THE GRADUATE

A quarterly newsletter for alumni of the
Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences

Oh What A Spring!

Scholarship Luncheon and Convocation

Thursday, April 17, 1997

To show its appreciation to scholarship donors, the College held its second annual scholarship luncheon in the Union Ballroom. Attending were 54 donors, 104 students who receive scholarships and 53 guests, some of whom were invited by the students as being especially influential in their decision to come to college. Junior **Robin Dunkel**, food science, spoke on behalf of the students in thanking the donors; **Harold Hicks** (BSA 1947; MSA 1964), retired Extension agent, spoke for the donors, using a personal example of the difference a scholarship made in the life of one student. Our College awarded 464 scholarships totaling $368,200 during the 1996-97 academic year. Thanks to the donors and congratulations to the scholarship students.

The College Convocation immediately followed the luncheon and was held in the Union Theater. Mark Simmons, owner and chief operating officer of Simmons Foods, Inc., Siloam Springs, spoke off the cuff and from the heart as he outlined for students and faculty the skills and qualities industry is looking for in college graduates. John W. White Award recipients were: **Tracy Leonard**, agricultural business/animal science, Outstanding Student; **Nick Anthony**, poultry science, Teaching; Terry **Siebenmorgen** (BSAgE, 1979), biological and agricultural engineering, and **Dick Oliver** (BSA 1964; MS 1966), agronomy, Research; and **Lanny Ashlock** (BSA 1965; MS 1967) and **Kent Rorie** (BSA 1974; MS 1979), Extension. The Alumni Society Outstanding Advising and Student Relations Award went to **Ed Piper**, animal science. **Justin Morris** (BSA 1958;MS 1961), food science, received the Spitze Land Grant Faculty Award, and interior design students**,**

Laura Woolly Gibbs and **Lori Newton,** were Senior Scholar and Presidential Scholar, respectively.

Dean Charlene Mooty's Retirement Party

May 2, 1997

Faculty and staff from our College and the campus joined current and former students and her family to wish Charlene Mooty a happy retirement. Associate Dean for Instruction for the last 11 years and a CAFLS faculty member for 19, Dean Mooty is noted for her graciousness and her advocacy for students. She will be missed.

Commencement

May 10, 1997

The Broyles Athletic Complex was again packed with family and friends as Betty Bumpers addressed the Class of 1997. Recalling her days growing up on the family farm in Franklin County, Mrs. Bumpers related the hard work and responsibility she learned doing chores on the farm to her later acceptance of responsibility in public life. She encouraged the graduates to become contributing members of the world community as she has done through her work with Peace Links and childhood immunization. Dr. **Perry Adkisson** (BSA 1950; MS 1954) received an honorary doctorate degree, and **Jack Justus** (BSA 1954), executive vice president of the Arkansas Farm Bureau, was named Outstanding Alumnus. About 155 students were honored as new graduates and alumni of the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences and the U of A.

Alumni News

Stopping by the Dean's Office this spring were **Kim (Sauer) Hightower** (BSA 1982), a pediatric dentist in San Diego, CA, and **Kelly (Horton) Wofford** (BSA 1987), a

pharmacist with Walmart in Bentonville. Both Kim and Kelly have two children. Also checking in was **Sean Spyres** (BSA 1994), who is a garden manager with Lamberts in Dallas, TX.

Among those returning to campus for Dean Charlene Mooty's retirement party were **Jackie (Nelson) Dorn** (BSA 1991), supervisor for Tyson Foods, Van Buren; **Heather (Hillman) Easley** (BSA 1995), research assistant in Research and Development with Peterson Farms, Decatur; **John Easley** (BSA 1992), regional sales manager for Chem Gen Corporation, Siloam Springs; **Joy Carter** (BSA 1995), soon to be employed as a management trainee in the Feeds Division of Land O'Lakes in Ft. Dodge, IA; new father **Jason Carter** (BSA 1989; MS 1992), purchasing agent with OK Foods in Ft. Smith; and **Kelly (Conkle) Morden** (BSA 1996), poultry broker for Landmark Foods, Springdale.

Faculty Update

Professor Emeritus of Agronomy **Lyell Thompson** recently received the campus and community Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his dedication to equal rights for all individuals and for his untiring efforts during the civil rights movement of the 1950's and 60's.

Dean Emeritus and University Professor Emeritus **Glenn Hardy** was inducted in April into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame in recognition of his contributions to Arkansas agriculture. Dr. Hardy was Dean of the College from 1965 to 1987.

Surrounded by creepy creatures is University Professor of Entomology **Max Meisch**. These projects from his Insects and People class, taken primarily by elementary education majors, combine imagination and anatomical correctness to interest children in the insect community.

Gamma Sigma Delta award winners are **Carl Dillon**, agricultural business, Teaching; **Eric Wailes**, agricultural business, Research; and **George V. Davis** (BAS 1960; MS 1964), Extension.

A New Look

To celebrate its tenth anniversary, *The Graduate* is scheduled to undergo a facelift. Over the years, the pictures and print have gotten smaller and more difficult to read. A larger format is being considered, and your input on what to include and emphasize is being sought. Usually an issue covers alumni news, student activities, faculty updates and special events. Do you favor adding a message from the Dean, from the president of the CALFS Alumni Society? An historical column? How often would you like to receive *The Graduate*? And does its name need revision? Please let us hear from you about the kind of news you would like to see in *your* alumni newsletter.

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