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New monuments at Palm Street (at left) and DeWitt Henry Drive welcome students and visitors to the ever-changing campus of Arkansas State University-Beebe.



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Changing the face of ASU-Beebe

A campus master plan, drawn up in 1996, not only has led to impressive additions at Arkansas State University-Beebe but also has changed the face of parts of the 74-year-old campus.

The changes begin with the new marquees that announce the entrance to the campus, then shift to the Agriculture Department's new farm buildings being constructed adjacent to the main campus. In-between are two major complexes that help bring ASU-Beebe into the 21st century.

The first project in the five-year-old master plan was the expansion and renovation of Abington Library.

Modern technology was added along with 9,010 square feet of floor space to bring the library into the world of cyberspace. The work was com-

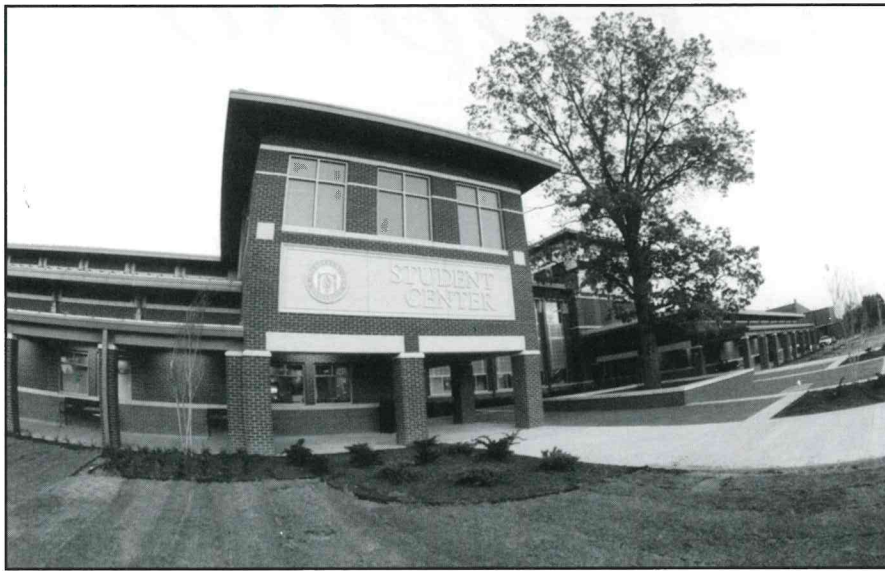
pleted in December, 1998.

Two new buildings were finished last November, including the university's Student Center which has 35,000-square-feet on two floors. It houses the University Cafe, Learning Center, a counseling and testing center, meeting and conference rooms, offices, a student TV lounge, a student game room, and an atrium-lobby. The campus bookstore will be completed as soon as funding is available.

Brian Berry, director of student life, said that for many ASU-Beebe commuter students, the center has become a place for them to study, eat, and relax between classes.

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Message from the Chancellor



THE NEW STUDENT CENTER CELEBRATED ITS GRAND OPENING IN APRIL

Student Center hosts grand opening

The past year was a milestone for Student Affairs at ASU-Beebe. Construction was completed on the new Student Center, and began using the splendid new facility late in the fall semester.

The Student Center became fully operational during the spring semester and was celebrated with a grand opening in April.

"We are overjoyed with the Student Center and are looking forward to

many years of both campus and community activities," Ben Pickard, director for student affairs, said.

The newly completed Student Center serves as the "community center" of the campus offering services for our students, faculty, staff, alumni and local community.

Despite opening late during the fall semester of 2000, the building has seen a very high level of use, providing meeting services to more than 9,000 people, consisting of both on and off-campus groups.

The student center hosted the regular meetings of the majority of the student organizations on campus, as well as meetings for both the Staff Senate and Faculty Association and was the site of 18 student activities.

The Student Center hosts the regular meetings of many local civic groups, and has held numerous conferences, classes, seminars, banquets, and receptions.

The Student Center was visited more than 47,000 times this past year by students, faculty, staff, and community members using the many services offered in the facility.

University reaches out to community in many ways

Arkansas State University-Beebe is a regional state university with students from 34 counties last year. We are always



Dr. Eugene McKay

looking for better ways to meet our responsibilities to students, business, industry, public schools, and the communities we serve. Last fall ASU-Beebe had 2,100 students on campus and more than 1,000 off-campus, not counting the ASU-Newport campus. Last year, it began the process of becoming a stand-alone ASU campus; it has more than 1,000 students, including 500 commercial driving students.

In our two-year John Deere technician-training program, we partner with the John Deere Corporation and with implement dealers throughout Arkansas and bordering states. We have the only John Deere training program in the state and one of 19 in North America. Being the only two-year college in the state with residence halls, we are able to attract students from throughout the state and beyond its borders.

The university works with several public schools to help meet the needs of their students. We offer concurrent college enrollment in several schools in this region. Students have an opportunity to make the transition to college by taking selected college courses in their local school. This encourages some who may not have been thinking about going to college to try a course. Since few students finish a baccalaureate within four years anymore, some students may pick up enough courses to enable them to graduate a semester earlier than their peers.

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Arkansas State University-Beebe instructor Sandra Williams (far left) directs students in the Star 2001 children's theatre summer program at Arkansas State University-Beebe as they practice scenes for the upcoming production of "Ming Lee and the Magic Tree," a play based on Chinese folklore.

Star 2001 program opens up world of myth, creativity

A score of young people from Central Arkansas explored the world using myth, creativity, and fun as part of this year's Star 2001 children's theatre summer program at Arkansas State University-Beebe.

The program is a unique creative experience designed for students between the ages of 8 and 14.

During the three-week production schedule, students gained experience in all aspects of theatrical production. In addition to being cast as characters, students have designed and built sets, and created costumes, make-up and props.

"They're not just up on the stage,"

Rodney Williams, assistant professor of speech and theatre, said. "It's a learning experience."

Sandra Williams, instructor of speech and theatre, also instructed the summer program.

This year the students produced two Asian folktales, "Ming Lee and the Magic Tree," of Chinese legend, and "The Buffalo and the Bell," from Thailand. Both stories have lots of action, unique characters, and opportunity for creativity.

The students presented their work for family and friends in a matinee show at the Owen Center theatre on the campus of ASU-Beebe.

New Student Services program grant big boost for students

A new federal grant for a Student Support Services program will be initiated this fall at Arkansas State University-Beebe.

The program is designed to help students who are first-generation college students, low-income, and/or disabled to remain in college, graduate and/or transfer to a four-year institution. The program will be provided at no cost to students.

"We're targeting beginning freshmen who need remedials," Connie Nowell, director of student services/TRIO coordinator, explained, "or have less than a 19 on their ACT in math, reading or English."

The grant provides \$190,000 each year for four years and should provide for 160 students, Nowell said.

To be eligible, students must qualify for the remediation courses, be first-generation college students, or fall into the low-income categories.

"It's misleading to say 'low-income,'" Nowell said, "because taxable income for a family of four is \$26,475 to qualify for the SSS program."

At ASU-Beebe, she continued, an estimated 84 percent of students are eligible for the program through the first-generation and/or low-income categories.

Through academic support such as tutors, study groups, supplemental instruction, and perhaps block scheduling, Nowell said, the program will create a "learning community" especially for its students.

Students may apply for the program, Nowell said, but initially enrollees will come through faculty and staff recommendations and referrals.

For more information, Nowell may be contacted at 501-882-8363.

Wood named as new ASU board trustee

PARAGOULD - As an active military officer in 1973, Paragould native Dallas Wood chose to complete his master's degree at Arkansas State University because he had great respect for the university.

"I chose Arkansas State for a master's program over numerous other leading universities because I have a tremendous respect for what they've accomplished there," Wood said.

Now as a member of ASU's Board of Trustees, Wood will be able to serve the university he respects by offering managerial and fiscal advice.

