was begun by Proctor and continues today. She was named professor emerita of nursing in 1985.

Dr. John William (J.W.) Jent served as registrar and faculty member in philosophy and social science from 1915-26 and 1933-41. In the interim, he was a dean at Mercer University, president of Southwestern Baptist College, and a professor at Union University. Jent received an honorary doctorate from OBU in 1926. He previously served as secretary to Dr. B.H. Carroll, brother of OBU’s first president and founder of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1937, the J.W. Jent Apartments opened, today known as the Jent Alumni Center. Jent died on May 29, 1941.

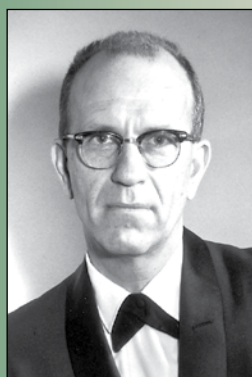
Dr. Shirley Jones joined the OBU faculty in 1964. In addition to her teaching duties for 37 years, she served as chairman of the Department of English and of the Division of Language and Literature. She was vice president for academic affairs from 1983-86. She was twice elected chairman of the OBU Faculty Council, and she served as faculty marshal. In 1990, Jones was installed as the Crouch-Mathis Professor of Literature. She received OBU’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 1983, and OBU’s Alumni Achievement Award in 2003. She was named professor emerita of literature in 2001. She died April 30, 2005.

Dr. Tom Wilks joined the OBU staff as university chaplain in 1980. He was named assistant professor in 1984; named associate professor in 1987; achieved senior faculty status in 1988; and named professor in 1993. He has helped prepare hundreds of students for youth ministry, teaching courses ranging from Old and New Testament to psychology of religion. After 27 years of service at OBU, he retired in 2008 from his post as Jewell and Joe L. Huitt professor of applied ministry. He was named professor emeritus of religious education in 2010.

Any emeriti or former full-time faculty member who has an exemplary teaching career at OBU can be nominated for the Faculty Hall of Fame.

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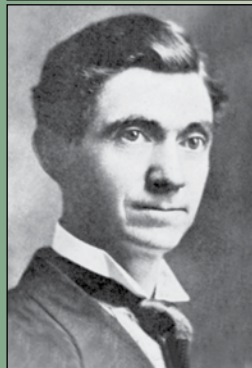
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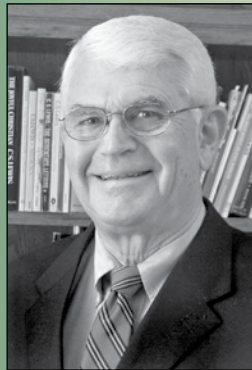
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Four Outstanding Alumni Honored

Four OBU alumni were honored for their outstanding contributions in work and service during the 2011 Homecoming Harvest Dinner in November. Mike Fogarty and Bob and Nelda Ward Keck received the Alumni Achievement Award, the highest honor bestowed by OBU's Alumni Association. Derek Watson received the Graduate of the Last Decade (or GOLD) Award.

The Alumni Achievement Award is given "in recognition of outstanding life service which has brought honor to the individual's alma mater."

Mike Fogarty, '70, built a career on serving others through public services, civic and political offices and private law. He is chief executive officer of Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the Oklahoma State Medicaid Agency. The OHCA public product, SoonerCare, has 750,000 enrollees, including 480,000 children.

Fogarty earned master's degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Oklahoma. He earned his juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University. His career has included positions as a social worker, counselor, supervisor and director in human services, legislative staff member in the office of U.S. Senator David Boren, owner of long-term care facilities TFC, Inc., and an attorney in private law practice. He received special recognition from the OU Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work in 2011. He received the distinguished alumni award from the OU College of Arts and Sciences in 2010, and OBU's Profile in Excellence award in 1994.

Fogarty and his wife, Billie, have been married 43 years. They have four children: Rick, Michaela, Kathleen and Daniel; and eight grandchildren. They are members of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, where they serve as deacons and in music ministry.

