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The Spirit of Giving Homecoming 2006

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rances Barton Nutt of Lamar, Mis-
souri was honored by the faculty of the School of Human Environmental Sciences at the School’s annual homecoming breakfast. She has been the driving force behind the organization of the Carnall Hall Alumni Society that supports a scholarship fund for the Hospitality and Restaurant Management area of study. Mrs. Nutt truly embodies the spirit of giving. She has been an inspiration to all of us with her determination and ability to get things done when she sets her mind to them.

Mrs. Nutt is a 1950 graduate of the University with a degree in home economics. She was student president of Carnall Hall her senior year and held a number of other student leadership positions. Her professional career began upon graduation when she became a home economist with the Missouri Cooperative Extension Service and with the Black River Rural Electric Cooperative. After marriage to Hugh L. Nutt, also a 1950 University of Arkansas graduate with a BS degree in agricultural education, Mrs. Nutt earned an education specialist degree at Pittsburgh State University. She was employed by the Lamar school system as the first teacher in the new kindergarten program. For thirty years, Mrs. Nutt taught kindergarten, third grade, and sixth grade. She spent her teaching career giving to others and enhancing their educational opportunities.

The “spirit of giving” is exemplified by Mrs. Nutt. Without her perseverance, the endowment of the Carnall Hall Alumni Scholarship would not have been possible. She is honored for giving of her time, her talents, and her heart to ensuring that students studying about the hospitality industry can be successful in their present academic efforts and be effective contributors to society in the future.

THEIR SONG -- Frances Barton Nutt, left, her sister, Sarah Barton Crosby; brother, Nelson Barton; and Dr. Mary Warnock join in the Razorback Fight Song in observance of the Nutt sisters’ status as Razorback Marching Band alumni. Hugh Nutt, holding a plaque displayed in the HESC building, watches. Mrs. Nutt donated her wedding dress to the Apparel Studies program.
From the Director’s Chair

Growth has been the hot topic for the 2006-2007 academic year. There has been significant growth in the following areas: Student enrollment, faculty, alumni, and school projects.

Student enrollment within the school has experienced another increase and has achieved the “Milestone” of 700. All program areas have reached an all time high with the Foods, Human Nutrition, and Hospitality major leading the way. This increase in student enrollment would not have occurred without the support of faculty. The HESC faculty take a personal interest in their students; take extra time to ensure that students needs are addressed, especially during advising sessions in preparation for selection of classes for a future semester; take time to speak with prospective students and their parents concerning their respective areas of study; and make extra efforts to attend career fairs and visit high schools and other student-related groups within and outside Arkansas. Because of these “beyond the classroom” efforts by faculty, the HESC student enrollment has exhibited phenomenal growth.

Within Milestones there is a section titled “HESC Goes Global” with comments by Dr. Ray Barclay, Bumpers College Director for Study Abroad. He has noted those HESC students participating in study abroad activities, internships, semesters of study, or travel study trips emphasizing specific academic areas. Faculty believes in and supports study abroad activities; therefore, more students are participating each year in such activities. This past year has been no exception.

Not only have student numbers increased, but so have those of faculty. Two new faculty members joined the HESC family in August, 2006. Dr. Cynthia Moore, Ph.D. and R.D., joined us via the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. She is currently teaching the “tools” class, Nutrition in the Life Cycle, Advanced Nutrition and other human nutrition courses. Dr. Kelly Way, Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University, has expertise in tourism. She has joined the Hospitality and Restaurant Management area and has been instrumental in creating a principles of tourism course as well as one related to “Global Destinations.” You can get to know each of these new faculty members in the “New Faculty” section of Milestones.

As the student graduation rate increases, so do the number of alums. Many alumni have returned during the past year to share their previous university experiences and their present family activities. Thank you for returning, and especially for attending the annual HESC Homecoming Breakfast. Oh, what a fun time was shared by all as Mrs. Francis Barton Nutt was honored for her “Spirit of Giving.” Her story is told on the front page of this issue. All HESC alums are special and we invite you to return and share your careers with students and faculty. Consider giving of your time, talents and, of course, money to HESC and its projects that are geared toward growth.

