The Quiet Man
Dr. Claude Babin’s Quiet, Steady Leadership Brought Arkansas A&M and UAM Through Tough Times.
Fall is the best time of year to be on a college campus. There is a sense of renewal, excitement and promise as a new group of freshmen join our returning students to begin pursuit of a college degree. There’s something special about watching young people spread their wings and move out on their own, and I continue to be inspired by our older students who have decided to come back to college to pursue their dreams of a better life.

The highlight of the fall semester, as always, is Homecoming and I encourage you to come back to campus for the weekend of October 13 to renew old acquaintances and see for yourself the exciting changes taking place at UAM. You will find the complete schedule of Homecoming events in this issue of UAM Magazine. This year’s celebration includes a reunion of the Class of 1957 and the 40th anniversary of the African-American Alumni Association. Another highlight of this year’s observance will be a breakfast for all of our former All-Americans – and their coaches – in all sports. If you’re able to join us for the entire weekend, we will recognize our All-Americans at the UAM Sports Hall of Fame banquet on October 11, at the A&M/UAM Alumni Dinner on October 12, and at halftime of the Homecoming football game on October 13.

I congratulate the Sports Hall of Fame’s Class of 2007, which includes basketball standouts Kelton Busby and Anita McChristian Harrod, football stars Melvin Beavers and Anthony Brown, and the late Harry Denson, long-time track and cross country coach. I am also pleased that Tommy Matthews has been selected to receive this year’s UAM Spirit Award for his many years of service to our athletic program and to the institution.

If you haven’t been on campus recently, I think you’ll be pleased with the changes taking place. We are nearing completion of Phase I of the Campus Master Plan, which includes the renovation, restoration and landscaping of Weevil Pond. Construction crews are currently at work on major renovations to Wells Hall and Sorrells Hall, two of the oldest buildings on campus, and we are making significant progress in our fund-raising campaign to renovate existing athletic facilities and construct a new indoor practice building at Convoy-Leslie Cotton Boll Stadium.

In addition, our Centennial Circle campaign is progressing and we are well on our way to reaching our goal of $1 million to be used to create an unrestricted endowment. Funds from this endowment will be used on an annual basis to meet priority needs of the university.

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Morris Bramlett as dean of the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences and Dr. Trey Berry recently joined the faculty as dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

As we make plans for a busy fall, we hope you’ll take the opportunity to come back to UAM for a visit. We look forward to seeing you.

Best Wishes,

H. Jack Lassiter
Chancellor
Welcome Home

Take a look at what we’ve got planned for you during UAM’s 2007 Homecoming Week.

Steady Leader

Claude Babin guided Arkansas A&M and UAM through challenging times in his 15 years as the institution’s last president and first chancellor.

Star Power

A galaxy of stars is the best way to describe the UAM Sports Hall of Fame’s Class of 2007.

On Campus       Foundation News
Sports          Centennial Circle
Campaign for Athletics Alumni News
Technology     Snapshots

It’s that time of year . . . football, bands, and Homecoming! Make plans now to return to UAM the weekend of October 11-13 for Homecoming 2007. You’ll find a complete list of activities on pages 4 and 5 of UAM Magazine.
**Schedule of Events**

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<td>Homecoming Parade / Parade begins at the Fine Arts Center and concludes at the University Center.</td>
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<td>3-5 p.m.</td>
<td>“Red” – Beyond Football, Jimmy “Red” Parker book signing / Taylor Library and Technology Center Gallery.</td>
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<td>UAM Sports Hall of Fame Reception / Chancellor’s Home, 471 University Drive.</td>
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<td>6:30 p.m.</td>
<td>UAM Sports Hall of Fame Banquet / University Center; tickets $30 per person; contact Jim Brewer at (870) 460-1074 or Bill Wisener at (870) 367-5334.</td>
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<td>7 p.m.</td>
<td>Bonfire and Pep Rally / Fine Arts Center lawn.</td>
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<td>11 a.m.</td>
<td>44th annual Dr. Scott Boyd Memorial Golf Tournament / Monticello Country Club; two-person scramble, $40 per team; contact Paul Griffin (870) 367-6892.</td>
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<td>1:30-3:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Get Together for the Class of 1957 and Friends / Home of Mr. &amp; Mrs. William “Bud” Bulloch, 304 Crestwood.</td>
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<td>4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Dedication of Weevil Walk and the William E. Morgan Fountain / At the Victory Bell west of Weevil Pond, weather permitting; alternate location Adams Room in Harris Hall.</td>
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<td>Welcome Home Reception, A&amp;M/UAM Alumni and Friends / Chancellor’s Home, 471 University Drive.</td>
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<td>7 p.m.</td>
<td>A&amp;M/UAM Alumni Dinner / University Center; tickets $15 per person; presentation of Alumni Awards for Achievement and Merit, Continuing the Connection Award, and Alumni Association Scholarships; recognition of A&amp;M Class of 1957 and All-Americans in all sports; performance by UAM Jazz Band I. Advance reservations requested; call (870)460-1028 or (800)467-848 to RSVP.</td>
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<td>A&amp;M Class of 1957, 50th Reunion Breakfast / Fine Arts Center, Spencer Gallery. Contact Carrie Ashcraft (870) 460-1028.</td>
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<td>8:30-10 a.m.</td>
<td>A&amp;M/UAM African-American Alumni, 40th Anniversary Breakfast / Capitol Room, University Center; tickets $20 in advance and at the door; contact Shay Gillespie (870) 367-2801 or Classie Jones-Green (870) 536-9159.</td>
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<td>9 a.m.</td>
<td>A&amp;M/UAM African-American Alumni and Friends Worship Service / Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, East Oakland Street, Rev. Dr. Moses V. Goldman, Class of ’84.</td>
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For more information, contact Carrie Ashcraft, Director of Alumni Affairs at (800) 467-848 or (870) 460-1028
New Dean

Dr. Morris Bramlett, professor of chemistry and a member of the UAM faculty for 16 years, has been named dean of the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences.

