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# THE GRADUATE

*For Alumni and Friends of the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences  
and the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture*



*Honoring the past, shaping the future*  
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**COVER: The Inn at Carnall Hall** – Restaurant and hospitality management students tour the renovations of Carnall Hall. They are, from left, Bethany Runyan of Swifton, Amber Pugh of Fayetteville, Lauren Chambliss of Pine Bluff, Jill Horstmann of Bella Vista, Sally Goodsell of Warren, Dawn Wilson of Siloam Springs, Wendy Hatfield of Prairie Grove and Zach Lawrence of Texarkana. Carnall Hall is being converted to a hotel and restaurant that will also serve as a learning laboratory for students in the hospitality and restaurant management program in the School of Human Environmental Sciences in Bumpers College. The story is on page 8. (Cover photo by Fred Miller)

## New DBCAFLS Alumni Society Board Members

### Susan Gilbert Kemp • At Large

Susan Gilbert Kemp, BSHE '73 MS '75, recently retired after teaching home economics at Mountain View High School for 12 years. Before that, she taught 14 years at Rural Special High School near Mountain View. After completing her master's degree in clothing and textiles she was hired as a clothing instructor by the U of A. She and her husband, John Dan Kemp, who is circuit judge in the Sixteenth Judicial District, have been married 29 years and have two daughters, Erin and Lauren. Kemp is a member of the Stone County Scholarship Foundation Board, New Horizons Day Care Board and the Stone County Christmas Committee. She and her family are members of the Church of Christ.



Susan Gilbert Kemp

### David Daniel • At Large

David Daniel, BSA '73 MS '99, is a field representative for Dairy Farmers of America. Before that he was a Washington County Agriculture Extension Agent for nine years. While at the U of A, he was president of the Agriculture Student Association, a Senior Key Award Winner and a member of FarmHouse Fraternity, Alpha Zeta and the Dairy Judging Team. He is a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Rogers and a member of the Washington County Quorum Court. He and his wife, Lolah, live in Springdale and have two children. Margo is a junior majoring in Animal Science, and Chris is a graduate of Hendrix College.



David Daniel



## AAA observes 125th anniversary

On June 14, 1878, the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Industrial University adopted a resolution to “keep a record of the names of all students upon whom a degree of A.B. is conferred; and also the various degrees conferred upon alumni of the University.” The seeds of the Arkansas Alumni Association were planted with the recording of those 25 names. Today, there are more than 26,000 members.

Now, as the Association celebrates its 125th anniversary, a new era of tradition, pride and dreams begins. Throughout 2003, the Arkansas Alumni Association will celebrate 125 years of service to the University of Arkansas and its more than 120,000 graduates.

Alumni have played a significant role in the growth of the campus. Homecoming, the UA Foundation, the Annual Fund, Alumni Societies, the University Ring and privately funded scholarships all originated with the Association.

Today the Association ranks as one of the nation's top membership programs, numbering more than 26,000 active members. Its mission continues to be *to foster loyalty, lifelong relationships, commitment and communication among all alumni, future alumni, and friends to advance the best interests of the University.*

Help us expand that foundation through the creation of our first program endowment. Become a member of the 125th Circle, by making a contribution of \$125 above your membership. If you would like to become a member of the 125th Circle, please call the Arkansas Alumni Association at 1-800-ARK-ALUM (1-800-275-2586). ■

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*From the Dean*



**Gregory J. Weidemann**  
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## A special guest

We were honored to have Senator Dale Bumpers as a special guest at Commencement this year. The UA Board of Trustees named the College for Sen. Bumpers in 1996 in recognition of his distinguished career as a public servant. Our graduates who participated in the ceremony each received an autographed copy of his new book, *Dale Bumpers, The Best Lawyer in a One-Lawyer Town: a memoir*, published by Random House. The book is excellent reading for anyone and is especially so for new graduates.

The Commencement ceremony was held for the first time this year in the Pauline Whitaker Center to accommodate the growing number of graduates and people attending. This is just one of many events now held on a regular basis in this outstanding facility, which was made possible by the generous support of the Whitaker family and others.

Carroll Walls, who was recognized this year as our outstanding alumnus, and his wife, Sue, serve as great examples of the power of alumni support. They have given generously financially and of their time to the College and the Division of Agriculture. Most recently they have donated property that when sold will provide for a classroom renovation in the School of Human Environmental Sciences. They were inducted into the Towers of Old Main in recognition of their generous support for the University over a number of years.

We recently held our ninth annual scholarship luncheon, which brings the students who receive scholarships together with their benefactors. Through the generosity of our donors, we awarded over \$600,000 in scholarships to 337 deserving students this past year.

Despite the slow economy, the College and Division remain on a pace to meet our goals for the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century. To date, we have received gifts and pledges of more than \$54 million, which is 78 percent of our goal. Several of these wonderful gifts are highlighted in this edition of *The Graduate*.

Wonderful things continue to happen in the College.

*Meat and Poultry* magazine ranked our programs in poultry and animal science among the top five in the nation for the second year in a row. Our honors program continues to thrive and has grown to 65 students in a few short years. Last fall 22 research grants were awarded by the College to support original research by our honors students and others.

With the opening later this summer of The Inn at Carnall Hall as a campus-based hotel and restaurant, we expect our hospitality and restaurant management program to grow dramatically. The facility will serve as a learning laboratory for our students and includes teaching and office space for the program. I recently had the opportunity to tour the restored building and am thrilled at what has been done. This will be a great addition to the campus and a wonderful place to stay when you return to campus to visit us.

Although reductions in our state budget presented us with significant challenges this year, we are confident that this is a short-term problem and remain optimistic about the future of your College.

# Dear Alumni

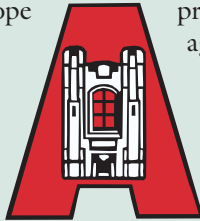
Spring is my favorite season of the year. It is a time for fresh beginnings and a recommitment to existing opportunities. Those of us on your Alumni Society Board of Directors are ever mindful of the new beginnings and existing opportunities, which, as supporters of the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, we hope to cultivate and nourish to the benefit of the College.

This spring, we have another outstanding class of graduates joining our ranks as alumni. They receive a one-year complimentary membership in the Arkansas Alumni Association and DBCAFLS Alumni Society. Prior to their graduation, the Society sponsored a Senior Celebration in their honor at the Alumni Association House. It is our hope that this event makes it easier for our newest members to stay connected and to come back “home” in the future. (A note to last year’s graduates: your complimentary membership is expiring, and we hope you will keep that College flame burning and renew your membership.)

For several years, the Society has awarded one outstanding incoming senior the DBCAFLS Alumni Society Scholarship. The Society has been very fortunate to receive a commitment for endowment of this scholarship from an anonymous donor to whom we are very grateful. This year’s recipient is Falone Gross, a turf and landscape horticulture major.

Last year, your board initiated the Alumni Society Senior Ring program to award a male and female rising senior each a class ring. Recipients of

the Alumni Society Senior Rings this year were Michael Pate and Jessica Johnson. The Society also sponsored the Outstanding Advisor Award that went to Dr. Tom Costello, associate professor of biological and agricultural engineering.



Looking ahead, on October 11, the Society will sponsor a homecoming reception in the AFLS Atrium. We invite each of you to come by this drop-in event to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. It will begin two hours prior to the homecoming game kickoff. You are also encouraged to attend the pre-game rallies sponsored by AAA next football season two hours before each home football game at your Alumni Association house.

