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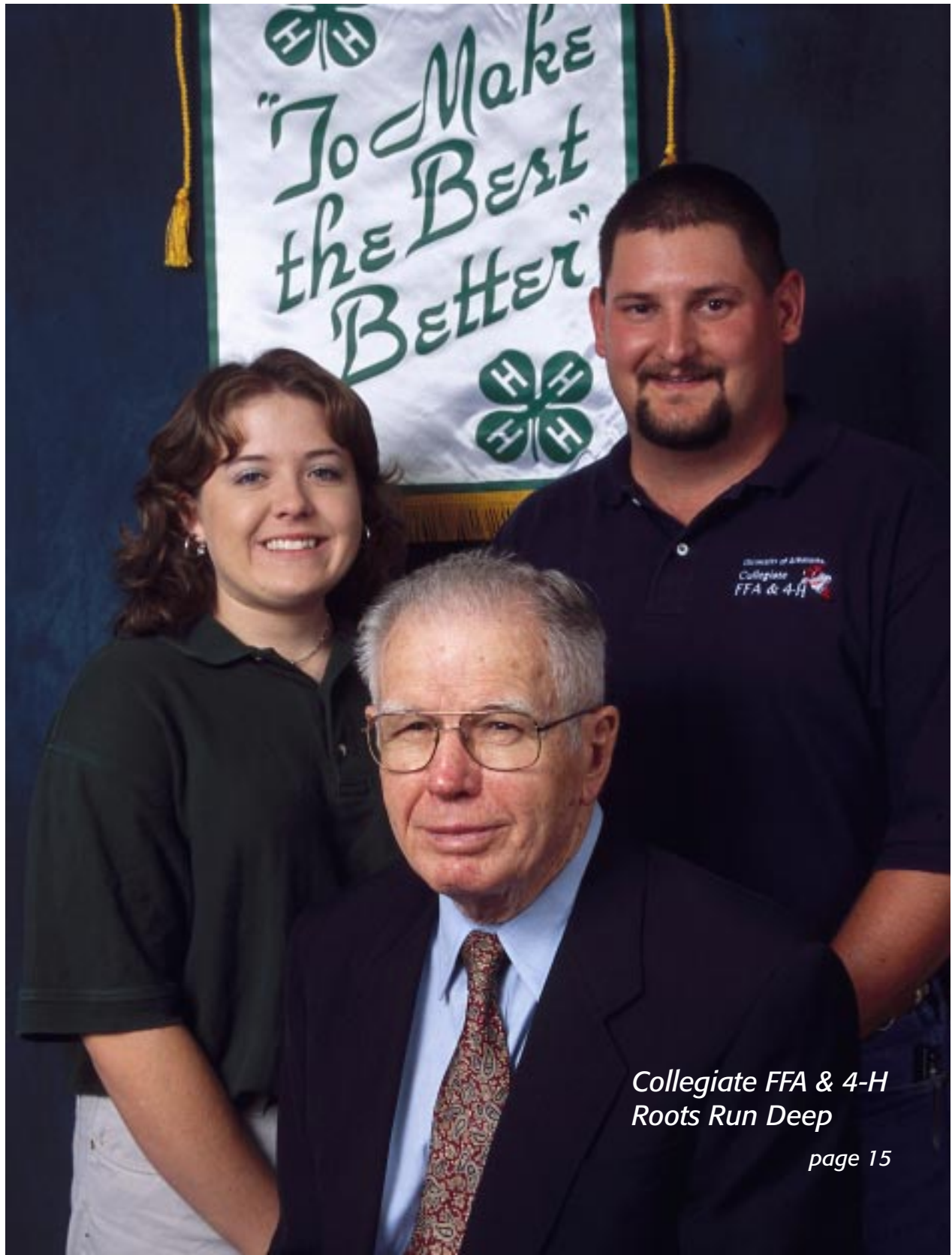
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THE GRADUATE

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



*Collegiate FFA & 4-H
Roots Run Deep*

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COVER: 4-H, which will be 100 years old in 2002, and FFA have been big factors in the lives of our students for many decades. Collegiate FFA and 4-H officers Aaron Newman of Greenwood and Nikki Cooper of Harrison are pictured with Professor Emeritus Joe McFerran, BSA '41 MS '50. Dr. McFerran participated in the annual reunion of Boys' 4-H House residents Oct. 19 at Mt. Sequoyah Campground. Dr. McFerran is well known for developing improved tomato varieties as a UA horticulture professor. A vintage Boys' 4-H House photo is on page 15. (Cover photo by Fred Miller)

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Membership in CAFLS Alumni Society grew 11.35 percent over the last year. Dues-paying members account for 26.3 percent of the total number of our graduates listed in the database maintained by the Arkansas Alumni Association.

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Membership is such an important part of what we do. The society is given a financial stipend based on membership participation each year. Not only does the CAFLS society benefit, but membership also helps to provide scholarships, alumni and faculty awards, student programming and recruitment and reunion activities.

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From the Dean

The margin of excellence

The public phase of the University of Arkansas Campaign for the Twenty-First Century began this fall. This fund-raising campaign is in support of the vision of the University of Arkansas as a nationally competitive, student-centered research university serving Arkansas and the world.

Nationally competitive means ranking among the top 50 public universities in the nation. The people of Arkansas deserve no less for the education of our future leaders and to provide the research and development infrastructure we need for economic development.

A high level of private support for scholarships, professorships, faculty chairs, facilities and programs is needed to achieve top-tier ranking. In addition to the investment in our future, private giving is a reflection of broad public support for our programs.

Two of our alumni, Stanley Reed of Marianna, a successful farmer and member of the UA Board of Trustees, and Leland Tollett of Rogers, former chairman and CEO of Tyson Foods, are leading the committee of distinguished campaign volunteers working with us to achieve the development goals of the Division of Agriculture and Bumpers College. We have set very ambitious goals for ourselves and have every confidence that our supporters will respond to the challenge.