Bramlett replaces Dr. John Annullis, who retired in May.

“We feel extremely fortunate to have Dr. Bramlett assume leadership of the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences,” said Provost R. David Ray. “The temptation when filling a position like this one is to search everywhere for a replacement, but in this case we didn’t have to look far. The most qualified candidate was already here.”

Bramlett is a two-time winner of the UAM Faculty Excellence Gold Award, presented annually to the school’s outstanding faculty member. In addition to serving on the faculty, Bramlett is faculty advisor for the pre-pharmacy program, a member of the pre-med committee, honors council and athletic committee, and has served as both NCAA faculty athletics representative and NCAA compliance coordinator.

He is a past chairman of the Ouachita Valley Section of the American Chemical Society and is a past winner of the A.W. Cordes Teaching Award, presented to the outstanding graduate teaching assistant by the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

A native of Clinton, Arkansas, Bramlett holds a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Arkansas Tech and a Ph.D. in organometallic chemistry from UA-Fayetteville.


During a sabbatical from an NSF Research Site Chemistry (RSEC) Fellow in chemistry at the nessee in 2000, and visiting faculty Berea College.

UAM, Bramlett was for Educators in and visiting faculty University of Ten RSEC Fellow and in chemistry at in 2001.

Campus Authors

A novel about a 14-year-old girl fighting through an uneasy adolescence and a monograph about Quaker women in colonial America represent the divergent writings of two UAM faculty members.


The central character of Payne’s novel is Layla, a 14-year-old girl struggling to fit in at school and in her community while trying to avoid the embarrassment caused by her “shock-jock” mother, the frequently outrageous host of a punk-rock radio show who will say anything on the air. As a result, Layla rebels against typical teenaged radio tastes and becomes a fan of National Public Radio, much to her mother’s chagrin.

A New Kind of Music is Payne’s second novel. Her first novel, Burning Tulips, was published in 2001 by Red Hen Press. She has had essays, fiction and poetry published in over 100 different magazines.

Oratorical Tradition among Quaker Women in the Early Colonial Era.”

“Quakers were unique in allowing women equal status with men in all aspects of religious and secular life,” Webster explained. “Even though they were often separate spheres of worship and philanthropy, women and men had equal opportunity to speak in meetings, testify on the town square, and languish in jail.”

Webster spent the summer of 2006 at Haverford College in Haverford, Pa., as a research fellow at the Quaker archives.

“I look for original documents that tell of daily life so that I can draw conclusions about major events in religious history,” she said. “The stories of the women included in the monograph are not just background to history. They are history.”
Teachers Wanted

Billboards, radio commercials and illustrations on chalkboards are all part of an effort by the University of Arkansas at Monticello’s School of Education to recruit and retain quality classroom teachers.

UAM began the campaign to answer the critical shortage of classroom teachers in Arkansas, particularly in the southern and eastern portions of the state. Much of the effort is being financed by grants from the Arkansas Department of Education, which is engaged in a statewide effort to improve teacher recruitment and retention. Funding is also being provided by the Education Renewal Zone to pay for billboards and banners. UAM will place billboards at various locations in southeast Arkansas as well as use radio advertising and public outreach to raise awareness of the teacher shortage.

“Teacher attrition is a serious problem and concern,” said Dr. Peggy Doss, dean of the UAM School of Education. “Districts are struggling to retain qualified teachers and there is so much competition from other career opportunities. Traditionally, the Delta suffers the greatest shortages and difficulties in terms of recruiting and retaining quality teachers, but all of Arkansas’ districts struggle in some ways.”

Doss and her colleagues at UAM are trying to dispel some perceptions of the teaching profession by spotlighting rising salaries and benefits. Doss also noted new programs available to teacher education students to help reduce the cost of their education. She mentioned the availability of student loan cancellation programs, signing bonuses and funding for continuing education for teachers who commit to teaching in certain geographic areas of the state.

“There has never been a better time to enter the teaching profession,” said Doss. “There are opportunities available to teachers that never existed before. But being a teacher has always been – and will continue to be – about much more than monetary rewards. Teaching is an honorable, highly skilled profession and its practitioners transform lives. Almost all of us have fond memories of a particular teacher that influenced our lives. Teaching is about reaching young people and shaping the future.”

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Major Facelift

When the University of Arkansas at Monticello opened its doors for classes on September 14, 1910, the school was known as the Fourth District Agricultural School and the campus consisted of two buildings – Willard Hall and Sorrells Hall.

Two years later, a third building was added at the completion of Wells Hall, named for Judge William Turner Wells, a retired Confederate officer whose plantation served as the location of the campus.

Now, almost a century later, two of the first three buildings on campus – Wells Hall and Sorrells Hall – will receive a much-needed renovation and modernization. Ideal Construction Company of Crossett was recently awarded the contract to begin the renovation of each building based on plans created by Fennell Purifoy Hammock Architects of Little Rock.

“We are excited to begin the process of upgrading and modernizing these campus landmarks,” said Chancellor Lassiter. “The architects have done a wonderful job of preserving the historic integrity of the buildings while giving us a plan to make them more attractive and better able to serve the educational needs of our students.”

Each building will receive new heating, cooling and electrical infrastructure as well as exterior improvements, including a connecting walkway between the buildings. Accessibility issues will also be addressed, as well as new program needs in the interior of both buildings.

Total cost of the project is $4.2 million and is part of the university’s Campus Master Plan.
If you’re an alumnus of UAM / Arkansas A&M, you can expect a postcard or e-mail from Harris Connect Publishing this fall. You will be asked to call them to verify your information for inclusion in the 2008 UAM Alumni Directory.

The book will be available next spring in hard cover, soft cover, and CD, and will have what we hope is the definitive list of former UAM/A&M students. Please take just a minute from your busy schedules to tell us about yourself so your fellow classmates can know where you are and what you’re doing.

Stay connected with your alma mater and your classmates!

