

# ASU - Beebe

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Artist's view of the new 35,125 square foot Student Center



## ASU - Beebe Campus Quite Different From A Decade Ago

Alumni who have not visited ASU - Beebe in the past 10 years would see quite a change during a stroll or drive across campus. New buildings and new construction have produced considerable changes in the campus landscape.

But perhaps the most notable change is still on the drawing board and will materialize when the new Student Center is constructed just north of the present Owen Center. An artist's rendering of the proposed new complex, pictured above, presents a preview of what's to come.

The Student Center will provide, for the first time in 71 years, a building appropriately designed for student services and a building which will enhance the region's cultural and community experiences.

The Center will not only centralize student support services, but will also better meet student needs in achieving educational, personal and occupational goals. It will provide a place for commuter students, 97% of our students, to relax, study, socialize and become active in student activities between classes. It will also provide an area for students who live on campus to congregate for study, relaxation and interaction with others.

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# Years Of Planning Coming To A Head

ASU - Beebe has had a good year and is reaping the harvest of years of planning. The ASU - Jonesboro bachelor programs got off to a good start with 124 students enrolled on the Beebe campus; in fact, President Wyatt awarded five bachelor degrees at the Beebe commencement last May. Students can complete the requirements for bachelors in agriculture, business, technology and elementary education at the Beebe campus; they can also pursue a master's in educational administration.



Chancellor McKay

Several building projects have been completed or are in progress. The elevator has been completed for State Hall, the administration building, providing handicap access to classrooms and administrative offices. The Newport campus had its open house for the Commercial Driving Institute building last fall. A 9,000 square foot addition to the Abington Library should be finished by mid-September. Contracts should be signed by mid-October for the Distance Learning Center at ASU - Beebe and the multi-purpose building at Newport. Construction on the new 35,000 square foot Student Center should get

underway next spring.

ASU - Beebe had a record enrollment with 2,919 students at all locations, including 2,005 on the Beebe campus; an additional 124 students were enrolled in the ASU - Jonesboro

programs on the Beebe campus. Our average ACT scores continued to rise with a score of 18.8, still below the national average of 21.1. However, our students have consistently scored above the national average on the rising junior exam. Our students are about 55 percent female and about 8 percent minority. Over 60 percent are on financial aid, and we are actively raising money for scholarships for those good middle-class students who do not qualify for federal financial aid.

One of our students, Cynthia Delahunt, a wife and mother of three, was selected one of 60 students in the nation to the USA All-American Academic Team. Cynthia is an art major from Cabot. Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the American Association of Community Colleges, and USA Today sponsor this award to recognize scholarly achievements in two-year colleges.

The Development Council set a goal to raise \$300,000 in three years to furnish the new Student Center. Under the leadership of Garth Martin, major gifts chairman, nearly 70 percent of that goal has been reached in less than one year. Sheryl Priest and other members of the Development Council have promoted beautification projects on the ASU - Beebe campus. Five flower beds have been added this year, one near each of the dorms, one near State Hall, one by Owen Center, and one by the Advanced Technology Center.

Once again, ASU - Beebe received a perfect audit with no exceptions.

All of these things have been accomplished without raising tuition. ASU - Beebe's tuition remains at \$45 per credit hour for part-time students and \$540 for full-time students for at least one more year.

*It has, indeed, been a good year!*

### ASU - Beebe

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## News & Notes

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An exterior elevator, left photo, has been added to State Hall to make the second floor fully accessible to the handicapped. Below, workmen knock out the north wall of Abington Library during expansion work. Some 9,000 square feet is being added to the library to accommodate expanding technologies and to make information in all formats readily accessible to students, faculty and staff as well as the general public.



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## Student Center *(Continued from page 1)*

Since ASU - Beebe serves as the main cultural facility for the city and surrounding area, community programs can be fitted into the new facility. The Student Center will include a convertible banquet room, seminar area, cafeteria and meeting rooms which can be shared with the community when not in use by students.

Also on the drawing board is a Distance Learning Center which will house the new four-year and graduate degree programs offered by ASU - Jonesboro. The Distance Learning Center will be a classroom and office complex and will be located between the present ASTI and Applied Arts buildings. Some of the classes will be taught by interactive video while others will be taught by instructors from ASU and ASU - Beebe.

But these buildings are in the near future. What would a visitor see during a stroll across campus today? The visitor would see parking lots where adjoining properties used to be. The parking facilities were needed to accommodate a growing enrollment which surpassed 2,000 students for the first time last fall. The visitor would see a

much larger Math and Science Building, a new Arkansas State Technical Institute building, a new Applied Arts building, and a new John Deere Agricultural Technology building, all constructed to meet an expanding enrollment.

The visitor would also see beautiful landscaping, a larger Abington Library, which is undergoing a 9,000 square feet expansion, and he or she would probably notice something slightly different about "ole" State Hall. A new exterior elevator has been added to the west side of State Hall to make the upstairs classrooms and administrative offices fully accessible to the handicapped. But the visitor would have to look close. The new addition blends almost perfectly with the architecture of State Hall and conforms to the stately appearance of one of the first buildings on campus.

Yes, ASU - Beebe has undergone quite a change over the past decade and vast changes from its meager beginnings in 1927 when it was known as the "Junior Agriculture College of Central Arkansas."

### Fall Enrollment Again Sets All-Time Record

Enrollment figures at Arkansas State University - Beebe have reached an all-time high, announced James Washburn, director of admissions. ASU - Beebe's enrollment topped the 2,000 mark with 2,005 students registered last fall.

The official count surpassed the previous mark of 1,999 students of 1995.

Within its entire system, ASU - Beebe served 2,913 students during the fall term. In addition to the on-campus students, ASU - Beebe served 395 students at its Little Rock Air Force branch, 407 students at its Newport branch, and 106 students at other sites in central Arkansas. Arkansas State University's upper-level courses held at the ASU - Beebe campus enrolled 124 students for the fall semester.