Articles in this issue of *The Graduate* describe some of the recent support provided by friends and alumni. We are deeply grateful to these generous supporters who provide the margin of excellence through student scholarships, fellowships, professorships and support for projects and programs.

On September 10, 1995, Mr. Tollett was one of nearly 1,000 friends and alumni who helped dedicate the John W. Tyson Poultry Science Center. They, and others, were instrumental in securing some \$20 million in government and industry funds that created what is now the nation's leading center for poultry science at the University of Arkansas.

Then, as now, we had excellent leadership and broad support for our vision of providing a world-class program for education, research and extension. We stayed focused on the vision over a period of years and saw it to fruition.

It was then, and it is now, you — our alumni and friends — who inspire us to look to the future and envision what we can accomplish. It is you who partner with us to develop the plans and obtain the means to achieve our objectives.

To the thousands of alumni and friends who have kept this College and the Division of Agriculture moving forward, we extend sincere thanks. We look forward to more of the same. ■



Gregory J. Weidemann
Interim Dean and
AAES Associate Director

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Student residents pose for a photo in front of Carnall Hall in 1913. The University is pursuing a plan to preserve the first women's residence hall as a campus hotel and restaurant. (Photographs of Carnall Hall. Special Collections Division, University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville.)

New life for Carnall Hall

Carnall Hall has a new lease on life, and students in the School of Human Environmental Sciences hospitality and restaurant management program will be part of it.

The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees on Oct. 2 accepted a plan to convert the first UA women's dormitory, built in 1905, into a full-service hotel and restaurant. The historic building will be renovated in a project expected to cost about \$6.9 million, with \$2.1 million provided by the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council, \$2.6 million by private developers and the remainder by a bond issue.

Mary Warnock, interim director of the School of Human Environmental Sciences, said the renovated building will include classroom, laboratory and office space for the academic program.

An advisory council of hospitality industry leaders helped develop the vision for an expanded program that is expected to grow from a current enrollment of about 40 students to as many as 250 students, Warnock said.

The advisory council, chaired by Montine McNulty, executive director of the Arkansas Hospitality Associa-

tion, included owners and operators of Arkansas restaurants, hotels and tourism businesses. A recent survey identified restaurant management as the fastest growing career in the nation, McNulty said.

Associate Professor Janet Noble, who is currently the only faculty member, started the program in 1992. Expansion will require additional faculty, Warnock said.

Former HESC director Stephen Jorgensen, now dean of the College of Human Sciences at the University of Missouri, helped shape the vision for an expanded program. As an associate dean at Texas Tech University, Jorgensen helped develop a similar program that grew to about 400 students.

Jorgensen said most successful programs have a linkage with a campus restaurant and hotel.

The UA curriculum for hospitality and restaurant management includes

courses in business and human environmental sciences to prepare students for the human dynamics involved as well as the technical areas of nutrition, food service and business management, Warnock said.

Noted turn-of-the-century architect Charles Thompson of Little Rock designed Carnall Hall.

Fayetteville developers Richard Alexander and Rob Merry-Ship formed Carnall Hall Development Co. LLC,

which submitted the plan accepted by the UA for a 48-room hotel and upscale restaurant. Architect James Lambeth will design the project and will manage the business along with Miles James.

Lambeth owns Inn at the Mill at Johnson, and James operates the James at the Mill restaurant, which adjoins the inn. ■

Campus hotel and restaurant will spark growth in restaurant and hospitality management program.

Horticulture honors alumni and friends

James N. Moore, BSA '56 MS '57, and Daryl Revelle, BSA '78, were named Outstanding Alumni of the Horticulture Department, and Allen Canning Company was named Outstanding Friend. The awards were presented at an awards reception Oct. 5 in the Janelle Hembree Arkansas Alumni House.

James N. "Jim" Moore, 2001 Outstanding Senior Alumnus, received a Ph.D. degree at Rutgers University in 1961 and became a leading USDA fruit breeder at Beltsville, Md. He joined the UA faculty in 1964 and became internationally known for developing improved varieties of strawberries, blackberries, peaches, grapes and blueberries. More than 35 cultivars that Dr. Moore developed have been released by the U of A Division of Agriculture as commercial varieties.

Dr. Moore has written four books on fruit breeding and genetics, among a total of some 300 scientific publications. He taught



FRIENDS & FAMILY — Josh Allen, left, and Steve Brown accepted the 2001 Outstanding Friend Award from the Horticulture Department during an Oct. 5 awards reception at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House. Daryl Revelle and Distinguished Professor Emeritus James N. Moore, right, received the junior and senior Outstanding Alumni awards.

undergraduate and graduate courses and was major advisor to 31 graduate students who worked in his research program.

Daryl Revelle received the 2001 Outstanding Junior Alumnus Award recognizing achievements in the landscape horticulture industry. After graduating in 1978, he was employed by landscaping companies in El Dorado and Bentonville before starting his own business in Springdale in 1983.

Revelle Irrigation Systems and Landscaping Co. is now the leader in its field in northwest Arkansas. Revelle donated the irrigation system for the Horticulture Display Garden north of the Agriculture Building.

The 2001 Outstanding Friend Award for Allen Canning Company

was presented to Josh Allen, vice president for operations, and Steve Brown, BSA '74, director of raw products.

Allen Canning, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary, cans produce for 20 of the company's own labels, including Popeye Spinach, and some 450 other store labels. Allen Canning was founded by Earl Allen in Siloam Springs and now employs about 3,000 people with operations in several states.

UA vegetable breeder Teddy Morelock said Allen Canning has been a major supporter of vegetable research programs and academic programs. Brown said the company uses several vegetable varieties developed by the U of A Division of Agriculture, including spinach and southern peas. ■

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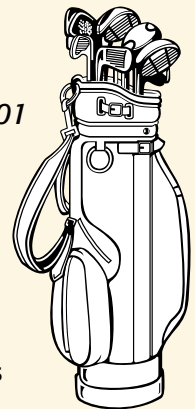
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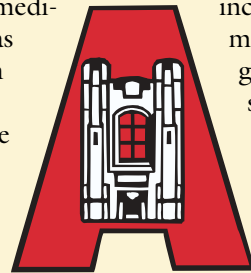
Dear Alumni

In my last letter as Alumni Society president I would like to reflect on our Society's history. By luck or tenacity, I am the only founding member now on the board.