Several projects have been accomplished during the past year while others remain as works in progress. Within the Home Economics Building, three more rooms have been renovated. Room 217 has been changed from an interior design studio into a state-of-the-art computer laboratory serving the entire college. Those students and faculty in Apparel Studies and Interior Design have been able to use the latest technology in an aesthetically pleasing environment. This computer laboratory portrays excellence in the classroom and allows students to use and understand the same software that presently is being used in the Apparel Studies and Interior Design professions. Room 21, the former interior design resource room, has been transformed into a high tech classroom for interior design studios. Students and faculty have enjoyed the new technology and environment. Room 7, the interior design workroom, now contains resources, provides work space for projects, and has space allocated for photographic purposes. With technology-equipped classrooms being a priority of Bumpers College, a Symposium and ceiling mounted projector have been installed in room 220. Plans are underway to renovate room 112 during the summer of 2008. If you remember, this is the foods laboratory. Complete renovation of this room should be finished by August 2008, just in time for fall classes. Start making plans to attend the 2008 Homecoming Breakfast. Room 112 will be on display.

Another project that began several years ago, but remains a work in progress, is a new facility to house the Infant Development Center and Nursery School teaching/learning laboratories. An architectural firm is to be chosen soon for the purpose of developing floor plan and exterior drawings that can be used in fund raising campaign activities. Within this issue there is a form that can be completed, returned with your donation, and earmarked for a specific project or area of study. With your help, this building project and other activities can be accomplished.

Yes, HESC is growing and changing. Thank you for your continued support and interest. Stay in touch! We need YOU!!!

Mary M. Warnock

Mary Warnock
Kauffman Scholars

For the past two summers, Kauffman Scholars from the Kansas City area have traveled to the University of Arkansas to study about careers in a variety of areas, with foods and nutrition being one. The Kauffman Foundation of Kansas City provides a comprehensive, multi-year program to prepare promising students for completing a college education.

The School of Human Environmental Sciences and Marjorie Fitch-Hilgenberg have hosted over 24 Scholars each summer. Scholars participated in “Making the Dough” which encompassed the science, art, and fun of bread making. Over three days, students made yeast breads using a variety of flours. All enjoyed turning their dough into sweet rolls, dinner rolls, pizzas or loaves of bread. The end products were evaluated for structure, texture, nutritional content and, of course, taste.

Each session had to include science, math and communications. Scholars weighed all ingredients using metric measures, calculated the nutrient content of breads made with different flours and gave extemporaneous speeches on why their bread was the best. Food and kitchen safety also was part of the curriculum.

Several 2006 Scholars returned in 2007 to make more dough. Scholars were always busy and having fun. Most agreed that the best part was the eating!

New Faculty

Kelly A. Way joined the Hospitality and Restaurant Management faculty as an Assistant Professor in August of 2006. After sixteen years in the hospitality industry, Dr. Way is teaching courses in destination management, resort management, procurement and selection, and tourism while completing ongoing research in the areas of hospitality curriculum, service quality, tourism, and hospitality economic development.

Dr. Way is a native Oklahoman and has a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University.

Cindy Moore joined the Food, Human Nutrition and Hospitality area as an Assistant Professor in August 2006. She teaches classes for nutrition and dietetics, including Nutrition during the Life Cycle, Community Nutrition, Advanced Nutrition, Nutrition for Health Professionals and Educators, Dietetic and Nutrition Practice: Tools and Applications, and Nutrition Seminar.

Dr. Moore has a bachelor’s degree from Central Missouri State University, master’s degree from the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and Ph.D from University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.
Students Benefit From Local Business Experience

Students enrolled in the Global Destination Management course in the spring semester of 2007 had the opportunity to investigate the business operations of the Fayetteville Convention and Visitors Bureau (FCVB).

Dr. Kelly Way worked closely with Allyson Twiggs, Director of the FCVB and her staff to ensure that hospitality students would gain an understanding of the importance of local businesses working with and supporting their city offices to ensure successful destination management.

Her goal in the course was for students to see how a relationship with a CVB can be beneficial in promoting a city as a destination and the impact that relationship could have on their future businesses. Also, she wanted students to see that there is a huge non-profit sector of the hospitality industry and that segment can lead to a very fulfilling and rewarding career.

