

Following appropriate notice to members of the press, the Board of Trustees of the University of Central Arkansas met via telephone conference at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, 1997. The following trustees participated in the call:

Chair:	Mr. Rush Harding III
Vice Chair:	Dr. Harold H. Chakales
Secretary:	Mrs. Elaine W. Goode
	Mr. Madison P. Aydelott III
	Mr. Rickey H. Hicks
	Mr. Joe M. White
	Mr. Dalda F. Womack

There being a quorum of the Board, the following business was transacted:

**Distinguished Alumnus** - The University of Central Arkansas has awarded the citation of Distinguished Alumnus since 1986.

James Richard Cheek is the retired ambassador to Argentina, having been appointed to that post in 1993 by President Clinton. A career diplomat, he previously was appointed ambassador to the Sudan by President Bush, serving from 1989-92.

Mr. Cheek was born in Decatur, Ga., graduated from the University of Central Arkansas (then ASTC) in 1959 and received his master's degree in international service in 1961 from American University. He served in the Army from 1954 to 1956 and on active reserve from 1956 to 1967. After graduation from ASTC Mr. Cheek worked two years for the National Education Association, then entered the U. S. Foreign Service in 1961. After serving in various capacities in Chile, London, Barbados, Leeward and Windward Islands, Rio de Janeiro, Nicaragua and Uruguay, he became deputy assistant secretary of state in 1981, responsible for U. S. Relations with Central America and Panama. After a year as an Associate of the Center for International Affairs at Harvard and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts, he was deputy chief of mission and charge d'affaires in Nepal in 1982-85 and chief of mission and charge d'affaires in Ethiopia in 1985-88.

He was diplomat-in-residence at Howard University in Washington, D.C., for a year before his appointment as ambassador to the Sudan.

Mr. Cheek attributes his start in career diplomacy to Dr. William Bultmann, professor of history. "I had a professor at Arkansas State Teachers College who had lived overseas as a Fulbright professor. He was probably the only person I knew who had been out in the big world. He encouraged me, and I began to think about it."

He is married to the former Carol Rozzell, a former UCA student, and they have two sons and a daughter, Leesa Cheek Ferguson, a 1981 UCA graduate.

With a motion by Mr. Hicks and a second by Mr. White, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

**“BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY RECOGNIZES THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JAMES RICHARD CHEEK AND CONFERS ON HIM THE HONOR OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS. THE BOARD DIRECTS THE ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE FORMAL RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS TO RECOGNIZE HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.”**

**Property Acquisition** - Mrs. Juanita Vogan has agreed to sell to the university her property at 342 Augusta Avenue, Conway, Arkansas. The property is approximately .30 of an acre and includes a 3-bedroom house containing approximately 1360 square feet. The property is currently zoned Multi-Family-3. The house will be used for faculty and staff housing.

In response to a question from Mr. White, President Thompson stated that housing reserves will be used to purchase the property.

With a motion by Mr. White and a second by Mrs. Goode, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

**“BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY AT 342 AUGUSTA AVENUE OWNED BY MRS. JUANITA VOGAN FOR \$82,500 PLUS THE UNIVERSITY’S SHARE OF THE CLOSING COSTS.**

**THE PROPERTY IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 15 AND N 20 FOOT OF LOT 16, OF W. H. GIST REPLAT, JE. E. LITTLE SUBDIVISION, FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS.”**

**Additional Property Acquisitions** - The University has designated the area bounded by Highway 286 on the south, College Avenue on the north, Donaghey Avenue on the east and Farris Road on the west to be within UCA’s projected growth area.

The University has identified three tracts of land north of the campus within the projected growth area that it deems advisable to acquire.

1. Owen Property

James Owen owns the house and property located at 453 Western Avenue, the corner of Western Avenue and College Avenue. The University has made initial contact with Mr. Owen, but he has not been receptive to the idea of selling his property to the University and has not agreed to allow the University to have the property appraised. On June 22, 1997, the Conway City Council approved a request by Mr. Owen to re-zone his property from R-1 to 0-3. Apparently Mr. Owen's purpose in requesting the re-zoning was to permit development of an office building on his property. The University opposed the re-zoning and believes that an office building is not appropriate in this area. Thus, the property is being purchased to protect the University's interest in the use of this land in the future. The house located on this property can also be used for faculty and staff housing in the interim.

2. Harris Property

The University wishes to acquire an undeveloped piece of property adjacent to the Owen property described below. The property is on College Avenue. It is owned by V.P. Harris.

The University wishes to acquire this property to prevent it being developed in a manner inconsistent with the university's long-range plans.

3. Estes Property

The third tract is undeveloped property owned by Mrs. M.C. Estes located at 1703 College Avenue, the corner of College Avenue and Augusta Avenue. This property is adjacent to other property recently acquired by the University.

The University wishes to acquire this property to prevent it from being developed into a use inconsistent with the university's long-range plans.

Mr. Aydelott, stating that the university has made it clear to the public its intentions regarding its projected growth area, moved to adopt the following resolution to protect the university's best interest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicks and passed unanimously.

**“BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZES THE ADMINISTRATION TO**

**NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**LOCATED AT 453 WESTERN AVENUE OWNED BY JAMES OWEN;**

**LOCATED ON COLLEGE AVENUE OWNED BY V.P. HARRIS; AND**

**LOCATED AT 1703 COLLEGE AVENUE OWNED BY MRS. M.C. ESTES.”**

**“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT IF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTIES ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE GENERAL COUNSEL ARE AUTHORIZED TO INSTITUTE AN ACTION FOR CONDEMNATION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

**EAST 240 FEET OF LOT 1, BLOCK 4 OF THE J. E. LITTLE SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF CONWAY;**

**THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE ACQUISITION OF THE FOREGOING PROPERTY IS NECESSARY FOR THE PRESENT AND FUTURE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS AND TO PROVIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR PURPOSES IMPORTANT TO THE EDUCATIONAL MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. FROM THE RECORDS OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS, IT APPEARS THAT THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY JAMES OWEN.**

**CENTRAL PART OF LOT 1 MEASURING 110 FEET BY 147.4 FEET, BLOCK 4 OF THE J. E. LITTLE SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF CONWAY.**

**THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE ACQUISITION OF THE FOREGOING PROPERTY IS NECESSARY FOR THE PRESENT AND FUTURE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE PROPERTY IS TO BE CONDEMNED IS TO PROVIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR PURPOSES IMPORTANT TO THE EDUCATIONAL MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. FROM THE RECORDS OF**

**FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS, IT APPEARS THAT THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY V. P. HARRIS.**

**LOT 6, EAST HALF OF LOT 7, WEST 6 FEET OF LOT 17, LOT 18, AND EAST HALF OF LOT 19, BLOCK 52 OF THE BOULEVARD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CONWAY.**

**THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE ACQUISITION OF THE FOREGOING PROPERTY IS NECESSARY FOR THE PRESENT AND FUTURE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE PROPERTY IS TO BE CONDEMNED IS TO PROVIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR PURPOSES IMPORTANT TO THE EDUCATIONAL MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. FROM THE RECORDS OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS, IT APPEARS THAT THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY MRS. M.C. ESTES.”**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Mr. Aydelott with a second by Mr. Hicks.

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Mr. Rush F. Harding III, Chairman

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Mrs. Elaine W. Goode, Secretary