Gerald Majors
UAM's 47th Distinguished Alumnus
As we complete our 99th year and move toward our Centennial Celebration, I continue to be reminded of the unique role this institution plays in the fabric of the state and region. As has been the case throughout our history, a majority of the Class of 2008 became the first members of their families to earn college degrees. UAM provided the opportunity, as it has for almost a century.

People like Gerald Majors, our 47th Distinguished Alumnus, are part of that legacy of opportunity. Mr. Majors earned his degree in 1961, forged a successful career in business, and is now giving back to his alma mater through his own generosity and that of the Trinity Foundation, which he serves as a member of the board of directors. Thanks to Mr. Majors and the Trinity Foundation, UAM has a $340,000 endowment to provide scholarships to future generations of students, a critical need in an era of rising costs.

If you’ve been to the campus lately, you’ve probably seen a lot of orange plastic fencing and piles of dirt, so please pardon our progress. We currently have two major construction sites on campus. The renovation of two historic buildings – Wells Hall and Sorrells Hall – is nearing completion. Renovation should be finished in late October or early November and both buildings will be operational for the 2009 spring semester. We are also well underway in expanding the press box and adding chair-back seating to Convoy Leslie-Cotton Boll Stadium. Site preparation is now complete and steel will soon begin to rise above the north end zone for our new indoor practice facility. You can watch the progress of our stadium projects on our athletic website (www.uamsports.com).

As is usually the case this time of year, we say goodbye to old friends. Long-time faculty members Joe Guenter, David Koskoski, Russell Nordeen and Boris and Elizabeth Zeide are retiring after distinguished careers. We are also excited to welcome new staff members, including Dr. Katherine Berry, who recently joined our administrative team as vice chancellor for advancement. Dr. Berry will be leading our alumni and development components. We encourage you to make an investment to become more involved as we look to a new century of opportunity.

As we look back at nearly 100 years of a rich and storied history, we are excited about our future. The outlook for enrollment next fall appears to be positive with increasing numbers from the region’s high schools. We are in the process of planning a variety of activities for our Centennial Celebration. Watch for more details in the fall issue of UAM Magazine.

Remember, if you’re in the area, stop by for a visit. We think you’ll be pleased with what’s happening on your campus.

Best Wishes,

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Nearing Completion
Wells Hall, built in 1912, will soon be operational again after a $1.9 million renovation.
Berry Heads Advancement

Dr. Katherine Berry, former director of development at Ouachita Baptist University, has been named vice chancellor for advancement at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Berry will lead the university’s efforts in fund-raising and alumni relations.

“We are pleased to welcome Dr. Berry to our administrative team,” said UAM Chancellor Jack Lassiter. “She brings a wealth of experience and new ideas to a vital part of the institution.”

Berry served as Ouachita’s fundraising manager from June 2005 to October 2007, leading initiatives exceeding $15 million annually. She was OBU’s associate vice president for major gifts in 2004-05, development officer from 2002-04, and consultant for enrollment management in 2001-02.

Berry held other positions at OBU from 1992 through 1999, including research assistant and laboratory instructor; admissions counselor; associate director of admissions counseling, and director of admissions counseling.

She was a publisher’s representative for Addison Wesley College Publishing in 2000-01 and a graduate assistant at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 2002.

Berry holds a bachelor’s degree in biology and secondary education from Ouachita, a master’s degree in counseling and educational guidance from Henderson State, and an educational doctorate (Ed.D.) in higher education administration from UALR.

In addition to her administrative background, Berry also has experience as a classroom instructor at both UALR and OBU. Berry taught History and Philosophy of Higher Education in 2005 in UALR’s Department of Educational Leadership. She also taught in OBU’s School of Interdisciplinary Studies and School of Natural Sciences.

Berry is a past winner of the Maude Wright Distinguished Educators Award as well as the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Chamberlain Scholar Fellowship. She completed additional training in grant writing from The Foundation Center in New York and has completed the Major Gift Initiative and the Ultimate Giving Initiative at the Council for the Advocacy and Support of Education (CASE) based in Washington, D.C. She is currently eligible to sit for the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) exam offered through AFP.

“Serving UAM in this way provides a tremendous professional opportunity for me,” said Berry. “Fund raising at a state-supported university presents a whole new set of parameters and challenges from those at a private institution. The timing – with UAM approaching its centennial celebration – couldn’t be better: UAM has a wonderful history, rich traditions, and an engaged alumni population who are active in professions throughout Arkansas, the region, and beyond. This campus – as an open admissions university – provides unique opportunities for any student who wishes to join the UAM academic community. I am fortunate to be part of the great work taking place here.”

The Big Apple

Thanks to the generosity of the New York Times’ American Democracy Project and an anonymous donor, five students from The Voice, UAM’s online newspaper, visited New York City over spring break to attend the College Media Advisers spring conference, preceded by Media Pro Workshops with professionals from the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post and Associated Press.

Michael Ford, a senior journalism major from Crossett; Danielle Kloap, a junior journalism major from Vilonia; Linna Jones, a junior English/journalism double major from Gould; Michael Thomas, a junior from Denton, Tex., minoring in journalism and recently elected as president of the Student Government Association; and Chief Photographer Latoya Shelton of Little Rock accompanied student publications’ adviser Ronald Sitton, assistant professor of journalism, on the trip.

Of the five students, four had never ventured north of Missouri; one had never flown in an airplane. Yet each was excited about the opportunity to visit a place seen on TV screens and in the movie theaters.