Fueled by the vision of former Dean Charles Scifres, we became a "glimmer" in 1994 when we began to meet in the conference room of the University systems office in Little Rock. Vice President for Agriculture Milo Shult sponsored our meetings and provided support.

The task of defining our structure immediately led to collaboration with the Arkansas Alumni Association. Our bylaws, based on those of the AAA, went through many drafts. Eager to be the "first" Society to be chartered, we submitted our bylaws to AAA and were officially recognized in the summer of 1995.

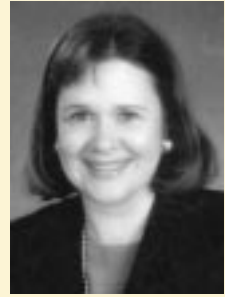
Many people have contributed greatly to the Society. Each board member brings a unique perspective that helps guide our development. Mike Macechko, executive director of the AAA, was instrumental in guiding our board through many crossroads. He continues to be an adamant supporter and steadfast resource. Through his guidance, CAFLS has an AAA board representative and is included in AAA board meetings and events. In January 2000, Melissa Lester was appointed Society director, with an office in the



Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House, as a part-time position in addition to her faculty duties. Dr. Lester has greatly expedited the Society's communication and organization. Jackie McMorris, AAA associate director, provides additional support for CAFLS and the other AAA societies.

Activities, in addition to board meetings, have included Land Grant Days on campus, district meetings and social events, including a baseball game party last spring. Board members have spoken at commencement, attended awards ceremonies, served on faculty recruitment committees and attended Leadership Development Council meetings.

"You've come a long way Baby" only begins to describe the growth of the Society, which is still in adolescence. Our new president, Ewell Welch, will need all our support to continue the growth. We have great opportunities to develop a relationship with a new dean and to impact our College. I'm proud of our "beginning." Please join us as an active member and help shape our future.



Glenyce G. Estes Feeney
President
CAFLS Alumni Society

Glenyce Feeney



ALUMNI COLLEGE – Bumpers College alumni attended the University of Arkansas Alumni College Sept. 28 in the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center. From left are Harley Watts '51, Milton Scott '51, Carl Koone '51, May McKnight Ferguson '41, Warren Barham '41 and Melissa Lester, Bumpers College Alumni Society Director. The Alumni College is part of the annual 50th Year Golden Tower Reunion, for alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago. The event is sponsored by the Arkansas Alumni Association.

Alumni Society president likes solving problems

The day of her interview for a *Graduate* article, Glenyce Feeney was handling “a routine crisis” as nutrition and food services system director for Baptist Health in Little Rock.

The electricity went off at the Day Care Center after the children arrived that morning. Feeney’s staff arranged for the several dozen infants and toddlers to be bused to Baptist Health Medical Center’s conference facility and provided meals and snacks.

“I thrive on challenges,” Feeney said. “It’s wild, but I’d be bored doing anything else.”

The 2000–2001 CAFLS Alumni Society president manages a staff of about 300 people who feed patients, staff and visitors to Baptist Medical Centers and auxiliary units in Little Rock, North Little Rock, Arkadelphia and Heber Springs and Parkway Village retirement community. As if that weren’t enough of a challenge, Feeney developed a Baptist Health division to market food management services.

Feeney’s many professional honors include the prestigious Silver Plate Award in 1983 from the International Food Service Manufacturers Association. She was then managing food services for the Oklahoma State Prison system. She was the first person to develop a system to coordinate multi-unit food service operations for the prison system.

Some of the challenges were a menu based on the day’s deliveries to 21 kitchens scattered over the state, inadequate facilities and equipment, workers who could be removed from the kitchen at any time, and use of food deprivation for inmate discipline. Feeney said prison officials,



SERVICE WITH A SMILE — Glenyce Feeney visits with Justin Hale from the Baptist Health day care center, which was moved to the Medical Center due to a power outage. Justin is the son of nutrition and food services staff member Lorie Hale, BSHE ‘86.

motivated by a federal court order, supported her efforts to bring food service up to basic standards.

As Alumni Society president, Feeney promoted membership and alumni support for the College.

Membership has grown, slowly but steadily, to about 2,000 members, which includes an increase of more than 11 percent in 2001. She was an original member of the board of directors and was a leader in drafting the CAFLS Society’s

bylaws and strategic plan in 1995.

Being an active alumna is just one expression of Feeney’s passion for

higher education in her profession. She has written a food preparation curriculum, taught as adjunct faculty in undergraduate and graduate dietetics programs and developed educational programs.

Feeney’s decision to major in dietetics at the U of A was encouraged by her father, O.C. Estes. He was administrator of Boone County Hospital when Glenyce was in high school and knew the need for dietitians in health care. After receiving the BSHE degree at the U of A in dietetics, she completed an internship at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center and earned a master’s degree from St. Louis University. She is a Registered Dietitian and Licensed Dietitian and a fellow of the American Dietetic Association.

During her internship, Feeney said, she decided clinical dietetics was too calm and routine for her disposition and focused on administration.

“I liked the kitchen work, all the problems, all that chaos,” she said. “I wanted to be where the action was. I like solving problems.”

“I would encourage students to pursue dietetics and food service management careers,” Feeney said. Majors in dietetics and in restaurant and hospitality management are offered by Bumpers College in the School of Human Environmental Sciences.

“Management career opportunities in health care and industrial food service have mushroomed in the past five years,” Feeney said. “It is a rewarding career for anyone who enjoys taking responsibility and solving problems.” ■

*“It’s wild,
but I’d be bored
doing anything else.”*
— Glenyce Feeney

AAA honors biotech entrepreneur

Kevin Clark, BSA '86, who helped turn a fledgling Arkansas biotech company into a profitable enterprise, was named Young Alumnus of the Year at the Arkansas Alumni Association Awards Banquet Nov. 9.

