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THE MAKINGS OF A VERY GOOD YEAR

If you ask university presidents what counts as “a good year” for their institutions, most would tell you it’s when student quality is rising, donors are giving generously, research productivity is up, new facilities are in progress and there is something to cheer about in athletics. If their universities also gained national distinction by attracting a unique resource – such as a presidential library – they would tell you it was a *very good year*!

That is indeed what I am reporting. SMU’s selection as the site of the George W. Bush Presidential Library, Museum and Institute made national news. The complex will bring unprecedented resources for research and dialogue. Along with international scholars and dignitaries, hundreds of thousands of visitors will learn what makes SMU special. But the other good news is



that during the years of competition for the library, SMU has been happily moving along and moving up, by all indicators. During the past academic year alone, some examples include:

- The naming and endowment of the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development, with a \$20 million gift from Harold and Annette Simmons also helping to fund a new building.
- The Caruth Institute for Engineering Education’s endowment of \$10.1 million from the W.W. Caruth Jr. Foundation of Communities Foundation of Texas, and the hiring of the Texas Instruments Distinguished Chair and director of the Institute.
- In Dedman College, the endowment of the Roy M. Huffington Department of Earth Sciences with a new \$10 million gift from Mr. Huffington, and the C. Vin Prothro Biological Sciences Initiative and endowed chair, with \$3.6 million from Caren Prothro and the Perkins-Prothro Foundation.
- In Perkins School of Theology, the Wendland-Cook Professorship in Constructive Theology, with \$1 million from Erroll and Barbara Cook Wendland.

Campus improvements continue with the opening of the Crum Basketball Center, a new 855-vehicle parking garage, residence hall renovations and three buildings in progress or set for groundbreaking – for engineering, theology and education.

New endowments and facilities have an impact on students and faculty. Entering students’ SAT scores continue to rise, and external funding for faculty research and sponsored projects has reached an all-time high of \$20.53 million. New academic leaders arrived to guide more enhancements: Paul W. Ludden, provost and vice president for academic affairs; James E. Quick, associate vice president for research and dean of graduate studies; and David Chard, the Leon Simmons dean of the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development. Arriving in July is the new dean of Dedman College, Cordelia Candelaria.

In athletics, the women’s basketball team won the 2008 Conference USA Tournament. Mustang fans also welcomed new head football coach June Jones.

So, yes, it’s been a very good year.

In choosing SMU as the site of the George W. Bush Presidential Library, the selection committee noted the University’s high quality, and the library’s resources will enhance SMU’s prominence. As we continue to attract support, we will ensure many more very good years for SMU – our second century of achievement.

R. GERALD TURNER
President

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\$10 MILLION GIFT ENDOWS DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES

One of SMU's oldest and most distinguished academic departments will have new resources to support the growing impact of its research and teaching, thanks to a gift of more than \$10 million from the Hon.

Roy M. Huffington ('38) of Houston. The gift will endow the Department of Earth Sciences in Dedman College, now renamed the Roy M. Huffington Department of Earth Sciences.

With this new gift, Huffington has given SMU more than \$20 million in the past two years and a total of more than \$31 million over many years of support for the University.

The study of geology has been part of SMU's curriculum since its opening in 1915. Through the years, the Geology Department evolved into the Department of Geological Sciences. Changing the

name from Geological Sciences to Earth Sciences reflects the broadened scope of this discipline.

"The term earth sciences more closely captures the essence of programs that no longer are confined solely to problems of subsurface geology," says Caroline Brettell, interim dean of Dedman College. "Earth sciences address some of the environmental and natural resource issues that are playing

an increasing role in the political life of our nation."

Earth sciences research at SMU has achieved international recognition in the areas of seismology, experimental petrology, geothermal studies and paleoclimatology, which integrates stable isotope geology, sedimentology and paleontology. Research projects of the Earth Sciences faculty have received external funding totaling more than \$4 million from agencies such as the National Science Foundation, National Geographic Society, Petroleum Research Fund of the American Chemical Society, U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Energy. Research sites include Asia, Arabia, Africa, Australia, Antarctica, Pacific Islands, the Americas and Europe.

The new gift will create the Huffington Bicentennial Endowment Fund for the Huffington Department of Earth Sciences. Along with Huffington's gift in 2006 for faculty support and scholarships, it is



Roy Huffington (right) is joined by Earth Sciences faculty (from left) Louis L. Jacobs, Brian W. Stump and Chair Robert T. Gregory.

patterned after the Benjamin Franklin Trust, a unique fund established more than 200 years ago through the estate of the American statesman to benefit the cities of Boston and Philadelphia. As with the Franklin Trust, terms are set forth for use of the Huffington Funds while they continue to grow over the next two centuries.

At the gift announcement, Huffington, who earned his B.S. degree in geology from SMU in 1938, paid tribute to his mentor at SMU – the late Claude C. Albritton Jr. ('33). Huffington called Albritton, who served as a professor of geology and administrator at SMU for more than 40 years, "a wonderful teacher who loved teaching and students." Albritton also encouraged Huffington to attend Harvard rather than "head to the oil patch."

Huffington is chair and CEO of Roy M. Huffington Inc., an independent, international petroleum operations firm based in Houston. After a career in energy, he added another dimension to his international activities by serving as U.S. ambassador to Austria from 1990 to 1993. Upon returning to the United States after his term as ambassador, he renewed his involvement in oil and gas investment. Huffington also earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in geology from Harvard University. His late wife, Phyllis Gough Huffington, earned her B.B.A. degree from SMU in 1943.



Confetti rained and applause thundered as the SMU community and President R. Gerald Turner thanked Huffington at the gift announcement. With them is Caroline Brettell, interim dean of Dedman College.



Congratulating Roy Huffington on his gift to Earth Sciences are (from left) SMU Board of Trustees emeriti Edwin L. Cox, William P. Clements and Cary M. Maguire.

PROTHRO GIFT MAKES HISTORY FOR BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

With a \$3.6 million gift to establish the C. Vin Prothro Biological Sciences Initiative, Dedman College has its first endowed chair in this field of science.

The gift from Caren Prothro and the Perkins-Prothro Foundation will provide \$2 million for a Distinguished Chair of Biological Sciences, whose work will be supported through a \$1 million Endowed Research Fund. Named in honor of Prothro's late husband, a longtime SMU supporter, the gift also will provide \$500,000 for a Graduate Fellowship Fund and \$100,000 for an Undergraduate Scholarship Fund.

Caren Prothro, a member of the Dedman College's Executive Board and of SMU's Board of Trustees, says that her late husband understood the importance of science education for advancements in research and health care. "Our family is investing in what we consider to be a potential center of excellence at SMU, taking an already outstanding department to the next level of scientific teaching and research."

The Prothro Initiative is expected to attract additional grant funding and "strengthen SMU's connection with the larger scientific and medical community in the Dallas area," says Dedman Interim Dean Caroline Brettell.

A distinguished chairholder can be a rainmaker – someone who "attracts other faculty and top-notch graduate students and elevates the ranking of the department," she adds.

The Department of Biological Sciences, chaired by William C. Orr, attracts the largest number of SMU's undergraduate majors in the natural sciences. Of the current 126 biology majors and 21 biochemistry majors, many are preparing for careers in medical fields or scientific research. The department also offers research-oriented M.S. and Ph.D. degrees; 16 graduate students are currently enrolled.

Research by the 11-member faculty focuses on genetics and developmental biology, aging and metabolism, the biochemical characterization of protein structures and functions, the role of chromatin in transcriptional gene regulation, and infectious diseases. For more information: www.smu.edu/newsinfo/releases/07092.asp



Joining Caren Prothro are (from left) Vice President for Development and External Affairs Brad Cheves, Provost Paul Ludden, Chair of Biological Sciences William Orr and President R. Gerald Turner.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ENGINEER TO HEAD NEW CARUTH INSTITUTE

Segueing from the Pentagon to academia, Delores Etter's career serves as an example to young people who might otherwise assume math, science and engineering careers are out of reach. The former assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition, Etter was named director of SMU's new Caruth Institute for Engineering Education and will fill the new Texas Instruments Distinguished Chair in Engineering Education. The directorship and chair are made possible by a recent \$2 million gift from the TI Foundation.

The Institute is dedicated to increasing the number and diversity of students who graduate from high school with the knowledge and training to pursue engineering careers that are necessary for the United States to compete in a global economy.

