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New Board Members

The CAFLS Alumni Society was founded in 1995 to promote communication and friendship among alumni and friends of the College. Society Board members provide leadership in supporting and promoting Bumpers College, represent alumni and serve as their voices to the College.

Five new members joined the CAFLS Alumni Society board in 2000-2001. Feel free to contact board members through CAFLS Alumni Director Melissa Lester in the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House, 501-575-3437, mlester@uark.edu.

Northeast District:

J. Darren Malone, BSA ’88 MS ’90, is a sales representative for DuPont in Paragould. He is a 1984 graduate of Helena-West Helena Central High School. His wife, Kelly, is a registered nurse.

Southwest District:

Gary Childress, BSA ’87, is district conservationist with the USDA National Resource Conservation Service at Hope. He is a 1982 graduate of Hope High School.

Brian A. Helms, BSA ’96, is assistant specialist for fund development for the Cooperative Extension Service in Little Rock. He will be helping raise funds for the Arkansas 4-H Foundation and the Cooperative Extension Service.

Southeast District:

Charlene Berner Reed, BSHE ’74 MS ’77, is a homemaker and civic worker at Marianna. She and her husband, Stanley, a member of the UA Board of Trustees, farm 3,300 acres and are active in the Arkansas Farm Bureau and other agricultural and civic organizations.

At Large:

Darlene Zen Baker, BSHE ’76 MS ’81, is an extension youth development specialist at Little Rock. She earned a Ph.D. from Texas Women’s University and is a lifetime member of the Arkansas 4-H Alumni Association and the Arkansas Volunteer Coordinators Association.

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COVER: Tara Shofner, BSA ’01, is the third generation of her family to graduate from Bumpers College. Her grandmother, Alice Shofner, BSHE ’51, and father, Bill Shofner Jr., BSA ’76, live at Elkins. The story is on page 7.
Why did you go to college?

There are many “right” reasons for a university education—intellectual growth, entry into a profession, expanding your social life and developing your leadership potential, or “just” becoming a better person by gaining a greater understanding of the world and your role in the world.

At Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, we are dedicated to helping students achieve their goals by providing a learning environment that is both nurturing and challenging. Intellectual growth and preparation for a career include developing social confidence and learning to communicate effectively as well as gaining knowledge.

We are known as the college where students receive a lot of personal attention. Students are encouraged to work outside the classroom, often with a faculty mentor, on research projects, creative activities and service projects. Our excellent graduate students provide support for some courses, but the long-standing policy in Bumpers College is for all courses to be taught by a member of the faculty.

Student clubs, some of which are profiled in this issue of The Graduate, provide opportunities for students to join with classmates to pursue academic and career interests beyond the classroom.

Our students live and work in the intellectually and culturally stimulating climate of the state’s flagship university. They are also part of the University System’s statewide Division of Agriculture, which sponsors research and extension projects to meet real needs on Arkansas farms, in families and in communities.

Students benefit from being part of an institution that society depends on to solve problems, create economic opportunity and expand cultural horizons.

We are excited about an initiative undertaken by a group of Arkansans who formed the 2010 Commission to study and report on the performance and the needs of the University and the society it serves. We embrace the vision of the 2010 Commission that U of A should be “a nationally competitive, student-centered university serving Arkansas and the world.”

The 2010 Commission is documenting the tremendous benefits of investing in the infrastructure needed to move the U of A into the ranks of the nation’s top 50 public institutions. The future of Arkansas must include a university that is a top-tier center of research, service and scholarship to attract high-technology industries and spur economic growth.

The U of A is a great place to go to college. We’ll be even better as we increasingly become a driving force in the intellectual, economic and cultural imperatives of the state.

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Clubs related to academic programs provide opportunities for students to join classmates with common interests in activities ranging from just plain fun to serious science, business or creative projects. Student writers provided short profiles on a sample of clubs.

**Poultry Science**

by Niki Loupe

Heather McKemey of Volcano, Calif., a junior poultry science major and member of the Poultry Science Club, was elected president of the U.S. Poultry Science Club for 2001. Club activities include service and fund-raising projects such as a campus Easter egg hunt for children and helping with a scholarship golf tournament. The club sponsors an annual awards program and members attend the International Poultry Exposition in Atlanta.

Officers are Niki Loupe of Crossett, president; Jill Townsend of Malvern, vice president; Julie Townsend of Malvern, secretary; Destiny Sikes of Scranton, treasurer; and Cody Keen of Fayetteville, publicity officer. Susan Watkins is faculty sponsor.

**Horticulture**

by Corrin Frizzell

The UA Horticulture Club was recognized as the best student club in the United States by the American Society of Horticultural Science (ASHS) for the past two years. It was named the Outstanding Student Organization at the University of Arkansas in 1998.

The club sponsors educational trips, service projects, fun activities and an annual plant sale. Members compete on judging teams and student presentations at ASHS meetings and the annual career fair and competition of the Association of Landscape Contractors in America. Club member Dayanee Yazzetti won first place in the undergraduate student research paper competition at the ASHS southern region meetings.

Officers are Jeremy Kyle of Marshall, president; Melanie Kyle of Marshall, vice president; Sarah DaBoll of Cabot, secretary; Alisha Sanny of Goodman, Mo., treasurer; and Corrin Frizzell of West Fork, newsletter editor and publicity. Faculty advisor is Curt Rom and assistant advisor is Jon Lindstrom.

Horticulture Club members Mary Wenger, Jeremy Kyle (president), and Maiko Oishi help with the annual plant sale April 21 at Whitaker Animal Science Arena.

**Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science**

by Lori Hardin

Members of the Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Club present papers, slide shows and posters in competition with other universities at national meetings of professional societies.

