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CELEBRATING THE BIG EAST

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FROM STUDENT RECRUITMENT TO ATHLETICS PG 12



ON THE COVER

The announcement of SMU's entry into the Big East Conference, scheduled for July 1, 2013, has given students a reason to celebrate. From across campus, athletes to greeks to engaged learners (with a little help from women's basketball coach Rhonda Rompola '83) hopped on the fire truck, supplied by Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, to show support for a new era in athletics. Below is a list of who's on the cover.

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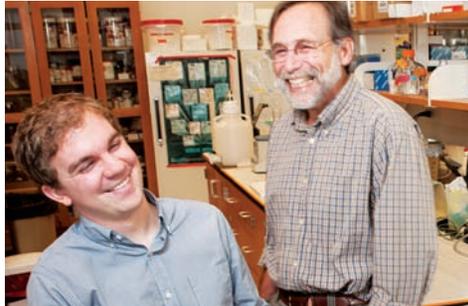
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R. GERALD TURNER
President

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Marking Milestones, Celebrating Impact

As new projects begin, SMU outlines return on investment

IN 2012 WE ARE HERALDING ANOTHER CENTENNIAL MILESTONE – the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of Dallas Hall, inaugurating our campus master plan in the Collegiate Georgian tradition.

Today, we are continuing the tradition of stately and state-of-the-art facilities as we further develop the campus. On our second Founders' Day April 20, we broke ground on new projects in the southeast quadrant of campus, near Central Expressway and Mockingbird Lane:

- A new Residential Commons with five halls and a dining facility
- The renovation and expansion of Moody Coliseum
- A planned new Mustang Band Hall
- The Crain Family Centennial Promenade
- And south of Mockingbird, on the former Mrs. Baird's bakery site, a new tennis complex, computer center and throwing fields.

Elsewhere on campus are two other important new projects – renovating Fondren Library Center and updating the Memorial Health Center. We thank our lead donors as we continue to raise funds for all of these projects (see page 8).

We also celebrate the role of Dallas in partnering with the Church to establish SMU. We prepared an Economic and Community Impact Report to document the return on investment to Dallas. In

1911 city leaders provided \$300,000 in start-up funding for SMU. Today, our regional economic impact totals \$7 billion annually, including spending by SMU, its 40,000 alumni in the region, and the 300,000 visitors attracted to campus, along with capital projects and employment. Our assets stand at \$4 billion, including our endowment of \$1.2 billion. The full report, *Dallas and SMU: The Power of Partnership*, is available online at smu.edu/impact.

The report also details the growth in academic quality of our students, expanding research activity, cultural significance and public service.

In all, the intellectual resources, cultural enrichment and community service we provide are immeasurable benefits to Dallas and its growing importance to our nation and world. Our immediate impact on the region is remarkable, but our influence also extends more broadly with priceless human capital – the 112,000 alumni who lead, succeed and serve throughout the world.

Thank you for enabling SMU's impact to grow.

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SMU's Impact: Counting The Ways The University Helps Community

AS PART OF ITS CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION, the University has published "Dallas and SMU: The Power of Partnership," a report detailing SMU's impact as a return on investment through its economic, intellectual, cultural and service activities.

The report was presented to more than 400 Dallas-Fort Worth leaders at a luncheon April 17.

Highlights are:

- An impact of \$861 million for the 2010-11 academic year from expenditures for SMU operations and capital projects; spending by students, parents and visitors drawn to the region by the University; and SMU expenditures for student scholarships.
- A total impact of \$7 billion, including the above and expenditures by SMU's 40,000 DFW alumni.
- From 1995 through 2015, an impact of \$2.2 billion from capital projects, including more than 40 new or renovated SMU buildings and facilities thus far.
- University resources valued at \$4 billion, including an endowment of \$1.2 billion; real estate, buildings and equipment; art and collections; and other assets.



City leaders attending a luncheon to hear SMU's Economic and Community Impact Report view a model of the main SMU campus in a lobby of the Federal Reserve Building, where the event occurred. The model shows current buildings and new construction, one of many sources of SMU's contributions to the economy and region.

The report notes that SMU has raised more than \$1.1 billion since 1995. The current Second Century Campaign coincides with the Centennial commemoration period, 2011-15. To date the campaign has raised more than \$610 million, 81 percent of the \$750 million goal.

Along with alumni from throughout the world, donors in the DFW region are major contributors to SMU's campaigns. "Of the more than 42,000 donors to SMU in the last 15 years, 23,000 did not attend the University," said Board of Trustees Chair Caren Prothro. "But they, like me, understand the value of a distinguished university in the heart of our city."

SMU Board of Trustees Vice Chair Michael Boone '63, '67, who leads community outreach for the Centennial Organizing Committee, led development of the community impact report. "SMU's academic presence and reputation will continue to ascend in a manner that

brings much greater visibility and value to the region in the global marketplace," he said.

The report also notes that SMU has established academic programs to support the city's global impact, among them schools or institutes focusing on areas such as business, engineering, energy, and international affairs.

SMU's faculty numbers 705 scholars-teachers who increasingly conduct important research. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has raised SMU to the category of "high research activity," among 96 universities nationwide. Research highlighted in the report includes projects on geothermal energy, effective drug therapies for debilitating diseases and developing artificial limbs that "feel."

One of the most dramatic changes at SMU has been in its enrollment. Applications for admission have steadily increased, and the average SAT score has risen 129 points since 1995. Minority enrollment has reached 25 percent. Seventy percent of students receive

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Speakers on SMU's economic and community impact were (from left) SMU Trustee Carl Sewell '66, President R. Gerald Turner, Trustee Chair Caren Prothro, Trustee Vice Chair Michael Boone '63, '67 and Trustee Ray L. Hunt '65. More than 400 area leaders attended the event.

We Break For Service: Program Marks 25th Anniversary

IN 1988, STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SMU'S FIRST ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK TRIPS traveled to a Brownsville, Texas, refugee camp and a New Orleans soup kitchen. The program was designed to enable students to use their time off for community service.

This year, SMU Alternative Breaks celebrated its 25th anniversary and its 100th trip, which the student organization marked by returning to Brownsville. Alternative Breaks now offers 14 trips during fall, winter, spring and summer and has more than 150 student, faculty and staff participants annually.

"Every trip makes a difference not only in the communities we visit, but also in the lives of the people who take part," says senior Matthew Gayer, the organization's director since 2010. "The trips take us out of our comfort zones to really focus on social issues such as hunger and health."

Alternative Breaks is housed in SMU's Community Engagement and Leadership Center. Carol Clyde, the center's director, says students increasingly are interested in community service. "Forty-two percent of incoming students say they're likely to participate, up from 31 percent only eight years ago."

During spring break in March, students traveled to Atlanta, to work with veterans and the homeless; Boston, to volunteer with a homeless services bureau; Crawfordville, Florida, to perform environmental restoration; Denver, to serve with Habitat for Humanity; Los Angeles, to volunteer with its AIDS Project; New York, to serve at a food bank; Taos, New Mexico, to tutor children at a rural charter school; Window Rock, Arizona, to work on education issues with Native Americans; and Quito, Ecuador, to teach children and support community development.

Jillian Frederick, a sophomore anthropology major in Dedman College,

participated in the Brownsville trip during winter break. She and seven other SMU students worked at the Good Neighbor Settlement House, where they planned several Christmas parties for families in need.

SMU'S IMPACT *continued*

some form of merit and/or need-based financial aid. About 50 percent of SMU students come from outside of Texas, representing all 50 states. More than 1,100 students come from 90 foreign countries. To increase global perspectives among its U.S. students, SMU has increased study abroad programs to 150 in 50 countries.

A major source of community impact is the growth in volunteerism among students and campus organizations and through academic programs that involve service, ranging from courses in human rights and theology to the arts and communications. Some 2,500 undergraduates contribute more than 200,000 hours of service a year. SMU also has increased its K-12 outreach. Law students provide six campus legal clinics, and the pro bono law program, required for graduation, has provided more than 160,000 volunteer hours from 1996-2011.

SMU attracts around 300,000 visitors a year to more than 500 lectures, performances, exhibitions and athletics competitions. The internationally known Meadows Museum attracts 60,000 visitors a year, including 7,000 area schoolchildren.

SMU's report also notes that the George W. Bush Presidential Center will attract more than 450,000 visitors in the first year alone. Since 2010 the George W. Bush Institute has been sponsoring symposia on human freedom, education, the economy and global health.

"It was amazing to think that 25 years ago, SMU students had traveled to Brownsville with the same goals and excitement to serve," Frederick says.

Learn more at smu.edu/ab.



The George W. Bush Presidential Center will bring visitors from around the world to Dallas.

Of the 112,000 SMU alumni worldwide, 40,000 live in the DFW region, where many hold leadership positions. They include CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, members of Congress, former First Lady of the United States, officials in foreign countries and organizers of humanitarian programs. SMU alumni have won Nobel and Pulitzer prizes; Academy, Emmy, Tony and Grammy awards; the Heisman trophy and Olympic gold medals.

Economic impact information was prepared by Bernard Weinstein, associate director of the Maguire Energy Institute in Cox School of Business and an adjunct professor of business economics, and Terry Clower, director of the Center for Economic Development and Research at the University of North Texas.

For a copy of the complete report, see smu.edu/impact.

Endowed Chair In Meadows School To Honor Classical Scholar

A \$1.5 MILLION GIFT FROM THE ESTATE OF KARL KILINSKI II will establish SMU's 84th endowed faculty position.

In addition, Kilinski's personal library of classical materials in the arts and humanities, as well as his research papers, have been donated to Central University Libraries.

The Karl Kilinski II Endowed Chair in Hellenic Visual Culture in the Department of Art History will pay tribute to the work of the archaeologist, art historian and University Distinguished Teaching Professor. He died in 2011 after 30 years on the Meadows School of the Arts faculty.

"We are honored to have an endowed faculty chair bearing the name of one of the University's most distinguished professors," says SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "This gift supports our Second Century Campaign goal to increase the number of endowed chairs to 100. We are grateful for the generosity and foresight of the late Dr. Kilinski and his family."

The gift supports the appointment of "a scholar who continues the tradition of interdisciplinary work in Hellenic visual culture embodied in the teaching of Karl Kilinski II and who upholds the standard of scholarly excellence represented in his books." Among his published works are *The Presence of the Past*, *Greek Myth in Western Art*, *Boetian Black Figure Vase Painting of the Archaic Period* and *The Flight of Icarus through Western Art*.

"Karl's vision in establishing this endowed faculty position will ensure that his interdisciplinary style of teaching and research will continue to engage scholars in study of Hellenic visual culture," says Gunnie Corbett,



Karl Kilinski II

Kilinski's fiancée and executor of his estate. "The chair will be a fitting continuation of his legacy of dedication to his students and others he inspired."

An internationally known classical scholar, he received numerous honors, including the SMU Outstanding Professor Award and the Godbey Lecture Series Author Award. He was widely published in schol-

arly journals and led numerous educational tours to the Mediterranean, Turkey, Egypt and Africa. In addition, he held guest curatorships and was a symposium organizer for various

museums, including the Meadows Museum.

"Karl Kilinski's impact on generations of students throughout his illustrious academic career was significant," says José Bowen, dean of the Meadows School. "We are indebted to his estate for their gift."

As an archaeologist, Kilinski participated in both underwater and land excavations in Greece. He was a senior research fellow for the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece; director of academic programs in Greece, Japan and Cairo; board member of The Society for the Preservation of Greek Heritage; and a member of the Ambassador's Committee of Friends of Greece. ●

EXPANDING THE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

WITH THE NEW RESIDENTIAL COMMONS (see page 8) as its centerpiece, the southeastern section of campus will be transformed. Among the new projects are:

TENNIS COMPLEX

The groundwork is being laid for the new Tennis Complex on the southwest corner of Mockingbird Lane and North Central Expressway, the former site of Mrs. Baird's Bakery. The premier tennis venue will house an indoor pavilion with six courts and the outdoor Turpin Tennis Stadium with six courts.

SMU is seeking funding for the new home of Mustang tennis, and a number of naming opportunities exist. To learn more, contact Tim Leonard, senior associate athletic director for development, at tleonard@smu.edu or 214-768-4465.

MUSTANG BAND HALL

To ensure a bright future for one of the University's most treasured institutions, SMU has embarked upon a funding initiative for the construction of a new Mustang Band Hall. To date, the project has secured \$1 million in commitments toward the \$3 million goal.

To make a contribution or for more information, contact Arlene Manthey, associate director of development for Student Affairs, at 214-768-4711 or amanthey@smu.edu. ●



A conceptual rendering of the new complex for Mustang tennis.

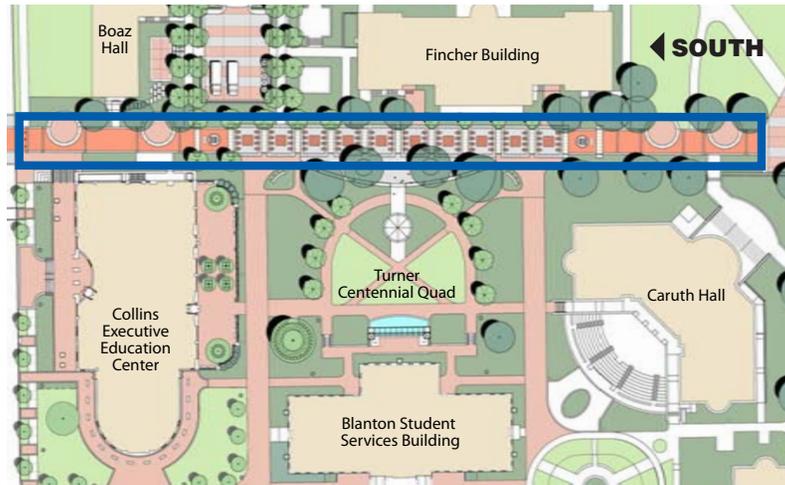
Crain Foundation Gift Paves Way For New Centennial Promenade

A NEW GIFT FROM THE CRAIN FOUNDATION will enhance the SMU campus with a pedestrian walkway linking the Hughes-Trigg Student Center on the north with the new Residential Commons complex to be built on the southern end of the campus.

The Crain Family Centennial Promenade will add a highly visible and convenient passageway to sites including the George W. Bush Presidential Center, Moody Coliseum, Collins Executive Education Center and Blanton Student Services Building.

“Crain family members have long-standing ties to SMU, and we are grateful for their vision and generosity in providing this beautiful addition to the campus,” says President R. Gerald Turner. “The Crain Family Centennial Promenade will serve as an appropriate capstone to new construction taking place now and into 2015, when we celebrate the 100th anniversary of SMU’s opening.

“In addition to the quality of SMU’s programs, the beauty of our campus is a



In this early conceptual rendering, the location of the new Crain Family Centennial Promenade is outlined in blue.

major attraction to prospective students,” Turner adds. “The addition of this promenade makes the campus more pedestrian-friendly, an attribute that helps build a sense of community.”

SMU maintains a special place in the hearts of the Crains, with family ties to the University spanning three generations.

The Crain Foundation previously provided funds for construction of a fountain on the plaza in front of the Blanton Student Services Building, which opened in 2003. The Crain Fountain serves as a focal point at the intersection of SMU Boulevard and Airline Road.

The Crain Foundation gift counts toward the \$750 million goal of SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign, which to date has raised more than \$610 million to support student quality, faculty and academic excellence and the campus experience. The campaign coincides with SMU’s commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the University’s founding in 1911 and its opening in 1915.

Members of the SMU community – alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents and friends – may participate in the centennial commemoration by contributing \$100 toward pavers for the Crain Family Centennial Promenade. The pavers will be customized with wording specified by each donor. Check the back cover of this issue of *SMU Magazine* to see more about the centennial pavers. ●

A STATE-OF-THE-ART INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

THE NEW KITT INVESTING AND TRADING CENTER in the Cox School of Business “takes our finance curriculum to the next level,” says Albert W. Niemi Jr., dean of the Cox School and Tolleson Chair in Business Leadership. The center, which opened in the fall in the lower level atrium of the school, integrates curriculum with practical investment and trading applications. It was established with a gift to the University from SMU parents Barry M. and Beth M. Kitt and their family. The Kitts’ eldest son, Gregory ’08, graduated from SMU with a major in finance and a minor in Chinese. Their youngest son, Steve, is a junior majoring in finance and economics with financial applications. The Kitt Center contains a 1,200-square-foot LED stock ticker, three video walls, 22 high-end work stations and 10 Bloomberg Professional terminals, with state-of-the-art data feeds and financial software. ●



Smith Foundation Gift Provides Health Center With A New Lease On Life

WITH A \$5 MILLION GIFT FROM THE DR. BOB AND JEAN SMITH FOUNDATION, SMU will transform the aging Memorial Health Center into an updated health care resource to accommodate the needs of the growing campus community. As the 52-year-old facility begins a fresh chapter, it will be renamed the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center in honor of the distinguished Dallas pediatrician and SMU alumnus whose foundation is making the upgrade possible.

When Memorial Health Center opened in 1960 as a 30-bed infirmary, the University's enrollment was approximately 8,000. Today the outpatient facility serves approximately 11,000 students, about 2,400 of whom live on campus. By the time renovations are completed in 2014, an estimated 3,650 students will reside on campus, including those living in the new Residential Commons (see page 8).

"Bob and Jean Smith have a strong history of generous support for SMU priorities and have always kept the welfare of students uppermost in their minds," SMU President R. Gerald Turner says. "This new gift will dramatically improve campus health care resources and provide support services that enable students to do their best academic work and fully enjoy the campus experience."

SMU's health center provides medical services for the diagnosis and treatment of illness and injury, along with counseling and psychiatric services. The center is staffed by full-time physicians, mental health counselors, registered nurses, pharmacists, and laboratory and X-ray technologists. It also houses SMU's Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention.

"It is an honor to align the Dr. Bob and Jean Smith Foundation with SMU in combining superior academic facilities with excellent student life resources," says Sally Smith Mashburn '77,

Foundation president and treasurer, and daughter of Dr. Bob and Jean Smith. "After all, one of SMU's greatest responsibilities is to nurture the well-being of students."

Among improvements to the health center will be interior remodeling to increase the number of patient procedure rooms, counseling offices and private waiting rooms.

Health Center executive director.

Dr. Smith established the Dr. Bob and Jean Smith Foundation in 1989 to support higher education, medical education and research, and health projects. He served as the Foundation's chair and chief executive officer until his death in 2006. His wife now serves as the Foundation's chair and CEO.



The 52-year-old Memorial Health Center (above) will be upgraded and renamed the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center.

