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*For Alumni and Friends of the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences
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COVER: HE'S A BOAR – Tusk, the Razorback mascot, is a six-and-a-half-year-old, 425-pound Russian boar, and a father. Members of the Alpha Gamma Rho agricultural fraternity are responsible for transporting him from his home at the Tyson Foods research farm to U of A home games. The fraternity took care of the original mascot years ago, said Marc Harrison, chair of the Tusk committee. Tusk lived at the Little Rock Zoo until about a year ago, when he moved to northwest Arkansas, and AGR resumed its tradition as "keepers of the mascot." (Cover photo by Fred Miller.)

New Board Member

Wanette Baker

Wanette McKee Baker, BSHE '70 MS '71, is office manager for Dr. J.R. Baker in Batesville. She served as a Cooperative Extension Service clothing specialist for two and a half years in Kentucky and three years, 1974 to 1977, in Arkansas. While attending the U of A, she was a student employee of the Arkansas Alumni Association and was vice president of the Agri Student Association. She serves as a member of the Batesville School Board and the Independence County Medical Society Alliance. ■



Wanette Baker



Society keeps on growing

The Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences (DBCAFLS) Alumni Society just keeps on growing. Our membership in August is up almost 10 percent from the same time last year.

The DBCAFLS Alumni Society has a total of 2,187 members; this is 27 percent of the alumni for whom we have a current address, a number we can be proud of when compared to other institutions.

Did you know that membership in the DBCAFLS Alumni Society is free when you join the Arkansas Alumni Association?

Paying membership dues not only makes you eligible for member benefits, it makes you a part of the future of Bumpers College. Through your AAA membership dues, the DBCAFLS Alumni Society supports student scholarships, faculty research and teaching efforts, and a broad range of programs and events to enhance the College and its position in the academic community.

Members receive the *Arkansas Land and Life* magazine published by the U of A Division of Agriculture and the *Vision* newsletter for faculty and students of Bumpers College and the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Support the students and the University, enjoy special benefits and reconnect with the College. Some special advantages of membership include several top-notch Arkansas alumni publications addressing your history and interests, special UA campus privileges, discounts to community events, alumni locator service and e-mail for life. When you are a dues-paying member of the Arkansas Alumni Association and the Bumpers College Alumni Society, you are in the company of others who care about their alma mater! ■

Outstanding Alumni Nominations

Bumpers College is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Nominees must have received a degree through the College and have made outstanding contributions to their profession and/or community.

Nominations should be submitted by January 15 for 2003 and may be submitted at any time for 2004.

Additional information and nomination guidelines are available online at www.uark.edu/depts/dbcafls/outstand.html and from the Dean's Office. Phone: 479-575-2034. E-mail: scaster@uark.edu.

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From the Dean



Gregory J. Weidemann
Dean and
Associate Vice President
for Agriculture-Research

Richard Roeder joins management team

Now that we are midway through the fall semester, it seems a good time to reflect on some of the exciting things happening in our College.

First, I am pleased that our College management team is now complete with the addition of Dr. Richard Roeder, associate director of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and associate dean for research in the College. Dr. Roeder will join Dr. Donna Graham, associate dean for academic programs, and Patty Siebenmorgen, assistant vice president for finance and administration, to round out the College and Experiment Station administration. Dr. Roeder has a broad background in agriculture and will bring outstanding leadership to our research programs in the Division of Agriculture.

Enrollment increased slightly again this year, and we continue to focus on recruitment and retention. Our retention of students once they enroll remains among the highest on campus. We attribute this to our family atmosphere and the attention our students receive from faculty advisors. Several programs saw significant growth this fall including apparel studies, agricultural and extension education and biological and agricultural engineering.

With the completion next year of Carnall Hall as a campus hotel and restaurant, we expect the hospitality program to grow significantly as this facility serves as a learning laboratory for our students in partnership with the owners. We will need to add the necessary faculty and classroom facilities as this program grows.

The College and Division are on track to meet our goal of nearly \$70 million as part of the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century. Mark Power, director of development for the College, and Chuck Culver, director of development for the Division, have worked diligently with our Campaign chairs, Stanley Reed and Leland Tollett.

We are focusing on student and faculty support that will have the biggest impact for the future. Our classroom initiative has been very successful. Three classrooms have now been completely renovated through private gifts and we have commitments for two others. Our students deserve nothing less than the best possible learning environment, and the renovation of these classrooms with the latest teaching technology is helping to meet this critical need to update our classrooms.

We dedicated the William L. Abernathy Agriscience and Technology Education Center Oct. 19. This facility replaces the aging facility used for many years by the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education and provides a modern learning environment for our students as well as providing a location for teacher training programs and workshops. This generous gift from the William L. Abernathy Charitable Trust was made possible through the hard work and vision of two of our faculty, Drs. George Wardlow and Don Johnson, who prepared a proposal to the trust board. Their efforts will have a lasting impact on our students.

I also commend the hard work and vision of our Alumni Society board chaired by Ewell Welch. Cindy Meullenet provides leadership for our College as the new director of the society. The Society board members are some of our greatest ambassadors for our College, and we can't thank them enough for their commitment.

This is a year of significant budget challenges as our state slowly recovers from the economic downturn that has impacted all of higher education. However, we remain committed to providing the best possible education for our students that will prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow and to provide the research that is so necessary to enhancing the economic well-being of all Arkansans. ■

Animal Science names graduates of distinction

Animal Science Graduates of Distinction named at the department's spring awards banquet are J.W. (Jake) Looney, BSA '66; Ruben H. Johnson, BSA '52; L.B. (Bernie) Daniels, BSA '62 MS '63; and Quinton Hornsby, BS '72 MS '77.

■ **Jake Looney**, a Polk County native, has an M.S. degree in animal science and agricultural economics from the University of Missouri and a law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He practiced law in Mena and taught at Virginia Tech and Kansas State before joining the UA Law School as founding director of the Agricultural Law Program. He became Law School dean in 1982 and in 1990 returned to full time teaching. He returned to Polk County where he practices with the Mena firm of Maddox and Maddox. Jake and Era Looney own cattle operations in the Big Fork and Cherry Hill areas. Their son, Jason, is a UA graduate student.

■ **Ruben H. Johnson**, a graduate of Magazine High School, joined the Extension Service as associate county agent in Washington County and two years later was promoted to Extension Poultryman in the state office. In 1965, he became SW District Resource Development Specialist, then SW District Extension Agent, and was appointed State Leader – Agriculture in 1975. He served as acting Extension Director in 1981. He initiated Extension educational programs known as research verification programs in rice, cotton, soybeans, wheat and beef. Ruben and Charlotte

(Newsom) Johnson have three children, all UA graduates, and two granddaughters who are students at the U of A.

■ **L.B. (Bernie) Daniels**, a Thornton High School graduate, received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Missouri in 1969 and joined the UA Department of Animal Science that year. He served as the Associate Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station from 1987-96 and Interim Associate Vice President for Agriculture – Research and Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture from 1993-94. As associate director he was instrumental in securing funding for and establishing the Food Safety Consortium, the Poultry Center of Excellence, the Rosen Center, the Institute of Food Science and Engineering, the Center for Advanced Spatial Technology, the USDAARS Rice Germplasm Center at Stuttgart, and the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center. Bernie and Jean Ann (Golden) Daniels have three children, all with Ph.D. degrees.