"We are elated that our enrollment has reached the new high," said Chancellor Eugene McKay. "But we also must keep in mind the traditions that have made ASU - Beebe one of the top two-year universities in the Mid-South — the tradition of quality education in a student-oriented atmosphere." ASU - Beebe's enrollment has continued to climb throughout the past decade and has almost tripled since 1985 when enrollment was 693 students.

### Wilson Recipient Of Owen Scholarship

Rabakah Wilson of Beebe was selected as the 1998-99 recipient of the William H. Owen, Jr. Scholarship.

Wilson is a liberal arts major at ASU-Beebe and has a 4.0 GPA. She serves as president of the Social Science Club at the university and is active in community programs on prevention of domestic violence.

The William H. Owen, Jr. Scholarship is awarded each year to an ASU-Beebe sophomore and is based on high academic achievement and contribution to the university community.

## Dr. Powell Selected For Teacher Of Year Honors

Dr. Shirley Powell, professor of business, was selected as 1997 Arkansas' Post Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Arkansas Business Education Association.

Her selection was announced at the meeting of the organization in Little Rock. The award is based on an individual's participation in business education activities and contributions to the field as well as other professional activities and achievements.

Dr. Powell, who has been at ASU - Beebe for 20 years, is a member of the Arkansas Business Education Association, Southern Business Education Association, and National Business Education Association and has



*Dr. Shirley Powell*

### MLT Program Receives Highest Accreditation

The Medical Laboratory Technology Associate Degree program of Arkansas State Technical Institute has received accreditation by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. ASTI is the technical division of ASU - Beebe.

The Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) program received the highest rating the accrediting agency can offer, a seven-year renewal of accreditation. The program prepares the graduate to function in a hospital medical lab, and under the direction of a pathologist, to perform procedures in hematology, serology, chemistry, microbiology, immunohematology and urinalysis.

Accreditation is awarded only after extensive reviews, both on-site and by a board of directors, to ensure that a program meets or surpasses the high standards of NMCLS.

participated in numerous conferences sponsored by these organizations. She is also a member of Delta Pi Epsilon, Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, and Associated Women for Harding. She serves on an Advisory Board at Foothills Technical Institute, as Chairman of the Supervisory Committee at the White County Government Employees Credit Union, and as Secretary/Treasurer of the ASU-Beebe Faculty Association.

Dr. Powell graduated from Des Arc High School and received her associate's degree from ASU - Beebe. She then earned her bachelor's degree from Harding University, her master's degree from Arkansas State University, and her doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Mississippi. Dr. Powell later went back to Harding University for her second master's degree.

Dr. Powell, her husband, and three children are active in church work at the Cloverdale Church of Christ in Searcy.

# Advanced Degree Program A Success

The baccalaureate and graduate degree programs offered by ASU - Jonesboro, with classes held on the ASU - Beebe campus, will be entering its second year when the fall term begins.

If the first year can be used as an indicator, the second year will also be a success. Some 124 students began the program last fall and enrollment is again expected to top the 100 mark when classes begin in August.

Through the partnership with ASU - J, students can work toward advanced degrees in business administration, elementary education, technology and agricultural business along with a Master of Science degree in educational administration. These new programs are offered in addition to the associate's degree and bachelor's degree in nursing that have been offered on the ASU - Beebe campus for several years.

In May, five students became the first graduates of the program. The students, pictured at right, entered the program with credit hours earned earlier, then completed requirements for their bachelor's degree in the ASU - J program. They received their degrees during commencement exercises May 2 at ASU - Beebe. ASU President Les Wyatt presented their diplomas.

Elementary education has proved to be a popular major in the program. At the end of the spring semester, 46 students were accepted into the program. Of those, 22 are scheduled to complete teacher internships in the spring and graduate with BSE degrees in May, 1999.

Two + two degree plans have been developed that allow students to make a "seamless" transition from the associate's degree to the bachelor's degree. Although higher tuition and separate admission procedures are required, students appear to be



**FIRST GRADUATES**--These five graduates were the first to receive their Bachelor's Degree through the new baccalaureate and graduate degree programs at Arkansas State University - Beebe. The new graduates are, from left, Bruce Razer of Cabot, BS degree in technology; Charles Long of Beebe, BS degree in technology; Elizabeth Petty of Cabot, BS degree in business administration; Lloyd Hastings of Beebe, BS degree in technology; and Scott Munn of Jacksonville, BS degree in technology.

pleased with the opportunity to stay and study on the ASU - Beebe campus.

A new building to house the ASU - J programs is expected to be constructed during the 1998-99 school year. The new complex will house four distance learning classrooms and administrative space and will be

located on the north edge of the campus, between the Arkansas State Technical Institute and the Applied Arts building.

Information about the program may be obtained by calling Dr. Dianne Tiner, (501) 882-8329 or e-mail [drtiner@asub.arknet.edu](mailto:drtiner@asub.arknet.edu). The ASU office is located in ASU - Beebe's State Hall, room 212.

## Davis, Gardner Awarded Welch Scholarships

Latasha Davis of Judsonia and Kristen Gardner of Cabot have been awarded the Linda Jo Welch Memorial Scholarship for the 1998 spring semester.

Davis and Gardner were selected by faculty members in the business department on the basis of their educational and occupational potential. Davis is a business administration major and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree at ASU - Jonesboro. Gardner is pursuing

an associate degree in both computer information systems and computer systems technology and plans to continue her education in those fields.

This scholarship fund was established in memory of Mrs. Welch who was an assistant professor of business at the time of her death. Forty scholarships have been awarded from this fund since its inception in 1978.

# Tiner, Toland Recognized By AATYC

Dr. Dianne Tiner and Rita Toland were recognized at the annual conference of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC) held at the Statehouse Convention Center in October. Dr. Tiner was recognized as the Outstanding Faculty member from ASU - Beebe and Toland was the Outstanding Employee from ASU - Beebe.