You Make the Call!

The deadline is nearing for your entries to UAM’s Centennial Slogan contest. All entries must be submitted by November 1 to be considered.

If you are a dues-paying member of the UAM Alumni Association, an emeritus or full-time faculty member, staff member or student, you can help UAM celebrate its 100th birthday by entering the Centennial Slogan contest.

Prizes include recognition in news releases and a future issue of UAM Magazine. If the winning slogan is submitted by a student, that student will receive a one-year tuition scholarship.

If the winning slogan comes from an alumnus, faculty or staff member, the winner will receive a permanent marker on campus.

The winning slogan will be selected by a committee appointed by the Chancellor. The slogan will become the property of the university and will be used in news releases, banners, functions and publications promoting the centennial celebration.

UAM was created in 1909 by the Arkansas General Assembly and opened its doors for classes on September 14, 1910. Known originally as the Fourth District Agricultural School, UAM became Arkansas A&M in 1928 and merged with the University of Arkansas in 1971. For more information about the history of the university, log on to our website at www.uamont.edu, click on Administration and Staff, and scroll to the History of UAM.

Please submit slogans online at www.uamont.edu/alumni or in writing to the Office of Advancement, UAM Box 3520, Monticello, AR 71656.

Welcome Aboard

Retired UAM faculty member Ed Bacon, Little Rock businesswoman Lesa Cathey Handly, former Boll Weevil football coach Clarence Holley, financial executive Kenneth Mann, and Jeff Weaver, a member of the staff of Congressman Mike Ross, are the newest members of the board of directors of the UAM Foundation Fund.

The appointments were announced recently by Linda Yeiser, vice chancellor for advancement.

“We are pleased to add these new members to the Foundation board,” said Yeiser. “They each have a special connection to the university, either as graduates or as former faculty and staff. They also share a commitment to the continued growth and success of the Foundation.”

Bacon was a member of the UAM faculty for 33 years before his retirement last May. Cathey-Handly lives in Little Rock where she is senior vice president for customer strategies for Alltel Communications. Holley was the Boll Weevil football coach from 1999 to 2001 and is currently employed as a field consultant for State Farm Insurance.

Send Us Your Centennial Slogan
in Lawton, Okla. Mann is the chief financial officer of Deltic Timber Company. Weaver lives in Hot Springs and is the district director for Fourth District U.S. Representative Mike Ross.

Other board members are Chairman Bill Wisener, senior vice president of Simmons First Bank of South Arkansas; Vice Chairman Gerald Majors of White Hall, chief financial officer of the McGeorge Companies; elementary school teacher Flossie Holley of Dumas, and India Holt, vice president of marketing for the First National Bank of Crossett.

Ex-officio board members are UAM Chancellor Jack Lassiter and Yeiser.

Majors and Mann represent on The University of Arkansas Foundation, Inc. board of directors.

**New York Times**

UAM is now part of The New York Times Knowledge Network. Three hundred copies of The New York Times newspaper are delivered daily (Monday through Friday) to the university campus and made available to faculty, staff and students.

The newspapers are free and available at eight newspaper racks at various campus locations. Several academic departments use the Times as part of their curriculum.

As part of the agreement with the Times, students are given access to the newspaper’s website and are able to research previous editions.

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Fun At The Ballpark!

**THE WEEVIL IS A HIT** Chancellor Jack Lassiter (above— he’s the one on the right) and the Boll Weevil mascot (Meredith Wright of Monticello) wait for their cue to move to the pitcher’s mound, where Dr. Lassiter threw out the first pitch on UAM Family Night at Dickey-Stephens Park in North Little Rock. At left, a young fan raced the Weevil around the base paths. The Weevil was a popular character with the kids. (You’ll find more photos on page 26.)
Claude Babin faced more than his share of challenges as the last president of Arkansas A&M College and the first chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

It was Babin’s quiet, steady leadership that helped rebuild the frayed relationship between the College and the A&M board of trustees. It was Babin who helped restore sagging faculty morale and guided the campus through a peaceful integration at the height of the civil rights movement.

It was Babin who spent most of his 15 years as president and chancellor rebuilding the school’s image in the eyes of a national accrediting agency and it was Babin who helped facilitate the merger of Arkansas A&M with the University of Arkansas.

Add in the construction of the Science Center, Fine Arts Center, and Royer Hall, and it’s not a bad resume for a man who didn’t want the job in the first place.

Babin came to Arkansas A&M in 1954 to teach history. By the fall of 1960, he was also head of the Division of Social Science and academic dean. When then-President Jack Mears and the A&M board reached an impasse over a variety of issues, including faculty contracts, Mears resigned and Babin was asked to take the presidency on an interim basis.

“My primary love was always classroom teaching,” says Babin. “I did NOT set out to be president of Arkansas A&M. At the time I was appointed as interim president, I told the board I was not going to apply for the job.”

Babin may not have wanted the job, but the board of trustees refused to take no for an answer. After interviewing several candidates, the board turned to Babin. Clifton Trigg of Dermott, the chairman of the A&M board, asked Babin to apply for the position. He was offered – and accepted – the presidency, but not without some second-guessing.

“I remember thinking, did I really want to do this,” Babin says. “But then it became a challenge and for the most part, I enjoyed it.”
SNAPSHOTS Babin and son Hunter (top) in their Sunday best, Claude meeting with Governor Rockefeller (middle), the Babin’s Christmas card of 1957, and Dr. Babin today (left) at the Victory Bell at Weevil Pond.
“It was a tense time but the faculty and administration stood together. Gradually, as the years went by, larger numbers of black students enrolled. It was just never a big issue.”

Claude Babin grew up about 30 miles north of Baton Rouge, Louisiana in the little town of Clinton, where his father owned a Ford dealership. He developed his love of history in high school, thanks to an inspirational teacher named Yetta Rogers. At the time, Louisiana had only 11 grades in its public school system and Babin graduated from high school in 1941. He entered Louisiana State University at the age of 17.