“I’ve always dreamed of going to New York, and I’m very thankful I finally got my chance,” said Kloap, who will serve as editor-in-chief of both The Voice and the Boll Weevil yearbook next school year.

A highlight of the trip involved visiting Ground Zero and St. Paul’s Chapel, with a personal tour from UAM alumnus Chester Johnson.

The heart-breaking memorials to the heroes of September 11 captivated the group, as well as the story of the chapel that withstood 9-11 without a
displaced stone or broken window-pane.

“I thought St. Paul’s Chapel was absolutely beautiful from the inside out and the fact the chapel opened its doors to the firefighters and workers during 9-11 is admirable and awe-inspiring,” Jones said.

Students also visited Chinatown, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and took in Broadway Shows including “Chicago,” “Mary Poppins” and the all-Black rendition of “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof,” featuring Terrance Howard, James Earl Jones and Phylicia Rashad.

On To Africa

A $76,641 grant from the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad program to UAM will fund a five-week summer trip to the Republic of South Africa June 24 through July 29 for 17 Arkansas school teachers.

The teachers will study the country’s history and culture through lectures and travel to develop curriculum materials for use in the classroom.

The teachers, ranging from middle school through high school, will be accompanied by Dr. Rich Corby, professor of history at UAM, who will serve as project director and master teacher.

The first half of the trip will be spent in Cape Town, where teachers will attend classes in South African history and culture at the University of the Western Cape. The group will travel the country in a chartered bus, visiting sites of historical and cultural importance, including Durban, Johannesburg, Soweto, Kimberley, Swaziland, and rural KwaZulu-Natal Province. The teachers will visit several African townships, a school, Nelson Mandela’s prison cell on Robben Island, and various museums and parks.
Happy Trails

The Spatial Analysis Laboratory (SAL) in the University of Arkansas at Monticello’s School of Forest Resources has been selected to receive the Director’s Special Commendation from the Arkansas Department of State Parks for providing mapping technology for the Cane Creek Lake State Park hiking and biking trail.

Dr. Robert Weih, professor of forestry and SAL director, assisted Cane Creek Lake State Park in acquiring grants, determining the trail location and producing the trail brochure, the first color hiking and biking brochure produced by the State Park system.

The 15-½ mile multi-use trail was created through a partnership between the Arkansas State Parks, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. More than 550 volunteers, including members of AmeriCorps and the Boy Scouts, along with Arkansas State Parks staff built the trail over a three-year period. The trail has 47 bridges, including three suspension bridges. It is one of the longest hiking and biking trails in southern Arkansas.

On Campus

The Dirt Doctor

One of the indicators of global climate change may be fluctuations in the levels of carbon and nitrogen in soils of agricultural and forest lands resulting from increases in greenhouse gas emissions.

To measure carbon and nitrogen changes, scientists need standard soil samples — samples that have been analyzed by multiple laboratories and certified as having a specific concentration of certain elements — in order to calibrate their equipment and assure quality control during carbon and nitrogen analysis.

When laboratories around the world began experiencing a shortage of certified soil samples in 2004, Dr. Robert Ficklin came up with a solution. Ficklin, a professor in UAM’s School of Forest Resources, and Dr. Russell Dresbach, supervisor of the Missouri Soil Characterization Laboratory at the University of Missouri, developed a synthetic compound that behaves like a mineral soil during dry combustion analysis. The compound is now being used as a substitute for the standard soil samples, which are in such short supply.

There are a number of problems associated with certifying a soil standard, which helped contribute to the shortage, explains Ficklin. “First, the process is time consuming and expensive, since results from multiple labs are required to show consistency in the measured carbon and nitrogen,” he says. “Once a quantity of soil has gone through a certification process, there is still the issue of a limited quantity. There are many labs analyzing soil carbon and nitrogen, so high demand with limited supply results in high costs for certified standards, if they are even available.”

Ficklin and Dresbach first discussed the possibility of a shortage of certified soils in the mid-1990s. When the problem became acute in 2004, they went to work and created a compound that behaves like a certified mineral soil and proved suitable for quality control and equipment calibration. “This compound is not a synthetic soil and will not behave like a soil in most ways,” Ficklin says. “As a soil scientist, I have to emphasize that this compound does not meet the definition of soil, but it is a surrogate for certified soil standards during combustion analysis, which is conducted very frequently.”

Scientists across the U.S. are using the compound in place of certified soil samples, including researchers at the Universities of Washington, Maine and Missouri as well as Penn State, Virginia Tech, UAM, and the U.S. Forest Service Hydrologic Lab.

According to Ficklin, the compound is relatively easy to make and low in cost in comparison with certified soil samples. “With the interest in global climate change, measuring changes in soil and plant carbon and nitrogen is a component of many research projects,” Ficklin says. “Also, the new interest in biofuels and biomass production for biofuel feedstock will require the analysis of changes in soil chemistry, and carbon and nitrogen are two important elements that will be analyzed.

“The creation of this compound and its validation through a blind testing process provides researchers and laboratory managers with the ability to create calibration and quality control check standards with carbon and nitrogen concentrations similar to the concentrations found in the samples that they are analyzing. The safety and low cost associated with the compound also translates to low cost and high efficiency.”
Politically Involved

UAM faculty member and student recently received a $2,500 grant from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to find ways to get UAM students more involved in the political process.

