

# THE GRADUATE

*For Alumni and Friends of the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences  
and the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture*



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**COVER:** Horticulture students Cecili Olcott, left, and Kristen Harper visit the Highlands while serving an internship at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, Scotland.



**SUPPORTING STUDENTS** — DBCAFLS Alumni Society board members at the Senior Dinner March 31 at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House included Darrin Malone and Betty Bradford (not pictured) and (left to right) Susan Kemp, Charlene Reed, David Daniel, Roy Runyan Jr., Ewell Welch, Lionel Barton, Scott Mason and Ron Rainey.

## New board members

### Scott Mason • At Large

Scott Mason, BSA '88 MS '90, manages 35,000 acres in 52 tracts for 10 different clients in Northeast Arkansas as executive manager with Capital Agricultural Property Services, Inc. and is part owner of a family owned commercial beekeeping operation. Scott earned his B.S.A degree in Pest Management and M.S. degree in Agricultural Economics. He was a member of Alpha Zeta, president of the Agricultural Economics Club, a representative for the Agricultural and Home Economics Student Association and a member of the Agronomy Club. Scott is a member of the Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Valerie, and their two children live in Jonesboro.



Scott Mason



Ronald Rainey

### Ronald Rainey • Central

Ronald Rainey, BSA '91 MS '93, is assistant professor of Agricultural Economics and Community Development in the state office of the Division of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension Service. Dr. Rainey's B.S. degree is in Agricultural Business, his M.S. degree is in Agricultural Economics, and he has a doctorate in Economics from the University of Arkansas. He was a member of Alpha Zeta, the Agribusiness Club and Gamma Sigma Delta. Ron and his wife, Mary, live in Little Rock.

## Beat Texas Reception

Bumpers College alumni are invited to a pre-game reception on the AFLS patio two hours before kickoff of the Arkansas vs. Texas football game on Sept. 11. Please join us and renew the old spirit and friendships!



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## From the Dean



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

# Endings & beginnings

It is always bittersweet to have Commencement behind us and to have to say goodbye to our graduates as they move on to the next phase of their lives. Whether they are planning to continue their education or are moving into the working world, we are confident that our faculty have done their best to ensure that each student has the educational background necessary to be successful in their future endeavors. In a few short weeks we will begin orientation sessions for our new entering students to prepare them to begin their college journey in the fall and begin the cycle anew. This is a good time for reflection on our successes and to anticipate challenges ahead.

Your College has had a remarkable year. As you can see in the profiles of some of our student award winners, many of our students are among the best of the best anywhere. The quality of our student body continues to increase, and we are proud of each and every one of them. Bumpers College takes great pride in being recognized by our students as student-friendly and maintaining a family-like atmosphere throughout all of our departments. In large part, this is due to our faculty and staff who dedicate themselves to serving our students.

This past year, both our undergraduate and graduate enrollment increased more than 10 percent, leading all colleges at the University of Arkansas. In large measure, I attribute this to the relevance of our majors and our nurturing atmosphere. As we continue to grow, it will be important for us not to lose our dedication to treating each and every student as an individual.

Along with growth comes challenges. With the rapid growth in many of our programs, we will be challenged to provide the classroom space, student support and additional faculty necessary to serve our students. Fortunately, our alums and supporters have helped to address some of these needs through the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century.

We continue to make progress on our Classrooms for Tomorrow initiative. To date, we have completed or have pledges in place to renovate eight of our classrooms most in need of a facelift. These rooms will receive a complete renovation including the addition of the latest in teaching technology such as Smartboards® and other new tools.

The College endowment for scholarships has increased more than \$3 million over the course of the campaign. These scholarships will help many students achieve educational goals that they otherwise might not have been able to achieve. To date, the College and Division of Agriculture have reached 92 percent of our \$70 million goal in 88 percent of the time. We are confident that we will reach our collective goal by the end of the campaign on June 30, 2005.

As we look forward to the new academic year, we are facing the challenge of limited funding for higher education as our Legislature struggles to meet the needs of public education. We all appreciate their difficult challenge as they deal with court-mandated improvements in public education without losing focus on meeting the student needs for higher education. We are optimistic that they will rise to the occasion and meet this difficult challenge to prepare our children for the future. ■

# Dear Alumni

This is a special time for our new graduates. We hope they will become faithful members of the Arkansas Alumni Association and supporters of the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences.

We have another outstanding class of graduates. The society hosted the second annual Senior Dinner on March 31. It gave us a chance to reward the 55 graduates who attended with a special gift and to see the future of the Society. We were amazed at how many students are continuing their studies in graduate school. We wish you luck in your new careers and graduate studies.

Our society recognizes two outstanding seniors each year for leadership and academics with the Alumni Society Ring Scholar Awards. We had an outstanding pool of candidates, and it's unfortunate that we could only select one female and one male student. This year's recipients are Abel Tomlinson, Horticulture, and Lindsay West, Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology.

To have outstanding students, it takes great advisors. This year's recipient of the Alumni Society Outstanding Advisor Award is Dr. Jennie Popp, Agriculture Economics and Agribusiness. We appreciate her commitment to making a difference with her students.

Our outstanding senior for 2004-05 is Kim Cooper, Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology. She will receive the DBCAFLS Alumni Society Scholarship.

Looking ahead, the society will host a mixer July 26 at the Farm Bureau Officers and Leaders Conference in Springdale. The Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences will host the Delta Classic golf tournament July 16 at the Helena

Country Club. Gerald Wilson, CSES alumni, has done an outstanding job organizing this tournament for the past two years. If you have an interest, please call Gerald at 901-371-1842. The annual Turf Classic (Horticulture) and Poultry Science Golf Tournament were played in April.

We commend the efforts of these departments and their alumni and friends in helping raise scholarship funds.

Fall is just around the corner, and we will host our annual football reception before the Texas game on Sept. 11 just two hours before kickoff on the AFLS patio. I remember "Texas Week" like it was yesterday, and I know many alumni who graduated before the SEC days look forward to the rematch on Arkansas turf. You're also encouraged to attend the other pre-game rallies sponsored by the Arkansas Alumni Association two hours before each football game at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House.

We welcome our new board members — Scott Mason of Jonesboro and Ron Rainey of Little Rock. We're excited to have both of them serve on the alumni board over the next three years. Both bring lots of experience in the business and academic world.

Let's continue to make our College one of the strongest at the University.

Sincerely,



Darrin Malone



Darrin Malone  
President, DBCAFLS  
Alumni Society



**NEW MEMBERS** — Graduating seniors, and new members of the Bumpers College Alumni Society, were honored at a Senior Dinner March 31 sponsored by the Society at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House. All of those attending received at least one door prize and one lucky senior won a DVD player. A few of the seniors, who took a minute for a photo op, were (front row, from left) Cheyanne Tillery, Jana Cornelison, Fallon Gross, Casey Hammond, Kristen Harper, Alicia McLelland, Jennifer Drake and Olivia Bowen; (back row, from left) Jessica Blodgett, Isaac Melin, Gary Singleton, Justin Goodnight, Lee Riley and Melissa Perry.

# Malone seeks new ideas for Alumni Society to support College

**D**arrin Malone of Paragould, BS '88 MS '90, didn't know what was involved when he was invited to join the Bumpers College Alumni Society Board, but it seemed like a good idea at the time.