During the semester each student volunteered 10 hours of their time working at the Clinton House, the FCVB offices, and FCVB events. Jobs performed included assisting the FCVB staff with creating a Fayetteville shopping guide, brainstorming to develop ideas to promote Fayetteville, planning and working various events including The Real Deal on the Hill and Springfest, and conducting tours at the Clinton House. In fact, one student was the recipient of a key to the city by the mayor of a town in Louisiana; the mayor enjoyed his tour that much! The students were required to keep a work journal of tasks performed and summarized how this experience will assist them when managing and marketing their future businesses.

One hundred and sixty volunteer hours were performed at the Fayetteville Convention and Visitors Bureau by the students from January to April of 2007.
Our homes say a lot about us. It tells our friends, family, and neighbors about the things we value. Our homes communicate our desire for privacy, our love of flowers, or maybe our passion for our children. Jennifer Webb and Nann Miller have been working to define how Arkansans define home.

One of the first points they addressed was the difference between house and home. Houses are physical structures in which individuals or groups live, conduct daily activities and provide protection from the elements. Conversely, homes are imbued with the emotional investment of sense of place, household responsibilities, personal relationships, and contributes to feelings of belonging, safety, and self-expression.

This seems simple enough. People must surely live in a house and, over time, change it to meet their expectations of home. But, for a variety of reasons, sometimes houses do not become homes. And this is where scholarly research on ‘home’ can help architects, interior designers, and other building professionals create houses that do become homes.

Drs. Webb and Miller talk about “fit” between the person and the environment. Most of us understand the concept of a piece of apparel that says “one size fits all” and fails to really fit anyone. Houses are the same way; neighborhoods are filled with “starter homes” designed for the typical family: two parents, one or more children, and pets in approximately 1,500 square feet. These houses are designed for a single family form that never grows old, never confronts short- or long-term disability, and is free from any specialized interest or need.

Together with Korydon Smith, assistant professor in Architecture, and Brent Williams, assistant professor in Rehabilitation Therapy, Webb and Miller have been challenging ideas of “one size fits all” and are developing recommendations for housing design in Arkansas. Last year, data was collected in the Arkansas Health and Housing Survey. These findings reveal many things about Arkansans, their activities, their health, and their feelings about the future.

The research findings suggest that people enjoy a wide range of activities, regardless of age. More importantly, if Arkansans indicate they are involved in an activity today, they believe that activity will be equally important as they grow older. Community and church activities, hobbies, time outdoors, and pets are things that Arkansans say are important to them today and in the future. The research also reveals that Arkansans with disabilities participate less in their community and invite fewer friends and family members to their home. Webb and Miller believe these findings to be directly linked to the design and accessibility of homes. When it is difficult to arrive at the target destination, people tend to stay home. This can include even leaving home if the disability involves mobility. They also believe that if one’s home does not fit well, the resident will be less willing to invite others to visit.

The most revealing finding thus far, Miller and Webb explain, is the fact that Arkansans believe that their health and activity levels will decline as they age. At the same time, these respondents believe that the design of their homes and neighborhoods will not influence their ability to live independently. The researchers point out that if an environment fits well and is responsive to a person’s needs, then the environment can actually enhance the quality of life, the ability to live independently, and reflect the person’s idea of home. Arkansans need to better understand the effects of environmental design and become more effective consumers of spaces.

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Forty-one students from the School of Human Environmental Sciences participated in study abroad programs, international internships and academic study tours during the 2007 spring semester and summer session. The students – majoring in apparel studies, interior design, human development and family sciences, and food, human nutrition and hospitality – represented a sharp increase from the 16 HESC students who studied abroad in 2006, according to Dr. Raymond Barclay, Director of the Global Studies Program for the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences.

“The HESC faculty has been extremely effective in encouraging students to add a global dimension to their education,” Barclay said. “Their academic advisors work closely with each student so that their international experiences will earn academic credit and strengthen their major.”