"Engineering education is critical to the future of our region and country. By funding the TI Distinguished Chair, the TI Foundation is helping build a center of excellence in Dallas for the

delivery and assessment of K-16 engineering education programs," says TI Foundation chair Jack Swindle. The Caruth Institute includes the Infinity Project, a national education model that was the first math- and science-based high school engineering program in the country, and Visioneering, an annual program that gives middle-school students the opportunity to become "engineers" for a day.

Etter is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the highest recognition that can be bestowed upon an engineer in this country. She joins SMU from the electrical engineering faculty of the U.S. Naval Academy, where she held the Office of Naval Research Distinguished Chair in Science and Technology.

She earned a Bachelor's degree in mathematics, a Master's degree in computer science, and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of New Mexico.

For more information, visit www.smu.edu/caruth.



Delores Etter

SMU SCORES WITH NEW CRUM BASKETBALL CENTER



MU basketball has a new MVP: the \$13-million, 43,000-square-foot Crum Basketball Center. Dedicated February 21, the Center was made possible by a leadership gift from SMU Board of Trustees member

Gary T. Crum ('69) and his wife, Sylvie, of Houston.

Other major donors are David and Carolyn Miller, Vic and Gladie Jo Salvino and the Embrey Family Foundation.

Projects like the Center benefit the entire SMU community, Board Chair Carl Sewell ('66) said, because "an athletics program that reflects the standards of excellence and leadership embraced at the University level strengthens the overall campus experience for our student athletes, alumni and fans. The victories of our student athletes in the arena are victories shared by all, creating a sense of school pride that lasts long after graduation."

Now in her 17th season as SMU's women's head basketball coach, Rhonda Rompola ('83) says the new facility "shows SMU's commitment to both basketball programs and will help us to recruit the best players." (See article about the team's season on page 34.)

A full-court press by SMU's men's head basketball coach Matt Doherty, who arrived at the Hilltop in April 2006, helped turn the hoop dream into a reality. "I have helped design facilities at other universities, but the Crum Basketball Center is, by far, one of the finest practice facilities in the nation," he says. "The Crum Center will provide players with the opportunity to work on their skills year-round and shows the commitment to big-time basketball at SMU."

The men's and women's programs have their own full-sized practice court, locker room and lounge. The lower level connects via a tunnel to Moody Coliseum, where the Mustangs will continue to play their games.

Senior Janielle Dodds, who graduates in May, calls the Crum Center "our own home, not one we have to share." The Mustangs' top female scorer believes the new facility will help ease the burden of juggling class schedules with practice time.

The Crum Basketball Center shares its lineage with the venerable Moody Coliseum, which in 1959 also was designed by what is now HKS Sports and Entertainment Group, one of the world's premier designers of sports facilities.

View a slideshow of the Crum Basketball Center at blog.smu.edu/smumagazine/hilltop_giving.



Gary and Sylvie Crum

NEW PROFESSORSHIP FOCUSES ON CHURCH AND SOCIAL ISSUES

A \$1 million gift to Perkins School of Theology by Erroll ('50, '51) and Barbara Cook Wendland ('55, '86) reflects their dedication to church and humanitarian causes.

The gift establishes the Wendland-Cook Endowed Professorship in Constructive Theology, devoted to the academic study of current church and social issues: the inequality of power, a commitment to the liberation of all people, the promotion of justice, the encouragement of nonviolence and the expansion of theological perspectives at the local church level.

Active in numerous civic and charitable organizations, the Wendlands are widely known in their hometown of Temple. Erroll Wendland received the city's 1995 Frank. W. Mayborn Humanitarian Award for spearheading the building of the state-of-the-art Temple Public Library. He holds a B.B.A. in finance and marketing and an M.B.A. in administrative management from SMU.

Barbara Cook Wendland is recipient of the 2007 Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award, presented annually by Perkins Theology to a layperson "who exhibits an exceptional commitment to service in Christ in church, community and the world through faith and action." She holds a B.A. in mathematics from SMU and Master of Theological Studies from Perkins, as well as certification in spiritual direction. Since 1992, she has written and published "Connections," a monthly letter about church-related topics. For more information: www.connectionsonline.org.



Big Thanks For A Big Check

SMU alumni put their money where their hearts are during Reunion weekend in November. Taking the field for a check presentation at the 2007 Homecoming halftime are (from left) the Hon. Craig T. Enoch ('72), Drew Bass Stull ('72), Tom J. Stollenwerck ('62) and President R. Gerald Turner. The class of 1972 raised the most money of the nine classes celebrating their reunions, and the class of 1962 achieved the highest participation rate. By the end of 2007, the nine classes had given a total of \$8,105,833.

THESE GIFTS MAKE A MARK FOR PROGRAMS AND PEOPLE

gifts of all sizes to SMU can affect the diversity of programs offered, attract high-quality students and support faculty teaching and research. Examples of some latest gifts follow. Visit www.smu.edu/giving for more information about how to make a gift to SMU.

- **A \$500,000 gift to Dedman College's Department of Sociology has been made by William Maynard** to establish a scholarship and award in memory of his sister, the late Betty Maynard. She served as associate dean of the college and chair of the Sociology Department and was the driving force behind the Women's Studies Program for more than two decades. Read more about Betty Maynard at smu.edu/womens_studies/biography.htm
- **A \$500,000 gift from the Ernst & Young Foundation** sparked the creation of a tax concentration for the Cox School of Business' Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) program. The gift also will support scholarship and mentoring opportunities for full-time M.S.A. students pursuing the tax concentration. Visit www.coxmsa.com for more information.
- **A \$174,000 gift from the Wachovia Foundation to SMU's Meadows Museum and Meadows School of the Arts** will fund the development of "Imagine U @ SMU." The interactive, on-campus arts experience for Dallas middle-school students from disadvantaged backgrounds is expected to start in the fall. Visit www.smu.edu/newsinfo/stories/wachovia-gift-3march2008.asp for more information.
- **Gearbox Software has pledged \$50,000 in scholarships** to become the first donor for a new "fellows scholars" program at The Guildhall at SMU-in-Legacy, one of the premier graduate video game education programs in the country. The company also dedicated resources to provide professional mentors for scholarship recipients during their 17 months of study at The Guildhall. For more information, visit guildhall.smu.edu.



REMEMBERING SPECIAL WOMEN

The first lady of the United States, a senator and Dallas civic leaders are among 74 women being honored through "Remember the Ladies!," a project of SMU's Archives of Women of the Southwest. Among those honoring the distinguished women at a recent reception were (from left) Harriet Holleman ('63), Archives advisory board member; Mary Blake Meadows ('74), Remember the Ladies! campaign chair; Ruth Morgan, former SMU provost and Archives founder; and Jackie McElhaney ('62), Archives advisory board chair. Donors of \$5,000 can honor special women through the campaign, which seeks to fund a full-time archivist. For more information, contact Anne Brabham at 214-768-7874 or at abrabha@smu.edu, or visit smu.edu/cul/deglyer/awsladies.htm.

Gift Creates Alternative Asset Management Program

SMU's Cox School of Business is joining a handful of universities worldwide to offer programs addressing the growing need for professionals who handle alternative asset investments, made possible by a new \$3 million gift.

EnCap Investments and LCM Group each contributed \$1.5 million to fund the EnCap Investments & LCM Group Alternative Asset Management Center and the center's director. In addition, the gift will support the development of new courses for a specialization within the undergraduate finance major and within the graduate finance concentration. The courses also will prepare students for the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) professional designation.

The faces behind the gift are SMU alumni David B. Miller ('72, '73), partner and co-founder of EnCap, Dallas, and D. Scott Luttrell ('77), founder and CEO of LCM, Tampa, Florida.

In the past five years, investments in alternative assets – including hedge funds, venture capital, private equity, real estate, and oil and gas – have increased dramatically. For example, capital committed to an estimated 9,000 U.S. hedge funds grew more than 17 percent per year from 2002 to 2006, with more than \$1 trillion invested at the end of 2006, according to global investment firm CRA Rogerscasey.

Because of its location, SMU provides students with opportunities for extensive interaction with local professionals. Texas has the third-largest concentration of hedge funds outside of New York and California. The Dallas-Fort Worth area is home to more than 140 firms managing 175 hedge funds with assets in excess of \$40 billion.

Visit www.cox.smu.edu/centers/aamc for more information about the program.

