A GRAND DAY
YOU DID IT!
THANK YOU!!

Campus celebrates successful Campaign and dedication of new facilities
From the President

Occasions when a campus community celebrates its successes are among my favorite times as a University President. In October the University of the Ozarks celebrated in grand style as we dedicated the remodeled and expanded Seay Student Center and the newly-constructed Trustee Hall. Throughout the Dedication Ceremony and the ensuing festivities of rejoicing, congratulating, appreciating, and just plain fun, I beamed in unabashed pride. Days when everything is all right with you and your campus are far too rare.

This campus is impressive in its beauty. As the current President, I have merely built upon the accomplishments of past leaders. My immediate predecessor, Dr. Gene Stephenson, left his indelible mark at Ozarks in many ways, but most lasting were the construction of two new buildings and the renovation of three others. Because of Dr. Fritz Ehren, the Walton Fine Arts Center watches majestically over the campus. Future Presidents will also build and renovate, dream and design, achieve and accomplish with their own distinct and enduring impact on this University. The remarkable splendor of Ozarks is a source of pride for many—students, faculty, staff, alumni, Board of Trustee members, the Presbyterian Church, and the Clarksville community. At least in this case, looks are important, and we look really good!

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the highly successful Promise of Excellence Campaign, a campaign that has provided so much for so many. As I write this message, occasionally glancing out my office windows at the magnificence surrounding me, I am reminded that we have much to celebrate and to be grateful for every day at Ozarks.

There I go again—beaming!

Rick Niece, Ph.D.
President
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Friday, Oct. 7, was a day of celebration on the U of O campus.

More than 400 donors, friends, alumni, students, faculty and staff took part in a celebration ceremony in the new Rogers Conference Center to mark the successful completion of the $40 million Promise of Excellence Campaign.

During the ceremony several new campus facilities were also dedicated, including the Borck Dining area, the Rogers Student and Community Conference Center, the Mabee Fitness Center and Trustee Residence Hall.

The celebration event featured cheerleaders, mascots and the University Chorus. The ceremony also showcased the state-of-the-art audio and video capabilities of the new 7,000-square-foot Rogers Conference Center. The event concluded with a carnival-style picnic on the campus mall.

“What a grand day for a grand celebration on a grand campus,” said Ozarks President Dr. Rick Niece. “This is our day to honor Ozarks and her current and future students. This is our day to celebrate some amazing achievements. This is our day. Let’s revel in it. Let’s savor it. Let’s enjoy it. We have earned the right, and our students deserve the privilege.”

The five-year, $40 million Promise of Excellence Campaign ended on March 31 with exactly $40,589,345.76 raised to enhance the University’s ability to provide high quality educational services to students. A total of 4,080 donors contributed to the Campaign.

“This is a day for the University community to say ‘Thank You,’” said Steve Edmisten, executive vice president who led the University’s fund-raising efforts. “Think about it: A school of 630 students launching a five-year, $40 million campaign in 2006, a time-frame that would include the Great Recession. Not only did many schools like Ozarks not hit their campaign goals over this period, some failed and collapsed completely due to the economic stressors. But not Ozarks. We, the University, and our supporters, seem to be made of stern stuff. The supporters of this University have transformed the lives of young men and women for the better.”

The renovation and 14,000-square-foot expansion of the Seay Student Cen-
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The Rogers Student & Community Conference Center

Will allow the University to host local, state and regional conferences, meetings and workshops. The University can also incorporate food and lodging services during certain times of the year.

The 7,000-square-foot facility can accommodate up to 700 people in the main room. It can also be partitioned off to four or fewer smaller rooms.

The Conference Center includes state-of-the-art audio and visual equipment, including five large multi-media screens.

Named in honor of the Rogers Foundation of Virginia, which was established by the late William F. “Bill” and Ethel Rogers to honor his parents, the Rev. William F. Rogers, Sr. and his wife, Emily. The Rev. Rogers was a Presbyterian minister who had a long relationship with Ozarks. He was a close friend of Dr. Wiley Lin Hurie, who served as president of the University from 1923-1949. Many of Rev. Rogers’ relatives attended the University, and the foundation has been a philanthropic supporter of Ozarks for more than 20 years.

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Representing the Rogers Foundation were (top left photo, from left) Dorothy and Jack Nance, Myrl Weinberg, and Rusty Rogers. The Rawhouser Weight & Fitness Room (above photo) was one of the facilities dedicated. Board of Trustee members (left photo, from left) David Rawhouser, Arvid Bean, Judy Borck and Jim Bruning provided the leadership during the Campaign.
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Among the supporters of the University who were honored on Oct. 7 were (top left photo) Joanne Taylor; (top right photo) David and Jill Rawhouser with students Rachel Watley and Alejandro Andino and Professor of Health and Physical Education Brett Stone; (bottom left photo, from left) Jay Borck, Amity Dey, Judy Borck and Kim Pollard; and (bottom right photo) Kim Behrend, daughter of the late Jim L. Hanna.

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obics Room, named in honor of Judy Alexander Boreham of Fort Smith, can be used for such activities as yoga, Zumba Fitness Dance, Tae Bo and body sculpting classes.

Trustee Residence Hall is the fourth and final apartment-style complex that completes the quad of residential halls on the northeast side of campus. The 6,600-square-foot, two-story facility was named by a major donor who asked that the Board of Trustees be honored for their support of and commitment to the University.

Trustee Hall houses 20 students in single and double rooms with a variety of room sizes and layouts. The handicap-accessible hall is designed to provide students with a “home-like” environment, with community living rooms and a fully furnished kitchen featuring microwaves, refrigerators with ice makers and a large dishwasher.

Other highlights of Trustee Hall include semi-private bathrooms with showers and bathtubs, balconies connected to all second floor rooms, sound-proof study areas, laundry facilities and patios with barbecue grills. Every room also has internet access, basic cable hookups and telephone connections.

The four apartment-style halls, which include Cary-Wortz Hall, Bagwell-Jones Hall and Mabee Hall, have built-in storm shelters.

Emily Towe, a senior political science major from Cabot, Ark., and current Student Government Association president, also thanked the many supporters of the campaign during the ceremony.

“We students have been so excited to see these projects completed and now all there is left to say is, ‘Thank You,’” Towe said. “I know this has been a long time coming, so to be able to stand here and look around at our beautiful campus and new facilities and to know that people will be enjoying it for many years to come is very comforting.”

The Promise of Excellence Campaign was launched on Valentine’s Day in 2006 with the announcement in Munger Chapel that Helen Robson Walton had kicked off the fund-raising effort with a lead gift of $20 million. Mrs. Walton, a long-time supporter of Ozarks, died in 2007.

