Another academic year has drawn to a close. This was a special year that saw UAM celebrate its 100th birthday. Now, instead of looking back, I am excited to look forward as we begin our second century. We are closer to our goal of expanding the forestry complex, and we are remodeling the first floor of Bankston Hall. We plan to make all first floor rooms single occupancy to respond to the needs and desires of our students. With on-campus housing at, or near, full occupancy, I have appointed a committee to research possibilities for new housing opportunities for the campus.

We are also moving forward with plans to determine the feasibility of creating a campus-based retirement community. This was envisioned as part of our original campus master plan in 2005. This will allow individuals to continue their relationship with the university and participate in the many activities that happen on a busy college campus. This retirement community will also present a unique and desirable housing option not available in many communities in our region.

We continue working to improve our graduation and retention rates while remaining true to our mission as an institution that provides educational opportunities to those who might not attend college otherwise. Those opportunities are even greater now, thanks to the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship funded by the state lottery, which will provide thousands of dollars in scholarship revenue to Arkansas students.

As you look through the pages of this magazine, you’ll read about the success of individual alumni as well as the remarkable tale of one of the university’s greatest success stories, our pre-medicine program. We give you a profile of current first-year medical students Stephen Cagle and Amy Hoang.

You will also read the amazing story of Shaye Smith. We knew her as Charlotte Smith when she was shooting baskets for the Cotton Blossoms, but now she is an award-winning country music songwriter.

We were pleased to recognize Martin “Marty” Brutscher as our 48th distinguished alumnus during our commencement exercises on May 14. You will see photographs of our graduation ceremonies which represent an ending for us but a new beginning for our graduates. We wish them well as they begin a new chapter in their lives and invite them to join YOU as proud alumni of UAM.

Best Wishes,

Jack Lassiter
Chancellor
Familiar Path
Marty Brutscher of Baltimore, Maryland is UAM’s 2010 Distinguished Alumnus.

Prepped
Recent graduates Stephen Cagle and Amy Hoang are the latest in a growing legacy created by UAM’s pre-medicine program.

Telling Her Story
Charlotte Smith didn’t like country music, or so she thought. Now Shaye Smith, a successful Nashville songwriter, she discovered country was “telling her story.”

Looking Ahead
UAM’s graduating class of 2010 faces both challenges and opportunities.
New Record

UAM set a new spring semester enrollment record with 3,474 students currently enrolled on its three campuses in Monticello, Crossett and McGehee, according to preliminary figures released by the university’s registrar.

The total represents a 7.45 percent increase over last spring’s enrollment of 3,233, which at the time was also a record for the spring semester.

UAM’s spring enrollment dropped by just nine students from the all-time record enrollment of 3,483 students reported in the 2009 fall semester, a dramatic break from past enrollment trends which saw student populations decrease from fall to spring by an average of 5.3 percent over the last decade.

UAM’s spring enrollment has increased 19.9 percent in the last six years – from 2,696 in 2004 to the 3,233 in 2010.

“These numbers are both encouraging and a little surprising,” said R. David Ray, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. “It goes against enrollment trends from the past, and not only at UAM, but at most colleges and universities across the country. In the past, we could count on a pretty significant drop from the fall to the spring semester, but students are staying in school. I think it’s a reflection of the opportunities we’re offering and efforts of our faculty and staff to retain students as well as the tough economic times we’re experiencing.”

UAM Chancellor Jack Lassiter praised the efforts of Mary Whiting, director of admissions, and her recruitment staff for the record enrollment. “Mrs. Whiting and her staff work long hours in what has become a very competitive job to attract students to our three campuses,” Lassiter said. “As the available population of high school graduates in our area shrinks, the competition for students becomes even more intense. Our recruitment staff and faculty are to be commended for their tireless work on behalf of the institution.”

A large percentage of UAM students receive some form of financial assistance, which according to Susan Brewer, director of financial aid, is an inducement to attend the university. “Many of our students would be unable to attend college without receiving financial aid in some form,” said Brewer. “Our office is dedicated to insuring that any student who wants to attend will be able to, regardless of his or her financial situation.”

Speaking Of

The UAM debate and forensics team brought home 14 awards from the International Public Debate Association (IPDA) national tournament and convention in March.

As a team, UAM placed fourth in the season-long IPDA debate competition. Individually, McGehee senior Josh Smith placed fifth for the season in varsity debate while Tiffany Reed, a sophomore from Cabot, placed ninth. The IPDA individual public debate competition featured novice, varsity and professional divisions.

In the novice division, Yvonne Hinshaw, of Monticello, Brittany Booker, of Hermitage, and Melissa Rodgers, of Star City, finished in the top 16.

In the varsity debate division, Chris Brown of Siloam Springs finished in the top 16 nationally and won the seventh place speaker award. Josh Smith and Tiffany Reed also finished in the top 16.

In the professional division, Keith Milstead, UAM’s assistant director of forensics, finished as a national quarter finalist and won the fifth place speaker award. “For such a young team they did extremely well,” said Jim Evans, director of debate and forensics. “We were in it until the very end against some really tough competition.”

National Leader

Dr. Laura Evans, an assistant professor of nursing at UAM, has been appointed to serve as a National League for Nursing Ambassador by the NLN.

As an NLN Ambassador, Evans will serve as a liaison between the national organization and the UAM School of Nursing, informing the faculty and administration about NLN initiatives, grant opportunities, conferences, publications, workshops, and other benefits available to NLN members.

Evans joined the UAM faculty in 2008. She holds a bachelor of science in nursing degree from St. Joseph’s College, a master’s degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, and a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

She is a women’s health nurse practitioner and practiced with the Arkansas Department of Health in prenatal and gynecologic clinics for a number of years. Evans has conducted research in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention, women’s health, and nursing education.
Conclave Champs . . . Again!

UAM forestry students continued their dominance of the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Conclave competition in March, winning the event for the 30th time in its 53-year history.

Hosting the event at the Drew County Fairgrounds, UAM students won the competition for the second year in a row, finishing first in the physical events and third in the technical events to edge arch rival Stephen F. Austin State University for the overall Conclave championship. Students from the University of Georgia finished third.

Conclave is a competition of both technical and physical forestry skills among forestry students from 15 universities. This year’s event brought together competitors from UAM, Stephen F. Austin, Alabama A&M, Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Louisiana Tech, Mississippi State, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Texas A&M, and Virginia Tech.