Bob and Nelda Keck, who own Glory B Ranch in Springer, Okla., are lifelong Southern Baptists who have served faithfully in ministry and higher education. Nelda attended Draughon's School of Business in Oklahoma City and served as a financial assistant at First Baptist Church. Bob was an all-conference athlete at OBU for four years and a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American. The couple married in 1951.

Bob Keck, '52, earned bachelor of divinity and masters of religious education degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Kecks served at Cobb Switch Baptist Church near Terrell, Texas, where Bob preached and Nelda played piano.

Bob later earned a master of education degree at Texas Christian University. He was a teacher and counselor with Fort Worth Public Schools; assistant to the executive secretary of the Texas State Teachers Association; and

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a lobbyist in the Texas legislature and U.S. Congress. He was executive director of the Texas Parent Teacher Association and assistant director for TRS-Care insurance through the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. Nelda worked at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, the Junior College President's Association and the University of Texas.

The couple simultaneously ministered in Baptist churches in Texas and Oklahoma for 50 years, including 30 years at West Lake Hills Baptist Church in Austin. They retired from bivocational service in 1994. They have continued their community service, and Nelda is active in the Daughters of the American Revolution. They have two children, Bob and Karee.

The GOLD Award is presented to a young alum who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in his or her life and career and brought pride and honor to the University.

Derek Watson, '06, is an EMMY award-winning video producer whose passion for media and storytelling began during his teenage years in Portugal as a missionary kid. At OBU, he was involved in student-produced productions including News30, Bison Sports Network

and Quiet Hours. He co-produced the OBU promotional video, "Shine at OBU," operated cameras for live sporting events across the state, and won 10 Oklahoma Broadcast Educators awards. He also sang in the Bison Glee Club.

Watson was the photojournalist and editor of Stateline, a monthly issues-driven documentary series on OETA. He created, developed and produced OETA's new documentary series, State of Creativity. He won numerous awards including an EMMY, an EMMY for Rookie of the Year, Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters Program of the Year, Associated Press Editor of the Year, and four Society of Professional Journalism awards. He was selected as one of the top 20 emerging documentary producers in the country for the prestigious PBS Documentary Producer's Academy.

Watson is married to Julie Lester, '06, and they have one daughter, Finley. He is the son of Glenn Watson, '83, and Sherri Watson, '81.

In April 2010, Watson launched Lampstand Media to work with non-profits, churches and missions organizations. Productions have taken him across North America and to Southeast Asia, Africa, Central America and Iraq.

Steele Urges Grad Students to Build Unity

Oklahoma Rep. Kris Steele said he might not fit the “mold” of an expected commencement speaker: He is an OBU graduate who serves in a Methodist church while working as the Oklahoma Speaker of the House.

Steele drew his address for OBU’s Graduate School Commencement on Saturday, March 3, from his unique experience, focusing on two topics dear to him: relationships and civility. Twenty-six graduates were honored during the ceremony, with nine graduates receiving master of business administration degrees and 17 graduates receiving master of science in nursing degrees.

Steele, ’97, earned a bachelor’s degree in religion with a minor in political science. Following studies at a Baptist seminary and service in a Baptist church, he completed a master’s degree at East Central University. In addition to his duties in the Oklahoma legislature, Steele serves as pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Shawnee.

He said a discussion on relationships and civility includes a focus on respect, communication and humility.

He said Americans today increasingly isolate into groups based on religious beliefs, political ideologies and ways of living. Such isolation can result in hostility to those who are different – and the risk of losing civility.

Oklahoma Speaker of the House Kris Steele, ’97



Pamela Boeck, MSN graduate from Norman, Okla.

“We can either choose to concentrate on what unites us, or we could concentrate on what divides us,” Steele said.

Unity does not just “happen,” Steele told the graduates. Rather, he said, achieving unity requires incorporating and practicing attitudes of love, respect, humility, patience, kindness, understanding, diligence, commitment and peacefulness. He said a group of people committed to unity – or at least committed to civility – would be refreshing in today’s world.

“I challenge you to never stop learning from others, especially those who may be different than you,” Steele said. “I challenge you to break out of your usual social circles and your comfort zones. You should always remain true to your convictions, but never hide from the unfamiliar. ... In essence, I challenge you to be the generation that brings us together rather than pushes us farther apart.”

