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University Libraries

In today's libraries, everything old is made new again! The U of A Libraries has experienced tremendous growth in services, personnel, collections and technology. Between 2000 and 2016, the printed collections have grown from 1.69 million volumes to more than 2.39 million. With the growth in the student population and interdisciplinary programs, all of the libraries on campus retooled spaces to accommodate independent study and collaborative study with varying technologies to meet the needs of a new generation.

While technology is a driving force in all aspects of our lives, libraries have continuously embraced and adapted to these changes for dissemination and retrieval of information. The Libraries have advanced the cause of open access, leading to an open access policy and a copyright policy being adopted by faculty last year. We are also leading the push for open educational resources at the university, with enormous potential to reduce student textbook costs significantly. I advocate for both trends through my membership on the Steering Committee of SPARC, an international organization with more than 200 members in North America.

At the U of A Libraries, opportunities abound for students, faculty, and staff to obtain the resources needed for research, study and life-long learning. Our institutional repository ScholarWorks.uark.edu showcases the intellectual output of our campus, making the knowledge created at the U of A available to the

world. The Libraries' digital collections are also growing, thanks to technology and the hard work of library faculty and staff who have mastered the production of making "old things" newly available in digital formats. Our digital collections also provide people throughout the world an opportunity to see many of the collections that otherwise would be unavailable.

I am often asked if printed books are being supplanted by online books. Recent studies by UNESCO indicate that about 2.2 million titles world-wide are printed annually; while non-traditional books /electronic versions were projected to be about 1.1 million titles. What is interesting is that many titles are offered in both genres; however, there is little effort on the part of publishers to provide everything in electronic form in the immediate future. Many people marvel that these changes in technology happened quickly, but librarians have been grappling with them for well over 40 years.

A fresh look at the Libraries, the structural changes in our facilities, and the phenomenal growth in student and faculty populations on our campus keep me excited about the future. We will bring more collaboration among all academic and service programs to the Libraries; and the Libraries will continue to be busy places brimming with traditional forms of active learning, art exhibits, lectures, movies and music. My personal goal for the Libraries has been to bring powerfully enriching intellectual and visual experiences to all who enter our doors. And we do that, every day. ■

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Chancellor Steinmetz Shares Vision for University During Investiture Ceremony

The University of Arkansas held its first investiture ceremony for a chancellor on Oct. 20, formally conferring the symbols of the office to Chancellor Joseph E. Steinmetz. The ceremony was held in the Jim and Joyce Faulkner Performing Arts Center and was attended by faculty, students, staff and administrators from across the campus, with others watching the event as it was streamed on the university website.

University of Arkansas System President Donald R. Bobbitt and the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees hosted the ceremony, which was presented by the Campus Faculty leadership, Staff Senate and the Associated Student Government.

President Bobbitt presided over the ceremony, which he described as a “momentous occasion for this campus, the University of Arkansas System, and, indeed, the entire state.”

Representatives of the Associated Student Government, the Campus Faculty, the Faculty Senate and the Staff Senate all brought official greetings to those taking part in the ceremony, and Bobbitt introduced the keynote speaker, West Virginia University President Gordon Gee.

Gee, who has led five major universities during his career, was president of Ohio State University while Steinmetz served as vice provost for arts and sciences and executive dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Gee delivered an often light-hearted speech, telling Steinmetz of the “fun” he had ahead of him. But he also addressed the challenges facing higher education, expressing full confidence in Steinmetz’s abilities.

“He has the vision to navigate all of today’s challenges and the

passion for land-grant education that will help the University of Arkansas thrive as never before,” Gee said. “He will ensure that this great university will do all it can to raise this state to its full potential.”

In the most ceremonial portion of the investiture, Bobbitt asked the chancellor’s wife, Sandy, to place the medallion of the chancellor’s office around Steinmetz’s neck.

The chancellor then took the opportunity to describe his vision of the university’s future, emphasizing the newly developed Eight Guiding Priorities, as well as his plans for funding them and managing the continuing growth of the campus.

He explained that the priorities were developed through extensive meetings with broad input from across the campus, and grew out of the university’s core strengths and values. He elaborated on the priorities, stressing why each is important.

• **Advancing Student Success** – “Our first-year retention rate is 82 percent and our six-year graduation rate is 62.5 percent, numbers that are, in my opinion, too low for the quality of students we enroll, and the quality of instruction we provide. We’re better than that.”

• **Building a Collaborative and Innovative Campus** – “By harnessing research strengths, no matter how they are dispersed across campus, we can also be more competitive for research grants, attack problems from different perspectives, and be more innovative in finding solutions. We can become a national leader in this effort.”

- **Enhancing our Research and Discovery Mission** – “New ideas and disruptive technologies begin with basic research, scholarship and creative activity supported and nurtured on college campuses – and make the world a better place to live in. As such, we can and should be doing more to provide our faculty with the resources and support they need to flourish here at the U of A as researchers, scholars and artists.”
 - **Enriching Campus Diversity and Inclusion** – “Any educational institution that does not strive to reflect the complexity and diversity of our state, nation and the world is failing its students and failing its faculty.”
 - **Investing in Faculty Excellence** – “Great universities start with great faculty — they are the foundation on which everything else is built. Faculty build quality programs that attract great students; faculty conduct innovative research and scholarship that help attract other researchers and graduate students; and faculty contribute significantly to the arts and culture. Quite simply, great universities recruit, hire, and retain great faculty.”
 - **Promoting Innovation in Teaching and Learning** – “We will continue to find ways to remain at the cutting edge of teaching and learning by promoting the creation of timely and innovative academic programs and enhanced learning experiences.”
 - **Reaffirming our Land-grant and Flagship Responsibilities** – “Our value to the state goes far beyond degrees conferred or even our economic impact of more than \$1.2 billion annually. We are a partner, we are a resource and we are a driver of change. We remain fully committed to serving the needs of Arkansas and being responsive to the citizens of this state.”
 - **Strengthening Graduate Education** – “Graduate students are indispensable to our teaching and research missions. They are the future of higher education and many other fields.”
- Chancellor Steinmetz went on to outline his plan for funding these priorities, without relying on additional state funding. He said he has already called on all U of A administrative units to reduce their spending by 1 percent for each of the next three years; directed all deans to set aside 1 percent of their budget each year for 3 years for a fund to support the academic plan; asked that the Campaign Arkansas capital campaign be directed to support the eight priorities; and is emphasizing an increased effort to secure federal grants, corporate gifts, private partnerships, and foundation support.

The chancellor also addressed the rapid growth of the university in the past 10 years, saying that he and the executive committee agree that the campus can accommodate about 30,000 students, or an additional 10 percent enrollment increase. But he added that before this can happen, issues such as hiring more tenure-track faculty, finding additional office and research space, increasing the proportion of graduate students, and increasing student housing and services must be addressed.

He closed by praising the hard work done on campus every day by faculty, staff and students, saying, “I believe the University of Arkansas is just scratching the surface of what it can do and great times are ahead.” ■

U of A Remains a Top Tier University in U.S. News Ranking

The University of Arkansas remains a top-tier national university in the *U.S. News & World Report* “Best Colleges 2017” edition.

The U of A is tied for 64th among public universities, down slightly from last year’s position, where it was tied for 62nd. Among all universities and colleges, the publication ranks the U of A in an eight-way tie for 135th down from last year’s tie for 129th place.

“The ranking is a signal that the University of Arkansas must continue to improve to keep up, including its perceived place among the great public schools in this country,” said Chancellor Joe Steinmetz. “It also demonstrates the great importance of our current Campaign Arkansas — the funds we are able to raise for students and faculty in the coming years will make all the difference in the future of our university.”

The Sam Walton College of Business improved its rankings among public schools. Walton College is tied for 26th place, up from 27th place last year. Among all undergraduate business schools it remains at 43rd place.

The U of A did improve significantly in the category of “Best Colleges for Veterans,” jumping from 107th place to a tie for 90th. This follows a consistent campaign by the university to welcome veterans to campus by actively recruiting them and providing both financial and academic support. ■

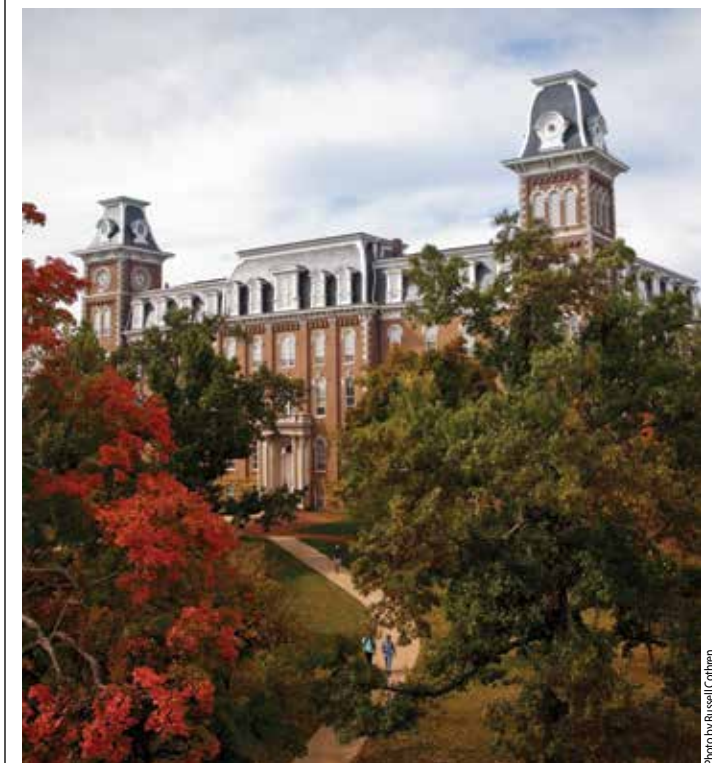


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Fulbright Journalism Department Brings Home Emmy Awards

Students, faculty and alumni of the Walter J. Lemke Department of Journalism in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences recently won multiple awards at the 2016 Mid-America Emmy Awards.

AnneDella Hines, Mary Kate Carson and Jarrett Hobbs, students in the journalism department, received the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Mid-America Regional Student Television Award for top student newscast for UATV's coverage "Plane Crash Down in Fayetteville."

Professor Larry Foley, chair of the journalism department, won awards in both the Writing and Cultural Documentary categories for his film, *The First Boys of Spring*.

"I'm honored, and was a little stunned, to have been awarded two Emmys. I never expected that," Foley said. "*The First Boys of Spring* was a passionate project for me — a film about something I love, baseball history. In some ways, I'd been waiting on a story like this my entire career. The amount of research involved was massive, but I loved every second of working on this story."

Award-winning University of Arkansas alumni include Marci Manley, investigative reporter for KARK-KLRT in Little Rock, who won an award in the Journalistic Enterprise category. Alumnus and reporter Tevin Wooten was also on the KARK-KLRT team that won an award for weather coverage. Additionally, alumnus Clint Fullen, creative director for KHBS/KHOG Ch. 40/29 Fort Smith/Fayetteville, won an award in the News Special category. ■



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Researchers Observe Dynamic Structure of Plant Protein

Research at the University of Arkansas shows that a plant protein's dynamic structure plays a critical role in how the plant builds up its photosynthetic machinery, potentially informing the design of artificial solar energy conversion devices.

The interdisciplinary team described its findings in the September issue of *Biophysical Journal*, which featured on its cover an illustration of the research created by the study's first author and U of A graduate student Rory Henderson.

The protein, known as cpSRP54, is a component of the signal recognition particle in chloroplasts. It works like a cellular cargo ship to bind and carry newly made photosynthetic proteins to thylakoid membranes. Once delivered, the protein cargo assembles with chlorophyll in the thylakoid and begins capturing light energy that is converted to chemical energy.

Plants are much more efficient at converting light into usable energy than current man-made solar cells. That's why the U.S. Department of Energy, which funded the research, is interested in finding out

how to make solar cells that act more like plant cells, said Suresh Thallapuranam, a professor of biochemistry who was part of the research team.

The results were obtained through a collaborative effort with Colin Heyes, associate professor of physical chemistry; Ralph Henry, Distinguished Professor of biological sciences; Robyn Goforth, research assistant professor of biological sciences; Feng Gao and Srinivas Jayanthi, both postdoctoral research associates in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Alicia Kight, a research associate in the Department of Biological Sciences; and Priyanka Sharma, a doctoral student in the U of A's cell and molecular biology program.

Henderson performed computational research on supercomputers at the Arkansas High Performance Computing Center, which was supported by several experimental approaches across chemistry, biology and physics. The National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health and the Arkansas Biosciences Institute also partially funded the research. ■

Graduate Students in Creative Writing and Translation Launch New Literary Magazine

The first issue of *The Arkansas International*, a new literary magazine produced by graduate students and faculty member Geoffrey Brock in the University of Arkansas Program in Creative Writing and Translation, was released in October, featuring creative work, essays, interviews and reviews by authors hailing from three continents.

"This is a huge moment for our creative writing program," said Davis McCombs, director of the program in creative writing and translation. "We've been producing some of the nation's best writers for half a century now, but we've never produced a literary journal that represents the full range and scope of what our program is about. *The Arkansas International* is a beautiful publication, and I'm grateful to the students who put their time and effort into creating a magazine that represents us so well."

Anthony Blake, a third-year poetry student and managing editor of the journal, also noted the long legacy of the MFA program. "Some of the most talented names in writing today have received their degrees from the University of Arkansas," he said.

The inaugural issue features poetry, fiction, nonfiction, translation and comics from notable authors. In addition to the United States,



writers from the first issue represent France, Norway, Russia and Argentina. Their honors include a Guggenheim Award, and numerous Stegner, NEA and Lambda Literary fellowships. Their work has been reviewed by *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, NPR, *The New York Times* and *Salon*, among others.

The international focus was no accident. "Through our degree track in translation, our creative writing program has long been in conversation with the international literary community," said Brock, professor of poetry and translation and editor-in-chief of the journal. "I'm tremendously proud of all the good work our student editors have put into finding fresh, excellent writing from both the U.S. and abroad. It's an exciting issue, thanks to them."

In addition to publishing biannual print issues, *The Arkansas International* will regularly feature new content on its website. Said web editor Caroline Beimford, a fiction writer in her

fourth year of the program in creative writing and translation, "We're committed to making the web a true extension of the magazine. In addition to highlighting work from the print issue, we're excited to feature original, web-only content including contributor interviews, international bookstore spotlights, book reviews and more." ■

University of Arkansas to Lead STEM Training for College Educators in Iraq

The University of Arkansas is leading an initiative to provide faculty at Iraqi colleges and universities professional development training in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, known collectively as STEM.

The STEM program will feature two phases. In early spring, U of A faculty in the College of Education and Health Professions will conduct a series of online training sessions for 30 to 45 educators in the northern city of Kirkuk.

The virtual training will be followed by a five-week U.S. immersion experience at the U of A for eight to 10 Kirkuk educators. The language training and cultural experiences will be provided by a team from the Spring International Language Center in the Graduate School and International Education.



Photo by University Relations

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad is funding the program through a \$101,448 grant. Michael Daugherty, professor of STEM education and head of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, said the goal is to improve the teaching skills and English-language skills of STEM educators in Kirkuk.

"We will engage these educators in some of the latest teaching methodology related to teaching STEM," said Daugherty. "We will provide them with opportunities to develop curriculum materials for their students, and prepare them to teach other educators in Kirkuk."

"When they complete the program, the Iraqi educators will understand best practices for STEM field teaching at the postsecondary level and will know how

to design and assess learning experiences to engage their students in STEM activities," Daugherty said. ■

University of Arkansas Exceeds Fundraising Goal; Raises \$131.6 Million

The University of Arkansas finished the 2016 fiscal year with \$131.6 million in private gift support, making it the third-best year in the university's fundraising history.