As associate professor of psychology, Dr. Tiner taught education and psychology courses and sponsored the Future Educators Club. She is presently serving as assistant to the chancellor with responsibility for directing the ASU baccalaureate and graduate programs on the ASU - Beebe campus. She previously received the Positive Teacher Award, the Chancellor's Certificate of Appreciation, and Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She is an officer of AATYC and member of Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Toland, the director of student financial aid at ASU - Beebe, was the president of the Arkansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. She is presently serving on the Executive Council of the state association as the immediate past president. Toland represented the association on the Board of Directors for Southwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. She previously served on the Executive Council for AASFAA, the SWASFAA training committee, SWASFAA boot camp committee, and the SWASFAA federal issues committee. She also received the Outstanding Service Award for 1997 from the Arkansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.



**TOP AWARD WINNERS**--Jeremy Kirkland, left, of Des Arc, Cynthia Delahunt of Cabot, and Lance Wright of Quitman were presented the university's highest awards, the Citizenship Award, at the annual banquet. The Citizenship Award is not only for academic achievement, but also for contributions to the university, participation in co-curricular activities, and potential for future success.

## 12 ASU - Beebe Students Win Awards At Annual Banquet

Twelve Arkansas State University - Beebe students were honored at the annual ASU - Beebe Awards Banquet held at the university. The students were presented division awards for leadership and outstanding scholastic achievement in their fields of study.

Selected for the English and Fine Arts Division Award was Karen Capio of Cabot. Applied Arts Division Awards, which include departments of business education and agriculture, went to James Branson of Cabot and Lance Wright of Quitman. Chosen for the Education and Social Science Awards were Wendi Pickard of Cabot, Eric Williams of Des Arc, and Matthew Woodall of Beebe. In

the Math and Science Division, Hope A. Berry of Jacksonville and Billy Shurley of Cabot took the top awards. Patrick Casey of Beebe and Angela Vickers of Cabot won the Arkansas State Technical Institute Awards.

Cynthia Delahunt of Cabot, Lance Wright of Quitman and Jeremy Kirkland of Des Arc received the university's most prestigious awards, the Citizenship Award.

Each year, one ASU-Beebe instructor is picked by the Leadership Council students for the Positive Teacher Award. This year Computer Aided Drafting and Design instructor James Darnell was honored as the recipient of the award.

## 'Buy A Brick' Can Give Permanent Recognition

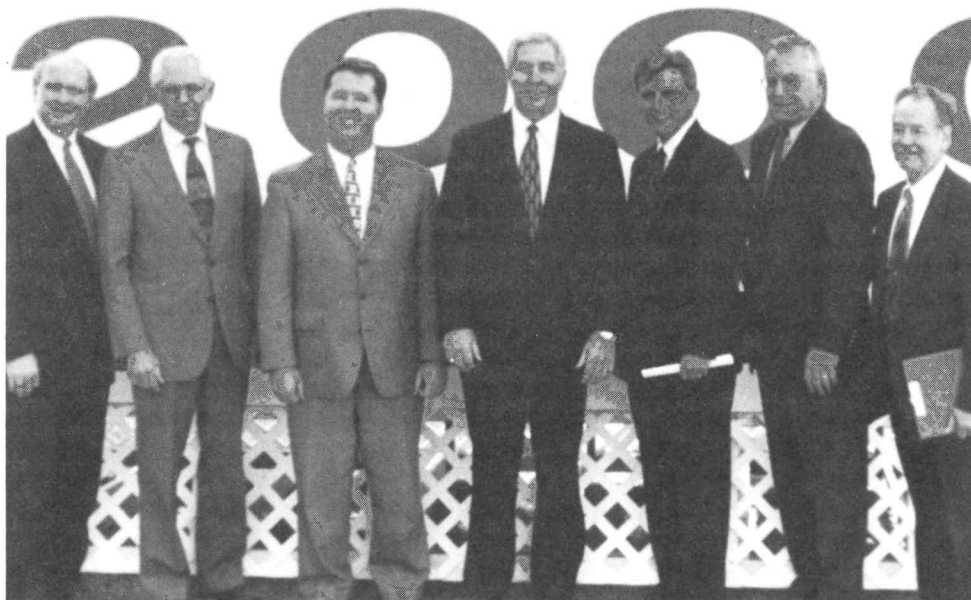
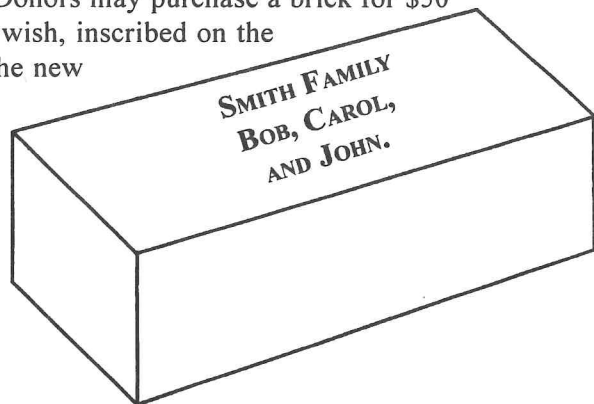
Arkansas State University - Beebe has embarked on a campaign that will not only raise funds to help furnish its new Student Center, but will also give the donor's name a permanent spot in the ASU - Beebe complex.

The university's "Buy A Brick" campaign is now underway. Donors may purchase a brick for \$50 (\$100 for businesses) and have their name, or any name(s) they wish, inscribed on the brick. The brick will be permanently placed in the walkway of the new 35,125 square foot Student Center.

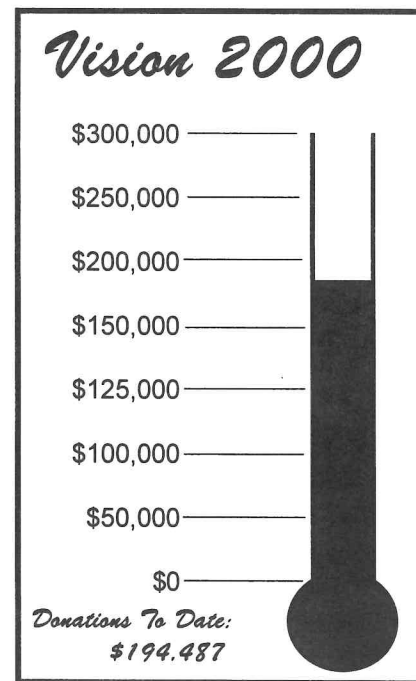
The new Student Center will not only better serve ASU-Beebe's record number of students, but will also better serve the communities in this immediate area. The complex will be available for community programs.

