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Outstanding Alumnus Leads Scholarship Drive
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**From the Dean**

Spring is officially here and brings with it the usual seasonal optimism. During recent faculty meetings I have expressed my pride in the progress of our programs and my conviction that they are just going to get better and better.

Progress is manifesting itself in many ways — too many to list here. The following are just a few examples:

- A faculty initiative to reinstate a College Honors Program will assure that we offer the finest learning experience for our students.
- Recruiting efforts by individuals and the departments are paying off – student numbers grew by 15% this spring semester compared to last spring.
- The growing relationship with two-year colleges through ACTA, the Arkansas Consortium for Teaching Agriculture, is paying dividends for all the partners. The first Bumpers Scholars were recognized during Honors Convocation in April. John Mayfield, who is coming to Bumpers College this fall from North Arkansas College, was the first “ACTA” transfer student to be recognized as a Bumpers Scholar.
- The first Justus Professor, Dr. Craig Beyrouty, was recognized for his teaching accomplishments.
- Renovations of the Animal Science Building are underway and the Pauline Whitaker Animal Sciences Center is operational.
- Changes in information age technology, biotechnology and other areas of agricultural, food and life sciences demand that we move our teaching and research programs to the next level. To that end, plans are on the drawing board to accomplish a new set of ambitious goals. The Alumni Society is in the midst of a strategic planning process focused on development of the College. And the College and Experiment Station, in an integrated management planning process, are laying the groundwork for the next five years in teaching, research and development.

For the first time, development is the highest planning priority for the College. The administration, faculty, students and alumni are dedicating themselves to initiatives that will help us provide the finest quality of services to the users of our programs. Operation Classrooms is one initiative suggested to convert classrooms and laboratories that are outdated to modern learning and research centers. To be sure that our stakeholders are fully involved in setting and achieving our development goals, we have asked a group of leaders to serve as a blue ribbon core leadership committee. This leadership committee will help us create a Bumpers College Leadership Council — a council of individuals with a deep and abiding dedication to the College and its programs. The Council will serve as a sounding board for the administration and will participate in the planning and implementation of a development program to meet our goals.

As I read The GRADUATE, the extent to which we depend on supporters of the College becomes clear. Without the support of our alumni and friends, we could not develop plans to continually improve programs with an expectation of success. Your efforts have brought the College’s program to a new level during the past five years. We are eager, with your help, to move to the next level. As always, many thanks for all the things each of you do to assure the success of your College.
Dear Fellow Alums,

The Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences is accomplishing some great things. The Graduate, Vision, and the department newsletters all contain examples of new things happening in the College. The Alumni Society is preparing to help the College in many more ways.

The Alumni Society Board is developing a strategic plan for the new millennium. Many goals are being reviewed and plans for achieving these goals are being devised. One goal is to form a structure to aid the College with student recruitment.

Every alum can help by contacting prospective students or bringing them to Fayetteville for a campus visit. This personal touch may be the deciding factor for a prospective student. Names of all potential students should be forwarded to Anthony McAdoo so they may be added to the College mailing list. Call Anthony at 501-575-2252 or e-mail him at amcadoo@comp.uark.edu.

Another goal is to establish and maintain a strong financial base for the Alumni Society. A major portion of financial aid will support student scholarships. A lesser amount is used to support lifetime memberships for outstanding graduates and faculty awards. Currently, our major fund raiser is the Silent Auction at the Land Grant Days celebration. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund or help with fund-raisers in the future please contact me.

The last item that I would like to mention is membership. Your Alumni Society membership fee is used to support the previously mentioned scholarships and awards. Being a member also entitles you to the alumni magazine Arkansas, Razorback Road Trip Travel priorities, no annual fee Razorback VISA, the Arkansas Land and Life magazine, and many other benefits.

All fellow alums should do their part by being active members in the society. We want to not just maintain the status quo but take our College into the next century. The next generation deserves our diligence just as previous alums worked for us.

Dale Reed, BSA ’75
President, DBCAFLS Alumni Society

Dale Reed is president of Gillett Grain Services, 870-548-2247.

Bumpers College unveiled a new recruiting brochure, “Get a Life!” that illustrates the diverse ways the college prepares students for lives and careers of their own.

During the first college-wide Career Day in January, high school juniors and seniors from across the state were hosted by Bumpers College Ambassadors Jeri Ann Baker of Mountain Home, Chad Clem of Malvern, Barry Denton of Hatfield, Dawn Seale of Dierks and Tamara Holcombe of Jay, Okla., and College alumni Kim Huddleston, Jennifer Wells, Mike Hudlow and Rhonda Burkhart.

