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## Singers Invited to participate in Bicentennial

The Ouachita Baptist University Chamber Singers have been selected to represent Arkansas in Washington, D.C. May 3, 1976 as a part of the American Bicentennial Celebration.

The concert will be among the activities of Arkansas Week and will be held at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. It will include a composition written especially for the performance by Dr. Francis McBeth, composer-in-residence at Ouachita and composer-laureate for Arkansas. The group, under the direction of Tom Bolton, professor of music, will also perform arrangements of Arkansas folk songs gathered in the Mountain View area by Charles Wesley of the OBU music faculty.

Ouachita's Chamber Singers were selected for the performance by the Bicentennial Committee of the Arkansas Federated Music Clubs to take part in the Arkansas Week activities. They will leave Arkadelphia April 30, perform one concert en route to Washington, and sing in an area church Sunday morning, May 2.

Three other Arkansas groups will also take part, including choral groups from the University of Arkansas at Monticello, Westark Junior College at Ft. Smith, and the Malvern High School marching band.

Members of the Chamber Singers and their hometowns are: Mary Bolton, Arkadelphia; Teresa Trull and Judy Garman of Pine Bluff; Beth Browning, Roxana, Ill.; Ellen Howell, Hope; Phyllis Mitchael, Ft. Smith; Lora Nelle Johnson, Warren; Beverly Primm, Camden; Sara Talbot, Dallas, Tex.; Brad Rountree, North Little Rock; Tommy Nelson, Mountain Home; Russ Porter, Heber Springs; David Hays, Van Buren; David Williamson, Atlanta, Tex.; David Garrison, Camden; Clay Vire, Little Rock; Doug Anderson, Texarkana, Tex.; Don Parks, El Dorado; and Crystal Waters of Medora, Ill., accompanist.

## Speakers Bureau offers variety of OBU programs

Ouachita Baptist University has begun a new program designed to provide churches, high schools and civic groups with speakers and entertainment representing OBU students, staff and faculty.

"Programs and Personalities" provides lecturers and musicians for youth meetings, clubs, schools and other organizations. A brochure is available from Dr. William D. Downs, Jr., director of public relations, describing the programs and personalities available from OBU.

A 10-cent-per-mile fee will be required for programs outside the Arkadelphia area in addition to the cost of any meals or motel bills that might be involved. No speakers' fee will be requested, but honorariums will be accepted where available.

Further details on the "Programs and Personalities" may be obtained by writing Dr. Downs, Box 791, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923.



## 'America 200' scheduled to play in '76 celebration

Beginning in February 1976, "America 200" will present several Ouachita Baptist University musical groups in a Bicentennial program in several Arkansas cities.

An original script written by OBU Professor of English, Dr. Gilbert Morris, will "tie together" the musical parts of the program, according to Mrs. Judy Strother, coordinator of "America 200." Directors of the various groups will prepare their students for the performances, and the program will be directed by Dr. Jack Jones, assistant professor of music.

"The program started as a way to take our talent into the communities," Mrs. Strother said, "and it evolved enough to use the American Bicentennial as the theme."

Campus music groups which will have a part in the program include the Singing Men, directed by Dr. Paul Hammond; the Ouachi-Tones, directed by Mrs. Mary Shambarger; the Chamber Singers, directed by Tom Bolton; the OBU Singers, directed by Dr. Charles Wright; and the Stage Band, directed by David Chism. In addition to the music groups, which will perform selections of a religious and patriotic nature, the *Verbatim speech* choir directed by Raymond Caldwell will present Dr. Morris' script during the performance.

The premier performance will be on the Ouachita campus in mid-February. It will then be taken to Pine Bluff, the Little Rock Arts Center, El Dorado, and possibly Ft. Smith or Camden.

## 'Chu to China' raises \$2,125

Friends who responded quickly and generously to the "Chu to China" project a year ago, spearheaded by the Ouachita Association of Women Students, will want to know what became of the proposed plan to send Dorm' Mom Rosemary Chu and her daughter Jane to Tsing Tao, China, to visit relatives Mrs. Chu has not seen in over 34 years.

