What’s your major?
Association was 2,242 in August. This represents 26 percent of all alumni for whom we have addresses. Our goal of 30 percent membership is easily within reach and would make us the envy of most alumni societies!

Becoming a dues-paying member of the Arkansas Alumni Association is a great way to become a part of Arkansas’ future. The Arkansas Alumni Association supports student scholarships and a broad range of programs and events to enhance the University and its position in the academic community. As a member, you’ll receive benefits that will keep you connected with your University and former classmates. You’ll also gain satisfaction from lending your support and experience to worthwhile academic, student and alumni activities.

For those graduating within the last five years, or graduating 40 years ago or more, dues are only $20. Annual dues for all others are $35 and $45 (couples). Alumni, friends, parents and former students are eligible.

Membership in the DBCAFLS society is automatic when you join the Arkansas Alumni Association and are a graduate of our college. This free membership in the DBCAFLS society provides many benefits, including the Arkansas Land and Life magazine published by the U of A Division of Agriculture and the Vision newsletter about faculty and students of Bumpers College and the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Membership matters — join today! ■
From the Dean

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

Students come first

One of the great pleasures of my job is meeting students and seeing their enthusiasm as they tackle projects and take advantage of the learning opportunities our faculty and staff provide in Bumpers College.

Many students returned to classes this fall after summer internships that gave them a sample of the job opportunities available to them after graduation. Internships from some of our 14 majors are featured in an article in this issue (see page 12).

We arrange international study and work experiences for students that are tailored to their interests and academic programs. One of our development objectives is to build an endowment for scholarships to help with travel costs so that more students can participate in Global Study opportunities.

Some 70 students are enrolled in our Honors Program this fall and are engaged in research and creative projects and other learning experiences beyond the normal coursework. The fourth annual issue of Discovery, our student journal, was published this fall. This issue includes 15 articles by students who worked with a faculty mentor to complete a research or creative project.

Our College Ambassadors are a dedicated group who work side-by-side with faculty and administrators on College events that involve students, faculty, alumni and others. We depend on our Ambassadors not only for their hard work but also as examples of our outstanding students who will soon become outstanding alumni of Bumpers College.

A common element in all of the above is that they involve dedicated faculty and staff members who devote many hours over and above their normal duties to working with students to enrich their student experience.

The really great part is that I know these kinds of activities are just the most visible examples of the learning enrichment that happens every day inside and outside of our classrooms. Bumpers College students don’t have to be in a special program to receive special attention from our faculty and staff. We have a proud tradition of providing a caring, home-away-from-home, family-like atmosphere in Bumpers College and in each of our 14 majors.

Speaking of majors, we have resolved to speak of them more often and more pointedly in recruiting efforts. Each of our 14 diverse majors provides our graduates with first-rate, door-opening credentials for entry into the career of their choice.

For the record, our majors are: Turf and Landscape Management; Poultry Science (with pre-vet option); Interior Design; Human Environmental Sciences; Human Development, Family Sciences and Rural Sociology; Horticulture; Food Science; Food, Human Nutrition and Hospitality; Environmental, Soil, and Water Science; Crop Management; Apparel Studies; Animal Science (with pre-vet option); Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology; and Agricultural Business.

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Dear Alumni

A recent e-mail message from Dean Weidemann provided an exciting update on enrollment numbers for the Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences for the fall semester. Undergraduate and graduate enrollment in the college are each up more than 10 percent, leading all other colleges on campus! There are now nearly 1,100 undergraduates and more than 335 graduate students. As I read this, I couldn’t help but wonder about the reasons for this success.

I would like to believe that the DBCAFLS Alumni Society has been the major contributor to this growth, since one of our stated goals is to assist with new student recruitment. However, in reality, I recognize that this growth cannot be attributed to any single reason, individual or group. Rather, it is likely the result of a number of reasons, each one contributing to the success. Regardless of why, it is exciting to be a part of something that is obviously working and showing positive results.

It has been my pleasure over the past three years to play an active role in the DBCAFLS Alumni Society — serving the past two years as president. During that time, I have seen so many others volunteer their time and energies in support of the College and the University. The excitement and enthusiasm of these individuals mirrors that I have observed from the College faculty and staff as they perform their jobs. Given this spirit, it is no wonder that new students looking for a college home want to make DBCAFLS their college of choice.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to share in this excitement as well. You only have to contact Cindy Meullenet at 479-575-2134 or cmeull@uark.edu and let her know your interest. I can say with certainty that she would welcome your contact.

In October, the Alumni Society will officially elect a new president. Darrin Malone, the current vice president, has agreed to serve in that role. Since graduating, Darrin has given many, many hours of his time back to the College, while helping to raise untold thousands of dollars for scholarships. With that kind of commitment, there is no doubt that Darrin will make an outstanding president.

Charlene Reed has agreed to serve as vice president and she, too, has an extremely strong commitment to the future of the College and the University. Under the leadership of these two, the Alumni Society is positioned for a very successful future. I thank those who served on the board during my time as president. They are the ones who have done all the work that has resulted in building a successful program.

As I close this final “Dear Alumni” letter, I can’t help but reflect on the recent death of Dr. Charles Scifries, former dean of the College, whose vision helped define and establish the DBCAFLS Alumni Society. He recognized the contribution alumni can make in support of the College and the need to establish some mechanism to foster their involvement. Since the establishment of the DBCAFLS Alumni Society, a number of other colleges on campus have followed suit. We should all remember his vision and leadership.

Ewell Welch

Rom named ASHS Outstanding Educator

Horticulture Professor Curt Rom received the American Society for Horticultural Science Outstanding Educator career award at the ASHS annual meeting Oct. 3-6 in Providence, R.I.

It is the first time a UA faculty member has received the award, which is based on contributions to horticultural education and teaching for at least 15 years.

Dr. Rom joined the faculty in 1989 in the position formerly held by his father, Professor Emeritus Roy Rom. He has a B.S. degree from the U of A and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University.
Ginger L. Graham, BSA ‘79, was named president and chief executive officer of Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc., effective Sept. 1.