The ambassadors and faculty also participated in a career seminar at Northwest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville in February, talking about Bumpers College programs, the Arkansas Consortium for Teaching Agriculture and other opportunities offered by U of A to potential students.

Members of the Bumpers College Prospective Student Relations Committee presented a “Family Feud” program during the Arkansas Career and Guidance Counselor Workshop in Eureka Springs in March. Their program, titled “Bumpers College Careers: Nothing to Feud About,” served as the keynote address to the workshop.

Bumpers College recruiters played a bigger role this year in the state FFA Career Development Day held on campus in April. The College joined with the Arkansas Pork Producers Association to provide lunch to the high school students and their teachers for $1 each. They served more than 500 people during the contest.

Preparation is now being made for summer orientation to prepare incoming freshman for the start of the 1999-2000 school year this fall.
The variety of students who compose the College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences is remarkable. The breadth of their interests and activities enrich life for all students on campus. A few examples follow.

Joe Dean Davenport (front, left), a junior agribusiness management major from Tontitown, lettered this year in both basketball and football for the Razorbacks. Few students have double lettered in NCAA sports, and he has shared his love of athletics and life with area elementary school fourth graders. Joe Dean is one of an increasing number of athletes attracted to the College, especially by the agricultural business and turf programs.

Alice Butler is a 19-year-old apparel studies student from Edmund, Okla. She ran track for the University last year, but has since shifted her focus to the business world. With her psychology major partner, Alice is opening a nonalcoholic night club catering to students in the old Schulertown building off Dickson Street.

Michael Williams, a junior wide receiver on the Razorback football team from Bastrop, La., is also an apparel studies major interested in fashion merchandising. When he missed practice to finish sewing a pair of pants for his clothing construction midterm exam, he endured ribbing from his teammates and coaches. But his enjoyment of his classes and his hard work won him the last laugh as he proudly modeled his finished product for the team.

Dawn Seale (back, left) is a junior human development family sciences student from Dierks. Her twin brother is a UA computer science major. Dawn played clarinet in the marching band for two years and served as a College ambassador this past year. She will be one of four summer orientation leaders from our College to welcome and prepare new students for their U of A adventure.

Elpida Ormanidou is the first student from the American Farm School in Greece to study at the U of A. From Kilkis, Greece, Elpida finished three years of high school and two years of college at the Farm School, where she participated in the International 4-H Youth Exchange program and spent six months in the U.S. speaking about Greek culture. She also completed a research internship at Iowa State University. At the U of A, Elpida is a member of the Ag Business Club, the Culture Team, which visits area schools, and the Ag Business Quiz Bowl Team. Her positive experience has prompted two other Farm School students to enroll in the College next fall.

Jennifer Gibson, a Calico Rock junior majoring in landscape design, has been recognized as one of 18 outstanding horticulture students in the country by the American Society of Horticultural Science. She is president of the Horticulture Club, chair of the spring plant sale and the energy behind the Jefferson Elementary School Project, where horticulture students designed the landscape, prepared the soil and installed the plants. She has also worked with Jefferson Elementary students in planting seeds for future gardens. She's interested in a career in horticultural therapy.

Kate Moffitt is a remarkable student from Rogers who will graduate summa cum laude this May at age 17 with a degree in animal science. Recognized early for her academic potential, Kate attended Mary Baldwin College in Virginia at age 14 on their Program for the Exceptionally Gifted. Her interest in animal science and pre-veterinary medicine prompted her to transfer to the U of A for her junior and senior years, where she has maintained a 4.0 grade point. Kate plans to work for a year as she decides her academic future.
Food Preparation for the Hospitality Industry” is the long name of a unique course in Bumpers College’s School of Human Environmental Sciences. The short name is “Sunset Gardens.”

The course consists of planning, preparing and serving full-course dinners on Monday evenings during the fall and spring. The meal is served in a section of Fulbright Dining Hall that features three glass walls. Diners don’t actually have a view of the sunset, but the name works well enough in the patio-like setting.

Students do the planning, purchasing, cooking and serving to provide an enjoyable dinner for about 60 guests at a bargain price of $6.75, drink and dessert included. Call the Human Environmental Sciences office at 575-4306 for reservations.

Dr. Janet Noble says the “cafe course” is made possible by facilities and assistance provided by the UA food service contractor, Chartwell, Inc. Noble and Dean Charles Scifres have a vision of a much grander scale of hands-on training for students in the hospitality and restaurant management program. Maybe a campus hotel and restaurant catering to alumni and other visitors, which is a common amenity at many universities. Or perhaps an arrangement with an area resort or convention center.

Since it was started by Noble in 1992 with six students, the option has grown to 22 students. This growth reflects strong interest by students and industry demand for graduates, Scifres says.

