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Work on Gabrielle Christian Salem Hall for Women (formerly Shakarian Hall) is moving ahead. We spent the summer clearing out the bottom two floors, and have now begun the actual renovation. By August of 2001, ORU will have a new women's dormitory.

You've no doubt heard about the blessing we received in June. A well-known foundation decided to offer a matching-gift challenge for ORU friends, partners, and alumni. If we can raise \$1.2 million by Dec. 31, 2000, this foundation will match it, dollar for dollar! When I made the announcement on our TV program, "Something Good Tonight: THE HOUR OF HEALING," Gabrielle's parents, Harry and Cheryl Salem, immediately pledged another gift—even though they had contributed \$100,000 from their ministry during the International Charismatic Bible Ministries conference just a couple of weeks earlier. "Gabrielle stood for excellence," they said, and they want Gabrielle Hall to be the best dormitory on campus.

Many of you have already given toward the renovation project. I can tell you that your gifts are being put to very good use. Gabrielle Hall is getting new carpet, new floors, new walls, new lighting fixtures, new furniture, new doors, and new appliances, as well as a new exterior. You won't recognize it when you see it! I hope we'll be able to show you a portion of it next Homecoming, either on a "hard hat tour" or on video.

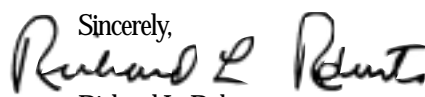
As we take steps to improve campus housing, we are also making important changes in other areas. In this issue is ORU's annual report for the 1998-99 fiscal year. We are ahead of schedule on our 1999-2000 audit, and should have that completed by November.

We have balanced our budget. This means we are living within our means for the first time in a long time. We are working on reducing our debt. I believe the day is coming when Oral Roberts University will be 100 percent in the black and able to build the multi-multimillion-dollar endowment we need to help keep us strong. With God's help, I am expecting to see this come to pass in the near future.

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of something that is changing lives for the better all around the world. Help us continue to raise up students who will hear and obey God's voice, and take His saving and healing power to a new generation.

God bless you.



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Faculty Favorites



For Brenda Calderon, it's been a wild trip

by Stephanie K. Taylor (2000)

Any visitor or student who walks into Señora Brenda Calderon's office can sense right away that there is something different about this ORU Spanish professor of 27 years: a large poster of a flamenco dancer hangs on her wall, hand-carved Spanish Don Quixote bookends sit atop her filing cabinet, and a variety of both Spanish and Mexican odds and ends livens up the office. Sra. Calderon's passion for life and Spanish-speaking countries is immediately evident in this colorful office.

Her ORU story is as lively as her office décor, having entwined her entire family with the great commission God gave Chancellor Oral Roberts many years ago. She came here, single, in the fall of 1972 with a master's in Spanish Literature from the University of Toronto and excited to begin her teaching career at ORU, since her father had been a partner with the Oral Roberts

Ministries. Little did she know that two weeks later at registration, she would meet the man who would eventually become her husband.

Brenda Hessenaur met Juan Calderon (74), an enrolling student, that fateful August day. At first she was a little unsure of the propriety of dating a student, but the Lord's hand was in the situation. One date led to another, and five weeks later, the couple was engaged. They were married in April of 1973, eight months later, and the newlyweds' passion for people can be seen in their ensuing three-month-long honeymoon/mission trip, when they took the love of Christ to the Spanish-speaking people of Latin America. Their trip encompassed a stay in every South and Central American country except Venezuela. Sra. Calderon laughs about their adventures.

"We just missed a shoot-out at the airport in Buenos Aires, for the return of Peron, by one day," she recalls. "We missed the assassination of Allende in Chile by one day--we could see the bullet holes in the wall--and while in Uruguay buying all our furniture, there was an attempted government coup. So, it was an exciting trip."

Only one year later the Calderons would be on the road again, this time with a group of ORU students on what was to be the first of a series of educational/mission trips to Spain. The trip was designed to provide students with both a cultural learning experience and an opportunity to share the love of Christ in a country known as a "missionary's graveyard." It was so successful that the Calderons kept taking students--including the children they would eventually have--back nearly every year.

"I took my kids on these trips when they were still in diapers," Sra. Calderon says, laughing once again.

The Calderons do not use a travel agency to plan these trips. Instead they make all of the preparations themselves, enabling them to keep the price low.

"You get the best of every world," Sra. Calderon



Juan (center) and Brenda Calderon with the pastor of the Gypsy church in Madrid, 1991.

says. "You get to see the museums, you get to do your church work, and you get the lectures, learning, people, and art. A lot of the kids know enough Spanish to be able to give their testimony. Sometimes they also get to stay with families during the trip, and that's a really neat experience."

Each trip is tailored ministry-wise by the individual giftings of the participating students. One year in particular the group was able to minister in a quite unusual way. On one of the beaches a very artistic student drew elaborate sand carvings telling the story of Creation, attracting a large number of children and youth that the group had the opportunity to minister to.

"We called it our sand-carving ministry," Sra. Calderon says, "which we had not planned on. There we were, singing our songs in our bathing suits."

As is the norm with any ORU mission trip, fund-raising has always demanded creative solutions as well as blessings from the hand of God.

"I would say 90 percent of the kids that go say they have no money and that they need to use the summer to work for the next fall, so they don't know how they are going to do this," Sra. Calderon says. "But miracle after miracle has happened."

She remembers the students who were Fed-Ex'd their passports at the airport as the group was leaving, the two who got their money as they stepped onto the plane, and the year she had to pay \$10,000 out of

her own pocket and wait for reimbursement.

"This is probably why I sometimes say I'm not going to take any more trips, too, because I get gray hair because of it [the headaches]," she jokes.

Yet, even down to the student whose father sold her cow for her deposit money, God's provision for the trips has always been clearly evident.

The Calderons are planning another trip in May 2001. They say this will be the last one, but that was what they said about their most recent trip in 1995.

Brenda and Juan Calderon's passion for their students is not limited to the classroom or their overseas trips, however. For many years they served as Wing Backers for Claudius 3S, "Imago Dei," where their daughter Victoria (Blalock-98) lived until she graduated and where their younger daughter, Rachel, still plays an active role in the girls' lives through e-mail while studying abroad in Spain. The Calderons continue to sponsor yearly retreats for Imago Dei and their brother wing at their ranch in Sallisaw, Okla., where they lead the students on hikes and build campfires closer in size to forest fires than anything else bearing that name. As recently as last November, the Calderons were exploring the woods and making smores with students, and the door to their home is always open for more wing parties.

A dedicated teacher, Sra. Calderon received the "Teacher of the Year" award in 1995, and she still keeps in touch with many of her students.

"I especially enjoy hearing about former students who complained in my classes about having to learn a language they would never need...and then God sends them to a place like Barcelona!" Sra. Calderon laughs.

The time I spent with Sra. Calderon was both humorous and refreshing. As I made my way out the door, she used a well-honed sales pitch to convince me to buy a candy bar to support next summer's trip. How could I refuse, now knowing the adventure that I would be helping to fund?

It was the best Kit Kat® I ever had.



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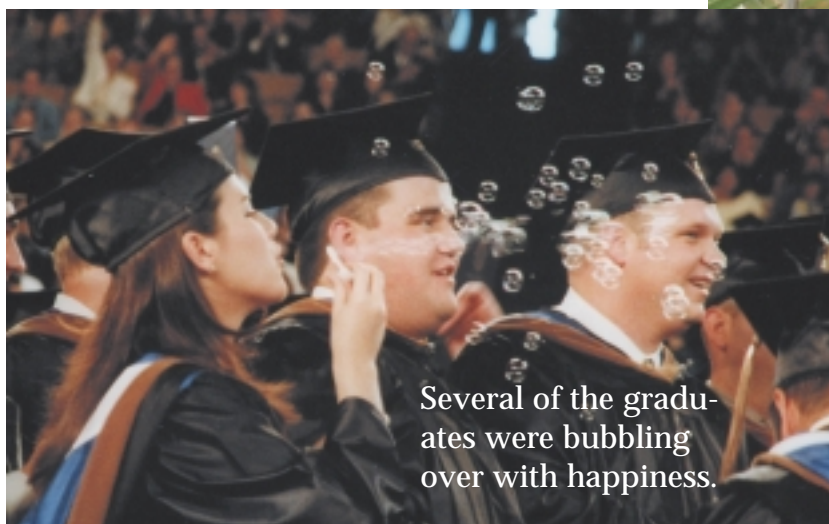
North Central



Student Response speaker Elizabeth "Amy" Mathew:
"Who wants to be a messenger for God?...Here we are, Lord. Send us. And yes, this is our final answer."



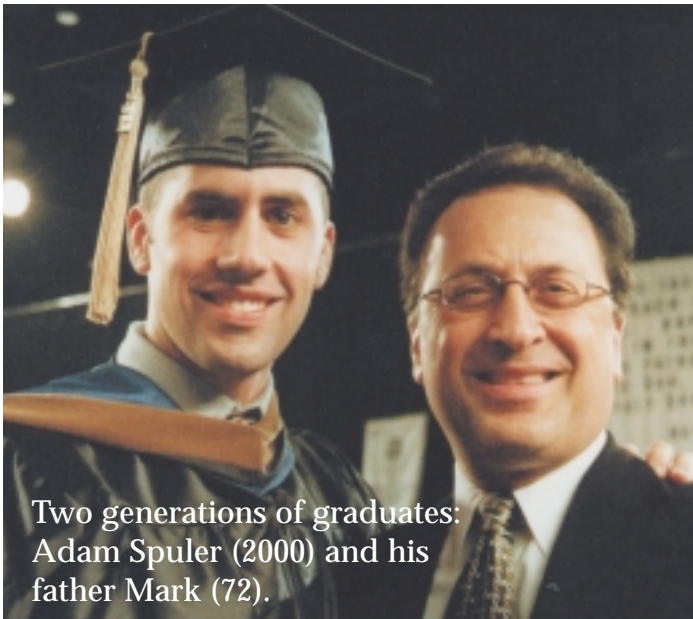
Dr. John Hagee rocked the house with his Commencement message: "The attitude of fortitude--if you don't have it, you'd better get it! You have no idea the alligators that await you outside the parameters of this intellectual sanctuary you're in."



