



Arkansas State University-Beebe

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Meeting the Challenge

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Ten years re-accreditation recommended

Arkansas State University-Beebe received in April a recommendation for continued accreditation for the next 10 years by the visiting team of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association accredits colleges, universities, and other organizations of higher learning in the north central region of the United States.

The NCA team visited the campus April 1-3, visiting with faculty, staff and students, evaluating the university's programs, goals, and continuous improvement and response to student needs.

The five-member team, educators selected for their experience and expertise, served as representatives of the 19-state organization that assures quality of education at institutions of higher learning.

The university created a self-study committee which compiled

information in regard to NCA requirements for accreditation, creating a 244-page document evaluating its mission, quality of programs, governance, faculty, finances, goals and all aspects of the workings of the university. Teddy Davis, assistant professor of social science, led the committee and co-chairmen were Dr. Mark Taylor, director of guidance services, and Dr. Vicki Wicker, associate professor of psychology.

"We're a strong institution committed to student learning," Davis said, "and the hard work and preparation for the visit showed the Higher Learning Commission our on-going commitment to self-improvement as an institution.

"The on-going process was a campus-wide effort that paid off in a very positive report," she concluded.

ASU-Beebe has been accredited by NCA for the past 30 years, an achievement hailed by the chancellor.

"I am pleased that in their

three-day visit to ASU-Beebe," Dr. Eugene McKay said, "the NCA team members were able to recognize that ASU-Beebe has quality programs and is responsive to the needs of students and the community.

Lloyd Hammonds, leader of the NCA team, praised ASU-

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Message from the Chancellor

Development Council begins \$100,000 scholarship campaign

The Development Council of Arkansas State University-Beebe has endeavored to raise \$100,000 in a scholarship endowment campaign over the next two years beginning in July 2002.

Arkansas State University-Beebe serves more than 4,500 students annually. Of those students, some 67 percent are first-generation college students, a group most likely to suffer hardships in paying tuition, fees and bills related to attending a university.

"As the state's economy suffers, so do programs that help offset costs to students in need, such as the Governor's Challenge Scholarship," Dewitt Yingling, Development Council Major Gifts Committee chairman, explained, "which funded up to \$1,250 per

semester to students who qualified, including many current and prospective ASU-Beebe students.

"We the 20 members of the ASU-Beebe Development Council acknowledge the importance of education to our youth, our leaders for tomorrow and our posterity. As such, we desire to endow scholarships which will be used to help our students, our communities, and our own quality of life," Yingling continued.

Pledges may be made in \$1,000 increments to be paid in one, two or three years, according to Keith Pinchback, ASU-Beebe director of institutional advancement. The tax-deductible donation may be made in equal payments per year or a one-time donation.

The scholarships will be perpetual, with the earned interest used to fund the scholarships, Pinchback explained, and the rate of interest will determine the number of scholarships to be funded. The name of each donor will be prominently placed on a plaque with his or her amount given in the Student Center, highly visible to the public.

The full-tuition (based on 12 hours) scholarships will be

Challenging year seen

Except for losing nearly a million dollars in state funding last year, Arkansas State University-Beebe had a great year.

ASU-Beebe received another perfect state audit with no exceptions (I think that makes 10 in a row.) We awarded 343 associate degrees last year, and according to a report by the



Dr. Eugene McKay

Arkansas Department of Higher Education, had the highest graduation rate for any two-year college in Arkansas. Also, nearly 100 students received

bachelor's or master's degrees from Arkansas State University-Jonesboro on the Beebe campus last year. Six baccalaureate and two master's programs are currently offered, with more being planned.

ASU-Beebe was recognized by Community College Weekly as being among the top 50 fastest growing two-year colleges in the nation in the 2,500-4,999 range during the past five years.

Foothills Technical Institute and ASU-Beebe are discussing a possible merger effective July 1, 2003, that will enable us to combine our resources to be more responsive to the needs of business, industry, and students in this region of the state. By combining the strengths of the two institutions, we hope to provide a more comprehensive response to the needs of the communities we serve.



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Agri program lauded nationally

The Arkansas State University-Beebe Department of Agriculture and its programs were recently recognized by the National Association of Agriculture Educators as one of the outstanding postsecondary education programs in the nation with the Postsecondary All-Star Team Award.

The award was presented at a special recognition program held in December at the NAAE annual conference held in New Orleans, La. Its purpose is to promote outstanding programs in agricultural education based, among other things, on examples of effective classroom and laboratory instruction, involving students in work-based learning, marketing the program to prospective students, parents, school administrators and community leaders, and continued learning by instructors.

“We’ve always thought we had a good program,” said Barry Farris, vice chancellor for the Arkansas State Technical Institute/Applied Arts division, which encompasses the agriculture department. “This proves it.”

Marion Fletcher, program manager for agriculture education with the Department of Workforce Education in Little Rock, who made the nomination, announced the honor in the early



Programs such as the John Deere Agriculture Equipment Technology make the entire agriculture department and its programs a stand-out in the state and the region.

winter during the University Farm Open House.

“This award shows the dedication and commitment of the faculty and staff in the agriculture department,” Fletcher said, “and everyone at ASU-Beebe.”

A longtime friend of the university, Fletcher was instrumental in ASU-Beebe’s development with John Deere of the Agriculture Equipment Technology program in 1995, the only one of its kind in the state.

“There are many exciting challenges in the field of agriculture,” Fletcher said as he challenged youth interested in agriculture to take advantage of opportunities afforded by the

agriculture programs at ASU-Beebe. “We need leaders in the production, science, and business of agriculture, and the whole staff is here to give you the education to pursue whatever your worthwhile dream is,” he concluded.

Beginning in 1927, ASU-Beebe became a part of the Arkansas State University system in 1955. Over the past 74 years, ASU-Beebe has started more agricultural education majors on their college careers than any other two-year school in Arkansas by providing students with opportunities to expand their education in different areas of agriculture.

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Tiner takes helm of ASU-Heber Springs

Dr. Dianne Tiner assumed the helm of Arkansas State University-Heber Springs, a center of ASU-Beebe, in September 2001.

Formerly the dean of advanced studies at ASU-Beebe, Tiner has held numerous positions at ASU-Beebe, including associate professor of psychology and education and assistant to the chancellor.

She holds graduate and undergraduate degrees in education from Arkansas State University and completed her doctorate at the University of Memphis in educational psychology and research.