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Freshman puts new Boreham Aerobics Room to work

It’s 7 p.m. on a recent Thursday evening and the new Mabee Fitness Center on the Ozarks campus is abuzz with activity.

There are students and staff members pounding away the miles on the state-of-the-art treadmills and bulking up biceps in the free weights area in the new Rawhouser Weight & Fitness Room. But the star of the party on this evening can be found in the nearby Boreham Aerobics Room, where loud, rhythmic Latin dance music is inspiring a large group of students in an upbeat and invigorating workout called Zumba Fitness.

Chelsey Becker, a freshman from Claremore, Okla., is leading the group of 15 mostly female students. Becker is a certified Zumba instructor who fell in love with the new Latin-inspired dance fitness routine when she attended a class with her mother a couple of years ago.

“My mom was in this “Biggest Loser” competition at her work and she got into Zumba and ended up losing around 75 pounds,” said Becker. “I ended up losing a little weight too and just really enjoyed the class. I was hooked.”

Becker received her certification in Zumba in December and, once she decided to attend Ozarks, began looking for opportunities to teach a class at the University. As fate would have it, the opening of the new fitness center this semester provided the perfect opportunity. Becker soon had her work-study job teaching Zumba.

“I knew about the new fitness center and I was hoping to be able to use it and share my love of Zumba,” said Becker. “I just kept calling the Student Life Office before school started to remind them that I was interested. It worked out perfectly.”

Becker’s class is the first to use the Boreham Aerobics Room, which was made possible by the generous support of Judy (Alexander) Boreham of Fort Smith, a former vice president for academic affairs at Ozarks and a current board of trustees member. Other aerobics classes as well as yoga classes are scheduled to utilize the room in the near future.

“It’s kind of neat to be the first class to use the room,” said Becker, who holds classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. “It’s a perfect room for this kind of class.”

The one-hour class is free and open to the campus community. Inviting her friends and using word-of-mouth advertising, Becker had nine students in her first class. As word has spread across campus, that number has steadily increased each class.

“I had no idea what to expect, but it seems to really be catching on,” she said. “I see more new faces in each class and people are coming back. We’ve even had a couple of guys in the class, and that’s the first time I’ve had guys in my class. It’s all very encouraging.”

Teaching the class has helped Becker make fast friends and find her niche on campus. “I’m naturally a pretty shy person and this has definitely helped me fit in and meet people,” she said.
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The University welcomed several new faculty and staff members during the 2011-2012 Opening Workshop, held Aug. 18. Among the new employees for the upcoming academic year are (seated, from left) Kristen Giffin, admission counselor; Lisa Hibbard, instructor of physical education; Stacy O'Mary, assistant women's softball coach; Victoria Johnsson, assistant women's soccer coach; Tina Maxwell, housekeeping staff; Sarah Parker, tutor coordinator in Student Support Services; Dr. Fiona Murphy, assistant professor of English; Charmaine Hutchinson, administrative assistant in Student Support Services; Connie High, director of Student Support Services; (back row, from left) Joey Hughes, admission counselor; Dr. Pete Koprince, assistant professor of communications; Audrey Haynes, assistant to the chief financial officer; Levon Hunt, groundskeeper; Chad Mann, assistant tennis coach; Lawanda Combs, housekeeping staff; Nicole Youngblood, housekeeping staff; and Dawn Holder, assistant professor of art.

Mr. Bridges goes to Washington

When he traveled this summer to Washington D.C. to study at the Public Policy Institute, Cory Bridges wasn’t sure what to expect.

“I’ve been in Clarksville my whole life,” he said, “and to be able to go to a place like that? I didn’t think I’d enjoy it before I went, being from here, but I see now that I love it that much more because I’m from here.”

Bridges, a senior English and Pre-Law major, was one of a handful of students who went to Washington this summer to study and intern there through the sponsorship of the U of O’s Academic Enrichment Fund. Bridges spent part of summer 2011 at the Georgetown Public Policy Institute, a leading public policy program affiliated with Georgetown University. Ozarks students have participated in its programs for several years.

He said the most surprising discovery of his summer was the amount of networking that happens on Capitol Hill. “It was a big topic especially in that internship seminar,” Bridges said. “Because the class was also a course on how to succeed in Washington, how it works. Over and over they stressed that you must know people. It really hit me hard that it’s not what you know, it’s who you know. Everyone I talked to said that’s how it was. It was an interesting realization.”

Bridges’ background as an English major proved extremely beneficial for his coursework. He said his former military experience as an infantryman in the U.S. Army, and his ability to write well, both paid off during his internship.

“Being a veteran, I was fortunate to be able to work with an organization called Honor Veterans, a branch of the Department of Defense,” Bridges said. “They deal with World War II and Vietnam-era veterans.”

Part of Bridges’ work with Honor Veterans was helping bring some cases to the forefront, and making sure the families of such veterans received appropriate help.

“It was great to get a new perspective there, just as I did experiencing the big city life of Washington,” he said. “It’s not all butterflies and rainbows. There are definitely problems with the system. It was good to be helping.”

Ozarks ranked as No. 1 “Best Value”

University of the Ozarks is the top-ranked best value in the South, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2012 edition of “America’s Best Colleges.”

In the annual late summer publication that analyzes institutions of higher education, Ozarks was ranked first in the “Great Schools, Great Prices” category among Regional Colleges in the South. The magazine listed 119 universities in the Regional Colleges category within the 12-state South Region. It is the 12th time in the last 13 years that Ozarks has been ranked in the top five of the best value category.

The value rankings evaluate the cost of attending a college relative to the quality of the institution. In the overall rankings, Ozarks was ranked 10th overall in the South Region.
Pedestrian safety zone planned

U of O and the city of Clarksville are teaming up to install pedestrian improvement areas to enhance safety along a stretch of College Avenue that runs through campus.

The project will include a series of nine traffic calming areas, or “islands,” that will stretch 1,280 feet, or just under a quarter of a mile, along College Avenue, also known as Highway 103. The heavily traveled Highway 103 is one of the main arteries in Johnson County.

University officials believe the pedestrian improvement areas will provide extra lighting and added safety through an area of campus that has seen significant growth in the past few years.

“The safety of students and staff, as well as for visitors to our campus, when they cross College Avenue, has been a concern of mine for some time, especially since we have dramatically built up the east side of campus,” said U of O President Dr. Rick Niece. “With the new Rogers Student and Community Conference Center and the construction of Trustee Hall, pedestrian traffic across College Avenue will increase substantially. The pedestrian improvement areas will make Ozarks a safer and even more attractive campus.”