Ginger Lu Howard, the daughter of Roy and Earlene Howard of Springdale, was an Agricultural Economics major at the U of A. She received an MBA degree from Harvard University in 1986.

“My time at the University of Arkansas provided me with a great education and important support as I was formulating my thoughts about my career potential,” Graham said. “My faculty advisor made a meaningful contribution to my critical thinking and choices about my career including a change in my major. And the support from (Assistant) Dean Nolan Arthur, coupled with the school’s relationships with successful companies as recruiters, opened doors for me to great first job opportunities.”

Amylin Pharmaceuticals, based in San Diego, develops medicines to improve the lives of people with diabetes and other metabolic diseases.

“Amylin has two first-in-class compounds in late stage development for people living with diabetes,” said Graham. “I am very excited about our opportunities to develop valuable human medicines that may make a meaningful difference in the lives of millions of people.”

Joseph C. Cook Jr., chairman of the board of directors, said, “We believe bringing Ginger to lead our executive team is a critical part of Amylin’s future. Ginger is recognized as a strong leader with particular expertise in building and managing commercial operations.”

Graham is the former group chairman, office of the president, for Guidant Corporation in Indianapolis. In that role she oversaw all marketing and sales operations in Guidant’s four geographic regions — the United States; Europe, the Middle East and Africa; Japan and Asia Pacific; and emerging markets.

From 1993 to 1999, Graham was president and CEO of Advanced Cardiovascular Systems and, with the creation of Guidant in 1994, became president of the Vascular Intervention business group. She led Guidant’s Women’s Health Initiative, which is focused on promoting awareness of heart disease as the number one killer of women, and speaks frequently on this topic.

Graham started her career with Eli Lilly and Company and served in a number of management positions. Her diverse career path gave her the opportunity to work in a variety of industries including agriculture, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, investment banking and medical technology.

Graham serves on the board of directors for Amylin Pharmaceuticals and Millennium Pharmaceuticals. She also serves on the advisory board for the Kellogg Center for Executive Women and the Harvard Business School Health Industry Alumni Advisory Board and is a member of the Committee of 200. Graham frequently speaks at business schools and has written for Harvard Business Review.

Amylin Pharmaceuticals CEO is Bumpers alumna

AgHeritage classroom dedicated

AgHeritage Farm Credit Services directors helped dedicate a classroom named for the cooperative Aug. 7 in the Agriculture Building. The renovation was made possible by a gift from AgHeritage. The room is one of 11 technology classrooms, teaching auditoriums and teaching laboratories in Bumpers College.

Technology rooms include a dedicated computer for the teacher and a black-board sized, wall-mounted computer screen, among other new electronic teaching aids. The Hyper-Interactive Teaching Technology system lets students use a hand-held remote to answer multiple-choice questions.

Two rooms are equipped for wireless internet connections from laptop computers.

DEDICATION — Unveiling the AgHeritage classroom plaque are, from left, AgHeritage FCS Board Chairman Robert Venable of Grady, President and CEO Charlie Conklin and Associate Dean Donna Graham.
Bumpers College alumna Terri Arthur-Lane, BSA ’97, is passionate about fashion — she majored in Apparel Studies for three years — and the environment — she majored in Environmental, Soil, and Water Science for another three years.

That combination eventually led her to open a unique clothing boutique on Block Street, off the Fayetteville square, named ecochic. “It’s pronounced eco-sheik, not eco-chick, though I seem to have acquired that as a nickname,” she says.

Arthur-Lane’s store challenges women, mostly, although she has some men’s designer jeans and shirts, to be part of the solution and look good doing it.

Arthur-Lane’s career journey began as an Apparel Studies major in what is now the School of Human Environmental Sciences. After her junior year, she took a year-and-a-half off from school, during which she owned three yogurt stores in Houston. She sold the stores and returned to the U of A for another three years to earn a degree in Environmental, Soil, and Water Science.

After graduating, she moved to Reidsville, N.C., to work at a 4-H environmental education center and soon became program director. In 2000 she returned to Northwest Arkansas as program director for the Ozark Natural Science Center at Huntsville.

Arthur-Lane says the ecochic concept took shape in the winter of 2001. She spent a few months conducting research and developing a business plan and opened the store at 25 North Block Street in March 2002. She and Alan Lane were married that year. He is a 2003 Law School graduate, now with Odom & Elliott, also on the Fayetteville square.

Business has grown slowly but steadily, Arthur-Lane said. “People were intrigued by the idea but were a little unsure. They seemed to be stuck on the stereotype of something like ‘hippie clothes’ or ‘granola clothes.’”

“We are really fashion forward, but we focus on clothes made from earth-friendly fabrics that are organically grown or recycled vintage fabrics or other recycled material. But we aren’t purists,” Arthur-Lane adds. “Other ‘regular’ lines fill in the gaps to provide customers with complete and current outfits.”

Arthur-Lane describes the ecochic style as “unique, funky and fashion forward, and a little bit eclectic; our designers use some very unusual materials.”

The clothes come from small-scale designers plus the ecochic originals store label. A few examples:


ecochic originals include pillows made from vintage scarves and filled with fabric from recycled plastic; organic cotton tote bags and tee’s; Razorback tube tops restructured from tee’s; and cargo skirts restructured from camo pants, among other designs.

Apparel Studies student Betsy Shollmier developed a database of potential buyers for ecochic originals as a 2003 summer intern and works part time in the store. Another student, Sarah Boyce Lambert, works part time and helps with design ideas and sewing for the label.

“We are doing okay,” Arthur-Lane says about her business, “not where we want to be, yet, but it is paying its bills. We get more and more customers whose friends have recommended us.”

Arthur-Lane’s dad, Agricultural and Extension Education Professor Nolan Arthur, sends a few customers her way. The Web address is www.ecochicinc.com.

NO DUMMY — Terri Arthur-Lane, modeling ecochic apparel, strikes a pose in the store window (top of page). Student worker Sarah Boyce Lambert sews an ecochic originals garment (above). Some of the store’s “unique, funky and fashion forward” goods are displayed (left).
The Apparel Studies major in the School of Human Environmental Sciences, which has grown by leaps and bounds the last four years, grew by eight students this fall compared to last fall for a total enrollment of 141, the most of any of the 14 Bumpers College majors.