"Having spent the past 30 years as an educator, I have devoted my entire professional career to facilitating learning," Tiner said. "Whether one's goal is earning a degree, advancing in the workplace or personal enrichment, learning is always correlated with happiness and success."

In recent years, Tiner has directed all functions on the campus of ASU-Beebe in advanced programs through Arkansas State University, which includes six baccalaureate degrees and two master's degrees.

Additionally, she has overseen all compressed video classes to ASU-Heber Springs since its inception.

She has advised students in numerous areas, including

admission, registration, and academics, functions she will continue at ASU-Heber Springs to facilitate learning for students.

As director of ASU-Heber Springs, Tiner will oversee all operations of the center, including hiring new and part-time personnel, supervising expenditures, articulation of course work to four-year universities, academic advising, curriculum development, and long-range planning.

"Although I am sorry to lose Dianne Tiner at the Beebe campus," Dr. Eugene McKay, chancellor of ASU-Beebe, said, "I know ASU-Heber Springs is fortunate to have someone of her experience, energy and enthusiasm as the campus CEO.

"She knows how to develop and promote strong academic programs," McKay continued, "and how to work with faculty and administration, demonstrated by the great job she's done in developing the ASU-Jonesboro programs at the Beebe campus."

Tiner holds professional memberships in Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, having served as past president of AATYC Faculty Division and executive board

member and Delta Kappa Gamma honor society, past chapter president.

Honors include Who's Who Among America's Teachers, ASU-Beebe Outstanding Faculty Award from AATYC, Chancellor's Appreciation Award from both McKay and the late Bill Owen, and Delta Kappa Gamma International \$5,000 Scholarship for Doctoral Studies.

A longtime Beebe resident, she and her husband, Bill, have made their home in Heber Springs. The couple has five children and two grandchildren.

Tiner said she and her staff hope to continue building upon the momentum at ASU-Heber Springs, supported by the citizens of Cleburne County.

"This is an amazing community," Tiner said. "I am touched and impressed by the phenomenal work that has taken place to bring ASU-Heber Springs where it is today. It's an honor to work with such caring and committed people.

"As a new local citizen," Tiner concluded, "I look forward to meeting folks and providing leadership to build the kind of university that's been the dream of citizens of Cleburne County."



Dr. Dianne Tiner, formerly the dean of advanced studies at ASU-Beebe, was named director of ASU-Heber Springs during the fall of 2001.

Farris named VC for Applied Arts/ASTI

Barry Farris of Beebe was recently named vice chancellor of the Arkansas State Technical Institute-Applied Arts Division at Arkansas State University-Beebe.

The newly reorganized division encompasses the technical areas, plus the business and agriculture departments of the university.

Formerly chairman of the Division of Applied Arts, Farris said the reorganization of the departments will better serve students, along with business and industry by streamlining the departments and what they offer.

“By combining ASTI and Applied Arts divisions, we can be more efficient in meeting the needs of business and industry and in responding to the needs of public schools,” Dr. Eugene McKay, chancellor of ASU-Beebe, said.

“As a teacher and former student of ASU-Beebe, Barry Farris has a personal understanding of ASU-Beebe’s commitment to be responsive to the needs of students and to the training needs of business and industry in Arkansas,” McKay continued. “I am confident Barry will exceed all expectations.”

“I look forward to working in all areas of the new division,” Farris said.

Farris joined the ASU - Beebe faculty in 1984 as instructor of agriculture and was named head of the Department of Agriculture in 1995 and promoted to Applied Arts Division chairman in July of 2000.

Farris will continue to recruit students from across the state for the technical, business and agriculture programs, and work closely with the concurrent enrollment programs in area high schools along with his leadership duties with ASTI and Applied Arts.

Nearly 300 high school students in the region are concurrently enrolled in ASU-Beebe college-credit courses, a program that Farris says encourages students to continue with higher education.

“College-credit courses benefit students headed to college by giving them a head start,” Farris explained. “These high school students have qualified instructors teaching from our syllabi.

“An entering freshman at ASU-Beebe can start his or her

college career with three, six, or even 12 college credit hours,” Farris concluded.

Farris received his associate’s degree from ASU-Beebe in 1973 and was selected for the university’s prestigious Citizenship Award, the highest award given at ASU-Beebe. He received his bachelor’s degree from Arkansas State University at Jonesboro in 1976 and his master’s in 1979. Farris later completed a specialist’s degree in community-college teaching at ASU.

Farris serves on the board of directors of the White County Cattleman’s Association and the White County Farm Bureau, where he serves as state chairman of the “Ag in the Classroom” committee. He currently serves as president of the White County 4-H Foundation. He is also a deacon and church treasurer at Union Valley Baptist Church. He and his wife, Beth, have two children, Belinda, 21, a graduate of University of Arkansas and Jacob, 18, a freshman at ASU-Beebe.

Keith McClanahan of Searcy was promoted to director of ASTI-Applied Arts Division at ASU-Beebe.

Bob Mitchum of Conway was named chairman of the ASTI-Applied Arts Division at ASU-Beebe.



Barry Farris, formerly the department chairman of applied arts at ASU-Beebe, was named vice chancellor for ASTI/Applied Arts.

Concert ~ Lecture Series 2002-2003

Variety of acts on tap for music/lecture series

The Lecture/Concert Series features an exciting line-up of educational as well as entertaining productions for the 2002-03 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 performance dates will be:

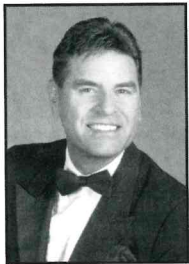
The Four Freshmen ~ jazz
Thursday, September 12

The original Four Freshmen first came onto the scene nearly 55 years ago and have captured the musical admiration of fans and singing groups the world over. The current members enhance the Great American Songbook with vitality and enthusiasm.

Tom Tiratto

Tuesday, November 12

Lauded as the best Frank Sinatra tribute ever, Beebe's own Tom Tiratto presents "A Tribute to Sinatra," a



TOM TIRATTO

fantastic voyage through the glory days of American music when big band and dance defined glamour and were staples of the music scene.

Jack Daniels Original Silver Cornet Band

Monday, February 17

Created by whiskey entrepreneur Jack Daniels, the original group is recreated by a band of superb musicians. Like setting your pocketwatch back, the Jack Daniels Original Silver Cornet Band celebrates the turn-of-the-century American sound.



