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University of Arkansas teams dominate Southern Weed Contest with 23 first-place awards in 29 years

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The 1983 University of Arkansas Weed Team was the first of 23 university teams to bring home the first place “broken hoe” trophy in the last 29 years of the Southern Weed Contest. Pictured are, from left, Terry Gulley, Mick Urwiler (alternate), Keith Haagenson (alternate), Jeannie Stamm, David Monks, Barry Sims, Cletus Youmans (coach) and Dr. Dick Oliver (coach). See story on Page 14.

Leigh Ann Bullington, BSHE ’82, of McCrory is a loan secretary with Merchants and Planters Bank. She has worked as a Woodruff County extension agent and Woodruff County election coordinator. She is a board member of the Woodruff County Farm Bureau Federation and secretary of the county Democratic Central Committee. She is also a member of Faith Landmark Missionary Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. She and her husband, Roy L. Bullington, BSAGE ’81, have one son, Jeremy Alan Bullington, BSA ’05.

Kyle Moery, BSA ’85, of Carlisle manages a family farm and additional acreage with his father. He is a member of the Carlisle Masonic Lodge, past president of both the Lonoke County Farm Bureau and the Carlisle Lions Club, and has served on the board and various committees of First United Methodist Church in Carlisle. He has three children: Robert and Mary Catherine, who are University of Arkansas students, and Caroline, 16, who is a 10th grader at Carlisle. Kyle is a life member of the Arkansas Alumni Association.

Suzanne Pennington, BSA ’06, lives in Fayetteville with her husband, John Ward Pennington, BA ’06. After obtaining her bachelor’s degree in food science, she was sponsored by Simmons Foods, Inc., of Siloam Springs through culinary school at the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago Le Cordon Bleu. She is now a food technologist and one of two company chefs for Simmons Foods.

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From the Class of ’41
to the Class of 2010

Spring is a special season as the muted shades of winter turn to the vibrant colors of nature renewing itself. The theme of renewal and growth is also seen and felt in our academic calendar as students complete their semester studies and our graduating seniors receive their degrees and begin exciting new chapters in their lives.

In Bumpers College and throughout the University of Arkansas, it is a time to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates. As you can see from the short profiles of students who received special academic awards, we have produced another outstanding class of graduates. They join the ranks of our alumni who are having a tremendous positive impact throughout Arkansas, our nation and the world.

The graduates who receive awards are representative of many others who have had outstanding academic careers and have bright futures ahead. We are confident that they are well prepared to embark on rewarding careers pursuing their interests related to plants, animals, food, agribusiness, the natural environment and the human environment. Those are the broad themes for the majors we offer, and they lead to diverse career opportunities in each area.

As we celebrate our newest alumni in the Class of 2010, we also celebrate all of our alumni as the enduring legacy of Bumpers College. A number of our alumni are mentioned in this issue of The Graduate, and they represent the many making major contributions in their respective fields.

Monty Henderson, our Bumpers College Outstanding Alumnus for 2010, is one of many who have made major contributions in the poultry industry. He began his career while still a student and retired in 2009 as president and chief operating officer of George’s, Inc., a major poultry production and processing company.

You will enjoy reading about the life and career of Flossie Boles, BSHE ’41, who was a home demonstration agent in the DeWitt office of the Cooperative Extension Service in the 1940s and became a television personality with a popular cooking show in Dayton, Ohio, in the 1960s and ’70s.

They are just two examples of the thousands of rewarding and meaningful careers of our alumni throughout Arkansas, the United States and the world. You are a continual source of inspiration, and we are very grateful for your interest in and support of the University of Arkansas, our college and our students.

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Dear Alumni

Greetings from the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences Alumni Society Board. I am honored and look forward to serving as president of the board for the next two years.

We are appreciative of the leadership that our past president, Ron Rainey, provided for the last two years. Ron obviously has a strong sense of commitment and has given back many hours to the University of Arkansas. He has an easygoing personality and has been a joy to work with.

I always enjoy the events that the Alumni board hosts such as the Senior Celebration, which was held on April 20 in the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House. We not only acknowledge the efforts and achievements of our graduating seniors but also encourage them to be alumni that keep in touch with the university. Personally, I know that wherever I go, when encountering other university alums, we have an instant connection because of our time at the university.

Another event will be our annual tailgate party, which will be held this year prior to the Alabama game on September 25, two hours before kick-off. Please come; it is almost assured that you will run into an old friend from your days at school. Our football Hogs look to have a pretty good team this year, and that should add another level of excitement to the tailgate event.

Part of giving back to the university can be giving of your time through participation in events, or offering words of encouragement and wisdom to present and future students. Obviously, another way of giving back is through financial gifts. The DBCAFLS Alumni Society sponsors a scholarship fund to purchase a class ring for two overachieving students. We would like to continue to provide this as well as endow additional scholarships in the future. I am aware that the present economy is tough. It is equally, if not more, tough for those trying to pay for college. If you would like to make a donation that would be applied to either of our scholarship efforts, you can contact Kellie Knight at knight@uark.edu.

I would like to take a moment to say farewell and thank you to Ashley Harris, director for the DBCAFLS Alumni Society, as she moves on to pursue other career opportunities. Ashley has done a great job of organizing our meetings and events and helped to keep our society pointed in the right direction. She always brought an abundance of energy and encouragement to the board. She will be greatly missed.

There are three new members that I would like to welcome to the board: Suzanne Pennington of Fayetteville, Leigh Ann Bullington of McCrory and Kyle Moery of Carlisle. We are excited to have all of them and look forward to serving with each of them in the years to come.

— Scott Mason

Alumni society president
Scott Mason finds career niche in hometown

Scott Mason, BSA ’88 MS ’90, who began a two-year term as DBCAFLS Alumni Society president in January, is executive manager of Capital Agricultural Property Services in his hometown of Jonesboro. He is one of three members of his immediate family with degrees from Bumpers College.

Scott’s father, Ed Mason, received a General Agriculture degree in 1963 and a master’s degree in Entomology in 1969. Ed was a sales representative for Shell Chemical Company and later DuPont Chemical Company selling agricultural chemicals in Northeast Arkansas. He and his four sons also operated the Mason and Sons bee farm near Jonesboro for a number of years.

Two of Scott’s brothers are also Bumpers College graduates. Matt, of Claremore, Okla., has a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Business and a master’s degree in Agricultural Economics and is also a member of the DBCAFLS Alumni Society board. David, of Benton, has a B.S. degree from 1994 in Pest Management. Mike, Scott’s oldest brother, is a West Point Military Academy graduate and career U.S. Army officer. Scott’s wife, Valerie, has a University of Arkansas degree in education and is a first grade teacher at Valley View Elementary in Jonesboro. They have two children, Tyler, 15, and Carly, 10.

Scott’s B.S. degree in Pest Management and M.S. degree in Agricultural Economics prepared him well for his career in agricultural land management, he said. After graduating in 1990, he joined Capital Agricultural Property Services (CAPS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Prudential Financial, in Greenville, Miss. After five years in Greenville and five years at the regional office in Memphis, CAPS opened a branch office in Jonesboro, and Scott was named Executive Manager in 1999.