The College has targeted the program for a major development initiative to create an endowment for facilities and scholarships.

“Our vision includes a substantial endowment built from private contributions and public funding for a facility and faculty that will be a source of pride for the University while providing management training for students,” Scifres says.

The program is one of three options of study within the Food, Human Nutrition and Hospitality major.

• The General Foods and Nutrition option prepares graduates for careers in the health and food industries.

• The Dietetics option prepares students for a comprehensive internship for certification as a registered dietitian.

• The Hospitality and Restaurant Management option prepares graduates for management positions in the hospitality, food service and tourism industries.

SUNSET GARDENS — Hospitality and restaurant management student Brooke Guilliams serves Monday evening diners (from left) Peggy Whan, interim director of the School of Human Environmental Sciences; David Culpepper and Sam Culpepper, a restaurant owner and president of the Arkansas Restaurant Association.

FIRST PLACE — The University of Arkansas Linnaean Team placed first in competition with teams from eight other universities at the Entomological Society of America Southeast Branch meetings in March at Destin, Fla. Pictured with the traveling trophy are (front, from left) Raymond Hix, team captain, of Haines City, Fla.; Jim Dennett, Monroe, La.; Mike Fairbanks, Fort Smith; (back) Richard Musser, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Coach Bill Yearian; and Keith Strother, Fayetteville. The teams compete in a college bowl format answering questions about entomological facts and trivia. The competition is named for the Linnaean system of naming plants and animals devised by seventeenth century explorer Carlo Von Linne.
Senate Internship Provides Firsthand Government Experience

by Kim Sherman
Student Writer

A student internship in the office of Sen. Dale Bumpers was a memorable learning experience for one recent Bumpers College graduate. Jeff Priebe graduated in May 1998 with an agricultural business degree and has now completed his first year of law school. He was one of eight students selected, out of 36 who applied, for an internship in Sen. Bumpers’ office in Washington. Students receive up to three college credits and are paid a modest amount to participate in the program.

From June to August 1998 Priebe spent his time working with Sen. Bumpers and Benji Noble, a legislative assistant. His duties included taking notes at Congressional hearings, corresponding with constituents, giving tours of the capitol buildings and writing memos.

He met some very influential people. The interns chatted with Sam Donaldson one day after he interviewed the senator. He also met Secretary of State Madeline Albright, Sen. John Glen and Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

While in Washington, Priebe and other interns stayed at George Washington University. He found the fast pace of the city very different from his hometown of Mountain Home.

It was not all work for the interns while in Washington. Priebe spent time getting to know the other interns and sightseeing. His most memorable moments included watching the fireworks on the south lawn of the White House, hearing the President speak and attending a Baltimore Orioles game.

Priebe said he enjoyed “talking to people who have different viewpoints and trying to see their side.” He learned that the senators really care about what the people think. He felt he had an impact on people by answering mail and making sure it was directed to the right places.

The internship, which provided a firsthand look at how American government works, “would be a great opportunity for someone with an interest in a political career,” Priebe said.
Luz Andrea Polanco spent much of her summer in 1998 applying and adding to the skills she has gained in Bumpers College as an intern for the American Embassy of Guatemala in Guatemala City, her hometown.

“International students can only work in their own countries,” said Polanco, an agricultural business major, “so I lived at home and worked five hours per day.”

Polanco’s duties at the embassy included collecting data and compiling weekly reports on agricultural issues in Guatemala for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Her research covered such topics as ice cream sales, tobacco, cattle production and consumer-ready products.

“If you want to write a report, you call people, you read newspapers and watch TV. It’s not in books anymore,” said Polanco of her research methods.

She said information was difficult to obtain and was not accurate. These inaccuracies occurred because businesses were in competition with one another and with other countries. She said researchers would gather as much information as possible and make an estimate.

Polanco, who speaks German, Spanish and English, said her background in agronomy and economics from the U of A helped her understand certain technical issues in the reports.

Polanco received three hours of credit toward her degree by writing a marketing research paper on confectionery products in Guatemala. She said the experience strengthened her writing and communication skills, provided connections to people in her field and led to good relationships with co-workers. Polanco said she would like to work for the American Embassy in Guatemala City in the summer of 1999. The internship was a good experience in her preparation for graduate study in international law, she said.

The internship was arranged with the assistance of Associate Professor H.L. Goodwin in Bumpers College.

The College celebrated the achievements of 203 bachelor's degree candidates at commencement May 8 in Broyles Athletic Complex. Another 23 doctoral candidates and 55 receiving master's degrees in the agricultural, food and life sciences were honored along with all UA graduates at the general commencement in Bud Walton Arena.

Sen. Dale Bumpers, who was presented an honorary doctor of laws degree, spoke at both ceremonies. He advised Bumpers College graduates to “make life a learning experience.”