Construction on the new Student Center is expected to begin later this year. The "Buy A Brick" fundraiser is a part of the campaign of the ASU-Beebe Development Council to raise \$300,000 to furnish the new complex.

Information about buying a brick or about the new Student Center may be obtained by calling the ASU-Beebe Office of Advancement, (501) 882-8255.



**VISION 2000 KICKOFF CAMPAIGN**--Several distinguished guests were on hand to officially get the fund raising campaign underway which will help finance and furnish the new Student Center. Attending the event were, from left, Dr. Les Wyatt, president of Arkansas State University; Garth Martin, chairman of the ASU - Beebe major gifts campaign; Representative David Choate; Bill Phillips, chairman of the ASU Board of Trustees; Senator Mike Beebe; Wayne Hartsfield, chairman of the ASU - Beebe Development Council; and Dr. Eugene McKay, chancellor of ASU - Beebe. To date, \$194,487 has been raised to help furnish the new 35,125 square foot complex. Construction is expected to begin next year.



## Delahunt Among Top 60 Students Nationwide

Cynthia Delahunt, a sophomore liberal arts major, placed among the top 60 students nationwide in the All-USA College Academic competition.



Delahunt

Results of the national competition were announced recently and Delahunt was selected for third team honors. Twenty students were placed on each team.

The program recognizes scholarly achievements of students enrolled in community, technical and two-year colleges. Nominees for the awards not only excelled in the classroom, but also demonstrated intellectual curiosity to pursue academic, career and cultural enrichment outside the classroom and showed evidence of substantial development of talents. Delahunt was nominated by academic administrators at ASU - Beebe.

At ASU - Beebe, Delahunt has been selected for numerous honors, including the university's most prestigious honor, the Citizenship Award. She has been awarded the Beebe Arts and Crafts grant, English and Fine Arts Departmental Award, and the W.H. Owen Jr. Scholarship. She also was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and is a member of the Art Club, Gamma Beta Phi and Leadership Council. The program is sponsored nationally by Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, American Association of Community Colleges, and USA Today.

Delahunt and her husband Kenneth have three children, Robert, Heather and Melissa.



**MISS ASU - BEEBE**--Leah Ann Mobley of Searcy, second from left, was crowned Miss Arkansas State University - Beebe during pageant activities last October. Chosen to reign with the new title holder were, Rebecca Diane Dunn of Bradford, left, second runner-up, and Dana LeAnn Yingling of Judsonia, second from right, first runner-up. Mesha Williams of Sherwood, right, was selected by other contestants for the Miss Congeniality Award.

## 18 Students Named To Who's Who

Eighteen Arkansas State University - Beebe students were named to the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Named to the honor list were Jim Abshure of Beebe, Karen W. Capio, Lesley Milatz, Betty A. Morgan, Wendi M. Pickard, and Billy Shurley, all of Cabot, Joseph M. Rolland of Cherry Valley, Jeremy Kirkland of Des Arc, Visa Metcalf of DeValls Bluff, Melody McKewen of DeWitt, Joseph Brewer of Greenbrier, Hope A. Berry of Jacksonville, Robert Holder of Kensett, Corey Riddle of Pangbum, Natalie Johnston of Romance, Justin T. Williams of Searcy, Josh Hooten of Vilonia, and Edmund F. Martin of Ward.

Abshure, Berry, Capio, Holder, Johnston, Kirkland, Morgan, Pickard and

Rolland are Liberal Arts majors, Brewer, McKewen, and Shurley are majoring in agriculture, Hooten is a biological science major, Milak is a social science major, Metcalf is majoring in computers, Martin is a business management major, and Riddle and Williams are electronics technology majors at ASU - Beebe.

The students were selected by an ASU - Beebe faculty committee. Selection was based on each student's academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. The Who's Who publication lists outstanding student leaders from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.



# ASTI Takes Leadership Training To Industry

It's often difficult for industrial workers to obtain formal leadership training. So Arkansas State Technical Institute, the technical division of ASU - Beebe, is taking leadership training to industry.

Such was the case with several industrial plants and firms in Searcy. Not only were employees of Bryce International, Vickers, Inc., White County Medical Center and Comet Cleaners receiving leadership training but, in most cases, they were also earning college credits.

In response to industry requests, Arkansas State Technical Institute (ASTI) established a "Leadership Institute" to provide customized supervisory leadership training to employees of existing industry. Employees of Bryce International served as the pilot group to test the feasibility of the program and the results were very encouraging, noted Keith McClanahan, ASTI's industrial relations coordinator.

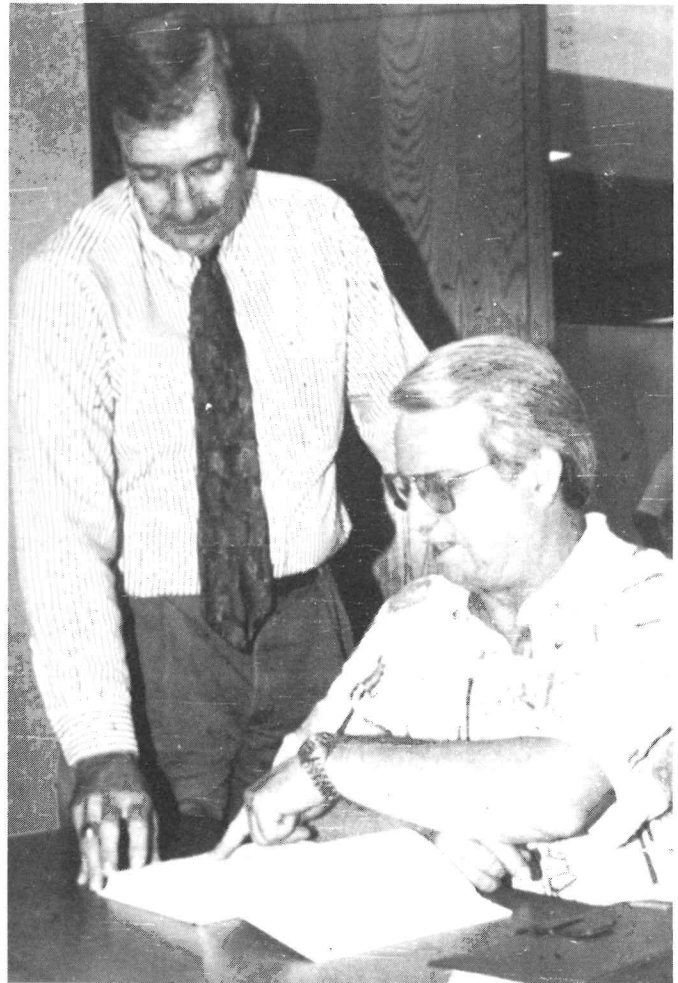
Classes offered at Bryce were, typically, three-hour credit courses. The classes are taught by ASU - Beebe faculty who have extensive business and industry experience. Courses last fall included supervisory management, business communications, and organizational communications for business and industry. From January through April the program served 36 students which totaled almost 2,500 contact hours.