“The company opened an office in Jonesboro, and I saw a great opportunity to move back to Arkansas,” Mason said.

Mason is responsible for about 40,000 acres of agricultural land under management in Northeast Arkansas and is also a real estate broker for agricultural land.

“We work with absentee land owners who lease land to farm operators,” Mason said.

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North Carolina State chancellor is Bumpers alumnus

William R. “Randy” Woodson, BSA ’79, was named the 14th chancellor of North Carolina State University in January. He is a native of Fordyce, where his parents were public school teachers, and he majored in Horticulture and Chemistry at the University of Arkansas. He has a master’s degree and doctorate in Horticulture/Plant Physiology from Cornell University.

Woodson was head of the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at Purdue University where he was named dean of the College of Agriculture in 2004 and provost in 2008.

Professional honors received by Woodson include the American Society for Horticultural Science Outstanding Researcher Career Award and the B.Y. Morrison Medal from the USDA-Agricultural Research Service. He is a fellow of the American Society for Horticultural Science.

Woodson is married to Susan Wynne Woodson, BSE ’78, a graphic designer and co-founder of HELEN magazine. They have three children.

Scott Mason…
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said. “Most of the farmland in eastern Arkansas is rented land.” He said the long-term trend of fewer and larger farm operations is continuing, with many tenants farming more than 5,000 acres.

“Agricultural land values have steadily increased since the early ’90s and have maintained their values thus far even during the recent downturn in the economy. There are several large individual and institutional buyers looking for investment grade properties. The problem is that there are currently not enough of these properties on the market,” Mason said.

As DBCAFLS Alumni Society president, Mason said, “I would like to see our membership increase and have more people involved from all regions of the state. I also hope we can increase our scholarship funding. Scholarships are not only a great way to help students, but they also increase awareness of the college and its majors in local communities.”

The society annually awards the Greg Weidemann DBCAFLS Alumni Society Scholarship and presents University of Arkansas class rings to two Ring Scholars in each graduating class. For information on contributing to the scholarship fund, contact Kellie Knight, 479-575-2270, knight@uark.edu.

Alumnus Michael Kidd leads poultry science department and center

Michael T. Kidd, a Bumpers College alumnus and El Dorado native, assumed leadership of the Department of Poultry Science and the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science January 25.

Kidd came from Mississippi State University where he had been poultry science department head since 2007. His appointment was announced by Milo J. Shult, University of Arkansas System vice president for Agriculture, and Sharon L. Gaber, provost for the Fayetteville campus.

As center director, Kidd will provide leadership for Division of Agriculture research and extension programs in poultry science and related disciplines. As department head, he will be responsible for academic programs in poultry science within Bumpers College.

Kidd has bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Arkansas in Poultry Science. After receiving his doctorate at North Carolina State University in 1994, Kidd became research manager at Nutri-Quest, Inc., in Chesterfield, Mo. He was promoted to research director in 1998 at Nutri-Quest, which produces animal nutrition products. He joined the Mississippi State faculty in 1999 and headed the poultry science department there since 2007.

Mark Waldrip named to University of Arkansas Board of Trustees

Gov. Mike Beebe appointed Mark Waldrip, BSA ’77, of Moro to the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees, succeeding Tim Hunt of Paragould in a seat representing the First Congressional District.

“Mark credits his personal and professional success to the university, and he has worked to give back to his alma mater in every way he can,” Beebe said. “He is a widely respected businessman in East Arkansas and will represent the First Congressional District well on the Board.”

Waldrip has served on the State Plant Board since 1997 and on the Arkansas Agriculture Board since 2005. His BSA degree is in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, and he has built East Arkansas Seeds, Inc., at Moro into one of the state’s most successful seed companies.

Waldrip’s wife, Angola Eason Waldrip, BSHE ’79, and four children have all attended the University of Arkansas as well.
Agribusiness entrepreneur funds new scholarship

Sarah L. Smith of Claremore, Okla., is the first recipient of the Dr. J. Larry Sanders Agriculture and Innovation Scholarship. She is an honors student majoring in Environmental, Soil and Water Science and minoring in Agricultural Business.

J. Larry Sanders, MS ’75 PhD ’78, chief operating officer and co-founder of SFP, a fertilizer additive company based in Leawood, Kan., is funding the $2,500 scholarship. He initiated the scholarship in 2009 on the 10th anniversary of the founding of SFP, formerly known as Specialty Fertilizer Products.

“There are many opportunities for young people who are grounded in the sciences that explain the interactions of plants, soil, water and other environmental factors,” Sanders said. “I hope this scholarship will encourage students to participate in developing innovative solutions to agricultural and environmental issues.”

As a graduate student at the University of Arkansas, Sanders studied soil chemistry and plant nutrition. A native of east Texas, he also has a bachelor’s degree in Agronomy from Northeast Louisiana University.

After receiving his doctorate in 1978, Sanders worked for organizations such as American Plant Food and the Potash & Phosphate Institute. Through his work, he developed what would be the core of SFP’s product offerings, AVAIL, a phosphorus fertilizer enhancer and NutriSphere-N, a nitrogen fertilizer manager.

SFP’s products are designed to counter problems with traditional fertilizers that reduce fertilizer efficiency and can be harmful to the environment, Sanders said.

Farm Bureau Romeo Short Scholarship recipients and donors recognized

Interim Dean Lalit Verma hosted a reception for recipients of the 2009-10 Arkansas Farm Bureau Romeo E. Short endowed memorial scholarships and representatives of the Romeo Short Foundation and Arkansas Farm Bureau: Stanley Reed, Jack Norton and Ewell Welch.

The scholarships are from one of the college’s longest-running scholarship programs established by the Romeo Short Foundation in cooperation with the Arkansas Farm Bureau, Verma said. Since the first scholarships were awarded in 1957, more than 250 students have received more than $350,000 in scholarships.

“What began as a $200 per semester award for one student has grown to the current level of $1,000 per semester for 10 students,” Verma said.

The 2009-10 Romeo Short Scholars are Adam Ash, Agribusiness, of Pea Ridge; Kendra Boling, Apparel Studies, of Gravette; Tyler Clark, Poultry Science, of Elkins; Amy Cofer, Human Development, Family Sciences and Rural Sociology, of Searcy; Cheryl Meyers, Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology, of Huntsville; Zachary Smith, Crop Management, of Des Arc; Nathan Tapp, Animal Science, of Gravette; Lucas Fulcher, Agribusiness, of Benton; Darla Hancock, Poultry Science, of Farmington; and Tyler Pendergraft, Poultry Science and Agribusiness, of Hindsville.

Fulton portrait dedicated in Whitaker Center

A portrait in honor of Dr. Richard and Ann Fulton was dedicated in the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center Jan. 16 at a ceremony attended by the Fulton’s sons, Carl and Jim, and daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Paul Sharp.

Fulton was a veterinarian and, following retirement with Merck, worked part time in the Department of Animal Science overseeing research work. The Fultons raised registered Brangus cattle and were instrumental in establishing the Brangus Endowed Scholarship in 1998.