Membership continues to inch upward although we should and can do better. Your support of the College through membership in the Arkansas Alumni Association is needed. I also encourage our alumni to support the College by volunteering as a “Distinguished Speaker.” Please contact Cindy Meullenet at 479-575-2134 if you are interested.

Let’s all continue to work together to cultivate and nourish the success of Bumpers College.

Sincerely,

Ewell R. Welch



Ewell R. Welch  
President, CAFLS  
Alumni Society



SENIOR CELEBRATION — Bumpers College Alumni Society board members hosted a Senior Celebration April 4 at the Janelle Hembree Alumni House. A few of those who attended posed for a group photo. (left to right) Front: Susan Kemp, Cindy Meullenet, Rebekah Eggman, Elizabeth Eggman, Dawn Wilson, Charlene Reed, Betty Bradford and Chris Floyd. Second row: Chris Long, David Daniel, Bill Laney, John Jones and Tim Kimball. In back: Brad Miller, Lionel Barton and Roger Gattis.

**Capt. George Roy Hayes Jr.****Alum helped eradicate malaria**

**A**s a young U.S. Public Health Service officer in World War II, George Roy Hayes Jr., MS '51, fought one of the most formidable enemies of American troops in the Pacific theater: the malaria-carrying *Anopheles* mosquito. In 1947, Lt. Hayes was assigned to the same duty in Arkansas, where malaria was rampant. Working with the State Health Department, he was a key team member in the campaign to eradicate one of the most common debilitating diseases in the history of Arkansas.

Well after malaria was eradicated by spraying DDT on walls and ceilings of rural houses and by larvaciding and adultaciding in communities, the service was still in great demand. Homeowners paid \$3 per spraying, mainly for fly control, but flies soon became resistant to both DDT and to its successor, Malathion.

Through his association with UA entomology professor F.E. Whitehead in the malaria eradication campaign, Hayes arranged to take leave to pursue a master's degree, which enabled him to advance in rank in the Public Health Service — a branch of the U.S. uniformed services.

The courses for a master's in medical entomology were crammed into two semesters, plus a thesis on a field experiment connected with his job. He received the 1951 Phi Sigma award for outstanding graduate student in biology at the U of A.

"Dwight Isley (entomology) was my principal professor. If you studied under Professor Isley, you had to learn," Hayes said.

After just one semester, Hayes took an exam to move from active reserve to the regular corps, and he was one of only three nationwide to pass the 20-hour written test plus oral and physical exams. "That one semester at Arkansas put me in good enough stead that I outscored Ph.D.s from

major universities with whom I was working," he said.

Hayes later helped solve another major health problem, this one in Arizona, where crop duster pilots and chemical plant workers suffered from exposure to organophosphate insecticides. Warnings at the time stressed avoiding skin contact, based on laboratory animal tests. He and two colleagues conducted experiments on themselves, "progressing from small to larger doses so we could measure the effects," Hayes said. They found that exposure to the skin was not a big problem, but inhaling the material made them very sick. The industry immediately provided equipment to prevent pilots and workers from inhaling the pesticides.

"The result was that in the crop dusting and pesticide formulating industry, where poisoning had been rampant, it was stopped," Hayes said. He authored a number of widely reprinted research papers on this and other projects, primarily in the American Medical Association's *Archives of Environmental Health* and the *Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association*. Hayes says he suffered no lasting effects from either the self-administered pesticide poisoning or other exposure to pesticides during his career.

Capt. Hayes' career included many other interesting assignments, such as the National Rat Control Program, which took him to the worst areas of cities throughout the nation, and control of mosquitoes that vector yellow fever and dengue fever. He was assigned to the fledgling Communi-



Captain George Roy Hayes Jr., today and as a young officer in the U.S. Public Health Service who helped rid Arkansas of malaria. He is providing for a planned bequest to establish the George Roy Hayes Jr. Endowed Fellowship for Bumpers College students, an endowed classroom improvement fund and endowed Chancellor's Scholarships.



cable Disease Center in Atlanta, which became today's Center for Disease Control and Prevention. He also spent time on loan to the brand new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from 1970 to 1972. In addition to CDC and EPA, his charter memberships include the Military Officer's Association and the U.S. PHS Commissioned Officer's Association.

When he retired from the U.S. PHS at the rank of captain, which is equivalent to full colonel in the U.S. Army, Hayes joined the Louisiana State Health Department for 11 years as chief of insect and rodent control and management of solid and hazardous wastes.

He now lives in Shreveport, La., where he was born on July 5, 1920. His wife of 50 years, Marie, passed away in 1993. ■

# FarmHouse Fraternity 'builds the whole man'



**BROTHERS** — FarmHouse fraternity held an Alumni Appreciation Day cookout at Agri Park April 12. Alumni board members and chapter officers pictured are, from left, Mike Speight, Larry Johnson, Billy Bob Webb, Nolan Arthur (faculty advisor), Bryan Goethals, Cody Turner, Lee Riley, John Still and Dustin Biery.

“Our name has always set us apart,” says FarmHouse Fraternity president Tommy Lee Riley of El Paso in White County.

“We are proud to be part of the Greek system, and we are also proud of our heritage as a different kind of fraternity,” Riley says. “FarmHouse was started by a bunch of country boys who didn’t want a stereotypical fraternity.”

Ideals that the rest of the Greek system now embrace to some degree have always been fundamental in FH, such as no hazing, absolutely no alcohol ever on the grounds or in the house, and an emphasis on “building the whole man,” Riley says.

“Our slogan is, ‘We are Builders of Men,’ and we work on the mental, social, physical and spiritual,” Riley says. Scholarship is stressed. The FH fall 2002 pledge class had the second highest GPA of any fraternity.

FarmHouse International Fraternity was founded in 1905, and the UA chapter was chartered in 1954. The chapter became inactive in 1996 but was re-chartered in 1999.

FarmHouse is a social fraternity, and members come from a variety of

majors, but most are either from rural areas or have a background in agriculture through their family or through 4-H or FFA.

Riley is one of several legacy members — son of a FarmHouse man. His dad, Tommy L. Riley Jr., is leader of the Cooperative Extension Service environment and natural resources section.

Lee Riley and his cousin, Kyle Breckenridge of El Paso, joined as freshmen. “We didn’t want to live in a dorm. We liked what we saw at the FarmHouse, and we liked what it stands for.”

Chapter projects include helping with the Polo of the Ozarks benefit for Lifestyles, Habitat for Humanity, Autumn Fest, the Interfraternity Council’s after-school program at Jefferson School and policing litter on a stretch of Lafayette Avenue. They have a spring formal and a fall hayride and are active in IFC’s Rho Week festivities.

FarmHouse has close ties to Bumpers College. Plant pathology professor David TeBeest is faculty advisor, and agricultural and extension education professor Nolan Arthur is a longtime mentor.

The FH Alumni Association

president is Billy Bob Webb, BSA ’93 LLD ’95, a Rogers attorney with a degree in animal science.

“FarmHouse was the thing that kept me in school” Webb said. Coming to the U of A from a small town and a high school graduating class of 20, he had a hard time adjusting to university life. Webb said the FarmHouse alumni from his time “are a close-knit bunch of life-long friends.”

Growing the chapter from its current level of 19 members is a major focus, Webb said. “We will conduct a strong membership drive this summer.”

Other alumni association board members are Ted Dorn of Gentry, vice president; Larry Johnson of Fayetteville, secretary-treasurer; Mike Speight of Farmington; David West of Fayetteville; and Jarrett Friddle of Little Rock.