UAM students placed in the top six in five different technical events and dominated the physical events competition, finishing first or second in eight different events.

“The students deserve all the credit,” said Dr. Lynne Thompson, faculty advisor to the forestry club. “They did all the work and made sure everything went smoothly. I’m proud of their efforts.”
Academic Olympians

Joseph Lockwood of Stuttgart (left) does more than catch passes for the UAM football team. Lockwood successfully defended his title in the Academic Olympics recently, winning the title for the second year in a row. Placing second in the competition was John Ragsdale of Monticello while Deborah Wylie (center) of Kingsland placed third. The competition is sponsored annually by Alpha Chi honor society.

Autism Study

A UAM education instructor has received grant from the Arkansas Department of Education to help teachers and parents learn the special skills needed to teach and mentor children with autism.

Day Honored

Dr. John Kyle Day, assistant professor of history, was recently elected to a national leadership position in Phi Alpha Theta, the national collegiate history honor society.

Day was elected national councilor for Phi Alpha Theta and will serve on the board of directors while developing policy for the organization and representing the honor society to the academic community.

A member of the UAM faculty since 2007, Day holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Arkansas and a doctorate from the University of Missouri. He is the faculty advisor for Phi Alpha Theta.

“The children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are increasingly being educated in inclusive general education classrooms,” explained Debbie Givhan, instructor, grant recipient and leader of the UAM Autism Project. “For these students to be successful, teachers and parents need to know as much as possible about autism and the teaching methods that work best for these students.”

The UAM Autism Project provides training and on-site mentoring for teachers, paraprofessionals and parents to prepare them to help children with autism be successfully integrated into general education classrooms.

The project will provide 15 clock hours of training for both general education and special education teachers as well as paraprofessionals and parents of autistic children from southeast Arkansas elementary schools. The training will include learning the characteristics of autism and developing individual teaching techniques to meet the specific individual needs of autistic students.

An on-line forum will be developed to exchange information and share resources and each participating classroom will receive a minimum of two on-site mentoring visits from a professional with experience in teaching autistic students. In addition, an ASD resource library will be created in the UAM School of Education to provide supplementary resources and materials to be used to help students with ASD.

The Voice

UAM’s campus newspaper, The Voice, and the Boll Weevil centennial yearbook received recognition at the 2010 Arkansas College Media Association’s conference and awards luncheon held recently in Fayetteville.

The Voice took both second and third place in the newspaper category for the Best Web Edition, with the University of Arkansas’ Traveler taking first overall. “I am happy The Voice won second and third place,” said Editor-in-Chief Linna Jones of Gould. “I congratulate the staff members for their achievements.”

In the yearbook category, the Boll Weevil staff took second in academics writing, third in organization layout for the staff spread, and third in sports layout.
**Literary Winner**

UAM History Professor William L. Shea has received two prestigious awards for his latest book, *Fields of Blood: The Prairie Grove Campaign*.

The Civil War Round Table of New York announced recently that Shea is the winner of the Fletcher Pratt Literary Award for the best book published on the American Civil War in 2009. Shea will receive the award at a dinner at the National Republican Club in Manhattan in May. Previous winners include Bruce Catton, Shelby Foote, and James McPherson. Shea is the first Arkansan to be so honored.

Shea is also the recipient of the J. G. Ragsdale Book Award of the Arkansas Historical Association. The award is given annually to the author of the best book published on Arkansas. Shea was presented with a plaque and a $1,000 check at the annual meeting of the association last week in Jonesboro.

"I commend Dr. Shea for these awards and for his commitment to scholarly research," said UAM Chancellor Jack Lassiter. "These are prestigious honors that reflect positively on both Dr. Shea and the university."

*Fields of Blood* is the story of the final Confederate attempt to regain control of Missouri in the Civil War. The campaign culminated in a pitched battle at Prairie Grove, Arkansas, in December 1862 in which the Confederates were turned back. The book is the result of 12 years of research in archives in 20 states. It was published by the University of North Carolina Press and has received glowing reviews in both scholarly journals and public forums such as Amazon. It is a selection of the History Book Club and Military Book Club.

Shea has published three other books on the Civil War in Arkansas and surrounding states: *Pea Ridge: Civil War Campaign in the West* (1992), *Vicksburg Is the Key: The Struggle for the Mississippi River* (2003); and *Wilson’s Creek, Pea Ridge, and Prairie Grove: A Battlefield Guide* (2006). Shea has been a Rockefeller Scholar at Colonial Williamsburg, a Fulbright Professor in China, and a consultant for the National Park Service.

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**Jazzed Up!**

AWARD WINNERS Gary Meggs (left), director of bands, holds the plaque won by UAM Jazz Band I at the recent Northwestern (La.) State University Jazz Festival. The band received all superior ratings while scoring 289 of a possible 300 points. Meggs, who recently spent several months touring the world with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, has led the UAM jazz band program to successful performances at the North Texas Jazz Festival and the Clark Terry Jazz Festival. Jazz Bands I, II and III presented their annual spring concert at the UAM Fine Arts Center on April 20.
ON CAMPUS

**All Weevil**

UAM is celebrating its Boll Weevil heritage with a new marketing and advertising campaign, using the tag line “Have you got what it takes to be a Boll Weevil?”

The tag line is being used in television commercials on two Little Rock stations – KLRT Fox 16 and The CW – and will appear in print and outdoor advertising as well.

The star of the campaign is UAM’s boll weevil mascot, who gained national notoriety for beating up an aardvark mascot in a series of national television commercials for the wireless phone application KGB KGB, which answers questions sent via cell phone.

As part of the campaign, UAM will also join the college and university internet site YOUniversity and is exploring a web site makeover.

**UAM Night At Dickey-Stephens**

Make plans to join us on July 13 for UAM Night at Dickey-Stephens Park in North Little Rock. Come watch the Arkansas Travelers take on the Frisco Roughriders at 6 p.m. and reconnect with alumni from the central Arkansas area. Tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. Price includes game ticket and all you can eat hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks. Advance reservations required. Please call the Office of Advancement at (870) 460-1028 to purchase your tickets. Deadline is June 25.
Alpha Chi Honors

The UAM chapter of Alpha Chi national collegiate honor society, recently recognized the top administrators, staff members and teachers at the organization’s annual awards banquet. Dr. Morris Bramlett, dean of the School of Mathematical and Natural Science, was named Administrator of the Year while long-time professor of geology Dr. Jim Edson was named Teacher of the Year. First-year assistant professor of biology Dr. Mary Stewart made it a clean sweep for the math and science faculty by winning the Rookie of the Year Award.