The anticipated $296,000 project is a joint funding effort from the University, the city of Clarksville, and a $95,000 federal grant allocated through the Arkansas Highway Transportation Enhancement Program. The project is expected to be completed by summer of 2012.

The Clarksville City Council voted unanimously on July 11 to provide the balancing of the funding for the project, up to $141,000. The city is sponsoring the project and overseeing the construction process.

“We believe the traffic calming areas will not only provide better safety for students and for visitors to campus, but it will create a very positive image for the University and for Clarksville,” said Clarksville Mayor Billy Helms.

The traffic calming “islands” will be 4 feet 6 inches wide and will include 16-foot light poles with double-arm light globes.

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University of the Ozarks’ position among the oldest institutions in Arkansas, according to the Arkansas Business publication. Founded in 1834 as Cane Hill School, U of O trails only the Rose Law Firm (1820) and the Times Record newspaper in Fort Smith (1832) as the oldest ongoing institutions in the state.

72,000
Estimated number of bricks used in the 14,000-square-foot expansion of the Seay Student Center and the construction of the Trustee Residence Hall.

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Number of years since the Jones Learning Center was established at Ozarks. The trend-setting program to assist college students with learning disabilities was the first of its kind in the country. Since it opened its doors in the fall of 1971 with three students and one full-time staff member, nearly 1,000 learning disabled students have taken advantage of the services offered by the program.

20:10.80
School-record time in a 5K race turned in by Lady Eagles cross country runner Ashley Teague in the Arkansas NCAA Division III Championships, held Oct. 19, in Clarksville. The senior from Lavaca, Ark., broke the previous 5K school record of 20:25 by Siama Chauhan in 1996.
Your gift to the Annual Scholarship Fund (ASF) supports students like Corey, a freshman Chemistry major from Scranton, Ark. Corey, who plans to attend medical school to become a physician, epitomizes the type of students who thrive at a small, Christian-affiliated university like Ozarks. The first person in his family to attend college, Corey maintains honor roll-level grades while working two part-time jobs to help pay for his education. He works at a local radio station as well as in the Advancement Office at Ozarks. Your support of the ASF will help empower students like Corey. For more information on how you can help empower Ozarks students, please call the Advancement Office at 479-979-1230.
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Director of Development Brandy Cox ’99 recently received a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) designation from the Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The designation demonstrates dedication to the profession and a commitment to high ethical standards. Cox served as director of alumni relations from 2005 to 2011 before being named director of development in July.

Dr. Dan Taddie, who had been senior vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, was named provost in October. Taddie, who has been at Ozarks since 2002, oversees academic affairs and student life components of the University. Dr. Taddie received a B.A. in Applied Music from Marycrest College in 1971. He received a M.A. and M.F.A. in vocal performance from the University of Iowa in 1973 and 1974, respectively. Dr. Taddie also received his Ph.D. in Musicology from the University of Iowa in 1984.

First Lady Sherèe Niece was recently selected by the Presbytery of Arkansas to serve as vice moderator in 2012, moderator in 2013 and moderator of the general council in 2014. The Presbytery of Arkansas is the council serving as a corporate expression of the church within a certain geographic district and is composed of all the congregations and teaching elders within that district.

U of O students Cass Thompson, Colin Johnson and Drury Evans, along with Sociology Professor Dr. Jesse Weiss and Director of University and Public Relations Larry Isch, became certified wilderness first responders after completing a 10-day course sponsored by the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) in August on the U of O campus. More than 25 participants from eight states took part in the course.

Theatre students Jacqueline Jurcik, David Pluebell and Jordan Kulow received Irene Ryan Acting Awards for their performances in the University Theatre production of Ira Levin’s “Deathtrap” during the Arkansas State Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in October at Henderson State University. In addition, Justin Hughes won an award for excellence in lighting design and Walton Professor of Theatre Bruce Brown was recognized for excellence in scenic design and technical direction. The University Theatre company also was given the “Spirit of the Festival” award for support of other schools participating in the festival.

The University’s Phi Beta Lambda team took home three top-10 finishes during the FBLA-PBL National Leadership Conference, held June 23-26 in Orlando, Fla. Katy Niskern, a 2011 Ozarks graduate, placed seventh in the nation in the Free Enterprise competition. Niskern’s project included helping students learn real-world business practices and procedures. The team of Kayla Casey of Clarksville and Eugene Downs of Nicaragua placed 10th in Community Service. Also, Daniela Ruiz of Clarksville was on the Arkansas Chapter State Parliamentary Procedure team that finished second in their category.

Dylan Eakin, a junior art major from Lamar, Ark., won the sixth annual Project Poet, and the $500 first-place prize, in October. The brainchild of Humanities and Fine Arts Chair Dr. David Strain, Project Poet has quickly become one of the most popular campus events of the semester. Based on Bravo TV’s program “Project Runway,” the event presents contestants with a new challenge each week. Contestants read their entries before the panel of three faculty/staff judges, and the audience, who acts as the fourth judge. When all votes are tallied, one contestant wins immunity for the next week’s challenge, while two or three others go “out of print.” The contestants who make it through to each successive round are given more difficult challenges as the competition progresses.

Kerry Taylor, (right) a development officer for the University, and Karla Holt, administrative assistant and special projects manager for the University’s Advancement Office, received a letter of commendation by Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe in November for their years of volunteer service as advocates for the Ozark Rape Crisis, Inc., in Clarksville. Taylor has volunteered with the program for 12 years and Holt has served eight years with the program.

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Dody Pelts, Assistant Director and Diagnostic Specialist in the University’s Jones Learning Center, led a breakout session entitled “Small Changes, Big Results” at the annual conference of the Learning Disabilities Association of Arkansas (LDAA) in September in Little Rock. Pelts provided specific tips to help students with Attention Deficit Disorder improve their organization, time-management and test-taking skills. More than 200 administrators, educators, special educators, reading specialists, parents and individuals with learning disabilities attended.

Paul Morgan, a senior chemistry major from Belize, was chosen to attend the sixth annual Advanced Instrumentation Workshop at Baylor University in October. Associate Professor of Chemistry Dr. Bill Doria also attended the workshop.

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August 15, 2011, was a day that Jessica Pianalto had been preparing for and thinking about for a long time. That was the day she stood in front of her class of 21 bright-eyed, energetic second-graders for the first time.