Officers in addition to Riley are Josh Still of Hope, vice president; Dustin Biery of Edmond, Okla., rush chair; Bret Crumley of Forrest City, social chair; Gary Singleton of Mena, treasurer; Cody Turner of Mountainburg, secretary; Bryan Goethals of Wicks, house manager; Scott Smallwood of Cabot, philanthropy chair; and James Sanders of Mena, scholarship chair. ■



**FarmHouse Fraternity**  
University of Arkansas

# Students help bring others into Bumpers College 'family'

"I believe that student recruiting is everyone's responsibility," said Ashley Harris, coordinator of student relations at Bumpers College. "What's great is that our students believe it, too."

"Our College is small enough that everyone is involved in recruiting in some way," Harris said. "The students feel a sense of ownership for the College, and they become our best spokespersons to prospective new students."

The Bumpers College Ambassadors, in their khaki pants and green blazers, are the most visible emissaries of the College, participating in most of the recruiting and retention activities on and off campus. Harris said they, and students in departmental groups and clubs, play an important role in the College's recruitment and retention strategy.

"The Ambassadors plan and run activities like lunches for high school students attending the annual 4-H O-Rama and FFA Career Development Event," Harris said. "They help with career fairs and high school college fairs on and off campus and are available to meet and help prospective students who visit the campus."

Ambassadors also plan and host the fall block party, a campus event that helps new students meet people, learn about student clubs and organizations, and begin to feel like part of the Bumpers College family.

One of the most important recruiting activities is the Ambassadors' call campaign, Harris said.

"The Ambassadors call students who've been admitted to encourage them to follow through and enroll,"

Harris said. "It helps new and prospective students feel welcome."

"We work to build friendships with new students," said Sarah Heuer of Harrison, senior Ambassador. "We can answer a lot of their questions about what it's like to go to school here and live here. They want to know what there is to do in the evenings, where's the closest Wal-Mart or where they can get prescriptions filled — things that are easier to ask a friend than someone with a Ph.D."

The Ambassadors know from experience the strengths that Bumpers College offers: abundant scholarship opportunities, low student-to-faculty ratio, undergraduate research programs and, what many of them consider the College's most attractive characteristic, a family atmosphere.

Ambassador Adam Brown of Humnoke said he was planning to go to another university until Nolan Arthur, associate professor of agricultural and extension education, invited him to visit the campus.

"The visit changed my whole outlook about myself and my future,"

Brown said. "I expected a hard adjustment for someone from a small high school, but I found a completely opposite experience in Bumpers College. It is a great family atmosphere."



POPCORN — Bumpers College Ambassadors John Jones and Julie Townsend serve popcorn to Solomon Baughman, a junior agricultural business major from Fayetteville.

Harris said prospective students who visit the campus are more likely to enroll.

"For most students, as well as their parents, selecting a college is as much an emotional choice as an academic one," Harris said. "It's important that parents feel as good about their children's choices as the students do, and a visit to the campus convinces many families that the U of A and Bumpers College are right for them."

"Bumpers College is small and very friendly, but it offers a lot of choices in majors," said Ambassador Julie Townsend of Malvern. "You get the benefits of the large university with the friendly feel of a small college. There are so many opportunities to get involved and find your niche." ■

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*—Julie Townsend*



## *The Inn at Carnall Hall*

# Honoring the past, shaping the future



Interior renovations are restoring Carnall Hall's architectural finery. The overhaul will give the former women's dormitory new life as a hotel and restaurant.

**T**he Inn at Carnall Hall will open this summer, and hospitality and restaurant management students in the School of Human Environmental Sciences and Bumpers College will attend classes there this fall.

The restored women's dormitory, built in 1905 and named for Ella Harrison Carnall, associate professor of English and modern languages from 1891-94, honors the University's heritage of empowering women through higher education before the nation even acknowledged the right of women to vote. It will help shape the future through academic and practical training of future leaders in the hospitality industry.

The original sweeping roofline, graceful columns and arches, solid walls of native stone and brick, and parts of the original wood flooring and trim were restored. Interior spaces were crafted to blend the charm and flare of architecture and interior design from both turns-of-the-century.

The design for preserving, as a National Historic Place, the original architecture of Charles L. Thompson of Little Rock was authored by the late Jimmy Lloyd Lambeth, who died

March 11 at age 60. Lambeth taught architecture at the U of A for 20 years and was internationally recognized as an

accomplished

architect. He restored the James at the Mill restaurant and the Inn at the Mill in Johnson, which are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Funding for the estimated \$7.1 million cost of the restoration includes grants from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council, an Economic Development of Arkansas Fund Commission grant,

UA funds, and funds from the Carnall Inn Development Co. LLC, organized by Fayetteville developers Richard Alexander and Rob Merry-Ship. General contractor is May Construction Co. of Little Rock.

The Inn at Carnall Hall will have 49 rooms. Fine dining will be featured at Ella's Restaurant, managed by Chef Miles James. James is the creator of "Ozark Plateau cuisine" at James at the Mill, which



received the "Nation's Restaurant News Award" in 2000 as one of the 10 best restaurants in the United States.

Associate Professor Janet Noble started the hospitality and restaurant management program for Bumpers College students in 1992. She said the Inn at Carnall Hall is furnishing a teaching laboratory with computer network connections, a Smartboard® for interactive instruction, and food service equipment. Two faculty offices are provided.

A search is underway for a second faculty member for the program, which is expected to soon double its current enrollment of 34. School of Human Environmental Sciences Director Mary Warnock said plans call for adding two more faculty members and growing the enrollment to about 200 over the next few years. Campus laboratory



facilities for food preparation courses in the Human Environmental Sciences Building are being expanded and modernized, Dr. Warnock said.

The hotel and restaurant will provide management level internships and part-time jobs for students.

"This opportunity to work and learn in a first-class restaurant and hotel is terrific for our students," Noble said. "Chef James and other staff members are very supportive, and we look forward to them participating in classes as guest lecturers."

"This will enhance the already strong demand for our graduates to fill restaurant and hotel management positions," Dr. Noble said.

Dr. Warnock added, "The opportunity for students to study in Scotland through our linkage with Napier University is another very exciting part of the program." (See sidebar article.) ■

## Carnall Hall alumnae to endow scholarship

Carnall Hall alumnae have established a fund for donations to create an endowment for Hospitality and Restaurant Management scholarships.

Frances Barton Nutt, BSHE '50, of Lamar, Mo., who was Carnall Hall student president her senior year, started the project and is the contact person for the fund drive.

"Our theme is: Together, we can make a difference. Some of us can't make large donations, but as a group we can provide a significant endowment," said Mrs. Nutt.

The steering committee includes her sister, Sarah Barton Crosby, Charleston; Velma Crow Ashburn, Oklahoma City; Barbara Wood Cook, West Lafayette, Ind.; Mary Anna Culkin, Gaithersburg, Md.; Donna Hudson DeMuth, West Memphis; Grace Lee Harvey, Fort Smith; Jean McIntyre Netherton, Great Falls, Va.; Betty Alexander Matthews, Pine Bluff; Leanne Ebersole Reed, Springdale;

## Scottish university hosts HRM students

A linkage between the University of Arkansas and Napier University in Edinburgh, Scotland, through the Bumpers College Global Studies Program provides an international dimension to the hospitality and restaurant management major in the School of Human Environmental Sciences.

Two Bumpers College students, Dawn Wilson of Siloam Springs and Sally Goodsell of Warren, spent the spring 2002 semester as hospitality and tourism management students at Napier University. Goodsell received a top award for best overall performance in wine studies. Scott McVey of Fayetteville spent spring 2003 semester at Napier.