Several of the graduates were bubbling over with happiness.

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Two generations of graduates:
Adam Spuler (2000) and his
father Mark (72).



David Pernell received his
M.Div., with high honors.



Some people,
like academic
VP Dr. Ralph
Fagin (70), just
look good in
hats.



His darling wife,
Evelyn, is always a
joy to see.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

at ORU

FLOODS

Take ORU By Storm



ORU's other diamond, the LRC/GC, continues to recover from the spring flood and hail-storms.

On the morning of May 6, Mabee Center was abuzz with preparations for ORU's 33rd annual Commencement ceremony.

It was quite a different story on the first floor of the Learning Resources/ Graduate Center.

Dave Ellsworth (75;82-MBA), Vice President for Operations and Finance, received a call at 5:15 a.m. that day, informing him that the first floor had flooded. When Ellsworth arrived on campus, he debated whether or not to try to drive close to the building, after seeing how deep the water was in the parking lots.

"There were whitecaps on the water," he said.

Fred Creek, egged on by heavy rains, had overrun its banks.

Head coach Sunny Golloway, his assistant coaches, and the baseball team spent more than eight hours getting the field dry at J.L. Johnson Stadium for an afternoon game. The task of removing the water from the LRC and GC would take much longer.

In some places, the water was no more than four inches deep. In many areas, however, it was waist-high. The subterranean electrical and mechanical rooms were completely submerged.

"It's never flooded like this before," Ellsworth said.

The force of the tide was powerful enough to bend the garage doors near the Receiving dock. Creek waters also soaked computer equip-

ment, photos and negatives, videos, archived records, books, and professors' papers.

The first floor of the LRC/GC houses Shipping and Receiving, Archives, Photography, Educational TV, Engineering and Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Graphics, Power Plant, classrooms, science labs, faculty offices, and storage areas. The hardest-hit area was the MultiMedia Institute, which has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in state-of-the-art equipment and software in the past four years.

Two outside contractors, ServiceMaster Advantage and Belfor, were brought in to handle most of the clean-up and restoration.

How has the work progressed? Here's a thumb-

nail sketch.

May

"We moved the Mail Room to LRC 3," Ellsworth said. "We also moved the professors to other floors, and rescheduled classrooms so that the first session of summer school could start on time (May 9)."

Aside from removing the water, "we had to get everything aired out," Ellsworth said. "We cut holes in the sheetrock walls and put more air into the building.



Grab a bucket and mop...



Dave Ellsworth (second from left) confers with subcontractors and campus employees.

We had a microbiologist come in, who advised us on sanitizing and eliminating the potential for mold."

Electronics and flooring experts filed through. All the papers (such as registrar's records) that had to be saved were sent to Dallas, where they were freeze-dried. Electronic equipment was removed and taken apart and inspected for water damage. "Humidity levels were a very big concern," Ellsworth said. "Even things that didn't get wet had to be cleaned."

June

"The clean-up is done," Ellsworth said. "We're starting to rebuild and repaint walls, and we're replacing tile and carpet throughout." Subcontractors performed the lion's share of this work.

A few of the labs reopened in time for the second session of summer school, and faculty members began moving back into their offices.

"We're still assessing and finding things wrong," Ellsworth said. "We expect, as time goes by, that there will be more things we'll have to replace."

July

Restoration and rebuilding continued, with carpet and tile replacement taking center stage.



Walls were ripped out... and later replaced and painted.



More faculty and staff members returned to the floor.

"We'll be ready for school," Ellsworth said. "Classes will start on schedule." If anything good came out of this event, he said, it was "getting rid of the orange walls" in the GC. (Note: The orange walls on other floors of the GC are also being repainted.)

Morale has been "really good," Ellsworth said. "Everybody's been extremely helpful. Anytime you move someone out of an environment where he's grown comfortable, it's unsettling. But everyone has been congenial. They have pulled together to get this done."

The total loss is expected to be in the \$4-5 million range. All but the \$100,000 deductible will be covered by insurance.

In addition to the flood, ORU sustained heavy damage from a pre-flood hailstorm. Portions of the roofs on the Aerobics Center, Mabee Center, Christ's Chapel, and Classroom Center are being resurfaced; smaller repairs are being done on other roofs. The deductible on this policy is \$50,000.

Student Teachers Applauded

In the spring issue of its alumni newsletter, *The Parchment*, the English Department printed excerpts from a letter written by Jean Bundy, a Bixby Middle School teacher, to Trice Butler, advisor to ORU English Education majors doing their student teaching. With permission, we are sharing those excerpts with you.

"It has been my extreme pleasure to have had three student teachers from ORU within the past several years. I have discovered that students leaving the College of Education in English from ORU are highly prepared for the classroom....

"The first quality that has impressed me is that of subject-matter knowledge and the ability to present this knowledge to the students...[they] have shown real expertise in presenting this material in creative, interesting, and challenging ways....I have come away from their teaching with so many new and exciting ideas.

"Another important quality that has impressed me is that of classroom management. I have had student teachers with all personality types, but my most effective student teachers have been from ORU. They have all managed the classroom with mutual respect between teacher and student, a sense of fairness, and by treating each student as an individual.

"Above all,...my ORU student teachers possess that love and passion for not only the subject matter, but [also] for the students. This is so evident in everything they do, from disciplining an unruly student to chit chatting in the hall with another. They are truly interested in the lives of these young men and women, their home situations, and in giving them the best possible education. In my opinion, this quality cannot be faked or manufactured....I am so proud of these student teachers who have had an impact on my students. These young men and women from ORU will be an asset to any school district."

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A Season Full of Reasons to Be Proud

The 2000 ORU Golden Eagles just might be the best team you never saw.

That goes for the 1998 and 1999 squads as well. When you put together their records for the past three years, you're looking at the second winningest Division I team in the nation. Head coach Sunny Golloway was, in fact, the winningest Division I coach in the nation for 1999 and 2000.

The question is, where are the fans?

Lack of fan support is one reason why, despite a 49-15 record, despite winning the Mid-Continent Conference regular-season title and the conference tournament for the third year in a row, despite Golloway being named "Mid-Con Coach of the Year" for the third year in a row, and despite a praiseworthy effort in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, Golloway isn't satisfied. There's another reason, too.

"Anytime you win 49 games, it's a tremendous season," he concedes, but "the disappointment is, our team goal this year was to win 50 games and to go to Omaha, and we didn't reach either goal."

After five years at the ORU baseball helm, you might think that Golloway is getting restless. You'd be wrong. He's quick to squelch

rumors about his imminent departure.

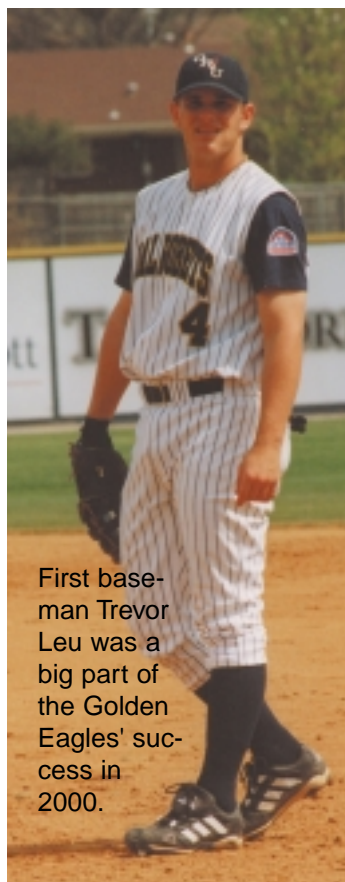
"I'll be back," he says, displaying a loyalty that is becoming rare in college coaching. "There's no question. We've worked awful hard but we're nowhere close to completing the task at hand. We want to win a national championship."

"I'm very happy here. If you go somewhere else, there's one set of problems that you'll trade for another."

Golloway knows what it feels like to be in the winner's circle. He was an assistant coach at the University of Oklahoma the year they won the College World Series. He wants his ORU players to experience that same thrill.

"The thing about ORU baseball is this: Sometimes you look back years later and say, 'That was their time.' Well, this is our time." And Golloway doesn't want to waste a minute of it.

Critics say that ORU does not play in a competitive conference, but Golloway points out that ORU only played 28 of 56 required conference games this past season. Half of ORU's games were against perennial powerhouses such as



First baseman Trevor Leu was a big part of the Golden Eagles' success in 2000.

Baylor, Texas, OU, Oklahoma State, and Arkansas.

"We had the toughest non-conference schedule of anyone in the country," Golloway says.

The coach is concerned about how complacent ORU fans have become. They assumed ORU would win the MCC tournament easily, but, "I had a feeling we would not go unscathed this year," Golloway says. "I knew it would not be easy." ORU won its first game against Valparaiso, 5-3, but got a scare from Southern Utah, losing 6-1 in its second game. The Golden Eagles recovered to defeat Oakland, 20-1, Youngstown State, 26-1, and Southern Utah, 8-4.

"People are spoiled," Golloway believes. "They expect it (easy wins). They shouldn't. You can't take it for granted. It goes back to what I said: You have to have enough wisdom to know that your time is now."

At this year's NCAA Regionals, held May 26-28 in Oklahoma City, ORU faced former head coach Larry Cochell and his Oklahoma Sooners. In a game that began at 7 p.m. Friday and didn't end until 1:42 a.m. Saturday--thanks to a rain delay--ORU came very close, but lost in extra innings, 6-5.

ORU caught a few winks before going on to defeat Delaware, 4-2, in a Saturday-morning game, then lost to OU in an elimination game later in the day by a score of 9-7. It wasn't the outcome that Golloway was hoping for, but he is able to take it in stride.

"People think it's all about winning and receiving awards. That's what the world looks at. I convince my staff and players that's not what you do it for. (Talent and success) are a gift from God, and what you give back is your gift to Him."

