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**Focus on**  
**Kramer School**  
**of Nursing**  
**A New Dean and a New Direction**



*Assistant to the President Wanda Burke and President Tom J. McDaniel.*

## Meet Tom McDaniel

**Dr. Tom J. McDaniel** became the 16th president of Oklahoma City University on July 1. McDaniel was president of Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, OK, a position he took in 2000 after retiring from a successful career as an attorney in private practice and as an executive with Kerr-McGee Corporation.

McDaniel received a bachelor's degree in business from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1960 and his *Juris Doctor* from the University of Oklahoma Law School in 1963, after which he was in private law practice. In 1981, the Supreme Court of Oklahoma appointed him as administrative director of state courts. He joined Kerr-McGee in 1984 as associate general counsel, became senior vice president in 1986, was elected company secretary in 1989, was named to its executive management committee in 1993, and became vice chairman and a member of its board of directors in 1997.

McDaniel and his wife, Brenda, are members of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. They have three grown sons, Randy, Lance, and Mark – who, with his wife, Stacy, has three children: Cole, Joshua, and Meghan.

McDaniel serves as co-chair of the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation's Education Committee. His past and current community service also includes positions on the boards of the UMB Oklahoma Bank, the UMB Financial Corporation, the Southwest Power Pool, and the Oklahoma City Downtown Rotary Club. A member of the Oklahoma and American bar associations, McDaniel is a former state chairman of the Oklahoma Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. He is a former president of the Petroleum Club and of the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club, former chairman of the board of trustees of Columbus Elementary Enterprise School, Oklahoma's first charter public school, and he and Brenda have chaired the Oklahoma City Art Museum's annual Renaissance Ball.

Please join the students, faculty, and staff of Oklahoma City University in welcoming Dr. McDaniel.

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(photograph by Dan Morgan)*



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Oklahoma City University Trustee Ray Ackerman is fond of saying, “Every great city has a great university.” I agree. I believe Oklahoma City University should be Oklahoma City’s university. Nearly a century ago, a group of Methodist men and women had a vision for a university that combined quality education with spiritual growth, emphasizing service to others. I am pleased to report that dream is still alive and well.

Since coming to Oklahoma City University in July, I’ve drawn some exciting conclusions. Therefore, I want to share my vision for this great University: Oklahoma City University should aspire to set the standard by which private, church-related universities are measured. We will achieve this by putting student success and welfare first, providing a quality education that encourages spiritual nurturing and service, involving ourselves in the economic development and health of our neighborhood and community in a global context, and being the leader in cultural activity for our city and this state.

2004 will mark Oklahoma City University’s centennial. Our plans to celebrate our history and tradition are really plans to celebrate what I have now seen firsthand: *The OCU Difference*.

**Our students really do come first.** They do not interrupt our work, they *are* our work. If a student says a graduate assistant taught his course, or if one says she took a class in a room with a hundred other students, you can be certain it wasn’t at Oklahoma City University.

**As a private, church-related University, we encourage students to express and explore their personal spirituality.** I endorse this and encourage students to examine their values, moral obligations, ethics, and spirituality, because my goal is for every student to leave Oklahoma City University a better person. This is a place where people really care – about students, each other, and the community.

**Our programs already set regional and national standards** with student awards in advertising, art, computer science, foreign languages, and science in direct competition with programs at much larger, public universities; graduates who overwhelmingly pass certification exams in their disciplines; a music program that produces Broadway and opera stars; a dance program recognized nationally for its impact on American culture; 6,000 Master of Business Administration graduates in the last decade; laity and clergy trained to meet great spiritual needs; national championships and dozens of All-American Scholar Athletes; a world-class nursing facility and a bright, new dean with ambitious plans; and law graduates who include three of Oklahoma’s sitting Supreme Court justices and the last three presidents of the Oklahoma Bar Association. That’s the short list.

I hope you will visit our campus and experience *The OCU Difference* again!

Sincerely,

Tom J. McDaniel  
President



## Oklahoma City University Seeks Comments for Accreditation Visit

Oklahoma City University seeks comments from the public in preparation for its decennial accreditation evaluation by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

On February 18 to 20, 2002, a team representing the commission will conduct a comprehensive evaluation visit. The commission has accredited Oklahoma City University since 1951. The team will review the University's ongoing ability to meet the commission's Criteria for Accreditation and General Institutional Requirements.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University to: Public Comment on Oklahoma City University, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed. Comments cannot be treated as confidential. All must be received by January 18, 2002.

### Mission Statement

Oklahoma City University embraces the United Methodist tradition of scholarship and service and welcomes all faiths in a diverse, student-centered environment. Men and women pursue academic excellence through a rigorous curriculum that focuses on their intellectual, spiritual, moral, and physical development to prepare them to become effective leaders in service to their communities.

### Guiding Principles

Oklahoma City University is guided by the following *core values*:

- The total University educates.
- Personal involvement is essential to learning.
- A religious dimension in human experience is inescapable.
- A broad base of knowledge is the foundation for critical thinking and creative solutions to complex issues.

In the tradition of United Methodist higher education the University is committed to students through the following *purposes*:

- To seek, advance, and transmit truth as its primary responsibility.
- To cultivate ethical and humane behavior; enhance value judgement, and stress the moral use of knowledge and skills.
- To develop social consciousness through academic and co-curricular programs.
- To stress the importance of spiritual, intellectual, and physical development.
- To provide an aesthetic and cultural experience.

Oklahoma City University *fulfills these purposes* by providing the following:

- Undergraduate, graduate, and professional academic programs that emphasize, examine, and encourage intellectual, religious, and aesthetic experiences and growth.
- Lifelong learning programs empowering individuals to lead productive and creative lives.
- Activities that support and enhance the quality of campus life.
- Service to a global community of learners.
- Opportunities for worship and service in the Christian and other traditions.
- Cultural and aesthetic opportunities to the community.



Above: Will addressing a large and appreciative audience, and with dinner companions, finance major Ashley Bowen, who is president of the Student Senate, and biology major Jayson Bell, who is vice president.

## George Will Speaks at Freede Center

On October 2, syndicated Washington Post columnist **George F. Will** spoke to a large crowd at the Henry J. Freede Wellness and Activity Center as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series, which is sponsored by the Student Senate.

Will's topic was "Public Affairs, Public Policy, and American Society." Merrill-Lynch and the Oklahoma Publishing Company cosponsored his visit. Previous speakers in this series were Morris Dees, Sister Helen Prejean, and Anne Simon.

## Affirming the OCU Difference

On October 12, the Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution calling for implementation of eight initiatives to meet the vision articulated by **President Tom J. McDaniel**: "To set the standard by which other private, church-related universities are measured regarding student success and welfare, quality education that encourages spiritual nurturing and service, community economic development with global links, and leadership in cultural activities for our community and state." In the winter issue of *Focus Magazine*, we will detail these initiatives to share the excitement with the entire Oklahoma City University family.

## Stellar Students

In February, the National Women Law Student Association elected **Samirah Albakri**, of Chicago, IL, as national director of public relations at its conference in Baton Rouge, LA. Also, president of the University's Women in Law Association chapter **Heather R. Bartlett**, of Franklin, IN, received a \$500 scholarship at the conference.

In April, the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation named biology major **Brent A. Berger**, of Fayetteville, AR, a 2001-02 Goldwater Scholar. Recipients are selected for academic merit from a field of 1,164 mathematics, science, and engineering students nominated by higher education faculties nationwide.

In April, master music student **Sara Coburn**, of Muskogee, OK, was one of ten national grand finalists in auditions for the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York City.

In August, School of Law students **Shanda Cusick**, of Blackwell, OK, and **Jonathan Grammer**, of Austin, TX, were elected to national offices in the American Bar Association Law Student Division at the association's annual meeting in Chicago, IL.

This spring, the Commission on Religious Studies presented **Matthew Emler** the award for Outstanding Student Paper at its regional meeting in Dallas, TX. Emler is a religion major at the Wimberly School of Religion, and son of **Dean Don Emler**.

In October, broadcasting major **Joy Groth**, of Choctaw, OK, received one of two regional \$3,000 Charles T. Leasure Memorial Scholarships from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences at the Heartland Emmy Awards in Denver, CO. Groth is the fourth Oklahoma City University student to receive this award, which has never been won by a student from another Oklahoma university.

Religion students **Megan Hornbeck**, of Edmond, OK, and **Jeremy Smith**, of Broken Arrow, OK, received fellowships in May from the nationwide Fund for Theological Education. The fund awards students of superior academic achievement and exceptional promise for ministry.

This summer, **Aileen Lau**, a music performance major from Malaysia, joined the Youth Mission Chorale's Asian tour. The group is made up of students from United Methodist or other Methodist institutions of higher learning.

Three business students had their paper published by the Southwestern Economic Review and Proceedings. **Daniel Miller**, of Enid, OK, **Denny Morgan**, of Oklahoma City, and **Cristy Womack**, of Tuttle, OK, co-authored, "Buying Tornado Safety: What Will It Cost?" Miller and Morgan graduated with degrees in economics on May 5; Womack graduates in December.



**Joelle Parrot**, theatre major from Okeene, OK, studied abroad in the United Kingdom this spring at Marymount College's London Drama Program, an intense conservatory experience instructed by theatre professionals from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts.

The University's German language students won every first prize available at April's College Language Competition. The team had two 2001-02 exchangees to Goettingen University in Germany, **Andrea Gardner**, of Broken Arrow, OK, and **Sarah Milligan**, of McAlester, OK; a 2000-01 exchangee from Goettingen, **Elvira Groll**; and a student who studied in Berlin this summer, **April Johnson**, of Jenks, OK. Other team members were **April Belangee**, **Chad Harding**, **Eli Hellman**, and **Josh Johnston**, all of Oklahoma City; **Paula Lockmann**, of Sao Paulo, Brazil; and **Kathie North**, of Broken Arrow, OK.

School of Music students won eleven out of twenty-nine awards given this year at the National Association of Teachers of Singing statewide conference in Oklahoma:

Division III (freshman women): **Amanda Ghere**, of Sapulpa, OK – first, **Anna Lewis**, of Dallas, TX – second, and **Erin Pedersen**, of Leander, TX – third.

Division IV (freshman men): **Tony Ramos**, of Houston, TX – first, **Steven Hitchcock**, of Wichita, KS – third.

Division VI (sophomore men): **Matt Udland**, of Wichita, KS – first.

Division VII (junior women): **Jana Roberts**, of Edgewood, NM – first, **Erin West**, of Russellville, AR – second.

Division VIII (junior men): **Christopher Curtis**, of Weatherford, OK – third.

Division X (senior men): **Baruc Gomez**, of Oklahoma City – second.

Division XI (graduate women): **Shannon Bradford**, of Comanche, OK, and **Jessica Hilliard**, of Edmond, OK – tied for second.

Twenty-seven of the University's entrants made the first cut from the preliminary round. Places were awarded only to the top three singers in each division.