Assistant Professor Andre Lewis, director of social work, and Brenda Wooley, a sophomore social work major from Warren, were recently awarded a Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Grant. Lewis and Wooley will use the grant to conduct nationwide research of civic engagement programs at other colleges and universities.

Biomedical Research Grant

A UAM faculty member has been awarded an $18,900 grant from the Arkansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) to enhance research and classroom teaching in biomedical education.

The grant was awarded to Dr. Marvin Fawley, assistant dean of the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences, to purchase equipment to be used in laboratory courses in molecular biology and cell biology as well as microbiology, genetics, and biochemistry labs. The equipment will be used primarily for exercises and research involving DNA analysis and DNA sequencing.

"This grant will give our undergraduate students the opportunity to work with advanced instruments typical of a biomedical research laboratory," said Dr. Morris Bramlett, dean of the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences. "The students’ work will lead to professional publications and presentations of their research results at state, regional and national meetings. Experiences like these are valuable for students who are planning to attend medical school or graduate school in one of the biomedical fields."

Dr. Marvin Fawley and Dr. Karen Fawley, an assistant professor of biology, are currently conducting research projects on the biodiversity, taxonomy, and phylogeny of algae as well as studies using DNA markers for identifying cryptic vascular plants and population structure and evolution of a plant pathogenic virus. The new equipment will allow students to assist the Fawleys in their research.

Dr. Marvin Fawley is an adjunct professor as well as assistant dean. He holds a bachelor’s degree in botany from Cornell University, a master’s degree in biology from San Francisco State, and a Ph.D. in botany from Miami University. He joined the UAM faculty in 2006.

Dr. Karen Fawley holds a bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Texas at Austin, a master’s degree in biology from Old Dominion University, and a Ph.D. in botany from North Dakota State University.

Techno Whiz Kids

Three students from UAM’s Division of Computer Information Systems teamed to win the CIS competition at the 2008 Arkansas Collegiate Programming Contest held recently in Conway.

Vanneisha Bunn of Eudora, Freddie Gibson of Winchester, and Michael Howard of Linden, Texas won first place in the COBOL programming competition and first place overall in the computer information systems section of the competition. The team set a new standard for COBOL programming by completing the first problem in 22 minutes.

Bunn and Howard are CIS majors while Gibson is a double major in CIS and spatial information systems. The team was coached by Lori Selby, associate professor of CIS.

The competition, which is sponsored by the TresNet Division of Accxiom Corporation, is divided into two sections – computer information systems and computer science. Students competing in the CIS section may choose to program in COBOL, Java, or C++.
Biofuels Conference Draws Packed House To FAC

Congressman Mike Ross brought together business, industry and civic leaders March 27 for a conference on the future of biofuels in Arkansas. An overflow crowd at the Fine Arts Center heard presentations from Dr. Matthew Peliki, a UAM forest economist, Dick Carmical, CEO of the Price Companies, Inc., Ron Barmore of Range Fuels, Todd Coleman of the FutureFuel Chemical Company, and Dr. James D. McMillan of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Art Shows

UAM Art Professor Tom Richard recently opened exhibitions of his work at the Arkansas Art Center in Little Rock and at the Laredo (Tex.) Center for the Arts. The Arkansas Art Center exhibition, entitled “Tom Richard: Cereal Inquiries,” opened May 23 and runs through July 20 in the Sam Strauss, Sr. Gallery.

Richard will give a gallery talk June 13 at 6:30 p.m. on the work in the exhibition. Richard’s talk coincides with the monthly 2nd Friday Art Night — a once-a-month event when the galleries, museums and businesses in downtown Little Rock open from 5-8 p.m. for an after-hours gallery walk.

The other exhibition, “Tom Richard- Playing: Toys and Stuff,” will be on display in the Lilia G. Martinez Gallery of the Laredo Center for the Arts. It opened May 9 and runs through May 31.

The work at this exhibition consists of mixed media pieces from two current series, “Playing, Watching, Reading, Painting” and “Toys and Stuff.”
Student Nurses Win National Awards

The UAM Student Nurses Association claimed two national awards during the National Student Nurses Association’s annual convention in Grapevine, Texas.

The NSNA honored UAM’s SNA chapter with the Gold Award for Community Health Nursing and the Image of Nursing Award for a project entitled “Aide to AIDS in Africa: an extension of community.” The project, which provided $500 to support the medical and transportation needs of extremely rural Ugandan children suffering from HIV/AIDS, previously won the Arkansas Image of Nursing competition in November 2007.

“These awards have distinguished the Division of Nursing students and UAM nationwide and prove that our students and their efforts are incredible and worthy of recognition on local, state and international levels,” said Pam Gouner, chair of the Division of Nursing and SNA adviser. “Our nursing school has a history of excellence and extremely high standards. This success is just another great reason students should choose the UAM Division of Nursing as their nursing school. I am so proud that our efforts have been recognized on a national level.”

The awards recognized the increasing presence of SNA on campus and in the community. The group raised $8,000 in September by selling Yankee Candles and used $5,000 to sponsor a Make-a-Wish child’s trip to Disneyland. SNA also donated $1,000 to provide a special Christmas to Kid’s First in Warren and gave multiple presentations on sexually transmitted diseases to the UAM campus and the Monticello community this year. All projects were submitted to NSNA for consideration for these awards.

Board of Visitors

Carlton Davis of Warren and Jeff Owyoung of McGehee have been appointed to the University of Arkansas at Monticello Board of Visitors by Governor Mike Beebe. Reginald Glover of Monticello and Tommy Poole of Eudora were reappointed to the board.