SMU CHOSEN AS SITE OF BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

With SMU's selection as the site of the George W. Bush Presidential Library, Museum and Institute, Texas will become the only state in the nation to house three presidential libraries. SMU will join UT-Austin, which houses the Lyndon Baines Johnson library, and Texas A&M, location of the George H.W. Bush library, to form a unique trio of facilities for historic research. The George W. Bush Foundation announced SMU's selection February 22.

"I look forward to the day when both the general public and scholars come and explore the important and challenging issues our nation has faced during my presidency," President George W. Bush said in a letter to SMU President R. Gerald Turner.

The agreement between SMU and the Bush Foundation states that the University was chosen because of its excellent academic reputation; presence in Dallas; strong support of the University's leaders, alumni and friends; and willingness to lease land for the project.

"It's a great honor for SMU to be chosen as the site of this tremendous resource for historical research, dialogue and public programs," Turner said. "At SMU, these resources will benefit from proximity to our strong academic programs, a tradition of open dialogue, experience hosting world leaders and a central location in a global American city. We thank President Bush for entrusting this important long-term resource to our community, and for the opportunity for SMU to serve the nation in this special way."

The presidential library will be located on the east side of the main SMU campus, adjacent to North Central Expressway (U.S. Highway 75) and SMU Boulevard. The exact location will be determined based on design specifications.

The Bush library will contain documents and artifacts; the museum will provide permanent and traveling exhibits; and an independent public policy institute will host officials, scholars and others as fellows for research and symposia. Once constructed, the library and museum will be operated by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), an independent federal agency. The institute will be operated by the Bush Foundation and identified accordingly. Interactions between SMU and the institute could include joint programming and concurrent appointments, following the usual procedures for University appointments, if an institute

fellow qualifies to teach at SMU, or if an SMU professor wishes to serve as an institute fellow. The agreement between SMU and the Foundation affirms that any relationship between the two will recognize "SMU's commitment to open inquiry and academic freedom within the University."

"The presidential library will offer unmatched opportunities to interact with officials who have shaped public policy in this era and with scholars who will write its history," said Gary Evans, pro-

fessor of electrical engineering, president of the Faculty Senate and SMU Board of Trustees member. "The resources and programs will be invaluable to national and international scholars, including those at SMU."

Betty Sue Flowers, director of the LBJ Library and Museum at UT-Austin, congratulated SMU, saying, "The LBJ Library was the first presidential library to be located on a university campus. Thirty-five years later, I think the UT community and the scholars, government officials and museum visitors who come to us from around the world would agree that



Signing the agreement between SMU and The George W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation are (from left) Carl Sewell, chair of the SMU Board of Trustees; SMU President R. Gerald Turner; Donald L. Evans, chair of the Bush Foundation and of the Library Site Selection Committee; and Mark Langdale, president of the Bush Foundation.

the partnership has been enormously beneficial to both the library and the university."

Fund-raising for the Bush Presidential Center will be conducted by the George W. Bush Foundation in collaboration with SMU. For the past two years, SMU has been in the "quiet phase" of its next major gifts campaign, to be launched publicly in September 2008, for endowments supporting students, faculty, academic programs and the campus experience. "Working with the fund-raising effort of the Bush Foundation will introduce us to new audiences who otherwise would not learn about SMU," Turner said.

SMU was among eight competitors for the Bush Presidential Library. SMU's Board of Trustees Library Committee was co-chaired by Turner and Ray L. Hunt ('65) and included Board chair Carl Sewell ('66) and trustees Jeanne L. Phillips ('76) and Michael Boone ('64, '67). The committee consulted regularly with the full Board of Trustees, which includes representatives from the faculty, student body, alumni board and The United Methodist Church.

For more information on the announcement, visit smu.edu/newsinfo/announcements.



Students learn about Mexican wood-carving from artist Jacobo Angeles.

EDUCATION ABROAD ADDS PROGRAMS IN ASIA, AFRICA

SMU's Education Abroad Office is expanding its offerings this year with new summer programs in Australia and Asia, India and South Africa; an internship program in London; and a new semester program in Cairo.

Education Abroad also will add a winter interterm program in the African nation of Mali. A service-learning interterm program was launched in Oaxaca, Mexico, last December.

"SMU is committed to providing educational experiences that allow students to acquire knowledge and understanding of diverse cultures," says Michael Clarke, executive director of the SMU International Center.

The seven new programs follow the recommendations of SMU's International Education Task Force, which last year developed a comprehensive plan for advancing global perspectives among students.

The new programs reflect SMU's goals not only to increase opportunities abroad and the number of students who participate, but also to diversify the experience, says John Mears, International Education Task Force chair and associate professor of history. "Every region in our interconnected and interdependent world is significant, as is every field of study, from engineering and science to business and the arts."

Learn more at www.smu.edu/studyabroad.

SMU APPOINTS NEW DEDMAN COLLEGE DEAN

SMU's new dean of Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences is an academic administrator with experience in strategic affairs as well as an accomplished scholar-teacher in English and ethnic studies. Cordelia

Chávez Candelaria comes to SMU from Arizona State University. Her appointment, which ends a nationwide search, is effective July 1. Professor of Anthropology Caroline Brettell has served as Dedman College interim dean for the past two years.

At Arizona State, Candelaria is Regents Professor in the Department of English and the Department of Transborder Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies, a department she once chaired. She also serves as associate dean of the Office of Strategic Initiatives in ASU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

"What impressed everyone who met with her during the interview process was her ability to think strategically across the spectrum of disciplines represented in the College," says Paul W. Ludden, provost and vice president for academic affairs at SMU.

As dean of Dedman College, Candelaria will lead the largest of SMU's colleges and schools, with a faculty of more than 250 and 2,000 students enrolled as majors or minors.

"As we approach our centennial with a new major gifts campaign, we are committed to raising resources for enhancements to Dedman College," says President R. Gerald Turner. "Cordelia Candelaria has the experience and vision to provide the leadership needed to meet our aspirations."

All SMU students begin their education in Dedman College, where they take general studies courses before choosing a major in another SMU school or within the College.

"I look forward to working with my

new colleagues to advance Dedman College programs to flourishing levels of achievement, innovation and visibility, which will have a positive impact on our shared interconnected global reality," Candelaria says.



Cordelia Candelaria

As founding associate dean for ASU's Office of Strategic Initiatives, Candelaria focused on enhancing diversity among faculty, administrators and staff for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as well as advancing interdisciplinary programs.

She has remained an active teacher and researcher, receiving 18 grants from external funding agencies

totaling \$3.5 million. She is the sole author of six books and "chapbooks" – pamphlets containing poems, ballads, stories or religious tracts – and has edited or co-edited 10 books, monographs and periodicals. She also has written nearly 200 book chapters, articles, reviews and poems in periodicals and anthologies.

Among her numerous awards, she received in 2005 the Outstanding Latina Cultural Award in Literary Arts and Publications from the American Association for Higher Education Hispanic Caucus. She previously was named a Senior Fulbright Scholar in American Literature at Universidad Católica de Lima, Perú. In 1991 she became only the third recipient of The Americas Award from the University of Colorado, Boulder, following previous winners Carlos Fuentes and U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii.

Candelaria earned a B.A. degree with honors in English and French from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado; a Master's degree in English from the University of Notre Dame; and a Ph.D. in American literature and linguistics from Notre Dame. In 1970-72 she studied under a Woodrow Wilson Graduate Fellowship.

Seen & HEARD



"Everything is becoming so politicized and segregated that politics are losing their meaning. Watching channels and shows that you already agree with only creates greater polarization, which leaves no room for any outside opinion or abstract thought to gain a broader perspective of things."

Azar Nafisi, human rights activist and author of *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books*, *Greg and Molly Engles Lecture, Tate Lecture Series*, Dec. 3, 2007

"A lot of people assume that interviews with presidents and political leaders would be my favorites. But in many ways the most moving interviews to me are with those who have gone through exactly what I've gone through, a brain injury.... Whatever you think about the Iraq war, soldiers who come back with injuries need to be treated a lot better than they have been."

Bob Woodruff, ABC News anchor and reporter, *Jones Day Lecture, Tate Lecture Series*, March 4, 2008

"The only way you unify people is by espousing sufficiently clear global values: freedom and democracy. But freedom and democracy alone won't persuade the whole world. You have to add a value that is integral to our politics and way of life, and that is justice."