“I didn’t sleep much in the days leading up to that first day because I was so nervous and excited,” said Pianalto, a 2009 Ozarks graduate who is in her first year of teaching at Pyron Elementary School in Clarksville. “No matter how much training or planning you’ve done, there’s really nothing that can prepare you for that first day of class. I don’t think it really hits you until you walk into the classroom and see all those little faces looking up at you and waiting for you to lead them.”

The first day and first year for a new classroom teacher can be both extremely challenging and extremely rewarding. And while the U of O’s Walker Teacher Education Program is widely considered one of the best in the region in preparing classroom teachers for the classroom, there are many things the new teachers must experience and learn on their own.

“There’s no doubt that it’s a challenge transitioning from college student to teacher,” said Dr. Glenda Ezell, chair of the University’s Education Division. “New teachers have to adapt to an environment that requires them to make simultaneous decisions without having a lot of time to think. They will encounter the unexpected and will be required to process a response in a short amount of time. There is no way any teacher education program can prepare classroom teachers for all the experiences...
Amy Scaccia, a 2009 Ozarks graduate who is in her first year of teaching fifth and sixth grades at St. Joseph Catholic School in Paris, Ark., had to scramble when she found out she had gotten her first teaching job this past summer, just two weeks before classes began.

“I didn’t have much time to prepare and I was a nervous wreck,” she said. “The first days I didn’t have all the books I needed, and I felt like I was running all over the place. The air conditioning didn’t work consistently and that made us have class in different areas of the building. I also didn’t have a working computer. However, I had an immense amount of support from my principal and my mentor teacher that made things so much easier.”

In getting the point across to her Ozarks students about expecting the unexpected, Ezell likes to share a story from her first day as a classroom teacher. She had meticulously prepared all summer for her first class of second-graders. She had the classroom ornately decorated, the curriculum in order and handouts prepared as she excitedly walked into the classroom for the first time.

“As I entered my classroom I thought I had died and gone to heaven,” she said. “What beautiful children, all 19 of them! In fact, the little girl on the front row confirmed my observations when I noticed her long blonde hair and angelic face. I was truly blessed and could not believe I would actually get paid to teach these little angels. I introduced myself to the students and turned to write my name on the board behind me. When I turned back around the little angel on the front seat had her panties off and had them on the end of her pencil. She was twirling them over her head around and around. All I could think was, ‘They never told me what to do about this.’ No, they had not told me this would happen because there is no way to prepare for all the unexpected things that take place in a classroom.”

Pianalto quickly learned not to assume that her second-graders could handle some of the basic tasks.

“I assumed that they knew that the holes on a piece of notebook paper went on the left. I assumed that they knew how to sign on the computers and take tests. I assumed that they could read silently to themselves,” she said. “I found out real quick that none of them could do these things.”

Teachers know that they must hang on for dear life in the roller-coaster of ups and downs that inevitably come during that first year.

Lakaen Maddox, a 2011 Ozarks graduate who is in her first year of teaching third and fourth grades at St. Joseph Catholic School, weathered one of those lows when five of the six goldfish, the class pets, died earlier in the year.

“I accidently killed the class pets,” she said. “This isn’t a laughing matter to my children, but I should have known that I couldn’t keep fish alive. Many of my students then suggested that we have a funeral for the fish, and then they informed me that they would be glad to clean the tank next time so that we can have a class pet that lives longer than a month. On top of that, while I was cleaning my fish tank I used water from a sink that was apparently out of order which led to a water leak in the school.”

But despite the setbacks, Maddox’s students remind her regularly why she went into education.

“They never told me what to do about this.”

“Any time a child gets excited because he or she understands the concept I am teaching them, there’s no better feeling.”

~Lakaen Maddox
throughout the day. I enjoy the challenge of balancing everything that I do, and still trying my best to provide students with the best education I can give them in my classroom. Luckily, paperwork has never bothered me and I have some organization skills.”

Ezell said managing the classroom continues to be one of the most challenging aspects for first-year teachers.

“It’s been the biggest challenge for new teachers since I was a first-year teacher,” she said. “Even veteran teachers find it challenging. In our Classroom Management course, we have the students create a Classroom Management Plan that details their philosophy and identifies the procedures they will need to consider before the first day of class. They have to have a detailed plan that includes a checklist of things to do. Then, they have to have a plan for creating classroom rules and consequences. It seems simple, yet it is not an easy task.”

Ezell said she often gets a call from a new teacher at the start of every school year.

“They’ll call in a panic almost every year and I tell them to get out their plan and start checking off what they need to have in place before the first day of class,” she said. “That reminder seems to help considerably. I also tell them to talk to their Pathwise Trained Mentor the state provides the new teacher for the first year. The mentoring program began in Arkansas in 2000 in an effort to support new teachers and keep them in the teaching profession. Each new teacher is partnered with a trained mentor who assists them the first year of teaching. It has been a wonderful program for new teachers.”

Brandy (Deming) Cogan, a 2009 Ozarks graduate who is in her second year of teaching business education at Wickes (Ark.) High School, said that when it comes to classroom management, she often relies on three words that she remembers hearing time and time again in college from Janie Chappell, who is the director of field experiences for the teacher education program at Ozarks.

“Monitor and adjust! Those are the words that Ms. Chappell repeated daily,” Cogan said. “It seems so simple, but it’s a way of life when you’re a teacher. You can’t predict when the projector bulb will burn out, there will be a field trip that will wipe out half of your class, or when there will be a tornado roaring outside. As a teacher, you have to be the mature adult who can think and act quickly in any situation.”

Cogan said the U of O teacher education program helped prepare her for different types of scenarios and circumstances she eventually encountered in the classroom.

“I work in a school district where there is a great deal of poverty, and this is very unlike the world where I grew up,” she said. “If I hadn’t had the training while I was in college, I would not have been prepared to work in such an environment.”

The challenges of a first-year teacher are not exclusive to the United States either. Gracia Velasquez, a 2011 graduate, is teaching third grade in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

“The first month in my job was really hard, because I wasn’t used to the routine, but it’s becoming easier and easier as I establish a routine,” said Velasquez. “The Ozarks teacher education program prepared me to deal with different kinds of students who come from different backgrounds and socio-economic status. My preparation at Ozarks was crucial. Everything that I know and implement in my classroom, I learned it from my professors in the education department. They were excellent role models, and I hope that one day I can become the kind of teachers they are. They made a positive impact in my life, and due to this I want to do the same thing for my students.”

Scaccia agrees that her Ozarks education helped prepare her for the demands of teaching.

