NEWLY ESTABLISHED CHAIRS

Garrison/Wilson Endowed Chair in Accounting

Don W. Finn was appointed the first holder of the Garrison/Wilson Endowed Chair in Accounting. Finn’s research interests include behavioral issues in accounting, most recently emphasizing corporate governance and ethics. Finn holds a BS in psychology from Texas Tech University, an MBA in accounting and finance from Arkansas State University, and a PhD in accounting from the University of Arkansas. He came to the Walton College in 2003 from Louisiana State University, where he served as accounting department chair and Ourso Distinguished Professor of Accounting. Larry T. Wilson and Natalie and Tom Garrison contributed $375,000 each to fund the Garrison/Wilson Chair in Accounting. Their combined gift of $750,000 was matched by the Matching Gift Program, creating a $1.5 million endowment.

Arkansas Bankers Association Endowed Chair in Banking

In 1966, the Arkansas Bankers Association (ABA) established a chair in banking, funded by annual contributions. Finance professor John A. Dominick has held this chair for over 30 years. In March, the ABA contributed $750,000 to endow the chair, and the Matching Gift Program added $750,000 to create a $1.5 million endowment. Ken Hammonds, ABA president and CEO, and Robert Brothers, chairman of the ABA board of directors and president and CEO of Arvest Bank, Rogers, made the announcement in Little Rock. The chairholder serves as a liaison between the Walton College and the Arkansas banking community; supports continuing education for Arkansas bankers; and provides research expertise on legislative issues, impacting local, regional and national banks.

George M. and Boyce W. Billingsley Chair in Information Systems

Viswanath Venkatesh has been appointed to the George M. and Boyce W. Billingsley Chair in Information Systems. He joined the Walton College in June 2004 and was previously the Tyser Fellow, an associate professor and director of MBA consulting in the department of decision and information technologies at Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park. Venkatesh received a BE from Bharathiar University, India, in computer science/engineering in 1991. He received a PhD from the University of Minnesota in business management in 1997. His research focuses on technology adoption and acceptance. The George M. and Boyce W. Billingsley Chair in Information Systems was established with a $1.5 million charitable remainder trust and $1.5 million from the Matching Gift Program for a $3 million endowment.

NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIRS

Robert E. Kennedy Chair in Finance

Daniel Pu Liu has been appointed the Robert E. Kennedy Chair in Finance. He joined the Walton College in 1984 and was the holder of the James D. Norris Lectureship in the Department of Finance from 1992-1998. He has a BS in mechanical engineering from National Cheng Kung University, and an MBA in finance and a PhD in business from Indiana University. Liu’s research focuses on the
bond market, bond rating and the stock market. His studies have resulted in a number of publications, and he has been cited by the Wall Street Journal, numerous academic and professional journal articles, and at least ten graduate and undergraduate finance textbooks. In addition, Liu has presented numerous papers at national and international financial management meetings.

In the late 1990s, many of Professor Emeritus of Finance Robert E. Kennedy’s former students led an effort to raise funds to establish a chair in his honor. Kennedy taught the Walton College’s portfolio management course — established in 1971 with a $100,000 gift from Little Rock businessman Raymond Rebsamen — for its first 27 years until his retirement in 1999. Today the Rebsamen Fund is worth over $1 million. Kennedy’s roster of former students reads like a “Who’s Who in Arkansas Business.”

### Chair of the Department of Management

Anne M. O’Leary-Kelly has been appointed chair of the department of management where she is a professor of management. She received a PhD in organizational behavior and human resources from Michigan State University in 1990 and previously was on the faculty of Texas A&M University and the University of Dayton. Her research interests include the study of aggressive work behavior and individual attachments to work organizations. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, including the Academy of Management Review, Academy of Management Journal, Journal of Applied Psychology, and Journal of Organizational Behavior, among others. As a member of the Academy of Management, she was a co-recipient of its Outstanding Publication in Organizational Behavior Award and of the Dorothy Harlow Outstanding Paper Award given by its Gender and Diversity in Organizations Division.

Daniel C. Ganster, Charles C. Fichtner Chair, served as the chair of the department of management for ten years. During that time, the 2002 U.S. News & World Report ranked the Walton College management department 28th among the nation’s top public undergraduate business schools. Dean Doyle Z. Williams said, “Under Dr. Ganster’s leadership, the Department advanced in many ways — hiring of outstanding faculty, enhanced placement of PhD graduates and research grants.”

### Oren Harris Chair in Logistics

Matthew A. Waller has been appointed to the Oren Harris Chair in Logistics. Waller was an associate professor of logistics and joined the Walton College in 1994. He received a BS from the University of Missouri in economics in 1988. He received an MS in management science in 1991 and a PhD in business logistics from The Pennsylvania State University in 1993. His research focuses on retailing supply chain management, inventory theory and integration of marketing and logistics decisions. Waller has published in a number of publications, including Decision Sciences, Journal of Business Logistics, Transportation Journal, and International Journal of Logistics Management, among others. He is an inventor on a patent and has served as a management consultant for several large consumer products companies.

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