Davis, Owyoung, Poole and Glover will serve three-year terms.

Davis is a former president and current member of the board of directors of Warren Bank and Trust. He attended UAM before earning a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville and an M.B.A. from the University of Indiana.

Owyoung is a partner in Milner Owyoung Insurance Group of McGehee and is a 1982 UAM graduate.

Glover is a former president of Commercial Bank of Monticello and a member of the bank’s board of directors. He is a 1955 UAM graduate.

Poole is a 1969 UAM graduate and is a farm manager in Chicot County.

Retiring Faculty

Joe Guenter, Boris and Elizabeth Zeide, David Koskoski and Russell Nordeen, long-time faculty members with more than a century of service to the university, announced their retirements at the end of the spring semester.

Guenter, an assistant professor of physics, came to Arkansas A&G in 1962. He was known to generations of students as director of the planetarium and advisor to Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. Koskoski came to UAM in 1972 as a brass instructor in the Division of Music. Boris Zeide joined the forestry faculty in 1960 while his wife, Liz, became a math instructor in 1989. Nordeen joined the biology faculty in 1992.

(From Left) Boris and Elizabeth Zeide, Joe Guenter, and Chancellor Jack Lassiter.
Gerald Majors married his high school sweetheart, Marion Sue Morrison, in 1959. The couple has two sons and three grandchildren.
When UAM’s 47th Distinguished Alumnus enrolled at Arkansas A&M, he was ready to hit the ground running.

It was 1958 and Gerald Majors was a young man in a hurry. When Majors enrolled for classes at Arkansas A&M after two semesters at Arkansas Tech, he didn’t fit the profile of a typical college freshman – 18 years old and in search of the next party.

Majors was a 21-year-old veteran of almost four years in the Air Force, about to marry his high school sweetheart, and viewed college with the serious bent of a man ready to move on to the next stage of his life.

“I was a serious student at that point,” says Majors. “I was ready to make college count.”

Commuting from his home in Star City, Majors graduated in three years, never taking a semester off.

He took his degree in accounting and parlayed it into a successful business career, first with a Pine Bluff accounting firm, then as an executive with the McGeorge Associated Companies.

For his success in business, Majors has been named the 47th Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

“UAM has a very special meaning for me,” Majors says. “It’s where I really got my start. When they told me I’d been selected Distinguished Alumnus, I was surprised, but very honored.”

Gerald Majors’ story is not unlike those of many UAM graduates. For Majors, the Monticello school represented opportunity.

“I wasn’t the best student during high school,” he says. “I did not apply myself as I should have.”

Barely 17 when he graduated from Star City High in 1954 and short on options, Majors looked to the military. “My father had died unexpectedly the summer before I graduated high school,” Majors remembers. “I thought going into the service was my best chance to a better future. I would go to college when I got out.”

Majors planned to join the Navy, but when he went to Pine Bluff to see the Navy recruiter, he wasn’t there. Not to be dissuaded, Majors went next door to the Air Force recruiter. “My mother had to sign the enlistment papers because I wasn’t 18 yet,” Majors says.

After 46 months in the Air Force, Majors enrolled first at Arkansas Tech, then transferred to Arkansas A&M after two semesters. It’s a decision he never regretted.

“I owe much to my experience at A&M,” says Majors. “Everyone was so willing to be helpful. The professors really worked at helping the students get through classes. They wanted us to be successful.”

Majors married his high school sweetheart, Marion Sue Morrison, in 1959 and received his bachelor’s degree from A&M in 1961, graduating with honors.

He began his career with the Pine Bluff accounting firm of Walter Theis and Company, becoming a certified public accountant. In 1967, he took a job as chief accountant for the McGeorge Associated Companies, beginning a 41-year association with a business that includes Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel Company, McGeorge Contracting Company, Inc., Cornerstone Farm & Gin Company, and Cornerstone Farms. Majors eventually became vice president of finance and administration and a member of the board of directors.

“Gerald Majors has been a key factor in the growth of the companies in this total organization,” says Scott McGeorge, president of Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel and chairman of McGeorge Contracting Company, Inc. “Both in the organic growth from within and with the acquisitions of other related ongoing firms, he has played a significant role as chief financial officer. Gerald’s quick mind for grasping a new or challenging situation is fantastic. We are extremely proud of Gerald’s receiving recognition for his accomplishments.”

Majors semi-retired from the companies in 2002 but continues to work a reduced schedule, primarily on company matters that do not require attention on a day-to-day basis. He is also involved with the companies’ charitable organization, the Trinity Foundation, which he serves as treasurer and as a member of the board of directors. He is also a member of the boards of both the UAM Foundation Fund and the University of Arkansas Foundation.

The Trinity Foundation recently presented the third of three $100,000 gifts to the UAM Foundation Fund to create an endowed scholarship fund in the name of Gerald and Sue Majors. The endowment will generate scholarships for graduates of Star City High School.

“Gerald and Sue Majors mean a lot to this institution,” says UAM Chancellor Jack Lassiter. “Through their generosity and the generosity of the Trinity Foundation, they have created a legacy of opportunity that will continue for generations of future students.”

Praise often makes Majors uncomfortable and he is quick to deflect the attention to others. Now living in White Hall, just north of Pine Bluff, Majors is content to spoil his three grandchildren and spend time outdoors on property he owns in Lincoln County.