World War II should have interrupted Babin’s college career, but he was twice rejected for military service for poor eyesight, though he never asked for a deferment. His fraternal twin brother, Cliff, represented the family in the military, serving in the Marine Corps in the South Pacific.

Babin earned a degree in history from LSU in 1945, then went north to pursue a master’s degree at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. It was there that he met his future wife of 60 years, Barbara.

Barbara Murphy was from Batesville, Arkansas, a graduate of Texas State College for Women who went north, like her future husband, to attain a master’s degree. Claude and Barbara were introduced by a mutual friend from South Carolina, and it was love at first sight.

They were married in 1947 and Barbara gave up a faculty position at Hendrix College to join her new husband in Coral Gables, Florida, where Claude had just been hired to teach at the University of Miami.

Babin remembers the couple’s stay in Miami as an extended honeymoon. “We had a nice little cottage in Coral Gables,” he says. “Miami was the place to be at that time. We didn’t have much money, but we took in the sights and really enjoyed the experience.”

The Babin moved to New Orleans in 1949 so Claude could accept a teaching assistantship at Tulane University while pursuing a doctorate. Babin completed all but his doctoral dissertation by 1952, and with a child on the way and needing money, took a teaching position at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida.

The couple’s only son, Hunter, was born in 1952 and the Babins began searching for a place to put down roots.

September 1954, shortly after receiving his doctorate from Tulane. With a two-year-old child and a wife to support, Babin went to see A&M President Horace Thompson about his one-year appointment.

“I had a family to support and I needed some assurance that I would have a job for more than a year,” Babin says. “If not, I would have to start looking.” Thompson assured Babin that his job was safe and told him he would be re-appointed, beginning what would be a 38-year tenure as a teacher and administrator.

Babin was perfectly happy in the life of a college professor until 1962, when turmoil – and opportunity – knocked.

Babin was named interim president of Arkansas A&M in May 1962, then accepted the position full-time in July. He was 38 years old.

His first tasks involved repairing the fractious relationship that had existed between the A&M board and the previous two presidents, and winning over a skeptical faculty up in arms over Mears’ plan to change the faculty contract system.

“The first thing I did after becoming president was to go back to the old contract system to calm things down a little,” says Babin. That decision set the tone of Babin’s leadership style – quiet, calm, and steady.

Babin’s next – and biggest – challenge was restoring the College’s reputation with the North Central Association, the national accrediting agency for higher education. The troubles between Thompson, Mears and the A&M board had caused concern with
NCA officials but the real problem, as Babin discovered, was that Arkansas A&M had not had a full-scale evaluation by the NCA since it was first accredited as a four-year institution in 1940.

Babin immediately set about repairing the school’s relationship with the NCA. “We went through three full-scale evaluations by North Central, in 1966, 1970 and 1975,” remembers Babin. “In between, we did three required progress reports. Those things went a long way toward improving the underpinning of our relationship with the NCA.”

It was during this time that A&M’s Department of Education received accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), becoming the first academic department at A&M to be nationally accredited.

NCATE recognition and Babin’s diligent efforts paved the way for future unconditional accreditation from North Central.

Another challenge awaited Babin in the fall of 1964, when eight African-American students were set to enroll at Arkansas A&M, finally integrating the 55-year-old institution. This was two years after the riots at Ole Miss and a year after George Wallace stood in the schoolhouse door to try to stop the integration of the University of Alabama.

“There was some resistance, but I knew we had to do it, and the board knew we had to do it,” says Babin, who credits board chairman Searcy Eldred of Rison for making sure the issue was dealt with calmly. “The students generally accepted it pretty well. Once in a while we’d get a bomb threat. We felt like they were mostly pranks, but we had to take them seriously. For the most part, we didn’t have a great deal of opposition from the students or the town. It was a tense time but the faculty and administration stood together. Gradually, as the years went by, larger numbers of black students enrolled. It was just never a big issue.”

An issue that had been discussed quietly for years became a hot topic in 1968 when A&M board member Dr. John Price suggested exploring a merger with the University of Arkansas. Price and others believed it was the only way to achieve national accreditation from the Society of American Foresters for the school’s forestry program.

“We really had no hope of getting the forestry program accredited by the SAF in a small college like ours,” Babin remembers. “The SAF thought only programs in big schools with research capabilities and other advantages should be accredited.”

After initially rejecting merger talks, the A&M board warmed to the idea and Babin was asked to contact UA President David Mullins. “The UofA had just added Little Rock University in a merger and we weren’t sure if they’d be interested,” Babin says, “but Dr. Mullins responded favorably. After that, we began looking for ways to proceed.”

A joint committee was formed with representatives from both schools, and with the wheels in motion, it took less than a year to bring both parties together. Governor Dale Bumpers signed the merger legislation on January 20, 1971 and the merger was officially completed on July 19.

“The advantages of being part of the University of Arkansas System are enormous,” says Babin. “There were a few people who weren’t sure we should give up our independent status, but the overwhelming majority supported the merger.”

With the merger complete, Babin traded titles. No longer president of Arkansas A&M, he was now chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, a position he held until stepping down on January 1, 1977, to return to the classroom. Babin remained a member of the faculty until his retirement in 1992.

In 1998, the UAM Business and Communications Building was renamed the Babin Business Center in a ceremony that was kept secret from Babin until the last minute. “That meant the world to me,” Babin says. “It’s not often you get your name put on a building. I know the board of trustees takes naming buildings very seriously, so I was gratified beyond belief.”

Now 83, Babin looks back on more than four decades in Monticello with a sense of accomplishment. “Being president and chancellor was very rewarding, but also very challenging,” says Babin. “There were nights I went to bed writing the budget on the ceiling, but the good far outweighed the bad.”

Babin’s legacy will extend far beyond his time at UAM, thanks to the creation of the endowed Barbara Murphy Babin Scholarship in honor of his late wife, who died December 6, 2006. “Barbara and I always treasured the time we spent on that campus,” says Babin. “Hunter grew up there and I have so many fond memories of those days. Arkansas A&M and UAM will always be a part of my life.”

