Keith Ronck, BBA 1970, has been a regional manager for FindLaw since 2003, focusing entirely on website development and Internet marketing for law firms. He manages 11 client development consultants who work with attorneys throughout Texas on their Internet presence. Ronck has more than 30 years of experience in the legal industry, with the past 20 years primarily focused on technology.

Bobby Culpepper, MBA 1976, recently joined the board of directors for Atrato Inc., the leading provider of high-performance autonomic tiered storage for data-intensive applications. Culpepper is a former vice president of technology and chief information officer of Phillips 66 Co., where he was responsible for managing the company’s technology strategies. Most recently, he has used his operational experience to help small, emerging startups accelerate growth.

Patience Ferguson, BBA 1980, was recently honored as one of 2010’s Minority Corporate Executives by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal. Ferguson is the vice president of human resources at the YWCA of Minneapolis, a mission-driven organization that serves more than 25,000 people annually. She earned her master’s degree in human resources development from the University of Minnesota and has her senior professional in human resources certification. Ferguson is active in the Twin Cities Diversity Roundtable, is a board member for the American Society for Training and Development, and serves as co-chair of the Pan African Community Endowment Fund for the Saint Paul Foundation.

Carol Peddy, BBA 1982, recently joined Campus Advantage Inc., where she oversees numerous communities in the Dallas region. Campus Advantage is a company specializing in management, development, acquisition, consulting and student development programming in order to provide an array of services for universities, developers and investors to help with their student housing needs. Peddy is a real estate veteran, overseeing operations and marketing for Riverstone Residential Group and holding leading roles with JPI National Construction previously. She also spent time with Property Co. of America Realty, Jacques-Miller and Tracy Management Co.

Sherry Miller Avery, MAcc 1983, was awarded her Ph.D. in management science from the University of Texas at Arlington in May. Avery works for the University of Texas at Tyler and resides in Euless with her husband, Gerald.

David Rex, BBA 1983, is a partner at the Dallas law firm of Jackson Walker LLP, where he focuses on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and related financings, as well as counsel to private equity and venture capital funds. He also assists entrepreneurs and emerging growth companies from formation to exit, with an emphasis on venture capital and general corporate finance, strategic alliances, and joint ventures and related contract law. Rex recently was appointed to the board of directors for BioDFW, a nonprofit life sciences organization that acts as a liaison between the industry and the region through conferences, networking opportunities, and many other projects and initiatives.

Dwayne Burnell, BBA 1984, recently published his first book, A Path to Financial Peace of Mind. As a financial educator and personal financial coach, Burnell shares a tried and true financial strategy for managing and building long-lasting wealth that’s been widely overlooked by conventional media. The book presents case studies to help his readers understand the effects of time, interest and risk on their money in order to shield their savings from stock market losses and achieve predictable growth while maintaining liquid access to their cash. Burnell also serves as president of FinancialBallGame.com.

Lori Davis, BBA 1985, MBA 1988, recently became Grant Thornton’s first female managing partner in Wichita since it acquired Fox and Co. in 1985. For the past five years, Davis has served Grant Thornton as partner and tax practice leader. As managing partner, Davis still manages the tax department while overseeing the firm’s 65-employee office and planning its future growth. Davis began her 21-year public accounting career at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Oklahoma City.

Rob Morris, BBA 1985, has returned to his native town of Tulsa to serve as executive director at Hall Estill Law Firm. As executive director, Morris serves as the chief operational and financial leader of the firm, with responsibility for planning, managing and participating in its business, administrative and operational functions. Morris has more than 25 years of management experience, most recently serving as chief financial officer of Pac-West Distributing in Portland, Ore. He also was a senior vice president and general manager at Gemstar-TV Guide.
David Confer, BBA 1986, is a director of ING Clarion Partners, where he is responsible for portfolio management activities for a core-plus commingled fund. Additionally, he is responsible for the asset management of ING Clarion's industrial product activities in the United States, Canada and Mexico. He joined ING Clarion Partners in 2003 and has over 18 years of real estate and investment management experience.

Bob Besse, BBA 1987, was appointed to the position of vice president of sales and marketing by Supreme Industries Inc., a leading manufacturer of specialized commercial vehicles, including truck bodies, shuttle buses, armored vehicles and homeland response vehicles. Besse, a 20-year sales and marketing veteran, joined Supreme as the director of marketing and product planning, where he led the development and launch of Supreme's signature van body and the StarTrans TourLiner Luxury Coach product lines. Most recently, he served as the company's national fleet sales manager.

Michael Horstmann, BBA 1989, is the president and owner of the Agency of Credit Control Inc., which was recently selected by the University of Oklahoma to provide collection services for its patient accounts receivables. ACC has been serving the Rocky Mountain region for nearly 50 years with a variety of local, regional and national clients in the health care, retail and utility industries.