The retired Army lieutenant colonel, who received 10 decorations of honor during his military career, has been chosen by Gov. Mike Huckabee to replace James T. Pickens on the ASU board. Pickens resigned in order to serve as director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

"I'm very excited about this appointment," Wood said. "I look forward to working closely with Dr. Les Wyatt," president of the university. "I think Dr. Wyatt has done an excellent job of advancing ASU," Wood added.

Wood said he believes ASU is fortunate to have such a "progressive and forward-thinking," president at its helm. The 63-year-old said he is looking forward to being part of an effort to continue progress and further doctoral programs at ASU.

"In addition to academic achievement, it's important to maintain a viable athletic program that's competitive with schools of conventional size," Wood added. "That, coupled with excellent academic standards, makes for a very successful school."



Governor Mike Huckabee appointed Dallas Wood of Paragould to the Arkansas State University Board of Trustees June 14, 2001. Wood replaces Jim Pickens of Little Rock, who resigned after his appointment as director of the state Department of Economic Development. The term expires Jan. 14, 2003.

Wood also has a keen interest in ASU's equine program. His hobbies include breeding Tennessee walking and racking horses.

The new trustee said he also hopes to be of assistance in the success of the university's Army/ROTC program.

"I hope to work closely with the professor of military science there," he added. Wood, who retired from the military in 1980 and later founded Dallas Wood Realty in Virginia, moved back to Paragould in 1996. He has a degree in executive management and now is one of five board members who serve overlapping 5-year terms on the ASU board.

Wood has two grown children and is married to the former Kay Ellis of Thayer, Mo.

This article was written by Melanie Burns and published in *The Jonesboro Sun* earlier this summer.

ASU-Beebe welcomes new director of development

Arkansas State University – Beebe recently welcomed Keith Pinchback as the new Director of Institutional Advancement after Nancy Jackson, who served in that position for a number of years, retired.

Pinchback recently remarked that he has been impressed with the community support of ASU - Beebe



Keith Pinchback

and looks forward to helping continue this positive relationship.

Pinchback is a native of Jonesboro where he attended Arkansas State University at

Jonesboro and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism. He is currently working on a master's of business administration through the distance learning program at ASU-Beebe. Before coming to ASU-Beebe, Pinchback was in the public relations and marketing programs for several Arkansas health care institutions and served as sports editor for the Daily World in Helena for a time.

While serving as a board member for both the ASU Alumni Association and the Phillips County Leadership Development Institute, Pinchback remained active in several community fundraising efforts over the years, such as the March of Dimes, American Heart Association, Kids Count Coalition, and St. Jude Children's Hospital. He was also named Airman of the Quarter while stationed in Hawaii with

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Alumni News

Terry Williams, noted wildlife artist from Searcy, donated 10 prints with custom-made frames for permanent display in the John Deere Room at the Student Center. Many of the prints are award-winning works.

Ray Olmstead, '00, an ASU-Beebe Fine Arts student, played a lead role in the 111 Arch Street Theater's summer production of "Murder at Café Noir," an interactive murder mystery. He also played a role in last summer's "The Sunshine Boys," which was the theater's 2000-2001 season opener.

John Shannon, '89, visited with Governor Mike Huckabee concerning the fires around the state. Shannon works for the State Forestry Service.

Robert Doyal, '00, of Rose Bud, a sophomore business administration major, placed third in last year's Chapter Website competition at the National Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference in Long Beach, California. As ASU-Beebe's Business Club/PBL chapter president and twice elected state reporter, he created the award winning website which had previously earned first place honors in statewide competition. The website can be viewed at: <http://www2.asub.arknet.edu/pbl>. On July 1, 2001, Doyal assumed a full-time position as ASU - Beebe's multi media technician and will oversee the university Web site.

Tammie Quick, '00, of El Paso, an Associate of Arts degree recipient majoring in computer information systems, received ninth place nationwide in Desktop Publishing. She and **Maria Martinez** of Cabot and competed with 34 other colleges and universities from across the country in the written exam. Tammie had earned a second place rating at the state competition which initially qualified her for the national competition.

The Business Club/Phi Beta Lambda members, **Robert Doyal, Paula Wright, Dixie Lewis, Mike Justice, Linda Calhoun** and advisors Leslie Newborn and Rhonda Durham

Newsworthy friends and alumni

competed at the spring 2001 State Leadership Conference in Little Rock. Doyal and Calhoun placed first in multimedia competition and third in website competition. Justice received third place for Business Law and Doyal was re-elected state reporter for PBL. The multi-media team then traveled to Orlando, Florida, for national competition.

Vera Tolson, '90, a member of the Citizens Bank Walkers Club, helped to raise \$340 for the Humane Society.

Austin Burns, six-year-old son of **Brad Burns, '95**, shot his first deer last fall.

Robin Toney, '92, RN and director of nursing at Wilbur D. Mills Center, has worked at the center for the past 10 years.

Michael Hahn, '91, graduated from the Computer Aided Drafting program and has worked for Virco Manufacturing in Conway the past six years. As project coordinator, he lays out new system furniture and works with some 120 sales representatives across the country. Hahn began technical studies at ASU - Beebe when

classes were held in mobile units and finished the program when it moved into the current ASTI Building. While at ASU - Beebe, Hahn served as president and vice president of the Tau Alpha Pi Honor Society.

Patsy Pipkin, '81, is a Searcy freelance writer whose general interest column appears each Sunday in The Daily Citizen.

Jim Wooten served as vice chairman of ASU-Beebe's Development Council. Wooten also served as chairman of the State Council on Economic Education which focuses on improving the state education system. The program, sponsored by area businesses, incorporates economic literacy into existing teacher curriculums. Wooten is also president of the Beebe Chamber of Commerce and volunteers his time to many efforts in Beebe and the state.

Belinda Shook, '79, '83, and '00, was promoted to assistant superintendent and director of curriculum of the Beebe Public School System.

Judi Davis, '96, and her husband Ron Davis, co-owners of KPIK and K97.7 the past 10 years, retired and turned their business over to Ken Madden of Searcy. The Davises said they are looking forward to retirement.