Bramlett

Edson

Stewart

Mary Whiting, director of admissions, was named Staff Person of the Year. In addition to admissions, Whiting is in charge of special student services and international students. She holds degrees from UAM, Auburn and Columbia Southern.

Ambassadors Feted


Winners Again

Two teams of computer information students from the University of Arkansas at Monticello captured the top two places in the Computer Information Systems Division at the 2010 Arkansas Collegiate Programming Competition.

Jay Dyson of Monticello, Justin Walker of Back Gate, and Freddie Gibson of Winchester took first place in the COBOL programming competition. Dyson and Gibson are computer information systems majors while Gibson carries a double major in CIS and geographic imaging systems. The team of Calvin Davis of Monticello, Jake Hayden of Monticello, and Kyle Knight of Hamburg placed second in the competition. All three are CIS majors.

Both teams completed five of seven problems with time completed being the deciding factor, according to Lori Selby, professor of CIS and coach of the programming teams.

The competition was sponsored by Acxiom’s TresNet Division and hosted by the University of Central Arkansas. The competition was split into two sections – computer information systems and computer science. Students competing in the CIS section could choose to program in COBOL, Java, or C++.

Homecoming ‘10

Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 14-16 and join us for Homecoming 2010. We’ll start the weekend with the Sports Hall of Fame banquet October 14. The Alumni Dinner and presentation of the Alumni Awards for Achievement and Merit is scheduled for October 15. Activities are being planned for Saturday, October 16, culminating with the football game with West Georgia. Look for the Homecoming schedule in the next UAM Magazine.
Surviving medical school can be a dawn-to-exhaustion test of mind, body and will. It takes intelligence, preparation, hard work, and the ability to manage time to make it.

Oh, and one more thing. “A lot of caffeine,” says first-year medical student Amy Hoang.

Hoang and Stephen Cagle are in their first year at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. Both completed the pre-medicine program at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Hoang, a Monticello native, and Cagle, who hails from Ratcliff, graduated from UAM last spring and represent the latest success stories for a pre-med program that has created a legacy of excellence.

“If a student can make it through our premed program with a decent grade point average, they’re probably getting into medical school,” says Dr. Morris Bramlett, dean of UAM’s School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences. “And they’ll do well once they get there.”

Over the past three decades, UAM’s pre-medicine graduates have had one of the state’s highest acceptance rates to medical school. The competition is fierce, with more than twice as many applicants as available spots.

Hoang’s decision to go into medicine was a natural one for the youngest member of a family of overachievers. Amy’s oldest sister, Cynthia, is a UAM graduate and now a pharmacist living in Houston. Another sister, Kimmy, also a UAM graduate, is a second-year

First-year medical students Amy Hoang and Stephen Cagle are the latest in a long line of UAM pre-medicine graduates prepared for success in medical school.
Hoang and Cagle will spend the next three years at UAMS.

optometry student at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Her oldest brother, Bryan, is a UAM graduate and a first-year resident physician at Jefferson Regional Hospital in Pine Bluff. Another brother, Austin, is the fifth member of the Hoang family with a UAM degree. He is set to graduate from the University of Tennessee-Memphis Dental School in May. Allen Hoang, who Amy refers to as the oddball of the family, is a Hendrix graduate and a third-year medical student at UAMS.

Cagle, who grew up in a military family, thought about dentistry as a career, but with encouragement from his family and his own interest in microbiology, decided to pursue medicine. Cagle’s wife, Megan, is a first-year pharmacy student at UAMS. They met as undergraduates at UAM.

Both Hoang and Cagle are immersed in a daily schedule that includes eight hours in the classroom and laboratory, then more study once class is over. “You have to force yourself to study,” says Cagle. “It takes a certain amount of self-discipline.”

The toughest adjustment for both has been the speed at which material is covered in the classroom and the overall intensity of the program. “The hours are longer and it’s more intense,” says Hoang. “And the integration of all the courses into one exam is a really tough thing. Every subject, there’s team-based learning so one professor tackles one subject, another tackles another, and so on. Then each writes their own questions so you have to get used to each professor’s style of testing because it’s always changing.”

“As an undergraduate, you probably get two to three lectures in a subject a week,” adds Cagle. “Here, you’re getting two to three lectures in a subject in a day and you’re ex-
pected to test over 20 or 30 lectures in two weeks.”

Both Hoang and Cagle say UAM prepared them to succeed in a highly competitive environment. “I feel like UAM prepared me academically,” Cagle says. “I haven’t seen anything that was a shock yet. We’d already been introduced to everything we’ve seen here.”

“I think we were given more opportunities at UAM,” says Hoang. “The faculty really helped us. My biggest struggle was chemistry. Dr. Bramlett really helped with that. He was very encouraging and I got through it.”

Bramlett says UAM’s small classes are a key to the success of its pre-med graduates. “Our students get a lot of one-on-one time, or small group time with faculty,” he explains. “That’s very important.”

Hoang and Cagle must complete four years of medical school followed by an internship and residency. After that, it’s four years practicing in the military, Cagle in the Air Force and Hoang in the Navy. Both joined the military to finance their medical education. “They pay for all of our school,” says Cagle, “Books, supplies, equipment, tuition and fees. They give you a $20,000 bonus and while you’re in school, you get $2,000 a month to live on. When you’re done with your residency, you owe them four years.”

Cagle is considering trauma surgery as a specialty which could lead to a career as a field surgeon in the military. He and his wife will consider their options before he chooses a military career. “That will be a family decision,” he says. “I’ve got a military background in my family. I’ve got two brothers in and my dad’s in. It will depend on if Megan’s interested in moving around or if she’s ready to settle down, or if I’m ready to settle down.”

Hoang is leaning toward becoming an OB-GYN. Both she and Cagle must declare their specialties in their third year. In the mean time, they will continue their studies, thankful for the preparation they received at UAM. In fact, both were so well prepared that medical school isn’t quite the challenge they expected.