The OBU Graduate School honored the graduates with luncheons prior to the Commencement ceremonies, featuring remarks from OBU President David W. Whitlock; Dr. Scott Harris, director of the OBU Graduate School; and other OBU professors and administrators. The nursing graduates each received a unique pin specifically designed for OBU MSN graduates.

In his charge to the graduates, Whitlock challenged them to move forward with hope and courage. He encouraged them to be prepared to serve others, to walk in faith, and to strive for excellence and quality in every area of life.

New Grad School Tracks

The OBU Graduate School has added two tracks to begin in August 2012: an energy track in the master's of business administration program and a global nursing track in the master's of science in nursing program.

"With the growth of the energy industry in Oklahoma, we believe our MBA energy track will equip our graduates to provide entrepreneurial leadership from a Christian worldview for this ever-growing industry," said Dr. Stan Norman, provost and executive vice president for campus life. "As occasions for global engagement continue to develop, the graduates of the our MSN global nursing track will be uniquely prepared to provide the highest quality of health care for diverse contexts as well as train the students to minister to the spiritual needs of their patients."

The global nursing track is a 39-hour program. The curriculum includes 15 hours on global issues in nursing; three hours on international health problems; three hours on international nursing roles; three hours on international health organizations; and six hours on a practicum either outside the United States or with international people groups within the U.S.

The MBA degree with an emphasis in energy is a 36-hour degree. Courses specific to the track include "21st Century Global Energy Environment and Issues," "Organizational Leadership in Energy Firms" and "Financial Analysis and Management for the Energy Industry."

Jensen Named Head Coach

In January, Chris Jensen was named the first OBU head football coach since 1940. Jensen came to OBU from Southmoore High School in Moore, Okla., where he started the football program in 2008. In his and the program's second year, the SaberCats were 11-2 and reached the Class 6A semifinals. Jensen was named Oklahoma 6A-1 Coach of the Year in 2009.



"Chris Jensen embodies our highest ideals for OBU Football," said OBU President David W. Whitlock. "He possesses a combination of football knowledge, personal discipline, spiritual commitment and determination to succeed. We are thrilled to have him as the coach who will guide OBU Football as we launch a new era of success in collegiate athletics."

The coach will lead OBU to recruit a leadership class for 2012-13 and begin its first football season in fall 2013.

Jensen graduated from Lawton High School and received a Naval Academy nomination. He achieved the level of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from OU in 1992. He earned his master's degree in education administration from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2006.

He and his wife, Patti, have three children: Taylor Tanner and Camryn.

OBU Presents 'Earnest'

OBU's Theatre Department premiered "The Importance of Being Earnest," a satirical narrative of love and mistaken identity, in March. The play was performed in Shawnee Hall's Craig-Dorland Theatre.

Written by Oscar Wilde and set in England in the 1890s, the production included the characters Jack, played by OBU junior Robert Mills (left); Cecily, played by senior Joy Fait; and Algernon, played by senior Chuck Porter. Dr. Jeffrey Wells, associate professor of theatre, directed the performances.



Four Inducted into Bison Athletic Hall of Fame

Four new members were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame during the 2011 Homecoming festivities. The award recognizes former athletes and coaches for their record-setting tenure at the University.

Clay Martin, '99, was a four-year starter for Bison basketball. He was a third-team All-American in 1999. A three-time All-Sooner Athletic Conference selection, he earned First-Team and Defensive Player of the Year honors as a senior. The Tulsa product finished his career with 1,126 points and the OBU record for career assists with 899. He led OBU to the NAIA quarterfinals in 1999 and the title game in 1997.

Martin has served as head boys' basketball coach at Jenks High School since 2003, where he is assistant high school principal. He and his wife, Shannon, have two children, McKenzie and Chase.

Kena Freeman Martin, '03, was a four-year starting pitcher for the OBU softball team and is a two-time All-American. She was a four-time All-Conference selection and an All-Region honoree for three years. She led

OBU to NAIA World Series appearances in 2002 and 2003. She tossed a nine-inning no-hitter against East Central University in 2000 and a perfect game against Briar Cliff in 2002. She holds OBU records for career wins (59), innings pitched (655.2), wins in a season (22), and season earned run average (0.34). After graduation, the Tuttle, Okla., native was OBU's assistant softball coach in 2008-09.