“I have to give credit to others,” Majors says. “Any success attributed to me is the result, in large part, of having worked and associated with people who have been very helpful and supportive, and who have made the opportunities available to me. Without question, the support and encouragement given by my wife has been invaluable to me.”
Dr. Richard Kluender is a busy man.

As dean of the School of Forest Resources at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and director of the Arkansas Forest Resources Center, Kluender is charged with leading Arkansas’ only undergraduate and graduate programs in forestry.

Since its creation in 1945, the UAM forestry program has served as the only training ground in Arkansas for future foresters. There are currently 114 students enrolled in the undergraduate program and another 19 seeking master’s degrees.

Through the years, UAM has developed a reputation for academic excellence in forestry, but educating future foresters is just part of what keeps Kluender busy. As the program has grown in stature, so has its role as a Center for Excellence in the University of Arkansas System, as a leader in forestry research, and in extension programs that reach every corner of the state.

“The University of Arkansas program centered at UAM includes both the School of Forest Resources and the Arkansas Forest Resources Center. The unit has three primary missions,” said Kluender, “teaching, research, and extension. In Monticello we have 16 teaching faculty who are also outstanding research scientists. Dr. Philip Tappe is the associate dean of the School of Forest Resources and the associate director of the Arkansas Forest Resources Center. Phil leads the faculty in conducting important research through the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment...
Walkingstick is based in Little Rock and Guffey is located in Monticello. Kluender credits their efforts in taking the UAM forestry program’s extension projects statewide.

“Carol and Tamara have done a marvelous job in organizing and directing much of our continuing education and extension programs,” said Kluender. “With extension, research and demonstration programs at Hope, Little Rock, Fayetteville, Batesville and Pine Tree, we reach all parts of the state.”

Kluender said UAM’s extension programs also target youth to teach things like environmental conservation, an appreciation for the outdoors, and to cultivate an awareness of ecological sustainability. “We get students out of these activities,” said Kluender. “It’s a good program.”

Among the programs for youth are 4-H Forestry Contests, various district and state o’Ramas, and the Arkansas Youth Hunter Education Challenge, held each year in Ferndale and designed to teach fire arms safety, map reading and wildlife identification. The Forest Resources Center also hosts the Arkansas Envirothon, a 4-H contest co-sponsored by the state Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program, which is co-sponsored by the Center and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and Rice for Ducks, where youth work with county agents, farmers and Ducks Unlimited to put acres that have been in rice into habitat for migratory waterfowl after harvest.

“When you combine our adult and youth extension programs, we’re serving well over 2,000 people a year,” said Kluender. “We’re not just educating future foresters at Monticello, we’re taking natural resource management statewide.”
UAM Construction Update

- **Wells and Sorrells Renovation / $4.2 million** – 75% complete; Estimated Completion Date: October 2008
- **Indoor Athletic-Band Practice Facility / $2.9 million** – Undercut and Backfill work near completion; Estimated Completion Date: December 2008
- **Stadium Press Box Additions-Renovations / $310,000** – Demolition phase complete, structural steel ongoing; Estimated Completion Date: Mid June 2008
- **Agri Barns-Metal Buildings / $700,000** – Five buildings, four completed. Forestry Resource Building 80% complete; Estimated Completion Date: June 2008
- **Crossett Building Additions / $1.4 million** – Final punch list walk-through complete.
- **McGehee Building Additions / $1.2 million** – 99% complete; Landscaping work remains.

**BEAM SIGNING** (Left) Former Boll Weevil football great Hugh Heflin, who chairs The Campaign for Athletics, places his signature on the main beam of the indoor practice facility as Chancellor Jack Lassiter looks on. UAM supporters like John McClendon and Charlie Searcy (above) signed the beam at a cook-out at the stadium in May.
NEW LOOK Sorrells Hall (right), built as one of the original campus structures in 1910, is taking on a new look with an outdoor stairway. Construction workers are also building a walkway and elevator that will connect Sorrells and Wells Halls.

LOOKING GOOD The press box at Convoy Leslie Cotton Boll Stadium takes on a whole new look as stadium renovations get underway. In addition to the press box, chairback seating will be added to the west grandstands.

WELLS HALL Built in 1912, Wells Hall (right) is the past (and future) home of the UAM Division of Nursing.
Kayla Sims slices and browns pieces of French bread in an electric skillet while Sherry Garrison arranges colorful plates of salad and Christopher Williams glides among the perfectly arranged tables filling water glasses.

Clad in white server’s coats, Sims, Garrison and Williams are part of a six-person wait staff preparing to serve a four-course meal, but the setting isn’t a four-star restaurant. It’s a classroom at the University of Arkansas at Monticello’s College of Technology in Crossett and the guests are administrators and members of the school’s advisory board.
The wait staff is comprised of students, six in all, enrolled in the school’s new hospitality services program. They and their instructor, Jean Alexander, are nervous. The tables are covered in white and set with fine china and polished glasses awaiting the first course, a spicy potato and Cajun sausage soup. Candles glow while soft music plays in the background.

Alexander and her students have been preparing since shortly after 8 a.m. and want everything to be perfect. The meal will include soup, salad, lemon chicken with oriental stir-fry, molded rice, and a dessert of butter and sour cream pound cake with strawberries and whipped cream. “This is the second meal we’ve served this week and I think we’re getting the hang of it,” says Alexander.

Two years ago, UAM officials were looking for ways to enhance the academic offerings at the university’s Colleges of Technology in Crossett and McGehee.