"It sounded like a good opportunity to meet some like-minded people who care about the University and the College," he said.

Malone took office as president of the DBCAFLS Alumni Society in January. He is a district sales manager for DuPont, where he represents crop protection products, plant growth regulators and other agricultural products.

His undergraduate studies in soil science and graduate work in weed science prepared Malone for a varied career. His first job after graduation was as a researcher for ICI Americas, now Syngenta. His work in sales has been complemented by two years as an agronomist for Pioneer.

"In that job, I supported two district managers in work related to seed products," he said. "It was a lot like farming. You know what you're supposed to be doing at any given time during a season."

As president of the Alumni Society, Malone wants to learn more about each department in the College.

"I'd like to have faculty and students come to board meetings and talk about their departments, what they're doing that's working, and help us try to come up with ideas that will help them grow," he said.

He also wants to use the annual Senior Banquet to raise awareness of the DBCAFLS Alumni Society and try to get students involved early.

"The U of A has done a lot for me, and I want to give back," he said.

Malone cites the Delta Classic golf tournament, which raises money for the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences, as an example of the kinds of activities that alumni can participate in to support the College and provide scholarships for students.

"The golf tournament was a grass roots effort among alumni that has grown and exceeded our expectations," he said. "We've been able to establish the James L. Barrentine Scholarship for CSES students. We're putting in \$25,000 this year and want to build it up to \$100,000 and spin off other scholarships."



**INVOLVED** — Darrin Malone (second from right), of Paragould, has a long history of involvement in recruiting and support for Bumpers College and his department. He is pictured with Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences students, from left, Juan Carlos Paz of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and Joshua Still of Hope, and Department Head Jim Barrentine.

Serving on the Alumni Society Board gives Malone opportunities to serve the larger College community.

"It's an honor to be asked to serve as president," he said. "I'm still looking for new ideas of things we can do to help support and grow Bumpers College." ■

## Fryar addresses GSD chapter

Ed Fryar, BSA '76 MS '78, former professor in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness and now CEO of Ozark Mountain Poultry, based in Rogers, spoke about his career as a professor-turned-entrepreneur at the 50th Annual Awards and Initiation Banquet for Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture.

Fifty-nine new members were initiated during the April 13 banquet in the Arkansas Union Ballroom. Faculty and student awards and scholarships presented were:

- GSD awards for teaching to Dr. Chuck West, Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences; and research to Dr. John R. Clark, Horticulture.
- Lippert Ellis Scholarship and Outstanding Sophomore: Emily Bennett, Food Science.
- John W. White Scholarship: Megan Ellis, Interior Design.
- Gamma Sigma Delta Scholarship: Tiana Wolfenden, Foods, Human Nutrition and Hospitality (Dietetics).
- Outstanding Senior: Abel Tomlinson, Horticulture.

## GSD chapter to host conclave



The U of A chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture, will host the GSD International Conclave June 26-29. All members are invited to a reception from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. June 26 at the Radisson Hotel in Fayetteville for an observance of the 50th anniversary of the chapter's founding.

Charter members were R.L. Beacher, D.A. Brown, M.J. Burris, A.M. Davis, L.S. Ellis, R.S. Fairchild, V.B. Fielder, C.L. Garey, E.R. Garrison, W. Gifford, T.O. Hodges, G.T. Hudson, E.O. McLean, H.J. Meenen, F.D. Minor, G.R. Pursley, M.L. Ray, P.E. Smith, R.M. Smith, O.T. Stallcup, R.D. Staten, G.W. Steinbruegge, R.O. Thomas, J.E. Vaile, L.O. Warren, V.M. Watts and J.W. White.

# Gifts fund chair, professorship, classroom and scholarships

**C**ampaign for the Twenty-First Century donations announced in this issue will provide additional scholarships, improve classroom facilities and strengthen teaching and research programs in Bumpers College and the Division of Agriculture.

Gifts from alumni and friends of the College and Division announced since the fall-winter issue of *The Graduate* brought the total to \$64,026,690 raised toward the College and Division goal of \$69,350,000 by June 30, 2005.

## HESC Auditorium to be remodeled

**A** gift of \$150,000 from Leland and Betty Tollett of Rogers is being used to renovate the Human Environmental Sciences teaching auditorium.

This auditorium has desks and other furnishings that date to construction of the building in 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Tollett are UA alumni. His B.S.A. and M.S. degrees are in Animal Science and her degree is in Education. He is a retired chairman and CEO of Tyson Foods, Inc. Both are members of the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century committee of alumni and friends of Bumpers College and the Division of Agriculture, with Leland serving as co-chair. ■



**CONGRATULATIONS** — Tyson Foods CEO John Tyson (right), congratulates alumnus Donald “Buddy” Wray following the April 15 announcement that a Tyson Foods gift will endow the Donald “Buddy” Wray Chair in Food Safety. The announcement was made at the conclusion of the Bumpers College Scholarship Luncheon in the Arkansas Union Ballroom.

## Scholarship endowment grows

**B**umpers College students will have more scholarship opportunities thanks to a \$100,000 gift from Robert and Marilyn Alexander of Paragould and a planned future bequest by Art and Kathleen Hornsby of Archer, Fla.

The Robert and Marilyn Alexander Endowed Scholarship will provide need-based assistance to students in any Bumpers College major.

The future Arthur G. and Kathleen B. Hornsby Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide one or more major scholarships annually for students in the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences.

Robert Alexander, president of the Alexander Plantation Co., is a 1952 graduate with a B.S. degree in agriculture. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Marilyn Alexander, a member of the State Library Board, is a 1955 graduate of Rhodes College in Memphis with a bachelor’s degree in music.

Dr. Hornsby is a two-time graduate with a B.S.A. degree in 1962 and a master’s degree in soil science in 1964. He is a retired professor and extension specialist in soil physics from the University of Florida. ■

## Endowed food safety chair named for Buddy Wray

A gift from Tyson Foods will be used to endow the Donald “Buddy” Wray Chair in Food Safety, Chancellor John White announced at an April 15 press conference following the annual Scholarship Luncheon in the Arkansas Union Ballroom.

Buddy Wray is a 1959 graduate of Bumpers College who retired in 2000 as Tyson Foods president and COO.

A national search is underway to fill the position, which will enhance the national and international prominence of the University’s research in food safety with an emphasis on microbiology.

The U of A is the lead institution in the USDA-funded Food Safety Consortium, which provides grant support for 13 food safety research projects this year involving 11 UA faculty scientists. Wray has served as an industry adviser to the Food Safety Consortium.

John Tyson, chairman and CEO of Tyson Foods, the world’s largest protein producer, said the company was proud to endow the chair “in the critically important discipline of food safety.”

Tyson, chairman of the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century Corporate and Foundation Committee, added, “We’re also extremely pleased this endowment will honor Buddy Wray, who, as part of the Tyson Foods family, spent his career devoted to the excellence for which our brand has become known.”

Chancellor White said, “We are extremely grateful to Tyson Foods for their ongoing support. Endowing and naming a chair for Buddy Wray not only honors him, but it also honors us by permanently associating his name with the University of Arkansas.

“The Wray Chair in Food Safety will enable us to attract and keep outstanding educators and researchers. Tyson Foods’ participation in the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century fuels our vision of a nationally competitive, student-centered research university serving Arkansas and the world.”