■ **Quinton R. Hornsby**, a native of Sevier County, managed the U of A Dairy as a student. He joined the Extension Service in 1977 and was a county agent in Prairie, Clay, Cross and Lonoke counties. He was named district director for the Ouachita District beginning in 2000. He has received many awards at the state and national level and was named one of Lonoke County's Most Influential Citizens by the *Cabot Star Herald* in 1998-99. Quinton and Paula (Evans) Hornsby have three children. ■

Web site redesigned for fast, easy access

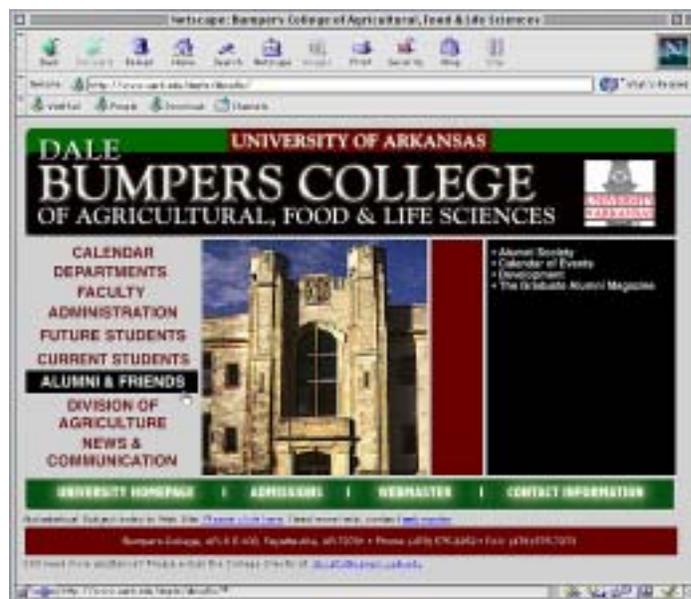
A redesigned, easy-to-use Bumpers College Web site provides fast access to a wealth of information about the College, the U of A Fayetteville campus and the U of A System's Division of Agriculture.

A quick scroll down the menu on the left side of the home page pops up a list on the right side of topics in each category. A click on the category heading takes the visitor to the desired topics.

Donna Graham, associate dean for academics, directed the redesign. Jennifer Haden, student mentor, and Ashley Harris, student relations coordinator, helped organize content. Karen Eskew, communication specialist, designed the site. Dave Edmark, webmaster, managed the overall structure and navigation system.

Web site topics and content were thoroughly reviewed, revised and reorganized to provide fast, easy access to information for potential students, alumni, potential donors and other visitors.

Web site development for the College, the campus and the Division is continuing with a focus on providing a system that will help the departments and units who provide "pages" on the site to assure the accuracy and timeliness of information posted. ■



NEW WEB LOOK – Visit the redesigned Bumpers College Web site at www.uark.edu/depts/dbcafls/. The compact home page provides an inviting and well organized portal to the College with easy access to all topics, including "Alumni and Friends."

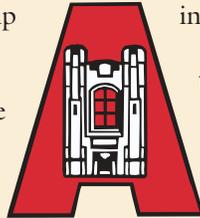
Dear Alumni

One only has to look down the list of accomplishments from the DBCAFLS Alumni Society Annual Report to the Arkansas Alumni Association to catch the excitement of being a Society member. Some examples from that report include the fact that the Society continues to be a leader among all college societies in membership growth with an increase in August of 9.57 percent over August of 2001. In addition, the Poultry Science Department has established the first departmental Alumni Group by establishing a board of directors, bylaws and group goals. That group has already held an annual meeting at Agri Park and sponsored an annual tailgate party prior to the Boise State football game this fall. Other departments have also stepped up efforts to maintain contact with their alumni through departmental newsletters. I do believe that departments have a unique advantage over the college or the AAA in keeping alumni in contact with the University.

Since the last edition of *The Graduate*, Cindy Meullenet has been named DBCAFLS Alumni Society Director. Cindy comes to the Society from the Food Science Department where she was Alumni and Student Relations Coordinator, which mirrors the goals of the Society. We welcome her in her new role and are excited to have her working with the Society on our programs and activities.

Also since my last letter, General Bill Bowden, who represented the AAA on the Society board, has completed his term. General Bowden was a true leader for the Society and was very instrumental during our early years in helping get the Society

established. We will miss his leadership. However, he is replaced by Wanette Baker of Batesville, who will be an outstanding board member. We look forward to her involvement in the Society.



One of the programs of the Society is the annual selection and recognition of an "Outstanding Alumnus." The college has many graduates who have excelled during their professional careers. Our challenge is to get these individuals nominated so they can receive the recognition they deserve. If you know a graduate who should be recognized in this program, I encourage you to contact Cindy for more information.

Lastly, it is important to mention the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century and what it means to the future of the College. Your Society board has adopted a resolution supporting the campaign. We solicit the support of all alumni for the campaign. Private gift support for scholarship endowment, classroom improvement and other college enhancements is vital to the college. If you wish to contribute to this campaign or know of a potential donor, please contact the Dean's office.

It is definitely exciting to be a part of all that is happening in DBCAFLS. You can participate in the excitement as well simply by becoming a member of the Society today.

Ewell R. Welch



Ewell R. Welch
President, CAFLS
Alumni Society



BOYS 4-H HOUSE REUNION – Ralph Smith, BSA '49 (left), and Ewell F. Welch, BSA '47, were among 24 alumni and spouses who attended the Boys 4-H House reunion Oct. 25 at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly. The group enjoyed a bus and walking tour of the Fayetteville square, Carnall Hall, the Arkansas Union and the women's athletics facilities. Horticulture Professor Emeritus Joe McFerran, MS '50 BSA '41 and Lorita Simmons, wife of H.H. Simmons, BSA '49, organized the reunion.

Girls' 4-H House

A community of women

From 1932 to 1975, 4-H girls who wanted to cut their expenses for college could turn to the University of Arkansas Girls' 4-H House.

"It was formed to help farm girls get through college on a lower budget," said Virginia Rowland, BSHE '57 MS '65, of Bentonville. She lived in the house for the three years it took to earn her bachelor's degree and publishes an annual newsletter for the Girl's 4-H House Alumni.

The first Girls' 4-H House was opened in the fall 1932 and sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs of Arkansas.

"The early 4-H houses were converted homes near the campus," Rowland said. "The location changed frequently and, as the number of 4-H girls increased, there were two or three houses in use at a time."

To accommodate the growing membership in the University of Arkansas 4-H Club, a new Girls' 4-H House was built on the corner of Lindell and Douglas streets. Home Demonstration Club members raised much of the money for construction by selling craft items, canned vegetables or baked goods. Each member's goal was to raise \$1 per year toward the house.

"The house cost \$160,000 to build and the Home Demonstration Clubs raised \$100,000 for it," Rowland said. "Extension home economists also collected Betty



Girls' 4-H House, 1940 — First row: (left to right) Fulton, Morton, Starnes, Cathey, Mrs. McRae, Pick, Branscum, Broyles, Smith, Daniels, Edwards. Second row: Tate, Grimes, Moore, Carmichael, Thomas, Parks, Turner, Mowery, Sherrill, Wilcox. Third row: Penix, Barger, Butler, Wood, Graham, Lorange, Dickson. Fourth row: Oldham, Tschabold, Seamster, McKamey, Fowler, McKnight, Usrey.

Crocker coupons for kitchenware for the house."

The house opened in 1951 and had 20 rooms, each for two girls, she said. Later, a study room was converted to a room for three girls. The house also had a formal living room, a sunroom, a large recreation room, dining room, large kitchen and serving room, study rooms and a music room with a grand piano.

