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As our academic profile rises, so does our deep appreciation for the support of our alumni and friends, the sponsors of our progress for nearly 100 years and into the future.

In 2013 we will celebrate the third year of our Second Century Celebration. We started the commemoration in 2011, the centennial of our founding, and will culminate the festivities in 2015, the 100th anniversary of our opening. Every commemorative year has been filled with progress that would make our founders proud.

This fall we paid tribute to the architectural vision of founding President Robert S. Hyer by commemorating the birthday of Dallas Hall, whose cornerstone was laid in November 1912, and by celebrating the centennial of the first master plan. We also published the book, SMU at 100, showcasing SMU architecture and our enduring commitment to that plan.

We also celebrated groundbreaking for new and renovated facilities: Moody Coliseum and Infeld Hall renovations; construction of the five-story Residential Commons, the Dr. Bob Smith Memorial Health Center renovations; construction of indoor and outdoor tennis facilities and a new Data Center on former site of Mrs. Baird's bakery.

While the number of construction cranes on campus might suggest a building boom, there are other signs of tangible progress inside our classrooms and laboratories: ever-more talented students with the highest SAT average of an incoming class, 1274; SMU's ranking at 58 among national universities in U.S. News & World Report; an increase in endowed faculty positions, and the addition of more than 200 scholarships since the Second Century Campaign began in 2008. Our fall campaign total is over $653 million toward our goal of $750 million (see smu.edu/secondcentury for latest totals).

The new year brings a unique and historic event - the dedication of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, secured after our competition with six other institutions. The dedication in April will attract U.S. and foreign leaders, scholars and other guests from around the world.

As never before the spotlight will be on SMU, a chance to shine attention on our academic strengths, beautiful campus and welcoming environment.

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President
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CENTENNIAL PICTURE BOOK
Stunning photography showcases the majestic beauty of the SMU campus in this new picture book.
smu.edu/picturebook

BRICK
PAVE THE WAY TO 2015
Make a $100 gift to help build the centennial promenade with an etched paver for you and your loved ones.
smu.edu/paver

PUZZLE
CENTENNIAL CAMPUS TOUR
In honor of SMU’s 100th, this detailed puzzle highlights the Hilltop and all the new additions.
Available at the SMU Barnes & Noble bookstore

BIKE
CENTENNIAL WHEELS
Cruise around on your own customized Limited Edition SMU centennial bicycle.
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PERUNA
CENTENNIAL FUN
Select from fun, lovable Peruna backpacks, plush toys and more.
Available at the SMU Barnes & Noble bookstore
SMU Rises In Rankings For Academics, Faculty And Facilities

SMU rose in the ranks of the nation’s top universities in the 2013 edition of U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges, published online September 12. Among 256 institutions classified as national universities, SMU ranks 58, an increase of four points from last year’s ranking of 62. The ranking again places SMU in the first tier of institutions in the guide’s “best national universities” category. In Texas, only Rice University and the University of Texas-Austin ranked ahead of SMU. Among private national universities, SMU ranks 40.

The factors weighed in determining the rankings include measures of academic quality, such as peer assessment scores and ratings by high school counselors, graduation and retention rates; faculty resources; student selectivity; financial resources; and alumni giving. Princeton Review released its annual rankings in August. Among the rankings, SMU placed number two for “most accessible professors,” number seven for best career services, number 10 for best athletic facilities and number 15 for “happiest students.”

In addition, Southern Living magazine released its first-ever list of the top 20 tailgates in the South, and the Boulevard experience at SMU made the cut. Winners included first-place Clemson, second Ole Miss, and third Alabama. The Boulevard has been an SMU tradition since Gerald J. Ford Stadium opened in 2000. SMU was one of only three schools in Texas (along with the University of Texas and Texas A&M) and the only Conference USA school to make the list.

Task Force Examines Sexual Misconduct Policies

Like colleges and universities nationwide, SMU is reviewing its procedures for handling allegations of sexual misconduct in light of new guidelines issued by the federal government. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 requires institutions to investigate and have procedures for adjudicating such allegations, along with efforts to prevent them. Institutions are reviewing their procedures after receiving a “Dear Colleague” letter from the federal government.

To aid SMU’s review process, SMU President R. Gerald Turner has established the Task Force on Sexual Misconduct Policies and Procedures to examine SMU’s programs in comparison with benchmark practices and determine if changes are needed, taking into account state and federal laws. Students reporting sexual misconduct can pursue SMU’s grievance procedure through its Code of Conduct, as well as the external criminal process at the same time or at a later date.

Sexual assault remains one of the most underreported crimes in all settings. By updating its procedures, SMU aims to provide an environment in which students feel comfortable coming forward to report violations. A key goal is to ensure that all students are treated with care and fairness. SMU’s standards of behavior and current grievance procedures are outlined at smu.edu/LiveResponsibly.

Specifically, the task force is reviewing:
- Sexual assault reporting procedures and coordination among campus offices, the SMU Police Department and the Dallas County District Attorney’s Office.
- The structure and make-up of the conduct review (grievance) process.
- Programs and responses to prevent harassment, particularly regarding the complainant.
- Policies regarding students accused of sexual misconduct.
- Support services for victims.
- Orientation, training and education.

The 20-member task force is chaired by SMU Trustee Kelly Compton ’79, chair of the Student Affairs Committee of the SMU Board of Trustees. Membership includes SMU officials along with student and parent leaders, and representatives of nonprofit organizations assisting victims of sexual assault and the Dallas County District Attorney’s Office. The task force also is hearing from local and national experts.

“As an SMU trustee and the parent of college-age students, I appreciate the care and deliberation that is being given to this issue, which requires our best thinking and highest level of compassion,” Compton said.

“The best interests of our students will be well served by the task force.”

Parents can play an important role by discussing this issue with their students.

“Although our procedures are examined regularly, and mirror those of many other institutions, the task force is a timely opportunity to broaden deliberations,” Turner said.
SMU APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEES

"Our newly elected trustees bring valuable perspectives to the Board. And with our continuing trustees, the Board will have a strong balance of insights and experience."

Business, academic, civic and religious leaders are serving on the SMU Board of Trustees through 2016. Members were elected in July by the South Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church and began their terms with the Board meeting in September. The 42-member board sets policies governing the operation of SMU.

In addition, Caren H. Prothro was re-elected as chair, Robert H. Dedman, Jr. ‘80, ’84 is serving as vice chair and David B. Miller ’72, ’73 as secretary. Michael M. Boone ’63, ’87 has been named chair-elect, to become chair in June 2014.

"Working with Dr. Turner and his administration, the Board is leading SMU to an unprecedented level of progress — in academic quality, research, resource development and community impact. We fully expect to continue this momentum," Prothro says.

Eleven new trustees were elected and 27 trustees were re-elected to four-year terms. Two new ex officio members were elected to represent students and faculty and two ex officio members were re-elected.

New trustees are William D. Armstrong ’82, Richie L. Butler ’93, Jeannette Tower Cox ’78, Katherine Raymond Crow ’33, Antoine L. Dijkstra, Bishop James E. Denton ’72, Larry R. Faulkner ’68, Bishop Michael McKee ’78, Scott J. McLean ’76, Connie Blass O’Neill ’77 and Richard Ware ’88.


New ex officio trustees are Steven M. Edwards, president of the SMU Faculty Senate, and John D. Oakes ’73, student representative, who will serve one-year terms.

Continuing ex officio members are R. Gerald Turner, SMU president, and William H. Vanderstraten ’82, chair of the SMU Alumni Board.

"Our newly elected trustees bring valuable perspectives to the Board. And with our continuing trustees, the Board will have a strong balance of insights and experience," says Turner. "We also are grateful to trustees whose terms have expired. Their wisdom and support have positioned us for ongoing success."

SMU BOOKS HIGHLIGHT CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

SMU has created commemorative books for its Centennial celebration that highlight the campus experience. SMU: Unbridled Vision, a picture book showcasing the beauty of the campus, can be obtained at www.smu.edu/100/UnbridledVision, or call The Book Foundry at 1-815-330-9013. The University also has published The SMU Campus at 100: A Century of Shared Commitment, which includes histories and photos of all SMU buildings, along with fountains, promenades and other landmarks. Both books are available at the SMU Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 214-768-2435. SMU photographer Hillsman S. Jackson won a gold award as Photographer of the Year in the international competition of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education for his portfolio of images in Unbridled Vision. He also shot many of the images for The SMU Campus at 100.
Alumnus Gives $12.1 Million For Law Scholarships

SMU law graduate W. Yandell “Tog” Rogers, Jr. of Houston is giving back to the school he attended on a scholarship. His gift of $12.1 million will provide scholarships for students in SMU’s Dedman School of Law. The W. Yandell “Tog” Rogers Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund is the second largest gift in the history of the law school, following the Dedman family gift of $20 million that resulted in naming the school.

“The Rogers Scholarships will provide resources to educate leaders like Tog,” says SMU President R. Gerald Turner.

Through a scholarship arranged by Law Professor Roy Ray, Rogers was able to complete law school and graduate in 1961. “I’m paying back a debt,” says Rogers. “Without a scholarship, I wouldn’t have made it through the SMU School of Law. This gift is to help other people in need do what I was able to do.”

Rogers is a retired lawyer and businessman. He clerked for Texas Supreme Court Justices Clyde Smith and Joe Greenhill. He was an associate in the Dallas law firm of Wynn, McKenize, Jaffe and Timney from 1961 to 1967. As part of the firm’s litigation practice, he represented celebrities such as baseball legend Mickey Mantle.

Rogers moved to Houston in 1967. He served as general counsel at Ridgway Blueprinting, a small, publicly traded company, before becoming president of the company. He took Ridgway private and purchased the company, selling it to American Reprographics Company in 2000. At that time, Ridgway was the largest privately held reprographics company in the U.S.

Rogers is a member of the Executive Board of Dedman School of Law and the Houston Steering Committee of SMU Unbridled. The Second Century Campaign. Three of his five children are SMU graduates. Wiley Yandell Rogers III earned a B.B.A. in finance in 1986. Laura Rogers Braun earned an M.B.A. in 1987, and Matthew Allford Rogers graduated in 2003 with B.A. degrees in public policy and economics.

“Continued investment in scholarships and faculty is essential to SMU Dedman Law remaining competitive and advancing the momentum of recent years,” says Dedman Law Dean John B. Attanasio. With Rogers’ gift of $12.1 million, SMU Dedman School of Law has raised more than $55 million in gifts to The Second Century Campaign.

Houston Commitments, Gifts Top $100 Million

Alumni, parents and friends of SMU from the Houston area have committed more than $100 million toward SMU’s Second Century Campaign, capped by a $12.1 million gift for endowed scholarships from W. Yandell “Tog” Rogers, Jr.

Houston is home to more than 6,400 SMU alumni – the largest concentration of former SMU students outside Dallas. Rogers’ commitment brings to a dozen the number of commitments of $1 million or more from Houston donors listed below.

AIM Foundation
Marshall P. Clyde ‘84 and Robin Singleton Clyde MBA ’86
Gary T. Crum ’69 and Sylvia P. Crum
Jay D. Fields ’99 and Allison Fields
Roy M. Huffington ’36 (deceased)

Paul B. Loyd Jr. ’68 and Penny R. Loyd
The Moody Foundation
The Noel Family
James L. Noel III and Melinda C. Noel
Stephen King ’77 and Carol Noel King ’76
Edmund O. Noel ’75 and Patricia Oden Noel ’75
William D. Noel ’82 and Barbara W. Noel
Robert C. Noel ’80, ’89 and Deanna Moore Noel ’89
C. Robert Palmer ’57, ’66 and Rebecca S. Palmer
The Robert A. Welch Foundation
An anonymous benefactor

Houston donors have given more than 10,000 gifts totaling more than $100 million during SMU’s Second Century Campaign, which began in September 2008, resulting in 15 new endowments for professorships, scholarships and academic and student life programs. Forty-nine Houston donors have made commitments of $50,000 or more, and more than 1,500 donors have been recognized by SMU’s Hilltop Society for two-to-20 years of consecutive giving to SMU.

Trustee Scott McLean ’78, CEO of Amegy Bank of Texas, and Dennis Murphy ’69, principal of Murphy Venture Partners, are co-chairs of the Campaign Steering Committee for Houston.

“The dedication and enthusiasm of alumni and friends has been inspiring,” says McLean. “And it sends a strong message to alumni across the country – that Houston believes what SMU is doing now will positively impact the lives of future Mustangs.”

For more information: smu.edu/secondcentury
$5 MILLION GIFT FROM DEDMAN FAMILY, FOUNDATION CREATES NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY INSTITUTE

A $5 million gift from the Dedman family and The Dedman Foundation has created the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute (DCII). The new institute supports the University’s mission to expand knowledge through research and engaged learning beyond the classroom.

The new Institute will bring together faculty and students from the humanities, sciences and social sciences for collaborative research and other programs. The institute’s projects also will reach beyond Dedman College to the broader University and the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

“The Institute is a perfect fit for a college that spans departments from philosophy to physics,” says Dedman College Dean William M. Tsutsui. “By creating opportunities for substantive collaboration across the disciplines, the Institute will open new vistas for research and help prepare students for real-world challenges requiring multiple perspectives.”

Caroline Brettell, University Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and an expert on immigration, has been named the first director of the DCII.

Unlike interdisciplinary centers at other universities, the Institute involves undergraduates as well as graduate students and faculty. Students and faculty from across the SMU campus have the opportunity to participate in three informal and interdisciplinary research clusters being offered this academic year. Roundtable discussions and other collaborative activities will focus on the topics of “Futures for Humanistic Learning,” “Reframing Africa” and “The World in University Education.”

Annual Fellows Seminars provide a platform for the cross-disciplinary exploration of complex issues. This year’s seminar topics are “Medicine and the Humanities: Suffering, Knowledge and Culture” and “Thinking About Agency,” which will delve into the capacity, condition, or state of acting or exercising power across a range of disciplines.

Institute seminars and research clusters will generate capstone courses, a vital component of the new University Curriculum (see page 14).

The $5 million gift for the DCII is the latest of numerous major gifts from the Dedman family and The Dedman Foundation to SMU. Their cumulative gifts and pledges to SMU have a current value in excess of $82 million.

“SMU has benefited from the Dedman family’s extraordinary vision and support for more than five decades,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “Few other families have had such a wide-ranging impact on the University’s development. Their major gifts have supported areas from humanities and sciences to law and lifetime sports. As we celebrate the University’s Centennial, this latest gift will help SMU continue to move forward among the nation’s leading universities.”

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Dedman Family And SMU

The Dedman family has strong ties to SMU. Robert H. Dedman, Sr., who died in 2002, earned his Master of Laws degree from SMU’s School of Law in 1953. His wife, Nancy McMillan Dedman, received a bachelor’s degree in political science with Phi Beta Kappa honors in 1950.

Their daughter, Patricia Dedman Nail, earned a Master’s degree in psychology from SMU in 1981. Their son, Robert H. Dedman, Jr., earned both J.D. (’80) and M.B.A. (’84) degrees from SMU. He serves as vice chair of the SMU Board of Trustees and on the Second Century Campaign Leadership Committee. His wife, Rachael Redeker Dedman, earned a Master of Liberal Arts degree from SMU in 1998.
Alumni Gift Honors Jeremy Adams

Kathryn Arata ’87, ’91 credits her favorite professor with instilling “a sense of academic curiosity and desire for learning that I possess to this day.” In appreciation she and husband Stephen L. Arata ’88 have made a gift of $1.25 million to create the Jeremy duQuesnay Adams Centennial Professorship in Western European Medieval History in honor of the longtime SMU professor, who will continue to teach in the University’s Clements Department of History.