ORU baseball has produced five All-Americans in three years--more than any other ORU sports

team. Five players were drafted by the majors this year--the most drafted from ORU in one season in the past twenty years. Jackson Markert and Jordan Gerke have signed with the San Francisco Giants and Detroit Tigers, respectively.

Twenty players are returning next year. Golloway has already signed twelve recruits and plans to sign two more.

"This (2001) will be more of a replacement year," Golloway says. "We lost our starting outfield, our second baseman, and some pitchers from our starting rotation." The new recruits, he adds, "are

going to fit in real well. We were looking for experienced transfers." Five are coming from California junior colleges.

It's sad to think that next year's team, once again rich with talent, might be playing to empty

seats at J.L. Johnson Stadium. The coach is at a loss to explain why attendance is so poor.

"At the end of every season, I ask the players to tell me their 'best' and 'worst' of the past season. Almost always, the 'worst' is 'lack of fan support.'" Playing to small crowds at home makes it harder to adjust to standing-room-only crowds at away games.

What will it take to fill the seats? The price has always been right. The facilities are among the best in college baseball. (Golloway knows that for a fact. He and his assistant coaches, Bob Miller and Rob

Walton, have become well acquainted with every inch of the stadium, since they serve as the custodial crew and also do all the mowing, weeding, and edging both inside and outside the field.)

The schedule is always attractive, and the games are perfect entertainment for the whole family. Parking is available right next to the stadium.

What will it take to make fans see what a jewel of a team ORU has on its beautiful baseball diamond?

Coach Golloway will be happy to field your ideas.



J.L. Johnson Stadium, home of the 2000 Mid-Continent Conference champion Golden Eagles.



Coach Golloway's positive attitude has taken ORU a long way.

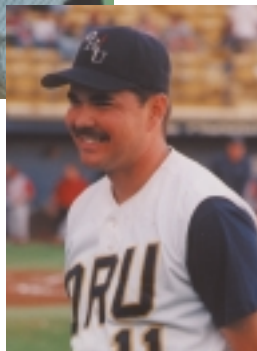


Photo Finish

Is this a photo, or a painting? It's both. If you were to stand close to the six-foot-long original, you would see the paint. From a distance, however, your eyes will play tricks on you.

Such is the talent of Rod Penner (86), a native of Vancouver, British Columbia, who has been a full-time artist since 1991. That year, he sent slides of his work and his résumé to thirty New York galleries. Only one –

OK Harris, his first choice--replied with what he calls "an optimistic note." Penner took five of his paintings to New York, and "shortly after arriving in Manhattan, we were represented," he said, referring to his family (his wife, Debbie, and their four children).

OK Harris, located in Manhattan's

SoHo District, only takes on one out of 10,000 artists that seek representation. "God really opened the door," Penner said. "He allowed us to find favor with the gallery, and we have enjoyed a great relationship with them since."

Penner, whose work sells in the \$8,000-50,000 range, describes his technique in this way.

"I take my subject matter from photographs of familiar sights in small Texas towns. Over the last decade, I have focused my attention on a town's ordinary homes and main streets.

"Each painting begins by carefully transferring the image to the canvas. Using supergloss prints as reference, I divide the painting into small sections, bringing each area to a finish before proceeding to the next. As I advance, changes are made from the original photos, i.e., objects are moved, colors altered, and details added, thus producing a work that is superior to the photo. This entire process usually requires two to four months of work.

"The resulting painting should present an objective, photojournalistic view of small town America."

Ivan C. Karp, owner of OK Harris, had this to say

about Penner's work: "The hyper-realist painting 'Holiday Travel' by R.E. Penner is a transcendent depiction of a town in Central Texas. In spite of the artist's recording of a rather charmless setting engulfed in a disconsolate atmosphere, the work conveys neither malice nor condemnation of the subject. It is



"Holiday Travel/Clifton, Texas," acrylic on canvas, 48" x 72", 1999-2000

instead remarkable evidence of the artist's passionate fascination with a common and familiar streetscape and heroically continues what is now a tradition of serene, objective American Realism."

All forty-five of the paintings that Penner has placed with the gallery since 1991 have sold. As rewarding as that is, he has a more important purpose to pursue.

"I believe that God has given me a gift and it is my responsibility to do something with that gift," he said. "As a Christian, my aim is to be the best painter of American Realism today. By doing so, I will be giving glory to God the Creator."



Kristin Steveson will represent Oklahoma (and ORU!) at the Miss America Pageant
Pageant photos by Jim Grillot

Boardwalk Bound

"I felt that I would eventually become Miss Oklahoma when I started competing five years ago,"

says Kristin Steveson (2000), exhibiting the confidence that won her the crown on June 10. "In fact, my dad had said, 'Kristin, I just believe you're going to win, right after you graduate from college, and that you're going to win Miss America 2001. Just make sure you're ready for what lies ahead.'"

It remains to be seen what will happen at the Oct. 14 Miss America Pageant, but two things are clear: Steveson knows how to stay focused, and she's willing to work hard to make her dreams come true.

As a teenager, "I wanted to be a doctor, because I wanted to help people who were hurting," Steveson said in an interview less than two weeks after the pageant. Accompanied by one of her traveling companions, she appeared to be floating a few inches above the floor when she arrived in Alumni Relations. This was the same young woman who came to be interviewed for the magazine in April, but there was definitely a difference in her demeanor this time around. This interview was punctuated with frequent laughter, and the smile never left her face.

Explaining her switch from medicine to music, she said, "At the end of my junior year of high school, I was singing at the graduation ceremony. I'd never gotten emotional before when I sang, but tears just started

streaming down my face. God said, 'Kristin, look across this audience at all these faces. Look into the eyes of these people and how they're being changed, and the passion that you have in the voice that I've given you. This is what I want you to do for the rest of your life.'

"So from that point on, I knew that God was going to change other people's lives through my voice--not only through singing but speaking."

Serious preparation for that calling was about to begin.

In high school, Steveson took part in the ORU Educational Fellowship's National Finals Competition each year. That exposure to ORU, along with talking to friends who were enrolled, gave the Broken Arrow native a positive impression of the university where she would further develop her voice. It was a pageant, however, that enabled her to become an ORU student.

Steveson's piano teacher, Juli (Sunday-88) Edwards, was Miss Oklahoma 1985. When she told Steveson how much scholarship

money she could win in pageants, "That rang a bell!" Steveson said. "I prayed about it and thought about it, and I didn't say anything to anyone for a long time. Then somebody gave me free tickets to see Miss Oklahoma. Little did I know that in exactly one year, I'd be competing on the stage."

Her first pageant was in October of 1995; she didn't win. She was third runner-up in her second pageant, and didn't place at all in her third, "so God was kind of showing me: 'This is what I want you to do, but you're going to have to work hard for it.'"

Steveson had added incentive to win her fourth



With her parents, Cindy and David.

pageant, the Miss Broken Arrow. Thanks to Dr. Clarence Oliver's persuasive powers (he was then-dean of ORU's School of Education), ORU increased its scholarship for the winner to a four-year, full-ride award. "That put so much pressure on me," Steveson said. "I said to God, 'I'm not testing you, but I've worked hard. I'm going to go out there and do my best tonight, and this is pretty much going to decide where I go to school."

"So that night, I won."

It was the first of many future wins, including Miss Tulsa and, last fall, Miss Tulsa State Fair. Preparing for all these pageants, and working toward the big one, Miss Oklahoma,

"became a part of my life," Steveson said. "It became a daily regimen."

All along, though, it was only one of her many jobs.

Steveson spent three years with the Tulsa Opera Chorus, where she sang in several operas. At ORU this past year, she was a Community Outreach wing representative and a member of the VIP program, and played a leading role in ORU Opera Theater's "The Marriage of Figaro." But if you ask her, she'll no doubt tell you that what has given her the most satisfaction in the past five years has been her work with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club.

"The Salvation Army is such an incredible organization," she said. In the Tulsa area, "we have social services, we have a day care center for children of homeless parents, we have a shelter downtown that's an incredible facility. Just seeing the way children's and adults' lives have been changed is amazing."

Steveson has been helping raise the \$2 million needed

for a new Boys and Girls Club building in Broken Arrow. Her primary involvement, however, has been as a mentor. She's looking forward to having an even greater impact on children as Miss Oklahoma.

More meaningful than the material perks that come with the crown--including an apartment, use of a new car, and more than \$20,000 in scholarships--"is the reward of changing children's lives and being a part of their lives, and of being a role model and a good example," she said. "I think that's worth more than millions of dollars. If you can change one child's life, then they can change another's. It's that domino effect."

Since the Miss America Pageant is a month later than usual this year, Steveson will have the chance to speak in Oklahoma public schools in August and September.



The contestants.

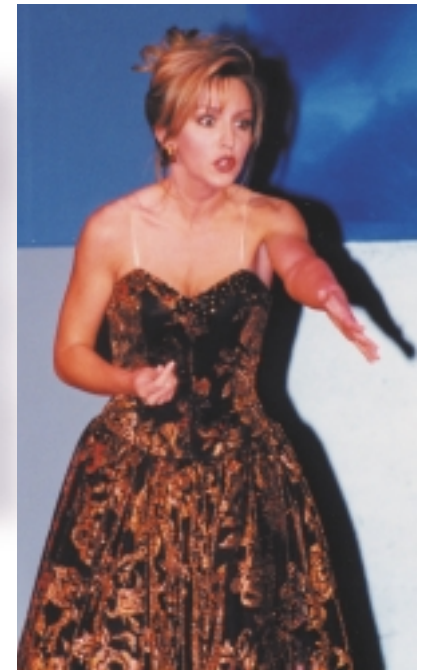
"Just seeing the way children's and adults' lives have been changed is amazing."



Miss Oklahoma 1999 Daneka Allen poses with preliminary winners (from left) Steveson (swimsuit), ORU junior Casey Preslar (talent), and Leah Edwards (newcomer talent).



Steveson speaks with U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe at an ORU "Executive on Campus" breakfast meeting in April. photo courtesy of ORU School of Business



Performing "Sempre Libera."