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The club prepares and sells seed kits to FFA chapters and teamed up with the CSES graduate student club to raise pumpkins. In October grade school children will tour the pumpkin patch, learn about the crop and take home a pumpkin.

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**Collegiate FFA and 4-H**

by Nikki Cooper

Collegiate FFA and 4-H members raised over $1,000 to help send five members to the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. The club provided food and Christmas gifts for a family, assisted with the Arkansas State Fair and participated in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

The club helps conduct the annual high school 4-H and FFA leadership development events. As a fund-raiser, the club provided dinner for the Arkansas Farm Bureau Summer Leadership Conference.

Officers are Sarah Heuer of Harrison, president; Clint Hale of Mena, vice president; Wendie Wallis of Smithville, secretary; Nikki Cooper of Valley Springs, treasurer; Travis Harper of Talala, Okla.; sentinel, Jarrod Staggs of Searcy, reporter; Casey Whiteside of Bentonville, junior advisor; Justin Goodnight of Greenbrier and Alicia Chambers of Wickes, recreation leaders. Faculty advisors are Donna Graham and Freddie Scott.
Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow
by Tasha Dawes

Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow is the student wing of the national Agricultural Communicators in Education.

Members provided photos for a W.H. Kellogg Foundation grant-funded project to promote rural development. The club organized a food drive and helped sponsor a family at Christmas.

Activities this spring included designing a t-shirt for the Agricultural and Extension Education Department, participating in Habitat for Humanity, and judging a state FFA career development event.

Officers are Casandra Crumley of Forrest City, president; Sherri Youngblood of Wickes, vice president; Phillip Fruechting of Conway, treasurer; Wendi Wallis of Smithville, secretary, and Tasha Dawes of Helena, reporter. Faculty advisor is Nancy Vokins.

Agribusiness
by Jeri Olson

Agribusiness Club members learn about the business side of agriculture through guest speakers, our annual pecan and honey sale, competing in the regional and national AAEA Quiz Bowl and trips to see agricultural business in action.

They visited the Chicago Board of Trade in March on our annual spring trip and saw first hand the legendary “chaos” of pit floor trading.

They have a fall cookout and a pecan and honey sale made possible by support from alumni and friends throughout the state. Every year the club works with a Fayetteville nursing home to help make the residents’ Christmas a little brighter. The club will end the year by awarding the outstanding senior scholarship at our annual banquet.

Officers are Jeri Olson of Mountain Home, president; Jessica Street of Cave City, vice president; Paul Bryant of Carlisle, secretary; Amanda Edgmon of Jasper, treasurer. Senior advisor is Andrew McKenzie, and junior advisor is Daniel Rainey.

Fashion Merchandising
by Laura Wilson

Fashion Merchandising Club members went on a study tour to New York over spring break and attended a spring Career Day at the Dallas Apparel Mart.

Last fall, the club helped with a local benefit and fashion show to support the Junior Diabetes Organization and invited small-business owners to discuss the aspects of running a small business. A clothing drive is underway for a local charity.

In April, UA alumni joined us to talk about working in the retail and fashion industry. High school students were invited to increase awareness about the School of Human Environmental Sciences and the Apparel Studies program.

Officers are Nicole Gover of West Fork, president; Laura Wilson of Fayetteville, vice president; Candice Schrock of Vilonia, treasurer, and Megan O’Malley of Little Rock, secretary. Faculty advisor is Kathleen Smith.

Pre-Vet
by Betsy Lau

During spring break several Pre-Vet Club members and advisors attended the American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association’s National Symposium at Ohio State University.

Lecture topics included environmental issues, wildlife rehabilitation, zoo medicine and various clinical topics. Laboratories provided hands-on exposure to acupuncture, radiography and camelid (llamas and alpacas) husbandry. Representatives from Ross University and the University of Glasgow were on hand to let students know about the opportunities to study veterinary medicine abroad. Next year’s symposium will be at Kansas State University.

Student expenses were covered by the Kim Stine Pre-Vet Memorial Scholarship.

Officers are Rebecca Miller of Harrison, president; Wendy Woods of Mountain Home, vice president; Michelle Belviy of Little Rock, publicity; and A.J. Jeffus of Camden, treasurer. Faculty advisor is Dianne Hellwig.

REAL WORLD ADVICE — Bumpers College alumni from the Apparel Studies program returned to campus April 18 for a career discussion panel. Panel participants were, from left, Lalinda Gay, BSHE ’96, of Greeneville, N.C., a store manager and management trainer for Express Inc.; Emily Rathburn, BSHE ’00, of Little Rock, department manager in jewelry and shoes for J.C. Penney; Kathryn Morse, BSHE ’00, a product manager for Wal-Mart Corporate Headquarters in Bentonville; and Ryan Allen, BSHE ’00, an assistant buyer for Nieman Marcus of Dallas.
Dear Alumni

As this issue of *The Graduate* highlights, there have been many changes in the administration of the College. As you know, the vision for the society came from former Dean Charles Scifres. He worked enthusiastically to provide the framework for the organization. He gave his time, often traveling to board meetings back to back with his many other commitments. He provided financial support, collaborated with the Arkansas Alumni Association to establish our society director position, encouraged faculty input, and included our board in college development activities. His tenacity strengthened all aspects of our society. I challenge all society members to show tribute to Dean Scifres by supporting our activities and proving his philosophy that alumni support of the College is vital. We can all influence and assist in many ways.

Your society continues to be active, and we have represented you and the College in various ways over the last several months. Our October board meeting included a frank discussion with several department heads regarding the focus of the society, and we appreciated the dynamics of honest and direct feedback. Their recommendations, encouragement and insight are invaluable as the society works to continue our growth. Another highlight was our 2000 CAFLS Scholarship recipient, Casandra Crumley, who addressed the board to thank us for her scholarship and relate how the scholarship has benefited her in her academic pursuits.