“You do yourselves a great disservice if you don’t grow intellectually and if you ignore people who have grown intellectually. You can avoid so many problems if you read good literature and observe what works and what doesn’t work.”

He described social, political and environmental problems ranging from the corrupting influence of money on the political process to nuclear weapons to depletion of the Mississippi alluvial aquifer in eastern Arkansas.

“Our problems are indeed legion, but our ability to deal with them has never been greater,” he said.

“The question is: Will we have the political will to solve them? If we lose our greatness in the 21st century, it will be because we’ve ignored history, and because we ignored what it takes to keep our democracy going.

“How lucky we all are to be born in this great nation. But, I remind you, luck always begins to run out when you take it for granted.”

The Outstanding Alumnus Award was presented to Howard Young, BS ’54 MS ’63, of Atkins. See cover story on page 11.

Husband and wife Will and Gwen Gordon are the Senior Scholars for 1999. Both are receiving degrees in Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology. They have been active members of Collegiate FFA/4-H, Phi Kappa Phi and Gamma Sigma Delta.

Will plans to pursue a master’s degree to become certified to teach agricultural science in high school, and the couple will help manage a family farm in Missouri. Gwen is exploring career opportunities in agricultural education and agribusiness.

Their parents are Lonnie and Debbie Stetina of Noel, Mo., and Billy and Rosemary Gordon of Anderson, Mo.

This is the first year for the Jack G. Justus Award for Teaching Excellence, made possible by an endowment from the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation and others. Mr. Justus, BS ’54, was executive vice president of the Arkansas Farm Bureau from 1982 to 1997.

Craig Beyrouty is the first recipient of the award, which includes $5,000 to enrich student learning.

Dr. Beyrouty, who teaches soils courses, will sponsor a visit by a “master teacher” to work with students and faculty. He is co-director of the UA Teaching and Faculty Support Center.

Fred Stephen received the Spitze Land-Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence in acknowledgment of his internationally recognized research on the ecology and management of forest insects, particularly the southern pine beetle (SPB), the South’s most serious forest pest. He developed a computer model that is used by the U.S. Forest Service as an integral part of SPB management.
The John W. White Outstanding Student Award went to Lance Keeling, Agricultural Business.

In addition to four hours a day of practice as a Razorback basketball player, he maintained a 3.85 grade point average and has been active in College and campus activities, including Collegiate FFA/4-H, Alpha Zeta, Agricultural Business Club, Arkansas Athletes Outreach and Baptist Student Union.

The son of Thomas and Pamela Keeling, St. Joe, he plans to continue his education in psychology, with the objective of working with young people and troubled adolescents.

A new John W. White Award for Outstanding Faculty Team accomplishments was presented to developers of the COTMAN cotton crop monitoring system now widely used in several states.

The recipients are Mark Cochran, Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness; N.P. Tugwell, Entomology; Derrick Oosterhuis and Fred Bourland, both of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences.

The COTMAN team used findings from several decades of research to create a system for monitoring development of a cotton crop based on routine observation of certain plant characteristics. A computer program processes data on field conditions and plant characteristics during the growing season. The program helps the producer make vital decisions for managing the crop.

Gisela Erf received the John W. White Teaching Excellence Award. One of the nation’s leading avian immunologists, she brings to her classroom in-depth knowledge and enthusiasm for poultry science.

Dr. Erf’s students are often involved in her research to solve the mysteries of the immune system involving cells, molecular genetics and organ systems.

John D. Kirby was presented the John W. White Research Excellence Award for his accomplishments as a reproductive physiologist in Poultry Science.

Dr. Kirby helps broiler breeder managers solve everyday problems, and he is advancing the science of reproductive physiology in studies using advanced methods such as RNA and DNA analysis, immunocytochemistry and cell isolation and culture. He was formerly on the urology faculty at Northwestern University in Chicago, and his research often relates to reproductive functions in humans as well as chickens.

John W. White Extension Excellence Awards were presented to Betty F. Oliver, MS ’67, Pulaski County staff chair, and John M. Langston, BS ’70 MS ’73, state section leader for Agricultural Engineering and Farm Safety.

Ms. Oliver was an Extension agent in Miller, Phillips and Lonoke counties before moving to Little Rock in June 1969 as home economics leader. She coordinates a variety of educational programs, with a recent emphasis on financial management, estate planning and aging issues.

Mr. Langston directs educational programs on topics such as energy efficient housing, irrigation pumps, grain bins, livestock and poultry structures and environment, and animal waste management systems. He also has played a leading role in construction of new Division of Agriculture facilities.