In early 2003, Tyson Foods made a gift in kind, which will be matched by \$1.5 million from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation’s \$300 million gift to the University in 2002. Investment returns on the total endowment will be used to enhance teaching, research and service programs conducted by the holder of the Wray Chair.

Bumpers College Dean Greg Weidemann said, “Tyson Foods has been a generous supporter of Bumpers College programs over the years, and we are grateful for their continued support. Research in food safety is critical to the future of the food industry, and we are pleased that Tyson Foods is making this investment to improve our research capacity.” ■

## Student leader becomes Tyson Foods president

The Donald “Buddy” Wray Chair in Food Safety is named for a 1959 graduate of Bumpers College who became president and chief operating officer of Tyson Foods.

A Des Arc native, Buddy Wray was an Animal Science major and a member of the Livestock Judging Team. He was president of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and vice president of the Animal Industries Club his senior year.

Wray was working on a master’s degree when he accepted a job at Tyson Foods in 1961 as a field representative working with producers. He moved rapidly up the ranks to become a member of the marketing team that helped redefine the poultry business as a dynamic growth industry.

Wray was promoted to production supervisor in 1963, to director of sales in 1964, to director of processing and sales in 1967, to vice president of sales and marketing in 1982 and to senior vice president of sales and marketing in 1984. He became chief operating officer in 1991, and in 1995 president was added to his title. He retired from Tyson Foods in 2000.

Wray was also a member of the Tyson board of directors from 1994 until 2003. In 1999, the members of the Arkansas Poultry Federation gave Buddy Wray their highest honor by naming him “Man of the Year.” Wray was named Outstanding Alumnus by Bumpers College in 2000 and Outstanding Alumnus of the Animal Science Department in 2001.

He and his wife, Linda, live in Springdale. They have three children and four grandchildren. ■



**STUDENT LEADER** – Animal Industries Club officers pictured in the 1959 Razorback yearbook were, from left, Jim Mills, president; Don Toon, treasurer; Buddy Wray, vice president; John Houston Jr., secretary; and Keith Rinehart, reporter.

# Alzheimer Foundation endows professorship

The Ben J. Alzheimer Charitable Foundation will provide \$250,000 to establish an endowed professorship in Bumpers College.

The Clyde H. Sites Endowed Professorship in International Crop Physiology will be used to recruit and retain highly qualified faculty to the Bumpers College, supplement support for outstanding faculty and to provide the holder with resources to further that scholar's contributions to teaching, research and service.

The first Sites Professor is Distinguished Professor Derrick M. Oosterhuis in the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences.

This gift will be matched by \$250,000 from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation's \$300 million gift to the University in 2002. Investment returns on the total endowment of \$500,000 will be used to enhance teaching, research and service programs.

Bumpers College Dean Greg Weidemann, who is also Division of Agriculture associate vice president for research, said, "The Alzheimer Foundation has been a generous

supporter of Bumpers College and the Division, and we are grateful for their continued support. Derrick Oosterhuis is an excellent candidate to be the first holder of the Sites Professorship."

John Selig, president of the Ben J. Alzheimer Charitable Foundation Inc., said, "Clyde Sites was a major reason why the Ben J. Alzheimer Charitable Foundation has the financial resources to make grants, to improve agriculture in Arkansas, and to help residents of Jefferson County. Over his long business career with the Elms Planting Company he worked tirelessly and



**SITES PROFESSORSHIP** — Derrick Oosterhuis, right, visits with Joyce and Clyde Sites following announcement of a professorship endowed by a gift of \$250,000 from the Ben J. Alzheimer Charitable Foundation and a matching gift from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation. Dr. Oosterhuis is the first Clyde H. Sites Professor of International Crop Physiology.

successfully in fostering profitable farming operations and good stewardship of the lands, which it and its affiliates farmed. We are pleased to have this opportunity to honor Mr. Sites in a manner that will permanently exemplify his outstanding contributions, and we thank the Walton Family

Charitable Support Foundation and the University of Arkansas for helping to make this possible."

Clyde H. Sites graduated with a degree in Agriculture in 1957. As a student, he was a member of the Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta honor societies. After

serving in the United States Navy and then college, he had a 40-year agricultural career at Alzheimer.

Sites joined the farm management team for Elms Planting Company at Alzheimer and its affiliates in 1957. Those operations, at their zenith, involved over 20,000 acres.

Sites was also a founder of Alzheimer School Aid, Inc., a non-profit support organization for the Alzheimer Unified School District, and Alzheimer Town Aid, Inc., a non-profit support organization for the City of Alzheimer. ■

## Oosterhuis is first Sites Professor

Derrick M. Oosterhuis, the first Sites Professor of International Crop Physiology, is a leading authority on the physiological response of cotton and other crop plants to stress factors such as drought, cold, heat and nutrient deficiencies. His research has led to improved practices for reducing stress effects in crops.

Dr. Oosterhuis has taught eight different courses and advised 21 graduate students. His many publications include 20 book chapters and two books. He has lectured or worked in 15 countries, is advisor to cotton boards in three countries and is a member of two UN/FAO committees on growth regulators and nutrition.

He has served as chair of the Arkansas Cotton Research Group and is editor of the annual "Summaries of Arkansas Cotton Research" published by the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station.

His degrees include a B.S. from Natal University in South Africa, M.S. from the University of Reading (U.K.), and a Ph.D. from Utah State University. ■

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## CSES honors 'Friends' and students

The Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences honored Dale Reed, BSA '75, of Gillett and John and Becky Spain of Benton County as Friends of the Department at an Awards Banquet April 22 at the Clarion Inn.

Outstanding student awards were presented to senior Kimberly Payne, the daughter of Forrest and Carolyn Payne of Benton; to Vinod Shivrain, M.S. student, of Hisar, India; and to Jeff Edwards, Ph.D. student, of Olaton, Ky.

Dale Reed is owner and president of Gillett Grain Services, Inc., and is a former president of the Bumpers College Alumni Society board of directors. He is a major supporter of the department's Delta Classic golf tournament and helps with recruiting



◀ **CSES FRIENDS** – CSES "Friends" awards were presented to Dale Reed, left, with his wife, Vicki, and to John and Becky Spain.

### CSES Awards

▶ **TOP STUDENTS** – CSES Outstanding Student award winners were Jeff Edwards, Ph.D.; Kimberly Payne, undergraduate; and Vinod Shivrain, M.S.



by making contacts at local high schools.

The Spains operate a turkey and beef farm near War Eagle and have hosted many field trips for forage classes and other groups, including the

2001 National Conference of the American Forage and Grassland Council. They provide test plots on their farm for research and hosted a farm tour this May for the 5th International Endophyte Symposium. ■

## Reed elected Farm Bureau president

Stanley Reed, BSA '73 JD '76, was elected president of the Arkansas Farm Bureau in December 2003, and he was elected in January to a two-year term on the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors at the organization's 85th annual convention in Honolulu.

Reed, a cotton and soybean farmer from Marianna, said, "I look forward to working with the



Stanley Reed

American Farm Bureau Board of Directors on issues important to American agriculture. I especially want to bring the Arkansas farmers' view to these important issues."

Reed is a member of the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees and is co-chair with Leland Tollett of the Bumpers College and Division of Agriculture committee for the UA's Campaign for the Twenty-First Century.

## Barrentine Scholarship endowed

Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Alumni and Friends Committee Chairman Gerald Wilson, BSA '65 MS '68, said the committee is providing \$25,000 to create the James L. Barrentine Endowed Scholarship.