"Private gift support continues to be critically important to our campus as it adds to the academic opportunities available to our faculty, staff and students," said Chancellor Joe Steinmetz. "We are in an excellent position for entering the public phase of Campaign Arkansas and look forward to sharing the progress we've made."

The amount of private gift support in 2016 surpassed the university's goal of \$115 million and included gifts of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts and new pledges to the U of A received from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

"This has been a tremendous year for the university," said Mark Power, interim vice chancellor for university advancement. "Our alumni and friends, faculty and staff have truly gone above and beyond this year and have shown incredible support for all aspects of the student experience. These contributions will enhance everything from academic and need-based scholarships, technology enhancements, new and renovated facilities, undergraduate, graduate and faculty research, to study abroad opportunities and other innovative programs."

Approximately \$19.2 million of the total amount raised, or nearly 15 percent, was allocated for endowed funds and will add to the university's overall endowment total.

Cash receipts, which include pledge payments, outright gifts and estate and planned gift distributions, reached \$103.5 million in fiscal year 2016.

"This year's success has truly been a team effort," Steinmetz said. "Our advancement team has worked diligently with our faculty and staff, and our benefactors have stepped up by supporting the areas they care about deeply. 'All in for Arkansas' — the inaugural giving day we hosted this spring — did a fantastic job of creating excitement about philanthropy and letting our donors know that gifts of all sizes make a difference on our campus."

Gifts from individuals such as alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff made up nearly a third of the \$131.6 million raised during the 2016 fiscal year. Another 35 percent came from corporations, while 26 percent came from foundations and 7 percent came from other organizations, including trusts and estates. All private gifts to the university are designated and allocated for specific purposes set forth by each donor and used solely for those purposes. The university makes every effort to align donors' giving interests with campus priorities.

Support for students and programs accounted for 41 percent of the money raised, 41 percent provided for capital improvements, 12 percent supported faculty and staff and 6 percent supported other initiatives. The campus brought in a record-setting 98,464 outright gifts and new pledges from 52,737 benefactors during the fiscal year. ■

Industrial Engineering Department Celebrates 65th Anniversary

In 1949, plans were announced to offer the Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering. At the time, students working on a Bachelor of Arts degree in industrial management were given the opportunity to take additional courses to qualify for the new degree. The first students to receive the degree graduated in 1950 and 1951.

John Imhoff was hired as the first head of the program in 1951. Coming from the industrial engineering option in the mechanical engineering department at the University of Minnesota, he had coordinated the program and was keen to see the program at the University of Arkansas succeed.

The student chapters of AIIE and Alpha Pi Mu were initiated under Imhoff's leadership. And in 1966, with Imhoff as president of the Alpha Pi Mu society, the national conference was held at the



University of Arkansas, which was attended by the acknowledged "Mother of IE," Lillian Gilbreth.

In January 1987, the students, faculty and staff of the College of Engineering began the spring semester in a brand new building: Bell Engineering Center. Bell provided space for four of the college's departments, including industrial engineering, as well as plenty of room for teaching and labs.

Today the department has 236 undergraduate students and 52 graduate students. Currently there are 17 tenure/tenure-track faculty members and four non-tenure track faculty members. Through the years, the outstanding leadership of the Industrial Engineering Department has led to the hiring of award-winning faculty, making the department a rising star among its cohorts in academia. ■



U of A Enrollment Hits 27,194 Students as Overall Diversity Reaches New High

The University of Arkansas enrolled 27,194 students for the fall 2016 semester, another record number.

Total U of A enrollment has increased 17.2 percent since 2011, but this year's growth is only 1.6 percent above last year's. This more sustainable rate of growth is welcome as the university assesses future goals and how many students the campus can actually support, especially from the perspectives of student services and the number of faculty and staff needed.

The preliminary figures show that 56.2 percent of U of A students are from Arkansas, nearly 15,300 students. Students from out of state make up 38.4 percent of the total enrollment. International students make up 5.4 percent of the student population.

Diversity has also increased overall, with 19.1 percent of students defined as "minority," a new record for the university. In the freshmen class minority students make up 20 percent of the new students, also a new record.

There are more women students than men for the fourth year in a row, and the gender gap is growing: 52 percent of students are women, compared with 48 percent men.

"I'm proud that the university has reached an all-time high for the number of underrepresented students we have enrolled," Chancellor Joe Steinmetz said. "We're working hard on that and believe our campus is more inclusive than ever before. We also came within a handful of students in the freshmen class of reaching a 50-50 balance between

students from Arkansas and students from other states. I think we can do better but we simply need more financial aid for Arkansans. I don't think it's any secret that increasing the number of need-based scholarships is one of my top priorities."

Online education continues to grow, with almost a quarter of U of A students taking at least one online course this fall. The number of students studying solely online this year has increased 14 percent to 2,237, with 1,802 of them enrolled in online degree programs. This is an 18 percent increase from fall 2015 and a 43.8 percent increase from fall 2014.

The incoming freshman class is the largest and best qualified in U of A history, with 4,967 new first-time degree-seeking students. The average high school grade point average for all freshmen is 3.68, and the average ACT score is 26, both averages higher than in past years.

Students from Arkansas make up 49 percent of the new freshman class, with 50 percent from out-of-state, while 1 percent are international students.

There are more women students than men in the freshmen class: 55 percent women, 45 percent men. The incoming class of 88 freshman honors fellows is one of the strongest ever, with an average high school GPA of 4.2 and ACT composite score of 33.77 — both all-time highs — and 31 National Merit Scholars. Eighty-two percent of these new fellows come from Arkansas, representing 28 different hometowns; 26 percent of all fellows are first-generation students. ■

School of Law Named Among Top Five Best Values in Legal Education

The National Jurist and *preLaw* magazines ranked the University of Arkansas School of Law fifth "Best Value" in the nation. This marks the sixth consecutive year the school has been ranked among the "Top 20 Best Value Law Schools" and the fourth consecutive year it has been in the top 10.

"The Best Value rankings focus on many of the factors that are most important to students as they narrow down their options for law school," said Stacy Leeds, dean of the school. "Our commitment to excellence while also focusing on students' overall cost, bar passage, job placement and debt load are among many reasons students choose the

University of Arkansas School of Law."

According to *preLaw's* Fall 2016 issue, "Best Value seeks to honor schools that do what law schools are meant to do: provide a good education at an affordable cost, with graduates being well prepared to land jobs ... as lawyers."

The magazines are published four times per year and are among the nation's leading news sources in legal education. *The National Jurist* reaches an estimated 100,000 law students. *preLaw* is read by more than 45,000 prospective law students. ■

Record Number of U of A Students Studying Abroad

More than 1,000 University of Arkansas students studied abroad in the 2015-16 academic year, a record high for the university and a 14 percent increase from the previous academic year.

“We are thrilled to see this continual growth in study abroad,” said DeDe Long, director of the Office of Study Abroad and International Exchange. “Every year, more and more students commit to integrating an overseas academic experience into their degree plan. They understand the value in learning to navigate new cultures, in seeing the world — including the United States — through other eyes and in stepping outside their comfort zone.”

University of Arkansas students visited nearly 50 countries. Italy, Spain, Belize and China were the most popular destinations. However, some students visited countries more off the beaten path.

Emily Benjumea, an Honors College senior minoring in Spanish, spent the spring semester at the Universidad de Belgrano in Argentina mastering the native tongue. Her trip was funded by an Honors College study abroad scholarship.

“I really wanted to put my language skills to use and knew the only way I could progress was by completely immersing myself in the language,” she said.



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Benjumea returned to Fayetteville much improved in Spanish, but she also returned with a greater sense of cultural awareness.

Though studying abroad is often seen as an undergraduate experience, more and more University of Arkansas graduate students are incorporating education abroad into their curriculum. The number of graduate students who studied abroad in the 2015-16 academic year increased nearly 30 percent from the previous academic year.

Aaron Shew, an environmental dynamics doctoral student, spent a portion of his summer participating in the university’s community development program in Mozambique. The program allows students to see first-hand the challenges of creating a sustainable business in an inhospitable environment and offers them the opportunity to apply their knowledge in ways that improve local business practices. Shew, who is an experienced international traveler, said his time in Mozambique with his undergraduate peers was gratifying. ■

U of A Center to Lead Effort to Expand Geospatial Education Across State

The Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies at the University of Arkansas will lead a statewide effort to integrate industry-specific geospatial technology skills into existing degree and certificate programs at community colleges in rural areas.

The National Science Foundation, through its Advanced Technical Education program, awarded CAST a three-year grant for \$898,073 for the Opening Pathways to Employment through Nontraditional Geospatial Applications in Technical Education, which will be known by the acronym OPEN-GATE.

Geospatial technologies include computer-based mapping and data acquisition and analysis using geographic information systems. The U.S. Department of Labor has listed it as a high-growth industry and a major area of job creation in the next decade. A recent survey found a need for technicians, especially those who can store, create and manage data.

The program’s goals are to increase use of geospatial technology statewide, expand access to geospatial education and training and improve existing employee skills while expanding the workforce.

“This provides an opportunity to seed a larger number of programs around the state in a way that reflects the way GIS and geospatial technologies in general are being used,” said CAST Director Jackson Cothren.

CAST will work with four community colleges in the University of Arkansas System to include geospatial technology curriculum in current programs. Each participating community college will work with local industry to create an Employer Advisory Board to provide feedback about employer needs for the developing workforce and facilitate direct interaction between employers, faculty and students.

“We can build an accessible educational ladder for a local, technologically skilled workforce to meet the developing needs of industry in Arkansas,” Cothren said.

“If this program is successful, we’d like it to expand to other community colleges in the state,” said Robyn Lane, a GIS education specialist at CAST who will lead the program. “We would also like this to expand into a regional center that could provide support in neighboring states.” ■

University of Arkansas Sets Research Funding Record With \$101.7 Million in Fiscal 2016

University of Arkansas research funding topped \$100 million in fiscal year 2016, the highest level of research funding in the university’s history.

The total of \$101.7 million, which included research funding for the University of Arkansas System’s Division of Agriculture, represented a 27 percent increase over 2015. Fiscal 2016 ended June 30. The university also set a record with \$145 million in research expenditures in fiscal 2016.

“This is a significant milestone for the university as a comprehensive research institution and remarkable growth in a difficult funding environment,” said Jim Rankin, vice provost for research and economic development. “Our faculty and staff are collaborating across departments and colleges more than ever, resulting in research that impacts Arkansas, the nation and the world.”

The funding breakdown was: \$64.7 million in federal support, \$14.3 million in state support, \$7.7 million from industry partners, \$7 million from foundations, and \$7.9 million from other sources.

Top-funded research for fiscal year 2016:

- \$11.3 million from the National Science Foundation for a wide range of scientific disciplines, including surface engineering, power electronics, data privacy, renewable energy, next-generation

electronic devices and evolutionary biology.

- \$11.1 million from the U.S. Department of Energy for research that includes cybersecurity and the nation’s power grid.
- \$10 million from the U.S. Department of Education for Arkansas PROMISE, designed to improve the education and employment outcomes of teens with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Insurance. PROMISE, funded by a five-year, \$35.7 million grant, is believed to be the largest research grant in the university’s history.
- \$5.9 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for several research projects, including the potential of invasive Asian carp as a source of protein for organic poultry feed.
- \$2.5 million from the National Institutes of Health for research that improves human health, including biomedical engineering, cancer treatments and childhood obesity.
- \$1.7 million from NASA for the study of subjects such as planetary environments, powering spacecraft for future missions and the formation of galaxies.
- \$1.5 million from the Arkansas Biosciences Institute, which focuses on supporting biomedical research and agricultural research with medical implications. ■

Researchers Receive DARPA Award to Help Build Single-Photon Detector

University of Arkansas researchers have received a \$595,000 award from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, to help build a single-photon detector using quantum dots. Their work is part of a multi-institutional project that seeks the fundamental limits of quantum semiconductor photon detectors.

A photon detector, or photodetector, is a device that absorbs optical energy and converts it to an electrical signal. These devices are used widely in optical communications systems, computing systems and various sensors. A quantum dot is a piece of semiconducting material on the scale of a few nanometers.

The U of A researchers, Shui-Qing “Fisher” Yu, associate professor of electrical engineering, and Greg Salamo, Distinguished Professor of physics, were chosen because of their expertise with quantum dots, semiconductor optoelectronics and molecular-beam epitaxy, the last of which is a

method of depositing nanocrystals to create quantum dots. They will collaborate with researchers at Dartmouth College and the

University of Wisconsin to develop an architecture for the device.

Yu and Salamo’s contribution is part of a much larger project involving six teams, including the University of Virginia; the University of California, San Diego; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Yale University; and Sandia National Laboratories, a research and development laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy; in addition to Dartmouth College and the University of Wisconsin. Each team will work on different approaches ranging from semiconductor-based devices to bio-inspired devices. Total funding for the project is \$2.5 million.

“This is an extremely competitive project, and we are very proud to be selected for the award,” said Yu. ■



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Diego Quiñones

Praised By the President

2016 Alumnus Cited at Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Gala in Washington

By Bettina Lehovec

Diego Quiñones' immigrant family taught him to have faith in the American dream: "If you come here and work hard, eventually you will succeed."

Yet the University of Arkansas alumnus never dreamed his words would be quoted by President Barack Obama, who shared Quiñones' story during the 39th annual Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Gala in Washington on Sept. 15.

"Never in a million years did I think that the president of the United States would know my name, let alone mention me on national news," the 2016 Fulbright College graduate said. "It was an incredible experience."

President Obama lauded Quiñones' work ethic, his determination, and the role of federal immigration policy in allowing the Mexican national to achieve his education goals.

The Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals policy that Obama enacted in 2012 enabled Quiñones to receive a renewable two-year work permit and exemption from deportation. The policy confers non-immigrant legal status but does not provide a path to citizenship.

"DACA is super helpful. It allowed me to finish my education at the U of A," said Quiñones, who arrived in the U.S. at the age of 7. He earned a bachelor's degree in history with emphases in political science and Latin American studies.

Quiñones now is a public policy fellow with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute in Washington, serving internships with a nonprofit organization and on Capitol Hill. The institute strives to prepare young Latinos for careers in public service – "to be more

representative of the population of Latinos in the U.S.," Quiñones said.

His first placement has been with the NALEO Education Fund, a nonprofit group that aims to impact public policy on key issues for Latinos. Quiñones has been monitoring Latinos running for office in state and federal races, attending briefings and writing memos from Capitol Hill and the White House, and assisting with administrative tasks.

In January, Quiñones will move to Capitol Hill, where he will intern with a Latino or Latina representative or senator. The work likely will include research, communication, and administration, he said.

"Thus far, it's been a really wonderful experience," Quiñones said in September. "The people are great – all really smart. The briefings on Capitol Hill are preparing me for what to expect.

"D.C. itself is a great town, with a really vibrant and unique atmosphere. The weather is a little bit crazy – just like Arkansas! That makes it feel like home."

Quiñones had planned to apply to law school after the fellowship in Washington, but he now is considering a master's degree in public policy. A third option would be to stay in the capital and work, he said.

Quiñones' path toward his future has followed a meandering route, as he's grappled with issues related to his formerly undocumented status.

Born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, in Mexico, in 1989, he immigrated to the U.S. with his family in 1997. His parents settled in Bentonville and his father went to work repairing and building wooden pallets. He opened his own business in 2005, and Diego spent weekends helping out.

He graduated from Bentonville High

School in 2007 and started classes at NorthWest Arkansas Community College that fall. State legislation passed in 2008 required undocumented college students to pay out-of-state tuition, and Quiñones' education tripled in price.

He had to slow down, taking classes on a part-time basis, he said. He also left school for two years to help out with the family business at his father's request. Quiñones finished his community college credits and transferred to the U of A in 2014.

The Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals policy allowed him to pay in-state tuition. He was not eligible for federal aid, but privately supported scholarships offered by the U of A History Department, the Arkansas Alumni Association, and the Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas helped him finish his degree in two years.