The major was cited by Women's Wear Daily last spring as one of several reasons for ranking the University of Arkansas No. 6 in its top 10 list of “America’s Most Fashionable Colleges.” The proximity of Wal-Mart and its vendors to the campus and strong marketing courses in the Walton College of Business, which are part of the Apparel Studies curriculum, all figured in the ranking.

WWD writer Evan Clark said, “UA students may not possess the fashion acumen of their counterparts at urban schools, but its a safe bet that the fresh minds roaming the campus now will shake Seventh Avenue by pulling the strings of mass fashion at Wal-Mart.”

The Apparel Studies faculty includes Instructors Kathy Smith and Valerie Cooper, Assistant Professor Laurie Apple and HESC Director Mary Warnock.

A group of students tours a fashion capital each summer. This summer’s trip was to London and Paris. The 2004 study tour is being planned for New York City.

Students work as interns with retailers, designers and apparel production firms nationwide and have access to international experiences through the Bumpers College Global Studies Program.

Lab courses this year include use of industry-standard computer assisted design (CAD) systems and related software, all of which was donated. The gift from Paris-based Lectra, Inc., was valued at $3.75 million, and a gift from Gerber Technology was valued at $397,000.

New industrial stitching machines were donated by industrial thread maker American Ifrid.

“We ground students in both marketing and production, while most other schools focus on one or the other,” Smith says.

“Graduates will begin their careers in one of those two areas, but a grounding in both will help them advance in the industry.

“Major retailers have intensified efforts in product development for their private labels. Thanks to our strong industry support, we can now train students in the latest product development and retail design methods and technology.”

Bumpers College and the School of Human Environmental Sciences grew by 141 students, an increase of 10.9 percent for fall semester compared to the previous fall for a total of 1,436 students. Undergraduate enrollment is up from 974 last fall to a total of 1,081, which is the most since 1984.

The Bumpers College undergraduate increase was the highest percentage of any college at the U of A. Graduate student enrollment was up 11.3 percent, second only to the Law School, which posted a 12 percent gain.

Campus enrollment increased by 2.6 percent to a record level of 16,449 undergraduate and graduate students.

Majors with the largest enrollment increases were Biological Engineering; Foods, Human Nutrition and Hospitality; Animal Science; Food Science and Apparel Studies.

Biological Engineering enrollment is counted in both Bumpers College and the College of Engineering. The major added 27 students for a total of 95 this fall.

Foods, Human Nutrition and Hospitality added 22 students for a total of 91. The largest increase was in the Hospitality and Restaurant Management option, due to interest in the linkage of the HRMN program with the new Inn at Carnall Hall.

Animal Science added 19 students for a total of 127, with strong interest in the pre-veterinary medicine option and the equine program.

Food Science majors increased by nine for a total of 37.

All but one major in the School of Human Environmental Sciences increased. Apparel Studies added eight students and now has the most of any major with 141, edging out Interior Design, which has six fewer than last fall for a total of 139. Human Development, Family Studies and Rural Sociology added five students for a total of 51.

The Crop Management major added six students for a total of 28.
The University of Arkansas chapter of Sigma Alpha gave Julie Speight, BSA ’98, a forum for meeting other women seeking careers in agriculture.

“For me, it was a way to make close friendships with people who shared common interests,” she said.

Sigma Alpha is a professional sorority helping to further the development of women seeking careers in agriculture, said Jessica Blodgett, president of the Iota Chapter at the University of Arkansas.

Women who wanted an alternative to the social Greek sorority system founded Sigma Alpha in 1978 at The Ohio State University. Now, on its 25th anniversary, the national sorority has more than 60 chapters that promote scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship among its undergraduate and alumnae members.

The Iota Chapter was founded at the U of A in 1990, Blodgett said. It has 35 members, mostly from Bumpers College. Up to 5 percent of the members may be from majors outside agriculture.

Speight said a growing population of women entering agricultural fields accounts for the sorority’s growth since 1978. “It’s an organization that gives women in agriculture fellowship with other women bound by a common interest.”

Speight is an agricultural agent in the Washington County office of the Cooperative Extension Service. She is secretary of the Sigma Alpha Alumni Association’s Arkansas chapter and served three years on the sorority’s national board of directors.

“We hold some of the same activities that the other sororities do,” Blodgett said. “We have rush and a spring formal that also serves as our awards banquet. But our emphasis is on professional development and networking with women in agricultural professions.”

Professional speakers come to monthly meetings to talk about their occupations in agriculture and offer advice on how to prepare for careers.

“We maintain contact with professionals who serve as mentors and sources of career information,” Blodgett said. “Many of these professionals are Sigma Alpha alumnae who remain active in our alumni association.”

The sorority also conducts a number of charitable and volunteer activities each year. The members host an annual Halloween carnival for women and children from the battered women’s shelter in Fayetteville. “We have games, candy and a lot of fun,” Blodgett said.

The annual “Brownie Roundup” features animals, foods and agricultural exhibits and presentations for first- through third-grade girls in the youngest divisions of the Girl Scouts. “The purpose is to have fun, but also to begin to introduce the girls to women’s roles in agriculture,” Blodgett said. “We want them to understand that it’s reasonable and acceptable for girls to want careers in agriculture. We try to serve as role models for them.”

Annual “Dad’s Day” and “Mom’s Day” are occasions for volunteer work. Last year, Sigma Alpha members worked with Habitat for Humanity with their dads and with Race for the Cure with their moms.

Four times a year the sorority cleans up a mile of highway they adopted west of Fayetteville. They sponsor the annual “Kiss a Pig” event during Dogs with the Dean and hold a bowling tournament called the Ag Bowl.

Mostly, the sorority builds lasting relationships.

Speight tells a story about a Sigma Alpha member who recently took a job in New York after graduating from a college in California. “She sent out an e-mail and had a place to stay with Sigma Alpha sisters at every stop as she crossed the country.

“Things like that make a huge impact on people’s lives,” Speight said.
using part of the $300 million gift from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation, the University of Arkansas will help fund 50 new endowed faculty positions.