Dr. Barrentine, BSA '63 MS '65, was with DowElanco from 1966-97, and in January 1998 he was named professor and head of what was then the Agronomy Department. He is a Phillips County native.

Gerald Wilson of Germantown, Tenn., with Cheminova, Inc., said part of the proceeds from Delta Classic golf tournaments will fund the endowment.

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# Commencement 2004

**M**argaret L. Bogle, Ph.D., RD, LD — the 2004 Bumpers College Outstanding Alumna — was a student leader at the University of Arkansas and became a leader in her profession of dietetics, public health and pediatric nutrition.

As a student, Dr. Bogle was an officer in the Girls 4-H House and had the highest grade point average in the Class of 1955. Her major was Vocational Home Economics and Dietetics. She added a master's degree in Nutrition in 1956 from the University of Tennessee and spent several years teaching at the college, high school and elementary levels. She and William Bogle (BSEE, UA 1958) had three children.



Margaret L. Bogle

Most of Dr. Bogle's career involved public health and pediatric nutrition. Returning to Arkansas in the late seventies she served as director of nutrition services for the Arkansas Children's Hospital and gained national recognition for the clinical nutrition staff. She received her doctorate in Nutrition from Texas Woman's University in Denton in 1989.

Dr. Bogle served on the Dean's Task Force to redesign the programs in the School of Human Environmental Sciences and was a founding board member of the Bumpers College Alumni Society.

Always active in her professional organization, The American Dietetic Association, she is chair-elect of its foundation. She is on the editorial board of *Topics in Clinical Nutrition* and reviews manuscripts for the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*.

Dr. Bogle joined the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of USDA in

1997 as executive director of the Lower Mississippi Delta Nutrition Intervention Research Initiative, for which she coordinates research on community-based interventions.

Dr. Bogle's many publications include two for parents that are her favorites, "What Shall I Feed My Child" and "Quick Meals for Busy Families." Her many honors include election to the Arkansas Women's Forum for promoting women in science, business and legislative affairs. She is also the 2004 Outstanding Alumnus of Texas Woman's University.



Jennifer Leigh Drake, Commencement speaker, and Cheryl Rossi are the Class of '04 Senior Scholars, having achieved 4.0 cumulative grade point averages.

Ms. Drake, the daughter of Garry and Susie Drake of Fayetteville, is a Human Development and Family Sciences major with a minor in Spanish. In 2002, she studied Spanish while working in an orphanage in San José, Costa Rica. As an intern in the Washington County Juvenile Court, her duties included reviewing cases for diversion from the court to a social services provider.

Ms. Rossi, the daughter of Marion and Betty Rossi of Center Ridge, is an Apparel Studies major with a minor in Marketing. She has been an active member of the Fashion Merchandising Club and Gamma Beta Phi and has been a Human Environmental Sciences STAR (Service, Training and Recruitment) Student.



Jennifer Leigh Drake



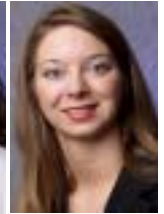
Cheryl Rossi



Bradley R. Cheatham



Fauna M. Ganson



Rachel L. Griesse



Margo D. Hale



Matthew K. Nutt



Eric J. Wright

The Bumpers College Honors Program grew to 75 students in 2004. The Honors Program Distinguished Graduates recognized at Commencement were Bradley R. Cheatham, the son of Jody and Darlene Cheatham of Morrow; Fauna M. Ganson of Washburn, Wisc., the daughter of Robert L. and Donna J. Ganson; Rachel L. Griesse of Fort Smith, the daughter of David and Paula Griesse and Edwin and Lucy Dooley; Margo D. Hale, daughter of David and Lolah Daniel of Springdale; Matthew K. Nutt, son of Lynn and Carol Nutt of Monett, Mo.; and Eric J. Wright, son of Delane and Linda Wright of Quitman.



The John W. White Outstanding Student Award for 2004 was presented to Eric J. Wright, the son of Delane and Linda Wright of Quitman. He expects to graduate in December with a double major in Poultry Science and Honors Biology and minors in Spanish and Agribusiness. He plans to pursue graduate studies in cellular and mo-

lecular biology. His many activities and honors include working as a Free Health Center volunteer, Livestock Judging Team, Alpha Zeta, Gamma Beta Phi and Poultry Science Club. He has conducted a student research project in molecular virology.



Eric J. Wright



The Dale Bumpers Scholar awards are presented to an outstanding transfer student and to outstanding students pursuing a master's degree and a doctorate in a Bumpers College discipline.

The Bumpers Undergraduate Scholar for 2004 is Daniel Haynes Skipper, the son of Roger and Connie Skipper of Cabot. A graduate of Beebe High School, he received an associate of arts degree from Arkansas State University at Beebe. An Agribusiness major, he is a member of the Agricultural Business Club, Collegiate FFA/4-H and Chi Alpha.



Daniel H. Skipper

The Bumpers Master's Scholar Award recipient is Vinod Shivrain, an M.S. student in Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences. He is a member of the UA Weed Team that won the 2003 Southern Weed Contest, and he received a travel grant to present a paper at the International Weed Science Congress in June.



Vinod Shivrain

The Bumpers Doctoral Scholar Award was presented to Jeff Edwards. He operated a farm at Olaton, Ky., and received a B.S. degree in Agricultural Business from Western Kentucky University in 1995 and an M.S. degree in Weed Science from the U of A in 2001. Awards he has received include first and second place in paper



Jeff Edwards

competitions sponsored by the Southern Weed Science Society, Arkansas Crop Protection Association and Gamma Sigma Delta.



The Spitze Public Policy Legislative Internship award pays for two students to serve as Congressional interns.

Sen. Blanche Lincoln selected Matthew Fryar, the son of Jim and Sandy Fryar of Royal, as a summer intern. An Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology major, Fryar is a resident assistant at Pomfret Honors Quarters and a member of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and the Alpha Zeta honor society. He is an FFA American Farmer Degree recipient and past state secretary for Arkansas FFA. He is conducting undergraduate research in agricultural communications academic curriculum.



Matthew Fryar

Tory B. Hodges, the daughter of John and Cheryl Hodges of Alpena, was selected as a summer intern by 3rd District Congressman John Boozman. An Agribusiness major with a minor in political science, she is a



Tory B. Hodges

Bumpers College Ambassador, a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity and an FFA American Farmer Degree recipient. She has conducted undergraduate research projects on water quality and non-point source pollution and on community resource and environmental education development.



The Presidential Scholar award goes to the Bumpers College student in the junior class with the highest grade point average: Megan Quin Hardy, the daughter of Scott and Kathy Hardy of Tumbling Shoals and the granddaughter of Dean Emeritus Glenn Hardy of Fayetteville. An Apparel Studies major with a minor in Agribusiness, she is a member of the Fashion Merchandising Club, Agribusiness Club and Alpha Zeta. She is a Human Environmental Science STAR and is Webmaster for the Entomology Department.



Megan Quin Hardy



The Bumpers College Alumni Society sponsors an annual scholarship and names two Ring Scholars, who each receive a UA class ring, based on academic performance and leadership. The Senior Scholarship recipient

#### CONGRATULATIONS

— Horticulture graduate Ellen Thompson of Fayetteville gets a congratulatory kiss from her grandfather, professor emeritus Lyell Thompson, following the Bumpers College Commencement May 8. More than 180 graduates walked in the commencement ceremony, held in the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center.