"This new gift is a natural outgrowth of the dedication of the Dr. Bob and Jean Smith Foundation to improve resources for health care and education. In addition to providing students with outstanding health care facilities, the gift will improve student access to education and counseling on health-related issues," says Brad Cheves, SMU vice president for development and external affairs. "As we prepare to house more students on campus, this facility will be of increasing value to our campus community."

Other changes will include medical equipment and technology upgrades and enhancement of pharmacy and laboratory spaces.

"The renovations and upgraded equipment will greatly augment our ability to serve the SMU student community, complementing the high-quality staff members and specialists already in place," says Patrick Hite, Memorial

In 2001 the Smith Foundation provided \$1 million to establish the Bob Smith, M.D. Foundation Pre-Medical Studies Center in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences. Later that year another \$1 million gift provided for the Dr. Bob and Jean Smith Auditorium in the Meadows Museum. The Foundation also established a \$2.5 million challenge grant for the SMU Annual Fund, which supports University operating expenses.

Dr. Smith earned two degrees from SMU, a B.A. in 1944 and a B.S. in 1946, followed by an M.D. degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He served on the SMU Board of Trustees from 1992 to 1996. He received SMU's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995. In 2003 SMU honored Dr. and Mrs. Smith with the Mustang Award, which recognizes those whose service and philanthropy have made a lasting impact on the University. ●



Maria Richards of SMU's Geothermal Lab leads an "Inside SMU" class on "The Next Hot Resource."



Trigg Watson Burrage '12, a President's Scholar and professional magician and juggler, entertains children during Family Day at the Meadows Museum.



The Mustang Band adds spirit to the occasion and beats the drum for a new band hall.



BUILDING FOR FOUNDERS' DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATES PR

SMU marked milestones and broke ground on new projects during 2012 Founders' Day Weekend in April, attracting nearly 1,000 alumni and friends. The University also announced that it has raised \$610 million toward its Second Century Campaign goal of \$750 million. The total includes recent contributions of more than \$47 million supporting new projects, celebrated at a groundbreaking April 20. Nine commitments of \$1 million or more and nine of \$100,000 or more have been received in support of these projects, and fundraising is ongoing.

The projects include the new Residential Commons, a complex of five halls and a dining facility that will enable SMU to implement a sophomore residency requirement. Existing halls will be retrofitted to the Commons model, which includes classrooms and faculty residences. At the groundbreaking, President R. Gerald Turner announced the latest gift for the Residential Commons, a \$5 million commitment from Trustee Paul B. Loyd, Jr. '68 and his wife, Penny R. Loyd. As naming donors to build one of the halls they join Bill Armstrong '82 and Liz Martin Armstrong '82, whose \$5 million contribution

to the project was announced last May.

The groundbreaking also represented other projects either beginning or planned: renovation of Fondren Library Center, expansion and renovation of Moody Coliseum and construction of a new indoor-outdoor tennis complex south of Mockingbird Lane, a new Mustang Band Hall at Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports, a new data center to increase computing power for teaching and research, and renovation of Memorial Health Center, soon to be renamed the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center. New facilities also will include the



President Turner reviews the year's progress, including the rising quality of SMU students and number of applications, at a Founders' Day briefing April 20.



George Venner '52, '74 and wife Pat Venner enjoy exploring campus history in Centennial Hall located in the lower level of Hughes-Trigg Student Center.

SMU officials break ground on several campus projects. From left: Dean of Libraries Gillian McCombs, Chaplain Stephen Rankin, Student Body President Austin Prentice '12, Vice President for Student Affairs Lori White, Board Chair Caren Prothro, Vice President for Development and External Affairs Brad Cheves (at lectern), President R. Gerald Turner, Centennial Co-chairs and Trustees Ruth Altshuler '48 and Carl Sewell '66, Provost Paul Ludden and Athletics Director Steve Orsini.



Meadows Museum events April 21 carried a medieval theme, complete with knights, princesses, armor, falconers and entertainment.



THE FUTURE

PROGRESS, PARTNERSHIP AND NEW PROJECTS

Crain Family Centennial Promenade, a pedestrian thoroughfare. Engraved pavers for the promenade, recognizing gifts from alumni, parents, friends and other members of the SMU community, will serve as permanent markers of support for the University.

Founders' Weekend also included "Inside SMU," informal classes taught by SMU faculty for alumni and other friends, followed by a briefing by President Turner. His remarks included highlights from SMU's Economic and Community Impact Report, presented to city leaders at a luncheon April 17. (See story on

page 3.) The report thanked the city of Dallas for its partnership with the Methodist Church in founding the University and outlined the return on investment to the region provided by SMU's achievements and outreach, also noted in an April 21 *Dallas Morning News* editorial, "SMU at 100."

As a capstone to what observers called "SMU week in Dallas," President Turner was inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame April 21, an honor recognizing community leadership, personal integrity and innovation. In his remarks, Turner said the

award recognizes the entire University – "the remarkable commitment of SMU's Board of Trustees, students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends.... This induction into the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame tells us that Dallas is very pleased with the return it has received. And, in a very real way, we have just begun."

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FOUNDERS WEEKEND, SEE: www.smu.edu/News/2012/founders-day-weekend-20april2012. To view the entire Economic and Community Impact Report, see smu.edu/impact.

Medical Anthropologist Studies Skin Disease Transmission In West Africa

FOR SEVERAL YEARS JAMES KENNEL HAS STUDIED THE EFFORTS OF GLOBAL HEALTH AGENCIES to vaccinate the Aja people in Benin, West Africa. As a result, Kennell '11 has been invited to join a global initiative to prevent the debilitating skin disease Buruli ulcer.

A tropical disease that historically hasn't been studied, Buruli ulcer is caused by a germ in the same family as leprosy and tuberculosis. The disease severely incapacitates and often kills people worldwide every year, but especially in Benin, according to the research initiative's sponsor, the World Health Organization. Because the neglected disease is largely found in rural areas, the exact number of cases worldwide isn't known, but it's a growing problem in tropical and subtropical countries, WHO reports.

Kennell, a medical anthropologist and now an SMU adjunct professor, went to Benin in 2009 and 2010 as part of the WHO's Buruli ulcer team. He'll return for another six-week stint this summer, joining teams of scientists to pinpoint how the disease is transmitted.

"My job is to look at the particular ways the Aja are interacting with their environment – such as farming or other outdoor activities – that put them in contact with a very high concentration of the pathogen in the environment," he says. Once the method of transmission is established, WHO researchers can devise strategies to combat the disease.

Kennell has logged numerous field seasons with Benin's Aja people, research that helped him earn his doctoral degree in cultural anthropology from SMU in 2011. That research focused on the barriers encountered by global health organizations and the Aja to prevent polio, measles, chicken pox and other dangerous skin diseases, among them the refusal to be vaccinated.



School children in Benin line up to receive measles vaccinations. (Photo: James Kennell)

Historically, Western aid agencies have attributed widespread refusal of vaccines to a lack of knowledge among local people. The agencies then attempt to bridge this "knowledge gap," as they call it, by educating the Aja and other local groups about the benefits of vaccines from a Western viewpoint.

But in his doctoral dissertation, "The Senses and Suffering: Medical Knowledge, Spirit Possession, and Vaccination Programs in Aja," Kennell reports that the Aja refuse vaccines for a number of reasons that aid efforts don't address. Some refuse on religious grounds; others because they fear infertility, sickness or government control.

"It's really not an issue of a knowledge gap," Kennell says. "We're talking about very different, very complex world views related to health and disease among the Aja that are as established as any Western medical tradition."

The problem, he says, is a cultural

disconnect between global health organizations and the Aja people. Stuck in the middle are the local health officials who are hired, trained and supplied with medicine to achieve one goal – vaccinate large numbers of people.

Kennell has followed four different vaccination campaigns in Benin, observing health workers as they move through scores of Aja villages. He interviewed villagers before and after the visits, and found that up to 25 percent refuse vaccinations, including entire villages. For vaccination campaigns to protect a community against disease, a significant percentage of the population must be protected. For example, measles requires from 85 percent to 95 percent immunization to be effective, he says.

Kennell observed that the imperative to vaccinate drove local providers to extreme measures. "Very often, instead of really trying to educate in a positive, productive way, the conflicting knowledge traditions of the two cultures are pitted against one another and manipulated by interested parties to achieve a particular result, in this case, the number of individuals vaccinated," he says.

Kennell witnessed health workers trying to convince villagers that a vaccine would prevent an illness other than the one it protects against. Other times, health workers would call in the head physician of the main regional hospital to persuade villagers.

"I think local health care workers wouldn't have to resort to manipulating knowledge so strongly if there wasn't such a disconnect," he says.

The blog Anthropologyworks.com selected Kennell's dissertation as one of the best 40 cultural anthropology dissertations in North America for 2011. ●

– Margaret Allen

For more information: tinyurl.com/6ppvjsc.

SMU Biochemists Super-compute A Cancer Drug

WHEN CHEMOTHERAPY FAILS TO HALT THE SPREAD OF CANCER, it is typically because new super cells develop resistance to the chemotherapy. Instead of dying off, the cells reject the medicine, are able to pump it out and continue to thrive and reproduce.

Scientists have long tried to find a drug to combat these super cells. Now biochemists Pia Vogel and John Wise in the Department of Biological Sciences in Dedman College are using SMU's supercomputer to tackle the problem.

Vogel and Wise are searching for a drug that will shut off the cancer cell "sump pump" so that chemotherapy can once again be effective. They are collaborating with other researchers at SMU's Center for Drug Discovery, Design and Delivery.

"This is a desperate situation for people whose cancer returns in an aggressive state," says Wise, a research associate professor. "We don't want to knock out this sump-pump system permanently, but would like to find a drug that will inhibit the pump, then allow the body to return to its normal state."

"If we could search through millions of compounds we could potentially find one that could 'throw a stick' in the sump-pump mechanism," says Vogel, an associate professor. Because testing each



In this model of human drug-resistance protein, the backbone skeletal structure is represented by purple and blue helices, yellow ribbons and turquoise coils. New compounds like that shown in dark blue could make it possible for chemotherapy to work on recurring cancers by binding to the protein. (Image: John Wise)

one in a lab would be too costly and take a lifetime, they adopted a faster method.

Using simulation software and a computational model of the "sump-pump" protein called P-glycoprotein, they screen potential compounds digitally through SMU's High Performance Computing (HPC) system. With the computational model, Wise and Vogel can observe on a computer screen how digital compounds are absorbed onto

and into the P-glycoprotein model. Compounds that stick or bind instead of being pumped out have potential as an effective drug.

Creating the P-glycoprotein model was not easy. The structures of P-glycoprotein in mice and bacteria are well understood. But human P-glycoprotein remains a mystery and is highly unstable in the lab. Wise designed the computational model by deducing and inferring characteristics from what is known about human P-glycoprotein.

So far, the researchers have screened millions of digital compounds, a process that took 7.55 million computational hours on the HPC. They've discovered more than 300 potentially effective compounds. With a team of students, the scientists have tested 30 of those 300 compounds in the lab and found several that inhibit the protein.

Wise and Vogel also are working with their colleague and Associate Professor Robert Harrod to test a multidrug resistant line of cancer cells to see if the drugs again can make the cells susceptible to chemotherapy. ●

For more information: tinyurl.com/bqkng9y.



Jodi Cooley



Joseph Camp

FACULTY RECEIVE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AWARDS

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION has recognized two SMU faculty members with the prestigious Faculty Early Career Development Award. The NSF career grants recognize junior faculty whose research will have a broad impact on society.

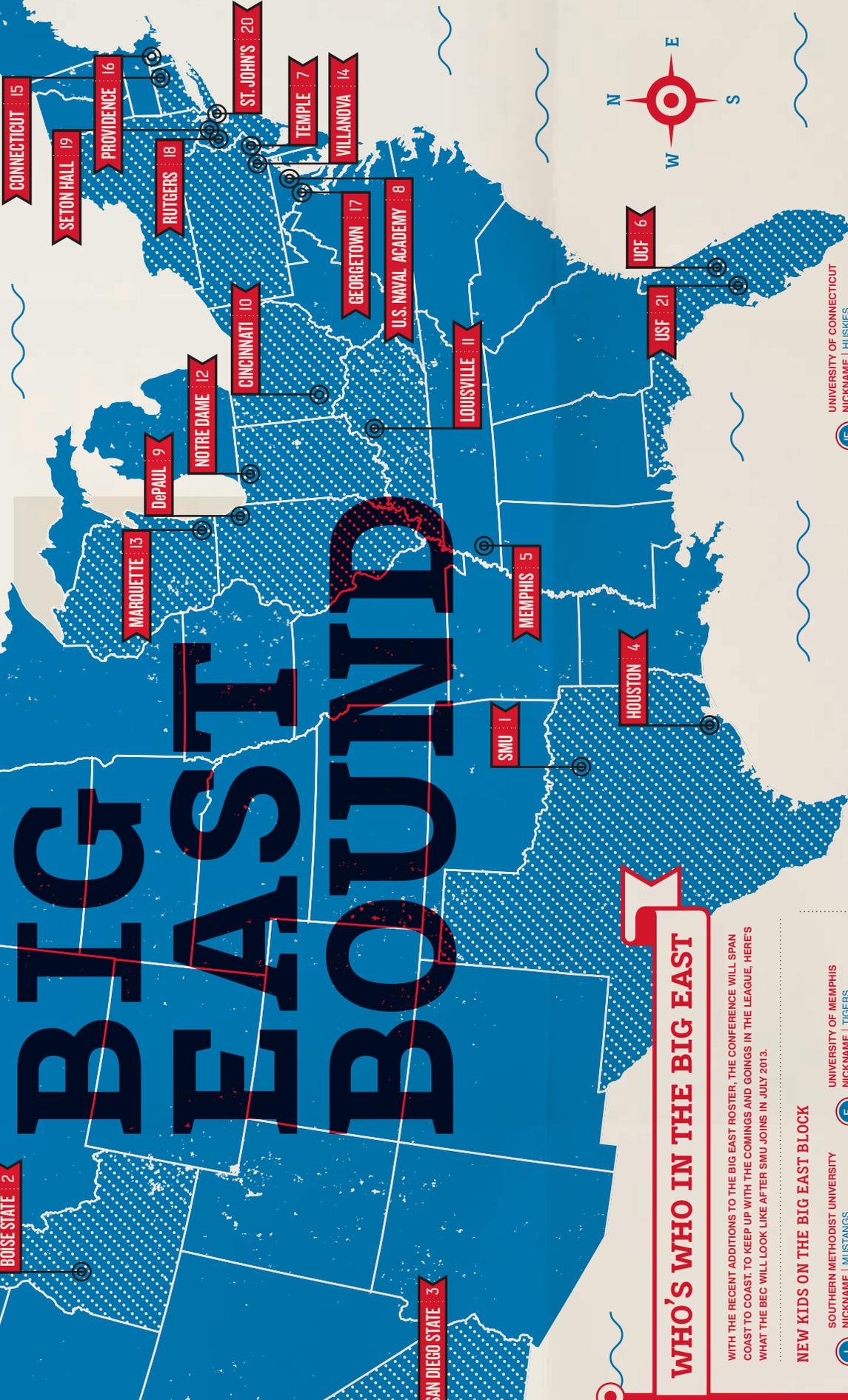
In Dedman College, Assistant Professor of Physics Jodi Cooley was awarded a five-year grant of \$1 million toward her work with the Cryogenic Dark Matter Search, a collaboration of scientists from 14 institutions who are trying to detect the passage of dark matter through the earth deep in an abandoned Minnesota mine. Cooley's proposal also draws area high school physics teachers into the research.

Joseph Camp, the J. Lindsay Embrey Trustee Professor of Electrical Engineering, was awarded a five-year, \$450,000 grant for developing a more affordable wireless network design and protocols to help provide Internet access to low-income individuals. He teaches in the Lyle School of Engineering. ●

BIG EAST BOAST

BOISE STATE 2

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WHO'S WHO IN THE BIG EAST

WITH THE RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE BIG EAST ROSTER, THE CONFERENCE WILL SPAN COAST TO COAST. TO KEEP UP WITH THE COMINGS AND GOINGS IN THE LEAGUE, HERE'S WHAT THE BEC WILL LOOK LIKE AFTER SMU JOINS IN JULY 2013.

NEW KIDS ON THE BIG EAST BLOCK

- 1 SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
NICKNAME | MUSTANGS
COLORS | HARVARD RED & YALE BLUE
LOCATION | DALLAS, TX
- 2 BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
NICKNAME | BRONCOS
COLORS | ORANGE & DARK BLUE
LOCATION | BOISE, ID
- 3 SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
NICKNAME | AZTECS
COLORS | BLACK, SCARLET & GOLD
LOCATION | SAN DIEGO, CA
- 4 UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
NICKNAME | COUGARS
COLORS | SCARLET RED & ALBINO WHITE
LOCATION | HOUSTON, TX
- 5 UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS
NICKNAME | TIGERS
COLORS | BLUE & GRAY
LOCATION | MEMPHIS, TN
- 6 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
NICKNAME | KNIGHTS
COLORS | BLACK & GOLD
LOCATION | ORLANDO, FL
- 7 TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
NICKNAME | OWLS
COLORS | CHERRY & WHITE
LOCATION | PHILADELPHIA, PA
- 8 U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY
NICKNAME | MIDSHPWEN
COLORS | BLUE & GOLD
LOCATION | ANNAPOLIS, MD

BIG EAST VETERANS

- 9 DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
NICKNAME | BLUE DEMONS
COLORS | ROYAL BLUE & SCARLET
LOCATION | CHICAGO, IL
- 10 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
NICKNAME | BEARCATS
COLORS | RED & BLACK
LOCATION | CINCINNATI, OH
- 11 UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
NICKNAME | CARDINALS
COLORS | RED & BLACK
LOCATION | LOUISVILLE, KY
- 12 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
NICKNAME | FIGHTING IRISH
COLORS | BLUE & GOLD
LOCATION | NOTRE DAME, IN
- 13 MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
NICKNAME | GOLDEN EAGLES
COLORS | BLUE & GOLD
LOCATION | MILWAUKEE, WI
- 14 VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
NICKNAME | WILDCATS
COLORS | RED & WHITE
LOCATION | VILLANOVA, PA
- 15 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
NICKNAME | HUSKIES
COLORS | BLUE & WHITE
LOCATION | STORRS, CT
- 16 PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
NICKNAME | FRIARS
COLORS | BLACK & WHITE
LOCATION | PROVIDENCE, RI
- 17 GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
NICKNAME | HOYAS
COLORS | BLUE & GREY
LOCATION | WASHINGTON, DC
- 18 RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
NICKNAME | SCARLET KNIGHTS
COLORS | SCARLET, BLACK & WHITE
LOCATION | PISCATAWAY, NJ
- 19 SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
NICKNAME | PIRATES
COLORS | BLUE & WHITE
LOCATION | SOUTH ORANGE, NJ
- 20 ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
NICKNAME | RED STORM
COLORS | RED & WHITE
LOCATION | QUEENS, NY
- 21 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
NICKNAME | BULLS
COLORS | GREEN & GOLD
LOCATION | TAMPA, FL

SMU TO JOIN BCS-AQ CONFERENCE IN 2013 BRINGING COAST-TO-COAST EXPOSURE



SMU's membership in the Big East Conference will fulfill the University's goal to join a Bowl Championship Series Automatic Qualifier (BCS-AQ) conference, a standard of excellence in college athletics today.