Half of the endowment for each position is provided from the Walton fund, and the other half must be raised by the College. The position will be named for a donor who provides the matching half of the endowment.

The positions to be filled in Bumpers College are as follows.

Endowed Graduate Research Faculty Chairs

Typically funded with a principal of $3 million, these will be used to recruit new faculty who have been elected to the National Academies of Science or Engineering or equivalent organizations worldwide. These faculty members will focus exclusively on developing or enhancing research programs in their areas of expertise and will work with graduate students and honors college undergraduates in these endeavors. These new endowed graduate faculty chairs may be endowed for a gift of $1.5 million from a benefactor and a $1.5 million match from Walton funds.

• A rice genomics research faculty chair will be held in 14 departments of Bumpers and Fulbright colleges. This endowment will support research to help Arkansas remain preeminent in rice production.

Endowed Chairs

Typically funded with a principal of $1.5 million, these will be used to recruit new scholar-teachers or recognize existing gifted faculty who will be actively involved with both the Honors College and the Graduate School as well as their “home” school or college appropriate to their discipline. The five new endowed chairs in Bumpers College may be endowed for a gift of $750,000 from a benefactor and a $750,000 match from Walton funds.

• A food safety chair would work primarily in departments of food science and poultry science.

• A hospitality studies chair in human environmental sciences would work to strengthen the tourism sector of the state’s economy.

• A sustainable poultry health chair would work on prevention and treatment of poultry diseases and food borne illnesses.

• A biosensing engineering chair in the department of biological and agricultural engineering would focus on use of electronic sensing technology in food production and processing.

• A rice and soybean marketing policy chair would be housed in the department of agricultural economics and agribusiness.

Endowed Professorships

Typically funded with a principal of $500,000, these, too, will be used to recruit professors who will also be actively involved with both the Honors College and the Graduate School as well as their “home” school or college appropriate to their discipline. Professorships may be awarded for a gift of $250,000 from a benefactor and a $250,000 match from Walton funds.

• The Novus International Professorship in Poultry Science was announced in June. Story on Page 16.

• A food sensory science professorship in the departments of animal science, food science and poultry science would support development of value-added agricultural products.

• A crop physiology and crop systems management professorship would focus on sustainability of major Arkansas crops in the departments of agricultural economics and agribusiness; crop, soil, and environmental sciences; and horticulture.

• An avian immunology professorship would provide fundamental information on disease prevention in poultry and other species.

HESC recognizes scholarship donors

The School of Human Environmental Sciences recognized contributors to scholarships for Hospitality and Restaurant Management students at a Homecoming Brunch Oct. 11 at the Inn at Carnall Hall.

HESC Director Mary Warnock presented HESC medallions to Philip Tappan, retired president and CEO of Quality Foods of Little Rock, Frances Barton Nutt, BSHE ’50, and Janet Noble, associate professor of foods, human nutrition and hospitality, who started the HRMN program in 1992. Tappan was president and CEO of Quality Foods when the company began an annual scholarship for HRMN students. Nutt of Lamar, Mo., headed a fund drive that resulted in some 90 alumnai of Carnall Hall giving $30,000 to endow the Ella Carnall Scholarship for HRMN students.

Related photos are on pages 11 and 17.

The list of donors to the Ella Carnall Scholarship endowment and photos of Carnall Hall and the Inn at Carnall Hall are posted online at www.uark.edu/depts/agripub/Publications/Graduate/.

Philip Tappan, Dr. Janet Noble and Frances Barton Nutt.
Prospective students consider many factors in choosing a university and a home college, but sooner or later — it’s all about the major. With 14 majors, a challenge for Bumpers College and the School of Human Environmental Sciences is to inform prospective students about the diverse choices we offer, including those not normally associated with agriculture or gender-related fields in human sciences.

Here are a few major reasons, including our majors, for prospective students to choose Bumpers College.

■ Atmosphere and Location: Outside magazine named Fayetteville one the nation’s 40 best college towns, but it is a long way from most hometowns. Bumpers College and the School of Human Environmental Sciences provide a family-like atmosphere with a close-knit student body. Students tell us they soon feel like Bumpers College is their home-away-from-home. Our faculty take a personal interest in helping each student succeed. We provide a small-college atmosphere with all the advantages of the big U of A campus.

■ Academic Quality: Bumpers College faculty are leaders in their fields and are dedicated teachers and advisors. Faculty members, not teaching assistants, teach the courses. Graduates are well prepared to begin a career or enter graduate school or a professional school in veterinary medicine, law, business and other fields.

■ Personalized attention: Faculty members in the College are the student’s academic advisors. We do not use a centralized advising center or professional advisors. Faculty members also serve as student club advisors and mentor students in their research projects. Many faculty members spend extra time with students who are open to learning experiences beyond the normal course work.

■ Value: A degree in a Bumpers College major from the U of A is highly respected and opens doors in your chosen career field. Bumpers College provides many scholarships in addition to the scholarships and other aid provided by the U of A. Seventeen minors, an honors program, internships and other enhancements of the degree program are available.

■ Majors: Our 14 majors are for people who are interested in careers with plants or animals; fashion, food or families; agriculture or the environment; golf courses or landscapes; business, education, communications; science or public service. Majors and concentrations within the majors are:

- Animal Science (with Pre-Vet option).
- Apparel Studies.
- Crop Management (with Pest Management concentration).
- Environmental, Soil, and Water Science.
- Food Science: Science. Food Technology.
- General Human Environmental Sciences.
- Interior Design.
- Poultry Science (with Pre-Vet option).
- Turf and Landscape Management: Turf Management. Landscape Horticulture.
Alumni attended a pre-game Homecoming party Oct. 11 sponsored by Bumpers College on the AFLS Building patio overlooking Razorback Stadium. During a Homecoming brunch, the School of Human Environmental Sciences honored groups and individuals who contributed to the development of the Inn at Carnall Hall.

Members of the Carnall Inn Development Co., LLC, are, first row from left: Leslie Belden, Ted Belden, Joyce Lambeth and Lorene Husmann, who received the medal on behalf of her late son, architect James Lambeth. Second row: Rob Merry-Ship, Rick Alexander and chef Miles James, with wife Courtney James.

