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An Unforgettable Gift OLD MAIN TOWER COMPLETE AT LAST

The University of Arkansas' Old Main timepiece is complete at last. The clock mechanism was installed on April 7, and is located on the 4th floor of Old Main, encased behind glass for public viewing. The clock was custom-made by Balzer Family Clock Works in Freeport, Maine — the only company in the United States that manufactures mechanical clocks of this type.

The original Old Main construction plans called for a functional clock in the south tower. Due to hard economic times, the clock was never purchased, and Old Main construction was considered complete in 1875. From 1928 until the 1970s, a dial was painted on the tower to give the impression there was a clock, but none ever existed.

Over the years, a number of alumni, students, friends, faculty and staff have expressed an interest in having a clock in Old main's south tower. In the spring of 2005, the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century Steering Committee elected to give such a clock to the campus, in recognition of the highly successful fund-raising campaign that raised \$1 billion for UA students, faculty, programs and capital projects. Steering Committee members Julian Stewart, class of 1957, and Lewis Epley, class of 1961, led the fund-raising effort that garnered more than \$200,000 toward the project.

The original Old Main bell, which has not functioned for many years, has been refurbished

thanks to a gift by the Class of 2005, and is displayed alongside the clock mechanism. Plaques recognizing all contributors to the project are also displayed there.

Old Main, completed in 1875, is the oldest building on the University of Arkansas campus. After significant deterioration Old Main was renovated and re-opened in 1991.

Old Main is once again a spotlight on campus. While retaining many of the classic features of a bygone era, the building functions as one of the most modern academic buildings at the university. Its new climate control and security systems are the best on campus, and the entire building is wired with fiber-optic cable to link Old Main with the campus' computer network. It is home to the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences. Housed in the building are the Dean's office, the Fulbright Honors Program, Giffels Auditorium, and the departments of anthropology, history, philosophy, political science and sociology.

The Balzer Family, clockmakers and watchmakers since 1970, have specialized in the restoration of tower clocks since 1985. Their emphasis is on restoration and the conversion of electrified mechanical clocks back to weight driven, pendulum regulated timepieces, as they were originally designed.

Over time, these timepieces have stood the test of durability and longevity of service and are still the best timekeeping system for tower clock application. ■



The timepiece mechanism in Old Main — crafted by Balzer Family Clock Works in Freeport, Maine — features razorbacks, cardinals and other decorative symbols of the University of Arkansas' history.

Sigma Nu Construction Begins



The Gamma Upsilon chapter of the Sigma Nu fraternity is getting a new home, and on April 5, students, alumni, friends, faculty and staff gathered to break ground. Sigma Nu alumni have raised more than \$3.1 million in private funding for the 22,830-square-foot house.

Area Sigma Nu alumni include Chancellor John A. White and retired Tyson Foods Inc. Chairman Don Tyson, whose Tyson Family Foundation gave \$1.6 million toward the facility. In total, nearly 300 alumni have contributed to the project.

During the groundbreaking, Tyson spoke fondly of his days as a Sigma Nu brother at UA in the early 1950s.

He said, "Sigma Nu has always been special for me. To you new Sigma Nu brothers, have fun and enjoy your new house."

The house will be owned by the university, and the financial contributions from alumni will offset the construction costs. ■



Breaking ground for the new Sigma Nu house are (left to right): Former and current chapter presidents Daniel Farthing and Tyler Reis; Sigma Nu alumni Gary Standridge, Chuck Dicus and Don Tyson; Dr. Dave Gearhart, vice chancellor for advancement; Dr. Johnetta Cross Brazzell, vice chancellor for student affairs; Sigma Nu alumni Chancellor John A. White and Gaston Gibson.

Thoughts from the chairman...

"Look forward. Don't look back." This is a common adage that typically holds true. But as the chairman of the newly established University of Arkansas Board of Advisors, it is imperative for me to look back. The past several years have been absolutely incredible. Thanks to the generous support of many of you, we raised more than \$1 billion for the U of A community. When I think about this experience, I am filled with emotion and appreciation.



Julian Stewart

First, to each person who provided financial and emotional support throughout the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century, I thank you. Every gift from every individual made it happen, and your generosity will be visible on this campus and around the community and throughout the State of Arkansas for generations to come. You have made an everlasting difference in the lives of students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University.

Second, the steering committee members who served during the Campaign accomplished more than we thought possible. The future of this institution is more promising than ever before, and I extend my deepest appreciation for your dedication, commitment and love for this university.

Also, the National Development Council (NDC) — most recently under the leadership of Curtis Shipley — has supported the University by increasing public awareness, state funding and private gifts. Because of this committee's vision and expertise, the University has developed, enhanced and strengthened its academic and research programs.