In 2006, Ann made a gift to establish the Dr. Richard and Ann Fulton Endowed Award in the Department of Animal Science to assist students studying pre-veterinary medicine.

Participating in the dedication of the “Fulton Brangus” portrait now hanging in the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center were, from left, Jim Fulton, Andrea Sharp, Ann Fulton, Carl Fulton and Paul Sharp.
The Department of Animal Science presented its Graduate of Distinction Award to Michael Simon, BSA ’65, and Mike Hamilton, BSA ’76 MS ’80, and the Advanced Graduate of Distinction Award to Doyne Potts, BSA ’55 MS ’64.

Simon managed the home farm at Conway until 1971, when he began leasing the farm first as a beef cattle operation and then, later, as a dairy farm. He and his wife, Mary Jo, have seven sons, all of them college graduates, including four from the University of Arkansas. Three of their sons still work on the family farm.

Strong supporters of agricultural education, the Simons have given tours to high school and college students and hosted the university dairy production class and Faulkner County Youth Leadership Groups. In 2007, the Simon family was selected as the Arkansas Farm Family of the Year.

Hamilton grew up working on his grandfather’s farm in White County. He was the first in his family to graduate from the university. In 1977, he began a career with the Cooperative Extension Service as a 4-H agent in Faulkner County.

After completing his master’s degree Hamilton was promoted to agricultural agent in Washington County. He was co-chair of an extension team on the Moreton Beef-Forage Verification Trial, which led to the funding of the Arkansas Beef Improvement Program sponsored by Sen. Dale Bumpers. He went on to become area forage specialist and staff chair in Newton County. In 1988, he became Southeast District program leader, and in 1997, he became associate district director for northwest Arkansas. He was director of the Ozark District from 2003 until retiring in 2009.

Potts grew up on a dairy farm in Everton and graduated from Valley Springs High School. After earning his bachelor’s degree at the university he worked as a field man for Carnation Milk Co. in Decatur, Ala. He entered the Army in 1956 and served in Korea. Afterwards, he returned to the university to earn his master’s degree in Dairy Husbandry.

After graduation, Potts worked as an extension dairy specialist for the Cooperative Extension Service during a period described as progressive and productive for the dairy industry. He held the first area specialist position and finished his extension career as state extension specialist, serving out of Batesville and Little Rock. He also worked closely with 4-H and FFA judging teams. He retired in 1992. Potts and his wife, Rita, have three children, all of whom are University of Arkansas graduates.

CSES names Barrentine Outstanding Alumnus

The Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences presented its Outstanding Alumnus Award to Professor Emeritus James L. Barrentine, former department head, at its annual awards banquet April 8 at the Fayetteville Clarion.

Barrentine, a native of Elaine, received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agronomy in 1963 and 1965 at the University of Arkansas and a doctorate at Purdue in 1970. In 1998, after retiring as director of plant science field research in the United States with Lilly Research Laboratories, he was appointed CSES department head. He retired from that position in January 2006 and is currently technical director for Chemi nova, Inc.

As department head, Barrentine initiated the annual Delta Classic benefit golf tournament to raise scholarship funds and recruit students and continues to lead in those efforts. The James L. Barrentine Endowed Scholarship was established in his honor. 

CSES Outstanding Alumnus Jim Barrentine, left, visits with Department Head Robert Bacon at the CSES Awards Banquet.
Hospitality and restaurant management students from the University of Arkansas took over the 1886 Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs Feb. 19 to offer guests an evening of dining and dancing and a night’s lodging in the historic hotel for “A Class Act.”

Hospitality and restaurant management is a concentration of the Food, Human Nutrition and Hospitality major in the School of Human Environmental Sciences, part of Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences.

Guests for the annual event purchased packages that included a night in the Crescent, a wine tasting reception and silent auction, a three-course meal of foods inspired by Arkansas cuisine in the hotel’s Crystal Dining Room and dancing to a live band.

Students took over the restaurant, preparing and serving all the foods for the reception and dinner. Other students manned the hotel registration desk, served as bellhops and doormen and turned down beds while the guests were at dinner.

Robert Harrington, holder of the Twenty-First Century Endowed Chair in Hospitality, said “A Class Act” has three objectives.

“First, it’s a unique learning experience for the students,” Harrington said. “They host a high-end social event in the reception; manage the restaurant and dining room as they prepare and serve the dinner; and they are able to be involved with an historic hotel as they assist in the checking in of guests and plan the event.”

The event is also a fundraiser for the program, Harrington said. Proceeds from last year, the first year it was held, provided scholarships for 13 students and helped cover costs of attending professional and educational meetings.

Kellie Knight, Bumpers College director of development, said this year’s event had about 80 guests and raised more than $10,000 for the hospitality and restaurant management program.

Finally, “A Class Act” serves as a recruiting event for students and representatives of hospitality and food industries. Harrington said representatives of 14 or 15 companies from around Arkansas and as far away as Palm Springs, Calif., attended the event.

“They get to see the students putting what they’ve learned into action Friday evening,” Harrington said. “Saturday morning, students have the opportunity to sit down with the professionals and interview for full and part-time jobs in the industry.”

Harrington and Knight expressed gratitude to the hotel’s owner, Elise Roenigk, General Manager Jack Moyer and Director of Sales Jodie English, who not only provided the use of the hotel and restaurant, but also instructed students in management practices and helped them make sales calls for the event packages.
Seven students in the first class of a unique double master’s degree program in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development are on track to complete graduation requirements this summer. After two years of intensive study in Europe and at the University of Arkansas, they will receive master’s degrees from both the University of Arkansas and a consortium of five universities in Europe.

Four students from Europe and three from the university are completing the Atlantis Program, which is funded by a grant of $448,000 from the U.S. Department of Education and a similar amount from the European Commission for four years, including help with travel and living expenses for students and faculty members.

Program coordinator Lucas Parsch, professor of agricultural economics and agribusiness, said: “This two-year program is a great opportunity for students to gain an international dimension. They spend a lot of time together in classes and activities and seem to benefit from being a close-knit group. They also learn to be flexible and mobile.”

Jada Thompson of Canehill said learning about “the experiences of the students from developing countries allowed me to really know the cares and issues related to development.”

Other members of the inaugural class are university Atlantis students John Kelley of El Dorado and Mustafa Ozkan of Sarasota, Fla. EU Atlantis students are Monika Bumbalova and Zuzana Rolincova of Slovakia, Jan-Peter Wettlaufer of Germany and Pieter Vermeersch of Belgium.

Thompson started the program after receiving B.S. degrees in Agricultural Business and Poultry Science in 2008. Her first two graduate semesters in the Atlantis program were in Fayetteville, followed by a team case study in Pisa, Italy, the summer of 2009, on “Exploring food issues: Between town and countryside, consumption and production.”

“Having come from a very economic, math intensive analytical program to this case study allowed me to have a different perspective on development and agriculture,” Thompson said.

