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# THE GRADUATE

**A quarterly newsletter for alumni of the  
Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences**

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## **Homecoming Reception**

The Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences invites all its alumni to a pre-game Homecoming reception at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, 1996, at the Home Economics Building living room at the University of Arkansas.

Before the Arkansas-Ole Miss game, you are invited to our annual alumni coffee and sandwich pre-game reception. For those who present this copy of The Graduate to the student ushers in the circle driveway behind the Agriculture and Home Economics Buildings, free parking for the reception and game will be available while supply lasts. Should the game time change, join us an hour and a half before kickoff. See you on November 9th!

## **Land Grant Days**

An annual fall tradition is being established with the observance of **Land Grant Days**, planned for October 2 - 5. Designed to celebrate the rich heritage of our College as part of the national land-grant university system, Land Grant Days are an updated version of Agri Day and Agri Week, which were celebrated for many years in the College.

Land Grant Days' activities for students and faculty are planned for October 2-3, and Friday afternoon, October 4th, will be Open House for alumni of our College. This is an opportunity for alums to visit academic departments and talk with faculty. The Alumni Association will host a reception for CALFS alumni Friday evening. On Saturday, a brunch (or lunch, depending on game time) will precede the Saturday football game with Florida, where alumni of our College will be recognized at half time.

A silent auction to raise money for College scholarships is also scheduled.

Join the College Alumni Society and participate in these events! For more information and reservations for the reception and brunch, call the Arkansas Alumni Association at 575-2801.

## **Faculty Update**

The College welcomes new faculty for the Fall 1996 semester.

Arriving to bolster the nutrition area in the Department of Animal Science are **Beth Kegley**, **Ken Coffey** and **Charles Maxwell**. Dr. Kegley, a Virginia native who received her MS and PhD from North Carolina State University, will conduct research on nutrition and immunology with stocker cattle, supervise the nutrition lab and teach a graduate course in ruminant nutrition. Dr. Coffey's Ph.D. is from the University of Missouri, and he comes to Arkansas after 10 years with the Kansas State University Southeast Research Station. He will teach Feeds and Feeding and Advanced Livestock Production and research systems to better utilize forages in cow/calf operations to reduce the reliance on expensive harvested forages and feeds. Dr. Maxwell will lead the swine nutrition program. A native of Georgia, he earned his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin and comes to the department from Oklahoma State University, where he established a well recognized program in swine nutrition.

Joining Human Environmental Sciences are **Steven Dennis**, **Vernoice (Cannon) Baldwin** (BSHE 1971; MS 1993) and **Gary McCurry**. Dr. Dennis received his Ph.D. in 1995 from Utah State University and will be teaching in the human development area. His research interests include family/work issues, family rituals and adolescent development. Instructor Baldwin is the director of the University Nursery School and will teach Child Guidance and Child Development. Professor McCurry, interior design, comes to the U of A from California State University-Fresno. He serves as an accreditation member of the Board of Visitors for the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research.

**Yang Tao** joins the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, and **Ronald Okimoto** is the newest addition in poultry science. Dr. Tao received his Ph.D. from Penn State University and worked in private industry at Agri-Tech, Inc., for five years. His expertise is in researching and applying machine vision and image analysis to the automatic inspection and sorting of agricultural materials. Dr. Okimoto earned his PhD from the University of Utah in molecular genetics. His current research includes the use of molecular genetic markers to identify and characterize quantitative trait loci.

Horticulture's new professor and department head is **Stephen Myers**, a tree fruit specialist from the University of Georgia, where he conducted an internationally recognized program and was a columnist for The American Fruit Grower. His Ph.D. is from Ohio State University.

Making room for these new faces are retiring faculty, whose counsel and friendship will be missed. Best wished to **George Templeton** (BSA 1953; MS 1954), plant pathology, **Lloyd Martin**, horticulture, and **Chuck Headley**, agricultural business.

Several faculty have recently been named Fellows of their professional societies. **K.S. Kim** (MS 1963; PhD 1971), plant pathology, is a Fellow of the American Phytopathological Society; **Bob Riggs** (BSA 1954; MS 1956), plant pathology, is a Fellow of the Society of Nematologists; and **Park Waldroup**, poultry science, is a Fellow in Poultry Science.