## Program Excellence

On **The American Spirit Dance Company's** annual spring tour, they presented a benefit performance for the Central Illinois Ballet at the Eastlight Theatre in East Peoria, IL, and ended with a performance at the Cannon County Arts Center in Woodbury, TN.

The **School of Law** reports applications and deposits for this year's entering class increased a whopping 40%. Placement of the school's graduates is also up for both the percentage employed within nine months of graduation (89%) and starting salaries.

The University's **Montessori program** completed its second year of training teachers at Creston Hills Magnet School in Oklahoma City. At the end of the first year, Creston Hills students had the highest mathematics and reading scores in the entire school system.

In May, the Margaret E. Petree College of Music and Performing Arts **School of Music** hosted Grammy®, Tony®, and Academy Award® winners for the National Summit on the Future of American Musical Theater.

This fall, the **Petree College of Arts and Sciences** started a speakers bureau to let high school students experience college level presentations. To learn more, call **Dean Roberta Olson** at (405) 521-5446 or e-mail: [rolson@okcu.edu](mailto:rolson@okcu.edu).



*H. Leroy Thompson*

## New Vice President for University-Church Relations

OCU alumnus **Rev. H. Leroy Thompson**, master of divinity, is vice president for University-Church Relations and Ministries to the University and Local Churches. Thompson came to the University from Crown Heights United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. He is active in the church's Oklahoma conference.

Thompson has formed a campus-wide Religious Life Council to help plan and implement various campus religious life events, including weekly worship services, interfaith dialogues, Bible study and prayer groups, and meetings of religious fraternities and sororities. He wants the faculty and students to determine the direction and variety of services at the chapel. In October, the Religious Life Council sponsored a campus-wide food drive. After the attacks in New York City and Washington, DC, Thompson facilitated dialogues on campus between people of different faiths.



## OCU Ranks High in US News and World Report

For the second year, *US News and World Report* magazine's "2002 America's Best Colleges" issue ranked Oklahoma City University in the top tier of its western region Universities – Master's category. OCU ranked above all other Oklahoma universities in its category, which covers institutions of higher education offering a full range of undergraduate programs, as well as master level graduate education.

Oklahoma City University rated as the most selective Oklahoman institution in the category and had the state's highest percentage of classes with fewer than twenty students. The University also ranked highest in Oklahoma for incoming freshmen in the top 25% of their high school's graduating classes, at 58%.

## Film Institute Celebrates 20th Year

The 2001-02 Film Institute Series is exploring the theme, "Living in the Secular and Sacred Worlds," in its twentieth anniversary season. This fall, it screened films from Italy, Burkino Faso, France, and Japan. In 2002, the series continues with a German film, *Angry Harvest*, directed by Agnieszka Holland, on January 20; an Israeli film, *Kadosh*, directed by Amos Gitai, on February 3; an Iranian film, *A Time for Drunken Horses*, directed by Bahman Ghobadi, on February 17; and a Canadian film, *The Sweet Hereafter*, directed by Atom Egoyan, on March 3. Call **Dr. Harbour Winn** at (405) 521-5472 or e-mail: hwinn@okcu.edu.

## Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

**Velinda Baker**, visiting assistant professor of health and physical education, is a reviewer for State Standards for Physical Education.

**Dean John Bedford** and **Professor Jo Rowan**, of the School of American Dance and Arts Management, each received the prestigious Preservationists Award from the St. Louis Tap Festival in St. Louis, MO, this summer for their contributions to the preservation of tap dance as an American art form.

In August, the faculty named **Associate Professor Denise Burton** the 2001 Faculty Member of the Year. Burton has chaired all of the Kramer School of Nursing's committees, and wrote part of its National League for Nursing accreditation self-study. She served on the University's Faculty Senate Executive Committee, its subcommittee for revision of the *Faculty Handbook*, the Benefits Committee, the OCU Wellness Fair Committee, and the Criterion One Committee in preparation for the North Central Accreditation visit. She also participated in the strategic planning conference.

**Greg Eddington** is director of the School of Law's new legal research and writing program. Eddington has been an instructor in the program since 1996.

**Robert K. Erwin** was promoted to director of the University Relations Department on September 1, after working the previous nine months as news services director.

Larry R. and Mary Jane Wade have given \$25,000 to establish the **Glenn E. and Mary A. Millard Endowed Scholarship** to benefit Oklahoma United Methodist students. The scholarship honors retired Vice President for University-Church Relations **Dr. Glenn Millard**, '85 Doctor of Divinity, a United Methodist minister since 1951. The Wades are members of Elk City United Methodist Church, where Millard was pastor for nine years.

In February, after a national search, the Search Committee unanimously voted to name **Dr. Roberta Olson** dean of the Petree College of Arts and Sciences. Olson holds a doctorate and a master's degree in clinical psychology, as well as two bachelor's degrees (psychology and child development), all from the University of Missouri. The Oklahoma Psychological Association named her 1998's Distinguished Psychologist. Olson has been extensively published, supervised over a million dollars of grant-funded research, served on several faculties, and worked in private practice and for government agencies. She joined the faculty in 1992, became director of the Master of Liberal Arts program and interim associate dean of arts and sciences in 1999, and interim dean in 2000.

In August, the University staff named **Russell Pack** the 2001 Employee of the Year. Pack became a PC technician for the Campus Technology Office March 31, 1999, and was promoted to computer services manager that December. His department's response time improved dramatically, now handling 20% more requests with two fewer personnel, and fewer return calls for the same problems.

**Dr. John Rusco** retired as dean of the chapel this summer. At the annual conference



of the Oklahoma United Methodist Church in June, he received the Francis Asbury Award, a national honor and one of the most prestigious the church gives.

On July 9, **Dr. Bart Ward** became interim vice president for Academic Affairs. Ward is dean of the Meinders School of Business. His many honors include the 1994 Coopers and Lybrand Award for Teaching Excellence and the 1986 Halliburton Award for Excellence in Teaching. He has published over two dozen articles, book chapters, and monographs.

## New faces

**Patrick Alexander** became director of capital support and planned giving September 1. Alexander has worked as executive director for the Oklahoma Zoological Society, the Allied Arts Foundation, and the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra.

**Christine Berney** became news services director October 1. She has worked for Variety Health Center in Oklahoma City, and in the Communications and Marketing Department at John F. Kennedy University near San Francisco, CA.

**Patsy Gillispie** became Webmaster July 1. Gillispie has over five years of professional Web page design and management experience.

**Jesse Pisors** became general manager of Sodhexo Campus Services May 28, supervising the University cafeteria, Alvin's deli, and catering for events on campus. Pisors previously worked for Oral Roberts University.

**Sally Ray** and **Paula Porter** joined the Development Department in September as the new director and assistant director of annual support. Ray has been director of external relations for the School of Law for two years. Porter also worked for the School of Law.

**Molly Roberts** is the new director of the Financial Aid Office. Roberts came from the University of Oklahoma, where she worked in financial aid for twenty-three years. ❖

## SECURITY

Students are our primary concern at Oklahoma City University. Campus Security is provided to ensure the safety and well being of the entire campus community. The University's security personnel follow standard operating procedures when encountering people they do not readily recognize as students, faculty or staff. Sometimes this includes questioning people about their identity and the nature of their business on campus. The campus is private property, including certain streets vacated to the University by Oklahoma City, and "No Trespassing" notices are posted. Campus security provides a safe atmosphere for students, many of whom are far from home.

For more information about Campus Security or a free copy of the Campus Guide, call (405) 521-5001, or e-mail: [security@okcu.edu](mailto:security@okcu.edu).



*This fall OCU Theatre presented "Mary Stuart" by award-winning Italian writer Dacia Maraini.*

## Theatrical 'Tour of Italy' Underway

To celebrate the centennial of Italian Guglielmo Marconi's transmission of the first wireless signal to North America, the **Speech and Theatre Department** is presenting six plays with an Italian connection. In 2002, **OCU Theatre** will continue with Shakespeare's tragedy *Romeo and Juliet*, set in Verona, Italy, and John Guare's, *The House of Blue Leaves*, a farce about a house of "blue" Italians. **OCU Theatre for Young Audiences** will present *The Mischief Makers*, a play by Lowell Swortzell, featuring a trickster from Italian folk culture. For tickets or information call (405) 521-5227, or toll free at (800) 633-7242, ext. 5121.



## Four Inducted at Meinders School of Business Hall of Honor Luncheon

On October 2, at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City, President Tom J. McDaniel hosted the fifteenth annual Oklahoma Commerce and Industry Hall of Honor ceremony. Four people joined the honorees list: Chester Cadieux, J. Clifford Hudson, Patty Roloff and Richard L. Sias, who were introduced by Virginia Walker, Hon. David Boren, Bobby Mercer, and Dr. Thomas Carey.

The two winners of this year's Dean's Free Enterprise Award were also announced. Freshman Stephanie Shanor, of Edmond, OK, received a tuition scholarship of \$250, and junior accounting major Colin Spreier, of Oklahoma City, received \$1,000. They wrote essays on "Globalization as a Tool for the Advancement of Free Enterprise."

*Above, clockwise from top left: Chester Cadieux, Patty Roloff, Richard Sias and Cliff Hudson. At left, from top to bottom: Student Senate President Ashley Bowen and International Student Association President Salma el-Samad; Presenter David Boren, Cliff Hudson, and OCU President Tom J. McDaniel; Presenter Bobby Mercer and Patty Roloff; Meinders School of Business Dean Bart Ward and OCU freshman Stephanie Shanor; OCU junior Colin Spreier.*



*“There’s a benefit to having your birthday the same week as the dean of the School of Music.” – President McDaniel. Tom and Brenda McDaniel enjoyed a surprise visit by the OCU Pep Band, Dean Mark Parker, and Dr. Matthew Mailman on the president’s birthday.*



*On August 20, 2001 the campus turned out for the annual ISO Student Welcome Barbecue.*



*On Sunday, August 19, the bustle of orientation and move-in gave way to spiritual life on campus for the Matriculation Convocation.*

## BBQ for International Students a Success

Some 250 people turned out for this fall’s barbecue welcoming new international students to campus. “It was our best ever,” said Julie Sinclair, Director of International Services.

Part of the overall international student orientation, the fall barbecue gives new students a chance to relax and visit with other students, as well as with OCU faculty and staff. President and Mrs. McDaniel were in attendance, along with deans and advisors from the schools, and various representatives from the administrative staff.