As of press time, the Big East continued to admit new members to fill vacancies that will be created by the exit of Pittsburgh and Syracuse to the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2014 and West Virginia to the Big 12 Conference, at a date to be determined. And though the league may continue to change its membership makeup, one thing is certain: SMU will become a part of the largest conference, which will span coast-to-coast, on July 1, 2013. Traditional rivalries will take on new meanings for the Mustangs.

In 2012, the Big East football membership will consist of Cincinnati, Connecticut, Louisville, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse, Temple (newest addition) and the University of South Florida. In 2013, Boise State, UCF, Houston, Memphis, San Diego State and SMU will be added, and in 2015, the U.S. Naval Academy will join the league.

In 2014, the Big East basketball membership will include UCF, Cincinnati, Connecticut, DePaul, Georgetown, Houston, Louisville, Marquette, Memphis, Notre Dame, Providence, Rutgers, St. John's, Seton Hall, SMU, Temple, USF and Villanova.

"Over the past 32 years, the Big East Conference has constantly evolved along with the landscape of college athletics," says Big East Commissioner John Marinatto. "The inclusion of these great universities, which bring a unique blend of premier academics, top markets, strong athletics brands and outstanding competitive quality, marks the beginning of a new chapter in that evolution.

"Much like the conference as a whole, the Big East name – though derived 32 years ago based on the geography of our founding members – has evolved into a highly respected brand that transcends borders, boundaries or regions. It's national. Our membership makeup is now reflective of that."

With the addition of the new schools, the Big East will have the largest footprint of any college football conference in the nation, with a coast-to-coast presence spanning nine states in five regions of the country.

And that is good news for SMU alumni living in the Midwest or on the East Coast, who now will be able to see the Mustangs play in their own back yards. Pony fan Lisa Utasi '84 of New York City cannot wait. "It's exciting to have the prospect of playing top-level competitors in the new Western division of the Big East, as well as indescribable to think we will have an

opportunity to potentially see SMU play basketball in Madison Square Garden in the Big East Tournament," she says. "I can only imagine driving to New Brunswick, New Jersey, to watch SMU take on the Rutgers University Scarlet Knights at the 'birthplace of college football,' too."

James White '82 of Chicago believes that joining the Big East "enables SMU to gain greater visibility in different regions and cities throughout the country. "We now will be able to see SMU play in the Chicago area against Notre Dame, Marquette and DePaul," he says. "Academically, we should be able to attract more kids from other regions with our additional exposure. The quality of the SMU student has continued to improve, and now more people will get to know SMU and the many great qualities that drew all of us to the University."

By joining the Big East Conference, SMU continues its push toward becoming a top-25 athletics program. On the field of play, SMU has been ranked as the top school in its conference for 11 of the past 14 years in the Director's Cup overall athletic rankings.

From an infrastructure standpoint, SMU has embarked on an \$80-million plan to build new facilities and improve existing ones. The \$13-million, 43,000-square-foot Crum Basketball Center, a basketball-only practice facility adjacent to Moody Coliseum, opened in February 2008, and Turpin Tennis Stadium opened that April.



An electronic billboard in Times Square in New York City welcomes SMU to the Big East.



Making the announcement that SMU will join the Big East are (from left) SMU President R. Gerald Turner, Big East Commissioner John Marinatto, SMU Athletics Director Steve Orsini and Student Body President Austin Prentice.

(To make way for construction on the new residential halls and corresponding parking garage, a new indoor-outdoor tennis complex will be built on the site of the former Mrs. Baird's bakery on Mockingbird Lane.) Phase I of the SMU Payne Stewart Golf Learning Center at the Dallas Athletic Club was completed in 2010 and updates have been made to the Loyd Center, which houses coaches' offices, athletic administration, sports medicine, strength and conditioning and academic support services.

In addition, a new integrated video and audio system was installed at Gerald J. Ford Stadium in 2010, and a renovated football locker room and team meeting rooms, along with new stadium turf, were completed before the 2011 season. Renovations to Moody Coliseum, which began in 2008 with the installation of a new \$900,000 video board and redesigned court, will ramp up in the coming year as SMU has announced a \$40-million-plus plan for a complete facility renovation and expansion expected to be completed in time for SMU's first season in the Big East. (See article on page 26.)

Academically, SMU's new conference features six schools ranked among the top 82 universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2012 ranking of Best National Universities. At No. 62, SMU ranks fourth among all Big East schools in the category.

In adding SMU and the Dallas-Fort Worth television market, the nation's fifth-largest, the Big East Conference further strengthens its media presence. Big East markets already contain almost one-fourth of all television households in the United States –

more than twice as many households as any other conference. Big East institutions will now reside in six of the nation's top-eight media markets, and 12 of the top 35. Cities like Dallas, Houston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., all fall in the Big East footprint.

"Our move to the Big East is good for SMU, for Dallas and for this region of the country and reflects the re-emergence of our successful football program under the leadership of June Jones," says SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "Coupled with our steady rise academically and athletically, we are in a good position to continue our rise among national universities. On top of that, a grassroots effort of our alumni, elected officials and steadfast supporters coast-to-coast gave us

the momentum we needed. We look forward to this new era of competition."

Headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island, the Big East Conference was formed in 1979. The league has won 31 national championships in six sports with 133 student-athletes capturing individual national titles. Specifically for football, the Big East is an automatic qualifier (AQ) to the Bowl Championship Series (BCS), meaning the league champion is assured a berth in one of the five BCS bowl games on an annual basis. Those bowls include the Fiesta Bowl, Orange Bowl, Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl and the BCS National Championship game.

In men's and women's basketball, Big East teams have excelled at the highest levels, winning 14 national championships. In 2004, Connecticut's men's and women's teams both won NCAA titles in the same season.

Since the conference announcement, excitement for upcoming football and basketball seasons has been "through the roof," says Student Body President Austin W. Prentice '12. "SMU's acceptance into the Big East Conference has provided a tremendous jolt of energy among the student body. Whether die-hard college sports fans or not, the conference changer will be an added benefit to SMU's already nationally recognized name."

"Big East membership represents SMU's return to the highest level of collegiate athletics," adds Director of Athletics Steve Orsini. "This is a move that will impact all aspects of the collegiate experience at SMU."



SMU football players hoist the trophy for their 28-6 win over current Big East member Pittsburgh at the BBVA Compass Bowl January 7.



SHARED EXPLORATIONS

Faculty Mentor Young Researchers
In Their Quest For Knowledge

BY

SUSAN WHITE



First-year student Mayisha Nakib had been at SMU only a week last fall when she achieved one of her goals: to participate in research as an undergraduate. Upon learning of Nakib's interest, Assistant Professor of Physics Jodi Cooley suggested that she apply for a Hamilton Scholars Undergraduate Research grant. Nakib, a Dedman College Scholar, received the grant and now works with Cooley on dark matter research in the cleanroom laboratory in Fondren Science Building.

Nakib is one of nearly 130 undergraduates who are conducting research with faculty across the University, from anthropology to

engineering to statistics. Many are supported by SMU's Undergraduate Research Assistantship program, created in 2005 to provide funds to encourage undergraduate research.

Other students receive funding from the Hamilton Scholars Program or Richter Fellowships, awarded to Honors Program students to conduct research either in the United States or internationally. Still other undergraduates who have impressed their teachers by excelling in their classes are asked to work on research projects.

"There are many benefits for undergraduate students who engage in research projects," says James E. Quick, associate vice president

for research and dean of graduate studies. "One broadens the scope of study beyond what can be obtained strictly in the classroom. And the opportunity to pursue a topic or idea in an independent way with faculty involvement or supervision provides an important path to intellectual growth."

Working closely with a faculty mentor on research and discovery is a key component of SMU's recently created Engaged Learning program, which provides undergraduates the opportunity to complement their classroom education through engagement in research, service, internships or other activities with the Dallas-Fort Worth community and beyond.

Associate Professor of Statistical Science Monnie McGee has mentored senior Michael McCarthy, one of the first recipients of an Engaged Learning grant. McCarthy, a double major in statistics and mathematics, is analyzing data that evaluates home care support provided to veterans with spinal cord injuries for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Dallas. The home care program for veterans attempts to reduce the need for veterans' visits for medical appointments and emergencies to the medical center.

McCarthy, who had taken three classes from McGee, asked her to mentor his project. The two meet weekly to go over assignments and to review the data that McCarthy is gathering from patients. "Understanding how data are gathered and entered is very important to any research," McGee says. "When you ask questions about the quality of life of the participants, you realize you have to be particular and methodical to obtain reliable information. I think Michael is beginning to grasp concepts that he may not have understood before taking on this project. He is a really good student and has made it easy for me to be a mentor," she adds.

Pursuing an undergraduate research project not only "reinforces material gleaned from coursework, it can provide valuable feedback on the kind of career a student chooses," Quick says. Following are examples of research that undergraduates are conducting under the guidance of SMU faculty. And while each relationship is different, depending on the academic level of the student and the nature of the research, one thing is the same: the shared passion of student and faculty for exploring the unknown together.

I **N SEARCH OF DARK MATTER**
Physicist Jodi Cooley leads SMU students as part of a global team searching for elusive dark matter – the "glue" that represents 85 percent of the matter in our universe, but which has never been observed. Cooley is a member of the scientific consortium called SuperCryogenic Dark Matter Search (SuperCDMS), which operates a particle detector located deep in an underground abandoned mine in Minnesota. The detector is focused on detecting WIMPS (Weakly Interacting Massive Particles), which some physicists theorize comprise dark matter. WIMPS are particles of such low mass that they rarely interact with ordinary matter, making them extremely difficult to detect.

To assess background interference that



Ira Greenberg (left) and Charlton Roberts

could affect their research, Cooley and her team rely on the high-tech XIA Alpha Particle Counter, housed in a cleanroom operated by the Department of Physics. SMU is one of only five institutions in the world to house the XIA. As part of the team, student Mayisha Nakib is investigating the history of various detectors to calculate their exposure to radon or radioactivity, which can produce background interference. Less background interference improves the chances of observing WIMPS.

Nakib, who is majoring in biological sciences and physics, says she already has learned new computer skills and how to operate the particle counter. "The faster I get involved with research, the easier it will be to pick it up."

Cooley adds that the Physics Department has more students who are eager to conduct research than it has faculty who can mentor them.

E **XPLORING CELL DIVISION AND DISEASE**
For 30 years, Biological Sciences Professor Larry Ruben has worked on decoding the genetic traits of a parasite that causes the lethal disease

commonly known as sleeping sickness, infecting humans and livestock and potentially more than 60 million people in 36 countries. His most recent work focuses on proteins required for late stages of cell division and on the pathways that regulate cell division and cell death. He is searching for unique processes in the trypanosome parasite that can be used to design new therapies that may prevent infected cells from successfully dividing and reproducing.

"Better understanding of these proteins could lead to development of new drugs to treat sleeping sickness," Ruben says.

In his lab, Ruben oversees senior and President's Scholar Nick Burns, who is majoring in biological sciences and French with a chemistry minor and also received a Hamilton Scholars Undergraduate Research grant. For the past year, Burns has been working on his own project, which "doesn't often happen with undergraduates in the lab," Ruben says.

Burns is looking at how suppression of a signal or production of an inappropriate signal in cell division can be lethal to the trypanosome organisms. Specifically, he is investigating a gene that tells the trypanosome where to

place some of its specialized structures, like its flagellum (tail), nucleus and skeletal components. If the structures do not align properly, then cell division may be inhibited; this could be further explored as a new target for therapies against sleeping sickness, he says.

Through his research experience, Burns says he has gained a “passion” for the study of molecular parasitology, which he hopes to continue in medical school, as well as “an appreciation for science itself. You learn a lot of analytical skills and realize what a time-consuming experience and intellectual game the whole process is. It takes patience and a lot more patience.”

THE ECONOMY AND FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS

The ongoing economic crisis has underlined the importance of female entrepreneurship, which historically has been a significant defense against economic distress for many families. First-year B.B.A. Scholar Kalindi Dinoffer is searching through historical records and data to learn what conditions best promote this activity in both good and bad economic times, and eventually may search as far back as the Colonial era. The information will support research conducted by Maria Minniti, Bobby B. Lyle Chair of Entrepreneurship at Cox School of Business, who plans to expand her study of female entrepreneurship into a book. Minniti says she recognized resourceful and detail-oriented qualities in Dinoffer, who took a business decision-making class from her last fall, which would make for a reliable research assistant.

The two meet weekly to go over the data

that Dinoffer has found. “Learning more about female entrepreneurship and its historical evolution will teach us a lot about how individuals (both men and women) respond to incentives, to uncertainty, and how employment choices are made,” Minniti says. “We also will learn what policies and institutional systems are more conducive to women’s participation in the labor force and how the legal and regulatory systems molded the socioeconomic dynamics of the U.S. labor market.”

Dinoffer, who is also considering studies in the social sciences and economics, thought she would conduct the research for a semester, but “now I’ve gotten invested in this and can’t just hand off the data to someone else! And I’ve learned that interacting with faculty is what you make of it, that they respond if you show you’re interested. Dr. Minniti has gone above and beyond in making herself accessible to her students.”

THE DRAMA OF COMPUTING

A Meadows Exploration Grant enabled senior and President’s Scholar Charlton Roberts to undertake a project last fall that combined computer programming and live theatre. The theatre and computer science major wanted to explore how computation could be a part of a theatrical performance, not just facilitate it, and enlisted the aid of student actors and engineers to help create the project.

“My idea was to use computation as a fundamental facet of the storytelling on stage – a form versus content approach,” Roberts says. During the performance, audience members sat in chairs on the stage of the

Hope Theatre with the curtain closed. Six actors and a dancer, who received their lines and direction from a computer program, improvised their scenes in front of a giant white sheet with video projectors placed in the front and back. The Meadows grant provided funding for the connections, Apple TVs, cords, cables and hardware needed to create the production.

Roberts worked on the project through the Center of Creative Computation, a new area of study in Meadows School of the Arts that also requires coursework in the Lyle School of Engineering. At the philosophical core of the major is the integration of creative and analytical study and practice – championing a “whole brain” approach, says Associate Professor and center director Ira Greenberg, who teaches in both schools. Although Greenberg did not work with Roberts on the project in the fall, he has worked with him on an independent study this spring.

“We’re asking students to become proficient computer programmers who must deal with math and computer science, but we also expect them to be good artists, and that’s what Charlton did,” Greenberg says.

Roberts adds that the project “far exceeded my expectations to the point that I have completely changed my mind about being an actor. I get more creative fulfillment out of projects like this than acting now. And this would not have been possible without the creative environment SMU provides.”

For more information on undergraduate research, visit smu.edu/ugradresearch.



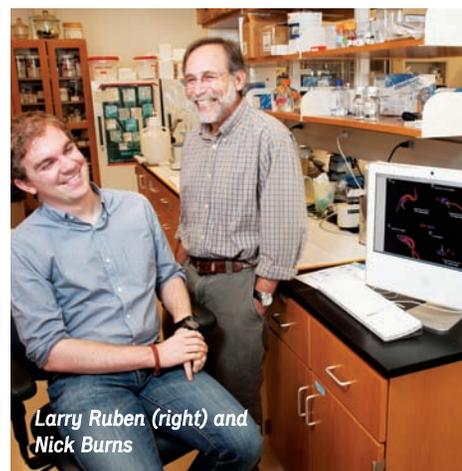
Jodi Cooley (left) and Mayisha Nakib



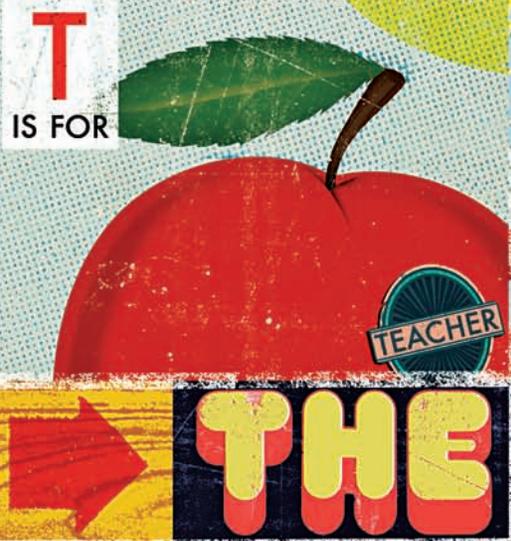
Monnie McGee (left) and Michael McCarthy



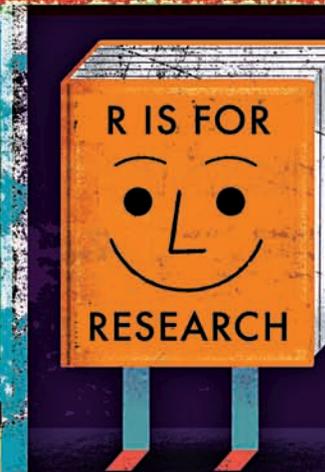
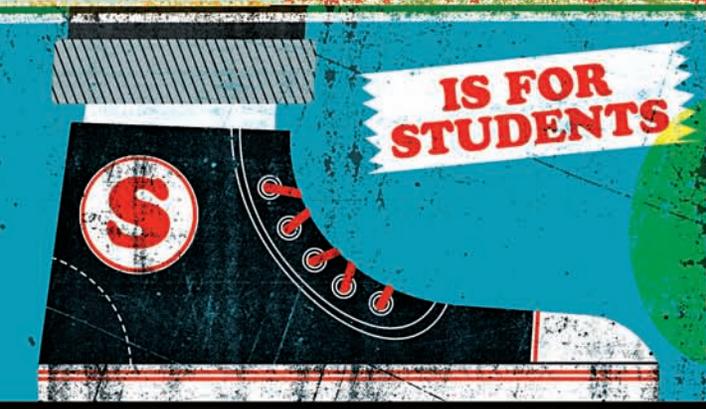
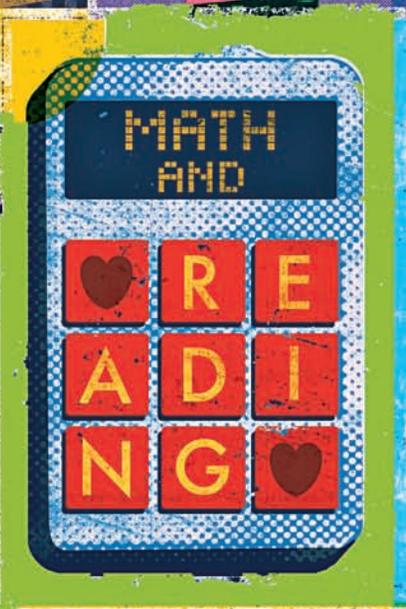
Maria Minniti (left) and Kalindi Dinoffer



Larry Ruben (right) and Nick Burns



EDUCATION



Simmons School Adds Research, Community Partnerships, Leadership To Formula For Reform

By Patricia Ward



As a high school student in Cedar Hill, Texas, Alexandra Thibeaux met one of the most important people in her life:

Adela Just, her English teacher.