“My experiences and background definitely helped me in adjusting to my circumstances,” Scaccia said. “I can easily take difficult situations and make the best of them. I also have experienced stretching from my comfort zone. I student-taught in third grade, but now I am teaching older students. Ozarks helped me have the confidence and knowledge to take this leap.”
Pianalto said that the fact that the Ozarks teacher education program gets education majors in the classroom early on during their time in college was specifically helpful.

“Ozarks allowed me to experience the actual classroom that many people do not get to experience until later in their college years,” Pianalto said. “I still remember that I was in a classroom the second month that I was in college. All of that experience was much appreciated when having my own classroom. I think also that training that I received at Ozarks helped me figure out what I can do differently to try and ‘pull’ the students in. I have learned to find things that they have never done before so that it grabs their attention. They may have learned it last year but if you teach it in a whole different way then they will learn even more about the particular subject.”

Maddox found that her professors’ emphasis on lesson plans in college has served her well in the classroom.

“During my student-teaching I complained to my professors that my lesson plans were too long and that I didn’t feel that they needed to be that detailed,” Maddox said. “Well when I started at St. Joseph’s, my principal gave me a lesson plan book to use that had little boxes for me to write my plans for the day. When you are used to writing two pages per subject, it’s a challenge to cut it down. I have purchased my own book because I wanted to write more than what the school book had space for. Now the joke at the school is about me being an ‘overachiever’ in my lesson plans because they are so long. Now I want to thank all my professors for teaching me how to write a lesson plan and for sticking to their guns, even when I tried to convince them to lighten the load.”

Despite the trials and tribulations of first-year teachers, there are still plenty of moments that remind them of the difference they are making in their students’ lives. One such moment happened to Cogan when she was at the grocery store recently.

“One of my students came up to me and began describing how much help it had been for her when I taught her how to reconcile a checkbook,” Cogan said. “It seems like a trivial task, but many people do not know how to or do not take the time to do so. She explained how she helped one of her parents who was confused with the task. The error she caught saved her parent from having to pay a service charge at the bank. Those are things that make me do what I do. There are many students who don’t want to be at school and don’t want to learn, but when you reach just one, it’s enough to keep you going.”

There are also the light moments in the classroom that add a fresh air of humor to the first year, like when Pianalto’s second-graders tried to pronounce her name during those first few days of class.

“It was priceless and I should have gotten it on tape,” she said. “That is why I shortened it to Ms. P. It’s so much easier.”

Ezell said the best advice she can give new teachers is to “enjoy their profession and their students.”

“There is so much accountability and so much stress in teaching right now it is easy to lose focus,” Ezell said. “We hear negative commentary on our educational system almost daily. We are in a profession that changes all the time. In order for them to remain focused on why they are teachers and to remain optimistic about their profession, they will have to learn to adapt to changes. In fact, they must learn to embrace change. If they don’t or can’t, they will lose their joy in working with students. Once they lose their joy, their passion, and their love for teaching, they will become ineffective in the classroom. I believe Ozarks provides our teacher education graduates with the educational opportunities and field experiences to enter the classroom prepared to teach and prepared to stay in the education profession for years to come.”

Having survived her first year of teaching and now a second-year “veteran,” Cogan also had advice for getting through that first year.

“Don’t give up,” she said. “That first year is very tough. The second year is still hard, but the bottom line is that it takes practice to be good at anything. If you think about your favorite teacher growing up, it was probably not someone who was in their first year of teaching. They had probably been doing it for a while by the time they were voted the ‘Favorite Teacher.’ Keep going and keep thinking back to the reason why you started teaching in the first place. There are many reasons to quit, but don’t give up!”

Whitney Berg (above) and Lakaen Maddox (left) are both 2011 Ozarks graduates who are in their first year of teaching. They both credit the University’s teacher education program for preparing them for the trials and tribulations of teaching in the first year.
Within the first few days of school in the fall of 2008, the incoming freshmen women’s basketball players knew they were part of something special.

“We all just clicked from the first day we met,” said April Young. “I remember we even skipped some of the freshmen orientation events so we could go to the gym and play. We loved basketball and we loved hanging out together. We formed a pretty close bond from the start.”

That bond has led the now-senior quintet of Young, a 5-6 guard from Deer, Ark.; Lacey Phillips, a 5-9 forward from Clarksville; Ashley Teague, a 5-7 forward from Lavaca, Ark.; Alison Villines, a 5-6 guard from Kingston, Ark.; and Sabrina Goddard, a 6-1 post from Stroud, Okla., to become one of the most successful classes in the program’s history.

The five have played a major role in a remarkable turnaround for the Lady Eagles program. The year before the five freshmen stepped on campus, the Lady Eagles’ basketball team went 1-24. That record has gradually improved in the three years since: moving from 5-20, to 7-17 and then to last year’s 14-12 record, the program’s first winning mark since 2001-02.

“Those five seniors are the reason this program has made such a remark-
able turnaround,” said Lady Eagles Coach Carl Ramsey. “They took their lumps early in their careers, but they didn’t give up and quit. They picked themselves up and came back more determined and more committed than ever. They understood there was a price to pay for success, and they paid that price in practice and in games.”

Because of low player numbers in past years, all five seniors received significant playing time from the moment they stepped on campus. As a matter of fact, Goddard, Villines and Phillips were full-time starters as freshmen. Combined, the five players have played in a remarkable 339 collegiate games, including 239 starts among them. That makes the Lady Eagles one of the most experienced teams in all of NCAA Division III.

“When we step out on the court, we feel like there’s nothing we haven’t seen before,” said Teague. “We’re no longer those wide-eyed freshmen who didn’t have the confidence or the experience. Now we’re the ones with the confidence and experience.”

The talents and skills of the five players complement each other in fine fashion. Goddard, the 2011-2012 preseason player of the year in the American Southwest Conference East Division, is a dominating presence inside the paint and should finish her career in the program’s top five in career scoring, rebounding and blocked shots. Young is a steady, consistent, two-time team captain whose 130 career 3-pointers are just 48 behind the all-time school record. Phillips is a left-handed forward whose slashing style, quickness, size and outside shooting touch make her a difficult matchup for opposing teams. Teague is a relentless, defensive-minded forward who is not afraid to battle taller players on the inside. Villines is a smart, gritty point guard who has overcome three surgeries on her left knee since high school to play in 73 games over the past three seasons.

“When you have a great inside player like Sabrina and then have guards who can make 3-pointers, it makes you very difficult to defend,” said Ramsey. “Those five just play so well together and their games complement each other.”

Phillips said the on-court chemistry gives the Lady Eagles an advantage every time they take the court.

“When you’ve played with each other as much as we have, you know each other’s games and things like where they want the ball or where they will be on the court,” Phillips said. “We’ve had that kind of connection since the first time we played together.”