“It’s not that hard,” says Hoang. “It just takes a little bit more effort and a little bit more time.”

“They hype it up to make it seem it’s almost impossible,” adds Cagle. “But if it was, we wouldn’t have any doctors.”

“That really doesn’t surprise me,” says Bramlett. “Our program is very rigorous. It’s hard, but it’s supposed to be.”

Recently, Bramlett received an e-mail from Cagle. “It said, ‘Just wanted to let you know I am very well prepared. I know a lot of things other students don’t.’ That pretty much says it all.”

“UAM Grads Currently Enrolled In Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Or Optometry School

Medical School
Stephan Cagle (UAMS / 1st year)
Amy Hoang (UAMS / 1st year)
Thetsu Mon (UAMS / 4th year)
Maggie Sullivan Ngar (Kansas City College of Medicine / 4th year)
Matthew Patoka (UAMS / 4th year)
James Reeves (UAMS / 4th year)
Amanda Temple Vickers (Virginia Tech / 3rd year)

Pharmacy School
Megan Martin Cagle (UAMS / 1st year)
Lauren Young Lynch (UAMS / 4th year)
Brittany Paul (UAMS / 4th year)
Aissa Roflo (University of Florida / 3rd year)
Lani Simmons (UAMS / 4th year)
Abby Trites (Harding / 1st year)
Brittney Wells (UAMS / 4th year)
Jennifer Young (UAMS / 4th year)

Dental School
Taylor Everett (Tennessee-Memphis / 2nd year)
Austin Hoang (Tennessee-Memphis / 3rd year)

Optometry School
Barrett Brown (Southern Coll. of Optometry / 1st year)
Kimmy Hoang (Nova Southeastern / 2nd year)

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Dr. Morris Bramlett
Dean, School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences
Man On The Move

Marty Brutscher followed a familiar path to the University of Arkansas at Monticello.
The son of blue collar parents in Louisville, Kentucky, Brutscher needed help to pay for college. He had gone to Cumberland University on a track scholarship, but Cumberland wasn’t a good fit and his scholarship didn’t pay enough to offset the cost of tuition at the private school.

Thanks to a chance meeting at a track meet, Brutscher heard about UAM and eventually came to Monticello, where he was a triple jumper on the track team, joined Phi Lambda Chi fraternity and became part of David Ray’s award-winning debate program.

Brutscher parlayed the communication skills he learned as a debater with the drive of a competitive athlete to forge a successful career in the medical billing industry. Brutscher is the executive vice president and principal of Baltimore-based McBee Associates, one of the nation’s largest medical billing firms. For his success in business, Brutscher is UAM’s 48th Distinguished Alumnus.

“This is a tremendous honor and completely unexpected,” said Brutscher. “I had such great times there and learned so much about what it takes to be successful.”

Chancellor Jack Lassiter called Brutscher a “classic UAM success story. He represents what this institution has always been about,” Lassiter said. “Like so many of our students, Marty came to UAM searching for an opportunity. He had the drive and the determination to be successful; he just needed a chance.”

Brutscher got his chance after meeting Richard Smith, a former UAM shot putter, at a track meet in the spring of 1975. Brutscher was looking for a school that needed a triple jumper and Smith called Boll Weevil track coach Harry Denson, who arranged for Brutscher to visit the campus in late July. During his visit, Denson asked Brutscher what he wanted to study.

“I mentioned that I might want to be a lawyer,” Brutscher remembered. “Coach Denson said, ‘Well, you’ll need public speaking skills.’ So he arranged for me to have breakfast with David Ray. David told me he could get me more money if I participated in debate, so that money, combined with my work-study job in track, seemed like a good deal.”

Brutscher’s first experience with the debate team was forgettable. “The first day of debate practice, David said he was going to videotape our presentations,” Brutscher said. “I froze . . . completely!”

Despite his initial setback, debate helped Brutscher develop polished communication skills and learn some important lessons about life outside the boundaries of a small college campus. “The trips with the debate team exposed me to the rest of the world,” he said. “I discovered that there was another level of people out there. I found out that I might have been smart, but there were a lot of people out there smarter than me. If I was going to be successful, I knew I had to work hard.”

Brutscher’s work ethic and his communication skills became an important part of his professional success, but he also learned some important lessons as a member of the UAM track team. Brutscher was an All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference triple jumper for the Boll Weevils and set a school record of 48 feet 9 inches, a mark that will stand in perpetuity unless UAM reinstates its track and field program. But it was the interaction with his teammates that had the biggest impact.

“You have to remember, this was the ’70s and things were different then,” Brutscher explained. “Being on the track team, I got to travel with a diverse group of guys and I learned a lot about dealing with people from different backgrounds. I was very lucky to be involved in both an academic and athletic setting at UAM.”

Brutscher drifted a little after college before being introduced to health care billing after taking a job at Ingram and Associates in Nashville. From there, he was offered a job managing the financial operation of a Baltimore hospital. He was 29 and younger than all but two of the 100 people he supervised.

“The hospital billing process is very complicated and I didn’t know that much about it,” Brutscher said. “My job was more about managing people, getting the best out of them. The communication skills I learned in college helped me tremendously.”

Brutscher joined McBee and Associates in 1992 as a manager supervising a staff of 25. In 1994, he became a senior manager in ’95 became a partner. He is now the executive vice president and second in command of a company with nearly 400 employees.

He and his wife, Erma, who he met 15 years ago at a health care conference, live in the Baltimore suburb of Monkton and spend their spare time at Oriole Park at Camden Yards cheering for the Baltimore Orioles.

“Erma didn’t go to school there, but we’ve managed to get back a few times and she loves it as much as I do,” said Brutscher. “I had some really great times there.”
An unexpected thing happened to Charlotte Smith on her way to becoming a college basketball coach. She fell in love with country music.

From basketball player to songwriter, Charlotte Smith and Nashville fit like a comfortable pair of jeans.

Her Story

An unexpected thing happened to Charlotte Smith on her way to becoming a college basketball coach. She fell in love with country music.
hat love led her to a successful career as a country music songwriter with six number one hits and more than 500 songs to her credit. Now writing under the name Shaye Smith, she is one of Nashville’s preeminent songwriters but her journey has taken as many twists as a good country song.

