him the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources officially surpassed its campaign goal of $60 million in the For All We Call Mizzou campaign, raising a total of $60,220,296. This campaign, during which MU raised more than $1 billion, was a historical first for the College and the campus. Through the teamwork of faculty, staff and volunteers, CAFNR alumni and friends began to understand how they could help their College reach higher levels of excellence.

The College raised approximately $18.1 million through alumni donations; $12 million from friends of the college; $29 million from corporations, foundations and organizations; and $1.4 million from CAFNR faculty, staff and retirees. Gifts have been used to provide scholarships for deserving CAFNR students, help keep top faculty from leaving for other universities and support cutting-edge research into human, animal and plant diseases. We were able to meet and surpass this goal through the assistance and hard work of the CAFNR Campaign Steering Committee, which began with 10 members and over the course of (continued on page 3)
Life has changed since 1905. Science and technology have given us many benefits, although some might say we have lost as much as we have gained. In that time long ago, a home was built near the campus by skilled workmen using fine Missouri woods. Over the years, it was also used as a fraternity house and an apartment house before renovation occurred in 1995. In that year, the owners named the house The Gathering Place and began operating the property as a bed and breakfast.

In May 2008, the College of Agriculture Foundation purchased the property, and shortly thereafter, The Gathering Place Bed and Breakfast reopened as part of the College’s Hotel and Restaurant Management program. Here is where science and technology meet the warmth of home and the beauty of skilled woodworking more than 100 years later.

The bed and breakfast provides an educational capstone experience for an elite group of students studying hotel and restaurant management—giving them a first-hand look at managing a hotel, serving customer needs and creating an upscale atmosphere. There are about 400 students currently enrolled in the hotel and restaurant management program. According to Jim Groves, a faculty member in the HRM program, no other educational experience will allow students this level of access to management systems where they can develop, implement and evaluate plans for the bed and breakfast.

Several MU alums and prospective students’ parents have stayed at The Gathering Place recently and have promised to return to enjoy the special ambiance it offers. And the location can’t be beat!

You can find out all about this historical property at the website gatheringplacebedandbreakfast.com.
The campaign, grew to include 26 dedicated people. The group was co-chaired by Alvin E. “Al” McQuinn and Lowell Miller. As ex-officio members, MU Ag Alumni Association presidents, including Anita Vanderwert, Don Arnsperger, Jeff Windett, Carol Hein, Bill Newham and Rita Mueller, also served on the committee.

“The committee went above and beyond the call of duty, with many members working on this project for more than eight years,” said Darcy Wells, CAFNR executive director of advancement. “Furthermore, many of the committee members demonstrated their personal commitment to the future of this organization by becoming major donors themselves.”

Although the goal has been reached, that does not mean all those millions are available for the College to use. Many gifts are in the form of five or 10-year pledges, estate gifts and trusts that will take many years to come to fruition, which is why we will continue to work to raise funds to support immediate needs. If you have questions, would like to make a gift or are interested in increasing your giving, contact us at 573-882-9003 or toll free at 866-400-4483 or visit the website at cafnr.missouri.edu/givingtocafnr/directory.php. The CAFNR Office of Advancement and Communications staff will be happy to assist you. Our development staff includes Darcy Wells, Heidi Griswold and Mia Platz. Ginger Berry and Nicoya James are also available to answer any questions.

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CAFNR For All We Call Mizzou Campaign Committee

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* IN MEMORIAM: Sadly, Ron Lemonds passed away less than a month after he celebrated the end of a successful campaign with committee members at the Monticello Society Brunch in April.
Ag Alumni Events Raise Big Bucks

The energetic and dedicated MU Ag Alumni Association works hard every year to organize events that generate significant financial support for the CAFNR scholarship program. They also provide funds for student activities and teaching enhancements, supporting the College’s excellent faculty as they prepare the next generation of leaders. In 2008, the Tiger Ag Classic Golf Tournament raised more than $20,000, and the wildly successful Ag Unlimited Auction raised more than $50,000.

Save the date for the 2010 Ag Unlimited Banquet and Auction: Saturday, January 6!