Martin and her husband, Andrew, have twin daughters, Eveyln and Kaitlee. The Martins lead Panfork Baptist Camp in Wellington, Texas.

Siamusiye, '06, was an 11-time All-American in track and two-time All-American in cross country, leading the Lady Bison to the 2005 Indoor National Championship. She won the NAIA national cross country championship – OBU's only female winner – in 2004. The native of Zambia set the NAIA record in the 5,000 meters both indoor (16:20.97) and outdoor (15:47.58) and won national titles in those events, as well as the 2006 indoor 3,000 and the outdoor 10,000 meters in 2004 and 2005. She holds school records in the indoor mile (4:44.89), indoor 3,000 (9:15.43), indoor distance medley relay (11:51.43), outdoor 1500 (4:34.40) and outdoor 10,000 (34:38.38).

She and her husband, Godfrey, have one son, Godfrey Jr. They reside in Fayetteville, Ark.

Tolin was named OBU's head men's basketball coach in 2000. He has led the Bison to 12 consecutive NAIA Tournaments, including the national championship in 2010. His teams have reached at least the quarterfinal round six times. Voted SAC Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2003, Tolin was NAIA Coach of the Year in 2010. Tolin led his Bison to three consecutive regular season conference titles from 2002-04 and another in 2010.

Tolin and wife, Susan, have three grown children: Christy Lang; Kyle Tolin, '04; and Keely Tolin, '08. They have three grandchildren.



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Continued Excellence for OBU Track and Field

The Jay P. Chance Track Building, dedicated during Homecoming 2011, houses men's and women's locker rooms, the Bob Keck Indoor Training Facility, a reception area, and offices for OBU track and field and cross country coaches, as well as offices for OBU soccer coaches.

The 70-foot-long building, opened in 2004, had a new brick exterior and main entry arch constructed in 2011. The building was converted to be the home for OBU track and field in 2008. The Bob Keck Indoor Training Facility includes a specialized floor and a raised ceiling, allowing the university's pole vaulters to practice inside – a feature which reaped rewards in March as OBU won first and second place in the NAIA women's indoor track and field pole vaulting competition.

The Chance Building is adjacent to the Eddie Hurt Jr. Memorial Track Complex. Both Keck, '52, and Chance, '56, were coached by Hurt at OBU. Chance and Keck provided leadership gifts for renovations to the building and the indoor training facility.

Dr. Jay P. Chance was a member of the Bison track and cross country teams from 1953-56. After earning a bachelor's degree from OBU, he completed a master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a doctorate from Mississippi State University.

Chance and his wife, Sherry, are residents of Ridgeland, Miss. He has invested his career in gaining support for

Baptist educational and health care causes. He is an adjunct faculty member with Tulane University, Belhaven University and Mississippi College.

OBU's quest to win a third straight Women's Indoor Track and Field championship came up short by half a point at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships March 1-3. The OBU men placed fourth.

Twenty-seven OBU athletes secured 43 All-America honors at the meet. Jura Levy was the women's Most Outstanding Performer by winning the 60-meter dash championship with a meet record of 7.32.

➤➤➤ For more track and field details, visit obubison.com



The Lady Bison pose on the victory stand with their NAIA National Indoor Track and Field runner-up trophy.

New Kids on the Block are National Champions

Down a point to powerhouse Fresno Pacific with one event left, first-year Oklahoma Baptist's Ivan Maciuniak, Nick Schuttinger, Mateo Maciuniak and Daniel Ramirez turned in an NAIA record 2:57.83 to win a national championship in the event and the meet at Oklahoma City Community College March 3.

"You gotta believe in miracles," said OBU Coach Sam Freas. "It's all about the kids. It's all about heart. Today they learned to swim with their hearts and not their heads."

The first season for the Bison finished with four NAIA records and a national championship for the men and two event championships and a national runner-up finish for the Lady Bison.

The Bison edged Fresno Pacific 757 to 752. FPU won the women's title with 780 points to OBU's 578.