"Diego's perseverance is utterly remarkable," said Kirstin Erickson, U of A anthropology professor and director of Latin American and Latino Studies in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences. "He has risen above the adversity he and his family have faced. His profound sense of social justice, coupled with a true concern for others, clearly grows from his own experience.

"In class, I always knew I could count on Diego to point to the cultural vibrancy and the valuable perspectives that stem from Latin American and Latino communities. He encouraged fellow students to engage deeply, and he led by example, connecting the concepts we were learning in the classroom with their real-world implications.

"I look forward to seeing what's next in his bright future," she said. ■





There She Is

Savvy Shields Wins Miss America 2017

By Danielle Strickland MED'09

Miss America 2017 Savvy Shields 🌟 returned to Fayetteville in October where the campus and community celebrated her honor. She is the first Miss America from the University of Arkansas since Donna Axum won the honor in 1964.

"It's just a dream to be home," she said. "Just getting to see the fall leaves change colors. It's so nostalgic. I mean Fayetteville's my home and I'm so proud to be back here as Miss America."

The feeling was mutual. The city of Fayetteville held a parade down Dickson Street in her honor, and several hundred fans gathered at the Chi Omega Greek Theater to hear her speak.

Miss America 2017

Before visiting Fayetteville, she made a stop in Little Rock for a parade through the downtown River Market District. She also had breakfast while in Fayetteville with the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. The celebrations harkened back to events a month earlier.

First Arkansan winner in 35 years

On Sept. 11, 2016, in Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall, a Miss Arkansas titleholder was crowned Miss America for the first time in 35 years. Savvy Shields, a 21-year-old senior at the University of Arkansas, stole the hearts of America — and nods of the 14 preliminary and celebrity judges. Despite that reality, she says she has not yet “switched from dreaming to living the dream.”

News coverage across the nation referred to Shields' “it” factor and the way her smile lights up a room. Friends commented on her genuine gift for connecting with others and her awe-inspiring and kind spirit.

Shields, an art major and business minor, says the entire Miss America experience was a dream come true, and one of the most emotional moments was getting to perform her talent during such an iconic night. She performed a jazz dance to the song “They Just Keep Moving the Line” from the American TV drama series *Smash*, and she sees dance and art as part of her future, even if she doesn't become a backup dancer for Beyoncé or join the cast of *Dancing with the Stars*, two bucket list items.

“Truthfully, I want to obtain my Master of Fine Arts degree and commission my art pieces,” said Shields, who will return to the university to complete her undergraduate program following her Miss America year.

Todd Shields, dean of the university's J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, is “Dad” to Miss America 2017. The Shields family, including mom Karen and brother Dane, lives in Fayetteville.

“Karen and I have always been so proud of Savvy and all she has achieved,” he said. “She's grown into a remarkable woman who will accomplish anything she sets her mind to, and I cannot think of anyone who will do a better job of representing our country, state and university. Savvy is amazing, and I cannot wait to see all that this year and the future beyond will hold for her.”

Throughout her reign, Shields hopes to have an inspiring impact on everyone she meets and to be a positive influence everywhere she goes, both on an individual and national scale. She plans to live out this quote from Theodore Roosevelt, which is the foundation of the best advice she's ever received: “... and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly.”

“Yes, larger than life goals are terrifying, but there is so much magic in being alive, dreaming big and daring greatly,” she said.



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Miss America 2017

A favorite Miss America

Miss Arkansas 2009 Sarah Slocum Collins, a 2012 graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law, first met Shields when Collins was Miss Arkansas and Shields was Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen. Shortly after Shields was crowned Miss America, Collins sent her a text message. It read, "I can say without a doubt that I have found my favorite Miss America. I always knew I would one day settle on my favorite, but I didn't know that she would be my sister."

Collins said, "While Savvy's time as Miss America will be limited to a year, her impact and the joy people will experience from having met her will stay in their hearts long after. As a former Miss Arkansas, sister and friend, we could not be happier to share our sweet Savvy with America this year."

In addition to setting and achieving ambitious goals, Shields is dedicated to service, one of the four points of the Miss America crown. The other three points represent scholarship, style and success, and each contestant defines what these four points mean to her.

Shields said, "It is so important to engage in something much bigger than yourself," and throughout her year as Miss America, she will participate in a national speaking tour about her personal platform, Eat Better, Live Better, and she will act as the official National Goodwill Ambassador for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, the national platform partner of the Miss American Organization. Shields intends to use her time as Miss America to advocate for change in the mindset of people across the nation by encouraging them to embrace a lifestyle that can drastically improve their health.

The Miss America Organization is the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women, and as the winner, Shields received a \$50,000 scholarship.

A lifetime of service

The only other University of Arkansas student to be crowned Miss America was Donna Axum, now Donna Axum Whitworth, who earned two degrees at the university and is a long-time benefactor and volunteer leader for her alma mater.

Like her predecessors, Shields has a year of service and speaking engagements on behalf of the Miss America organization, and a lifetime of service ahead of her for the university.

"I can go into a room where I know every single person in the room or I can go into a room and know no one at all, and I can have the exact same feeling because everyone is so welcoming and loving and supportive," Shields told KFSM. "And I think that speaks volumes of Fayetteville as a city and Arkansas as a state." ■

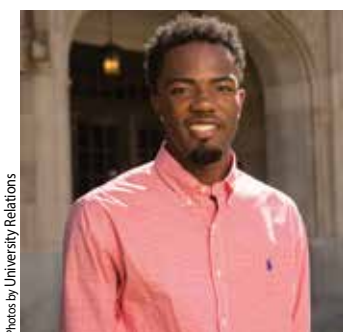




CAMPAIGN *Arkansas*

LOOKING AHEAD & GIVING BACK

By Jennifer Holland ★ MED'08



The University of Arkansas has provided opportunities, memories and educational experiences to thousands of us as alumni and friends. Now, it's our turn to give back.

In September, the university publicly launched Campaign Arkansas, a comprehensive capital campaign that will benefit students, faculty, programs and facilities on campus. The campaign will run through June 30, 2020, and build upon the success of the Campaign for the Twenty-First Century, which ended in 2005 and raised \$1.046 billion. The initial goal for Campaign Arkansas is set for another \$1 billion – all to support the university's academic mission and chancellor's eight key priorities.

Whether you participated in the last campaign or not, there's no denying the impact it made. The Honors College was established. Scholarship and fellowship support increased tremendously. The university's endowment grew. And innovative faculty were recruited and retained. The university's alumni and friends truly stepped up and gave the campus a reason to say, "Thanks a Billion."

The University of Arkansas has experienced tremendous growth since the last campaign. The U of A has grown to more than 27,000 students and is regularly ranked as one of the fastest-growing public doctoral institutions in the country. Since that campaign, our students

consistently have won nationally competitive awards and been recognized as Goldwater, Truman and Rhodes Scholars. Campaign Arkansas reinforces this by preparing the university's exceptional student body to make significant economic and research impacts, ultimately benefiting the entire state.

Need-based scholarship support is just one area that will be given special attention in the near future, particularly to first-generation Arkansans.

"One of the top priorities of the campaign is to increase need-based scholarships for Arkansans, but that's just the beginning," Chancellor Joe Steinmetz said. "Our commitment to Campaign Arkansas is critical to the future of the University of Arkansas and our efforts to keep tuition affordable while enhancing academic opportunities for our faculty and students. Without increases in state funding, private fundraising is the mechanism that allows us to support student scholarships, research and innovation, study abroad opportunities, the creation of new interdisciplinary programs and the renovation of our existing facilities."

In addition to advancing student success through scholarships and fellowships, Campaign Arkansas will enrich our campus diversity, promote inclusion and strengthen the recruitment of our graduate students. It will also build a collaborative and innovative campus by fostering interdisciplinary research and engagement across campus. And, through faculty support and endowed positions, Campaign Arkansas will enhance the university's research and discovery mission, invest in faculty excellence and promote innovation in teaching and learning.

All colleges and schools on campus, as well as units such as Diversity Affairs, Student Affairs, Intercollegiate Athletics, the Arkansas Alumni Association, University Bands, Research and Economic Development, the Pryor Center and University Libraries, will benefit from Campaign Arkansas. Each college, school and unit is represented by volunteers who serve on the Campaign Arkansas Steering Committee, and each unit also has its own committee of volunteers, specifically dedicated to unit-level success.

Reynie Rutledge, chair of the UA System Board of Trustees, will serve as chair of the Campaign Arkansas Steering Committee through June 30, 2017. He is joined by Johnelle Hunt, Marilyn Bogle, Boyce Billingsley, Bob and Sandra Connor, Doug and Shelley McMillon and Bill Dillard II on the campaign's executive committee.

"The launch of Campaign Arkansas was truly a weekend to celebrate," said Mark Power, interim vice chancellor for university advancement. "Our volunteers and campus community really made it a memorable event, and we are excited to see what we can accomplish together over the next three and a half years. Every gift that is made will count toward Campaign Arkansas and make a difference in the lives of our students, faculty and staff or leave a lasting impact on the university." ■



painting by Benjamin Flowers



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CAMPAIGN *Arkansas*

Launch Weekend

Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends were all involved in the weekend festivities celebrating the launch of Campaign Arkansas.

A concert featuring The Commodores, presented by the Arkansas Alumni Association, kicked off the weekend.

U of A senior Trey O'Dell wrote and recorded an original song for the launch of the campaign. The song, called "Arkansas for Life," is available to download on iTunes.

This original painting of Old Main was commissioned exclusively for the launch of the campaign and painted by Benjamin Flowers (BA'16).

Campaign Arkansas Steering Committee member T.J. Holmes (BA'99) led the celebrity hog call at the Arkansas vs. Texas State game.

The Wallace W. and Jama M. Fowler House Garden and Conservatory was dedicated over the weekend.

For more information about Campaign Arkansas, including ways to support the college, school or program you're most passionate about, visit campaign.uark.edu.

The University of Arkansas is grateful for the leaders and volunteers behind Campaign Arkansas.

Thank you for advancing higher education in the state of *Arkansas*.
For more information, visit campaign.uark.edu.

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Arkansas Press Highlights People and Places of the State



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By Bettina Lehovec

The Natural State is a diverse mix of geography, culture, people and politics.

The University of Arkansas Press reflects that diversity in its books, which span the gamut from natural history to art.

While the press publishes books on a wide range of topics, the majority of titles are focused on the history and culture of the state. We highlight some new titles and a few perennial favorites below.

Champion Trees of Arkansas: An Artist's Journey

This visually beautiful book by Hot Springs artist Linda Williams Palmer combines colored pencil drawings of Arkansas champions – the largest trees of their species in the state – with first-person narrative of Palmer's journeys to find the giants.

"Palmer takes us with her to experience not just magnificent champion trees, but also the wonderful culture and people of Arkansas," writes Arkansas state forester Joe Fox on the book jacket. "From the giant Cypress in the swamps of east Arkansas to the towering Loblolly and Shortleaf Pines in the sandy coastal plain of south Arkansas to the colorful Sugar Maple in Northwest Arkansas, Palmer's drawings, photos, and stories illustrate the beauty of individuals ... our trees and our proud families."

Palmer's goal is to capture the wonder and diversity of champion trees before they are felled by disease or natural disaster. Her commitment reminds readers of the beauty that surrounds us in the nature-rich state we call home.

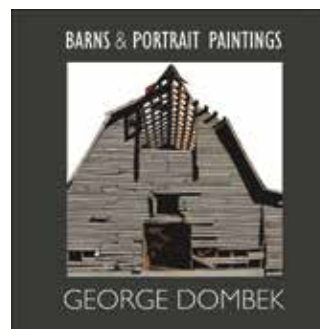


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Barns & Portrait Paintings

George Dombek offers a very different kind of tour. The Northwest Arkansas artist traveled to all 75 counties in Arkansas, painting barns and farm implements in various states of use and disrepair.

Dombek is an acclaimed artist whose work hangs in more than 800 individual, museum and corporate collections. His paintings have been exhibited in more than 150 group and solo shows, and he has been honored with more than 80 prestigious awards.



The artist works in a style he calls "constructed realism," using watercolors to layer texture and shadow over geometric design. His double lineage as artist and architect – Dombek has degrees in both from the U of A, and has taught here and at other schools – is on display. He finds beauty in the interplay of light and shadow while keeping focused on the geometry of patterns and lines.

The results are quiet and dignified paintings of structures that are fading from the central place they once held in the rural imagination. The "portraits" at the end of the book are more whimsical, capturing in portrait form the rusting farm tools and implements from within those barns.

"There's a certain irony, no doubt, that a 'modern painter' should devote such loving attention to an artifact of the past," writes Henry Adams in his introductory essay. "But if the central fact of modern life is change, then surely these collapsing structures provide an important marker of the changes that society is going through today, as age-old ways of doing things slip into oblivion."



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Exploring the Big Woods: A Guide to the Last Great Forest of the Arkansas Delta

Matthew D. Moran introduces readers to a unique ecosystem in the Natural State.

Arkansas' Big Woods is one of the largest remaining remnants of the great bottomland forests that once covered the Mississippi Alluvial Plain, stretching from southern Illinois to the Gulf of Mexico. Those forests are now 95 percent gone, converted into some of the richest farmland in the world.

Situated on 550,000 acres along the Cache, Arkansas and White rivers and Bayou DeView, the woods are home to the greatest abundance of wildlife in the state. Moran's book is both natural history and tour guide, describing the



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flora and fauna and providing detailed directions to hiking and canoe trails within the northern and southern parts of the Big Woods.

Rich in color photos and maps, the book is clearly a labor of love for Moran, a Hendrix College biology teacher who first visited the Big Woods in 2004. His straightforward account is interspersed with vignettes of his own adventures, along with inventories, suggested itineraries and best loved coffee shops and restaurants.

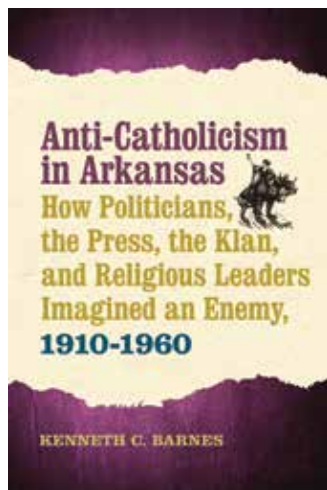


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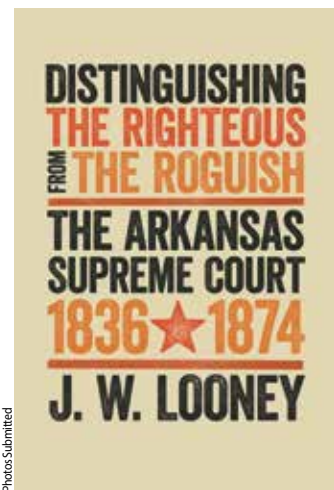
Two recent monographs explore some of the more troubling aspects of Arkansas history.

Anti-Catholicism in Arkansas: How Politicians, the Press, the Klan, and Religious Leaders Imagined an Enemy, 1910-1960, by Kenneth C. Barnes, professor



of history at the University of Central Arkansas, explores the propaganda levied against the state's Catholics by groups representing the largely Protestant majority.

Retired circuit judge J.W. Looney, also an emeritus distinguished professor at the U of A School of Law, applies



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a discerning lens to the legal system in antebellum Arkansas in *Distinguishing the Righteous from the Roguish: The Arkansas Supreme Court, 1836-1874*. The court was geared toward the interests of the ruling elite, defending the institution of slavery during this time of social upheaval and change, Looney writes.

First Amendment Studies in Arkansas: The Richard S. Arnold Prize Essays

Student voices take center stage in *First Amendment Studies in Arkansas*, edited by Stephen A. Smith. This collection explores questions of freedom of speech and freedom of religion through the stories of real people expressing challenged or unpopular points of view. Case studies tackled by U of A communication scholars include opposition to the war in Vietnam, the use of political sermons in the pulpit and book censorship in public schools.