She said 90 percent of the residents were required to be home economics majors. "Back then, if an extension home econo-

mist got pregnant, she had to quit working, so there was a constant demand for graduates."

Rent for staying in the Girls' 4-H House was half the cost of staying in the dormitories. Costs were kept down

because the residents did most of the work. A student manager was responsible for maintaining food and supplies and hiring and supervising a cook who prepared most meals.

Living in the house required keeping their grades up and following rules Rowland said were intended to focus the residents' attention on getting an education.

"We had to sign out when we left the house and sign back in when we returned," she said. "There was a curfew and a limit on how far we could travel from campus without permission."

Life in the Girls' 4-H House was much like living in a sorority, Rowland said. They elected officers and had a social calendar that included serenades by fraternities.

"In the '50s, there was seldom more than one girl who had a car, so we usually walked downtown when we wanted to go out," she said. "It was fun to walk downtown with your boyfriend. You had time to smooch, and you could keep each other warm."

"It was formed to help farm girls get through college on a lower budget."

— Virginia Rowland

Alumnus named new director of Rice Research and Extension Center

Christopher W. Deren, BSA '80 MS '83, professor and rice breeder from the University of Florida, has been appointed director of the University of Arkansas Rice Research and Extension Center (RREC) near Stuttgart, Greg Weidemann, associate vice president for agriculture-research, announced.

U of A Division of Agriculture scientists at the Rice Research and Extension Center conduct research primarily on rice and soybeans and is the home of the University's rice breeding program.

"Dr. Deren brings an impressive background of research and experience to the director's post at Stuttgart," Weidemann said. "I'm confident he can provide the leadership and support to build upon the center's reputation as one of the premier agricultural research stations in the nation."

Dr. Deren began as director at RREC in November.

"One of the most attractive things about coming to Arkansas is that the state is the most important rice-producing area in the United States," Dr. Deren said. "The Rice Research and Extension Center is in the heart of Arkansas' rice country, making it the ideal location for breeding and other research. The proximity of the USDA's Dale Bumpers Rice Research Center, located on the RREC campus, is also a very desirable asset for rice breeders."

After earning his bachelor's and master's degrees at the U of A, Dr. Deren earned his Ph.D. in plant



Christopher W. Deren

breeding from the University of Florida in 1986. He joined the research faculty at Florida in 1987, where his early work was in breeding sugarcane at the Everglades Research and Education Center.

Dr. Deren said he is already acquainted with U of A rice researchers through his involvement in the Rice Technical Working Group, the Rice Breeders Meetings and

other professional organizations.

"The U of A has talented and dedicated researchers, and I'm looking forward to working with them," he said. ■

Rowland said the residents also earned extra money babysitting for \$1 an hour. "The faculty always called the house when they needed babysitters, so there was always an opportunity to earn some money," she said.

Interest in the Girls' 4-H House gradually declined and it was closed in 1975. The house was sold to a fraternity, and has changed hands several times. Nevertheless, it holds a special place in the hearts of UA alumni who once called it home. Rowland said regular reunions draw consistent crowds.

"The Girls' 4-H House helped many young women make the break from home to college to career," she said.

"I think all of us feel indebted to that generation of home demonstration women who worked hard to build a house that they, and we, could be proud of." ■



Girls 4-H House – The Girls 4-H House, on Douglas and Lindell streets, was completed in 1951 and housed 40 girls until it was closed in 1975. Home Demonstration Club members raised much of the money for its construction by selling craft items, canned vegetables and baked goods.

Roeder is new Experiment Station associate director

Richard A. Roeder, formerly assistant to the dean for research in the College of Agriculture at Southern Illinois University (SIU), Carbondale, began his duties Oct. 21 as associate director of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and associate dean for research in the Bumpers College.



Richard A. Roeder

The appointment was announced by Associate Vice President for Agriculture and Dean Greg Weidemann. Roeder fills the position held by Dean Weidemann when he was named chief operating officer of the state experiment station and dean in January 2002.

“I am extremely pleased that Dr. Roeder is joining our management team for the Experiment Station and

College,” Dean Weidemann said. “He has an excellent record as both a faculty member and administrator. The breadth of his knowledge and experience will be a great asset.”

Dr. Roeder has been at Southern Illinois since 1999 as chair of the Department of Animal Science, Food and Nutrition. In May 2002 he was named assistant to the

dean for research.

A Philadelphia native with a B.A. degree in biology from Glassboro State College, Glassboro, N.J., Dr. Roeder has M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in animal nutrition from Texas A&M.

As an animal scientist at the University of Idaho from 1984 to 1999, he established an extensive research program in beef cattle growth

biology and nutrition.

Administrative duties at Idaho included coordinating the graduate program in the Animal and Veterinary Science Department and serving as organizer and chair of the Northwest Consortium for the Safety and Quality of Meat and Dairy Products.

At SIU, Dr. Roeder was administrator for programs in animal science, dietetics, human nutrition, hospitality and tourism, and he was administrator of the university farms.

Dr. Roeder received the University of Idaho Excellence in Research Award in 1997. He is a past-director of the American Society of Animal Science and past-president of the society’s western section. He served on the task force that in 1995 organized the Federation of Animal Science Societies. ■

Arkansas Farm Bureau promotes Welch to top job

President David Hillman and the Arkansas Farm Bureau Board of Directors on Sept. 13 named Ewell R. Welch executive vice president. As such, he is the chief executive officer and oversees all staff activities for the federation and its affiliated companies in Arkansas.

“After 24 years with the organization,” Hillman says, “Mr. Welch brings a unique set of qualifications to the office. We look forward to a bright future under his leadership.”

Welch succeeds Dennis R. Robertson, who resigned Sept. 6.

“I’m very pleased with the confidence the board has placed in me,” Welch says, “and I’ll do my best to live up to it. I look forward to serving the leaders and members of this great organization.”

“Mr. Welch has worked in many areas of agriculture in his time with Farm Bureau,” Hillman says, “and he is extremely familiar with the goals and objectives of our organization.”

Before being named to his new post, Welch was director of Arkansas Farm Bureau’s Commodity and Public Policy Department. Before that, he was associate director of the department, then called Commodity and Marketing. Throughout his FB career, he has worked with all the organization’s livestock, poultry and crop committees.

A graduate of Havana High School, Welch holds a bachelor’s degree in agriculture and a master’s in agricultural economics, both from the U of A. He is president of the DBCAFLS Alumni Society and on the board of the Arkansas Foundation for Agriculture. Also, he serves on the USDA Southern Region Risk Management Advisory Committee. He and his wife, Deanna, live in North Little Rock. ■

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Owens practices science of politics and politics of science

Phillip Owens, BS '93 MS '97, studied the ins and outs of soil science, but when U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) needs scientific background about bioterrorism, he changes hats and finds the answers.

After completing his Ph.D. degree in agronomy/soils at Texas A&M University, Owens applied for, and received, a Congressional Science Policy Fellowship in Sen. Lincoln's Washington, D.C., office. The American Society of Agronomy in coordination with the American Association for the Advancement of Science sponsors the one-year fellowship, which ends in January 2003.

It will allow him to gain experience researching and developing legislative initiatives in the areas of agriculture, conservation and international trade, as well as some areas he didn't expect.

"I'm the senator's bioterrorism expert because it's rare to meet a scientist on Capitol Hill," Dr. Owens said.