The five are also standouts in the classroom as well. Goddard and Young are planning to attend medical school, Teague has her sights set on law school, Villines plans to be an elementary school teacher and Phillips would like to go into coaching.

“We definitely feed off each other, both on the court and in the classroom,” said Young, who, along with Goddard, was an academic All-American last year. “We push each other to get better on the court and we push each other in the classroom. It makes it easier to work hard in academics when you see your teammates doing the same thing.”

And, if the players need on-the-court motivation, they only need to remember back to their freshmen and sophomore seasons when victories were few and far between.

“We didn’t like losing; it has been a great motivator for us,” said Teague. “We’d all come from successful high school programs and losing was something we weren’t used to and didn’t like. I think that still motivates us today.”

Ramsey, who has been coaching basketball for more than 30 years, is well aware that he has a special group this season.

“You can coach a long time and never have five girls who are better players, students, campus leaders and role models than those five,” Ramsey said. “The biggest compliment I can give them is that I wish my daughter, while growing up, could have been around these girls. They’re the type of role models you’d want your children to be around.”

~Larry Isch
Todd wins honor for her work with the disabled

Kayla Todd '05 has not let being blind since birth prevent her from achieving her educational and employment goals. Now she is employed as a benefits counselor and encourages other people with disabilities to achieve their goals.

She helps Arkansas residents with disabilities understand and use the work incentives provided by the Social Security Administration.

“I help people with disabilities who are receiving benefits find out about balancing benefits with work.”

Todd shows people how they can earn more money by working than they can through Social Security disability payments. She says some monthly benefits and medical insurance can be maintained while people attempt to enter or return to the work force and become self-sufficient.

As a result of her determination, success, and service to others, Todd has been named as the area’s Consumer of the Year by the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Services for the Blind (DSB). She is one of only 13 people in Arkansas who will receive an area award. She was chosen from a nine-county area in Northwest Arkansas. An overall state winner will be named at the end of the year.

“It’s a real sense of accomplishment and frankly an honor to be chosen,” said Todd. The award was presented on Sept. 29, at Sources for Community Independent Living Services Inc. in Fayetteville, where she is employed at Project AWIN (Arkansas Work Incentives Network.)

“Kayla is an extremely knowledgeable and articulate community work incentive counselor,” said Executive Director Jim Mather, who is Todd’s supervisor. “She leads by example and encourages others to enter work roles and understands the importance of employment. Kayla is an excellent employee and a valuable member of the team.”

“Kayla Todd is a role model for all individuals in Arkansas who are blind and visually impaired. Kayla has demonstrated that an individual who is blind can obtain an education and enter the workforce. Kayla and I have a long history together, and I’m very proud to have her as the Consumer of the Year for the nine-county West Central Arkansas area,” said Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Tina Shores, who made the nomination.

Todd graduated Magna Cum Laude from U of O. She earned a master’s degree in counseling with an emphasis in rehabilitation from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, graduating with a 4.0 GPA in 2010. She is a nationally Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, a Licensed Professional Counselor, and a certified Community Work Incentive Coordinator.

“So many people contributed to my success — my family, my DSB counselor, and Hettie Lou Martin, the state advisor for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), who was a strong supporter and role model for me. I’m proud to say I was a public school student,” said Todd, who participated in the FBLA business education club in high school and later in the college version, Phi Beta Lambda.

Her mother was a local FBLA leader and her sister also participated in the club. “My mother and sister are really big supporters and role models for me. They gave me the belief that I could accomplish anything if I put my mind to it,” she said. Now Todd judges FBLA competitions at the district and state level and does workshops and motivational speaking “as a way of giving back.”
Ozarks Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Sean Coleman welcomed back two of his former students in October who are now teaching at the College of Pharmacy at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Dr. Lindsey (Turnbow) Dayer ’05 (left) and Dr. Victoria (Sayarath) Seaton ’06 visited with current U of O students about careers in pharmacy.

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Professional Development Committee for Arkansas NAHRO. She also serves as chairman of the Johnson County Emergency Food and Shelter Program. She and her husband Rick Holman ’75 became proud grandparents to Samuel Franklin Hooten, who was born on May 30.

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The Arkansas Library Association recently named author Nancy Dane as the recipient of the Arkansiana Fiction Award for her “Tattered Glory” Series. Dane, who lives in Dover, Ark., attended Ozarks in the early 1980s and her four children all graduated from U of O. Her Civil War series, based on her history book “Tattered Glory,” depicts both sides of the conflict in Arkansas.

“Imagine my shock a few minutes before receiving the award to learn that John Grisham was the 2001 winner of the Fiction Award,” Dane said. “I’d say I’m in good company.”

Dane’s novels are titled, “Where the Road Begins,” “A Difference of Opinion,” and “A Long Way to Go.” The series chronicles the life of a hard-working family in the Arkansas River Valley during the Civil War. “Where the Road Begins” is the current feature selection for the Newspapers in Education program sponsored by the Arkansas Newspaper Foundation. All of Dane’s books are used as curriculum in Arkansas public schools.

The Hole in the Wall Gang has scheduled a reunion for June 16-17 in Clarksville. The Hole in the Wall Gang was a close-knit group of students from the late 1960s and early 1970s. The group held its first reunion in the summer of 2006. For more information on the reunion, contact David “Jo-Bell” Lasater at 479-754-2550.

Bristle McIntare ’09 married Jason Shook on July 9, 2011, in Clarksville. The Shooks live in Clarksville, where Bristle works at U of O as the recruitment coordinator for the Walker Teacher Education Program.

Among those who attended an alumni gathering in Oklahoma City in November were (above left photo) Jeffrey Lewis '90 and Margie Moore '85; (above photo) Ken '94 and Melissa (Francis) Gladden '92; (left photo) Angela (Wheeler) Spencer '98 and Audrey Crumbliss '03; and (bottom photo) The Rev. Tom Buzbee '67.

Sarah Casey '10 married Justin Wyles on July 30, 2011, at Mount Nebo State Park in Dardanelle, Ark. The couple live in Clarksville, where Sarah works for the Clarksville Medical Group.

Luis Caceres '98 and his wife Yuki '98 welcomed a baby boy, Shoichirou Sebastian, to the family in September. The family lives in Japan.

Hannah Johnson '98 is living in St. Louis where she is a high school science teacher.

Dr. Benjamin Myers '98 was awarded the 2011 Oklahoma Book Award for Poetry by the Oklahoma Center for the Book for his first book of poems, Elegy for Trains (Village Books Press, 2010). Myers, who earned his Ph.D. in Renaissance literature from Washington University, is an associate professor of English at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Diane Pohlmeier '99 married Dan Gehring on Aug. 29, 2011. Diane is the director of social services at Doctors Healthcare and Rehab Center in Dallas.