At our January board meeting, we welcomed our new board members. Take a moment to review their information in this issue and utilize them as your area alumni contact. Mike Macechko, executive director of the Arkansas Alumni Association, shared our very positive 4.7 percent increase in addressable alumni and reminded us that this is the basis of our program funding. (If you are not a member, please complete the membership application in this issue. We need you!) Melissa Lester, society director, reported the Poultry Science Alumni have completed bylaws and have created a structured alumni group under the guidance of our society and the Arkansas Alumni Association.

In February, I attended the AAA Alumni Societies Advisory Council meeting. What a great sense of pride I have in our society as we lead other societies and assist them in developing their organizations. Representatives from the Black Alumni Society, Lemke Journalism Society, and Law School gave updates. It was a wonderful experience to meet with such a positive and enthusiastic group.

To emphasize developing communication opportunities and in answer to recommendations for a spring event, the CAFLS Board recommended a social/reunion in conjunction with a baseball weekend and other Northwest Arkansas area events. We hope you were a part of the April 21 event in support of our society scholarship.

Our board members continue to represent the society at College functions. Nancy Bowen represented the society by presenting the CAFLS Scholarship and Outstanding Advisor Award at Honors Convocation on April 19. Bill Bowden welcomed graduates at Commencement on May 12, where diploma covers included a congratulatory letter from the society president. Ewell Welch, president-elect, reviewed the nominations and provided input for the Outstanding Alumni Award. We were also invited to attend the AAA board activities during their March meeting.

The society is certainly on a roll. We always seek your suggestions. You can help us by forwarding your recommendations for new board members. There are vacancies in the southeast and southwest districts, and we will have other openings in the fall. Please take a moment to let us know if you are interested in serving or to recommend a good leader who could commit to serving on the board (see “What’s Up?” form on page 19). Those recommended will be forwarded to our nominating committee. To make a recommendation, contact Melissa Lester by calling 501-575-2801 or e-mailing her at mlester@uark.edu. The society serves us all as alumni and friends of the College. Please be an active part of the society by maintaining your membership and participating in our events and in our desire to become the strong support of the College that former Dean Scifres envisioned.

Sincerely,

Glenyce G. Estes Feeney
President, CAFLS Alumni Society
Tara Shofner of Elkins began her college career as a history major, but she couldn’t resist the call of her family history. She graduated in May with a degree in agricultural business from Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences.

Call it tradition, destiny or force of habit. Tara is a CAFLS graduate, like her father, uncle and grandparents before her.

In fact, she is one of Bumpers College’s top graduates, with numerous honors and extensive undergraduate research experience under her belt as she plans her move into a graduate degree program.

Tara’s grandparents, Bill and Alice Shofner, both graduated in 1951; Bill with a BSA in animal science and Alice with a BSHE. Tara’s father, Bill, Jr., BSA ‘76, and uncle, Bob Shofner, BSA ’82, both majored in animal science, like their father.

Bob’s wife, Janice Patton Shofner, is also a 1982 CAFLS graduate.

Tara’s younger brother, Travis, is a Bumpers College student, planning to graduate in 2002 with a degree in turfgrass management. Her older brother, Trey, is the only rebel in the bunch, earning his U of A degree in industrial engineering in 2000.

“We had three children in the U of A at once for three years,” Bill said. “Trey is gainfully employed now, so there’s hope for them all.”

Tara’s mom, Mary Shofner, is the only member of the family who’s not a U of A alum, but that doesn’t diminish the family tradition.

“I’d say Mom is our most diehard Razorback fan,” Tara said.

Bill Sr. used his animal science education at home, raising cattle. He also conducted strawberry research for the U of A Division of Agriculture. He died in 1988.

Alice taught home economics for two years at Elkins, then four years at Fayetteville Junior High School. In 1965 she went back to Elkins to teach second grade until 2000. Now she teaches part-time there in the Alternative Learning Education program.

“When my husband died I could have retired,” Alice said. “But I needed something to do, and I loved the children. So I’m still at it.”

Bill Jr. has worked 18 years for Simmons Foods of Siloam Springs. He also raises cattle, “mostly Angus and Angus crosses,” he said. His brother, Bob, works for Tyson Foods.

After her first year as a history major, Tara decided she wanted to switch to a business major. She visited Bumpers College first.

“Dr. (Martin) Redfern showed me what the Department of Agricultural Economics and AgriBusiness had to offer,” she said. “Everyone in the department was so nice, I never visited the College of Business. I just came here.”

Her move to Bumpers College led to a remarkable résumé of achievements, capped by receiving the John W. White Student Award for Excellence (see page 11).

She worked as a research assistant to help develop a computer program for use by poultry producers and their financial advisers to estimate revenues, expenses and returns. Her work won two undergraduate research presentation competitions sponsored by the American Agricultural Economics Association and the Arkansas chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta.

She was leader of the AgriBusiness Quiz Bowl team and represented the U of A as a Princeton Business Today International Conference delegate in New York City.

Tara has an internship this summer with the Arkansas Farm Bureau in Little Rock. She plans to begin graduate school in the fall to earn a master’s degree in agricultural economics, then hopes to work in agricultural marketing or public relations.

So, history repeats itself in the Shofner family. Tara never considered another university. “I really don’t remember there ever being a choice,” she said. “But the University of Arkansas would have been the right choice, and I’m glad I came here.”
Francille Maloch Firebaugh, BSHE ’55, (standing) was guest speaker at Bumpers College Honors Convocation April 19. She and her brother, Jim Maloch, BSA ’61, of North Little Rock, reminisced with Mary Burton, who taught child care, human development and other home economics courses from 1948 to 1982. Dr. Firebaugh, dean emerita of the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University, is currently director for special projects for the president and provost at Cornell.