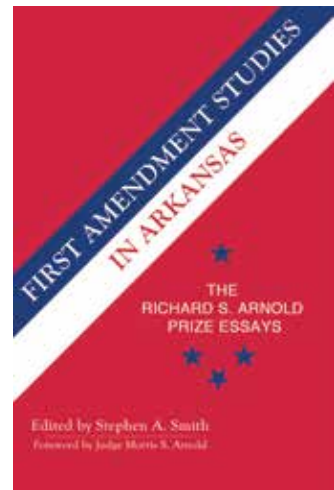


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The Long Shadow of Little Rock: A Memoir

Daisy Bates' book was originally published in 1962 but banned in many places throughout the South. Reprinted by the UA Press in 1986, Bates' memoir won a 1988 American Book Award and has been a perennial favorite ever since. A new addition was released to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Little Rock school crisis in 2007.

Bates, co-publisher of *The Arkansas State Press* and an official with the NAACP in Arkansas, played a leading role in the desegregation crisis at Central High. Her memoir ranges beyond that pivotal time to offer a portrait of a life devoted to activism on behalf of those who suffered from racial injustice.

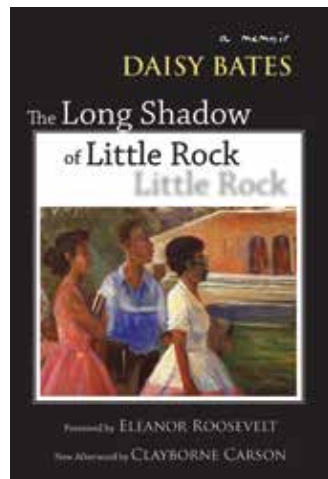


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Novels Set in Arkansas

Two novels told through the eyes of young narrators transport readers back in time to painful chapters in Arkansas history: the civil rights era and the incarceration of 120,000 people of Japanese descent during World War II.

Mourner's Bench by Sanderia Faye tells the story of a young black girl who comes of age amidst the racial turmoil and social protest of small-town Arkansas in the 1960s.

Camp Nine by Vivienne Schiffer takes the reader to the Rowher Relocation Center in Desha County and Chess Morton's relationship with two young internees.



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Lights! Camera! Arkansas! From Broncho Billy to Billy Bob Thornton

On a lighter note, *Lights! Camera! Arkansas! From Broncho Billy to Billy Bob Thornton*, by Robert Cochran and Suzanne McCray, traces the roles played by Arkansians in the first century of Hollywood's film industry, from the first cowboy star, Broncho Billy Anderson, to Mary Steenburgen, Billy Bob Thornton and many others.

The Arkansas landscape also plays a starring role: North Little Rock's cameo in *Gone with the Wind*, Crittendon County as a setting for *Hallelujah* (1929) and various southeast Arkansas locations in the 2012 movie *Mud*. Movie posters, photographs and drawings enliven this tour through film history. ■



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The University of Arkansas Press at a Glance

The University of Arkansas Press has been publishing books on all things Arkansas – and a wide range of other subject areas – since 1980.

Two professors in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences – Miller Williams, creative writing professor, and Willard Gatewood, professor of history – teamed to launch the press, with an emphasis on Arkansas history and culture.

Today, the press publishes a wide range of general interest and scholarly books, along with a philosophical journal, textbooks and an occasional novel. Book series include Sport, Culture and Society; Ozark Studies; and Food and Foodways.

The Miller Williams Poetry Series, judged by Billy Collins, former poet laureate for the United States and a bestselling author, offers an annual \$5,000 award. Other poetry series focus on Latina/o and Arab-American authors.

The University of Arkansas Press also distributes books for smaller publishers, including Butler Center Books in Little Rock, Moon City Press and Upset Press. The press also distributes a growing range of documentary films produced by University of Arkansas faculty, mostly about Arkansas.

The U of A Press has operated out of the historic McIlroy House on the southern edge of campus since it began. It shut down for a brief period in 1997, but reopened the following year after an outpouring of support from many Arkansians.

For more information, visit www.uapress.com.



The University of Arkansas Press

'My Heart Pounds, They Are So Beautiful'

Music professor's collection of clarinets dates to 18th century



By Bob Whitby

It's not hard to understand why Nophachai Cholthitchanta has amassed a collection of 400-plus historic clarinets, some of which are displayed in lighted glass cases in a spare bedroom of his suburban Fayetteville home. They are handcrafted and intriguing. Each is like a small mystery waiting to be solved. Where was it made, how and by whom? What does it reveal about the technology of its time and the evolution of this unique instrument?

Of course, they are also nice to look at. "I am fascinated with the beauty of them," says Cholthitchanta, an associate professor of clarinet in the University of Arkansas Department of Music. "Especially the boxwood. I love the boxwood. I remember my first boxwood clarinet. I was so excited I could not sleep. I walk into this room and my heart pounds, they are so beautiful."

Ancient History

Instruments that make music by moving air past a fluctuating reed are as old as antiquity. The earliest forms were simply a cane with a notch cut near a knot in the plant body allowing a sliver of the cane to vibrate. Holes cut in the cane allowed the player to make various notes, similar to a recorder.

In medieval Europe, an instrument called the chalumeau was in widespread use, which still bore a resemblance to early cane instruments. But steady advances in technology and skill meant improvements in instrument making until, circa 1700, woodwind maker J.C. Denner (1655-1707) of Nuremberg created what is considered the first clarinet. At the time the chalumeau and the clarinet

looked similar; the main difference is that Denner's instrument was able to reach a higher register, thanks to a key covering a tone hole located high on the instrument's body.

That improvement, and many that followed, made the clarinet a more versatile instrument. Composers understood the versatility and incorporated the new instrument into their work. The clarinet flourished while the chalumeau all but disappeared.

Modern clarinets, characterized by complex-looking levers and valves for opening and closing tone holes, came along in the 1800s. While there are still different types of clarinets in use today, most are standardized around what is known as the Boehm system.

But it's the early instruments that interest Cholthitchanta. "Lots of music collectors collecting everything," he said. "For me, I really put my emphasis on the clarinet only."

Sleuthing

A native of Thailand, Cholthitchanta, 45, has been playing the clarinet since he was 13. He joined the University of Arkansas Music Department in 2001. He previously taught at Graceland University in Iowa, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and was the principal clarinetist for the Bangkok Symphony Orchestra.

He began collecting while in still in college, and quickly realized that it was difficult to find information on how early instruments were made. At the time, the clarinet wasn't as beloved by collectors and scholars as other orchestral instruments. It's become quite popular since.

He's methodical about the hobby. After buying a new piece for his collection, he takes it apart, cleans it and works to restore it to playable, but not perfect, condition. Clarinets were meant to be used, and wear is part of the patina. He also scrutinizes them for clues to their making. His goal is to one day incorporate what he's discovered into a book on early clarinets, exactly the sort of resource he didn't have as a novice collector.

The oldest instrument in his collection is from 1750, and was built by Thomas Cahusac Sr. (1714-1798) in London. It's constructed of the lovely European boxwood Cholthitchanta finds so aesthetically pleasing, and has a deep, brown luster that speaks of the passing of centuries. The flare at the end, called the bell, is uniquely concave; most from the period are convex. What's really exciting, however, is a tiny stamp Cholthitchanta noticed when taking the instrument apart to clean it.

"There are a lot of instruments by Cahusac that survive," he said. "It's difficult to tell between him and his son. None of them that survive has the stamp of the 'Lancastrian Rose.' It's quite exciting when we found it. Everybody says they had never seen these before."

That's something of a mystery, which makes putting an exact date on the clarinet difficult. It's the same story with a stamp, this one reading "I.H.," on the key of a mid-18th century flute in his collection. The initials indicate the part was made by John Hale, a well-known woodwind instrument key maker. But the "I.H." stamp on the key of his Cahusac clarinet looks crude, which is unlike Hale's known work, the earliest known examples of which date to 1770. Could this stamp be even earlier?

Yes or no, the excitement is in the discovery. Cholthitchanta recalls

his reaction to finding it. "Oh my goodness it's a John Hale key!" he said. "Everything just brightened up."

Then there's the tale told by a tiny spring that closes a valve on another 18th century clarinet by a French maker, Isaac Keller (1745-1802) in Strasbourg. In the 1700s, metal work was difficult and expensive. Yet, springs broke. Keller designed his spring in such a way that it was possible for clarinet owners to make the repair themselves, a technological breakthrough. That's the kind of detail that tends to be found by people with a passion for the instruments.

"Most of these features are discovered by private collectors. You'd need special permission to go to a museum and look for these things, and even then you can't take them apart. But that feature tells us a lot about how the instrument was made."

What Mozart Heard

If such details only interest collectors, where they lead is of interest to all students of music.

In the early days, how a particular instrument sounded had yet to be standardized. Instrument makers had many and varied ideas about how their creations should be played and tuned, and what they were capable of musically. A clarinet from one region sounded different than a clarinet from another region. Many were tuned to organs in local churches, a common performance venue.

"One town has a different pitch than another because they were tuned to the pitch of the organ in church," he said. "New York in 1750, for example, had a different pitch than New Jersey."

Determining the pitch of a clarinet is a clue to where it came from and who made it. And that's valuable insight into how composers wrote music.

"Once you play it, you hear what Mozart heard," he says. "Why he used a particular note. There is a characteristic of the sound. Old instruments don't have homogenous sounds. Composers used that to their advantage."

When clarinets were standardized the world over, much was gained in terms of consistency and playability. Someone from England could play alongside someone from France, for example, and they'd be in tune. But to Cholthitchanta, something was also lost, a sense of experimentation and exploration that's lacking in modern instruments.

"From 1838 to today, they look exactly alike, which is sad," he says. "We just stopped innovating, we are too conservative. I think we could do better, but we are too conservative to change." ■





FAYETTECHILL

By Ashley Batchelor ★ BA'07

The word “Fayettechill” was mentioned to University of Arkansas alumnus Mo Elliott in 2009 and soon after, the idea for a lifestyle brand was born.

Elliott, 27, founder and owner of Fayettechill Clothing Company, said the word fit his perception of the town. He noticed there was not any regional representation of an outdoor brand, and this notion kicked off the creation of Fayettechill. Through the brand Fayettechill, Elliott has tried to present different ways for people to live or spend their time. The passions he introduces with Fayettechill include mountain biking, fly fishing, and the outdoor lifestyle to help shape what he feels is a happy life. The Fayettechill products are “the apparel that help outfit the lifestyle we present.” The first products were Made in the USA organic cotton T-shirts and stickers. Now, the brand also offers a variety of items, from outerwear and shorts to tech products and accessories.

Elliott graduated from the university in 2011 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration in small business management. Fellow UA alumni Grant Holden, 28, and Devin O’Dea, 27, joined the company in 2011. Holden is a 2011 graduate with a bachelor’s



degree in advertising and public relations, and O’Dea graduated in 2012 with bachelor’s degrees in biochemistry and philosophy. There are now 15 Fayettechill employees, and eight of them are full-time.

Fayettechill headquarters is located in the Ozark Mountain Smokehouse at the base of Mt. Kessler in Fayetteville, and this is where the team creates the products and culture of the brand. Chad Maupin of Big Bot is the in-house designer, and he generates a significant amount of Fayettechill’s art as well as manages and preps art contributions from artists around the globe, O’Dea noted.

The company likes to work with artists locally and around the world to bring a new element to every season.

The flagship store is on Dickson Street. The brand has sold products online since its inception, and now 125 stores in 14 states carry Fayettechill products. The company is committed to increasing the production of its goods within the United States, and what started as a target has now turned into a tangible reality, according to the Fayettechill website, www.fayettechill.com.

“Today, we are proud to say that 93 percent of our cotton-based

apparel is manufactured nationally. Our ‘Made in the USA’ campaign is intended to showcase our goal of having as much of our production done in the United States as possible,” according to the website.

O’Dea said the products attract people because of their quality, and the brand may not be the first thing they see. About a 5-hour radius around Fayetteville, people often think of the Northwest Arkansas city when they hear Fayettechill. But people in New York or San Diego likely won’t connect the brand to Arkansas, especially since there are several Fayetteville cities across the nation.

“What Fayettechill becomes at that point is just an interesting word,” O’Dea said.

Fayettechill and its staff work with local companies as much as possible and also support a variety of nonprofit organizations they believe to be indispensable to the proper development of the outdoors around them, according to the website. Nonprofits include Ozark Mountain Highlands Trail Association, Arkansas Climbers Coalition, Buffalo River Foundation, the Nature Conservancy, Arkansas Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Ozark Off Road Cyclists. Elliott said the staff members’ outdoor interests come full circle in the nonprofits they represent.

The outdoor activities that founder Elliott does most are mountain biking and fly fishing. O’Dea loves yoga, fly fishing, backpacking and trail running. Fly fishing has recently become a favorite activity for Holden, but he also loves trail running “for the simplicity of it.” “You just get up and go.”

It’s pretty rare that these three alumni are working in the same room, though. Holden travels about four months out of the year, attending trade shows and visiting clients. O’Dea often works in the smokehouse facility, but he also works satellite once a week at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville. He said they encourage the staff to work where they feel most inspired.

And where has Fayettechill’s founder been working recently? He is living and working in a van for the next year on a road trip around the country. Elliott traveled more than 14,000 miles between July and October, and after a stop in Fayetteville, he headed back out in the van in November. He wanted to work on the road, see cool towns across the country, be inspired and meet people in the outdoor industry.

Elliott, O’Dea and Holden believe their time at the university helped them make Fayettechill successful. Elliott said he learned the overall concept of how a business needs to be run and has continued to keep in touch with many of his professors. O’Dea said the main aspect he learned at the U of A applies to entrepreneurship, trying to think about everything in a 360-degree perspective and keep the brand relevant. Holden said there is a sense of family that the university helps cultivate. His big takeaway from college was being encouraged to go deeper and find out what inspires him on the inside.

“If you have a passion and you put yourself out there in a raw way, people will usually respond to that,” he added.

One of the biggest goals of the company is to showcase areas of the greater Ozark region to the rest of the nation in a genuine way.

“Seeing the Ozarks growing and getting more attention has been really exciting for me,” Holden said. ■



Top: Fayettechill employees Devin O’Dea, Brian O’Dea and Connor Cockrell hold up Fayettechill flag. Middle: Fayettechill founder Mo Elliott Bottom: Fayettechill flagship store on Dickson Street

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President's Message

This fall, the University of Arkansas publicly launched Campaign Arkansas, an effort to raise at least \$1 billion toward the university's ongoing transformation. The Arkansas Alumni Association (AAA), in consultation with its campaign committee and board, has established two primary goals in support of the campaign:

- Raise annual funds and endowed gifts, largely for increased scholarships.
- Increase the AAA's membership and engagement.

This letter outlines how you can help.

The AAA awarded \$1.1 million in scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year. The funding for this scholarship program, which is distinctive among alumni associations, primarily comes from Hog Tag license plates in Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas, a portion of your AAA membership dues, and endowed gifts.

This program has benefited thousands of deserving students since its inception in 1990, but we can do more. Arkansas has many students who are academically capable and hard-working, but have significant financial need. Greater resources and accountability are critical for advancing their success and accelerating the state's economic progress.

Through Campaign Arkansas, we seek to significantly increase the AAA's annual scholarship distribution by the 2020-21 academic year (the year after the Campaign's end), with a strong emphasis on need-based scholarships. You can directly support this goal by:

- **Making a gift** to the AAA's scholarship program and/or supporting fundraising activities.
- **Purchasing Hog Tags.**
- **Joining the AAA** or upgrading to a Life Membership. Please also ask your family and friends to do the same.