“We are grateful to the Aratas for their vision and generosity in providing this gift, which supports our Second Century Campaign goal to increase the number of endowed chairs to 100,” says President R. Gerald Turner. “With the Adams Professorship, the University is within 15 faculty positions of reaching that goal.”

Several other former students of Adams have contributed $25,000 or more to the professorship, including Cindy and Dr. David Stager Jr. ’87, Jo ’90 and Joe Goyene and Renee Justice Standley ’90 and Kenneth Standley.

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The Adams Professorship is the first Centennial Professorship to be established in Dedman. The “Centennial” designation is a special gift category during SMU’s 100th anniversary commemoration, 2011-2015.

Marriott Family Endows Meadows Professorship

A new gift of $4 million will create the Marriott Family Endowed Professor Fund in SMU’s Meadows School of the Arts. SMU parents John W. Marriott III and his wife, Angela C. Marriott, as well as John’s father, J. Willard Marriott Jr., and his wife, Donna Garff Marriott, supported the gift, which was provided through the Marriott Fund of The Columbus Foundation in Columbus, Ohio.

“This gift will enable Meadows School of the Arts to strengthen and broaden its academic offerings to prepare students for success in the arts,” says SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “The gift supports a goal of SMU’s Second Century Campaign to endow 100 faculty positions.”

John W. Marriott III and wife Angela live in Maryland and serve on SMU’s Parent Leadership Council. Their daughter, Nicole ’10, earned a Bachelor’s degree in advertising with minors in English and Italian from SMU. Two daughters are current SMU students.

Elyse is majoring in advertising and will graduate in 2013, and Michelle is a sophomore.

“Our three daughters have benefited from the outstanding education they received through Meadows School of the Arts, and we want to help provide similar opportunities for future students,” says John W. Marriott III. “Instead of designating a specific division of the arts for our gift, Angie and I decided to give the Meadows School the freedom to use this fund to support a professorship in whatever field seems most appropriate to strengthen the school and enrich the educational experience of its students.”

The gift supports the Meadows mission “to become the national leader in a new form of arts education that measures itself not by the number of celebrities produced, but by the number of working artists who serve their communities and earn their living in the arts,” says Dean Jose Bowen.
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SMU Trustee Paul B. Loyd Jr. ’68 and his wife, Penny Requa Loyd, are continuing their longtime support of SMU with a $5 million gift to build a Residential Commons, one of five new student residences under construction in the southeast section of campus.

The Loyds also provided funding in support of the new Penny and Paul Loyd Center for the Academic Development of Student Athletes (ADSA), housed in the Loyd All–Sports Center.

“Nearly every SMU student benefits from the Loyd family’s generosity,” says President R. Gerald Turner. “From students enhancing their study skills and preparing for exams at the Alshulker Learning Enhancement Center and the ADSA, to student athletes working out in the weight room, all in the Loyd All–Sports Center, the Loyds have enhanced the campus experience of SMU students. Now a new generation of students will enjoy living and learning in the Loyd Commons.”

The Residential Commons living–learning complex will provide housing, parking and dining facilities for 1,250 students, enabling all first- and second-year SMU students to live on campus (see page 22).

Each residential facility also will house a faculty residence and o—ces, classrooms and seminar rooms.

In addition to serving as a trustee since 2000, Mr. Loyd is a member of the executive boards for the Cox School of Business and the Ann Armstrong Simmons School of Education and Human Development. He is co–chair of the Second Century Campaign Steering Committee for Athletics and honorary chair and member of the Second Century Campaign Steering Committee for Houston. Mrs. Loyd, a civic leader and community volunteer in Houston, has worked with public and private companies both in the United States and abroad practive to the formation of the family’s charitable foundation.

The Loyds have served on the SMU Parent Leadership Council. Three of their five children are SMU graduates: Kelly Loyd ’96, Jessica Requa ’88, ’99 and Sarah Requa ’12.

The Loyd gift is the second contribution to name a Residential Commons. Liz Martin Armstrong ’92 and Bill Armstrong ’82 provided a $3 million gift for construction of the Armstrong Commons in 2011.

SMU continues to seek funding for this essential project. For more information contact Pam Conlin, assistant vice president for University Development, at 214-768-2738 or pconlin@smu.edu.

Historic Donor Gathering Celebrates A Century Of Progress

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of SMU’s master plan, and the laying of the cornerstone of Dallas Hall in 1912, dozens of SMU’s more than 100 buildings gathered for a luncheon in October as part of the Second Century Celebration. Speaker was architect Graham Wyse of Robert A. M. Stern Architects, designers of the George W. Bush Presidential Center. Wyse said the Bush Center’s design is “fully in the tradition of the campus,” but does not compete with its iconic structures such as Dallas Hall. Right: SMU Board of Trustees chair Caren Prothro, representing the Prothro and Perkins families’ funding of several campus buildings. Wyse, Linda Custard ’88, ’99, vice chair for special events, Second Century Celebration Committee; trustee David Miller ’72, ’73, a major donor for the expansion of Moody Coliseum; and Mark Langdale, president of the Bush Foundation. To mark the anniversary of the master plan, SMU has published The SMU Campus at 100: A Century of Shared Commitment, a guide to facilities, monuments and special features. The book is available at the SMU Bookstore; call 214-768-2435 for details.

SMU Alumnus Stephen L. Arata (left) and Kathryn Hedges Arata with their son, Jeremy Andrew Arata (right), a first-year student, and History Professor Jeremy Adams.

THE BIGGEST BANG:
SMU PHYSICISTS PLAY MAJOR ROLE
IN PARTICLE DISCOVERY

Besides celebrating U.S. Independence, July 4, 2012, now marks another historic milestone: discovery of the Higgs boson, a fundamental particle in physics. And SMU’s Department of Physics in Dedman College was at the center of the action.

The biggest physics discovery of the past 50 years was announced July 4 by CERN, the European laboratory for particle physics in Switzerland. CERN confirmed that the Large Hadron Collider, the world’s largest physics experiment, had observed the Higgs boson, informally dubbed the “God particle.” Hypothesized in the 1960s to explain why matter has mass, the Higgs had never been observed until now.

SMU’s physicists were key players in the discovery, which is credited to a team of several thousand physicists worldwide but only a handful from institutions in the United States.

Physics Professor Ryszard Strynowski led the SMU team, which includes faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students and postdoctoral fellows. “The experimental physics group at SMU has been involved since 1991 and is a major contributor,” he says. “This discovery was many years in the making, but it was worth the wait.”

Observation “opens up clear directions for physicists at SMU and throughout the world to study the properties of the Higgs,” Strynowski adds.

The $10 billion Large Hadron Collider (LHC), which began operation in 2010, is a high-tech, 17-mile tunnel about 100 meters below ground on the border between France and Switzerland. The LHC generated evidence of the Higgs by smashing together protons at high energies so their breakup replicates the Big Bang at the origin of the universe. Billions of protons are hurled through the LHC’s tunnel, some crashing head-on and breaking apart. Physicists around the world and at SMU analyzed the resulting particle shower for hints of the Higgs.

SMU contributed to the LHC’s design, hardware, software, operations and data analysis. Strynowski was U.S. supervisor for the $50-million design and construction of the Liquid Argon Calorimeter of ATLAS, one of the LHC’s principal experiments.

Physics Professor Jingbo Ye’s research group developed a high-speed integrated circuit to transmit ATLAS data.

Physics faculty Robert Kahoe (see article on page 19) and Stephen Sekula led researchers in developing software for the ATLAS trigger system to identify potential Higgs evidence. And Assistant Professor Pavel Nadel’sky’s research group contributed calculations used for discovery and ongoing analyses of the Higgs.

Faculty and students also spent hours in shifts staffing the LHC control room. And much of the success of SMU’s small group in the highly competitive environment of a large international collaboration was due to the massive and cutting-edge processing capacity of the SMU High Performance Computing System, Strynowski says.

Observation of the new particle is only the beginning, he adds. “Our work continues to evolve.”

— Margaret Allen

For more information: bit.ly/LCg33c

Social Networks and Hunger

SMU economics researchers are analyzing the roles that social networks and isolation play in fighting hunger in North Texas, such as urban or rural settings, access to nutrition assistance programs, access to inexpensive groceries, family support and social stigma. They are looking at factors causing food insecurity, meaning there’s not enough food at all times to sustain active, healthy lives for all family members. Tom Pomby, professor of economics and director of the Richard B. Johnson Center for Economic Studies, and Daniel Millimet, professor of economics, are conducting the study with a $180,000 grant from the North Texas Food Bank. The study will be complete in March 2014.
RESEARCH BRIEFS

LETTERS OFFER REVEALING LOOK AT BONE WARS

The fieldwork of SMU paleontologist Louis Jacobs normally takes him to Angola, Mongolia or Ethiopia. But Jacobs' latest research took him to SMU's DeGolyer Library. There he dug through the archived papers of Robert T. Hill and discovered a treasure trove of 13 historic letters.

Hill was a frontier geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and is now called the Father of Texas Geology.

"Hill found rocks of an age that were nowhere else known in North America," Jacobs says. "The Eagle Ford Shale that Hill named and mapped is one of the biggest producers of oil and gas in South Texas today."

The personal letters to Hill were from Edward D. Cope, one of two antagonists in the infamous 1800s fossil feud known as the Bone Wars. Cope's letters to Hill sought inside information about Cope's arch-enemy, O.C. Marsh, who had an in with the USGS. East Coast scientists Cope and Marsh competed for decades during the opening of the American West to collect more fossils than the other.

The Cope letters add new knowledge about the Bone Wars.

"What a treasure these Cope letters are, that nobody ever saw before," says Jacobs, a professor in Dedman College's Roy M. Huffington Department of Earth Sciences and president of the Institute for the Study of Earth and Man.


ISLAM'S KINGS AND SAINTS

A new study by SMU historian A. Azfar Moin explores why Muslim sovereigns in the early modern era began to imitate the exalted nature of Sufi saints. Uncovering a widespread phenomenon, Moin shows how the charismatic pull of sainthood (wilayat) — rather than the law of religious law (sharia) or holy war (jihad) — inspired a new style of sovereignty in Islam at the end of the 15th century. Commonly described as the mystical dimension of Islam, Sufism encompasses a diversity of ideas and practices, including asceticism and meditation, devotion to a spiritual guide, and pilgrimage to saint shrines. Sufism became especially popular in Islam beginning in the 14th-century and was widespread in Iran before the country converted to Shia Islam in the 16th and 17th centuries. His research, published in The Millennial Sovereign (Columbia University Press, 2012), uses the anthropology of religion and art to trace how royal dynastic cults and shrine-centered Sufism came together in the imperial cultures of Timurid Central Asia, Safavid Iran and Mughal India. Moin is assistant professor in the Clements Department of History.

For more information: bit.ly/OrgQWO

The tomb of 16th-century Mughal Emperor Jahangir is one of the masterpieces of Mughal architecture, located in Lahore, Pakistan.
Former President George W. Bush answers questions during an interview on campus with C-SPAN founder Brian Lamb. SMU honors students and campus leaders served as the audience and asked questions during the nationally televised program.

The seven Texas institutions that competed to house the George W. Bush Presidential Center sought the historical resource in part because of the scholars and dignitaries it would attract for research, programs and interaction. But perhaps few expected that Bush Center activities would begin as early as 2010, three years before the facility would be completed in spring 2013.

The quick start was provided by the George W. Bush Institute, the independent, action-oriented think tank housed in the Bush Center and reporting to the Bush Foundation. The Center also includes the Library and Museum to be operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. The Library will contain the documents, artifacts and electronic records of the Bush administration, while the Museum will feature permanent and traveling exhibits.

The Institute’s programs took full advantage of the assets that SMU promoted in competing for the center—

the University’s convenient Dallas location and experience hosting national and world leaders. Using the Collins Executive Education Center at the Cox School of Business, the Institute has sponsored 12 symposia attracting more than 3,500 participants and panelists, including SMU faculty, staff and students.

In March 2010 SMU’s Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development co-sponsored

The George W. Bush Presidential Center nears completion at the corner of SMU Boulevard and Central Expresway. The 225,000-square-foot building contains the presidential library, museum and independent institute (pictured).
the two inaugural symposia, the first focusing on U.S. education and the second on educating the women and girls of Afghanistan, presented in collaboration with the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council.

"The single most effective investment in developing countries is to educate a girl," said speaker Melanie Verveer, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues and co-chair of the U.S. Afghan Women's Council. "Because when you educate a girl, you educate a family and a community."

Another 2010 conference, on natural gas development, was co-sponsored by the Maguire Energy Institute in Cox and included SMU faculty and students from business, law, engineering and geology.

Human rights students participated in the Bush Institute's inaugural human freedom symposium, focusing on how "cyber dissidents" in repressive societies use the tools of technology in their nonviolent freedom movements. Participating dissidents "spoke about the daily efforts, both big and small, of the people most affected" by lack of freedom, said SMU student Adriana Martinez '12 from Mexico, then a sophomore. She was asked to serve as a translator for a Cuban dissident scheduled to participate by phone from Havana, but the connection was lost. "If the cause was censorship by the Cuban government, then in my mind, there could not have been a more poignant statement made right at the beginning of this conference," Martinez said.

Other Institute programming included:
- Middle School Matters, aimed at increasing the number of children who enter and graduate from high school, in partnership with the Simmons School.
- Alliance to Reform Education Leadership (AREL), which focuses on recruiting and training school principals. The Simmons School's Ed-Entrepreneur Center, focusing on urban schools, is a part of the AREL Network.
- A conference on the Arab Spring in the Middle East, focusing on the recent uprisings in Egypt, Tunisia and other nations in the region.
- Pink Ribbon, Red Ribbon, a program to address cervical cancer and HIV/AIDS through screening and treatment for women in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.
- A symposium on America's First Ladies, featuring Barbara Bush and Laura Bush '65, historian Doris Kearns Goodwin and journalist Cokie Roberts.
- A symposium on the Institute's 4% Growth Project on the economy. At the symposium's luncheon, student Haynes Strader '11 found himself seated with one of the three Nobel laureates at the

SMU's setting as the home of the Bush Center also brought to campus the directors of presidential libraries throughout the nation for a meeting in May 2010 convened by Archivist of the United States David Ferriero. In October 2011 he returned for a speech sponsored by SMU libraries and the Book Club of Texas. The Bush Center "will be the jewel in the crown among the nation's 13 presidential libraries," he said, "because it was designed by a librarian - Laura Bush."

Over the past two years, President Bush has spoken in SMU classes at the

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SYMPHOSUM SPEAKER MELANIE VERVEER

Bush Women's Initiative Director Charity Wallace welcomes participants to the Fellowship Program for Egyptian women.

symposium. "It was a unique and special learning opportunity."
- A visit from His Holiness the Dalai Lama in May 2011. He participated in a Bush Center event and SMU's Hart Global Leaders Forum, involving more than 250 high school students along with SMU students.

In February 2012 SMU played an integral role in the inaugural session of the Bush Institute's Women's Initiative Fellowship Program, which brought 14 Egyptian women to the United States for a year-long program of leadership training, networking and travel. It included six days of courses developed and taught by 17 SMU faculty in business, anthropology, communications, political science, law and education.

invitation of faculty; more than 100 students have served as interns at the Bush Foundation and Office of the Presidents and several student groups have toured the Bush Library's storage facility in Lewisville.