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Obituaries

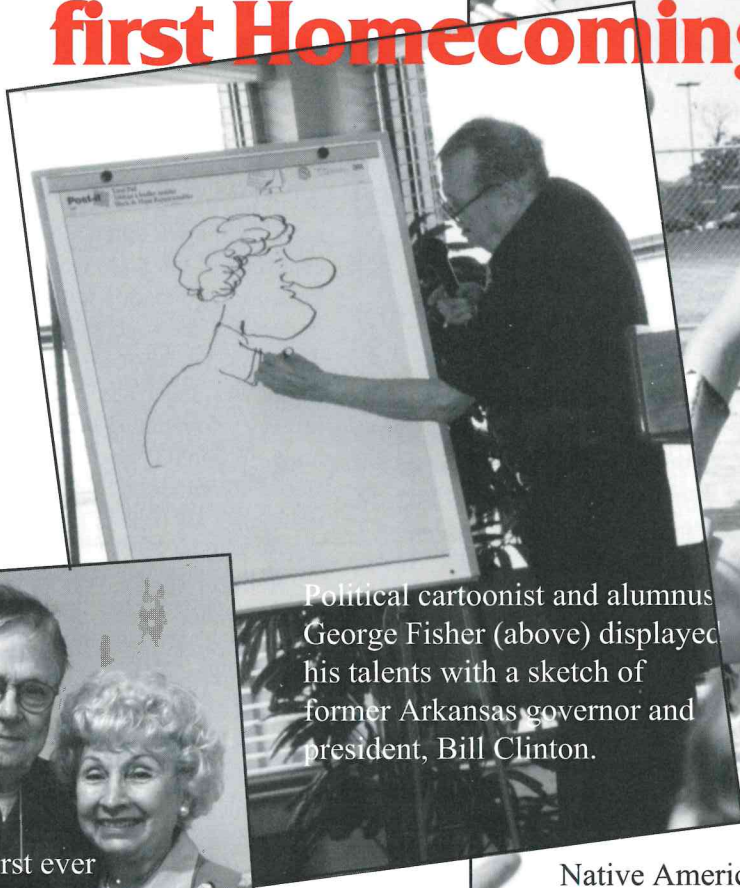
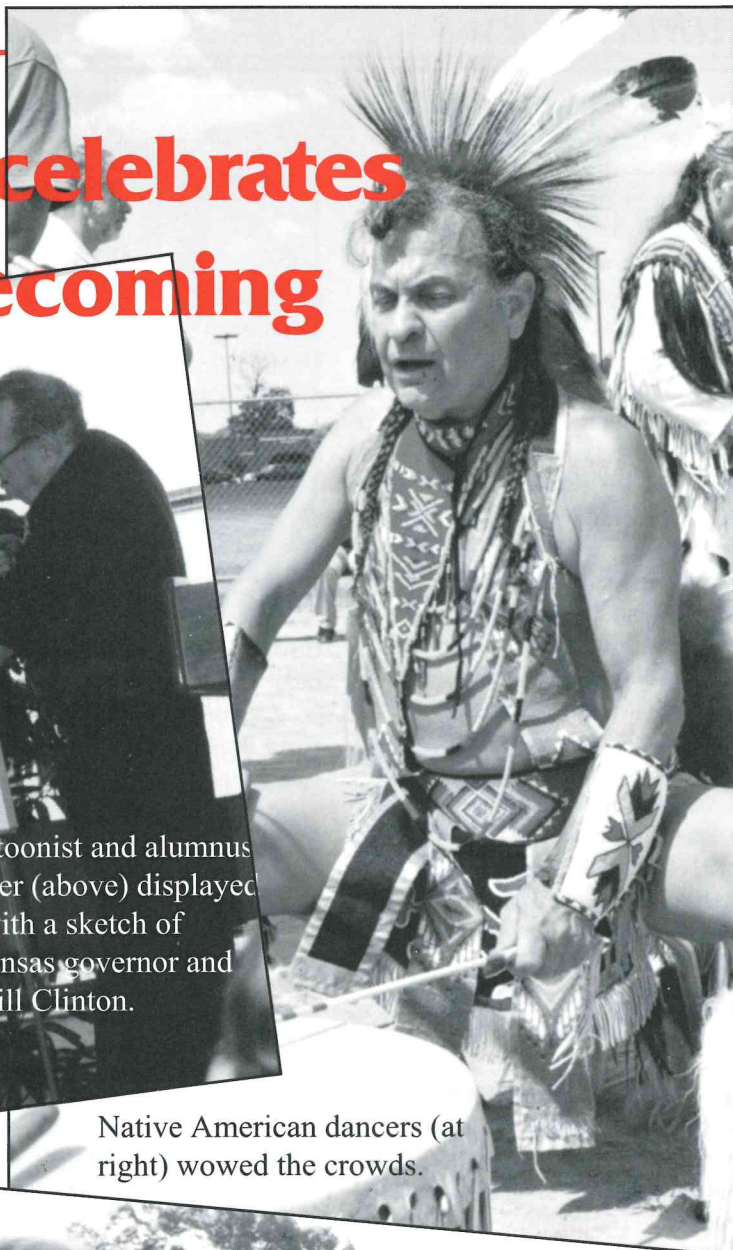
Mike Barber, former director of public information at ASU-Beebe, died April 3, 2001. Barber had been director of information since 1985. Barber served in the U.S. Navy from 1958 to 1962 and upon his discharge, he attended ASU-Beebe, later receiving a bachelor of science in journalism from Arkansas State University in 1966.

Virgil Thomas "Tommy" Faith, '62, of Beebe, died May 4, 2001. He was a member of Beebe Church of Christ and was retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He was also owner of Favis Air in North Little Rock and Air One Aviation in Searcy and Beebe.

Merle Adams McKinney, of Beebe, died November 29, 2000. She was former cook and dorm manager of Beebe Junior College, which is now ASU - Beebe.

Carl David Newberry, '96, age 30, of Smithville, was killed June 20, 2001 in a car accident. He was an employee of the American Red Cross and of the Methodist belief.

ASU-Beebe celebrates first Homecoming

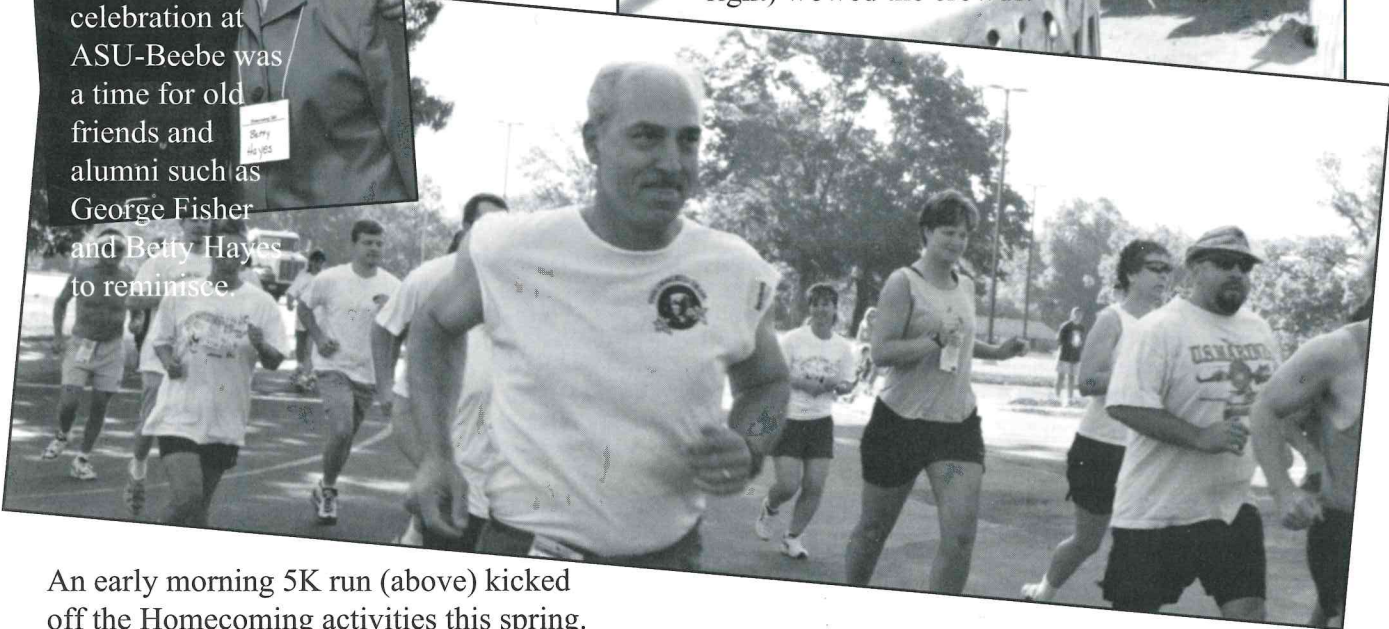


Political cartoonist and alumnus George Fisher (above) displayed his talents with a sketch of former Arkansas governor and president, Bill Clinton.



The first ever Homecoming celebration at ASU-Beebe was a time for old friends and alumni such as George Fisher and Betty Hayes to reminisce.

Native American dancers (at right) wowed the crowds.



An early morning 5K run (above) kicked off the Homecoming activities this spring.

Harvest Fest Queen and Court



Andrea Edwards, (center) of DeValls Bluff was crowned Harvest Fest Queen 2000 during the annual festivities at Arkansas State University - Beebe. Edwards is a freshman at ASU - Beebe and represented the Amateur Radio Club in the contest balloting. Voted first runner-up was Kristie Wortham (left) Agri Club candidate from Rose Bud, and second runner-up Brittany Fejfar, (right) of Jacksonville who represented Chi Alpha.

ASU-Beebe staff senate organized

The Staff Senate at Arkansas State University-Beebe is off and running with the election of its officers under its belt and its constitution written.

New officers include President Brian Berry, director of student life; President-elect Joyce Griffin, director of purchasing; Secretary Carol Harvey, job placement/internship coordinator; and Treasurer Amy Faulkner, administrative assistant in fiscal affairs.

