Bill and his wife Sylvia have many plans for enjoying retirement, including keeping up with their adult children and young grandchild. To honor Bill for his many contributions to the accounting program, we are establishing a new award in his honor. While the details of the Glezen award are still being decided, Bill’s desire is that it be an incentive award. For example, it might be used as an award for the best team project by MACC students or as an incentive scholarship for high-achieving non-accounting students who wish to enter the MACC program. The first Glezen award will be given at the 2000 banquet.

One appropriate way to honor Bill is to make a contribution to the Glezen award fund. Checks made payable to the University of Arkansas Foundation, and including the designation “Glezen Award,” should be sent to the department chair, Karen Pincus. Another appropriate way to honor Bill is to send a letter, photo or other memorabilia for a memory book being created in his honor. We will all miss Bill’s daily presence, but we also celebrate his “graduation” with the Class of 2000.

We’re on the Move

There are many ways the accounting program and the entire Walton College are on the move. But this time, we’re talking literally moving! The department will move to the 4th floor of our building during the first week in January. The move is part of the renovation project funded by some of last year’s $50 million gift by the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation. The move means that all the accounting faculty will once again be housed together, as we were when the building opened. As of January 1, our location will be BADM 401. Stop by once the dust clears and see our new digs!

Previous phases of the renovation included upgrading the classrooms. Every classroom is now equipped with sophisticated presentation technology, including “SmartBoards” that allow electronic capture of whatever is written on their surface during class for later e-mail or webpage distribution. Live network connections are available in every classroom. The computer infrastructure was updated to improve our network. In addition, a server with the address walton.uark.edu has been added to improve our e-mail service.

While there is much we have gained in the remodeling, there are a few things we have lost. Our new location is a single hallway, rather than the multiple-hallway configuration we’ve had, so we lose wall space. This posed one dilemma. Over the years, we engraved the names of distinguished students who received scholarships on plaques that hung in the halls. As times change, including technology and renovations, we have decided to create an electronic honor wall, putting the recipient names on a new section of our homepage.

We realize the existing plaques hold significant sentimental value. We would like to give you a chance to own any plaque that is meaningful to you. So, starting on December 23, we will hold a silent auction for each plaque via the web. Proceeds will be used to cover shipping costs; any excess will be used to support future student scholarship awards. To view the website, available December 23, go to our homepage at www.uark.edu/depts/acctinfo and follow the links under People, Students, and then Scholarships. The site will list awardees’ names, along with related plaque numbers. Silent bids should be sent by e-mail to napier@walton.uark.edu.
The Alpha Iota Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi was recognized as a Superior Chapter for the 1999 academic year. Under the leadership of 1998-99 President Kay Ellen Wilkerson and faculty advisor Dr. Charles Leflar, the chapter worked exceptionally hard to achieve this status. The chapter’s efforts were also supported by officers Vicki Vasser, Steven Murray, Douglas Henry, Judy Lee and Jeremy Adams. The Alpha Iota Chapter was also recognized as Significantly Improved.

The Alpha Iota chapter is in an elite group. Of all the chapters nationwide, 95 were named Superior Chapters and 11 were honored as Significantly Improved. As a result of being a Superior Chapter, the UA received 2 KPMG-funded $500 scholarships, which will be awarded to the outstanding member and pledge of 1999-2000. The chapter is now striving to maintain its superior position under the direction of President Gabe Rodriguez, VP Membership Lovenia Richardson, VP Programs Jenny Gann, Reporting Secretary Anne Bumpers, Recording Secretary Jeff Kuykendall, and Treasurer Laura Beth Oliver.

One of the highlights of the year is our annual Accounting Recognition Banquet. The next banquet will be Thursday, April 20, 2000. Our plan is to hold the banquet in the new Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House. We will be recognizing outstanding alumni, students, and student organizations, and expressing our thanks to donors. Plan now to be a part of our 27th annual celebration!

If you have not received an invitation in the past and would like to be included this year, give us a call (501-575-8645) or e-mail us (napier@walton.uark.edu). We look forward to seeing you on April 20th!
Teresa Wilder Westbrook (BSBA ‘82) has rejoined Deloitte & Touche as a partner in their New York City office, after 7 years with Merrill Lynch.

Neal Spencer (BSBA ‘86), who has been with Baird, Kurtz & Dobson for 14 years and serves as partner in charge of the Bowling Green, Kentucky office, was elected to BKD’s management committee in October.