Such opportunities are precisely what SMU President R. Gerald Turner envisioned when he led the effort to obtain the Bush Center. "SMU has a strong track record of bringing national and international leaders to campus. But without Bush Center programs, never would so many be assembling at SMU in such a short period of time, interacting with faculty and students and becoming familiar with the strengths of SMU. The opportunities will only increase when the entire Bush Center opens in 2013."
REDEFINING
The Academic
EXPERIENCE

New University Curriculum Prepares Students For The Global Marketplace
by Susan White

WHEN FIRST-YEAR STUDENT CAROLINE OLVERA ATTENDED AN ORIENTATION SESSION DURING THE SUMMER, SHE EXPERIENCED MOMENTARY ANXIETY. As a member of SMU’s class of 2016, Olvera was introduced to the new University Curriculum (UC), which provides the foundation and structure for undergraduate education. The pre-business/accounting major says that all the requirements to fulfill the University Curriculum “felt overwhelming; I thought I was going to have to take all these credits that wouldn’t apply to my major.”

On the other hand, first-year English/ creative writing major Matthew Anderson thought the new UC “sounded unique and was different from other places that I applied,” says Anderson, a Dedman College Scholar and a Hunt Scholar. Also considering courses in film and music, he says the UC “lets you explore interests in more than one thing and still graduate on time.”

Fortunately for Olvera and Anderson, as well as the 1,430 other first-year students who enrolled in SMU this fall, academic advisers assured them that not only were the new University Curriculum’s requirements doable, but many of those courses more than likely would be counted toward their majors. Olvera learned that her courses in microeconomics and introduction to calculus meet three requirements under the UC as well as apply toward her accounting degree. Theatre major Parker Gray realized that his theatre history course would count toward a history requirement as well as toward his major.

SMU administrators emphasize the flexibility of the University’s latest version of the undergraduate curriculum that all students are required to take during their four years at SMU. The new University Curriculum replaces what was known as the General Education Curriculum (GEC) to classes entering SMU since 1997. Classes before that entered under the Common Educational Experience, and even earlier, University College starting in 1969.

Flexibility in the new University Curriculum allows students to put their own stamp on their education and makes it easier for them to pursue multiple majors and minors, while still graduating on time with 120 credit hours (more in some majors). That aspect appealed to Sasha Davis, a Meadows Scholar majoring in theatre with an interest in arts activism, who says she wants to “build my own degree by taking courses in human rights and anthropology.”

Every so often, universities take stock of their academic offerings, particularly those in the liberal arts. In 2008 President R. Gerald Turner asked SMU’s provost to review the General Education Curriculum to ensure that it was meeting the needs of 21st-century students entering a global marketplace. Provost Paul Ludden asked a committee of 17 faculty and staff members, “What will be the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and experiences that characterize a person with an SMU education, regardless of major?”

The committee used SMU’s liberal arts core as a guide—preparing students to communicate effectively orally and in writing, increasing their critical thinking and analytical reasoning skills, and developing their ability to innovate and create. The goal was to come up with something new that remained true to SMU’s intellectual tradition, laid out in the 1983 Master Plan that states, “Professional studies must rise from the solid foundation of a basic liberal education.

Part of the committee’s directive was to ensure th
SMU meets the intellectual needs of students with higher SAT scores. In the past 10 years, entering students' SAT scores have risen 134 points.

"Today's students are more demanding, expect greater challenges from their education, and want more options and flexibility in designing their degree plans," says committee co-chair Dennis Cordell, professor of history and Dedman College associate dean for General Education and the University Curriculum. "The new curriculum emphasizes interdisciplinary knowledge and research, introducing students to what is unique about higher education and offering faculty opportunities for collaborative teaching."

In addition, the curriculum will accommodate more Engaged Learning opportunities that include international study, undergraduate research, service learning, internships, and creative and entrepreneurial activities. (See Engaged Learning article on page 19.)

The UC comprises courses in four components: Foundations, Pillars, Capstone, and Proficiencies and Experiences.

Foundations include Discourse and Discourse (previously Rhetoric), Quantitative Foundation, Ways of Knowing, and Personal Wellness and Responsibility. Although some of the components are similar to requirements under the General Education Curriculum, Ways of Knowing is new. The courses in this category, which students take as sophomores, will be team-taught by SMU faculty from various disciplines who will consider a common topic.

"Knowledge today is profoundly interdisciplinary," says Vicki Hill, assistant dean for the University Curriculum. "Ways of Knowing will introduce students to the different ways in which university communities define and create knowledge. Such as, how do physicists think? What matters to a sociologist? What questions do accountants ask? But what happens when they are all in the same room looking at the same issue?"

The Pillars are five two-course sequences devoted to different ways of pursuing truth in Pure and Applied Sciences; Individuals, Institutions, and Cultures: Historical Contexts; Creativity and Aesthetics; and Philosophical and Religious Inquiry and Ethics.

The Capstone requirement, usually taken during senior year, allows students to use the skills, knowledge, and methodologies learned throughout their undergraduate careers and apply them to a course, thesis, project or performance, or an internship, combined with a paper in which students reflect on the experience.

In addition, there are eight Proficiencies and Experiences that can be satisfied by coursework or out-of-class activities: writing, quantitative reasoning, information literacy, oral communication, community engagement, human diversity, global engagement and proficiency in a second language.

"The new curriculum encourages faculty to create courses that satisfy more than one requirement," Hill says. "When courses can be double-counted, students have an easier time pursuing additional majors or minors. The more areas of inquiry with which a student is comfortable, the more equipped he or she will be to face a competitive job market.

"The UC represents a major paradigm shift for the entire University community—teachers and learners alike," Hill adds. "This change will be accomplished in part through its focus on student learning outcomes (SLOs). The UC's organizing principle is not where students fulfill the learning objectives, but rather what students have learned and how they demonstrate this knowledge."

Other ways that the proficiencies can be satisfied include hands-on engagement or thoughtful reflection through a paper, says Hill. For example, "A student tour guide may be able to petition to have that work satisfy the expanded emphasis on oral communication. Or a student who spends spring break volunteering with Habitat for Humanity may be able to have that experience satisfy the emphasis on community engagement." In every case, she adds, faculty will review the student's work to determine if the experience satisfies the requirement.

The "second language proficiency" gave many incoming students and their families pause, and was asked about most often during orientation, says academic adviser Tim Norris. The new UC requires students who enter SMU to improve their second language proficiency through college-level courses or by taking placement exams that show they have attained college-level proficiency. Both Parker Gray and Sasha Davis plan to take Italian because of their interest in the Commedia dell'arte style of theatre from that country. Olivera, who took French in high school, is taking a beginning French class this fall and intermediate French in the spring. All will fulfill the language requirement.

Wes K. Waggoner, dean of undergraduate admission and executive director of enrollment services, is on the front line of recruiting students to SMU. He, as much as anyone, has seen a rise in expectations along with a rise in student quality.

"In sending their children to college, today's families look for a return on their investment, expecting a university education to be relevant and to give their students skills that prepare them for work in a global marketplace," he says. "We like to tell potential students and their parents that their degree not only will help them get their first job but also their first promotion; the University Curriculum is designed to make them valued employees by giving them the ability to learn new skills in a changing workforce, as well as adapt to and manage multiple careers."
ENGAGED LEARNING: EDUCATION BY DESIGN

SMU senior Andrew Lin spent a week in Washington, D.C., with two "rock stars." He applies that term reverently to James G. Mead, curator emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, and Charles W. Potter, manager of the museum's marine mammal collection. Lin worked with the renowned whale experts in July while collecting data for his Engaged Learning project comparing the anatomy of a 17-million-year-old beaked whale specimen with the Smithsonian's modern whale bones and fossil specimens.

The experience was "very hard and even kind of intimidating - speaking with people who have spent their whole lives working on whales and are legends in the field," says Lin, a President's Scholar majoring in geology and biology with a minor in chemistry. "Ultimately it was very rewarding because I learned so much about working with collections, photographing specimens and imaging programs."

SMU's Engaged Learning program challenges students to reach beyond the classroom in shaping their educations. The campuswide initiative comprises research, service, internships, creative activities and courses with community components. Fanning out across the globe, 100 undergraduates tackled significant projects under the Engaged Learning umbrella over the summer.

Students can either identify pressing issues and plot their own paths toward solutions or put their stamp on existing projects. Such flexibility suits SMU's entrepreneurial students, according to Susan Kress, director of the Office of Engaged Learning. Established last year, the office serves as a clearinghouse for information about student engagement, as well as a link to the more than 30 campus organizations and 150 local and global community partners that offer avenues for academic inquiry, career development and civic involvement.

"Through Engaged Learning students have the opportunity to transfer the knowledge and skills of the classroom to real-life situations, learn from their experiences, reflect on them and use them as a basis for further learning," says Kress. "More than 40 student-driven studies, including Lin's, were deemed capstone level by a review committee. At the capstone level, students connect their SMU education to goal-oriented projects in the field.

"The project spans two academic years, typically junior and senior years," says Kress. "It begins with an idea and proposal in the first year and project performance, presentation and publication in the second."

Close collaboration with a faculty or staff mentor is a key facet of these high-level explorations. Mentors can structure projects to meet criteria for academic credit.

A final paper, report or creative product will be archived online in the SMU Digital Repository's Engaged Learning Collections. Students can earn University Curriculum credits for Oral Communication and Capstone (see page 18).

In Lin's case, Louis Jacobs, a professor in the Huffington Department of Earth Sciences and president of SMU's Institute for the Study of Earth and Man, serves as his mentor. Lin's Engaged Learning project qualifies as his senior research project in geology.

Leading the effort to identify common needs and increase research opportunities for students is SMU's first Director of Undergraduate Research Bob Kehoe, an associate professor of physics and coordinator of the Undergraduate Research Assistantships (URA) program for the past two years.

His own experience as an undergraduate researcher at Notre Dame informs his belief that a chance for hands-on discovery in a real-world environment "bridges the gap between the classroom and the external professional world and can be a very important stepping stone for students toward their careers."

- Patricia Ward

For more information: smu.edu/engagedlearning
RISING FROM THE RUINS
AN ANCIENT SETTING PROVIDES NEW RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION

Although Fort Burgwin’s original log buildings did not withstand the test of time, many of the structures have been carefully reconstructed over the past four decades and now serve as the centerpiece of SMU-in-Taos. Programs take advantage of the cultural, environmental and archaeological resources of Northern New Mexico.

From the ruins of an old fort and 13th-century Indian pueblo, SMU grows a campus that provides a unique setting for teaching and research.

An act of serendipity enabled Fort Burgwin to enjoy a second life as a University campus. The property was owned by a Taos-area lumberman who had heard that a fort once existed on the land but was unable to locate it. He enlisted the help of Fred Wendorf, then anthropologist of New Mexico, who not only found the buried ruins of the log fort but also excavated and reconstructed it.

When Wendorf joined the SMU faculty in 1964, he brought with him the idea of developing Fort Burgwin into a research center. The late Gov. William P. Clements Jr. ’39 was chair of SMU’s Board of Governors at the time and helped the University begin the process of acquiring the property that became SMU-in-Taos.

Over the years support from donors such as trustee emeritus Bill Hutchinson ’54, ’55 has helped SMU-in-Taos develop into a premier site for research and scholarship on the Southwest. Hutchison remembers coming upon the campus “accidentally, while driving to Taos” en route to his ranch one day in the 1970s. He had not known of SMU’s presence in New Mexico, but it immediately captured his imagination. He comments, “What could be more interesting to somebody who likes the history and the culture of New Mexico than the ruins of an old fort and an archaeological dig?”

Subsequently Hutchison chaired the SMU Board of Governors, was a member of the SMU Board of Trustees, and led the Fort Burgwin Executive Committee. He recalls that after touring the property with Clements to determine its needs and potential, “we engaged in a fundraising effort that resulted in the building of the art center/auditorium, faculty housing, repairs to the [student] casitas and improvements to the fort itself.

SMU’s interest in further developing Fort Burgwin founded, however, during the budget-challenged 1980s and early ‘90s. Hutchison credits its survival to Biology Professor William B. Stallcup Jr. ’41, former interim president of SMU who became director of SMU-in-Taos after his retirement. “Bill brought the thing back to life.”

Any hesitation about the importance of SMU-in-Taos ended with the appointment of R. Gerald Turner as president in 1995, Hutchison says. “Dr. Turner got the entire administration behind the efforts to improve and emphasize SMU-in-Taos. Talking to students who have studied there, I think it’s a great environment for learning and a very unusual experience for University students.”

EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT

The University’s renewed focus on SMU-in-Taos has been supported by both longtime and more recent donors. Thanks to recent gifts and purchases, the campus now sprawls across 430 acres – almost twice the size of the 237-acre main campus in Dallas. And the land now includes new and refurbished structures to facilitate study, teaching and research.

A gift from the estate of Bill Clements of three houses and 123 acres adjoining the campus continues a decades-long legacy of support. The new gift includes art, furnishings and other household items. In addition to the 2,800-square-foot main house, there is a 2,000-square-foot dwelling and a 1,400-square-foot cottage. A committee is considering options for the houses, one of which is to use the facilities for a conferencing/retreat center available to the SMU community and outside groups.

Over the years the late governor and his wife, Rita, provided more than $7.5 million for facilities and programs at SMU-in-Taos, including $1 million for the construction of Wendorf Information Commons.

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21ST-CENTURY TRANSFORMATION

Among other recent acquisitions and improvements:

- The purchase of the 2,000-square-foot home of Fred Wendorf, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at SMU, and five acres of land on the far eastern edge of the campus. Visiting scholars and SMU faculty will stay in the home.

- The conversion of Faculty Casita Two into a true duplex containing a one-bedroom apartment and a separate two-bedroom apartment. The remodeled casita, now suitable for faculty with families, was funded by an anonymous gift. Two similar faculty casitas await the same transformation when funding is obtained.

- The renovation of the three-bedroom officers' quarters, supported by a gift from SMU-in-Taos Board Chair Roy Coffee Jr. and his wife, Janis. The Coffees also helped fund improvements to student casitas.

In 2009 support for new and renovated student casitas, as well as technology upgrades and improvements to winterize facilities, transformed SMU-in-Taos. The changes made it possible to operate the campus from May through December, accommodating a new fall semester and a one-week Alternative Break volunteer program in March.

Casita Clements, a new student casita funded by Bill and Rita Clements, became the first commercial or institutional building in the Taos area to achieve Gold LEED certification for environmentally responsible construction. Other named residences and the donors supporting them include Casita Armstrong, funded by Bill Armstrong ’82 and Liz Martin Armstrong ’82 of Denver; Casita Harvey, funded by trustee Caren H. Prothro in honor of her mother, Juanita Leggo Harvey; Casita Thelford, funded by Jo Ann Gourin Thelford ’69, ’70 of Graham, Texas; and Casita Ware, funded by trustee Richard Ware ’68 and William Ware ’61 of Amarillo, Texas.

Additional support for housing improvements has been provided by Dallas residents Maurine Dickey ’67, Richard T. Mullen ’67 and Jenny Mullen, and Stephen Sands ’79 and Mandy Sands ’80, and Irene Athos and the late William J. Athos of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Technology enhancements to provide cell phone and Internet connectivity also moved the campus into the 21st century. In partnership with Comnet, a wireless phone service provider, the campus has its own cell tower that offers full-bar signal strength. Wireless Internet access is available throughout SMU-in-Taos, and a recent broadband speed upgrade improved real-time video streaming. Other updates include new LCD projectors for classrooms, a large-format color printer for photography instruction and new flat-screen televisions for the dining hall.

The improvements and additions are part of a new master plan for SMU-in-Taos supported by the Executive Board and members of the Friends of SMU-in-Taos. Other components of the plan are being implemented as funding becomes available.

For more information: smu.edu/culturalinstitute/friends.asp

New Excavations Explore Fort Guardhouse, Pithouses

Archaeological excavations in Taos continue to yield new clues to lost chapters of Southwestern history. Over the summer new digs focused on the Fort Burgwin guardhouse on the SMU-in-Taos campus and at a pithouse site on private land nearby.