Human Environmental Sciences Director Mary Warnock said, "We are working to provide opportunities for more students to participate, to bring students here from Scotland, and to provide faculty exchanges."

A Napier professor plans to spend two weeks at the U of A in September as a visiting professor.

Some 90 students have participated in the College's Study Abroad Program, which was started in 1996 by Raymond Barclay as part of the International Agricultural Programs operated by Bumpers College and the U of A Division of Agriculture. ■

## GSD presents student, faculty awards

Nationally known agricultural photographer and writer William A. "Bill" Barksdale, BSA '59, presented a slide show titled "A Photographer's Perspective of Agriculture" at the 49th Annual Awards and Initiation Banquet of Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture, April 8 in the Arkansas Union Ballroom.

Barksdale, who was a student editor of the old *Agriculturist* magazine, lives in Memphis and specializes in Delta agriculture.

Faculty awards were presented for excellence in teaching to David Longer and research to Robert Bacon, both in the Department of

Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences; and for extension to Harold L. Goodwin, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness.

Student award and scholarship winners were: Senior Award: Bill Lee Hendrix, a crop management major. Sophomore Award: Abel Noah Tomlinson, horticulture. GSD Scholarship:

Michael Lynn Pate, agricultural education, communication and technology. Lippert Ellis Scholarship: Shawna Lynette Ball, apparel studies. John W. White Scholarship: Margaret Tay Bowman, animal science. ■



Carol Baltz, Fayetteville; and Peggy Williams Payne, Neosho, Mo.

For more information contact Bumpers College Director of Development Mark Power at 479-575-2270

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Sen. Dale Bumpers was a special guest at Bumpers College Commencement May 10 in the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center, and each graduate received an autographed copy of his autobiography — *Dale Bumpers, The Best Lawyer in a One-Lawyer Town: a Memoir* — published by Random House in 2003.

The College was named for Sen. Bumpers in April 1996 by the U of A Board of Trustees in recognition of the Charleston native's remarkable career of service to Arkansas, including invaluable support for agriculture and higher education.

Sen. Bumpers said in his Commencement address, "The greatest honor I have ever received after being elected to the United States Senate was having this college named for me."

Sen. Bumpers served four years as governor and 24 years in the U.S. Senate. He retired from the Senate in 1998.



Carroll Walls, BSA '55 MS '56, of Little Rock is the 2003 Outstanding Alumnus of Bumpers College.



Carroll Walls

Mr. Walls, who was raised on a cotton farm near England, was employed by DuPont the year before completing his master's degree in agronomy and was with the company for 37 years. He worked in polychemicals research, development and management and started DuPont's forestry group in 1977. He retired from DuPont in 1993 and currently is manager of research and development, quality control and safety with UAP Timberland, LLC.

Carroll and Colleen Sue (Hooten) Walls have generously contributed financially and of their time to Univer-

sity projects and to help individual students and faculty members. Their passion for higher education is recognized by their designation as "Towers of Old Main" — a title reserved for the University's most faithful supporters.

Carroll was instrumental in creating the Agricultural Development Council in 1977, which has generated millions of dollars in gifts and grants for agricultural education, research and extension. He was the first chairman and still serves on the board of directors and as ADC representative on the board of the U of A Foundation.

In 1985, the Wallses donated a 15-passenger van to the College to fulfill a promise Carroll made as a student to agronomy professor D.A. Hinkle and Mrs. Hinkle. "The professors' wives had to give up their cars to provide us students with transportation on our trips," Mr. Walls said. "I told them that someday I would buy the College a vehicle."



Commencement speaker Joshua B. Rice is one of two First Ranked Senior Scholars. He and Rupali Ugrankar achieved 4.0 grade point averages during four years at the University of Arkansas.

Ms. Ugrankar, the daughter of Bhaskarsham and Suman Ugrankar, came to the U of A from Bombay, India. She is an environmental, soil, and water science major and has



Rupali Ugrankar



Joshua B. Rice

been accepted in the Ph.D. program in molecular genetics and microbiology at the University of Texas.

Mr. Rice, the son of Lanny and Kathy Rice of Prairie Grove,

is an agricultural business major. He participated in the American Agricultural Economics Association quiz bowl competition for three years and received the Outstanding Sophomore Award from Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture.



The John W. White Outstanding Student Award for 2003 was presented to Wendie A. Wallis and Kristen Nicole "Nikki" Cooper.



Wendie A. Wallis

Ms. Wallis, the daughter of Joe and Linda Wallis of Smithville, is an animal science major with minors in communications and global agriculture. She spent a semester at

Scottish Agricultural College in the Bumpers College Global Studies Program and was a College Ambassador, among other activities.

Ms. Cooper's parents and stepparents are Gary and Nita Cooper of Everton, Ark., and Jacque and Don Young of Harrison. An agricultural education, communications and technology major, she has been a College Ambassador and active in Collegiate FFA/4-H, Alpha Zeta, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and other groups.



Kristen Nicole "Nikki" Cooper



An outstanding graduate student and undergraduate transfer student are named each year as Dale Bumpers Distinguished Scholars. The 2003 Bumpers Scholars are Paula A. Agudelo, the daughter of Pablo Agudelo and Carmenluisa Muñoz of Medellin, Colombia, and Bryan D. Goethals, the son of David and Patricia



Paula A. Agudelo

Goethals of Sumner, Wash.

Ms. Agudelo is pursuing a doctoral degree in plant pathology. She has presented findings from her dissertation research on reniform nematode populations

in cotton at national meetings.

Mr. Goethals is a junior majoring in agricultural education, communications and technology. He transferred to the U of A from Rich Mountain Community College in Mena. He is active in Collegiate 4-H, FFA and Farm Bureau and is house manager for Farm-House Fraternity.



Bryan D. Goethals



The Spitze Public Policy Legislative Internship for 2003 provides for Kelly Elizabeth Scott to serve as a summer intern in the U.S. Congress. Ms. Scott is the daughter of Karen Scott of Smackover and Rusty and DeeAnn Scott of Hot Springs. She is

majoring in agricultural education, communications and technology with a pre-law and public policy emphasis. She is founding president of the UA Water Ski Team.



Kelly Elizabeth Scott



The Presidential Scholar award is for the Bumpers College student in the junior class with the highest grade point average: Jennifer Leigh Drake, daughter of Garry and Susie Drake of Fayetteville. Ms. Drake is majoring in life span development, family sciences and rural sociology, with a minor in Spanish. As 2002 recipient of the Richard D. Locke International Agricultural Study Abroad Scholarship, she studied Spanish and worked in an orphanage while living with a host family in Costa Rica.



Jennifer Leigh Drake



### The Bumpers College Alumni

Society sponsors a scholarship and names two "Ring Scholars," who each receive a UA class ring, based on academic performance and leadership.



Falone Brooke Gross

The scholarship recipient is Falone Brooke Gross, a turf and landscape horticulture major. The daughter of Pam and Larry Gross of Hatfield, she received an associate of arts degree in 2002 from Rich Mountain

Community College in Mena.

Alumni Society Ring Scholars are Michael L. Pate and Jessica S. Johnson. Mr. Pate is the son of Linda Pate and Ross Stinchcomb, of Fayetteville. He is a senior majoring in agricultural education, communications and technology.



Michael L. Pate

Ms. Johnson, daughter of Barry and Dr. Barbara Johnson of Southlake, Texas, is a

junior animal science major with a pre-vet concentration. She set a new U of A Women's Track and Field Team high jump record in March of 1.81 meters and is president of the UA chapter of the Golden Key International



Jessica S. Johnson

Honour Society.