Bumpers College Alumni Society board member Nancy Bowen, BSHE ’67 MBA ’95, of Fayetteville presented the Alumni Society Scholarship Award to Monica Merrell of Nashville. Merrell is a junior majoring in Food, Human Nutrition, Hospitality and Restaurant Management, with a concentration in Dietetics.

Ribby, the Razorback baseball mascot, hams it up at the April 21 game as part of a CAFLS alumni event. Maj. Gen. William “Billy” Bowden, BSA ’54, wears the letter jacket he earned during four years as a Razorback shortstop. Bowden of Oklahoma City is a member of the CAFLS Alumni Society board of directors. Also pictured are (from left) Melissa Lester, Patti Priest, Gary Childress, Edgar Milton, Ewell Welch, Glenyce Feeney, Donna Graham, Don Bennett and Don Herring.
CAFLS professors mentor first cell and molecular biology graduate

Natalie Huber, MS ’01, was in the right place at the right time to become the first graduate from the new U of A master of science program in cell and molecular biology. She will receive her M.S. degree in August, pending successful defense of her research thesis on use of the oilseed plant canola to produce human proteins needed for cancer research.

Huber starts a job in July as a research and development scientist with Sigma-Aldrich, a scientific supply company in St. Louis. The biotech position comes with an attractive starting salary plus signing bonus, moving expenses and other perks. She and Travis Greene, a May UA graduate with a master’s degree in business administration, were married May 19.

Fate seemed to be guiding Huber when she was hired as a research specialist in 1999 by UA animal science associate professor David Kreider. A Rogers native, she had returned to Northwest Arkansas after receiving a B.S. degree in cell and molecular biology at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Seeing Huber’s potential for a career in biotechnology, Kreider encouraged her to continue her studies and guided her into courses that he knew would be required for a new master’s degree program proposed for cell and molecular biology. She was taking biochemical genetics last spring, team taught by assistant professor of biology Ralph Henry and horticulture professor Brad Murphy, when Murphy recruited her to work on his research project and pursue a master’s in horticulture.

The following fall (2000), the U of A won approval for the M.S. program in cell and molecular biology, with Murphy as one of the participating faculty members.

The new M.S. program was a perfect fit for Huber. She had a head start with her B.S. degree, the classes she had taken at UA and the research project with Murphy, so she switched to the new major and completed the course requirements this spring.

Murphy said Huber’s research made significant progress on producing canola plants that contain two human genes responsible for making certain proteins associated with ovarian cancer. The objective is to provide plants that will produce a large quantity of the proteins needed for research.

Murphy is collaborating with scientists at the UA Medical Sciences campus in Little Rock who identified the genes and need the proteins for their cancer research.

Working with Murphy, Huber used an “oleosin fusion system” to express the desired genes in canola seeds, and she developed tissue culture protocols to transform plants to produce the proteins. Murphy will continue the research to confirm that the seeds contain the desired proteins.

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Spring/Summer 2001
The 2001 Commencement program May 12 in the Randal Tyson Track Center celebrated the accomplishments of 205 new graduates of Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences. They were welcomed as new alumni by CAFLS Alumni Society board member Gen. William P. “Bill” Bowden, BSA ’54.

Alumni, student, faculty and staff awards were announced at Commencement and at the College Convocation April 19 in the Arkansas Union Theater.

The Outstanding Alumnus for 2001 is Hillman Koen, BSA ’50, of Hope, one of the state’s most successful and respected agricultural businessmen.

He established Koen Farms and Prescott Feed Mills, Inc., in 1965. Broiler breeding stock developed by Mr. Koen and associates provided parent genetics for the modern broiler.

Mr. Koen retired from the poultry business in 1998, but he remains active in managing one of the state’s most successful beef herds. He was chair of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and provided leadership for virtually every organization involved in animal agriculture at the state level and several at the national level. His many honors include being named Man of the Year in 1982-1983 by the Arkansas Poultry Federation.

Ned Ray Purtle of Hope, who this year completed a term of distinguished service on the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees, was recognized for his many years as a friend to the College, the Division of Agriculture and the University.

Mr. Purtle was chair of the executive committee of the UA Animal Science 2000 Advisory Council organized in 1995, which helped generate private gifts and secure federal and state funding for capital improvements statewide, scholarships and endowments totalling nearly $10 million.

The Purtle and Sons Ranch Hereford herd is the oldest provider of purebred beef cattle seed stock in Arkansas. His diverse career includes serving as chairman of the board of Automated Solutions, Inc., at Knoxville, Ark., and of First Commercial Bank, Clarksville. He serves on the board of directors for Arkansas Farm Bureau, National Cattlemen’s Beef Board, Arkansas Cattlemen’s Foundation, Arkansas State Fair and Citizens National Bank, Hope.

Doris Barrentine, Hazel Fromm, Sherri Neff and Paul Bryant received the Senior Scholar Award, based on a perfect 4.0 grade point average and leadership activities.

Paul C. Bryant of Carlisle delivered the Commencement address for the Class of 2001. He completed degree requirements in December as an agribusiness major and is working on a master’s degree in agricultural economics. Both parents are alumni. Gen. Galen Bryant has B.S.A. (agricultural education) and M.S. (dairy genetics) degrees and is Chief of Staff of the Arkansas Air National Guard. Lois Ann Bryant has a bachelor’s degree in home economics.

Marianna native Doris Barrentine began work on her degree in India-
cation major with a minor in animal science, and Tara Shofner, an agricultural business major.

Casandra Crumley of Forrest City has been a College Ambassador, president of the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and a delegate to the National 4-H Technology Conference. Her goals include a master’s degree to further prepare for “a career that allows me to take an active role in educating people about agriculture.”