Cooper Mann '00 competed in the 2011 New York City Marathon in November, finishing the 26.2-mile race in 3:27.54. He finished in 4,921st place out of more than 47,000 runners.

Matt David '01 is serving as campaign manager for Republican Jon Huntsman's presidential campaign. David most recently served as communications director for former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.


Dr. Jacob A. Moldenhauer '01 joined the faculty at Francis Marion University in South Carolina as an assistant professor of physics. He earned his Ph.D. and M.S. in physics from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Euticha (Pennington) Hawkins '04 has been accepted into William and Mary School of Law in Williamsburg, Va. Hawkins was one of about 250 students selected out of more than 6,000 applicants for the law school, which is recognized as the oldest in the nation. Hawkins and her husband, Mark, live in Gloucester, Va.

Brent Johnson '05 married Meagan Graves on Oct. 1, 2011, in Huntington, Ark. The couple lives in Alexandria,
La., where Brent works for the United States Forest Service.

Aundrea McCormick ’07 has been named the head women’s basketball coach and coordinator of student athlete academic welfare at Garrett College in Maryland. She was previously an assistant coach at Lamar Community College in Colorado and Odessa College in Texas.

Darren Clark ’08 married Kristyn Shinn ’10 on June 4, 2011, in Springdale, Ark. The couple is living in Springdale, where she is employed at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital and he is employed at Arvest.

Josue Gutierrez ’09 is in his third year of medical school at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. He was chosen as president of his class.

Grace Ann Harnish ’09 has been nominated for two Ostrander Awards for her design work at Playhouse on the Square in Memphis, Tenn. Harnish has designed, constructed and supplied props and set dressings for more than 30 productions over the past two years at Playhouse.

Sarah Otteman ’11 is living in Denver where she is serving as a graduate assistant in the sports information office at Regis University. She is pursuing a master’s degree in sports communications.

Alumni Association to recognize eight

The University’s Alumni Association will honor eight of its own during the Alumni Weekend 2012 Awards banquet, scheduled for the evening of Friday, April 20, in the University’s new Rogers Student and Community Conference Center.

The Young Alumni Service Award will be presented to Kerri Hughes ’04 of Fort Smith, Ark., and Paul Hiemke ’02 of Richardson, Texas.

The Alumni Achievement Award will be presented to Dr. Kay (Bridges) Johnson ’77 of Greenwood, Ark.; Jerry Glidewell ’79 of Fort Smith; and Ann Patterson ’75 of Little Rock.

The Alumni Merit Award will go to Loyce Ann Taylor ’72 of Clarksville.

The Legacy Award will be presented to 1978 graduates Arvid and Sharon (Jones) Bean of Fort Smith.

For more information on the 2012 Alumni Awards Banquet, please contact the Alumni Office at 479-979-1234.

Make plans now to take part in the 40th Anniversary Reunion of the Jones Learning Center, which will be held during Alumni Weekend 2012, scheduled for April 20-21. The reunion will include an Open House, a JLC Alumni Picnic and a JLC Dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Clarksville. We invite you to come back to campus, reconnect with old friends and help us celebrate four decades of the Jones Learning Centers making a difference in the lives of students.
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John and Gwendolen Shell

Michael Farrell
Matt Farrell ’98 and Christine Farrell ’96

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Sara Everett and Rine and Heather Everett
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Connie Miller
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Maridonna Schaal
Diane Tyrrell, Grace Tyrrell, Linda Kerr and Lois Sherman

Sarah Carlin Graves ’85
Forrest Hoeffer ’65 and Helen Groskopf Hoeffer ’81

Emily Fry Griffith ’50
Pamela Griffith ’50
William Shrigley, Jr. ’69

Paul Grover
Ethel Grover

Donna Marie Hardman
Connie and Michael Booty
Kenneth and Kellie Coker
Steve and Dorinda Edmisten
Humanities & Fine Arts Family
Rick and Sherée Niece
Steven and Amy Oatis

Judy Hicks
Michael Shannon McBee ’89 and Lori McBee
Ron and Kerry Dillaha Taylor

Robert Hudson ’69
Reece Hudson Estate

Frank Ingram ’48 and Marie Ingram ’33
Mira Ann Ingram Leister 63 and Marvin C. Leister, Jr.

Marguerite Jeffries
Elissa Heil

Don Johnson
Arvid Bean 78 and Sharon Jones Bean ’78
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Reba Pridgin ’81 and David Pridgin ’71
Harve Taylor, III and Loyce Ann Bean Taylor ’72
Wayne Workman ’44 and Betty Bush Workman