Outstanding Professional Support Employee Awards were presented to three employees of the U of A Division of Agriculture.

Larry L. Holeman, associate to the director of the physical plant at the Cooperative Extension Service State Headquarters, received the award designated for non-classified support staff. He plays a key role in statewide Extension operations, including the mailing system and distribution of supplies to all units.

Awards to recognize contributions of employees in the state classified employee system went to Ora Lee Yates, office supervisor for the Northwest District of the Extension Service, and Janet Brawner, a secretary in the Animal Sciences Department of the Agricultural Experiment Station and Bumpers College. Ms. Yates helps coordinate activities of 59 professional staff members, 26 paraprofessionals and 34 clerical workers.

Ms. Brawner, in addition to normal secretarial duties, serves as auditor for parasitology research projects and provides desktop publishing and presentation graphics support for faculty members.
OLD TECHNOLOGY — UA Trustee Stanley Reed, BS ’73 JD ’76, of Marianna shows Lance Keeling of St. Joe how to operate a slide rule. Reed used the slide rule in his Honors Convocation address as an example of obsolete technology. Keeling received the Outstanding Student Award named for the late John W. White, the first U of A Vice President for Agriculture.

POULTRY JUDGING TEAM — The University of Arkansas poultry judging team took second place in the Southern Collegiate Poultry Judging Contest held recently at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La. The team members are: (from left) Jon Warner, UA coach Jason Emmert, Crystal Cornish, Micah Bone, assistant coach Erin Weaver, Randy Yates and assistant Tim Peters.

RECRUITERS — An Agronomy Recruiting Committee met at Extension headquarters in Little Rock recently. The department has changed its name to Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences to more clearly communicate the subjects taught. The department offers majors in Crop Management; Environmental, Soil, and Water Sciences; and Pest Management. The alumni volunteers on the recruiting committee are happy to discuss opportunities in the College with prospective students. Pictured are, from left, Darrin Malone of Paragould, Dean Bell of DeWitt, Dick Oliver of Fayetteville, Dale Reed of Gillett, Alan Hopkins of Greenbrier, Gerald Wilson of Germantown, John Roach of Monticello, and, with back to camera, T.J. Lawhon of McCrory. Others not pictured are Dewayne Goldman of Pine Bluff, Bob Dilday of Stuttgart and Department Head Jim Barrentine.

BUMPERS SCHOLARS — Associate Dean Randy Luttrell congratulates John Mayfield of Omaha, Ark., on being the first recipient of the new Bumpers Scholar scholarship designated for a transfer student. The purpose is to encourage students in two-year colleges to continue their education in Bumpers College. Mayfield is coming from North Arkansas College at Harrison. Jason Norsworthy of Smackover received the other inaugural Bumpers Scholar award, which is a cash stipend designated for an outstanding graduate student. Norsworthy is working on a doctorate in weed science.
Howard Young, BSA ’54 MS ’63, learned early that an education in agriculture gave him what he wanted most out of a career.

“The two things I have enjoyed most are learning and making new friends,” he says. “Education has had a tremendous role in my life. It gave me a background to build on and continue learning. It’s hard to get enough education or to get enough friends.”

Young received the 1999 Bumpers College Outstanding Alumnus Award during commencement May 8. He was recognized for a remarkable career and for his enduring support for the college.

His accomplishments have been recognized in the past with many awards. He was named Progressive Farmer’s Man of the Year in Agriculture in 1993 and was inducted into the Arkansas Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1996.

Young worked 33 years as a county Extension agent, serving in four counties — Crittenden, Cleburne, Independence and White. He retired from the Extension Service in 1987, but wasn’t idle for long. In 1988, he went to work for the Arkansas Cattlemen’s Association as executive vice president, where he led a drive to build membership.

“In 1988 we had 3,000 members in 29 county associations,” Young said. “Now there are 16,800 members in 61 counties, and Arkansas has the largest state cattlemen’s association in the country.”

Not one to take all the credit, Young says the association’s members had a lot to do with that growth, as well as a successful campaign to raise $1.5 million to build a new headquarters in Little Rock.

He retired from the Cattlemen’s Association in 1996 and now lives with his wife, Inez, on a farm north of Atkins that has been in her family for generations. But he’s still as busy as ever, running a small beef cattle operation and a land development business.

Young has been a pillar of support for Bumpers College. Typical of his work on behalf of the College,

he volunteered to lead a campaign to raise scholarship funds for animal science students.

Thanks to that drive, scholarship awards for animal science are up from $6,000 in 1997 to $25,000 now, mostly from endowments. During the dedication of the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center April 17, Young organized an auction to sell seats in the livestock arena that added $11,500 for scholarships.