I would also like to extend my profound gratitude to the faculty and staff whose efforts were critical to the Campaign's success. The accomplishments we enjoyed were the results of the hard work of one of the greatest teams that will ever be assembled — a group of dedicated faculty, exceptional staff and devoted volunteers.

As I look forward, my feelings remain the same. I am truly honored to serve as the first chairman of the Board of Advisors for the University of Arkansas. I appreciate the confidence my peers have placed in me to lead future initiatives and continue to expand the promise of this great university.

The University of Arkansas Board of Advisors is the successor organization to the National Development Council and the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century Steering Committee. The Board will play a leadership role in UA fundraising efforts, develop ways and means of expanding public awareness of the needs, programs, growth and development of the university, aid Chancellor White in defining institutional goals and offer advice on external relations. We will also advocate for the University with the state legislature and help increase our presence across the state of Arkansas and in other states and countries where highly successful alumni are concentrated.

Join me as we embark on another exciting year at the University of Arkansas. Together, we will continue to accomplish greatness and achieve the unimaginable.

Sincerely,

Julian
Julian C. Stewart

Board of Advisors Formed

The University of Arkansas has developed a Board of Advisors — an organization that will help guide the institution's advancement and fund-raising efforts — to be chaired by Julian C. Stewart (B.S.C.E., 1957) of San Antonio, Texas, and Fayetteville.

The new Board of Advisors Executive Committee is as follows: Boyce Billingsley of Bella Vista (B.S.B.A., 1955), Marilyn Bogle of Bentonville, Lewis Epley of Fayetteville (B.S.P.A., 1961, LL.D., 1961), Jim Faulkner of Little Rock (B.S.J., 1954), Johnelle Hunt of Fayetteville and Rogers, Buddy Sutton of Little Rock (B.S.B.A., 1953, LL.D., 1959), Debbie Walker of Fayetteville and Stewart.

Serving as the successor organization to the National Development Council and the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century Steering Committee that headed the effort that raised more than \$1 billion, the new board will play a leadership role in the UA's advancement and fund-raising efforts; develop ways and means of expanding public awareness of the needs, programs, growth and development of

the university; aid Chancellor White in defining the institutional goals of the university; offer advice on external relations issues; advocate for the university with the state Legislature; and help increase the UA presence across the state of Arkansas and in other states and countries where highly successful alumni are concentrated.

The Executive Committee of the Board is currently tapping new members and membership should total around 60 people when completed. Membership will be composed of past volunteers as well as alumni and friends who have actively supported the university and its many programs.

Chancellor White, who will be an ex-officio member, said, "The Board of Advisors will serve as an important sounding board for significant issues affecting the university and its future. It will advise the chancellor's office and the administration, deans of colleges and schools and others on many fronts from fund raising to external relations to institutional priorities." ■

Timeless Philanthropy

Dr. Glenn Pound (B.A. 1940) and the late Daisy Cole Pound (B.S.H.E. 1940) of LaJolla, Calif., always remained true to their Arkansas roots. The Pound's commitment to their alma mater continues to impact the future of the UA community.

As one of many acts of generosity, the Pounds endowed \$2 million for Chancellor's Scholarships at the University in 1999. They supported the direction Chancellor John A. White was taking in increasing academic scholarships and attracted highly talented students through



these scholarships. Chancellor's Scholarships offer full support for tuition and fees plus room and board.

After graduating in 1940, the couple was led to the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where Dr. Pound taught and then served as dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences from 1946-1979. In 1977, he served as acting chancellor of the University of Wisconsin. He then served on the Board of Directors for Merck & Co. from 1971-1986.

Mrs. Pound taught school for several years and was active in many civic and volunteer organizations. ■

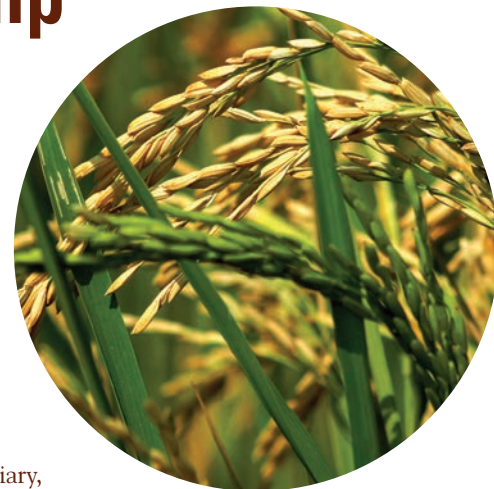
Anheuser-Busch Funds Rice-Focused Professorship

Anheuser-Busch and their Arkansas wholesalers donated \$634,000 to the University of Arkansas Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences to create an endowed professorship in the college. The gift was matched by the university's Matching Gift Program, creating an endowment of \$1,268,000, to fund a professorship specializing in plant molecular genetics with a focus on rice.