A total of \$2,125.00 has been contributed, and is being held by the AWS in an Arkadelphia bank until visas are granted to the Chus.

## 1975 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, November 21

(See Reservation Form, Page 3)

7:00 p.m. FSA Board Dinner, ESC

Float Building and Dorm' Decorating

attending the luncheon. '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70

Saturday, November 22

9:00 - 2:00 Registration, Evans Student Center

10:00 a.m. Parade

10:45 a.m. Dedication Moses-Provine Building  
Lawn of Grant Hall

11:30 - 1:00 Birkett Williams Cafeteria open to students and general public, \$1.25

11:30 a.m. Alumni Buffet, ESC - \$2.50  
Open to alumni and friends by reservation; designated places for reunion classes of '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70

12:45 p.m. Dessert-Coffees for reunion classes in ESC and Lile Hall - \$.50 for those not

2:00 p.m. Pre-game activities at field

2:30 p.m. OBU vs. HSU, Haygood Field, HSU

4:30 - 6:15 Birkett Williams Cafeteria line - \$2.25

5:00 p.m. FSA After-game Coffee, open to everyone, ESC

Social Club Coffees - locations to be announced

5:30 p.m. EEE 50th Anniversary Banquet - ESC by reservation

Beta Beta Snack Supper - By reservation  
Dr. & Mrs. Ben Elrod  
734 Carter Road, Ouachita Hills

8:00 p.m. SELF (Student Entertainment & Lecture fund) Concert - Doug Kershaw



**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

By: ED SNIDER  
F.S.A. President

The length and breadth of the Ouachita Campus is beautifully adorned with Oak Trees. No doubt all of us can recall eventful times that have taken place in the shadows of these towering giants.

Saturday, November 22, the trees will be a symbol of your invitation to return to the "Queen of the college world." Yes, a yellow ribbon will signal a glad invitation for you to mingle with the students, renew old acquaintances, and observe first-hand the progress our school is making.

"Homecoming 1975" promises to be one of the most eventful in our history. Arkadelphia will be alive as never before. It now appears that the winner of the football game will once again be declared "AIC Champions."

This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to show off our school to prospective students. Let me encourage you to fill your car or better still bring a bus. The FSA feels a very definite responsibility to assist in the recruitment of young people dedicated to Christian and Academic excellence. Larry Bone in the recruitment office will be happy to assist you with arrangements for the day - or weekend!

The truth is, like her Oak Trees, our Ouachita is stronger than ever and the "yellow ribbon is out."

*Scholarship fund being initiated by Class of '55*

A scholarship fund in memory of two 1955 alumni of Ouachita Baptist University is being initiated by the class of 1955, according to the Rev. Alfred Cullum, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of Forrest City.

"The Duane Denton-Morgan (Butch) Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund, Class of '55" will require pledges of at least \$5,000 to become a free-standing university scholarship. At the time of the two men's deaths, \$1,667 was given in their memories. All contributions are being sent directly to the OBU Development Office.

Denton was killed in an Army plane crash near Mena in 1967. A Manning resident, he was graduated from Ouachita with a B.A. degree in business. An Army major, he was president of the Commercial Club, and a member of the Beta Beta social club.

Phillips was killed in an Army helicopter crash in 1967. Also an Army major, he was graduated from OBU with a B.S. degree in chemistry. He was a member of the Student Senate, the Math Honor Society, and was a letterman in football, basketball, and track. He was also a distinguished military student.

*Over 100 students placed in churches*

More than 100 students were placed in churches last spring by the Religious Activities Placement Service (RAPS) at Ouachita, and this year more than 300 students have expressed an interest in church-related fields, according to Wes Lites, coordinator.

Training students for church-related work and helping them find places of service are the objectives of RAPS, said Lites.

RAPS sent 1200 letters to churches around the state describing the services available, which include youth directors, revival teams, musicians, retreat leaders, and programs for after-game fellowships.

Churches contact the RAPS office, giving their specific needs. A student or group is recommended for the job, and an interview is arranged on campus between a church representative and the student.