We also need your time and talent. **Arkansas Everywhere** is the name of our drive to increase membership and engagement.

Your involvement in the AAA not only provides direct support to student scholarships, but also enables our overall mission of connecting and serving the University of Arkansas family. Around the world, we show our pride in Arkansas, the Razorbacks, and the university by:

- Enjoying one another's company at tailgates, watch parties, and other social activities
- Helping our communities
- Mentoring to and networking with other Razorback professionals
- Acting as ambassadors with community leaders, prospective students, and other stakeholders
- Honoring our traditions and celebrating one another's success.

The gift of your time and talent will allow us to expand and enrich our offerings. Please encourage your family and friends to donate their time as well.

Wooo Pig,

Don Eldred ◉+ BSBA'81
President, Arkansas Alumni Association

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Student Alumni Association Highlights

Welcome Weeks Hosted by New Student and Family Programs, every semester the University of Arkansas and Fayetteville community join together to welcome new students to campus.



Student body President and SAB member Connor Flocks officially welcomed the members of the class of 2020 to campus.



Madeline Wagnon, Hannah Bell, Nikki Anderson, and Blake Griffin led the audience at New Student Welcome in the Alma Mater.



SAB members helped with the Division of Student Affairs "Taste of Fayetteville" in the heart of campus.



SAB members and Alumni staff traveled around campus to Razorbash, Walton Block Party, and the Engineering Picnic.



Colman Betler, Regan Burgess, and Kennedy Rickard organized the first Tie Dye with Student Alumni in the Union Mall.

Advancement Ambassadors Not only has the Student Alumni Board grown SAA to be the largest organization on campus, they now serve as representatives of the student body and Division of Advancement at key events.



More than 20 SAB members, including Blake Griffin and Mitch Edwards, welcomed attendees at the Campaign Arkansas Gala.



Erica Brewer, Jessie Loechler, and Madison Kolb ushered attendees at the Investiture of Chancellor Steinmetz.



Anna Watson, Madison Cole, Blake Griffin, and Erin Nelson welcome concert goers as The Commodores kicked off Campaign weekend.

Official BEAT Shirts Kicking off its 3rd year, SAA celebrated a great home schedule in Arkansas Razorback Football history with the best Beat Shirts yet! During the first hand out, it took only 47 minutes to pass out 750 shirts to members.



Jodi Simeon, Taylor Johnson, Izzy Garcia and Micah Huckabee prepare for the Texas A&M Beat Shirt pass out outside the Union.

Hog Wild Tailgate The Alumni Association's Hog Wild Tailgates are more exciting with food trucks, a live band, and Razorback team visits. Everyone is welcome!



Morgan Norvell, Trey Smith, and Brooke Taylor enjoy the pre-season tailgate celebration with Big Red.



Photos by Russell Cothren

Arkansas Alumni Association Hosted 72nd Annual Alumni Awards

The Arkansas Alumni Association hosted its 72nd annual Alumni Awards Celebration at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at the Fayetteville Town Center.

This year's awards honored the accomplishments of 11 outstanding alumni, faculty and friends. The honorees were:

- Carl Collier BS'64, pharmacist at Collier Drug Stores – Community Service Award
- Frank Fletcher BSBA'63, chairman and CEO of Frank Fletcher Companies – Citation of Distinguished Alumni Award
- Ingrid Fritsch, professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences – Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award for Research
- Kenny Gibbs BSBA'85, senior vice president-wealth management for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith – Andrew J. Lucas Service Award
- Connie Lewis Lensing BA'74, JD'77, Senior Vice President, Litigation and Employment – Citation of Distinguished Alumni Award
- Jeff Long, vice chancellor and director of athletics – Honorary Alumni Award
- Doug McMillon BSBA'89, President and CEO of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. – Citation of Distinguished Alumni Award
- Janine A. Parry, professor in the Department of Political Science in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences – Charles and Nadine Baum Faculty Teaching Award
- Laurent Sacharoff, associate professor at the U of A School of Law – Faculty Distinguished Achievement Rising Teaching Award
- William Schwab, professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice – Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award for Service
- Amber Straughn BS'02, astrophysicist for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland – Young Alumni Award.



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Instead of a silent auction at the event, the Alumni Association hosted its first ever Homecoming Online Auction from Oct. 7-21. The online auction brought in more than \$14,000 for Arkansas Alumni Association student scholarships.

The event sponsors included silver sponsors Butterfield Trail Village and Fidelity Investments; media sponsors Celebrate Magazine, CitiScapes Magazine and KUAF; online auction sponsor First Security Bank; cocktail reception sponsors Core Brewing Company and Sassafras Springs Winery and Vineyard; and chocolate sponsor KYVA Chocolate.

Home on the Hill: Homecoming 2016

On Oct. 9, the 94th Homecoming Celebration kicked off a week of longstanding tradition and school spirit culminating in the 34-30 victory over No. 12 Ole Miss.

Hosted by the Arkansas Alumni Association, Homecoming is the biggest tradition on campus. Events were hosted throughout the week to involve the entire campus and Northwest Arkansas community and welcome back alumni to their "Home on the Hill." This year's theme was selected by the steering committee of the Student Alumni Board in the spring with feedback from the National Board of the Arkansas Alumni Association as well as campus partners. The goal was to remind alumni and students that even when they leave Fayetteville, they are always welcome home with open arms.

Some of the longest traditions, such as the Homecoming Parade and Lawn Decorations, continued to grow. Several student organizations participated for the first time by decorating the Union Mall on Thursday, Oct. 12. Also, community entries doubled in the parade. The Arkansas Alumni Association partnered with the Center for

Community Engagement's Volunteer Action Center to give back on Philanthropy Day during the "Fill the Truck" Homecoming Food Drive. More than 5,000 items were collected for the Jane B. Gearhart Full Circle Food Pantry. On Oct. 14, the newest tradition of the 2015 Senior Walk, located on the corner of Arkansas and Dickson streets, was officially dedicated.

Homecoming drew to a close on Oct. 15. At halftime of the football game, Shelby Cormack and Moses Agare were crowned the 2016 Homecoming Queen and first ever King after a campus-wide student vote. Winners of the different Homecoming divisions were also announced at halftime, and a full list is featured below.

The Alumni Association is already making arrangements for the 95th Homecoming. Be on the lookout soon for the official announcement dates. Plan now for how you can participate – whether at your Home on the Hill or in your own home – to remember and celebrate your time at the University of Arkansas.

College Cup: Office of Student Activities

Housing Competition:
1st place: Northwest Quad, Holcombe, & Futrall
2nd place: Hotz Hall
3rd place: Reid Hall

Anthracite Level Student Organization:
1st place: Tau Beta Sigma
2nd place: Booster Club & SOOIE
3rd place: Women's Rugby

White Level Student Organization:
1st place: Alpha Chi Sigma
2nd place: Black Alumni Society Scholars
3rd place: National Student Speech Language Hearing Association

Cardinal Level Student Organization:
1st place: Beta Upsilon Chi & Sigma Phi Lambda
2nd place: University Programs
3rd place: Psychology Club



Homecoming Week



"Fill the Truck" Homecoming Food Drive



Featured: One of the largest parts of Homecoming, the "Fill the Truck" Food Drive supported the Jane B. Gearhart Full Circle Food Pantry and embodied the philanthropic spirit of the campus with over 5,000 cans donated. Top: Members of the Black Alumni Society scholars help count donations for the food drive. Bottom: Beta Upsilon Chi donated the largest amount of food during the 2016 food drive.



Homecoming Parade

Top: Students from the Fayetteville Virtual Academy decorated and rode their bikes in the parade. Middle: Members of the 2016 Homecoming Steering Committee lead the parade down Dickson Street. Bottom: Cub Scout Pack 46 and their parents represented the Northwest Arkansas community.



On the Field

Top: Alumni Award honorees enjoyed their time on the field with Arkansas Alumni Association National Board President Don Eldred. Middle: Rachel Ree, 2015 Homecoming Queen, and Kendall Bollen Jones, 2006 Homecoming Queen, celebrated their anniversaries with Chancellor Joe Steinmetz. Bottom: The 2016 Homecoming Queen Shelby Cormack and first ever Homecoming King Moses Agare, both members of the Student Alumni Association, embrace after being announced as the winners at halftime. Complete information on the Homecoming Court can be found on pages 40-41.



Starting on the corner of Arkansas and Dickson streets, the 2015 Senior Walk was officially dedicated on Oct. 14. Chancellor Joe Steinmetz cut the dedication ribbon. Special guest speakers from the Class of 2015 included Daniel McFarland, ASG President; Nathan Hopper, SAB President; and Senior Honor citation winner Kelly Hudnall and Ranger Guillory. The 2015 Student Body executives attended the ceremony, including event chair Kelsey Furr.



Class of 2015 Senior Walk Dedication

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Our International Student Recruitment and Admissions office is hitting the #pigtrails with spring 2017 visits in Belize, Panama, Bolivia and Colombia, and we need your help! Meet and greet prospective students to share your thoughts and expertise to help ensure a bright future for our great legacy.



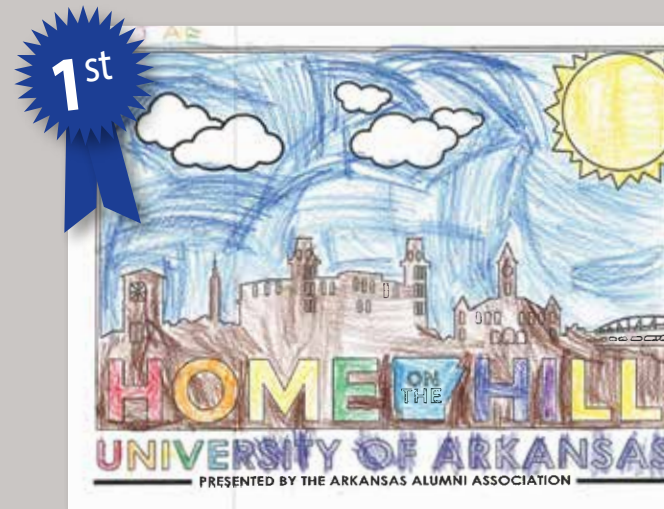
Arkansas vs. Ole Miss Tifo



Coloring Contest Winners

3 - 5 Year Olds

- 1st: Jade Holland**
 - Parents: Dave and Jennifer Holland
 - Hometown: Fayetteville, AR
- 2nd: Erin Tidwell**
 - Parents: John and Sara Tidwell
 - Hometown: Bentonville, AR
- 3rd: Mason Purcell**
 - Parents: Amy Purcell and Jennifer Rizzo
 - Hometown: Fayetteville, AR



6 - 8 Year Olds

- 1st: Lina Jena Messadi**
 - Parents: Nadia and Tahar Messadi
 - Hometown: Fayetteville, AR
- 2nd: Lillian Clinehens**
 - Parents: Chad and Jennifer Clinehens
 - Hometown: Fayetteville, AR
- 3rd: Mia Baker**
 - Parents: Brandy Baker
 - Hometown: Fayetteville, AR



9 - 11 Year Olds

- 1st: Juan Pablo "JP" Garcia**
 - Parents: Luz Garcia and Jose Garcia
 - Hometown: Fayetteville, AR
- 2nd: Laura Abigail Cate**
 - Parents: Laura and Brandon Cate
 - Hometown: Fayetteville, AR
- 3rd: Elise Pinkerton**
 - Parents: Matt and Briana Pinkerton
 - Hometown: Fayetteville, AR



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Homecoming Queen



Shelby Cormack

Representing: Associated Student Government
Hometown: Van Buren, Arkansas
Involvement: Treasurer of the Associated Student Government, Vice President of Zeta Tau Alpha, Director of Marketing for Razorback Collegiate Foundation, Student Alumni Board and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*



Homecoming King



Moses Agare

Representing: Chi Omega
Hometown: Kisumu, Kenya
Involvement: Associated Student Government Senator, Spring International Student Council, African Student Organization, American Society of Civil Engineers and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*.

Queen's Court



Bridget O'Shaughnessy

Representing: Phi Mu
Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri
Involvement: Executive Cabinet for the Associated

Student Government, Secretary-Treasurer of Young Democrats, U.S. Senate Legislative Intern, Dream B.I.G. Mentor and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*



Madeline Wagnon

Representing: Student Alumni Association
Hometown: Shreveport, Louisiana
Involvement: Director

of Traditions for the Student Alumni Board, Vice President of National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA), Vice President of the Booster Club, Scholarship Chair for Chi Omega and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*



Nancy Smith

Representing: Kappa Kappa Gamma
Hometown: Marianna, Arkansas
Involvement: President of

Kappa Kappa Gamma, Vice President of the Student Alumni Board, Students Acquiring Knowledge through Enterprise (S.A.K.E.), Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*



Blake Griffin

Representing: Student Alumni Association
Hometown: Mountain Home, Arkansas
Involvement: President

of the Student Alumni Board, Vice President of the Student Organization Outreach and Involvement Experience (SOOIE), Project Leader for Make a Difference Day, Historian for Kappa Alpha Order and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*



Lionel Davis II

Representing: National Society of Black Engineers
Hometown: Little Rock, Arkansas
Involvement: President

of National Society of Black Engineers, Parliamentarian of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Parliamentarian for the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Director of Campus Diversity & Inclusion for the Associated Student Government



Manuale "Manny" Watkins

Representing: Chi Omega
Hometown: Fayetteville, Arkansas
Involvement: Collegiate

Basketball Student-Athlete and Team Captain, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, SEC Honor Roll, Leadership Academy and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*



Katherine Ganoung

Representing: Alpha Chi Omega
Hometown: Farmington, Arkansas
Involvement:

President of Alpha Chi Omega, Director of Communications for Students of Retailing Excellence, Sigma Alpha Pi Honor Society, Student Leaders Impacting Communities and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*



Madison Cole

Representing: Student Alumni Association
Hometown: Conway, Arkansas
Involvement: President

of Order of Omega, Director of Alumni Relations for the Student Alumni Board, Special Events Chair for Kappa Kappa Gamma, Vice President of New Greek Council and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*



Victoria Maloch

Representing: Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow
Hometown: Emerson, Arkansas
Involvement: National Secretary for National

FFA, White House Intern, Senior Walk Dedication Chair for the Student Alumni Board, member of Chi Omega and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*



Connor Flocks

Representing: Associated Student Government
Hometown: Greenwood, Arkansas
Involvement: President

of the Associated Student Government, Vice President of the Student Alumni Board, President of the Booster Club, Secretary of Lambda Chi Alpha and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*



Jake Smith

Representing: Delta Delta Delta
Hometown: Paragould, Arkansas
Involvement: Vice

President of the Interfraternity Council, Student Alumni Board, Director of Special Events for the Associated Student Government, Founder/Executive Director of 1and1 Ministries, and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*



Taylor Farr

Representing: Associated Student Government
Hometown: West Memphis, Arkansas
Involvement: Chief of

Staff for the Associated Student Government, Vice President of Beta Upsilon Chi, Razorback Spirit Squad and Mascot, Director of Marketing for the Student Organization Outreach and Involvement Experience (SOOIE) and a *member of the Student Alumni Association*

King's Court

- 1 -

Members of the **Austin Chapter** enjoy the Sept. 10 watch party for Arkansas vs. TCU and the Sept. 24 watch party for Arkansas vs. Texas A&M.

- 2 -

Members of the **New York City Alumni Chapter** gathered in Manhattan to cheer on a Razorback victory over Alcorn State on Oct 1.

- 3 -

Members of the **Tampa Bay Chapter** paused for a photo during the Sept. 10 Arkansas vs. TCU watch party.

- 4 -

The **Charleston Chapter** hosted a watch party on Oct. 15 for the Arkansas vs. Ole Miss football game.

- 5 -

The **Chicago Chapter** of the Arkansas Alumni Association participated in a flag football match with fellow SEC alumni.