“Howard put together a network of leaders, developed a plan and has put us on the path to a significant and sustainable scholarship program,” says Keith Lusby, head of the Animal Science Department.

He also serves on the Executive Committee of the University of Arkansas Animal Science Advisory Council, the Arkansas 4-H Foundation, Cattlemen’s Foundation, LeadAR Board of Directors and the Forage Council.

Young points to his own agricultural education as the linchpin of his diverse life and career.

“Agriculture is such a diverse education that it has given me a foundation on which to grow and make improvements,” he says.

Young grew up in a family of seven children on his parents’ cattle and row crop farm in Franklin County.

“Even as a youngster growing up, I can still remember the county agents, 4-H and FFA leaders and teachers who encouraged me and helped prepare me for a long career,” he says.

“As a county agent I worked a lot with young people in 4-H and FFA. It was exciting to see them so eager to learn.

“I also enjoyed working with the young people who worked as assistant agents and went on to become county agents,” he says. “It gives me great pride to see how they have gone on, and to know that I had some part in their lives.”

The same thing was true when he worked with the Cattlemen’s Association.

“I saw producers in the counties develop as leaders and go on to do good things for the cattle industry. A lot of them had more talent than their teachers, they just needed the opportunity. And they excelled in their activities when given the opportunity,” Young says.

“Working with outstanding and wholesome people has been the most memorable part of my career,” he says. “It’s been a wholesome life for me and my family.”
Bumpers Launches Lecture Series

Sen. Dale Bumpers was named UA Distinguished Professor of Policy when he retired from the Senate in December. In January, he began a series of eight public lectures every other Thursday afternoon at the U of A following a morning session with students in a policy colloquium.

Dean Charles Scifres said the College will sponsor a Bumpers Distinguished Lecture Series to bring people involved in national issues to the College on a regular basis.

The policy colloquium this spring was for students in a Bumpers College policy course taught by Eric Wailes, Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, and a Fulbright College course by Conrad Waligorsky, Political Science. Students from the two courses met with Bumpers every other Thursday.

Bumpers was governor of Arkansas from 1970 to 1974 and served four terms in the U.S. Senate. His current activities include serving as Director of the Center for Defense Information, a think tank in Washington, D.C.

GSD Honors Alumni, Students and Faculty

Sen. Dale Bumpers was guest speaker at the annual initiation and awards banquet for Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society for agriculture, March 11, at the Clarion Inn.

Monty Henderson, president and chief operating officer of George’s, Inc., Springdale, and David D. Wildy, a Mississippi County farmer, were initiated as alumni members of GSD.

Robert and Marilyn Bogle of Bentonville were inducted as honorary members. They established the Bogle Scholarship Endowment for UA horticulture students.

Awards for outstanding faculty were presented to Diane Jones, Extension Family and Consumer Sciences specialist, of Little Rock; and to John Kirby, associate professor of Poultry Science, Fayetteville.

Student awards went to Paul Bryant of Carlisle, Outstanding Sophomore and Lippert Ellis Scholarship; William Gordon of Fayetteville, Outstanding Senior; Barry Denton of Hatfield, John W. White Scholarship; and Nicholas Coston and Mischelle Fryar, both of Royal, GSD Scholarships.

Other new members initiated:

College to Offer Interactive Video Classes

A compressed interactive video (CIV) classroom, under construction in the John W. Tyson Poultry Science Building, will provide the capability to offer Bumpers College classes at many Arkansas locations.

Diana Bisbee, distance learning coordinator, says the CIV classroom will provide courses on two-year campuses in the Arkansas Consortium for Teaching Agriculture (ACTA).

Eight ACTA partner campuses have CIV facilities, which allow students and teachers at different locations to see and talk to each other in real time.

The $150,000 CIV classroom project was made possible by a grant of $75,000 from the Arkansas Department of Information Services and matching funds from the U of A Division of Agriculture.

ACTA was organized to make the transfer of courses from two-year to four-year colleges as seamless as possible and to provide high-quality educational opportunities in the agricultural, food and life sciences throughout Arkansas.

THANK YOU — Dean Charles Scifres, left, and Chancellor John White visit with Pauline Whitaker of Bentonville following the dedication of the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center April 17. A gift from the Whitaker family helped match a special USDA grant for $1.87 million for construction of the $3.4 million facility. Other matching funds were provided by an Arkansas College Savings Bond Issue for $930,000, gifts from the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, the Arkansas Pork Producers, Arkansas Farm Bureau, county Farm Bureaus, and the U of A Division of Agriculture.