"I had no political experience and didn't expect to ever have any," he said. "I applied for the fellowship on the advice of my professors and the



Science Fellow — Phillip Owens brings a scientific perspective to the policy-making process on Sen. Blanche Lincoln's staff. He is serving a one-year Congressional Science Policy Fellowship.

head of my department."

He had several offers from senators and members of Congress to serve his fellowship on their staffs. "I decided to serve with Sen. Lincoln because she was from my home state and because she's on the Agriculture Committee."

"We're fortunate to have a scientist of Phillip's caliber working in the U.S. Senate," Sen. Lincoln said. "Phillip's background allows him

to bring a fresh perspective to the crafting of our public policy. I'm delighted to have him on my staff so that we can draw on his expertise."

Dr. Owens' responsibilities are varied. He briefs the senator daily, takes phone calls to answer legislator's questions, meets with visitors from Arkansas and works with the press secretary. He also reads reports of daily events, follows floor debates on C-Span and attends constituent receptions.

Dr. Owens has contributed to the senator's work on many important issues, including the conservation title of the farm bill, bioterrorism relating to both people and agriculture, civil rights, the biodiesel amendment to the energy bill, and the debate over opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil development.

With the eye of a scientist, he has observed interesting contrasts between science and politics. "The language of science is precise and exclusive," he said. "The language of politics is fuzzy and inclusive. Scientists use information objectively in order to understand processes, but in politics, information is used subjectively to support positions.

"Overall, the experience has been very helpful," he said. "I'm more informed about how government works and it's given me a broader view of how science influences policy."

Dr. Owens is a graduate of Western Yell County High School. He is the son of the late Billy R. Owens and Loretta Dickey of Havana. ■



NATIONAL CHAMPS — Phillip Owens, second from right, coached the 1995 national champion UA Soil Judging Team. Other members of the team were, front row from left, Greta Haustein, Kevin Fisher, Brandi Van Winkle and Kevin Lawson; back row from left, Curt Osier, Dr. Moyer Rutledge and Owens.

Alpha Gamma Rho is all about brotherhood

The Alpha Iota Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho is a social-professional fraternity with membership restricted to students with agriculture-related majors.

The chapter was chartered in 1934 and moved into the current house on Razorback Road, next to the Arkansas Alumni House, in 1966 from a house on Arkansas Avenue. Forty of the current 46 active AGR members live in the house.

AGR is highly regarded in the campus Greek community, winning the Interfraternity Council's (IFC) Award of Excellence for 2001. Matt Hargis of Texarkana was named IFC Outstanding Fraternity President for 2001. Eric Pendergrass of Charleston was IFC rush chairman this year.

Eastin Jordan, former AGR president and now a produce buyer with Gerber Products Company in Fort Smith, was the Outstanding Greek Man on Campus in 2000.

AGRs have the signal honor of being the keepers of Tusk, the Razorback mascot, during football games and driving the Tusk truck and trailer from the home provided for him — and his family — by Tyson Foods, Inc.

AGR values include school spirit, scholarship, service, social life, philanthropy and others, but first and foremost is brotherhood, says Noble Ruler (president) Will Schuhknecht, a junior animal science major from Mountain Home.

"Every member is treated equally," Schuhknecht says. "We will have a senior cleaning the kitchen floor next to a freshman."

Instead of a pledge program, AGR has a brotherhood program, Schuhknecht says. Freshmen have a "big brother" to show them the ropes, and they have a mandatory study hall until they prove they can maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average.

Schuhknecht wanted to be an AGR after spending a weekend in the house while he was in high school as the guest of a friend.

"I met a lot of good guys who had the same interests I have. It felt like a good home to me," he says. "Everybody in the house hunts and fishes."

Faculty advisor Dick Oliver, University Professor of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences and an AGR alum, attends weekly chapter meetings and makes himself available to help with academics.

"The thing I get the most out of is watching the kids develop as leaders," Oliver says. "I get to know them as freshmen and watch them grow as young men."

Kenneth May, BS '70 MS '71, of Rosebud is president of the AGR Alumni Foundation, which is in the middle of a \$500,000 fund drive for renovation of the house.

"I have found it as rewarding, or more-so, being an alumnus," says May, a cattle producer and entrepreneur. "I run into (AGRs) on a daily basis. That's usually who I call when I need the help of someone with expertise that I don't have."

The AGR brotherhood includes leaders in agriculture and other areas such as Russell Black, owner of Westwood Gardens in Fayetteville and alumni advisor to the UA chapter; Greg Satterfield of Harrison, American Freightways vice president and alumni board treasurer; Kirk Thompson, president of J.B. Hunt at Lowell; and Ewell Welch, Arkansas Farm Bureau executive vice president and president of the



TUSKLETS — Justin Wagner, one of Alpha Gamma Rho's mascot handlers, visits some of Tusk's offspring at the Tyson Foods research farm in Springdale. Tusk sired 16 pigs from two Russian boar sows. Two of the piglets will remain with Tusk, aspiring to succeed him when the mascot's retirement rolls around. The rest will be sent to Mississippi, where their mothers come from.

DBCAFLS Alumni Society.

AGR housemother D.J. Malone began her duties in October. As former housemother with Sigma Nu fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she was well acquainted with Mamie Spooner, AGR housemother since 1992, who retired recently.



◀ **AGR OFFICERS** – Officers with former house mother Mamie Spooner include (standing, from left) Noble Ruler Will Schuhknecht and Vice Noble Rulers in charge of: finance, John Jones of Hartford; scholarship, Roger Gattis of Ozark; membership development, Scott Fry of Quitman; (front, from left) operations, Ross Wolfenden of Berryville; activities, Kirk Keller of Stuttgart; planning, Morgan Keener of Harrison; alumni relations, Jeremy Bullington of McCrory; and (not pictured) recruitment, Adam Keith of Berryville.



▶ **Tuskmobile** – Members of Alpha Gamma Rho enjoy a Razorback football game from the end zone with Tusk, the team mascot, in his custom trailer provided by Tyson Foods. The fraternity is responsible for transporting the 425-pound Russian boar to the games.



Alpha Gamma Rho

“Mom Spooner” had a major impact on AGR during the past decade.

“The men really run the house, and they do a great job of sharing responsibilities,” says Mrs. Spooner, a home economics major, wife of the late Agronomy Professor Art Spooner and mother of two.

Mom Spooner provided “the mother’s touch” for the home-away-from-home, which included etiquette training, a service she continues on a voluntary basis. Her instruction in the social graces built the confidence of the men in social situations and encouraged them to have social activities.

“My first year, the boys were not too involved in campus life, so I just called house mothers of sororities and initiated hall parties, bowling nights and other activities,” she says.

In a tribute to Mom Spooner in the 1994 chapter newsletter, she was described as a woman of great class..., a dear, sweet person..., a true friend..., an outstanding lady..., a person who put her heart and soul into changing our social status from rednecks to social agricultural students..., and a life saver (from a student who survived a heart stoppage thanks in part to CPR by Mrs. Spooner). ■

(The FarmHouse Fraternity will be featured in a future issue.)

★ BONUS STORY

See the Bumpers College Web site for a BONUS STORY: “Old Times of AGRs,” by Larry Pitman, BSA ’58 MS ’65, of Brookland in Craighead County. The article, reprinted from the Spring 1996 AGR newsletter, begins as follows....

The First Shamrock

Between the years 1953 – 1957, there was tough competition on the U of A campus between the Engineering students and the Agri Students. Each Agriculture Day and Engineering Day there was a tug of war, but the engineers never won. Each semester, the AGRs had the highest grade point average of all fraternities on campus. This didn’t help the morale of the Engineers. They had to come up with something to get ahead of the farm boys....