In fall 2009, Thompson was at the University of Ghent in Belgium, then back in Fayetteville for this spring and summer for more classes and her thesis project with faculty adviser Eric Wailes on “Spatial economic equilibrium analysis of rice trade: Impact of GM (genetically modified) contamination in U.S. rice exports on prices and trade flows.”

Jan-Peter Wettlaufer said the program helped him “learn new things about different places, people, cultures and mainly about myself,” in addition to the academic experience.

Wettlaufer spent the first fall semester in Ghent, spring at Humbolt University in Berlin, and the final fall and spring in Fayetteville. His summer case study was in Nanjing and Beijing, China.

“The case study topic was to suggest development strategies for two rural villages in China,” Wettlaufer said. “It was one of the most interesting and definitely the most exotic part of this program.”

Zuzana Rolincova, from a rural village in Slovakia, said, “My personal goal is to help my region with the knowledge I learn and take part in the decision-making process in Slovakia on the regional level.”

Rolincova also did the case study in China, which, she said, “helped me to believe in the impact of research on people’s lives.”

Her thesis with adviser H.L. Goodwin is a comparison of how tax revenue is spent in selected towns in the U.S. and Slovakia.

The University of Florida is a partner in the program, along with EU universities in Belgium, France, Germany, Slovakia and Italy. More information is on the AEAB Website, http://agribus.uark.edu/index.htm.
Commencement 2010

Commencement for the Class of 2010 was held at the Randal Tyson Indoor Track Center on May 8. The Commencement speaker was Senior Scholar Pamela Brooke Jackson. Outstanding Alumnus Monty K. Henderson also gave a short address.

Approximately 314 students received baccalaureate degrees in one of the college’s largest graduating classes.

The 2010 Outstanding Alumnus of Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences is Monty K. Henderson, BSA ’69, former President and Chief Operating Officer of George’s, Inc., a poultry production and processing company based in Springdale. Henderson retired in August 2009 after 15 years as George’s president and COO. He has been involved in the poultry industry for 41 years. Before joining George’s he served as president and chief operating officer for Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation at Pittsburgh, Texas.

Henderson is a graduate of Newark High School and was an Agricultural Business major at the University of Arkansas. He began his career as a broiler service tech for Tyson Foods in 1968 and also worked with Campbell Soup Company before joining Pilgrim’s Pride Company in 1976.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association and is past chairman. He is a past director of the American Egg Board, past director of the National Chicken Council, past president and director of the Arkansas Poultry Federation. He served as president of the DeQueen Rotary Club, served on the Board of Trustees for DeQueen Community Hospital, Board of Trustees for Cossittot Community College and Board of Directors for the City of DeQueen. He is also a past director of the Springdale Chamber of Commerce and Springdale Rotary.

The DeQueen Chamber of Commerce selected Henderson as Man of the Year in 1985, and he was selected as the Arkansas Poultry Federation’s Man of the Year in 1990. He was also listed as a Who’s Who in Arkansas Business in 1994.

Henderson is married to Margaret “Marg” Wilson Henderson, a native of Fayetteville. They met while attending the University of Arkansas and have been married for 41 years. They have a daughter, Margaret “Aimee” Henderson, who lives in Atlanta. Monty and Margot live in Fayetteville.

Monty K. Henderson

The Greg Weidemann DBCAFLS Alumni Society Scholarship recipient was Samantha Elizabeth Jones of Fayetteville, a junior majoring in Environmental, Soil and Water Science with minors in German and Global Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences. She spent a semester at the Scottish Agricultural College in Edinburgh and plans to work in Germany on a farm through the World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms organization in the summer of 2010.

Samantha Elizabeth Jones

The DBCAFLS Alumni Society sponsors two Ring Scholar awards. The 2010 recipients, who each receive a class ring when they graduate, are juniors Kaitlin Michelle Mitchell and John Shelby Gragg.

Kaitlin M. Mitchell, the daughter of John and Sharon Mitchell of Sheridan, is majoring in Poultry Science with minors in Animal Science and Agricultural Business. She is a Bumpers College Ambassador and will serve as the Senior Ambassador her senior year. She is a member of Sigma Alpha agricultural sorority, Alpha Zeta and the Poultry Science Club. Her career goal is to be a veterinarian for large and small animals.

John Shelby Gragg of Prairie Grove is an Agricultural Business major. He was president of the University of Arkansas College Republicans, operations director of the Arkansas Federation of College Republicans and a member of the Washington County Republican Committee. He was co-organizer of Trek for Trig, which was a Down syndrome fundraiser. He plans to attend graduate school after graduation.

The Dale Bumpers Distinguished Scholar award is presented to outstanding master’s and doctoral degree students and an outstanding undergraduate transfer student.

The Distinguished Scholar award for a doctoral student went to Sanjeev Kumar Bangarwa of Hisar, Haryana, India. His doctoral research in the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences is on weed management in tomato and bell pepper using allelopathic cover crops and synthetic isothiocyanates. He has held
leadership positions on the Southern Weed Contest Committee, Southern Weed Science Graduate Student Organization and CSES Graduate Student Association.

The Distinguished Scholar award for a master’s degree student recipient was Ronald Jacob Koch of Paris. His thesis research in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education is on technology-enhanced instruction in agricultural science and technology courses. He has been a co-teacher for a course and served as graduate recruitment assistant. He plans to pursue a career as a high school agricultural science and technology teacher.

Matthew R. Eddings of St. Joe received the Distinguished Scholar award for an undergraduate transfer student. He is majoring in Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology and is active in Collegiate 4H/FFA and the Agricultural Mechanics Club. Eddings is on schedule to graduate in May 2011 and plans to pursue a teaching career in agricultural science and technology.

The First Ranked Senior Scholar award was presented to Kayla Dawn Shrum of Conway. This award signifies that she has maintained a 4.0 grade point average during four years as a Bumpers College student. She is an Animal Science major with a minor in Equine Science and is a member of the Bumpers College Honors Program. Shrum has been accepted by schools of veterinary medicine at the University of Mis-

Nine members of the Class of 2010 who successfully completed the Bumpers College Honors Program and are Honors Program Distinguished Graduates are listed with their hometown, major and faculty mentor.

- Taraf Irani Abu Hamdan, Amman, Jordan, Environmental, Soil, and Water Science, Thad Scott.
- Sarah Kathryn Finn, Roland, Ark., Animal Science, Nancy Jack.
- Emily Alison Hickman, Jonesboro, Ark., Animal Science, Tom Yazwinski.
- Kimberly Montenegro Santos, Shawnee, Okla., Animal Science, Charles Maxwell.
- Jordan Walter Steinhaus, Hot Springs, Ark., Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology, Donald M. Johnson.

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souri, Oklahoma State University and Louisiana State University.

Four students in the Class of 2010 received the Senior Scholar award, which signifies a 4.0 grade point average with some credit hours from other colleges.

Senior Scholar Elizabeth Barnard of Wichita Falls, Texas, is majoring in Human Development, Family Sciences and Rural Sociology with a concentration in child development. Barnard is a Lifestyles Program mentor and a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority, the R.E.A.L. Razorbacks and Hot Pink Ribbon service organizations and Golden Key Honor Society. She plans to pursue a career in pediatric occupational therapy.

