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## McClellan collection makes senator's papers available to public

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The McClellan collection, featuring the papers and other materials of the late former senator from Arkansas, will be available for public use following the McClellan Opening Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 5 p.m. in the McClellan Hall rotunda.

The collection features papers that John McClellan filed during his time

as senator for 35 years from 1942-1977. Ouachita has been in possession of this collection since 1976 and has been in the process of organizing and categorizing it so it can be available for research.

"It took three years, 38 student workers, eight project staff and six permanent staff to arrange and process the 1,300 cubic foot collection in order to provide primary sources to students and researchers," said Phyllis Kinnison, assistant professor

and archivist. "We want to celebrate their hard work as well as bring attention to Senator McClellan's work for Arkansas and American citizens during his time in office."

Dr. Sherry Laymon, former archivist, wrote a biography of McClellan using the papers in the collection. The opening ceremony will also promote her book.

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SENATOR JOHN MCCLELLAN



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GRACE JOHNSON and Caitlin Secrest rehearse for "The Magic Flute," this year's opera production. The show opened tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Performing Arts Center.

## 'The Magic Flute'

Colorful costumes, songs tell tale of love, triumph

By **AMANDA LIKE**  
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The songs are set, the costumes made and the curtains are about to open for the Ouachita Opera Theatre's production of "The Magic Flute" tonight through Sunday in Jones Performing Arts Center.

"This will be the OBU Opera Theatre's most lavish production to date," said Jon Secrest, co-director, music director and conductor of "The Magic Flute," in a Ouachita News Bureau news release. "Our cast is full of tremendously talented young singers whose goal is to deliver an incredible evening of entertainment."

This year's opera will have a different flavor from past operas performed here. Besides taking on performing a challenging operas, this cast will also give some students their first chance to not just be on stage, but have major roles in the production.

"So many things about this production are special to me," said Joel Rogier, a sophomore vocal performance major, who plays as Papageno. "The opera itself is special to me because "The Magic Flute" was the first opera I ever knew much about. It was my introduction to opera as a whole."

Late nights, little sleep and lots of work have finally started to pay off for the students who can see opening night becoming a reality.

"Every year the opera is an incredible experience for the students," said Glenda Secrest, professor of music, co-director and stage director for "The Magic Flute," in a Ouachita News Bureau news release. "As stage director, it is wonderful for me to see the evolution that the opera goes through each year from the auditions to the students being cast to the countless hours of helping them learn the music and even more hours instructing them in the creative process of blocking the show. Those who attend will be amazed with what these students accomplish."

"The Magic Flute" is a love story about Prince Tamino who sets out to rescue the maiden Pamina with the help of a magical flute that aids him on his journey to win true love.

"Audiences should look forward to the technical aspects of "The Magic Flute,"" said Rachel Harris, a senior music theatre and vocal performance major who will play the Queen

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## Scholastic Book Fair on campus benefits education department, local students, schools

By **NATE PEACE**  
Signal Writer

The education department will host its annual book fair the week after Thanksgiving Break. The fair is a service to the campus, the community and the education students at Ouachita, and will be Tuesday, Nov. 29, to Friday, Dec. 1, in McClellan 100 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone can come browse the selection and purchase books.

The book fair is provided by Scholastic Books, a national company the education department is partnering with.

"We will have a large selection — a lot of books — that go all the way from preschool through juvenile books," said Carrie Sharp, instructor of education.

Sharp is leading this year's book fair and has a three-fold purpose for the fair. First, the book fair is a service to the students, faculty and staff; it allows them to buy books at a reasonable price on campus. Sharp said the books are "great Christmas presents" both for students' siblings and parents as well as for faculty and staff members' children and grandchildren.

Second, the book fair is a service to the community. Scholas-

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REUBEN CASH and Addison McCarver attend the Christmas tree lighting last year.

## Speechies host campus tree lighting

By **JESSICA WASMUND**  
Signal Writer

The communication sciences and disorders (CMDS) department will be hosting a Christmas Tree Lighting event in the center of Ouachita's campus on Dec. 1. There will be a book drive and free hot chocolate provided in conjunction with the tree lighting.

"We put tons of Christmas tree lights on it," said senior

CMDS major Chelsy Lewis. "It will be really pretty."

Nearly all of the CMDS majors are involved in some way with the tree lighting, whether putting up Christmas lights or handing out hot chocolate. Lewis is in charge of organizing the tree lighting.

"It is my first year to really be in charge of it," Lewis said. "It is [also] the first year for it to have a fundraiser."

Even though this is Lewis's first year to run the event, it is not new to the CMDS department. Nancy Hardman, Linn Professor of Communication Sciences and Pre-Med Studies, and her family play a big part in the tree lighting.

"My daughter had heard some of my stories from my OBU student days," Hardman said. "She thought

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