Tara Shofner of Elkins helped develop a computer program for use by poultry producers to estimate revenues, expenses and returns. She won two undergraduate research presentation competitions, was leader of the AgriBusiness Quiz Bowl team and represented the U of A as a Princeton Business Today International Conference delegate in New York City.

The John W. White Teaching Excellence Award went to Curt Rom, associate professor of horticulture, whose devotion to students and leadership have been major factors in higher enrollment in horticulture courses.

He is faculty sponsor for the Horticulture Club, recognized as the Outstanding Student Organization at the U of A in 1998. In 1999 and 2000, the Horticulture Club won the American Society of Horticultural Science’s Best Student Club award.

Dr. Rom joined the faculty in 1989, filling the position formerly held by his father, Professor Emeritus Roy Rom. His B.S. degree is from the U of A, and he has M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University.

H. David Chapman, recipient of the John W. White Research Excellence Award, began his career at the Institute for Animal Health in the United Kingdom. He was internationally recognized as a leading authority on coccidiosis, an important disease of poultry, when he joined the U of A faculty in 1990. His work has led to widespread implementation of effective coccidiosis controls.

Dr. Chapman was born in Exmouth, UK. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in zoology (BSc Honours) and Associateship of the Royal College of Science from the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London University, and he obtained a doctorate in parasitology from the University of York.

The Spitze Land Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence was presented to Robert D. “Bob” Riggs, a leading expert on the soybean cyst nematode, one of the most important soybean pests.

Dr. Riggs is a fellow of the American Phytopathological Society and the Society of Nematologists. He has served as major advisor for 13 graduate degree candidates. His education began in a one-room school at Pocohontas. He has B.S.A. and M.S. degrees from UA and a Ph.D. from North Carolina State University.

Donna L. Graham received the Jack G. Justus Award for Teaching Excellence. She was instrumental in developing the extension education curriculum and the agricultural education master’s degree program.

Dr. Graham is currently serving as interim associate dean of Bumpers College. She is coauthor of “Education through Cooperative Extension,” a textbook used at 27 universities. She has B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from the U of A and a Ph.D. in agricultural and extension education from the University of Maryland. She joined the UA faculty in 1985.

Agricultural education, technology and communications students are drawn to the always open door of Freddie Scott, who received the College Alumni Society.
Outstanding Advising Award.

Dr. Scott is co-advisor of the Collegiate FFA/4-H and of Alpha Tau Alpha. He is a leader in the George Washington Carver Project, which brings minority undergraduate students from other campuses to the U of A for summer research internships. He has a B.S. degree in agricultural education from UA-Pine Bluff and M.S. and Ed.D. degrees from UA-Fayetteville.

John W. White Extension Excellence Awards were presented to Richard D. “Rick” Cartwright and Janella B. Pugh.

Dr. Cartwright is an extension plant pathologist, well-known for his educational and applied research programs in diseases of rice, wheat and other crops.

A native of Stone County, Dr. Cartwright has B.S. and M.S. degrees from the U of A and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis.

Janella Pugh is chair of the Crawford County staff of the Cooperative Extension Service. She takes the lead on programs such as Leadership Crawford County to develop future community leaders, personal resource management, personal and family nutrition and health, and youth programs.

The Coal Hill High School graduate has an A.S. degree from Arkansas Tech and B.S. and M.S. degrees in home economics from the U of A.

The Division of Agriculture award to a non-classified employee for Outstanding Professional Support went to Marilyn McClelland, a senior research associate in the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences.

Ms. McClelland coordinates field research and other activities of the cotton weed management program and conducts experiments to evaluate herbicides in other crops. She mentors students and is co-author of many weed science research publications.

Ms. McClelland has a B.S. degree in psychology and an M.S. in agronomy (weed science) from the U of A.

Outstanding Professional Support Employee awards for staff members in the state classified employee system went to Hadley Twilley and Martha Albright.

Ms. Twilley is an Administrative Assistant II for the Department of Animal Science. She provides support services for Department Head Keith Lusby, the faculty, and the students. Dr. Lusby credits Ms. Twilley’s efforts over the 20-plus years she has been with the department for helping to develop a commitment to excellence and a friendly, family-type atmosphere.

Ms. Albright is Administrative Office Supervisor for the Boone County staff of the Cooperative Extension Service. She began working in the county extension office as a stenographer in 1957 and was promoted in 1989 to her current position, which is to coordinate clerical staff activities and provide support for programs conducted by county agents and local volunteers.
Stan Andrews, BS-AGEG ‘90 MS ’93, began his career of analyzing vehicle operation with rice combines in eastern Arkansas. He is now an investigative engineer with Renfroe Engineering near Farmington, which specializes in accident reconstruction.

David Renfroe, a former UA engineering professor, is the owner of Renfroe Engineering. His reputation was firmly established when his company was hired to analyze the Paris car crash that killed Princess Diana in 1998.

After earning his bachelor’s degree, Andrews was recruited by Professor Terry Siebenmorgen as a graduate student in Biological and Agricultural Engineering to help determine optimum combine settings for harvesting rice, a project funded by Case-IH.

“It was a wonderful opportunity. Not only was I able to pursue a masters degree, but I also received full-time pay and benefits, a big tuition discount, and was able to work in the area of equipment design, something I always wanted to do,” Andrews said.

Having grown up on a beef and poultry farm near Siloam Springs, Andrews started at the U of A with one major career goal: “Anything but raising chickens.”

Ironically, his first job was with Tyson Foods, and he became manager of Tyson’s technology group, designing and building processing equipment — not exactly raising chickens. However, he does now have two commercial chicken houses on a farm near West Fork, which he and his wife, Kristi, bought from her father. Andrews is also associate pastor at Unity Freewill Baptist Church in West Fork.