As they examined the economic trends and needs of the region, one idea kept popping up – hospitality services.

“We were looking at some different ideas for our Colleges of Technology and we kept coming back to the service industry and the growing market for trained professionals in the field of hotel and restaurant management,” says R. David Ray, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. “It turned out to be a perfect fit for our campuses in Crossett and McGehee.”

UAM’s program in hospitality services began this fall with a one-semester certificate of proficiency program. The total program will eventually include four academic options, ranging from the certificate of proficiency to a four-year bachelor of applied sciences degree. The program also includes a two-semester technical certificate and a two-year associate of applied sciences degree.

“The offerings run the gamut from providing
training in entry-level jobs all the way up to management,” explains Ray.

The one-semester certificate of proficiency requires the completion of 12 hours in hospitality, travel and tourism, safety and sanitation, hospitality customer service relations, and an introduction to hospitality operations. Persons completing the certificate of proficiency will be eligible for entry-level positions.

The two-semester technical certificate requires an internship and covers training in managing a hotel, motel or bed-and-breakfast. Persons with a technical certificate could enter the field as desk clerks or in supervisory positions over maintenance or custodial crews.

The associate of applied sciences degree adds 15 hours of general education course work to the technical certificate training and prepares graduates to manage a restaurant or hotel.

The bachelor of applied sciences degree offers a core curriculum with additional electives that provide a business background and prepares graduates to enter the field in management positions.

All of the options, with the exception of the one-semester certificate of proficiency, require the completion of an internship. Internships are available through Aramark Food Services, the Trotter House bed-and-breakfast in Monticello, which the university purchased in 2006, and other selected hospitality businesses in the area.

“We’re hoping that eventually the Trotter House will be used successfully as an internship site by students in all levels of the hospitality program,” says Ray. “And we’re working on other internship opportunities at motels and restaurants in the region.”

UAM currently enrolls 26 students in the hospitality services program at the Crossett and McGehee campuses. “This is a real growth area and we expect this program to expand as more and more people hear about it,” said Ray.
UAM – Celebrating a Century of Opportunity

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. As part of our Centennial Celebration, 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 inscribed on the Centennial Clock Tower.

If you would like to be part of the Centennial Circle, we encourage you to contact Linda Yeiser, UAM Office of Advancement, at (800) 467-8148 or (870) 460-1028.

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Foundation News

Nursing Scholarships

The UAM Division of Nursing is the beneficiary of two recent gifts to the UAM Foundation Fund. Mrs. Maxine Clippert of Camden has given a $30,000 gift to establish an endowed scholarship in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. Henry G. Hearnsberger, Sr., of Fordyce.

Dr. Richard Kluender, dean of the UAM School of Forest Resources, and his wife, Katherine, have created the Chair of the Division of Nursing Scholarship to honor their parents, Edward C. and Gertrude Kluender and Charles R. and Elisabeth Knapp.

Both gifts create endowments that will generate scholarships for deserving students in the UAM nursing program. Recipients must have a strong academic background and work ethic, display professional potential, and be recommended by the Scholarship Committee of the Division of Nursing. “These are very generous gifts and we are grateful to both Mrs. Clippert and the Kluenders for creating a legacy that will last for generations to come,” said UAM Chancellor Jack Lassiter.

“Maxine Clippert and her late husband, George, will always have a special place in our hearts for all they have done for the university and our students. Dick and Katherine Kluender have also meant a great deal to the university and we are grateful for their continued support.”

The first scholarships from the endowments will be presented next fall.

Giving Back

Fourth District U.S. Representative Mike Ross will donate $1,000 to the University of Arkansas at Monticello Foundation Fund for an academic scholarship for the 2008-09 school year. The scholarship will be presented in increments of $500 per semester to a full-time undergraduate student of any major who is a native of Arkansas’ Fourth Congressional District. According to a release from Congressman Ross’s office, the scholarship recipient must “demonstrate a strong academic background, strong work ethic, good personality traits, excellent professional potential, and demonstrate financial need.”

Applications for the scholarship are available at the UAM Office of Admissions as well as high school counselors in the Fourth Congressional District. Any high school senior may apply. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at (800) 844-1826 or (870) 460-1026.

OLD GYM

Pieces Of History

Monticello High School graduates with fond memories of the community’s old high school and gymnasium can own a piece of history and help provide scholarship support for the UAM Foundation Fund, thanks to an idea by former Monticello Mayor David Anderson.

Anderson is selling Dan Coston prints of the old Monticello High School framed by boards taken from the high school’s gymnasium floor. The prints are 29 inches by 9 inches framed and sell for $50 each.

Proceeds from sales will go to an endowment in the UAM Foundation Fund to provide scholarships for MHS graduates who plan to attend UAM. “This is an opportunity for Monticello High School graduates and others who have fond memories of the old school to buy a piece of history and help future generations of MHS students go to college,” said Anderson. “It’s also a way to benefit UAM, which means so much to this community and region.”

Anderson hopes to raise between $5,000 and $20,000. The prints may be purchased by contacting Anderson at (870) 367-6993, Reginald Glover at Commercial Bank (367-6221) or Ashley Echols at Union Bank (460-6400).

The artist, Dan Coston, Jr., is the son of the late Dan Coston, long-time basketball coach, athletic director and math teacher at Monticello High School. “I want to thank David for a great idea and for his support as well as the support of the banks,” said UAM Chancellor Jack Lassiter. “This is a wonderful way to own a piece of history and help students attain a college education.”