"The program is perfect for the full-time worker," said Chris Ellis of Searcy, one of the Bryce students. "The reason I dropped out of college several years ago was there wasn't enough time to go to school and work full-time. Being able to register for classes, buy the books, and attend classes at Bryce makes going to school possible. . . The classes that I have taken and plan to take should help me move toward my goal of being in management..."

Susan Cole, a White County Medical Center employee from Judsonia stated, "This program is very beneficial to the working class who can't afford to quit work and go to school... Attending class here and at night makes it possible. This course offers many of the things needed in my business and personal life."

"This class is very interesting and instructive. . . I would refer it to my friends and co-workers," Mark Richards of Bald Knob, a Vickers employee, noted.

"They have given me an opportunity to learn, grow and achieve with this program and I never have to drive further than across town. . . , said Kathy Hunter of Bryce. "With my busy lifestyle I had given up hope of continuing my education. Those goals have now been renewed."



*Arkansas State University - Beebe instructor Bob Mitchum, standing, goes over a point with Marshall Watson, a Bryce employee from Searcy, during a leadership class being held at Bryce Corporation.*

Each class met one night a week on Tuesday or Thursday evening, 6-9 p.m., at the plant site. Courses focused on communications and supervisory management and next term will shift to industrial human relations and industrial organizational concepts. "The sequence of courses is designed to offer a building block approach to developing and polishing the skills and knowledge required to be an effective supervisor and a member of the organizational team. However, new students may register at a semester break for any combination of the leadership courses they need or desire," McClanahan noted. Information about the leadership training program may be obtained by calling McClanahan at Arkansas State Technical Institute, (501) 882-8222.

# Alumni News

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**Anita Reed '91** and her husband Dale of Bald Knob were part of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher delegation that attended the annual American Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Leadership Conference held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

**Mark L. Magie '75** is a stock holder in the Bank of Cabot and its holdings.

**Judy Kubisiak '79** has been promoted to senior vice president at First National Bank. Judy has been a member of the First National Bank team of community bankers for almost 35 years.

**Gary Winkler '92** is the founder and president of a non-profit organization called "God Word Ministries, Inc." Winkler, a licensed minister, is currently teaching computer classes at New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Greater Little Rock and was recently promoted to senior instructor.

**Scarlett Salman '96** received the 1998-99 Cecily Coffelt Bullard Scholarship from Mrs. Bullard at the University of Central Arkansas.

**Jim Abshure '98** was selected to represent ASU - Beebe in the All-USA College Academic Team competition.

**Jeffrey L. Evans '95** received The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society's Light Metals Division Scholarship for 1998.

**Steven Blackwood '83** was elected president of the Cabot Homebuilders Association.

**Scott Russell '94** is a member of the Searcy Fire Department.

**Randy Minton '71** announced his candidacy for the District 69 representative seat.

**Linda M. Grunwald '96** was initiated into Pi Gamma Mu, a social science honor society, on last November. She graduated from ASU with a BA degree in social work.

**Kelli Robertson '92** began her teaching career at Sidney Deener Elementary School in the fall of 1997.

**Cindy Stallings '95** is completing her first year of teaching at the Des Arc Elementary School.

**Glynda Turley '78** has published a book titled "*Seasons of the Heart*" that features stories and poems about mothers and daughters with artwork by Turley.

**Rick Bradford '81** works for U.S. Geological Survey as a Cartographer with the National Mapping Division in Rola, MO. and Reston, VA. He is currently responsible for environmental and GIS applications, temporal urban mapping and national Civil Applications Program.

**Dewey Faught '76** is the executive director of the Cabot Chamber of Commerce and has held this position for the past 15 years.

**Neal W. Faught '87** has joined the Bank of Cabot staff as Information Systems Manager.

**Clint Miller '88** is an agent with Farm Bureau Insurance. He also serves on the Cabot Citizen's Advisory Board, and the Bank of Cabot Advisory Board.

**David Allen '96** was selected to participate in the 1997 Physical Therapist Assisting Curriculum at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

**Vernon Lovelady '62** took second place in a recent golf tournament at The Course At River Oaks. His wife, **Carolyn, '62** was there to cheer him on.

**Kathleen Sutherland '94** works for the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission as shooting range officer and is working toward a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Biology at ArkansasTech.

**MaryAnne Williams '76** is completing her first year of teaching at the Des Arc Elementary School.

**Rep. David Choate '76** was honored at the Arkansas General Assembly during the annual Legislative Weekend activities at Arkansas State University last September.

**James Olmstead** son of Guy and **Vicki Olmstead '97** is an eighth grade student at Beebe Junior High School and was the Arkansas winner in the MTNA Junior Baldwin Piano Competition held recently at UALR.

**Jenni Stephenson '94** began her teaching career at Sidney Deener Elementary School in the fall of 1997.

**Morris '48 and Dorothy Carlisle '47** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 20, 1997. Dorothy won the Women's Club Golf Championship at River Oaks for the second year in a row.