The senate is a body which represents ASU-Beebe non-faculty employees of the University and serves in an advisory capacity to the Chancellor of the University with respect to all matters concerning staff.

The Staff Senate is representative of the following five categories of staff on the ASU-Beebe campus:

- Technical/Para-Professional
- Secretarial/Clerical
- Professional Non-Faculty, Executive Managerial/Administrative
 - Service/Maintenance, Skilled Crafts
 - Service/Maintenance – Night Shift Employees

Senators include Tonia Spradlin, Mark Hastings, Carol Millner, and Linda Yelder. Director of Human Resources Martin Spears serves as an ex-officio officer.

Pinchback looking forward to opportunities for development office

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the U.S. Air Force.

ASU - Beebe bid farewell to Jackson who began her career at the university as administrative assistant to the chancellor in 1985. Then, in 1995, she was promoted to assistant to the chancellor for Dr. Eugene McKay, where she coordinated special projects and institutional reports, along with overseeing staff development, public information, and institutional research and data processing. In this newly formed position, Jackson also coordinated ASU - Beebe's development

efforts with its parent institution, Arkansas State University at Jonesboro.

She immediately began fundraising projects with the help of the new Development Council, which is comprised of successful businessmen and women from around the state. Jackson also helped institute the Alumni Association, which received its charter in the spring of 2000 and formed its own advisory board.

With the assistance of both the Development Council and the Alumni Association, Jackson was able to raise

the needed funds to furnish the new Student Center. During her years with the university, Jackson was active in the United Way of White County, serving several terms on the board of directors. She has also continued to serve as board member for White County Medical Center, as well as serving in many capacities for the Presbyterian Church. Retirement for Jackson and her husband, Jerry, will include traveling and visiting their children.

Pinchback and his wife, Alana, have one child and live in Searcy.

Faculty, staff newsworthy events

Nancy Shefflette, of McRae, has been named director of Arkansas State University - Beebe's Little Rock Air Force Base educational program. Shefflette, a 24-year veteran of the Air Force with six years at the LRAFB, began overseeing the ASU-Beebe academic program. She will work closely with the division chairs and the director of Arkansas State Technical Institute to expand the educational offerings at the base and Jacksonville community.

Barry Farris, assistant professor of agriculture at ASU-Beebe, was appointed Chair of ASU-Beebe Applied Arts Division following the retirement of **Dr. Hazel Dickey**, former teacher and Division Chair, who had served the university for 32 years. The Applied Arts Division encompasses both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Business.

Gary Scroggs, a member of the University Café staff, won Honorable Mention at the Fourth Annual Artists in the Forest Art Exhibit. The title of his painting was "Autumn Solitude."

Buddy Baker, recently promoted to assistant professor of medical technology and program coordinator for ASTI's Medical Lab Technology, presented a program on flag etiquette at the October meeting of University Women Affiliated. He also exhibited a flintlock musket, which he had built, a French officer's sword, and a British officer's sword.

Brandi Hinkle was named the new Director of Public Information in June 2001. Hinkle holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from ASU Jonesboro and is the former Managing Editor at The Daily Citizen in Searcy. She had also previously worked at The Jonesboro Sun in Jonesboro.

Charles Moore, ASTI's associate professor and head of electronics department, presented his paper entitled "Add Sizzle to Your Electronics Curriculum," at the annual conference of the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) in New Mexico. The paper discusses ways instructors can present electronics

curriculum to help stimulate the learning process for the student.

Steve Manning, associate professor of biology, received publication of his paper "The Genera of Bignoniaceae in the Southeastern United States," in the Harvard Papers in Botany, Vol. 5, number 1, 2000, pages 1-77. He explained that Bignoniaceae is a plant family which includes plants as diverse as Catalpa trees and Campsis (trumpet creeper) vines. Manning had devoted several years into the research and writing of the paper.

Neil Outar (Student Center manager), **Bill Long** (English and fine arts department chair), **Brian Berry** (Student Center director) and **Richard Spades** (Quapaw Hall director) were installed as new officers for the Beebe Lions Club.

In late spring 2001, the Math and Science Division bid farewell to two instructors. **Dr. Yousuf Alikhan**, associate professor of biology since 1992, and **Wayne Whitt**, assistant professor of mathematics since 1968, both retired.

Charlsie Moore, payroll officer, retired after 20 years with the university.

Rhonda Durham, business instructor, is sponsor for the Business Club/PBL Chapter. Durham assisted group members in competing at both state and national levels, with several students earning top awards.

Several university employees received top honors at the annual Service Appreciation Awards Banquet, held April 20. Those receiving the Chancellor's Award were: **Bill Long** (English and Fine Arts chair); **Jerry Riley** (Master Gardener); **Ray Hightower** (Locksmith); **George Knight** (HVAC Technician); **Richard Spades** (Quapaw Hall director); **Teddy Davis** (Social Science & NCA Self-Study chair); **Beki Wisdom** (Central Stores); **Vicki Wicker** (psychology); and **Mike Hammond** (Social Science & Gamma Beta Phi sponsor). The award is presented to university employees who have demonstrated the ideals and aims of the university, within their respective fields of work.

Bill Long, English and fine arts chair, attended the National Art Education As-

sociation in New York where he judged five art exhibits.

Dr. Ruth Couch, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, presented "Revolution on Campus" on learning-centered instruction, at the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International meeting in Toronto, Canada.

Rodney Williams, assistant professor of speech and theatre, and **Sandra Williams**, instructor in theatre, took several students on a cultural tour which included a trip to Chicago, Ill., and a stop in Milwaukee, Wis., for the Bristol Renaissance Fair.

Roger Moore and **Hazel Dickey** were named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers after being nominated by students. Moore was also listed as contributor for an economics textbook used in the ASU-Beebe curriculum.

Dr. Vicki Wicker was honored at the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges as ASU-Beebe's Outstanding Faculty Member.

New instructors include **Margo Durr** in the Department of Business, and **Judy Kirk** and **Deanna Kindhart** in the mathematics department.

Brian Berry, director of Student Life, completed the Community College Student Development Leadership Institute conducted by the National Council for Student Development. A national panel of community college leaders selected the twenty-five participants in the program from a nationwide pool. Berry serves on the Arkansas College Personnel Association Board of Directors and was selected the outstanding staff member for 2001 by the ASU-Beebe Leadership Council.

Debbie Bratton, director of the Learning Center, was a presenter at the Arkansas Mathematics and Science Leadership, the Arkansas Association for Development Educators, and the College Reading and Learning Center Associations Annual Conferences.

Ben Pickard, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, serves as Chair of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Financial Aid Advisory Committee and as co-chair of the

ASTI says good-bye to Larry Haile

Larry Haile, vice chancellor of Arkansas State Technical Institute, recently announced plans for retirement from Arkansas State University - Beebe this August.

Haile, of Searcy, joined ASU - Beebe after working 14 years in post-secondary education, some of which included director of Foothills Technical Institute and state coordinator for some 23 vocational technical schools in Arkansas. Haile also worked approximately seven years in manufacturing. Additionally, he received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Education degrees from the University of Central Arkansas at Conway.

Haile initially began his career at ASU - Beebe in early 1986 as industrial relations coordinator for the newly established technical institute, which had received a 1985 funding approval from the Arkansas Legislature. His new position allowed him flexibility in determining the training and educational needs for technicians in Arkansas industry and business. Haile was also instrumental in organizing and writing the curriculum for the various degrees offered at the technical institute. Haile remarked, "The institute's main focus was, and still is, to train and educate a skilled workforce for Arkansas business and industry."

Haile spoke about the beginnings of the institute when ASTI officially opened its doors to technical students in the fall of 1986, offering quality control technology, production and inventory control, and electronics. Then in 1987, the Department of Higher Education approved eight associate degree programs, ranging from electronics technology to medical laboratory technology to computer-aided drafting and design. However, with limited facility space, classes were temporarily held in portable buildings until 1991 when the new \$1.09 million ASTI building was unveiled.