Tony Blair, former prime minister of Great Britain and Ireland and recipient of the Medal of Freedom from SMU's John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies and Hart Global Leaders Forum Speaker, March 6, 2008

"The statistics are pretty dismal: 16 female senators out of 100; 71 female members of the House of Representatives out of 435. If you extrapolate from there, it will be about 200 years before women reach parity with men on Capitol Hill. But it's not unusual anymore to see women in positions of power in Washington. We've had two female secretaries of state, a female national security adviser and a female attorney general. These were once positions reserved for men."

Eleanor Clift, contributing editor of *Newsweek* and co-author of *Madam President: Shattering the Last Glass Ceiling*, SMU's 43rd annual Women's Symposium, Feb. 28, 2008

TASK FORCE TAKES AIM AT ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE



MU President R. Gerald Turner has accepted 36 of 38 recommendations made by the Task Force on Substance Abuse

Prevention to review programs, regulations and the campus culture related to substance abuse issues.

One recommendation will establish a President's Commission on Substance Abuse Prevention. SMU also will expand campus health center hours, to be staffed by a nurse with on-call physicians; review judicial procedures and sanctions; establish a Good Samaritan Policy and Medical Amnesty Program for medical emergencies; strengthen collaboration with the North Texas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force; and establish a central campus source for reports of students in distress.

Regarding academic practices that can affect student behavior, SMU will call

on faculty to announce and use a class attendance policy, schedule more Friday classes, increase the academic rigor of courses, provide early grade reports for first-year students, and limit the number of course drops.

Turner also approved recommendations to make campus a center of late-night social life for students by extending hours and programming in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center and other venues. Approved recommendations also call for making all Greek recruitment events alcohol-free, including off-campus weekend events, and discouraging all organized parties, including the use of buses, on school nights.

Turner rejected a recommendation to permit organizations to sponsor parties and to serve beer on campus to those of drinking age. He also rejected a recommendation to establish a pub on the Hilltop because

most students living on campus are first-year, underage students.

Other approved recommendations focus on improving communication of substance abuse resources and regulations and working more closely with parents to identify and assist students with alcohol and drug issues.

"While students are ultimately responsible for their own choices, we hope to strengthen a culture of personal responsibility, promote a healthy balance between social and academic life, and encourage full use of available resources, programs and assistance," Turner said. He presented his decisions at a campus meeting April 29.

For President Turner's complete report, see www.smu.edu.

Appointed last June, the task force consisted of faculty, staff, students and a trustee who is also an SMU parent and alumna.



How Much Is A Species Worth? Understanding The Economics Of Conservation

Once hunted to near-extinction, the Northern Rocky Mountain gray wolf reached an important milestone recently. With a population estimated at 1,500, the wolf re-established itself in the Yellowstone National Park area, and in March 2008 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed it from protection under the Endangered Species Act. Almost immediately, hunters began petitioning the state offices of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming for permits to hunt the wolves, perhaps down to as little as 20 percent of their current numbers in some areas.

Such a weighty issue begs the questions: How much hunting is safe for a given species? How many gray wolves can die before the species loses its chance at recovery? Understanding the market forces that drive these environmental decisions is a vital yet missing piece of public policy on natural resource management, says Santanu Roy, SMU professor of economics and 2007-08 Ford Research Fellow. An expert in dynamic economic models and micro-economic theory, he focuses on the economics of natural resources and the environment.

Central to Roy's model for managing biological species is a concern about how population size and uncertainty affect the flow of benefits and costs from the harvesting of resources and what it means for conservation and extinction when resources are managed optimally over time. "The traditional model of biological harvesting usually considers only the market value and benefits of using these resources," he says. "But there is an increasing consciousness of the value of biodiversity – that a species might be very valuable someday *because* of the biodiversity it helps provide."

The traditional view of natural resources in general, and of biological species in particular, is as an investment asset – as something speculators can own or privatize, liquidate or conserve, Roy adds. "These simple comparisons have to be abandoned."

As an example, he focuses on the critically endangered blue whale. Suppose an individual gained the right to own the entire stock of blue whales in the oceans, he says. "If the blue whale population were doubling every year, it would be worth conserving from an investment standpoint. But, at present, it is growing at only 2 to 5 percent a year. If you take all the available blue whales now, sell them at market price, put the money in the bank and enjoy the interest for the rest of your and your children's lives, that's more money than you could make by cultivating whales forever."

But this approach fails to consider several factors unique to species, Roy says. "There are peculiar challenges that come from

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the biological side of the story, and these challenges must become part of the equation.”

One is the possibility of what biologists call *depensation* – if a population becomes too small, it collapses and cannot grow anymore, Roy says. “The International Whaling Commission basically stopped all harvesting of blue whales 30 years ago, but the population hasn’t recovered. They don’t



Left: Like the tip of an iceberg, a blue whale's tail shows only a small part of what is beneath the surface of the water.

Opposite page: A gray wolf howls at sunset near Yellowstone National Park.

meet each other to mate that often.”

Another factor in Roy’s model is stock *dependence of cost*. “If you take \$100 out of your checking account and have a party, the enjoyment you get will not depend upon how much money you have left in the bank,” he says. “That’s not true for biological species, which become more and more costly to harvest as their populations shrink.” This is one reason why species like the blue whale, almost paradoxically, stop losing their numbers once they are near extinction, Roy adds. “If you’ve ever gone fishing, you know that it’s very difficult to fish if there are very few of them.”

Conversely, if a population is large, its harvesting cost becomes small – a condition that took a toll on the American bald eagle in the past century, Roy says. Protections for the bird allowed its population to grow rapidly – and the resulting easy harvesting gave hunters an incentive to drive them nearly to extinction. “When a population increases, at some point it sharply decreases, because it becomes very economical to harvest,” he says. “These are the critical moments at which species can become extinct.”

Roy hopes his research will help steer public policy toward more intelligent management of biological issues, especially regarding extinction, he says. The U.S. government has long held “safe standards” – the point at which a population is greater than a size critical to survival – as its conservation yardstick. But Roy’s work has shown that “some species may never be safe,” he says.

“The thing most lacking in public policy right now is that it doesn’t understand individual cases,” he adds. “We need to take much more of the available scientific information into account. What’s good for one species is not good for another.”

Roy, who joined SMU in 2003, earned his Ph.D. degree from Cornell University. He has published his work in the *Journal of Economic Theory*, among other publications.

For more information: faculty.smu.edu/sroy

– Kathleen Tibbetts

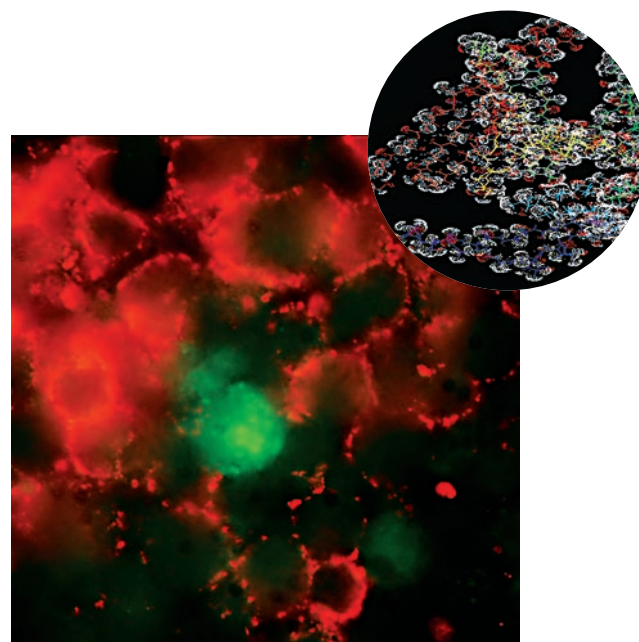
Stopping The AIDS Scourge Through A Genetic Disorder

In 1996 the introduction of “triple cocktail” drug therapy transformed AIDS from a death sentence into a manageable chronic disease. The drug regimen, also known as HAART (highly active antiretroviral treatment), involved treating patients with three or more classes of antiviral medicines.

But the virus fought back. It mutates easily, and the mutations caused resistance to first one and then another drug making up the cocktail. Unsettling reports of newly infected patients with the drug-resistant virus meant researchers needed to find new ways to fight HIV infection.

That could be what is happening in the Dedman Life Sciences Building at SMU, where a young assistant professor of biological sciences is conducting research that may lead to a novel way of combating HIV-1. In his office, Robert Harrod talks about an exciting discovery his research team made last year. The discovery involves the way viruses replicate and the disease Werner syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that causes premature aging.