Read the rest of the story on the Bumpers College Web site. Go to www.uark.edu/depts/agripub/Publications/Graduate/ and click on “Bonus AGR Story: Old Times of AGRs.”

Tournament raises \$15,000 for scholarships

The third Delta Scholarship Classic golf tournament raised more than \$15,000 to fund scholarships for Arkansas students majoring in crop management or environmental, soil, and water science in Bumpers College. The tournament was held July 12 at the Helena Country Club.

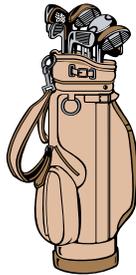
Tournament director Darrin Malone of Paragould said he and other UA alumni organized the event to provide scholarships and inform young people in eastern Arkansas about financial assistance available to UA students in crop, soil, and environmental sciences.

The Helena Chemical team of Johnny Skinner and Bradley Benton of Holly Grove, Steve Skinner of

Clarendon, and Scott Tefteller of Brinkley won the tournament's first flight. The Jimmy Webster team of Jimmy Webster, Jimmy Billingsley, Bob Carpenter and Al Gordon, all of Helena, won the second flight.

Tommy Jackson of Stuttgart and Bradley Benton were the longest drive winners; Ken Johnson of Wynne was longest putt winner; Dennis Robertson of Little Rock and Lee Shaw and Bob Jenkins, both of Helena, were closest to the pin winners.

Delta Classic Scholarship recipients for the 2002-03 school year were introduced at the tournament. They are Taylor Helms of Stuttgart, Daniel Hill of Dumas, John Ross of Monticello and Mark Webb of Coy.



Isle of Capri Casino in Lula, Miss., and Arkansas Farm Bureau were corporate sponsors.

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Team sponsors were Agro Distribution LLC; Armor Seed Company; Bayer Crop Sciences; Dewitt Bank and Trust; First National Bank of Phillips County; Helena Chemical; Irwin Keith, Inc.; Jimmy Webster; and Malone's OK Tire. ■

DEDICATIONS

COOMBES AUDITORIUM — Craig Sandowski of Syngenta Crop Protection (left), UA entomologist Max Meisch, Hunter Coombes and Mary Jo Coombes admire the plaque declaring Plant Science 9 the Larry E. Coombes Memorial Auditorium. The room was dedicated in a ceremony Oct. 12. Larry Coombes, MS '73 PhD '77, a native of Van Buren, became a leader in the pest management industry while working for Zeneca Agricultural Products, now Syngenta. He was instrumental in the development of Sevin and Carbaryl insecticides and Timik and Aldicard pesticides. He served as a mentor for many U of A graduates. The auditorium was renovated with contributions of \$50,000 from Syngenta and \$25,000 from Bill Yearian, retired head of the Entomology Department, and his wife, LaVerne.



ABERNATHY CENTER — The William L. Abernathy AgriScience and Technology Education Center dedication Oct. 19 included unveiling the building plaque by (from left) George Wardlow, John Archer, Thomas Archer, Don Johnson, Dean Greg Weidemann and UA President Alan Sugg. John Archer is chairman of the Abernathy Family Trust, which paid for construction of the 12,000 square-foot building valued at \$700,000. Thomas Archer was in charge of the construction project. Drs. Johnson and Wardlow wrote the funding proposal approved by the Abernathy Trust to support the study and practice of contextual learning and for agricultural systems technology management courses. The contextual learning program focuses on agriculture as a context for teaching science and math to students of all ability levels in primary and secondary schools.

Horticulture alumni and friends honored at reception

The Horticulture Department presented the 2002 Outstanding Alumni Awards to Jerry Brown, BSA '51 MS '63 PhD '74, and Warren Barham, BSA '41, and the 2002 Outstanding Friend Award to Gerber Products Company during a reception Oct. 4 at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House.

Brown retired as an Extension Professor of Horticulture from the University of Kentucky in 2000. His career began as a research assistant at the Southwest Research and Extension Center (SWREC) in Hope. He has worked as a USDA plant quarantine inspector and as a research pomologist. His primary responsibility at the University of Kentucky was statewide fruit programs with emphasis on providing assistance to the county agricultural agent and to the commercial grower.

Barham is President and C.E.O. of Barham Seeds, Inc. After graduating from the University of Arkansas, he received his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1950. He was a breeder of onions and watermelons and served as a research associate and acting resident director at the U of A Fruit and Truck Experiment Station in Hope, now SWREC, from 1945-46. He was head of the Horticulture Department at Texas A&M University and was on the faculty of North Carolina State University.

John Aselage and Curtis Tucker accepted the Outstanding Friend Award on behalf of Gerber Products Company. Gerber has contributed more than \$500,000 in scholarship money to Bumpers College and has supported horticulture research and breeding programs.

This was the sixth year the Horticulture Department presented the Outstanding Alumni Awards and the fifth year it presented the Outstanding Friend Award. ■



OUTSTANDING – The Horticulture Department presented its 2002 Outstanding Alumni awards to Warren Barham, BSA '41, left, and Gerald R. Brown, BSA '51 MS '63 PhD '74, right, during a reception Oct. 4. The department presented the 2002 Outstanding Friend award to Gerber Products Company, represented by John Aselage and Curtis Tucker.

Arkansas Weed Team wins again

For the fifth time in six years, Arkansas has won the Southern Weed Science Society Weed Contest.

The team, composed of weed science graduate students in the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences, posted the third highest team score in the 22-year history of the contest.

Team members include Jason Bond, Brian Ottis (alternate), Eric Scherder, Oscar Sparks, Daniel Stephenson (alternate), Erin Stiers (alternate) and Eric Walker. The team is coached by Dick Oliver and Nilda Burgos. Individual winners were Brian Ottis, first place; Eric Scherder, third; Jason Bond, fourth; and Eric Walker, fifth. The team placed six individuals in the top eight.

The competition included other teams from the University of Georgia, Louisiana State, Mississippi State, North Carolina State, Tennessee and Texas A&M.

The Graduate receives awards

Judy Howard, designer for *The Graduate*, received a first place award in the Arkansas Press Women 2002 Communications Contest and a third place award at the 2002 meeting of the National Federation of Press Women for page layout in *The Graduate*.

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New gifts boost campaign



Bumpers College and the Division of Agriculture, as of October 15, had received \$47 million in gifts and pledges toward our Campaign for the Twenty-First Century goal of \$69.3 million by June 30, 2005.



Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board (ARRPB) Chairman Marvin Hare Jr., of Newport, announced August 29 that the ARRPB was providing \$2 million to endow a research chair. At the same news conference, which was held at the Rice Research and Extension Center at Stuttgart, Vice President for Agriculture Milo Shult announced that Karen Moldenhauer is the first holder of the Rice Industry Chair in Variety Development.

"We believe this is an investment in the economic well-being of our industry and our state," Hare said.

Dr. Shult said the chair is "the first endowed chair ever to be located away from a main campus of higher education in Arkansas. This speaks volumes about the importance of this center to the industry and of our commitment to serving that industry's needs."

Dr. Moldenhauer has been a principal researcher in the Arkansas rice breeding program since receiving her Ph.D. degree in plant breeding from Iowa State University in 1982. During her tenure as rice breeding team leader, the Division of Agriculture has released 12 improved varieties, which account for 60 percent of all rice grown in Arkansas.

The ARRPB donation is supported by the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) fund. The RRPB receives a share of TRQ monies from funds remitted to a U.S. producer-miller consortium through a negotiated agreement with the European Union.