**THANKS** — Bradley Cheatham, a Food Science major from Morrow, spoke on behalf of recipients, and Robert Spitze of Urbana, Ill., spoke on behalf of donors at the Scholarship Luncheon April 15 in the Arkansas Union Ballroom. The College awarded \$650,393 from 449 different scholarship funds to 276 students for Fall 2003 and Spring 2004.

was Kimberly Michelle Cooper, an Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology major. Her parents and stepparents are Gary and Nita Cooper of Everton and Jacque and Don Young of Harrison. Ms. Cooper is president of the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, a Bumpers College Ambassador and a member of Collegiate Farm Bureau, Collegiate 4-H and FFA, Alpha Zeta and Alpha Tau Alpha.



Kimberly M. Cooper

Ring Scholars are Lindsay Marie West, the daughter of Randy and Cheryl West of Prairie Grove, and Abel Noah Tomlinson, the son of Melody Tomlinson of Winslow and Craig Tomlinson of Denman Island, British Columbia.

An Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology major, Ms. West is a contributing writer to the Cattleman's News of Joplin Regional Stockyards. She is vice president of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, a Bumpers College Ambassador, an Alpha Zeta officer, a student representative for her academic department and a County Conservation District water quality technical assistant.



Lindsay M. West

Mr. Tomlinson is a Horticultural Science major who has worked as a research assistant



Abel N. Tomlinson

and manager of the Horticulture Club greenhouse for the club's annual plant sale. He was a Futrall Hall Senate representative, a member of Golden Key Honor Society and received the Gamma Sigma Delta Senior Scholar Award for 2004. He and his wife, Amanda, have a daughter, Anna.



Max V. Meisch received the Spitze Land Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence. He developed area-wide mosquito abatement programs in Arkansas and is internationally recognized for his work on integrated management systems for mosquito control. Dr. Meisch is co-author of a book and has authored many scientific journal articles. He has won all the teaching awards given by Bumpers College and the UA campus and is a charter member of the Arkansas Teaching Academy. Dr. Meisch has a B.S. degree from Texas College of Arts and Industries and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Texas A&M University.



Max V. Meisch



Lawrence R. "Dick" Oliver, recipient of the Jack G. Justus Award for Teaching Excellence, taught many of today's leaders in the herbicide industry and in weed science research and extension programs. The Arkansas Weed Team coached by Dr. Oliver has dominated the Southern Weed Contest, winning 17 out of the



Lawrence R. "Dick" Oliver

last 21 contests. He has received many teaching honors, including the Weed Science Society of America's Outstanding Teacher Award. Dr. Oliver's research is in weed management systems for major Arkansas crops. A native of Stuttgart, he has B.S. and M.S. degrees from the U of A and a Ph.D. from Purdue University.



The Bumpers College Alumni Society Outstanding Advising Award was presented to Jennie Popp. In addition to advising students in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Dr. Popp is advisor to the Agribusiness Club and the Agribusiness Academic Quizbowl Team. She teaches and conducts extensive research on the topics of production and environmental risk management, water quality management and environmental policy. Dr. Popp has a B.S. degree from the University of Scranton and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Colorado State University.



Jennie Popp



The John W. White Teaching Excellence Award recipient, David Longer, has developed and taught six courses and labs in the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences. He was recently appointed co-director of the Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center. Dr. Longer's research is on sustainable field crop production with an emphasis on low-input practices. He has a B.S. degree from Ball State University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue University.



David Longer



Justin R. Morris, the John W. White Research Excellence Award recipient, is co-inventor of a UA-patented vineyard mechanization system that has been licensed for commercial production. Dr. Morris is director of the U of A Division of Agriculture's Institute of Food Science

and Engineering. He has received a number of research, service and teaching awards at the campus, regional and national levels. A native of Nashville, Ark., Dr. Morris has B.S and M.S. degrees from the U of A and a Ph.D. degree from Rutgers University.



Justin R. Morris



The John W. White Extension Excellence Award at the state level went to Associate Professor and Extension Engineer Phil Tacker. He is well known by Arkansas farmers as an expert on crop management practices involving drainage, irrigation, water quality and the development and management of water resources. Mr. Tacker has B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Arkansas.



Phil Tacker



The John W. White Extension Excellence Award at the county level was presented to Henry M. "Hank" Chaney of DeValls Bluff, Staff Chair of the Cooperative Extension Service unit in Prairie County. Since 1982 Mr. Chaney has held positions as agent, rice verification coordinator and staff chair. He has B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Arkansas.



Henry M. "Hank" Chaney



The John W. White Outstanding Team Award for 2004 goes to members of the Division of Agriculture's Rice Variety Development and Cultural Management Team. The team has developed a series of high-performance rice varieties and management guidelines for each variety. The varieties and management guidelines are used by Arkansas farmers who produce nearly half of the rice grown in the United States and by rice growers in other states.



Rice Variety Development and Cultural Management Team: (left to right) Fleet N. Lee, Johnny L. Bernhardt, Charles E. "Chuck" Wilson Jr., Nathan A. Slaton, Karen A.K. Moldenhauer and Richard J. Norman

The award was presented to Johnny L. Bernhardt, research assistant professor of entomology at RREC; Charles E. "Chuck" Wilson, Jr., extension agronomist for Rice, RREC; Karen A.K. Moldenhauer, professor and holder of the Rice Industry Chair for Variety Development, RREC; Fleet N. Lee, professor of plant pathology, RREC; Richard J. Norman, professor of crop, soil, and environmental sciences, Fayetteville; and Nathan A. Slaton, professor and director of soil testing, Fayetteville.



The Outstanding Professional Support Award (Non-Classified) went to Diana Bisbee, a Program Director in the Bumpers College dean's office and the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science. She has provided administrative support for a variety of programs, including the Arkansas Consortium for Teaching Agriculture. She served as liaison between faculty, administrators and contractors during construction of the Poultry Science Center and is project manager for renovations in Bumpers College buildings. Ms. Bisbee has B.S. and M.S. degrees from the U of A and is working on her Ph.D. dissertation.



Diana Bisbee



Carla F. Coker and Brenda K. Hawkins received Division of Agriculture awards for outstanding performance by Cooperative Extension Service and Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station classified employees.

Ms. Coker, accounting technician II in the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences, has provided accounting services for the department's faculty and allied units since 1998. In 2002, she was selected to help test a new campus-wide purchasing system. She serves in the U of A Staff Senate on the Safety Committee, Scholarship Committee and the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee.



Carla F. Coker

Ms. Hawkins is administrative office supervisor in the Faulkner County office of the Cooperative Extension Service. She has served in the Conway office for 31 years. She is a charter member and has held every office in the Chi Epsilon support staff organization and received the Support Staff of the Year Award in 1977. She is also active in Beta Sigma Phi sorority. ■



Brenda K. Hawkins

## Crowder a big step closer to playing on Sunday

**T**om Crowder, BSA '03, moved a big step closer to realizing his dream of playing professional football when he signed as a free agent with the Dallas Cowboys April 25 after the last round of the NFL draft.

"I was hoping the Cowboys would draft me, but I knew that wasn't likely. (Coach) Bill Parcells called me (before the draft) and told me my chances of making the team (as a free agent) were really good."