Dick Williams, managing director of HVS International of Boulder, Colo., did the feasibility study for the Carnall Hall project. Paula Marinoni represented a community group in Fayetteville that supported restoration of Carnall Hall.

UA administrators who provided leadership for the Carnall Hall project are, from left, David Martinson, associate vice chancellor for business; Donald O. Pedersen, vice chancellor for finance and administration; James Ezell, director of construction procurement and contracting; and Rick Hamilton, construction coordinator (represented here by his children Marin, Kendra and Brandon).

Cindy Meullenet (left) Bumpers College Alumni director; and Patty Siebenmorgen, assistant vice president, finance and administration, Division of Agriculture; with Harold Dickerson and Ed Milton of Ozark.

Go Hogs!

Among the Alumni Society directors at the Oct. 11 Homecoming Party at the AFLS Building were, from left, Susan Gilbert Kemp, Mountain View; Cindy Meullenet, society director; Betty Bradford, Fayetteville; Glencye Feeney, Little Rock; Lionel Barton, Fayetteville; Dean Greg Weidemann; and Brian Helms, Little Rock.

Susan Gilbert Kemp (left) and Judge John Dan Kemp of Mt. View, Roy and Louise Seitz Runyan of Swifton, and Associate Dean Donna Graham.

Sandy (left) and Gerald (second from right) Wilson of Germantown, Tenn; Alice Talbert and Doris Barrentine, both of Fayetteville, and Bruce Coleman of Mountainburg.
Bumpers College students scatter to all compass points annually to serve internships in an ample assortment of professions at home and abroad. A sampling of internships from various Bumpers College majors is provided.

**Kelly Scott**, a senior Agricultural Communications major from Smackover, got an inside look at Washington, D.C., politics as an agriculture and trade intern for Sen. Blanche Lincoln.

“Did a lot of research on issues for the Senator,” Scott said. “Gathered information on everything from boll weevil eradication to child nutrition, even trade with Cuba and Mexico.”

Her research included reading reports by various organizations to get a feel for both sides of issues. She also used the Congressional Research Service, which is online access to the Library of Congress available only to legislative offices, and attended a lot of Senate committee hearings and meetings.

“I also handled correspondence with constituents, shadowed the press secretary and led tours of the Capitol for visiting Arkansans,” Scott said.

**Chris Allen**, a senior Agricultural Business major from DeWitt, also served an internship with Sen. Blanche Lincoln’s office in Washington, D.C.

He said he basically did whatever the staff asked him to do, but his primary assignments dealt with agricultural issues, especially the World Trade Organization and conservation. That involved researching the issues, attending committee meetings and writing letters to constituents. He also gave tours of the Capitol for visiting Arkansans.

Allen said, “The internship allowed me to work in a professional setting and see how the things I learned in class work in the real world.”

**Jessica Johnson**, a senior Animal Science/Pre-Veterinary Medicine major from Southlake, Texas, had as much of an impact on management at Hartz Mountain Corp. as her internship there had on her.

“I just wanted to … reaffirm in your minds what a treasure Jessica is and how proud the University of Arkansas family should be of her,” wrote Albert H. Ahn, corporate vice president and chief scientific officer of the Hartz Mountain Corp. “We were touched by her presence, her professionalism, her drive, her enthusiasm, her intelligence and her ‘can-do’ spirit.”

Johnson served a five-week rotational internship in the biological sciences department, nutrition lab, chemical products and analytical chemistry. “I mostly did lab work,” she said. “The company is working to develop an improved flea and tick medicine, and I worked with that group.”

**Katherine McCaslin**, a senior Apparel Studies major from Dallas, served an internship in Gucci’s flagship store and headquarters in New York.

McCaslin said, “I worked in the accessories department, where I attended weekly meetings, worked with a visual merchandiser on window displays and created computer graphics for logos and advertising.”

She worked on consignment orders, helped move an assortment of merchandise from different stores to stock a new store and learned the company’s computer programs that track customers and their buying habits and locate inventory. She also worked with the celebrity discount book, logging in celebrity customers and what they bought.

“While I was there, John Mellencamp, Bette Midler, Ashton Kutcher, Ashanti and many others came in,” she said.

“The internship showed me there are so many jobs in the industry I didn’t even know or think about,” McCaslin said.

**Tyler Gipson** of Broken Arrow, Okla., took a semester off from working on his Biological Engineering degree to serve an internship with MRV Technologies of Georgetown, Texas, an environmental engineering consultant firm.

MRV designs and builds waste-water treatment plants for corporate clients.

“It was a very small company, so I got to do a lot of different kinds of work,” he said. “I did everything from run electrical wiring to maintenance of the company’s systems installed at clients’ locations.

“My biggest project was to design and install a pilot plant for a large batch reactor that treated wastewater for a 60,000-cattle feedlot in the Oklahoma panhandle,” Gipson said. The pilot-scale project was to test the feasibility of such a system on full scale.

“I ran tests to see how much phosphorus and nitrogen was removed from the animal waste,” he said.
Wendy Wood of Prairie Grove served a clinical internship with Hurley Medical Center of Flint, Mich., after graduating with a degree in Dietetics last December.

Wood said she worked rotations at the medical center in Flint for oncology, critical care, diabetes and renal and other departments. Some of her rotations were served in Arkansas, for the USDA’s Women, Infants and Children program (WIC), the Fayetteville School System and the Veterans Administration Hospital.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better internship,” she said. “I worked directly with patients and was responsible for making sure their nutritional needs were met in relation to their medical conditions. Each case was different.

“That’s why I like dietetics, because it’s never the same,” Wood said. “You have to keep educating yourself, because nutrition is a new science, and we’re learning something new all the time.”

Brad Cheatham of Canehill said his Food Science and Technology studies served him well last summer as a quality assurance intern at Tyson Foods’ Berryville complex.

“The Berryville plant goes from live chicken to finished product,” Cheatham said. “I worked in all aspects of quality assurance in the further processing unit.”