The award recognizes exceptional achievements in career, public service and/or volunteer activities that bring honor to the University of Arkansas.

Clark is chief operating officer for ImmunoVision, a company that purifies marker proteins that spark autoimmune responses in humans. These proteins are used by diagnostic manufacturers to produce diagnostic kits that are used by doctors to test patients for about 20 autoimmune diseases.

"We develop the raw material used by diagnostic manufacturers that make the test kits," Clark said. "We isolate and purify the marker proteins. The manufacturers coat them and make the kits."

After earning his degree in animal science, Clark began working as a graduate student assistant when ImmunoVision was having some contract work done by the U of A and Pelfreeze. Within six months he was working in the company's lab. Six months later he was keeping all the company's books. Six months after that he was writing all the checks.

"The parent company, Dynamic Enterprises of Rogers, made me COO, handed the company over to me with a \$375,000 debt, and told me to make a profit," he said. He had the company in the black in six months. "We've been paying taxes ever since."

Clark said 30 percent of ImmunoVision's sales are to countries on the Pacific Rim; another 30 percent are in Europe. The rest are American companies.

Dynamic Enterprises sold the company to Ivax Pharmaceuticals, its largest customer, in 1995. Last March, Ivax spun off its diagnostic division, including ImmunoVision.

"It's been a wild ride," Clark said. "I've been so blessed it gets scary at times."



Kevin Clark, BSA '85, is chief operating officer for ImmunoVision, a Springdale company that purifies marker proteins used in diagnostic kits used to test patients for about 20 autoimmune diseases.

The company employs 11 people in its Springdale plant. Most are U of A graduates with degrees in animal science, chemistry or biology.

Clark, a Springdale native, is president of the Arkansas Biotechnology Association and serves on the Arkansas Bioventures Advisory Board and an advisory committee for Sen. Tim Hutchinson's Caucus on Biotechnology.

He operates a 240-acre cow-calf farm near Goshen with his wife, Leah Ann, their daughter Katie and son Connor. ■

the poultry science
alumni group is

now

in the process of

organizing

If you are interested

we

not only invite you to participate
but we

need

committed people just like

you.

The following have already committed to serve as the board of directors: Lionel Barton, president; Bernie Murphy, president-elect; Tye Anderson, Lloyd Keck, David Andrews, Buddy Wray, Micah Townsley, Claud Rutherford, John Payne, and James Denton and Melissa Lester, ex officio members; and Diana Bisbee, executive secretary.

Won't you join us?

To join ...

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Membership is open to graduates, friends,
faculty and associates of the University of
Arkansas. Watch for upcoming events.

We need people like you.



The Poultry Science Alumni board held its first meeting Aug. 17 in the John W. Tyson Poultry Science Center.

Poultry Science alumni plan fall and spring events

Directors of the newly-formed Poultry Science Alumni met Aug. 17 to plan fall and spring events.

Directors include Lionel Barton of Fayetteville, president, and Bernie Murphy of Columbus, Ind., president-elect; Lloyd Keck, Springdale; Tye Anderson, Little Rock; David Andrews, Fayetteville; Buddy Wray, Springdale; Micah Townsley, Batesville; Claud Rutherford, Prairie Grove; and John Payne, Russellville. Diana Bisbee, program director, is executive secretary. Poultry Science Department Head James Denton and CAFLS Alumni Society Director Melissa Lester are ex-officio members.

In a letter to Poultry Science alumni, Barton said the group was organized "to promote communication and friendship among alumni, faculty and friends by providing a forum for information exchange through organized events and other activities."

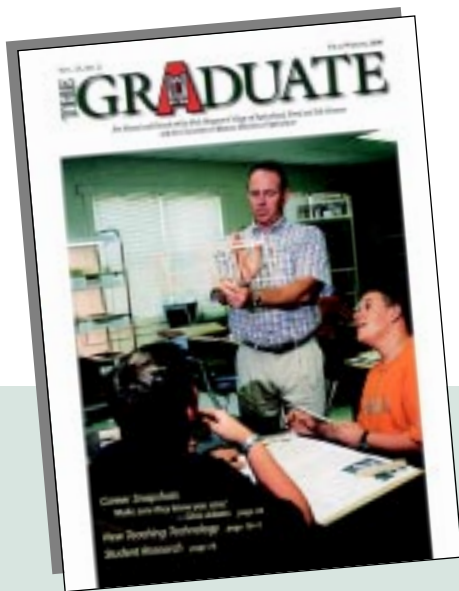
"Our group is the first to be formed within the College Alumni Society, and we expect to be the strongest," Barton said.

Poultry Science alums and friends held their fourth annual tailgate party before the Oct. 27 football game, and the group is planning a membership meeting in the spring.

Poultry Science Alumni membership is automatic for Arkansas Alumni Association members who were poultry science majors. A membership drive is underway to increase the current number of 145 members out of 571 who are eligible.

"Graduates from the years before poultry science was a department in 1992 can join the Poultry Science or Animal Science group, or both," Barton said. "Friends of the department who are not graduates are also invited to join."

Call 1-888-275-2586 for membership details. ■



AWARD WINNER – *The Graduate* received the Silver Award (second place) in the 2001 national competition for alumni publications sponsored by the Agricultural Communicators in Education professional society.

A powerful alliance

Division and College join forces for campaign

The University of Arkansas' Campaign for the Twenty-First Century was officially launched Oct. 26 by an impressive group of Arkansans, including a group working on behalf of Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences and the U of A System's statewide Division of Agriculture.

The campaign burst out of a "quiet phase," which started in July 1998, with commitments already made for more than half of the \$500 million goal for the University and the combined \$69 million goal for the Division and College.

Campaign co-chairs, all UA alumni, are Wal-Mart board chairman Rob Walton, Micro Images owner Tommy Boyer, Arvest Bank Group CEO Jim Walton and UA men's athletic director Frank Broyles.