"When we first started developing the programs for the institute, we began with the idea that the technology curriculum would need to periodically change in order to evolve with the ever-changing technology in industry and business," stated Haile. "This has



Larry Haile

resulted in quality programs for the institute as well as benefiting the student who needs up-to-date training in a new program or an upgrade in skills."

Under Haile's leadership and direction, ASTI has gained top recognition for many of its programs and two programs were granted full accreditation – the electronics engineering technology, which is the only two-year program in Arkansas to receive accreditation by ABET, and the medical laboratory technology program was accredited by NAACLS.

Hanging on the wall of his office is a message that has helped guide this man and keep life in perspective: "Resolve - to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant with the weak and wrong. Sometime in your life – you will have been all of these."

Haile said he is looking forward to retirement and plans to continue staying active in his church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, where he serves as a lay leader, and with his favorite hobby - woodworking in his shop. Also, he and his wife, Judy, intend to enjoy more time spent with their children, four grandchildren, and their sailboat.

Faculty, and staff accomplishments: (Continued from page 8)

Mississippi/Arkansas Two-Year Chief Student Affairs Officers. He also serves on the Arkansas State University Alumni Association Board of Directors. He also serves as the president-elect for the Searcy Rotary Club board of directors.

Dena Prior, director of Financial Aid, serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Arkansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Cindy Sharp, assistant director of Student Financial Aid, served on the AASFAA Spring Conference Committee.

Tonia Spradlin, Learning Center student development specialist, was a presenter at the Arkansas Association for Developmental Educators and served as the campus liaison for ArkADE.

Mark Taylor, director of Guidance Services, is president of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges and served during the 2000-2001 academic year as the Two-Year College's Representative on the board of the Arkansas Association on Higher Education and Disability. He presented keynote addresses at several conferences and professional meetings.

Lisa Thomas, counselor and coordinator of Academic Advising, served on the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Association of Psychological Examiners.

Angie Totty, counselor and coordinator of Career and Testing Services, serves as the representative for ASU-Beebe to the ACT Council of Arkansas.

Linda Yelder, Student Financial Aid officer II, was elected to the ASU-Beebe Staff Senate.

Don Davis, instructor of music, was inducted into the Arkansas Music Educators Association "Hall of Fame." The AMEA is very active in Arkansas and is an affiliate of Music Educators National Conference.

Chris Boyett, assistant professor of mathematics, served as president of the association of two-year college math teachers.

Lecture/Concert Series

Beatles tribute on tap

The Lecture/Concert Series features an exciting line-up of educational as well as entertaining productions for the 2001-02 season. Again, the public has a unique opportunity to enjoy top rated talent at the Owen Center Auditorium for a season ticket price of \$10 each or \$5 at the door per event.

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

The 2000-01 Concert Series and performance dates will be:

Michael Anthony
Thursday, August 30

Michael Anthony is more than a hypnotist; he is also a world-class mentalist. It is the combination of hypnosis and mentalism that makes Anthony one of the most sought-after hypnotists in North America.

'1964 - The Tribute'
Friday, September 14

"1964 - The Tribute" takes their audiences on a musical journey to an era in rock history that will live in all our hearts forever. Hailed by critics and fans alike as the most authentic and endearing Beatles tribute in the world, they have been featured on such nationally televised programs as Entertainment Tonight, PM Magazine, CNN, The USA Network, and The Nashville Network.

**The Woody Herman
Orchestra**
Tuesday, October 2

The Woody Herman Orchestra of today maintains the youthful vitality and versatility that characterized it in



"1964 - The Tribute" is one of several nationally known acts scheduled to appear in the Lecture/Concert Series this year at Arkansas State University-Beebe.

years past, mixing classics from the Herman bands of old with new charts arranged to suit the band's exuberant, hard-swinging style.

Jabali Afrika
Thursday, January 24

Jabali is Kiswahili, the national language of Kenya, for "Rock." Jabali Afrika, from east Africa's Kenya, is a truly multi-faceted group with its own unique mixture of fusion and African rhythms. Original compositions and

traditional African rhythms come alive on a wide variety of instruments, accompanied by vocal harmonies that form the foundation of modern rock, jazz, blues, and more.

**The Spencers,
'Theatre of Illusion'**
Thursday, April 4, 2002

The Spencers combine cutting-edge illusions to produce a powerful theatrical experience - fast-paced, state-of-the-art entertainment.

Lecture Series

Barry Drake, 'Rock and Roll History'

2 p.m., Wednesday, September 26, Owen Center Theater

Brian Brushwood, 'History of Bizarre Magic'

12:30 p.m., Thursday, October 25, Owen Center

Byron Motley, 'Stories of the Negro Leagues'

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 19, Student Center

Laura Engleby, 'Dolphins with Laura'

2 p.m., Monday, April 22, Student Center

LECTURES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Students speak volumes in Continuing Ed at ASU-Beebe

At the age of 4, Shane Elder of Carlisle was diagnosed with a hearing problem. Now at the age of 26, he is completely deaf in his left ear and has 50-60 percent hearing in his right ear.

His mother, Vicki, said it must be hereditary, as she also suffers from nerve deafness. When the Continuing Education Department of Arkansas State University-Beebe offered a beginner's course in American Sign Language, the family said they saw an opportunity to learn how to better communicate with each other.

"I have hearing loss myself," she explained. "In case someday our



Shane Elder (at right) of Carlisle and his wife, Amanda, practice signing recently in a beginner's course in American Sign Language offered by the Department of Continuing Education at Arkansas State University-Beebe. (Photo by Brandi Hinkle)

hearing worsens, we'll still be able to communicate with each other."

In addition to Shane and his mother, his wife, sister, grandmother, aunt, and cousin are enrolled in the course, taught by Katie Gallaher.

Employed by Arkansas Rehabilitation Services as an interpreter, Gallaher began teaching at ASU-Beebe in the spring, and will continue teaching courses in the fall. Gallaher holds an associate of arts in interpretation from University of Arkansas at Little Rock and has taught at the Arkansas School for the Deaf.

In college, she explained, she took a course in sign language and "found where I was supposed to be," although neither she nor anyone in her family was deaf.

"Most people who register for a course in sign language are professionals," she explained, "such as teachers and those in the health and medical fields."

The benefits of the beginning sign language course, Gallaher said, include the ability to communicate with a population that uses a different language in a predominantly English-

speaking society.

Ten percent of the U.S. population is deaf, Gallaher explained, making American Sign Language the second-largest used language in the country, followed by Spanish.

"One thing to remember," she said, "is the deaf, or hard of hearing, population has a culture all their own.

"In this course, we're studying a foreign language, its history and the culture of its people."

The class meets once weekly for eight weeks, and includes instruction from Gallaher, supplemented by an optional book and video that demonstrate the basics of the language.

In addition to the sign language courses, the Continuing Education Department offers courses on a variety of subjects, including computer courses in Microsoft Works, a Spanish language course, and leisure arts classes such as beginning photography and floral design.

For more information, contact Becky Latting in the Department of Continuing Education at Arkansas State University-Beebe at 501-882-8232.



Katy Davis, a special education teacher at Greenbrier, learns American Sign Language in the beginner's course offered through Continuing Education at Arkansas State University-Beebe.

Agri department moving in new direction

The agriculture program at Arkansas State University-Beebe is moving into a new direction in building its herd of registered beef cattle.

Primarily a livestock and forage farm, the university farm consists of more than 300 acres and supports hands-on activities linked to courses taught in the agriculture department.

New facilities were completed this spring to replace those destroyed in the January 1999 tornadoes that decimated portions of Beebe, including the dairy barn on the university farm.

"Without a dairy barn, you can't milk cows," quipped Chuck Wisdom, assistant professor of agriculture.

Additionally, the herd of some 30-plus dairy cows were either destroyed or eliminated after the storms.

"We were going to rebuild the dairy farm," Wisdom explained, "but with the industry going in a different way ...

"We decided that this would provide our students with more experiences if we built a multi-plex for cows and shows," he continued.

"We've always had commercial beef cattle," Wisdom said, "but we will be purchasing registered Angus cows for labs and shows."