Students enjoyed the good food, fun, and warm OCU welcome

# August 2001 Orientation - What Parents Had to Say

*On Move-In Day, University President Tom J. McDaniel welcomed students and parents joining the OCU family.*



**“It is obvious that you have a desire to see these students succeed, and we are grateful.”  
Beth and Dennis Thompson,  
Oklahoma City, OK**



**“I appreciate your personalized interest in our daughter. She certainly feels she is in a place where people care – and that, of course, makes her mother very happy. She is a long way from the Panhandle ... She chose OCU as she felt it best suited her academically, spiritually, and socially.”  
Sue Lark,  
Goodwell, OK**



**“We have been impressed and happy to read of OCU in the *Daily Oklahoman* since our daughter started talking about coming here after a recruiting meeting. Thank you for the good feeling we have.”  
Judy and Ira Downs,  
Tyrone, OK**



**“Everyone has been very helpful and understanding; we are very proud our daughter has decided to come here.”  
Terri and Charley Knox, Gravette, AR**





"I have attended three freshmen orientation events: Texas A&M, OU, and OCU. The presentation this morning was the most outstanding I have ever attended."  
Anita Wadley, '92  
Master of Education,  
Edmond, OK



"I can't say enough about how impressed I was with the faculty and staff. My daughter is so excited about being part of this community and so are we! Thank you so much!"  
Marcia Basolo,  
Bloomington, IL



"Although not a Methodist family (we're Roman Catholic), we love the spiritual aspect of campus life and the fact that it is stressed to the students. There is a real family atmosphere here and that is welcome."  
Detra and Kevin Viator, San Antonio, TX



"Wow! The staff and students are so nice and helpful. No matter what the problem, it was solved, pleasantly. It's a breath of fresh air to deal with positive, nice people."  
Margaret and Al Seifres, Ada, OK





everything you ever wanted to know about the  
**Kramer School of Nursing\***

*\*don't be afraid to ask!*

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OF NURSING





## Students

Graduates of the Kramer School of Nursing may choose from a variety of nursing career options. They may work in the fast pace of an emergency room, or care for the tiniest patients in birthing centers. They may choose work in a doctor's office, school, or military facility. They work in hospice and other home health specialties, as well. They are also well prepared to pursue various master or doctoral level opportunities, to become nurse practitioners with their own businesses, hospital administrators, professors, research scientists, and much more.

Rewarding positions in the local health care community await even sophomore level students of the school. As the national nursing shortage worsens, such opportunities will only increase. The school is in the enviable position of having employers knocking on its door.

Health care providers know students and graduates of the Kramer School of Nursing receive the best quality education. As the strain on the current health care system increases, recognition for good education will provide the school's students a competitive edge.

The Kramer School of Nursing's graduates include:

**Susie Bullock**, '01, an obstetrics-gynecology research nurse for the OU Health Sciences Center.

**Diane Richison Butler**, '93, a nurse practitioner at Family Medicine Clinic in Norman, OK, and **Lisa Means McCoy**, '90, a clinical nurse liaison for Rehab Care of Norman, who both participated in a mission trip to Mexico this spring.

**Tony Duran**, '90, a flight nurse for the U. S. Marshall Department

**Renita Fish**, '96, who works in the Heart Cath Lab at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City.

**Ashley Elwood Herman**, '98, one of former President Ronald Reagan's personal nurses.

**Elaine Morgan**, '97, assistant head nurse on the fourth floor (Medical/Surgical, Neurology, Neurosurgery) of Presbyterian Hospital in Oklahoma City, and also the hospital's CPR instructor.

**Fran Patton**, '91, director of Midwest Regional Dialysis, a chain of dialysis units, and a member of the Kramer School of Nursing Executive Board.

**Cassie Clark Pomeroy**, '92, a licensed practical nurse instructor for MetroTech in Oklahoma City.



### Meet Marvel Williamson

Marvel L. Williamson, Ph.D., R.N., C.S., became dean of Oklahoma City University's Kramer School of Nursing in July.

Dr. Williamson came to the University from the American Nurses Association in Washington, D.C., where she directed federal and private grant programs, wrote highly successful proposals, and coordinated the American Nurses Foundation's strategic planning process. She has fine academic, administrative, and professional credentials, and has developed nursing policy at the state and national level.

A nursing professor for over twenty years, Williamson has taught at the University of Kentucky, the University of Iowa, and Albany State University. During the 1990s, she was dean of health sciences, professor of nursing, and director of the Ellen Finley Earhart School of Nursing at Park University in Kansas City, MO, responsible for over seventy-five personnel and management of a multi-million dollar budget. During her seven years at Park University, she also directed two branch campuses and the university's testing and evaluation service.



**Allyssa Rooney**, '01, of Moore, OK, who graduated *cum laude* in May. She impressed professors and fellow students with her leadership skills, prompting them to award her the school's Women's Leadership Award. Hospice, Inc. of Oklahoma City awarded Rooney, herself a cancer survivor, the Khader Hussein Palliative Care Award, which came with a textbook on palliative care and a check for \$500.

**John Stark**, '91, who works in the Critical Care Unit at Integris Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City.



## Academic Programs

Oklahoma City University's Kramer School of Nursing offers a National League for Nursing accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree to prepare students for the National Council Licensure Examination to become Registered Nurses (RN). An RN to BSN program also is available to practicing RNs.

The school offers a continuing education course in parish nursing for RNs who want to specialize. The weeklong workshops are held in May and September. Parish nursing is a way to meet the needs of churches and help address the shortages in home health care, hospice, and nursing – to provide someone in a local congregation with the necessary skills, who can help parishioners get through a crisis.

“There are all sorts of continuing education needs in the field of nursing that our school can meet eventually,” said Dean Marvel Williamson. “Of course, our main function will always be nursing degree programs, regardless of how many entrepreneurial side businesses we start.”



## Faculty

The nursing faculty is prepared at master and doctoral levels in a variety of clinical and functional specialties. These include education, leadership, maternity and child health, medical and surgical, mental and community health, nursing administration, and research. There are eight full time faculty members committed to providing Oklahoma and the nation with outstanding nurses.



## History

Established in 1981, the Kramer School of Nursing continues a fine tradition in clinical nursing education that began in the diploma program at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Williamson also worked in private health care for fifteen years, as a registered nurse at Wesley Medical Center's surgery unit in Wichita, KS; Good Samaritan Hospital's coronary intensive care unit in Lexington, KY; and the Family Practice Medical Clinic in Nicholasville, KY. As vice president for Patient Services at Ransom Memorial Hospital in Ottawa, KS, from 1989 to '91, she managed the nursing, pharmacy, social services, housekeeping, laundry, food services, and nutrition/dietetics departments. She reformed the hospital's administration; developed an internal on-call, high-pay staffing system to eliminate agency nurses; instituted a quality assurance program; transformed the labor/delivery unit into a full birthing center; instituted a nurses' rights code for physician relationships; revised the patient classification system, care plans, and charting procedures; and upgraded the intensive care unit's monitoring equipment.

The author of two books, fourteen professional journal articles, two book chapters, and articles for five other publications, Williamson also has a strong research record in institutional, clinical, quantitative, and qualitative studies.

Williamson's interests include piano and anything related to *Star Trek*<sup>®</sup>. She has been married for thirty years to Paul S. Williamson, M.D., Ph.D. They have two sons, Marcus and Sean.

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Its graduates can provide and evaluate nursing care to address the existing and new health care demands of the total community, as well as in acute care settings. The school provides an academically sound curriculum incorporating the concepts of both holistic health practices and traditional health care. This curriculum emphasizes the application and practice of the art and science of nursing.

## Facilities

Built in 1994, the Kramer School of Nursing building houses three classrooms, the Student Health Center, a simulated hospital skills lab, and a computer and audio-visual learning lab. The 16,500 square-foot building features television monitoring to each classroom to allow demonstrations from a central laboratory and teaching at various levels to different classrooms. The facility ranks among the best in the nation.



## New Nursing Dean has Bold Vision for School

Marvel Williamson is no stranger to academic life, having served for seven years as dean of health sciences and professor of nursing at Park University in Kansas City, MO, and on the faculty of three other universities. She is also a Kansas native, who loves the central plains. "I'm glad to be back in academia," said Williamson, adding, "and back in this part of the country."

Before starting as dean at the Kramer School of Nursing, Dr. Williamson conducted a long survey of faculty and staff. Her written survey, which had a 100% response rate, led to hours of discussion. "I learned the faculty here are committed and talented, but also that our immediate priority has to be student recruitment if this school is to thrive," she said.

Williamson has designed a four-point plan to increase nursing students:

### 1. Outreach to Young People

Launch an extensive recruitment campaign to reach middle and high school students, counselors, and attendees at college night events. Create a speakers bureau to expose the community and potential students to nursing faculty. Study the feasibility of starting a summer camp program on campus by summer of 2003.

### 2. Greater On-Campus Program Accessibility

Reorganize the admission process for the Kramer School of Nursing. Nursing



### Ewald Julius (E.J.) Kramer

E.J. Kramer died at age 93 on Dec. 1, 2000 at his home in Kingfisher, OK. Adopted by his aunt and uncle, Henry and Elsa Kramer of Kiel (now Loyal), OK, Kramer grew up in a German speaking family. He attended a business college and took his first job, at Sutherland Lumber Company, in Shawnee, OK, where he met his wife, Alma Smith. The two married in 1931 and lived in Shawnee until 1932, when Kramer lost his job in the Great Depression. They moved to his family's farm, which they soon took over and later bought. The Kramers moved to Kingfisher in 1978 and celebrated their 60th anniversary in 1991. He is said to have lived by the words from I Cor. 16, "Let all that you do be done in love."

Kramer helped build a new church in Loyal after the old one burned in 1953. He



students will no longer have to make two separate applications to get into the school. Also, they can be admitted directly to the program as freshmen students and will be allowed to join the Student Nursing Association. The school will offer a first-year undergraduate nursing course and some general courses for non-nursing students.

### 3. More Involvement with the Community

Encourage more partnerships with business leaders, health care professionals, and philanthropists. "I am particularly excited by Dr. McDaniel's leadership in this area," said Williamson. "He has noted repeatedly that Oklahoma City University should be strongly involved in the local community." The school already has relationships with Baptist Medical Center, Catholic Charities, Deaconess Hospital, Edmond Memorial Hospital, Epworth Villa, Griffin Memorial Hospital, Health South Rehabilitation Hospital, Mercy Health Center, Midwest City HMA Inc., Norman Regional Hospital, the Oklahoma City/County Health Department, the Oklahoma City Public School District, the OU Medical Center, Park View Hospital, Russell Murray Hospice, St. Anthony Hospital, and the VA Hospital.



### 4. Outreach to Nurses Already in Practice

Many licensed practical nurses, nursing assistants, and registered nurses have not completed a bachelor's degree. They can be reached through direct mail marketing and other methods. The school will also provide displays and human resource information to health care employers, and hopes to establish partnerships with employers of nurses to help meet the growing nursing shortage.



Williamson said a critical element of long-term recruitment strategy is fundraising. "If we want to attract students and be competitive with other programs, we have to offer more scholarships," she said.

Once recruitment is up, Williamson plans to build a master's degree program. "There is a huge need for a master's level nursing program," she said. "A master's degree is required for those wanting to be an administrator, nurse practitioner, professor or researcher."



worked on the committee for Loyal's Little Royal Community Fair and served on the Kingfisher Hospital Board.

Members of the Kramer family have been strong supporters and friends of Oklahoma City University.

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Kramer established the Kramer Ministerial Scholarship Endowment to fund students studying for the ministry with a preference for rural students, and the Kramer Scholarship Fund for nursing students. Their daughters, Dr. Ruth Seideman and LaDonna Kramer Meinders, continue to support the University through their gifts, primarily to the school of nursing.