Volunteers are working as committees to advance the development objectives of each college or major unit of the University.

The Division of Agriculture is a statewide campus within the U of A system. It includes the statewide Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service.

The Division is participating in the campaign by virtue of its connection to Bumpers College on the Fayetteville campus. Division of Agriculture faculty teach courses for more than 1,300 students in 17 academic majors in Bumpers College.

"The partnership of the Division

and the Fayetteville campus is a powerful alliance for meaningful research, teaching and extension," Vice President for Agriculture Milo Shult said.

"Our students benefit by having teachers and mentors who are conducting dynamic research programs," said Bumpers College interim dean Greg Weidemann, who is also Experiment Station associate director.

Chancellor John White said the leaders of Arkansas commerce and industry are donating their money, influence and time to the campaign because of its importance to Arkansas' future.

"The economic battles in the 21st Century will be won by states having the smartest people, not the cheapest labor pools," White said.

"States that will prosper are those



that nurture knowledge-based and high-tech business and industry while

creating a culture and quality of life that attracts and holds on to highly talented people. A world-class research university is an essential ingredient in that recipe for prosperity."

"It is private gift support that will provide the margin of excellence for attracting and retaining excellent students and faculty and creating the environment in which they can thrive," White said. "The best way to dramatically increase private gift support is through an intensive fundraising campaign." ■



Phenomenal returns justify ambitious goals

Leland Tollett and Stanley Reed are co-chairs of the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century committee of distinguished alumni and friends of Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences and the U of A Division of Agriculture.

The committee is helping to generate support for the University's drive to enter the ranks of the top 50 public universities in the country.

Reed, of Marianna, has B.S.A.E. and J.D. degrees from UA. He farms more than 6,000 acres and is a member of the UA System Board of Trustees. He is married to CAFLS Alumni Society board member Charlene (Berner) Reed, BSHE and MSHE.

Tollett, retired chairman and CEO of Tyson Foods, has B.S.A. and M.S. degrees from the U of A. His many efforts on behalf of the University include support for the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science, which established the U of A as one of the nation's top universities for education and research in poultry and avian sciences.

The campaign is a family project for the Tolletts, with Leland's wife, Betty, also serving on the committee. Betty has a bachelor's degree in education from the U of A. They live in Rogers.

"We have ambitious goals, and they are justified by the phenomenal returns that are documented on investment in higher education," Reed said. "We are playing catch-up to provide the level of investment Arkansas needs. Private giving is only about one percent of our total funding. This committee has the mindset and the ability to turn that around."

"Our faculty have done well in obtaining research grants, but there is always room for improvement," Reed



Leland Tollett



Stanley Reed

added. "As agriculture moves more into biotechnology it will take more funding for research and extension to keep Arkansas producers competitive.

"As the land-grant university, we are the backbone of the agricultural industry for research, technology development and higher education. The Division of Agriculture also helps meet the needs in our communities for economic and human development.

"We have an outstanding committee that represents a cross-section of agriculture, industry and commerce. Our commitment to this cause reflects our commitment to the future of Arkansas."

Other Committee Members

Sherman Cullum, BSA, of Hickory Ridge is a consultant and former president of Cullum Seeds and former member of the Arkansas State Plant Board.

George Dunklin Jr. of Pine Bluff is a member of the Rice Research and Promotion Board, chair of the Ducks Unlimited RICE Project steering committee and chairman of the board, Bank of West Memphis.

Tommy Hillman of Carlisle is chairman of the board of Riceland Foods, CEO of Winrock Farms and a member of the board of directors of First United Bank, Stuttgart.

Robert L. "Bob" McGinnis, BSA, of West Memphis was a member of the Arkansas General Assembly from 1979 to 1999, chair of the Cotton, Inc., State Support Committee and a member of the Governor's Legislative Liaison.

Montine McNulty, BSE, of Little Rock is executive director of the Arkansas Lodging Association, Restaurant Association, Travel Council Association and Hospitality Association. She is a member of the Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission and the Operation Food Safety Coalition.

Don Pattillo, JD, is immediate past president of the Arkansas Bankers Association; state director of the Arkansas Chamber of Commerce; president, CEO and director, Farmers and Merchants Bank of Stuttgart; and president and CEO of The Farmers and Merchants Bankshares, Inc.

Ned Ray Purtle of Hope is a former member of the UA Board of Trustees, a member of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation board of directors, owner of Purtle and Sons Ranch, a member of the National Cattlemen's Association board of directors, vice president of the Arkansas State Fair Board, and chairman of Automated Solutions, Inc. of Knoxville, Ark.

Mark Simmons, BSBA, of Siloam Springs is chairman of Simmons Foods, Inc.

Neill Sloan, BSBA, of Lake Village is a member of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission; vice president of Wilmot Gin Co.; and serves on the board of directors of Delta Trust & Bank and United Methodist Children's Home. ■

Ohlendorf professor to focus on the Delta



A bequest of \$1.66 million from the late Harold F. Ohlendorf of Osceola is being used to establish an endowed professorship in agricultural economics.

In keeping with the donor's wishes, the Ohlendorf Professorship will provide extension and research support for the advancement of agriculture in the Arkansas Delta. The Ohlendorf Professor will be based at the U of A Division of Agriculture's Northeast



Harold F. Ohlendorf

Research and Extension Center at Keiser in Mississippi County.

Mr. Ohlendorf was intimately involved in development and growth of the economy in eastern Arkansas. He was successful in broadcasting, banking and other enterprises, including farming, which he proudly listed as his occupation.

Vice President for Agriculture Milo Shult said, "Mr. Ohlendorf helped in many ways to move the

region's agriculture into the modern era, including 16 years of service as president of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation.

"We share his devotion to that cause and are honored to continue his legacy of service to the people of eastern Arkansas."

When Mr. Ohlendorf died at age 90 in August 1999, he left resources to help new leaders chart the future of agriculture with his bequest to the Agricultural Development Council. ■

'The Farm' transformed into research and extension center

Private gifts and grants from foundations and industry provide "the margin of excellence" through support for research, extension and teaching programs and facilities, scholarships, graduate fellowships, faculty chairs and professorships.

