Edwin & Karlee Bradberry Chair
IN OCTOBER 2001, a $1 million pledge by Edwin G. and Karlee Bradberry of New York, N.Y., and Fayetteville, established a chair in the Walton College. Funds of $1 million from endowed Walton College funds matched the pledge and supplemented the chair. The first holder of the Edwin and Karlee Bradberry Chair is Bill C. Hardgrave, executive director of the College’s Information Technology Research Center and associate professor of information systems.

Mr. Bradberry said, “Over the years, the University of Arkansas has provided our businesses with many good people — people we really needed. We felt like the University had given so much to our family and the community that we should give back.” Mr. Bradberry is president and chief executive officer of B & B Resources Inc., Fayetteville. He is a member of the College’s Dean’s Executive Advisory Board, the Campaign for Twenty-First Century Steering Committee, and the College’s Campaign Committee.

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