The guardhouse appears on early maps of the fort, which helped a team from Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania, locate the building's foundation. The excavation is the most recent project of the Taos Collaborative Archaeological Program, an education and research partnership between SMU's field school and the Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute initiated in 2009.

New research by SMU students aims to shed light on the Pithouse period, which dates from approximately 900 A.D. to 1250 A.D. Lauren O'Brien, a doctoral candidate in Dedman College's Department of Anthropology, started her fieldwork with student teams in the summer. Soil samples and objects recovered from the site are now being studied on the Dallas campus.
LIVING AND LEARNING IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT
FALL TERM OFFERS NEW ADVENTURES

A ceramics class taught in an outdoor studio attracted sophomore Alexandra Jones to SMU-in-Taos for the August term. The chance to dive more deeply into an opportunity she calls “life-changing” cemented her decision to remain for the fall semester.

Jones, a Provost’s Scholar and BBA Scholar, prizes the small class sizes, the intense focus of the academic courses and the “amazing Wellness opportunities — everything from white-water rafting to horseback riding.” But what makes the Taos experience like no other is the camaraderie that develops among students and with faculty, she says.

“The living-learning environment has allowed me to connect with my professors in new ways,” says Jones, an accounting major with minors in anthropology and Mandarin Chinese. “Students are valued and respected like colleagues because we’re all expected to contribute to the community, and we’re all working toward the common goal of getting the most out of our time here.”

Faculty and their families reside on campus, so students “see them as individuals with outside lives, and faculty interact with students both in and out of the classroom,” says Mike Adler, associate professor of anthropology and executive director of SMU-in-Taos since 2006.

SMU-in-Taos opened for classes in 1974 on the site of Fort Burgwin, a pre-Civil War fort, as a unique center for teaching and research drawing from the cultural and natural resources of Northern New Mexico. The grounds include the site of a 13th-century Indian pueblo that has been the focus of SMU’s archaeology field school. Each year approximately 300 students take courses in the humanities, sciences, business and performing, visual and communication arts.

Students enrolled in the fall semester take 12 to 15 hours of courses that meet core undergraduate requirements in a variety of disciplines, or they can focus on courses to earn a minor in business. The term is divided into four blocks, each of which lasts about three weeks.

Sophomore Sam Clark, an applied physiology major, believes “the block system makes it worthwhile to take the business minor route in Taos.” He took management, marketing, finance and personal finance, one course per block.

“I feel like I learned more because I got to focus on one subject at a time in a low-stress environment,” he says.

Breaks between sessions allow time for outdoor adventures. In September students visited the Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado for sand sledding — sliding down dunes on sand boards or sleds — before beginning Block 2 of their classes.

An integral part of the curriculum is the “Taos Experience,” an anthropology class taught by Adler. “We take students off campus into this very diverse and complicated place we call Taos, which is very different from Dallas,” he explains. “Students get a better understanding of the many historical, ethnic and cultural differences that make up this place.”

Internships with local nonprofit organizations enable students like Jones to give back to their adopted community while developing practical skills. She works with Taos CPA, which provides accounting services for local nonprofits. SMU also strengthens ties with Taos through cultural programs such as the Ima Leeto Hutchison Concert Series, which showcases the musical talents of Meadows students each summer.

The Summer Colloquium Lecture Series brings members of the Taos community to campus on Tuesday evenings to hear SMU faculty and guest speakers discuss a broad range of topics. More than 1,000 people attended the free lectures last summer. And a fall series sponsored by SMU-in-Taos and the University of New Mexico-Taos offers free lectures in September and October.

Inspired by the strong service-learning link forged between SMU and Taos, Jones pledges to become more active when she returns to Dallas in January.

“It’s easy to sink into the shadows and let other people do the work,” she says. “At SMU-in-Taos I’ve developed a sense of responsibility to contribute to the community. Involvement has become a habit that I’ll take back with me.”

— Patricia Ward

For more information: smu.edu/taos
AN UNCOMMON LIVING EXPERIENCE

By Lauren Smart ’11

My first days at SMU were overwhelming. Mapping the quickest route from class to class and learning the difference between Fondren Library and Fondren Science Building were minor adjustments. Arriving on campus meant something much larger, the first big step toward being an adult – moving out.

In Bosz, McElvany, Mary Hay and all the residence halls along Bishop Boulevard, apprehensive first-year students eyed their new homes and roommates. Although many students request friends or acquaintances as roommates upon acceptance to SMU, most participate in potluck selection and spend their first year bunking with a stranger.

The freedom of living away from my parents on the scenic SMU campus was exciting, with a constant influx of new friends and activities. However, soon I began wishing for my first apartment in Dallas and couldn’t wait to have my own kitchen and bathroom. But moving off campus was jarring.

If you hadn’t found an apartment by the end of freshman year, you were already behind, as accommodations near campus were swept up long before May. Although some residential hall rooms are available to upper-class students who choose to remain on campus, beginning their sophomore year, many students as young as 19 commute to campus from Uptown, the Village or other nearby areas. I became an efficient grocery shopper, adjusted to a neighborhood without campus staff or police and navigated traffic and parking to get to class on time.

But this scenario will change in 2014 with the completion of five new residence halls in the southeast corner of campus. They will be part of the Residential Commons, along with all other residence halls retrofitted to that model. And SMU will require sophomores to live on campus, in addition to first-year students.

Derived from the model that originated at higher learning institutions overseas, particularly Oxford and Cambridge, the Residential Commons can be most familiarly compared to Harry Potter’s Hogwarts. Although there will be no ceremonial “sorting hat,” all room assignments will be random. Faculty members will live in apartments tucked into the residence halls, relationships with a particular hall will last an entire academic career, there will be classrooms in each hall, and students will be encouraged to participate in activities with their residential neighbors.

“The idea is that each Commons will be a microcosm of the campus as a whole,” says Lori White, vice president for student affairs. “We want to avoid the stereotypes that X-type of student lives here and Y-type of student lives there.”

Driving to and parking next to Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports is no longer possible because construction is in progress: when the project is completed, the Center will be flanked by a dining facility and five new residence halls, which will house 1,025 more students in addition to the current 1,922 already living on campus. (See new campus map on pages 24-25.)

The common misnomer applied to these buildings has been “sophomore housing,” when, in fact, five existing residence halls also will convert to the Commons model. Although this means the disbanding of casual communities that have sprung up, such as Meadows students being assigned to Mary Hay, the belief is that stronger communities can be created with a diverse mixture of students, White says. And it is hoped that these bonds will be strengthened as students spend more than one year within those communities.

Deanna Vella ’10, who spent her sophomore and junior years as a resident assistant, recalls an enthusiasm in first-year students that fizzled in sophomores who lived on or off campus. “It can be frustrating to be the only sophomore in your dorm. I imagine the new Commons model will keep students more comfortable and involved,” she says.

Resident assistants will continue to lead in the Commons, but each building also will include a faculty member in residence. In all there will be 11 live-in faculty members — some self-identified and some nominated by students. Although resident professors are not intended to serve as authority figures for student life, SMU officials hope that
mutually beneficial relationships will develop between students and faculty. Adjunct Assistant Professor of History David Doyle lived in the Virginia-Snider Hall as director of the University Honors Program. Seeing his students as “complete individuals” informed his communications with them in the classroom, he says. “I think my living there reinforced things I taught in the classroom, but it also set the mood that studying could be acceptable,” Doyle says. “As I got to know the students, they would come to me with questions unrelated to academics.”

This interactive component is key to the Residential Commons model, according to Steve Logan, senior executive director of residence life and student housing. “Academic integration and interaction is one of the main benefits we came across in our research on the Commons model,” he says. “As we attract more highly qualified students, the living experience becomes as important as the curriculum.”

For many students, proximity to professors might seem intimidating or even off-putting. But having faculty in residence not only enables students to become comfortable with taking advantage of office hours right next to where they live, it also allows professors to see the varied lives of their students.

“There won’t be forced interactions with the faculty members,” says Jeff Grim, assistant director of residence life. “But I imagine professors will start different traditions, like taking a group of students to a local theater or inviting them over for movies or coffee.”

To develop a vision for its Residential Commons model, SMU appointed a committee of faculty, staff and students to look at institutions that have live-on requirements after the first year and/or adopted similar designs for student housing. Duke University and Rice University are leading examples of on-campus living through the junior year. Several schools made the transition to a residential college model in the past decade, including Washington University in St. Louis and Vanderbilt.

At its core this model is about providing students with a “common experience.” Many students find this sense of belonging in the Greek system or in campus organizations, but often it takes months to find an affinity group. “It definitely takes students awhile to adjust to their new environment,” Vella says. “As an RA, I would watch kids take almost all year to settle into their lives, and then they would start looking for an apartment, requiring another transition.

Logan hopes the Commons model will quell the fears of parents who worry about their children moving out on their own before they are emotionally ready. White agrees, citing numerous stories she’s heard of students who feel unprepared for life off campus.

“School can be stressful enough without worrying about having to cook your own meals or pay your bills on time,” she says. “We hope this will put the parents and the students at ease.”

SMU officials hope this new model will bolster the vibrancy of on-campus life as well as school spirit. Every school that served as a case study for these changes, from Wake Forest to Notre Dame, confirmed that longer connections with on-campus living engender lifetime dedication to the school.

It’s hard to imagine how living on campus an extra year would have changed my experience. Some of my fondest memories are of breakfasts at Umphrey Lee, ultimate Frisbee games on the lawn in front of Dallas Hall and the conversations I had with professors during their office hours. As an upperclassman, my participation in these activities slowly tapered. I can’t help but wonder what memories of SMU I missed because so often the two miles to campus seemed too far to drive.

SMU alumna Lauren Smart earned a M.A. degree in auto journalism from Syracuse University in May. She is a communications specialist for Dallas.
When SMU opened in 1915, the campus comprised two permanent buildings - Dallas Hall, SMU’s academic and social hub, and the Women’s Building, now Clements Hall. Today, nearly 100 years later, the main campus has grown to include 237 acres and 101 buildings.

A period of unprecedented campus construction began in 1997, when the University adopted the Centennial Master Plan, and will continue through 2015. More than 40 facilities have been built or renovated on campus: 27 buildings and 15 campus features such as fountains, plazas, memorials and others. The University also has expanded across Central Expressway and south of Mockingbird Lane with existing buildings and new facilities under construction. The George W. Bush Presidential Center is located on the SMU campus.

To enable alumni and friends to keep up with the growth and changes that have occurred, a new campus map has been created. To view online, visit smu.edu/100/centennialmap.
NEW AD SEeks MANY PERSPECTIVES ON SMU ATHLETICS

“We want to continue to be known as an athletics program that graduates its students, prepares them for life, competes for championships and makes a positive impact on the community.”

Rick Hart, who joined SMU in July as its 13th director of athletics, is a third-generation athletics administrator. Hart’s father, Dave, Jr., director of athletics at the University of Tennessee, and his late grandfather, Dave Sr., served in a variety of roles within collegiate athletics, including a stint as commissioner of the Southern Conference. Before coming to SMU, Rick Hart served for six years as athletics director at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, overseeing a program that won 17 regular-season and 22 postseason Southern Conference titles. Before that, he spent seven years at the University of Oklahoma Athletics Department. In the following interview, Hart discusses his vision for SMU athletics.

What is your long-term vision for SMU athletics?

What drew me here are assets that you can’t just go out and acquire anywhere—SMU’s reputation and high academic quality, a vibrant city, strong leadership, community involvement and alumni support. So when you look at that, our vision should be to become a premier program in the country. I am making sure that I understand the goals of the institution so I can align the Athletics Department with the vision that President (R. Gerald) Turner and the Board of Trustees have for SMU. We’ve got good people and strong coaches, and our academic reputation is among the top in the country. We must ensure that our athletics program reflects the high standards that the University has for its students. We want to continue to be known as an athletics program that graduates its students, prepares them for life, competes for championships and makes a positive impact on the community.

We’re developing a plan that will better define our mid- and long-range goals and vision, and hope to share a draft with the president around the first of the year. This is an inclusive process, so we’re involving the people closest to the program – student-athletes, coaches and staff – gathering feedback and ideas. I also want to include faculty, staff, administrators, students, donors, ticket-holders, supporters, alumni and former student-athletes so that when we implement this plan, it’s representative of as many groups as possible. The process creates ownership and buy-in because the plan is something that they will have helped to create.

How will SMU’s move to the Big East Conference benefit the athletics program?

The Big East is known as one of the premier conferences in the country – arguably the best basketball conference and certainly among the top football conferences. I think that level of competitiveness will help make us a stronger program and give us a better sense of how SMU is performing nationally and where we need to improve. Some of it also has to do with prestige – to have a national presence, particularly in that Northeast corridor where SMU recruits a lot of students. We want to associate ourselves with institutions that aspire to the same things we aspire to.

What are the critical ingredients that go into building a successful collegiate athletics program?

People are the most important ingredient. You need to have people of integrity who work hard and are servant leaders. Whether it’s administration, faculty, staff, donors, alumni, ticket-holders, volunteers or the media, everyone plays a role. People are the main ingredient that will determine success or failure.

To that end, how can alumni get involved in helping the program?

You just said it. The most important thing they can do is get involved. For some people that means being a supporter or a volunteer or just buying a ticket. There’s nothing more meaningful to our student-athletes than to know they’re supported and seeing people in the stands cheering them on as they display their athletic talents.

They could become donors. We have many different opportunities to give, even as little as a dollar a year. It doesn’t matter the amount, but get involved and help support our 399 student-athletes. At the end of the day, it takes resources to implement our plan, be effective and pursue comprehensive excellence.

- Chris Doll ’11

Visit www.smu.edu/News/2012/Athletics-director-intro-06july2012 for more information.
**SPORTS SHORTS**

**WOMEN’S TENNIS RACKS UP AWARDS**

Senior Aleksandra Malysheva and freshman Hristina Dishkova took home a pair of singles championships at the Texas Invitational in September. Malysheva and senior Edyta Cieplucha captured a doubles title to make it three championships. Malysheva was named the Conference USA tennis athlete of the month in September. Alumna Marta Lesniak ’12, who finished her career at SMU with a 102-1-8 record, was named to the 2012 ITA Collegiate All-Star Team in August. She was one of three Division I athletes to receive the honor.

**REACHING OLYMPIC HEIGHTS**

Twelve current and former SMU athletes participated in London's 2012 Olympic Games in August. Laura Bennett ’07 finished 17th for the United States in triathlon and Johan Brunstrom ’03 competed for Sweden in men’s doubles tennis. Competing in track and field were Aleksander Tammet ’96 for Estonia in discus and Jeremy Bortoluzzi ’08 for France in the hammer throw. Swimming for their countries were Anja Carman ’08 (Slovenia), Sara Nordensam ’06 (Norway), Denisa Smolenova ’12 (Slovakia), and Therese Svendsen ’12 and Lars Fredlund ’98 (Sweden). Current Mustang’s swimmers Nina Rangelova ’14 (Bulgaria), Mindaugas Sadauskas ’13 (Lithuania) and freshman Danielle Villars (Switzerland) also competed. Also making the trip were swim coaches Steve Collins, who served as an assistant on the Bulgarian coaching staff, and Andy Kershaw, who was a manager for the U.S. swim team.

In addition, the late SMU senior Jonathan Wentz placed fourth for the United States in the Paralympian Equestrian Individual Championship Grade 1b competition at the 2012 Paralympics held Aug. 29-Sept. 4 in London. Wentz, who was born with cerebral palsy, died Sept. 30.