The HIV-1 virus infects white cells involved in fighting infection, inserting itself into the genetic material of the cells, commonly known as T-cells, to cause AIDS. Once the virus is integrated into the host cell, Harrod explains, it is dependent on “human cellular transcription factors” to replicate. The researchers have shown that the Werner syndrome enzyme is an essential factor in that transcription process. They reasoned if they could inhibit the enzyme function, they could block the transcription.



Using cells developed by researchers at the University of Washington who are studying Werner syndrome, the SMU researchers were able to insert the enzyme defect that causes Werner syndrome into HIV-infected T-cells, blocking 95 percent of retroviral transcription. If the HIV/AIDS virus can't be transcribed, it can't replicate.

The one in 1,000 people in Japan who are Werner syndrome carriers (without developing the syndrome) have not been observed to develop AIDS, Harrod points out, suggesting that affecting the functioning of the enzyme that causes Werner syndrome is a plausible way to fight HIV/AIDS.

The beauty of the Werner syndrome-enzyme approach to HIV/AIDS treatment is that the virus can't mutate to defeat treatment, Harrod says.

The HIV-inhibition research was published in the April 20, 2007, edition of *The Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

Harrod's research group, which includes Master's degree student Madhu Sukumar and three biological sciences undergraduates, now is searching for molecules that will inhibit the function of the Werner syndrome enzyme, and thus, viral replication.

His work also is an example of the international collaboration that is occurring to find solutions to global health issues. He is collaborating on the research with Antonito Panganiban from the University of New Mexico-Health Sciences Center, Carine Van Lint from the Universite Libre de Bruxelles and two clinical researchers, Dennis Burns and Daniel Skiest, from UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

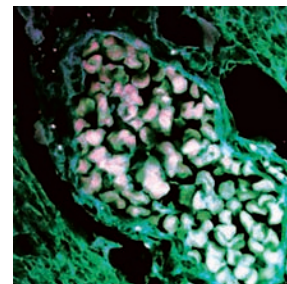
According to the World Health Organization, 33 million people are living with HIV/AIDS worldwide. That is why Professor

William Orr, chair of Biological Sciences at SMU, calls Harrod's research exciting. "It's going to pro-

vide an alternative way in which one might be able to deactivate or slow down this scourge."

Harrod joined SMU in 2002 and teaches undergraduate and graduate students. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland in 1996, and received postdoctoral training at the National Institutes of Health and the Naval Medical Center. For more information: smu.edu/biology/faculty/harrod.asp

– Cathy Frisinger



Taking The Political Pulse With Real-time Research

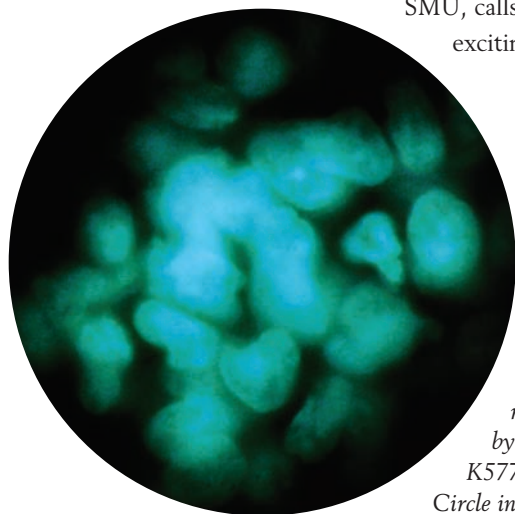
Real-time response is a second-by-second measurement of individuals' reactions to the presidential candidates' debates while they are happening. But it is not only another method of opinion polling; instead, it gives the public more clout in shaping election coverage.

"Voters are tired of being managed by the media," says Rita Kirk, professor of corporate communications and public affairs (CCPA) in Meadows School of the Arts. "Instead of members of the media deciding what's important in the debate, and often choosing moments based on what makes good television, voters show us what they feel is most important."

Using palm-sized electronic dial meters, officially called Perception Analyzer Dials, members of focus groups signal their reactions to the issues raised, the arguments and the bluster. On a scale of 1 to 100, they "dial up" when they like what they hear and "dial down" when they don't. Their assessments register in real time; thus, the name "real-time response."

While studying how the public uses blogs, social networking sites and other online tools, Kirk and Assistant Professor Dan Schill developed the idea of giving voters a voice in network coverage through real-time response focus groups. They pitched the idea for debate dial testing to CNN last year. "We made the case that maybe the network didn't always get it right when it came to deciding what voters think is important," Kirk says.

Schill used real-time response methodology while in graduate school at the University of Kansas, where he was a research assistant for DebateWatch, a research and voter education project



*Previous page:
Inhibition of HIV-1
replication (red)
by the mutant WRN-
K577M helicase (green).*

*Circle inset: Structure
of an HTLV-1 protein (p30-II).*

*This page, left: Adult T-cell lymphoma (ATL) cells.
Above right: HIV-1 infection of the CNS.*

of the Commission on Presidential Debates. “It’s not a new technology, but it’s a quick, reliable method for analyzing live voter reaction,” he says.

CNN signed on, and the professors’ real-time response focus groups now play a prominent role in the network’s online coverage. They started with the first New Hampshire debate in June 2007 and probably will continue through the final head-to-head debate in October, Schill says. In addition, during the second New Hampshire debate, held before the primary in January, they dial-tested for ABC/Hearst-Argyle Television, sponsors of the event.

Undergraduate students are involved throughout the real-time response process. “We take small groups of students with us to the debates when we can, because it’s a great opportunity for them not only to be involved with the research, but to go behind the scenes and see how it all works,” Kirk says.

They also learn how difficult the preparation can be. “We were on the phone for hours and hours trying to persuade people to participate in the focus groups,” says Esmeralda Sanchez, a junior with a double major in CCPA and Spanish, who assisted

registers a heart’s rhythm, a color-coded graph maps the peaks and valleys of focus-group opinion in real time on the CNN Web site, where the network’s debate analyses are archived.

“Because the sampling is so small, the results aren’t released as a poll, but we do see some interesting shifts,” Kirk says. Before the New Hampshire Republican debate, for example, focus group members said they expected Romney to lead the pack; after the debate, they ranked his performance behind several other candidates. In February, he dropped out of the race.

The wider trends “are similar to those we would expect to see in any political debate,” Schill says. “People respond favorably when candidates talk positively about their backgrounds, when they show a sense of humor and when they make positive, broad, value statements. People react more negatively when candidates attack each

*Right: Undecided Democrats participated in a real-time response focus group for CNN on the SMU campus Feb. 21.
Below: The palm-sized electronic Perception Analyzer Dial measures focus group responses.*



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with the New Hampshire and California debates.

“I think most people are skeptical when you first start talking – they think you are trying to scam them – so it takes awhile for them to understand that we want them to be part of something important and influential.”

Senior Amanda Taylor, a CCPA and French major who worked on the New Hampshire and South Carolina debates, says the experience was meaningful to her as a voter. “I believe it’s important that voters get back their voices, and that’s what the dial tests do. It puts the focus on what’s really important to voters, not what makes great ratings.”

Focus groups of 10 to 30 people come to the TV studio about an hour before the broadcast to learn how the dials work and to answer pre-debate questions prepared by Kirk and Schill. To lighten the mood and let participants practice moving the dial, the interview starts with general topics, like choosing a favorite fruit from among four choices, before turning to the critical issue: “If you were going to vote right now, whom would you vote for?” These answers are compared to their post-debate appraisals.

Once the cameras roll, the dialing begins. Much like an EKG



other or when they are overly detailed in the explanation of their policies.”

A Pew Research Center study released in January stated that 24 percent of Americans regularly go online for political news, almost double the percentage during the same period of 2004.

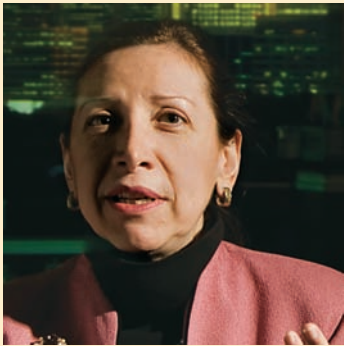
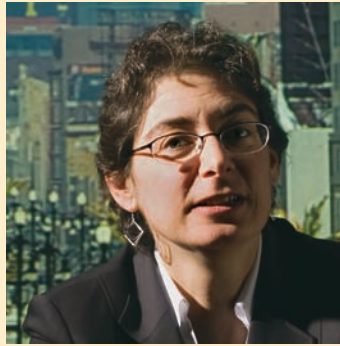
Kirk believes the dial tests have had a major impact on the networks’ online presence. “Rather than mirror the TV coverage, ABC and CNN added informational depth to their online coverage with the real-time response component.”