In August of 1994, Oklahoma City University dedicated its new \$2.1 million nursing school building. Herman Meinders and LaDonna Kramer Meinders retired the remaining debt on the newly constructed building with the request that it be named for the Kramers. On November 23 of that year, at a reception at the new facility in honor of the family, it was officially named the Kramer School of Nursing.

At the time of E.J.'s death, the family asked that memorial gifts be made to the Kramer Scholarship Fund at Oklahoma City University's Kramer School of Nursing, 2501 N. Blackwelder, Oklahoma City, OK 73106-1493.



## Faculty

### **Assistant Professor Glenda Bell, M.S., R.N.**

Bell has medical/surgical expertise with an emphasis in gerontology/oncology nursing. She has been oncology clinical supervisor at Bethany Hospital, Bethany, OK; an instructor at Redlands Community College, El Reno, OK; and has worked in home health, management, medical-surgical, oncology, and post-partum. She holds a '94 Master of Science from the University of Oklahoma with a pathway in education and medical/surgical emphasis and a '75 Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mary Hardin Baylor, in Temple, TX. She is a member of the American and Oklahoma nurses associations and a coordinator for mission trips to Mexico.



*Glenda Bell*

### **Associate Professor Denise Burton, M.S., R.N.C.**

Burton has obstetrics and pediatrics expertise. She holds a '85 Master of Science in nursing from the University of Oklahoma and a '77 Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, OK. She also has R.N.C. and National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing Specialties certifications. She is a volunteer group facilitator for Kid's Place, an agency that provides comfort for grieving children; vice president of the Choctaw-Nicoma Park School Board; a participant in the Parents as Partners group at Choctaw Junior High; and a Bible class teacher at her church.



*Denise Burton*

### **Visiting Assistant Professor Nancy Gibson, M.S.N., R.N.**

Gibson's clinical focus is in mental health. She has been an assessment nurse at Baptist Hospital Behavioral Medicine Unit in Pensacola, FL; registered nurse at Baptist Health System of East Tennessee in Knoxville, TN; and program director at Kay Adult Care Center in Knoxville. She holds a '98 Master of Science in nursing and a '93 Bachelor of Science in child and family studies, both from the University of Tennessee. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Moore's United Methodist Women group.



*Nancy Gibson*

### **Associate Professor Beverly Hough, M.S., R.N.**

Hough has expertise is in obstetrics and community health. She has been a nursing instructor at the University of Central Oklahoma, El Reno Junior College, Valley Area Vo-Tech School, and Oklahoma Baptist University; a consultant and special projects coordinator at Grady Memorial Hospital; and staff nurse and team leader at Park View Hospital, Oklahoma City/County Health, and Presbyterian Hospital. She holds a '87 Master of Science in nursing with a pathway in community health nursing from the University of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, and a '67 Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, OK. Hough received Sigma Theta Tau International President's Pillar Award and the OU College of



"I have told the nursing faculty I hope each and every one of them stays at the Kramer School of Nursing for a very long time. This group is absolutely the best faculty with whom I have ever worked. Every single one is highly committed to OCU and the profession. The quality of their instruction is excellent. They are more involved in service to the nursing profession and the surrounding community than I could possibly desire."

– Dean Marvel Williamson, Ph.D., R.N., C.S.



Nursing Academic Achievement and Community Service Award. She is a member of the American and Oklahoma nurses associations, Sigma Theta Tau (Beta Delta Chapter-at-Large), Baptist Nurses Fellowship, and American Diabetes Association.

**Visiting Assistant Professor Cheryl Ross, M.S., R.N.**

Ross's clinical focus is in adult health/acute care and critical care. She is the Sigma Theta Tau Faculty Counselor for the Kramer School of Nursing. Ross has been an adjunct clinical instructor at Northwestern State University in Alva, OK, and Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, OK; critical care nurse, preceptor of new nurses, and ICU intern instructor at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City; cardiac unit and educational coordinator at Deaconess Hospital in Oklahoma City; and critical care nurse and CPR instructor at Integris Baptist Hospital in Enid, OK. She holds a '01 Master of Science from the University of Oklahoma and a '95 Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, and is ACLS certified.



*Beverly Hough*

**Assistant Professor Alison Severns, M.S., R.N.**

Severns has clinical experience in community health, maternity and medical nursing, and pediatrics. She is also a therapeutic touch practitioner. Sixteen of her eighteen years of nursing experience have been spent teaching. She holds a '87 Master of Science in nursing and a '81 Bachelor of Science in Nursing, both from University of Oklahoma. In 1991, Severns became the only Oklahoma nurse ever to complete the three-year Kellogg National Fellowship Program for Leadership Development. She belongs to the American Holistic Nurses Association, has planned and coordinated a mission nursing experience for students to Pitorreal, Mexico, helped coordinate a Spina Bifida Camp for children, and participated in the Lilly Foundation's campus discussion group on the future of the church-related university. She has also served as president of the Darlington Independent School District Board of Education, and on the Darlington Independent School Gifted and Talented Parents Committee.



*Cheryl Ross*

**Professor Andrea West, Ph.D, RN**

West's clinical practice is in long term care and gerontology. She has researched students and health care professionals' attitudes in caring for patients with HIV or AIDS. She has twenty years of experience teaching nursing and serving on nursing program committees, and has served as dean of the Kramer School of Nursing. She holds a '86 doctorate in philosophy from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK, a '83 Master of Science from the University of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, a '66 Master of Education from Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS, and a '61 Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas School of Nursing in Galveston, TX. West belongs to the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nurses, was the Oklahoma Nurses Association 1989 Gerontology Nurse of the Year, and has twice (1990 and '97) been chosen as a fellow by the Oklahoma Geriatric Center. She serves on the boards of the Oklahoma Nurses Association, Norman Regional Hospital, and, as president-elect, the Oklahoma League for Nursing. She is also newsletter editor for the Sigma Theta Tau International Beta Delta Chapter-at-Large, and president for the Board of Recreational Ministry, Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. ❖



*Alison Severns*



*Pictured from left to right: Phyllis Clark, executive assistant to the dean; Shannon Clink, R.N. lab coordinator; and Glenda Kirkham, student affairs coordinator.*

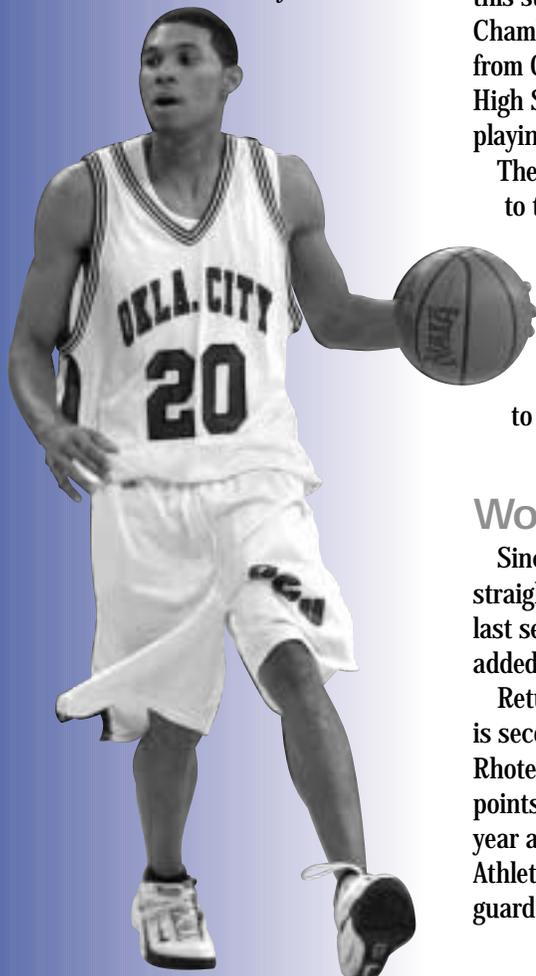


*Andrea West*



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*Roy De La Cruz*



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## Men's Basketball

Coach Win Case has signed five new players for the 2001-02 Stars. 6'11" sophomore center Jay Spurlock is expected to provide immediate help inside. Forward Cedrich Parker and guards Bobby Thompson, K.T. Turner, and Will Jones will battle for starting spots.

Senior guard Roy De La Cruz, a second-team All-Sooner Athletic Conference selection, returns to lead the team. De La Cruz averaged 15.8 points and 6.0 assists per game last season. Joining him in the backcourt is Junior Williams, who represented England in the World University Games this summer. Returning players Geno Chambers and Jimmy Lawson, both from Oklahoma City's John Marshall High School, will also see considerable playing time.

The Stars hope to make another visit to the NAIA National Tournament, where they have appeared in 11 of the past 12 seasons. This year, the men's tournament returns to Kansas City, where it was held for over 50 years before moving to Tulsa the past few seasons.

## Women's Basketball

Since the Stars won their third straight NAIA National Championship last season, Coach Janell Jones has added eight new players to her squad.

Returning from last year's title team is second-team All-America Jessica Rhoten. The 6'3" forward averaged 14 points and 6.4 rebounds a game last year and was a first-team All-Sooner Athletic Conference pick. Sophomore guard Kesha Watson won the Hustle

Award at the NAIA National Tournament and averaged 12 points and four assists per game. Senior guard Jhudy Gonzalez is the third starter who returns, after averaging over 14 points a game last year.

Newcomers include one player who has worn an Oklahoma City University uniform before. Senior Rita Banks led the team in scoring during the 96-97 season and is returning to finish her career. Other key newcomers include junior guard Danielle Ladd and 6'4" center Olga Ermakova, who also has two years remaining.

The Stars will again host the Capital City Shootout, November 29 through December 1, featuring some of the top women's teams in the nation.

## Men's Soccer

Coach Brian Harvey's squad got off to a strong start in Sooner Athletic Conference play, winning their first two league games on the road. The Stars hope to qualify for the NAIA National Tournament at Lindenwood College in Missouri.

Freshman Mattias Johansson of Sweden is one of many newcomers who stepped into the starting lineup. He and fellow freshman Eugeniy Chapkanov have provided offense at forward. Returning All-Region performers Vlastislav Marek and Lee Williams form the nucleus of a solid Stars defense.

## Women's Soccer

The Stars are expected to make their third straight trip to the NAIA National Tournament this fall. They were rated fifth in the first NAIA regular season poll and won their first four games to



extend their regular season unbeaten streak to 45 games.

Senior Cristy Womack returned to the lineup after missing last season with a knee injury. Womack became the Stars career goal-scoring leader with a pair of goals against Baker, KS in the third game of the season. She was a first-team NAIA All-American in the 1999 season.

Junior defender Sally Cole is making a run at her third straight selection the NAIA All-America first-team. The Stars hope to qualify for the NAIA National Tournament at Lindenwood College in Missouri this month.

## Baseball

The Stars set a school record for victories and produced the NAIA National Player of the Year in the 2001 season. Coach Denney Crabaugh's squad won 58 games before being eliminated in the Region VI tournament.