"We are in our fourth year of service, and the student response has been great," said Lites. "We hope to place even more students than last year."

Music and youth directors and revival teams are the most requested services, said Lites. There are seven revival teams and two Baptist Student Union-sponsored groups available through the office, and RAPS can relay requests to the many other music groups on campus.

RAPS is located in the BSU office in Evans Student Center, and is sponsored by the OBU Religious Activities Office.

**Arkansas churches urged to begin Ouachita Committees**

"Ouachita Committees in the Churches" is a new plan to form a communication link between Arkansas Baptist churches and Ouachita, according to Mrs. Judy Strother, coordinator of the program.

OBU is encouraging the churches to form a Ouachita Committee of from four to eight people to help the school in the area of communication and planning during the next decade.

1986 will mark the 100th anniversary of Ouachita's founding, and the committees will be asked to aid in the decade of planning for the centennial celebration.

In the area of Christian ministry, the committees will suggest things OBU can do with and for the churches.

Many OBU students and groups are available for church service, and activities such as "Youth Choir Day" serve state music and youth programs and allow young people to visit the campus, Mrs. Strother said.

"We want the churches to make the maximum use of the reservoir of talent here," she said.

The committees will be asked to identify prospective students, and aid them in any problems they might face in trying to attend Ouachita.

Also, the committees will serve as contacts for information and communication between the churches and the school.

"We hope this will be a two-way street," she said. "We will send the churches information and let them know what's happening on campus, and the churches can provide us with information and their suggestion."

The names and addresses of the members appointed by the pastor will be sent to the office of President Daniel R. Grant. The members will receive school publications and material of interest to their church.

The goal is to have the committees functioning by January 1, 1976, when the "Centennial Decade of Progress" begins.



LITTLE ROCK OUACHITA CLUB

Mrs. D. B. Allen (LINDA DAY, '59), seated, is president of the Greater Little Rock Ouachita Club. With her are, from left, Mrs. John Heflin (SHARON WINDHAM, '67), telephone chairman, and Mrs. Lance Hanshaw (CAROLYN VIALA, '64), first vice president. Other officers are Miss Faye Hollman, second vice president and program chairman; Mrs. Fred Hardwick (KAY HAYNES, '55), third vice president; Mrs. John Ponders (BETTY TATUM, '46), secretary; Mrs. Duane King (VIRGINIA GIBSON JERNIGAN, '37), treasurer; and Mrs. J. C. Fuller (MAE FOSTER, former Dean of Women), hostess chairman. The club's first meeting was a potluck luncheon October 10 at the home of Mrs. Bob Gosser (MARIANNE MORRISSETT, '55)

**Dr. Kenneth Locke is selected as Coordinator of Counseling**

Dr. Kenneth Locke, who has served as counselor and Dean of Academics at Hong Kong Baptist College for the past four years, has assumed the new position of Coordinator of Counseling at Ouachita with the beginning of the fall semester.

While at Hong Kong Baptist College, Dr. Locke set up peer counseling groups and instituted a counseling program designed to deal with educational, vocational, social and personal problems of students.

"Basically, he'll be doing the same thing here," according to B. Aldon Dixon, dean of students at OBU.

The principle thrust of the new counseling program will be personal counseling for the student. Until the present, Ouachita has depended to some extent on the faculty to handle students' personal counseling needs. "Ouachita has outgrown this system as its only system," Dixon said, noting that the faculty will play a role in referral for counseling.

A number of test instruments will be made available by Dr. Locke for students to get to know themselves better. Dr. Locke is a qualified interpreter of these type of tests, which include in-depth personality and vocational preference tests.

Another facet of Dr. Locke's duties will be to work with Ouachita's large number of married students. Dixon said he felt Ouachita, as a church-related school, had a responsibility to its married students, particularly with the national divorce rate at such a high level.

Career counseling will also be one of the primary duties of the new position. Dr. Locke will be assisted in this area by four faculty members who will have "release time" each week to work in the counseling office. The four faculty members are Mike Beaty, instructor of philosophy; Lee Royce, instructor of economics; David Chism, instructor of music, and Willie Nobles, Mainstream Mobility Director.