Real-time response research is part of a study for an upcoming book by Kirk and Schill to be published in 2009. Kirk describes the book, *Consent of the Governed*, as an exploration of “how voters are talking back to candidates and the media” and are using technology “to reconnect with the political process and take control.”

For more information: www.cnn.com/election/2008/debates

– Patricia Ward

Shining Lights



AS TEACHERS,
SCHOLARS AND CITIZENS
OF SMU, PROFESSORS
SHAPE THE LEARNING
COMMUNITY



When alumni are asked to recall their fondest memories of SMU, a favorite faculty member always comes to mind. As they probe and provoke, demand and debate, SMU professors make an impact in their own special ways. The faces highlighted in the following profiles exemplify the quality of SMU's faculty – and are sure to turn up on the list of favorites among future alumni.

Teaching Politics Without Prejudice

For Harold Stanley, the 2008 presidential campaigns are serving as a laboratory for a class he teaches every four years. He uses the primaries, media coverage, campaign finance reports and voter patterns to teach Dedman College's popular political science course on "Presidential Elections."

"The challenge is trying to figure out what is happening while it is happening," says Stanley, the Geurin-Pettus Distinguished Chair in American Politics and Political Economy. "Most election analyses are written well after the fact."

Bill Clinton and Bob Dole were on the ballot in 1996, the first time Stanley taught "Presidential Elections" at the University of Rochester in New York. Since then he has seen voters and students grow more polarized.

"Typically, young people are not strong partisans," Stanley says. "But what is happening in society is reflected in students. The specialized news outlets that developed over the past few years have reinforced polarization by enabling voters to select what they want to hear."

Stanley avoids strident polarization in class discussions, instead encouraging thoughtful consideration of each candidate's stand on issues. "For students to form their own positions, they need to broaden their horizons to understand other political positions," he says.

Stanley joined SMU's Political Science Department in 2003 as the first professor to hold the Geurin-Pettus endowed faculty chair. The position was created to attract a scholar whose research and teaching interests related to domestic policy and government and fiscal issues, says Cal Jillson, Dedman College associate dean and former chair of political science.

"Harold taught in one of the nation's leading political science departments for 20 years," Jillson says. "We knew that he could help lead an effort to continue the growth and development of our department. And he has done just that."



Harold Stanley

Stanley has developed new political science courses that draw upon his research interests, including Southern politics and Latino politics, which he teaches at the Dallas campus and at SMU-in-Taos. Active in the SMU community, he was appointed by President R. Gerald Turner to chair the University's Task Force on

Honors Programming and serves on the Board of Directors for Friends of the SMU Libraries.

Students in his courses benefit from small class size – political science class sizes are limited to 30 – and spirited discussion. He schedules 15-minute meetings with each student at the beginning of the semester because “it puts them at ease to come in later to talk about their research papers, and it leads to better discussion in class,” he says.

An expert in American national politics and electoral change in the South, he has served as president of the Southern Political Science Association. His publications include *Vital Statistics on American Politics*, now in its 11th edition, which he co-authors with Richard G. Niemi, professor of political science at the University of Rochester. *Vital Statistics*, the standard resource for political science researchers and students, includes updated data, facts and figures on key areas such as elections, political parties, public opinion and voting patterns.

Stanley earned B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in political science from Yale University and a Master of Philosophy in politics from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. In 1979 he joined the

University of Rochester Department of Political Science.

Stanley’s interest in political science and an academic career dates to his days as a student at Yale. “By the end of my freshman year I realized that professors had the enviable job of pursuing what they were really interested in,” he says.

While at Yale from 1968 to 1972, Stanley reported on years of student political unrest as news director of the campus radio station. Classes were suspended when, on the heels of Vietnam War protests, 15,000 demonstrators converged on New Haven to protest the murder trial of Bobby G. Seale, national chairman of the Black Panther Party. “It was a very contentious and difficult time,” Stanley recalls. “Everything was political.”

A native of Enterprise, Alabama, Stanley says he knew “a lot was at stake for the United States. Growing up in Enterprise, I had a real sense that the world is out there and going on somewhere else. My sense was, ‘Let’s go see.’”

He encourages the same attitude in his students today.

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– Nancy Lowell George ('79)



Preparing For The Next ‘Big One’

Some types of scientific research are driven by opportunity, which frequently means waiting for the next shoe to drop. For Laura Steinberg, that shoe usually is large and destructive.

Steinberg is a nationally known expert on how natural and technological disasters are magnified in urban areas. From earthquakes to hurricanes to plant explosions, Steinberg aims her research at mitigating the ripple effects from the next “big one.”

In one of life’s ironies, Steinberg arrived at SMU because of the indiscriminate hand of Hurricane Katrina, which chased her from her New Orleans home in advance of the catastrophic flooding and interrupted her teaching at Tulane University, just as the 2005 fall semester was getting under way. She took no comfort in being right: She had been warning people for years that the right storm would create huge environmental problems for

residents along the Gulf Coast, thanks to the regional proliferation of industrial plants and petrochemical refineries. The black sheen of spilled oil floating on the New Orleans floodwaters remains an iconic image from post-storm days.

Steinberg was cast adrift in every sense: Tulane closed its doors for four months after the flooding, but her expertise was in high demand. She moved briefly to Washington, D.C., to serve a fellowship at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, focusing on critical infrastructure research as well as risk assessment and modeling strategy for natural disasters. She also took an appointment as a visiting scientist at George Washington University’s Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management, where she continued to work on Hurricane Katrina response issues, including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ preparations for the 2006 hurricane season.

Professor of Environmental and Civil Engineering Bijan Mohraz, former chair of the SMU department, invited Steinberg to join the School of Engineering faculty starting in fall 2006, and she became chair in spring 2007.

Steinberg barely paused for breath in her scholarly activities and has broadened her Katrina-related research, bringing it into a project for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"We're evaluating a multimillion-dollar computer model that the Los Alamos National Laboratory has built to predict the cascading effects of a large natural disaster or major terrorist attack," Steinberg says.

The model predicts how change or damage to one level of infrastructure would impact others like police and fire departments, health services, transportation, telecommunications and utilities.

"The problem is, are all these big projections right? We have to have a big disaster to provide real world data," she says. "So we're running the model simulating part of Hurricane Katrina's effects on the infrastructure of Baton Rouge, which actually turned out to be a place where almost 200,000 people fled." If the model is good at "predicting" the effects on Baton Rouge, it will be reasonable to assume its ability to accurately predict the effect of other large events.

Another Katrina-based project she is leading is an effort to understand the effect of Katrina on Gulf Coast industrial facilities, pipelines and terminals in the path of the hurricane. "We plan to conduct interviews with the facility plant managers where there was significant damage to understand better the nature of the damage, the causes and effects of it, and to brainstorm mitigating measures to prevent them from happening in the future."

Steinberg received Master's and Ph.D. degrees in environmental engineering from Duke University. Her personal experience with disaster started with her fieldwork in Turkey after a 1999 earthquake killed 17,000 people and injured 43,000. The quake was concentrated in an area dominated by oil refineries, several automotive plants and a military arsenal. That experience, coupled with her more recent work after Katrina, has given Steinberg a heightened

sense of responsibility. "It makes the issues so much more human," she says. "And not just because of my experience in New Orleans – but because of the people I know, the faces I've seen."

Steinberg's vision for herself and the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering is broader than even Katrina's footprint. Looking around her office in the environmentally friendly Embrey Engineering Building, she discusses a mental "to do" list.

"I see myself working in the sustainability area, both developing curriculum and programs, merging that with disaster resilience and focusing a large part of my efforts on water supply issues relevant to the entire Southwest and North Texas," she says. "The School of Engineering is committed to sustainability as a way of life, as evidenced by this building and the programs within it. The growing Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex cries out for attention to issues of renewable resources and the promotion of a healthy and clean environment."

She also helped to develop a plan to prevent personal disaster among students by serving on SMU's Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention, which delivered its numerous recommendations in February.