The Jack Daniels Silver Cornet Band is one of several acts slated to perform in the 2002 Arkansas State University-Beebe Concert/Lecture Series. Per event admission is \$5, or season tickets can be purchased for \$10.

Dancing on Common Ground

Tuesday, March 4

In the vein of River Dance, Dancing on Common Ground is a large ensemble of talented Irish

stepdancers, country cloggers and American tap dancers who combine energy, precision, and dancing artistry that is a joy to see and experience up close.

LECTURE SERIES

Nancy Hendricks ~ "Hattie Caraway - First Woman Senator"
2 p.m., Wednesday, October 2

Jeff Keiser ~ "Cuba, Without the American Propaganda"
2 p.m., Monday, October 21

Ellen Gootblatt ~ "Relationships"
2 p.m., Friday, November 8

Story Time Arkansas
~ featuring Faye Hansen,
Gwen Twilley and Frank Jones ~
Monday, April 14

LECTURES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Veteran educator retires after 37 years

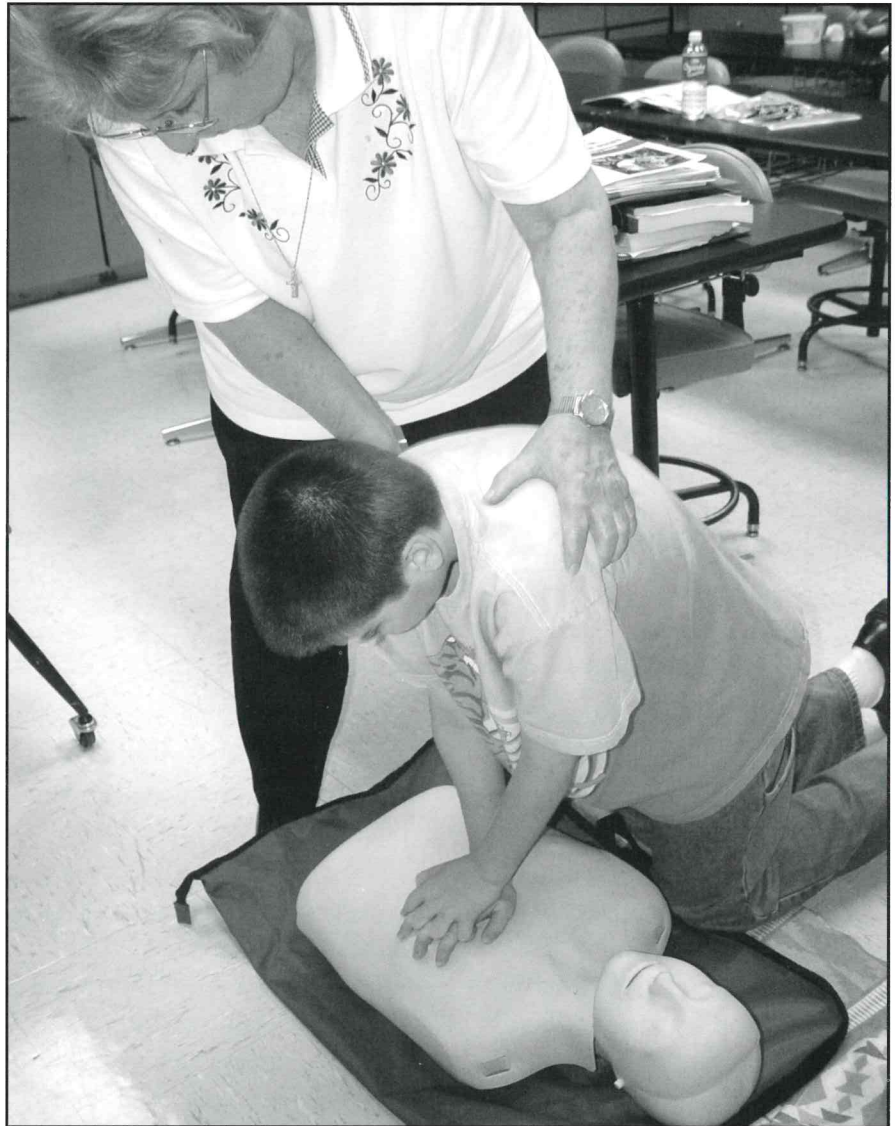
Jeannie Lindsey, chair of the division of education and social sciences and assistant professor of physical education at Arkansas State University-Beebe, announced her retirement after 37 years at the university.

“Jeannie is one of our most student-centered employees,” stated Chancellor Eugene McKay. “The university will not be the same without her, and we will miss her daily.”

Lindsey’s plans to retire at the end of June made her the longest teaching faculty member in the history of ASU-Beebe. Her numerous contributions and service to the university over the years helped establish the many physical education programs and current curriculum offered at the university.

Lindsey earned her associate’s degree at ASU-Beebe, then known as Beebe Junior Agriculture College of Central Arkansas. She began attending ASU-Beebe in 1952, after receiving a basketball scholarship from the university for her many years of participation in high school athletics at Des Arc. Due to a statewide teacher shortage in the 1950s, she worked as a teacher through the Emergency Teacher Certificate program and later earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in physical education from the University of Central Arkansas.

Lindsey began her teaching



Jeannie Lindsey, chair of the division of education and social sciences and assistant professor of physical education, was a pioneer in women’s athletics and physical education at two-year universities.

career in public schools. She coached basketball and taught physical education and history two years at DeValls Bluff and Des Arc, then seven years at Beebe Public Schools. While at the Beebe schools, she formed and chartered the Beta

Club and Pep Club, which are still very active organizations in that school system today.

In 1965, Lindsey began her tenure at ASU-Beebe by teaching women’s physical education, as

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Lashlee says goodbye

Bob Lashlee, director of the Continuing Education Division at Arkansas State University-Beebe, recently retired from the university after 26 years and eight months of service.

“Bob Lashlee has been a dependable, loyal employee who wore several hats in his quarter of a century at ASU-Beebe,” Dr. Eugene McKay, chancellor, said recently. “He is also a friend, and we will miss his enthusiasm and optimistic attitude.”

Lashlee joined ASU-Beebe in February of 1975 after 21 years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps as a gunnery sergeant, making this the second retirement for Lashlee from the only other job he has ever held.

He began work as ASU-Beebe’s security officer, starting college courses at the same time, and was later promoted to director of public information. Lashlee, however, is quick to attribute his educational and career success to the influence and encouragement of the late Chancellor Bill Owen.