OBU had fallen behind on the last day as Fresno State scored strongly in the 1650 free without a Bison competitor. The Bison bounced back with Andrew Nelson scoring a second and Ramirez a seventh in the 200 back and narrowed the gap further with 72 points in the 100 free, led by Schuttinger in second place at 44.37.

Daniel Marsden and Gilles Cantrelle went 1-2 in the 200 breast, but lost ground on FPU as the Sunbirds were heavily stocked in the event. Max Abreu won the 200 fly, Garland Sullivan was third and Tom Bullock sixth for a



total of 49 points, setting up the winner-take-all 400 free relay.

The Lady Bison had a runner-up finish from Nicole Wilson in the 200 back stroke, with Jessica Bragason taking seventh.

Alice Oggionni was third in the 1650 free at 17:25.83, while Holly Trumble was ninth at 17:59.35. Laura Galarza took third in the 100 free at 51.39. Kerryn Mullin was third in the 200 breaststroke at 2:21.51, with Michelle Glass in seventh at 2:14.10 and Jade Young in 15th at 2:17.81. Emma Forbes-Milne, Bragason, Oggionni and Wilson were third in the 400 free relay at 3:30.07. Lauren Spray was fifth in the 200 butterfly with a 2:13.66.

OBU left with NAIA records in the 400 free relay, the 800 free relay (Javier Sossa, Cantrelle, Nelson, Schuttinger, 6:39.17), the 200 free relay (Schuttinger, Mateo Maciuniak, Logan Lassley, Ivan Maciuniak, 1:19.56) and the 100 butterfly (Schuttinger, 47.46).



To view the winning relay, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search **NAIA National Championship: Men's 400 Freestyle Relay**

Swim Season Ends in Tragic Accident



OBU VARSITY SWIMMER Ivan Maciuniak died following an accident at the University's pool on Friday, March 9, less than a week after helping the Bison claim the NAIA national championship. Although he was only part of the Bison

program for two months, the student from the Canary Islands had endeared himself to his coaches, teammates and teachers. He joined his younger brother, Mateo, as part of the four-man 400 meter relay team which clinched the title in the final event of the championships.

The Maciuniaks were swimming in the pool late in the afternoon on March 9 when Ivan went under the water. Efforts to revive him at the pool and at nearby Unity North Hospital were unsuccessful. Late that evening, more than 200 students, faculty and staff met in Montgomery Hall to talk and pray for Ivan's family and friends. That was followed by a late-night prayer walk for more than 300 students. More than 700 people attended an evening memorial service on March 12 in Potter Auditorium.

By Laura Simma

Stephanie Marchbanks sings National Anthem at NAIA Nationals

OBU senior Stephanie Marchbanks was invited to participate in the 75th annual NAIA Division I Basketball National Championship in Kansas City, Mo., bringing her love for patriotic music alive in a presentation of “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

A native of Overland Park, Kan., Marchbanks contacted tournament officials in the past to offer her help with the tournament since she lived nearby. This year, however, NAIA contacted her and gave her the honor of singing the national anthem during the opening day of the event.

A vocal music education major, Marchbanks said she loves all patriotic songs. She grew up in a musical family, enjoying The Acoustix barbershop quartet’s album, “Stars and Stripes,” and singing “God Bless the USA” as a family in church. When Marchbanks received the opportunity to sing the national anthem at OBU, she was ecstatic, and she said she is thrilled to sing for a national tournament.

“I got a compliment from a parent at an OBU game a few weeks ago,” Marchbanks said. “A woman came up to me after I sang and said her father, an elderly man, said it was the best rendition he had heard in 100 years. Yes, an exaggeration on his part, but it made me smile!”

After graduating from OBU, Marchbanks plans to move back to Kansas to work at a daycare teaching preschool-age children. More than anything else, Marchbanks desires to teach music and express the joy she finds in sharing her own musical talent with others.

“I love making people happy with music,” she said. “It’s what I do!”



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Something New

The new Lady Bison Softball Park opened for the 2011-12 season and includes heated dugouts, a new scoreboard and a fully functional press box. The facility was dedicated on March 27.