Don LaBass, BBA 1989, is chief financial officer for Cherokee Nation Businesses and Cherokee Nation Entertainment. In his position, LaBass is responsible for all of the finance and accounting functions for Cherokee Nation Businesses and its subsidiaries, including the Cherokee Nation’s gaming and tourism business entities. He began working at CNE in 2005 as director of financial planning. He was promoted to chief accounting officer in November 2006 and then to vice president of finance in 2008. Prior to CNE, LaBass held senior financial positions with Gemstar-TV Guide and BOK Financial Corp. after he spent nine years in public accounting at KPMG. He and his wife, Denice, have three children — Dylan, Drew and Delaney.

Keith Osborn, BBA 1992, MAcc 1993, was promoted to partner at Eide Bailly in Norman in May. Osborn provides consulting services to clients, focusing on tax, estate, gift and retirement planning. He also provides accounting services to financial institutions, high net worth individuals, and oil and gas clients. Osborn is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Oklahoma Society of CPAs and the Norman Rotary Club. He joined Eide Bailly in 1998.

Andrew Spivak, BBA 1994, is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He completed his MA in psychology at the University of Central Oklahoma in 1998 and then earned his Ph.D. in sociology at OU in 2007 after working almost a decade in corrections.

Todd Huettner, MBA 2000, is president of Huettner Capital LLC, a residential and commercial mortgage brokerage firm based in Denver. Although Huettner launched his business three years ago during the decline of the housing market, Huettner Capital is stable and continues to grow, with a 20 percent increase in annual revenues during 2008. He specializes in mortgages for customers who have complex financial situations, including the self-employed and second-home buyers. His expertise and focus on solving his clients’ mortgage problems have given him an edge at a time when other independents have struggled.

Brian Teague, BBA 1996, is the president, CEO and co-founder of Pocketstop LLC, based in Dallas. Pocketstop is a full-service mobile marketing company focused on delivering content, information, coupons and exclusive event access to personal mobile devices. Teague works on all aspects of the business from marketing, sales, business development and fundraising to legal, operations, technical infrastructure, and website and software development. He has more than 13 years of experience in the information systems industry.

Eric Winton, BBA 1996, recently joined Slalom Consulting as a managing director for the Dallas market. Slalom Consulting is a business and technology consulting firm combining local expertise with national reach. Prior to joining Slalom Consulting, Winton was a vice president at Hitachi Consulting.

Jay Eshelman, BBA 1998, was recently promoted to area president of Oklahoma for Gallagher Risk Management Services, a property and casualty insurance brokerage with operations in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Eshelman is a CPA formerly with Ernst & Young. He resides in Tulsa with his wife, Kimberly, a 1997 OU graduate with a bachelor’s degree in education.

Jeremy Christensen, BBA 1999, MBA 2003, joined Millennium Trust Co. in April as a vice president of the company’s alternative solutions group. Christensen is responsible for the business development of Millennium Trust’s alternative assets, such as hedge funds, real estate and private equity. Prior to joining Millennium Trust, Christensen worked for Sterling Trust Co. and Paychex, where he gained valuable experience providing effective financial solutions and strategies to Fortune 500 clients, as well as individual retail clients.

Kelley Grace, BBA 2000, was recently promoted to partner in the Norman office of Eide Bailly LLP. Grace provides accounting services to a variety of industries, including auto dealerships, high net worth individuals, real estate development, manufacturing and construction. She is a member of the Oklahoma Society of CPAs and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Grace joined Eide Bailly in 2001.

Gates Colbert, BBA 2006, graduated from the University of Texas’s Medical School in Houston in May 2010 with his doctor of medicine. He will begin his intern year doing internal medicine at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Edward Frazier, BBA 2006, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the United States Navy. He is currently the aviation supply department officer at Naval Air Station JRB Fort Worth, where he manages the logistics needs for two U.S. Marine squadrons and multiple support sites.

Meredith Elwell, BBA 2007, was promoted by Saddle Creek Corp., Lakeland, Fla., in April as an operations manager at Saddle Creek’s Brother International, Memphis facility. She transferred from Memphis to Lakeland March 2009 and began her career with Saddle Creek shortly after graduation.

Stephanie Singer, BBA 2007, earned her juris doctorate in May from the University of Tulsa’s College of Law. She recently served as an intern for the Tulsa County Public Defender’s Office.

Katelyn Senko, BBA 2009, has been promoted to a renewable fuels energy trader with Musket Corp. after working in the company’s risk department for almost a year. Senko is an active member of Young Professionals in Energy and is currently training for a triathlon in the spring while living in her hometown of Houston.

E-MAIL or FAX your Class Notes Information to pricecollege@ou.edu or (405) 325-3421

Don’t miss Price Magazine online at price.ou.edu