Terry J. Siebenmorgen, recipient of the 2003 Spitze Land Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence, is founder and coordinator of the Rice Processing Program, which has established the U of A Division of Agriculture as the leader in research and technology transfer in support of the rice processing industry.



Terry J. Siebenmorgen



Retired Sen. Dale Bumpers signs a copy of his autobiography for Bumpers College graduate Rebekah Eggman of Rogers following commencement May 10. A copy of Bumpers' book, *Dale Bumpers, The Best Lawyer in a One-Lawyer Town: a Memoir*, was given to each graduate participating in Commencement. Waiting her turn for an autograph is Sarah Putnam of Irving, Texas.

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George W. Wardlow, recipient of the 2003 Jack G. Justus Award for Teaching Excellence, teaches a number of courses, including one of the first distance education courses. He has been a leader in securing some \$2 million in funding for innovative projects. These include creation of the College Teaching Resources Center and construction of the 12,000-square-foot Abernathy AgriScience and Technology Education Center.



George W. Wardlow

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The Bumpers College Alumni Society Outstanding Advising Award recipient was Thomas A. Costello, who has led the advising program in biological and agricultural engineering since 1991 and is undergraduate coordinator for the new biological engineering major. He also advises sophomore and senior student teams that design projects for national competitions.



Thomas A. Costello

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The John W. White Teaching Excellence Award for 2003 was presented to Carl L. Griffis. He joined the UA faculty in 1968 and served as Head of the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering from 1992 to 1997. He uses a Web site and e-mail to reduce lecture time and increase interaction with students in class.



Carl L. Griffis

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Eric J. Wailes received the John W. White Research Excellence Award. He conducts research on agricultural policy, trade and marketing, with an emphasis on rice. He is the L.C. Carter Endowed Professor of Rice and Soybean Marketing and director of the Arkansas Global Rice Model, which provides analysis to support public and private decision-making related to rice marketing and trade.



Eric J. Wailes

Extension Horticulture Specialist Janet B. Carson received the John W. White Award for Extension Excellence at the state level. Ms. Carson started the Master Gardener volunteer program in 1988 as an agent with the Pulaski County office of the Cooperative Extension Service. She now is state coordinator for the program and provides leadership for horticulture in the 75 counties. She hosts a weekly radio show, writes a gardening column and is featured in "Today's Garden with Janet Carson" on AETN.



Janet B. Carson

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Carl E. Hayden, recipient of the John W. White Extension Excellence Award at the county level, has been staff chairman of the Chicot County office of the Cooperative Extension Service since 1992. In this and other extension assignments in Calhoun, Dallas and Ouachita counties he has been a leader in community development as well as a trusted advisor to area farmers.



Carl E. Hayden

CONGRESSIONAL INTERN – Kelly Elizabeth Scott poses with Drs. Robert and Hazel Taylor Spitze at the annual Scholarship Luncheon April 10. Ms. Scott will serve as a summer intern with Sen. Blanche Lincoln as recipient of the Spitze Public Policy Legislative Internship. Ms. Scott achieved one of her goals as a UA student, which was to start the UA Water Ski Team. With the sponsorship of skiing enthusiast Roger Boskus of Elkins, the team began intercollegiate competition this spring.



DISCUSSION MEET – The newly organized Collegiate Farm Bureau held a "discussion meet" for students in March. Arkansas Farm Bureau sponsored cash prizes for winners, from left, Josh Carmack of Oden, first; Tory Hodges of Alpena, second; and Mallory Young of Fayetteville, third; pictured with faculty advisor Jeff Miller.



Charles E. Parsons received the Outstanding Professional Support Award in recognition of his accomplishments as a senior research associate in the small grains breeding program and as an extension associate in the field-testing program for managing plant diseases of rice and wheat. He also is site manager for the Applied Research Unit at the



Charles E. Parsons

Lonoke Extension Center.



The Division of Agriculture presents two annual awards for outstanding performance by Cooperative Extension Service and Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station staff members in the state classified employee system. The 2003 awardees are Carolyn Grimes and



Carolyn Grimes

Dianna Watson.

Ms. Grimes of North Little Rock is administrative office supervisor for the Environmental and Natural Resources section of the CES state office.

Ms. Watson of Bentonville is a secretary II in the U of A Department of Animal Science. Her duties include clerical and administrative support for five faculty members.



Dianna Watson

**TEAM AWARD** – The annual John W. White Award for Outstanding Team was presented to a team of Cooperative Extension Service (CES) and Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES) faculty members who started the Arkansas Cattle Growers' Conference at Arkadelphia, which has become the premier conference for stocker operations in Arkansas. Team members are, left to right, Joe Paul Stuart of Ashdown, Little River CES staff chairman; Jerry Clemons of Arkadelphia, Clark County CES staff chairman; Mike McCarter of Murfreesboro, Pike County CES staff chairman; Rex Herring of Hope, Hempstead County agent; and (not pictured) Stacey Gunter, AAES research associate professor, Southwest Research and Extension Center at Hope.



**LUNCHEON SPEAKERS** – Sarah Heuer of Farmington spoke on behalf of recipients at the ninth annual Scholarship Luncheon April 10 in the Arkansas Union Ballroom. Arkansas Farm Bureau Executive Vice President Ewell Welch spoke on behalf of donors.

## Poultry Science Alumni are active

The Poultry Science Alumni (PSA) group sponsored two regional meetings last fall to update poultry science alumni across the state on recruitment initiatives, departmental news and PSA activities. Local poultry companies sponsored the lunch meetings in Batesville and Hope.

Plans are underway to continue the PSA regional meetings in the Arkansas River Valley and in Northwest Arkansas.

The PSA also hosted an informal get-together in Atlanta during the International Poultry Exposition in January.

A Board of Directors meeting was held in April and a summer annual PSA meeting has been scheduled for June 26.

The Poultry Science Alumni Ring and Scholarship Fund has been established, and they plan to award a UA class ring to an outstanding poultry science graduate each year, starting in 2004.

Graduates interested in joining the organization or seeking more information about the activities can contact Diana Bisbee at 479-575-2025 or dbisbee@uark.edu. ■

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# Donors expand student opportunities



**B**umpers College and the Division of Agriculture, as of April 30, had received gifts and pledges of more than \$54 million, which is 78% of the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century goal of nearly \$70 million.

See articles on planned bequests from alumni Dr. Bobbie Biggs and Captain George Roy Hayes Jr., U.S. PHS, (retired) on pages 15 and 5.

Other gifts not previously announced in *The Graduate* include the following.



The **James and Wanda Irwin Endowed Scholarship** for Bumpers College students is being established with a \$250,000 gift from the Springdale couple.

Mr. Irwin, a UA graduate with a degree in agriculture, was on the Razorback basketball team in 1944. He is a retired Tyson Foods vice president for production and is now a beef and poultry grower.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are former teachers in the Lincoln and Prairie Grove schools. Mrs. Irwin operated a real estate business and was a member of the Bank of Lincoln board of directors. She is a UA graduate with a degree in business. Their children and grandchildren are also UA alumni.

The Irwins were inducted into the Towers of Old Main, an honor recognizing cumulative giving to the U of A.

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**GOOD SHOT FOR A GOOD CAUSE** — Trey Rutledge makes a putt while teammates John Straechek, left, and Brandon Nichols watch. They were competing in the fifth annual U of A Golf and Sports Turf Classic April 28 to raise scholarship and research funds for the Department of Horticulture. A number of participants from central Arkansas came in a bus chartered by alumnus Roger Gravis of Quail Valley Farms. Alumni and friends also play in the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science tournament in May and the Delta Classic in July for the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences.