During the spring semester, three students attended study abroad programs in three different countries. Apparel Studies majors Rachel Norman and Jordan Fisher completed study abroad programs in England and Spain, respectively. Rachel attended the American Intercontinental University in London and Jordan completed 12 hours of courses in Spanish conversations, literature and culture at the University of Barcelona.

Haven Robinson participated in a spring study abroad program at the Institute of Technology in Monterrey, Mexico. The previous summer, Robinson attended the UA Summer Language and Culture Program in Monterrey.

During the summer, HESC students studied in the Dominican Republic, France, England, and Italy. Dietetics student Lindsay Irion attended a summer program on nutrition, health and environmental issues in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic, coordinated through the University of Iowa. Irion’s research focused on the use of traditional medicine. She collected data and conducted interviews.

“Conducting those interviews was one of the most challenging tasks I have ever completed in my life,” Irion said. “I had to work up the courage to speak entirely in Spanish. I feel like I really grew through that process.”

Apparel Studies students participated in a variety of summer study abroad programs in Europe. Sarah Dupre completed courses at the College International de Cannes through the American Institute for Foreign Study, and Andrea Jacobs and Jacquelyn Warnock completed study programs in London through the American Intercontinental University. Warnock said her internship with Browns of London exceeded her expectations, as she was given responsibility for putting together a guest list of 1,500 people for one event. “I worked in the press room contacting celebrities and suppliers to attend events, as well as in the stock room recording inventory,” Warnock said. “I now have the working knowledge of a fashion boutique that will serve me well in any retail environment.”
Scholarship Recipients for 2007-08

Arkansas Hospitality Association Scholarships
- Amanda Lau - $1,000
- Marion Ruth Curtner - $2,000
  (Received the Jim Gaston Award)
- Stephen Barber - $2,000
- Jacob Hanson - $2,000

Ethel Owen Adair Scholarship
- Sarah Aderhold
- Daniel Eldridge
- Julie Nelson
- Nicole Pellegrino
- Kristin Peterson
- Brittany Taylor

Lucille Bates Cobb Beling Scholarship
- Mary Stafford

Beatrice S. Bryson Scholarship
- Ashley Binns

Carnall Hall Alumni Scholarship
- Pamela Jackson
- Honami Otsuki

Jo P. and Bill T. Dalton Scholarship
- Kendra Boling
- Jamie Mahl
- Amy Prenger

Quality PFG Feltner Hospitality Award
- Honami Otsuki

Virginia Ferguson Memorial Scholarship
- Dawna Beeler
  J. Brooke McClendon
  Tricia Quinn

Gerber Endowed Scholarship
- Marlea Williams

Irma Fitch Giffels Scholarship
- N. Christine Cloninger
- Jennifer Gonzalez
- Kathryn Lamb
- J. Brooke McClendon
- Carrie Melville
- Phillip Pruett
- Sally Richmond
- Angela Wright

Rebecca Sholly Gifford Scholarship
- Dawna Beeler

Bobbye Jo Shepherd Halbrook Scholarship
- Justin Harris

Harold and Iva Hicks Scholarship
- Rachel Mackintosh

Human Environmental Sciences Scholarship
- Jordan Fisher

Hilliard and Eloise Jackson Scholarship
- Miranda Richardson

Juanise S. Johnson Scholarship
- Erin Detherage
  Huajie Geng
  Robyn Hill
  Megan Milawski
  Kelsey Ray
  Julie Reavis
  Stacey Sloan
  Samantha Treat

Inez Meadors McNeal Scholarship
- Stephanie Conkey
  Amy E. Gabbard

Xzin McNeal Scholarship
- Megan Buhrow
  Kayla Harlow
  Donna Moll
  Anna Watkins

Eula M. Noyce Scholarship
- Christina Mayo

Inez Sitton Scholarship
- Laura Jill Richmond
  Carolyn Treloar

SoHo Clothiers Scholarship
- Maggie McGriff

Hazel Taylor Spitze Scholarship
- Sarah Terry

Anna and Martin Stauber Scholarship
- Dawna Beeler

Manila and Alfred Taylor Scholarship
- Holley Johnson
  Brianna Patton

Mary M. (Peggy) Whan Scholarship
- Jordan Fisher

John W. White Scholarship in Home Economics
- Wendy Western

Family Issues in China

Professor Zhenyu Wang, Deputy Director of the Section of Sociology and Family, Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, in Beijing, gave a presentation on Critical Issues of Marriages and Families in Contemporary China, Oct. 24 in the Human Environmental Sciences Living Room. Professor Wang is a colleague of Associate Professor Dr. Timothy Killian and Dr. Xuenwen Sheng, a postdoctoral research assistant working with Dr. Killian on a research project on intergenerational transfer of resources.