“Owen emphasized the importance of a college education to personal and intellectual growth,” said Lashlee. “College gave me the

direction that I needed.”

In 1985, Lashlee was named director of the new Continuing Education Division. In this new position, he was responsible for the creation of all off-campus college courses, community service classes and computer short-course training.

“The Continuing Education Division has always been ‘service driven,’” said Lashlee.

“Wherever and whatever the educational need, Continuing Education found a way to make it possible.”

The off-campus sites were a direct result of offering college courses to students that could not attend otherwise. The popularity of these programs resulted in courses offered at numerous locations, including those held at the Little Rock Air Force Base and Heber Springs sites. Lashlee is proud to report that hundreds of students earned concurrent high school and college credit through these off-campus courses.

“The secret to a successful program,” commented Lashlee “is to always provide up-to-date education and be open to change. If you aren’t willing to change, you will fall out of step quickly.”



**BOB LASHLEE
RETIRES
AFTER 26
YEARS**

Lindsey leaving

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well as health, world civilization and Arkansas history. With the support of Coach Marvin Speight, Lindsey and Coach Harold Callahan initially formed ASU-Beebe’s PE Women and PE Men programs.

Some years later, under the name of ASU-Beebe Indian Maids, the team represented the only two-year women’s basketball program in the state, resulting in competition from four-year universities and the AAU teams. With Lindsey’s leadership, the Maids were undefeated in the OJCAA competitions and earned many AAU and intercollegiate championships.

Lindsey coached women’s basketball at ASU-Beebe until 1980 and helped pioneer other sports programs such as the Ozark Women’s Jr. College Athletic Association, for which she was named “Coach of the Year” in 1976; a women’s track team that competed with four-year universities through the AWISA program; a women’s archery team that won state archery championships; a gymnastics team that was a state finalist; and an aerobics program that was started back in the early 70s and is still a part of the ASU-Beebe curriculum.

“There is no way to separate the physical and mental aspects of education - a person needs both to be ‘fit’ for a lifetime,” said Lindsey.

First-ever Madrigal Feaste a success

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Arkansas State University-Beebe Singers celebrated the holiday season with the color and pageantry of their first-ever Yuletide Madrigal Feaste in December.

All the regal and ceremonial pomp of Merrie Olde England was splendiferously brought to life in the University Café in the Student Center on the university campus.

The evening began with wassail, followed by an elegant feast served with all the pomp and grandeur befitting such a



All 25 ASU-Beebe Singers and other interested students participated in the first-ever Madrigal Feaste in December, entertaining a sell-out crowd in the University Cafe.

festive occasion.

Musical and variety entertainment accented each course of the magnificent feast,

with fair ladies and gentlemen, a court jester and general merriment, providing a wonderful evening for the sold-out crowd.

Singers instructor Don Davis retires

Don Davis, assistant professor of music at Arkansas State University-Beebe, announced his retirement in May.

Chancellor Eugene McKay said, "Don Davis has not only taught students how to sing but he has made singing enjoyable for them. We wish him well."

Davis came to ASU-Beebe in 1998, after teaching music education for more than 30 years in the state of Arkansas. He has shared the university's vision of a

total music program and



DON DAVIS

welcomed the opportunity to help expand the program academically, musically, and physically. "Once you develop an understanding of music, you

then develop an appreciation, both emotionally and intellectually," Davis said.

"Basically, music tells a story using literature and history, which is something we try to convey to the listener.

"I am grateful to have played a part in this ASU-Beebe vision," Davis continued, "but the business of an educator is to 'leave the subject stronger than you found it,' and I think we've accomplished this goal."

Alumni News



BELOW:
Dr. Les Wyatt,
president of
Arkansas State
University,
addresses an
estimated
crowd of 500
during the
open house at
the John L.
Latimer Skills
Training
Center, home
of ASU-Heber
Springs.

The ceremonial ribbon-cutting starts the celebration at the open house of the new John L. Latimer Skills Training Center. Pictured are (from left) Dr. Dianne Tiner, director; John L. Latimer and his wife, Pat; and Gina Newman Herget, coordinator of admissions.



ASU-HS celebrates open house

HEBER SPRINGS – With warm smiles, handshakes and hugs, Cleburne County celebrated the completion of the new home of Arkansas State University-Heber Springs.

The open house January 20, 2002, at the John L. Latimer Skills Training Center at 71 Cleburne Park Road was a smashing success, with an estimated 500 people on hand to witness the ceremonial ribbon-cutting, tour the building, and witness the state-of-the-art technology used in the classrooms.

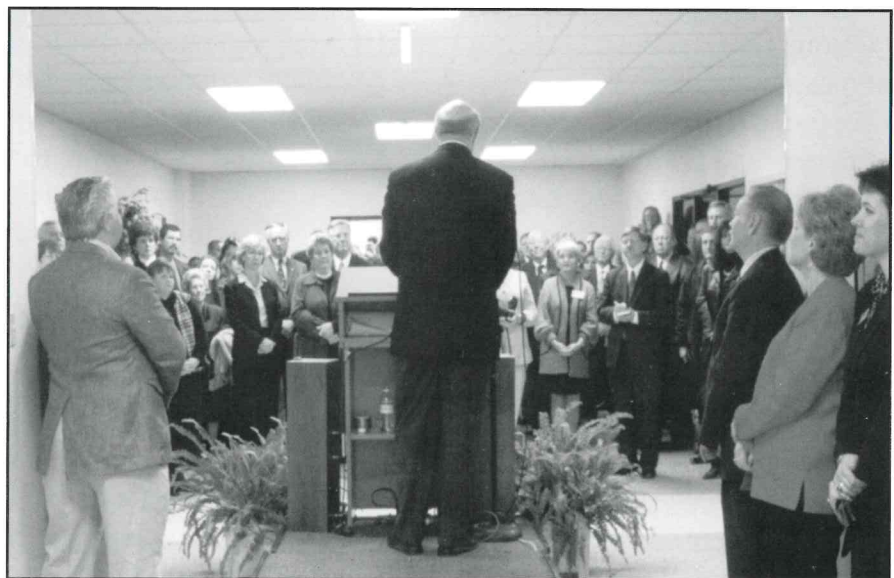
The building of ASU-Heber Springs was set in motion in November of 1997 when a small group of citizens initiated a grassroots effort to bring higher education to the community.