TURF CLASSIC — The U of A Golf and Sports Turf Classic April 19 at Stonebridge Meadows in Fayetteville raised $20,000 for turf programs and scholarships. Razorback Foundation President Chuck Dicus putts as Jessie Branch, associate athletic director; Bill Woodly, golf coach; and Robert Cox, tennis coach, watch. Sponsors were Arkansas Electric Cooperative, Ozarks Electric and the U of A Division of Agriculture. The State Golf Assoc. team of Roy McSpadden, Ed McSpadden, Doug Clark and Beth Nuneviller placed first in a field of 29 with a 14-under 58. Frank Broyles and Larry Bittle won closest-to-hole prizes, and Mike Dunaway had the longest drive.

FFA CAREER DAY — 1,200 high school students were hosted by Bumpers College April 16 for the annual FFA Career Development Events with competition in 12 areas of agricultural science. Jessica Conner of Springdale participated in poultry judging activities.
Obituaries

Professor Emeritus E. M. “Monty” Cralley, 93, died April 19 in Fayetteville.

Dr. Cralley, who joined the Plant Pathology faculty as an instructor in 1931, was a leading scientist on rice diseases. He was department head from 1953 to 1959 and director of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station until he retired in 1973. He helped establish the Virolology and Biocontrol Laboratory, renamed the Cralley-Warren Research Laboratory in 1997.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Ann Shaw and Patricia Duncan, both of Fayetteville; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and two brothers, Lewis and Lester.

Memorials may be made to the E.M. Cralley Memorial Scholarship fund, c/o Department of Plant Pathology, 217 Plant Sciences Building, U of A, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

John K. Skees, Jr., died March 21 in Beijing, China, after a sudden illness while on a trip for the U of A. He was 53.

Dr. Skees taught and conducted research in poultry health and veterinary science at the U of A since 1978. He was a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists and secretary-treasurer of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Fayetteville; two daughters, Betsy Hughes and Carey Baldwin; a son, J. Kirk Skees, Jr.; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the J. Kirk Skees Memorial Scholarship fund, c/o Agricultural Development Council, P.O. Box 2219, Fayetteville, AR 72702. Or call 575-3699.

We were saddened to learn from Annie Laurie (Ellis) Horsfall, BSHE ’37, of the death last November of her husband of 68 years, Dr. William R. Horsfall, BSA ’28. A renowned entomologist who earned his doctorate at Cornell University and taught briefly at the U of A, Dr. Horsfall was professor of medical entomology at the University of Illinois from 1947 to 1976. His research centered around mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases and their control. A scholar and prolific author, he was also known for his honesty, curiosity and warm humanity.

Edward M. Halsey, BSA ’42, has been retired since 1973 after a career teaching vocational agriculture, industrial education and chemistry in Arkansas schools. He resides in Conway.

Dr. Virginia (Tucker) Rowland, BSA ’57 MS ’64, has retired as associate professor of family and consumer sciences at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

She now lives in Bentonville and is a fabric technician for Consumer Textiles Laboratories.

Waynette (Gambill) Scott, BSHE ’74, is a CPA for the states of Kentucky and Indiana. She is based in Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Candy (Williamson) Murdock, MS ’75, is a horticulturist who teaches in Rome, Ga. She also works for an adoption agency, and she and her husband have “12 great kids, 7 biological and 5 adopted from overseas.”

Mary Lee (Fairhead) Shipp, BSHE ’76, is vice president for design with Colliers Turley Martin Tucker, a commercial real estate company with offices in midwestern cities. Located in St. Louis, she was interested in hiring a recent interior design graduate for her company.

Dr. Burt Greenwalt, MS ’80, was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He is associate professor of agricultural economics at Arkansas State University and farms with his family in Hazen.

Dr. Daniel B. Reynolds, MS ’84, received the Outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award at the annual banquet of the Southern Weed Science Society earlier this year. He has worked with the Northeast Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station and, in 1996, joined the faculty of Mississippi State University.

J. Alan Hopkins, BSA ’84 MS ’86, is a field development specialist with Bayer Corporation in Greenbrier. He works from his home, where he and his wife are raising three children. Alan was recently on campus to attend the CAFLS scholarship luncheon.

Stephen Cloutier, BSA ’85, his wife, Noel, and their three children have moved from Dallas to Monticello, where Stephen has a job with Rohm and Haas Company as a technical sales representative.

Mary Lynn (McCrary) Mantooth, BSA ’87, has moved back to Fayetteville with her husband, Alan, BSEE ’85 MSE ’87, and their three children. Alan is associate professor of electrical engineering at the U of A.

Dr. Gordon D. Vail, BSA ’87 MS ’89, was promoted to regional research and development manager of the northern region for ZENECA Ag Products in Champaign, Ill. He and his wife, Kelly, BSE ’88, reside in Mohomet, Ill., with their two children.