From left, Killian, Wang and Sheng
Megan Ellis, BID’07, was an Honors Program Distinguished Graduate. Her faculty mentor was Dr. Jennifer Webb, and her thesis was titled “A Prototype Youth Hostel: Fayetteville’s Potential Resource.”

The Presidential Scholar for 2006, the junior with the highest grade point average, was Laura Carpenter. She is an Honors Program student majoring in Apparel Studies with minors in Marketing and French. She served as treasurer of the Fashion Merchandising Club and Alpha Delta Pi sorority and helped coordinate a Teen Alternative Fashion Show at Fayetteville Public Library. She is a member of Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Upsilon Omicron, and Alpha Zeta Honor Societies.

The Outstanding Senior, Graduate Student and Club Members Awards and Recognition Reception was held April 5, 2007. Laura Yanowski, Kelli Kostelnik, and Mikelle Thompson received the Outstanding Senior Award. Laura is a dietetics major who wants to counsel others about nutrition in order for them to lead healthier lives. Her ambition is to work with the WIC or school foods program. Kelli already has been working in the field of dietetics as a Sports Nutrition Counselor and Dietary Assistant. In these positions she has designed and managed safe and effective nutrition strategies to enhance optimal performance and fitness for athletes in the University of Arkansas athletics programs and has designed meals for patients at the Health Park Surgical Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mikelle was recognized for her academic achievements, her work experiences with Corgan Associates in Dallas and as a youth counselor, plus her service as Mentor Chair for ASID.

Genell Ebbini, BID’05 and Melissa Mitchell, BID’05, passed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) exams. Ms. Ebbini passed the exam for Commercial Interiors and Ms. Mitchell passed the exam for New Construction. This exam represents the growing role of environmentally sustainable design in the interior design profession.

Erin Johnson, BID’06, has been accepted into the Master of Architecture program at the University of Denver. She will pursue design interests in environmental sustainability.

Dana McQuillan, BID’07, has been accepted to the Graduate Program at Tufts University where she will focus on universal design issues in the built environment.

Eva Sambale, BID’07, has been accepted to Archeworks, the Chicago-based graduate program. This program allows students to work in multidisciplinary teams with nonprofit partners to create design solutions for social needs.

Keiana Hunter, BID’07, will begin the Master of Science in Planning at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Her interests lie in improving the urban housing environment for minorities.

Erin Simmering, BID’04, and Caron Cooper BID’04, have passed the NCIDQ Examination. Erin works for Williams and Dean in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Corrie Adams, Apparel Studies; Krystalyn Bolding, Interior Design; Casey Clippinger, Interior Design; Keiana Hunter, Interior Design; Mary Morrison, Dietetics; Leila Pollard, Interior Design; Kaci Schack, Human Development and Family Sciences; Marty Smith, General Human Environmental Sciences; and Mikelle Thompson, Interior Design, received certificates at the Professional Development Institute graduation program in November, 2006. The Institute is designed to prepare students for life after graduation with training on professionalism and how to present themselves to potential employers or as candidates for graduate school.
Faculty and Staff News

Faculty in Bumpers College participated in the annual University of Arkansas teaching camp, July 15-18, 2006 at the WinRock Center, Petit Jean, Arkansas. AFLS faculty participants included David Longer (CSES) Senior Co-Director of the Teaching Faculty Support Center, Tim Killian (HESC), Cindy Moore (HESC), Mary Savin (CSES), Susan Takigiku (HESC), and Cat Wallack (HESC). The theme of this year’s camp was “Being Well, Teaching Well.” Faculty presentations at teaching camp included: “Effective Lecturing” by Tim Killian (HESC) and Ignatious Fosu (JOUR), “Using Hyper-Interactive Teaching Technology” by Susan Takigiku (HESC), “Assessment Techniques” by Mary Savin (CSES) and David Gay (ECON), and “Learning with Social Styles” by Cat Wallack (HESC) and Yvette Murphy (SCSW). David Longer (CSES) served as the Senior Co-Director of the TFSC this year and completed his three year term.