Meetings between officials with Arkansas State University

and Cleburne County business, civic and community leaders, along with a survey of industry, Chamber of Commerce members and schools, found a need for continued education past high school, school officials said.

In the fall of 1998, 80 students in 10 classes began evening studies at Heber Springs High School, with the help of a \$15,000 start-up fund presented

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ASU-HS open house

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by Gov. Mike Huckabee. The following spring, the Arkansas Legislature, with tremendous support by Rep. Becky Lynn, designated \$700,000 to continue the momentum the school was gaining.

A center of ASU-Beebe, classes began Jan. 7 in the new 25,000-square-foot facility, which boasts 11 classrooms, two computer labs, two science labs, a multi-purpose lab, an interactive video classroom, and administrative offices.

ASU-Beebe Chancellor Dr. Eugene McKay welcomed the visitors and thanked the staff and faculty of both ASU-Heber Springs and ASU-Beebe for their hard work and dedication to the new school and its mission to serve the educational needs of Cleburne County.

Full-time and adjunct teachers provide instruction to 235 students for core curriculum classes such as physical science, studio art, psychology, college algebra, and government, in addition to several business-oriented courses, including accounting and business statistics. This spring, "Fast Track" business foundation courses for the master's of business administration were added to the schedule.

Owned by the Cleburne County Economic Development Corporation, payment for leasing the building for the next three years was made by the director,



Dr. Les Wyatt (left), president of Arkansas State University, presents a plaque to members of the Herget family, expressing appreciation for the \$200,000 gift to Arkansas State University-Heber Springs from the Herget Family Foundation.

Dr. Dianne Tiner, during the open house, a sum total of \$3.

"We're so proud to be in this wonderful facility," she commented. "This gives us opportunity to better serve our students, our number one

priority."

ASU President Dr. Les Wyatt warmly welcomed Cleburne County to its community college, expressing deep appreciation for the local support shown for the school.

He also presented a plaque to the members of the Herget family who were present. A gift of \$200,000 from the Herget Family Foundation helped make possible the completion of the building.

"This is a first step," Dick Herget, CCEDC chairman, said. "There will one day be a permanent facility," alluding to plans for a campus at Sugarloaf Mountain.

Dignitaries on hand for the occasion included Speaker of the House Shane Broadway of Benton, Reps. Bill Stovall of Quitman and Bob Johnston of Morrilton, and many local officials.



ASU-Beebe movers and shakers

Phillip Hambrick, '01, earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Harding University last spring and recently ran for State Representative, District 14, as a Democrat. He plans to pursue a master's degree in political science and eventually attend law school. He is currently serving a five-year term on the Des Arc School Board and is a member of the Des Arc Chamber of Commerce.

Jamie L. Husley, '02, and **Angelia R. Webster, '02**, both of McRae, and **Terri J. Knowlton, '02**, of DeValls Bluff, all ASU Jonesboro students on the ASU-Beebe campus, were student teachers at Des Arc Elementary School as part of their curriculum for the education program

Roger Tonnessen, '94, is a Cabot Police Officer who is involved with the DARE program at Cabot Public Schools. The program teaches children how to recognize and resist the pressures that may influence them to experiment with drugs. Tonnessen is among a total of 83 officers in the state that teach the course at various schools.

George Fisher, '42 - '43, and **'46- '47**, famed cartoonist and former ASU-Beebe student, spoke last fall at the Shepherd Center in Beebe. Fisher received national recognition during the "Old Guard" era in Arkansas. His collection of caricatures is



Alicia L. Barnard, '02, of Rose Bud, was crowned White County Fair Queen September 2001. She represented the Joy Extension Homemakers Club.

also famous for hiding the word "Snooky" in his cartoons. Fisher has donated a collection of his artistry to Abington Library at ASU-Beebe. He has continued his cartoons with the "Arkansas Times" and is owner of Ad Image, a specialty advertising company in Little Rock.

Paul Ramsey, '64- '66, is the director of the Shepherd Center which is a community outreach center located at the corner of College and Cherry Streets in Beebe. Ramsey is the past president of the ASU-Beebe Alumni Association.

Larry Robinson, '79- '87, has served as the veterans' service officer in White County since 1997, providing assistance to veterans and their families. He serves approximately 6,800 veterans in the county. Robinson retired in 1983 from the National Guard as a full-time administrative NCO, after 22

years of service. He was a member of Company B and has been married to his wife of 38 years, Beth.

Sandra Schwind, '98, displayed her artwork last fall at the BA Senior Art Exhibition at UCA's Baum Gallery of Fine Arts. Sandra, an art education major, exhibited two-dimensional pieces focusing on silk painting and three-dimensional pieces focusing on ceramics and mixed media masks.

Ricky Thomas, '92, owner of Thomas Auto Sales in Searcy, has announced that he will be a candidate for the state House of Representatives. Thomas, a Republican, said he would be running for the District 49 seat.

Debbie Baker, '75, was recently recognized by the state and local Veterans of Foreign Wars organization as the Middle School Teacher of the Year. Baker has been employed by the Searcy School District for the last six years, working last year as the ninth-grade counselor and special education counselor for the school district. She also sponsored students in community service projects such as delivering Easter baskets to nursing homes and donating money to Hope Cottage, a shelter for battered women.

Ray Olmstead, '02, has appeared in several plays at the 111 Arch Street Dinner Theater in Searcy. He recently performed in the production of "Star-Spangled Girl."

Alumni News

University Center open house, ribbon-cutting



Sen. Mike Beebe of Searcy cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the grand opening of University Center in November on the campus of Arkansas State University-Beebe. He is joined by Chancelor Dr. Eugene McKay (at left) and ASU President Dr. Les Wyatt, along with several legislators, and faculty and staff members.

John Deere feather in department's cap

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An open-door policy and an average enrollment in the agricultural program of around 100 students allows for a teaching philosophy unique to the students' needs. That philosophy has always been to start at a level where all students can succeed while challenging the most gifted group of students. To accomplish this task requires a number of teaching methods that address a variety of learning styles.

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.

The new buildings at University Farm include three classrooms, a show arena, livestock-working facilities, equipment storage and a farm shop.

Agriculture courses with labs have been designed to utilize the university farm. Primarily a livestock and forage farm, the university farm consists of 320 acres.

Active partnerships with the John Deere Company, the White County Farm Bureau and the White County Cattleman's Association provide training opportunities as well as internships for students at ASU-Beebe.