**Patsy Pipkin '84** columnist for *The Daily Citizen* in Searcy for the past 10 years, has written a new book "*Years, Fears, and Running Gears.*"

**Janet Rogers '92** was elected to the Beebe City Council in January 1998. Ms. Rogers said she thought it was time to give back some of what the city has given to her.

**Karen Pallone**, a veterinarian in Rose Bud along with her husband Mike, said "being a woman in a career that used to be only a man's job has many rewards."

**Thomas '68 and Devona Brannon '78** own the Blazing Hearth Restaurant in Cabot.

# Faculty & Staff News

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**Rick Chudomelka**, who has taught in the ASU - Beebe Fine Arts Department for 33 years, announced his retirement, effective last May.

**Rita Toland**, director of Student Financial Aid, served as past president of the Arkansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and chaired the Nominations Committee.

**Dena Prior**, assistant director of Student Financial Aid, served as chair of the Vender Relations Committee for the Arkansas Associations of State Financial Aid Administration. She will serve as secretary-treasurer-elect for the upcoming year.

**Cindy Sharp**, student aid officer, served as vice-chair of the classified division of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges.

**Mark Taylor**, director of Guidance Services, serves on the executive boards of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, the Arkansas College Personnel Association, the Arkansas Association on Higher Education and Disability, and the Executive Board of the Arkansas ACT Council. He made professional presentations this year at the conferences of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, the Southwest Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the Arkansas Counseling Association, the Association on Higher Education and Disability, and was a featured speaker at "The Next Step; High Education" transition conference.

**Debbie Beeman**, director of the Learning Center, served on the program committee for the National Tutoring Association, and she was a presenter at the 1998 National Conference.

**Daphne Perkins**, student develop-

ment specialist, implemented the first Supplemental Instruction Program on the ASU - Beebe campus where she served as training coordinator.

**Ben Pickard**, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, serves on the board of directors of the Arkansas Student Loan Authority and on the board of the Southwest Association of Student Personnel Administrators as immediate past-president. He is a member of the ADHE Conditional Admissions Committee and will be making a presentation at the annual meeting of

the Mississippi Two-Year College Chief Student Services Officers.

**James Darnell**, associate professor of Computer-Aided Drafting and Design received the 1997-98 Positive Teacher Award at the annual Awards Banquet on April 9. The award is presented by the ASU - Beebe Leadership Council to the teacher that has been selected by the Council for exceptional teaching ability and outstanding knowledge in the classroom. Darnell has been teaching since 1982 and has been at ASTI for 9 years.

## Continuing Education Keeps Pace With Community Needs

The ASU - Beebe Department of Continuing Education is again taking higher education to cities and towns in central Arkansas.

Continuing Education is now offering college courses in Bald Knob, Hazen, Lonoke, Vilonia, Rose Bud and at Riverview High School.

"Courses offered will depend on the demand for a particular course in the area served," said Bob Lashlee, director of Continuing Education. "Currently, we offer college level courses in algebra, trigonometry, English, history, Spanish, and speech. However, we are willing to consider other courses if the demand is there," Lashlee added.

In addition to the cities and towns above, the ASU - Beebe Continuing Ed Department also offers courses at the Capstan Inland plant in Hazen and at Little Rock Air Force Base where the ASU - Beebe has the most course offerings and largest enrollments in the air base education department. The LRAFB classes are open to the public when space is available.

The Continuing Education Department also offers non-credit short courses in computers and computer software to sharpen job skills and, as a community service, it offers leisure arts courses.

These courses are short-term courses usually lasting from one class meeting to several classes spread over a few weeks.

Computer courses are offered in beginning and advanced levels and include such areas as Windows 95, Navigating the Internet, and Microsoft programs in Word 97, Access 97, Excel 97, and PowerPoint 97. For the beginner, there's Introduction to the Personal Computer and Keyboarding.

Several leisure arts courses are also offered by the Continuing Education Department--courses in photography, cake decorating, sign language, Spanish, and safe driving for senior citizens. Others can be offered if there is a demand.

For information on any of the course offerings, contact the Continuing Education Department (501) 882-8332.

## Lecture/Concert Series

# Four Freshmen, Lombardo Head Series

The ASU - Beebe Lecture/Concert Series has become known as one of the best entertainment packages in the country, and at an affordable price. The 1998-99 series will be no exception with season tickets priced at \$10 and top talent on the roster. Teddy Davis, coordinator of the series, announced that the season will begin with The Four Freshmen in September.

In addition to the concert series, two lecture programs are planned for the coming season. Those plans were not complete at press time and will be announced later in the news media.

The 1998-99 Concert Series and performance dates will be:

### **The Four Freshmen September 1**

The Four Freshmen's influence on American jazz and pop singing began in 1948 with four students at Butler University in Indiana. This male quartet worked without written music to create a brand new jazz sound. With the help of Capitol Records, they were noted for hits such as "Graduation Day," "It's a Blue World," and "Candy."

The group traveled with the Kenton Orchestra and played nearly every college, all fifty states, and forty-four countries. Current members Greg Stegeman, Brian Eichenberger, Keven Stout, and Bob Ferreira recreate that unique Freshmen sound.

### **Frula in Tzigane October 29**

Frula is the world's premier Gypsy folk dance and orchestra troupe. The award winning troupe is made up of thirty young men and women from Belgrade who are under the leadership of Dragoslav

Dzadzevic, the world's leading and most-copied folk dance choreographer.

Tzigane represents traditional Gypsy folk dance and the fast-paced routines burst with color as the dancers are adorned with over 400 exquisite, historically authentic costumes.