Andrews is one of the firm’s four investigative engineers, in addition to Renfroe, who collect and analyze data from accident scenes. They can simulate the accident with a computer program, and they can analyze the actions of drivers and what happens to the people inside the vehicles.

Andrews, who just joined the firm in September 2000, said his next career move will be to stop raising chickens.

Stan Andrews is a member of the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Advisory Board. Other members are David Beasley, Billy Bryan, Dennis Carman, Steven Danforth (BS ’81), Fred Fowlkes (BS ’68), Michael Frerer (BS ’86 MA ’88), John Langston (BS ’71 MS ’74), Jeff Madden (BS ’88), Albert Miller (BS ’55), Stanley Reed (BS ’73), Wes Ritter (BS ’79 MS ’81), Michael Shook (BS ’82) and Randy Young.
A University of Arkansas committee planned to screen candidates in May for the position of associate vice president for agriculture-research and dean of the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences.

Duties include administration of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, the research agency of the U of A System’s Division of Agriculture, and Bumpers College at Fayetteville.

Search committee chair Bill Yearian, head of the Entomology Department, said the committee would recommend candidates for consideration by Vice President for Agriculture Milo Shult and Provost Bob Smith.

Former dean and associate vice president Charles Scifres resigned in January to accept a position at Texas A&M University as deputy director of the agricultural experiment station and associate vice chancellor for agriculture and life sciences.

Gregory J. Weidemann is serving as interim dean in addition to his duties as associate director of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. Weidemann joined the department of plant pathology in 1983 and was appointed Experiment Station associate director in December 1995. He is an internationally recognized authority on plant pathogenic fungi and use of fungi for biological control of weeds. In addition to his research accomplishments, Dr. Weidemann has received several teaching awards, including the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture teaching award of merit.

Search committee members in addition to Dr. Yearian are John R. Clark, horticulture; Ed Colburn, Southeast Research and Extension Center director, Monticello; Don Dombek, Arkansas Crop Variety Improvement Program; Gisela Erf, poultry science; Mike French, Cooperative Extension Service associate director; Carl Griffis, biological and agricultural engineering; Preston La Ferney, international agricultural programs; Charles Maxwell, animal science; Cal McCastlain, a Little Rock attorney and member of the National Council on Research, Extension and Teaching; Sue Martin, human environmental sciences; James N. Moore, horticulture (emeritus); Justin Morris, food science; Richard Norman, crop, soil, and environmental sciences; Don Roufa, biological sciences; Dennis Robertson, Arkansas Farm Bureau; David TeBeest, plant pathology; Tenethrea M. Thompson, undergraduate student; George Wardlow, agricultural and extension education; Ewell Welch, CAFLS Alumni Society; and Svetlana Zivanovic, graduate student.
College adds development director

Interim Dean Greg Weidemann announced the appointment of Mark Power as Director of Development for Bumpers College effective April 30.

Power will work on behalf of the College within the University Advancement department of the Fayetteville campus. He also will work closely with U of A Division of Agriculture Development Director Chuck Culver.

Power was born in Fayetteville and grew up in Texas, graduating from high school in Arlington. After receiving a bachelor’s degree in history from University of Texas at Arlington in 1994, he returned to Arkansas as assistant director of admission at Lyon College in Batesville.

At Lyon College he managed recruiting activities during a period of significant enrollment growth from 1994 to 1998.

Power has been with the American Cancer Society since 1998 as an income development director for a region that includes most of Arkansas. He coordinated a regional fundraising program that generated $2.7 million in the last fiscal year.

“We are excited about having a development officer dedicated to the College working in concert with the total development effort of the Fayetteville campus and the Division of Agriculture,” Weidemann said.

“Our alumni and other friends are generous in support of scholarships and, most recently, the Classrooms for Tomorrow Campaign, which is helping us modernize three classrooms and a teaching auditorium,” Weidemann added.

“Mark will coordinate our efforts to keep alumni and friends informed about development priorities and to assure that donors receive appropriate recognition.”

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Activities keep Bumpers faculty, students busy on, off campus

Bumpers College students and faculty have been as busy outside the classroom as in it this year.

The epicenter of much of this activity has been the two-year-old Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center. Besides its regular class load, the center has hosted a heavy schedule of extension and community programs sponsored, run and/or participated in by CAFLS students and faculty, including:

• five major horse activities, including the annual U of A Horse Festival, Tri-county 4-H Horse Show, Pony Club Regional Quiz Bowl, the Stock Horse Expo and the annual Ozark Festival Charity Horse Show;
• the Horticulture Club’s annual plant sale;
• an Agricultural Economics conference;
• Poultry Science educational meetings;
• the Entomology Club’s annual Insect Festival;
• the Arkansas FFA Judging Contest; and
• the national meeting of the American Forage and Grasslands Council.

Whitaker Center activities will continue through the summer with a host of programs like week-long camps for youth training in livestock judging and horse management.

CAFLS activities haven’t been limited to the Whitaker Center. A sample of other events on campus this spring:

• Some 1,100 high school students participated in FFA Career Development Events organized by Agricultural and Extension Education. The College will host the state 4-H O’Rama in July.
• Animal Science hosted 300 delegates to the American Forage and Grasslands Association annual convention.
• Food Science and the Institute of Food Science and Engineering organized the annual Ozark Food Processors Association annual meeting for 660 participants and 105 exhibitors.
• Poultry Science and the Arkansas Poultry Federation co-sponsored the annual Arkansas Poultry Symposium for more than 1,000 participants.
• About $31,000 for Horticulture and Poultry Science scholarships was pledged this spring by sponsors of the Golf and Sports Turf Classic and the Poultry Science Scholarship Golf Tournament. The Delta Scholarship Classic at Helena in July will benefit Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science students.