Here in my senior year, I find myself looking back on my journey called college. As a starry-eyed freshman, I believed college was simply about earning a degree. However, the last three years have taught me a different lesson. College isn’t about the degree you earn, but the person you become while earning the degree. College is a journey full of the ups and downs involved with finding yourself and uncovering the courage to be that person.

My journey started on a diversified family farm, outside of Green Ridge, Mo., where two things became a part of me: Passion for agriculture and the National FFA Organization. From the first time I stepped onto campus, CAFNR was my home away from home.

I started out majoring in agri-business management. It took about a month for me to realize that major was not for me. When I’m asked about how I knew agricultural education was the right fit, my answer is simple: I realized that I wanted to promote people, not products.

The CAFNR family raises the bar when it comes to promoting students. I never envisioned the experiences CAFNR has given me -- life-changing experiences, from participating in Dickinson and John Brown Scholars to traveling to Ireland, from establishing new events through CAFNR Student Council to basically learning the importance of balancing life.

I’ve had the privilege to spend three years working in the CAFNR Office of Advancement and Communications and have seen first-hand how the CAFNR family extends past graduation. Like many students, I wouldn’t be here without the financial help of scholarships. Yes, I still have loans and a job, but scholarships allow me to be active in clubs and not forced into holding a full-time job. I can tell you that even a ‘little’ scholarship is huge to students. In my mind every scholarship comes with a note that says, “Hey, we believe you can do this and be amazing at it.”

My survival kit for this journey is straightforward. If you stay true to yourself, love what you’re doing, and uphold your morals, success will come knocking on your door.

E-mail Cheryl at ccfb7f@mail.mizzou.edu.
The need for unrestricted scholarships has increased because of the state of the economy. We want to make our college affordable for our students, and we can do this through the use of scholarships.

According to Bryan Garton, CAFNR’s new Associate Dean for Academic Programs, the reasons for the College’s success in recruiting are improved communication with prospective students and their parents and modified course offerings that keep the College fresh and current with an evolving global economy. In addition, faculty quality has remained high, and the best instructors have stayed even as other institutions have tried to recruit them.

Another reason freshman choose to join our college family is because we offer excellent scholarships, thanks to generous donors reaching back many decades. The need for unrestricted scholarships has increased because of the state of the economy. We want to make our college affordable for our students, and we can do this through the use of scholarships.

In our one-stop Dickinson Student Achievement Center are offices relating to student recruitment and advising, scholarships and loans, study abroad, career planning and alumni relations. It’s a veritable beehive of activity. Here are a few highlights.

Our College experienced a record attendance at the fall 2008 Preview Mizzou with more than 450 students, parents and secondary teachers participating. Each year, CAFNR awards more than $850,000 in scholarships, more than half of which is offered to incoming freshmen. Last year 650 students received financial help from our donor-provided funds.

CAFNR’s Study Abroad Program offers a variety of programs from Asia to Central America to Europe. Students get a fresh perspective on their education and place in the world, explore ideas with new friends, and learn new languages and cultures. We’ve most recently added New Zealand to our program, and Australia will soon follow. For more information, go to cafnr.missouri.edu/study-abroad/.

Summer internships give students insight into international commerce and future careers. The Ag Alumni Association is one of the most active alumni groups at Mizzou. Through participation in our mentoring program and fundraising events like the Ag Unlimited Auction, these dedicated alumni make it possible for us to award scholarships and provide teaching support.

In a nutshell, we believe you’ve got to get students’ attention early, provide the best advising, teaching, mentoring and career development opportunities anywhere, and stay connected as they pursue their lifelong dreams of careers that make a difference.
This year, the Monticello Society Brunch, held April 25, 2009, celebrated the successful end of the For All We Call Mizzou campaign, and the hard work of the College’s steering committee members. Several committee members were present, and all were pleased their commitment to help raise $60,000,000 to support the College’s mission was finally fulfilled. Alumni and friends rose to their feet and applauded the efforts of these very special people.