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Melvin Beavers
Anthony Brown
Kelton Busby
Tommy Matthews
Three All-Americans, a women’s basketball pioneer and a legendary track and field coach comprise the class of 2007 of the University of Arkansas at Monticello Sports Hall of Fame.

High-scoring basketball forward Kelton Busby, All-American football center Anthony Brown, linebacker Melvin Beavers, who still holds the UAM career record for tackles, Anita McChristian Harrod, the school’s first women’s basketball star, and the late Harry Denson, who coached track and cross country at UAM for 23 years, will be inducted October 11.
Tommy Matthews, a former all-conference tennis player who has operated the scoreboard at UAM football and basketball games for almost half a century, will also be honored with the UAM Athletic Spirit Award.

Tickets to the Hall of Fame induction banquet may be purchased by contacting Jim Brewer, UAM director of media services, at (870) 460-1074, or Bill Wisener, president of the UAM Sports Association, at (870) 367-5334.

Kelton Busby owned nearly every UAM scoring record when he finished his basketball career in 1968. An NAIA honorable mention All-American, Busby held UAM scoring records for a career, season and game. He scored 1,527 points from 1963 to 1968 and still ranks eighth on UAM’s career scoring charts. His 614 points in 1966-67 is the fifth best single season total in school history and his 38-point outburst against Bethel in 1966 still puts him in the top 12 in single-game scoring.

Busby set the UAM record for scoring average (since broken) with 20.5 points a game in 1966-67. He also set records (since broken) for field goals made in a career (588) and a season (237).

Anthony Brown is one of just six UAM football players to be recognized as a first team All-American, earning the honor from the NAIA in 1990. Brown was a starter at center for most of his four-year career and anchored one of the best offensive lines in school history in 1987. The ’87 Boll Weevils still hold the school record for rushing in a season, rolling up 2,882 yards and 29 touchdowns on the ground while averaging 5.6 yards a carry.

That same team ranks sixth in total offense with 3,937 yards.

“Anthony was as good as any offensive lineman I’ve ever coached,” said former UAM head coach Tommy Barnes. “He was one of those guys who could dominate a defensive lineman.”

Twenty-nine years after his final game, Melvin Beavers still holds the UAM career record for tackles. An honorable mention All-American and two-time All-AIC linebacker, Beavers made 592 tackles, including 311 solo. His 184 tackles in 1978 is still the second best single-season total in school history. Beavers was UAM’s leading tackler for three straight seasons, compiling 184 in 1978, 171 in 1977, and 126 in 1976.

It was Beavers, along with Steve Mullins, Art Kaufman, Terry Alexander and Donald Harris, who led a renaissance of the UAM football program under Harold Tilley in the late 1970’s after a decade of losing records.

Anita McChristian Harrod was the first legitimate star of the UAM women’s basketball program after the sport was reinstated in 1973. Harrod was a four-time All-Arkansas Women’s Intercollegiate Sports Association selection, joining Gwen
Walker and Tina Webb as the only four-time all-conference selections in school history.

A sharp-shooting forward, Harrod scored 1,527 points and is still seventh on UAM’s career scoring charts 28 years after her last game. During Harrod’s career, the Cotton Blossoms won or shared four straight AWISA championships while compiling a record of 75 wins and 26 losses.

The late Harry Denson coached the UAM track and cross country teams from 1966 until his retirement in 1988. He produced 16 All-Americans and UAM’s only national champions – Greg Culp in the decathlon and Fuller Cherry in the 60-yard indoor hurdles.

Three of Denson’s athletes, long jumper Anthony Beal, shot putter Milton Williams, and distance runner Damon Martin, competed in the Olympic Trials. Martin has gone on to be a 12-time national track coach of the year at Adams State (Colo.) College.

Denson was the outstanding athlete at Warren High School in 1945 and was the starting center on the 1949 national champion junior college football team at Little Rock Junior College (now UALR). He coached 11 years at Crossett High School and one year at West Memphis before coming to UAM. He passed away in 1993 and was inducted into the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2003.

Tommy Matthews is the second recipient of the UAM Athletic Spirit Award. He has operated the scoreboards at Convoy Leslie-Cotton Boll Stadium and Steelman Fieldhouse with few interruptions since graduating from what was then Arkansas A&M in 1958.

Matthews had a distinguished career as a public school administrator before his retirement, but his first love was – and still is – Boll Weevil and Cotton Blossom athletics. “I can’t think of anyone more deserving of the UAM Athletic Spirit Award than Tommy Matthews,” said UAM Chancellor Jack Lassiter. “It was for people like Tommy that this award was created.”

UAM Sports Hall of Fame

2000
- David “Cedro” Anderson
- Thedodis Bealer
- Willis “Convoy” Leslie
- Tina Webb

2001
- Terry Alexander
- Mary Jane Gilbert
- Hugh Heflin
- Darrell Rhodes

2002
- Tommy Barnes
- Pearlean Davidson
- Steve Mullins
- Jimmy “Red” Parker

2003
- T.Y. Harp
- Larry Lacewell
- Tommy Morrison
- Joe Don Samples
- Gwen Walker

2004
- Rose Avery
- Jim Benton
- Charles Dearman
- Damon Martin
- Harold Mobley

2005
- Dannie Barker
- Carol Harrington
- Ronnie Higgins
- Mike Nichols
- Danny Reed

2006
- Jack Allen
- Ike Corbin
- Charlie James
- Lisa McClure Wells
- Sean Rochelle

2007
- Melvin Beavers
- Anthony Brown
- Kelton Busby
- Harry Denson
- Anita McChristian Harrod

UAM Athletic Spirit Award

2006
- Bob Newman

2007
- Tommy Matthews
The Campaign for Athletics is a capital campaign to finance the construction of new facilities and renovate existing ones for the programs in intercollegiate athletics at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

UAM has a long and proud history in athletics, but we need your help. As a member of the Gulf South Conference, the toughest, most competitive athletic league in NCAA Division II, UAM’s coaches and student-athletes are at a competitive disadvantage.