Off campus — way off campus — activities for 18 Bumpers College students studying and working abroad this year are provided by International Agricultural Programs. This includes the Transatlantic M.S. degree program in Agribusiness in cooperation with the Scottish Agricultural College.

Debbie Hubbert demonstrates reining techniques for controlling a calf during the annual University of Arkansas Horse Festival April 13-15. The festival is one of the largest events held in the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center arena.
Lost Alumni

**1987**
- Anthony Oluremi Bailey
- Ali Orabi Bastawisi
- Mitchell F. Blackston
- Roland Keith Brim
- Nelson B. Brock
- Mark Jackson
- Kelley Ann Smith Joyce
- Richard Craig Larsen
- Susan Elizabeth Linker
- Mary Jane Loftin
- Deborah Elaine McCool
- Homer Eldon Mitchell
- Debbie L. Nida
- Robert Gordon Paterson
- Mary Elizabeth Reese
- John Graydon Routon
- Janis Lynn Smith

**1988**
- Susan Rachell Alexander
- Paul Ballantyne
- Luis Manuel Benavides
- Veronica Ann Booth
- Robert C. Bozsa
- Sharon Ziaoyu Chen
- Mi Jin Cho
- Steven Mark Clark
- Clinton Ray Copeland
- Scotty Lynn M. Dillion
- Carla Dean Driggers
- Carol Beth Ely
- Ruby Sharron Engler
- Susan C. Fleet
- Mary Helen Gambacort
- Lorrie Lynne Gladden
- Hin Mee Ho
- Toby Glen Hogan
- Gayle Frances Jones
- Scott Wayne Jourdan
- Bob Lynn Mattingly
- Joaquin Mena
- Titus Ngoumou
- Chukwuweogo C. Nnyagu
- Dedra Dawn Rogers
- James F. Smith
- Eric Christopher Spann
- Rhonda Carol Spigner
- Tracy Elaine Taggart-Loss
- Mary Munsch Thompson
- Marion Wade Todd
- Janet Denet Wilson
- Ronald Allen Young

**1989**
- Cristina Arcos Bomblot
- Carrie Beth Bowie
- Sheila Lavon Duggan
- Travis Kevin England
- Ehiorobo Izekor
- Melinda B. Johnson
- Dong-Geun Kim
- William George McGlynn
- Sean Anthony Miller
- Donald B. Nash Jr.
- Lisa Dawn Pearce
- Elmer Dee Smith
- Vinia Beatriz V. Souza
- Glenn Earl Studebaker
- Allen Lee Townsend
- David Jay Wyman
- Wuzi Xie
- Abdulkadir A. Elmi

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**Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences**

The Second Annual Delta Scholarship Classic will be **July 30, 2001** at the Helena Country Club.

For more information about the Delta Classic, contact
Darrin Malone, 7208 Walden Road, Paragould, AR  72450-8546
870-239-9890 / J-Darrin.Malone@USA.dupont.com

Proceeds from last year’s Scholarship Classic will fund four freshman scholarships for students majoring in **Crop Science; Environmental, Soil, and Water Science; or Pest Management**.

Students majoring in **Crop Science** learn the traditional facets of crop science such as breeding, physiology, weed and pest control, and crop and pasture production and management. Emerging technologies in our curriculum include crop biotechnology, precision agriculture, and sustainable agriculture.

**Environmental, Soil, and Water Science** students explore such issues as water quality, proper use of soils, proper use of fertilizers, bioremediation of contaminated soil and water, and wetlands.

**Pest Management** students study the biology, ecology and control of pest organisms and the development of safe, effective pest management strategies for plant and animal production systems. Emerging technologies for managing pests include remote sensing and precision management, new biological and cultural control agents, and expanded knowledge of pest genetics.

For information on applying for a Delta Classic Scholarship, contact Holly Yeatman, 888-343-7838 or hyeatman@uark.edu.
Students and alumni were honored April 26 at the Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Awards Banquet.

Johnie Jenkins, BSA ’56; Sherman Cullum Sr., BSA ’60; Carroll E. Walls, BSA ’55 MS ’56; and J. Darrin Malone, BSA ’88 MS ’90, were named Outstanding Friends of CSES.

Sasha Kay of Fayetteville was presented the American Society of Agronomy Outstanding Senior award. Outstanding student award winners were: Senior—Patrick Smith of Jacksonville; M.S.—Karen Gomez and Jeff Edwards, both of Fayetteville; and Ph.D.—Satandra Rajguru of Fayetteville.

The alumni friends of CSES were recognized for distinguished careers and as loyal supporters of the College, the U of A and the Division of Agriculture.

Dr. Jenkins, director and research leader at the USDA Agricultural Research Service Crop Science Laboratory at Starkville, Miss., delivered the keynote address titled “From Jeans to Genes,” about his career in research to develop and apply new technology in cotton production. Dr. Jenkins established a new scholarship with a gift of $10,000 that he received with the Verdant Partners Crop Genetics Award from the American Seed Trade Association.

Carroll Walls of North Little Rock was the first chair and currently a director of the Agricultural Development Council for the Division of Agriculture, and he is a director of the U of A Foundation finance committee. He is a former manager of DuPont’s forestry herbicide programs in the Southeast and is now a manager of research, quality assurance and safety in the U.S. for UAP/Timberland LLC.

Sherman Cullum, founder of Cullum Seeds at Fisher and Waldenburg, was the first president of the Arkansas Association of Wheat Growers and was instrumental in establishing the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board and the wheat checkoff program. Throughout his career, Mr. Cullum has been a leader in agricultural, educational and community organizations at the local, state and national level.

Darrin Malone of Paragould is chair of the CSES recruiting team of some 40 alumni in eastern Arkansas. He is district sales representative for DuPont and manages some 60 retailer accounts.