Dr. Locke will also assist in many miscellaneous activities, including faculty seminars, resident hall assistant workshops, and freshmen orientation.

Dixon stressed that Dr. Locke's counseling with students would be kept on a confidential, professional level.

"I think it's pretty important that students understand that even though counseling will be a part of the Dean



DR. KENNETH LOCKE

of Student's office, it won't be connected by filing cabinets."

Dixon said he thought it would be important for students to realize the vital role Dr. Locke could have on campus.

"He won't be there as a headshrinker . . . a person with all the answers. He'll be there as a helper - - willing to work through problems, and try to find out answers."

*Rev. and Mrs. Mosteller, Thailand missionaries, in residence here*

Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Mosteller, Southern Baptist missionaries to Thailand for 18 years, have been chosen to be missionaries-in-residence at Ouachita Baptist University for the 1975-76 academic year.

The missionary-in-residence program provides a home of Baptist missionaries on furlough, giving them a chance to relate to students, visit classes and bring to the campus their experiences in a foreign country.

Rev. Mosteller, a native of Mount Dora, Fla., is a graduate of Murray State University (B.S., 1950) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (B.D., 1954).

Mrs. Dottie Brizendine Mosteller is a native of Gallatin, Tenn., and received her B.M.E. and M.M.E. degrees in 1945 and 1947 respectively, from Murray State.

The couple has two children, Anne and Cliff, both students at Ouachita.

## 11 new teachers added to faculty as semester begins

Ouachita has added 11 members to its faculty for the 1975-76 school year, and three faculty members have returned following post-graduate study, according to Dr. Carl Goodson, vice president for academic affairs.

New teachers and their areas include: David Chism, instructor in music and career counselor; Johnnie Johnson, instructor in physical education and assistant football coach; Dr. Jack Jones, assistant professor of music; Miss Lois Kirkpatrick, part-time instructor in music; Mrs. Lou Ann Locke, assistant professor of sociology; Jim Miller, instructor in physical education and swimming coach; Lee Royce, instructor in business administration and career counselor; and Mrs. Nancy Dew Weems, visiting instructor in music.

Three new military science teachers were added, including M. Sgt. Donald Fairburn, instructor in military science; Capt. Lee Harrold and Capt. James Kay, both assistant professors of military science.

Returning faculty members include Mike Beaty, instructor in philosophy and career counselor; Jack Estes, associate professor of modern languages; and Martin Gonzalez, assistant professor of business administration.

Chism, a native of Hope, holds B.M. and M.M.E. degrees from Ouachita. Johnson, a native of Pine Bluff, received the B.S.E. degree from OBU in 1969 and is now working on his M.S.E. at Ouachita.

Dr. Jones received his B.M. from Stetson University in De Land, Fla. He holds the master of sacred music degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City and his doctor of musical arts degree from The Juilliard School in New York City. A native of Daytona Beach, Fla., Dr. Jones is a member of the American Guild of Organists and the American Choral Society. Prior to joining the OBU faculty, he served as assistant organist and choir master for the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City and as director of music and organist of the Post Chapel at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Miss Kirkpatrick of Walworth, Wis. received her B.M.E. from Ouachita. Mrs. Locke, a native of Goldsboro, N.C. received her B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her M.A. in sociology from Texas Christian University. Prior to coming to OBU she served on the faculty of Hong Kong Baptist College.

Miller received his B.S.E. from Ouachita and his M.S.E. from Henderson State University.

Royce, a native of Miami, Fla., received his B.A. from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and his master of management from Vanderbilt.

## Ouachita Tours

10 days in Israel and Athens-Corinth. Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 - \$881 from N.Y. Escorted by Dr. Cecil Sutley, Dept. of Religion, OBU.

Orient Tour, including Baptist mission visits in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, possibly Bangkok and Singapore. Leaving May 29 - \$1,549 from Dallas. Escorted by Dr. Cecil Sutley.