She's had plenty of experience with that, so she knows the rules: no preaching, no witnessing. But

"there are really creative ways to share about your beliefs and your faith, and how it's helped you to remain strong and to be the success that you are," Steveson said, flashing that winning smile. "I've had kids come up to me after I've spoken in the schools, and they'll say, 'Kristin, are you a Christian? Because I am, and I go to such-and-so church.' And I'll say, yes, and they'll say, 'Well, we could just tell.' And that's what you want to hear, because you want them to be able to see it in you."

When she's not fulfilling speaking engagements, Steveson takes voice lessons (she'll sing the aria "Sempre Libera" at Miss America), works out, prepares for interviews, and pulls together her wardrobe. She's also hoping to speak in chapel in September.

"I have this list of things I want to accomplish in my life," she explained. "You see all these alumni that are successful, and they come back and speak, and I thought, 'I want to be one of them someday.'"

Finding time to relax has also been one of Steveson's priorities this summer. During her last semester at ORU, she took 24 1/2 hours, had the aforementioned lead in an ORU opera production, worked full-time for the Salvation Army, and prepared for Miss Oklahoma. She was also busy as a VIP, a select group of students who serve as spokespersons for ORU. Their primary role is to reconnect alumni with the University.

As a VIP, Steveson said, "There were so many times I was able to share with people what God had done through me. It also opened up opportunities for me to speak or sing somewhere. I just wish the VIPs had more chances to go into the community, and that they were trained more in speaking skills.

"I really pushed myself outside of the ORU community and became involved, and a lot of times students don't do that. I really encourage them to, because if you don't have that stuff on your résumé--you have a 4.0 and no practical involvement in what you're pursuing--anymore, that won't get you anywhere."

Steveson, as you might have guessed, is still pushing.

Last spring, she said, "I kept on telling myself, if I can make it through this semester and graduate, I can do anything. I'm just going to go to Miss America and have the

time of my life! If I can keep the same attitude that I had at Miss Oklahoma, I'll be miles ahead."

Somehow, Steveson managed to remain calm during the Miss Oklahoma pageant week. It was her fifth trip, so

experience had a lot to do with it. So did her decision to be a mentor of sorts to the new girls.

"In the past," she said, "I had focused more on what I was there to do, and that's not my personality. My personality is more to reach out to other people and make them feel comfortable in situations. So I

thought, I just need to be Kristin."

The judges picked up on her attitude and mentioned it when the pageant was over. "They said, 'You just had it all there. We knew you were prepared for the job.'"

As the interview wound down on that rainy day in late June, Steveson talked about how ORU prepared her for what is already turning out to be an exciting future.

"The foundations that ORU has given me, the strong belief system I



Posing for pictures during pageant week.

"So I thought,
I just need
to be Kristin."



At the preliminaries.

was surrounded with--I had people around me all the time who loved me, who cared for me, who were very strong mentors," she said. "Some of the best mentors I've had have come from the music department.

"I strongly believe that I did most of my growing up here at ORU, and most of my maturing," she added. "I'm so proud to represent ORU and to say that it is my alma mater. It'll just be neat to see what the University grows into as the years go by."

It'll be even neater to see what happens to Kristin Steveson. For her, the Miss America Pageant is just the beginning.



Receiving her crown!

Experience Is the Best Teacher



Within days of graduation, Lloyd Hanebury was on a plane to Ukraine, where he is training Ukrainians to do missions work in Turkey as well as plant a church.

In 1991, Lloyd's church in Pittsburg, Calif., started a Bible school in Ukraine. In 1993, the school's first graduating class came to visit the church.

"I was sitting on the front row, listening to testimonies of the men of God that came from that country," Lloyd recalls, "and God began to break my heart for missions."

Four years later, Lloyd found himself in Ukraine with an ORU missions team. There have been six trips since then, including the current one. What makes this trip extra-special is that Lloyd is sharing the work with his grandfather, Lloyd Coley, who was healed and saved at an Oral Roberts crusade in 1954.

"When I was 7, I wrote a letter to Oral Roberts, saying 'Thank you for praying for my grandfather,' and 'I want to come to your school when I grow up,'" Lloyd said. "God brought me full circle."

Lloyd earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing management from California State University-Hayward. At ORU, he just completed both a master of divinity and a master of arts in missions. What he appreciates most is that ORU allowed him to do the work he feels called to do *before* he graduated.

"Sitting in a seminary is so antiseptic, so clinical. You have to get out there and *do* things. The best thing that ORU can do is provide a strong academic base and provide opportunity for students to do--while they're still here--what they're going to do when they leave.

"I've been helped and blessed by the administration because they allowed me to do things that no one else had ever done. I went out (for missions) in the middle of the semester, and took finals early, which enabled me to join my experiences with what I was learning."

Lloyd was one of the first two graduate students accepted into Alumni Relations' VIP student program. VIPs are high achievers who represent the University at on- and off-campus events and help reconnect alumni with ORU. From Lloyd's point of view, "It's the best thing for the university in terms of enabling alumni, partners, and the community to touch students, who are truly the heart of this university. These are not students that ORU 'selected.' God has called them and brought them in. They sought out the vision that was given to Oral Roberts himself."

This summer, Lloyd and his team are living with Muslim families in Yalta before moving on to Turkey, where they will plant the church from which Ukrainian missionaries will work. Long-term, Lloyd wants to build a bread factory in Ismir that will provide skills, income, and sustenance for the Kurd refugees.

When Lloyd Hanebury told God, "Wherever you want me to go, I'll go," he meant it.

Oral Roberts University Annual Report

These are condensed statements that are derived from the audited financials.

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

August 1 through July 31

Assets	1999	1998
Cash and short-term investments	\$3,818,228	\$7,566,080
Accounts receivable - net of allowances for doubtful accounts	3,292,523	6,357,374
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,087,218	3,470,775
Loans to students, net of reserve for loan losses	19,780,408	19,386,016
Long-term investments - at cost, or market value at date of gift:		
Securities - at cost, which approximates market	5,597,442	6,291,722
Endowment trust, net of notes receivable	4,357,193	4,303,501
Real estate and buildings, net of accumulated depreciation	60,483,458	70,748,067
Land and other	426,240	426,240
Educational plant, net of accumulated depreciation	69,806,599	68,452,897
Rock, mineral and artifact collection value at date of gift	2,425,235	2,425,235
Total assets	171,074,544	189,427,907
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,716,004	7,505,244
Deferred revenue	1,259,653	12,409,516
Life loans	358,949	391,561
Notes payable	36,039,688	34,403,084
Obligations under capital leases	6,196,612	7,262,950
Refundable federal student loans	13,316,949	12,923,604
Total liabilities	60,887,855	74,895,959
Net assets	110,186,689	114,531,948
Total liabilities and net assets	\$171,074,544	\$189,427,907

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

August 1 through July 31

Revenues, gains and other support:	1999	1998
Tuition and fees	\$33,519,006	\$31,340,103
Sales and services of auxiliary services	14,243,075	13,630,217
Less: Scholarships and fellowships	(15,018,799)	(13,482,869)
Net tuition, fees and sales and services of auxiliary services	32,743,282	31,487,451
Contributions and bequests	11,502,444	8,192,125
Other revenue	12,908,088	9,791,192
Total revenues, gains and other support	57,153,814	49,470,768
Expenses and losses:		
Education and general	36,005,126	34,541,379
Auxiliary enterprises	11,682,760	9,985,199
Depreciation	2,754,823	3,000,275
Interest on indebtedness	4,695,682	4,184,437
Other expenses	6,360,682	4,474,373
Total expenses and losses	61,499,073	56,185,663
Decrease in net assets	(4,345,259)	(6,714,895)
Net assets, beginning of year	114,531,948	121,246,843
Net assets, end of year	\$110,186,689	\$114,531,948

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY

Financial Report Summary

For the year ended July 31, 1999

Fiscal year 1998-1999 proved to be exciting for Oral Roberts University, with a record enrollment of 5,181 students served in the school year 1998-1999 and 5,252 students in the year 1999-2000. This resulted in the growth of revenue generated through tuition and fees by 7 percent, or \$2,178,903 over the previous year, while scholarships and fellowships awarded by the University increased by 11.4 percent, or \$1,535,930.

Sales and auxiliary services increased 4.5 percent to \$14,243,075, while contributions and bequests in the amount of \$11,502,444 exceeded budgeted projections. Other revenue received contributed to an increase in total revenues of \$7,683,046 (15.5 percent) over the previous year.

Total expenses increased by 9.5 percent, or \$5,313,410. This was a result of a commitment to increase educational investment in student programs, faculty and staff, and general expenses by 4.2 percent, while other expenses increased \$3,849,663.

With the decrease in net assets at \$4,345,259, it is important to note that depreciation accounts for \$2,754,823 of expenses. Additional depreciation expense of \$4,647,106, attributable to endowment assets, is included as an expense to the Endowment Trust and is reflected in the net asset noted in the long-term investment section of the Statement of Financial Position. The changes caused by the loss of a major tenant at CityPlex Towers resulted in a \$1,042,104 **non-cash** gain that is included in income under Other Revenue. Since March 1999, approximately 420,000 square feet of additional space has been leased, once again moving the property into a profitable position. This provides substantial growth and income opportunity for the University's endowment.

Notes payable increased \$1,636,604 as of July 31, 1999, over the previous year to a level of \$36,039,688, but they decreased to \$33,279,581 as of April 30, 2000. Investment in capital improvements was \$1,353,702, providing enhancements primarily in buildings, equipment, and library resources. The University enjoys a favorable debt-to-asset ratio, with total assets, net of accumulated depreciation, at \$171,074,544.

In February 2000, President Richard Roberts launched an effort to eliminate debt for the University. This \$33,000,000 campaign has been well received and is expected to substantially increase revenues, while decreasing the debt and associated payments.