**AgHeritage Farm Credit Services** is providing \$40,000 for renovation of Room 301 in the Agriculture Building. The project will modernize the heating and air conditioning system, teaching aids and décor of the room. AgHeritage Farm Credit Services is a cooperative lending institution that services the financial needs of the agricultural community in 24 counties through central Arkansas.



A \$25,000 gift from the **Hartz Mountain Corporation** will fund a research program for undergraduate pre-veterinary medicine students in Bumpers College.

Allan Bates, corporate vice president for Hartz Mountain, presented a check to Dean Greg Weidemann to establish the Pre-Veterinary Class-to-Clinic Research Incentive. The program teams students with practicing veterinarians and UA Animal Science faculty members.

“One of the goals of this program will be to enlighten students about the functional and intact connection

between academics and veterinary practice,” said Tom Yazwinski, Animal Science professor and project coordinator and advisor. Students will receive \$1,000 grants to conduct special problem research projects geared to the expertise of their academic advisors and the activity of their participating veterinary practices.



A classroom in the Home Economics Building will be named for **Carroll and Sue Walls** of Little Rock in recognition of long-term support for the University and the Division of Agriculture. Proceeds from the sale of property donated by Mr. and Mrs. Walls will be used to renovate and modernize the classroom.

Mr. Walls, who was named Outstanding Alumnus for 2003, has B.S. and M.S. degrees in agronomy, and Sue has a B.A. degree in education from the U of A. Carroll had a distinguished career with DuPont and is now with UAP Timberland LLC. He was the first chairman and still serves on the board of directors of the Agricultural Development Council.



For development information, contact Chuck Culver or Mark Power, development officers for the Division and the College, respectively. ■



## Alumna plans bequest to benefit youngest Arkansans

“It’s something I’ve been thinking about for a long time,” Education Professor Bobbie Biggs, BSHE ’62 MSHE ’63, said of her decision to provide for a sizable future bequest for UA programs that benefit children, with an emphasis on children from birth to age five.

The gift will provide discretionary funds for operation of the Infant Development Center and Nursery School operated by the School of Human Environmental Sciences in Bumpers College and the Speech and Hearing Clinic in the College of Education and Health Professions. A faculty committee has developed a plan for expanding these and related programs within a proposed Life Span Studies Center.

Dr. Biggs said she is excited about the proposed Life Span Studies Center, but she wants her bequest to be used not for bricks and mortar but “for things like floor mats or computers or books or whatever is needed. Maintaining the program is an area that gets overlooked.”

After nearly three decades of working to improve kindergarten through high school education and adult education, Dr. Biggs refocused her career in 1996 “on what I finally figured out that I really wanted to do,” she said. “I

**“We have to meet the critical needs for care and education of children *before* they start school.”**

— Bobbie Biggs



Dr. Bobbie Biggs reads a story to, from left, Mary Kate Bertalatto, 4; Baylor Griswold, 4; and Payton Willis, 5, during a visit to the University of Arkansas Nursery School.

wanted to impact the education of preschoolers.”

After many years as curriculum consultant and director of the State Curriculum Center for Workforce Education, Dr. Biggs in 1996 obtained federal grants, through the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education, to establish and operate three statewide childcare-provider training programs.

She is passionate about the cause of establishing and sustaining professional competence and quality facilities for childcare providers.

“We have to meet the critical needs for care and education of children *before* (her emphasis) they start school,” Dr. Biggs said. “If we can do this, we are more likely to make a difference in the lives of the children of Arkansas.

“In addition to teaching caregivers the basics, we can get them started in college programs leading to associate and/or bachelor’s degrees,” she said.

Professor Sue Martin, School of

Human Environmental Sciences, worked with Dr. Biggs to develop curriculum content for caregiver trainers. Dr. Biggs established and manages the training delivery system.

“We have 200 to 250 active trainers, who provide training for approximately 3,500 local caregivers each year,” Dr. Biggs said.

The daughter of a school superintendent who later became a college administrator and a first grade teacher, Dr. John and Bernice Treadway, Dr. Biggs was raised in Yellville. By age 20 she had earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in home economics from the U of A and added a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Henderson State University. She taught in the Garland County schools for several years before obtaining a Ph.D. in vocational education from Texas A&M in 1976. After a short tenure at the University of Oklahoma, she joined the UA vocational and adult education faculty with an office for many years in the Home Economics Building. ■



# Agriculture Hall of Fame inducts alumni and friends

Five alumni and friends of Bumpers College were inducted into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame March 7 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas. Farm Bureau and Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce sponsor the Hall of Fame.

■ **C.E. “Doc” Toland** of Little Rock was chairman and chief executive officer of Affiliated Foods Southwest. He built the company into one of the most progressive cooperative wholesale food distributors in the nation. He is well known as a supporter of the Junior Livestock Auction at the Arkansas State Fair.

■ **Dr. Ralph Williams** of Little Rock was state extension dairyman from 1962 to 1986. He had a joint appointment as animal science professor at the U of A from 1968 to 1980. He remains active in support of youth activities.

■ **Thomas H. Gist Jr.**, BSBA ’57 BSA ’58, of Marianna is a life-long cotton and grain farmer. He has been director of Riceland Foods’ executive committee, as well as Farmland



CSES FRIENDS – Johnny Roach of Monticello, here with his wife, Kaye, received a Friend of the Department Award during the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences’ annual banquet April 17. Mary Louise Demort Fisor of Elaine also received a Friend of the Department Award, but was unable to attend the banquet.

Industries of Kansas City, Lee County Grain Drying Cooperative and Tri-County Co-op in Brinkley. He was director of Farm Credit Mid-South, chairman of Farm Credit Banks of St. Louis and district director of St. Louis Federal Land Bank. He also was vice chairman of Federal Land Bank of East Arkansas.

■ **Hillman Koen**, BSA ’50, of Hope established Koen Farms in 1965 and was owner and president of its egg operation for years. He has served as president of the Arkansas Egg Council Board of Directors, president of the

Poultry Federation and chairman of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission. He was the Poultry Federation’s Man of the Year in 1983. He helped numerous young people obtain an agricultural education.

■ **William F. “Bill” Teeter**, BSA ’59, of Winchester has been director of the National Association of Conservation Districts and served as president, secretary and treasurer of the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts. He was vice-chairman of UA Agricultural Development Council and was a pioneer in no-till cotton. ■

## Full text of letters posted online

Most letters from alumni are to provide Class Notes information, however, we also receive letters of some length that would be of interest to others. Beginning with this issue, we will try out a policy of printing an excerpt or summary of letters and providing the full text online. To read the complete text of the letters mentioned below, go to our Web site at [www.uark.edu/depts/agripub/Publications/Graduate/](http://www.uark.edu/depts/agripub/Publications/Graduate/).

In addition to letters, we will post on the Web site other information of interest that did not make it into the magazine.

- “We enjoyed your fall/winter edition very much, especially about Girls 4-H. ... I dated some of the girls and married one: Mary ‘Billy’ Melton. ... In the Class of ’41 were Joe and Jack McFerran, identical twins...” — Jules V. Crownover, Soil Conservation Service, retired. Clinton, Ark. 72031.
- James W. Fisher established a scholarship fund in memory of Danny Metz, who was killed in Vietnam, Sept. 11, 1969. He reminisces about their experiences as students and AGR Fraternity brothers, Class of ’68.  
— James Fisher, 306 Grand Isle Court, Grover, Mo. 63040

### Also online:

Lost alumni list and a search for Family and Consumer Science professionals who served in the military.