Pitcher-outfielder Mario Delgado was the NAIA Player of the Year after setting a school record for career batting average. Delgado also won 11 games as a pitcher for the Stars. He is the second OCU player to be named NAIA Player of the Year. Alan Thompson won the award in 1994. A San Diego senior, Delgado was drafted in the ninth round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the Philadelphia Phillies.

Pitcher Chris Schroder was also named NAIA first-team All-America for the second year in a row. Schroder was also named an NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete for the second straight season and became the first Stars player to be named first-team CoSida/Verizon Scholastic All-American. The Okarcho native was selected in the 14th round of the Major League draft by the Montreal Expos.

Four other Stars players achieved NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete status. Kennard Bibbs, Paul Snyder,

Jamie Tapp and Eric Huddleston were named to the team.

OCU's 2002 baseball season will begin in February.

## Softball

Phil McSpadden captured another National Coach of the Year award following the 2001 season and the Stars won their second straight NAIA National Championship and seventh in the last nine years.

Pitcher Alex Boily was named the Most Valuable Player in the NAIA National Tournament and was joined on the NAIA All-America first-team by fellow pitcher Lindsey Voss, who also broke her own school record for strikeouts in a season with 383.

McSpadden and his assistants, Jana Jo Ivy and Harold Copas, were also honored as the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association Coaching Staff of the Year by the NAIA.

## Men's Tennis

The Stars captured their fourth straight NAIA National Championship in 2001 and were preparing for an appearance against an all-NCAA Division I field at the World Team Tennis Championships at press time.

NAIA All-America selections Arnaud L'Official, Willy Genovart, David Kepka, and Pedro Custodio return to give the Stars a legitimate shot at winning a fifth consecutive title.

## Women's Tennis

Senior Marisue Jacutin won the singles title at the Wichita State Fall Shocker Classic to open the season for the Stars. Jacutin defeated a field of NCAA Division I players to capture the championship.

Junior Anne Laure Leguennec had to default in the semifinals due to injury and that also forced her to default in the doubles championship match with Jacutin.

Coach Tim Shanahan accompanied the two players to California for the World Team Tennis Championships in late September. His squad finished in a tie for third in the 2001 NAIA National Tournament.



*OCU's first NAIA men's golf champions.*

## Men's Golf

The defending NAIA National Champions opened their fall season by hosting the annual U.C. Ferguson All-College Tournament at Lincoln West Golf Course.

Coach Kyle Blaser's squad won OCU's first NAIA National Championship in golf at the Albuquerque, NM event in May. Returning from that squad are Greg Larson, Andreas Rydholm, and Tyrone Van Aswegen. Rydholm was a first-team NAIA All-America pick, while Larson and Van Aswegen reached Honorable Mention All-America status.

## Women's Golf

Following a second place finish in the NAIA National Tournament with only four players during their first season of existence, the OCU women's golf team opened their second year with a strong showing at the Hardin-Simmons Invitational in September.

The Stars finished second in the event, and sophomore Katy Treadwell was the individual medalist. Ali Hammergren tied for fourth.

OCU has added two new players this season, Kristina Carson, and Melissa Burkepile, giving the team a full complement of participants this year.



# 15 Years of Success: the Stars Shine Bright with 19 NAIA National Championships

by Tony Sellars, Athletic Development and Sports Information Director

Oklahoma City University joined the ranks of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in the 1985-86 season. This marked both the end of an era and the beginning of a period of athletic dominance unprecedented in the university's history. The Stars have captured 19 national team titles in the last 14 years and are recognized as the top all-around NAIA sports program in the United States.

In 1985, many considered the University's decision to leave the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) a step backward. The hard truth, however, was that our teams were not then competitive in many sports, and it grew increasingly difficult to exist as a private, non-football university in an organization dominated by the state-funded, gridiron powerhouse programs.

## An Immediate Sensation

In 1983, when legendary coach Abe Lemons returned to the school after a nine-year absence, he suffered through two of the worst years of his career. With the move to the NAIA, however, his team became an immediate power, rocketing from a six-win season in the final year of NCAA competition to a 25-6 record in the first year in the NAIA ranks. Lemons' second NAIA team went undefeated into the national tournament in Kansas City, MO, and was the odds-on favorite to capture the title, only to be upset in the second round of the event, finishing the season with a 34-1 record.

## Championship #1

While most expected men's basketball to eventually give the University a taste of NAIA glory, the first national title came from the women's program. In the 1987-88 season, Oklahoma City University's women's basketball team captured the NAIA National Championship by defeating Claflin, SC, 113-95 in the title game. Patricia Ordonez scored 38 points in the contest at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium as Coach Bob Colon's team set what was then a University record with 28 victories. That win began the University's steady rise to prominence in the NAIA.

## Championships #2 through #5

Two years later, men's basketball won the first of back-to-back championships in the 1990-91 season. Included in the two-year run was a string of 63 consecutive victories, including the only undefeated season of 38-0 in 1991-92. Led by two-time first-team NAIA All-America Eric Manuel, OCU began a decade of dominance in men's basketball that would produce more championships than any other school in the association's half-century of existence.

In 1994, Oklahoma City University captured its third men's basketball title, the first under current head coach Win Case. His 1996 squad repeated that success, as Case reached 100 career victories faster than any coach in history.

## Championships #6 through #11

While the men's team ruled the NAIA basketball ranks, another sport at Oklahoma City University started an



even more impressive run, as women's softball won the first of four consecutive national titles in 1994. Following a two-year hiatus, the Stars were back in the throne room for back-to-back titles in 2000 and 2001, giving the University six of the last eight NAIA titles.

Coach Phil McSpadden has led his team to more victories at the NAIA National Tournament than any other program, and has produced the NAIA Player of the Year twice, Cindy Yan Fang in 1998 and '99, and Pitcher of the Year twice, Dolly Johnson in 1999 and Sonia Ortiz in 2000.

#### **Championships #12 through #15**

Meanwhile, the men's tennis team won four consecutive NAIA National Championships. Led by graduate Colin Robertson, the Stars began their streak in 1998 and are the favorites to win a fifth consecutive title in 2002.

Robertson was named the NAIA

Men's Tennis Coach of the Decade by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association and regularly leads his squad to victories of NCAA opponents.

#### **Championships #16 through #18**

Women's basketball regained its national glory in 1999 with the second national title for the University and the Stars have now won three consecutive NAIA titles. The 1999-00 team produced the NAIA Player of the Year, Patty Cantella, and the Stars have an excellent chance to defend their three straight crowns in the upcoming season.

#### **Championship #19**

In the 2000-01 season, the men's golf team won its first national title.

While the other sports – baseball, men's and women's soccer, women's golf, and women's tennis – have yet to return with national championship trophies, they have proven to be tough

opponents for competing teams: Oklahoma City University's baseball program has produced two NAIA Players of the Year: Alan Thompson, in 1994, and Mario Delgado, this year. The team ranked number one for much of the 2001 season, setting a school record with 58 victories. They have five national tournament appearances, with the best finish a third place showing in 1998, and have consistently ranked among the country's top teams.

The women's soccer program has existed for only seven seasons, yet is already recognized as a national power. The team advanced to the NAIA National Tournament the past two seasons and only recently ended a regular season 47-game unbeaten string of successes.

In its first season, women's golf caught the NAIA's attention, finishing second in the national tournament with only four scholarship players.

The University's women's tennis team has produced one individual national champion and ranked among the top five teams in the country the past five seasons.

The Stars now excel in every sport for which they field a team, emphasized by the 2000-01 season. The Stars captured four NAIA National Championships in one year, a record for the University. Five more teams ranked #1 in the nation at some point in their sports' seasons. Finally, the Stars took second place, their highest finish ever, in the Sears Cup standings, the competition that measures overall sports programs.

The proof is in the performance. Moving to the NAIA definitely proved best for Oklahoma City University. It has allowed the University to develop an athletics program that is they envy of our opponents. Look for more national championship titles to land at Northwest 23rd and Blackwelder in the upcoming season and for many years to come. ❖

*The 2001 Stars women's basketball team salutes their fans after winning a third consecutive NAIA National Championship.*





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*Gen. James L. Wade, Director for Athletic Development and Sports Information Tony Sellars, and University President Tom J. McDaniel – definitely first stringers.*



## HOMECOMING 2001-2002

Homecoming will be held January 18-20. Our Stars basketball teams will be playing Southern Nazarene, plus we will be hosting reunions for our OCU Gold Bug football players from the 40s, the MIT/Great Plan Scholars, the PLUS program, the Surrey Singers, and an all-Greek gathering. You will be receiving a brochure in the mail soon so you can make your reservations. See you in January!

## Meinders School of Business Alumni Form Chapter

In May, alumni of the Meinders School of Business formed an Alumni Association chapter, according to Jon Jacobson, '94 Bachelor of Science in business. Its mission is to connect more students and alumni, enhance the reputation of the school within the business community, and advance alumni careers through networking and professional programs.

The chapter's founding board members elected officers: Matthew McGuire, '99 Master of Business Administration, president; Josh White, '98 Bachelor of Science in business, vice president; Lisa Bambara, '99 Master of Business Administration, treasurer; and William Kerr, '00 Bachelor of Science in business, secretary. Anita Robinson, '94 Bachelor of Science in business, chairs special events, and Jacobson chairs the Marketing Committee.

One of the board's goals is to involve alumni with current students and to plan activities. The Special Events Committee wants to hold an event featuring a nationally known business speaker. Other activities may include seminars about local or national topics, the creation of internships for students, and other programs to bring students, alumni, and members of the business community together.

If you are interested in chapter events or assisting the board, please contact Sandra Dean, at (405) 521-5421 or e-mail: [sdean@okcu.edu](mailto:sdean@okcu.edu).

## Former Star Athlete Establishes Scholarship

Oklahoma City University is pleased to announce the creation of the General James L. Wade Endowed Scholarship. The \$100,000 endowed fund will assist student athletes majoring in business, and is primarily intended to help those who need a fifth year of study to complete their degrees.

A retired US Air Force brigadier general, James "Jim" L. Wade attended the University after World War II. "OCU was there for me when I returned from the military, and now that I am in a position to do so, I want to show my appreciation and help give other deserving athletes a chance," said Wade.

A native of Talihina, OK, Wade was a star for the OCU football teams from 1946-48, scoring thirty-three touchdowns in his three-year career. He also started on the baseball team for two years and the basketball team for one season.

Drafted by the NFL's Los Angeles Rams, Wade played professional football for several years before re-entering the military. He served in Korea and Vietnam, rising to the rank of brigadier general. Upon retirement from the US Air Force, Wade stayed involved with the aircraft industry and worked many years with the Federal Aviation Administration. He has been honored as Outstanding Native Son by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and is a member of the Oklahoma City University Sports Hall of Fame.



## Alumni Hold Receptions

On May 1, 2001 the Alumni Board held a reception for Norman, OK, alumni at the home of Liz and Walt Hedrick. Former President Stephen G. Jennings and Meinders School of Business Dean Bart Ward were on hand to meet attendees.