The University is in the midst of a strategic planning process involving all areas and constituent groups of the University family. This extensive planning effort is expected to chart the course for a bright future, securing the assets necessary not only to provide a whole-person education for its students, but the growth of an endowment large enough to help support the mission of ORU.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$497,525
Other receivables	1,238
Investments	352,410
Equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of \$10,234)	13,816
Other	25,806
Total assets	\$890,795

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 12,769
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	151,031
Temporarily restricted	354,013
Permanently restricted	372,982
Total net assets	878,026
Total liabilities and net assets	\$890,795

ORU Alumni Foundation Annual Report

August 1, 1998 - July 31, 1999

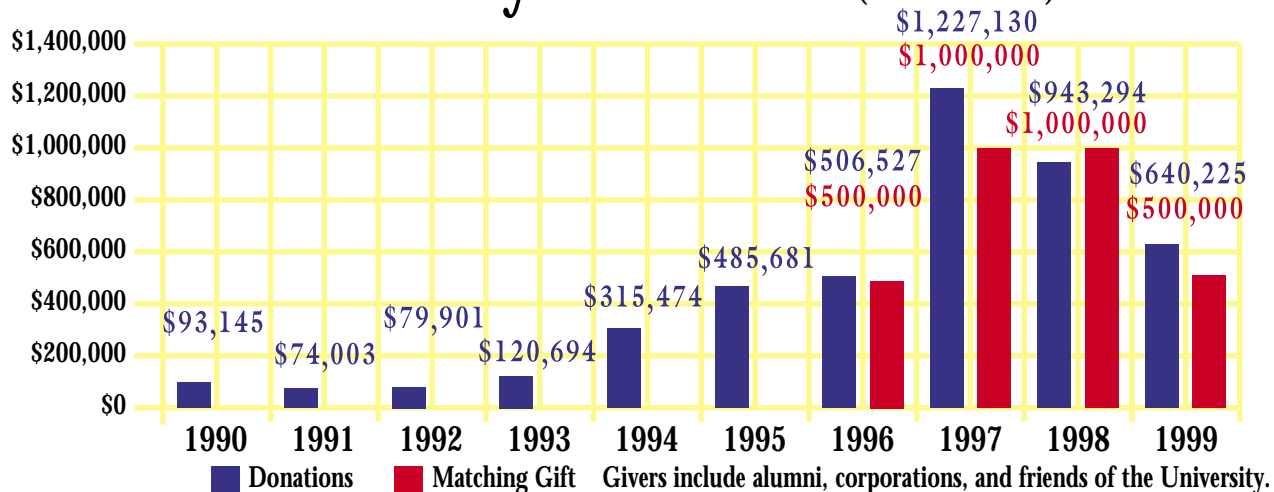
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

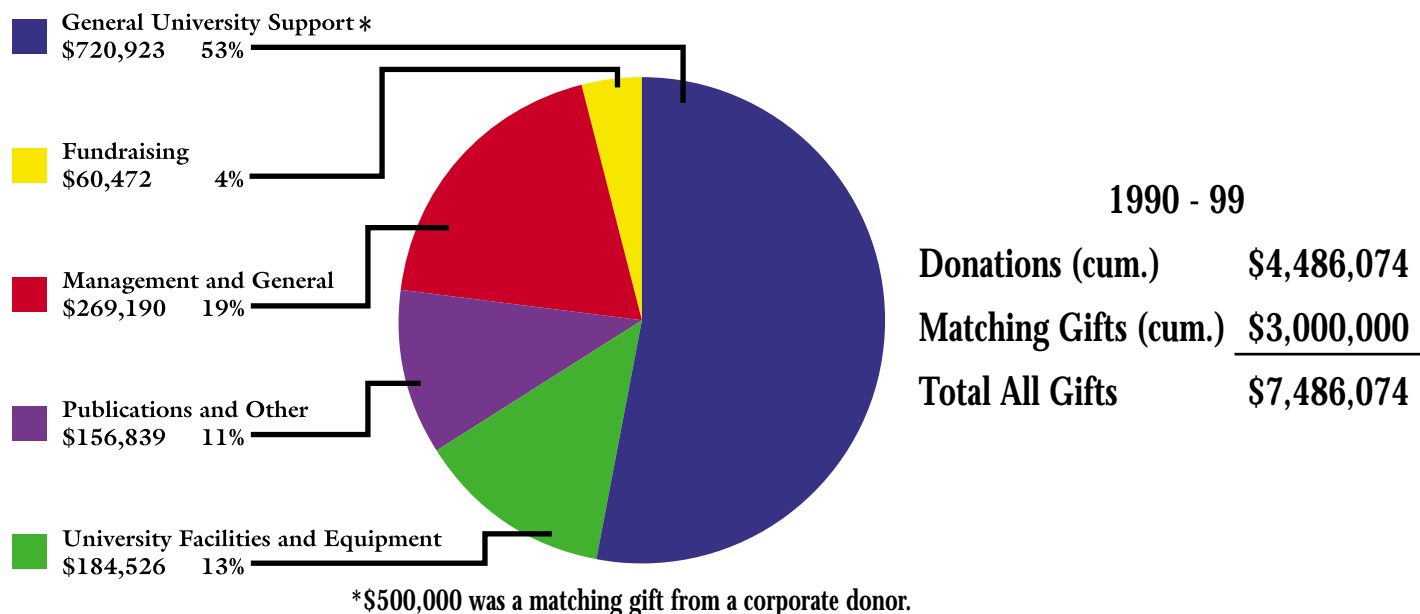
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenues				
Contributions				
Cash	\$ 875,079	\$219,373	\$ 15,459	\$1,109,911
In-kind services from the University	184,978	-	-	184,978
Interest income	23,026	-	14,930	37,956
Other income	42,021	46,682	4,152	92,855
Net assets released from restrictions	282,374	(282,374)	-	-
Total revenues	1,407,478	(16,319)	34,541	1,425,700
Expenses				
Program services				
General University support	720,923	-	-	720,923
University facilities and equipment*	184,526	-	-	184,526
Publications and other	156,839	-	-	156,839
Management and general	269,190	-	-	269,190
Fundraising	60,472	-	-	60,472
Total expenses	1,391,950	-	-	1,391,950
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	15,528	(16,319)	34,541	33,750
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	135,503	370,333	338,441	844,277
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 151,031	\$354,014	\$372,982	\$ 878,027

*This category includes salaries, office space, utilities, etc.

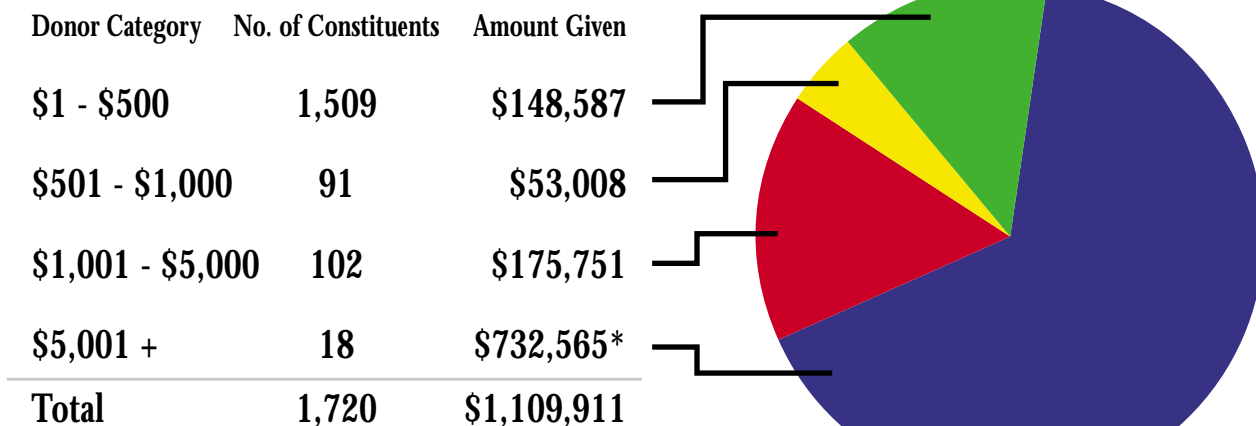
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Donor Category Report (Fiscal Year 1998 - 99)



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Family
(noun)—"A group of people who are not generally blood relations, but who share common attitudes, interests, or goals."

(Excerpt from Webster's College Dictionary)

Although many of us, including myself, have departed from Oral Roberts University, and launched out into a world where no man has gone before, we eventually assemble ourselves together as a family.

At each Homecoming event, we gather on campus, eager to fellowship with our favorite professors, roommates, resident advisors, chaplains, and other fellow students. Memories of campus church, Saga, Timko-Barton Hall, the Prayer Tower, and other places flood the back of our minds. We are happy because we are a family, and whether we spent one year or four years at ORU, it is our home.

The ORU Alumni Board of Directors was reminded of what a family means at a board meeting this past February when President Richard Roberts commissioned us, as



alumni, to assume responsibility of the University.

As I listened to President Roberts' address that day, I was reminded of how God blessed me to attend ORU, and my desire to serve a three-year term, representing Segment VI (1992-95) with John Bolin on the board.

Before I decided to become a part of the Alumni Board, I had not given much thought to reinvesting myself in ORU. With the mindset of a college graduate, God blessed me to obtain a master's degree and establish a career as a journalist. But ORU was always in my thoughts, and I took every opportunity to promote its greatness to other people—even when I was in graduate school at another university.

And with the mindset of a family member, I was excited to see and listen to what my fellow classmates were doing at a five-year class reunion last year. After walking across campus, viewing the renovations and current students, I was filled with a sense of pride of being back "home." Our home.

At the conclusion of the 1999 Homecoming Banquet, I realized that not only is being an ORU alumna important; so is reaching out to other alumni and incoming students.

I desired to participate in more alumni activities, but I wasn't sure how I was going to accomplish that. After returning home and immersing myself in the media world, I was contacted by Paula Sterns (77), chair of the Nomination Committee, concerning the Alumni Board. I submitted information about myself to the committee and waited for a reply.

I later learned that I was one of three people running for a two-member post for Segment VI. The door eventually



(above) Washington at age 4, with her dad, Willie, and baby sister Chasity, outside the LRC in 1976.