Although she likes her new life in Dallas, Steinberg misses the Big Easy. She returns every six weeks or so to keep up with friends and past projects. She reports that the areas of New Orleans that are thriving "are doing well and full of beautiful architecture and landscaping, and yet a good portion of the city (geographically and socioeconomically) is poor and living in substandard housing, or even homeless. Now that much of the



Laura Steinberg

city lies unreconstructed, the divide is even more obvious and exaggerated than previously."

For more information: enr.smu.edu/~lauras.

– Kim Cobb

Finding Salvation On The Mean Streets

At the age of 12, Harold J. Recinos was homeless on the streets of New York City, abandoned by destitute immigrant parents. Dropping out of junior high school to focus all his attention on survival, he begged for money, wore the same clothing for months and lived in abandoned urban tenements, public parks and parked Greyhound passenger buses.

"My answer to rejection and the pitiful existence of street life was to become a street-grown heroin addict. I was one of the youngest junkies in the neighborhood. Shooting dope made it easier to eat food from restaurant garbage dumpsters," he recalls.

Now a professor of church and society in Perkins School of Theology, Recinos contends that those same mean streets of the South Bronx, which he calls "a tough and

crucified place," shaped his understanding of God and later defined his approach to teaching and research as a theologian.

After four years of living on the streets of New York, Los Angeles and Puerto Rico, he met a Presbyterian minister, who took him into his home and family in the New York City area. They helped him to overcome heroin addiction and to return to school.

The minister also introduced Recinos to *A Theology of Liberation: History, Politics, and Salvation* by Gustavo Gutiérrez, a book that greatly influenced his approach to the ministry. He enrolled in the College of Wooster (Ohio), his mentor's alma mater, and later earned a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry from New York Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from American University. He was ordained in The United Methodist Church in 1986 and later served pastorates working with the homeless in New York City, Central American and African refugees, and youth gangs in Washington, D.C. He also was a professor for 14 years at

Wesley Theological Seminary on the campus of American University, where he developed and directed programs for student pastors and urban ministries.

Recinos says his hard-scrabble experiences motivate his research

on race, ethnicity and the effects of religion on marginalized groups in the United States; he has published numerous articles and books on the topics. He also calls upon mainline Christian churches to broaden their thinking about evangelism among the poor, particularly Latinos in the United States. In *Good News From the Barrio: Prophetic Witness for the Church* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2006), he writes, "By intentionally understanding and welcoming people of different cultural backgrounds into the local church, Christians undergo the transformation necessary to proclaim the gospel

of a community-commanding God."

Recinos infuses the theology in his books with his own poetry, a writing activity he developed years ago as a way "to remember growing up at the edges of society and the barrio's forgotten people," he says. As a graduate student in New York City, Recinos was befriended by the late Nuyorican poet/writer Miguel Piñero, who established the Nuyorican Poets Café in Lower Manhattan and encouraged the budding writer.

An excerpt from "Suspects," a poem in *Good News From the Barrio*, reflects his efforts to capture the Latino experience and contribution to U.S. society: "I woke up this morning feeling sick about America / and picked up the telephone to call the equal opportunity / office in the nation's capital responsible for writing us out / of history. America why do you hang a threat over our heads like daily bread / and keep us in the shadows cooking, cleaning, and caring for your children?"

His latest research is on how young people, particularly those



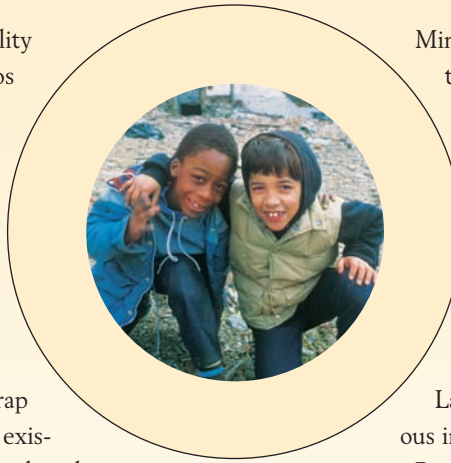
Harold J. Recinos

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in poor urban settings, interpret their social reality and produce their own forms of culture. Recinos is looking at the music, films, art and literature embraced by ethnic young people as a form of theological and political discourse among them. More specifically, he writes about rap and hip-hop cultures, which originated in the South Bronx, knowing that they have been subjected to fierce criticism from many parts of society and argued about in U.S. Senate hearings. "I think something good comes from rap music, and what deserves our attention are the existential concerns and material conditions expressed in this popular musical genre, which in part provides a voice of social criticism to young people," he says.

To help his Perkins Theology students better understand the diverse society they will serve, Recinos encourages them to minister in inner-city communities in this country and to accompany him to minister to the poor in places like El Salvador.

D. Anthony Everett, a fourth-year M.Div. student in the Urban



Ministry Certification program in Perkins, says that Recinos has helped "this African American man to better interpret the dialogue between the African and Latino/a worlds through theological discourse. It is further a delight to know that my professor is an avid martial artist and is willing to reach beyond the world of a traditional European-influenced theological perspective to see the significance in African, Asian and Latino views in theology. I aspire to be as generous in spirit and genuine in character as he."

Recinos says that when his students "leave my courses with a clearer understanding of cultural diversity and a concern to act contrary to the conventions of a divided world, I find a reason to celebrate. It is my hope students will provide the church with the leadership that will deliver society to a more hopeful future."

For more information: www.smu.edu/theology/people/recinos.html

– Susan White

Getting To The Heart Of Entrepreneurship

Like most Western countries in the 1970s, Italy was experiencing its worst economic downturn since the worldwide depression four decades earlier. Double-digit inflation and high unemployment soured *la dolce vita*.

"People were concerned about job security," economist Maria Minniti recalls about her native country. "They worried about being able to afford their rent. Everyone was affected – my family, the parents of my friends. Although I was a child, I could tell there was much distress throughout society."

Despite its problems, Italy remained a wealthy country, particularly when compared to the misery of the Third World exposed in newscasts in the 1980s. Dismayed by what she saw, Minniti searched for a way she could effect positive change where it was needed most. As the young political science student was researching an honors thesis, the nascent Grameen Bank project in Bangladesh grabbed her attention. The microcredit initiative, which earned the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for American-trained economist Muhammad Yunus, assisted the rural poor in the famine-ravaged country by making tiny loans, primarily to women, to jumpstart small, self-sustaining businesses. As these female entrepreneurs took baby steps up the economic ladder, they gave their children a



Maria Minniti

boost; consequently, entire families lifted themselves out of grinding poverty.

Minniti's future snapped into focus as she probed deeper into the complex and multilayered role played by entrepreneurs in the economy. "We all want to make a difference, especially when we're young, and I believed that, as a social scientist, I could make a difference by understanding the issues that influence economic growth, such as having the right institutions in place to promote entrepreneurship."

Following a national search, Minniti recently was named the Bobby B. Lyle Chair in Entrepreneurship in the Cox School of Business. "Maria adds depth to the entrepreneurship team at Cox with her research on a global scale," says Jerry F. White, director of the school's Caruth Institute for Entrepreneurship.

A native of Rome and a longtime New Yorker, Minniti earned a Ph.D. in economics from New York University. She comes to SMU from Babson College, Boston, where she was a professor of economics and entrepreneurship and served as research director for the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) project. Launched in 1999 and coordinated by Babson and the London Business School, GEM is the largest survey-based study of entrepreneurship.

"We assume if there's more entrepreneurial activity, there will be more economic growth, but we don't exactly know how the mechanism works," she says. "We need to better understand which institutional settings are most effective and why. While entrepreneurship is a mechanism for growth, good institutions are a necessary condition for productive entrepreneurship." The project collects data from more than 60 countries annually to paint a global picture of entrepreneurship and its role in economic development.

"Over the past few decades it has become very apparent that

entrepreneurs are the change agents of an economy," the Caruth Institute's White says. "If you want to revitalize your country, then encourage entrepreneurship."

Broadly defined, "entrepreneurship generates innovation or taps unused resources," Minniti says. The term "entrepreneurship" is entwined in the vernacular with small businesses, but it can be appropriately applied to ventures of all sizes. She offers Southwest Airlines, Google and 3M as examples of large companies that nurture entrepreneurship within a corporate framework by empowering "individuals to pursue their interests and to research and develop new projects and products."