Senior Scholar Emily Dawn Middleton of Texarkana, Texas, is majoring in Food, Human Nutrition and Hospitality with a concentration in dietetics. She has served as an executive officer for Delta Delta Delta sorority, Hot Pink Ribbon and Alpha Epsilon Delta pre-medical honor society. She will begin medical school this fall at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

Senior Scholar Amy Breedlove Davis of Harrison is majoring in Human Development, Family Sciences and Rural Sociology with a concentration in child development. She was a member of the Friends of the Infant Development Center Club and has worked in children’s summer programs such as Adventure Club and Mother’s Day Out and as a Vacation Bible School teacher. She plans to pursue a career as a preschool teacher and lead parent education classes at her church.

Senior Scholar Pamela Brooke Jackson of Newport is majoring in Agricultural Business with a pre-law concentration and a minor in Global Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences. She studied abroad in Belize and Australia and was the outstanding senior in Agribusiness for 2008-09. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta, National Scholars Honor Society, Golden Key and Chi Omega. She will begin her studies at the University of Arkansas Law School in August with a focus on agricultural law.

The Presidential Scholar award was presented to Joseph Charles O’Neill of Fayetteville. This award is for the student with the highest grade point average after having earned at least 45 credit hours. He is a junior majoring in Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences. O’Neill is president of the Horticulture Club and a member of the Bumpers College Dean’s Student Advisory Board. He is a landscaper with a local firm and plans to have a landscaping business after serving in the Peace Corps.

The John W. White Outstanding Student Award and the Spitze Public Policy Legislative Internship Award were both presented to Amanda Nicole Simpson of Cave Springs. She is a junior Agricultural Business major with a minor in Global Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences. She served as

Division awards

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The Division of Agriculture Non-Classified Support Personnel Award was presented to Diana M. Danforth, who coordinates the agricultural economics and agribusiness computer support unit on the university campus in Fayetteville. She and her staff collaborate on research projects with faculty members and graduate students. She was instrumental in developing and managing delivery of services in the COTMAN program for computer-aided timing of cotton production practices.

The Agricultural Experiment Station Classified Support Personnel Award recipient was Jeannie Hornsby, an accounting technician for the Department of Animal Science. She designed a maintenance system that ensures department vehicles receive required service and that problems are quickly brought to her attention, which keeps vehicles running longer with fewer repairs.

The Cooperative Extension Service Classified Support Personnel Award went to Donna Rinke. She was instrumental in creating the Cooperative Extension Service Website with a consumer orientation and accessibility for users with disabilities.
The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture and Bumpers College recognized outstanding performance by faculty and staff members at an awards luncheon Friday, Jan. 8, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Little Rock.

Vice President for Agriculture Milo Shult said, “These awards signify the excellence of our entire faculty and staff throughout Arkansas. We are extremely proud of their dedication and hard work on behalf of the people of Arkansas.”

The Division of Agriculture includes the Cooperative Extension Service and the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station. Division faculty and facilities are on five Arkansas campuses, in all 75 counties and at centers and stations throughout the state. Many Division faculty members also have faculty appointments on university campuses.

The Robert G.F. and Hazel Taylor Spitze Land Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence was presented to Eric J. Wailes, who holds the L.C. Carter Chair for Market Policy in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. An authority on the global rice market, he leads a research program that evaluates likely effects of government policies and other market forces on world supply, demand and pricing of rice. The award recognizes excellence in areas of academic responsibility unique to the Land Grant mission: teaching and advising, research and publication, extension and public service, and participation in professional associations and faculty governance.

Andrew M. McKenzie, professor of agricultural economics and agribusiness, received the Jack G. Justus Award for Teaching Excellence. He developed the Basis Trader computer software program that simulates grain merchandising from the perspective of a grain elevator operator. He also developed a professional certification program in cooperation with grain merchandising industry personnel.

The Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences Alumni Society Advising Award was presented to Jeremy Powell, DVM, associate professor of animal science. He advises pre-veterinary students and is faculty adviser to the Pre-Vet Club on the university campus in Fayetteville. Since he began advising pre-vet students in 2002, the number of students gaining admission to veterinary schools has markedly increased.

John W. White awards for outstanding teaching, research and extension service are named for the University of Arkansas System’s first vice president for agriculture when the Division of Agriculture was made a unit of the System in 1959.

The John W. White Outstanding Teaching Award went to Charles Rosenkrans Jr., professor of animal science, who is regarded by his peers and students as an innovative teacher and leader in curriculum development. He has worked to include Web-based instruction and other new technologies in the curriculum.

The John W. White Outstanding Research Award was presented to Wayne Kuenzel, professor of poultry science. One of the world’s most recognized authorities on the neurobiology of poultry, he is co-author of a book on the brain of the chicken published by John Hopkins University Press. He has been a leader in addressing animal well-being issues with poultry.

The John W. White Outstanding Extension State Faculty Award went to Ken Smith, professor of weed science at the division’s Southeast Research and Extension Center, Monticello. He conducts research and educational programs on weed management in row crops, including management of herbicide-resistance, and he helps county agents with local weed management educational programs.

The John W. White Outstanding County Extension Educator Award winner was Lafayette County Extension Agent Terrie M. Treadway in Lewisville. She works with local residents to design and implement a range of information and education services in health, nutrition, financial management, parenting and youth development.

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Arkansas teams dominate Southern Weed Contest with 23 wins in 29 years

“Dominant” is the only word to describe the University of Arkansas Weed Team, which has won first place in 23 of the 29 Southern Weed Contests it has entered since the contest was begun in 1980 and second or third place in the other six. The university team has retained the traveling “Broken Hoe” trophy for the past eight years in a row.

University Professor Dick Oliver has coached the team since it started, but in recent years has deferred to co-coaches Nilda Burgos and Jason Norsworthy, both associate professors and Weed Team alumni.

“The contest is a valuable experience for practical application of knowledge about herbicide chemistry, plant biology and weed management,” Oliver said. The team’s success has helped establish the university weed science program’s reputation for excellence, and many weed team alumni have outstanding careers as leaders in academia and industry.

“Our keys to success are teamwork, dedication and pride in the University of Arkansas,” Oliver said.

In 2005, Southern weed teams were invited to compete with the North Central region teams, and Arkansas won first place by a large margin. “They haven’t asked us back,” Oliver said.

Most team members are graduate students, but undergraduates are also eligible. Josh Wilson, the first undergraduate in the Arkansas team, was the first-place undergraduate in the 2009 contest. Team members, not including alternates and coaches, are listed below.