“She recognized something in me that I didn’t know was there,” says Thibeaux, a junior in the University Honors Program majoring in history with a minor in political science. “She really encouraged my writing and academic performance, which had a profound influence on me. As a result, I know I want to have that kind of impact on students’ lives.”

Thibeaux’s SMU work-study assignment at Sidney Lanier Expressive Arts Vanguard, a public elementary school in West Dallas, galvanized her interest in pursuing a career linked to education. Now, three days each week, Thibeaux helps children in teacher Chandra Hanks’ third-grade class with math and reading.

Lanier Principal Alyssa Peraza connected with SMU’s work-study program several years ago through the Dallas Faith Communities Coalition (DFCC), a nonprofit organization committed to the transformation of West Dallas through education. The coalition became part of the new Center on Communities and Education at SMU’s Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development late last year.

The new center serves as the backbone organization for the School Zone, a collaboration among 10 public schools and 20 nonprofit agencies. The School Zone provides a range of resources – from parent training to after-school homework assistance – focused on closing “the education gap in West Dallas,” says Regina Nippert, former executive director of the DFCC who now heads the Center on Communities and Education (CCE) at SMU.

Illustrations by Christian Northeast



Leanne Ketterlin Geller (center), director of SMU’s Research in Mathematics Education unit, works with consultant Nicole McGilvray (left) and Simmons doctoral student Lindsey Perry during a recent workshop to develop test questions for the Middle School Students in Texas: Algebra Ready (MSTAR) Diagnostic Assessment, designed to help teachers support students who need extra help with pre-algebra skills.

The CCE operates in an area of the city where only 33 percent of residents over age 18 have high school diplomas.

“We will contribute to the education mission of the coalition by assessing what works, measuring outcomes and developing programs that are meaningful to West Dallas,” emphasizes David Chard, Leon Simmons Endowed Dean of the Simmons School.

While the neighborhood west of downtown Dallas provides the initial context, communities everywhere will benefit from research that results in a practical and sustainable model for effective instruction, Chard says.

GAME-CHANGING PARTNERSHIPS

The CCE is among the most recent University-community partnerships to build on a century of tradition. While launching SMU’s centennial celebration in 2011, President R. Gerald Turner traced the roots

of the Simmons School to the mutually beneficial SMU-Dallas relationship: “We established a new school of education focused on applied research in response to the needs we were hearing from our area superintendents and others in the schools.”

Although education and teacher certification programs had long been a part of the SMU curriculum, the University expanded its commitment to the field by creating the School of Education and Human Development in 2005.

A \$20 million gift from Harold C. and Annette Caldwell Simmons in 2007 provided an endowment for the school and its new headquarters, the Annette Caldwell Simmons Hall. During festivities marking its first anniversary in September, the dean called SMU’s hub for education research a “game-changer.” The state-of-the-art facility (see page 49) accommodates many of the faculty, staff and students who once were housed at 12 sites on campus.

“There are many ideas about how to change schools, but the evidence that they’ll improve student achievement is often lacking.”

– Dean David Chard

INVESTIGATING THE SCIENCE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

In the Simmons School's Department of Applied Physiology and Wellness, faculty and students examine the biological basis of health and fitness.

During one of the department's recent Research on Exercise and Wellness Colloquiums, Peter Weyand shared with the SMU community insights from his groundbreaking analyses of the mechanics of running. Weyand, an associate professor of applied physiology and biomechanics, directs the SMU Locomotor Performance Laboratory.

The most important factor driving performance is how hard runners hit the ground in relation to their body weight, he says. "Runners are a lot like bouncing balls. The vertical force propels them upward and momentum carries them forward."

Weyand believes "research shouldn't stop at the lab door. It's important to make sure the public understands our scientific findings and how we translate them into practice."

Last month Weyand received a three-year grant totaling \$892,058 from the U.S. Army to focus on "quantifying the effect of loads on physiological stressors – such as metabolic rate and locomotor performance – over relatively short distances."

"The overburdened foot soldier is a major issue for the army, and it needs guidance to evaluate the trade-offs involved in adding gear and technology that results in loading down the soldier. Pack weights can be 120 pounds or more," he explains.

Other scientific investigations explore the function and dysfunction of human biological systems. In the department's new Applied Physiology Laboratory, researchers use state-of-the-art equipment to study the autonomic nervous system in healthy and clinical populations. The autonomic nervous system controls heart rate, respiration, digestion, perspiration and other functions.

Assistant Professor Scott L. Davis directs the lab. In research funded by National Multiple Sclerosis Society grants, Davis examines autonomic dysfunction specifically related to thermoregulation and blood pressure control in people with multiple sclerosis (MS). MS is a chronic disabling disease that attacks the central nervous system and afflicts an estimated 2.1 million people worldwide.



Principal Alyssa Peraza (left) and SMU junior Alexandra Thibeaux plan a classroom activity at Sidney Lanier Expressive Arts Vanguard, a public elementary school in West Dallas. Thibeaux tutors Lanier third-graders in math and reading through the SMU work-study program.

"The ability to gather together in one place changes the whole dynamic of the faculty," contributing to a research environment where they can collaborate productively with each other and their students, explains Chard, who became dean in 2007.

DISCOVER, DOCUMENT, DELIVER

Rigorous academic inquiry steers the national conversation about education reform "away from the realm of human interest and into an evidence-based context," says Chard, a nationally known expert on the role of instruction in literacy and the development of numeracy skills.

His "prove it" philosophy comes after almost 10 years on the frontline as a high school teacher, followed by more than a decade of scholarship aimed at helping children with learning disabilities or at risk for school failure. Over the course of his career, Chard's research and development projects have been awarded more than \$11 million in federal, state and private grants.

Chard's leadership in education research has received recognition from President Barack Obama, who appointed him to the Board of Directors of the National Board for Educational Sciences. The board advises the president and sets priorities for the Institute of Educational Sciences, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Education.

The Simmons research portfolio encompasses explorations in vital areas of education and human development, including foundational literacy and numeracy skills; the challenges presented by language barriers, learning difficulties and intellectual disabilities; the special needs of gifted youth; teacher and leadership training; the mechanics of movement; and human physiology.

Faculty research has garnered significant funding from federal, state and private sources. From 2009 through 2011, the school received more than \$10 million in grants, with almost \$4 million obtained in 2011.

Last year, a \$201,000 grant from The Meadows Foundation provided start-up funding for the school's new Research in Mathematics Education (RME) program. The research and outreach unit's mission is to provide the instructional resources, assessment tools and training that K-12 educators need to improve student achievement in math.

"Most schools are swimming in data," says RME Director Leanne Ketterlin Geller, an expert in measuring and assessing mathematics skills. "We have to think carefully about which data we collect and how we collect it. We have to gather information that will guide instruction for struggling students."

The Simmons School's investigative interests align with two landmark education

initiatives of the George W. Bush Institute. Chard and Ketterlin Geller are among the nation's top researchers participating in Middle School Matters, the most comprehensive research-based program ever applied to middle schools. The program's goal is to use proven practices to prepare middle-school students for academic success in high school.

The Bush Institute's Alliance to Reform Education Leadership (AREL) is a national program to transform the way school districts identify, recruit, prepare, empower and evaluate their leaders. Simmons' new ED-Entrepreneur Center (EEC) is an AREL operating program and will be sharing its research data with the Bush Institute.

The EEC coalesces efforts of the Simmons School and Teaching Trust, a nonprofit organization established by Rosemary Perlmeter, founder of Uplift Education charter schools and a former business executive, and Ellen Wood, a financial and social investment consultant.

"We're proud and appreciative of the great support we receive from Dean Chard and the faculty and staff engaged in our Middle School Matters program, as well as the involvement of the ED-Entrepreneur Center in our Alliance to Reform Education Leadership, an emerging leader in the work of developing excellent school principals," says Kerri L. Briggs, the Bush Institute's director of education reform.

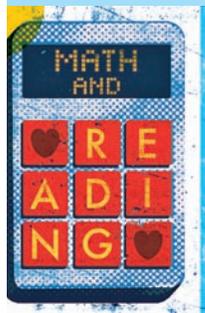
VISIONARY LEADERS, BETTER SCHOOLS

The education equation is completed by teachers and principals equipped with the research-based knowledge they need to boost schools out of mediocrity and into excellence.

"We consistently monitor our students' progress and evaluate our programs, changing coursework as needed to address the latest issues."

— Lee Alvoid, chair,
Department of Education Policy
and Leadership

SIMMONS BY THE NUMBERS



12
graduate
certification
programs

11
Master's
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1
doctoral
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2
undergraduate
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5
departments

65
full-time faculty members

2
educational
institutes



6
community
service centers

"In the Simmons School, we consistently monitor our students' progress and evaluate our programs, changing coursework as needed to address the latest issues," explains Lee Alvoid, clinical associate professor and chair of the Department of Education Policy and Leadership at SMU. "Right now, with K-12 school budgets being downsized, we need to help our students be more efficient in resource allocation, as well as become more creative in seeking funding opportunities outside the schools."

The department's newest program, the Master's in Education Leadership with an Urban School Specialization, borrows elements from national models for competency-based principal preparation, as well as the corporate executive training playbook, to prepare school leaders for the challenges of the inner-city learning environment. First-year coursework includes classes taught by SMU's Cox School of Business faculty.

"The best research on leadership models, change management, coaching and conflict resolution comes from combining effective new programs in education with select aspects of the business discipline," Alvoid explains.

The first group of 20 students started the two-year program last June. The

45-hour, part-time program was developed in concert with SMU's ED-Entrepreneur Center.

"It's very ambitious because only a few programs in the country are stepping back and relying heavily on experiential learning built around a competency-based framework," says Perlmeter, senior director of leadership programs for EEC. "We continuously measure our students' application of skills over the two years of the program."

Lyndin Kish, a fifth-grade teacher at Summit Preparatory, an Uplift Education charter school, and a student in the urban specialization track, says her most important take-away so far is "a refined lens through which I view my school leaders. Not only have I gained a much clearer vision of what excellent school leadership can and should look like, but I have a much better understanding of the discrete actions school leaders can take to get there."



100 Years Through the Pages of SMU's

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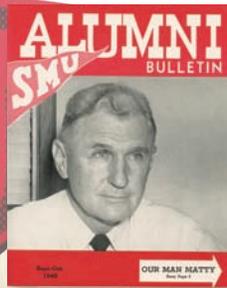
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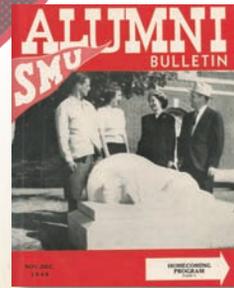
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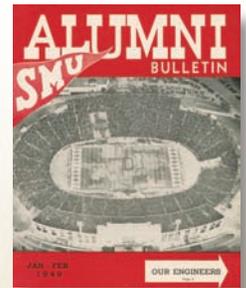
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COTTON BOWL 1949

ON THE COVER

Seventy-seven thousand football fans packed the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on January 1 to see SMU play Oregon. . . . thrilled to the game which saw the Mustangs trip the Webfoots to the tune of 21-13. . . . and "oh'd and ah'd" as 1,600 SMU students in the stands formed a mammoth map with brightly-colored cards while the band did the same on the field.

SMU STUDENT NORMA JEAN PETERSON IS CROWNED COTTON BOWL QUEEN 1949



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SAILORS ON CAMPUS 1947



A series of radio programs entitled "SMU on the Air" is being presented over WRR at 2:45 p.m. every Tuesday, for students interested in radio work.

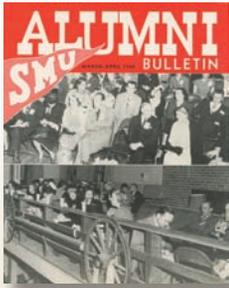
In 1940, twenty-five years later, the University's buildings and improvements represent \$3,500,000 and the endowment totals \$2,500,000. The libraries contain more than 135,000 catalogued books and pamphlets. Most amazing of all, the student body has grown from 706 to 3,988.

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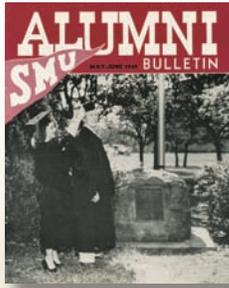


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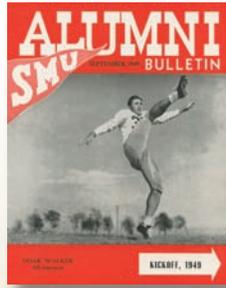
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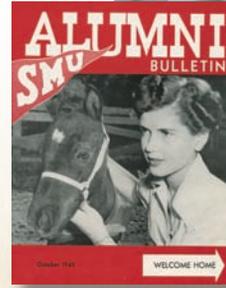
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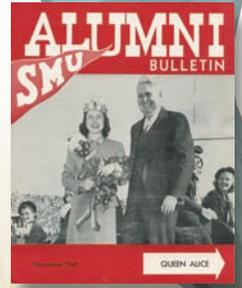
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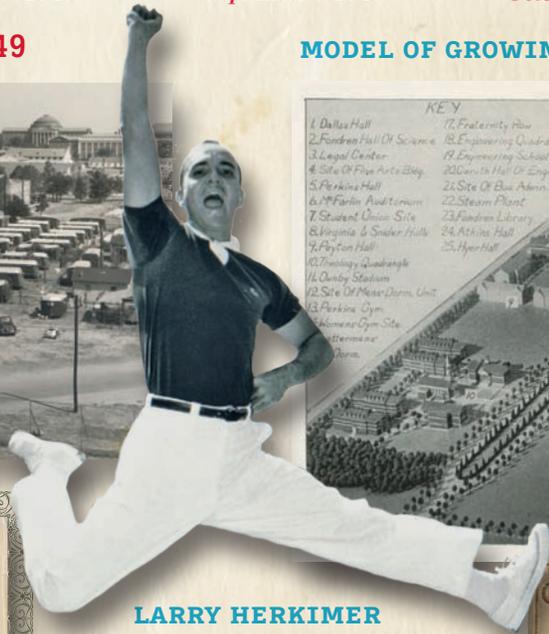
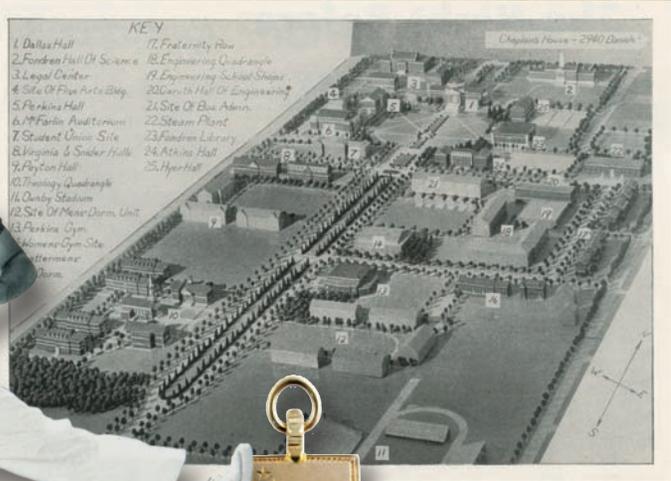


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The first academic degree conferred by SMU, a BA in June, 1916, went to FLORA E. LOWREY. For the past several years she has been teaching in Dallas high schools, English now at Woodrow Wilson, as well as the same subject to adult Mexicans in night school. She enjoys all sorts of things and is thinking of writing a book.

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SCHOOL FOR CHEER LEADERS first of its kind, was conducted during the summer at Sam Houston State College, Huntsville. . . and former SMU cheer leader Larry Herkimer, now a teaching fellow at University of Illinois, was an instructor.

FONDREN HALL OF SCIENCE 1949



Nearing completion is the Fondren Hall of Science. The new building is the largest on the campus, and contains more than 97,000 square feet of floor space. Mark Lemmon of Dallas is the architect for the new structure which will be finished by the spring of 1950. Completion of the building will equip SMU with a plant furnishing the latest, most modern facilities for scientific instruction in the Southwest. It will house laboratories and classrooms for the University's departments of Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology and Physics.

—Courtesy Dallas Morning News.

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In The Big League

Phi Beta Kappa has come to SMU, and with it comes the highest scholastic recognition to which a university can aspire. By this academic achievement every Alumnus of Southern Methodist indirectly has been recognized and benefited. Educational background is judged on the merits of the institution where it originates. Alumni of SMU can be prouder than ever of their years spent at the University because they represent work at a school credited with the highest academic standards.



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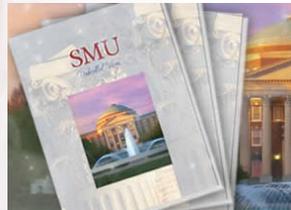
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Moody Coliseum Prepares To Enter New Era For SMU Athletics

WHEN IT WAS BUILT 56 YEARS AGO, SMU Coliseum, renamed Moody Coliseum in 1965, may have been the brightest gem on the Dallas sports landscape.

In the past half-century, the historic arena, home to the men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball teams at SMU, has hosted collegiate hoops stars, tennis legends, American presidents, NBA MVPs and music icons. However, Moody Coliseum has passed its prime.

Now, as the Mustangs prepare to enter a new era of athletics with their admission to the Big East Conference July 1, 2013, SMU is putting one of Dallas' original treasures back in the game with a \$40 million renovation.

"Moody Coliseum has seen so much history at SMU, but it needs to be modernized," says Tim Leonard, SMU senior associate athletics director for development.