Three-week Motorcoach Tour of Europe. June. Charter tour from Dallas; price and exact dates not yet determined. Escorted by Dr. Raymond Coppenger, OBU Depts. of Religion & Philosophy (retired).

For complete information write today: Dr. Cecil Sutley, FSA Director of Travel, OBU Box 765, Arkadelphia, AR 71923.



Dr. Ben Elrod holds Mabee Check for \$500,000

## \$500,000 challenge met by Aug. 31 deadline

Dr. Ben Elrod, vice president for development at Ouachita, was all smiles last month.

The Aug. 31 deadline for meeting the \$500,000 Mabee Foundation challenge had been met and Ouachita was \$1,000,000 richer than it had been when the drive for funds began last November.

After being notified of the Mabee challenge in October, 1975, Ouachita received permission from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to approach the churches in the state for "second mile" funds, since many of them were already pledging to the highly successful Ouachita-Southern Advancement campaign.

A "second mile" campus campaign began during the 1975 spring semester and raised \$115,000 from OBU stu-

dents, faculty and staff, with more than \$58,000 channeled toward meeting the Mabee challenge.

President Daniel R. Grant, in expressing appreciation to the churches and individuals who have contributed to the low-keyed "second mile" drive, said the million dollars will be used for the completion of a campus drive along the Ouachita River, construction of a pedestrian bridge connecting the new megastructure with the men's housing complex across the ravine separating the north and south campuses, for construction of a new classroom building, and related landscaping projects.

Additional funds, however, are still being sought, according to Elrod, to complete the renovation of the Moses Provine Science Center and for upgrading Ouachita's athletic facilities.

## Fine Arts Center dedicated Oct. 28

The \$1.2 million Mabee Fine Arts Center was formally dedicated Oct. 28, officially opening the new home for the School of Music and the Department of Art.

Starting off with an open house, the dedication program also included performances by the OBU stage band and an evening concert featuring several Ouachita ensembles.

Groups taking part in the concert included the OBU Madrigals, a flute ensemble, the Ouachi-Tones, a woodwind quartet, the Singing Men, a brass ensemble and the Ouachita Singers.

On the dedication program was Dr. William Reynolds, secretary of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Convention along with representatives of the contractors, architects, the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, and students, faculty and administration.

Several additional concerts will be presented in celebration of the dedication, according to Dr. William E. Trantham, dean of the School of Music.

These include faculty recitals by Mary Shambarger and Dr. Paul Hammond, who were presented Oct. 16; guest appearances by Nils Oliver, cellist with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, and Mrs. Nancy Weems, instructor of piano at OBU, which was held Oct. 23; a recital by Erik Landerer, concert pianist, Oct. 26; and a faculty recital by Dr. Jack Jones, assistant professor of music at OBU, on Oct. 27.

The new fine arts center presents an open "airy" atmosphere due to the extensive use of glass throughout the building, allowing the gallery, faculty offices and art studios to have spacious views of the Ouachita campus and ravine.



## Elmer Goble named BSU director

Elmer W. Goble, III, new Director of Religious Activities and Baptist Student Union Director at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, will assume his duties on Nov. 1, according to OBU President Daniel R. Grant.

Goble, a native of Ocala, Fla., is presently Associate Pastor and Minister of Youth at Rose Hill Baptist Church in Texarkana, Tex.

Graduated from Baylor University in Waco, Tex., with a B.A. degree in psychology and religion, Goble received a Master of Divinity degree in May, 1975, from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex. He is now enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry Program at Southwestern.

"We have very strong recommendations for Mr. Goble and believe he will be an asset to Ouachita," Grant said.

BSU President Wesley Lites, a junior religion and philosophy, major from Pine Bluff, will direct BSU activities until Nov. 1.

### HOMECOMING RESERVATIONS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY RESERVED THROUGH REUNION OR "WHAT'S UP" MAILINGS

Saturday, November 22, 1975

Alumni Buffet - 11:30 a.m., ESC (tickets by mail or at door) (Dessert - Coffee included and will be served in banquet room for those not attending class reunions) \$2.50

Dessert - Coffee only - 12:45 p.m. .50

Neighboring classes and friends are urged to attend any reunion group with whom they feel kinship

Count \_\_\_\_\_ in on the \_\_\_\_\_ Class Reunion (number) (year)

Game Tickets - OBU vs. HSU, Haygood Field, HSU, 2:30 p.m. (Pre-game festivities, 2:00 p.m.)