Since the devastation wrought by the tornadoes in January 1999, the agriculture program at ASU-Beebe has begun moving into a new direction in building its herd of registered beef cattle with the completion of the new facilities in the spring of 2001 to replace the dairy barn destroyed at

University Farm.

"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.

With the increased herd and new facilities, Wisdom said, the department is offering 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.

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

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

Many alumni tying the knot

Jason L. McClure, '01, married Amanda M. Manasco on July 14, 2001, at Immanuel Baptist church in Beebe. Jason is employed by Heritage Publishing.

Thomas E. Isgrig, '00, married Amanda C. Walker on July 28, 2001, at the Little Rock Garden Club. Thomas is employed as an automobile technician in the family business located in Sherwood.

Misty A. Hatfield, '93, married Chad S. Hester on September 1, 2001, at New Testament Missionary Baptist Church in Lonoke. Misty is a 1991 graduate of England High School and received a liberal arts degree from ASU-Beebe.

Stephanie M. Barker, '01, married Philip D. Jones on August 25, 2001, at the Cabot Church of Christ. Stephanie received an associate of science degree in the health sciences from ASU-Beebe and is a pharmacy technician.

Bryan T. Manning, '00, married Jamie L. Hartman on June 16, 2001, at the state capitol Rotunda Room in Little Rock.

Kristi M. Huddleston, '96, married Jonathan Manek on August 4, 2001, in Destin, Florida.

Randy Sawyer, '01, married Amy R. Cox, '01, on August 31, 2001, at the Velvet Ridge Church of God.

Timothy B. Huskey, '01, married Katie Kennedy on September 22, 2001, in Daniel Park in Beebe. Timothy received his Computer Systems Technology degree at ASU-Beebe and is employed with UPS in Little Rock.

Lisa D. Null, '00, married Nathan D. Hunter on September 15, 2001, at the Palm Street Church of Christ. She is enrolled at the Arkansas Academy of Healing Arts for Massage Therapy in Little Rock.

Frank E. Likert, '02, married Sarah B. Puszewski, '01, on January 19, 2002, at First Christian Church in Searcy. Sarah is employed with the

Hyperathletic Facility at UCA and Frank is employed with Shelter Insurance in Searcy.

Tiffany N. Roach, '02, married Derek K. Smith on June 1, 2002, at Brownsville Assembly of God Church in Lonoke.

Amanda M. Stark, '02, married Mark A. Sandridge on April 20, 2002, at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Greens Ferry.

Andy Stringfellow, '01, married Heather Holder, '01, on July 27, 2002, at the Owen Center Theater at ASU-Beebe. Andy is a pressman at The Daily Citizen and Heather is a receptionist at the Downtown Church of Christ.

Tony K. Layrock II, '01, married Joanna K. Casey, '02, on June 22, 2002, at Trinity Baptist church.

Keri L. York, '98, married Shane M. Wilkinson on May 10, 2002, at Thorncrown Chapel in Eureka Springs. Keri holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology-exercise science and a master's degree in exercise physiology.

Robert L. Hazeslip, '95, married Laura Beth Grimm, '01, on August 10, 2002, at an outdoor wedding in Jacksonville. Robert is employed as a Jacksonville firefighter and Laura is a civil designer at McGetrick and McGetrick engineers in Little Rock.

Brandy M. Arthur, '99, married Joshua L. White on May 25, 2002, at the Cabot United Methodist Church. Brandy is a student at ASU-Jonesboro and is majoring in psychology.

Jordan Tucker, '01, married Lori R. Keillor, '01, on May 11, 2002, at an outdoor wedding at the home of the groom's parents. After a cruise to the Bahamas, the couple will make their home in Searcy.

Tiffany M. Rodriguez, '01, married Jacob Powell, '00, on June 22, 2002, at Faith Assembly of God Church. Tiffany is employed at White County Medical Center and Jacob is employed as a patrol officer for the Searcy Police Department.

Jeremy Ramsey, '02, married Amy Ellis on July 19, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Pangburn. Jeremy is majoring in business administration and works at Wal-Mart Distribution in Searcy.

Christian Cox, '02, married Cody L. Hayes on June 22, 2002, at West Race Baptist Church. She is currently majoring in health science and is employed at Searcy Medical Center.

Cody H. Russell, '97, married Courtney L. Smith on July 27, 2002, at the bride's parents' home. Cody is employed by Quality Wholesale in Jonesboro.

Steven E. Reid, '98, married Simone R. Meachum on August 3, 2002, at the Downtown Church of Christ.

Laura E. Bell, '99, married Edward L. Bailey on June 8, 2002, at the First Baptist Church of Searcy. Laura will teach English, speech, and theatre at the Academic Charter School in Maumelle next fall.

Ian M. Cherry, '00, married Jennifer M. Biffle, '01, on August 10, 2002, at Cypress Church of Christ in California. Ian earned an associate's degree in electronics and has been accepted into the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jennifer is currently employed by Sexton Foods.

Eric D. Crouch, '95, married Beth R. Davis on August 10, 2002, in Bristol. Eric is employed as a technical service representative with Horizon Services at Sprint PCS in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Thomas N. Davlin, '96, married Melissa S. Sterling, '01, on June 22, 2002, at the bride's home.

John Matthew Allen, '01, married Kelly Sue Garner on October 20, 2001, at the First Assembly of God in McCrory. John is employed by Yarnell Ice Cream Company in Searcy.

Cari Anderson, '01, and **Sidney**

Many alumni tying the knot

Collins, '93, were married on May 4, 2002, at the MacArthur Assembly of God Church in Jacksonville. Cari is pursuing a nursing degree and Sidney is a resident physician in general surgery at East Tennessee State University.

Heather S. Anthony, '96, married Andrew T. Neel on July 20, 2002, at the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Hazen. Heather is a counselor at Perritt Primary School in Arkadelphia.

Jason Belote, '98, married **Melissa Hollingshead, '99**, on March 23, 2002, at the Victory Baptist Church of Cabot.

Dr. Casey Beshears, '94, married Dr. Phil Orellana October 6, 2001, at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Ballwin, Mo. Casey is a pediatric resident and Phil is an internal medicine and pediatric resident at the Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

Lisa Callihan, '96, married James C. Edwards on April 27, 2002, at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Lisa is a corporate trainer at Dillard's.

Beth Devore, '98, married William Cummings in May 2002, at the Couples Resort in Ochos Rios, Jamaica. Beth teaches fifth- and sixth-grade math in the Des Arc School District.

