President’s Message...

Dear Friends,

This time last year, the Nominating Committee assured me that with a remarkable board, my year as president would fly by. How true! The wonderful events we have experienced were planned and executed by Judith Evans and Janet Crain - the UWA newsletter (which has received so many glowing comments) was created by Helen Duchon - the photo directory that finally made it possible for me to put a name with a face...was yes, my idea, but only came to fruition because Margaret Smith and Beth Gatewood devoted so many hours to the project.

Thanks to the entire board (listed on page 4) for their great support and advice.

And last but not least, I want to express my appreciation to YOU, the members, who I have so enjoyed getting to know. Whenever possible, you attended and supported the UWA events making all that planning a success and my year as president so rewarding!

Always Support UWA,
Juanitta Goins, president

UWA’s SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
“due date” for BABY

It’s almost our “due date” for the UWA Scholarship Fundraiser Thursday, April 2. Don’t miss the fantastic reception and final dress rehearsal of the OU Musical Theatre production of “BABY.”

Your evening will begin at 7:00 pm with champagne and dessert in the Rupel Jones lobby. After good conversation and delicious refreshments you will move to the Weitzenhoffer Theatre for open seating at the 8:00 pm final dress rehearsal of the production.

“BABY,” winner of two Drama Desk Awards and seven Tony nominations is a charming and romantic musical comedy with style and energy. The story follows the exciting, frightening and utterly transformational experience of impending parenthood.

Tickets for this special evening are available from UWA board members and interest group chairs. Your $20 donation is 100% tax deductible if your check is made payable to the OU Foundation. Buy your tickets now and sell some to your friends.

Cheryl Etheridge (360-6521) and Cathy Fagan (364-1982) are chairing the fundraiser.

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Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.
Rupel Jones Theatre

Your support of this event will help fund the three scholarships UWA will award to outstanding OU students this year.
Paul & Rose Sharp

Members of UWA and the OU community were saddened by the news of President Paul F. Sharp’s passing on February 19, 2009 at the age of 91. Norman citizens met Rose and Paul Sharp in August, 1971 when he became OU’s ninth president after serving as academician at the University of Minnesota, Iowa State University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Before coming to OU, Sharp was president of Hiram College, chancellor of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and president of Drake University.

While president Sharp had to deal with a seriously underfunded budget and an unhappy faculty and student body, first lady Rose Sharp began her University experience by joining UWA and greeting over 300 guests at the Fall Registration Coffee. To honor the Sharps, members of UWA hosted a Candlelight Ball in December 1971.

Mrs. Sharp’s close association with members of the University Women’s Association continued as she hosted “Teas”, “Welcome Back Parties”, and a “Luncheon with Rose”. In 1974, in honor of Mrs. Sharp’s birthday, April 8, Rose Sharp Award Scholarships were presented to two freshmen at a Fiesta Brunch in the home of Mrs. Sharp.

After president Sharp suffered a minor stroke in 1978, he returned to the classroom as president emeritus and Regents Professor until 1988. We are proud to say that for 38 years first lady Rose Sharp has continued her membership in and support of the University Women’s Association.

We Thank Them Both for Their Service!

—Juanitta Goins, president

“The Epic Journey of Writing a Biography of President Boren” by prolific author of 89 Oklahoma historical books....

Bob Burke’s amusing anecdotes on Feb. 22nd about working around President Boren's schedule to bring Oklahoma Statesman: The Life of David Boren to the world, were enlightening and touching. They included many late Friday afternoon meetings, the assistance of first lady Molly Shi Boren, Boren’s children, friends and many current University of Oklahoma employees and former Boren staff members. The result tells about a statesman who deeply loves Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma. Further, Burke shared that the biography reveals Boren’s major and discreet roles in some of the most politically and historically important moments of American history in the final two decades of the twentieth century. The book chronicles Boren’s life from childhood, through his university years, Oklahoma political career (when Burke and Boren met) through his years as a United States Senator and ultimately to the presidency of the University of Oklahoma.