In April 2011, SMU announced a \$20 million gift from the Moody Foundation and a \$10 million gift from former men's basketball player David Miller '72, '73 and his wife, Carolyn, to spearhead the renovation, which essentially will gut the arena and give it a floor-to-ceiling makeover.

Changes include the addition of premium seating, as well as courtside retractable seating designated for students, and widening the entry lobby and concourses. Technology improvements will include new video boards, scoreboards, sound system, broadcast capabilities and heating and cooling systems. Renovations also will bring the facility up to code with handicap accessibility and restroom availability, add concessions, remodel locker rooms, and extend the north side of the building to include luxury suites, a club lounge and coaches' offices.



Former SMU basketball player David Miller poses with a photo in Moody (he's in the lower left corner) of the team that became the 1971-72 Southwest Conference co-champions.

Because the changes will reduce the seating capacity from 9,000 to 7,500, the arena will be an even more intimate setting, Leonard says.

"The renovations will give our programs an immediate and long-lasting boost and will dramatically improve the quality of experience fans will enjoy at Moody Coliseum events," says SMU Athletics Director Steve Orsini. "These changes will help make our legendary facility a state-of-the-art venue and help our teams meet the top-25 standard we have set for each of them."

Miller says one of the results he expects is a top-quality atmosphere for home athletic events. Miller, who was a three-year starter and letterman and a member of the 1971-72 Southwest Conference co-championship men's basketball team, says he remembers running onto the floor in front of a packed house of screaming fans and hopes that future athletes have the same experience.

"I still get chill bumps talking about it today. When Moody is full and there is a strong contingent of students, it's a wonderful facility to play basketball in."

Once the facility is re-opened, it also will continue to host non-athletic events, such as SMU's Commencement ceremony, high school graduations and lectures. Moody is located near the soon-to-be-completed George W. Bush Presidential Center, which could use the arena for high-profile speakers and special events.

The renovation will begin in August and is expected to be completed in December 2013, perhaps just in time for the men's and women's basketball teams' first games against Big East opponents. The basketball and volleyball teams will be able to compete in the arena next year as the initial stages of construction take place, but the building will be vacated from March 2013 until it re-opens nine months later. (The May 2013 Commencement will be relocated.)

The renovation comes on the heels of the creation in 2008 of the nearby Crum Basketball Center practice facility, which includes two full-size courts and locker, weight and training rooms.

SMU volleyball coach Lisa Seifert says "joining the Big East and having the facility renovated gets us that much closer to being able to attain our goal of being a top-25 volleyball program."

Women's basketball coach Rhonda Rompola says the renovation of Moody Coliseum is "another positive step in showing the commitment that the SMU community, our administration and our president have toward SMU athletics."

For historic trivia on Moody Coliseum, see page 48. ●

— Chris Dell '11

To learn more about supporting the Moody Coliseum project, contact Tim Leonard, senior associate athletics director for development, at tleonard@smu.edu or 214-768-4465.

Hall Of Fame Coach Larry Brown To Head Men’s Basketball

LARRY BROWN HAS BEEN NAMED THE HEAD MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH AT SMU. He arrives on the Hilltop as the only head coach to win both an NCAA title and an NBA Championship. Brown was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame as a coach in 2002.

“I always wanted to coach at a great school academically and in a great conference to compete for a national championship with high-type kids,” Brown told a gathering of alumni, students, faculty and staff at the announcement April 23. “That opportunity has presented itself – everything I thought about is right here (at SMU). President Turner and I are on the same page – we want excellence in academics and excellence in athletics.”

“From an educational perspective, hiring a teacher of the game like Larry Brown will make a huge impact on both our student-athletes and our community as a whole,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “Athletics is an integral part of SMU, and developing a winning basketball program will dramatically increase our national profile while providing a rallying point for our students, alumni, faculty, staff and the city of Dallas.”

Brown is the sixth-winningest coach in NBA history with 1,098 career victories and led his teams to 18 playoff appearances, eight 50-win seasons, seven division titles, three conference

championships and one NBA Championship. He most recently served as head coach of the Charlotte Bobcats, whom he guided to the franchise’s first playoff appearance in 2010.

Brown began his coaching career in the American Basketball Association, where he led the Carolina Cougars from 1972-74 before taking the helm in Denver



Larry Brown

for two seasons. He continued with the Nuggets after their move to the NBA before moving on to coach UCLA for two seasons. He led a freshman-dominated team to the 1980 NCAA title game before falling to Louisville.

After two years with the NBA’s New Jersey Nets, Brown began his tenure at Kansas in 1983. He would go 135-44 in

five seasons, leading KU to the 1988 NCAA Championship, Kansas’ first national title in 36 years. In all, Brown spent seven seasons at the collegiate level, leading his squads to three Final Four appearances and one NCAA title. He was named Naismith College Coach of the Year in 1988 and Big Eight Coach of the Year in 1986. His cumulative collegiate coaching record stands at 177-61 (.744).

At the pro level, Brown has served as head coach of the Bobcats, Nuggets, New Jersey Nets, San Antonio Spurs, Los Angeles Clippers, Indiana Pacers, Philadelphia 76ers, Detroit Pistons and New York Knicks. He was named NBA Coach of the Year in 2001 and was named ABA Coach of the Year three times.

Brown played collegiately at North Carolina under legends Frank McGuire and Dean Smith and served as an assistant coach at UNC from 1965-67.

In Olympic competition, Brown was the head coach of the bronze medal-winning U.S. team at the 2004 Athens Games. He was an assistant coach for the 1980 Olympic squad that did not participate in the Moscow Games and for the 2000 team that won the gold medal in Sydney. As a player, Brown won a gold medal with the U.S. squad at the Tokyo Games in 1964. He is the only U.S. male to both play and coach in the Olympics. ●

FOOTBALL TO OPEN SEASON AGAINST BAYLOR

THE SMU FOOTBALL TEAM, fresh off its second bowl victory in three consecutive postseason appearances, announced its 2012 recruiting class February 1. The new class features 20 players, six from outside Texas. The newest batch of recruits will run onto the field for the

first time as college athletes when the Mustangs travel to Waco to face Baylor Sept. 1 to open the 2012 season. SMU’s non-conference schedule features two other Big 12 opponents, Texas A&M and TCU, at Gerald J. Ford Stadium Sept. 15 and 29, respectively. The schedule also

features home games against defending Conference USA champion Southern Mississippi and division rivals Tulsa and Houston. ●

See www.smumustangs.com for more information.

GROWING CHAPTERS PROGRAM SPREADS MUSTANG MESSAGE ACROSS THE GLOBE

ALUMNI SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF UNIVERSITY GOALS, and chapters around the world serve as the primary conduit for engagement by former students with their alma mater, says Bill Vanderstraaten '82, chair of the SMU Alumni Board.

“We want to increase participation by alumni in all parts of SMU life, including recruiting prospective students, volunteering and annual giving,” he says. “The chapters program provides the platform for our out-of-town alumni to become ambassadors for the University in their communities in every way.”

SMU alumni chapters number 38 from coast to coast in the United States. In



*Alumni Board Chair
Bill Vanderstraaten '82*

addition, 14 international groups in Mexico, Central America, South America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia bridge the miles to the Hilltop.

Outside of Dallas, the chapters boasting the greatest number of SMU alumni are Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Fort Worth, Houston, Los Angeles, New York City, St. Louis, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

San Diego is home to the newest chapter, which is expected to be up and running by the end of this academic year. The Cleveland, Ohio, chapter just relaunched after a year of inactivity.

The Fort Worth chapter also is going strong, reports Watt Stephens '07, chapter leader. Stephens, who serves on the Fort Worth Steering Committee for The Second Century Campaign, “just couldn’t stand

all the purple over here” and decided the time was right to paint the town red and blue.

In late February he organized the chapter’s first event in several years. Approximately 60 alumni, spanning class years from 1949 to 2009, gathered at a landmark venue in Sundance Square to get acquainted and learn about the many avenues for engagement with SMU.

“I got a lot of positive feedback from alumni who are interested in becoming more involved with the University as volunteers,” says Stephens, a commercial lending manager with Frost Bank. “Several alumni expressed an interest in partnering with the Hegi Family Career Development Center in some way.”

A focused approach to revitalizing the alumni chapters program began in 2008. As chair of the Outreach Committee at that time, Vanderstraaten led the team effort.

“We were a national university without a national chapter structure, which was a vital missing link to accomplishing University goals,” says Vanderstraaten, president of Chief Partners, a private real estate investment firm in Dallas.

Under the leadership of the SMU Alumni Board and the Young Alumni Board, the chapters program has flourished. Game day watch parties, community service, networking breakfasts, happy hours and “SMU on the Road” events are just a few of the activities offered by alumni chapters. These Mustang gatherings not only strengthen ties between former students and the University, but they also provide a collegial forum for networking and meeting new friends.

“For me, the primary benefit of staying connected is the friendships – the continuation of bonds with people I knew in college and forging new friendships with



Jennifer Leslie Boettcher '92 (left) and Kim Head Amos '94, chapter leader, at an alumni event in Atlanta.

SMU alumni I’ve met since graduating,” says Kim Head Amos '94.

After earning Bachelor’s degrees in political science and French, Amos landed in New York where she headed the New York City alumni chapter from 1996-2000. When she moved to Atlanta, she stepped into that chapter’s leadership role, a post she has held for 10 years.

“When you live away from Dallas, you need the SMU group in your town much more,” Amos says. “Chapters are a great resource for alumni, especially those who have recently relocated and may need housing information, networking contacts or just a friendly face.”

In Chicago the Careers and Cocktails series brings together recent graduates with more seasoned alumni, says chapter leader John Gaines '04, a commercial real estate broker.

“We usually bring in a guest speaker to address a specific topic, followed by a



John Gaines '04 leads the Chicago chapter.

question-and-answer period,” he explains. Recent speakers have included experts in the fields of finance and human resources. “Afterward, alumni often stay and network. We’ve gotten great feedback, particularly from our older alumni who really like that it’s not just a happy hour, that it’s an informational program as well.”

In Orange County, California, weekday get-togethers at a central location provide Mustangs living in the sprawling region with a chance to reconnect, says chapter leader Alexandra Aswad ’06, a California native who works in pharmaceutical sales.

“We recently had two alumni, who had been good friends at SMU but lost touch after graduation, come to an event and find each other after all these years,” she says. “We’ve also had alumni who didn’t know each other at the University meet and become good friends.”

A shared interest in Mustang sports and the latest news about Centennial happenings inspire alumni of all ages to come together for watch parties and “SMU on the Road” campus updates.

“It has been an advantage to build a network while our sports teams have been improving. It’s always easy to rally alumni around sports,” says Vanderstraaten. “Our

GET INVOLVED, CONNECT TODAY

WHETHER THEY RECRUIT NEW STUDENTS TO THE HILLTOP or rally support for SMU’s Second Century Campaign, alumni are vital to the University’s mission to strengthen its student quality, faculty excellence, academic distinction and the campus experience. Alumni talent and enthusiasm are always needed to:

- Recruit students
- Inspire peers to make a gift
- Plan class reunions
- Get involved in local chapters
- Mentor students
- Represent Hispanic alumni
- Represent African-American alumni
- Represent young alumni

The “Get Involved” website – smu.edu/alumni/getinvolved – streamlines the volunteer process. On the site alumni can view a description of each opportunity and outlines of expectations and time requirements.

The online application procedure is quick and easy: Select the “Connect Today” button; fill out the form, checking all programs of interest; and hit the submit button. A representative from Alumni Relations will follow up with all volunteers.

For questions about SMU’s alumni involvement opportunities, e-mail involved@smu.edu or call 214-768-2586 (ALUM) or 1-888-327-3755. ●

move to the Big East Conference will provide a whole new experience for SMU alumni.” (See page 12.)

Through chapter participation alumni also show their appreciation to the University.

“I grew up in Richardson, so I technically didn’t go away to school, but the geographic diversity of the student population made it seem like I did,” says Vanderstraaten, who earned a B.B.A. from SMU.

“Attending SMU was life-changing, and I want future students to have that same positive experience, which is why I give back to the University – both through financial support and my time.” ●

For more information: smu.edu/alumni/chapters

SMU On The Road

SMU IS GOING PLACES OVER THE SUMMER AND IN THE FALL. “SMU on the Road” events across the country bring together Mustangs for learning opportunities, Hilltop updates, out-of-town football games and more.

See longtime friends and make new ones. All alumni, parents and friends of the University are invited to attend.

The schedule reflects the information available as of press time. Any amendments to the schedule, as well as reservation and ticket information, will be posted on smu.edu/alumni.

Check each issue of *SMU Magazine* for upcoming “SMU on the Road” alumni events.

JUNE 9	San Francisco, California
JUNE 21	Santa Fe, New Mexico
JUNE 24	Chicago, Illinois
JULY 19	Taos, New Mexico
AUGUST 30	Houston, Texas
SEPTEMBER 1	Waco, Texas
OCTOBER 11	Los Angeles, California
OCTOBER 13	New Orleans, Louisiana
NOVEMBER 3	Orlando, Florida
NOVEMBER 17	Houston, Texas

SAVE THE DATES: REUNION WEEKEND, OCTOBER 25-28

AS THE SMU COMMUNITY CELEBRATES THE TRADITIONS OF HOMECOMING, Centennial Reunions will be held for the classes of 1967, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, 2002 and '07. Reunion chairs appear with their corresponding graduation years in this issue of Class Notes. For more information and updates about reunion activities, visit smu.edu/alumni/reunion.

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Joseph W. Geary (J.D. '48) enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in November 1942, flying more than 50 European combat missions as a navigator and serving in the liberation of France in WWII. After 70 years, France honored him last October in Houston with its highest military decoration: Knight of the Legion of Honor. When his plane was damaged and co-pilot severely injured in October 1944, he helped guide the pilot toward the safety of an Allied airfield in Yugoslavia. For his accomplishments he was given the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal. After earning his law degree at SMU, he helped to found the North Dallas firm of Geary, Porter and Donovan and also served as a Dallas County assistant district attorney and City Council member. He downplays his WWII exploits and subsequent awards: "I'd like to say I did a lot more than I did. But sometimes you're just there."

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The Rev. **John Michael Patison Sr.** edited the first published history of the Central Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church. He is conference historian and

chair of its Commission on Archives and History. His children are SMU graduates **Pamela Patison Signori** '82, '86 and **John Michael Patison Jr.** '85.

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Martha Tannery Jones had her fifth children's historical fiction book published. *RED CALICO Traded for Young Girl* (Hendrick-Long Publishing Co.) is based on the life of her great-great-grandmother, who lived with the Choctaw Indians her first 13 years.

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Richard Deats has written *Active Nonviolence Around the World* and *Stories of Courage, Hope, and Compassion*, along with books on Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Muriel Lester and Hildegard Goss-Mayr. **Ginger Hamel Metcalfe** married Glenn Flournoy in May 2011 after each was widowed following 50 years of marriage. They enjoy traveling and are involved in the arts in Shreveport.

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Joan Mulcahy married John Carl Thompson Feb. 14, 2011.

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Sara Carson has published *British & Irish Landscape Portraits* with commentary by SMU Professor Jeremy Adams.

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Paul L. Hain is emeritus dean of arts and humanities and emeritus professor of political science at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. Following service in the U.S. Air Force, he earned a Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University and taught at the University of New Mexico for 18 years. He and his wife, Sue, married 45 years, have two children and three granddaughters. The Hains are retired in Conroe, TX.

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James Hoggard has published his 20th book, the novel *The Mayor's Daughter*. He is a fellow of the Texas Institute of Letters.

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Dennis McCuiston (M.L.A. '85) is clinical professor of corporate governance, executive director of the Institute for Excellence in Corporate Governance at The University of Texas at Dallas and a faculty member of the Board Advisory Services of the National Association of Corporate Directors in Washington, DC. He is in his 23rd year as host of "McCuiston" on KERA, Channel 13 in Dallas, TX.

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Reunion Chairs: **PAT CECIL EDWARDS AND ROBERT HALEY**

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Albon Head (J.D. '71) has been chosen by his peers as a 2011 "Top Attorney" in Tarrant County in *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine and is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America*® 2012. He is with Jackson Walker LLP in the Fort Worth office. **Charles R. Saxbe** has been included in the *Best Lawyers in America*® 2012, the oldest, most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. He is an attorney at Chester Willcox & Saxbe LLP in Columbus, OH.

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Reunion Chairs: **GARY AND BEVERLY KUCK HAMMOND, JACK AND DANA HARGROVE HARKEY AND MARY ANN PORTMAN SCHWAB**

Deborah A. Ackerman has joined the Dallas office of law firm Strasburger & Price LLP in corporate and securities practice. Previously she was vice president-general counsel of Southwest Airlines, spending 19 years there. She graduated first in her class from St. Mary's University School of Law. Dr. **Dan P. McCauley** was nominated for the Texas Dentist of the Year Award for 2011 by the 1st District Dental Society for the Texas Academy of General Dentistry and was honored at a gala last September 16. Practicing in Mt. Pleasant, he has been recognized by *Texas Monthly* magazine as a Texas Super Dentist and by the Research Council of America as one of the Best Dentists in America. He has been a trustee for Northeast Texas Community College, serving as president of the college foundation and now as chair of the board of trustees. **Sheryl Rogers Palmer** is vice president and trustee of The Robert M. Rogers Foundation, supporting the arts and numerous charities in East Texas and Idaho.

Law Schools Honors Distinguished Alumni



Dedman School of Law honored seven highly accomplished legal and business professionals at its annual Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner February 27. This year's recipients and their awards are (from left) W. Richard Davis '58, mayor of University Park and a retired partner of Strasburger & Price LLP, *private practice*; Dean M. Gandy '50, retired judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District

of Texas, *judicial service*; trustee Carl Sewell Jr., chairman of Sewell Automotive Companies, who earned a B.B.A. in banking, finance and economics from SMU in 1966, named an *honorary alumnus* of the law school; Edward B. Rust Jr. '75, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of State Farm Mutual, the *Robert G. Storey Award for Distinguished Achievement* (the highest honor); Sarah R. Saldaña '84, U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Texas, *government service*; and D. Wayne Watts '80, senior executive vice president and general counsel of AT&T, *corporate service*. H. Harjono '81, founding justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia, recipient of the *Distinguished Global Alumni Award*, was unable to attend and will receive his award at a later date.

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Dr. **George C. Baker** (M.B.A. '98), a renowned organist, performed the closing number on a recent broadcast of "Pipedreams" on public radio. **Phillip H. Virden** spent a year in the Mississippi Delta with Teach for America. Last January he traveled to Kenya to teach at the Kyandili Primary School and climb Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the Makindu Children's Program. On completing his work, he will be at home in Lake City, CO, with his wife, the former **Carolyn Armstrong** '74, and daughters Lily and Dasha. He is owner of the Mountaineer Movie Theatre.