On November 30, 2000 the Los Angeles alumni held a reception at the Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills, CA. Los Angeles contact Keely Tidrow, '97, helped arrange the event. Sue Carlton Baker '46, an actress and former guest lecturer at OCU, attended with her husband, Jim, and about thirty others. Diane Murphree, director of the Alumni and Parent Relations Department, represented the University.

On March 1, 2001 forty-five alumni attended a reception at the Petroleum Club in Tulsa, OK. Dr. Bart Ward, dean of the Meinders School of Business, was the guest speaker.

The Oklahoma City chapter of the OCU Alumni Association hosted a welcome reception for President and Mrs. Tom J. McDaniel on Thursday, September 27, 2001 in the Leichter Reunion Room of the Henry J. Freede Wellness and Activity Center. Over eighty alumni attended, including former basketball coach Abe Lemons and his wife Betty. Miriam McGaugh, president of the local chapter, served as mistress of ceremonies. President Tom J. McDaniel shared his vision for the University.

Parents Weekend (April 20-22) featured a reception at the home of former President Jennings, a dinner before *The King and I*, a picnic lunch on the lawn, OCU baseball, the annual Oozeball Tournament (mud volleyball), and a family chapel service on Sunday.

**1- Parents Weekend, Brooke Lowe and mom; 2- Los Angeles, Sue Carlton Baker '46 and husband Jim; 3- Tulsa, Denise Short with George and Linda Wiland '99; 4- Tulsa, Lynn and Vicki Rose '99; 5- Parents Weekend, Dr. James Copeland and Evelyn Copeland Bryza; 6- Parents Weekend, Claudia and Andrea Gardner; 7- OKC, Larry Hawkins '80 with President McDaniel; 8- Los Angeles - Michelle Dean '95, Keely Tidrow '97; 9- President McDaniel with Mohammed Ali '01, Seelina, and Marina; 10- OKC, Harold Leveridge '49, Bill White '47, Martha White, Rose Marie Leveridge; 11- OKC, Mohammed Ali '01 and Dr. Colbert Hackler '43; OKC, President McDaniel with Rosa Lambeth '88 and Vicki Werneke '86.**





## Beadles Establish Friedman-Lerblanc Scholarship at School of Law

R. Thomas Beadles, '77 *Juris Doctor*, and his wife, Mary Beadles, have established an \$85,000 endowed scholarship at the School of Law honoring two of Mr. Beadles' former professors, Ronald Friedman and W. Penn Lerblanc. Beadles is an attorney, practicing in Oklahoma City.

Starting in fall 2002, the Friedman-Lerblanc scholarship will benefit first-year, minority law students. Recipients will continue to receive the award throughout their time at the School of Law.

"Professors Lerblanc and Friedman were very special to me," said Mr. Beadles. "They were always concerned about their students. We wanted to remember these two men, both of whom died at an early age. They dedicated their lives to helping students and made a difference in my life. We are grateful we can give back to the school and to their memories."



University President Tom J. McDaniel, Tom and Mary Beadles, and School of Law Dean Larry Hellman.



*Drs. Owen and Vivian Wimberly gave the University a wonderful expression of their deep commitment to the United Methodist community: An estate pledge endowing the Owen and Vivian Wimberly School of Religion and Graduate Theological Center.*

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## Through the Years

### 2000s

**Kyle Winfield Kiner**, '01 Bachelor of Arts, and **Jennie Elizabeth Pulver**, '01 Bachelor of Science in business, wed in May at the Elk City United Methodist Church in Elk City, OK.

**Jeff Smith**, '01 Bachelor of Science, and **Chris Young**, representing the University, solved three problems in February to win the Oklahoma Area Computer Programming Contest.

**Sarang R. Gore**, '00 Master of Science in computer science, is now a Java Web developer in Cincinnati, OH.

**Gwendolyn Joanne Harper Cooley**, '00 Bachelor of Arts in mass communication, of Oklahoma City, wed Shane Brock Cooley, of Edmond, OK, at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City on March 17.

**Hon. Robert Henry**, '00 honorary Doctor of Law Letters, presented a lecture in the 2001 Tattletale Spring Lecture series hosted by the Summit Club of Oklahoma City. Henry is former Oklahoma Attorney General and a circuit judge of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Amy Alayne Lindberg Brock**, '00 Bachelor of Arts, wed Dr. Chad Jason Brock on December 2, 2000, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. They live in Charleston, SC.

**Brandon Scott Nichols**, '00 *Juris Doctor*, of Edmond, OK, wed Meredith Meacham of Clinton, OK, in November 2000.

**Amy Osborne Broome**, '00 Bachelor of Science in dance management, married **Geoffrey Broome**, '99 Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice and sociology, on October 21, 2000. She teaches ballet, jazz, and tap at Longwood Performing Arts in Kennett Square, PA; he is assistant director of student activities at Widener University in Chester, PA.

**Armando J. Rosell**, '00 *Juris Doctor*, **Michael G. Saenz**, '00 *Juris Doctor*, **David R. Stewart**, '00 *Juris Doctor*, and **Kristin C. McAdams**, '95 *Juris Doctor*, were named as associates by Oklahoma City law firm McKinney & Stringer in January.

**Alycia Warren**, '00 Bachelor of Arts, wed Jonny Bensch of Chester, OK, in January. They live in Oklahoma City.

**Keri G. Williams**, '00 *Juris Doctor*, became an associate attorney at the Tulsa, OK, firm of Hall, Estill, Gable, Hardwick, Golden & Nelson in February. Her area of practice is in general civil litigation.

### 1990s

**Lisa Bennett**, '99 PLUS graduate, works as a gas management representative for Williams Energy Group in Tulsa, OK. "Two months after graduation, I learned my job was being transferred to Kentucky. I elected not to transfer and began a job search. I was certainly glad to have that degree under my belt . . . I found a job within Williams and did not have to change companies. I continue to sing the praises of OCU."

**Matt Clemons**, '99 Bachelor of Performing Arts in dance, is a second-year member of Gus Giordano Dance Company. He also serves as part-time faculty member at the Gus Giordano Dance Center. He has performed in the Branson, MO, production of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular for the last two years and continues to teach master classes and workshops throughout the country, including a workshop at Jazz Dance World Congress 2001.

**Mindy Cox**, '99 Bachelor of Music in vocal performance, is an admissions counselor at Ft. Wayne Indiana Institute of Technology. Previously, she worked as a singer and dancer for Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA. Cox lives with her husband, Jeff, in Ft. Wayne, IN.

**Kendy Cruson**, '99 Bachelor of Arts *magna cum laude*, now works for the Oklahoma City public relations/public affairs firm Public Strategies, Inc.

**Shannon Elliott**, '99 Bachelor of Science in dance management, is a member of Chicago, IL, based Rivernorth Dance Company's Chicago company, touring with them annually.

**Courtney Hischke**, '99 Bachelor of Performing Arts in dance, is a performing member of Joel Hall Dancers company in Chicago, IL. She also serves as assistant rehearsal director for Dance Is A Language, a Chicago public school outreach program, as well as a teacher within the program.

**Randy McClure**, '99 Bachelor of Science, has been an operations analyst for the Williams Companies in Tulsa, OK, and is attending Master of Business Administration classes through the OCU-Tulsa program. "The PLUS program changed my life. . . Opportunities are definitely on the horizon and I owe it to the terrific education I received in the PLUS program."

**Kelli O'Hara**, '99 Bachelor of Music, of Edmond, OK, appeared this spring in a Broadway revival of *Follies* at the Roundabout Theater for a sold-out, limited run. In March, she and **Stacey Logan**, '85 Bachelor of Music, of Oklahoma City, both former students of Florence Birdwell, landed the female leads in *The Sweet Smell of Success*, a new Broadway musical by Marvin Hamlisch.

**Dana Boren**, '98 Master of Liberal Arts in mass communication, is development officer for the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History at the University of Oklahoma, in charge of fundraising, marketing, public relations, and special events.

**Diana Brooks**, '98 Bachelor of Performing Arts in dance, is company manager and performing member of Rhythm ISS Tap Company in Chicago, IL. She has appeared on stage with such tap icons as Savion Glover, Lane Alexander, Brenda Buffalino, Sam Weber, and Lady Di Walker.

**Philip D. Bruns**, '98 Master of Business Administration, is vice president of Systems Development at Tulsa, OK, based



Cemara, a solutions company that provides Internet-based health and benefit plan applications to employers.

**Marc and Debra Defreyn**, '98 *Juris Doctors*, live in Olympia, WA. Both work for the Washington State Attorney General's Office. Debra works in juvenile litigation and Marc prosecutes those in the health care field. He is also a captain in the Army Reserves.

**Sharon Cooper Judd Lippert**, '98 Master of Business Administration, wed Donald Erick Lippert Jr. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City in September 2000.

**Michelle Ashcraft**, '97 Bachelor of Science in elementary education, was named Teacher of the Year in January by Sooner Rose Elementary School in the Mid-Del Public School District. She teaches a split class of third and fourth graders.

**Charles Brandon Creighton**, '97 *Juris Doctor*, lives in Montgomery, TX, with his wife, Marion. The couple wed on March 31 at the First Baptist Church on Galveston Island in Texas.

**Amy Elizabeth Wishall Merrill**, '97 Master of Business Administration, wed Scott Tyson Merrill in January. She is a planning engineer for Williams Companies of Tulsa, OK.

**Regina "Gina" Meyer**, '97 Bachelor of Arts in German and in political science, joined with fellow attorney Bruce Coker in January to form the law firm Coker and Associates in Okemah, OK.

**Anne Carter Walker**, '97 Bachelor of Arts in mass communications, now works in admissions and enrollment services at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO, after completing a Master of Arts in religion at Claremont School of Theology in December.

**Holly Austin Schmedt**, '96 Bachelor of Arts, and **Stephen Schmedt**, '95 Bachelor of Science in business, announced the birth of their daughter, Sydney Elizabeth in August 2000.

**Melinda Foster**, '96 PLUS, was ordained in March by the United Church of Christ. She received a Master of Divinity degree from Phillips Theological Seminary in 2000, and is a member of AmeriCorps through the National AIDS Fund, serving at Community of Hope in Tulsa, OK. Her husband, **Toney Foster**, '92 PLUS, is an attorney in Claremore at State Senator Stratton Taylor's firm Taylor, Burrage, Foster, Mallett *et al.*

**Khalid K. Hussein**, '96 Bachelor of Science and '97 master's degree in criminal justice, of Oklahoma City, wed Megan Bingham Martin, of Edmond, OK, at St. Joseph's Old Cathedral in downtown Oklahoma City in July.

**Scott Langdon**, '96 Master of Music, directed "Songs from Musical Theater," a special concert to benefit the Florence Birdwell Scholarship Fund, in January. Fellow University notables **Dr. David Herendeen**, Opera and Music Theater Co. director, **Liz Reiter**, former dance instructor for the University's School of American Dance and Arts Management, and **Vince Leseney**, '94 Master of Music, also participated.

**Jeff Martino**, '96 Bachelor of Arts, attends law school in Queens, NY, and serves as managing editor of the New York City Law Review. He works for the Department of Justice's Anti-Trust Division in downtown Manhattan.