Burke described Boren as a natural-born politician and a teacher with a passion for education who sees the world as a classroom.

Burke also touched on the highlights of his book John Steinbeck was Wrong about Oklahoma, which is a written “debate” with Steinbeck about the inaccuracies in Steinbeck’s Grapes of Wrath.

Both Burke books are “must reads” for Oklahomans. Mr. Burke made them available to UWA members for only $25.00, a $10.00 savings. He has kindly agreed to honor that price for any member who was unable to attend the February 22nd event, PLUS he will autograph the books! Judith and Juanitta have agreed to pick up the books and pay for them. You can reimburse them when you receive your book. All proceeds go to the Oklahoma Heritage Association for the President’s scholarship fund at the University of Oklahoma.

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Meet New Member PEGGY CHAMBERS

Sumus amicae... “We are Friends.” Hopefully my Latin is correct since Peggy has been the recipient of three Presidential International Travel Awards and six university awards for outstanding teaching and advising in, you guessed it—Latin. She has written a series of four Latin textbooks that carries a student from introductory through advanced study. Her honors course in Intensive Introductory Latin is unique in that it is the only course in the United States that takes the student though all the elements of introductory Latin grammar in one semester.

From 1981 to 1997, Peggy organized and led summer study abroad courses in Classical Civilization to classical archaeological sites in Europe and Britain. She has participated in an archaeological excavation in Caesarea, Israel; taught an honors course in Art and Archaeology at Brasenose College in Oxford, England; and was the university liaison for finding and establishing an Italian Language Study Program in Italy. Peggy is a fervent proponent of study abroad and is currently a member of the Committee on Exchanges with Italian Universities as well as the Committee for Exchanges with Universities in Europe.

The Chambers’ arrived in Norman in 1971. It was the perfect place for Peggy’s husband Richard to establish a pathology practice, for Peggy to receive her degrees in Letters and Latin from the University of Oklahoma, and for sons Kit and Paul to attend Norman public schools and later to graduate from OU.

Today, Peggy and Richard continue to travel internationally as he paints the local scenes and she relaxes. Peggy says she still teaches and advises OU students because she enjoys it! We are glad to welcome Peggy as a UWA member.

—Juanitta Goins, president

Thinking of...

Rose Sharp, who lost her husband Paul F. Sharp, Feb. 19, 2009. OU President David Boren gave the eulogy at the funeral Feb. 22 at First Christian Church. Boren commented on Dr. Sharp’s kindness over and over. “Paul Sharp made a lasting impact on OU and higher education across the country... I really appreciated his wise counsel and advice during my service as governor and especially after I came back to the University of Oklahoma,” Boren said. “He will be greatly missed by the entire OU family.”

Suzanne Gilmore, had knee surgery.

UWA Scholarships

We have an opportunity to meet UWA’s three scholarship recipients on April 2nd at BABY and also at the Luncheon on April 17th. Your continued support makes these scholarships possible. Be proud.

Luncheon, Style Show & Installation

Friday, April 17, 2009 11:30 - 1:30 at the Assistance League Building* with UWA models Nancy Evans, Katie Pursley, Barbara Starling and Lynn Weber.

By this time, your calendar should have a big circle around April 17th. That’s when UWA members join together for the last time this year to enjoy a delicious luncheon by Abby Road Catering, a member’s style show with clothes from “The Webb” and the introduction of your 2009-10 Officers.

Get your tickets early and bring a friend. The $20 tickets are available from board members and interest group chairs with checks payable to “UWA – Luncheon”.

—Janet Crain, president-elect, 321-8184

*Assistance League Bldg. is located at 809 Wall St. From NW 24th at traffic light, turn West on Boardwalk St. then back North on Wall or at Sonic, turn West on Tee St. then back South on Wall.
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All UWA members are welcome to attend the OPEN board meeting to vote on the slate of officers for next year. The April 6th meeting will be at Jann Knotts house, 7301 E. Hwy 9 at 5:00 p.m.

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