When Smith graduated from the University of Arkansas at Monticello in the spring of 1989, she briefly tried her hand as a management trainee for Roadway Express but quickly realized the business world was not for her.

Next came an offer from Leon Barmore, the legendary women’s basketball coach at Louisiana Tech, to join his staff that fall as a graduate assistant. Smith had been an All-American basketball player at UAM and agreed to go to Tech in August.

In the mean time there were bills to pay and Smith needed a job. She found one at KDEW radio in DeWitt, her hometown, as a country music disc jockey; an ironic note since Smith didn’t like country music. “I was a rock fan,” she says now. “I was really into Journey, Michael Jackson, Air Supply.”

It wasn’t long before Smith’s music tastes changed. Forced to listen to music she thought she didn’t like, Smith became a fan. “I thought, ‘Every one of these stories are like my life story,’” she says.

Smith liked country music so much she began writing her own songs even though she couldn’t play an instrument. When her summer job at KDEW came to an end, she enrolled in graduate school at Louisiana Tech but never took the coaching job. Instead, she found work at a Ruston radio station. It was there that Charlotte became Shaye.

“They told me Charlotte wasn’t a radio name,” she says. “So I played around with the first few letters of my name and came up with Shaye. I discovered that once you change your name, you can’t be two people.”

In 1991, Smith took a job as a DJ at KMAG radio in Fort Smith, Arkansas, then bought a guitar and taught herself to play. Before she could play, she wrote songs with the melody in her head and would sing them to friends who would play the chords on piano or guitar.

By 1993, Smith was ready to take a giant leap. She had made contacts in the music business, so she headed to Nashville with $350 in her pocket. “Looking back, it was crazy,” she says, “but when you’re young and don’t have a lot of bills and responsibilities, you can do things like that. I decided I was either going to do something I love, or be miserable my whole life.”

Almost two years to the day after her arrival in Nashville, Smith hit the big time for good. Her song “One Boy, One Girl,” co-written with Mark Alan Springer and recorded by Collin Raye, climbed to number one on the Billboard country music charts.

More hits followed – “That’s Why I’m Here,” co-written with Springer for Kenny Chesney; “Single White Female,” co-written with Carolyn Dawn Johnson and performed by Chely Wright; and the debut number one “There Is No Arizona,” co-written with Lisa Drew and Jamie O’Neal, and performed by O’Neal, all which earned BMI Country Music Awards.

Smith also wrote a number one hit in Sweden with “I Should Be Sleeping” and followed that with “Complicated,” co-written with Johnson, which became number one in Canada and was named the Canadian Country Music Association Song of the Year.

Smith’s songs have reached as far as New Zealand, where “They Can’t Take That Away” spent seven weeks at number one, became the country’s all-time biggest single, and went four times platinum for the winner of New Zealand Idol.

She has also written for Martina McBride, Faith Hill, Trace Adkins and recently had a song called “Pink Guitar” selected by Reba McIntire for her new album. Smith’s “Songs About Me” reached number two for Jewel and forged a friendship between writer and performer. Jewel invited Smith to her working ranch in Stephenville, Texas, where she met Jewel’s husband, seven-time World All-Around Cowboy Champion and Dancing With The Stars contestant Ty Murray. “Some of the perks of the business,” says Smith with a chuckle.

All in all, not a bad resume for a girl from DeWitt with no musical background. “I never sang in church choir or the high school choir,” Smith says. “But I always loved music. I’m still not a very good singer, but I’ve been able to hone my craft over time and I do all right on writer’s nights at clubs. But I don’t have a great voice.”

Smith is signed to a publisher, who markets and plays her music to people in search of new songs. She can write a song tonight, record it tomorrow, turn it in to the publisher and the next day have it pitched to an artist. Her inspiration comes from everyday life. “You have to be careful what you say around a songwriter,” she says.

“I guess the coolest thing about what I do is I know everyone on the face of the earth loves music in some form or fashion,” she adds. “Music can make you laugh or cry. It makes me feel my job has meaning to it.”
First Steps

The Class of 2010 Says “Hello World!”

UAM’s graduating class of 2010 received their degrees on a warm morning in May and moved from students, to graduates and alumni. UA Board Chairman John E. Anthony and Distinguished Alumnus Marty Brutscher encouraged UAM’s newest graduates to remember their roots and stay true to their values.
NEVER FORGET  Distinguished Alumnus Marty Brutscher reminded the Class of 2010 to remember their roots and cherish their years at UAM.

WHY THEY CAME  Parents, grandparents, cousins, and friends proudly watched – and photographed – their graduates.

MASTER’S DEGREE  Mitch Meredith gets his master’s degree hood from Provost David Ray.
Coming Home

Allen Sharpe is the new men’s basketball coach at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Sharpe was introduced at press conferences in Monticello and Little Rock recently by Athletics Director Chris Ratcliff. Sharpe is the son of Gary Sharpe, who coached the Boll Weevils from 1985-91.

“UAM is excited to have Allen Sharpe,” said Ratcliff. “He has a strong connection to UAM and has a great vision to where the program needs to be.”

Sharpe, 33, spent the last five seasons (2005-10) as the head coach at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala., where he compiled a record of 136-30. In the last four seasons, he led his teams to an average of 30 wins per year (120-15) and took his team to the top of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Top 25 poll.

Last season, Sharpe led Wallace State to a record of 32-5, a fifth place finish at the NJCAA National Tournament, the school’s first Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) championship, the first NJCAA Region 22 title and a final No. 8 ranking.

Sharpe was named 2010 ACCC North Division and District 12 Coach of the Year. Additionally, he earned ACCC North Division Coach of the Year honors in 2007 and 2008, and was named Birmingham Tip-Off Club Coach of the Year in 2008.

Sharpe led his 2006-07 squad to a 28-4 record and a No. 5 ranking in the NJCAA Top 25 poll. In 2007-08, he guided his team to the first undefeated regular season in the history of the ACCC and broke the school’s record for wins with a 32-1 mark and final No. 1 ranking. In 2006-07, his team finished the season with a 28-5 record and No. 21 ranking.

Prior to Wallace State, Sharpe spent three seasons (2002-05) as the head coach at Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, Ga., where he led the program to a three-year record of 70-25. He began his coaching career with a two-year stint (2000-02) as an assistant coach at Piedmont College in Demorest, Ga.