**A GOOD SPORT**

SMU senior Blake McJunkin was named in July the Division I male winner of the NCAA Sportsmanship Award. The offensive lineman also received the 2012 Conference USA Sportsmanship Award in June. In the 2011 season opener at Texas A&M, McJunkin protected a vulnerable opposing player from potential harm. After intercepting a Mustangs’ pass, Texas A&M defensive back Trent Hunter lost his helmet when he was tackled by McJunkin and Kelly Turner. With Hunter’s head exposed, McJunkin shielded his opponent with his arms until the play concluded. To see the video, visit www.smu.edu/News/2012/blake-mcjunkin-sportsmanship-28june2012.

**HE BLOCKS THAT KICK!**

SMU defensive lineman and special teams extraordinaire Margus Hunt set the NCAA record for blocked kicks when he stuffed his ninth career field goal try in SMU's 52-0 victory over Stephen F. Austin on Sept. 8. He extended his record with a 10th block at UTEP on Oct. 6. The 6-foot-8 senior from Estonia was named DFW’s Best Athlete in a summer poll by DallasNews.com and also received the honor of being called the No. 1 “freak athlete” in college football by CBSSports.com's Bruce Feldman.
When Mathew Busby ’09 was a student in the Environmental and Civil Engineering Department, the Lyle School’s alumni mentor program paired him with Joe Novoa ’71.

“On field trips to building and construction sites, we talked about what was going on and why things were constructed the way they are, which proved to be invaluable insight as I was going through classes and then later when working as a civil engineer,” Busby says. “I think ‘talking shop’ gives a glimpse of what someone has learned in the field—knowledge you usually don’t have as a student. I learned that engineering isn’t just about producing a set of plans, but about focusing on how people will utilize something and how it will make their lives better.”

Now Busby is paying that favor forward through SMU Connection, a new partnership between the Office of Alumni Relations and Engagement and SMU’s Hegi Family Career Development Center. The program links alumni mentors with University undergraduates.

As of early November, 312 Mustangs across the country have signed up as Connection volunteers.

“Through SMU Connection, alumni have an opportunity to reinforce the strength of the University by mentoring current students and passing on the passion we have for our alma mater,” says Busby.

During winter break, alumni from coast to coast will host student externs for a day of on-the-job experience. Students applied through the Hegi Center and have been matched in their preferred fields. They will spend the day “shadowing” alumni, who have the flexibility to decide how to make their time together beneficial.

The 40 students participating attended a mandatory orientation session conducted by Allison Dupuis, career coach with the Hegi Center. There are 10 first-years, nine sophomores, 12 juniors and nine seniors in the group, representing SMU’s five undergraduate degree-granting schools.

“Most of the students have never done anything like this before, so it is important that they understand how to maximize the experience,” Dupuis says. She encourages them to prepare by looking at alumni’s LinkedIn profiles, reading about their companies and developing questions based on that research.

Externships assist students in making well-informed career decisions, according to Dupuis. “I tell students that in just one day they can absorb so much that it can be truly life-changing,” she says. “They’ll have a chance to network, make important career connections and learn that they can take the initiative to create these kinds of opportunities for themselves.”

Through SMU Connection, alumni also can serve as career resources, offering advice and information throughout the school year to students interested in their professions. More than 170 alumni have committed to participate.

Dallas alumni can be part of these career-preparation activities sponsored by the Hegi Center:

- **Rossmannia**: Volunteers meet one-on-one with students to provide feedback about their résumés.
- **Speed networking**: During this job-focused spin on “speed dating,” students practice their interviewing skills with volunteers from various industries in a fast-paced, informal setting.
- **Work abroad panel**: At events designed for students interested in the global job market, alumni offer valuable information about their international experiences.
- **Industry specific panel**: At events centered on specific fields, such as law and education, alumni offer their perspectives on their professions.

Alumni interested in participating in SMU Connection should fill out the online form available at smu.edu/alumni/involved. More information is available by contacting Lindsay Scania, SMU Connection alumni coordinator, at lsicana@smu.edu or 214-768-ALUM (2586).

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**SMU ON THE ROAD**

**SEE LONGTIME FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES** at “SMU on the Road” events. All alumni, parents and friends of the University are invited to attend. The schedule below reflects the information available as of press time:

- **February 3, 2013 - Fort Worth**
- **April 3, 2013 - Washington, D.C.**
- **April 4, 2013 - New York City**
- **May 2, 2013 - St. Louis**

Any changes to the schedule, as well as reservation and ticket information, will be posted on smu.edu/alumni.
A total of 313 alumni in 15 cities from coast to coast signed up to assist food banks, animal shelters, meals on wheels programs and other nonprofit organizations during the “SMU Stampede of Service,” the second annual SMU alumni national service day, in November. Chapters in Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Fort Worth, Houston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Orange County, California, Salt Lake City, St. Louis and Washington, D.C., participated.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, the New York City chapter postponed its service day until December. Locally, members of the Black Alumni of SMU, SMU Hispanic Alumni and the SMU Military Alumni chapters joined other Dallas alumni in filling two shifts at the North Texas Food Bank distribution center. Volunteers sorted and packed 29,057 pounds of food, enough for 24,815 meals.

Alumni Relations Gets New Leadership

Marianne Piepenburg ’81, a key member of SMU’s Development and External Affairs (DEA) leadership team, was appointed assistant vice president for Alumni and Constituent Giving and executive director for Alumni Relations in September by Brad E. Cheves, vice president for DEA.

In this new, expanded role, Piepenburg will direct the Office of Alumni Relations and Engagement and the University’s annual and alumni giving effort, as well as continue in her role managing Gift Planning and Endowment & Scholarship Giving.

Piepenburg previously served as interim director of Development and Interim executive director of National Major Giving.

“Through all of her assignments, she has continued to lead SMU’s Planned and Endowment Giving programs, where we benefit greatly from her expertise,” Cheves says.

A 1981 graduate of Dedman School of Law, Piepenburg practiced law for several years before moving into the field of planned giving. She was with Baylor Health Care System for seven years before returning to the Hilltop as SMU prepared for its “Time to Lead Campaign” in 1996.

“It is a privilege for me to work with SMU alumni across the country and around the world,” says Piepenburg. “As an alumna, staff member and a very proud mother of two SMU students, SMU is important to my family, and I hope to share this enthusiasm with other alumni, parents and friends.”

Piepenburg’s daughter, Claire ’13, is majoring in history and anthropology with a minor in political science, and her son, Andrew ’15, is a studio art major.
Class of 1959
Gary Harms is the new president of the Grand Opera Guild in Wichita, K.S.

Class of 1960
Dr. Jack Rudd is founder and full-time volunteer field director of Teethsavers International Inc. In Africa he teaches a six-year molar course, whose graduates, in teams of 10-15, travel by truck and use simple hand instruments to fill the teeth of children in villages and primary schools. In 2007 Dr. Rudd received the Award of Distinction for Continuing Education from the Academy of Dentistry International. His soon-to-be released book, Grateful for the Pain, traces his early struggles followed by the privilege of serving some of the world’s poorest children.

Class of 1961
Wynona Wieting Lipsett (M.M.Ed. ’89) is the proud grandmother of Andrew Taylor Lipsett (see Class of 2009).

Class of 1966

Class of 1967
Pam Lontos sold her public relations firm PR/PR and opened Pam Lontos Consulting in Orlando, FL.

Class of 1968
Bryan Robbins was inducted into the Texas Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame April 13, 2012. He was a three-time All-American diver at SMU and coached the 1976 and 1980 Olympic diving teams. For 39 years he taught physical education and wellness at SMU, retiring in 2008, and now teaches yoga to faculty, staff and students.

Class of 1969
Charles R. (Rocky) Saxbe, an attorney at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, was named in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA as a “Leader in Their Field” in litigation: general commercial.

Class of 1970
Barbara Peterson Scott was elected to the board of directors of the Bank of Charles Town (WV) and its holding company, Potomac Bancshares Inc., at the annual shareholders meeting May 15, 2012. She is president of Summit Point Raceway Associates Inc. and BSR Inc., the operating entities for the 785-acre Summit Point Motorsports Park. She lives on a farm in Middleburg, VA.

Class of 1971
David Arthur (M.F.A. ’72) has published a second novel, The Kingdom of Keftiu (Brightling Publishing), an archaeological mystery set in 1535-38, which takes the reader from the ruins of an Egyptian cave to an island in the Aegean Sea, all somehow involving the fabled lost civilization of Atlantis. Steve Browne was recognized by the Foundation Fighting Blindness with its Volunteer of the Year Award for the Southwest Region, acknowledging his service supporting the Foundation’s mission to save and restore sight lost to retinal diseases. The award was presented before an audience of 500 at the VISIONS 2012 national conference last June 30 in Minneapolis. Earlier this year he was instrumental in the success of the 4th Annual San Antonio/Austin 5K VisionWalk. Over the last four years his “Sight for Sore Eyes” team has raised $270,000 for vision-saving research, and he co-chairs a walk that has generated more than $660,000 since 2009. He is an attorney with the San Antonio-based firm Langley & Banack. Rev. Howard (Rusty) Hedges has been appointed senior pastor of Holy Covenant United Methodist Church in Carrollton, TX. He is married to the former Betsy Pharr.

Class of 1974
Jan M. Carroll, a business litigation attorney at Barnes & Thornburg LLP’s Indianapolis office, is a Super Lawyer in the March 2012 issue of Indiana Super Lawyers magazine, and she’s on the list of the top 45 female Super Lawyers. Elizabeth Becker (Beth) Henley is the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play “Crimes of the Heart,” performed last summer at the Contemporary Theatre of Dallas. Dan M. Lunn announces his retirement from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts effective July 31, 2012. What started as a two-year learning experience evolved into a 40-year career. For the past 10 years he has been the manager for evaluation, development and succession planning, helping to ensure that the state tax audit function is ready for the challenges of the future.

Class of 1975
Sol Villasana has been named Of Counsel at White & Wiggins LLP in Dallas, the largest and fastest growing full-service, minority-owned law firm in Texas. Pat Wheeler is an editor with Texas Links Magazines, host of a weekly radio show about golf, “Texas Links on the Air,” and now an author. His first book, When Golf Was Fun (Tales from the Late, Great Beer and Barbecue Circuit), was recently published.

Class of 1976
Betty Francine Carraro, Ph.D., started September 1 as director of the Wichita Falls (TX) Museum of Art at Midwestern State University. She has been executive director at three museums across the country, has held teaching positions at Texas State University, The University of Texas and SMU, and has completed a special teaching assignment at the University of Kent at Canterbury, England.
Trustee Michael M. Boone Receives Folsom Leadership Award

“Mike Boone is a brilliant and innovative businessman as well as a community leader. He is passionate about education and serves his community in so many ways.”

Michael M. Boone ’63, ’67 received the Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award from the Methodist Health System Foundation October 30 for his accomplishments in making a lasting, positive change in the Dallas community and inspiring others to follow. The award is named for former Dallas Mayor Robert S. Folsom, a 1949 SMU graduate.

“Mike Boone is a brilliant and innovative businessman as well as a community leader. He is passionate about education and serves his community in so many ways. He embodies the Folsom Leadership Award, and we are honored to celebrate his achievements,” said April Box Chamber, president and CEO of the MHS Foundation.

A 1967 graduate of SMU’s Dedman School of Law, Boone has more than 40 years of experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and securities transactions. As co-founder of Haynes and Boone LLP, he has been a catalyst for programs that promote diversity in the workplace and encourage participation in public service projects.

Boone, who received his B.B.A. from SMU in 1963, has served on the SMU Board of Trustees since 1996. He was named chair-elect in September and will become chair in June 2014. He is a vice chair for the Second Century Celebration Organizing Committee and serves on the Executive Board of the Dedman School of Law.

Boone led the development of “Dallas & SMU: The Power of Partnership,” a community and economic impact report that outlines the unique contributions SMU is making to North Texas. He also was instrumental in final negotiations to secure the George W. Bush Presidential Center for SMU.

He received the University’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1998 and the 2007-08 J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award from SMU’s Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility.

In the Dallas community, Boone has served as president of the Dallas Citizens Council, as a leader at Preston Road Church of Christ and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Highland Park Independent School District.

Boone and his wife, Marla Hays Boone ’68, reside in Highland Park. They have two children, MaryJane Boone Bonfield, a 2004 graduate of Dedman School of Law, and Michael Hays Boone, and four grandchildren.
Honoring Distinguished Alumni And History Makers

Three notable members of the alumni community have been honored for their accomplishments, leadership and service with the highest honor the University bestows upon its former students. Philanthropic leader Jeanne Tower Cox ’78, former University Park Mayor James H. “Blackie” Holmes III ’57, ’59, and entrepreneur Paul B. Loyd, Jr. ’68 received 2012 Distinguished Alumni Awards October 25.

In addition, medical physicist Alonso N. Gutiérrez ’03 received the University’s Emerging Leader Award, which recognizes the achievements of outstanding alumni who have graduated within the last 15 years.

The awards ceremony and dinner launched a weekend of Homecoming festivities.

2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Jeanne Tower Cox ’78 exemplifies the dedicated volunteer leadership that is vital to the University and the community. She earned a B.B.A. degree from the Cox School of Business and has been actively involved in various facets of the University. She played a major role in the creation of the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies, established in Dedman College in 1998 in honor of her father, the late United States senator. Cox served on the SMU Board of Trustees from 1996-2008 and was elected to a new term in 2012. She also serves on the Advisory Board of SMU’s Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility and on the Second Century Campaign Steering Committee for Dedman College.

Cox’s civic involvement includes service on the Board of Trustees of Communities Foundation of Texas and the National Advisory Board of the Laura Bush Institute for Women’s Health.

James H. “Blackie” Holmes III ’57, ’59 has served his profession and community with dedication and distinction. He earned two SMU degrees—a B.B.A. in 1957 and the L.L.B. in 1959. As an undergraduate, he was a letterman on the varsity swimming team, member of Blue Key national honor society and a distinguished military graduate. He was honored by Dedman School of Law with its Distinguished Alumni Award and has served on the SMU Alumni Board.

Now a senior partner with Burford and Ryburn LLP, Holmes is known as a consummate trial attorney, practicing primarily in civil/defense tort litigation. He has received numerous professional honors, including ABOTA Texas Trial Lawyer of the Year award.

He received the Mustang Award and Cox’s Distinguished Alumni Award. His generous support includes funding for the Loyd All-Sports Center, SMU Athletics programs and Loyd Residential Commons, now under construction (see page 22).

Loyd’s service extends from local to global causes. He was named Man of the Year by Fort Benning (Georgia) troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan for his aid in setting up satellite computers for troops to communicate with home.

2012 EMERGING LEADER

Alonso N. Gutiérrez ’03 has achieved a distinguished career in medical research, clinical service and teaching. He holds dual positions at University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio as assistant professor and as educational director of the Medical Dosimetry Program in the Department of Radiation Oncology.

Gutiérrez earned B.S. degrees summa cum laude in both mechanical engineering and physics from SMU in 2003. While at SMU, he was a President’s Scholar, Barry M. Goldwater Scholar and Frank C. McDonald Physics Scholar. He was honored with the Harold A. Blum Award in Mechanical Engineering and the Robert S. Hyer Award in Physics. After graduating from SMU, he earned Master’s and Ph.D. degrees in medical physics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Gutiérrez joined the faculty of UT Health Science Center at San Antonio in 2007.

In addition to his distinguished 50-year legal career, Holmes has devoted 30 years of service to University Park in various leadership positions. As mayor from 2004-10, he helped facilitate the successful efforts of SMU to acquire the George W. Bush Presidential Center.

Paul B. Loyd, Jr. ’68 has used his extraordinary professional success to benefit his alma mater and other causes. Principal of the Houston-based private investment firm he founded in 2001, he previously served as chair and CEO of R&B Falcon Corporation and has more than 30 years of experience in the energy industry.

Loyd earned a B.B.A. in economics from SMU in 1968 and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. He was a member of SMU’s 1968 Southwest Conference championship football team that played in the 1967 Cotton Bowl Classic and was captain of the 1967 football team.