All seats reserved, \$3.50. Money must accompany request. Tickets will be mailed November 1 - 14, first-come, first-served. Local sale begins November 11. Late orders (if seats available) may be picked up at gate.

Reunion Block ('40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70) (Circle Class) \$3.50

General - (Available also directly from OBU Business Office) \$3.50

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class (or Friend) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Former Students Association Ouachita Baptist University Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923

### FSA LOST & FOUND

Please help me locate \_\_\_\_\_

(include class, maiden, or married names if known)

Mail to OBU Former Students Association, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923



With their classroom building (Old Bookstore) in the background, Ouachita's political science faculty includes: Dr. Daniel R. Grant, OBU president; Jim McDougal; Dr. Bob Riley, department chairman; and Jim Ranchino.

# Profile:

## The political 'pro' as professor: a wide-angle view

by William D. Downs, Jr.

If Ouachita Baptist University's four-member political science faculty has any one thing in common, it's that they've each climbed down from their ivory tower to practice what they preach.

Dr. Bob C. Riley, the department chairman, was a political pro long before he served the state as lieutenant governor and, briefly, as governor last year.

—Jim Ranchino is a well-known political analyst and television commentator, and owns a hugely successful polling firm, Action Research, Inc.

—Jim McDougal has worked on the Washington staff of Sen. John L. McClellan and, most recently was a trusted aid to Sen. J. William Fulbright.

—Dr. Daniel R. Grant, president of Ouachita, is an internationally acclaimed expert in urban affairs, and one of the "founding fathers" of Nashville, Tenn.'s unique metro form of government.

Put them all together and the four provide Ouachita students with a wide-angle view of political theory and practical politics.

Dr. Bob C. Riley, colorful, aggressive and thoroughly wise to the ways of Arkansas politics, has been learning his political lessons since 1937 when, as a 12-year-old, he landed a job as a page in the Arkansas Legislature. Since then, he has served as a city councilman, mayor, a Poverty Program worker and, of course, as the state's chief executive.

In the classroom, Riley, distinctive with his eyepatch and cane (he was badly shot up in World War II), is contemptuous of mere academic fact standing alone. He contends that what really counts is "knowing the real buttons that make the current go, the movers and the shakers who really influence state government."

Consequently, what he tries to do is to make students understand that politics "is what makes this nation go."

Perhaps as a result of Watergate or faulty instruction in some high schools, he has found students today, appear to be uncertain of government, yet willing to be informed.

"One of my main jobs," he said recently, "is to convince the students that they are going to be in charge. It's going to be up to them whether they

have a good government or a bad one."

The opportunities for changing the way government operates are available, according to Riley, who views the political system in America as being "a thousand times more open than it used to be." What was once "esoteric," he says, is now becoming better and better understood with more and more people becoming involved.

As a result, he says, "the volunteer is the real thing now."

Asked if he misses being in the political arena, Dr. Riley shook his head, saying, "I'm perfectly content back at Ouachita doing what I'm supposed to be doing."

Although he vows that he will never be away from politics, he admits that a time comes "when you step off the merry-go-round and become an observer."

As such, he sees politics as changing for the better, with the shift having started after World War II, an event that "shocked people out of their lethargy and boosted the United States toward dominance as a world power."

Furthermore, he sees the college student of today as a far different breed from that of only a few years ago, attributing the more moderate attitudes to the end of the Vietnam war.

Although he judges the war as having been wrong "from all standpoints," he nevertheless believes that the lessons learned from it are at the very heart of the reasons for studying political science in the first place.

"We analyze what happens in an event such as Vietnam and ask ourselves, 'What caused it, what made it happen?' Then we are able to predict or alter behaviour so that we can move forward, with confidence, into the future."