Sharpe ranks 19th on the all-time scorers list at Lipscomb University, where he played for legendary coach Don Meyer. He totaled 1,431 career points from 1996-2000.

Allen Sharpe's father, Gary, was one of the most successful coaches in UAM history. Gary Sharpe guided UAM to the most memorable season in school history, taking the 1985-86 squad to a runner-up finish at the NAIA National Tournament while posting a 26-10 record, still the school mark for wins in a season.

Gary Sharpe is tied for third in the UAM coaching records after totaling a six-year record of 103-82.

Allen Sharpe earned a bachelor of science degree from Lipscomb University in 2000 and a master of arts degree from Piedmont College in 2002.

Allen and his wife, Susan, have three children – Garrison (6), Ally (3) and Anderson (8 mo.).

Three TV Games In 2010

UAM’s 2010 football schedule includes three televised games for the first time in school history. The Boll Weevils will appear as part of the GSC-TV package at home vs. West Alabama and Delta State and in El Dorado vs. SAU. The games will be carried by Comcast Sports Southeast and Cox Sports Television throughout the southeastern U.S. In Monticello, the games may be viewed on local cable channel 31.

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* GSC games

Fore!

The UAM men’s golf team recently won its first tournament since joining NCAA Division II with a one-stroke victory over Southern Arkansas at the 2010 Boll Weevil Invitational at Pine Bluff Country Club.

Devin DeBay led UAM and finished second overall with scores of 76-76 for a 152 total, just three shots behind the leader.

Cameron Hurst finished third with a combined score of 153 (75-78). Other UAM finishers included Brett Hubbard (161) 8th, Jared Blasengaame (165) 14th, Richard Eberle (171) 17th, and Jacob McGhee (177) 21st.
Blossoms Enjoy Record-Setting Season

As this issue of UAM Magazine went to press, the most successful athletic program at the university over the last decade was enjoying an unprecedented season of accomplishments. The Cotton Blossoms softball team completed the regular season by winning a school-record 48 games while capturing the Gulf South Conference western division for the seventh time in the last 11 years. UAM then went on to win the NCAA South Regional to advance to the Super Regional at Valdosta, Georgia, where they lost two of three to Valdosta State to end the season.

Head coach Alvy Early picked up his 500th career win on April 18, an 8-0 decision over Henderson State that clinched the GSC West title. In that game, sophomore pitcher Kayla Jackson (pictured right) threw a perfect game.

A native of Hallsville, Texas, Jackson has been a pitching and hitting star for the Blossoms in 2010. Jackson closed the regular season with a .400 batting average to go with nine home runs and 45 runs batted in. In the pitcher’s circle, she compiled a 25-5 record with a 1.38 earned run average and 158 strikeouts.

Jackson isn’t the only star for the ’10 Blossoms. Senior catcher/outfielder Becca Tipton of Monticello was batting a team-high .480 with 13 home runs and a team-high 65 RBI. Newcomers Sarah Hayslip, a junior transfer outfielder from Houston, was batting .380 with 58 RBI while Bentonville freshman Faith Lund was batting .333 with 43 RBI as the designated hitter. Hayslip and Lund were tied for the team lead in home runs with 14 each.

“We’ve had an outstanding year,” said Early, who finished the season with a career record of 505-256-2 in 14 seasons. Early is one of three coaches in GSC history to record at least 500 wins. “What success I’ve had is a result of having good players,” he said. “We’ve been fortunate at UAM to have been able to attract good players who are also good students and quality individuals.”

All-Academic

UAM senior forward Yelitza Rivera has been selected to the 2009-10 Gulf South Conference Winter All-Academic Team and joined five of her teammates on the GSC Honor Roll.

Rivera wrapped up her final season as a member of the UAM women’s basketball team with a 3.21 cumulative grade point average, majoring in biology. On the court, Rivera averaged seven points and just under three rebounds per game in 25 contests, making 15 starts at forward. She shot 52 percent from the field, 50 percent from three-point range and 77 percent from the free-throw line.

Rivera scored in double figures five time in 2009-10, including her season-high of 16 points in her final game at Southern Arkansas.

Six Cotton Blossoms were named to the 2009-10 GSC Winter Honor Roll, which requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. Players named were Taylor Clark, an exercise science major from Searcy, Jerica Hubbard, a health and physical education major from Ashdown, Monica Perkins-Miller, a health and physical education major from Houston, Tex., Rivera, LaChasity Seale, a nursing major from North Little Rock, and Emili Slamons, a health and physical education major from Elkins.
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After retiring from successful careers as executives with Exxon Corporation, the Hornadays began giving back to the school that helped give them their start in life. The Hornadays made their first gift to the University of Arkansas at Monticello in 1992 and since then have created eight separate endowments.

Their ninth and latest gift to the university establishes an endowment which will create the Hornaday Outstanding Faculty Award. The annual award, which includes a monetary prize, will honor UAM's outstanding faculty member for excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, and public service.

“Dan and Charlotte Hornaday exemplify what UAM is all about,” said Chancellor Jack Lassiter. “They came from humble beginnings, worked hard to build successful lives, but never forgot their roots. Their generosity has created a lasting legacy.”

The Hornadays met on the Arkansas A&M campus in the late 1940’s. Dan came to A&M from Fordyce while Charlotte Cruce had grown up on campus. Her parents owned Cruce Grocery, a campus landmark located on the current site of the Red Barn.

The Hornadays were married in 1952 and Dan began a career in the oil industry while Charlotte became a school teacher.

NINTH GIFT Dan and Charlotte Hornaday have created a new endowment, their ninth.

Dan Hornaday climbed the corporate ladder at Exxon Corporation and when the couple moved to Houston in 1977, Charlotte joined her husband at Exxon.

Dan admits with a laugh that the couple’s first gift to UAM in 1992 was made to “get them off our backs. We thought, this is going to cost us a little money, but if we give it, maybe they'll leave us alone.”

Then came a phone call that changed their lives.

A woman who identified herself as the single mother of a UAM student was calling to thank the Hornadays for the scholarship her son had received.

“She thanked us and told us her son could not have gone to UAM without our help,” said Dan. “That's when it dawned on us that we could make a difference in the lives of a lot of students at UAM. That lady's call really made an impression on us. Charlotte and I decided, that with our company's matching funds, it would be a sin if we didn't do it.”