A member of SMU’s Board of Trustees since 2000, Loyd also serves on the executive boards of Cox School of Business and Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development.

SEEKING 2013 NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 SMU Distinguished Alumni and Emerging Leader Awards. Any individual may nominate an SMU alumna and/or alumnus by completing the nomination form, which can be downloaded at smu.edu/daa and mailed to the SMU Office of Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 7530173, Dallas, Texas 75373-0173. The deadline is December 31, 2012. For more information, contact Alumni Relations, 1-888-768-2586, 1-888-347-2586 or smualum@smu.edu.


Centennial History Maker Awards

The SMU Distinguished Alumni Awards celebration provided an opportunity to honor past DAAs recipients with Centennial History Maker Awards in recognition of the high standard of service and accomplishment they exemplified in the University’s first century. The 2012 History Makers are:

Maurice W. Acker*  Frank H. Kidd, Jr.*
Linndalyn Bennett  Sally Rhoody
Adams  Lancaster
Alison Allen Holland  Jed Mace*
Richard A. Arnett*  Virginia Holt
William W. Asten*  McFarland
Sue Davis Bailer  Den Meredith*
Fritz E. Barton, Jr.  Carmen M. Michael
Don R. Benton  Ruth A. Montgomery
Laura Lee S. Blanton*  P.O.B. Montgomery, Jr.*
Floyd E. Bloom  Stephen Halcluit
Ina G. Brown*  Moore, Jr.*
Juan Chacin  Noreen Louis Nicoll
Donald D. Clayton  William F. Nicol
Charles M. Cole*  Paul E. Page*
Aykut R. Cox*  Cecil E. Peoples*
Glenn A. Cox, Jr.*  Charles H. Pistor, Jr.*
Robert H. Domard  Les G. Pondron
Charles O. Galvyn*  Kenneth Previtt, Jr.
Arvel E. Halley*  Aaron Q. Sartain*
Charles M. Harmon, Jr.*  Carl Sewell
Lawrence R.  Mark Shophard
Herkiner  William T. Solomon
John A. Hill*  Susan Herring Stahl*
Ray M. Huffington*  Ellen C. Terry
Ray L. Hunt  Robert Hyer Thomas
Nancy Ann Hunter  Paul J. Thomas*
Hunt  Gail G. Thomas
George E. Hurt, Jr.*  Charles H. Trigg*
William L. Hutchinson  Kitty Trigg*
F. Ben James, Jr.  Charles H. Wobb, Jr.
Julia C. Jeffress*  Temple W. Williams, Jr.
Samuel R. Johnson  Evie Jo C. Wilson*
E. Gene Keiffer*

*Deceased

Class of 1977

Louis M. Mathis has written The Tear of Ra, The Second Coming of 91/11 (January 2012), available at Barnes & Noble and in paperback and e-book format.

Class of 1978

David Cassidy is an attorney at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson in Baton Rouge, LA, listed among the leading lawyers in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA. In addition, he was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2013. Rod MacIver* and his wife, the former Cindy Funkhouse, enjoy their work at Grace Community Church in Bardsville, OK, where Rod is senior pastor. Last March they traveled to Santa Marta, Colombia, to co-lead a marriage conference for pastors and spouses. For 41 years Rod and his wife have sailed large yachts recreationally. The book Successful Bareboat Chartering: The Essential Guide for Captain and Crew (Intermediate Publishers, May 2014) grew from their list of things they do when they sail. Their story was featured in the June 2012 issue of SAIL magazine in the article “A Father-Son Tradition: Forty-One Years of Bareboat Chartering in the Caribbean.” Gary Sloan* had a book reading and signing at The Washington (DC) last April 27 for In Rehearsal: In the World, In the Room, and on Your Own (Routledge Publishing, London 2011, New York 2012), his “how-to approach to the rehearsal process” based on 30 years of professional acting experience.

Class of 1979

Iadlene (Idie) Kosner has been named interim dean effective October 1 of the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, where she is associate dean of faculty and research and the Frank P. Popoff Chair of Strategic Management. Her latest teaching award came from Sungkyunkwan University in South Korea, which has a joint M.B.A. program with the Kelley School.

Class of 1980

Paul Carney received the 2012 Educator of the Year Award from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System. An instructor in English nationally recognized for his work on college readiness for writing, he is the developer and coordinator of Ready or Not Writing, an online program allowing high school students to submit their writing to college English instructors for feedback and support, and the creator of Roadsides Poetry, a public arts project celebrating the “personal pulse of poetry in the rural landscape.” He lives on an eight-acre hobby farm in Underwood, MN.

Timothy R. R. Gordon has been named to the board of directors of Middlesex Genealogical Society in Darion, CT. Denise Marrs is the general manager for American Airlines in San Francisco, where her group has won three customer service awards. Working for American for 30 years, she has traveled extensively and worked in places such as London and the Turks and Caicos Islands. Her home is in Pacifica, CA.

Vernon Scarborough, Ph.D., is a professor of anthropology at the University of Cincinnati. He was part of a multiuniversity team to visit Tikal, a prominent urban city of the ancient Maya. Their findings on the Maya water and land-use systems appeared in an article that Dr. Scarborough co-authored: “Water and Sustainable Land Use at the Ancient Tropical City of Tikal, Guatemala,” which appeared last July in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and received prominent coverage in The New York Times and Los Angeles Times.

Class of 1981

Deborah Ballad (M.F.A. ‘90) is a Dallas artist whose sculpture was presented last May-June in an exhibition at the Valley House Gallery and throughout its sculpture garden. Seeing Egyptian antiquities on a recent trip influenced her sense of scale as revealed in her “Memories of Egypt” series. Her works are in the permanent collections of the Meadows Museum at SMU, the San Angelo Museum of Art and the Museum of Art of Monterrey, Mexico.
writing as Denise Weeks, has published a mystery novel, Nice Work (Oak Tree Press, 2012), winner of the Oak Tree Press First Mystery Novel contest in 2011. The first book in a series, it's available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble or any bookstore. She used a pseudonym writing young adult fantasy novels and has done ghostwriting, but Nice Work is her first novel using her married name.

Class of 1982

Robert (Bob) Cheek plans to attend his 50th SMU class reunion. He has been disabled since 1983.

Class of 1983

Randy Krone is a writer-editor for the Dallas Mavericks official Wikipedia page, featuring the history of the Mavericks basketball franchise from 1980 through present day. Sharon C. Patterson (M.Div. ’89, D.Min. ’98) is a well-known Dallas pastor, author and breast cancer awareness advocate. On May 13 she launched a fundraiser, “A Year of Living and Giving,” celebrating her five-year mark in surviving breast cancer by raising $300,000 to provide free mammograms for low-income women in Dallas. She will partner with the Methodist Health System for screenings in areas with high cancer rates and low screening services.

Class of 1984

Joe Drape, author of the bestsellers One Boy, A Perfect Season on the Plains with the Smith Center Reitmen, The Race for the Triple Crown, and Black Magic, is an award-winning sports reporter for The New York Times. His Aug. 1, 2012, Times article on Forrest Gregg, “Coach Who Revived SMU Looks Back With Pride,” recounts his visit with the legendary coach who restored integrity to the SMU football program in the late 1970s. Now, after spending the past year with the football team at West Point, Joe has written Soldiers First: Duty, Honor, Country, and Football at West Point (Times Books, September 2012), an inside story of three decades, having served as the coordinator of music therapy services at Central Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled for 38 years, training 511 interns. She developed a partnership with the Madison Symphony Orchestra as a consultant for the “HeartStrings” community engagement project, and she has been involved in very Special Arts. Rick Mason was promoted to vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, where he has worked for 28 years. He has responsibility for the cash services function. James T. [Jim] Moorhead is founder/publisher of Renew, a magazine and website he started in 2010 to stress the positive aspects of living in recovery (www.RenewEveryDay.com). There is much in every magazine to inspire and inform recovering alcoholics and addicts. Subscribers include treatment centers, sober living homes, therapists and individuals across the country. He lives in Chicago. Cynthia Colbert Riley was appointed vice president for institutional advancement for the University of St. Thomas in Houston and will lead the University’s fundraising efforts in the “Faith in our Future” capital campaign.

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Most recently she served as the interim executive director and vice president for development at The Methodist Hospital Foundation in Houston. Linda A. Wilkins has established Wilkins Finson Law Group LLP, practicing in employee benefits and executive compensation. She is listed in Best Lawyers in America in employee benefits law.

Class of 1983

Chris Hymer and Debbie Suchy recon- nected after 25 years during last fall’s SMU v. UTEP tailgate and were married March 23, 2012. He is an executive chef for Lone Tree USA based in Utah, and Debbie owns Eclectic Galleries in Snider Plaza near SMU, specializing in American fine craft.

Class of 1989

Gregory W. Kugle has been appointed to the board of directors for Meritas, a global alliance of 175 independent business law firms in 75 countries. He is a director of the Honolulu-based law firm Damon Key Loeong Kupchak Haster.

Class of 1990

Sharon Humble is managing partner of law firm Linebarger Goggin Blair & Sampson LLP. She was honored by Philadelphia SmartCEO magazine as one of this year’s Brava winners July 18 at the 2012 Brava Awards ceremony, where the achievements of 25 of Greater Philadelphia’s women business leaders were celebrated. She also was mentioned in the Philadelphia Business Journal August 9 as a recipient of the Minority Business Leader Advocate Award, which recognizes minority and nonminority executives who support minority businesses. Artist Lee McAlby (Ph.D. ’00) of Aspen, CO, exhibited at the Red Brick Center for the Arts Biennale in Aspen and the KW Institute for Contemporary Art in Berlin in May 2012.

ALUMNUS REPRESENTS INDIA ON GLOBAL STAGE

The United States and India have forged a “natural partnership for enhancing mutual prosperity and stimulating global economic growth,” particularly in the areas of energy, science, technology, health care and agriculture.

S.M. Krishna ’59, India’s Minister of External Affairs, spent the first week of October addressing the United Nations and conferring with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton before visiting his alma mater for what he called “a happy homecoming.”

Krishna, who earned a Master of Comparative Law degree from SMU’s Dedman School of Law, made his first official visit to Texas October 3. He spoke on the topic of “India Now” as part of the Carrington Endowed Lecture Series sponsored by the law school. Broad interest in the event required a venue change to McFarlin Auditorium to accommodate the growing audience.

Before diving into an insightful overview of India’s past, present and future in the world community, Krishna talked about his return to the University following “a 40-year gap.”

“As I entered the campus of SMU today, I cannot but reminisce on the wonderful, eventful time spent here during the formative years of my student life,” he commenced, “I owe a great deal of my success to the knowledge that I acquired at this great institution of learning.”

After completing his studies in the United States, Krishna taught international law at Renukacharya Law College in Bangalore. In 1982 he launched a distinguished career in public service in India that has included positions at the state and national levels. Krishna became external affairs minister in 2009 and oversees the agency responsible for relationships with other countries. His position is similar to that of the U.S. secretary of state.

In discussing how his country’s role as a global economic driver, Krishna credited former President George W. Bush with strengthening ties between the United States and India. “President Bush made a strong political investment in building a relationship with India,” he said. As a result, the countries have forged a “natural partnership for enhancing mutual prosperity and stimulating global economic growth,” particularly in the areas of energy, science, technology, health care and agriculture, Krishna said.

Praising Dallas as “a thriving city” and Texas for developing “one of the healthiest economies in the United States,” Krishna expressed interest in expanding the trade relationship between his country and the Lone Star State.

The globetrotting statesman received the Dedman School of Law Distinguished Global Alumnus Award in 2009, but was unable to attend the annual awards ceremony at that time. Dean John B. Atanasio presented the commemorative medalion to him at the lecture, lauding Krishna and his “brilliant career” as a “reflection of the caliber” of SMU’s law school alumni.
James V. Lyles: Breaking The Color Barrier

The Rev. James V. Lyles and four fellow students in Perkins School of Theology made history in 1955 as the first African Americans to graduate from SMU.

The events leading up to the milestone were detailed in “Breaking the Color Bar,” published in the spring issue of Legacies: A Historical Journal for Dallas and North Central Texas, a joint publication of the Dallas Historical Society, Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park, the Old Red Foundation and the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza.

In writing the article, William R. Simon conducted research at Perkins’ Bridwell Library, where he found a journal article written in 1956 by Merrimon Cuninggim, dean of Perkins (1955-60) and an architect of the desegregation strategy.

“The journal article related in some specificity about how Perkins broke the color bar at SMU,” Simon explains. “It was written from the perspective of an administrator, and I thought it would be interesting to explore the event from the perspectives of SMU alumni, including Rev. James Lyles, who actually lived the experience most directly.”

Lyles, now retired from the ministry and working on his memoir, was an undergraduate at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas, when the Perkins dean came to speak in spring 1952. At the time, Cuninggim was conducting a national search for African-American candidates, and Philander Smith’s president recommended Lyles.

The son of a minister who made his living as a sharecropper, Lyles grew up in rural Arkansas. “My father always encouraged me to study and pursue an education,” he says. “Early on, I decided to be a minister.”

Lyles recalls “a positive attitude, particularly in the seminary, when we arrived” in fall 1952. Having grown up in rigidly segregated communities, Lyles says that coming to SMU “opened up the world to me.”

“The faculty and students went out of their way to find out who we were, where we had come from, and what they could do to make the transition from segregated communities and schools easier for us as we entered into a community that was different and strange and something that we were not accustomed to,” he says.

Perkins equipped him for a changing world. Lyles says, “I received an excellent education that prepared me for difficult leadership positions with national and international agencies of The United Methodist Church and the U.S. military.”

Lyles, who now resides in Rowland Heights, California, was a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force and held various positions with The United Methodist Church before retiring in 1998. He served on the staffs of the former General Board of Evangelism, Education and Cultivation and the World Division of the General Board of Global Ministries and was Area Secretary for Africa. He also held several local pastorates. From 1998 to 2004, he was a hospital chaplain in California.

He keeps in touch with fellow pioneering classmate Cecil Williams, minister and leader of Oikos Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco. The church has earned accolades for developing numerous programs to help San Francisco’s underprivileged to break the cycle of poverty. Williams was honored in 2009 with SMU’s Distinguished Alumni Award. The other African-American students – James Arthur Hawkins, John Wesley Elliott and Negail Rudolph Riley – are deceased.

Lyles last returned to SMU in May 2005 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his groundbreaking graduation. “Everything was possible because of SMU’s efforts,” he says. “Dean Cuninggim and President Umphrey Lee, followed by President Willis Tate, intended that the experiment succeed, and they did everything they could to make it a success because they thought it was the right thing to do. I’ll always be grateful that they made sure we got a first-rate theological education.”
Marc Chehlaoui relocated to Lafayette, CA, with his wife, Christina, son Blake, 7, and daughter Grace, 5. Marc is a managing director in the institutional equity sales division of Needham & Company in San Francisco. Jonathan G. Polak (J.D. ’34) of law firm Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP was named a “Leader in Their Field” in litigation: general commercial in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA.

Koichi Yamaoka is a violinist and former student of SMU Professor Alessandra Comini. Having performed as warm-up at some of her lectures around the country, he has obtained an invitation for them to do a dual performance on Richard Strauss in Tokyo December 1. He is currently on tour in Europe. David Guion is the new vice president of business development and strategy at SonarMed, a medical device manufacturer in Indianapolis, where he builds relationships with healthcare systems and creates partnerships with strategic industry participants. He works in the Houston office. Andy Wolber writes a column for TechRepublic.com’s Google in the Enterprise blog. The column helps organizations understand and leverage the power of Google apps.