Jim Ranchino, one of Ouachita's most popular professors, shares Riley's contempt for textbook facts alone, saying that it's the teacher's job to stimulate students.

"It's the way you handle facts that counts," he says. "Anybody can read books, but stimulation is where the teacher makes the difference." Ranchino's success as an election analyst



Jim Ranchino

and television commentator provides a ready handle for classroom discussions.

He also agrees with Riley that the political temper of today's youth is strikingly moderate as compared to the late 1960s. Today, he says, students are no longer asking hard questions because they don't feel threatened. "It's almost like the Eisenhower days," he muses.

But Ranchino differs with Riley on the relative "openness" of the political



Dr. Bob Riley in the classroom



students



nts for answers

system in America today as compared to the 1960s. In fact, according to Ranchino, the seeming chaos of the last decade was the first sign of the relative freedom that exists today for young people. Student demonstrations, he says, were not organized to solve problems so much as they were simply methods used by students to make the rest of the nation aware of situations that would have otherwise been ignored. But once the awareness of problems

was established, then the "radical" students became today's moderates, choosing normal channels of communication for solving their problems.

As a means of furnishing additional insight into the political process, Ranchino often employs his students to assist him in running political polls, assigning them jobs as research assistants.

**Jim McDougal.** In sharp contrast to Riley's practical, down-to-earth political savvy and Ranchino's hard-eyed, pragmatic approach to politics, McDougal, like Dr. Grant, is coolly detached and analytical, responding more intellectually than emotionally to the political process.

First as a reading clerk in the Arkansas House of Representatives (1957-59) and then as the nation's youngest elected member of the Democratic State Committee, McDougal has, like Riley and Ranchino, learned his political lessons the hard way - on the job.

In return for his services as co-campaign manager for Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign in Arkansas, McDougal was given a patronage appointment by Sen. McClellan as "first assistant bill clerk" in the senate office, a job that permitted him to know the location and progress of every bill in Congress. Such knowledge provided McDougal with what he calls some "intimate insights into personalities of people who make the laws."

It was a lesson well learned. Working regularly far into the night, he soon came to know the psychological makeup of the people with influence and those without.

"We knew more about how to run the senate than the senators," McDougal recalls with a smile.

The Washington experience and his work with Sen. Fulbright have given him a particular reverence for Congress despite its shortcomings, says McDougal, making him want to say in class, "This is a better system than others." But in trying to get across the favorable aspects of the legislative process to students, he has found that the majority of them think that what Congress does is "silly," even though private business will go through very much the same kind of "tribal ritual" because, with all of its problems, it's a system that works.

He has also found that students hold several misconceptions such as believing that every senator has a limousine ("wrong"), that members of Congress are overpaid ("they're not") and that public officials are primarily interested in money ("Wrong, they're interested in power.").

Consequently, much of his classroom time is taken up in demolishing the misconceptions, including providing some realistic definitions of what money really is and how it works in Washington.

Another problem McDougal has run across in working with college students, particularly freshmen, is the difficulty of one generation lecturing to generations that follow him.

Shrugging wryly, he complains that there is no common frame of reference.

"How," he asks rhetorically, "do you explain the magnetism of Faubus' populism, and the way he would turn his audiences on by telling them stories about how he used to carry coal oil from the store back to his farmhouse?"

The problem is that students don't even know what coal oil is.

The generation gap also involves the changing meaning of words, such as the "seniority system" or "representative democracy."

"Just think about this," he said. "We run election campaigns based on these two terms and most of the people we're trying to get out to vote don't even know what they mean."

What must be done in the classroom, he says, is to simplify, get down to basics, taking the most common sense approach to making students aware of the realities of America's political process.

One of the best methods, says McDougal, a staunch Baptist, is through discussion and the use of parables.



Jim McDougal with John Schirmer, a student

Personally, he considers himself to be a "Jeffersonian conservative," meaning that he considers the U.S. constitution to be to government what the Bible is to Christianity. Translating his philosophy in the classroom, McDougal calls for maximum freedom of states, and the spurning, so far as possible, of the bureaucratic process.