(below) Washington receives her master's degree from the University of Oklahoma.



Susan Gimotty represents Segment V (1988-91).

opened for me to join the board, and I have been blessed to be among such a remarkable group of people. These are the people you chose to represent you, from the baccalaureate level to the graduate/professional schools (such as the School of Theology).

Meeting twice a year, we as board members are determined to establish a bridge to join you as alumni closer to the University, as a family unit. One of the things I learned early was that



Board members Don Steele (71), Vanessa Horn (96), Wendy Whitlow (92;97-MBA), Ryan Bangert (99), Natasha Washington (94), Larry Nowicki (76), Suzanne Behr (81), and Thom Irwin (77;82-Law), take part in Homecoming chapel, Feb. 4.

despite minor obstacles, God is manifesting himself in ORU more than ever before, and alumni participation is needed.

Being a family goes beyond an occasional donation; it means being proud of who we are.

I and my fellow board members (there are 21 elected officials) are establishing a strategic plan, outlining vision statements and goals in how to better serve God, the University, and the more than 17,000



Bob Vander Lugt (87), chair-elect of the board, will take the gavel from David Barton (76) in February 2001.

graduates we are elected to serve.

As I look back at the first board meeting I attended, it was noticeable that we share some of the same ideas.

"You know, when I first came on the board, I wanted to be a tough act to follow," said Sterns, who represents the School of Nursing. "I don't know if that has happened, but I wanted to serve ORU, the place where I got my education, met my husband, made incredible friends, and learned to listen to the Holy Spirit in my life."

During the time we spent together as a board, there was a consensual feeling of being accessible to you, the alumni we represent, as well as to incoming students who consider ORU to be their home.

Not only do we want to assume responsibility of the University as a board, but we want you as alumni to feel free to contact us with your concerns or questions by mail, phone, or e-mail.

We are not just a board that meets twice a year, but we are an organization willing to serve your needs as well as diminish the misconceptions the outside world may have of ORU. The ORU Alumni Board of Directors is open to your suggestions, and



Future graduates found out more about the Alumni Association at Graduation Fair in March.

the University is certainly willing to hear our voice. Let's embrace ORU as a family again.

Natasha Washington is a features copy editor at The Daily Oklahoman.

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Hillary Clinton had just finished speaking and Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader was about to take the stage at the Baltimore convention center.

What better time could there be for ORU sophomore Star Williams, Miss Black Oklahoma 2000, to put in an appearance at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) convention?

Discipline, Determination Take Star Williams to the Top

Because of the hordes of photographers who stopped her every few inches to take her picture that July day, Williams never made it to the stage. Not to worry. This is a young woman whose intelligence, beauty, and heart for God have been drawing crowds since she was a child...and will continue to do so.

Williams' mother, Gwen (89-M.Div.; 96-D.Min.), is a missionary who has taken her daughter all over the world--to France, Costa Rica, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Japan, Mexico, Amsterdam, and to most of the 50 states. The travel meant that for three grades and part of two others, Williams was home-schooled. They were living in England when Williams graduated from high school; she went to East Surrey College for one year to do her A (advanced) levels in English literature, media, radio, broadcasting, marketing, and accounting.

"One day," Williams says, "I'd like to go back to England, after I graduate from ORU, and work on my law degree. That's my next step after I get my mass



• Williams met gospel singer Yolanda Adams at the NAACP convention.

• With her mom, Gwen.



communications degree."

Williams has always been interested in the law. As a lawyer, she believes, she could "make a difference in the legal system for Jesus and really stand up for what's right." Becoming a judge someday also appeals to her. For now, though, the 19-year-old says, "I'm just letting the Lord lead me and guide me, and taking one day at a time."

Three or four recent days in particular have put her on a path to national recognition.

In August 1999, she became Miss Christian Teen Oklahoma. At the Miss Tulsa Pageant,

"a learning experience," she says, she didn't place, but she won the Miss Black Tulsa (March 4) and Miss Black Oklahoma (June 24) pageants. Within the space of a few weeks, she became a sought-after speaker around the country.

Speaking is nothing new to Williams. She preached her first sermon at the age of 7 or 8 in an apartment building in Hollywood. "I can remember weeping for that area, because it was so oppressed," she says. "I felt like, if someone doesn't tell these people about Jesus, they're just going to die and go to hell. When you think about it, God didn't just bring us here to get saved and go to heaven ourselves. He brought us here to know Him and then spread the Word to everyone else so we can take as many people to heaven with us as we can."

During her six weeks in Hollywood, Williams saw a gang of youths beat a man with their skateboards. Years later, as the youth pastor of the mission that her mother started in Seattle, she saw a lot of young people "cycle in and out of juvenile hall, involved with drugs and alcohol. Something was instilled in me--and my mom helped instill this in me as well--that we really have to do something about this." It's not surprising, therefore, that for her pageant platform issue, Williams chose "resolutions to teen violence."



Photo by Angela McIntosh

Mission trips have included drama ministry. How would she solve this problem? "You have to go where they are," she says, and "get down to their level. You can't slam a Bible in their face and say, 'Hey! This is it!' and start quoting the Scriptures. You have to break it down for them to where they understand and to where it appeals to them and they're like, wow, maybe I should give this a try."

As Miss Black Oklahoma, Williams would like to start a program where young people, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, "can come and be tutored and mentored, and have someone to instill hope into their lives. I think that's important. Some of the statistics are outrageous when it comes to teen violence. I want to get out there and speak the word that I have in me and encourage as many youth as I can."

Williams herself is an inspiring role model. A dedicated jogger, she loves working out at the Aerobics Center. "I find when I'm not disciplined with my workout, then everything else isn't disciplined at all," she says. "It's almost like reading your Bible every day. You can have 101 things to do, but you really have to fit in that time."



Photo by Turner Goodrum

That's one thing ORU teaches you, because you have a lot of work to do!"

During her first year at ORU ("It was so fun!"), Williams served as secretary of Alpha Lambda Delta, the freshman honor society. At Greenwood Christian Center, she is a youth leader and member of the evangelism team.

Handling college and pageant work is a juggling act, but Williams, who says she's pretty good at organizing and prioritizing, is wise beyond her years when it comes to being balanced.

"I could be busy every day" as Miss Black Oklahoma, she says, "but you can't do everything. You have to really be careful about what you do, put your name on, and represent." It's like the interview portion of a pageant, which she has mastered.

"The best thing to do" after hearing the question, she says, "is to just pause for a second and think about what they're actually saying." It's also important to know your platform issue inside out, and "to know what your goal is--what *you* want to be," Williams says. The interview "is nothing to be nervous about. It's just like sitting down talking to anybody else."

"I went in smiling and I came out smiling," she says, giving a dazzling demonstration.

Confidence is an empowering thing.

NEWS BULLETIN:

Star was first runner-up in the Miss Black International Pageant, held Aug. 2-5 in Atlanta, Ga.!



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ORU ALUMNI News

PEOPLE • PLACES • EVENTS

1970s

• In March, **RUTH THIESEN 72 KERR** visited with her brother **RON 81** while taking part in Congreso 2000 in Iquitos, Peru. The purpose of the conference was to teach on intercession, prayer-walk the city, and minister to the intercessors. Four of the city's most prominent Jewish leaders were special guests.

• **BILL ALTMAN 74** is a United Methodist pastor serving in the Goldsboro District of the North Carolina Conference. He and Ruth have three children. He would like to hear from ORU friends.

• **DAVID CRESSMAN 74;89-D.Min.** has a new address:

IN MEMORIAM

Donna Landers Dyer
Class of 1974

Jan. 13, 1952 - Dec. 11, 1999

Donna was an art major at ORU. She died in a two-car accident in Elizabethtown, Ky. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, and three daughters, Malia, Christina, and Lorraine.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Jo Frailer
Class of 1976

Nov. 20, 1929 - April 22, 2000

During her 16 years as an ORU employee, Jo was a nighttime dorm director, and worked in Athletics, the Counseling Center, and in Student Affairs at Graduate Housing. She earned her master's degree at Loyola College in Baltimore in 1985. These words were written by Betty Chesbro and Jackie Fuqua: "It is with tenderness of heart that her friends bid her farewell. We will all miss her smile, her encouraging spirit, and her faithfulness. Her life was an example worthy of following. We will forever keep her memory within our hearts." Friends of Jo may donate in her name to the ORU Women's Resident Advisor Program.



• **ANGELA LAMB 76 PHILLIPS** and Preston have been married since 1979. They have two daughters, Kayte and Jenny.

• **MIKE DENTON 78** has been a freelance

cameraman in L.A. for 11 years, working on sitcoms and soap operas and sports for ESPN and ABC. His son Joey just graduated from high school.

• **BARRY SHENNUM 78** married Joan on Feb. 25. It was his parents' 50th anniversary and Joan's parents' 47th. Lots of ORU friends took part in the celebration.

1980s

• **LESLIE BOLAND 80, CFA**, has joined the Los Angeles office of Bankers Trust Private Banking. She is vice president, Investment Advisory.

• **ELIZABETH WOOD 80 CHEN** and Matt have been married for 17 years and have seven children: Jessica, Kristopher, Jackie, Lydia, Nathanael, and twins Rose-Marie and Stephanie. The Chens are missionaries in Taiwan, pastoring a Taiwanese church.

• **KAREN DEAL 80** was appointed music director and conductor of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra and Illinois Chamber Orchestra, effective July 1. She had served as associate conductor of The Nashville Symphony since 1992.

• **JIM 80 and Beth NEW-MAN** are proud to announce the birth of their son, James Louis. He was born on Jan. 13, weighing in at 7 lbs., 8 oz. You can reach the Newmans at



• **BRITTON WEIMER 80** is an attorney in Minneapolis. He recently co-authored two risk management books: Directors and Officers Liability (National Underwriter), and Stay Out of Court and Stay in Ministry (CSS).

• **BABETTE BROWN 81 EDWARDS** and Rodney have three children. Babette would love to hear from long-lost friends.