Because rice is the predominant food source for at least 60 percent of the world's population, there is a significant interest in understanding the genetics of rice and the function of rice genes. The new position will play a key role in discovering the function of more than 45,000 rice genes. By understanding the function of each gene, the knowledge gained will significantly improve the ability of plant breeders to develop new, improved rice varieties that will benefit the farmer and the rice industry.

Steve Malin, president of Busch Agricultural Resources Inc., said: "Anheuser-Busch, through its Busch Agricultural Resources subsidiary, conducts and funds research into new strains of barley and rice as part of its commitment to having the finest ingredients in its beers. We are proud to join our Arkansas wholesalers in helping to endow this professorship at the University of Arkansas, which operates one of the top rice research programs in the world."

The gift was committed during the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century. ■



Award Honors Influential Alumni

FIRST SILAS HUNT LEGACY EVENT GREETED WITH SUCCESS

Ten influential African Americans were honored by the University of Arkansas for their contributions to the University, the State of Arkansas, the nation and the world. The black-tie Silas Hunt Legacy Awards event was held on April 28.

The 10 honorees were:

- Mr. Gerald Alley (B.S.B.A. '73) of Arlington, Texas
- Dr. Margaret Clark (M.A. '68, Ed.D. '78) of Fayetteville, Ark.
- Mr. Randall Ferguson (B.S.B.A. '74) of Lee's Summit, Mo.
- The Honorable George W. Haley (LL.B. '52, J.D. '67) of Silver Spring, Md.
- Mr. E. Lynn Harris (B.A. '77) of Houston
- Dr. Bobby W. Jones (B.S. '84) of Richmond Hill, Ga.
- Dr. Edith Irby Jones (B.S.M. '52, M.D. '52) of Houston
- Ms. Janis Kearney (B.A. '77) of Chicago
- Dr. Gordon Morgan (M.A. '56) of Fayetteville
- The Honorable Rodney Slater (J.D. '80) of Washington, D.C.

These individuals were nominated by the public and selected by a volunteer selection committee comprised of UA alumni, friends, faculty, students and staff.

The following organizations supported the 2006 Silas Hunt Legacy Awards:

Platinum:

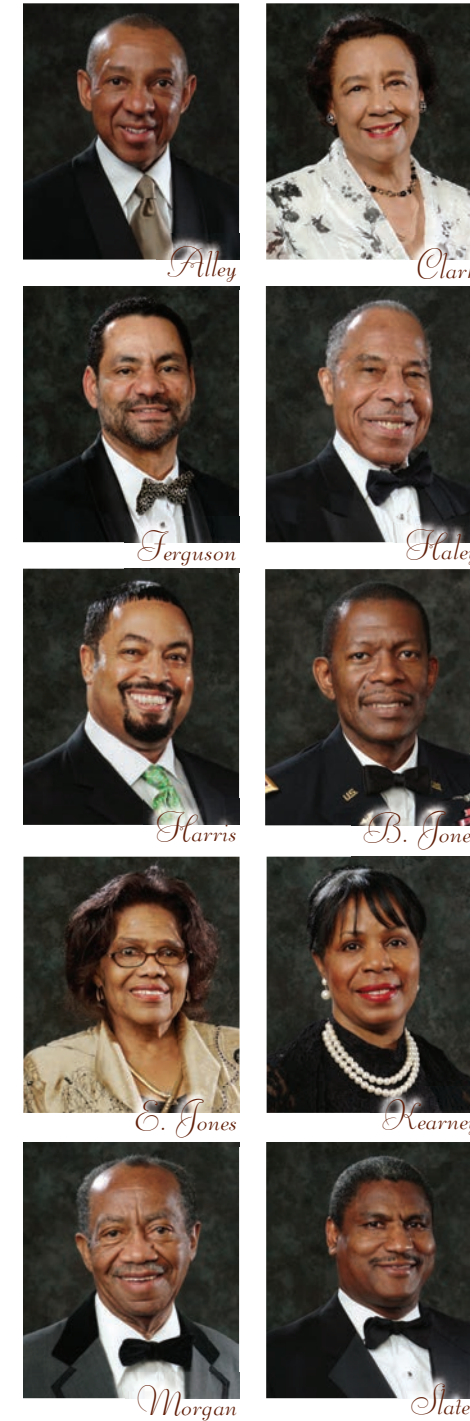
- Tyson Foods
- Wal-Mart and Sam's Club

Gold:

- Arkansas Alumni Association
- Celebrate Arkansas Magazine
- Citiscapes Metro Monthly Magazine
- TIAA-CREF

Silver:

- Advantage Communications Incorporated
- Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
- ARVEST Bank
- Chartwells



Chancellor John A. White congratulates honoree Dr. Bobby W. Jones

Southwestern Energy Company

Bronze:

- AT&T
- Kraft
- The Razorback Foundation

On Feb. 2, 1948, Silas Hunt became the first black student in modern times to attend a major Southern public university when he was admitted without litigation into the University of Arkansas School of Law. Hunt, who grew up in Texarkana, Ark., was a veteran of World War II and earned his undergraduate degree at Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College, now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Hunt died of tuberculosis in the spring of 1949 before finishing his law degree.