Dr. Brandon Grigg, BSA ’87 MS ’91, and his wife, Ann, BS ’87 MS ’88, have relocated to Baton Rouge, La., where Brandon is a soil scientist with USDA–ARS investigating the impacts of cultural, agrochemical and controlled-drainage management on soil and water quality. Ann is a speech/language pathologist at the...
Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation.

Jilane (Hendrix) Carper, BSA ’90, announces the birth of a daughter, Kameryn Lane, who resides with her parents in Allen, Texas.

James E. Taylor II, BSA ’91, is purchasing manager with Macro Ingredients AFI, LLC, a division of Farmland Industries & Agway Inc., in Kansas City, Mo.

 Roxann Fletcher, BSA ’91, is, with her husband, Doug, the proud parent of a baby boy, James Douglas, born April 9. They reside in Bartlett, Tenn.

Missi (Treadwell) Walker, BSHE ’92, passed all six sections of the NCIDQ exam to become a Registered Interior Designer in Arkansas. She is coordinator of design for the U of A Building Services.

Sergio Madrigal, MS ’94 MS ’95, is an animal nutrition and health manager for Central America and the Caribbean for Productos Roche, S.A.

Tim Roberts, BSA ’94 MS ’97, has joined Wal-Mart in Bentonville as a SAS programmer/analyst in the International Trade Department. He works on forecasting and forecast monitoring.

Karen (Light) Howard Otwell, BSA ’93 MS ’98, is the managing director/vice president of the Atlantic and Pacific Trading LLC in Bentonville.

Karen (Light) and Mac Skeets, BSAs ’93, live in Branch, with their two-year-old son, Tyler. Karen works as a water quality technician for Franklin County Conservation District and is the coordinator for the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Camp. Mac manages the family beef and poultry farm.

Tim Kubistek, BSA ’94, has recently married and is working as a regional sales manager for Schwans School Food Service in Littleton, Colo. Our thoughts are with the people of Littleton in the aftermath of the April tragedy.

Mac Campbell, BSA ’96 JD ’98, graduated in December from the U of A Law School. He now resides in Washington, D.C., where he is a legislative assistant to Sen. Blanche Lincoln. He works in the areas of budget, banking, taxes, defense/armed services, crime, immigration, Indian affairs, veterans affairs and foreign affairs.

Shawna Herlein, BSHE ’96, has moved to Denver, Colo., where she teaches kindergarten at Assumption Denver Catholic School. Shawna is looking for other alums in the area.

Tracy Leonard, BSAs ‘97, is a representative for Superior Livestock Auction. In an innovative sales technique, the cattle for auction are videotaped so that potential buyers, from their offices, can view, evaluate and make selections from cattle across the United States, Canada and Mexico. The videos are shown in a satellite hookup and bids are made. Tracy is the liaison between the buyers and sellers for the Arkansas and Oklahoma area of this national cattle auction.

Clint Johnson, BSA ’98, is working on an MS degree in agricultural business management and spent the spring semester at the Scottish Agricultural College in the transatlantic MS program. Clint received scholarships from the College and the International Agricultural Program for this overseas study.

LaDerrek Lee, MS ’98, works as a compensation and benefits analyst in human resources at the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City.

William Mothibedi, MS ’98, is a senior economist in the budget office in the National Department of Finance in South Africa.

Chris Fritts, BSA ’98, was recently elected vice president of the Poultry Science Graduate Student Association and was appointed to a two-year term as student representative on the World’s Poultry Science Association Board of Directors. Fritts will serve as a non-voting, ad hoc member, a position designed to improve communication and participation of graduate students in the affairs of the Association.

Alexandria Madison, MS ’98, recently completed a semester in Denmark studying marine biology and has accepted a position as a nutritionist for the Fort Worth Zoo.

Michael and Julie (Davis) Speight, BSAs ’98, live in Hampton. Mike is a field manager with ConAgra (continued on page 16)

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Poultry Division in live production, and Julie works with the Cooperative Extension Service as Calhoun County Extension Agent – agriculture.

Dick Oliver, BS ’64 MS ’66, was awarded the 1998-99 Commitment to Teaching Excellence Award by the New Greek Council, a leadership and service organization of new fraternity and sorority members. The award, in its third year, recognizes enthusiasm and dedication to teaching and the recipient is nominated and selected by students. Oliver, who has taught in the Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences department since 1972, was nominated by members of Alpha Gamma Rho.

ALUMNI SOCIETY AWARDS — College Alumni Society President Dale Reed of Gillett, center, presented the Alumni Society award for Outstanding Advisor to Nicholas B. Anthony, Poultry Science, and the Alumni Society Scholarship to Justin Goforth, a junior agricultural business major, the son of Robert and Mary Ann Goforth, Mountain Home.