• **CHARLES 81 and BONNIE GATES (A) LEGVOLD** have moved to Tampa where Charles is senior pastor at Village Presbyterian Church. Old friends, please get in touch. CCLegvold@aol.com or 15911 Winding Drive, Tampa, FL 33625

• **CHARLES PECK 81, J.D., D.O.**, has new addresses.

• **BRAD STAUFFER 81** has a new address.

• **DAVID R. BESS 82** received a doctor of ministry degree in evangelism and church growth from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in May 2000. David is senior pastor of the Oakwood Baptist Church in Charleston, W.Va. He and wife Jeannie and their 13-year-old son Joshua live in South Charleston. He would love to hear from brothers and sisters on the Apostles wing (1978-81).

• **KATHY SMITH 82 HANOVER** has a new address.

• **SHERRI WILSON 82 HARMON** has a new address.

• **RANDY MALONE 82** and his wife, April, have a son, Josiah Matthew, who is 4 years old. Randy is practicing law. The Malones live in Merrick, NY.

• **ELIZABETH HELJO 82 REYNOLDS** is an administrative liaison in the Department of Biochemistry. New address:

• **KATHY SCHOONOVER-SHOFFNER 82-MSN** is looking for her Grad Housing roommate, **CAROL WHITE 84-MD HOWARD**.

• **RUSTY SEELYE 82** was elected as a Congressional District Delegate to the 2000 Republican National Convention, held in Philadelphia July 31-Aug. 3.

• **RICK TUEL 82** decided, after 15 years in broadcast television, to go for a "cushy corporate job." He works in Wal-Mart's Information Systems Division in Bentonville, Ark., and does everything from a Web-based newsletter to producing their annual awards banquet. He and Karen homeschool their children: Nathan, Kaitlin, Carolyn, Kristin, and Matthew.

• **MOLLY GRUVER 83 BISHOP's** husband has a new job with Texas Instruments in Sherman, Tex. mgb.cpa@mciworld.com

• **CHUCK DAY 83** wishes anyone interested in his whereabouts to know he is alive and well in South Africa. He is pastoring a church in a township outside Pretoria. He

and his wife have a daughter, Taliah Joy, born in 1999.

• **STEPHEN DICKSON 83** was named the new controller of Wisconsin Energy Corp and Wisconsin Electric, effective April 26. He had served in the same position with Wisconsin Gas since 1998. Previously, he was director of internal audit and business risk consulting services with Arthur Anderson LLP; he spent 15 years with the firm.

• **BRANT LAUE 83** joined the law firm of Armstrong Teasdale LLP in March. He received his law degree, magna cum laude, from Cornell University in 1986. He graduated summa cum laude from ORU. His prior service includes the United States Department of Justice and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

• **JOHN WRIGHT 83** has been working in Dallas for Bank One and its predecessors since graduation. In the summer of 1999, he married Sulayne Newton. They met through their home church, Fellowship Church, in Grapevine, Tex., where John continues to teach Singles Bible Study.

• **ROBERT A. CONDLY 84** received his Ph.D. in Religious Studies with a specialization in Theology and Society in December 1999 from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisc. The title of his dissertation is "Spirituality as Natural Theology: A Lonerganian Approach."

• **DANNY 84 and KATHY HERBERT 85 DAVIS** have been married 16 years and have three sons.

• **DANNY 84 and CARRIE MINEAU 90 KITTINGER** have a new address.

• **SUSAN OLVER 84 WIBLE** and Curt have three sons and a daughter. Curt works with P&G in Cincinnati. Susan homeschools their three oldest children and also stays busy with church activities.

• **BO 85;90-M.A. and CHERYL SWANSON BRYANT 86;90-M.A.** have been children's pastors for more than 10 years. Bo is at University Park Church in Fort Worth. Cheryl has been prayer and phone operator for James Robinson's "Life Today" TV program since August 1999. The Bryants expected their second child in July.



• **CURTIS 85** and **LINDA TAYLOR 85 CUR-RAN** have one son, Zachary, who is 8.

• **BRITTON DEVILLIER 85, M.D.**, has a new address.

• **KENNETH R. LEWIS 85** has a new address.

• **GLYNIS MacDONALD SCHULTZ 85** and her husband have a new son, Gatlin, born March 9. The family is spending the summer in Alaska and will be back in Texas this fall to build a house.

• **LYNETTE BOWEN 86** has a new address.

• **JENNIFER DEWITT 86 HUBBARD** and husband Hal have a new mailing address.

• **RONNIE 86** and **STEPHANIE BEURSKEN 87 RODRIGUEZ** married in 1987 and have three children: Ryan, 6, Jessica, 3, and Ben, 2. Their fourth child is due in October. Ronnie is a professional fireman with Fairfax County, Va., and Stephanie is a homeschooling mom. They are looking forward to building their dream log home in 2001. They would love to hear from old friends. New address:

• **STEPHEN 87** and **PAM BARTHOLOMEW 87 GROVES** moved to 45 acres in the country last fall, and Pam says, "We love the life and blessings in the children God has given to us!" Their fifth child, Josiah August, was born on Jan. 3. His siblings are Christopher, Ryan, Victoria, and Annelise. Friends, please get in touch.

• **DAVID PAUL PUTNAM 87-M.Div.** is in the process of applying to Asbury Theological Seminary for an M.S.W.-Master's of Theology dual degree program for the 2001-02 academic year. He is also writing a book on the life and death of his father.

• **KEVIN COONEY 88** and his wife, Atsuko, have welcomed their first child, Aiyana Khrysti, born on Feb. 17 in Mesa, Ariz. Kevin is a member of the Alumni Board of Directors.

• **DOUG OTT 88** and his wife, Psalmody, have two sons, Dougie, 5, and Levi, 3. Doug is in public relations with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and still plays his cello. He released his first cello CD single arrangement of "O Holy Night" during Christmas 1999 and received good airtime from radio stations throughout the country. He hopes to have a full CD cello instrumental produced by year's end (key hymns of the church, with keyboard orchestration).

• **DEAN PRENTICE 88** is stationed at Scott Air Force Base. He and Melissa have two daughters, Lauren Grace and Claire. Friends, please get in touch.

• **DAVID ROGERS 88**, an attorney, is married to former ORU cheerleader **MELANIE SHARPE (A)**, who is a registered nurse. Earlier this year, she went to Guatemala with a medical mission team. She is also a cheerleader in the NFL, for the Carolina Panthers. Friends, please e-mail.

• **MICHAEL SCHULTZ 88** and wife Lucy live on a 44-foot motor yacht with their Dalmatian. Michael has a home business designed to help local businesses use the

Internet effectively. Lucy is a manager in the Games and Puzzles Group at Mattel. They lead a couples home group and teach Sunday school. Michael regularly mixes sound for Sunday worship at the Vineyard Westside.

• **CHUCK WILLS 88** and wife Janice have three daughters: Cassie Joy, Kailey Hope, and Karley Faith. Janice homeschools the older two. Chuck owns two computer businesses--one that focuses on the development of PCs and networks, and another that focuses on developing Internet-based businesses.

• **Rev. JOEL PALSER 89;91-M.A.** has been named vice president of the National Counseling Center and Chaplaincy at CBN. In 1998, he was appointed Spiritual Life director of CBN, after serving as interim chaplain for six months. In May of 1999, he was named director of the National Counseling Center. He and Rhonda have two children and live in Chesapeake, Va.

1990s

• **KIMBERLY BRONTE 90** has a new address.

• **JULIE MONG 90 DeBOARD** is a training specialist for a foster care network. She earned her master's in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma in 1998.

• **JEREMY du TOIT 90** has been married to Louise since 1991. They have two children, Zach and Courteney. Jeremy has been running his own video production company, Eaglevision, since 1996. He says he has played quite a lot of competitive tennis since leaving ORU.

• **DEBBIE JONES 90** married Jeff Repsmer on June 12, 1999. Debbie is an elementary teacher at Abundant Life Christian School in Madison, Wisc. Jeff graduated from Rhema and now works at Ameritech.



• **LEAH FAGUNDES 90 KERLIN** has joined the continuing care retirement community staff of Montereau in Warren Woods as retirement counselor. "We are designing a premier retirement lifestyle with excellent amenities and services. Leah's unique combination of counseling, programming, and management experience brings us a step closer along our path toward excellence," said Kelly Vandever, representative of The William K. Warren Foundation. Montereau is being built at 61st and South Yale and will open in mid-2002.

• **SHELLY HARRISON 90 NEWITT** and husband David announce the birth of their first child, Morgan Paige, on April 18.

• **CAROLYN FELIX 90 PURCELL** has a new address.

• **JENNY ABBOTT 90 SMITH** and husband Ted announce the birth of their second child, Daniel Michael, born Feb. 28. Big sister Abigail is 4. Ted is a senior consultant for a computer company. Jenny has returned to work as academic dean at Christian Fellowship School.

Austen.

• **SHELLIE WOOD 93** has a new address.

• **KENNY 94** and **RENEE BELTRAN 94 GOTCHER** made a longtime dream come true by moving to Colorado last fall. They had been living outside San Francisco for the past 4 years. Renee still works for InfoWorld, a computer industry newsweekly, where she is features editor. Kenny is the assistant manager for Toray's U.S. textiles division, selling performance fabrics for outerwear, gear, and so on.

• **CLINT LEFFINGWELL 94** is a systems engineer for a small consulting firm in Dallas. He and **CHRISTY McINTYRE (A)** have been married for 5 years and have one daughter, Alexis Paige, born Jan. 28, 1999.

• You can reach **HARY KUSUMO NUGROHO 94;95-MBA** at

• **HEATHER S. EVANS 95** still works for Channel 6 in Tulsa. When she wrote in April, she was planning an August wedding with fiancé Scott Farris.

• **ANJANETTE 95** and **ELROY (A) FORBES** have one son, Malik, and one daughter, Tiani. Anjanette works as an administrator with an association management company. Elroy runs his own computer graphics company. He is the senior graphics designer for "Gospel Flava," a Christian music industry magazine.