"Hunt's presence at the university was brief but significant. Tragically, he died of tuberculosis in the spring of 1949, having created a legacy of possibility and inspiration for other African Americans," Chancellor John A. White said. ■

AT&T Foundation Connects Students with Technology

Graduate students in the new Willard J. Walker Hall at the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas will have access to the very latest in communications technology, thanks to a grant from the AT&T Foundation. The foundation, which is the philanthropic arm of AT&T Inc., will provide a grant of \$250,000 to support the installation of communications technology in the graduate study classroom.

"This generous gift from the AT&T Foundation will help make Walker Hall one of the most modern school buildings in the nation," said Walton College Dean Dan L. Worrell. "The equipment in the AT&T master case-study classroom will serve as a vital link in the structurally integrated, high-tech connections throughout Walker Hall, greatly enhancing our students' learning environment."

The AT&T Foundation also made a \$20,000 gift for a state-of-the-art podium to be installed at the University's AT&T Conference Center in the Engineering Research Center.

Ed Drilling, president of AT&T Arkansas, said, "Communications technology offers tremendous opportunities for today's students, and that's why the AT&T Foundation devotes so much of its resources to supporting programs that enhance community access to technology and information-sharing. Last year our company, foundation and employees made contributions valued at nearly \$1 million to Arkansas nonprofits, local governments and

community causes. We trace our Arkansas business roots back more than 125 years, and it's exciting to know that this grant will help prepare another generation of students for the new century."

In 2003, the Willard and Pat Walker Charitable Foundation pledged a lead gift of \$8 million for the construction of Walker Hall. The building was named for the late Willard Walker, in honor of his success in retail management with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. Walker Hall is being designed by Machado and Silvetti Associates Inc. of Boston and Allison Architects Inc. of Little Rock. The building is expected to be completed with the opening of classes in the fall of 2007.

The AT&T Foundation, formerly the SBC Foundation, was a generous supporter throughout the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century. In 1998, the foundation made a four-year, \$220,000 commitment to the Teach for Arkansas program. Because of its dedication to this program, Arkansas Delta residents, many of them single working parents, were awarded the opportunity to become teachers. The Teach for Arkansas program has attracted national attention as an example of innovative use of distance education to meet the need for teachers.

The foundation has also served as an involved sponsor of the Governor's Awards for Entrepreneurial Development, an annual state-wide competition designed to encourage students of Arkansas' universities and colleges to act upon their ideas and talents to produce tomorrow's businesses. ■



New Buildings Top Out

Three University of Arkansas buildings have recently held topping out celebrations to recognize upcoming facilities on campus.

The U of A Law School held a topping out ceremony on February 15 to celebrate phase-one construction of the new University of Arkansas School of Law building. Roger McDaniel, president, Nabholz Construction Ozark Division and Howard W. Brill, interim dean, University of Arkansas School of Law spoke to ceremony attendees about the project.

On April 6, representatives from the University of Arkansas and J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. gathered to celebrate construction of the J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. Center



for Academic Excellence. This facility will serve as a technical resource for students and faculty in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering and the Sam M. Walton College of Business.

U of A leaders and benefactors celebrated the completion of the Willard J. Walker 75,000-square-foot building's frame at a topping-off ceremony on April 21. Once complete in 2007, Walker Hall will house the Sam M. Walton College Graduate School of Business. Increased prices of materials throughout the region have driven up costs of the project, and UA officials hope to raise the remaining funds for the state-of-the-art graduate facility by fall 2006. ■

HISTORY OF THE "TOPPING OUT" CEREMONY

In Scandinavian countries, the evergreen was considered a good spirit. When a building was erected, an evergreen was placed on the highest point of the structure to ward off evil spirits. In the 19th century, as the people of northern Europe came to America, they brought with them not only their construction skills but also their customs - in particular, the topping out of new buildings with the evergreen tree. Even though the meaning has changed somewhat, this tradition continues as a way to celebrate the completion of a difficult phase of construction and to symbolize thanksgiving for a safe project.



Attendees of topping out ceremonies leave their mark by signing a beam before it is lifted into place, signifying the close of phase one of construction.



Contact the University of Arkansas to learn more about how you can benefit UA fund-raising programs.

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