Glasses of “bubbly” await guests as Ed Turner and Tom Payne converse near the window of Old Hawthorne’s reception room. Tom Payne welcomes Rob Duncan, MU Vice Chancellor of Research, and Annie Sobel, Assistant to the MU Provost. Bob Perry, center, makes a point while visiting with wife, Kristin, and Alice Payne. Dana Burkemper, Student Development Board member from Moscow Mills, Mo., shares a laugh with Joyce Mitchell. Alan Weber and wife, Karen, chat with Paul Hanna.
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Emily Miller, granddaughter of Lowell Miller, looks on as Lowell and Darcy Wells check out the campaign update report. In the background is agriculture education professor and new Monticello Society member Rob Terry. Paul Hanna and wife, Dolores West Hanna, have a nice visit with Chuck and Ina Rae Brazeale. Charlie Campbell, Bruce Loewenberg and Marc Linit enjoy the atmosphere.
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10th Annual
Monticello Society Brunch
April 24, 2010

Kabel Oaks, Student Development Board member from Galt, Mo., greets Ron Lamonds.
Moray Kielh gets to know Sami Jo Freeman, a freshman from Troy, Missouri.
A Lasting Legacy

In honor of its 75th anniversary, the board of the College of Agriculture Foundation is returning to its heart — the acceptance of gifts of land. These gifts of farm land will be held and managed (or sold if appropriate) by the Foundation with the proceeds going to benefit programs of the College the donor wishes to support.

There are several reasons landowners consider making a gift of their cherished land. Some have no family members who are able to operate the farm. Others cannot manage the responsibility of the farm any longer. Still others want to have an affect on the future education of our citizens.

The need for private funding has not changed, and the focus of the College has not changed, but the College’s programs have been modified to fit the requirements of 21st century agricultural education and research. Members of the Foundation recognize that the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources performs a paramount service to the agricultural interests, as well as the economic development, of this state. For more information, please contact the CAFNR Office of Advancement and Communications at (866) 400-4483 or 573-882-9003 or visit the College of Agriculture Foundation on the web at collegeofagfoundation.org.

Gone Fishin’ and Golfin’

Although many people are unaware, Missouri exports more agricultural products than just beef and soybeans. The state also exports many aquaculture products including fish and fish eggs. The Missouri legislature even named the American species of paddlefish as the state aquatic animal.

Contributing greatly to Missouri’s thriving aquaculture industry is the family-owned Osage Catfisheries, which has grown into the Midwest’s oldest and largest multi-species hatchery and is a leader in international aquaculture. Not only does the company export many fish species around the world, but they also market paddlefish caviar to domestic and international customers. And through creative use of land, an 18-hole golf course that is considered to be one of the best in Missouri is placed around the hatchery facilities. If your golf ball goes into the water, be careful going after it; you might accidently step on a 50-pound paddlefish!

After company founder Jim Kahrs died, his family and Osage Catfisheries established an endowed fund to honor the memory of Jim and his father-in-law, Ray Miller. Not only will the Kahrs-Miller Aquaculture for the Future Endowment provide scholarship awards to outstanding graduate and/or undergraduate students in the departments of Agricultural Economics and Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences, but it will also partially support the development and implementation of innovative aquaculture extension programs that address the emerging educational needs of Missouri’s diverse aquaculture industry.

Jim Kahrs (1926-2006) was an acknowledged aquaculturalist and a leader within the aquaculture industry in Missouri and throughout the United States. He pioneered the culture, production and marketing methods for paddlefish and many other warm-water species native to Missouri. He received the Distinguished Service in Natural Resources award from the College posthumously.

Ray E. Miller (1893-1986), a 1917 graduate of the College, was an outstanding leader in the development of domestic and international agriculture institutions from 1920 until his retirement in 1954. For his accomplishments in his field, he was given the Ag Alumni Association Citation of Merit award by the College.

Faculty and staff are thrilled to have this generous gift to further the state’s aquaculture industry and preserve the heritage of these two venerated men.