For production, he monitored control points for cooking temperature and made sure the marinating maintained proper consistency and quality. He worked in packaging to be sure packages were properly sealed and contained products at the proper weight.

He also worked in the food microbiology laboratory. “We were responsible for a variety of food safety and quality issues,” he said.

Kristen Harper, a senior from Gentry majoring in both Horticulture and Agricultural Education, served a 10-week internship at the Royal Botanical Garden in Edinburgh.

Harper worked in many areas of the botanical garden, including its nursery, in which plants are propagated for the garden, and its three branches. She also worked in the garden’s education programs with children and teens.

“Pretty much every student in Scotland comes to the garden to supplement his or her class work and labs,” she said. “The experience helped me to see how I could combine my two majors.”

Harper said, “The garden has seven percent of the world’s known plant populations, and that gave me the chance to see plants I wouldn’t be able to see had I not gone there.”

Jennifer Drake, a senior from Fayetteville majoring in Human Development, Family Sciences and Rural Sociology with a minor in Spanish, was a summer intern with Washington County Juvenile Court Judge Stacey Zimmerman.

“I worked in the Families in Need of Services division, helping with the review of cases to determine if we could divert them from the court by getting them the social services they needed,” Drake said. “I also was a Spanish interpreter in court cases and intake interviews.

Drake learned many parents aren’t up to the task and that the area is lacking in services to help troubled adolescents and adults with substance abuse and mental health problems.

Interior Design student Caron Cooper of Brinkley served an internship in the department of church architecture at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, Tenn.

“I was involved in drafting, client interviews and making presentations,” she said. “I learned a lot from the architects. They would explain what they were doing on a project and show me why a design was suited for a client.”

Cooper was given several projects of her own to produce.

“I worked on master site plans for churches, did drafting of floor plans for church buildings and made material selections for finishes of facilities,” Cooper said. “I participated in client meetings and consultations, and it was interesting to see how they handled clients’ business and helped them work within their budgets.”

Poultry Science student Scott Jordan of Huntsville has been serving an ongoing internship with Tyson Foods’ Randall Road Cornish Plant in Springdale.

“I’ve learned all the jobs on the production line and the supervisors have trained me to do their jobs,” Jordan said. “I can do every job in the plant, and I know the roles and expectations of the supervisors.”

He said the internship is very flexible, permitting hours that work around his class schedule, and provides an annual scholarship to help defray his school expenses.

Jordan’s main responsibility is to monitor yield, a measure of product by weight. It related directly to a special problems class in which he researched ways to reduce yield loss, the amount of meat product damaged or lost during production. “It was exactly what I look for at work,” he said.

Chris Gast, a senior Turfgrass Management student from Little Rock, has worked for eight different golf courses in the South, so when planning an internship for last summer, he went looking to the North.

“I wanted experience on a golf course in the North, with different climate, a different area and different grasses,” he said.

He spent the summer at Crystal Downs Country Club in Frankfurt, Michigan, an exclusive club known as one of the top golf courses in the world. He did a lot of maintenance work on the course grasses, but his main task was to rebuild a green.

“Out in the field, I was applying what I learned in turfgrass courses,” he said. “I already knew how to calibrate rates for sprays and seeding applications for rebuilding the green. I was putting the science from school to work on the course.”
Walter Bottje named Poultry Science head

A gift of $844,793 from Tyson Foods and its subsidiary broiler breeder company, Cobb-Vantress in Siloam Springs, was used for construction of a broiler breeder research facility at the Division of Agriculture’s research complex near Savoy, west of Fayetteville.

U of A Vice President for Agriculture Milo Shult said the facility will be used by the U of A’s Center of Excellence for Poultry Science (CEPS) for research and extension programs on the genetics and management of broiler breeding stock.

Walter Bottje, Poultry Science department head and CEPS director, said the broiler breeder research unit “is a piece of the puzzle we need to complete our program. No other university has a research facility like this.”

The unit will cost nearly $1 million once fully equipped, with some equipment to be donated by industry suppliers, Bottje said. It will include a pullet house for rearing young hens, two production houses, an egg collection room, a shower-in/shower-out facility, a conference room and a farm manager’s residence.

Tyson Foods subsidiary Cobb-Vantress is a leading poultry research and development company engaged in the production, improvement and sale of broiler breeding stock.

The Center of Excellence for Poultry Science includes 25 faculty members, most of whom are based in the John W. Tyson Building on the UA campus; a poultry research complex north of campus at the Arkansas Agricultural Research and Extension Center; and research and extension facilities at the Animal Research and Extension Complex at Savoy, west of Fayetteville.

Walter Bottje is the new Poultry Science department head and Center of Excellence for Poultry Science (CEPS) director, it was announced July 1 by Greg Weidemann and Ivory Lyles, Division of Agriculture associate vice presidents for research and extension, respectively. Dr. Weidemann is also Bumpers College dean.

Dr. Bottje joined the faculty in 1985 as an avian physiologist and was named professor and CEPS associate director in 1995. He received a Ph.D. degree in physiology in 1984 from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

The center’s faculty conducts the statewide poultry research and extension programs of the Division and academic programs leading to B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in poultry science at the U of A.

Dean Weidemann and Dr. Lyles said Dr. Bottje will provide the leadership for the U of A to maintain its top national reputation in poultry science.

As associate director, Dr. Bottje worked closely with former CEPS Director and Department Head James Denton. He has been interim director and head since January 2002, when Dr. Denton returned to a faculty position.

Dr. Bottje received the Division of Agriculture’s 1996 Outstanding Researcher Award. His research has been supported by research grants from the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Science Foundation, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association and several private companies.

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Delta Classic raises $20,000 for CSES scholarships

The fourth annual Delta Classic scholarship golf tournament raised more than $20,000 to fund scholarships for Arkansas students majoring in Crop Management or Environmental, Soil and Water Science at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The tournament was July 18 at the Helena Country Club.

The D&PL Seed Company team of Danny Gonzalez of Marion, Jim Burrows of McCrory and Dean Chambliss and Daniel Robinson, both of Pine Bluff, won the tournament’s first flight. The UAP Midsouth team of Charles Anderson of Pine Bluff, April Fisher of England, Mark Frizell of DeWitt and Winky McAdoo of West Memphis won the second flight.