**Charlene Mooty**, associate dean, received the Arkansas Partner in 4-H Award at the recent 4-H O'Rama in appreciation for outstanding support to the organization.

## Alumni News

We are saddened to report the death of **Lewis Hershberger** (BSA 1950), a retired dairy farmer, past president of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association and member of the Arkansas Guernsey Breeders Association of the Benton County Farm Bureau.

**Wanda (Brewer) Stephens** (BSHE 1954; MS 1958) has been selected for inclusion in the 1997 edition of Marquis Who's Who in America. Residing in Fayetteville, she is recognized as a leader in contemporary society for her contributions to the U of A Infant Development Center, Central's Child Care Center, Head Start, the League of Women Voters, the National Organization for Women and the American Association of University Women.

There was an Arkansas connection at the 18th Congress of the International Federation for Home Economics, which met in Bangkok, Thailand in July. **Dr. Carolyn (Berry) Jackson** (BSHE 1957), professor of textiles/clothing at California State University-Fresno, presented a paper and will serve as the 1996-97 chair of the International Division of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. CAFLS faculty member **Dr. Mary Warnock**, clothing and textiles, gave a paper, and CAFLS department head, **Dr. Peggy Whan**, attended in her role as president of the National Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences. **Dr. Francille (Maloch) Firebaugh** (BSHE 1955), Dean, College of Human Ecology at Cornell University, was also a presenter.

**Douglas Threlkeld** (BSA 1975) farms 2,000 acres of row crops near Paragould. He serves on the Farm Bureau Board and on the Green County Tech FFA Alumni Association Scholarship Committee.

**Dr. Jerry Cash** (Ph.D. 1976), professor at Michigan State University, was recently inducted as a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists.

**Debbie (Fiegel) Garner** (BSHE 1983) is living in Bossier City, La., with her geologist husband and three children. Debbie was the first female and first home economics president of the Agriculture and Home Economics Student Association. She plays tennis and does church and community volunteer work.

**Dr. James E. Bidlack** (MS 1986), assistant professor of biology at the University of Central Oklahoma, received a \$3,000 President's Partners Excellence in Teaching Award as well as Faculty Merit Credit Awards for both teaching and research for 1995-96.

Reminiscing at the College reception for Extension Agents and volunteer leaders at the 4-H O'Rama held on campus in July were agricultural agents **Jerry Sites** (BSA 1987), Lincoln Co.; **Chad Norton** (MS 1993), Yell Co.; **Carey Wall** (BSA 1989), formerly of Benton Co., but now in Crawford Co.; and **Rebecca (Bock) Watson** (MS 1992), Desha Co.

**Charles Daher** (BSA 1994) is grounds supervisor for John Brown University.

## Outstanding Alumnus Nomination

The Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences is seeking nominations for its Outstanding Alumnus Award. Nominees must have received a degree through the College and have made outstanding contributions to their profession and/or community.

We are counting on alumni to help with nominations for this award. Additional information and nominating forms may be obtained by writing or calling the:

Nominating Committee, Outstanding Alumnus Award  
Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences  
Agriculture Room 206  
Fayetteville, AR 72701  
(501) 575-2252

We look forward to hearing from you. The nomination deadline for the 1997 award is Dec. 1, 1996.

## College Update - Kudos

The Food Science Club team, composed of graduate students **William McGlynn** and **Jim Goff** and undergraduates **Lilian Were** and **Cindi Brownmiller**, this summer won the Institute of Food Technologists Student Association Food Expo College Bowl. The team brought home a \$1,000 check for the club's treasury and a trophy after defeating regional finalists representing 30 schools from across the nation. Questions were asked about processing techniques, problems in food production, food chemistry, microbiology, history - anything to do with food science. Dr. **Navam Hettiarachchy** coached the team; **Carolyn Sharp** (BSHE 1964; MS 1967) is the club advisor.

Arkansas Land and Life, published by our Agricultural Publications unit, was recently recognized as among the top alumni magazines by the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association. A subscription to the magazine is included as a part of membership in the College Alumni Society.

The newsletter, Partners, published by the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science and Agricultural Publications, won first place in the alumni/donor newsletter category in the same competition.

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