### **Mr. Fish and Trent the Mime The Super Scientific Circus February 11**

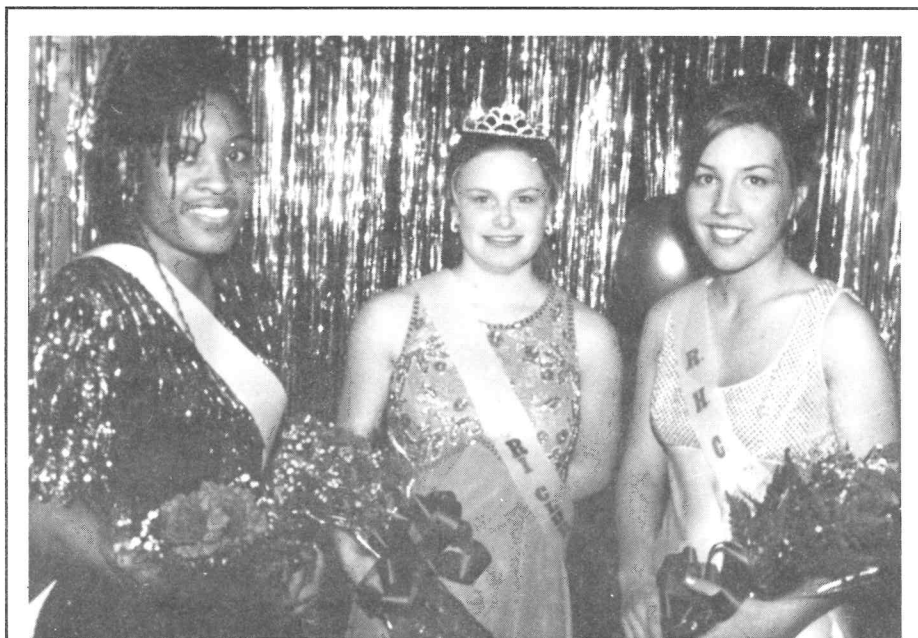
Entertainment, science and education are combined to create an evening of fun for children of all ages. Mr. Fish and Trent the Mime use circus stunts and magic tricks to demonstrate basic scientific principles. A wide range of audience participation activities entertain, delight and at the same time teach topics such as friction, velocity,

sonic booms, ultraviolet light, flight and air pressure.

### **Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians April 20**

Countless people remember with nostalgia the tradition of Guy Lombardo with his Royal Canadians playing "Auld Lang Syne" at New York's Waldorf Astoria on New Year's Eve. Lombardo was noted for picking the exact correct tempo for dancing or just easy listening and the band style was recognizable with the exaggerated saxophone vibratos, the clipped brass phrases and unique vocal styling.

Since Lombardo's death, Al Pierson has picked up the baton to continue playing Big Band era tunes like "Seems Like Old Times," "Time on My Hands," and "Ain't She Sweet."



**HARVEST FEST QUEEN**--Melody McKewen, center, of Dewitt was crowned Harvest Fest Queen during the annual festivities. The coronation of the 1997-98 queen concluded four days of Harvest Fest activities at ASU - Beebe. Selected to reign with the new title holder were Carma Jeffery, right, of Newark, first runner-up; and Monica Bolden, left, of Jacksonville, second runner-up.

# Growth Reflected In Student Services

Use of student services programs on campus continued to grow during the year, along with an increase in these opportunities.

The **Student Financial Aid Office** has served 1,297 students and awarded \$2,499,456 in financial aid to those students as of April 1. During January and February, the staff presented numerous financial aid workshops for parents and students at various high schools within the ASU - Beebe service area.

Two high school counselor workshops were conducted in conjunction with the staff at ASU in Jonesboro. The office is further assisting ASU - Beebe students by electronically processing Federal Financial Aid Applications.

The **Counseling Center** is on track to another record year with over 4,000 contacts with students, prospective students, alumni, faculty, staff and people from the community.

Disability services has helped 65 special needs students be more academically successful and better able to participate in all parts of campus life. Testing services administered over 600 examinations. Special guidance programs, both in the residence halls and for the entire student body, have ranged from support programs to educational sessions on drugs and stress management.

In addition to all of the Counseling Center's activities designed to directly assist students and the rest of the campus community, research activities on student satisfaction and perceptions of campus life have been conducted and interpreted to continue ASU - Beebe's commitment to finding better ways to meet students' needs.

As of April 1, the **Learning Center** has assisted 1,867 students, with the spring semester reflecting over a 56.7% increase as compared to

the spring semester one year ago.

The Learning Center staff provides students with skills necessary to become active, independent learners through individual tutoring, computerized tutorials, and video/audio cassette tutorials in more than eight course areas representing all academic divisions on the ASU - Beebe campus, the Little Rock Air Force Base, ASTI, and the newly established ASU Jonesboro baccalaureate program.

Students this year have attended the Learning Center 12,688 times for 14,787 hours of individual assistance. If the current usage continues through the spring, Learning Center activities will exceed last year's attendance by approximately 25%.

The Center has undergone extensive improvement in technology. Students can now access topics for research as well as use tutorial services off the Web on newly installed Pentium computers. The Center has also expanded its software to include a broader based library of CD-ROM tutorials.

The **Upward Bound Program** had a total of 58 participants during the 1996-97 project year. Upward Bound provides area high school students with academic instruction and tutoring, counseling, cultural experiences, self-esteem activities, career awareness, college preparation, and academic advisement on 26 Saturdays during the academic year. The retention rate of students in the program was 93% for the year and 67% of the participants attained a GPA of 2.8 or above in their high school classes.

Thirteen seniors enrolled in college courses on campus during the six-week summer program and attained an average 2.77 GPA. Twelve of the first senior group from last year are successfully attending college and making satisfactory progress. Twenty-three new students were chosen to join the program for the 1997-98 year.

**Student Activities** and **The Leadership Council** are having another excellent year providing ASU - Beebe students with co-curricular programming that has contributed to their out-of-classroom experience.

The Back to Beebe Bash and Student Organization Fair started the year off, and the quality programming has continued throughout the year with well over 1,000 students attending activities such as the Harvestfest Dance, Big Surf Drive-In Movie, and the M-4 Motion Simulator.

Recognizing the number of non-traditional age students on the campus, the Leadership Council has offered more activities in which students can involve their entire families. These family activities included Halloween Trick-or-Treat, Christmas pictures with Santa, and the second annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The Leadership Council's Angel Tree program gave the campus community another chance to help make Christmas happier for students' families.

The number of registered campus student organizations and clubs has increased to 20 with the addition of the Amateur Radio Club and Chi Alpha.

