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Celebrating the success of the Horticulture Club’s spring plant sale and plant clinic held at Agri Park are Hort Club students and faculty. The money raised helped defray expenses for the horticultural tour to Seattle and the Pacific Northwest in May.

Displaying their booty is the first U of A Meats Judging Team, the reserve champion (second place) team in the Southeastern Intercollegiate Meats Judging Contest in Louisville at the end of spring semester. Pictured are (front, l to r) Chris Boger, Kimberly Martin-Downum, Tracy Leonard, Sean Milliken, Buck Boger, Joe Bob Washburn, John Hankins, Coach Jason Apple, Byron Usrey and Keith Lusby, animal science department head. Not pictured is Ed Yancey.

Two teams of interior design students won honorable mention in the Surtex 1997 International Student Design Competition for their entry in “Gift Bags as Gifts: When the Packaging Becomes the Prize.” There were 155 entries from 19 colleges and universities representing six countries. Laura Atkins and Kimberly Pabor comprised Team 1; Lindsay Case and Krista Allmendinger were Team 2.

Summer opportunities abound for DBCAFLS undergraduates. Six food sciences students interned this summer, one in Holmfirth, England. Four agricultural business students attended the American Agricultural Economics Association meeting in Toronto in July, where they participated in the Academic Quiz Bowl. And five students from various colleges across campus were awarded C. Roy Adair Scholarships for summer undergraduate research in plant pathology.

Fall Attractions!

- Fall Convocation, August 27th. A gathering of DBCAFLS students, faculty and staff for college activities in front of the Ag Building before marching with other colleges to the Old Main lawn for a campus-wide picnic.
- Carnival of Clubs, September 4th. Games and booths sponsored by DBCAFLS clubs to introduce students, old and new, to club activities.
- Land Grant Days, November 20-22nd. A heritage celebration for our entire college, including special activities for alumni. Instead of a homecoming reception for alumni this fall, the College is putting its efforts into Land Grant Days and encourages all its alumni to attend the alumni brunch on Saturday morning, November 22nd, prior to the Mississippi State game. For more information contact Melissa Lester at 575-2252.
Alumni News

Dr. Justin Morris (BSA 1958; MS 1961), food science, has been promoted to the rank of Distinguished Professor and elected a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists.

Doug Rundle (MS 1983) is now deputy state statistician for the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Dr. Jackie Burns (BSA 1978; MS 1981) begins her tenth year in Florida as the postharvest physiologist at the Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred.

Swapping tales at the annual 4-H O’rama reception are (l to r) Extension agents Frankie (Higginbotham) Rhudy (BSA 1992), agriculture, Pope County; Sean Milliken (BSA 1997), intern, Logan County; Brian Helms (BSA 1996), agriculture, Howard County; and Louise Walker (MS 1984), family and consumer science, Sevier County.

Featured on the June 16, 1997, front page of the Wall Street Journal is Will Cox (MS 1986), whose management and financial experience at the Dumas State Bank helped prepare him to return to the family farm in 1992. The article emphasizes the increased need of individual farmers for management and marketing skills as government subsidies are phased out.

Kalven L. Trice (MS 1986) has been named the state conservationist for the Arkansas USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. He will manage a budget of $15.9 million and a staff of approximately 260 employees in 75 offices.

Cara (Rowbotham) Flinn (MS 1989), employed with the Information Technology Department at Arkansas Nuclear One for three years, has recently accepted a position with Entergy Services, Inc., as an application analyst/developer at Arkansas Nuclear One in Russellville.

Dan Ramsfield (BSA 1995) has been promoted from chemistry lab supervisor to corporate quality assurance manager of Tyson Foods Specialty Products Division. His comment: “What a difference an education makes!”

Cindy Harris (BSA 1996) is now employed as a technical specialist with Flowers Specialty/Stilwell Foods in Oklahoma.

Dr. William McGlynn (PhD 1997) has accepted a position as assistant professor of food science at Oklahoma State University.

The Department of Entomology extends sincere thanks to alumni for their moral and financial support for Keith Vodraska, an MS student who contracted beta hemolytic streptococcus, the same disease that took the life of Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets. Keith, who was incapacitated for three months and often in a coma, is now recovering and has returned to the tedious chore of finishing his thesis. Thanks, alums!

Also from the Department of Entomology - The Charles G. Lincoln Distinguished Lecturer Series will begin this fall. For this inaugural year, the department is inviting its alumni to share their post-graduation experiences. For more information, contact the Department of Entomology, AGRI 321.

Faculty Update

The beginning of the fall semester signals the arrival of new faculty to campus. Joining the DBCAFLS family are:

Craig Coon, Jason Emmert and Mark Parcells, Poultry Science. Dr. Coon comes to Fayetteville after 14 years at University of Minnesota and holds the Arkansas Poultry Federation’s Endowed Chair. His PhD in biochemistry and nutrition is from Texas A&M, and he is a specialist in broiler breeder nutrition. Dr. Emmert has just received his PhD from the University of Illinois and will focus on undergraduate education and teach introductory poultry science courses. Earning his PhD and staying on to do postdoctoral work at the University of Delaware, Dr. Parcells is a molecular virologist studying the function of genes encoded by Marek’s Disease Virus (MDV), which causes cancer in poultry.

Don Herring, Head, Agricultural and Extension Education. Dr. Herring received his PhD from The Ohio State University and comes to Arkansas from Texas A&M, where he served as professor and graduate coordinator in the Department of Agricultural Education. An award winning teacher, he is interested in agricultural literacy and teaching of agricultural sciences in elementary and secondary schools.

Bryan Kutz and Dianne Hellwig, Animal Science. Instructor Kutz holds an MS degree from Western Kentucky University and will teach animal science lab and livestock selection courses. He will manage the new livestock arena, coach the Livestock Judging Team and travel to county fairs to judge livestock as part of his Extension appointment. Dr. Hellwig’s MS and PhD are from the University of Arkansas (1983; 1986), and her DMV is from Iowa State University. Having appointments in research, Extension and teaching, she will work with the Arkansas beef cattle industry and teach and advise students in the pre-veterinary curriculum.

Stepping aside to enjoy retirement are Tom Westing, animal science; Pete Braker, agricultural and extension education; Sylvan Eldringerhoff, interior design, and Carter Price, agricultural economics and agribusiness. We’ll miss them!

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, 575-2252.

We look forward to hearing from you. The NOMINATION DEADLINE FOR THE 1998 AWARD IS DECEMBER 1, 1997.
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