The Razorback walk-on who became a star player, leading in special team tackles his last two years, reported to the Cowboys' rookie camp April 29.

"Now it's up to me to make the 53-man roster," Crowder said, for a minimum salary of about \$250,000. "They said they want me to impact special teams and will split time

working me at wide receiver and free safety."

In an earlier interview, Crowder said that as his Razorback career was ending with the Independence Bowl game Dec. 31, he was looking for a sign about pursuing his dream of an NFL career.

He got one.

"It was my best overall game; I took that as a sign that it was worth trying."

No. 38 was one of the stars of the game. He intercepted a pass on a fake field goal and blocked a punt in addition to his usual highlights of tackles.

At Pro-Day workouts, Crowder, at 6'1", 203, impressed scouts with a time of 4.41 seconds in the 40-yard dash. He was rated by NFL.com as a 9 out of 10 for speed and athleticism and an 8 for strength and "Xfactor."

Setting and achieving goals is a habit of Crowder's.

"Walking on to the football team and having to work my way from the bottom up was a great learning experience. It wasn't handed to me. I had to set a lot of small goals," he said.

"A goal every semester was keeping my GPA up. That was something I could control, and I made it a top priority."

Other goals achieved were making the travel squad and lettering in 2001, leading in special team tackles and scoring a touchdown, which he did in both of his last two years.



Tom Crowder

Dr. Jennie Popp, Crowder's advisor, said he was an excellent student — good enough to win the Brandon Burlsworth Scholar Athlete of the Year award for 2003-04 and to make the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

"Agribusiness is not an easy major," Dr. Popp

said. "Tom never made excuses. He did the work and earned his grades. He is just a delightful young man."

Tom Crowder followed in the footsteps of his father, Randy Crowder, BSA '78, as both a Razorback football player and an Agribusiness major. Tom's brother, Will, is a 2002 UA graduate in political science and is now an attorney in Little Rock. His mother, Martha, has a UA degree in education.



Randy Crowder was a scholarship recruit, playing linebacker and special teams. A knee injury his first

year ended what promised to be an outstanding career. He added a forestry degree from UA-Monticello to his Agribusiness degree and uses both as owner of Crowder Forestry Service at Camden.

Tom said he was "never undecided" about a major. "I went straight to Agribusiness, and I'm glad I did. I really liked the way the teachers wanted to help me succeed. The small size of the department and small classes made it easy to make good friends. And it gave me knowledge I can apply to forestry."

Crowder sees forestry in addition to football in the future for himself and his wife, Kristen. "I plan to do forestry during the off-seasons," he said. ■



**NO. 38** — Tom Crowder led in special team tackles his junior and senior years.

# Study Abroad adds global dimension to education

The Global Studies Program in Bumpers College was one of three national finalists for the third annual Andrew Heiskell Awards for Innovation in International Education. It received an honorable mention in January for its placement among the finalists being recognized by the Institute of International Education for providing innovative programs and services.

"This award is a great honor that recognizes that the U of A Global Studies Program is among the most innovative study abroad programs in the country," said Preston La Ferney, director of the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture's International Agricultural Programs.

The Global Studies Program (GSP) arranges study abroad, research and internship opportunities in virtually any country Bumpers College students want to go, said Ray Barclay, director of the GSP. It also helps arrange study tours led by faculty.

"Immersion in other cultures is the most important element of the Global Studies Program," Dr. La Ferney said. "International study and internships put students in an environment where they can figure things out for themselves. It adds a whole new dimension to their education; they learn about global citizenship, and when they come back they understand themselves a lot better."

Kristen Harper, a senior horticulture student from Gentry, worked a 10-week internship at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, Scotland.

"It took a lot of adjusting at first," she said. "But the people are friendly, and there's so much history it makes for an enjoyable experience. I'll remember it forever, and if I have the opportunity to go again, I won't have to think twice about it."

The global experience isn't all work. Most of the internships and

longer study abroad trips have plenty of time built in to travel. Harper and horticulture classmate Cecili Olcott of Valrico, Fla., toured the Scottish Highlands and traveled to London and Paris.

"The thing that most built our confidence was the trip to Paris," Harper said. "Neither of us spoke French, so we had to get along in another language and culture."

"What makes this program unique is that it doesn't rely on pre-programmed travel packages," Dr. Barclay said. "Each student has a unique experience because each trip is tailored to an individual student's needs."

That flexibility allowed Cody Keen of Fayetteville to find an internship that suited his unique combination of a major in poultry science and minors in global agriculture, agricultural business and Spanish. He lived in Madrid, Spain, for eight weeks and worked for A.C.E. Pita Pita, a food company that produces fresh eggs and egg products.

"The interesting part was learning a new job in another language," he said. "I mostly worked on a computer in transportation and logistics, and the computer commands and information were all in Spanish. I spent a lot of time going

back over everything I did, just to make sure I hadn't entered wrong information. I had to think on my feet constantly, translating all the time so that at the end of the day I was just worn out."

After work, he returned to an apartment he shared with other interns from Germany, China, Austria and Italy.

"I learned that there's a common way of communication even when there are differences in language," Keen said. "It was so much effort just to have a conversation in your own home when the common language is everyone's second language. We came to use a conglomerate language that combined Spanish with a little bit of everyone's native languages."

"Students abroad have to look within themselves and become more self-sufficient," Dr. Barclay said. "They make new friends, and every experience is something they make themselves."

More than 100 students have had study or internship abroad experiences in 16 countries since the program was established in 1996, Dr. Barclay said, and 28 are either abroad now or will be by the end of 2004.

"Our goal remains the same," he said. "We want to provide the opportunity for international experience for every student in Bumpers College who wants to go." ■



Cody Keen



**A GROWTH EXPERIENCE** — Cody Keen lived in Madrid while serving an internship in Spain. He had the opportunity to visit many Spanish cities, including Segovia, site of a Roman aqueduct dating to the end of the first century.



**CAREER DEVELOPMENT** — Jacob Wooley of Vilonia High School inspects poultry during the FFA Career Development Event competitions April 9. High school FFA students from across the state came to the U of A to compete in the state events.



**CARNEY LEGACY** — Allen Carney of Fayetteville and Scott Fry, an Animal Science major and Bumpers College ambassador, are pictured at the Scholarship Luncheon April 15 with a portrait of the late Cy Carney Sr. who established the Mr. and Mrs. Cy Carney Scholarship fund in 1967. Fifteen students received Carney scholarships for 2003-04. Allen is the grandson of Cy, who was raised on a farm at Rudy where he started a general store. He moved the store to Fayetteville and prospered in the butane and propane gas supply business.

## Ag Hall of Fame inducts Oliver

Betty Oliver, MS '67, of North Little Rock is one of four 2004 inductees into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame sponsored by the Arkansas Farm Bureau and the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Oliver began her career in 1958 with the Cooperative Extension Service as an assistant home economist in Miller County and was staff chair in Pulaski County from 1978 until 2001. She now coordinates the statewide Extension Homemakers program.

Oliver's many awards include the national Florence Hall Award from the Association of Home Economists for a home-building education program in Lonoke County. She has been a leader in her professional association, the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee and the Arkansas State Fair Board of Directors.