A remarkable example of how this works is the transformation in the last five years of the area formerly known simply as "the farm" north of the Fayetteville campus. It is now the Arkansas Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Division of Agriculture programs based at the AAREC have developed through partnerships with industry and private stakeholders and government agencies combining expertise and resources in strategic areas of economic development. It also provides a unique learning environment for Bumpers College students.

The Division of Agriculture has targeted strategic development objectives to move the AAREC into the ranks of the nation's top university research, extension and educational centers.

- ◆ The Institute of Food Science

and Engineering needs expanded facilities. Through the IFSE, University scientists work directly with the dynamic food industry on critical issues such as energy efficiency, food safety, functional foods, and developing better products and systems.

- ◆ The Animal Science complex now includes an indoor arena and equine pavilion built with funds provided by private donors, founda-

tions and the USDA. These facilities support programs that have propelled the UA Animal Science program to national prominence. A Youth Pavilion is the last major facility needed to complete the complex.

- ◆ A nationally recognized horticultural exhibit hall and display garden is planned to increase support for the state's increasingly vibrant "green industry" and the gardening public. ■

Abernathy Trust sponsors AgriScience Education Lab

Construction has begun on an 8,400-square-foot AgriScience Education Laboratory for the department of agricultural and extension education in Bumpers College.

The building, located at the Arkansas Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Fayetteville, is being built with a grant from the William Abernathy Charitable Trust.

The new lab will be used as an interactive classroom and laboratory for the study and practice of contextual learning. It will also be used for agricultural systems technology management courses. The Abernathy Trust also funded a six-year AgriScience project that developed contextual learning curriculum material now used nationwide. ■

Donald White endowment will strengthen premier UA grain merchandising program

White Commercial Corporation, a leader in the grain merchandising industry, is a long-time supporter of one of the nation's premier programs in grain merchandising in the University of Arkansas Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness.

"Don White and White Commercial provide not only financial support but also curriculum support, including an annual workshop for students," Department Head Mark Cochran said.

The program will be strengthened in the future by a \$2 million deferred gift to establish the Donald Stuart White Endowment for Grain Merchandising Education. The endowment will provide a professorship and scholarships in addition to those already funded, Cochran said.

Two \$1,000 J.I. Morgan Scholarships have been awarded annually since the mid 1980s. These scholarships were named in honor of the late J.I. Morgan, with whom Don White founded the company, based in Stuart, Fla. The company provides merchan-



Donald Stuart White

dising programs for farmer cooperatives and independent elevator companies.

A third scholarship was added in the year 2000 when White's clients and colleagues honored him by creating the Don White Endowed Scholarship.

White Commercial and the UA curriculum taught by Dr. Andrew McKenzie stress

a disciplined method of using futures markets for grain merchandising. McKenzie is developing an educational computer simulation program that, unlike its predecessors, emphasizes the use of futures markets for price risk management rather than speculation.

"Since 1971, Don White has worked passionately alongside country grain elevators to bring more money into rural communities through grain merchandising programs that give elevators and farmers the opportunity and skills to operate more profitably," Interim Dean Greg Weidemann said.

"He has strengthened hundreds of rural agribusinesses and built a successful company, putting together a team of co-workers who share his vision and

desire to help others. The professorship and scholarships will ensure that his vision will continue. His legacy will include future graduates with a solid foundation of practical, disciplined grain merchandising skills," Weidemann said. ■

Planned giving

The Harold F. Ohlendorf Professorship and the Donald Stuart White Endowment for Grain Merchandising Education are excellent examples of what can be accomplished by planned giving that benefits the giver now and the University in the future," said Mark Power, director of development for Bumpers College.

"Planned gifts, or deferred gifts, allow individuals or families to leave a legacy that will benefit future generations," Power said. A bequest in a living trust or will is the most popular way to make a planned gift. Others include giving through retirement funds, life insurance, gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts.

"There's a lot of flexibility in planned giving that provides favorable tax advantages and makes them good estate-planning tools," Power said. "They allow a donor to make a larger gift than an outright cash donation." ■



AEED LAB — Artist's rendering of the AgriScience Education Laboratory for the department of agricultural and extension education, now under construction at the Arkansas Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Fayetteville.

Donations help modernize classrooms



Contributions by alumni and friends to the Classrooms for Tomorrow initiative are updating the learning environment for Bumpers College students in the Agriculture and Plant Science buildings.

AGRI 332 was transformed over the past year into one of the best-equipped classrooms on campus. It includes state-of-the-art computerized multi-media equipment, and it is equipped for computer interactive video (CIV) distance education classes. The U of A Division of Agriculture and Riceland Foods Foundation funded the project.

Renovations began this fall to turn another Agriculture Building room into the Pat Sullivan Memorial Classroom with computer connections at



James Patrick Sullivan

student workspaces. Funds were provided by a cornerstone gift of \$50,000 from the Wilson Trust, donations from friends of the late James Patrick Sullivan, BSA '61, and a capstone gift from his wife, Gail Sullivan, and family.

Mr. Sullivan of Burdette, who passed away in July 1999, was a leader in Arkansas agriculture. He helped establish the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board, which allocates producer check-off funds for wheat research and promotion.

A modernized Plant Sciences Auditorium moved closer to reality with the donation of \$25,000 from Entomology Department Head William C. Yearian. Dr. Yearian's gift brings the total to \$75,000, which includes \$50,000 from Zeneca Agricultural Products (now Syngenta) in memory of the late Larry Coombes of Greenville, Miss.

The auditorium is to be named in honor of Dr. Coombes, a former Zeneca executive and a leader in the pest management industry. He earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in entomology

from the U of A. His bachelor's degree was from Arkansas Tech where he was an outstanding basketball player. Syngenta executive and UA alumnus Craig Sandowski was instrumental in the company's decision to help fund the project.