## Brad Waddle memoir

Bradford A. Waddle, agronomy professor emeritus and Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station cotton breeder from 1951 to 1985, has published a reminiscence of growing up on tenant cotton farms in north-east Texas. The 170-page paperback, *The Way It Was: 1920-1942 as remembered in the spring of 2001*, can be ordered for \$10, which includes shipping, from Dr. Brad Waddle, 1600 Cherokee, Harrison, AR 72616. Phone 870-365-7716.

Send your class notes to  
Cindy Meullenet  
[cmeull@uark.edu](mailto:cmeull@uark.edu)

## 1950s

**Woodrow (Woody) Bowles**, MS '53, was named a Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College Outstanding Alumnus. Bowles taught school for six years in rural communities in Adair County, worked as production control manager for Douglas Aircraft in Oklahoma City and coached at Eufaula and Westville. He became principal at Westville and continued to coach, teach and serve as a school administrator in that district, spending a total of 39 years in the field of education.

**Shirley Heard Mathey**, BSHE '56, married Fabyan Mathey in October 2001 and will reside in Horseshoe Bend. Heard and Mathey had been UA college sweethearts and were reunited 46 years later.

**James McGuire**, BSA '56 MS '57, retired after six years as dean of the College of Agriculture at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1999. He received a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from North Carolina State University in 1961. After two years on the faculty in Plant Pathology at South Dakota State, McGuire returned to the U of A as research associate in Plant Pathology, 1963-65; associate professor, 1965-70; and professor, 1970-84. He moved to Mississippi State University in 1984 as professor and head of the Department of Plant Pathology and Weed Science and was there until 1993. McGuire and his wife, Betty, are enjoying retirement in Springdale where they have a large vegetable and fruit garden. He is the current director of the Springdale Farmers' Market.

**Elmer V. Krehbiel**, MS '59 PhD, of Bryan, Texas, writes home grown gardening articles for area newspapers and Web sites and has recently received second and third place awards in the Keep Texas Beautiful and Master Gardeners Senior competitions. After working for the USDA as an animal geneticist and Texas A&M University as an adult educator for beef cattle producers, Krehbiel retired in 1992 from Oklahoma State University where he was an extension educator.

**Jefferson Montgomery**, BSA '59 MS '60, was one of eight Arkansans named in the first induction ceremony of the Arkansas Army National Guard Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

## 1960s

**R. Bruce Keene**, BSA '61, earned his D.V.M. at Kansas State University in '64 and is practicing in Maitland, Florida. He is currently serving on the College of Veteri-

nary Medicine's admissions committee at the University of Florida and was featured in the 2002 *Veterinary Economics Journal*. Keene is very active in his community being involved in the Central Florida Veterinary Medical Association fundraiser, the John Young Museum and the local YMCA.

**Richard Maxwell**, BSA '68 MS '73, and **Cheryl Nash Maxwell**, BSHE '67 MS '73, have relocated to New Mexico for new jobs in the Land of Enchantment.

**Gary Murphy**, BSA '68 MS '77, retired last year after 29 years with the University of Arkansas system. Over the years Murphy served as a research assistant at Cotton Branch Experiment Station in Marianna, as a research assistant and resident director at Beef Substation in Newport and as a research associate of the Department of Animal Science in Fayetteville. He will enjoy his retirement in Texarkana near his children and grandchildren.

**James Fisher**, BSA '69 MS '73, received the "Friend of the Farmer" award at the Riceland Foods, Inc., 82nd Annual Meeting in Stuttgart this past November. Fisher represented Riceland Foods, Inc., for CoBank for 25 years.

## 1970s

**Phillip Moery**, BSA '70, is Chairman of the Labry Division of Business and Economics at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn.

**Donald Cawthon**, BS '73 MA '77 PhD '82, is dean of the College of Agricultural and Human Sciences at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.

**Steve Larkin**, BSA '73, was recently appointed president of AMI Leasing in Worcester, Mass.

**Michel Ransom**, BSA '74 MS '76, was elected Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy. Ransom is a professor of soil genesis, classification and mineralogy, and assistant head for teaching in the Department of Agronomy at Kansas State University.

**Mary Ella Impson Early**, BSHE '75, vice president and client advisor, has moved to the new Private Banking Department at Arvest in downtown Fayetteville.

**Ruth Tannehill Jones**, BSHE '76, is vice president for Patient Care Services at St. Mary's Hospital in Rogers. In 2002 Jones

earned the Lawrence W. O'Neal, M.D. Fellowship Award for Clinical Quality Improvement in recognition of her work in recruiting, rewarding and retaining nursing staff.

**Richard Sellers**, MS '79, is a Vice President of the American Feed Industry Association and has been working recently with the USDA in helping provide much-needed relief to ranchers in South Dakota, Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming.

## 1980s

**Charles Sims**, BSA '80 MS '82 PhD '86, was recently named chair of the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department at the University of Florida.

**Gill Giese**, BS '82 MS '88, recently assumed the position of viticulture instructor at Surry Community College in Dobson, N.C.

**Stephen Malone**, BSA '82 MS '83, was recently named seed treatment technology platform manager for Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., in Stanton, Minn.

**Valerie Wilson Raymond**, BSHE '83, is living in Carefree, Ariz., with husband Jeff Raymond. The couple has three children.

**Dan Reynolds**, MS '84, received the Outstanding Educator Award for 2003 from the Southern Weed Science Society. Reynolds completed his Ph.D. in 1986 at Oklahoma State University and is currently professor at Mississippi State University, where his introductory weed science course has one of the largest enrollments in the nation.

**Steven Dobbs**, MS '86, is the director of the grounds and landscape program at UA Fort Smith and has just released a book, *The Perfect Arkansas Lawn: Attaining and Maintaining the Lawn You Want*.

## 1990s

**Charles "Tim" Schnakenberg**, MS '90, recently transferred in the University of Missouri System from agronomy specialist at Versailles to agriculture/rural development specialist headquartered in Galena. He lives with his wife and two sons near Crane, Mo.

**Scott Senseman**, MS '90 PhD '94, was named 2003 Outstanding Young Weed Scientist by the Southern Weed Science Society. He is an associate professor at Texas A&M, where his research program is concentrated on several aspects of herbicide chemistry. Senseman was also named Outstanding Young Weed Scientist by the Weed Science Society of America in 2002.

**Shari Coleman Moxley**, BSHE '91 MS '92, is executive administrator of North Carolina Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The Moxleys live in Lillington, N.C., and have three children.

**Jeff Lammers**, BS '94 MS '96, and his family, wife Kelly, sons Joshua, Jaden and Louis John, recently moved to Uganda, Africa, to serve as missionaries for two years.

**Allison Cummings England**, BSA '98, teaches environmental science and physical science at Springdale High School. She married Jason England in 1998, and they have a daughter, Meredith Claire.

**Allison Aeneid Thomas**, MS '99, works with the Foreign Agricultural Service agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. Her primary job is to work to eliminate and reduce trade barriers in Western Europe for wine, fruit and vegetable commodities.

## 2000s

**Ashley Clark**, BSHES '00, recently graduated with honors from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. She is now a pastry chef at The Peabody of Little Rock.

**Chris Gilbert**, BS '00, recently completed an M.S. in Food Science at Purdue University and is currently working in product research and development for General Mills/Pillsbury in Minnesota.