In the past year, 26 current UAM students received financial help from endowments created by the Hornadays.

“What Dan and Charlotte have done is create real opportunities for future generations,” said Lassiter. “We owe them much.”

Hall Scholarship

A scholarship to honor the memory of the late Annette Hall has been established by her husband, long-time Monticello educator Barry Hall.

The Annette K. Hall Graduate Studies in Education Scholarship will be presented annually to a student enrolled in UAM’s master of arts in teaching program with first preference given to students in music education. Second preference will go to students contracted to teach in a Drew County school.

“This is a wonderful gift and a fitting tribute to Mrs. Hall,” said Chancellor Jack Lassiter. “She dedicated so much of her life to helping students succeed academically and in life. We are grateful to Barry Hall for this most generous donation.”

Mrs. Hall spent nearly 30 years on the UAM faculty after coming to the campus in 1972. She was an associate professor of music who headed the university’s music program. She was associate dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at the time of her retirement.

Mrs. Hall held a bachelor’s degree from UAM and a master’s degree from UA-Fayetteville.
Hot Prospects

Some of the hottest programs at the UAM College of Technology-Crossett are also the programs that are producing graduates who are in the highest demand. Those programs include electromechanical instrumentation technology, electromechanical technology, and computer repair and networking.

Entry level salaries in these areas may run as high as $40 an hour, according to Linda Rushing, vice chancellor for the Crossett campus. “Students in these programs are finding that their skills are in high demand and the beginning salaries are very good.”

The electromechanical instrumentation technology program trains professionals in advanced industrial, electrical, mechanical, and instrumentation skills to be used in an industrial environment. Students in the program may choose to continue their studies and earn an associate of applied science in industrial technology degree.

The computer repair and networking program, which results in a certificate of proficiency, trains students for entry-level jobs in the computer repair and networking field.

It’s Hospitality

The Dumas Chamber of Commerce recently got a taste – literally – of the hospitality program being offered by the UAM College of Technology-McGehee. Students from the McGehee campus prepared a meal for the Dumas Chamber as part of their on-the-job training.

The hospitality program includes two options – hospitality services, which results in a technical certificate, and hospitality skills, which culminates with a certificate of proficiency.

The technical certificate program requires 35 hours of course work and includes supervised internships and work-related experiences to simulate a real world environment.

Students who complete the program find jobs in a variety of positions in the hospitality industry, including restaurant, hotel and motel management.

The certificate of proficiency program requires 15 hours of course work and prepares students for entry-level positions in food service and lodging businesses.

“This has been a wonderful addition to our curriculum,” said Bob Ware, vice chancellor of the McGehee campus. “We have received a lot of interest since instituting the program.”

It’s just one more way to demonstrate our commitment to providing our constituents with a variety of academic and career opportunities.”

Persons interested in either of the hospitality programs may call the UAM College of Technology-McGehee at (870) 222-5360.
Dr. Herschel Mann (BS ’64) recently won the President’s Excellence in Teaching Award at Texas Tech University. A certified public accountant, Mann is the KPMG Professor of Accounting at Texas Tech. He received his Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Alabama and his BBA from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. His previous work experience was with Grant Thornton & Co. At Texas Tech, he has received five university-wide teaching awards, including the outstanding faculty member in the College of Business Administration and the outstanding faculty member in the Department of Accounting. He also serves as chairman of Texas Tech’s Athletic Council.

Byron Clark (AN ’71) was recently commemorated with the creation of the Karon Beavers Quality Award at Drew Memorial Hospital. Beavers recently retired after 32½ years as the Home Health program director. She was the longest-tenured employee at Drew Memorial.

William Brantley (BME ’71) and Julie Fink Hollar were married on November 21, 2009. The groom retired from teaching in 2000.

Dr. Will Langstaff Jr. (BS ’75) is the founding pastor of The Servant House, a church in Lewisville, TX. The Servant House has helped plant 22 churches in four nations and started a Christian school in Sierra Leone. Dr. Langstaff and his wife, Abby, have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

John Calaway (BS ’78) will become superintendent of the Green Forest school district on July 1. Mr. Calaway is currently employed as assistant school superintendent at Mountain Home.

Treasa A. Putthoff (AD ’78) is employed by Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Lawrence, KS where she is a Registered Nurse Infusion Specialist. She also provides continuing education for the Midwestern United States. Mrs. Putthoff has two children.

Suzanne Norris (BA ’97) earned her master’s degree in 2005 at ASU-Jonesboro in Gifted and Talented Education. She is currently

Reunited On Facebook

W.L. Brantley and Julie Hollar met in 1971 in Livingston, Montana but it took 38 years for them to finally get together. Shortly after graduating from UAM with a degree in music, Brantley went on tour with Collegiate Crusade for Christ. While on tour, he met Julie Fink, a recent high school graduate from Livingston. Brantley was smitten, but when the group finished touring, Fink flew back to Montana and she and Brantley lost touch.

Fast-forward to July 2009. Brantley’s longtime friend, Eva Austin (UAM ’71) encouraged Brantley to join Facebook as a way to get in touch with old friends. At the same time, Julie Fink Hollar, by that time a widow with five children, also joined Facebook and decided to see if she could find the members of the Collegiate Crusade. She found most of them, including Brantley.

Two weeks later, after a 38-year separation as mere acquaintances and hours burning the phone lines across the states, Brantley proposed and Hollar accepted. They were married November 21, 2009, in Crossett.
Matthew Reaves, currently employed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Oakdale, LA.

Rev. Joshua Murray accepted a call as full time minister of the Antioch Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Quitman, LA. He began his pastorate in Quitman on March 1.

Roger Darren High, an art teacher for Dermott Elementary School, has been awarded an $800 Target Field Trip Grant that will fund an educational trip for his students. High's grant will enable 120 students from Dermott Elementary School to visit the Arkansas Arts Center and the Little Rock Zoo.

Paul Butler was named superintendent of Moro Bay State Park in July of 2009. Previously, Paul served as Interpreter for the park.

Joel Brown is employed by ARC of the Ozarks in Springfield, MO where he was recently promoted to assistant director of Autism Services for the organization. Mr. Brown will be starting a PhD in Biostatistics in the fall. Maggie Claire Hawkins, born March 7, 2010 to Kevin and Ashley (BA '01) Hawkins of Star City.