Dairy science is making a comeback in the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. The College’s Food Science program now has an emphasis in dairy science that has resulted from a push for support for the dairy program. Students on the dairy products evaluation team (pictured above) experience success outside of the classroom preparing them for careers in the dairy industry. Check out the full story on the CAFNR website at cafnr.missouri.edu/news/stories2009/dairyemphasis.php.
On February 10, some of our local supporters were delighted to welcome CAFNR students wishing them an early Happy Valentine’s Day. In past years, our students participated in “Boo from Mizzou” in the fall as a way of thanking donors. This year, the students tapped into their crafting skills and put together custom valentines. Flower arrangements were designed by Tiger Garden, a student-operated floral shop located in the Agriculture Building. Who knows where CAFNR cupids may strike next year!

Valentine “cupids” during the creative process. From left, Cheryl Ficken, Kelin Kruse, Shane Kinne, and Kabel Oaks. They were trained in first grade for this event! 2 Ray and Jean McClure welcomed this cheerful group of well-wishers. 3 Our enthusiastic students were happy to meet Jo Anne Savage, widow of long-time CAFNR animal science professor, J. E. Savage. 4 The whole group enjoyed Bea Smith’s decorated Valentine tree. 5 A visit to Moray Kiehl’s house was fun for our “cupids” and much appreciated by Moray.
Biochemistry alumni recently received an e-newsletter that prompted readers to submit their alumni notes, and these are their responses.

1950s

John Guillison, BS Agriculture Chemistry ’54, reported that the youngest of his seven grandchildren graduated from high school in May 2008 and is now in college.

1960s

Roscie Dickson, BS Agriculture Chemistry ’64, obtained a PhD in biophysical chemistry. He now teaches and researches the structure of proteins at Rockhurst University in Kansas City.

1970s

Andy Gral, BS Biochem ’79, is the science department chair at St. Vincent High School in Perryville, MO. He is also the 2009 Chair of the local chapter American Chemical Society, Southern Illinois.

Richard Orr, BS Biochem ’79 and MD ’83, has been a plastic surgeon in Evansville, IN, since 1990. He is married and has three children.

1980s

Gary West, BS Biochem ’82, is an optimisation manager for Lafarge in Davenport, IA. He and his wife Tami continue to enjoy raising their children.

Barbara Wilhelm Lips, BS Biochem ’83, married Ned Lips in 2007. They recently moved to a new house in St. Louis West County.

Young-Ki Paik, PhD Biochem ’83, is a professor and director at Yonge University in South Korea. He currently serves as the president of HUPAO and AOMUP.

Michael Stafford, BS Biochem ’84 and DVM ’89, was appointed Attending Veterinarian to Missouri State University.

David Voly, BS Biochem ’84 and DVM ’88, is the owner and veterinarian at the Animal Clinic in Woodland Park, CO.

Clay Anderson, BS Biochem ’86, is an associate professor of clinical medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine and Director of the Palliative Care Program. He is also has a faculty appointment in the MU Center for Health Ethics as a clinical ethicist and in the Sinclair School of Nursing as a teacher and research collaborator, as well as a part-time medical director for Community Hospices of America, Inc. – North Central Missouri Office. After graduating from MU, Clay received an MD degree from Stanford University, and did his postgraduate training at the University of Colorado in Denver and University of Texas–M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. He lives in Columbus with his wife Michelle and their three children.

Rod Winkler, PhD Biochem ’86, is a Bioinformatics Manager with XACI.

John Bultas, BS Biochem ’87, is a supervisor for Sigma-Aldrich.

1990s

Nathan Rummel, BS Biochem ’90, is a chemist with the US FDA and resides in Maryland.

Hillel Brandes, PhD Biochem ’91, is a principal chemist for Sigma-Aldrich / Supleco in Bellefonte, PA.

Deborah Vassar, BS Biochem ’92, is a research and development scientist with Sigma-Aldrich in St. Louis, MO. She recently published an article in Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology News entitled “Measurement of Global DNA Methylation.”

Ann (Rauti) Heikkinen, BS Biochem ’93, is a doctor with the Family Practice Associates and resides in Houston, TX.

David Austin, BS Biochem ’94, is a sales manager with Senterline and works with small start-up companies in the medical devices industry. He and his wife Elizabeth (BA ‘95) have 3 children: daughter Reagan, 5, and sons Ryan, 4, and Rory, 10 months.