"Actually," he says reflectively, "I prefer the rural, agrarian society, because they seem calmer, better informed. They have time to reflect. Whenever I talk with them, I actually feel that our system may work after all."

In fact, he is optimistic for America's future, believing that it's the country's ultimate moral resiliency that counts.

"The American people," he says, "given the facts, can cope with almost any situation. The problem is, however, that since the end of the Truman era, the American government has deliberately manipulated lies to mislead the people."

But with public reaction to Watergate and an increasing awareness of the individual's personal stake in good government, says McDougal, "we're coming back to our senses."

Dr. Daniel R. Grant. Having served on the Vanderbilt University political science faculty for 21 years, much of it as director of the prestigious Urban Affairs Center, he has little time for classroom work because of his presidential commitments. Yet from time to time he does speak to various classes or seminars on urban and metropolitan government, and is included in faculty social occasions and discussion groups.

Mostly, however, his function in the political science department is on the planning end of it, particularly in outlining possible areas of concern for the Edward Maddox Public Affairs Center being established at Ouachita.

In urging the study of political

science, he stresses three values:

1. that every citizen in a democracy needs to be skilled in participating in the political process, simply from sheer self interest since the student will learn how to make his wishes known and maximize his influence in the system.

2. that political science is a vital part of the liberal arts philosophy which Ouachita pursues for better understanding of the world in which we live.

3. and that political science has "vocational relevance," whether its training for a political career or government work or whether its a stepping stone into other professions such as communications or law.

Mainly, however, the be-all and end-all of political science, says Dr. Grant, is knowledge of the system.

"The surest way to develop dictatorships," he warns, "is not to participate. All it takes is apathy and ignorance."

Consequently, much of his energy is devoted to the development of programs and activities of the public affairs center, the first of which may be a 10-day "inter-term" seminar for Ouachita students in Washington next January, providing an opportunity to study congressional committees and government agencies first-hand.

Other programs he envisions include bringing those personalities and programs to Ouachita that present both the idealism and the realism of the political process, a mixture that he terms, "the Ouachita thing."

Reflecting on his high-powered stable of political pros, Dr. Riley was asked if the four of them, being the strong personalities they are, ever step on each other's toes.

"Not really," he answered. "In fact we stay too busy for that. But the important thing for students is that we complement each other."



Dr. Daniel R. Grant with OBU students









*A '95 Tiger*

Raymond A. Smith, who turned 100 July 17, was a member of Ouachita's first football team (1895), which was pictured in last fall's alumni bulletin. His daughter, Mrs. J. Crawford Bomar of Little Rock, identified him as the grider standing second from the left in the back row. He fought in the Spanish-American War in 1898 and returned to Arkadelphia in 1900. He married a local girl, Mary Clow, in 1906.



**Moses-Provine Science Center dedicated**

The Moses-Provine Science Center will be dedicated at 10:45 a.m. on Homecoming day. The renovation has included new lighting and ceilings in the laboratories (above), new equipment, air conditioning and general repair. Dr. E. A. Provine and Dr. J. D. Patterson (inset) discuss plans for the renovation. It was Dr. Patterson's \$50,000 challenge gift that made the project possible.



**1911 OBU football team**

(bottom row) Courson, L. End; Kimball, R. End; (second row) "Runt" Robey, L. G.; Jack Stell, L.T.; Charles Wallis, H.B.; Jesse Cannon, R.G.; Walter Smith, E.; Coach Miller. (third row) Omar Hill, L.G.; Donald Muse, L.H.; Volmer Tobey, C.; Courson, L.G.; Bert Hardin, L.H. (top row) Louis Crow; Ellis; (unidentified); Roy Cotton; Dwight Crawford. The picture to be put on permanent display, was given to Ouachita by Omar Hill of Little Rock and Bert Hardin of Marion, Ark., two of the three living team members. The third is Dr. Charles Wallis. (Below) Ouachita's athletic department has purchased a 15-passenger van to be used for transporting minor varsity teams to out-of-town games. The van purchase was made possible by the current Athletic Facilities Improvement Fund campaign.



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