Proceeds from investment of the endowment fund will be used for salary

enhancement and to strengthen the rice genetics research program.



The **Ben J. Alzheimer Charitable Foundation, Inc.**, is providing a \$100,000 endowment to assist first-year graduate students in the Bumpers College. Recipients of assistance from the John N. Stern Scholars Fund will be known as "Stern Scholars."

John Stern served as founding chairman and director of the Ben J. Alzheimer Foundation for 58 years.

The Alzheimer Foundation over several decades provided generous funding for agronomic research; provided funds for construction and expansion of the Alzheimer Laboratory at the Arkansas Agricultural Research and Extension Center on North Garland; and funded the Alzheimer Chair for Soybean Research, the Richard S. Barnett Jr.-Elms Farming Chair for Weed Science, and the Ben J. Alzheimer Chair for Cotton Research and Development.



George "Roy" Hayes Jr., MS '51, is providing for a planned gift valued at \$830,000 for Endowed Chancellor's Scholarships, a fellowship for Bumpers College students and an endowment for future classroom improvements.

Mr. Hayes, of Shreveport, La., received a master's degree in entomology in 1951 and was employed in a government program to eradicate malaria. His planned bequest will provide for the George "Roy" Hayes Chancellor's Scholarships for Bumpers College students.



A \$100,000 bequest from **Inez Meadors McNeal** will establish a scholarship in her name to be awarded annually to a junior- or senior-level student concentrating in the child development area of the human

development and family sciences major.

Dr. McNeal was a public school teacher in Northwest Arkansas and had B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in education from the U of A.



Mr. and Mrs. Noal Lawhon of Sherwood have pledged \$50,000 over five years to be used to renovate the Plant Science 007 classroom, which will be named the Jay and Lillian Lawhon Classroom in honor of Noal's father and mother.

Jay Noal Lawhon Sr., BSA '43, is founder of Lawhon Farm Supply Company in McCrory and the World Christian Relief Fund, a humanitarian organization.

He was an agriculture teacher at Desha High School and principal of McCrory High School before beginning his career in the seed industry. He and Lillian, as owners of Lawhon Farm Supply, received the Arkansas Business Association's Business of the Year Award in 1989.



Dr. Robert G. F. Spitze and Dr. Hazel Taylor Spitze are creating the Spitze Public Policy Legislative Internship Award for students in the Bumpers College.

Recipients will receive a minimum stipend of \$5,000 while serving as an intern in the U.S. Congress or a state legislature.

The award will be made from funds established by Robert Spitze (BSA '47) and Hazel Spitze (BSHE '43) and periodic contributions. The Spitzes are Arkansas natives who retired from the University of Illinois after distinguished careers.

They established funds in 1992 that provide for several scholarships and the annual Spitze Land-Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence.



John and Francille Maloch Firebaugh, BSHE '55, added \$10,000 to the Lucille and Delton V. Maloch scholarship fund named in honor of her parents, which alternates between a student with a major in agriculture and human environmental sciences. Dr. Firebaugh is dean emerita of the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University. She has made plans for deferred giving to benefit the scholarship.



Quality Foods, Inc., gave \$10,000 to provide scholarships for hospitality and restaurant management majors. Philip Tappan, president and chief executive officer of Quality Foods, presented the check to Dean Greg Weidemann at the Hospitality and Restaurant Management Advisory Group meeting in Little Rock June 26. ■



HRMN Scholarship Fund – A gift of \$10,000 from Quality Foods, Inc., Little Rock, established a new scholarship fund for Hospitality and Restaurant Management students. Quality Foods President and Chief Executive Officer Philip Tappan, left, presented a check to Dean Greg Weidemann at the HRMN Advisory Board meeting in Little Rock June 26.

Campaign committee accepts 'the challenge'

The Campaign for the Twenty-First Century's original goal of \$500 million was surpassed by \$100 million in April 2002, when the \$300 million challenge gift from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation was announced.

The Campaign committee set a new goal to meet a condition of receiving the full amount of the Walton Foundation's gift. The University was asked to commit to raising an additional \$300 million for academic and support programs between Jan. 1, 2002, and the end of the Campaign.

In order to meet the conditions of the challenge gift, the Campaign Steering Committee raised the goal to \$900 million and extended it until June 30, 2005. This made the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century the largest fund-raising effort among the 12 institutions in the Southeastern Conference.

"We are extremely grateful to our alumni and friends who have contributed to the Campaign on behalf of the College and Division of Agriculture," said Dean Greg Weidemann. "As of January 2002, your gifts have become more important than ever as we work to meet the \$300 million challenge."

For development needs and giving opportunities contact Division of Agriculture Director of Development Chuck Culver or Bumpers College Director of Development Mark Power.

All gifts made between Jan. 1, 2002, and June 30, 2005, will be counted toward the Challenge, including:

- A one-time cash payment;
- Pledges with payment spanning three to five years;
- Appreciated stocks or securities;
- Real estate;
- Gifts-in-kind, including personal

property, works of art, equipment, crop shares, or other tangible items;

- Planned gifts, such as a bequest through your living will or trust designated to the University of Arkansas (if you are or will be 65 years old during the Campaign and with appropriate documentation);

- Life-income plans such as charitable remainder unitrusts, charitable remainder annuity trusts, pooled income funds, and gift annuities;

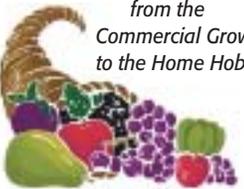
- Charitable remainder lead trusts;
- Remainder interests in residence or farm; and

- Corporate matching gifts.

To receive a copy of the University's *Guide to Giving*, a guide that explains funding opportunities and methods in greater detail, contact the Office of Development, 479-575-5507. ■

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1930s

Thomas M. Holland, BSA '38, is living in Rosamond, Calif., and, at the age of 92, is substitute teaching.

1940s

Theodore Pfrimmer, BSA '48, is living in Leland, Miss. He is 81 years old and still enjoying golf.

1950s

JoAnn Price Williams, BSHE '53, directs Child Development, Inc. in Russellville. Her husband, David M. Williams, UAMS '51, died April 9, 2001.

Patricia Hutson Galloway, BSHE '53, and husband, Bill, are happily returning to Maumelle, Ark., after 18 years in Memphis.

Dr. Charleen McClanahan Varner, MS '58, is owner and operator of her own consulting businesses, Diet-Con and Home-Con, in Topeka, Kansas. Her husband, Robert Varner, M ED '59, is still teaching.

1960s

Dr. Curtis C. Melton, MS '65 BSA '60, retired after 31 years working for extension at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. David E. Hopson, BSA '66, is acting state veterinarian for Missouri.

Dr. Lawrence R. Oliver, MS '66 BSA '64, Professor in the UA Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences, was recently recognized by *Progressive Farmer* as the 2002 Leader of the Year in Service to Arkansas Agriculture.

Leonard Schaefers, MS '68 BSA '62, and **Patricia Dodgen Schaefers**, BSHE '63, have retired from farming and are living in Conway near their two sons and grandchildren.

Tim Woody, MS '68 BSA '67, was recently honored as Arkansas Veterinarian of the Year. He had a mixed practice in Siloam Springs for 25 years. He began operating Pet

Protection Clinic in Fayetteville in 1996 where he works exclusively with small animals. He volunteers his services to the Fayetteville Animal Shelter by providing surgeries and vaccine.

1970s

Betty Cook Harrison, MS '71, recently retired after 21 years as a professor at Louisiana State University. She and husband, David, moved to Fort Worth, Texas, to be near their family.