The new buildings on the university farm include three classrooms, a show arena, livestock-working facilities, equipment storage and a farm shop.

With the increased herd and new facilities, Wisdom said, the department will offer more instruction on operating registered herds. The department can also better aid clubs such as Future Farmers of America and 4-H in contests and activities.

Wisdom said he is looking to acquire nearly a dozen head in the coming weeks, and up to 30 eventually, making the herd near 85.

"We may have close to 100 one day," he said, "with two to three registered herds."

The ASU - Beebe Agriculture Department is housed in the agriculture wing of the Applied Arts Building located on the north side of the campus. Two large classrooms, a food science lab, a plant and soil lab, a student study room and an office complex provide state-of-the-art facilities for instruction in the variety of courses offered.



Students in the animal science laboratory use practical, hands-on training as part of the curriculum.

What's the best lunch deal in town?

Looking for a good, hot meal at a great price? Look no further than the University Cafe.

Open each weekday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the school year, University Dining served more than 35,000 meals on campus this year and is open to the public.

A \$3.99 plate lunch special is served each day, with choices including fried catfish, chicken fajitas, and many other special dishes.

Resident student satisfaction with dining has soared since the Dining Service moved into the Student Center.

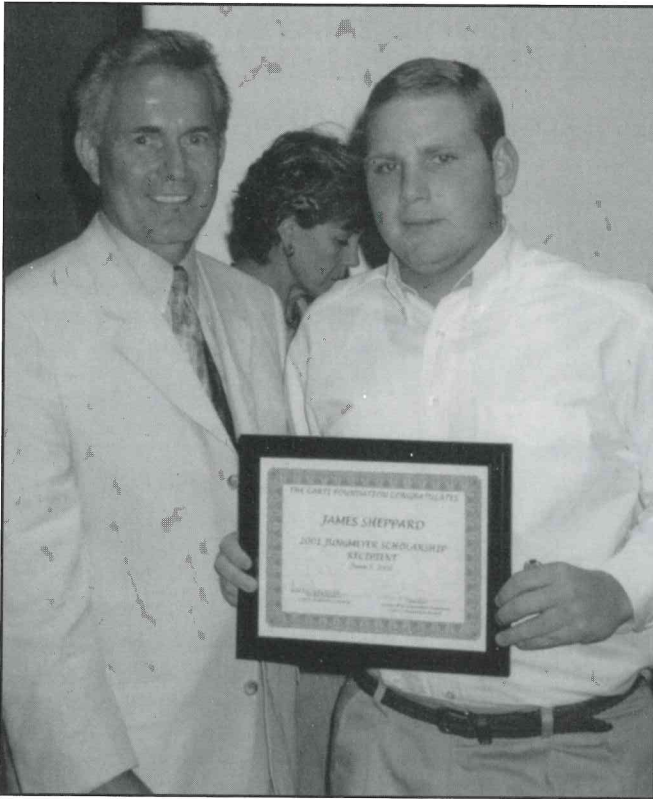
The new facilities have allowed the Dining Service to cater banquets for groups as large as 250 people.



"We have meeting rooms and catering for everything - business meetings, wedding receptions, Christmas parties and banquets," Tim Brenner, director of Dining Services, said.

In addition to the many meals served on campus the Dining Service also caters many functions off campus in Beebe.

The Dining Service was one of only three out of 36 Creative Dining accounts awarded an Outstanding Sanitation Award for the 2000-2001 Academic Year.



Tyler Sheppard (at right) poses with Dennis Jungmeyer at a reception honoring the 2001 recipients of the CARTI Foundation's annual award. The Arkansas State University-Beebe student is one of 13 to receive the scholarship named in honor of Jungmeyer.

Programs begin expanding, new buildings going up on campus

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The other new building, the University Center, has classrooms and offices for Continuing Education, Distance Learning, and ASU-Jonesboro's four-year and master's degree programs taught at ASU-Beebe.

Currently, Arkansas State University at Jonesboro offers six bachelor's degree and two master's degree programs on the ASU-Beebe campus.

A building now being erected is an 18,300 square-foot Physical Plant and Central Stores/Purchasing Building. A general contractor has just finished the exterior frame, and the university's maintenance crew will finish the project in the next 12 to 18 months, according to Jerry Carlisle, vice chancellor for fiscal affairs.

The J. Ernest Howell Center, which housed the university's cafeteria until it became part of the Student Center, is being renovated for use by the Music Department. It is scheduled for completion for the fall semester.

Because computer technology and the resulting learning process that goes with it is growing so rapidly, Carlisle said, the university's Advanced Technology Center will soon be expanded by 3,000 square feet.

The university farm has two new buildings that will replace six smaller ones destroyed by the tornadoes of Jan. 21, 1999. A new multi-purpose building has three classrooms, a laboratory work area, and a covered pavilion with bleachers. The other new farm building has a farm shop area and storage space for farm equipment.

Barry Farris, assistant professor of agriculture and chair of Applied Arts Division, said that the new farm facilities are much better for teaching. They will also make ASU-Beebe more attractive as the site for agriculture related events.

ASU-Beebe student one of 13 to receive CARTI honor

James Tyler Sheppard, 19, of Sherwood, was one of 13 Arkansas students selected to receive a \$2,500 Dennis Jungmeyer Scholarship from the CARTI Foundation.

Presented annually to current or former CARTI pediatric cancer patients, the scholarships are named in honor of North Little Rock resident Dennis Jungmeyer, a CARTI Foundation board member and a cancer survivor.

To date, the efforts of Jungmeyer and the Yvonne Richardson Memorial Golf Classic he helps organize had raised more than \$1 million for the CARTI Kids program.

"It was the middle of May during my senior year," Sheppard recalled, "and school was just about to end.

"Everything was going great,

especially the baseball season, except that my shoulder and arm were hurting. The pain was to the point that I could hardly throw a baseball, but still it was tough to admit to myself that there was something seriously wrong."

Sheppard continued, "Cancer has made a huge impact on my life.

"I have realized cancer can strike anyone and have no boundaries," he said. "Cancer has taught me not to be judgmental of others, to be truly thankful for each day, to hold my head up high and look forward to the future with zest."

CARTI is a non-profit radiation therapy center with facilities in Little Rock on the St. Vincent, Baptist Medical Center and UAMS campuses and in Conway, Mountain Home, North Little Rock, and Searcy.

Several area residents selected for memorial scholarships

Several White County area seniors were selected for memorial, departmental and private donor scholarships to begin their studies in the fall. They include:

William H. Owen Jr. Scholarship

Sena Moyer of Jacksonville has been selected as the 2001-2002 recipient of the William H. Owen Jr. Scholarship at Arkansas State University - Beebe.

At ASU - Beebe, Moyer is majoring in education and tutors in the math lab.

The William H. Owen Jr. Scholarship, which pays full tuition, is awarded each year to an ASU - Beebe sophomore and is based on high academic achievement and contribution to the university community. This scholarship was established in memory of Chancellor Owen who served the university from 1959 until his death in May 1994.

England Challenge Scholarship

Diane Vance of Beebe has been selected as the 2001-2002 recipient of the England Challenge Scholarship at Arkansas State University - Beebe.

The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to students who plan to go into teaching. The scholarship program was established by Walter England, former dean at ASU - Beebe and provides matching funds for the scholarship.

Vance is a sophomore education major and works as a teacher's aide at Beebe Primary School.

R.V. Powell Scholarship

Jonathan Edom, April Layton, James Dent Martin, and Joshua Simmons have been named recipients of the R.V. Powell Scholarship to attend Arkansas State University - Beebe beginning in the 2001 fall semester.

The scholarships are for \$600 each.

Edom, of Judsonia, plans to major in agriculture.

Kyoko Pierce selected as Academic All-star

Kyoko Pierce of Jacksonville has been named Arkansas State University-Beebe Academic All-star and received a \$500 scholarship. She will represent the university in the Arkansas Association of Two-Year College' competition for state honors.