1981 Third Place: Cheryl Wallinder, Otis Howe, Terry Gulley and Daniel Reynolds.
1982 Third: Tony Driver, Cletus Youmans, Jackie Driver and Dan Reynolds.
1983 First: Terry Gulley, Jeannie Stamm, David Monks and Barry Sims.
1984 First: Charlie Guy, David Monks, Barry Sims and Mark Risley.
1985 First: Mark Risley, Charlie Guy, Robert Bozza and David Johnson.
1986 First: Dan Westberg, Robert Bozza, Jasper Barnes and Andy King.
1987 First: David Johnson, Andy King, Dan Westberg and Robert Bozza.
1988 First: Andy King, Rex Wichert, Tracy Klingaman and Andy Kendig.
1989 First: Rex Wichert, Tracy Klingaman, David Ruff and Bill Johnson.
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1991 First: Tracy Klingaman, Chris Hardman, David Johnson, Frank Carey and Andy Kendig.
1996 Third: Mason Wallace, Preston Carter, Jason Norsworthy and Bob Starke.
1997 First: Bob Starke, Mike Lovelace, Jeff Barnes and Jason Norsworthy.
1998 First: Jason Norsworthy, Jeff Barnes, Mike Lovelace and Scott Payne.
1999 First: Jeff Barnes, Mike Lovelace, Lance Schmidt and Scott Payne.
2000 First: Oscar Sparks, Eric Scherder, Tom Barber, Scott Payne and Jeff Edwards.
2001 Second: Oscar Sparks, Eric Scherder, Daniel Stephenson, Erin Cable and Jeff Edwards.
2002 First: Eric Scherder, Jason Bond, Oscar Sparks and Eric Walker.
2003 First: Jason Bond, Brian Ottis, Erin Stiers, Daniel Stephenson and Eric Walker.
2004 First: Vinod Shivrain, Nathan Goldschmidt and Chad Brewer.
2005 First: Jason Alford, Chad Brewer, Nathan Goldschmidt and Vinod Shivrain.
2006 First: Vinod Shivrain, Chad Brewer and Franklin Lyons.

Agriculture Hall of Fame inducts Mark Bryles

The Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame inducted alumnus Mark Bryles, BSA ’54 MS ’67, and four other friends of the college at the 22nd annual induction luncheon March 12 in the Ambassador Ballroom of Little Rock’s Embassy Suites Hotel.

Bryles of Blytheville led a significant increase of cotton acreage as a Cooperative Extension Service agent in Mississippi County.

Other inductees were Philip Alford Jr. of Lewisville, a founding member of the Arkansas Cattlemen’s Association; Devoe Bollinger of Horatio, who led the effort to eradicate brucellosis from cattle herds in the state; Jack Jones of Pottsville, who helped create the LeadAR program in Arkansas; and Leonard Sitzer of Weiner, who developed one of the most successful rice farming operations in northeast Arkansas.

As an extension agent for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Bryles initiated on-farm demonstrations during the 1980s and promoted supplemental irrigation to stabilize crop yields at a higher level. Cotton acreage in Mississippi County increased from 34,500 acres in 1983 to more than 200,000 acres in 1997. Yields nearly tripled during the period. He also helped establish rice as a major crop in the county and was the first recipient of Rice Farming magazine’s County Agent of the Year award.

Bryles’ career with the Division of Agriculture spanned 35 years, with the last 22 in Mississippi County. Following retirement in 1990, he became a consultant for Adams Land Company. He was the 1998 Bumpers College Outstanding Alumnus.

The Agriculture Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Arkansas Farm Bureau.
Long before cable television made the Cooking Channel possible, residents of Dayton, Ohio, could tune in to WLD Channel 2 and watch Flossie Wood Boles prepare enticing, nutritious and economical meals.

For 12 years during the 1960s and '70s, Boles, BSHE '41, did a weekly cooking show as a home economist for Dayton Power and Light. But the spark that led to that career topper began in elementary school when she was a 4-H member.

“I thought the county extension home demonstration agent was beautiful,” Boles said. “That’s when I decided that’s what I wanted to do.”

Boles faced challenges on the way to her goal. While attending Flippin High School, she and her sister took care of her ailing mother. After graduation, Boles stayed home as her mother’s sole caregiver. During that time, she studied English literature at home with her brother. Two years later, her brother hired a caregiver for their mother so Boles could go to college.

After two years at Central Baptist College in Conway, Boles transferred to the University of Arkansas and lived in the Girl’s 4-H House. The day Boles moved in is still vivid in her memory.

The tiny room she shared with three other girls had a stacked double bed, Boles said. “Around the bed was very little floor space and only one dresser for four girls,” she said. “We had no closet, only a hanging rod that extended into the open attic space.”

“My roommates were Effie Lorance, Rosalie Graham and Lilla Mae Dickson,” Boles said. “We got along beautifully. We named our room ‘Skyview.’ Each of us really appreciated getting to live in the house, and we were determined to make it work, because it enabled us to be at the university and get our education.”

Room and board was cheap at the 4-H House, only $19.62 a month or 119 jars of canned goods. The girls all shared the cleaning and other house duties. In her senior year, Boles was elected president of the house, and her job was to plan the duty schedule and see that the work was done.

Among her many campus activities, Boles was a member of the Home Economics Club, the “Rootin’ Rubes” pep squad, the 4-H Club, the Betty Lamp Journalism Club and in 1941 was named Homecoming Queen.

After graduation, Boles worked two years for the Cooperative Extension Service, first as an assistant home demonstration agent in several county offices before settling in DeWitt as the Arkansas County home demonstration agent. There, she married Joffre Boles, a Texas native who was coaching football at DeWitt High School.

Her husband entered the Navy, and they began moving around the country. They continued moving often even after Joffre began working as an administrator for the Veterans Administration hospitals. Boles didn’t work full time during those years, but in 1960 she worked part time as a home economist for the Amana Freezer Company in Oklahoma City.

When her husband became administrator of the VA hospital in Dayton, Boles took the job as home economist for Dayton Power and Light.

“It was my extension experience that helped get me that job,” Boles said. “It was the greatest thing that ever happened to me, although if I had known then what I was getting into, I’d have run so fast they couldn’t catch me.”

Boles’ show was recorded on Tuesday and aired on Saturday. She also appeared on Phil Donohue’s show. “I knew him really well,” she said.

After retiring, they moved to Flippin, where Boles’ relatives lived. Joffre died in 2001, and Boles moved to Chicago in 2007 to be near her daughter, Kaye Wertz, who like her father is a hospital administrator.

Boles lives in an independent living center with a view of Lake Michigan, Lincoln Park and the Chicago skyline. She is very active at 92, gardening, going on outings to the opera, symphonies, plays and other activities. “Whatever you’d like to do, they set it up,” she said.

“And I’m a sports fan,” Boles said. “My favorite team is the Razorbacks, of course.”

Flossie Boles, right, had a TV cooking show for 12 years in Dayton, Ohio, while working as a home economist for Dayton Power and Light.
Kingston mother of seven returns to college seeking new career in agricultural education

In the agriculture classroom at Alpena High School, Cheryl Meyers is talking about stems. The students, boys and girls, pass samples around and answer Meyers as she quizzes them about the parts of stems and the different types found on various species.

When Meyers was in high school, some 30 years ago, girls weren’t allowed in agriculture programs in her school. Today, she is in Alpena’s agricultural classroom, completing her student teaching requirement for a degree in Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology in Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences.