**Steven Lee McHenry**, '96 Bachelor of Science in physical education, wed Traci Renee Day of Ponca City, OK, in December 2000. McHenry works as a physical education teacher at Washington Elementary School in Ponca City.

**David Howard Owen**, '96 Bachelor of Arts in humanities, of Mustang, OK, wed Shannon Constance Julia Fitzpatrick of New York City in July 2000. Owen works as a US Department of Defense contractor for the company Nations, based in New Jersey.

**Kari Ferguson Watkins**, '96 Master of Business Administration, is executive director of the Oklahoma City National

Memorial, dedicated April 19, 2000. She helped oversee building of the Oklahoma City National Memorial Center, which preserved and incorporated significant elements of the historic Journal Record Building as a museum that can accommodate several hundred thousand people annually. Watkins was the first employee hired by the memorial board in 1996.

**Philip W. Anderson**, '95 *Juris Doctor*, became a partner with Whitten, Nelson, McGuire, Wood, Terry, Roselius & Dittrich in October. He has been with the firm since 1998.

**Kevin Clement**, '95 Master of Business Administration, became associate executive director for operations at the Medical Center of Southeastern Oklahoma in Durant, OK, in February.

**Lisa Kathleen Erickson Endres**, '95 *Juris Doctor*, wed John Paul Endres of Okarche, OK, last November.

**David W. Keithley**, '95 Bachelor of Arts, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the US Army Reserve in April. He serves with the 1st Brigade, 75th Division (TS) in Houston, TX.

**Randall K. McCarthy**, '95 *Juris Doctor*, is a shareholder in the Oklahoma City office of Crowe & Dunlevy.

**Evan Zorn**, '95 Master of Business Administration, is the economic development director for the Ada Jobs Foundation in Ada, OK, working closely with the Ada Chamber of Commerce and the City of Ada to promote economic development in the area.

**Tracy A. Cinocca**, '94 Master of Business Administration, now runs a law practice, Tracy A. Cinocca, PC, in Tulsa, OK.

**Beth Colmar**, '94 PLUS, has owned her own business for over four years, which can be found at [www.delegatetulsa.com](http://www.delegatetulsa.com). She teaches a class in organization part-time at Tulsa Community College in Tulsa, OK.



**Doug Hoey**, '94 Master of Business Administration, is a lobbyist for community pharmacy owners in Washington, DC.

**Rebecca McCauley**, '94 Bachelor of Arts in theatre performance, is the senior talent booking agent for Magna Talent Agency. While at the University, she was a member of the Let's Pretend Players and received the Claire Jones Children's Theatre Endowment.

**Bishop LaDonna Osborn**, '94 PLUS graduate, of Tulsa, OK, received a Doctor of Ministry degree in May. "The journey began at Oklahoma City University and OCU will remain in that special place in my heart. Your kindness and encouragement are treasures in my memory."

**Jason Brunk**, '93 Bachelor of Science and '95 Master of Education, now serves on the Mustang, OK, Board of Education.

**Tonya Loveday**, '93 Bachelor of Performing Arts in dance performance, was cast this spring in the national tour of *Saturday Night Fever*. She performed previously as a Rockette in The Great Radio City Music Hall Spectacular in Las Vegas, NV.

**Penny McCracken George**, '93 *Juris Doctor*, took a position this spring with the US Department of Commerce at its headquarters in Washington, DC, working in the employment law section.

**Jim Reedy**, '93 *Juris Doctor*, ran as the Republican challenger for Cleveland County District Court Clerk in November 2000.

**Quinton Neil Barrington**, '92 Master of Business Administration, is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, through the University of Oklahoma. A registered pharmacist in Oklahoma and Texas, he owns the Lawton Patient Care Pharmacy in Lawton, OK, and works for Gold Cross Medical Supply of Wichita Falls, TX.

**Dr. James Raymond Kennedy**, '92 Bachelor of Science in biological sciences,

is the emergency physician for Washington University/Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

**William Pirkey**, '92 Master of Science, is a major in the US Air Force. Pirkey has been on active duty for twelve years and is assigned to the Defense Information Systems Agency in the national capital region. He was promoted to major in July 2000.

**John Quinton**, '92 Bachelor of Science in criminal justice, became chief of police for the Newcastle, OK, police department in January. Quinton is a twenty-two year veteran of law enforcement.

**Kristen L. Brown**, '91 Bachelor of Arts, is an elder in the Oklahoma conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Jerry Bayliss**, '90 Master of Business Administration, is an area manager of external affairs for Southwestern Bell Telephone for an area of western Oklahoma including Cordell, Granite, Hobart, Lone Wolf, and Mangum. He manages daily activities of the company related to legislative, municipal, governmental, and external affairs, including coordinating business partnerships and community relations.

## 1980s

**Kim Frankenfeld Luke**, '89 Bachelor of Performing Arts in dance, and **Jeff Luke**, '87 Bachelor of Music, announced the birth of their first child, Jason Justice Luke, in January.

**Tom H. Fraley III**, '88 Master of Business Administration *cum laude*, is now district director for Sprint PCS, responsible for business to business, indirect, and field office operations in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Fraley and his wife, Cheryl, are members of the Nichols Hills United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

**Connie Hart Yellowman**, '88 *Juris Doctor*, participated in the Red Earth Museum's first Master Arts Show in March at Oklahoma City's Kirkpatrick Omniplex. In January, she demonstrated Cheyenne bead

and quill work and explained the crafts' histories at the Chisholm Trail Museum in Kingfisher, OK. Last October, she received three awards, two First Place and one Third Place, at the Chickasaw Nation Native American Art Competition and Show.

**Hershel O'Donnell**, '87 Bachelor of Science, of Edmond, OK, was promoted to colonel in the Oklahoma National Guard in October 2000.

**Grace Trahan-Rodecap**, '87 Bachelor of Arts, has been news anchor for WRTV in Indianapolis, IN, for six years. Previously, she anchored at KFDM in Beaumont, TX.

**Vickie Cook**, '86 *Juris Doctor*, is the municipal and juvenile judge for Woodward, OK. Cook has been in private practice in Woodward since March 1987 and served on several community boards.

**Edgar Cruz**, '86 Bachelor of Music in guitar performance, appeared in an Oklahoma Arts Council-funded concert in Laverne, OK, in January. Cruz appears in festivals worldwide and his original music sells thousands of units annually. On solo guitar, Cruz simultaneously plays rhythm, bass, and melody of familiar songs.

**David Meuser**, '85 Bachelor of Arts, became public information officer for Insurance Commissioner Carroll Fisher in February. He had been editor of the *Oklahoma Legislative Reporter*, published by *The Journal Record*.

**Joseph Dancy**, '84 *Juris Doctor*, manages the Dallas, TX, securities firm LSGI Technology Ventures Fund. The forty-five-year old stock analyst retired from his original career after investment in small technology companies turned him into a millionaire.

**Richard C. Martin**, '84 Master of Business Administration *cum laude*, is vice president and head of the Advanced Marketing Department for Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Company in Hartford, CT.

**Dr. Mouzon Biggs**, '83 Doctor of Humane Letters, has been pastor of Boston Avenue



United Methodist Church in Tulsa, OK, for twenty-two years.

**Bonita Franklin**, '83 bachelor's degree in music education, is director of choral activities and voice at Langston University, and minister of music at Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church in Oklahoma City.

**Jean Hendrickson**, '83 Bachelor of Arts, principal at Mark Twain Elementary School in Oklahoma City, was selected Outstanding Principal of the Year in April.

**Doug Misak**, '87 Master of Business Administration, became program manager of Main Street Cordell in New Cordell, OK, in January. The program is part of the national system of community reinvestment programs founded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Over the past few years, Main Street Cordell has been responsible for millions of dollars of reinvestment in the historic square surrounding the Washita County Courthouse and received the prestigious Great American Main Street Award from the national program.

**Cheryl J. Stefanel**, '83 Bachelor of Arts, received the Tinker Air Force Base Angel Award in November 2000.

**Larry Hawkins**, '80 Bachelor of Science in business, became chairman of the board for the Capitol Chamber of Commerce in November 2000. Hawkins is manager of community development for Oklahoma Gas & Electric.

**Ron M. Barnes**, '80 *Juris Doctor*, formed a legal partnership with Clyde V. Crutchmer in March. The firm, Crutchmer and Barnes, PLLC, is based in Tulsa, OK, but also has offices in Oklahoma City.

## 1970s

**Andrew K. Benton**, '79 *Juris Doctor*, of Malibu, CA, is president of Pepperdine University and was honored last November by Oklahoma Christian University as the outstanding alumnus of the OC College of Liberal Arts.

**Bob G. Burke**, '79 *Juris Doctor*, established the Bob Burke Law School Scholarship to benefit Oklahoma City University School of Law students who have demonstrated a need for financial assistance; completed the first year of law school; demonstrated qualities of civility, integrity, leadership, and professionalism, as well as an exemplary interest in ethics and the law; and have not received any other full scholarship aid. The scholarship will ultimately be endowed at more than \$50,000 and provide at least \$2,500 per recipient, starting this fall. Burke practices law in Oklahoma City, concentrating on workers compensation. He has written over thirty books about Oklahoma, including biographies of Dewey Bartlett, Lyle H. Boren, Gov. George Nigh, and Abe Lemons. His biography of aviator Wiley Post won the Oklahoma Book Award in 1999. "I have long valued the education I received at OCU School of Law and I'm thrilled to be able to give something back," said Burke.

**Elizabeth Richardson**, '79 Bachelor of Arts, is director of electronic publishing for *The Upper Room*. She directs [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org), which won Best Web Site from the Associated Press for both 1998 and '99.

**Kathy L. Poore**, '78 bachelor's degree in sociology and '80 master's degree in criminal justice administration, lives and works in Oklahoma City. Each spring, she judges floral competitions nationwide for the American Hemerocallis and American Iris Societies. She grows and exhibits champion iris (1,000 varieties), daylilies (1,275 varieties), and daffodils (forty-eight varieties), and has won hundreds of awards, medals, rosettes, and trophies in competitions since 1990.

**Carolyn Hofman Waters**, '75 Bachelor of Arts in religion, is senior pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Boulder, CO. This year, she earned a Doctor of Ministry from Drew University.

**Phil Busey**, '74 Bachelor of Arts and '77 *Juris Doctor*, led a series of seminars for small business owners and managers in the spring. Busey is president of the Busey Resource Group, which he established to assist small, emerging, and

disadvantaged businesses with contracting opportunities and business development. He works with the Francis Tuttle Technical Center, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, and Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education to create programs for such businesses.

**M. Joe Crosthwait Jr.**, '74 *Juris Doctor*, was the 2000 president of the Oklahoma Bar Association and serves on several American Bar Association committees.

**William Higgins**, '74 *Juris Doctor*, serves on the board of directors for Broadband Wireless International. Higgins practices law in Claremore, OK, focusing on business litigation.

**Ralph Manuel**, '72 Bachelor of Music, has served on the music faculty of the north Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Recife, Brazil, since 1981.