Pierce is majoring in computer systems technology and plans to later pursue a bachelor's degree. She is the program coordinator for the International Club and volunteers at the Family Advocacy Office located on the Little Rock Air Force base.

Layton, of Bald Knob, plans to major in agriculture for a career as a veterinary assistant.

Martin, of Searcy, plans to pursue an agriculture degree.

Simmons, of Des Arc, plans to major in agriculture business.

The memorial scholarship was established in memory of R.V. Powell, a longtime local businessman and supporter of ASU - Beebe.

Denver E. Nettles Scholarship

Dana Martin, Jamie Marie Person, J. Addison Safley II, Daniel Skipper, and Kristyn Woodrow have been named recipients of the Denver E. Nettles Scholarship to attend Arkansas State University - Beebe beginning in the 2001 fall semester.

The scholarships are for \$500 each.

Martin, of Judsonia, plans to pursue an animal science degree.

Person, of Searcy, plans to pursue an animal science degree.

J. Addison Safley II, of Judsonia, plans to major in agriculture business.

Daniel Skipper, of Cabot, plans to major in agriculture business.

Kristyn Woodrow, of Cabot, is an undeclared major.

The memorial scholarship was established in memory of Denver E. Nettles, an assistant professor and division chair of the agriculture department at ASU - Beebe.

Allied Poultry Federation Scholarship

Andrea Hankins of Cabot and Jorn Thomas Holt of Rose Bud have been named recipients of the Allied Poultry Federation Scholarship to attend Arkansas State University - Beebe beginning in the 2001 fall semester.

Hankins plans to major in agriculture and pre-veterinary medicine.

Holt plans to major in Agriculture Business.

E.H. 'Doc' and Ruth Abington Scholarship

Laura Cochran of Bradford has been named recipient of the E.H. "Doc" and Ruth Abington Scholarship at Arkansas State University-Beebe.

The \$600 scholarship is awarded to an ASU-Beebe freshman based upon his or her academic achievement. The scholarship was established by the Abingtons, Beebe residents and long-time supporters of the university.

Cochran is an elementary education major and member of Gamma Beta Phi.

Linda Jo Welch Scholarship

Sonja Turkia of Cabot and Amanda Longworth of Searcy were selected by faculty of the ASU-Beebe Department of Business to receive \$300 stipends for the spring semester from the Linda Jo Welch Memorial Scholarship, based on educational and occupational potential.

Europe trip affords cultural whirlwind

Twenty-seven Arkansas State University-Beebe faculty, staff, and students recently toured England, France, and Italy.

The first stop on the tour was London, England, where they visited the National Gallery of Art, the British Museum, and St. Paul's Cathedral. On the way to France they stopped to visit Canterbury and White Cliffs of Dover in England.

While in France they toured Versailles, Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, The Louvre, and Rodin's Museum.

The group also rode an overnight train to Pisa, Italy, and visited the "Leaning Tower of Pisa." They also visited several sights in Florence, Italy, including the Florence Cathedral complex and the Plazzo Vecchio. A few of the group got to visit the highly respected Uffizzi Gallery.

The next leg of the journey was to Rome where they stopped at Assisi, Italy to visit the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

Finally, Rome offered visits to the Vatican where the group toured the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's. Later the group visited the Coliseum and the Roman Forum. The group rounded out the trip with a visit to Pompeii.

This was the trip of a lifetime for many in this group, some having studied extensively the culture and literature of the places visited. In preparation for the trip, several students had included *Introduction to Humanities* in their ASU - Beebe course work.

Many reported a real sense of awe in having the chance to actually visit

Plans underway for Italy, Greece 2002 trip



A group of 27 Arkansas State University-Beebe faculty, staff, and students pose for a photo at Versailles in Paris, France during a recent tour of England, France, and Italy.

such historical sites. ASU - Beebe student Sheila Covey said that she had always wanted to visit London, the place of her ancestry, while staff member Cindy Sharp was excited about experiencing the culture of Paris, France.

Art instructor Mona Vaden remarked that she was most excited about visiting Florence, Italy, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Several said they left Europe with a real appreciation for the way the countries have preserved their history through their arts and

literature, which are a large part of their culture.

The trip, which was organized by English instructor Dr. Maris Fletcher, was a year in the planning stages. ASU - Beebe faculty escorts were Mike Hammond, history instructor; Gerre Wisdom, reading instructor; and Mona Vaden, art instructor.

Plans are already underway for next year's trip, which will be a two-week tour of Italy and Greece with an ocean cruise to the Mediterranean Islands.

ASU-Beebe continued to contribute to community in many ways

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ASU-Heber Springs, a new center for ASU-Beebe, had 180 students last fall. A 25,000-square-foot building is being built in the industrial park and should be ready by early fall. A director should be in place by the time the building is ready. Day-time offering will be expanded by January. We will seek approval from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and from the Arkansas Coordinating Board of Higher Education to offer the complete associate

degree at Heber Springs next fall.

We are trying to develop a more beautiful campus that will be aesthetically pleasing to students and to visitors. One of the new flower beds in front of the new student center will be named in honor of Mr. Walter England, thanks to a gift from his wife. Mr. England was CEO of this campus during the 1960s and 70s and is still an active member of the ASU-Beebe Development Council.

I hope we can continue to improve ASU-Beebe's ability to respond to the

needs of the region. We wish to be good neighbors as was demonstrated in 1999 when the tornado devastated Beebe. We immediately provided space for storage and distribution of food, water, and clothing as well as space for FEMA and other federal and state agencies for a one-stop center to respond to the needs of the people. Then we provided a gym for the Beebe Public School basketball program until their gym was built and space for one of the churches to meet until it built a new church.



The 11th Annual Women in Science and Technology (WIST) Conference was held this spring on the campus of Arkansas State University-Beebe. Approximately 145 ninth grade girls and their counselors/teachers attended the conference representing the following schools: White County Central, Pangburn, Beebe Jr. High, Riverview, Searcy High School and Vilonia Jr. High. The speakers represented the fields of engineering, medical technology, pharmacy, medical doctor, nursing, veterinary, Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force, computer-aided drafting, and a biologist. This program has been very well received over the years by the counselors and students.

ASTI excels with industry training

ASTI continues to be heavily involved in business and industry training.

During the academic year of July 2000 through June 2001, it provided approximately 8,000 contact hours of training for some 300 students representing more than 100 companies and schools from around the state.

Most of this training was in the advanced manufacturing technology of industrial automation with two, three-day courses being offered, one in Introductory Programmable Logic Controllers and the other in Advanced Programmable Logic Controllers.

This specialized training was provided using portable Allen-Bradley Programmable Logic Controllers and ASU-Beebe customized curriculum. ASTI brings approximately \$160,000 worth of equipment to these PLC classes.

The instructor is Chuck Cole, a nationally recognized and award-winning professional engineer. He is an associate professor in industrial automation at ASU-Beebe and owns Cole Engineering in Little Rock.

Much of this training has been done in cooperation with other educational institutions around the state. Many of these companies benefited from the Existing Workforce Training Program. This program makes state grant money available to industries to help defray the cost of employee training. The grants range from \$50 per class hour up to 50 percent of qualified training expenses. This program is jointly administered by the Arkansas Department of Economic Development (ADED), the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education.

New CISCO program doing well

Arkansas State Technical Institute is one of nine CISCO Regional Training Academies in Arkansas.

As a Regional Academy, ASTI is responsible for training the local academy instructors, providing technical support and assistance for the local academies, and evaluating the effectiveness of the local academies. ASTI has provided more than 2,200 contact hours of Train the Trainer classes for 39 local academy instructors.

Certified CISCO instructors at ASTI are Sandra Adams and Phil Hart.

This CISCO networking technology has been incorporated into the Computer Systems Technology degree program. This training will provide certification training in CISCO networking technologies. Students who complete the sequence of four classes may qualify to become certified as a Certified Cisco Networking Associate (CCNA).

The Computer Systems Technology degree program already incorporates Novell networking, Microsoft certification core courses of the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) track, and the Microsoft A+ certification track in its degree plan. Additionally, ASTI is a VUE test center.