Sophia Isabelle Reaves, born January 14, 2010 to Matthew (BS '01) and Brandy (AA '02) Reaves of Oakdale, LA. Sophia joins big sister Abigail, 5, and big brother Ethan, 3.

Thelma Fish Giessen, 96, died September 29. Born November 19, 1912, in Waterproof, La., she was the daughter of the late George Dudley Fish and Jessie Guice Hunter Fish. She received an L.I. degree in 1932 and an A.B. degree in 1934 from Arkansas A&M. She attended Scarritt College and received an M.A. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers in 1938. From 1938-40, she served as a missionary to Japan where she taught foods and nutrition at Hiroshima College for Women until she was forced to return to the United States during World War II. The following three years she worked under the National Youth Administration in a U.S. government program for disadvantaged girls in 21 counties of southern Arkansas. She taught in public elementary schools in several Louisiana communities, and volunteered as a cross-over teacher when schools in Louisiana were being integrated. Her last eight years of teaching were in a pilot kindergarten program in a Louisiana public school. She retired in 1980 and returned to her hometown of Monticello. She also worked as a partner in ministry with her husband, a Methodist minister in the Little Rock and Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. Survivors include three children seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Minnie May Moffatt, 90, died February 19 in Monticello. She was born to Walter A. Moffatt, Sr. and Myrtle Wells Moffatt on June 20, 1919 in the family home on South Main Street, the home where she resided her entire life. She attended Monticello schools, graduating from Monticello High School in 1935. After obtaining a B.A. in French from Arkansas A&M (now UAM) in 1939, she went to work for her father at Moffatt Abstract Company. After his retirement in 1953 she operated this business, the only such company in Drew County, until she retired in 1982. She was a life-long member of Wood Avenue Presbyterian Church where she served as a deacon and as treasurer for many years. She was also a life member of the Drew County Historical Society, Monticello Friends of the Library and Monticello Jr. Auxiliary.
ALUMNI SNAPSHOTS

Jack Boyd ‘43

Dr. Jack Ireland Boyd (BA ‘43), died November 23, 2009. He was born November 12, 1923, in Columbia, Mo., to the late Dr. Alaga Harrison Boyd, a long-time professor of physics and engineering at Arkansas A&M, and Myrtle (Patsy) Howard Ireland Boyd.

After receiving a bachelor of arts degree in social sciences at Arkansas A&M, he served as a meteorologist with the U.S. Army Air Corps in Greenland. Following military service, he attended the University of Chicago, where he earned a master’s degree in international relations.

He then studied at the University of Geneva in Switzerland as a Rotary International Scholar before beginning a career as an international trade and economic development economist with the International Cooperative Administrations (ICA), now known as AID, in Washington, Jordan, Vietnam and Pakistan. In this capacity, he was responsible for developing and recommending plans for the use of foreign aid funds as well as following up on the progress of the programs.

Dr. Boyd retired from the agency after 25 years to pursue graduate studies in education. He received a Ph.D. in education administration from the University of Alabama in 1973. He accepted a position with the Chesterfield County School System as a teacher and student work coordinator in 1974, fulfilling a longtime goal to help young people reach their goals.

Friends We’ll Miss

Ardath P. Anderson ’70 of Ozark, March 30, 2009
Eileen Ratterree Armstrong ’37 of Baton Rouge, La., March 4, 2010
James O. Belin ’50 of Amarillo, Tex., January 10, 2010
Dr. Fred Keith Bellott ’49 of Collierville, Tenn., August 29, 2009
William P. Blankenship of White Hall, February 17, 2010
Debra Bottoms ’82 of Dumas, January 16, 2010
Guy Bradshaw of White Hall, March 14, 2010
Donnie Gale Calvert of Monticello, April 6, 2010
Vonita M. Cecil ’53 of Star City, December 3, 2008
Mary Beth Clark of El Dorado, January 24, 2010
Dr. John Douglas Clower, Sr. of Springdale, March 30, 2010
Paula F. Denson ’70 of Texarkana, February 27, 2010
Virginia B. Edwards ’96 of Hot Springs, August 29, 2008
Wayne Allen Elliott of Macon, Ga., May 7, 2009
Thelma Fish Giessen of Monticello, September 29, 2009
Ruth Laron Echols Holt of Franklin, Tenn., April 13, 2009
Holly C. Hudspeth ’73 of DeWitt, February 13, 2010
Tracy R. Kranichfeld ’79 of Norman, May 26, 2009
Edrie Jane Kuykendall ’51 of Pine Bluff, January 25, 2010
Mary Retha Lansdell of Humnoke, April 10, 2010
Lee Merris Mormon Lochala of Foreman, March 24, 2008
Bobbie A. Merrifield ’52 of College Station, Tex., April 11, 2009
Dr. Robert G. Merrifield ’53 of College Station, Tex., January 30, 2010
Mable Reddin Harris Merritt ’56 of Wilmar, January 15, 2010
Minnie May Moffatt ’39 of Monticello, February 19, 2010
Paul Edwin Moore of Mt. Tabor community, March 10, 2010
Warren H. Morehart of Memphis, Tenn., January 5, 2008
Kristie Nicole O’Dowd of Yellville, February 27, 2010
James Owen of Mountain Home, February 9, 2010
Billie Pazdera of Conway, March 11, 2010
Theodore Jordan Pope, Jr. ’56 of Hamburg, January 22, 2010
Roy Dale Ray ’53 of Clinton, Miss., October 19, 2009
Bobby Smith ’55 of Dumas, March 12, 2010
David R. Watson ’56 of Benton, October 13, 2009
Hollis Weatherford of Pine Bluff, September 21, 2009
Harold Webb of White Hall, February 5, 2010

Dr. Fred Bellott

Dr. Fred K. Bellott, 83, of Collierville, Tenn., died August 29. He retired from the University of Memphis as associate dean of the College of Education and also retired from New Mexico State University. Dr. Bellott and his wife, Doris, were among the first university benefactors to establish endowed scholarships in the UAM Foundation Fund. The Bellott’s have endowed two scholarships to benefit the Division of Music. Dr. Bellott is survived by his wife of 55 years, Doris J. Branning Bellott; three children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
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