Meeting Mrs. Henry G. Hearnsberger, Jr., (middle) at her home are her daughter, Mrs. Maxine Clippert of Camden, (left) and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Katherine Kluender of Monticello.

NURSING

(Above) Nursing Chair Pam Gouner (left) with Dr. Richard and Katherine Kluender. (Right) The late Mrs. Henry G. Hearnsberger, Sr.
T he Trinity Foundation of Pine Bluff recently presented the third of three $100,000 gifts to the University of Arkansas at Monticello Foundation Fund to be added to the Gerald and Sue Majors Endowed Scholarship.

The total endowment, including two previous gifts from the Trinity Foundation as well as gifts from Gerald and Sue Majors, is over $340,000. The endowment was created in June 2004.

Income from the endowment will be used to award scholarships to outstanding graduates of Star City High School who attend UAM. Both Gerald and Sue Majors are graduates of Star City High School. Gerald Majors is a long-time member of the board of directors of the Trinity Foundation, a charitable organization supported primarily by Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel Company and McGeorge Contracting Company of Pine Bluff, as well as Granite Mountain Quarries of Little Rock. Gerald Majors graduated from UAM (then Arkansas A&M) in 1961 and has been with Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel and McGeorge Contracting for 41 years.

The additional gift from the Trinity Foundation will enable the Gerald and Sue Majors Endowment Fund to award four scholarships to outstanding students – one each to a freshman, sophomore, junior and senior – each academic year.

“We are extremely grateful to the Trinity Foundation for choosing to honor Gerald and Sue Majors and for their commitment to higher education,” said Linda Yeiser, former vice chancellor for advancement. “This endowment creates a tremendous opportunity for the young people of Lincoln County to attain a college education.”

In addition to being graduates of Star City High School, scholarship recipients must have a high school grade point average of 3.5 or better and display a strong work ethic, good personality traits, and excellent professional potential. The scholarship may be renewed for up to three additional years.

**Harvest Rice Presents Scholarship**

Harvest Rice, Inc., of McGehee recently presented a $1,000 scholarship to the UAM College of Technology-McGehee to be awarded for the 2008-09 academic year.

Bob Ware, vice chancellor of the McGehee campus, accepted the donation from D.J. Woodson, Harvest Rice plant manager, and Iriana Vaca, office operations manager.

“I am pleased to accept this scholarship from Harvest Rice,” said Ware. “It’s always gratifying when a civic-minded company wants to contribute to our community and to the university.”

The scholarship will be awarded in the amount of $500 each semester and is available to both current students and those interested in attending the UAM COT-McGehee. The recipient must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident, be a full-time student for the 2008-09 academic year, demonstrate financial need and leadership capabilities, and must maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

**Bank Honors Chairman**

First National Bank of McGehee recently presented a $1,000 scholarship to the University of Arkansas at Monticello Foundation Fund in honor of W. Henry Anthony, the bank’s chairman emeritus.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in the business technology program at the UAM College of Technology-McGehee.

“I am pleased to accept this generous gift in honor of Mr. Anthony,” said UAM Chancellor Jack Lassiter. “We are grateful to have such wonderful friends who have a steadfast commitment to education and to our students. This generosity is helping build a bright future for the state and region.”

Anthony was the organizer and original chairman of the board of First National Bank of McGehee and was instrumental in obtaining the bank’s charter from the Comptroller of the Currency. Anthony served as board chairman from 1973 until September 1, 2007, when he was named chairman emeritus.

Anthony is a former chairman of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission and the Users Advisory Board of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. He is also a former president of the Catfish Farmers of America.
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* Gulf South Conference Game

### 2008 Volleyball Schedule

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**THE MAN** UAM’s hopes for a winning season will ride squarely on the talented shoulders of sophomore quarterback Scott Buisson, the GSC Freshman of the Year in 2007.

**FOURTH SEASON** Gwaine Mathews begins his fourth season as head coach of the Boll Weevils with high hopes for a breakthrough campaign.
BIG CHANGES Convoy Leslie Cotton Boll Stadium is taking on a new look with a renovated press box and chairback seating. Steel work will begin shortly on a new indoor practice facility at the north end of the stadium.
Jody Clements (BS ’87) is the newly-appointed superintendent of schools for the Kilgore (Tex.) Independent School District. He was appointed in January. Clements earned a degree in accounting from UAM and received an MBA from Louisiana Tech in 1988. While at UAM, he ran track under Hall of Fame Coach Harry Denson. Clements taught at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas from 1988 to 1992 before beginning a career in public school education. He served as a math teacher, coach, athletic director, principal, and human resources director for the Kilgore schools before becoming superintendent. He continues to coach track and officiate track meets throughout Texas. Clements and his wife, Courtney, have five children – Kaleb, 25, Drew, 21, Tristan, 19, Bailey, 15, and Sam, 3. The couple has two grandchildren – Brennan, 6, and Brody, 2.

Nicole May (BS ’98) a real estate analyst with Grandbridge Real Estate Capital LLC in Mobile, Alabama, was recently awarded the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation by the CCIM Institute. May earned the designation by passing the Institute’s comprehensive examination, the final element in the designation process. Less than one percent of commercial real estate professionals in the world hold the CCIM designation. The CCIM designation is awarded to commercial real estate professionals upon completion of a graduate-level education curriculum and presentation of a portfolio of qualifying industry experience. May joined Grandbridge’s production team in 2004 and is responsible for new client cultivation and maintaining existing client relationships. May earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from UAM with a management concentration.