Macy Jagger (J.D. ’04) founded the criminal defense law firm Macy Jagger, Defense Attorney PLLC. She lives in Dallas with her husband, Michael, and two children: Jenna, 16, and Max, 10. Berna Rhodes-Ford was named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Southern Nevada chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners at the 14th Annual Women of Distinction Awards. She is managing shareholder of Rhodes-Ford & Associates, a law firm specializing in corporate, employment and healthcare law.

She is a past president of the National Association of Women Business Owners in Southern Nevada and a Leader Under 40 in Nevada Business Magazine.

James Ischel and Jennifer Cook Ischel, married 15 years ago at SMU’s Perkins Chapel, celebrated their anniversary with a trip to Italy. He is CPO for ghg, Grey healthcare group, and she is vice president of accounting operations for Russell Stover Candies. They live in Leawood, KS, with their two dogs, Cosmo and Camden.

A. Shonn Evans Brown (J.D. ’98) is a Dallas trial attorney and new partner at Gruber, Horst, Johansen, Hall & Shank LLP. She is secretary-treasurer of the Dallas Bar Association and has served as co-chair of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers’ committee to support diversity and education. She is a director of both the Dallas Black Theater and Bryan’s House and has held leadership positions with the Dallas Museum of Art’s Junior Associates Circle and the Junior League of Dallas. She has been recognized five times in the Texas Rising Stars listing and was named in 2006 by D magazine as one of Dallas’ top lawyers under the age of 40. She was honored in the statewide “Multicultural Power 100” list published in 2010 by the Texas Diversity Council. Shonn is a director of the SMU Alumni Association. Melinda Morrison Gollnick is Arizona’s first Cox Conserves Hero as announced by Cox Communications and The Trust for Public Land, an honor based on her longstanding commitment to and passion for Arizona’s open space. She also volunteers for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, the City of Scottsdale Preserve Commission and the Desert Discovery Center Task Force. Colleen Smith McTaggart and her husband, Lawrence, welcomed their third child, Patrick James, Jan. 11, 2012. Their older son John is 5, and daughter Claire is 2. Unchea Sisson announces the birth of her daughter, Teagan Elizabeth, Dec. 19, 2011.

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Tobolowsky Pens ‘Dangerous’ Stories

A few years after graduating from SMU's theatre program in 1972, actor Stephen Tobolowsky gave the “performance” of a lifetime as the cool-headed target of a gunman in a real-life hostage situation.

Calling the incident “the most creative day of my life,” Tobolowsky sketched out the story in dramatic and humorous detail during a program sponsored by Friends of the SMU Libraries October 3. While he is known for scene-stealing parts in movies such as Groundhog Day, Tobolowsky is also an author. He was on campus to promote his new book The Dangerous Animals Club.

In a perfectly paced monologue that demonstrated his talents as a storyteller and performer, Tobolowsky recounted being held hostage by an armed robber in a Snider Plaza grocery store. Relying on his natural loquaciousness—bolstered by pop psychology gleaned from Medical Center, a hit drama series of the time—he diffused the potentially lethal situation by engaging the gunman with his “million miles an hour” conversation. He provided the distraction needed by tactical officers, who entered the store and apprehended the would-be robber without firing.

That story and others in the 26 chapters of The Dangerous Animals Club celebrate the twists and turns of a creative life. The author described the book as “true stories from my life” that do not appear in chronological order but are woven together to “make sense at the end.”

In a seamless hour that covered many topics, he also recalled a first foray into creative writing—when he could not find information about Moses Austin for a fourth-grade history report, he substituted details from his Pennsylvania-born mother’s life.

With family and friends in the audience, the event became something of a homecoming for “Tobe,” as they call him. He introduced “the most important man in the room,” his father, physician David Tobolowsky, who served as director of medical services at SMU in the 1970s.

Stephen Tobolowsky last visited SMU in 2010, where he talked to theatre students in Meadows School of the Arts about his prolific career. He has appeared in more than 100 movies and 200 television shows and is now featured on The Mindy Project, a comedy on the Fox network.

Among his other credits: co-writer of the movie True Stories with musician David Byrne and then-girlfriend Beth Henley ’74, a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and SMU classmate Tony award-nominee as a featured actor for the 2006 revival of Morning’s at Seven and creator of “The Tobolowsky Files,” a series of popular podcasts that include stories from The Dangerous Animals Club.

During a question-and-answer segment, Tobolowsky talked about performing with fellow SMU graduate Powers Boothe ’72—and a spooked horse that wandered into their scene—in the HBO series Deadwood. And asked when he knew a story was completed, he replied, “As a writer your story is never finished.”

For more information: stephentoabolowsky.wordpress.com.

Michael Brown has been named Head of School at The Outdoor Academy in Plagah Forest, NC, where he lives with his wife, Susan Daily, and their children, Noah and Wren. The academy is for high school sophomores and emphasizes intellectual achievement, environmental awareness and character development. Anthony P. de Bruyn received his 10-year Employee Service Award from The University of Texas System, where he is assistant vice chancellor for public affairs and the chief spokesperson for the UT System Board of Regents, UT System chancellor and the executive leadership team. He lives in Austin and enjoys visiting the 15 University of Texas institutions across the state.

Jeremy Kuhleholck (Ph.D. ’05) was named forest archaeologist for the Cibola National Forest in Albuquerque, where he oversees the archaeologic and historic preservation programs for the national forest lands in central New Mexico and the national grasslands in northeastern New Mexico, the Texas panhandle and western Oklahoma.

Andrew Graham is an attorney in the Dallas office of Jackson Walker LLP selected as a 2012 “Rising Star” in the April 2012 issue of Texas Monthly magazine.

Mark Rainey Allen and his wife, Lauren, and daughter Rainey announce the birth of Sydney Wheeler Feb. 13, 2012. Mark owns Case Advances LLC, which provides litigation funding to clients of attorneys.

Amy Albretton Baker joined the staff of SMU’s Planned and Endowment Giving May 29 as director, encouraging larger gifts to the University through planned giving opportunities. Previously she was in private law practice focusing on estate
planning and probate. Since 2004 she worked in the nonprofit and charitable trust administration division of JPMorgan.

Timothy Janns was crowned world burping champion by the World Burping Federation last June 8 in New York City. Jason Shanks was listed in the April 2022 issue of Texas Monthly magazine as a “Rising Star” for 2022. He is an attorney in the Dallas office of Jackson Walker LLP.

Class of 2000

Quinton Crenshaw has joined Carlson Restaurants Worldwide as director of communications, overseeing employee and e-commerce communications and public relations for the U.S. division of T.G.I. Friday’s restaurants. Previously he was senior manager of global communications for Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Tree Douglas received a Master of Science degree in health care administration from the University of Maryland, University College May 12, 2012. He completed an internship at Dallas’ Parkland Hospital with the Internal Audit Department.

Class of 2001

Kenyon Adams is a vocalist, songwriter and actor in plays and the movie “Lucky Life.” His performs original music in New York City and recently released an EP. in 2011 he joined American Restless, a Brooklyn-based blues-rock band in which he sings, writes and plays harmonica. He works as studio coordinator at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City. Hear Kenyon at www.reverbnation.com/kenyonadams. Michael Arthur Harper (M.S. ’03, Ph.D. ’09) received the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award from the Secretary of the Navy, honoring his service from June 2009 to June 2012 as the Office of Naval Research Science Advisor for Commander, Naval Forces Central Command and Commander, U.S. Fifth Fleet. His efforts supported Partnership: Strength Presence: Maritime Security Operations: the Struggle Against Violent Extremism: and Operations Iraq Freedom, Enduring Freedom and New Dawn. He was selected recently to serve as an associate director for the Persistent Surveillance and Information Warfare with the Office of Naval Research.

Class of 2002

Jonathan Adams has been named a partner in the Dallas office of Hall Capital Partners to lead the company’s presence in Texas. His experience managing private equity funds in the distribution, manufacturing, energy and real estate sectors will benefit Hall’s growth in Texas. Misty Morley Bruce (J.D. ’08) is a partner in the recently formed Dallas law firm Johnson Broome Cantu PC. Jonathan Childers, an attorney with Gruver Hurst Johansen Hall Shank LLP in Dallas, was named to the 2012 Texas “Rising Stars” list published in the April 2012 Texas Monthly magazine. Holly F. Smith owns Holly Smith Reps in Dallas, representing local commercial photographers and a video production company. The Rev. Michael W. Waters (M.Div. ’96) and his wife, Yuliya Ponomaryova, have announced the birth of their third child, daughter Liberty Grace, Feb. 1, 2012. He is founding pastor of Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. Church in Dallas, and she is an assistant city attorney for the City of Dallas. Michael has been interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corporation and National Public Radio for recent writings. Last May he was awarded a $10,000 fellowship from the Beatitude Society, one of only eight emerging faith leaders from across the United States to be so recognized. The yearlong fellowship will equip him with the resources and relationships to create new models for church and the pursuit of social justice. He is completing a Doctor of Ministry degree at SMU’s Perkins School of Theology.

Class of 2003

Dode Frost Crockett was recognized in Barron’s magazine’s list of “America’s Top 100 Women Financial Advisors” published June 4, 2012. She lives in Dallas and has been at the Merrill Lynch Wealth Management office for 20 years. Ashley Hamilton has returned from working abroad with Disney Cruise Lines and recently took a position with Anthony Travel Inc. as an event manager. Eddie Healy began playing guitar at age 13. Now he is a classical...
guitarist, composer and performer in Dallas-Fort Worth and music instructor at several area colleges. “Direction” is his new album of guitar music he composed. Listen to the entire CD at http://www.reverbnation.com/eddiehealy. Jerrika Hineke wrote, produced and directed a short film, “The Strangely Normal,” which is now on the festival circuit. Bill LaRossa has become a partner with HelloPro LLC, a manufacturer of customized magnetic bracelets. His entrepreneurial endeavors include LaRossa Shoe Inc., a past recipient of the SBA NE New England Innovation Award. He is the principal of W.I. Trading LLC, the exclusive distributor of the Primigi brand of children’s clothing and shoes from Italy, and a board member of the McDonough Foundation and the Catholic Charities Leadership Council. He lives in Hingham, MA, with his wife, Ginni ’84, and daughter, Olivia. James McClurky is a Marine staff sergeant and member of “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band. He recently met with WWII veterans at their memorial in Washington, DC, and played “Taps” for their fallen comrades. Eva Parks accepted a position in April with NBC-KXAS television as an investigative producer. John Rosenbaum announced the birth of Grayson and Weston, his second set of twins in two years.

Class of 2004

Jennifer Breunstein partnered with Allison Darby Gorjian and Betsy Dalton Roth to found a new theater company in Los Angeles, Little Candle Productions. Their mission is to bring large-scale theatrical events to the stage for a single, affordable performance. The first production was Shakespeare’s “The Winter’s Tale” at a 1,400-seat theater. Jennifer writes that Little Candle Productions is a fiscally sponsored arts organization, so all donations are 100 percent fully tax deductible (www.littlecandleproductions.com).

Virginia Kull is a theater actress in New York City. Performing in “Rapture, Blister, Burn” at Playwrights Horizons, she was reviewed in the New York City Stage June 8, 2012, as stealing the show, definitely someone to watch out for on the New York City stage. The New York Times has described her as “lovely, convincing, and so good.” Blake G. Norvell, a 2007 graduate of UCLA Law, was published in law journals at Yale, USC and Temple, one of the highest honors a practicing attorney or law professor can receive. The full text of each article is available on WestLaw and LexisNexis, databases used by attorneys and judges for legal research. He has lectured on the articles and has been invited to New York City to give four lectures to attorneys.

Class of 2005

Ashley Arendale moved to Denver and accepted a position as an investment accounting director at Archstone, a luxury apartment owner, developer and operator. Emily Jordan Cox and her husband, Grant, welcomed their first son, George Steven, May 1, 2012. She is director of policy for Governor Mike Beebe of Arkansas. Carl Dornel B.A. ’08 is president and CEO of Group Excellence, listed in Inc. Magazine as one of the country’s 500 fastest-growing private companies for 2011, the only tutoring or K-12 education-related company on the list. He founded Group Excellence in 2004 while an undergraduate at SMU. Now the Dallas-based company has divisions in San Antonio, Austin, Houston and Fort Worth. Using college students and young professionals as mentors and role models, Group Excellence provides tutoring programs to school districts and community organizations throughout Texas. Carl recently announced a branding campaign, including a new logo and website. Emily Robards married Jay Minner last May 3.

Mustangs Meet In The City Of Angels

SMU alumni, parents and friends gathered in Los Angeles October 11 to hear the latest campus news and a pre-election survey of the political landscape by Matt Wilson, associate professor of political science in Dedman College, and John S. Thomas ’67, a political consultant. Among those attending were (from left) Kelly Allen Welch ’78, Karin Clark Ott ’80, Thomas and Wilson. Thomas was profiled by the Los Angeles Times October 8 as a rising star in Southern California politics. The 27-year-old strategist has worked on several winning campaigns in L.A. County and is currently advising L.A. mayoral candidate Kevin James, an attorney and former talk-show host. Thomas earned a degree in advertising from SMU and is a past president of the L.A. alumni chapter.
Eden Gardens State Park in Santa Rosa Beach, FL. They live in Atlanta, where she is on SMU's Atlanta Alumni Board and volunteers for the SMU Centennial Campaign. Craig B. Smith is a community advocate and financial analyst for the City of Dallas, very involved with the Trinity River corridor project. The corridor is an area of urban open space and forest spanning 20 miles through the center of the city. He also works in business development with the country of Chile.

**Class of 2006**

Melissa G. Iyer has been named a shareholder of Burch & Cracchiolo in the Phoenix office. Since joining the firm in 2006, she played a key role in a landmark case before the Supreme Court of the United States. Brent Loewen is founder and CEO of Cube Billing, a Cloud-based cost allocation and chargeback system. Joshua L. (Josh) Pough went to Seoul, Korea, after graduation to perform ballet and stayed on as a freelance modern dance artist, co-founding Dark Circles Contemporary Dance, an award-winning international group with performances in Korea, China and Japan. He also is associate choreographer and performer with the Bruce Wood Dance Project. Returning to Dallas in early 2012, he put together a “Slump-in-Korea” campaign that raised over $40,000 to pay airfare and accommodations for himself and his cast of six dancers to perform “Slump,” a wild, aggressive dance about courtship and the instinctual rituals of mating, at its international premiere in Seoul September 26-28. Christopher J. (Joe) Theriot was recently elected by the Texas Bar Foundation to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation. He is an attorney at Munach Hardt Kopf & Harr PC.

**Class of 2007**

Christopher Haug conquered the second of the Seven Summits – the highest mountain on each continent – last New Year’s Day by successfully scaling Argentina’s 22,841-foot-high Cerro Aconcagua, the highest mountain outside the Himalayas.

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“[My passion project] turned into my movement. Dare to dream big... use your unique creativity to change the world.”
– Tammy Lee ’00, filmmaker and philanthropist

Bhatti, who serves as the director of External Affairs and Alumni Relations for the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development, is currently working toward a Master’s degree in the school’s Dispute Resolution program. He also is involved in several entrepreneurial ventures, including Group Excellence, an education company created by Carl Dorvil, a fellow TEDxSMU Hilltop speaker.

He praised his father with instilling a respect for education and the drive to achieve. The eldest Bhatti emigrated from a small village in India to the United States with $8 in his pocket and an eighth-grade education.

“He always said, ‘I want the best for you, so I want you to go to SMU,’” Bhatti said. He, as well as his two older brothers, graduated from the University. He earned Bachelor’s degrees in chemistry and psychology and an M.B.A.

Bhatti views the world as his classroom: he has visited 28 countries and taught school in four of them. By remaining open to new experiences, “the walls come down and people come together,” he said.