Steve Devore, '98, married April Murphree on June 22, 2002, at the First Assembly of God in El Dorado. Steve is employed at Stone and Ward as an account executive.

Dianna Michelle Dyke, '01, married Jacob Daniel Burke on May 12, 2002, at Cloverdale Church of Christ.

John Eddington, '95, married Brandy Easley on Saturday, July 14, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Newport.

John Elliott, '89, married Rhonda Kay Hall on May 11, 2002, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock. John is employed by Cingular Wireless as a customer service manager.

Brian Frame, '02, married **Alina Ungreanu, '02**, on March 9, 2002, at

the Country Chapel in Cabot. Brian and Alina are both majoring in education - Brian plans to teach history and Alina plans to teach math.

Charles Free, '00, married Emily Elizabeth Wilson on April 19, 2002, at Ann's Bridal and Etcetera in Searcy. Charles is in management at Tyson Chicken in Dexter, Mo.

Gentry Griffis, '99, married **Staci Patrom, '01**, on September 1, 2001, at the Jacksonville Second Baptist Church. Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple lives in Jacksonville. Gentry is a salesman for Pro Windows and Doors.

Leah Johnson, '01, married Michael Shourd on December 7, 2001, at Faith Assembly of God Church in Searcy.

Deanna Katie Jones, '01, married Joshua Jeffery on September 23, 2001, at the First Assembly of God Church in Beebe. Deanna is a 2000 graduate of Beebe High School and is currently pursuing a degree in elementary education at ASU-Beebe.

Joshua Kanthak, '99, married Catherine Clark on January 5, 2002, at First Baptist Church on Spring Street. Joshua is a buyer for Ridout in Searcy.

Justin R. King, '00, married **Kimberly K. Siler** on December 15, 2001, at First Baptist Church of Bald Knob. Justin is employed with Daniel's Utility, and Kimberly is employed with Central Arkansas Hospital.

Larry Scott McClain, '93, married Melissa Sue Hembrey on April 13, 2002, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry McClain. Scott graduated from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences where he earned a doctor of pharmacy degree and is employed at Newport Hospital and Clinic.

Joseph Meier, '94, married Kari Lynn Maxwell on June 1, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Cabot. He is employed by SunCom AT&T.

Josh F. Meier, '00, married Brooke V. Thompson on December 29, 2001, at

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. He is employed by Rayco Properties.

Alissa Mize, '02, married Brad Coyle on January 19, 2002, at the Rose Room in Searcy.

Jeremy Mobley, '02, married Leann Denise Morton at Judsonia Highway Church of Christ.

Michael Nelson, '98, married Heather Williams on May 15, 2001, on the island of Jamaica. Michael is employed with the Arkansas State Police and also serves in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Mark Pate, '91, married Julie K. Jones on March 2, 2002, at the First Presbyterian Church in Searcy. Mark is the city attorney in Bald Knob and is a Democratic Party candidate for State Representative in District 49.

Jennifer Leigh SeEVERS, '98, married **Eric Shane Williams, '97**, on July 18, 2001, and honeymooned in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Jennifer is employed with Worldwide Travel and Eric is employed with Molex, Inc.

Jody Kay Shurley, '95, married Larry Norman Cannon on April 20, 2002, at the Old Mill Wedding Chapel in Hot Springs. Jody is a pharmacist manager.

Christi Sink, '98, married Shan Davis on November 17, 2001, at the Iron Mountain Depot in Newport.

Emily N. Smith, '01, married Adryan O. Piker on December 29, 2002, at First Assembly of God Church in Searcy. Emily is employed at Becky's Hallmark in Searcy.

Daniel Thomason, '02, married Elizabeth Shearin on March 23, 2002, at Ann's Bridal and Etcetera in Searcy. Daniel is pursuing a degree in computer technology.

Emily Waymack, '02, married Mark Linker on September 29, 2001, at the bride's home in Austin. Emily received an agriculture business degree from ASU-Beebe and she is employed with United Parcel Service in Russellville.

What's happening in Student Affairs?

Student Affairs staff members assist students in achieving their educational and personal goals by providing them with academic, financial, and personal support networks. The Office of Student Life, Student Financial Aid Services, Learning Center, Counseling Center, Student Support Services, Upward Bound, and Campus Police work in conjunction with the Student Affairs Office to ensure that ASU-Beebe students can maximize academic, and personal potential in a caring, friendly and safe learning environment.

Student Activities and the **Leadership Council** continue to provide co-curricular activities and leadership development opportunities for students. Twenty-five student activity events, including the Beebe Bash, co-sponsored by the Beebe Chamber of Commerce, and two campus-wide dances, were held during the 2001-2002 academic year with over 3,500 students participating. The Leadership Council sponsors programs to help traditional and non-traditional students feel welcome. There are 19 recognized student organizations chartered on the ASU-Beebe campus. These organizations offer involvement for students with academic as well as recreational interests.

ASU-Beebe's **Residence**

Halls reached occupancy of 100 students for the fourth year. Students who live on campus are highly satisfied with the residence halls. The residence hall environment continues to contribute to student success with on-campus students graduating at a higher rate than their off-campus counterparts.

The **Learning Center** remains the "premier" Learning Center in the state.

Representatives from other institutions schedule visits and tours to learn about the services ASU-Beebe's Learning Center provides. This academic year, the Learning Center tutored 2,085 students from all academic divisions of the ASU-Beebe campus. Students used the Learning Center over 18,794 hours. This represents a 30 percent increase above the number of visits last year.

What's that?



Elicia Moss (at right) of Judsonia examines a reproduction of five pounds of body fat during a session at the Twelfth Annual Women in Science and Technology (WIST) Conference held at ASU-Beebe this spring. Approximately 130 ninth-grade girls, along with their counselors/ teachers attended from Beebe, White County Central, Vilonia, Pangburn, and Riverview. Speakers in the fields of medicine, engineering, veterinary medicine, agriculture, US Air Force, Air National Guard and computers talked with the girls about their career choices.

Outstanding scholars

Outstanding ag students chosen by Allied poultry

Colby Cummings of Salado and Julie Robinson of Greenbrier have been named recipients of the Allied Poultry Federation Scholarship to attend Arkansas State University – Beebe beginning in the 2002 fall semester.

The scholarship is for \$1,700 each.