“I always wanted to be an ag teacher,” Meyers said. “I love working with livestock, crops, natural resources and young people.”

Meyers did her student teaching this spring at Alpena, where her mentor was agricultural education teacher Chris Adams, MS ’91.

“Working with Mr. Adams has been great,” Meyers said. “He’s a real encouragement, and he uplifts and edifies all who are around him.”

Early in her schooling, Meyers attended agricultural classes in California schools, but when her father retired and the family moved to Arkansas, the ag classroom was closed to her. After high school, she studied animal science and horsemanship and stable management at Rick’s College in Reyburg, Idaho. But her money ran out after three years. She returned to Arkansas with her dream of teaching agriculture on hold.

Back home, she married a farmer and they ran a dairy farm for 17 years. They also raised seven children, and Meyers stayed involved in agricultural education by serving as a 4-H leader and an active member of the Kingston FFA Alumni, for which she served as president in 2009 and is vice president now. She is also a member of the Madison County Fair Board.

Three years ago, when most of the kids were grown, Meyers decided it was time to reclaim her dream. “When I decided to go back to college, we decided to hang up the chicken farm,” she said.

But it had been nearly 30 years since Meyers had been in college, and she wasn’t sure she was ready for it. Her daughter Betty Jo Smith was attending North Arkansas College in Harrison, so Meyers decided to start there. A year later, mother and daughter transferred to the University of Arkansas, both in Bumpers College majors. Betty Jo is majoring in Human Development, family Science and Rural Sociology.

“I was really excited when I was accepted to the university,” Meyers said. “I felt it an honor to be accepted into the University of Arkansas.”

Meyers said both faculty and fellow students in Bumpers College have been a tremendous help to her. To build computer skills, Meyers was able to attend a 7:30 a.m. computer class taught by instructor Cassandra Cox before her regular classes began. Classmates helped her build computer skills, too.

“I was so grateful for that,” Meyers said. “They didn’t give me the answers, they helped me figure out where I went wrong so I could back up and do it right.”

Because her commute to the university was more than two hours one way, Meyers said classmates also offered her a couch for the night when weather was bad. And when she organized study groups, the other students always insisted they meet during the week so Meyers wouldn’t have to make an extra long trip to Fayetteville on a weekend.

“Bumpers College has really great students,” she said.

The students looked to Meyers for help, too. “Being away from home, they sometimes came to me with things they might otherwise have taken to their parents,” she said.

“In those four years, you’re making some of the most important decisions of your life,” Meyers said. “You may not want to take them all to your mom and dad, but it’s nice to have an adult to talk to. And I have learned a lot just listening to students discuss life. I believe it will make me a better teacher when preparing students for college.”

Meyers also encourages others like herself to go back to college later in life.

“We could kick up our heels and take it easy,” Meyers said. “I have raised seven children, I could have decided it was my turn to rest. The fact of the matter is our young people need us around, and we have a lot to offer, a lot to share, and our lives are not over. They are just beginning.”

“The University of Arkansas is one of those foundational institutions that has given me this opportunity to be a life-time learner and the skills to excel at it,” she said. “The faculty has allowed me to gain strength where I was weak, and the wonderful student body has encouraged me when I thought I could do no more. It is a great institution.”

— By Fred Miller
1930s

Mrs. (Sara) John A. Chester Shoemaker, BSHE '39, writes that last August, Tri Delta alums Ann Bradford and Barbara Bova gave a luncheon for her and made a $5,000 donation to Tri Delta in her honor.

1970s

John B. Fitzgerald, BA '70 MS '80 PhD '93, Clinton, recently returned from Tanzania, where he trained farmers at the MIDAWE Horticultural Cooperative Society through Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs, a nonprofit organization focused on empowering people and enterprises in the developing world.

Ginger L. Graham, BSA '79, president and CEO of Two Trees Consulting, was elected to the Walgreen Co. board of directors effective May 1. Graham serves on several corporate and university boards, including the Harvard Business School Health Industry Alumni advisory board and the University of Arkansas chancellor’s board of advisors.

1980s

H. Lawson Hembree, BSA '82, has joined Merrill Lynch as a financial adviser working with individuals and small businesses. He works in the Fort Smith office.

Jawanda Mast, BSHE '84 MS '89, Olathe, Kan., was appointed to the Site Council for Special Services for the Olathe Unified School District, and she is also serving as the Public Awareness Chair for the Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City Board of Directors.

1990s

Missi Treadwell Walker, BSHE '92, an interior designer, recently earned the credentials of Accredited Professional in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design by the United States Green Building Council.

Travis Jeremy Morrissey, BSA '95, Hot Springs, was recognized as a 2008-09 Community Partner by the Junior Auxiliary of Hot Springs. This award is presented to community leaders who support Junior Auxiliary.

Jeremy G. Powell, BSA '97 PhD '09, was presented the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences Alumni Society Advising Award for his work advising pre-veterinary students.

Clinton R. Bennett, BSA '98 MBA '04, was chosen as one of Northwest Arkansas Business Journal’s “40 Under 40,” which recognizes intriguing business and political leaders under the age of 40 who bear watching, for his work with Grubbs and Ellis Soloman Partners in Bentonville.

2000s

Casandra K. Cox, BSA '01 MS '03, was inducted in the University of Arkansas Teaching Academy for her work as an instructor in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education in Bumpers College.

Stephanie Slone Snadon, BID '03, has passed the American Society of Interior Designers exam and is now a certified interior designer.

Lyndi M. Modica, BSHE '08, earned her certificate in Baking and Pastry Arts from The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in St. Helena, Calif.

Weddings

Julie Dawn Rowland, BSHE '98, and Tim Harris were married Dec. 12, 2009, and reside in Harrison.

Heather Nichole Ghomghani, BS '04, and Walker A. Mitchell, BSA '97 MBA '04, were married Nov. 13, 2009, and reside in Fayetteville.

Lindsay M. West, BSA '05, and Byron F. Kennedy were married Aug. 22, 2009, and reside in Lubbock, Texas.

Megan Rochelle Norton, BSA '08, and Andrew P. Hudgens were married Oct. 3, 2009, and reside in Lincoln.

Births

Nicole F. Maxim, BSHE '01, announces the birth of her son Joseph Frederick, July 1, 2009, Houston, Texas.

Frida Napuce Lintz, BSA '04, and her husband Aaron announce the birth of their daughter, Alysa Sofia, Hubert, N.C.

IN MEMORIAM

1930s

Lorea Hoback Jones, BSHE '33, Little Rock, died Feb. 3, 2010. She spent her career as a civil servant, teacher and avid promoter and member of Arkansas’ 4-H programs. She taught for 19 years at Sylvan Hills and Ridge Road Junior High Schools and held many leadership positions in associations across Arkansas.

While attending the University of Arkansas she helped founded the University Chapter of the 4-H club and then subsequently founded the chapters in Little Rock and North Little Rock. She was awarded the prestigious Emerald Clover Society Award at a ceremony presided over by Gov. Mike Beebe, being only one of five recipients to ever earn the Arkansas 4-H Foundation’s highest service award.