“I deliberately put myself in situations of discomfort to learn,” Bhatti added. “In learning, I become a better student, a better teacher, a better professional.”

THE FOUR P’S OF SUCCESS

Carl Dorvil ’05, ’08 credits his parents, Haitian immigrants who placed a high value on education, with steering him to SMU.

As a student in Dedman College, he majored in public policy, economics and psychology. He earned a Professional M.B.A. through the Cox School of Business in 2008.

As an undergraduate, Dorvil launched Group Excellence, a tutoring and mentoring company, from his residence hall room in Cockrell-McIntosh. Today the company provides K-12 educational services in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Houston and San Antonio. In 2011, Group Excellence was listed among Inc. magazine’s 500 fastest-growing private companies in the country.

Dorvil analyzed the winning strategies of such legends as sprinter Michael Johnson and Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith while building his business. He joked about his sports-centric viewpoint during a high-energy explanation of his alliterative formula for success: push, pace, position and pray.

“You have to push yourself from the beginning; if you don’t, you’ll spend the rest of your time making up for that mistake,” he said. “The friends you keep set your pace ... friends will tell you the truth — and have your back.”

The ability to weather setbacks and keep moving forward places “you in a position to succeed,” he said. “And you have to pray; you have to have faith and believe in what you’re doing.”
‘NO = GO’

Kevin Lavello ’08 is the founder and CEO of Mizzen+Main, which offers a new spin on men’s dress shirts. They’re fashioned in moisture-wicking, wrinkle-free fabric.

Lavello’s idea for high-performance work wear was sparked by his experience as an intern in Washington, D.C. On a particularly humid day, he watched a political staffer’s soggy dress shirt become a wrinkled mess minutes before an important meeting. Lavello began pondering a possible solution, but at the time, he seemed like an unlikely candidate for the apparel business. The President’s Scholar was majoring in management science in the Lyle School of Engineering and was preparing for a very different future.

“I remember thinking: I’m a student, what do I know about that business? I have no knowledge about textiles,” he said. “So, I shelved the idea.”

After graduation he traveled the world as a technology consultant but kept circling back to the shirt. This year he “pulled the idea off the shelf” and launched the manufacturing and retail business with two goals: producing the garments in the United States and donating a portion of every sale to support charities and school programs for veterans.

“Veterans return with skills that do not easily translate to a traditional résumé,” Lavello explained. His company’s “A Shirt For A Start” program aims to help them develop marketable skills through paid internships.

Lavello’s advice to budding entrepreneurs was simple: “Never take ‘no’ for an answer.”

“I had let ‘no’ stop me in the past, but I hope it won’t be the case for you,” he said. “In college is the perfect time to start. Next time you hear ‘no,’ think ‘go.’ No is just a cue to reorganize and press on.”

‘STARTING MY MOVEMENT’

Tammy Nguyen Lee ’00 was just three months old when her family fled war-torn Vietnam. They eventually settled in the Dallas suburb of Garland. Inspired by her parents, “hardworking folks who always gave back to their community, even when they had little themselves,” Lee’s determination to find a way to make a difference led her to Meadows School of the Arts to study filmmaking.

“Life changed for me at SMU,” she said. “I was idealistic and decided to change the world with films.”

Her documentary debut, “Operation Babylift: The Lost Children of Vietnam,” has been screened at more than a dozen festivals and has won two audience choice awards. The movie takes a contemporary look at the controversial humanitarian effort that brought more than 2,500 Vietnamese children to the United States for adoption in 1975.

The film served as a catalyst for Against The Grain Productions. Lee founded and serves as president of the nonprofit that supports arts initiatives and outreach in the Asian-American community. The organization also raises money for orphanages in Vietnam and Thailand.

“My passion project turned into my movement,” said Lee, who received SMU’s Distinguished Alumni Emerging Leader Award in 2010. “Dare to dream big… use your unique creativity to change the world.”

Jonathan Wentz: Remembering A Champion

Senior Jonathan Wentz, the highest-ranking U.S. equestrian at the 2012 Paralympics in London, was among the SMU student presenters at TEDxSMU Hilltop September 21. Less than two weeks after celebrating his accomplishments, the SMU community mourned when it learned of his death September 30 at 21. Born with cerebral palsy, Wentz began riding horses as a form of physical therapy at age two. As he matured as a rider, Wentz began to focus on competitive dressage. In an August interview with SMU News, he said the sport is “like ballet for horses.” Wentz placed fourth in the London games held August 29-September 4. Wentz’s parents, Tina and James Wentz of Richardson, Texas, have established a para-equestrian scholarship in his name. Memorials may be made to the U.S. Para-Equestrian Association, Jonathan Wentz Scholarship Fund, 3940 Verde Vista Drive, Thousand Oaks, California 91360. More information is available at www.uspea.org.
Cruising Through The Centennial

Fleetwood Hicks ’85 offers a new spin on celebrating the University’s second century with his custom-made cruiser bicycles. Hicks, founder and owner of Villy Custom LLC, created the limited-edition SMU Centennial Cruiser to mark the milestone. The bikes made their debut during SMU Family Weekend September 28-30 and were featured during Homecoming festivities October 25-28.

“The SMU Centennial is a once-in-a-lifetime event, and it’s an honor to commemorate this milestone by offering my fellow Mustangs a unique way to show their pride in SMU,” says Hicks, who has competed on the ABC reality series “Shark Tank.”

The red, blue and white bikes sport special features such as an SMU “bling badge” on the front, the “SMU Unbridled 100” logo on the rear fender and a Mustang logo on the seat cover. Prices start at $549.

Hicks founded his company in 2009 and has made more than 1,500 cruisers, a recreational two-wheeler noted for comfort and durability. All bikes are fully customizable, from frames to chains. All bikes are built, packed and shipped at the Villy Custom assembly facility in Dallas.

A self-proclaimed “lifelong entrepreneur,” Hicks has big plans for Villy, which is also the nickname of his bullmastiff, Devilla. In May, Hicks appeared on “Shark Tank,” competing against 20,000 businesses for one of 80 spots on the prime-time program. After making his pitch to five celebrity panelists, he persuaded billionaire Mark Cuban, owner of the Dallas Mavericks, and Barbara Corcoran, real estate magnate and business consultant, to invest $500,000 for a 42-percent stake in his venture. They now serve on his board of directors.

Hicks earned a marketing degree from the University and counts two fellow Mustangs among his management team. Taylor Rodriguez is the accountant and logistics manager. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in economics with financial applications from SMU in 2012.

Adelaida Diaz-Roa, a junior at SMU, is an investor in the company and serves on the board. She began working for Hicks in 2010 as an intern and now holds the title of chief brand officer, managing website design and social media marketing.

A marketing major in Cox School of Business, Diaz-Roa says the hands-on learning experience “is an amazing opportunity to take what I learn in the classroom and put it into practice in a real business.”

Hicks and his team are gearing up for growth. In October, “The Price Is Right” game show selected Villy Custom cruisers as a product offering in segments that will begin airing in spring 2013. “The show has been an American staple for over 40 years, and their prize selection staff told me that they have rarely, if ever, offered a bicycle on air,” says Hicks.

For more information: smu.edu/hike

Class of 2008

Luca Cacioli has relocated to Cleveland as the new director of operations for CREIA USA, a worldwide leader in induction heating systems and metal detection for security, industrial and ground search applications. He is responsible for operations of the North America office. Ken Morris announces his latest projects in creating art with a direct benefit to the community. His coloring book series, Paul and Friends, is available on Amazon. The earnings from volume two, Paul and Friends: Again, will be donated to The USP Health Byrd Alzheimer’s Institute. Future releases of the coloring book series will benefit other organizations, hence the theme “coloring for the cause.” Senthil Velayutham was elected vice president of finance and operations for high performance analog at Texas Instruments Inc., where he has worked since 1998.

Class of 2009

William J. (Bill) Clunen has started a new business, Amy Kate Miniature Gardens. He writes that such gardens can be created in terrariums, planter bowls, old wooden drawers or added into an existing potted plant. The good news is that there is no right or wrong in personalized mini gardening with his tiny little plants and dollhouse-sized accessories. John C. Huddleston is a Navy seaman who recently completed eight weeks of U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., which included classroom study, naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, shipboard and aircraft safety, physical fitness and the capstone event—battle stations, an exercise to give recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. Andrew Taylor Lipsert was named Team USA’s Player of the Game at the 2010 International Paralympic Committee Sledge Hockey World Championship competition in Hamar, Norway. In March, when he scored three goals and added an assist to help the U.S. National Sledge Hockey Team to a 5-1 victory over Korea in the gold-medal game. Excelling at his sport, he is an inspirational motivational
speaker throughout the country. He works for Bank of America in Dallas and is studying for a master’s degree in finance and banking. He and his wife, Antonina Kathleen Mchews, live in Plano, TX.

**Class of 2010**

**Dee Denasco** was selected to be an apprentice artist at the prestigious Chautauqua Opera Festival in 2012, one of eight chosen from 600 auditions by the opera institute. In July she received rave reviews from a Young Artist concert in Chautauqua, NY.

**Class of 2011**

**J. Stirling Barrett** was a successful photographer at age 17 but wanted to continue to develop as an artist. He moved back to New Orleans after his SMU graduation. Inspired by the landscape and vitality of the city and its people. This year he showed his art at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival; he had one exhibition in June and will have another in December 2012 at Scott Edwards Gallery. With his photographic collage style, his photography captures the New Orleans state of mind and the pulse of the city. Above all, he wants to create art that everyone can appreciate and afford.

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**PRECIOUS PONIES**

**Aubrey Anne Angerstein**

Michael Connors ’89 and Jeannie Connors of Spring, Texas, welcomed their first granddaughter, Aubrey Anne Angerstein, January 24, 2008.

**Isabella Xenoucura Chambers**

Birthdate: January 18, 2009

Parents: Khounanchith Xenoucura ’98 and Ruben Chambers of Plano, Texas

**Caroline Crespo**

Candy Crespo ’97 and Rene Crespo of Dallas welcomed their first child, Caroline, October 14, 2011. Caroline weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19.5 inches.

**Delaney Darwin, 6, and Amelia Darwin, 4**

Daughters of Chris Darwin ’91

**Helena Wilhelm (Wil) and Otto Heppe**

Birthdate: Wil was born June 4, 2012

Parents: Rosaria (Chachy Segovia) Heppe ’99 and Hansjoerg Heppe ’97 of Dallas

**Tavin Imre McCaul**

Lisa Renee Wilson ’02 and David Benjamin McCaul ’02 of Seattle welcomed their first child, Tavin Imre McCaul, February 24, 2012. Tavin weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 21 inches.

**Ray Saalfeld, 8, and Hunt Saalfeld, 2**

Sons of Missey Tubbis Saalfeld ’97 and John Saalfeld ’95

Submit your Precious Ponies to smumag@smu.edu. Please send a quality photograph – save image files at the largest size – with the names and class years of alumni parents (and grandparents) and your child’s name and birthdate. Photographs will be published as space allows.

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**ALUMNA EDITS PEACE CORPS COLLECTION**

Jano Albritton ’67, ’71, a Peace Corps volunteer in India (1967-69), spent several years collecting essays from fellow returned volunteers about their service overseas to mark the 50th anniversary of the organization’s accomplishments. The result is 50 Years of Amazing Peace Corps Stories, a four-volume collection of volunteers’ experiences.

She served as series editor and volume editor of Even the Smallest Crab Has Teeth: 50 Years of Amazing Peace Corps Stories, which focuses on stories from Asia and the Pacific. The four books are available from Amazon.com. Albritton is a former lecturer in English at SMU. She is the daughter of Claude Albritton, legendary SMU geology professor, administrator and mentor.
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WILLIS M. TATE: CHAMPION OF THE ‘FREE MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS’

Willis McDonald Tate was born in the year of the founding of SMU, 1911. As student, faculty member, dean and president, his life was one with the University. His tenure as president was remarkable not only for its record length (1954-1972 and 1974-1976), but also for his vision for the University.

Willis Tate was the second SMU alumnus, after Umphrey Lee ’18, to serve as president. At his inauguration in May 1955, President Tate stated a basic tenet of his faith: That a nation remains free only as universities are free in the quest for truth. A volume could, and should, be written about his constant defense of academic freedom, or as he would call it, for greater understanding by his supporting constituency, the “free marketplace of ideas.”

From the late 1950s to the mid-60s, Tate and the University withstood McCarthy-like attacks from some individuals in the region who would have banned certain books from the library, kept controversial speakers off the campus, and prevented the races from learning together. Tate was excoriated as a “Communist dupe” in The American Mercury and labeled a “pinko” by columnist Lynn Landrum in The Dallas Morning News. The Ku Klux Klan attacked him for presiding over the integration of SMU. But the most controversial, time-consuming, and celebrated test of academic freedom occurred in 1958 when some students invited John Gates, former editor of The Daily Worker [Communist newspaper], to speak on campus. Tate defended their right to invite Gates; he came and spoke.

In 1965 his faculty nominated him for the Alexander Melville John Award of the American Association of University Professors “for significant action in support of academic freedom,” and he won it. Tate maintained that he was more pleased by the fact that his faculty nominated him than by the award itself.

The Master Plan occurred about halfway through his term and was a “hardnosed, extensive” effort to “re-examine all our presuppositions.” The Master Plan retains its strategic importance because it helped to shape SMU’s present conception of itself and because it articulated an educational philosophy not in principle departed from since. It states:

“The aim of this University is to educate its students as worthy human beings and as citizens, first, and as teachers, lawyers, ministers, research scientists, businessmen, engineers and so on, second. These two aims – basic and professional education, general and special – will not be separated. For the well-educated person is indeed a whole human being.”

The next phase of Tate’s challenge as president was the difficult ‘60s, a period of genuine soul-searching for him. “Young people in that time of great stimulus and challenge, of integration and war and so on,” he said, “wanted to take charge of their own lives. SMU came through it with its values intact. We had no violence because we had good students and a tradition of shared decision-making and because we had good faculty leadership and concern. When the black students came to see me with their demands in 1969, for example, I trusted them and left them in my office to discuss things among themselves, and there was a good outcome. We agreed to work together for their goals. It all depended, finally, on trust.”

Asked about the moral-ethical importance of SMU’s relationship with the Methodist church in facing such issues, Tate agreed that the moral force of the church had always been a positive factor. The Methodists wanted a first-class academic institution, not sectarian but open to all truth-claims, including their own. They understood a free pulpit, so they could understand the need for academic freedom. And the church in these days “was out ahead of the normal citizen in Texas on social issues,” Tate said.

Another great strength of SMU, of course, has always been the nature of the people and the place together. In Tate’s words, “The strength of this University can be placed in the fact that we did attract people who were willing to put their roots down here and made this their commitment and professional life. They were willing to stay and help make this the place they wanted it to be. They were here because SMU was a calling for them.”

- Marshall Terry ’53 ’54

Excerpted from the fall 1986 SMU Mustang celebrating SMU’s 75th anniversary. Terry served in the administration of President Tate from 1957 to 1965, and as a professor of English and director of creative writing at SMU. He retired in 2007 as the E.A. Lilly Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English.
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(LEFT) Paige Evans, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Eric Sabandal, Phi Gamma Delta, were crowned Homecoming queen and king.

(LEFT) TOMS Shoes founder Blake Mycoskie ’99 served as grand marshal of the Homecoming parade. With him is his wife, Heather.

(ABOVE) For the Homecoming parade, student organizations created floats that represented different holidays. Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon celebrated Texas Independence Day. (BELOW) The Class of 1972 celebrates its 40th reunion at Royal Oaks Country Club.

(ABOVE RIGHT) A fan sporting a Peruna head enjoys the game between SMU and Memphis, which the Mustangs won 44-13.

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