Laura Bloomsfield, BS Biochem ’94 and DVM ’98, is an associate veterinarian for Animal Care Hospital in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Kim Truong, BS Biochem ’95, is a CV specialty manager for Daiichi Sankyo, Inc. and resides in Mundelein, IL.

Scott Hachtling, BS Biochem ’96, received his DVM in 2003 and works at the Veterinary Care Center in O’Fallon. He and his wife Laurie have three children: Emma, Alex, and Abby.

Jennifer L’Hote-Gaston, BS Biochem ’97, is a development specialist for Dow Chemical Company in mid-MI.

Eric Mullins, BS Biochem ’97, and MD ’98, is an Instructor of Pediatrics in Pediatrics Hematology/Oncology at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. He is primarily a lab-based physician-scientist with an emphasis in studying the cross-talk between the coagulation system and inflammation/immune function.

Billy D. Wyatt, BS Biochem ’98, is a doctor at the Stillwater Medical Group in Minnesota.

Chris Benjamin, BS Biochem ’99, graduated from the MU School of Law in 2002. He is a law partner with Benjamin, McLaughlin, Benjamin in Harrisonville, MO and was recently appointed the Municipal Judge for Garden City. He is also building a political consulting firm, Regional Growth Solutions, and worked on several municipal races in April.

Stephanie Yates Hartman, BS Biochem ’99, and her husband Curtis welcomed son Emmett Wayne on March 25, 2009. He was born in Chicago, IL where the family lived until July 2009. Curtis has taken a faculty position as an Orthopaedic Surgeon specializing in Hip and Knee replacement. Stephanie graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center with her MD on May 1, 2009.

Heidi Rubach Kallivayalil, BS Biochem ’99, is married and has two beautiful boys. She graduated from Nova Southeastern University - College of Pharmacy in May of 2005. She then completed her Pharmacy Practice Residency in the summer of 2006 and began working at Mayo Clinic in the hospital and clinic. She continues to run half-marathons, plays with her boys, and loves to travel.

Christy VanGennip Roberts, BS Biochem ’99 and senior professional in human resources. She works as the human resources manager for Bethesda Southgate in St. Louis, MO.

2000s

Kevin Allison, BS Biochem ’00, is moving to London to assume a new position with the Financial Times. He joined the newspaper in 2003 and has reported from London, New York and San Francisco.

Amanda Bredesen, BS Biochem ’00 and MD/PhD Biochem ’06, is finishing her pediatrics residency at University of Missouri Health Care in June, and started as a Genetics Resident here at the University in July. She has two babies: Cole is 3, and Chase is 7 months old.

Nicholas Hamilton, BS Biochem ’00, is a Surgery Resident at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Mark Pogemiller, BS Biochem ’00, is a pediatrician with the US Air Force and resides in Oklahoma City, OK.

Nathan Brinker, BS Biochem ’01, graduated from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences with a medical degree in 2005. He is currently finishing his Emergency Medicine residency through Midwestern University and became an attending on staff at Saint Mary of Nazareth hospital in Chicago in July 2009. It has been a long road of education and he thanks all of his professors at the University of Missouri for building a foundation for pursuing his life’s dreams. Go Mizzou!

Ryan Carter, BS Biochem ‘01, will complete his fifth deployment in July; this one a 7-month stint in Afghanistan. Since 2002, he has had the distinct pleasure of serving the United States Navy in 37 other countries including Pakistan, Nicaragua, South Korea, and nearly every nation in the Middle East. In September, he’ll transfer from Norfolk, VA to New London, CT for a short, six month tour. After that, he hopes to get back down south to GA for a couple of years.

Mary Fisher, BS Biochem ’03, is a research chemist at Acceleration and has been living in Kansas City for the last two years. She recently competed in the Boston Marathon on April 20!

Dan Ruzicka, BS Biochem ’03, graduated from University of Georgia with a PhD in Genetics in May 2008. He started a post-doc at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis working on an NSF funded research project investigating the effects of mycorrhizal symbiosis on nutrient sensing and transcription in organically farmed tomato roots.