The **Residence Halls** have continued to see an increase in the number of students living on campus.

The **Residence Hall Council** has been active in service both to the university and the community through numerous projects and has actively and constructively presented the views of on-campus students to the administration.

**Campus Police** reported no serious crimes on campus this year. Over 3,700 vehicles were registered on campus and approximately 2,000 student identification cards were issued.

# ASTI Involved In Business, Industry

The Economic Development Office at ASU - Beebe continues to be heavily involved in business and industry training. From January 1997 through April 1998, the office conducted almost 14,000 contact hours of training for 675 students representing 40 companies from around the state. Much of the training has been done in cooperation with other educational institutions around the state.

Many of the companies benefited from the Existing Workforce Training Program. The program makes state grant money available to industries in SIC 20-39 to help defray the cost of employee training. The grants range from 20% to 70% of qualified training expenses. The program is jointly administered by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC), the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education.

In August 1997, the Economic Development Office purchased Advanced Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) components. The equipment has added a new dimension in providing necessary advanced programming and troubleshooting skills for today's industrial maintenance personnel.

ASTI brings approximately \$160,000 worth of equipment to these PLC classes. Chuck Cole, the instructor, is a nationally recognized and award winning professional engineer. He serves as associate professor in industrial automation at ASU - Beebe and owns Cole Engineering in Little Rock. Cole has a Bachelor's degree in physics, a Master's degree in electrical engineering and a Doctorate in instrumental sciences. He has more than 24 years experience in industrial automation and has been a design engineer, a chief engineer and a manufacturing engineer in industrial plants.

The John Deere Pro-Tech program

has provided 414 John Deere dealer employees with 7,600 contact hours of training in subjects as divergent as electrical electronic diagnosis to hydraulic and air-conditioning certification training.

ASTI remains a key component of the Arkansas Science and Technology Association's Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network. This network is funded by both state and federal funds and provides statewide engineering

expertise and ISO/QS 9000 expertise to manufacturers through a network of field engineers and specialists.

The field engineers are strategically located in Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Little Rock, Jonesboro and Camden to provide statewide expertise. ASTI continues to offer training to the network engineers in Programmable Logic Controllers and AutoCAD as well as the other technical services that ASTI can provide.

## Newport Campus Gets New Name... ASU - Newport

The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees passed a resolution last August which changed the name of the campus from Arkansas State University - Beebe/Newport to Arkansas State University - Newport. ASU President Les Wyatt and ASU - Beebe Chancellor Eugene McKay made the recommendation on the basis of improving the identity of ASU - Newport. Although the name is new, the Newport campus continues to operate as a branch of ASU - Beebe. It is believed that the name change will reduce public confusion while helping to provide the needed identity for Newport's campus.

A major highlight of the year occurred last December with the open house and dedication of Samuel Moore Walton Hall. This academic complex houses the biology, physical science, math, social science, fine arts, and physical education departments. The library and Learning Resource Center are also located in Walton Hall as well as classrooms and offices for the Arkansas Commercial Driver Training Institute. Special guest for

the open house was Rob Walton, son of the late Sam Walton, who addressed the large crowd and spoke of his father's influence and commitment. In attendance were representatives from Jonesboro, Beebe, Mountain Home and Newport campuses as well as the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

Another major event happened in March with the dedication of a Computer Technology Center. Thirty-five 486 computers were transferred to ASU - Newport from the Federal Emergency Management Agency thanks to the efforts of Regional Director of FEMA Buddy Young. Young and Janet Biggers Paschal, former Jackson County resident and regional representative for the U.S. Department of Education, coordinated the transfer in an attempt to provide more educational opportunities.

In the near future, a 20,500 square foot multipurpose building will be built, indicating that the campus has a commitment to meeting the education needs of students as well as the community.

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## Seven Receive Powell, Nettles Scholarships

Three students have been named recipients of R.V. Powell Scholarships and four were selected for Denver E. Nettles Scholarships.

### R.V. Powell Scholarships

Makesha Clinton, Charles Joshua Guyot and Jason Ray Ward were all active in FFA and other organizations during their high school careers.

Clinton was secretary, vice president and senior advisor of Conway High FFA. She received the Star Greenhand Award and was named to several judging teams. Clinton participated in county and state fairs and was a member of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society. She plans to major in agri education.

Guyot served as an officer in the Cabot High FFA and was a delegate to state and national conventions. He was also on livestock judging teams at the local, district and state levels. Guyot plans to pursue a degree in agri business management.

Ward was president of Guy-Perkins

High FHA and was class president five years. He was a member of the Beta Club and was FFA and Greenhand president. He served on several FFA judging teams and was a delegate to the National FFA Convention. Ward was named to the Governor's Youth Board for Drug Free Youth and was named to an Academic All-Star Team. He was also selected for the Principal's Leadership Award. Ward plans to pursue a degree in agri education.

### Denver E. Nettles Scholarships

Kelly Lynn Austin, Travis Crader, Tiffany Wood and Jennifer Wood each have a long list of high school activities.

Austin served as sentinel in the DeValls Bluff High FFA chapter and won the Gold Proficiency Award and the Greenhouse Award. She was a member of the Beta Club and competed at the district and state level in floriculture judging. She plans to major in agriculture.

Crader of Bald Knob, was a member of the Oasis Club, VICA and Beta clubs and

was sergeant at arms in the General Cooperative Education Club. He plans to major in agri business.

Jennifer and Tiffany Wood are sisters and graduates of Cushman High. Both were very active in high school organizations and activities. Jennifer received the Arkansas Scholar Award as well as awards in biology and math. She was All-State in track and competed in several other sports. Jennifer was president of the Cushman FFA Chapter and served on the parliamentary and livestock teams. She plans to major in agriculture with emphasis in animal science.

Tiffany also won the Arkansas Scholar Award along with several other scholastic awards. She was active in FFA and was a member of the parliamentary and livestock teams. Tiffany was president of the Student Council and a member of the Beta Club, FBLA and Library Club. She was captain of the basketball team and competed in several other sports. She plans to pursue a degree in agriculture with emphasis in business.



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