Additional donations are being sought for an estimated \$100,000 needed to renovate the 101-seat teaching auditorium. A second phase will include computer connections at student workspaces and other multi-media components at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

Dr. Yearian said he hopes other faculty members, alumni and friends will contribute to this and other Classrooms for Tomorrow projects.

"All of my career has been with this university, this college and this department," Dr. Yearian said. "They have been good to me, and I am pleased to be in a position to give something back."

Interim Dean Greg Weidemann said the reason for the fundraising

initiative is to modernize the learning environment in landmark buildings.

"The faculty and students are extremely grateful to these alumni and friends. They are helping to provide a learning environment that is current with that available to their peers across the campus and in other universities," Dean Weidemann said.

Public funds paid for other recent renovations of offices, labs and design studios in the Home Economics, Agriculture and Animal Science

(now Agricultural, Food and Life Science) buildings.

Among other rooms needing renovation, one of the highest priorities is the Human Environmental Sciences teaching auditorium in the Home Economics Building, Dean Weidemann said.

For information on naming opportunities and other ways to participate in the Classrooms initiative, contact Development Officer Mark Power. ■

The reason ... is to modernize the learning environment in landmark buildings.



SMARTBOARD — Eric Wailes leads a class in agricultural policy in the College's first classroom renovated in the Classrooms for Tomorrow initiative. The room features lecture hall-style seating, computer network connections and a "Smartboard" display that allows faculty and students to use the internet and computer presentations. The room is equipped for distance education classes using computer interactive video.

Boys' 4-H House legacy lives on in scholarship

Boys' 4-H House alumni met for their annual reunion Oct. 19 at the Mt. Sequoyah Campground. The Boys' 4-H House was organized in 1936 as a cooperative residence for agriculture students. Each member furnished 120 quarts of fruits, vegetables, preserves, jellies, meat and other supplies from home. The members were organized into committees to run the house, and each paid \$12.50 per month to cover expenses.

Other cooperative residences were the Girls' 4-H House, which was the first of its kind in 1932 and was in operation until 1975; and the Future Farmers' Cooperative House, 1936-43.

A modern version of the cooperative living experience is still available in two fraternities composed mostly of agriculture students — Alpha Gamma Rho, chartered in 1934, and FarmHouse Fraternity 1954-96, re-chartered in 1998.

Most Boys' 4-H House residents entered the armed forces at the start of World War II, and the house was closed. Furnishings were stored until after the war, and returning members decided not to reopen the house. Proceeds from sale of the furnishings went into a scholarship fund, which has grown with contributions from 4-H House alumni.

The Collegiate FFA and 4-H Club carries on the traditions and values of scholarship, citizenship and community service as they prepare for careers in agricultural, food and life sciences. ■



FUTURE STUDENTS — Members of the Collegiate FFA and 4-H Club help introduce high school students to the U of A during the annual 4-H O' Rama and FFA Career Development Events. FFA members, above, write stories for an agricultural communications activity in April. Douglas Fitzhugh of Little River County 4-H, left, competes in the 4-H O' Rama bicycle event.



COOPERATIVE LIVING — This is the last photo of Boys' 4-H House residents (in 1942) printed in the *Agriculturist* student magazine in 1943. First row: Troy Phillips, Herbert Honeycutt, Hubert Blanchard, Talmadge Stallcup, Mrs. R.M. Gorey, Robert Anderson, Jesse P. Wilson Jr., Ben McCollum, Oscar McCoy; second row: Albert Johnson, Loyde Hudson, Elbert Keener, Monroe Kirkpatrick, Jack Keeling, J.L. Lancaster Jr., Charles Laster; third row: Walter Hendrickson, William Estes, Amos Underwood, John Hubbard, Bill Gibbs, Troy Cox; fourth row: Howard Bishop, Everett Horton, Eley Harris, Quenton Lynd, Charlie Alter; fifth row: Cleoh Smith, Leon Smith, Guy Martin, Hilton Gant, Dan Wofford; sixth row: Mack Forsee, Raydus James, Terrel Gordon, Wade Bishop.



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Terrel Gordon, BSA '42, and his wife, **Lois Davis Gordon**, BSHE '42, have recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. He served in the Army from July 1942 until April 1946 and served with MacArthur's Headquarters in Manila toward the end of his term. They reside in Fayetteville.

Dr. Jack T. Harrington, BSA '56 MED '63, of Magnolia retired from teaching agriculture and biology at Southern Arkansas University after 37 years of service. He is currently serving as president of the Columbia County Farm Bureau, vice chairman of Columbia County Conservation District; justice of the peace on Quorum Court, Area IV; and director of Arkansas Retired Teachers Association.

John Grady Goodman, BSA '65, of Trenton, N.J., has been named the first executive director of the Garland County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Goodman is a retired Air Force Chaplain and an Arkansas native who has circled the globe tending his military flock since he was ordained as a minister in 1964 while still a student at the University of Arkansas.

David Holcombe, BSA '69 MED '74, and Gayla were recently honored by the Oklahoma Beef Industry Council with the 2001 Beef Environmental Stewardship Award. They reside in Jay, Okla.

Shirley E. McAllister, EdD '69, BSHE '62, of Sun City, Ariz., was elected secretary of Maricopa County Democrats for a two-year term, 2001-03. Maricopa is the sixth largest county in the United States.

Len Cotton, BSA '68 MS '72, of Dardanelle was appointed to the American Legion Arkansas Boy State Commission. Cotton is a veteran of the US Army 4th Infantry Division and has been employed by the Arkansas Department of Health for 28 years, working in the environmental health field.

Sara Elizabeth Spayd, MS '77 PhD '80, of Prosser, Wash., was elected to the board of directors to the American Society of Enology and Viticulture. Dr. Spayd has worked in research and extension with the Washington Wine Industry as a member of the faculty of Washington State University since the completion of her degrees in 1980.

Lance M. Bogoslavsky, BS DVM BSA '82, and his wife have recently celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary. They reside in Sherwood.

Mark E. Hartz, BSA '82, of Almyra has recently accepted a position as treasurer of the National Agricultural Aviation Association and is also vice president of the Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association.