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Gary Ingram is an attorney in the Fort Worth office of Jackson Walker LLP, selected as a 2011 "Top Attorney" in Tarrant County in *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine and voted by his peers across the nation as a "Best Lawyer in America" for 2012. Air Force Gen. **Craig McKinley** became a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Dec. 31, 2011, when President Obama signed legislation to add

his position, chief of the National Guard Bureau, to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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David Bates is a nationally acclaimed artist. In 2010-11 a solo exhibition of his Katrina paintings originated at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art in Kansas City, MO, and traveled to the Knoxville (TN) Museum of Art. Last fall his paintings, sculpture and collage were presented in New York City, and this spring he has a solo exhibition in New Orleans at Arthur Roger Gallery. He will be home in Dallas in October with a one-man show at the Talley Dunn Gallery. **Sherry Hayslip** is president and principal designer at Hayslip Design Associates Inc., an award-winning Dallas interior design firm. She also owns an antiques business, an art and antiques specialty moving company and with her husband, architect Cole Smith, owns Whitesmith & Company, an architectural and decorative hardware studio. She supports the fine and performing arts and is a patron of The Dallas Opera, Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Dallas

SMU COMMUNITY CELEBRATES THE PEACE CORPS AT 50

ALLISON HANNEL'S "PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT" while serving as a business development volunteer with the Peace Corps in San Juancito, Honduras, was establishing the first restaurant in the agrarian village of 3,000 people. The humble venture consisted of only four picnic tables and a menu of eight variations on a rice-beans-tortillas theme, yet it thrived.

"My measure of success for the project was that just three months after we opened, two or three other restaurants opened, serving the same type of meals," says Hannel, who earned a Bachelor's degree in marketing from SMU in 2004.

Hannel and other members of the University community shared their memories and accomplishments during SMU's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps January 31. Approximately 40 returned volunteers now living in North Texas attended the event.

Michael McKay '87, who holds a Master's degree in public administration from SMU, manages the Peace Corps' 10-state Southwest region. Of the more than 200,000 people who have served in 139 host countries, 111 are SMU alumni, he says.



Michael McKay '87 is manager of the Peace Corps' Southwest region.



Allison Hannel '04 served in San Juancito, Honduras (2005-07).

Hannel's service in the Peace Corps quenched a thirst for "living abroad and the experience of being immersed in another culture." As a student and varsity volleyball player, her rigorous schedule left no time for study overseas, so she applied for the Peace Corps and was accepted a year after graduating.

In addition to opening the restaurant in San Juancito, Hannel assisted village artisans in marketing and distributing their handmade products, taught English and basic accounting, and helped start a high school computer center.

"Now all these kids I taught to use a mouse are my friends on Facebook," she says.

After returning to Texas in 2007, Hannel found that "the combination of SMU and the Peace Corps set me apart from the pack" when she was exploring career options. She was hired into the AT&T leadership program and now serves as a senior brand manager for the company.

Likewise, David Metcalf '99 feels his term in the Dominican Republic (1993-95), coupled with an international finance degree, opened doors upon his return to the States. "My Peace Corps experience complemented the solid academic foundation I already had," he says.

Assigned to Partido, a town of approximately 10,000 in the northwest corner of the country near the Haitian border, Metcalf used his finance background as a banking and small business consultant. He also learned to speak Spanish and gained



David Metcalf '99 served in Partido, Dominican Republic (1993-95).

insights into another culture that only come from becoming a part of it.

"The more you give, the more you get. It's a chance to make a difference unlike any other," says Metcalf, a manager with the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas.

Several faculty and staff members found their experiences in bridging cultural chasms with a common language of peace and hope to be truly life-changing.

Thomas Tunks, professor of music education in Meadows School of the Arts,

served in Colombia, South America (1968-69). “Every day, what I do is affected by those short years and what I learned,” he says. “You get so much more out of it than you give.”

Susan Kress, director of SMU Engaged Learning, served in Malaysia in Southeast Asia (1975-76). At the event, she thanked the Peace Corps for providing the opportunity “to become a citizen of the world.”



Editors of two volumes in an anniversary series of Peace Corps accomplishments are History Professor Dennis Cordell (*Africa and the Middle East*) and writer Jane Albritton '67, '71 (*Asia and the Pacific*).

Dennis Cordell, professor of history in Dedman College, entered the Peace Corps in 1968 and volunteered in the central African nation of Chad until 1970. “If you’re thinking about what to do next, I urge you to consider the possibilities of the Peace Corps,” he said. “You very well may end up with the hardest job you ever loved.”

Cordell and other returned volunteers, including writer Jane Albritton '67, '71, are producing a four-volume anniversary series of stories from Peace Corps volunteers, in-country staff and trainers. Albritton, who served in India (1967-69), signed copies of the anthology she edited, *Even the Smallest Crab Has Teeth: 50 Years of Amazing Peace Corps Stories*, at the SMU Barnes and Noble bookstore February 4.

Among the 9,000 volunteers now serving in 75 countries are eight SMU alumni, according to McKay. Among them are Robin and Woody Al-Haddad. Robin '04, a cultural anthropology major, and Woody '96, an engineer, live in rural Mpumalanga, South Africa, and teach English and math in three schools. They chronicle the progress of various projects – from raising funds for high school textbooks to showing youngsters how to use toothbrushes – in a blog, “Rhino & Springbok’s Excellent Adventure in South Africa” (rhinoandspringbok.blogspot.com).

In a recent posting, Robin recounted her high school students’ experiences as pen pals with seventh-grade students in Farmers Branch, Texas. Although designed to help the South African students improve their writing skills in English, the exercise also “opened their eyes to some of the similarities and differences between themselves and American kids,” she wrote. “It’s pretty universal that most teenagers love to talk about music, sports and animals. But when it comes to food – well, that’s a different story. I found myself trying to explain more than once what fajitas and sushi are.” ●

View video of the event at youtube.com/smuvideo.



Donald Ross '70 (left) served in Thailand (1963-65) and his son, Owen Ross, served in Ecuador (1996-98).

Museum of Art. **Sol Villasana** was a guest presenter at Dallas’ Sixth International Book Fair last October 29. He also signed copies of *Dallas’s Little Mexico*, his 2011 book.

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Kathy Biehl made her film debut as a voice-over actor in “Walk Away Renee,” a Critic’s Pick at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival.

John B. Holden was voted a “Best Lawyer in America” for 2012 in the annual nationwide peer review. He is an attorney in the Dallas office of Jackson Walker LLP.

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Reunion Chairs: **CRAIG L. MASSEY AND SUSIE McLAMORE McCORMACK**

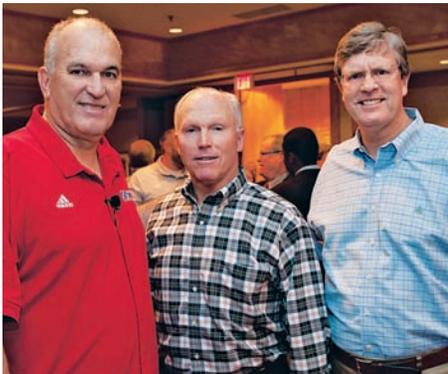
Melinda (Mindy) Baxter leads customer, sales and marketing teams as vice president of business development at Hamilton Exhibits. An experienced market strategist, she has worked with high-level, global brands in New York and Europe. **James T. (Jim) Kelly** (M.A., M.B.A.’84) owns James Kelly Contemporary in Santa Fe, NM. Last fall the gallery exhibited photographs by SMU-in-Taos faculty member Debora Hunter. **Susan Mead** was voted by her peers in the legal profession as one of the “Best Lawyers in America” for 2012. She is with the Dallas office of Jackson Walker LLP.

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David R. Cassidy has been named to the 2012 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers*. He serves people and companies throughout Louisiana as a tax attorney at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson LLP. **Valerie Pohl Ertz** was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

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Clayton L. (Clay) Harrington left his Memphis private practice in counseling and last August joined Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville as minister for senior adults. **Mary Emma Karam** is a former partner at Jackson Walker LLP in Dallas, elected to rejoin the firm’s partner category in



Anticipating Another Great Year Of Football

Former Mustang football players Mike Richardson '69 (center) and Chris Rentzel '72 (right) joined Coach June Jones for the National Signing Day celebration hosted by the SMU Mustang Club February 1. Among the 20 student-athletes recruited to the Hilltop is PARADE All-American Prescott Line, brother of running back Zach Line, a Doak Walker Award semifinalist. "Every year gets better," Jones said, praising the recruits' academic records and character as well as their athletic abilities. The 2012 season opens with a road trip to Waco to face Baylor September 1. The first home game will be against Stephen F. Austin September 8. Ticket information is available at smumustangs.com or by calling 214-768-4263 (SMU GAME).

February 2012. She has practiced law at Jackson Walker for more than 32 years, during which time she and her husband had six children. She was appointed by the Texas Attorney General during 2000-2001 to serve as counsel in health care/managed care matters for the state.

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Karen Elliott was appointed chief executive officer of the Florida-based Rafiki Foundation, where she has worked for 10 years. Rafiki is a Christian charity and mission agency helping Africans to know God and improve their standard of living through Bible study, childcare, classical education and economic opportunities for widows. She previously served 10 years as a missionary in Nigeria after 10 years in banking. **Linda Newman** has joined Sammons Enterprises as vice president, general counsel and secretary, handling governance issues, providing legal advice to Sammons' business units and supporting the board of directors. She gained 17 years of commercial lending, management and merger and acquisition experience with Bank of America's legal department. **Gordon M. Shapiro** practices law at Jackson Walker LLP in Dallas. Recently he was named a "Best Lawyer in America" for 2012 in a vote by legal peers across the country.

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Tony Jack Howard (M.L.A. '98) was consecrated bishop of Texas Sept. 24, 2011, for the Universal Catholic Church, an independent church within the Liberal Catholic Movement. He is pastor at St. Clement of Alexandria Cathedral in Allen, TX. He and his wife, Victoria, celebrated the birth of son Gabriel May 9, 2011. **William Joyce** is well-known as an author, illustrator and now filmmaker. At February's Academy Awards presentation, he received an Oscar for the best animated short film of 2011, "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore," which he co-directed. This was the first project for Moonbot Studios, which he co-founded in Shreveport. **Barry Sellers** was honored this spring with an exhibit at the Hartford (CT) Stage, where he has been a draper for 30 years, helping create more than 1,000 costumes for almost 200 theatrical productions. He makes designers' sketches three-dimensional and wearable by first developing patterns from which he creates the costumes. **Regina Taylor**, author of "Crowns," is a playwright in residence at the newly expanded Signature Theatre in New York City. As such, she is guaranteed three productions over a five-year period and receives a \$50,000 cash award and health insurance.



Volunteering With Heart And Soles

Becca Ellinor '11 (left) and Korey Adams '11 sort shoes during a community service project sponsored by the Dallas Young Alumni February 25. Twenty-five volunteers helped with Buckner International's Shoes for Orphan Souls, which provides new shoes and socks to children in need in the United States and around the globe. Volunteers also wrote notes of encouragement to be placed in each pair of shoes. "This was a great opportunity for young alumni to stay connected and give back to the community at the same time," says George B. Hunter '05, event chair. For more information about young alumni events, visit smu.edu/alumni/ya.

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Reunion Chairs: **RICHARD NEELY AND ANN SWISHER**

Mark T. Josephs is an attorney at Jackson Walker LLP in Dallas. He was recently voted by his peers as a “Best Lawyer in America” for 2012 in the new edition of that publication. **Kathleen M. LaValle** was named in the peer-selected *Best Lawyers in America*® 2012. She practices in the Dallas office of Jackson Walker LLP.

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Debra Ann Engelke married Phillip J. Olsson Sept. 18, 2010. Her daughter, Alicia Votaw, graduated from Simpson College in 2011, and her son, Paul Votaw, attends Bradley University. **Lance McIlhenny** has joined the Dallas office of CresaPartners, focusing on local and national business development.

Previously he was senior marketing director at CASE Commercial Real Estate and senior vice president at Jones Lang LaSalle, formerly The Staubach Company, where he was named a “Top Achiever” for 16 years.

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Kazem BuAbbas earned a Ph.D. degree in international law from the University of Edinburgh (UK) in 2004. He is a deputy head in the Department of Legal Advice & Legislation, State of Kuwait, as well as chief editor of the department’s legal journal and contributor of legal, social and political articles for local newspapers. **James R. (Jim) Griffin** was named a “Leadership Dallas Alumni Hero” by the Dallas Regional Chambers’ Leadership Dallas program for the class of 2003 and received his award Dec. 6, 2011, at the 35th Annual Leadership Luncheon. An attorney at Jackson Walker LLP,

he was selected as a “Best Lawyer in America” for 2012 by that peer-review publication. **James Houghton** founded New York’s Signature Theatre as an Off Broadway nonprofit in 1991 and remains artistic director as well as director of the drama division at the Juilliard School. Following a capital campaign of \$70 million, he opened Signature Theatre’s new home last January, the 70,000-square-foot Pershing Square Signature Center with three theaters and café and bookstore open to the public. The glass marquee lights a stretch of New York’s West 42nd Street near 10th Avenue. **John Michael Kennedy** has been promoted to vice president at the New York-based public relations firm Goodman Media International, which he joined in 2008 to manage projects in the entertainment, travel, media and other creative industries. He has more than 25 years of experience in media relations, crisis communications and legislative affairs.

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THE ROOTS CONTINUE TO GROW

Hortense Weir Smith's "Tracing a Family's Deep Hilltop Roots" (*Mustang Memories*, SMU Magazine, Fall 2011) prompted John B. Danna Jr. '53 to continue the story in this letter.

AS I READ SMU MAGAZINE, I CERTAINLY HAVE FOND MEMORIES FROM MY DAYS AT SMU.

I remember receiving my diploma for a business degree in 1953, and thinking of my uncle, Ralph Beaver, about whom Ms. Smith's article was written. Uncle Ralph was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity and graduated in 1923. His wife, Hazel Matthews, also



John B. Danna Jr. '53 and his granddaughter, Mackenzie Martin, a first-year business major at SMU

attended SMU at that time, and they were married upon Ralph's graduation.

Also, my thoughts were with my father, John B. Danna, a prominent Dallas architect who attended SMU in 1920 and 1921. He pledged Kappa Alpha (KA) fraternity and was one of its first members at SMU.

In 1949 I registered at SMU and pledged ATO like my Uncle Ralph. I graduated in

1953 and spent two years active duty with the U.S. Air Force. After my tour of duty I studied architecture in Austin, Texas. I returned to Dallas to work with my father in his architectural practice in 1958.

Another family member associated with SMU is my cousin, Claire McDougale Roberts '57. After graduating from SMU and raising her children, she worked at SMU with alumni and is now retired.

Last year was another milestone in our family as my granddaughter, Mackenzie Martin, excitedly enrolled as a first-year student in fall 2011. I'm looking forward to seeing her graduate with the Class of 2015!

With so many changes over the years, it is great to see how SMU has grown and prospered as one of the prominent universities in the country. The 100-year celebration, I am sure, will be an affair to remember.

John B. Danna Jr. '53, AIA
Dallas, Texas

If you would like to share your SMU memories, please e-mail your story to smumag@smu.edu or write to SMU Magazine, Southern Methodist University, P.O. Box 750174, Dallas, Texas 75275-0174. Please print legibly and include a daytime phone number. Deadline for submission is September 4, 2012. Due to space limitations, not all Mustang Memories will be printed.

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Reunion Chairs: JAMES OUTLAND AND KAREN LYNCH PARKHILL

Dr. Eileen Baland (M.L.A. '97) is a student of poetry in the M.F.A. writing program at Spalding University in Louisville, KY.

Michael (Mike) McKay is manager of the southwest regional office of the Peace Corps and was a guest speaker Jan. 31, 2012, at SMU's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Corps. James (Jamie) Moreland and his wife, Francesca, announce the birth of their first child, Jack William, Nov. 15, 2011. They live in Shreveport, where Jamie has been in the commercial real estate business for more than 20 years.

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Craig R. Taylor has been appointed to the Midwest BankCentre South County Regional Board. He is president and chief executive officer of U-Gas convenience stores and Dirt Cheap retail storefronts, overseeing operations, strategic planning, new store development and programming for all 30 locations of his companies. He is on the operating committee and incoming 2013 president of the Missouri Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association. His home is Wildwood, MO. Matthew (Matt) Thompson is a new partner at law firm Jackson Walker LLP, specializing in U.S. immigration and nationality law and global business immigration. He was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* under Immigration Law (2010-2012) and also was named a "Rising Star" by Thomson Reuters in 2005.

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Clifton Forbis stars as Tristan in The Dallas Opera's production of "Tristan and Isolde." He is the new chair of voice in the Meadows School of the Arts at SMU. Theodore (Ted) Kolman specializes in property tax as a director in Grant Thornton's state and local tax practice in Schaumburg, IL. Ted, his

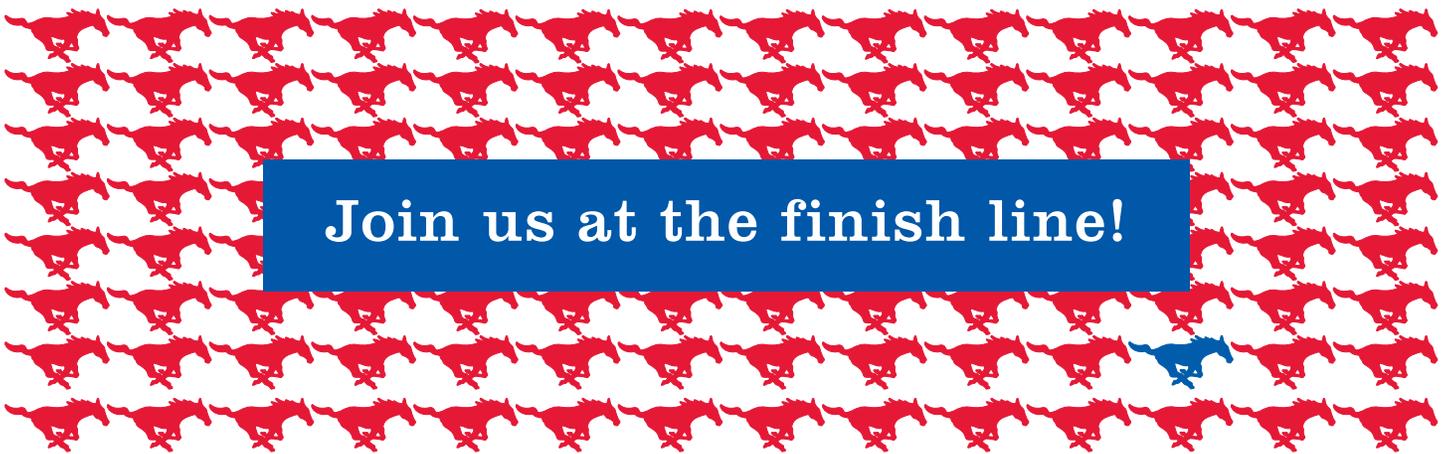
wife, Clair, and children Caroline and Whit recently moved from Dallas to live in South Elgin, IL. **Jay Hunter Morris** was praised last October by *The New York Times* for his performance in the title role of the Metropolitan Opera production of Wagner's "Siegfried." **David Pagan** recently joined the Washington, DC, international security and intelligence consulting firm Command Consulting Group as director of business advisory services. Previously he served at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of International Affairs and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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Jennifer Grant is a mother with a sense of humor. Her second book, *MOMumental: Adventures in the Messy Art of Raising a Family* (Worthy Publishing, May 2012), tells a humorous tale of balancing family life.