This enables students to sit for the certification exams in Novell, MCSE, Cisco, Network+, and A+ while at ASU-Beebe.

Did you know?

More than 40 percent of Arkansas' 100,000 college students are enrolled in two-year universities

New MBA underway at ASU-Beebe

Students in the inaugural class of the master of business administration course at Arkansas State University-Beebe began their studies earlier this summer.

Offered through Arkansas State University at Jonesboro, the program aims to provide high-quality professional graduate management education for students with varied academic and professional backgrounds.

"The MBA program on our campus is a unique blend of students who have life experiences in the business world and new graduates who have just finished four-year degrees," Dr. Dianne Tiner, dean of advanced studies at Arkansas State University-Beebe, said.

"They have the opportunity to collaborate while engaging in scholarly activity that has been planned to foster analytical thinking and problem solving," she continued.

Courses are offered evenings and weekends in several locations and in a variety of delivery methods to accommodate both working professionals seeking career advancement as well as recent graduates desiring to move into positions of responsibility in organizations.

"I needed to differentiate myself from others in my field," said student Erica Edens of Cabot.

A graduate of ASU-Beebe, Edens said, "With smaller classes, the faculty really care about you and create a quality education."

The current class is comprised of individuals from all walks of life, such as a full-time, traditional student, and professionals, including two Arkansas State University-Beebe staff members.

"These are some of the best students I've ever had," Clint Relyea, instructor of management at Arkansas State University at Jonesboro, said. "They're intelligent, hard-working, and a challenge to me."

Applicants must have an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution, submit acceptable test scores for the Graduate Admissions Test, and meet the admissions standards and regulations of the Graduate School.

Students with non-business



Instructor Clint Relyea (at left) emphasizes a point of instruction to student Erica Edens (far right) in a recent class session of the master of business administration program at Arkansas State University-Beebe. Fall classes begin Aug. 22, which is the last day to apply for admission to the program for the fall semester. (Photo by Brandi Hinkle)

undergraduate degrees typically must take up to 15 hours of foundation course work. However, the university's unique approach to these foundation courses allows student to "fast-track" in the MBA in a much shorter period of time than with traditional foundation courses.

Students with business undergraduate degrees may have their foundation courses waived, as determined by transcript evaluation, Tiner said.

The core program consists of 28 hours, along with six hours of electives, all of which can be taken on the campus of Arkansas State University-Beebe.

"I expect the MBA program on our campus to be quite popular for several reasons," Tiner said. "It is a highly accredited program with an excellent reputation among business professionals. Also, the schedule will appeal to

many because the classes will be offered on weekends and evenings to accommodate working adults.

"At ASU-Beebe, our location, beautiful facilities, and caring professionals create an optimal learning environment," Tiner concluded.

Classes begin Aug. 22, which is the last day to apply for admission to the program for the fall semester. The last day to register or add a course is Aug. 26. Final exams will be Dec. 12-18. Tuition rates are determined by the Arkansas State University at Jonesboro campus.

For application and schedule information, contact Dr. Tiner at 501-882-8329.

For academic advising, interested students must contact Dr. Bill Roe, director of graduate business programs at Arkansas State University at Jonesboro, at 870-972-3035.

From doctors to lawyers, friends, alumni make strides

Ryan Buffalo, M.D., '91 recently joined the Heber Springs Family Medical Clinic and will begin practicing family medicine in August. Dr. Buffalo is a native of Carlisle, where he attended high school and attended ASU-Beebe from 1989 through 1991. Later, he received his bachelor of science in both chemistry and biology from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia. Upon completion of his degree, he was accepted into medical school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and was awarded a Doctorate of Medicine in 1998 and immediately began his medical training at the Northwest Arkansas Family Practice Residency in Fayetteville.

Heather Nicole Ragar, '97, recently graduated with honors from the University of Central Arkansas at Conway with a bachelor of science degree in psychology and works at Youth Home Inc. of Little Rock. She served as treasurer of Psi Chi National Honor Society and was a member of the Psychology Club, Social Issues Forum, Freudian S.L.I.P.S. and an advocate for Rape Crisis Inc. Ragar will attend graduate school this fall at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

What's going on in your corner of the world?

Have you received a promotion or started a new job, moved to another city, gotten married, had a baby, or any other event that friends and former classmates would like to know about? We would like to hear from you and publish your news in the next ASU - Beebe alumni newsletter.

Drop us a note with the information to: Office of Development, ASU - Beebe, P.O. Box 1000, Beebe, AR 72012-1000.

Marriages

Cynthia Diane Duffey '00, married William Allen Dismang on July 1, 2000 at West Ridge Church of Christ in Pochontas. After a wedding trip to Destin, Florida, the couple now reside in Beebe.

John Glen Pruitt '95 married Jeannie Dianne Tilley on August 5, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Marshall. Mr. Pruitt is an electrical draftsman at Hargrae Electrical Engineering in Little Rock.

Tammy Renee Heafner '91 married Keith Sidney Lanier on August 19, 2000 at the Hickory Plains United Methodist Church.

Andrea Leigh Furlough '98 married **Brian Corey Woodle '96** on October 7, 2000 at Union Valley Baptist Church. Andrea received an associate's degree in business technology and is employed with the U. S. Postal Service in Sherwood. Brian is pursuing a bachelor's degree in fire protection sprinkler system technology through Penn State. He is employed with International Fire Protection in Maumelle.

Thomas Paul Brooks '99 married Christy Jo Lea on October 21, 2000 at the Faith Baptist Church in Cabot. Thomas is employed at Jacksonville Water.

Tamara Lee Towns'95 married Gregory Allen Berry on November 25, 2000 at the Sylvian Hills United Methodist Church in Sherwood. Tamara received an associate of arts degree in business management from ASU-Beebe and a bachelor of arts degree in English Literature from the University of Arkansas. She is marketing director of Winburn Tile Manufacturing Co. in Little Rock.

Brandi Michelle Odom, '95 married Mason Bing Moody on

December 23, 2000, at the Rose Room in Searcy.

Kimberly Dale Southerland '98 married Christopher Sweeten on April 28, 2001 at Miss Magnolia's in Heber Springs. Kimberly is employed at Greers Dental Lab of Heber Springs.

Christopher David Floyd '99 married Dana Alisha Corley on May 19, 2001 at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. Christopher is employed by Western Sizzlin' at Arkadelphia and recently entered the ministry.

Tim Knowles'98 married Robyn Bishop on May 19, 2001 at the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Jonesboro. Following a wedding trip to Branson, Mo., the couple will reside in Harrison.

Stephanie Quesinberry, '01 married Jimmy Price on June 30, 2001 at the Church of Christ Church in N. Little Rock. Stephanie is a graduate of the Jonesboro program at ASU-Beebe, where she earned a BA in Elementary Education. Jimmy is a graduate of Arkansas Tech and he has a BA in Health and Physical Education.

Leann Denise Morton '00 and **Jeremy Dwight Mobley '99** were married June 30, 2001 at Highway Church of Christ in Judsonia. Leann is a current ASU - Beebe student pursuing a business degree and Jeremy is a graduate of ASU - Beebe and received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Amber Smithey '00 and **Jonathan Free** were married June 22, 2001 at the McRae Baptist Church.

Lisa Dugger '97 and Jason Speer were married June 16, 2001 at Beebe Immanuel Baptist Church.

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Student Ambassadors



Student ambassadors are a select group of students who represent Arkansas State University-Beebe in a number of ways. Sponsored by the Office of Admissions, the students give tours, recruit, and foster student pride.

Feedback sought on accreditation

Arkansas State University-Beebe is seeking continued accreditation by the North Central Association. The NCA team will visit the campus of ASU-Beebe on April 1-3, 2002. The public is invited to send comments on the quality of the university and its programs no later than March 1, 2002, to the following address:

Public Comment on Arkansas State University-Beebe

**The Higher Learning Commission
North Central Association of
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**30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602**

Comments must include the name and address of the writer and should be mailed to the address above, not to ASU-Beebe.



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