**Mike Maples**, '72 Master of Business Administration, is a member of the board of directors of Visitors for the engineering school at the University of Oklahoma and the College of Engineering Foundation advisory council at the University of Texas in Austin, TX. Maples formerly worked as executive vice president of the Worldwide Products Group and as a member of the Office of the President at MicroSoft Corporation.

**Rev. Eric W. Mayes**, '72 Master of Arts, presented a lecture on Black Baptist History at Oklahoma Baptist University in October of 2000.

**Mike McElroy**, '72 Bachelor of Arts in English/journalism and in physical education, has been active in emergency medical services for twenty years, including AmCare supervisor, work for EMSA, and chaplain of EMS. He now works for MediFlight, based out of Children's Hospital.

**Art Zenner**, '72 Bachelor of Science and '73 Master of Business Administration, was named interim dean of the Business and Information Technology Division at Rose State College in Midwest City, OK, in February.

**Louis Lepak**, '71 Master of Arts, is director of the St. Joseph's Counseling Center. Last year, he received the Oklahoma Alcohol/Drug Service Award of the Year from the Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Professional Counselor Certification Board and the Public Health Excellence Award from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center's College of Public Health. Lepak has been a counselor in Oklahoma City for twenty-six years.

**Leona Mitchell**, '71 Bachelor of Music and '79 Master of Music, appears this year as one of the performers for the Opera and Music Theater Company's alumni concert series as part of its Golden Anniversary Season. Mitchell is from Enid, OK, and studied voice with Inez Silberg. In January, she performed in Enid at First Missionary Baptist Church in a concert to benefit the Inter-Racial Women's Club of Enid's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship.

## 1960s

**Bruce A. Brown**, '68 Bachelor of Music, has been an adjunct music professor at Cameron University in Lawton, OK, for the past four years, and is also organist for the Holy Family Catholic Church in Lawton. While attending the University, Brown was president of the local chapter of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He

organized the group's sponsorship of an all-Beethoven piano recital, starting the Burg Scholarship Fund with the proceeds. "Dr. Burg was responsible for my decision to pursue music as a profession," said Brown.

**Thomas Alfred Dearmon**, '68 *Juris Doctor*, was named chief executive of Fred Jones Enterprises in January. Dearmon is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants' Financial Executive Institute.

**John McInnis**, '66 Bachelor of Arts in biology, recently retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone. A board member of the Texas Association of School Boards since 1992, he served as president for 1999-00. He is in his thirteenth year as a trustee of the Arlington, TX, school district, which he served as president from 1992 to '94. His wife, Kathy Kendall McInnis, '68, teaches high school Spanish.

**Hon. Enoch Kelly Haney**, '65 Bachelor of Arts and '93 Doctor of Law Letters, of Seminole, OK, is sculpting the statue for the top of the new dome on the State Capitol Building. A state senator, Haney is a recipient of the University's Distinguished Alumni Award and an honorary doctorate. The statue is expected to be complete by October

of next year and ready for dedication on Statehood Day, November 16, 2002.

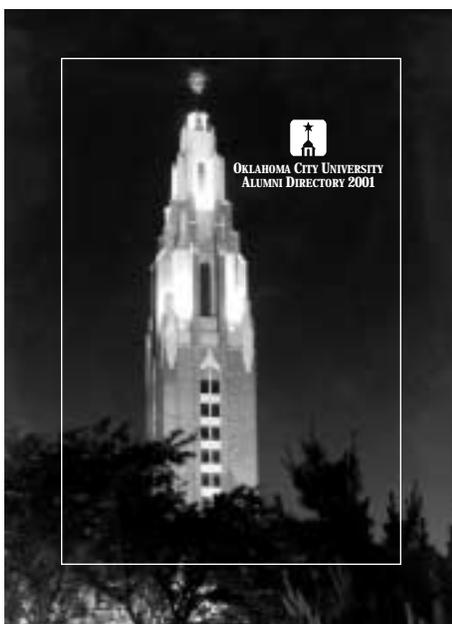
**Jo Walker**, '62 Bachelor of Arts, was promoted in December 2000 to director of human resources for Arkansas Valley State Bank in Broken Arrow, OK. Walker has been a marketing assistant at the bank for two-and-a-half years. She has eighteen years of banking experience in Oklahoma City and Broken Arrow, OK.

**Bob Hanlin**, '61 Bachelor of Arts, is a visual artist specializing in working with clay, whose work has been accepted in regional and state competitions.

**Carolyn Eoff Hook**, '60 Bachelor of Music and '85 Master of Music, of Woodward, OK, studied under piano professor Robert Laughlin and organ instructor Dr. Antone Godding. She has had a successful career in concert music ever since. Last November, she performed at the Woodward United Methodist Church's new building.

## 1950s

**Hon. Carol M. Hansen**, '50 Bachelor of Arts and '74 *Juris Doctor*, became chief judge of the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in January. Hansen has been a judge on the court for seventeen years. Her husband is Paul Hansen, former head basketball coach for the University.



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**Ruth O. Ekern**, former dorm mother  
**Jerry Allen Evans**, member of Kappa Alpha Order  
**Nora Mae Gorrell**, served as OCU dorm mother for thirty-four years  
**James Ray Harris**, '40 Bachelor of Arts, former music instructor  
**Dr. Hiram Monroe Helm Jr.**, former professor of finance  
**Homer Hixson**, former biology instructor  
**Bonnie Elaine Howard**, former staff member  
**Rev. Clayton O. Hughes**, '87 honorary Doctor of Divinity  
**Dr. Tom Matheny**, '83 honorary Doctor of Letters  
**Uville Wenford Ogle**, woodworking and industrial arts teacher in 1952  
**Dr. George B. Saunders**, '28 Bachelor of Arts, created the Saunders Endowed Scholarship Fund  
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**Dr. Joe R. Utley**, '56 Bachelor of Arts, named a distinguished alumnus in 1997

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**Baxter Johnson**, '65 Bachelor of Science in business and '69 Master of Business Administration  
**Rev. Berta Mary Jones**, '58 Bachelor of Arts in English education  
**Thomas Kennan Jr.**, '49 Bachelor of Arts  
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**J.L. Nelson**, '59 Bachelor of Science in business  
**Robert W. Otto**, '76 Bachelor of Science in business  
**Dolas E. Parsons**, '49 Bachelor of Science in business  
**Dr. Bryce Petrie**, '47 Bachelor of Arts  
**Hon. Glenn S. Phillips**, '62 *Juris Doctor*  
**William R. "Bill" Pickett**, '48 Bachelor of Science  
**Delano Dale Remington**, '77 *Juris Doctor*  
**Lois Margaret Godfrey Rence**, '48 Bachelor of Music  
**James M. Rives**, '51 Bachelor of Science in business  
**Timothy Lee Rule**, '78 Bachelor of Science in business  
**Elza Sanders**, '50 Bachelor of Arts  
**Jewel D. Savage**, '39 Bachelor of Arts  
**Julia D. Scobey**, '78 *Juris Doctor*  
**Retha Jo Seago**, '69 *Juris Doctor*  
**Charles R. Segars**, '64 Bachelor of Science in business  
**Al Shelton**, '49 Bachelor of Science in business  
**Ruth McCullough Shorbe**, '31 Bachelor of Arts  
**Dr. Charles E. Smith Jr.**, '50 Bachelor of Arts  
**Eldred Franklin Smith**, '62 *Juris Doctor*  
**Lois Nadine Sowle**, '84 Bachelor of Science  
**Clarence R. Spence**, '56 Bachelor of Science in business  
**Henry C. Starke**, '69 *Juris Doctor*  
**James A. Stuber**, '72 Bachelor of Science in business  
**Denver L. Swafford**, '62 Bachelor of Science in business  
**Sandra K. Terrill**, '78 *Juris Doctor*  
**Melvyn Ernest Thomas**, '68 Master of Business Administration  
**Rev. Laddie J. Thornton** '50  
**Marcus R. Trickey**, '89 Master of Business Administration  
**Edward B. Weathers**, '78 Master of Business Administration  
**Everett B. Weed**, '59 Bachelor of Science in business  
**George White**, '81 Master of Business Administration  
**Ethel M. Whittle**, '54 Bachelor of Arts  
**Marilyn A. Witcher**, '76 Bachelor of Music and '86 Master of Music  
**Phillip Dale Wright**, '67 *Juris Doctor*  
**James F. Yaeger Jr.**, '50 Bachelor of Science in business

In May 2000, **Kimberly Fuller**, of Yukon, OK, graduated *magna cum laude* from Oklahoma City University with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She planned to start graduate school at the University. She died in April at the age of twenty-five. Fuller's book, *Home*, was published when she was seventeen. She was working on an autobiography when she died.

In 1985, nine-year old Fuller, became America's (then) youngest-ever double organ transplant patient, receiving a new heart and lungs from a four-year old shooting victim, Matthew Hallick. She had another double lung transplant in 1994, and, in 1998, her father donated a kidney to her.

## Students Promote Campus Unity

On September 12, Oklahoma City University's International Student Association and Student Senate sponsored a service to promote unity and mutual support among domestic and international students. The entire campus suspended work and classes to attend.

Student Senate President **Ashley Bowen**, a senior finance major from Mississippi, and International Student Association President **Salma El-Samad**, a junior mass communication major from Lebanon, expressed the anxiety, concern, and sympathy felt by all of the University's students in response to the attacks in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C.; led a moment of silence; and exchanged ribbons they wore as a gesture of harmony, encouraging all attending to do likewise.

*"For nearly a century, we have taught tolerance and unity in the spirit of Christian charity. At times like this, we must practice what we teach. Given the evidence I've seen on this campus, I am sure we are up to that challenge."*

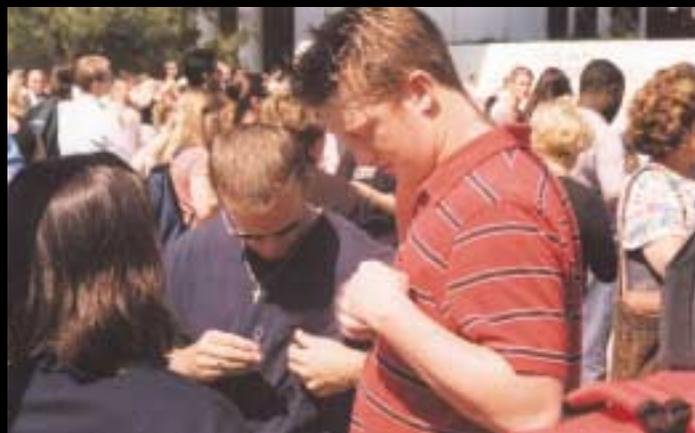
– University President Tom J. McDaniel

*"In the face of such an awful tragedy, it is the responsibility of Oklahoma City University students to take care of each other; to reach out to one another."*

– Student Senate President Ashley Bowen

*"All of us at Oklahoma City University who are from other countries want to express the anxiety, concern, and sympathy we feel for our American friends in the face of such horror. We pray for peace in the world."*

– International Student Association President Salma El-Samad.



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