Cummings is the son of Billy and Patsy Cummings and is a recent graduate of Batesville's Southside High School. In FFA, he served as a sentinel and received Star Chapter Farmer, Star Greenhand and plant science awards. He was also active in the Spanish Club, Beta Club, and the local, state, and national 4-H Club. Cummings was also a class officer, teen leader, and fire marshal. He plans to major in agriculture.

Robinson is the daughter of Charles and Susan Robinson and is a recent graduate of Greenbrier High School where she was served as the FFA reporter and sentinel, president of Student Council, FBLA vice president, Beta Club treasurer, and the All-Stars Advisory Council reporter. She was named to the National Honor Roll, Girls State Delegate, Governor's Youth Board, and Faulkner County Youth Leadership Institute. She plans to major in pre-veterinary science.

Daniel Skipper selected All-Star

Daniel H. Skipper, of Cabot, has been named Arkansas State University-Beebe's Academic All-Star and is recipient of a \$500 scholarship.

Skipper is a sophomore majoring in agriculture business and accounting.

He is active on the Leadership Council and was named to the Chancellor's List. Skipper is a member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Residence Hall Council, Chi Alpha, AMATYC Student Mathematics League and served as a tutor at the Learning Center.

"The activities in and out of

the classroom are excellent experience for the road ahead," Skipper said. Being active in the programs and clubs has had a tremendous impact on my life. The teachers at ASU-Beebe meet their students on a personal level so I feel comfortable participating in class. I intend to remain on the Beebe campus and complete the Jonesboro bachelor's program. I plan to remain active at ASU for many years."

Skipper will represent the university at the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges statewide conference to be held this fall.

Memorial scholarships winners chosen

Lucas Anderson of Ward and Brent Smith of Biscoe have been named recipients of the Denver E. Nettles Scholarship to attend Arkansas State University-Beebe beginning in the 2002 fall semester.

The scholarships are for \$500 each.

Anderson is the son of Jim and Vicky Nabors and is a graduate of Cabot High School.

Smith is the son of Greg and Rita Smith and is a graduate of DeValls Bluff High School.

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

Jan Alicia Allen of Ward and Josh Garner of Melbourne have been named recipients of the R.V. Powell Scholarship to attend Arkansas State University-Beebe beginning in the 2002 fall semester.

The scholarships are for \$600 each.

Allen is the daughter of Johnny and Janet Allen and is a graduate of Cabot High School.

Garner, son of Gary and Debbie Garner, is a graduate of Melbourne High School.

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

Ten years re-accreditation recommended

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Beebe for its work in educating students, commenting on the many new buildings and renovations, which create an enhanced environment conducive to learning.

He also noted the tremendous amount of student services offered on the campus and a "sustained culture of caring," exemplifying the ASU-Beebe slogan, "Where Education is a Personal Experience."

\$100,000 campaign begun by major gifts committee

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dispersed over a period of two semesters to applicants who fulfill the following requirements: those students entering sophomore year after completing 24 hours at ASU-Beebe; and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.5 during freshmen year of studies and a 2.5 GPA during first semester of scholarship.

The ASU-Beebe scholarship committee will choose recipients.

"Please make your one-time donation or annual pledge as you see fit to repay the opportunities afforded you by education and opportunity," Yingling urged.

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Additionally, he noted the Arkansas State Technical Institute programs connect with the workforce in implementing needed programs and demonstrate the university's interest in local economic development.

"You have a strong, vibrant university," Hammonds told a crowd of faculty, staff and students, "and our recommendations are unanimous.

"They have been made with

the knowledge and understanding that ASU-Beebe will continue its momentum and develop on-going assessment and improvement."

His words were greeted with applause and concluded with a standing ovation from the crowd.

The recommendation by the visiting team will be put before the NCA board of trustees for final approval in October, and the results will be formally issued in a written report at a later date.



The student body at Arkansas State University-Beebe selected its 2001 Harvest Fest royalty during the annual festivities in November. Residence Hall Council nominee Erin Riggs, (center) a theater major from Shirley, was crowned queen. Delta Psi Omega nominee Nisheedah Golden (at left), a junior music education major of Jacksonville, was named first runner up. FM 88.7 Radio Club nominee Felicia Yates, a computer systems technology major of Ward, was named second runner-up. Donations of \$1 were accepted at the door, with proceeds benefiting the Leadership Council Angel Tree Program.

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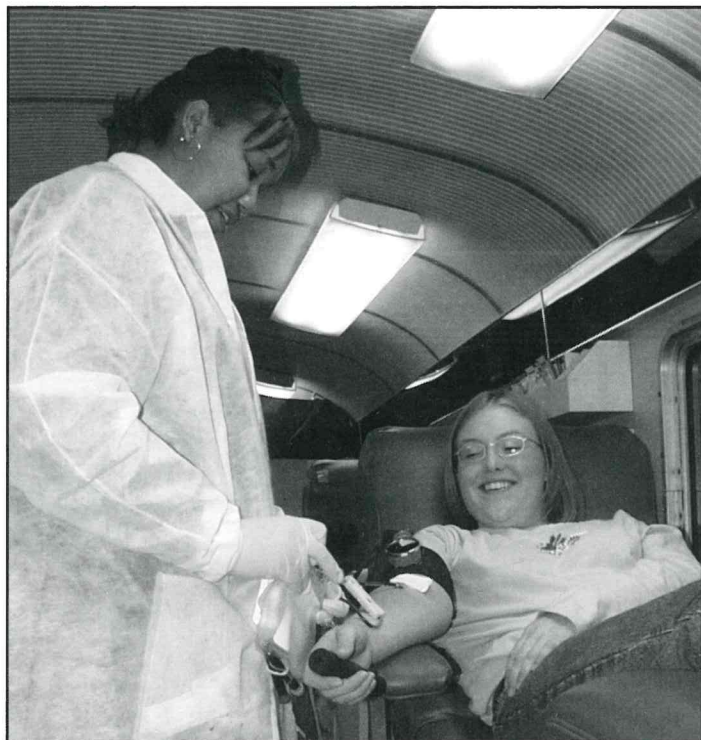
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Alumni News



Leslie Henard (right) of Brinkley donates blood at the American Red Cross Bloodmobile on the campus of Arkansas State University-Beebe following terrorist attacks on the United States. The freshman Computer Information Systems major, a regular donor, supplied one of some 55 units the organization obtained during the day-long blood drive, according to Chris Hall (left), collection technician.



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