**Amanda Castleman**, BSHES '01, has returned to Fayetteville and is working as the client development specialist for GE Consumer Finance.

**Libbie Lancaster**, BSA '01, is living in Jonesboro, Ga., where she is an agriculture research technician for the USDA Plant Genetics Resource Conservation Unit.

**Tara Shofner**, BSA '01 MS '02, has joined Arkansas Farm Bureau's Commodity and Public Policy Department. She is coordinator of their Wheat and Feed Grain and Forestry divisions, and administrator of Arkansas Wheat Promotion and Corn and Grain Sorghum Boards.

**Eden Bender Easterling**, BSHES '02, and **Tommy Easterling**, BSA '96, were married in April 2000. The Easterlings reside in Fayetteville and have a son, Hunter Banks, born October 4, 2002.

**Alicia Parker**, BID '02, has been assigned to Harrison French Architecture's local projects division in order to meet the needs of its growing Northwest Arkansas client base. Parker is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

## Deceased

In the interest of privacy, *The Graduate* will only publish the names of deceased alumni whose families have notified us or information was made public.

**L.C. Carter**, BSA '31, died April 15, 2002, in Stuttgart.

**Stella Mae Fitch Symes**, BSHE '31, died April 2, 2002, in San Antonio, Texas.

**Ehrline Rowden Pazderka**, BSHE '33, died February 12, 2002, in Blue Island, Ill.

**Earl F. Pettyjohn**, BSA '39 MS '63, died February 4, 2002, in Russellville.

**A. Wade Bishop**, BSA '43, died February 8, 2002, in Fayetteville.

**William R. Olive**, BSA '47, died January 17, 2002, in Fla.

**Pauleen Bigham Talbert**, BSHE '49, died April 1, 2002, in Jacksonville.

**J.W. Thompson**, BSA '50, died May 23, 2001.

**Carlton Reames**, BSA '57 MS '61, died February 15, 2002, in Russellville.

**Marian "Pat" Zimmerman Ernst**, MS '67, died March 19, 2002, in Fayetteville.

## New Arrivals

August 13, 2002, to **Bradley Willis**, BSA '87, and **Elena Willis**, a daughter, **Daria Elizabeth**, in Newark, Del.

August 31, 2002, to **William W. Skaggs**, BSA '92 MSA '94, and **Pam Olienyk Skaggs**, BSA '91 MSA '94, a daughter, **Caroline Grace**, in Greenwood.

September 29, 2001, to **Ashley Grace Lee**, BSHES '94, and **Lance Lee**, a son, **Harrison Davis**.

September 12, 2002, to **Liani Russell Wilkinson**, BSA '96, and **Jason Wilkinson**, a son, **Michel Wayne**, in Jacksonville.

## Anniversaries

**Terrell Gordon**, BSA '42, and **Lois Davis Gordon**, BSHE '42, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July 2002 with a family trip to Niagara Falls.

**H.D. "Poke" Knight**, BSA '54, and **Mada Knight** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October 2002 with an open house in Springdale.

**Frank L. Walker**, BSA '79, and **Jeanette Rushing Walker** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in August 2002. The couple resides in Rogers.

## Weddings

**Janan Jackson Foster**, BSHE '82, and **Wallace Foster** were married August 10, 2002. They reside in Texas.

**Billy Staton**, BSA '91 MSBAE '95, and **Teresa Renee Otts** were married February 15, 2003, in Little Rock.

**Daniel Caley**, BSA '93, and **Shawn Juhl Caley** were married June 22, 2002, in the Dominican Republic. The couple resides in Fayetteville.

**Amy Barrett Payne**, BSHES '97, and **Justin Matthew Payne** were married November 9, 2002, in Harrison.

**Krista Torberson Parker**, BSHES '98, and **Jason Wayne Parker** were married September 20, 2002, in Atlanta, Ga.

**Lindsey Bragg Brown**, BSHES '99, and **Ryan Brown** were married May 18, 2001. The couple resides in Cordova, Tenn.

**Eric Saunders**, BSA '99, and **Shannon Rachel Saunders** were married July 20, 2002, in Siloam Springs. They reside in Colcord, Okla.

**Chris McCarty**, BSA '00, and **Melissa Kizzire McCarty** were married August 3, 2002.

**Travis Reed**, BSA '00, and **Jennifer Wagner Reed** were married July 20, 2002, in Eureka Springs.

**Dawn Seale Stout**, BSHES '00, and **Craig Stout** were married July 20, 2002. The couple resides in Fayetteville.

**Stephanie King Brister**, BSA '01, and **Michael Brister**, BSA '98, were married August 17, 2002, in Fort Smith.

**Michael Ferguson**, BSA '01, and **Libby Leifer Ferguson** were married August 3, 2002, in Tyler, Texas. They reside in Fayetteville.

**Jennifer Coleman Fortenberry**, BSHES '01, and **Joshua Fortenberry**, BSA '01, were married September 14, 2002, in Mulberry.

**Russell Martin**, BSA '01, and **Emily Appleton Martin** were married May 19, 2003, in Little Rock.

**Justin Mills**, BSA '01, and **Rebecca Phillips Mills** were married August 3, 2002, in Fort Smith. The couple resides in Rogers.

**Shea Smith Deimel**, BID '02, and **George Deimel** were married July 20, 2002, in Eureka Springs.

**David Walker**, BSA '02, and **Jennifer Partridge Walker**, were married July 13, 2002, in Fort Smith. The Walkers are both pursuing graduate degrees at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. ■

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## UA ranked in top five

*Meat and Poultry* magazine in November ranked the University of Arkansas in the top five for the second straight year for research, extension and education efforts that impact producers and consumers of meat and poultry products.

The departments of Animal Science, Poultry Science and Food Science conduct comprehensive programs, often in collaboration with faculty in other disciplines, on production, processing and use of animal products as well as environmental impact issues. Meat and poultry issues are also major topics for the Division of Agriculture's Institute of Food Science and Engineering, the USDA-funded Food Safety Consortium, and the USDA-ARS Poultry Production and Product Safety Research Unit in Fayetteville.

Statewide research and extension programs involve faculty and facilities at the Southwest Research and Extension Center at Hope, Southeast Research and Extension Center at Monticello, the Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station near Batesville and a beef, poultry and swine research farm complex at Savoy, west of Fayetteville.

The top 10 list, in order, includes Texas A&M, Iowa State, Kansas State, Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma State, Colorado State, Illinois, Texas Tech and Georgia Tech. ■

## Warnock To lead HESC programs

Dean and Associate Vice President for Research Greg Weidemann announced March 18 that Mary Warnock had accepted an appointment as director of the School of Human Environmental Sciences.

Dr. Warnock served as interim director since August 2001 when Stephen Jorgensen left the position for a similar job at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Warnock joined the U of A in 1976 as assistant professor of Clothing, Textiles and Merchandising and was promoted to professor in 1996. Now known as Apparel Studies, the program has grown from about 50 students in the late 1980s to about 150.



Mary Warnock

Dr. Warnock was the first textiles faculty member to have a research appointment in addition to teaching. She established a well-equipped consumer testing laboratory and has been widely published in the field.

She has held leadership positions in the American Association of Textile Chemists

and Colorists, the American Society for Testing and Materials and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She is a member of Phi Upsilon Omichron and Gamma Sigma Delta, serving as international historian from 1992 to 1998. ■

## Homecoming Reception

Bumpers College alumni are invited to a Homecoming Reception at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House two hours before kickoff of the UA vs. Auburn football game on October 11.



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