Alumni honored by the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences as Outstanding Friends included, from left, Sherman Cullum, Johnie Jenkins, Carroll Walls and Darrin Malone (see photo below).
Jean Hampton Pruitt, BSHE '57 MSHE '58, is now the director of Lucent Worldwide Learning Academies, Lucent Technologies (Bell Laboratories) in Aurora, Colo. In addition to her UA education, she received advanced training from the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Shirley E. (Stauber) McAllister, BSHE '62 Ed.D '69, of Sun City, Ariz., was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Los Angeles last August. She was president of the Sun City Democrats for 1999-2000.

Dr. Robert Dilday, BSA '63 MS '67, retired in January as USDA Agricultural Research Service rice geneticist at Stuttgart. Dr. Dilday was instrumental in planning and construction of the Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center adjacent to the U of A Division of Agriculture’s Rice Research and Extension Center.

Susan Overton Huey, BSHE '63, has written A Very Special Cookbook following her experiences in owning “A Very Special Tea Room” and catering business in Little Rock. She is currently enjoying six grandchildren under the age of three!

Thomas G. Jenkins, BSA '72 MS '74, received the Animal Management Award from the American Society of Animal Science in the summer of 2000 in Baltimore. He is currently a scientist at the Roman L. Hruska US Meat Center in Nebraska.

Don Young, BSA '83, joined Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Fort Smith as an associate vice president and financial adviser.

Mike Cloutier, BSA '87 and Kathryn Keasler Cloutier, BSHE '88, are proud to announce the birth of their fourth child, Abbie Kathryn in April 2000. Mike is vice president of sales and marketing for Microfllo Co. in Memphis.

Patti Priest, BSA '91, is completing her first year of teaching agriculture at Ola High School. Prior to her position at Ola, she spent three years in Kentucky, two of which were with the UK Extension Service as a 4-H Youth Development Agent.

Dr. Luttrell joined the entomology faculty as a professor. He came to the U of A from Mississippi State University where he had established the pest management major and was lead scientist for cotton insect pest management since 1981. He has M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in entomology from the U of A.

Joe Claude Moore, BSA '93, is the Academic Coordinator for Upward Bound at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin.

Travis Wesley Rogers, BSA '94 MS '96, is employed in sales for DowAgro Sciences in professional pest management. He married Amy Patricia Ledbetter in July 2000. They reside in Charleston, S.C.

Michael Wayne Withrow, BSA '94, is employed by Monsanto in St. Louis, MO. He married Michelle Kim in September 2000.

Josh Cunningham, BSA '96 MS '99, a sales representative for Rice Tech married Leah Lensing, December 7, 2000, in Little Rock.

Dr. Jason Norsworthy, MS '97 Ph.D. '00, received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the National Weed Science society of America meeting Feb.14. he is a soybean extension specialist in Barnwell, S.C.

Shaun Bolinger, BSA '00, is a supervisor at Tyson Foods Cornish Plant in Springdale. Shaun married Trisha Thompson in June 2000.

Graham is interim associate dean

Vice President for Agriculture Milo Shult and Provost Bob Smith in February announced the appointment of Donna Graham as Bumpers College interim associate dean for academics.

Dr. Graham was selected for the 2001 Jack Justus Professorship for Teaching Excellence and has received many other awards for teaching, advising and service. (See page 10.)

Former associate dean Randy Luttrell served in that capacity from July 1998 until January 2001. Enrollment during his tenure increased from 852 undergraduate students in the fall of 1997 to 1,046 in the fall of 2000.

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What’s Up?

Got a new job or promotion? Moved to a different city? Addition to the family? Let us know about those milestones and anything else you’d like to share with the alumni. Feel free to attach additional pages or newspaper clippings.

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For 20 years, a stone razorback marked the location of the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture's Strawberry Substation at Bald Knob, even after the station closed in 1994.

Now the razorback, complete with a stone football, occupies a place of honor at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House on the University of Arkansas campus.

When Elbert Baker, BSA '71 MS '76, became resident director of the Strawberry Substation in 1976, he wanted a solid reminder of the station’s connection to the U of A. So he asked his father-in-law, Orville Skaggs, to carve the razorback from limestone rock found on the station.

Baker’s wife, Syble, said her father was a retired coal miner and lumber-yard worker. He lived with the Bakers 27 years until his death in 1998.

“Dad carved for a hobby, mostly in wood, but also in almost any other media too,” Syble Baker said. “He once carved our daughter in her wedding dress from a piece of PVC pipe.”

Skaggs selected a limestone rock that was dug out when an irrigation pond was built, but it was a couple of years before he had the right tools to carve the stone.

“He worked on it down by the pond without us knowing about it for a while,” Baker said. “Then one day he told me we needed to move the razorback up to the highway. That was the first I heard he’d been working on it.”

It took a whole day to move the statue from the pond to the highway, where Skaggs continued to work on it. His work began to draw a lot of attention.

Syble Baker, a retired elementary school teacher, said, “My students would come by and have their pictures made with it. Before it was completed, people from all 50 states stopped by to photograph it.”

The statue, with its stone football, was completed in 1980 and made the news on television and newspapers, Baker said. It was listed in the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program brochure “Stone and Steel: A Sculptural Tour of Arkansas.”

When Highway 167 was widened to four lanes between Batesville and Bald Knob, an engineer from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department calculated the razorback’s weight at 19,000 pounds before moving it back from the highway right-of-way.

“I just refer to it as the 10-ton hog,” Syble Baker said.

The University of Arkansas heavy-weight made its last move to the Fayetteville campus last year.

“Daddy was one of a kind,” Syble Baker said. “He carved the razorback for Elbert, and Elbert gave it to the U of A.”