Kyung Soo Kim, PhD '71 MS '63, professor in the Department of Plant Pathology, recently retired after 38 years with the University of Arkansas' Division of Agriculture. Dr. Kim was awarded the UA Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Research in 1989 and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science as well as of the American Phytopathological Society.

Cecelia Turton Thompson, BSHE '71, professor in the Department of Vocational

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HONORING GENEROSITY – Bumpers College Director of Development Mark Power presented a plaque to Mary Ella Earl, BSHE '75, at the Annual Homecoming Brunch held by the School of Human Environmental Sciences Oct. 26. Earl is executor of the estate for McNeal, whose bequest of \$100,000 will endow a scholarship in her name for students in human development, family sciences and rural sociology.

and Adult Education, was recently awarded the 2002 Outstanding Teacher Award in the College of Education and Health Professions.

James W. Fisher, MS '73 BSA '69, of Grover, Mo., is retiring from CoBank as vice president and senior portfolio manager. His concentration was on major market pooling Cooperatives in the Mid-South, Southwest and Southeast.

1980s

Gail A. Adams, MS '81 BSHE '76, has been elected President of the American Mental Health Counselors Association and is also the Executive Director of the Arkansas Mental Health Counselors Association. She is in private practice in Hot Springs.

Darlene Baker, MS '81 BSHE '76, was promoted to State Leader 4-H Youth Development within the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture – Cooperative Extension Service. Darlene is also an active member of the Bumpers College Alumni Society board.

Donald Hubbell III, BSA '82, was named nonclassified employee of the year at the Honors Convocation for Bumper's College on April 11.

Bruce Powers, ASLA BSA '82, has joined the firm of David Evans and Associates (DEA) as Landscape Architecture Discipline Leader for the Portland, Ore., office. DEA is a professional services consulting firm that combines the talents of architects, planners, landscape architects, engineers, scientists, surveyors and related professionals to serve the needs of society, industry and the future. Now in eight states, DEA employs more than 900 people in 23 offices.

Dr. James C. Smith, BSA '83, recently sold his veterinary practice in Greenwood and moved to Normal, Ill., to join the Kruger Animal Hospital.

Jim E. Bidlack, MS '86, was recently promoted to Professor of Biology at the University of Central Arkansas. Dr. Bidlack also received Merit Awards in Teaching and Service for the 2001-02 academic year. He was married to Amy Sherrill June 29, 2001, and March 29, 2002, their daughter, Hanna Linsley Bidlack, was born.

1990s

Stephen Ray King, MS '91 BSA '88, is an associate professor of agronomy at Texas A&M University.

Mary Alice Ramey, BSA '97, received the M.S. in Health Science from the U of A in 2000 and a master's in Public Health from Tulane School of Medicine and Public Health in Dec. 2001. Her master's thesis titled "Support Among Arkansas Legislators for Comprehensive School Health Programming" was published in the *American Journal of Health Education*. She has achieved Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) certification.

Anthony McAdoo, BSA '98, has received the Jerry F. Tardy New Professional Award from the Council of Alumni Affairs Executives. This is the first time the award has been presented. It comes with a travel stipend that permits the recipient to visit alumni affairs offices of other institutions around the country for the purpose of studying successful strategies and practices that can enhance his career. McAdoo is assistant director for chapters and communications at the University of Arkansas Alumni Association.

Boubacar M. Cisse, MS '99, is manager at the Agricultural Research Station at Sikasso, Mali (West Africa).

Chad M. Clem, BSA '99, is a food technologist for Sara Lee Foods. His wife **Reema Persad-Clem**, BSA '00, has entered a Ph.D. program in the Zoology Department

at Miami University, Ohio. The couple resides in Cincinnati.

Ross Wood, BSA '99, was promoted to Manager of Almyra Farmers Association, in Almyra, Ark. This is a growing farmer owned co-op that provides all services needed by local farmers in a 30 mile radius.

2000s

Zachary Boone, BSA '00, is working as account manager for Excel out of their Chicago office. He was recently a Chicago Marathon finisher.

Starr Hamilton Wilson, BSHE '00, is working as a dietician in Hampton, Va., and is married to Chris Wilson, MS '01, who plays trumpet in the Langley Air Force Base Band.

Jeremy Hayward, MS '01, and his wife, Julie, are residing in Overland Park, Kansas. Jeremy has a new position as warehouse manager with Tri-Star Seed Company.

New Arrivals

January 11, 2002, to **Susan Magdefrau Tabor**, BSHE '88, and Grady C. Tabor, a son, Jess Asher Tabor, in Birmingham, Ala.

April 9, 2002, to **Darrin Malone**, MS '90 BSA '88, and Kelly Malone, twins, James Caldwell Malone II and Shea Alexandra Malone.

April 16, 2002, to **Jennifer Barber Cook**, BSA '93, and **Bryan Geoffrey Cook**, BSBA '92, a son, Adam Christopher Cook.

December 1, 2001, to **Jill Estes Etheridge**, BSHE '93, and Haden Keith Etheridge, a son, Russell Haden Etheridge, in Tyler, Texas.

Golden Anniversaries

Mr. Hugh Nutt, BSA '50, and **Frances Barton Nutt**, BSHE '50, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on December 21, 2001. The couple resides in Lamar, Mo.

Mr. Jeff Ellis and **Frances M. Smith Ellis**, BSHE '51, celebrated their golden anniversary on November 11, 2001. They met as students on a field trip to the Fayetteville Wastewater Plant.

Mr. Norman Crowder, MSE '54 BSBA '48 and **Ruth Marie Simonds Crowder**, BSBE '51, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception on September 2, 2001, at the First Baptist Church in Springdale, Ark. They were married on September 2, 1951.

Mr. Jack Cavness, MS '58 BSA '57, and Julia Harrison Cavness of Bella Vista celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on October 6, 2001. They were married on October 6, 1951, at the bride's home in Bentonville. They celebrated with a cruise to the Caribbean.

Weddings

Rosemary Rugger, BSA '85, and Steven W. Shirley were married May 8, 2002. The couple resides in Fayetteville.

Renessa M. Dunlap, BSHES '96, and Lance A. Weatherton were married May 25, 2002, on the lawn of Old Main.

Cory W. Evenson, BSA '00, and Erin M. McKeown were married May 25, 2002. The couple resides in Leesburg, Texas.

Bruce Reese, BSA '00, and Jessica Wills were married March 9, 2002. The couple resides in Harrison. Bruce is employed by Arkansas Farm Bureau Insurance. He received the 2001 North Central District Rookie of the Year Award.

Shaun Shepherd, BSA '01, and Rebecca York were married February 2, 2002. The couple resides in Tahlequah, Okla.

Patrick R. Smith, BSA '01, and Leslie M. Lancaster were married July 20, 2002, at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock.

Amy A. Mosier, BID '01, and Deric G. Louton were married June 15, 2002. The couple resides in Fayetteville.

Rebekah Crockett Kent, MS '02, and Patrick Kent were married August 3, 2002. The couple resides in Columbia, Md.

Deceased

Mary Earle Larkin, BSHE '30, died September 29, 2001, in San Antonio, Texas.

O.J. Melton Jr., BSA '33, died November 29, 2001, in Jonesboro.

Marjorie L. Weir, BSHE '37, died August 31, 2001.

Bob K. McKenzie, BSA '38, died August 23, 2002.

Hazel Snider Beene, BSHE '39, died May 27, 2002, in Magnolia.