Jody Urquhart (BS ’97) of Jacksonville, Arkansas is the Northcentral District Coordinator for the Arkansas Farm Bureau. His primary responsibilities are to provide vision and training for volunteer leaders in the 13 county Farm Bureaus he serves. Urquhart has been with the nonprofit agricultural advocacy organization for 11 years. He is a graduate of LeadAR (Class 9), the premier leadership development program offered by the U of A Cooperative Extension Service. Urquhart serves as a board member for the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, the Jacksonville Boys and Girls Club, and is a founding board member and organizer of the Jacksonville World Class Education Organization, a group working to improve the quality of education for all school children in the city of Jacksonville. He is also serving as secretary on the Jacksonville Sewer Commission. Urquhart was recently reappointed by the Little Rock Air Force Base Wing Commander to serve as an Honorary Commander for the 314th Logistics Readiness Squadron. In his spare time, Urquhart announces football games for the Jacksonville High School Red Devils. Urquhart and his wife, Keri, have one daughter, Alexis, 6.

Steve Wells (BS ’88) is the new head football coach and athletic director at Jacksonville (Texas) High School. Wells, who led Mineola (Texas) High to just its second state playoff appearance in 20 years last season, has an overall coaching record of 35-31. Wells served on the coaching staff at Hooks (Texas) High from 1991 through 2005, spending the last two years as head coach. Teams he has coached have made the Texas state high school playoffs 13 of the last 17 seasons. Wells is married to Lisa (McClure) Wells (BS ’87), a math teacher and coach for 21 years and one of the most decorated athletes in UAM history. Lisa Wells was inducted into the UAM Sports Hall of Fame in 2006. The couple has two children – Jaci Lynn, 16, and Brent Stephen, 11.

Show Your Weevil Spirit!
Hey, UAM graduates and Boll Weevil fans, you can display that Boll Weevil Spirit wherever you go with a UAM Collegiate License Plate, available as an official Arkansas Car Tag. The tag commemorates the 100th anniversary of UAM’s founding in 1909. For $35 above the cost of a standard Arkansas Tag, you can display a UAM Car Tag and help your university. The UAM Foundation Fund will receive $25 for each tag purchased. The UAM Car Tags are available at local revenue offices in southeast Arkansas and the State Revenue Office in Little Rock. For more information, contact the Office of Advancement at (800) 467-8148 or (870) 460-1028, or go online at www.uamont.edu/alumni
Take Me Out To The Ballgame

On a frigid spring evening that was too cold for April, UAM alumni from northwest Arkansas gathered at sparkling new Arvest Ballpark in Springdale for a night of baseball and renewing old acquaintances. Chancellor Jack Lassiter and his wife, Judy, hosted a “UAM Family Night with the Naturals” reception at the park prior to the game. Dr. Lassiter even threw out the first pitch (it was a passed ball by the catcher!).

WAITING Chancellor Lassiter awaits his cue on the dugout steps with Strike, the Naturals’ mascot.

CATCHING UP Linda Yeiser (left) visits with Lynette and Jim Terrell.

PROUD DADDY Dr. Sean Rochelle of Fayetteville and the newest addition to the Rochelle family, Ellison Wynne.

GUESTS (from left) Chancellor Lassiter, Carrie Ashcraft, and Larry and Susan Patrick.

DANCERS Chancellor Lassiter greets Don Dancer of Rogers (left) and his wife, Sarah, and daughter, Brittany. Below, Georgieann and Tom Darter sign in.

OLD FRIENDS (from left) Johnny Smith and Gerrye Smith Jenkins with Linda Yeiser.

IT WAS A STRIKE The Chancellor caught the inside corner with this one!

WELCOME (left photo, from left) Judy Lassiter welcomes Lynn and Connie Stewart and their youngest son, Cory, to the alumni reception.
Kevin Rose (MS ‘07) is the Field Coordinator for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Research Team at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune on the North Carolina Coast. Mr. Rose is looking forward to starting a new research project investigating the cavity nesting bird community on Camp Lejeune. He and his wife Jackie recently purchased their first home and live in Jacksonville, NC.

Donetta Faye McElroy McGriff ‘72 of Monticello, January 4, 2008

Gary DeWayne Neal of Pine Bluff, February 26, 2008


Carolyn Sangster Quiggins of Little Rock, October 28, 2007

Anthony Ragor ‘66 of Cabot, March 18, 2008

James “Jimmy” Glyn Reaves of Sheridan, September 30, 2007

Mary Elizabeth Pierce Ruffin ‘75 of DeWitt, March 7, 2008

Wee Weevil Bibs

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

Allie Grace Adair, born January 10, 2008 to Derek and Simone Adair of Warren.

Garrett Blake Outlaw, born January 31, 2008 to Gregory (BS ’96) and Amanda Outlaw of Bryant.

Ella Jane Weaver, born February 4, 2008 to Jeff (BA ’98) and Aimee Weaver of Hot Springs.

Max Hyatt Efird, born April 16, 2008 to Carol (BS ’94, MEd ’98) and Michael (BS ’94) Efird of Monticello.

Circle October 18 on your calendars and join us for

HOMECOMING ’08

as the Boll Weevils take on West Alabama.
Dues received from January 1 through April 30, 2008. Thank you for your support!
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Gerald Majors of White Hall accepts the Distinguished Alumnus Citation from Chancellor Jack Lassiter during Commencement Exercises May 9.

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