Delta Classic scholarships for the 2003-04 school year are being awarded to Chase Bell of DeWitt, John Norman Bryant of Helena, Grant Carter of Stuttgart, Anthony Fry of Fort Smith, Wesley George of Warren, Benjamin Gilley of Morrilton, Daniel Hill of Dumas, Tyler McClendon of Marianna, Melinda Norton of Fayetteville, Christopher Patterson of Greenbrier, James Spice of Little Rock and John Ross of Monticello.

Gerald Wilson of Germantown, Tenn., an alumnus of the UA Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences, was tournament director. He is a salesman with Cheminova, Inc.

The annual spring benefit tournaments are being planned by the departments of Horticulture and Poultry Science.

WINNERS — Students Chase Bell, Grant Carter and Wesley George didn’t win the Delta Classic golf tournament in July that raised funds for Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science scholarships, but they are three of the 12 students who received scholarships.

UA Weed Team wins Southern Regional Contest

The University of Arkansas Weed Team, coached by Drs. Dick Oliver, Nilda Burgos and Eric Scherder in Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences, won first place in the Southern Regional Weed Contest held Aug. 4 and 5 in Knoxville.

Since the inception of the contest in 1980, the UA team has been the first-place team 17 times. In addition to their team win, all seven team members placed in the top ten individual scores.

Jason Bond had the highest individual score and was high individual in both the weed identification and herbicide symptomology events. Brian Ottis had the second highest individual score and was number one in the math/calibration event. Other team members and their individual rankings were Daniel Stephenson, 4th place; Erin Stiers, 5th place; Eric Walker, 6th place; Vinod Shivrain, 9th place; and Jason Alford, 10th place.
Novus International endows professorship

Dean Greg Weidemann announced June 27 that University Professor Park Waldroup will be the first holder of the new Novus International Professorship in Poultry Science.

Thad Simons, Novus International president and COO, and Chris Knight, head of research and development, presented a check for $250,000, matched by the same amount from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation, to endow the professorship.

Simons said, “The future of the poultry industry rests in the hands of institutions such as the University of Arkansas and mentors such as Dr. Waldroup.”

Knight said, “Dr. Waldroup is at

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CARNALL HALL ALUMNAE AND FRIENDS — Some of the Carnall Hall alumnae who contributed to the Ella Carnall Endowed Scholarship for Hospitality and Restaurant Management students are pictured with the first recipient, Bethany Runyan Capps of Swifton, in the center of the front row. A special donation for the first scholarship was made in memory of Mrs. Emma Barnes, the house mother with the longest tenure at Carnall Hall. Some 90 donors provided more than $30,000 to create the endowment. Additional contributions are being accepted by fund drive leader Frances Barton Nutt of Lamar, Mo. (second row, center). Pictured, from left, are (fourth row) Carrie Holland, North Little Rock; Betty Wells Crouse, Harrison; Ruth Cochran Turner, Springdale; Mary Lou Proctor Murphee, Little Rock; Martha Ann Eaton Edwards, Little Rock; Kathy Jones, Oklahoma City; Donna Hudson Demuth, West Memphis; JoAnn Brown Owens, Houston; (third row) Leta Minton Snow, Mountain Home; Elsie Gray Hall, Aimes, Iowa; Sara Aldridge, Amarillo; Martha Callahan Ward, Fayetteville; Betty Alexander Matthews, Pine Bluff; Velma Crow Ashburn, Oklahoma City; Sarah Barton Crosby, Charleston; Ruth Johnson Gibson, Shenwood; Patricia Crawley Crump, Fort Smith; (second row) Gina Holt Carney, Newport; Virginia Cochran Neill, Little Rock; Peggy Williams Payne, Neosho, Mo.; Martha Caple Burton, Fayetteville; Frances Barton Nutt, Lamar, Mo.; Janita Jones Hoskyn, Little Rock; Elisabeth Gipson Moss, Benton; Betty McDonald Lilly, Tulsa; Gwen McMahen Oakes, Waldron; Thelma Lorenzo, Little Rock; (front) Mary O’Connor Marinoni (Class of ’39), Springdale; Joyce Barker Uhl, Fort Worth; Dr. Janet Noble, HRMN professor; scholarship recipient Bethany Capps; Dr. Mary Warnock, director, School of Human Environmental Sciences; State Rep. Jan Judy, Fayetteville; and Paula Marinoni, a leader in the drive to restore Carnall Hall.

The list of donors to the Ella Carnall Scholarship endowment and photos of Carnall Hall and the Inn at Carnall Hall are posted online at www.uark.edu/depts/agripub/Publications/Graduate/

the pinnacle of his discipline as an internationally recognized poultry scientist. I am happy that Novus will continue to be associated with his work and the entire poultry science program at the University of Arkansas.9

The endowment will increase research opportunities for graduate students and for undergraduates in the new Honors College, Dr. Weidemann said, in addition to strengthening research and extension programs in nutrition, metabolism and other growth and health issues.

Dr. Waldroup has been chairman of the Animal Nutrition Research Council, which develops standards for animal and human nutrition research. He has been a member since 1981 of the Poultry Nutrition Subcommittee of the National Research Council, which sets nutrition standards followed by the poultry industry worldwide. He is a fellow of the Poultry Science Associa-
tion and has received many awards, including the first National Broiler Council Research Award.

Novus International, Inc., is headquartered in St. Louis and is an industry leader and one of the foremost suppliers of amino acids for animal agriculture. Novus developed ADVENT™ Coccidiosis Control, a breakthrough coccidiosis vaccine for broiler chickens.
Can you help?

Some of the DBCAFLS graduates from the 1970s 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 the Arkansas Alumni Association at 479-575-2801, e-mail declark@uark.edu, or write to DBCAFLS Alumni Society, P.O. Box 1070, Fayetteville, AR 72702.

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Mr. Steve A. Harrison
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Mr. Mungkorn Bunyarat
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Charles J. Scifres
Dean and Associate Vice President for Agriculture
1994-2000

Dr. Charles J. Scifres, dean of Bumpers College and the Division of Agriculture’s associate vice president for research from March 1994 until December 2000, died at his home in College Station, Texas, July 28 of an apparent heart attack.