UAM has fallen behind in the quality of its athletic facilities and has made a commitment to Boll Weevils and Cotton Blossoms, past, present and future, to even the playing field in athletic facilities.

The Campaign for Athletics includes three main components — construction of an indoor practice facility, renovation of the press box and west grandstands of Convoy Leslie-Cotton Boll Stadium, and renovation of Steelman Fieldhouse.

**THE CENTERPIECE** of The Campaign for Athletics is a new indoor practice facility to be constructed north of the playing field at Convoy Leslie-Cotton Boll Stadium. The new building will include a 40-yard indoor turf practice field as well as coaches offices, meeting rooms and storage space. The turf room will be used by the football, baseball and softball teams as well as the marching band.
BoxSeats &ChairbackSeating
Box seating at Convoy Leslie-Cotton Boll Stadium is available in boxes of two, four and eight seats. Box seating is sold primarily on a season-ticket basis.

**BOX SEAT PRICES FOR 2007 SEASON:**
- Cost of a 2-seat box: $200
- Cost of a 4-seat box: $400
- Cost of an 8-seat box: $800

Box seating includes game admission, reserved seating, listing in football game day programs and access to press box hospitality suite (coming in 2008). Box seats are also sold on an individual game basis, when available.

**Chairback Stadium Seats (Coming in 2008)**
350 Priority Chairback Stadium Seats are available at a cost of $100 for the season. Fans who send in their checks prior to April 1, 2008 will receive seats based on a lottery for best available seating. Persons purchasing chairback seats after April 1 will choose from the remaining available seats. Your contribution includes game admission, chairback seating, and listing in football game day programs. Chairback seating will also be sold if available on game day for $15 per seat. Seat location will be first come, first served.

**General Admission Bleacher Seats**
General Admission Bleacher Seats are available on a per-game basis for $7.
New Buildings Coming To Crossett, McGehee Campuses

New construction has begun at the University of Arkansas at Monticello’s Colleges of Technology at Crossett and McGehee.

UAM officials and area legislators gathered at both campuses recently for groundbreaking ceremonies to signal the beginning of the construction process.

The UAM College of Technology-Crossett is building a 7,500 square foot classroom and laboratory building that will house the school’s electromechanical technology program. The Crossett campus will also renovate its main building, with the addition of a new bookstore, the creation of a new entrance to the west side of the building, and the addition of another classroom and laboratory.

The Crossett project will cost approximately $900,000. CADM Architecture, Inc., of El Dorado designed the new structure, which is being built by Naff Construction of Crossett.

The McGehee campus will also renovate its main building with the addition of a new bookstore, a renovated front office and reception area, and new windows. Total cost of the project is approximately $1.1 million.

“This is an important step forward for our Colleges of Technology,” said UAM Chancellor Jack Lassiter. “These new buildings will allow each campus to better serve its constituency and provide the educational opportunities this area so desperately needs.”
Wallace Trust Benefits McGehee Area Students

Joseph Francis Wallace grew up in McGehee with a love for the land, the law, and education.

An Arkansas A&M College graduate, conservationist, and longtime McGehee Municipal Judge, Wallace established a trust in 1991, two years before his death. In his will, Judge Wallace created the trust to “provide for the education, maintenance, sustenance and rehabilitation of deserving people who are in need of assistance due to age, illness, disability, infirmity, or adverse conditions and whose needs are not met through usual assistance from state or federal governments or from mainline charitable organizations.”

One of the beneficiaries of the Wallace Trust has been the UAM Foundation Fund. “So many students have benefited from Judge Wallace’s generosity and foresight” according to Chancellor Jack Lassiter. “For example, just since 2001, Wallace Trust Scholarships totaling more than $143,000 have been awarded to 103 UAM students. Many of these students would have never had the opportunity to further their education had it not been for him.”

Current criteria require that recipients of the Wallace Trust Scholarship be from the McGehee area, have a minimum high school grade point average of 2.5 and demonstrate both a strong work ethic and good professional potential.

The Wallace Trust Scholarship can be used for tuition, required fees, on-campus room and board, and books. Recipients may attend any of the UAM campuses in Monticello, Crossett or McGehee.

“The Wallace Trust is a wonderful legacy to a man who believed in giving back to his community and his state,” said Gibbs Ferguson, McGehee attorney and managing trustee of the Wallace Trust. “Judge Wallace loved McGehee, loved the Delta and was interested in seeing that the people of this area have an opportunity to secure the best education that could be provided. When his parents and sister had passed on and it was apparent that he would have no children or relatives to leave his property to, Judge Wallace created a charitable trust that would forever manage his property after his death and use the income to fund scholarships for the young people of his community, as well as contribute to local charities and help provide for the needy.”

The other trustees of the Wallace Trust are Fred Denton, chairman of the board of First National Bank of McGehee, and James L. Kelley, McGehee pharmacist and owner of Kelley Drug & Selections.

(From left) James Kelley, Gibbs Ferguson, and Fred Denton.

Endowments Added

Two new endowed scholarships have been presented to the UAM Foundation Fund and three more have reached endowed status, according to Linda Yeiser, vice chancellor for advancement.

The new scholarships are the Randy Risher Fitness Scholarship presented by Randy Risher of Houston, Tex., and the Sara Horn Wigley Memorial Scholarship presented by the Sam Wigley family and the Charles and Donna Bell family.

The three scholarships reaching the endowed level are the Marty and Erma Brutscher Debate/Forensics Scholarship, the Hank Chamberlin Memorial Scholarship, and the Harry Y. Denson Scholarship.

The Randy Risher Fitness Scholarship was created by a gift from Randy Risher, a 1989 UAM graduate and owner of Randy Risher Fitness, Inc., as well as Risher Fitness Management, Inc. The endowment will provide scholarships to seniors majoring in the exercise science option of UAM’s health and physical education program who are planning careers in wellness and fitness.