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The **Greater Kansas City Chapter** hosted a watch party for the Arkansas vs. TCU football game Sept. 10 at The Granfallon.

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The **Las Vegas Chapter** hosted a Watch Party on Sept. 17 to cheer on the Hogs while they played against the Texas State Bobcats.

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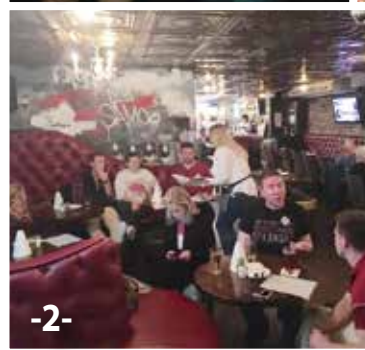
The **Nashville Chapter** alumni cheered on the Hogs at various watch parties throughout the season. Featured photos include the watch parties for Arkansas games on Sept. 3, 10 and 17.



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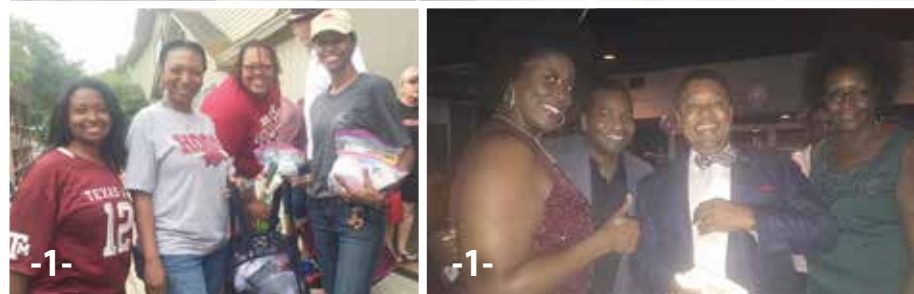
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The **Black Alumni Society** and the Texas A&M former Black Students Network hosted a meet and greet at the Truth Night Club in Dallas on Sept. 25, and the two alumni groups prepared Blessing Bags for distribution at Mission Arlington in Arlington, Texas. Special thanks to Keith Britton, Oliver L. Sims III and Latonya Foster for organizing a networking event to gather Blessings Bags to give to Mission Arlington.



- 2 -

The **Bumpers College Alumni Society** held its annual alumni and friends tailgate on Oct. 8 at the Maudine Sanders Student Plaza Garden and Hawkins Family Terrace.



- 3 -

The **Latino Alumni Society**, Chinese Association of NWA and the Women's Foundation of Arkansas hosted a Women's Leadership Seminar at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House. Daymara Baker, president of the Latino Alumni Society, facilitated a panel discussion with Seong Ohm, senior vice president of merchandise execution, Sam's Club; Sharon Orlopp, president, Orlopp Enterprise, retired global chief diversity officer and senior vice president for human resources at Walmart; Isabel Fang, senior director, Walmart Board of Directors, CANWA; and Becky Paneitz, founder of Inseitz Group and former president of North West Arkansas Community College.



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The University of Arkansas School of Law and the **Law Alumni Society** hosted a Law Alumni Luncheon during the Arkansas Bar Association meeting in Hot Springs in June.



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The **Pride Alumni Society** and the Texas A&M LGBTQ Former Student Network and friends hosted a meet and greet on Sept. 23 at Cedar Springs Tap House in Dallas, Texas.



- 6 -

The Arkansas Alumni Association hosted its annual **Societies Tailgate** on Oct. 8 at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House. Representatives of the Pride Alumni Society, the Latino Alumni Society, the Black Alumni Society, Master of Science Operations Alumni Society and Arkansas Alumni Association National Board President Don Eldred.

Photos submitted



New Chapter Construction on Campus

Three Greek organizations celebrated milestones at the University of Arkansas this Fall.



The founding chapter of **Chi Omega**, rededicated its house on Sept. 16, after adding an addition that increases their space by nearly 13,000 square feet. Recognized on the National Register of Historic Places, the original brick building was built in 1928. Due to the historical designation of the structure, there were some limitations imposed on its façade. Maintaining this architectural integrity, while updating the facility, was a balancing act for those who planned the design.

Vice President of the House Corps and project coordinator, Bonnie

Griffin, said the new addition, “better meets the needs of today’s collegians.”

She said input from Chi Omega members living in the house, housemothers, alumnae and members of the house corps board, drove the design process. The new space allows sleeping arrangements for 92 women, doubles the capacity of the dining room, and has added a large study hall, art studio and workout room. In addition, there are smaller study spaces and the new chapter room can hold up to 400 members.



Nancy Nuban Photography



Kappa Alpha Order members are enjoying their new chapter house on Arkansas Avenue. The 16,000-square-foot structure was formally dedicated on Oct. 8.

Currently, it is home to 49 fraternity brothers and a property manager. Chartered in 1895, Alpha Omicron chapter was the third fraternity at the University of Arkansas, and the Alpha Omicron chapter returned to campus in the fall of 2012,

re-chartering in December of 2013.

“This house will be used as a tool to reconnect KAs throughout the state of Arkansas, in addition to strengthening the friendships of those who are now active members,” said Connor Cook, chapter president. “We are excited to move forward in this new phase of Alpha Omicron and look forward to seeing what the future holds for us.”



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Delta Gamma Returns to Campus with 253 New Members

Delta Gamma Sorority is anchoring itself into Greek life at the University of Arkansas, by welcoming 253 women as new members into its Alpha Omega chapter. This is one of the largest new member classes ever for Delta Gamma, which joins 10 other sororities on campus, as members of the National Panhellenic Council. The DGs say they are not only honored to be coming home to the university, but they are also proud of the various backgrounds and cultures represented by their new members and feel that this will be an asset to Greek life.

“I couldn’t be more excited about these young women,” said Ann Bordelon, DG alumnae and general manager of the local house corporation. “We successfully recruited diverse women representing all classes, freshmen through seniors. “I’m thrilled we will have such leadership depth in our chapter officers.”

According to Bordelon, the new members, who will wear the sorority’s golden anchor badge, are “all high achievers with a cumulative grade point average of 3.54.” DGs say 35 percent of the new sisters are from Arkansas, with an equal amount from Texas. The remaining 30 percent come from 10 other states and two countries, Bolivia and Mexico.

“I’m very proud to have been selected as one of the first members for the re-colonization of Delta Gamma,” said Kinsley Hurtt, a freshman

from Gravette. “So far it’s been incredibly rewarding getting to be a part of setting up this new chapter and creating our brand here at the University of Arkansas.”



Jennifer Fisackerly is one of eight Delta Gamma collegiate development consultants who arrived earlier this year to help spread the word about the sorority’s re-colonization. They reached out to all student organizations to specifically encourage women who would not normally go through the recruitment process.

“It’s been a rewarding experience to help re-establish the Alpha Omega chapter,” Fisackerly said. “We couldn’t have done it without the support of the university Panhellenic Council and our alumnae.”

Along with the collegiate consultants, national volunteers and alumnae of Delta Gamma assisted in the recruitment. Delta Gamma participated in one day of formal recruitment in August and then conducted two weeks of “info-views,” in which the women learned more about the sorority and interacted with alumnae and volunteers. On Sept. 10, DG hosted a preference ceremony assisted by Delta Gamma collegians from the

University of Oklahoma and University of Kansas. On Sept. 11, formal bids were presented at the Greek Theater. Bordelon says the support

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Nine Hogs Added to SWC Hall of Fame

By Kevin Trainor

Nine new inductees from the University of Arkansas were honored as part of the 2016 class of the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame at a luncheon held at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock on Oct. 24. Razorback greats inducted included Joe Falcon (track and field), Quinn Grovey (football), Dan Hampton (football), Bev Lewis (track and field, administrator), Lee Mayberry (basketball), Kevin McReynolds (baseball), Frank O'Mara (track and field), Cliff Powell (football), and R.H. Sikes (golf).

The event was coordinated by the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, home of the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame, and in conjunction with the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame and the Little Rock Touchdown Club.

"The Southwest Conference played such an important part in our program's history and we are pleased to once again recognize nine deserving Razorbacks who helped make our tenure in that league so successful," said Jeff Long, vice chancellor and athletic director for the University of Arkansas. "This year's inductee class includes a diverse group of Razorback legends who either coached or competed successfully during their distinguished collegiate careers. And while they all competed in different sports, they all share a common trait of representing the University of Arkansas and the Southwest Conference with great class and dignity."

The Southwest Conference Hall of Fame is one of four separate halls of fame housed within the Texas Sports Hall of Fame's physical structure. They include the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame, the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and now, the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame.

2016 Southwest Conference Hall of Fame Inductees



Joe Falcon, men's track and field

One of the most decorated runners in University of Arkansas history, Joe Falcon ran under legendary coach John McDonnell. He was the anchor leg of the Arkansas Razorbacks distance medley relay that won at the 1986 Penn Relays and was the NCAA Cross Country Champion in 1987. He was named most outstanding performer among college men at both the 1988 and 1989 Penn Relays. Falcon won six individual NCAA titles in cross country, indoor and outdoor track: indoor 3,000-meter champion 1987 and 1988, indoor mile champ 1988, outdoor 10,000-meter champion 1987, outdoor 1,500-meter champion 1988 and cross country champion 1987. As a professional, Falcon won the 1990 Oslo Dream Mile with a time of 3:49.31, the fastest mile run in that year. In the same year, he won the 5,000-meter race at the Prefontaine Classic.



Quinn Grovey, football

One of the most exciting signal callers in UA football history, Quinn Grovey led the Razorbacks to back-to-back Southwest Conference titles in 1988 and 1989. He was a three-year starter and is the only UA quarterback to lead the Hogs to multiple Cotton Bowl berths. A four-year letterman, Grovey threw for 4,496 passing yards while rushing for 1,746 yards. He earned All-SWC honors in 1988 after leading the league in passing accuracy. His career passing yardage total ranks fifth while his rushing yardage total ranks 13th on the school record lists. His 18 touchdown passes in 1990 and his 29 career passing scores rank third and fourth respectively, on both the season and career school record charts. A native of Duncan, Oklahoma, Grovey was named the player of the year in Oklahoma his high school senior season when he rushed for 700 yards and passed for 900 yards. He led his teams to two state championships. Following his career at Arkansas, Grovey played briefly in the CFL. A member of the UA All-Century team and the UA Sports Hall of Honor, Grovey ranks third in UA history in total yards and touchdown responsibility.



Dan Hampton, football

Dan Hampton was a four-year football letterman (1975-78), a three-year starter at Arkansas and a two-time All-Conference selection before being drafted in the first round of the 1979 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears. Hampton totaled 239 tackles (126 unassisted tackles) in his career with 32 being behind the line of scrimmage while recovering six fumbles. He was an AFCA First-Team All-American in 1978 and helped Arkansas to finish third nationally after winning the 1978 Orange Bowl. As a senior, he logged 98 tackles, including 18 behind the line of scrimmage. He was named the SWC Defensive Player of the Year and earned first-team All-SWC honors in 1978. He also earned the outstanding SWC Player of the Year award from the *Houston Post* for his senior season. Hampton was named second-team All-SWC in his junior season (1977).

As a freshman, Hampton helped the Razorbacks to a share of the SWC title and a victory over Georgia in the 1976 Cotton Bowl. Arkansas sported a 35-10-2 record during Hampton's career, including a mark of 22-8-1 in Southwest Conference (SWC) play. Hampton was drafted by the Chicago Bears with the fourth pick of the first round in the 1979 NFL Draft. He played 12 seasons for Chicago, becoming one of only two Bears' players to play in three decades for the team. He started 152 of his 157 career games with the Bears and finished third on the team's all-time career sacks list with 82. Hampton earned All-Pro honors five times and four trips to the Pro Bowl, twice as a defensive tackle and twice as a defensive end. Hampton was named to the NFL 1980s All-Decade team and in 2002 was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was a member of the University of Arkansas' All-

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Century team (selected in 1994) and the Arkansas All-Decade team for the 1970s. He is a member of both the University of Arkansas Sports Hall of Honor and the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.



Bev Lewis, women's track and field, administrator

Prior to Bev Lewis assuming the duties of director of women's athletics in 1989, her Razorback women's cross country and track teams had six top 20 national finishes, and she coached Team USA at the 1990 World Junior Cross Country Championships. Her coaching was instrumental in establishing Arkansas' perfect record of sending a team or individual to every collegiate national meet since the program's inception. Lewis also coached Arkansas' first women's conference championship team at the 1988 Southwest Conference Cross Country Championships. As a result, her peers voted her SWC Coach of the Year for the second year in a row. She also was named SWC Outdoor Track Coach of the Year in 1989.

Lewis spent 19 years (1989-2007) as the director of Women's Athletics. She served collegiate athletics at the highest level as an administrator, as a member of the NCAA Management Council, the NCAA Championship Cabinet and the Southeastern Conference Executive Committee. From 2008-14, Lewis served as associate vice

chancellor and executive associate athletic director in the combined men's and women's athletic program. In 1998, she was voted into the University of Arkansas Hall of Honor for her contributions as a coach and administrator. In recognition of her outstanding achievements, Lewis was named to *Arkansas Business* magazine's "Top 100 Women in Arkansas" in 1996, 1997 and 1998. The publication also named her to their 2010 "Women of Influence" in Arkansas.



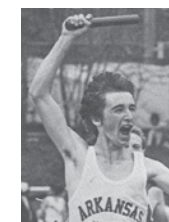
Lee Mayberry, men's basketball

Lee Mayberry is one of the most decorated players in program history and was a key part of Arkansas' highly-successful transition from the Southwest Conference (SWC) to the Southeastern Conference (SEC). Recruited and coached by Naismith Hall of Fame inductee Nolan Richardson, Mayberry teamed with fellow 1992 NBA first-round draft picks Todd Day and Oliver Miller to lead Arkansas to a 115-24 overall record, four straight conference titles (three SWC and one SEC) and four NCAA Tournament appearances, highlighted by the run to the Final Four in 1990. Mayberry's legacy is visible all over the Razorback record book, as he still holds the program record for career steals (291) while ranking second in assists (729) and third in points (1,940). An All-SEC first team selection following Arkansas' first year in the league, Mayberry was also a two-time All-SWC first team honoree. In 1992, he also earned All-America honors from AP, *Basketball Times* and the NABC. A first-round pick by the Milwaukee Bucks in the 1992 NBA Draft, Mayberry had a seven-year career in the NBA following his illustrious four years at Arkansas.



Kevin McReynolds, baseball

Kevin McReynolds was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers after his senior year of high school, but chose to attend the University of Arkansas. McReynolds was a three-year letterwinner at Arkansas, appearing in 151 games with a career batting average of .337 while also totaling 33 home runs and 121 RBI. As a freshman, McReynolds guided the Razorbacks to the first College World Series appearance in program history. He earned College World Series all-tournament team recognition in helping the Razorbacks to a second-place finish. He also earned All-America and All-Southwest Conference honors in 1980 and 1981. McReynolds was named the Most Valuable Player at the 1980 Southwest Conference Tournament. Following his collegiate playing career at the University of Arkansas, McReynolds was drafted with the sixth overall pick in the 1981 Major League Baseball Draft and went on to play 12 seasons in the major leagues. McReynolds played for the San Diego Padres, the New York Mets and the Kansas City Royals in his professional career. His best season as a pro came in the 1988 season for the New York Mets. McReynolds had a .288 batting average, 27 home runs and 99 RBI to finish third in the National League MVP vote.



Frank O'Mara, men's track and field

Competing for legendary Coach John McDonnell at Arkansas, O'Mara was an All-American and Southwest Conference champion his sophomore, junior and senior years before becoming McDonnell's first outdoor NCAA champion as a runner in 1983 when he won the 1,500-meter run at Houston.