Mitchell Johnson (BSBA ‘87), who joined Ozarks Electric Cooperative in 1991 as a young CPA, was recently named CEO of the company. Mitchell and his wife Kelly, a UA faculty member in nursing, and their 2 children make their home in Springdale, Arkansas.

Recent graduates of the University of Arkansas, Little Rock Law School include accounting alumni Joel Hoover (BSBA ‘97) and Aimee Sisk (BSBA ‘96). Joel graduated 7th out of 106 students and Aimee graduated 14th out of the same class. Way to go!

Long-time UA accounting supporter Richard Barclay, a partner in Beall, Barclay & Company, PLC was named director of Arkansas’ top fiscal agency, the Department of Finance and Administration in August. Dick will also be president in 2000 of the Arkansas Society of CPAs.

Deborah Munoz (BSBA ‘97) has been promoted to senior in the assurance and advisory business services practice with Ernst & Young.

After serving in a visiting capacity for 2 years, David Malone (PhD ‘87) has a new position as Associate Professor of Accounting Information Systems at Texas Tech. He taught a course in Ji’Nan, Shandong, China this summer.

In memoriam: George Charles Hood (MBA ‘60) died at home in Charlotte, North Carolina at the age of 61. He worked for 27 years at First Union and was the Vice President, Manager, Information Systems. He was very active in the Methodist church in his community.

Student and Faculty News

Dean Doyle Williams has been named to the board of directors for the AACSB-International Association for Business Education. This appointment was announced at the organization’s annual meeting, in Atlanta. At the same meeting, Professor John Norwood was recognized as president of the UA 1998-1999 Silver Beta Gamma Sigma Chapter.

Campus-wide, 18 students received the first scholarships from the Brandon Burlsworth Memorial Fund, established to honor the walk-on football star and 1999 MBA graduate who died in an accident April 28. Winners included 4 accounting majors: Heather Grant (MAcc), Laura Lacy, Lela Lyman, and Brandy McChristian (MAcc).

This fall, we welcomed 2 full-time instructors: Carole Shook, who teaches introductory accounting, and Melissa Leflar, who teaches business law. The department also welcomed Dr. C. S. Agnes Cheng as a visiting professor from the University of Houston.

Professor Karen Pincus is now chair of the AICPA’s Pre-Certification Education Executive Committee, which supports the recruitment of talented students into the profession.

Professor G. William Glezen (PhD ‘79) and his wife Sylvia are the PROUD new grandparents of Thomas Christopher Glezen. Bill is the typical hi-tech grandpa with baby pictures as his desktop wallpaper.

Emeritus Associate Professor Ann Henry and her husband Morriss welcomed their 3rd grandchild, Charles Henry, in August. Ann started pitching in right away by bringing a camera to the father-to-be (son Paul) just a few minutes before the birth—he had forgotten the camera in his haste to get to the hospital!

Undergraduate students Jenny Gann and Charlotte Moore were awarded 1999-2000 scholarships by Beta Gamma Sigma, the National Honor Society for Collegiate Schools of Business.

Melanie Frazier, a UA Political Science graduate, joined the department as secretary this summer. Melanie and her husband Brian have a 19-month-old daughter, Abbie, who already calls the HOGS!!!

At this year’s American Accounting Association/Taiwan Accounting Association Globalization Conference, Assistant Professor Thomas Carnes presented a paper co-authored with Assistant Professor Ervin Black on “The Value Relevance of Multiple Occurrences of NonRecurring Items.”

Professor Deborah Thomas has been elected to the UA Teaching Academy. The mission of the academy is to advocate and represent teaching interests, promote and stimulate an environment of teaching and learning excellence, and encourage recognition and reward for exceptional teaching.

On October 28, the students of NABA and BAP hosted a “Meet The Employers” holiday social at the Reynolds Center. The event included a pumpkin-decorating contest, which was won by Deloitte & Touche for their Razorback pumpkin.

Clinical Assistant Professor Charles Leflar knows how to pull in high-powered guests! Dr. Leflar’s “Generally Accepted Accounting Principles” class features a semester’s end project where student teams propose a new FASB pronouncement. Among the judges for the last competition were FASB member Dr. Gerhard Mueller.

Assistant Professor Johnny Deng is leaving the faculty in January to return to China. While we all understand the pull of home, Dr. Deng will always have a second home with the Razorback accounting family.
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