1940s

Joe J. Slaven, BSA '41 MS '52, Fayetteville, died March 10, 2010. He had a long career in education teaching agriculture and retiring as the assistant superintendent of Fayetteville Schools in 1978.

Glen Pye, BSA '45 MS '64, North Little Rock, died Oct. 4, 2009. He served as a county agricultural extension agent in multiple counties across Arkansas.

1950s


Scott Elphingstone, BSA '50, Dallas, Texas, died Dec. 13, 2009. He served on the Newport City Council.

Velton Winn Cason, BSA '50, Fountain Hill, died Nov. 30, 2009. A veteran of the Air Force, he was a high school math and science teacher for 20 years in Homer, Alaska.

Bill D. Blair, BSA '51 MS '60 PhD '65, Columbus, Ohio, died March 29, 2009. He worked on the staff at The Ohio State University for 27 years.

Cecil Tackett, BSA '51, Hot Springs, died Dec. 26, 2009. He spent several years teaching vocational agriculture to returning veterans in the Hot Springs area, retiring after 20 years with the Forest Service. With his wife, he owned and operated the Crystal Springs Café and C.C. Tackett Trucking.

Louise P. Dawson, BSHE '52, Rison, died Dec. 27, 2009. She served as the county home demonstration agent with the Cooperative Extension Service in Rison and later worked for Turner Feed and Poultry, a pioneer business in poultry and egg production.

Marion Spaulding, BSA '54 MED '63, Blytheville, died Sep. 30, 2009.
Bobby Gene Teter, BSA ’56, Green Forest, died Dec. 28, 2009. He worked and retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a county supervisor for several counties across Arkansas.

Charles W. Lindsey, BSA ’57, Springdale, died Nov. 11, 2009. He worked for Merck and Company for 27 years, retiring as the farm research superintendent.

Jan W. Rayder, BSA ’57, Blytheville, died Feb. 5, 2010. He was an inspector with the State Plant Board.

James R. Nobles Jr., BSA ’58, Bolivar, Mo., died March 16, 2010. He worked for theRalston Purina Company for 10 years, afterwards working 26 years at the Cargill Company, serving as district sales manager for 22 of those years.

Bobby L. Clifton, BSA ’59, Joplin, died Mo., Jan. 10, 2010. He worked for Tyson Foods, Olson Brothers Poultry and Bell Egg Farms before his career with Farm Bureau Insurance.

1960s

Gilbert R. Hollis, BSA ’61 MS ’63, Champaign, Ill., died Oct. 25, 2009. He served as a professor and swine extension specialist at the Universities of Florida, Texas A&M and Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He was also a professor emeritus at Illinois for seven years.

Paul G. Griffith Jr., BSA ’62, Cordova, Tenn., died Aug. 17, 2009. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and retired from government service having worked in many different divisions.

Catherine T. Maples, MS ’64, North Little Rock, died Nov. 22, 2009.

David Mason Pharr, BSA ’64 MS ’67, Mountain Home, died Nov. 20, 2009. A member of the faculty in the Horticultural Science Department at North Carolina State University for more than 35 years, he was appointed a Distinguished Graduate Professor by the North Carolina State Alumni Society. He also was recognized nationally by winning the Outstanding Researcher Award and the Graduate Educator Award.

Danny Denton, MS ’69, Greenwood, died Nov. 5, 2009. He had a long career as a businessman, culminating as a regional vice president for BakerCorp.

1970s

Cynthia S. Newquist, BSHE ’76, Atlanta, Ga., died June 13, 2009.


1980s

Mike J. Harris, BSA ’83 MED ’90, Elkins, died Jan. 23, 2010. He was the superintendent of the Elkins School District after previously directing the Alternative Learning Center in Benton and teaching agriculture.

IN MEMORIUM

1990s

Howard David Orwell, BSA ’93, MS ’98, of Bentonville died Jan. 3, 2010. He was the owner and operator of Southeast Poultry Inc. in Rogers. Memorials may be sent to the University of Arkansas Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness in his name.

2000

Troy Anthony Menard, MS ’03, Shreveport, La., died Nov. 11, 2009. He worked for 15 years as a teacher in Magnolia and Camden. More recently he was a county agent for Caddo and Bossier Parish.

Keely Trusell, BSA ’10, and her brother, Brandon, died Dec. 22 in an automobile accident near Colby, Kan. Keely completed her degree program in December and was an Honors Program Distinguished Graduate. She was an Animal Science/Pre-Vet major and had applied to veterinary school. Brandon was a medical student at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Parker, Colo.

Keely spent a semester in the Bumpers College Global Studies Program at the Scottish Agricultural College with the Animal Health Group in Edinburgh. In an article about her experience abroad, Keeley said, “The most exciting aspect ... was a mix between getting to work outside with sheep in the Scottish hills and traveling on the weekends.”

Keely was a veterinary assistant at Crossover Veterinary Clinic in Springdale, where her co-workers established “Keely’s Fund” to provide medical care for shelter animals and pets of low-income families. More information is at www.keelysfund.org/. Crossover veterinarian Dr. Beth Stropes, a University of Arkansas animal science student in 1993 who completed her B.S. degree in veterinary school, said Keely was committed to preventing unwanted litters of dogs and cats through spay/neuter education and assistance.

Keely and Brandon were the children of Dr. James Trusell and Dr. Kathryn Conklin Trusell of Fort Smith.

IN MEMORIUM

Keely Trusell
1987–2009

Billy Bird Bryan
1921–2010

http://arkalum.org/dbcafls/
Arkansas Farm Bureau has a long tradition of supporting Bumpers College students, alumni and the research and extension programs of the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.
The Arkansas Academy of Biological and Agricultural Engineering inducted Howard B. Austin, BS ’56, and Randy Childress, BS ’85, April 9 at the Fayetteville Clarion.

Austin began his career as a research test engineer-in-training with Caterpillar. He then spent four years as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps Engineering Heavy Equipment Unit and returned to Caterpillar in 1959 as a test engineer.

From 1979 to 1995 he was the chief engineer of the motor grader product line. He completed his 40-year career with Caterpillar in 1996 on a special assignment at the Caterpillar Melbourne, Australia, Plant.

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Arkansas Academy of Biological and Agricultural Engineers inducts two

Poultry Alumni Group awards scholarship

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Poultry Science Alumni Group President Doug McLoud, BSA ’83, of Siloam Springs announced that the group has awarded a $1,000 scholarship to Kaylee Rowland, a junior Poultry Science major. The alumni group established a new scholarship endowment for Poultry Science students with $25,000 earned from fundraising activities, including an annual calendar sale.

Rowland will serve as vice president of the Poultry Science Club in 2010-11. She is a member of the Poultry Judging Team and works at the University of Arkansas poultry research farm.

The Poultry Science Alumni Group has 142 members with an elected board of directors who meet four times a year in addition to the annual meeting for all members in June. Contact Diana Bisbee for information, dbisbee@uark.edu, 479-575-2025.