Jenny Dura, Assistant Director of the Infant Development Center, and husband, Matt, are the proud parents of Adalyn, born June 12, 2007.

Kathy Smith, Apparel Studies, received the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences Alumni Society Outstanding Advisor Award.

Lorene Raymond, Assistant Professor Emeritus in Food, Human Nutrition and Hospitality, was featured in the article “A Place to Call Home” published in Your Health, a publication sponsored by Washington Regional. Her home is Washington Regional’s Brookstone Assisted Living Residence. She is 93 and “having the time of her life.”

Kim Neyman, Departmental Fiscal Manager, graduated in December 2006, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography. She also has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

Mary Warnock, Director of the School of Human Environmental Sciences, was the keynote speaker for the annual State Leadership Conference, sponsored by the Arkansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and held at Harding University. Her presentation was titled “Leadership: Gift and Challenge.”

A little help from a friend - Graduates prepare for graduation ceremony.

Marriages

Allyson Annelle Cate, BSHES’07, in Human Development and Family Sciences, and Emerson Conner McNair were married August 4, 2007.


Lana Phelps, Apparel Studies, and Robby Shofner were married on June 2, 2007.

Carly Elizabeth Calhoun, BSHES’07, in Food, Human Nutrition and Hospitality, and Ryan Andrew Grace were married May 17, 2007.

Tonya Kay Wright, BID’02, married Matthew James Goynes on May 19, 2007. She is an interior designer with Leo A. Daly in Dallas, Texas.

Britney Hayden Bailey, BSHES’03, in Human Development and Family Sciences, married Ryan Michael Fox on November 4, 2006.

Deaths

Dr. Dorothy Alice Larery, former Head of the Department of Home Economics and Professor Emeritus at the University of Arkansas (1971-1984), died October 15, 2006 at the Presbyterian Manor in Parsons, Kansas. She was 80 and an active member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Julia Harriett McCoy, Professor Emeritus of Human Nutrition, died at home in Fayetteville, Arkansas on November 27, 2006. She joined the faculty of the University of Arkansas in 1973 as assistant professor in the Department of Home Economics, where she remained until her retirement as professor in 2002.
Recent Advances in Manufacturing and Merchandising Italy Study Tour

Apparel Studies students had the opportunity to broaden their international knowledge of the apparel industry by participating in an 11-day study tour from May 15-26 to Italy. Students visited manufacturers and designers as well as local museums in Milan, Como, Venice, Florence and Rome.

This required course in the Apparel Studies curriculum provided an on-site study of the Italian fashion manufacturers and markets for apparel studies. The objectives of the Italy tour were to: gain an awareness and appreciation of the vastness of the Italian fashion market; examine the role and responsibilities of the designer, manufacturer, and retailer; observe processes in the development and production of fashion goods; observe and become familiar with the role of wholesalers and wholesale markets at an international level; examine marketing techniques used at an international level within the fashion industry; examine methods of promoting and selling fashion products by trade advisory associations and the fashion press; identify trends in design and fashion production, wholesaling and retail marketing; and explore career alternatives in the fields of design and fashion, including the qualifications, responsibilities, rewards and trends.

The group began their professional appointments in Milan with a visit to a designer showroom, and a visit to the Galleria Shopping area located next to the Duomo of Milan. From Milan the tour continued on to Como where they toured Lora Piana, an Italian Wool Manufacturer. The visit to the Como area concluded with a trip to the Museo Didattico della Seta (Silk Museum).

The next stop was Venice where the students observed a hand demonstration of Burano Venetian Lace production. A short boat ride later, the students were on the island of Murano where a private demonstration of authentic Venetian glass was held.