Perkins Honors Distinguished Alumnus

Mouzon Biggs Jr. '65 (right) received the 2012 Perkins School of Theology Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Alumni/ae Council of Perkins School of Theology at a dinner in his honor during Ministers Week in February. Biggs accepted the award from Suzanne Cox Reedstrom '04, chair of the council and lead associate minister at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, Houston, and Perkins Dean William B. Lawrence. The award recognizes distinguished public service, exemplary character and continuing support and involvement with the school. Biggs has been senior minister at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, since 1980. A popular public speaker, he has addressed audiences in 30 states and traveled in 41 countries. His interfaith and interracial work have garnered numerous accolades, including the National Conference of Community and Justice Award and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Keeping the Dream Alive Award.



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Here is a sample of the information that will be printed for each photo: Jennifer Gadd Snow '07 and Andrew Snow of Dallas welcomed their first child, Harrison Taylor Benjamin, Sept. 10, 2010. Harrison was 6 lbs., 1 oz., and 20 in.

Send image files and information to smumag@smu.edu. Deadline for the fall 2012 issue is September 4. Be sure to include a phone number. Remember: Precious Ponies dressed in spirit gear will melt Mustang hearts.



Harrison Taylor Benjamin Snow

Her first book was 2011's *Love You More: The Divine Surprise of Adopting My Daughter*.

Jennifer freelances for the *Chicago Tribune* and blogs for *Christianity Today*.

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Reunion Chairs: DAVID AND SHANNON SCOTT BROWN AND CHRIS WILLIAMS

William Jenkins is an attorney at Jackson Walker LLP, named a 2011 Fort Worth "Top Attorney" in *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine.

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Gretchen Hoag Foster and her husband, Charlie, announce the birth of son Harry Dungan, Sept. 8, 2011, in Walnut Creek, CA. Daughter Kathleen is age 4. **Jeff S. Matsler** was promoted to Chaplain (Major) at Womack Army Medical Facility, Fort Bragg, NC, in a ceremony Feb. 5, 2012, attended by his wife, Michelle, daughter Mary Elizabeth, 12, and son Charles Taylor, 10. He is the clinician chaplain for in-patient psychiatric, surgical and critical care units. In Egypt, Kuwait and Afghanistan he ministered to U.S. combat troops, and after being medically retired, was pronounced rehabilitated in 2007 and re-entered the chaplaincy. While at Womack he is studying war's effect on society as a graduate student at Duke University. He is an elder in the Northwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church. **Berna (Rhodes) Rhodes-Ford** opened Rhodes-Ford & Associates in June 2011 in Henderson, NV, focusing on corporate, employment and health care law.

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Ellen Blue has a new book, *St. Mark's and the Social Gospel: Methodist Women and Civil Rights in New Orleans, 1895-1965* (The University of Tennessee Press), about Methodist deaconesses who confronted social issues in New Orleans during the rise of the social gospel movement and into the modern civil rights era. Dr. Blue is the Mouzon Biggs Jr. Associate Professor of the History of Christianity and United Methodist Studies at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK. She teaches and writes about women's issues and the post-Katrina church in New Orleans. **Jennifer Sallee Chang** announces the birth of her son, Mason Alexander, July 21, 2011. **Jenifer Rogness McCormick** joined Weber Shandwick's health care practice as an account group manager and will play a lead role on health care accounts and new business efforts. She has 16 years of experience in public affairs, public relations and journalism and previously was communications director for the Transportation Trades Department with the AFL-CIO, communications director for U.S. Congressman Martin Sabo and an account supervisor at Dallas agency Richards/Gravelle.

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Robynn Mocek Allveri left her faculty position at San Diego State University to join the faculty at Koç University Law School in Turkey. She and her family moved to Istanbul in August 2011. **Brian Linder** spent 12 years in digital marketing as a creative

director/principal for national ad agency The Richards Group. Now he is a designer and founder of Opposite Inc. He created the You Rule Chores app for iPhone and iTouch, which turns household tasks into motivating and fun-to-complete activities, inspiring kids to be productive. **Elliott Weir** has been in practice as a certified financial planner since 2004. He recently launched III Financial in Austin to help families ensure they don't run out of money when they need it most.

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Reunion Chairs: CHRIS BOYD AND KRISTINA WREN

Monica Hill Clift and her husband, David, welcomed a daughter, Marin Sloan, July 22, 2011. **Leticia Garcia** married Joe A. Yanez last March 5. She served as a director for the HRSouthwest Conference, the nation's largest regional human resources gathering. **Warford B. (Trace) Johnson III** is a partner in the Springfield, MO, law firm Baird, Lightner, Millsap & Harpool PC. He has been selected for the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association board of directors for 2012-2014. He was a Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers® Rising Star in 2010 and 2011, was recognized by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* in 2010 as an Up & Coming Attorney and was chosen by the *Springfield Business Journal* as one of their 40 Under 40. **Stewart Mayer** is the inventor of the cambLOCK robotic camera system, used in the Academy Award-winning best animated short film for 2011, "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore." The system allows

cameras to move in ways that can't be done manually, providing fluidity and accuracy. **Melissa McCullough Ulrich** and her husband, Spencer, announce the birth of their second child, Reed Wilson, in Austin Dec. 25, 2011.

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Angela G. Harse has been named a partner in the Kansas City office of law firm Husch Blackwell effective Jan. 1, 2012. She joined the firm in 2003 and concentrates her practice in white collar criminal defense; business litigation; and government compliance, investigations and litigation. **Tim W. Jackson** reports that his debut novel, *Mangrove Underground* (The Chenault Publishing Group, December 2010), was named by USA Book News a "Best Books 2011" award finalist for literary fiction. **Gabe Reed** promoted the March 2012 North American tour of opera legend José Carreras. **Chad Wolf** completed the 2011 Ford Ironman Arizona race in Tempe last November. He is vice president and senior director with Wexler & Walker Public Policy Associates

in Washington, DC. He and his wife, **Hope Solomon Wolf**, live in Alexandria, VA, with sons Tucker and Preston.

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Jason Hess was the camBLOCK operator on the 2011 Oscar-winning best animated short feature "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore," filming the 1/12th scale miniature environments at Moonbot Studios in Shreveport. **Nicola (Hobeiche) Hobeiche-Hewes** (J.D. '02) and her husband, Todd, welcomed Alexandra Colette (Coco) Sept. 6, 2011. Their older daughter is Gabrielle. **Catherine Rodgers** and David Hamling live in Bettendorf, IA, following their marriage in Iowa Oct. 9, 2010.

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Belinda Briones (M.Ed. '05) married Michael James Moran Nov. 27, 2009, at the Empire State Building in New York City. They live in Dallas, where both teach in the Dallas Independent School District. Their son,

Benjamin Enzo, was born Sept. 6, 2011. **Quynh Dang Lu** and her husband, Henry Lu, welcomed daughter Emma Sophie Oct. 20, 2011, in San José, CA. **C. Jerry Nelson** retired after a 35-year career in international safety, security and loss prevention/claims. As a volunteer with Seniors vs. Crime, a project of the Florida Attorney General's Office and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to recover money for senior citizens engaged in civil disputes, he conducted research that uncovered an investments fraud scheme, ultimately totaling more than \$1 billion in 23 states. As a result of his work, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office's Meritorious Award Review Board honored him in a ceremony Nov. 17, 2011, with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for outstanding service to his community.

01

David Bennett is executive director of Gotham Chamber Opera, intent on ensuring financial stability for the company poised to grow into the role held by New York City Opera. **Keren Elias** is the winner of a Texas Medical Association scholarship award, given annually to one incoming medical student from each of nine Texas schools. She is the recipient from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. **Susan McIntyre** has returned to Dallas as major gifts officer for The Dallas Opera. **Tiffanie Roberson Spencer** announces the birth of daughter Nicolette Ciara July 11, 2011.

02

Reunion Chairs: **JULIE CARNEY AND CHRISTOPHER L. DODSON**

Debra J. DeWitte is an art historian specializing in nineteenth-century French art. She teaches at The University of Texas at Arlington and has developed an online art appreciation course that won a platinum award in 2008 from the United States Distance Learning Association. She co-authored the textbook *Gateways to Art: An Introduction to the Visual Arts* (W.W. Norton &

Paying Tribute To Former Provost Ruth Morgan

Ruth Morgan, provost and professor *emerita*, was the guest of honor at a luncheon hosted by some of her former students in November. Morgan taught political science in Dedman College, 1966-95. She also served as assistant provost, 1978-81, and associate provost, 1981-86, before becoming provost and vice president for academic affairs, 1986-93. Those attending the luncheon included (from left)



Warren Russell '69, "M" Award, 1969, Student Senate, and wife Sheryl; David Waldrep, '70, '73, '93; Lon Williams '70, president of the SMU Student Senate, 1969-70, "M" Award, 1970; JoAnn Harris Means '70, '74, student body president, 1972-73, "M" Award, 1973; Ruth Morgan's son, Glenn E. Morgan; Provost *Emerita* Morgan; H.W. Perry Jr. '74, student body president, 1973-74, "M" Award, 1974; Carolyn Jeter, assistant to the provost, 1987-present; Terry Means '71, '74, student body president, 1970-71, "M" Award, 1970; and Randy West '70, '74, '77, Mustang Band drum major, 1967-72, assistant band director, 1969-72, and student senator, 1975-76. Not pictured is Craig Enoch '72, '75, recipient of a 2006 SMU Distinguished Alumni Award and a 1999 Dedman School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award.

Former Students Reconnect With Professors

Flooding rains didn't dampen the spirit of those who turned out for a "Happy Hour with the Professors" January 25. Sixty members of Dallas Young Alumni and 21 faculty members gathered to reminisce and share news about SMU. The event provided Kristina Kiiik '06, '10 (left), Political Science Professor James Hollifield, who serves as director of SMU's Tower Center For Political Studies, and Gennéa Squire de Torres '06, '11 with an opportunity to catch up. "I'm always amazed at the accomplishments of SMU's faculty, and I am so fortunate to have a plethora of former professors who continue to inspire me today," says de Torres, event chair.



Company Inc.). **Jodi Warmbrod Dishman** and her husband, Brent, welcomed their second son, Rook Keeter, Dec. 29, 2011. Their older son, Cash Davis, is 16 months. Jodi is counsel at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. The Dishmans live at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, TX, where he is senior defense counsel for U.S.A.F. bases in West Texas and eastern New Mexico. **Trey Ditto** has been appointed vice president at Emanate PR, an award-winning agency dedicated to integrated communications, consumer marketing and health and reputation management. Previously he was deputy communications director for the Republican Party of Texas, communications director for a U.S. congressman and deputy press secretary at the U.S. Department of Education during the Bush Administration. **Nicole Locke Finn** and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first child, son Parker Locke, Dec. 26, 2011, in Orange County, CA. **Theresa Eva Remek** (M.L.A. '07) was promoted November 1, 2011, to manager of administrative services in Development and External Affairs at SMU. She has more than 10 years of experience in nonprofit organizations and has formed and maintained important relationships across the SMU campus.

03

Brett Charhon was promoted Jan. 1, 2012, to principal in the Dallas office of law firm McKool Smith. He handles litigation for clients in state and federal courts. **Dodee Frost Crockett** is a Merrill Lynch financial advisor named one of the "Top 50 Wirehouse Women in 2011" in the January 2012 edition of *Registered Rep.* magazine. This follows her recognition on *Barron's* list of "Top 100 Women Financial Advisors 2011."

04

Cece Cox, executive director and CEO of Resource Center Dallas, will serve on the board of directors of CenterLink, the national association of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community centers, where she will oversee strategic direction while guiding the organization as it advocates empowerment, self-reliance, inclusion and diversity among the community centers in the coalition. She has more than 25 years of experience in executive management and leadership in the nonprofit and private sectors. **Allison Hannel**, a Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras from 2005 to 2007, spoke Jan. 31, 2012, at the SMU celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps.

She is senior brand marketing manager at AT&T. **Scott Harrison** joined the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in October 2010 and Sept. 26, 2011, became senior director of patron engagement and loyalty programs and executive producer of digital media. Previously he was associate director of marketing with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and spent several years managing community programs for the New Jersey Symphony. **Lindsay M. Higgins** married Derek J. Schelldorf Oct. 15, 2011, in Fort Worth. They live in McKinney, TX. **Susanne Mayon** began work Jan. 23, 2011, as advancement associate in National Major Giving at SMU. She recently moved back to Dallas from San Francisco, where she worked for Sterling Brands, a marketing and strategy firm. **Nathan T. Smithson** was elected a partner last February in law firm Jackson Walker LLP in Dallas, focusing on federal income tax planning for domestic and international operations of corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies.

05

Christy Isaacs and **Charles Halladay** were married in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, Oct. 8, 2011. After honeymooning in southeast Asia, they are at home in Corona del Mar, CA. **E. Adrienne Jackson** (J.D. '08) has joined Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP's labor, employment and benefits practice as an associate. She is experienced in defending against allegations of discrimination based on gender, natural origin, pregnancy and religion. **Akers Moore** and **Caitlin Rhodes** (M.A., M.B.A. '04) were married Oct. 8, 2011, in the Cox Chapel at Highland Park United Methodist Church. They live in Dallas. **Barbara R. Vance** was presented an Indie Book Award and Moonbeam Silver Medal for her children's poetry book, *Suzie Bitner Was Afraid of the Drain*. For each book sold on her website, www.suziebitner.com, she gives a book to a U.S. soldier, who is recorded reading it, and the USO sends the DVD and book to his/her children.

2013 TRAVEL PROGRAM EXPANDS

French Immersion Experience, Safari Among 13 Trips

IN 2013 THE SMU ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM will offer a record 13 opportunities to learn and explore overseas. For those interested in a French immersion experience, a four-week adventure in international living is available in Provence. The trip will steep participants in the language, culture, history, art and cuisine of Aix-en-Provence in southern France. Another once in a lifetime journey will take visitors on a 12-day safari in Tanzania during the “Great Migration” of wildlife across the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem. For travel questions, contact the travel companies directly at the numbers shown. For other information, visit smu.edu/alumni/events/travel, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 214-768-2586 or toll free 1-888-327-3755 or e-mail smualum@smu.edu.

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All SMU Alumni Travel Program participants are invited to share their pictures and memories on the new Facebook page, SMU Mustang Travels.

06

Rachel Sam is a new associate in real estate practice in the Collin County (TX) office of law firm Strasburger & Price LLP. She has worked for a global law firm, dealing in real estate acquisitions, dispositions, financing transactions and negotiated leases.

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Reunion Chairs: **LIZ HEALY AND TAYLOR D. RUSS**

Nic Arras and his wife, Beth, announce the birth of daughter Zoë Rose, Aug. 15, 2011. He recently was promoted to controller, logistics and distribution, at Gates Corporation in Denver. **Garrett Haake** works for NBC

News covering the 2012 presidential election. As reporter, cameraman, producer, editor and blogger, he focuses on the Romney campaign and other political stories. He was nominated for two Emmy awards in 2010 and two in 2011 for helping produce NBC News specials, such as the funeral of Ted Kennedy, the earthquake in Haiti and climate change and conflict. **John**

— CLASS NOTES

Writing The Prescription For Compassionate Care

Cardiologist John Harper's passions for science and the written word merge in "Intersections: Literature and Medicine," an annual conference he established in 2010. "The science of medicine could learn from literature by gaining a better understanding of the human condition, a view inside the human soul and more ways to deeply connect with patients through compassionate, healing words," he stated in an announcement about the inaugural event. The conference is among the accomplishments for which he was recognized as the 2012 Dedman College Distinguished Graduate. He was honored along with Psychology Chair Ernest N. Jouriles, 2012 Dedman Family Distinguished Professor, and Kevin Eaton, Robert and Nancy Dedman Outstanding Senior Student, at the school's annual awards luncheon March 20. Harper, who earned a Bachelor's degree in English from SMU in 1968 and an M.D. from UT Southwestern Medical School in 1972, has been a clinical cardiologist for 33 years at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. He is the first Jennie Metcalf Ewton Chair for Cardiology at the hospital.



T. Holiday Jr. is a countertenor, who in 2011 placed first in The Dallas Opera Guild competition, received The Sullivan Foundation Award and was recognized by the Santa Fe Opera with the Anna Case MacKay Award for his work last summer in the Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Program. He signed with Columbia Artists Management Inc., one of the premier artists' agencies in the world, and made his company debut with Portland Opera this March-April. He will debut at Carnegie Hall with the Atlanta Symphony.

08

Jeff Broadway and his friend, **Robert G. (Rob) Bralver**, co-founded the film production company Gatling Pictures in 2009 while Jeff was pursuing post-graduate studies from the London School of Economics and the University of Southern California. Their first film was the documentary "Cure for Pain: The Mark Sandman Story" about the life and music of the front man of the 90's band Morphine. The film had an international screening in 2011, winning awards in

the U.S., Canada and Europe. Their next film, a documentary on Taiwan, will hit the film festival circuit later this year. **Annie Lau** is an associate in the Dallas office of national labor and employment law firm Fisher & Phillips LLP. Previously she was an associate at a firm in Houston and an intern for the EEOC. **Lindsay Miller** married **Daniel Scanio** '02 Oct. 15, 2011, at the McNay Art Museum in San Antonio. She works at SMU in Alumni Giving and Relations, and he is an environment artist at id Software, a video game developer. **Allison Morrow Venuto** started Ducks in a Row Personal Organizing in 2011, helping people find more time to spend on their interests.