Dr. Scifres, 62, was associate vice chancellor and associate dean for agriculture and life sciences at Texas A&M and deputy director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

“Dr. Scifres had a major positive impact during his nearly seven years as dean of the College and chief operating officer of the Experiment Station,” said Dean and Associate Vice President Greg Weidemann. “He provided visionary leadership for restructuring and strengthening programs to better serve our students and stakeholders. Part of his enduring legacy was to instill into the culture of the College and Experiment Station a habit of embracing positive change.”

Scifres came to Arkansas from Oklahoma State University where he was head of the agronomy department from 1987 to 1990 and Experiment Station associate director from 1990 to 1994. He served on the Texas A&M faculty from 1967 to 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Julia, of College Station; son Dirk and daughter-in-law Vickie Scifres of College Station; daughter Holly and son-in-law Thomas Wooton of Belgium; and four grandchildren.

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LEADERSHIP TEAM — Former Dean and Associate Vice President Charles J. Scifres (second from right) in 2000 with former Associate Dean Randy Luttrell (left), Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration Patty Siebenmorgen, and former Experiment Station Associate Director Greg Weidemann.
1940s

Allen V. Tornek, BSA ’40, is living in Florida with Gertrude, his wife of 67 years. Their two sons are both graduates of Princeton University. They have five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. While at the U of A, Tornek was a musician and played at a club in Fayetteville every Saturday night.

Dr. Theodore (Ted) R. Pfirrmer, BSA ’48, of Mississippi, lost his wife of 54 years four years ago. Originally in the class of ’44, Pfirrmer’s graduation was delayed due to WWII. He travels and plays golf and recently scored the third hole-in-one of his life. Pfirrmer writes, “not too bad for an 82-year-old with only one eye!”

1960s

Charles E. Denver, BS ’66 MS ’70, is Retail Development Manager for Agriliance in Watson.

1970s

Austin Jay, PhD ’70, recently retired as Professor of Cell Biology and Histology at Truman State University. The Jays live on a farm near Kirksville, Missouri.

Ginger Howard Graham, BSA ’79, was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a medical technology company in San Diego, California. Graham earned an MBA at Harvard University in 1986.

1980s

Mike Kattan, BS ’87, has earned a Ph.D. in Management Information Systems at the University of Houston and is Associate Attending Outcomes Research Scientist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering and Associate Professor of Public Health at Cornell University in New York. He lives with his wife, Grace Horton Kattan, and their daughter, Madeleine, in New York City.

Bradley H. Willis, BSA ’87, is Supervisor of Animal Resource for Quest Pharmaceutical Services in Newark, Delaware.

Dr. Charles Wilson, MS ’88 PhD ’92, is an Extension Agronomist in Stuttgart. He and his wife, Lisa, have a five-year-old son, Greg.

1990s

Stewart D. Higgins, BS ’92 MS ’95, is the General Farm Supervisor for Del Monte Foods in Plover, Wisc. He and his wife, Trina, have a daughter, Haley; a son, Tucker; and a baby boy due in November.

Terry Wayne Griffin, BSA ’97 MS ’99, is working toward a Ph.D. in Spatial Analysis in the Agricultural Economics Department at Purdue University. He and his wife, Dana, have a baby boy, Ty.

Michelle Kim, MS ’98, is a Senior Research Technician in the Department of Cell Biology and Physiology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri.

Deceased

In the interest of privacy, The Graduate will only publish the names of deceased alumni whose families have notified us or information was made public.


George W. Brown, BSA ’36, of Mountain View, died January 3, 2003, at the White River Medical Center in Batesville.


New Arrivals

November 24, 2002, to Dr. Gordon Vail, BSA ’87, and Kelley Barrentine-Vail, a son, Braden James.

June 6, 2003, to Curtis Tucker, BSA ’92, and Kami Tucker, a daughter, Kaci Michelle.

February 28, 2003, to Judy Owens Lowe, BSHES ’96, and Chris Lowe, a son, Christopher Scott.

April 11, 2003, to Jason Pulley, MS ’00, and Heather Peterson Pulley, a son, Ethan Henry.

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Outstanding Alumnus nominations due

Bumper 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 2004 and may be submitted at any time for 2005.

Additional information and nomination guidelines are available online at www.uark.edu/depts/dbcasl/outstand.html and from the Dean’s Office. Phone: 479-575-2034. E-mail: Sandi Caster at scaster@uark.edu.
The Horticulture Department on Oct. 3 honored Russell Black, BSA ’66, as Outstanding Friend for 2003 and presented Outstanding Alumni awards to Justin Morris, BSA ’57 MS ’61, and Marilyn Ligon, BSA ’84.

Russell Black of Prairie Grove, whose degree is in Agricultural Business, is owner of Westwood Gardens nursery in Fayetteville. He has served for many years as alumni advisor to the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and is active in the Arkansas Greenhouse Grower’s Association and the Arkansas Nurserymen’s Association. He has supported the department in many ways, including the employment of graduates and providing support for the student internship program that trains students for the real world.

Dr. Justin Morris, a native of Nashville, Ark., is a UA Distinguished Professor of Food Science and one of the nation’s leading viticulture researchers. He is currently working with a major California vineyard to implement the UA-patented Morris-Oldridge Vineyard Mechanization System. Oxbo International was licensed to market equipment based on the system developed by Dr. Morris and Tommy Oldridge of Lowell.

Marilyn Ligon, executive director of the Memphis Botanic Garden, has developed the 96-acre garden into a major attraction in the Memphis area. She received her BSA degree in landscape design and urban horticulture. After working as an Extension 4-H specialist she earned a master’s degree in interpersonal and organizational communication. She further developed her leadership skills as vice president for training and human resources at a Memphis company before accepting the Memphis Botanic Garden position in July 2001.

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HORT Awardees — The Horticulture Department recognized 2003 Outstanding alumni Justin Morris, left, and Marilyn Ligon, and 2003 Outstanding Friend Russell Black.