Florence not only led the students to the Il Porcellino located in the Mecato Nuovo, but also introduced them to the Scuola del Cucio (Leather School) located in the former monastery of the Santa Croce. Students learned the process of leather preparation, design of one of a kind handbags, and manufacture of fine Italian leather goods. The Accademia and the Uffizi Gallery were also included in the tour of Florence.

The last stop on the Tour was in Rome where the students studied the cultural aspects and the influence of dress through the ages by visits to the Vatican City, Museums, Sistine Chapel, Roman Coliseum and Forum.

What a learning experience!
Beverly Odom, BID’05; Maura Salas, BID’06; Casey Clippinger Turner, BID’07; and Nanette Nauden, BID’07, are interior designers with Benchmark Group in Rogers, Arkansas.

Elexa Reel, BSHES’07, works for the Olathe YMCA in the Infant/Toddler Center. She is the Infant Lead/Site-Director.

Sharon Linder, BSHES’06, has joined the Arkansas Cooperative Extension staff as a Family Consumer Science Agent in Poinsett County, Arkansas.

Dr. Hazel Taylor Spitze, BSHES’43, and her husband, Dr. Robert G.F. Spitze, have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. They reside in Urbana, Illinois.

Dr. Whitney Brosi, MSHES’00, assistant professor of Human Development and Family Science, at Oklahoma State University, has been named the CHES Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor.

Alicia Parker, BID’02, recently passed the National Council of Interior Designer Qualifications and became a member of the American Society of Interior Designers. She works with Harrison French & Associates, LTD of Bentonville, Arkansas.

Cordia Harrington, BSHE’75, owner and CEO of four companies based in Nashville, Tennessee, that bake and distribute sandwich buns and other products for major restaurant companies in the United States and abroad, received the Outstanding Alumna Award at the 2007 College Commencement ceremony. She was a featured speaker.

Jennifer O’Neil Mayo, BSHE’95, has recently been promoted to General Manager for the Accounting and Finance Division of Today’s Staffing in Addison, Texas.

Logan Woodruff, MSHES’06, in Food, Human Nutrition and Hospitality, works in the Tyson Food Safety and Research Lab at Tyson Foods, Inc. in Johnson, Arkansas.

Trisha Green Logan, BSHES’00, is a designer for Inviting Company, a producer of invitations, tableware and stationary.

Sarah Jane Newland, BSHE’59, is a retired home economist from Entergy Corporation (formerly Arkansas Power and Light).

Betty T. Sloan, BSHE’45, President and Manager of E. Sloan Farms and B & G Land Company, was inducted into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame on March 16, 2007.

Mary Jill Ibison, BID’04, works for Corgan Associates, Inc., in Dallas, Texas.

Cheryl Rossi, BSHES’03, in Apparel Studies, is a Sales Specialist in the Category Development area for Levi Strauss Signature’s Wal-Mart Support Team.

Amruta Shriram-Kotbagi, MSHES’05, in Foods, Human Nutrition and Hospitality, has moved from Greenville, South Carolina to Omaha, Nebraska.

Betty Rogers Kearns, BSHE’53, has moved from Tucker, Georgia to Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Maribelle James Lambert, BSHE’56, is a retired registered dietitian living in Higden, Arkansas.

Patricia A. Young Stinson, BSHE’82, is a family and consumer science teacher at Nashville High School in Nashville, Arkansas.

Jane Oliver, MSHE’92, in Human Development and Family Sciences, is Vice President of ARVEST Bank in Bentonville, Arkansas. She was the former executive director of the Northwest Arkansas Children’s Shelter.

Ashleigh Raley, BSHES’07, in Human Development and Family Sciences, works as a Girl’s Associate with the 24-7 Student Ministry in Northwest Arkansas.

Landon Shockey, BID’01, owner of Landon Shockey Interior Design, resides in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Sara Rye, BID’06, has joined Hight-Jackson Associates P.A. of Rogers, Arkansas.

Ron Reed, BSHE’96, is an Assistant Professor of Interior Design in the School of Visual Arts at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

The 4-H House Alumnae visited the University of Arkansas and the School of Human Environmental Sciences on July 15, 2006. They participated in tours of the Home Economics Building and campus.
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