09

Erica Clemmensen and her mother, **Lexia Allen '77**, announce the one-year anniversary of their Dallas store, Muzzie's Dressy Dresses, featuring accessories and prom, pageant, after-five, party, homecoming, work and other special occasion dresses.

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Tate Hemingson has returned to Strasburger & Price LLP as a member of the litigation practice unit after participating in the firm's 2010 summer associate program. In addition to his law degree, he holds a master of arts in classics and a doctor of philosophy. **Kimberly Hodgman** joined Strasburger & Price LLP in October 2011 in governmental and specialty litigation practice. In summer 2010 she was in the firm's associate program, and she has interned with several trial law firms, an international snack food company and the United States Department of Justice. **Allison Reddoch** is a new associate in the specialty litigation group at law firm Strasburger & Price LLP in the Collin County (TX) office. She was in Strasburger's 2010 summer associate program and an intern for a Dallas-based insurance law firm and the Collin County District Attorney's office. **R. Haynes Strader Jr.** began a two-year commitment with Teach for America after graduation and spent seven weeks training at Rice University in Houston. During the 2011-12 school year, he is teaching English and Language Arts to 100 sixth-graders at Summit International Preparatory in Arlington, TX, and encouraging them to stay on the path toward a college education.

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

NEW MARRIAGE? NEW BABY? NEW JOB? Share your news in *SMU Magazine* by filling out the online form at smu.edu/smumagazine/classnotes or e-mailing information to smumag@smu.edu. Class Notes received after September 4, 2012, will appear in the spring/summer 2013 printed issue of *SMU Magazine*.



Black Alumni of SMU history makers: (from left) Gene (GE) Pouncy Sr. '74, Joe Pouncy '74, Michael Rideau '76, Michael Waters '02, '06, Charles Howard '72, Charles Mitchell '71, Rufus Cormier '70, Detra Taylor '72 and Anga Sanders '70. The event honoring the alumni and announcing the Black Alumni Scholarship was part of SMU's Black History Month celebration.

BLACK ALUMNI OF SMU HONOR HISTORY MAKERS, LAUNCH SCHOLARSHIP

AN ESTIMATED 118 ALUMNI AND GUESTS GATHERED to honor the past and celebrate the future when Black Alumni of SMU recognized 13 of its history makers and introduced the inaugural Black Alumni Scholarship February 17.

The honorees included outstanding student leaders, award-winning athletes and members of the "SMU 33," a group of students who, in 1969, staged a sit-in to call attention to the need for more diverse faculty and curriculum.

The evening not only highlighted past accomplishments, but it also set the stage for future achievements through the Black Alumni Scholarship. The first scholarship will be awarded this spring to a rising sophomore or graduate student. To apply, a student must be a member of the Association for Black Students, maintain a 3.0 GPA and qualify for financial aid.

Anga Sanders '70, who serves on the SMU Alumni Board and is a member of the "SMU 33" honored that evening, called the scholarship "a long-awaited dream."

A video that included photographs, newspaper clippings and other materials from the SMU Archives showed the University as it was when many attendees were students.

The contrast between the SMU of yesterday and today was palpable for Detra Taylor '72, another member of the "SMU 33."

"It really is like being in a different place today," Taylor said. "There is a sense of community and belonging now."

The history of the black student experience at SMU was an inspiration – and revelation – for some current SMU students at the event.

"Hearing their stories made me proud, and it really motivates me to want to be more courageous as a student," said Bri Evans, a first-year English major in Dedman College. "I want to effect positive change like they did."

For Fred Leach, a senior majoring in history and film, the evening was personal. His grandfather, Bobby E. Leach, served as SMU dean of students in the 1970s, and his father, Fredrick S. Leach '83, an SMU trustee, and his uncle, Bobby Leach '86, are SMU alumni.

"This is their history, and learning more about it makes me even prouder of their accomplishments," he said. ●

To give to the Black Alumni Scholarship online: smu.edu/giving/form_giving.asp

Athletes, Leaders, Activists Recognized

Black Alumni of SMU honored these history makers as part of SMU's Black History Month celebration:

Leadership

- **Bernard Jones '01** – The first write-in candidate elected to the SMU Student Senate and, in 2002, the first person to be elected student body president without a runoff in a multi-candidate race.
- **Rev. Michael Waters '02, '06** – The former student body vice president who, while serving as a chaplain's assistant in 2004, founded the SMU Civil Rights Pilgrimage to the "shrines of freedom" throughout the South. As a senior political science major at SMU, he helped create a set of remembrance journals where students recorded their reflections on the events of September 11, 2001.

Athletics

- **Jerry LeVias '69** – The first African-American player in the Southwest Conference to receive an athletic scholarship.
- **Mike Rideau '76 and twins Joe Pouncy '74 and Gene Pouncy '74** – Members of the 400-meter relay team that won the Southwest Conference championship for three consecutive years.

Civil Rights

- **The "SMU 33"** – A group of 33 students, including Rufus Cormier '70, Charles Howard '72, Charles Mitchell '71, Michael Morris '72, Anga Sanders '70 and Detra Taylor '72, whose activism in 1969 drew attention to the need for more diverse faculty and curriculum.
- **Rev. Zan Holmes Jr. '59, '68** – A Perkins School of Theology graduate who, as pastor of Hamilton Park United Methodist Church and a Texas legislator in 1969, helped successfully resolve the standoff between the "SMU 33" and the University administration.

WALTER J. HUMANN RECEIVES 2012 ETHICS AWARD FROM SMU

CORPORATE AND CIVIC LEADER WALTER J. HUMANN '67, lauded for his efforts in education, urban planning and other areas of public service, received the 2012 J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award from SMU April 2.

Presented by SMU's Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, the annual award recognizes individuals who epitomize the spirit of moral leadership and public virtue. In Humann's case, that involves his work in improving race relations, government organization, infrastructure and other facets of life in North Texas. The award also recognizes his successful business career: Humann leads his own firm, WJH Corporation, and has held top management positions in other major corporations, including Hunt Consolidated, Memorex-Telex and the LTV Corporation.

"Having worked closely with both Walt and Erik Jonsson on many projects, I can say

that Walt's spirit of public service and responsibility to his community is cut from the same cloth as Mayor Jonsson," says SMU Trustee Ray Hunt '65, chair of this year's ethics award event. "Everything Walt has done for Dallas and its citizens, not to mention in his private business, has been conceived and executed with the highest level of ethical conduct and moral responsibility. I believe that there is no one in Dallas more deserving of this honor than Walt."

Humann was selected for the honor because of his lifelong commitment to improving the quality of life for the Dallas community, says Maguire Center Director Rita Kirk.

"With quiet tenacity and perceptive vision,



Walter J. Humann '67

he played a pivotal role in the desegregation of the Dallas Independent School District by founding the Dallas Alliance Education Task Force, which created the Magnet Schools of DISD, thereby enriching the education and lives of thousands of children.

"With everything he's done," Kirk adds, "Walt upholds the tradition of

excellence that the J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award was created to recognize."

Nationally, Humann was selected in 1970 as one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Men of America," primarily for chairing the committee to create the U.S. Postal Service while serving as a White House Fellow (the first from Texas).

Regionally, the "father of DART" led the successful redevelopment of the North Central Corridor, with Central Expressway and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) rail line helping to solve the nation's "oldest living highway controversy." He founded the Jubilee Project in the late 1990s and served for more than 10 years as its chairman, helping revitalize a 62-block inner-city Dallas neighborhood.

Humann holds a physics degree from MIT, an M.B.A. from Harvard and a Juris Doctor degree from the Evening Division of SMU's Dedman School of Law. He has received numerous business and public service awards, including The Legacy of Leadership Award from the White House Fellows Foundation in Washington, D.C. He also has received SMU's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998 and the Dedman School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004. ●

For more information: smu.edu/ethics

The Ring Cycle: What Was Lost Is Returned

Mike Hall '76 (left) lost his SMU ring in the 1980s and was certain it was gone forever. However, someone found it – no one is quite sure who, when or where – and passed it along to the Alumni Relations office, which brought Bob Sharp (right) into the loop. Sharp, director of major gifts and Circle of Champions, SMU Athletics Development, graduated from SMU in 1976, the year etched on the ring. Sharp recognized the initials inside the ring, "MWH," as possibly belonging to Hall. Both men were Mustang cheerleaders – Hall in 1975 and Sharp in 1976-77 – and had been roommates during the 1975-76 school year. Although out of touch for some years, they reconnected at their Centennial Reunion in November. After exchanging e-mails to verify ownership, Sharp was able to reunite Hall with his ring. "What an unbelievable surprise! I never expected to see it again," says Hall. "Some people think it's corny for a grown man to wear his college ring, but I wear mine proudly. For me, my ring symbolizes the tremendous gratitude I feel toward my parents for enabling me to attend the finest University in the nation."



ALUMNI FIND NEW WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A THREAD OF PHILANTHROPY WEAVES THROUGH THE FIBER OF SMU. Each year more than 2,500 SMU students volunteer with over 70 nonprofit organizations, and as alumni they continue to make a positive difference in their communities and around the globe. Following are the stories of two SMU graduates who are changing lives through their good works.



Carter Higley '01 (center, in white shirt) and some participants in the youth mentoring and leadership program he founded in Houston.

CARTER HIGLEY '01: LEAD (LETTING EVERYONE ACHIEVE DREAMS)

Carter Higley '01 of Houston, founder of LEAD (Letting Everyone Achieve Dreams), a youth mentoring and leadership program, calls SMU a “game-changer.”

“I had a wonderful experience from an academic perspective, but what was even more fulfilling was the opportunity to give back through community involvement,” he says. “I think I may have started out a bit singularly focused, and my volunteer experiences definitely broadened my perspective.”

As an SMU student, Higley served as a volunteer tutor for struggling Dallas students. Working with the youngsters inspired him to join Teach for America after graduation. Assigned to Compton, a city in southern Los Angeles County, he witnessed the need for strong role models and enrichment opportunities outside the classroom.

“Summers were particularly challenging for students,” he says. “They had a lot of free time on their hands and not much to do that was productive.”

After completing his teaching commitment, Higley forged a successful career in business – he is now a financial advisor with UBS – but his students left a lasting impression.

In spring 2005, he and his wife, Jamil, founded LEAD. The year-round program for inner-city youth instills confidence and strengthens self-esteem through team building and leadership training activities, as well as community service projects and a summer wilderness experience.

What sets LEAD apart from similar programs is a six-year commitment required of both students and mentors. Students must apply and be accepted as sixth-graders – participants are called “LEADers.” They work with the same three mentors until they graduate from high school. Throughout the school year, LEADers must meet academic, service and other standards to remain eligible.

Higley reports that “all 16 students in our first LEAD class have completed high school and are attending college, including a student who was the first from his high school to go to MIT.”

For more information: www.camplead.org

JENNIFER KENNING '01 AND JOSH HELLAND '00: A GOOD NIGHT SLEEP

A scene in the movie *The Blind Side* caught Jennifer Kenning off guard. When the Michael Oher character is shown his new room, he confesses that he’s never before had a bed. That powerful moment moved her.

“I couldn’t imagine not having a bed to sleep in at night,” says Kenning, a wealth management director for Aspiriant in Los Angeles. “It made me realize how much I take for granted.”



Josh Helland '00 and Jennifer Kenning '01 are shown with mattresses donated to provide beds for those in need.

While her initial intention was to write a check to a charity that provides beds to the needy, she discovered “there was not a single organization with that sole purpose,” she says.

In fall 2010, Kenning filled that gap by founding A Good Night Sleep (AGNS). The nonprofit organization partners with charitable groups to provide beds and bedding to the homeless and others in need as they transition into permanent housing. She serves as chair of AGNS, and fellow Mustang Josh Helland '00 is executive director.

During Homecoming weekend last year, Kenning and Helland organized the first Dallas “bed drop.” Among the local partners was the mattress retailer Sleep Experts, owned by Chris '91 and Christine Cook '91. Beds and basic household items were provided for 120 people moving from The Bridge homeless shelter to apartments.

“We plan to do another bed drop in Dallas and are very interested in working with SMU student groups,” says Kenning.

To date, A Good Night Sleep has provided 504 beds and bedding in Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Managua, Nicaragua, with a commitment to distribute another 123 beds in 2012.

*For more information:
www.agnsfoundation.org*

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- Gladys Mollet, retired staff member in Perkins School of Theology, 1/17/12
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Some History You May Not Know About Moody Coliseum

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ANTICIPATES THE MAKEOVER THAT MOODY COLISEUM will receive over the next year (see article on page 26), a little reflection is called for on the storied history of the arena's place among sports and public events in Dallas. In addition to serving as the home of SMU's indoor athletics teams, Moody Coliseum also has been the site of some of the greatest moments in Dallas sports history during the past half-century. Check out the best of the best, and then try your hand at Moody trivia.

The Golden Era Of SMU Basketball

The year before it moved into Moody Coliseum in 1957, the SMU men's basketball team made its first and only NCAA Final Four appearance, where the Mustangs, led by future All-American Jim Krebs '57, fell short against future NBA great Bill Russell and the University of San Francisco Dons. In the decade that followed Moody's opening, SMU, led by legendary coach E.O. "Doc" Hayes, won six Southwest Conference championships and made six NCAA Tournament appearances.

The Dallas Chaparrals

Little do most Dallas Mavericks fans know that their bitter rivals, the San Antonio Spurs, got their start in Moody when they were the Dallas Chaparrals of the American Basketball Association. The Chaparrals played most of their home games in Moody from 1967-73 before the team moved to San Antonio and was rebranded as the Spurs. The Chaparrals made the ABA playoffs in all but one season but never won a championship.

World Championship Tennis

From 1971 to 1979, Moody hosted one of the biggest tennis championships of the year, which was a season-ending eight-player tournament to decide the champion of the professional tennis circuit. All-time greats such as Arthur Ashe, John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors and Rod Laver dueled each other in front of packed houses at Moody and a national television audience. The tournament was moved to Reunion Arena in 1980, but Moody continued to host exhibitions between stars such as Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras into the 1990s. The Virginia Slims of Dallas Tennis Championships and the Rolex Intercollegiate Indoor Tennis Tournament also were held at Moody Coliseum.



Gene Phillips '71

Trivia:

Q: Who were the first and last NBA MVPs to compete against SMU with their collegiate squads at Moody?

A: Wilt Chamberlin (University of Kansas, 1957) and Derrick Rose (University of Memphis, 2008)

Q: Which SMU player scored the first basket at Moody Coliseum?

A: Bobby Mills '57

Q: This player is second on the SMU men's basketball team's career scoring list and played two seasons with the Dallas Chaparrals.

A: Gene Phillips '71

Q: Which SMU men's basketball player holds the record for the most points scored by a Mustang at Moody Coliseum?

A: Gene Phillips scored 39 points twice in his four-year career (1968-71) to claim the record. (Jim Krebs '57 scored 50 points against University of Texas at Perkins Gym in 1956, the year before Moody opened.)

Q: Which SMU women's basketball player holds the record for the most points scored by a Mustang at Moody Coliseum?

A: Jeannia Nix '89 scored 43 points against the University of Texas in 1989

Q: Which Southeastern Conference school did the SMU volleyball team play in its first home game at Moody on Sept. 12, 1996?

A: Auburn University

Q: Who are some of the famous bands that performed at Moody?

A: Rolling Stones, the Grateful Dead, Three Dog Night, Queen, U2 and Pearl Jam

Q: How many U.S. presidents have spoken at Moody?

A: Four – Richard Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush

Q: Who appeared in the most championship matches in the nine years (1971-79) that the World Championship Tennis finals were held at Moody?

A: Bjorn Borg – 4

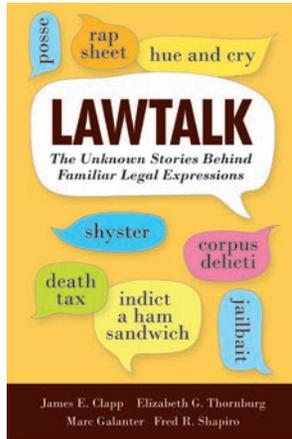
– Chris Dell '11

Gerry York '58, curator of SMU Heritage Hall, and former SMU tennis player Roman Kupchynsky '80 served as resources for the article.

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Strictly Speaking Legalese

AN SMU LAW PROFESSOR NEVER IMAGINED that she would refer to Dr. Seuss, Shakespeare and Vaudeville for legal research, but those sources proved invaluable in producing the book *Lawtalk: The Unknown Stories Behind Familiar Legal Expressions* (Yale University Press, 2011). Written by Dedman School of Law Professor Elizabeth Thornburg, along with three other legal scholars, *Lawtalk* explores the origins and



uses of 77 popular law-related expressions such as *blue laws*, *boilerplate*, *jailbait*, *pound of flesh* and *the third degree*. “Law pervades U.S. society, and the words and metaphors we use to talk about law give powerful clues about our values and what’s important to Americans as a people,” Thornburg says. For more information: yalepress.yale.edu/yupbooks. ●



above: Diego Rivera. Irma Mendoza, 1950



right: María Izquierdo. Portrait Of Juan Soriano, 1939

The Avant-Garde Of Mexican Painting

THIS SUMMER VISITORS TO THE MEADOWS MUSEUM can view works from one of the world’s greatest collections of modern Mexican art. Through August 12, *Mexican Modern Painting from the Andrés Blaisten Collection* will feature 80 paintings created in Mexico in the first half of the 20th century, including works by Diego Rivera, José Clemente Orozco and David Alfaro Siqueiros. ●

For more information: smu.edu/meadowsmuseum/about_Blaisten.htm.

Gold LEEDership For Simmons Hall



THE ANNETTE CALDWELL SIMMONS HALL in SMU’s School of Education and Human Development has attained Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification. LEED buildings emphasize sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality. SMU must report energy usage and water consumption to keep the status. Simmons is the third

building on the Dallas campus to attain a LEED Gold Certification, along with the J. Lindsay Embrey Building and Caruth Hall in the Lyle School of Engineering. ●

Fashionably SMU

THIS SPRING SMU STUDENTS CELEBRATED STYLE AND FASHION MEDIA with the debut of SMU Fashion Week in March. Panel discussions featured fashion bloggers and journalists and well as industry professionals. Panels focused on “Journalism and the Business of Blogging,” which included alumna Amber Venz ’08, “Business in Fashion” and “Styling and Designing.” The week, held in conjunction with the new fashion media minor in Meadows School of the Arts, concluded with the annual Retail Club Fashion Show that featured students modeling the outfits. For more information: www.smu.edu/News/2012/fashion-week-16march2012. ●



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