The Sara Horn Wigley Memorial Scholarship is named in honor of the late Sara Horn Wigley, an elementary school teacher and former Arkansas A&M student. The scholarship will be presented to junior or senior level students majoring in elementary education who are graduates of Drew Central High School in Monticello.

The Marty and Erma Brutscher Debate/Forensics Scholarship was created by a gift from Marty and Erma Brutscher of Monkton, Md. The endowment will provide scholarships to students participating in the UAM debate and forensics program. Marty Brutscher was a member of the university’s debate team from 1975-79.

The Hank Chamberlin Memorial Scholarship honors the man known as the father of forestry education in Arkansas, the late Henry H. Chamberlin, who was instrumental in the creation of the School of Forest Resources at UAM. The Chamberlin Scholarship will be awarded to students in any of the forest resources degree programs.

The Harry Y. Denson Scholarship honors the late Harry Denson, long-time track and cross country coach at UAM. The Harry Y. Denson Scholarship will be presented to students majoring in health and physical education.

For more information about establishing endowed scholarships, please contact the Office of Advancement at (870) 460-1028 or (800) 467-8148.
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Celebrating a Century of Excellence

In 1909, the Arkansas General Assembly created the Fourth District Agricultural School in Monticello. On September 14, 1910, the school opened its doors for classes, beginning a distinguished history of service to the people of Arkansas and beyond.

As we approach our 100th anniversary, we invite you to help us observe this event in a very special way.

We are asking you to become part of our Centennial Circle, a group of 100 friends of UAM who pledge $10,000 each to be used to create a $1 million unrestricted endowment for the UAM Foundation Fund. Earnings from this endowment will be used on an annual basis to meet priority needs of the university. These priorities will be determined by a joint committee of administration, faculty, and students. None of the endowment earnings will be used to augment salaries.

How to join

If you would like to become part of the Centennial Circle, you may choose one of three payment options:

1. A lump sum payment of $10,000
2. Two payments of $5,000
3. Four payments of $2,500

Donations must be completed by 2010. All contributions to the UAM Foundation Fund are tax-deductible.

The Centennial Clock Tower

In observance of our 100th anniversary, the university will construct a clock tower to be located at the center of the campus. Members of the Centennial Circle will have their names engraved around the base of the tower.

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If you would like to be part of the Centennial Circle, we encourage you to contact Linda Yeiser, vice chancellor for advancement, at (800) 467-8148 or (870) 460-1028.
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Kim and Joyce Mitchell of Ponca City, Okla., have made a $9,496 addition to the charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) they established in 2006. Like their initial contribution, they funded the addition with highly appreciated stock. Proceeds from the sale of the stock stay in the unitrust and provide them quarterly income for life, some of which is tax-free.

“The charitable remainder unitrust benefits everyone,” said Mitchell. “Joyce and I didn’t pay taxes on the sale of the stock, we receive life-long earnings on the proceeds at a very attractive effective interest rate, and we got an immediate tax deduction. Additionally, UAM receives the remainder after our death. It is a wonderful win-win situation for all.”

Mitchell graduated from Drew Central High School and grew up on the A&M campus. His mother, Helen, worked in President Horace Thompson’s office, and was later the A&M postmaster. “The people of Drew County, and especially the people of A&M, took me and my family in at our time of greatest need,” said Mitchell. “This is a debt that has long needed repayment. That is why I am choosing UAM over other worthy causes.”

For more information about charitable remainder unitrusts and other planned giving opportunities, contact Linda Yeiser, UAM vice chancellor for advancement, at (870)460-1028.

REMEMBER THE WANDERING WEEVILS . . .

UAM will pay tribute to one of the most unusual college football teams in history – the 1939-41 “Wandering Weevils” of Arkansas A&M – by setting aside a section of Weevil Walk to recognize team members. Surviving members of the “Wandering Weevils,” their families and friends will have the opportunity to sponsor bricks honoring the individual players on those remarkable teams. Bricks with the name of an individual player engraved into the surface may be sponsored by contacting the Office of Advancement at (800) 467-8148 or (870) 460-1028. We’ll also have a complete list of players from that era if you would like to adopt a player to sponsor. Help us remember the “Wandering Weevils” by sponsoring a brick for Weevil Walk.
Wee Weevil Bibs

“Wee Weevil” bibs have been sent to the newest Boll Weevils:

Braydon Carl Wisener, born August 6, 2007, to Sam (’05) and Jennifer Wisener (’05) of Sherwood.

Stephen Charles Bragg, born August 12, 2007, to Don and Hope Bragg (’01) of Monticello.

Cooper Joseph May, born December 6, 2006, to Johnathon (’98) and Nicole May (’98) of Grand Bay, Ala.

Share your “Wee Weevil” and other news with us by going to www.uamont.edu/alumni and click on “Weevil Watch.”

1960-69

Janice Majors (BME ‘67) has 10 years teaching experience in K-12 music education. She is employed by the First Presbyterian Church in Warren. She is active in many civic organizations. She has three children and seven grandchildren.

1970-79

Jimmy and Paula Tooke (BS ’77, BS ’78) announce the graduation of their son Josh Tooke from UAM in Spring 2007. Josh is the fourth member of their family to graduate from UAM. His brother Brian, who is obtaining his BS in Architectural/Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla, graduated from UAM in 2003.

1980-89

Paul Waddell (BS ’81) is currently employed as a Senior Staff Explorationist for Chroma E & P Inc., an independent oil & gas company in TX. He works both on and off shore in the Gulf of Mexico region. Mr. Waddell and his wife Lynn have two children: a son, Sam, a sophomore at Houston Honors College and a daughter, Molly, a sophomore at Dulles High School. The family resides in Missouri City, Tex.