• **ZIK JACKSON 95** and wife Monica welcomed their second child, Serenity Leilani, on Feb. 18. Big sister Felicity loves having a baby sister.

• **LUIS RODRIGUES 95** married Janet Stafford, sister of **RON 88-M.A.**, last year. Luis left CARDONE Industries to start a new career at Inglis House, a nursing home for disabled people. He is a computer programmer, Web developer, and project manager.

• **SCOTT 96** and **KIRSTEN WHITCOMB 96 DRUMMOND** had their second child, Matthew Thomas, on Dec. 8, 1999. His big brother is Joshua.

• **TOM McCLUNG 96** has an A/V job at Grace Fellowship, where he also directs the school plays, coaches the ORUEF platform teams, and is youth drama director for the church.

• **ADRIANE EVANS 97 ADAMS** and husband **DRAKE (A)** are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Aislinn Rose Marie, on Feb. 27.

• **TOBEN 97** and **VICTORIA 98 BLALOCK** have moved. Friends, please get in touch.

• **CHRISTY FOSTER 97** completed her master's degree in Music Performance from Texas Tech University last December. She is teaching private clarinet lessons and performing around town.

• **QUENTIN SOSA 97** has changed his name to Quentin Lozano. He is the worship leader at his home church in Racine.

• **GREG CRAYCRAFT 91** is a youth pastor and owns a travel agency in southwest Columbus. 1847 Cardinal Trail Dr, Columbus, OH 43119 or Bound4trvl@aol.com

• **LYNN STAFFORD 91** works at USBank as a compliance officer and leads an intercession group with Equally Yoked, a Christian singles ministry in the Twin Cities. Friends, please get in touch.

• **MATT 92** and **MICHELLE AHLSTEDT 92 BARKER** have four children: Nevin, Mackenna, Kendall, and Crimson. Matt works at a mutual fund company called Invesco. Michelle is beginning to homeschool. Friends, please write.

• **SCOTT CARTER 92** received his juris doctorate from Widener University (formerly Delaware Law School) in 1995. He completed a master of laws (LL.M.) in Health Law in May 2000. He'd love to hear from ORU friends.

• **TONY DAVIS 92** and wife Yvette have just relocated from Kansas City to St. Louis. They have one child, Reed. Tony has been working for a division of Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Enterprise Fleet Services.

• **RAYMOND HUANG 92** and wife Sharon have returned from their overseas posting in Beijing and have founded a new nonprofit work in Singapore, Heartware Network, a multi-religious organization.

• **ALISON DAVIS 92 McMILLIAN** has been married for 3 years and is working in managed care in Atlanta.

• **STEVE 92** and **CARI ASHCRAFT 92 NELSON** now live at 2580 W Fanbrook Rd, Tucson, AZ 85741, with their three children, Abbi, Cole, and Luke. Steve is an engineer at Vanguard and Cari is happy at home with her kids. They'd love to hear from old wing-mates.

• **RUSS 92** and **NICOLE CHRISTENSEN 92 SCHINZING** Russ is in Product Engineering at CARDONE Industries.

• **TRISHA ERICKSON 93** left Washington, D.C., in November of 1999 and moved to Dallas, where she works for "a great organization," planning international meetings.

• **SHARI SHOCKEY 93 EVANS** and her husband have had their second child, Graysen McKenna, who was born on Jan. 7. Her older brother is Grant.

• **GINGER LONDON 93-M.A.;94-M.A.** will have 13 articles published in the "Women of Color Study Bible," the first study Bible designed especially for African-American women. Fellow alumnae **VANESSA WEATHERSPOON 92-M.A.;94-M.Div.**, **JOAN WEBSTER 91-M.Div.;92-M.A.**, and **ANGELA AUBRY 93-M.A.;94-M.A.** also have articles included in the Bible.

• **ROB 93** and **JENNIFER MILLER 94 PETERSON** had their second child, Macy Marie, on Aug. 2, 1999. Macy's older brother is

• **ERIC HUNTER 98** wrote in May and was planning to be married on June 24.

• **MICAH van DUJVENDIJK 98** married **SHANNON CLARK (A)** the day after graduation. Micah works for an engineering firm in Manhattan.

• **HEATHER BLACK 99 FORREST** has a new baby, Abigail Mae, born on April 1.

• **AMI MAIS 99 JACKSON** and husband Curtis had identical twin girls in 1999.

ASSOCIATES

• **DANA BELLER ACEVEDO** and husband Luis live in Chile, where Dana is still singing (mostly in Spanish!). Dana has recorded an album in Spanish and is seeking a distributor. Their oldest daughter, Jessica, graduated from high school in July.

• **PAMELA ELLIFF BROUSSARD** lives in Spain where she teaches English and is involved in ministry. She would love to hear from old friends.

• **KATHRYN DEAN BURKETT** has new addresses.

• **SARA CARR** works with developmentally disabled adults.

• **LISA CONFER FOSHEE** is a high school journalism teacher in Tulsa. She and Ron have been married since 1991 and have a daughter named Megan.

• **KINGSLEY KEYS** spent the past year directing jazz at Normal Community High School in Illinois. This fall, he is teaching at Lincoln High School.

• **SHELLY SIMMONS LEREW** lives in Arkansas, where she is an English teacher at a Christian school. On May 29, 1999, she married Thomas.

• **JENNIFER LORD** works as a legislative analyst for the House Republican Conference.

• **STEVE PEACOCK** works for Walt Disney Entertainment as a manager of Special Events at Disney/MGM Studios.

• **LUCY CHRISTY SCOULAS** is married to Fr. Louis, a priest in the Greek Orthodox Church. They have two children, George and Angela, whom they homeschool. Both children, Lucy says, are excellent violinists. Lucy represents a 15-year-old company that markets environmentally sensitive products.

• **SHIRLEY RUTLEDGE WHITLOCK** has been married to Todd for 13 years. They have three children.

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

When the Alumni Board ballot lands in your mailbox this fall, be sure to vote. Segments I, II, III, and V and the Schools of Theology and Nursing have openings to fill. So, VOTE! (And, don't forget to do your duty and vote on Election Day, Nov. 7. Make your voice heard!)

On Our Web Page...

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GEBC

We're firming up our Golden Eagle Business Connection fall schedule. The speaker for October is Clifton Taulbert (71), award-winning author and recent Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame inductee. Curtis Turner (80-MBA), president of Tulsa Steel Manufacturing Co., will speak in November. Psychotherapist David Leifeste (82) is the December speaker. GEBC luncheons are currently held the first Tuesday of every month (except holidays) from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Green Onion Restaurant, 4532 E. 51st St. in Tulsa. Cost is only \$10 per person. For more information or to RSVP, call Lauren Westgate at 495-6580 or write gebc@oru.edu.

Alumni On The Road

photo by
Susan Gimotty

Thanks to the generosity of some alumni donors, more than 200 Kansas City, Mo.-area alumni, prospective students, and family members enjoyed two ORU basketball games and delicious Gates Barbecue on Feb. 19. President Richard Roberts and other University representatives were on hand to talk about recent events at ORU. Alumni Board member Susan (Hawke-89) Gimotty and her husband, Michael (88), coordinated the tickets, food, and decorations for this special evening.

It's not too early to submit a nomination for
Alumnus Of The Year 2002!
Send your nominations to Alumni Relations by July 1, 2001

2000-01 On Campus

September

- 5 Golden Eagle Business Connection Luncheon featuring Brad Thomas (79), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Green Onion Restaurant, 4532 E. 51st St., Tulsa, \$10/person. RSVP to gebc@oru.edu.
- 14 Wing Backer/Student Ice Cream Social, 7:30 p.m., cafeteria
- 22-23 Alumni Board of Directors meeting, Regents' Board Room

October

- 2-4 Alumni Ministers Conference. Contact Ministerial Relations at minrelations@oru.edu.
- 3 Golden Eagle Business Connection Luncheon featuring Cliff Taulbert (71), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Green Onion Restaurant, \$10/person. RSVP to gebc@oru.edu.
- 13-22 Fall Break

November

- TBA Men's and women's basketball seasons begin
- 2-4 Partners Seminar, hosted by President and Mrs. Richard Roberts
- 7 Election Day. Don't forget to vote! Golden Eagle Business Connection Luncheon featuring Curtis Turner (80-MBA), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Green Onion Restaurant, \$10/person. RSVP to gebc@oru.edu.
- 10 Oklahoma Academy of Science 89th Annual Technical Meeting, sponsored by ORU biology/chemistry departments
- 10-12 College Weekend. Call Admissions at 1-800-678-8876.

December

- 5 Golden Eagle Business Connection Luncheon featuring David Leifeste (82), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Green Onion Restaurant, \$10/person. RSVP to gebc@oru.edu.
- 8 Fall classes end

January

- 8-9 Registration
- 9-10 Classes begin

February

- TBA Baseball season begins
- 15-16 Alumni Board of Directors meeting, Regents' Board Room
- 16 Career Fair. Get your résumé ready! Or, if your company is interested in recruiting at ORU, consider opening a booth. Contact Brian Abel in Career Services at (918) 495-7355 or at babel@oru.edu.
- 16-17 Homecoming!
- 16-17 2nd Annual Continuing Medical Education Conference. Contact Kevin Bish for more information (495-7436 or kbish@oru.edu).

March

- 8-10 Society for Pentecostal Studies 30th annual meeting, hosted by ORU's Holy Spirit Research Center, Graduate and Undergraduate Theology.
- 9-18 Spring Break
- 29 American Society of Mechanical Engineers annual conference, hosted by ORU's engineering/physics dept., through April 1

April

- 6-8 College Weekend
- 27 Spring classes end

May

- 5 Commencement

Calendar is subject to change. Please call Alumni Relations (495-6610) to confirm dates and times.

Deep in the Heart of February

H O M E C O M I N G 2 0 0 1
Feb. 16 and 17

Featuring the second annual Continuing Medical Education conference, open houses, basketball games, the President's Banquet, "Alumnus of the Year" Awards, Alumni University, class reunions, the Women's RA Alumni Tea, and so much more. Avoid the rush! Register early!

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