O'Mara later spent three years as a coach for the Razorbacks and was a member of the coaching staff in 1985 when the school won its first NCAA triple crown. He also continued to compete in track events around the world. O'Mara was the world indoor champion twice in the 3,000-meter run and competed for the Irish national team in three Olympic Games of 1984, 1988 and 1992.



Cliff Powell, football

A three-year letterman from 1967-69, Powell was a first team All-American in 1969 and led the Razorbacks to consecutive Sugar Bowls in 1969 and 1970. The two-time All-Southwest Conference first team selection held the school's all-time record for career tackles (367) from 1969 through the end of the 2002 season. In 1968 he started for the Razorbacks, helping Arkansas win 10 games and a share of the SWC title. He was elected team captain as a senior and set the school's single-season record for tackles (134). Powell earned 24 tackles against No. 1 Texas in the 1969 Shootout, a mark that still ranks third on the UA single-game tackle list. He was All-Southwest Conference in 1968 and 1969 and earned All-America honors in 1969. Powell also earned the *Houston Post's* Most Outstanding Player of the Southwest Conference award in 1969. Powell is a member of the Razorbacks' All-Century Team and the 1960s Razorback All-Decade squad. He was inducted into the University of Arkansas Sports Hall of Honor in 2001. He was selected for the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.



R.H. Sikes, men's golf

A native of Paris, Arkansas, Sikes had a stellar amateur and college career as a member of the golf team at the University of Arkansas. He won the U.S. Amateur Public Links in 1961 and 1962. In 1963, he won the NCAA Championship, was runner-up at the U.S. Amateur, and played on the victorious Walker Cup team. Sikes' victory at the NCAA Championship was the only Razorbacks national championship recognized by the NCAA until John McDonnell's track and field teams of the mid-1980s to mid-1990s started winning them. While he was still an amateur, a national survey rated his putting touch the best in the game - amateur or pro. He spent 10 years as a PGA tour player winning two tournaments. Sikes is an inductee of the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, the Arkansas State Golf Association Hall of Fame, and the University of Arkansas Sports Hall of Honor. ■



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1886

• Students who work on the agricultural farm earn 9 cents per hour.

1906

• In the university's first building boom, six buildings are opened for use: Carnall Hall, Gray Hall, the first Chemistry Building, the Infirmary, the Agriculture Building and the Dairy Building. Three of them are still standing.

1916

• Julia Vaulx, head of the university library, organizes a Fayetteville Library Association to help the city build a public library building.

1926

• The university's new radio station changes its call letters from KFMQ to KUOA. The radio station plans to hold its second fiddlers' contest on air.
 • James "Red" Ayers from Dierks becomes the first Razorback to earn a varsity letter in four sports. He played halfback for the football team, forward for the conference champion basketball team, centerfield for the baseball team and threw javelin for the track team.
 • The university receives its first electric bell with which to signal dismissal of classes.

1936

• The ROTC Cadet Band is invited to lead the SMU band at the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California.
 • The Arkansas Razorback football team defeats Texas to win the Southwest Conference Championship. Bowl games were turned down because they would "make inroads on the basketball squad."



The Razorback Marching Band, including members David Norris, Grant Latta and Janelle Moore, play during a home game during the 2005-06 school year. The marching band was under the direction of Timothy Gunter that year.

• NBC Radio broadcasts an hour of talk and music from Old Main. The show, titled "Hill Country Hour," is part of a continuing series of programs from land-grant colleges across the nation.

1946

• Any woman interested in athletic activity may pay dues of one-half dollar to join the campus Women's Athletic Association.
 • Carnall Hall initiates a policy of celebrating all those residents whose birthdays fall within a given month by reserving the last Thursday of the month for the "Birthday Dinner."

1956

• The University of Arkansas Symphony Orchestra teams up with the Opera Workshop to present two operas.
 • The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees approves a measure to prohibit students who have less than a 1.5 GPA from using a car on campus.

1966

• The *Razorback* yearbook is ranked fourth among all university yearbooks across the nation.
 • The Uarkettes put out a record called "Spotlight on the

Uarkettes."

• During "Beat Texas Week," a helicopter drops mini-footballs to a crowd gathered on the lawn outside of Old Main.

1976

• For the first time in the university's history, the presidents of Associated Student Government and Black Americans for Democracy, the editors of the *Razorback* yearbook and The Arkansas Traveler and the president pro tempore of Student Senate are all women.
 • Students lobby the Arkansas legislature to approve funding for architectural designs for a Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building.

1986

• Former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas delivers the 1986 commencement address.

1996

• The John William Tyson Poultry Science Building is dedicated, and the Tyson Center for Excellence in Poultry Science is established.
 • The first digital version of The Arkansas Traveler is produced on the Internet.

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• The university initiates the Silas Hunt Legacy Awards, honoring 10 alumni and professors "whose contributions to the university and to society have been felt the world over." ■

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from the other sororities during that time really meant a lot.

"There were women from other houses, who were wearing DG letters, singing our songs and chants and generating such an exciting atmosphere. We felt so welcomed," she said. Bordelon also acknowledged the support of the 200 Delta Gamma alumnae who participated in Bid Day. Afterward, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority invited the new DGs to celebrate on their front lawn and to use their chapter room for a formal pledging ceremony.

"We are pleased to welcome the Delta Gammass and their new members into our Greek community," said Parice Bowser, director for the Greek Life at the university. "We feel that they will be a great asset because they embrace the values of our institution and they will provide additional opportunities for women to become involved in our community."

Three women founded Delta Gamma in 1873 at the Lewis School for Girls in Oxford, Mississippi. Anna Boyd, Mary Comfort and Eva Webb, who were unable to go home for Christmas break, made the decision to create a club of "mutual helpfulness." They chose the Greek letters Delta and Gamma because of their desire to "Do Good." Since that time, Delta Gamma has initiated more than 230,000 women in over 150 active collegiate chapters. According to the sorority's national website, "the fraternity is rooted in fostering high ideals of friendship,

promoting educational and cultural interests, creating a true sense of social responsibility and developing in our members, the best qualities of character."

Delta Gamma was first established at the University of Arkansas in 1930. Two of the founders, Mary Comfort Leonard and Eva Webb Dodd, were able to attend the installation. Alpha Omega has the distinction of being the only DG chapter, other than the original, where the founders were present.

The former Delta Gamma house built in 1940 was vacated in 1992, and DGs presented a \$100,000 gift to the university, so that it could be remodeled. University House, as it is currently known, is where University Development offices are located. In addition, the sorority endowed a scholarship for a panhellenic woman and made a gift to the Alumni House to name the rear patio. Bordelon says formal installation of the chapter, is scheduled for Feb. 18, 2017, and will be combined with initiation of the new members. She says plans are in the works for a new DG house to be built just down the street from the old location. The new house will be located near the corner of Maple Street and Arkansas Avenue and is expected to be open by fall of 2019.

"The re-establishment of Delta Gamma would not have been possible without a true partnership with the Greek Life office, fraternity and sorority community and campus faculty and staff," said Stacia Rudge Skoog, Delta Gamma president. "We are thrilled to have our Alpha Omega chapter of Delta Gamma, home for good." ■

-In Memoriam-

Earle Leighton Rudolph BA'38,

Fayetteville, July 21, Survivors: son, daughter and three grandsons.

Frances Edington House BSHE'42,

Perryville, July 12, was a social worker with the state of Arkansas and worked with her husband and son in their Shelter Insurance Agency. Survivors: son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Eva A. Shideler BSHE'45, Wichita, Kansas, July 20.

Joseph E. Baker BSBA'49, Charlotte, North Carolina, July 11. He served in the United States Marines in the South Pacific during World War II. Survivors: Wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Katherine Harrel Block ★+ BSBA'49,

Paragould, June 28. Block was a homemaker, and devoted wife. Survivors: two sons, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren

Edward E. Rogers BSCE'50,

Springfield, Ohio, June 25. He was a veteran of World War II, and retired in 1995 as Clark County Sanitary Engineer. Survivors: Two brothers, son, daughter, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

J. Maitland Rutledge Sr. BSBA'50,

San Antonio, Texas, December 11, 2015. He enlisted with the Navy, completing two years of service. He went on to attend the University of Arkansas and later was called back to active duty in the fall of 1950 with the U.S. Army. He was a successful businessman in the insurance industry. He took early retirement from Aetna as a benefits consultant from 1984 to 1994, when he sold his business book to Alexander & Alexander to begin full retirement. Survivors: his wife, **Marian P. Rutledge BSBA'58,** his daughter, his son and grandson.

John R. Meade ★+ BSBA'50,

Gravette, July 20. He was employed by Bank of Gravett as an officer trainee. He served in the bank until he retired August 2004 as president and chair of the Board of Directors after 54 years of service. He remained on the board until 2014. Survivors: Children, grandchildren and great-granddaughters.

Kathryn McKennon Brockmann

★+ BSBA'50, Fayetteville, July 5. She

worked for the Arkansas Office of State Purchasing for 23 years. Survivors: two daughters, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Robert G. Brockmann ★+ BSBA'50

LLB'63, Fayetteville, Sept. 9. Upon graduation from law school in 1963, Bob joined Gene Moore's practice in Harrison, later known as Moore and Brockmann. In 1968, he became a member of the faculty at the U of A School of Law. He also served as chief attorney for the Arkansas Department of Revenue and retired as a Federal Administrative Law Judge hearing Social Security matters. Survivors: two daughters, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Nelle Curry Guinn ★+ BA'50,

Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 17. Survivors: children and grandchildren.

Jeannine Elizabeth Presley ★+ BSE'51,

Fayetteville, July 10. She taught at Farmington High School until she retired in 1992 and ran Presley's Brake Shop for many years with her husband. Survivors: Sons, stepchildren and grandchildren.

Harvey Brooks ★+ BA'52, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 26. He worked for over 40 years as professor emeritus for drama and speech at Our Holy Cross College.

Carolyn Westerfield Moorman BM'54, Little Rock, June 25. Survivors: Son and daughter.

Dwight Adams, Little Rock, June 26. He served his country proudly in the Korean War; he served as an aide to Admiral C. Turner Joy at the United Nations Peace Conference. He was named the first special teams coordinator in college football. In 1985, he proceeded to the pro football ranks when he went to work for the San Diego Chargers as a college football scout. He retired from the NFL after 28 years. Survivors: wife, children, and four grandchildren.

William Lavelle Fuller Jr. BS'54, Des Plaines, Illinois, Dec. 8, 2015. World War II veteran in the U.S. Air Force from 1945 to 1949. Survivors: Wife, five children, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mark G. Purifoy Jr. BSEE'55, Austin, Texas, June 14. He worked for Exxon for 35 years. Survivors: wife, daughters, and grandchildren.

Sammy Furo Sr. BSE'57, Hot Springs, June 28. He was a Navy veteran and served during World War II on the



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Shirley Murry Pitts ★+ BSSW'55, Arkadelphia, May 23. She worked for the Arkansas State Child Welfare Department, aiding many children and families. She also held the position of staff member of the Red Cross. Survivors: three sons and grandchildren.

Monte E. Tubb BA'56, Eugene, Oregon, June 30. Taught theory, composition and musicianship at the University of Oregon, school of music. He was also the Director of the Ford Foundation's Institute for Music in Contemporary Education, conducting seminars throughout the west coast. Survivors: three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

William Perry Nelson BSA'58 MS'61, Maumelle, July 14. Survivors: wife, daughters and grandchildren.

Robert E. Noel ★ BSEE'59, Joplin, Missouri, July 16. Bob joined the Army

battleship *U.S.S. Monterey*. He received the Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal, American Theatre Medal and the Philippines Operations Medal. Survivors: wife, Kay Furo, two sons, two daughters, three sisters and seven grandchildren.

Buddy R. Stockton BSBA'59, Fayetteville, June 27. Survivors: wife, Helen, brother, four daughters, and five grandchildren.

James J. Britt BSBA'59, Woodland, Washington, May 31. He served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve. In 1960, he accepted a job at Lockheed in Burbank, California, as an internal auditor. In 1981, he founded Anglers Workshop Catalog in Woodland. Survivors: his wife Linda, two sons, one sister, one brother and one sister-in-law.

Robert E. Noel ★ BSEE'59, Joplin, Missouri, July 16. Bob joined the Army

and served in the Army Security Agency, in Hokkaido Japan. Bob spent a large part of his professional career at Finley Engineering, in Lamar, as the head of the power department. He retired from Finley in 1996 and opened his own practice, working on a variety of projects in Missouri, other adjoining states, and as far away as the state of Nevada. Survivors: wife **Anita Noel ★ BSHE'54,** daughter, son and five grandchildren.

William Franklin Marburger BSE'59, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, June 26. He was a veteran and served as an electronics and guided missile instructor sergeant at the U.S. Army Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. He was also a public educator for 45 years, ending his career as a math education adviser for the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Survivors: his wife Shirley and two daughters.

Beverly Sanford Eberle, Little Rock, July 8. She was office manager of Laser Law Firm for over 30 years. She was a leader and instrumental in the development, construction and fundraising for the new Hope Lodge facility. Survivors: her husband John Eberle, daughters, son, stepson, stepdaughter and grandchildren.

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Don H. Byrum BSPH'61, Benton, July 1. He was a pharmacist, who formerly owned Town & Country Pharmacy (Byrum's Pharmacy) in Benton. He worked as a staff pharmacist at Baptist Health, Little Rock, for the last 25 years of his professional career. Survivors: **Phyllis Bartlett Byrum BSA'90,** son, daughter, brother, sister and five grandchildren.

Earnest J. Hillhouse BSEE'61, Huntsville, April 12, 2015.

Benny O. Bridgers MA'62, Sylva, North Carolina, July 9. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a communications officer for the Strategic Air Command, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. Survivors: wife, three children and 10 grandchildren.

Paula L. Phillips MED'62, Russellville, July 2. She was an English teacher, assistant principal and interim principal at Russellville High School and was also director of adult education. Survivors: sister.

Richard Vincent Bordsen BSCE'62, Little Rock, July 15. Survivors: Wife and son.

Richard L. Fuller BSBA'63, Burns, Tennessee, March 12. He was a Korean

War veteran, active duty in Korea, service in U.S. Army from 1949 to 1952. Survivors: Stepdaughter and five grandchildren.

Jim Magness BSBA'64, Warren, July 5. He was in the U.S. Army Reserves and a retired salesman for Cello Foam. Survivors: one son, one daughter, three grandsons, one granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

Robert W. Gruebel BS'64 MS'67 PHD'69, Nacogdoches, Texas, June 20. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and was a turret gunner on a TBF (Avenger) torpedo plane. His decorations include the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with five Gold stars in lieu of Air Medals and the Presidential Unit Citation for service in 1st Marine Division on Guadalcanal 1942. Survivors: wife, sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-granddaughter.

Billy Joe Cude MED'66, The Woodlands, Texas, May 4. Survivors: brother, and two sisters.

Patricia S. Cockram BSE'66, Fort Smith, July 7. Survivors: children and nine grandchildren.

Fred Alan Willis BSME'67, Boulder,

Colorado, June 26. Fred worked for IBM for 30 years in Lexington, Kentucky; in Tucson, Arizona; and in Boulder; and for 5 years with Exabyte Corp. in Boulder after his retirement from IBM. Survivors: wife, three children, and siblings.

Larry W. Chandler LLB'67, Little Rock, July 12. He was a judge and served the 13th Judicial District. Survivors: wife, daughters, sons and grandchildren.

Richard Alan Young BA'67 MA'68, Reeds Spring, Missouri, Dec. 6, 2015. He was a retired school teacher who taught in the Harrison School District for 25 years. He was also a writer and actor. After retiring, he entertained in the Branson area for many years, especially at Silver Dollar City. Survivors: his wife Judy, and one sister.

Herbert R. Hawn Jr. BSE'68, Little Rock, June 19. He retired with the rank of major after 38 years of military service, ending his career flying helicopters in the Army Reserves. Survivors: his wife Veronica and two sisters.