Dickie Jones ’72
Pamela Shrigley Jones ’71

Polly Taylor Kennon ’46
John Warren ’45 and Anna Jane Taylor Warren ’71

Burley King ’40
Billie Burnett King ’40

W. E. King
Roger Bost ’43 and Kathryn King Bost ’43

Shelli Stewart Lamberson
John Frost ’89 and Julia Frost
Forrest Hoeffer ’65 and Helen Groskopf Hoeffer ’81
Tina and Bryan McCain
Debbie Stallings Mooney ’82 and Charles Mooney
Dody and Jeremy Pelts
She Ze and Chen Wei Lu
Joseph Baker ’69 and Marge Baker
William Lytle
Emma Louise Banks ’68
Cathy Ellenwood Blackburn ’71 and Greg Blackburn
Forrest and Virginia Carhartt
Bruce Pursell ’68
Patricia Holzman Mainer ’58
Jo Ann Dunn Choate ’57 and Thomas Choate
Charles Martin, Jr. ’57
Jetta Martin
Ruth Bost May ’51
Roger Bost ’43 and Kathryn King Bost ’43
Ernest McDaniel ’40
Jeanne McDaniel
Mackie McElree
Charlene McMillan Watson ’44
Harlan McMillan ’50
Emma Louise Banks ’68
Denver Misenhimer
Anne and Ben Queen
Vivian Misenhimer ’22
Anne and Ben Queen
Jon Nyberg ’68
Bruce Pursell ’68
Tommy E. Owens ’70
Robert Gibson ’76 and Glenda Gibson
Edward Myron Parker
Tommy and Judy Parker
Philip Pittman ’41 and Susie Maude
Pittman ’39
Don Pennington ’68
Denton Tumbleson ’74 and Jane Tumbleson
Susie Maude Pittman ’39
Beta Sigma Phi
James Rackley ’50
Laura and J.T. Wilcox
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Georgia White Johnston ’53 and O.G. Johnston
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Vincent and Margaret Showalter
Cliff and Karin Tillotson
David Scarborough ’49
John Warren ’45 and Anna Jane Taylor Warren ’71
Alvin Sherby ’68
James Van Horn ’66
Russell “Sarge” Sherhag ’68
Bruce Pursell ’68
Curtis Lee Spence
Dody and Jeremy Pelts
Lance Spence ’91 and Virginia Spence
Judy Beth Felkins Stewart ’66
Diane Cater Gaspar
Jim Trone ’70 and Marilyn Houston Trone ’66
Phillip Taylor ’54
John Warren ’45 and Anna Jane Taylor Warren ’71
Grace Phillips Tenny ’41
Wayne Workman ’44 and Betty Bush Workman
Laura Anne Self Thames
Shannon Carlisle Huggins ’91 and Bryan Huggins
Jimmie Thames ’53 and Ailene Thames
Timothy Tipton ’73
Gary and Stacey Cousar
Joe and Judy Johnston
James and Sandra Olson
Roxann Evans Tipton ’76 and Joel Tipton
Tracy Anderson and Peggy Ingles
Sharon Umbreit
Steve and Susan Woodard
Jake Tull ’10
Jack and Patricia Overholt
Sue Tull
Jerry Wagoner ’58
Connie and Michael Booty
Mitchell Wagoner
Roger Williams ’51
Dawn J. M. Scarborough
Virginia Laster Williams ’43
Wayne Workman ’44 and Betty Bush Workman
Leon Woodard ’41
Johanna R. Woodard
Almeta Blackard Yerby ’53
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Alice (Hollowell) Bogard ’39
Alice (Hollowell) Bogard ’39 of Lancaster, Pa., died Aug. 18, 2011, at the age of 91. She was married for 68 years to the late Rev. William Carl Bogard ’39, who died in 2010.

Billie (Cline) Galloway ’44

Audrey (Penrod) Core ’45
Audrey (Penrod) Core ’45 of Rogers, Ark., died May 24, 2011, at the age of 84. She was a long-time school teacher.

Dr. Roy Gillispie ’48
Dr. Roy Gillispie ’48 of Branson, Mo., died Aug. 10, 2011, at the age of 90. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War and a retired physician.

Dr. Frank Major Cole ’50
Dr. Frank Major Cole of Jonesboro, Ark., died July 29, 2011, at the age of 85. He was a World War II veteran, retired pharmacist and former member of the U of O board of trustees.

The Rev. Roland Ulyss Green ’50
The Rev. Roland Ulyss Green ’50 of Russellville, Ark., died Oct. 21, 2011, at the age of 87. He was a veteran of World War II and a retired minister and high school choral director.

Norman “Chief” Powell ’51
Norman “Chief” Powell ’51 of Ozark, Ark., died May 20, 2011, at the age of 89. He was a World War II veteran and taught in the Ozark School District for 39 years.

Dr. Roger Gene Williams ’51
Dr. Roger Gene Williams ’51 of Searcy, Ark., died April 17, 2011, at the age of 83. He owned and operated Stotts Drug Store in Searcy for more than 50 years.

Freda Joy (Kauffeld) Willett ’52
Freda Joy (Kauffeld) Willett ’52 of Tampa, Fla., died June 15, 2011, at the age of 80. She was a long-time piano teacher.

Samuel Robert “Bob” Lyon ’52
Samuel Robert “Bob” Lyon ’52 of North Little Rock, Ark., died Aug. 31, 2011, at the age of 83. He was a retired pharmacist and instructor at UAMS.

Tom Douthit Patterson ’57
Tom Douthit Patterson ’57 of Dallas, Texas, passed away on Oct. 10, 2011, at the age of 75. He was a retired florist.

Donald L. Flint ’62
Donald L. Flint ’62 of Barling, Ark., died July 23, 2011, at the age of 78. He was a veteran of the Korean War and the retired owner of Flint Tire Company.

Lewis M. Dunn ’64
Lewis M. Dunn ’64 of Fort Smith, Ark., died Oct. 18, 2011, at the age of 71. He was a retired engineer at Whirlpool.

James H. “Jas” Tyler ’66
James H. “Jas” Tyler ’66 of Leesburg, Fla., died July 8, 2011, at the age of 69. He taught high school math and coached golf for 30 years in Florida.

Timothy Lane Tipton ’73
Timothy Lane Tipton ’73 of Clarksville died May 31, 2011, at the age of 61. He was an employee of Woodard Recycling.

Harold Kevin Quinn ’83
Harold Kevin Quinn ’83 of Shreveport, La., died Sept. 20, 2011, at the age of 50. He was a manager and agent of Quinn Insurance Agency.

Irene (Nichols) Newton ’87
Irene (Nichols) Newton ’87 of Alma, Ark., died June 20, 2011, at the age of 63. She worked for the Franklin County Learning Center in Ozark, Ark.

Roger Kendrick ’89
Roger Kendrick ’89 of Fayetteville, Ark., died Nov. 3, 2011, at the age of 45. He was a marketing associate at Sysco foods.

The Rev. Dr. James Roy Struthers
The Rev. Dr. James Roy Struthers of Stillwater, Okla., died Sept. 21, 2011, at the age of 86. He was a veteran of World War II and long-time pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater. He was a former University trustee and established the Struthers Pastoral Leave Program at Ozarks.

Ruth (Williams) Carlisle
Ruth (Williams) Carlisle of Taylors, S.C., died Oct. 23, 2011, at the age of 99. She was a former employee at Ozarks and wife of the late Dr. William Thomas Carlisle, the former head of the English Department at Ozarks.
Students (above) took part in games on the campus mall in August. The new Ozarks Outdoors BaseCamp (right) opened its doors in July.

Several students (above left photo) got into the Halloween spirit. A game of kickball (above) broke out on the campus mall in September. A new group of Walton Scholars (left photo) enjoyed dinner together during Freshmen Orientation in August.

The annual Great Bed Race (left photo) brought out the competitive side of students. The Student Foundation Board (above) presented an entertaining skit during Freshmen Orientation.
Mark your calendar today for April 20 & 21 to attend Alumni Weekend 2012. Events will include the 50-Year-Club Luncheon, a special Jones Learning Center 40th anniversary celebration and the famous Alumni Soccer Match. Be watching your mailbox for your Alumni Weekend brochure and check out the Ozarks website (www.ozarks.edu) as plans begin to unfold. Be sure you do not miss out on the fun. Join us!