1990-99

Alex Deal (BA ’99) is teaching 8th grade world history at a large middle school located just outside Birmingham, Ala., and Mr. Deal is also the head football, wrestling and soccer coach. He earned a masters degree in secondary education from the University of Alabama in 2003. He and his wife have been married for three years and have a 2 year-old son.

Johnathon and Nicole May (BS ’98, BS ’98) live in Grand Bay, Ala. Mr. May is employed at East Central Middle School, while Ms. May works for Laureate Capital. They have a 6 year-old daughter Hensley and a 9 month-old son Cooper Joseph.

Dale Welch (BS ’91) recently accepted a position as the VP of Sales for Infinity Headwear and Apparel. For the last 6 years he served as Director of Global Sales for the Energy Division of Kennametal (KMT: NYSE). Welch is a former SGA president. He lives in Rogers with his wife, Lisa, and their two children, Colin, 9 and Casey, 5.

2000-07

Steven Booker and his wife, Denise, live in Tyler, Tex., where he is the Chief Financial Officer for Azleway, Inc., a non-profit organization which provides residential treatment for children in protective custody.

Tee Jay Garcia (BSN ’00) has become a Captain in the U.S. Air Force Reserves (attached to Wilford Hall in San Antonio, Tex.) after serving five years active duty as a surgical nurse. She lives and works in Dallas, Tex., where she is a nurse at a local surgery center.

Tammi Nowlin (BBA ’01) works as a Career Consultant for the Arkansas Workforce Center in Warren. Ms. Nowlin is the mother of two children, Laura Richard West and Patience Shai Nowlin; she is Nana (grandmother) of Landen West, all of Warren.

Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

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Eddie Myhand of Redfield, June 3, 2007
Rita McClendon Rhodes of Little Rock, June 15, 2007
Lawrence Levent “Nip” Shorter of Monticello, June 27, 2007
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Julia A. Weatherall ’54 of Little Rock, May 27, 2007
Sara Margaret Horn Wigley of Lacey, April 9, 2007

FRIENDS WE’LL MISS

Arlene Rodgers Ashley of McGehee, June 22, 2007
Sharon Kay Alexander Black of Pine Bluff, July 16, 2007
Dr. James T. Clark, Sr. of Conway, July 5, 2007
David Eddington of Little Rock, July 11, 2007
Charles F. “Butch” Ferriter ’61 of Little Rock, July 26, 2007
Iris A. Johnson ’78 of Malvern, June 17, 2007
Peggy Johnson ’56 of Warren, July 5, 2007
Noel Waymon McDaniel ’37 of Pine Bluff, formerly of Monticello, August 6, 2007
Virginia McNiece of Russellville, February 19, 2007

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**Snapshots**

**Adrian Baber (B.S. ’87)** stays busy these days as chief of conservation for the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC).

Baber, who works in Little Rock and lives in Benton with his wife, Laura, and their daughters, Leigh Ann and Andrianna, oversees numerous programs that affect Arkansas’ natural resources and agriculture.

Baber supervises a number of programs instituted by the Arkansas General Assembly in 2003 in response to a lawsuit filed by the state of Oklahoma alleging that poultry application in six watersheds in northwest Arkansas that flow into Oklahoma is the primary cause of nutrient loading in these streams.

Programs Baber supervises to address the issue include programs in poultry feeding operation registration, nutrient management planner certification, nutrient management application and water use registration as well as water resources tax credit incentives. In his role with the ANRC, he also works closely with the state’s 75 conservation districts to assist them in carrying out their conservation programs.

**Jacqueline Yue (‘93)** is living in Beijing and working with the Asian Sports Fitness Association as China prepares to host the 2008 Summer Olympics. Jacque has been featured in the Chinese magazine *She* for her work with training and certifying fitness trainers in China. Look for a profile of Jacque in the next issue of *UAM Magazine*.

**Dr. Sean Rochelle (‘89)** has been promoted to the position of Assistant Director of Women’s Athletics at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. Rochelle joined the UA Women’s Athletics Department as the director of development in February 2007.

A former associate director for corporate and foundation relations at the University, Rochelle spent the past year working in the University administration.

Prior to returning to Arkansas, Rochelle spent five years at Azusa Pacific University. Among his work at Azusa Pacific, he was the chair of the department of exercise and sport science.

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**Passages**

**Shade, Huey Taught For 55 Years**

**UAM is saddened** by the loss of two retired faculty members with 55 years service to the university.

**Jim Huey**, assistant professor of biology from 1966 to 1997, died May 26, 2007, in Monticello. He was born August 21, 1938 in Amity, Ark., and attended Henderson State Teachers College where he received a bachelor of science degree in biology. He taught high school in Helena for five years before returning to college. Mr. Huey received a master of science degree in biology from the University of South Dakota before returning to Helena to teach for a year.

Huey taught botany, zoology, anatomy and biology.

Family, friends and colleagues established the Mr. Jim Huey Endowed Scholarship to honor his contributions to the university’s pre-medical science program.

**Elwood Shade**, associate professor emeritus, died July 22, 2007, at Trinity Village in Pine Bluff. He was 93.

Mr. Shade was a member of the faculty in the School of Forest Resources from 1957 until his retirement in 1981.

He received bachelor’s and master’s of science in forestry degrees from Penn State University and did graduate work at the University of Minnesota and the University of Washington. He was employed as a public assistance social worker by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance from 1936-1940, as a biology teacher for the Pittsburg, Pa., School System from 1941-1944, by the U.S. Forest Service from 1946-53, and as city forester in Portland, Ore., from 1956-1957. He was an associate professor at UAM. He also worked many summers for the U.S. Parks Service in Glacier National Park in Montana. He was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church of Monticello, and a member of the Monticello Lions Club, Phi Sigma Phi Forestry Fraternity, Society of American Foresters, Arkansas Audubon Society, Arkansas Nature Conservancy, Arkansas Retired Teachers and the Ozark Society, Inc. Mr. Shade established the Elwood Shade Forest Resources Scholarship in 2006.
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