Jean Dodd BA'68, Arvada, Colorado, June 24. She worked in the aerospace industry for many years prior to

In Memoriam

Pat Walker

The Pat Walker Health Center, Willard J. Walker Hall, The Willard and Pat Walker Pavilion and Walker Family Training Center, The Willard and Pat Walker Entry to Razorback Stadium.

Those are some of the more obvious signs of the impact that Pat Walker, her husband, Willard, and their Charitable Foundation have had on the University of Arkansas.

Pat Walker passed away on Friday, Sept. 2, at the age of 97.

"Pat Walker and the Walker family have made a tremendous impact on the University of Arkansas, providing support to our students and faculty in so many areas," said Mark Power, interim vice chancellor for advancement. "The university community is saddened by her passing. She was an extraordinary person and will be missed."

Mrs. Walker, born Amy Seamans, grew up in Tulsa and later moved to Coffeyville, Kansas, where she went to work at the S. H. Kress Department Store. On her first day of work, she met Willard Walker.

The Walkers married a year later, in 1942. Willard Walker continued to work in retail while his wife took accounting classes. They moved 22 times before settling in Springdale in 1958. The next year, Willard Walker was picked by Sam Walton to manage Walton's Five and Dime Store in Fayetteville. Walker later became a major stockholder in Wal-Mart, working for the company until his retirement in 1972.

The Walkers were already known for their philanthropy when they created the Willard and Pat Walker Charitable Foundation in 1986. The foundation provides grants in support of health care, education, the arts and humanitarian organizations in Arkansas and the region.

The University of Arkansas received many gifts from the Foundation, but one of the most significant was \$3 million towards construction of a new U of A health center in 2001. The Pat Walker Health Center was completed and dedicated in November 2004, and Mrs. Walker toured the facility, meeting health center staff and members of the Student Health Advisory Committee.

"Pat Walker leaves a legacy of commitment to students, their well-being and their success," said Mary Alice Serafini, executive director of the Pat Walker Health Center. "Through her generosity and sincere interest in students, thousands of student lives have been and will be impacted in positive and healthful ways. The Pat Walker Health Center

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receiving her master's degree in library science from the University of Oklahoma/Tulsa. She finished her career as a librarian on staff at the OUHSC Medical Library. Survivors: sister.

Carolyn McCoy Betton BSE'69, Houston, Texas, June 24. Survivors: two sons, siblings and two grandchildren.

H. Graham Partlow Jr. LLB'55 JD'69, Blytheville, July 6. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1953 and upon graduation, entered into active duty where he served two years. Upon his release from active duty, Judge Partlow continued serving in the U.S. Army Reserves until he received his honorable discharge in 1968. Survivors: wife, four children, seven grandchildren, and sister.

Herman Prestridge Sandford PHD'69, Arkadelphia, July 11. He was drafted and trained as a radio/radar mechanic in the Army Air Corps, affiliated with 541st Bomb Squadron, 388th Bomb Group, and stationed at air bases in England. He received the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one Silver Star and two Bronze Service Stars. Survivors: wife, three daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jack Leon Johnston BSE'69, Fort Smith, July 5. He served two years in Korea before becoming a coach and teacher. Survivors: son, daughter, four stepchildren, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

James W. Stuart MBA'69, Kansas City, Missouri, July 4. He was the vice president for G.E. Capital and was the founder and first president of the KCI Rotary Club in 1974 as well as a board member of the Platte Civic Association. Survivors: son, daughter, sister, fiancé and six grandchildren.

Joe D. Cook BSBA'70, North Little Rock, July 2. He served his country for 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. Survivors: wife, sons, grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Richard L. Coles BSPH'70, Morrilton, July 4. He was a pharmacist. Survivors: wife, daughter, son and grandchildren.

Terry G. Green BS'70, Dardanelle, June 29. Dr. Green fulfilled his Marine Corps Reserves obligations while

attending the University of Arkansas and medical school, and was honorably discharged in 1972. He practiced general medicine in Dardanelle and Clarksville for three years and, afterward, determined that he wanted to specialize in orthopedic surgery. Survivors: wife Elizabeth, four children, and six grandchildren.

Carroll D. Kissinger BSBA'71, Greenbrier, July 8. He was employed by Harp's Foods in Springdale and Safeway stores in Benton; Conway; Bossier City, Louisiana; and North Little Rock. In 1979, Carroll purchased his first grocery store, and at retirement in 1997 he had owned and operated stores in McCrory, Greenbrier, North Little Rock and Ola. After a career of more than 30 years in the grocery business, he built his second successful career in cattle farming. Survivors: his wife Ina, two sons, one brother, one sister, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Hugh A. Ward MA'71, Grandview, Missouri, July 22. He was a teacher and also served in the Navy. Survivors: wife, five children, 21 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Jim R. Riedmueller BSBA'71, Morrilton, July 17. Survivors: wife, son, three daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Norma Jean Gregory MED'71, Joplin, Missouri, July 14. Norma was an elementary school teacher in Bruno, Galena, Kan., Joplin, and Clark County, Nevada. Survivors: three sons, two daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Doyle Morrow Jr. BSBA'71 MS'76, Waco, Texas, July 5. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves. Doyle proudly worked for Cargill's Poultry Products Division. Survivors: **Debbie Morrow BSBA'71**, two sons and brother.

Jerry A. Steele EDD'72, Pittsburg, Kansas, June 17. He coached and taught in Valley Falls and Blue Rapids, Kansas. In 1959, he became the basketball coach at Chanutte Junior College, and in 1963 he was offered a position in administration. During the years he was assistant superintendent in Chanutte, USD 413, he received awards for Outstanding Young Men of America and Educator in Residence from Kansas University. In 1974 became superintendent of Chanutte Schools. Survivors: wife, three daughters,

nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Nancy Beecher Winters BSE'72, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, June 30. She taught junior high English at Christ the King and then Ramsey Junior High in Fort Smith until 1978. Survivors: husband, three children, and grandchildren.

Donald Chou BA'74, Orange, California, June 23. He was a lawyer and certified financial planner.

Marian Ward Lewis BSBA'74, Clarksville, June 15. She was employed by the Arkansas River Valley Regional Library as children's services librarian. She led children's "story hour" at numerous county libraries throughout the River Valley. Survivors: husband, mother, three sons, and grandchildren.

Rhody L. Nornberg MS'77, Point Comfort, Texas, July 1. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years and retired as a major. Highlights of his career included captaining the USAF International Rifle Team that won multiple medals in the 1967 Pan American games and achieving the designation of USAF Distinguished Rifleman and Distinguished International Shooter. He was also awarded the Distinguished

Flying Cross and ten Air Medals during his three tours in Vietnam. Survivors: wife, children and grandchildren.

Daniel R. Dust BSBA'78, Mountain Home, July 8. He worked in retail management throughout his career, both in corporate settings as well as smaller business. Survivors: his mother Billie, one son, one daughter, two granddaughters, two brothers and two sisters.

Gary Wayne Keadle BS'81, Little Rock, July 2. Gary was a tax manager for the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, where he worked for over 30 years. Survivors: sister and brother.

Sheilla E. Lampkin MED'82, Monticello, July 23. She was a retired school teacher of 30 years, having taught in the McGehee, Wilmar, Drew Central and Monticello School Districts. Survivors: Damon Ray Lampkin and two sisters.

James K. Kilman BARCH'85, Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 12. He was a distinguished architect and owner of Kilman Designs. Survivors: two daughters and a stepdaughter.

Marsh Reginald White BSE'85,

Rowlett, Texas, July 13. He was an outstanding football player for the Razorbacks. This caught the eye of the Detroit Lions and the New York Giants, thus propelling him into the NFL with the New York Giants, where he became a professional running back. Survivors: Mother, brother and brother.

William Stauffacher BA'86 MA'96, Fayetteville, July 11, Survivors: wife, two sons and two grandchildren.

Richard Douglas Baugh BSBA'90, Fort Worth, Texas, July 20. He worked for American PromoDFW, and most recently EMS Barcode Solutions. Survivors: M. Robyn Keller Baugh, son, parents and brother.

Sharon Ann Ellis EDD'94, Little Rock, July 17. Survivors: Davis Ellis, children, grandchildren and great-grandson.

Odette Havel MS'99, Fayetteville, June 23. While working on her master's degree, Odette was a writer for *Arkansas* magazine. Survivors: sister and her husband.

Tiffany L. Bushee BA'08 MS'13, Fayetteville, June 28. She was a social worker. Survivors: her son, her father, her mother, one brother and two sisters.

Nicholas H. Alexander JD'13, Little

Rock, July 9. He was an attorney at Kutak Rock LLP in Little Rock, Arkansas. Survivors: his parents.

Bill R. Scarborough Sr. BSBA'71, Russellville, June 14. He was a University of Arkansas at Little Rock Medical Sciences graduate, a U.S. Army Air Forces veteran of World War II and a medical doctor with his own private practice for 23 years in Clarksville and spent 16 years in the Panama Canal Zone. Survivors: two sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

David E. Fitton Jr. BSBA'71, Harrison, July 16. Survivors: wife, sons and daughter.

Hayden Carter Greenway, Little Flock, July 4. He graduated from Rogers Heritage High School and was pursuing a degree in biology at the University of Arkansas. Survivors: his mother, father, grandparents, a brother and a sister.

Jim Gardner Jr., Charleston, South Carolina, July 23. He served in the Air Force and was vice commander and commander at 22nd Air Force. His military decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with ten oak leaf clusters. He was a command pilot with over 7,000 flying hours in a variety of aircraft to

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In Memoriam

Maurice Jennings

Maurice J. Jennings, 68, a graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Architecture, died Oct. 10, 2016. He was born Nov. 6, 1947, at Heber Springs to Walter and Elva (McCarty) Jennings.

Building on carpentry experience gathered from his father, Maurice developed a keen interest in building design. This led to Maurice's career and success in architecture. Maurice was a partner of the late E. Fay Jones from 1986 to 1998, working with him since 1973. He then partnered with David McKee from 1998 to 2006.

Jennings' designs focused on marrying each structure with nature around it. Maurice's son developed the same passion for the field, and joined him as a partner in 2011 as Maurice Jennings and Walter Jennings Architects. Maurice worked on many influential projects including Thorncrown Chapel near Eureka Springs; the Mildred B. Cooper Chapel at Bella Vista; Marjorie Allen Powell Chapel at Kingsville; Missouri, the Crosby Arboretum at Picayune, Mississippi; the Anthony Chapel at Hot Springs; Rio Roca Chapel at Palo Pinto, Texas; and Hunt Chapel at Rogers.

Jennings was a member of the Arkansas National Guard from 1968 to 1972. He married Mildred "Sissy" Waits from Leland, Mississippi, on Oct. 26, 1969, after a whirlwind romance that began with a blind date and a fateful trip to Mardi Gras. Together, they had two children.

Together with Sissy, Jennings developed his home and ranch as an oasis for his family and friends to enjoy. He was a talented musician, loved cooking and canning, enjoyed caring for his livestock and horses, and possessed the artistic talent to design beautiful chapels and homes.

Maurice was survived by his wife, Sissy; children Walter Jennings and Marci Crosby; four grandchildren; and siblings Walter Jennings and Jenni Jennings.

Online memorials may be signed at www.nelsonberna.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Maurice Jennings International Experience Honors Endowment to support international travel for honors students in the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design, 120 Vol Walker Hal, Fayetteville AR 72701. ■



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include 200 combat hours flying the O-1 Bird Dog in Vietnam as a forward air controller. Survivors: sister, son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Juanita Cook, Pine Bluff, July 17. Survivors: husband, son, daughter and four sisters.

Kemp D. Nall, Sheridan, Feb. 14. He was in his 10th term as Grant County Judge and had served on the Quorum Court prior to that for 20 years. Survivors: his wife, Denise Nall, one son, three daughters, six grandchildren and two sisters.

Mae Walker, Branson, Missouri, March 7, 2008.

Patricia Romanov, Eugene, Oregon, April 23. She taught at Sheldon High School in Eugene, Oregon, and at

the University of Oregon, Central Washington State University and for more than 25 years at the University of Arkansas, where she was a full, tenured professor in theatre arts. Survivors: four children, one sister, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Kyle Barclay Chandler, Magnolia, July 13. He was the drafting manager at Landpoint Survey in Magnolia. Survivors: daughter, stepson and mother.

Tyler C. Wade, Little Rock, July 25. Survivors: mother, stepfather, father, stepmother, brother, stepbrother and grandparents.

Wayne H. Lott, Little Rock, July 14. He served in the U.S. Navy on the *U.S.S. Fulton*, and was a veteran of the Korean War before retiring as a commander. Survivors: son and grandchildren. ■

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Spotlight

Vivian Cummings B.A.'12

U of A alumna Vivian Cumming has released her second novel, a political satire called *Fail to the Chief*.

Cummings, who writes as W. T. Fallon, was inspired to write the book after noticing the similarities between reality shows and the election.

"I was running on the treadmill one day, and the TV was on a 24/7 news channel," she said. "It occurred to me that coverage of

a presidential election is a lot like a reality show, with the cameras following the candidates round-the-clock, and pundits weighing in on every move they make. Then I thought, wouldn't it be interesting if the election *was* turned into an actual reality show, where contestants were voted off every week, instead of candidates campaigning and choosing a party representative through the primaries? I think we all know voter turnout for presidential elections would be higher if people could vote right from their couches, the way they do with reality shows."

Initially, Cummings planned to write a short story about a reality show to elect the American president, but she soon realized she had enough material for a book.

"I started imagining all the funny things I'd always wanted to see in a real election. I don't know about you, but I've always wanted to watch a political debate where all the candidates were hooked up to a polygraph," Cummings said. "It'll never happen in real life, but I was able to make it happen in my book. I also wanted to see the candidates work at a real job, without their assistants and PR people hanging around to help them out and line up good photo-ops, so I made sure my fictional candidates had to work in fast food, coffee shops, even digging a large ditch."

Those fictional candidates include a billionaire running for president, a congressman campaigning on a "moral values" platform who winds up in a

sex scandal, an anti-minimum-wage-hike governor forced to work in a fast food restaurant, and seven more who make up the "Top Ten" candidates on the *American President* show. Cummings said there are also some surprise plot twists as the competition continues.

Cummings drew on her previous experience writing both political satire, and her first book, *Stupid Humans*, a comical science fiction novel published under the pen name V.R. Craft. She has written for the NWA Gridiron Show since 2014, and has acted in the show since 2012. Recently published on The Satirist, she also writes regularly for Humor Outcasts. *Fail to the Chief* is available on Amazon and wherever books are sold. ■

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– which provides wellness, medical and mental health care for our students – is known to our students as simply, 'Pat Walker.' We are all so fortunate to benefit from Pat's kindness, goodwill and service. This is her legacy for all of us to embrace and carry forward." After Willard Walker passed away in 2003, Pat Walker remained active as president of the Foundation, which made an \$8 million gift in 2005 to build Willard J. Walker Hall for students in the Sam M. Walton College of Business.

Later, the Foundation established the Pat Walker Endowed Scholarship Fund, the Pat Walker Honors College Fellowship and the Pat Walker Lady Razorback Endowed Scholarship in Gymnastics. The Foundation also contributed an initial \$1 million gift in 2009 to the Access Arkansas program, to fund need-based scholarships. This gift was increased two years later.

The Walkers and the Foundation have also been long-time supporters of Razorback Athletics, which has been recognized in the naming of the Willard and Pat Walker Pavilion and Walker Family Training Center, as well as the Willard and Pat Walker Entry to Razorback Stadium.

Pat Walker received many awards from the U of A, including a Distinguished Service Award from the Razorback Foundation in 1997, a Chancellor's Medal in 2001 and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 2005. She and her husband were also included in the Towers of Old Main, a recognition program for the university's most generous benefactors. ■

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