Clete Youmas, PhD '85, of Dyersburg, Tenn., was promoted to southern region commercial development manager for BASF.

Keith Alan Childress, BSA '86, has been promoted to global marketing manager for the Global Poultry Business Unit. Childers began with Fort Dodge Animal Health in 1997. He has been the marketing manager for the domestic poultry business

for the past two years and resides in Overland Park, Kan.

Suzanne Herzog, BSHE '88 MS '95, has recently taken a position as LCC Team Leader with Proctor and Gamble in Fayetteville, Ark.

Mark J. Davis, BSA '89, is currently employed as a veterinary surgeon at Bay Area Veterinary Specialists Hospital in Kemah, Texas.

Dr. John Nwoha, BSA '90 MS '93, has successfully defended and deposited his dissertation. He will be graduating with a degree in Agriculture Economics from the University of Illinois in May. He resides in Urbana, Ill., and is temporarily employed as a computer coordinator/specialist with Lincoln University Cooperative Extension.

Michael Leo Scott, MS '90, has recently received his Ph.D. in physiology from Mississippi State University in the Department of Animal and Dairy Science. He is employed in a post-doctorate position with the Center for Veterinary Medicine/Office of Research, Food and Drug Administration and resides in Beltsville, Md.

Casey Ann Sams, BSHE '91, is a dietician at St. Mary's Hospital in Rogers and has been selected by the American Dietetic Association as the Emerging Dietetic Leader of 2001.

Phillip Owens, BSA '93 MS '97, was recently appointed to a Congressional Science Fellowship to consult with members of the United States Congress on issues involving the nation's soil. In January he will begin a one-year term on the staff of a senator, representative, or congressional committee as an advisor on issues related to his scientific expertise. He is on schedule to receive a doctoral degree in December at Texas A&M University in pedology — the study of the origins, characteristics and uses of soils.

Elizabeth Benton, BSHE '94, of Columbia, Mo., has recently joined Hunter Douglas Window Fashions as district sales manager after previously being employed as a territorial manager at Key Wall Coverings.

Scott Thomas Hill, BSA '94, and **Tracey Anderson Hill**, BSBA '95. Scott has recently earned his doctorate degree in dentistry at the University of Tennessee and is practicing in Little Rock. Tracey earned her CPA title and works at BKD in Little Rock. They are expecting their first child in February 2002 and reside in Cabot.

Josh Kinsey Cunningham, BSA '96 MS '99, is currently employed at Rice Tec, Inc., as a technical representative and resides in Lonoke.

What's Up?

Got a new job or promotion? Moved to a different city? Addition to the family? Let us know about those milestones and anything else you'd like to share with the alumni. Feel free to attach additional pages or newspaper clippings.

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Some of the CAFLS graduates from the 1990s for whom we don't have addresses are listed below. If you have a phone number or address for any of these alumni, please call CAFLS Alumni Society Director Melissa Lester at 501-575-2801, e-mail her at mlester@uark.edu, or write to her at P.O. Box 1070, Fayetteville, AR 72702.

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Jennifer Keaton, BSA '96, has taken a new position as a veterinarian with the Anderson Animal Hospital in Anderson, Mo.

Terry Wayne Griffin, BSA '97 MS '99, is the extension educator for Farm Business Management and Marketing at the University of Illinois Extension Office.

Jeff Priebe, BSA '98 JD '01 has recently earned his judicial doctorate degree. He is now an assistant attorney general in the Arkansas Attorney General's office in Little Rock.

Hugh Porter Phelps, BSA '00, has recently accepted a position with Impact Agronomics of Washington, N.C.

Tracie R. Webb, BSHES '00, and **Michael Amos Ahrens**, BS '90, were married in June 2000, and she recently completed her dietetic internship in May 2001 at UAMS in Little Rock.

Dr. Philip A. Moore Jr., BSA '79 MS '81, received the USDA Agricultural Research Service 2001 Scientist of the Year

Award for the Southern Plains Area. The award is for research that led to dramatic reduction in the phosphorus content of runoff water from fields where animal manure is applied as fertilizer. He is a soil chemist with the ARS Poultry Production and Product Safety Research Unit and is an adjunct member of the UA Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences in Fayetteville. ■

Dean and Associate VP search narrowed to three

Alumni, friends, faculty and students met in October and November with three finalists for the position of dean of Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences and associate vice president of the Division of Agriculture in charge of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station.

U of A System Vice President for Agriculture Milo Shult and Fayetteville campus Provost Bob Smith said the finalists were recommended by a search committee of faculty, students and stakeholders chaired by Entomology Department Head William C. Yearian.

The committee began a national search in January when former associate vice president and dean Charles Scifres left the U of A for an administrative position at Texas A&M University.

The finalists selected from 14 applicants were:

Gregory J. Weidemann, associate director of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and interim dean of Bumpers College. Dr. Weidemann joined the UA Department of Plant Pathology in 1983 and was named associate director and associate dean in 1995.

Dr. Weidemann has a bachelor's degree in zoology and a doctorate in plant pathology from the University of Wisconsin.

John C. Nye, University of Delaware dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and director of the Delaware Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. Dr. Nye has had responsibility since 1991 for the college, experiment station and extension service programs at the University of Delaware.

From 1984 to 1991, Dr. Nye was head of the biological and agricultural engineering department at Louisiana State University.

Dr. Nye was a professor of agricultural engineering at Purdue University from 1972 to 1984. His degrees, all in agricultural engineering, include a B.S. degree from Kansas State University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue.

Donald C. "D.C." Coston, associate director of the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station. Dr. Coston has been associate director of the state experiment station based at Oklahoma State University since 1995 and was interim associate director of the extension service from 1998 to 2000.

From 1988 to 1995, Dr. Coston was associate dean for research and associate director of the South Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station at Clemson University. He joined the

horticulture department faculty at Clemson in 1978. He has a B.S. degree from North Carolina State University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Michigan State University, all in horticulture. ■

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