Brian Sisk, BS Biochem ’03, married Kay Geter (a nutritional sciences alum) in May of 2008. The couple now lives in Cleveland, Ohio where Ryan is a medical student at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. This is a 5-year, research intensive medical program that is taught at the Cleveland Clinic; however, the degree granting institution is Case Western Reserve University.

Sean Strohking, BS Biochem ’03, graduated from SLU School of Medicine in 2008. He is now training in the Anesthesiology program at SLU.

Jessica Wieberg, BS Biochem ’03, graduated from the Mizzou medical school in May ’08 and started residency in pathology at MU Hospitals & Clinics.

Ryan Hobbs, BS Biochem ’04, is pursuing a PhD in Cell and Molecular Biology at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL. His research focuses on how cell-cell adhesion is dysregulated in diseases and cancer of the skin.

Erin Johnson, BS Biochem ’04, is a first year graduate student working towards a PhD in the Neurobiology and Behavior department at Cornell University.

Elizabeth Pierce, BS Biochem ’04, is a third-year medical student and tied the knot on June 6, 2009. She lives in Leuc’ Summit, Mo, with her husband Charles and their Goldendoodle named Truman.

Andrew DALTON, BS Biochem ’06, is finishing his second year of medical school at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biological Science. He is also pursuing MBA from Rockhurst in conjunction with the KCU/M program.

Karl-Henrik Lindell, BS Biochem ’06, married Ruby Lindell in Aug. 2008. He began work as a microbiologist for DLeral in Kansas City, Mo after working for 5 months in formulation development as a technician.

Jared Engles, BS Biochem ’07, is in his first year of medical school at Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine and got married in June. He plans to graduate in 2012 and pursue a residency in radiology.

Andrew Breugemann, BS Biochem ’08, was recently accepted into the biochemistry graduate program at the University of Nebraska and is pursuing a doctorate in agricultural biochemistry.

Jonathan Kaiser, BS Biochem ’08, is about to finish his second semester at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN where he is working toward a PhD in Biomedical Sciences.
Creative Ways to Give

A Day in the Life  The John Brown Scholars Program gives 16 upperclass students an opportunity to experience agribusiness first-hand. They spend a week with various St. Louis agribusiness companies learning the ropes. You can sponsor a student and then hear directly from them about what they learned. Estimated cost: $1,000 per student

The “Spirit” of Tourism  Parks, Recreation and Tourism students could have a similar experience as the John Brown Scholars with a trip to Branson, where the students would learn first-hand how a major tourism location operates. Estimated cost: $1,000 per student

This Land is Your Land; This Land is My Land…  GIS Data Loggers would enhance field learning for students in The School of Natural Resources. Estimated cost: $2,500 per unit

The Secrets of Success  A Senior Success Seminar Series helps prepare students for the “real world.” Seminars include information on salary negotiation and personal financial planning. Sponsors provide funds for speakers and refreshments. Estimated cost: $500 per seminar

Honoring Excellence  Each year, the Celebration of Excellence provides monetary recognition to students, faculty and staff who have excelled. These awards are a way of showing our gratitude to these individuals for their hard work and dedication that makes the College a better place to work and learn. Sponsorship Levels: Platinum - $5,000+; Gold - $2,500-$4,999; Silver - $1,000-$2,499; Bronze - $50-$500

Bring Mizzou to You!  CAFNR faculty, staff and students will load up and come to your area to connect with alumni and friends over hors d’oeuvres. Dean Payne will fill you in on all the happenings at Mizzou. Estimated cost: $4,000

The Wheels on the Bus Go ‘Round  A 15-passenger van will get SNR students into the field, taking the classroom to a whole new level. Estimated cost: $25,000

New China!  Our hotel and restaurant management program operates the Culinary Café and a dinner series and is in need of new china. Estimated cost: $10,000

House a Horse  Renovate a stall in our teaching barn at the equine farm. Gifts will be recognized with a nameplate to honor a beloved horse, individual or entity. Estimated cost: $3,000

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