Betty Oliver

Other friends of the College inducted in 2004:

- John A. McKnight Jr., of River Oaks Farm at Searcy, has produced top-quality Polled Hereford, Braford and Gelbvieh seedstock. He is a livestock consultant and judges many national, state and county cattle shows. He is a charter member and former president of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association.
- The late Stewart E. Jessup was a member of the Riceland Foods board of directors from 1965 until he retired in 1993; he was chairman from 1985-93. He is past chairman of the U.S. Rice Producers' legislative group, was a charter member of the National Bank for Cooperatives (CoBank) St. Louis region and served on the Farmers Home Administration state advisory board. He died on Dec. 11, 2003.
- The late S.D. Mitchell taught vocational agriculture at the high school and college level and was state director of the Future Farmers of America. In the early 1950s, he was named president of Valley Feed Company and was instrumental in the merger of several companies to form Arkansas Valley Industries, Inc., considered the first vertically integrated poultry company in Arkansas. Mitchell managed AVI operations until his retirement in 1970. ■

**GOOD FRIENDS** — The Animal Science Department presented Friend of the Department plaques to Vernon L. Schmiegelow of Rogers, left, and Richard K. Fulton of Washington County during the department's annual Awards and Scholarship Luncheon April 27. A Friend of the Department plaque was also presented to John A. McKnight Jr. of Searcy, who was unable to attend the luncheon. The plaques recognize individuals for long-term support of teaching, research and extension programs in animal science.







**ACCOMPLISHED GRADUATE** – Animal Science Department Head Keith Lusby presents a Graduate of Distinction award to Everett I. Rogers, DVM, of Paragould during the department's annual Awards and Scholarship Luncheon April 27.

## Animal Science presents awards

The Department of Animal Science presented awards for student and graduate achievements during its annual Awards and Scholarship Luncheon April 27.

Marci Jennings, a senior from Fayetteville, received the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award and Suzanne Krumpelman of Fayetteville received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

Receiving the American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Achievement Awards were seniors Jennings, Margaret Bowman of Fayetteville, Jessica Johnson of Southlake, Texas, Jennifer McFarland of Booneville and Anita Sarathi of Bartlesville, Okla.; juniors Crystal Garner of Danville, Susan Stebel of Springdale and Bradley Youngblood of Watson, Okla.; and sophomores Tyler Davis of Ashdown, Blake Rainwater of Mountain Home, Jane Stuckey of Clarkedale and John Looney of Bryan, Texas.

Everett I. Rogers, DVM, of Paragould and Lawson Hembree IV of Fort Smith received Graduate of Distinction awards, and Carl E. Lueker of Buffalo, Mo., and Gilbert R. Hollis of Champagne, Ill., received Advanced Graduate of Distinction awards.

Richard K. Fulton of Washington County, Vernon L. Schmiegelow of Rogers and John A. McKnight Jr. of Searcy received Friend of the Department awards. ■

## Class Notes

### 1930s

**Keith J. Dampf**, BSA '33, is living in Hanford, Calif., and writes that he would like to hear from other "old timers!" Please contact the Alumni Society office if you knew Mr. Dampf and would like to contact him.

**Joseph D. McCollum** ☉, BSA '39, is retired and playing golf, splitting the year between Idaho and Arizona.

### 1940s

**Wanda Richards Underwood Spivey** ☉, BSHE '41, was guest of honor at the grand opening of a new high tech propagation greenhouse in Phoenix, "Amos' House." The naming is a tribute to the life and legacy of **Amos H. Underwood**, BSA '42, by his sons, Robert and Richard Underwood, owners of Arid Solution Nursery and AAA Landscape Company of Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz.

### 1950s

**Doris Cash Langer**, BSHE '57 MS '78, lives in Vinita, Okla., where she is an active registered and licensed dietitian. Her husband of 47 years, Franklin Langer, passed away May 9, 2003.

### 1960s

**David "Gail" Cowart** ★, BS '60, of Alma, is retired after spending most of his career with Amoco Oil Company. He was recently inducted into the Arkansas Academy of Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

**Charles E. Denver** ☉, BSA '66, MS '70, of Watson, is retired from Agrilance and currently consulting with CRC Crop Consulting Firm.

**Joe D. Faddis** ★, BS '67, of Evansville, is currently a self-employed dairy farmer. He was recently inducted into the Arkansas Academy of Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

**Jewel T. Barr**, BSA '68 MS '69, is retired from the USDA and living in Woodbridge, Va.

**Robert M. Head**, BS '69 MS '71, was named executive vice president of IBERIABANK, a publicly traded institution with \$2.1 billion in assets headquartered in Lafayette, La. Robert and his wife, Tina, reside in Monroe, La.

**Don R. Johnson**, BSA '69 MS '71, retired March 31 after 22 years with U of A Cooperative Extension Service. He most recently headed the pest management

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section of the Extension Service and says he will be a consultant, traveler, writer, fisherman, hunter and golfer.

**Eugene H. Snawder** ★, BS '69, of Harrison, was recently inducted into the Arkansas Academy of Biological and Agricultural Engineering. He has worked for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service since 1968.

### 1970s

**Don Cawthon** ★+, BS '73 MS '77 PhD '82, is Dean of the Tarleton State University College of Agriculture and Human Sciences and the Resident Director of Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

**Cindy Carrington Allen** ★, BSHE '75, lives in Fort Smith and was named 2003 Teacher of the Year by the Arkansas Career Orientation Teachers' Association.

**Beverly Davis Fountain**, BSHE '78, of Batesville, received the 2003 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agents Arkansas Affiliate. She has worked for the UA Cooperative Extension Service for more than 23 years.

**Dennis R. Gardisser** ★, BS '79 MS '81, of Lonoke, was recently inducted into the Arkansas Academy of Biological and Agricultural Engineering. He is the associate head of the biological and agricultural engineering department in the Cooperative Extension Service at Little Rock.

### 1980s

**Mike DeFelice**, MS '80, is senior marketing manager for Pioneer Hi-Bred International in Johnston, Iowa, and won the Distinguished Service Award for Industry at the 2003 annual meeting of the Southern Weed Science Society.

**Fayte Brewer** ☉, PhD '81, is president of Ag Alumni Seed Improvement Association in Romney, Ind., a company owned by the Purdue Ag Alumni Association.

**Jackie Driver**, MS '83, was recently elected vice president of the Southern Weed Science Society and will be president in 2006. She works for Syngenta Crop Protection and lives in Edmond, Okla.

**Stacye Anderson-Wyatt** ★, BSA '85,  
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resides in Springdale and is Mid-South Territory sales manager for Control Solutions of Houston.

**Patti Wiese Lehigh** ★, BSA '88, earned a Ph.D. degree from LSU in 1994. She is currently working with the Memphis Dyslexia Foundation developing a home schooling program for kids with severe dyslexia. Lehigh is also a tutor at the Foundation, teaching chemistry, biology, microbiology, algebra, geometry and calculus.

## 1990s

**David Jordan** ★, PhD '92, is the peanut extension specialist at North Carolina State University and was named Outstanding Young Weed Scientist at the 2003 annual meeting of the Southern Weed Science Society.

**Maurice Platt Higginbotham**, BSHES '94, of Ashdown, is the new director of child care services for Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas and will oversee two new childcare facilities to be built in Little River and Sevier County.

**Keith Strother**, MS '96, PhD '02, is a research microbiologist at the University of North Carolina Medical School.

**Julie Bannister Woods**, BS '97, MS '98, is a food scientist with Wild Flavors, Inc., in Erlanger, Ky., where she is working with flavor application development in cereal, bakery and confections.