Robert W.D. Marsh, BSA '40, died September 18, 2001, in Hillsborough, Fla.

David Thibault, BSA '40, died June 27, 2001.

Hope McKamey Sloan, BSHE '41, died March 11, 2001.

Marion D. Fletcher, MS '47 BSA '40, died May 23, 2002, in Tulare, California.

Mary L. McKnight, BSHE '47, died January 30, 2002.

Neily B. Coleman, BSA '48, died April 8, 2002.

Paul W. Williams, BSA '48, died May 19, 2002, in Fayetteville.

William L. Bush, BSA '49, died September 1, 2002, in Lincoln.

Anthony Shock, BSA '50, died June 1, 2002, at UAMS Little Rock.

George E. Londagin, BSA '55, died November 24, 2001.

Can you help?

Some of the DBCAFLS graduates from 1970-72 for whom we don't have addresses are listed below. If you have a phone number or address for any of these alumni, please call Cindy Meullenet at 479-575-2134, e-mail cmeull@uark.edu, or write to DBCAFLS Alumni Society, AFLS E108, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

Lost Alumni

1970

Ms. Mary Katherine Beavers
Mrs. Judy Douglas Bell
Mr. Melvin Ray Berner
Mr. Stephen G. Boren
Mr. Patrick J. Derner
Ms. Ruth A. Duncan
Mr. John Morgan Feland
Mr. John C. Hedrick
Mr. Charles David Huff
Mr. S. M. Nazabat Islam
Dr. Austin Elwood Jay Jr.
Mr. William Jack Johnson
Ms. Vichai Khusakul
Mr. Jimmy D. Lewis
Ms. Sharon A. Mayner
Mr. Thomas Clay McElroy
Mrs. Janice Harber Melton
Mr. John E. Orr
Mr. Gary Norman Risley
Mr. Mda Siddique
Ms. Charlotte Kay Six
Mr. Harold Wayne Strickland
Mr. Sanchai Tontyaporn
Mr. Albert L. Walrod
Ms. Earnestine B. Walton
Mr. Tilford M. Watts
Ms. Donna Lynne Wolf
Ms. Heather Hartrick Wood
Dr. Calvin Eddy White
Mr. Timothy M. Pack
Mr. Jimmy D. Wallis
Mrs. Marsha M. Cunningham
Dr. Kenneth Ray Pittaway
Mr. Arlus W. Trice
Ms. Donna Jennings Tilley
Mr. William K. Patterson
Dr. Billy R. Lewis

1971

Ms. Barbara A. Beck
Ms. Fay G. Bickford

Mr. David Bruce Bostain
Ms. Martha J. Collins
Mrs. Rebecca L. Guthrey
Mrs. Charolette Lea Dodson Hill
Mr. Warec Hongsaprug
Ms. Alice Faye Hunter
Mrs. Murla Jeanne Ishmael
Ms. Margaret J. Laprade Jackson
Mrs. Beverly Sanders Johnson
Ms. Beverly Ann Kliner
Ms. Patricia E. McGrew
Ms. Cecilia Ann Nailling
Mr. Sidney L. Pittman
Dr. Stanley S. Portch
Mr. Harold A. Rambo
Mrs. Janice Ederington Robertson
Ms. Judy Burton Shannon
Ms. Marsha Shorts Thompson
Mr. J. Vincente Valdez
Ms. Peggy Lee Vaughan
Mr. Chamniern Vongsawatdi
Ms. Betty G. Walden
Mr. Bruce F. Ward
Ms. Cynthia M. Mahan
Mr. Gary Lee Wells
Mr. Jim Don Boyd
Mrs. Beverly Harris Burch Jackson
Mr. Fredric Roth Lehle
Mr. Johnny L. Davidson
Mr. Robert Wayne Garrett
Ms. M. Jo Lynn Tate Jennings
Mr. Jerry W. White
Mr. Tony B. Hoyt
Mrs. Belinda Yen Watson
Mrs. Jo Anne S. Martin
Dr. Ford L. Baldwin
Mrs. Mary G. Bell
Mr. Leon Marvin Ferguson

1972

Ms. Melanie K. Biven
Mr. Jerry R. Clark
Mr. Marvin D. Crabb
Ms. Sandra K. Curry
Ms. D'Ann Downey Elliot
Mrs. Sherry Gaye Arnold Harder
Ms. Carolyn C. Hedgecock
Ms. Barbara F. Himes
Ms. Donna C. Huffman
Mr. Samuel P. Johnson
Mr. Robert Bruce Johnston
Ms. Patricia K. Kirkpatrick
Mr. Larry R. Knesek
Ms. Susan M. Latta
Mr. Timothy C. Lawrence
Ms. Judith Lee
Mr. Ernest M. McElroy
Mrs. Sharon A. Mitcham
Mr. Randy S. Sanderlin
Mr. Henry D. Schaal
Ms. Jana M. Shores
Mr. James D. Sides
Mr. Larry J. Smith
Ms. Barbara A. Starwalt
Mr. Richard Tallman, Jr.
Ms. Mary G. Walker
Ms. Trudy R. Watson
Mr. James D. Thomas
Mr. Samuel Wesley Word
Mr. Billy C. Ross
Mr. George C. Loucks
Mrs. Pat McLaughlin Lowe
Mrs. Emily Lynette Gulley Taylor
Mrs. Nancy Jolene Marshall Highfill
Mr. James Charles Everett Nickerson
Mr. Dale Lloyd Swindle

Chester A. Baugus, BSA '58, died June 11, 2002.

Dale Price, BSA '61, died December 5, 2001.

Doraine Paysinger, MS '63 BSA '49, died June 29, 2002.

Larsh E. Johnson, BSA '64, died April 14, 2001.

Marvin L. Cole, BSA '66, died July 23, 2001, in Yellville.

Lyndall L. Grigg, BSA '67, died September 17, 2002, in Fayetteville.

Cathy Sue Jennings, MS '80, died June 30, 2002, in Mountain Home.

Tommy L. Turner, BSA '83, died September 13, 2001. ■



Meullenet named Alumni Society Director

Dean Greg Weidemann announced the appointment of Cindy Meullenet as DBCAFLS Alumni Society Director, effective July 1.

Cindy Meullenet
DBCAFLS Alumni
Society Director

The half-time position is provided by Bumpers College to coordinate with the Alumni Society board of directors and the Arkansas Alumni Association.

Meullenet was formerly student and alumni relations specialist in the Food Science Department, where her husband, Jean-François Meullenet, is an associate professor.

A native of Mesa, Ariz., Meullenet has a B.S. degree in nutrition from Arizona State University and an M.S. degree in food science from the University of Georgia. She joined the UA Food Science Department staff in 1997.

Former director Melissa Lester accepted a position as regional marketing representative with Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.



Jerry N. Cash

CSES honors outstanding grad

Jerry N. Cash, Ph.D. '75, received the 2002 award as Outstanding Graduate of the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences.

Dr. Cash is professor of food science and project leader for all food science extension specialists at Michigan State University with responsibility for post-harvest handling and processing.

A Lonoke native, he also has B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Central Arkansas. He and Stella Hall Cash, who retired recently as director of the MSU dietetics program, have two children and five grandchildren.

Chancellor hosts recruiting jamborees

Student Relations Coordinator Ashley Harris and College Ambassadors staffed a Bumpers College information booth at a recruitment jamboree Oct. 24 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Little Rock.

Chancellor John A. White visited with 250 prospective students and their families during the event, which included information on all areas of study at the University.

Future jamborees are planned for the spring.



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