## 2000s

**Ashley Easterly Warren** ★, BSA '02, married **Jason Warren**, BSA '02, June 1, 2002, and is working as a veterinary assistant in Rogers.

**Wendie Wallis Phelps** ★, BSA '03, is a graduate student in Meat Science at Colorado State University. She married Porter Phelps, BSA '01, on May 24, 2003, in an outdoor ceremony near Hardy, Ark.

**Eric Scherder**, PhD '03, was named Outstanding Doctoral Graduate Student at the 2003 annual meeting of the Southern Weed Science Society and is the Southern U.S. Agronomist for AgriGold Seed Company in Princeton, Ind.

**Carter Price**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, and his wife, Lou Ann, are retired and living in San Antonio enjoying their grandchildren. Dr Price is teaching part time at San Antonio College.

## Deceased

**Hazel Sweetser Bridenthal** ☼, BSHE '34, of Little Rock, died Dec. 28, 2003.

**Mamie Fogleman Stokes**, BSHE '36, of Marion, died Dec. 29, 2003.

**Earl Wildy** ☼+, BSA '38, of Leachville died April 30, 2004.

**Earl T. Smith**, BSA '40, of Batesville, died Dec. 28, 2003.

**J. Ritchie Smith** ★+, BSA '41, of Memphis, died Sept. 6, 2003.

**James Irwin** ★, BSE '49 MED '61, of Springdale, died April 11, 2004.

**Randall A. McCain**, BSA '49, of Sherwood, died in Sept. 2000.

**Edward L. Pace** ★, BSA '50, of Wilmar, died June 10, 2003, at the Veterans Hospital in Little Rock.

**Ray Williams**, BSA '51, of McGehee, died Oct. 7, 2003.

**Jay Woodbridge**, BSA '53 MS '54, of Fayetteville, died Jan. 21, 2002.

**Jay D. Humbard** ★, BSA '56 MS '68, of Springdale, died April 18, 2003. He was a UA County Extension Agent for almost 35 years and is survived by his wife, **Jackie Phillips Humbard**, BSHES '56; daughters Terri Mundy, Lynn Lensing and son Phil Humbard, all graduates of the U of A.

**Walter J. Moeller**, BSA '64 MS '66, retired Lt. Col. in the United States Army, died Feb. 11, 2004.

**Larry W. May**, BSA '69, of Delight, died Dec. 8, 2003.

**Patricia Sullivan Seidel**, BSA '84, of Little Rock, died Feb. 11, 2004.

## Weddings

**Christopher Herral**, BSA '95, and Jana Lanette Ghidotti were married Jan. 31, 2004, in Little Rock.

**Tracy Shepherd Davenport** ★, BSA '00, and Joe Dean Davenport were married Feb. 24, 2004. The couple have a cattle farm in Tontitown.

**Amber Renee Pugh Ham** ★, BSHES '03, and Justin Ryan Ham were married Dec. 13, 2003. They reside in Austin, Texas.

**Amanda Steelman Sostrin** ★, BID '03, and **Mike Sostrin** ★, MS '99 PhD '03, were married in Oct. 2003. They reside in Fayetteville.

## New Arrivals

Born Nov. 5, 2003, to **Brian Keith Kilbourn**, BSA '89 MS '00, and his wife, a son, Alexander Keith, in Green Forest.

Born Oct. 11, 2003, to **Stewart David Higgins** ★, BSA '92 MS '95, and his wife Trina, a son, Thomas James.

Born July 18, 2003, to **Lora McGee Little**, BID '01, and **Chris Little**, BS '01, a daughter, Ava Elizabeth. ■



**PRECISION RIDING** — The Sugar Creek Riders drill team thrilled a capacity crowd with high-speed, precision horsemanship during the 2004 University of Arkansas Horse Festival March 26-27. The annual festival is hosted by the Dorothy E. King Equine Program in the Department of Animal Science. Equine students plan and manage the festival, which showcases the vast variety of breeds, types and uses of horses. Nationally known equine clinicians, vendors, riding exhibitions, special events for adults and children, food and a popular silent auction are featured at the festival.

**KEY** — These symbols in Class Notes indicate Alumni Association and CAFLS Society membership:

- ★ Member
- ★+ Member, A+
- ☼ Life Member
- ☼+ Life Member, A+

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Arkansas Farm Bureau is helping to pay for printing of this issue of *The Graduate*. The Farm Bureau has a long tradition of supporting Bumpers College students and alumni and the research and extension programs of the Division of Agriculture.

Just one example is more than \$1 million in scholarships awarded by county Farm Bureaus and at the state level. Another is support for the U of A's Collegiate Farm Bureau and sponsorship of the Collegiate Discussion Meet that focuses the attention of our future leaders on important issues in agriculture.



**DISCUSSION CHAMP** — Harry Willems of Arkansas Farm Bureau presents the first place award in the State Collegiate Discussion Meet April 8 in Little Rock to Isaac Melin, a senior majoring in Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology. The competition promotes critical thinking about issues in Arkansas agriculture.

## Meat & Poultry ranks UA in top 4

The University of Arkansas was ranked No. 4 among the 10 best meat and poultry programs by *Meat and Poultry* magazine in November. The magazine ranked the U of A No. 1 nationally in poultry processing education, research and extension as part of the overall evaluation.

The ranking is a move up from No. 5 for the previous two years. This was the first year for the poultry program rankings. The ranking was based primarily on the quality and reputation of programs in poultry science and animal science. It also recognized contributions from the food science, biological and agricultural engineering, and agricultural economics and agribusiness departments.

The top 10, in order, are Texas A&M, Iowa State, Kansas State, **Arkansas**, Oklahoma State, Nebraska, Colorado State, Michigan State, Illinois and Auburn. The top five for poultry processing programs, in order, are **Arkansas**, Texas A&M, Georgia, Auburn and Georgia Tech. ■



**PLANT SALE** – The Horticulture Club raised funds for projects at a plant sale at the Horticulture Department greenhouses April 17. Early customers from the faculty included John Clark and his wife, Sharon, who were assisted by students Ellen Thompson and Abel Tomlinson. Faculty sponsor was Jon Lindstrom.

**TOURNEY TIME** – Alumni, faculty, students and corporate friends of the College participate in three annual golf tournaments to support scholarships and academic programs of the College and research and extension programs of the Division of Agriculture. Two April events are the Golf and Sports Turf Classic (Horticulture) at



Stonebridge Meadows Golf Club and the 5th Annual Poultry Science Scholarship Golf Tournament at Valley View Golf and Country Club. The Delta Classic at Helena Country Club July 16 is hosted by Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences. Contact Gerald Wilson, 901-371-1842, for information.

Pictured are Rick Barrows, Shaun Penny, Hex Bisbee and Scott Barrows, members of the Multi Craft Contractors team, enjoying a round of golf during a beautiful afternoon at the Poultry Science Tournament.

## CSES Club restores wetland

The Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Club won second place in a student poster competition at the American Society of Agronomy meetings in Denver last November. The poster was on a club project to restore a local wetland in Bryce-Davis Park in Fayetteville.

The club members are continuing to support the park by removing invasive plants, planting native plants and conducting research to determine efficient methods of restoring and maintaining this and other neighborhood wetlands. ■

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