In the fall she will teach her first SMU classes – on business decision-making. "We will talk about how individuals make rational decisions, and how they can deviate from the rational by following 'gut' feelings, which are influenced by rules of thumb and biases," she explains. "In the end, we want to be able to make better decisions as both entrepreneurs and consumers. When facing an uncertain choice, the best way to make better decisions is to begin by asking the right questions."

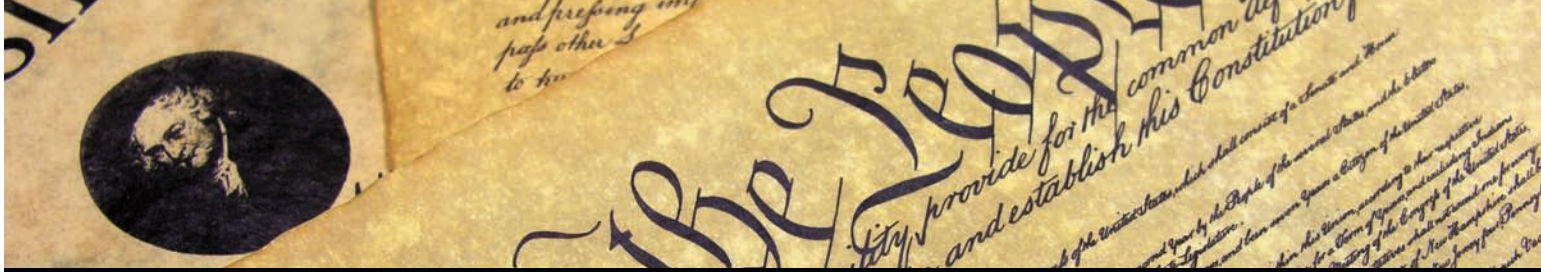
Until then, she will continue to delve into the characteristics of entrepreneurial behavior and the relationship between entrepreneurship and economic growth. Eager to continue developing her research agenda at SMU, Minniti may not have to venture beyond her own backyard. "Human capital is the main resource of entrepreneurship, and with a fast-growing, ethnically diverse population, Dallas has a lot of that," she says. "The Dallas area lends itself very well to an exploration of what works and what doesn't to encourage entrepreneurship."

A thoughtful and curious observer, Minniti finds that her warm manner and Italian accent are good icebreakers as she explores her new city, drawing her into conversations with everyone from taxi drivers to fellow shoppers. "I'm always asked where I'm from. And when people find out that I have just moved to Texas, they immediately list the many reasons I will love it here," from reasonable housing prices to the abundance of good restaurants, she says. "It's a positive sign when so many people can find so many things they like."

For more information: www.cox.smu.edu/academic/professor.do/mminniti

– Patricia Ward





Reinforcing The Value Of Constitutional Law

A large world map, drawn from the old Soviet Union's perspective, dominates a wall in Jeffrey Kahn's office. The map is more than a Cold War artifact for this Dedman School of Law assistant professor. It is a reminder that even the most powerful institutions are not invulnerable.

In his second year at SMU, Kahn is carving out an academic niche at the intersection of U.S. constitutional law, human rights, counterterrorism and comparative law.

But when he began his undergraduate studies at Yale in 1990, the Berlin Wall had just fallen and there was a new, reform-talking leader in the Kremlin. Kahn pursued four years of Russian language studies, despite warnings from Yale faculty that the difficult language was not the best use of time for a young man determined to practice law in the United States.

"But I wanted to see how the Soviet story ended," Kahn recalls. If that seemingly indestructible powerhouse could be disassembled, he wondered what parallels could be drawn to the relative strength and stability of the foundations of U.S. government.

"What do I have to do as a citizen to keep these institutions strong?" he asked himself. The question continues to shape his teaching and engage his students, particularly in studying U.S. constitutional law. His syllabus for the course directs students toward an answer before they ever enter his classroom:

"At our first class, I will issue you a pocket-sized U.S. Constitution," reads the syllabus.

"You should strive to develop the same level of affection and familiarity toward it that a United States Marine accords to his or her rifle."

For 2007-08, Kahn was named a Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Professional Responsibility teaching fellow. He already was teaching a seminar on the role of lawyers in counterterrorism, studying the cases of illegal immigrants, citizens claiming to be victims of "rendition" and torture overseas, charitable organizations subject to asset forfeiture after being labeled terrorist fronts and travelers caught by government-issued "no fly" lists. "I

want to include the stories told by lawyers who anguish over their ethical responsibilities to country and client," Kahn wrote in applying for the fellowship. The Maguire fellowship enabled him to bring in guest lecturers to tell those stories firsthand.

One of those classroom lessons played out in a Dallas courtroom: Last year Kahn became a "go-to" source for local and national news media in the federal case against Richardson's Holy Land Foundation as an alleged front for the terrorist group Hamas. The case ended in mistrial.

He now is researching how the war on terror is affecting a citi-



Jeffrey Kahn

zen's right to travel. "The right to travel is a core democratic principle dating back to Athens," he says.

Kahn first traveled to Russia in summer 1993, just before the October constitutional crisis that prompted President Boris Yeltsin to illegally dissolve the country's legislature. Kahn returned numerous times while earning a Master's and Doctorate from Oxford University. His dissertation, "Federalism, Democratization and the Rule of Law in Russia," was published by Oxford University Press. Even while enrolled at the University of Michigan Law School, Kahn delivered lectures on European human rights

law to Russian attorneys at summer programs in Moscow sponsored by the Council of Europe.

After graduating from law school in 2002, he clerked for U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Griesa and took a job (on Griesa's advice) as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice from 2003-06. Kahn traveled the country on a variety of cases, and remembers exactly when the real significance of the job hit him.

"The first time I stood in front of a federal judge to identify myself for the record and say, 'My name is Jeffrey Kahn and I represent the United States of America in this matter' – well, the responsibility behind those words really took my breath away."

He long since had proven wrong the naysayers who questioned his determination to learn

Russian: Among his last assignments, the Justice Department detailed Kahn to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow to conduct research on criminal procedure in that evolving democracy.

"I am far from fluent and my American accent, I am told, is very strong," Kahn says. "But I have found that perseverance and a willing smile accomplishes a lot."

Acting on a long-developing desire to teach, Kahn calls his faculty appointment a cherished opportunity

to think hard on tough issues and talk with intelligent students. "It's wonderful to be invited into this faculty, where I can take an idea and run with it," he says.

For more information:

www.law.smu.edu/faculty/Kahn.aspx

– Kim Cobb



Inspiring An Artful Approach To Advertising

At any moment in the Owen Arts Center, piano tunes waft from classrooms, budding actors practice their faux swordfights and ballerinas pirouette in the hallways. Advertising professor Patricia Alvey finds the creative environment "thrilling and stimulating."

SMU's Temerlin Advertising Institute for Education and Research in Meadows School of the Arts shares space with art, music, theatre and other fine arts students and faculty. "I love the energy. It's delightful that I ended up back in an art school," says Alvey, Distinguished Chair and Director of the Institute. Before receiving a Ph.D. in advertising from the University of Texas at Austin, Alvey earned a B.F.A. in drawing and painting from Murray State University.

With a painter's eye and a pragmatist's work ethic, she "fell into advertising," making a happy landing in a field where her passions for art, academics and altruism intersect. Early on she appreciated the blend of personal and professional satisfaction that came from working with nonprofit groups. She designed everything from brochures to brand-identity programs for the

Texas Capital Preservation Campaign, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and other organizations. Her work on behalf of the March of Dimes won national Summit International Design awards, which recognize outstanding efforts by small- to mid-sized creative companies.

Alvey also made a name for herself in academia. She headed the creative advertising program at the University of Texas at Austin before being named executive director of the Virginia Commonwealth University Adcenter, an elite two-year advertising graduate program.

When Alvey arrived at the Temerlin Advertising Institute (TAI) in fall 2002, it was "brand-new and had the blush of fresh success. Although the strategic business portion of the program was strong, there was no creative program to speak of," she recalls.

Working with TAI faculty, she implemented new admission criteria and a redefined curriculum with "toughened courses." She recruited and hired new creative faculty, and to supplement classroom lessons, Alvey and her faculty called upon their industry colleagues for lectures and critiques.

Students have responded to the higher expectations by becoming nationally competitive and collecting a trove of trophies. In addition to a cluster of Dallas Ad League ADDY awards, students earned awards from the Houston Art Directors Club and the Dallas Society for Visual Communication. Their work has been published in *CMYK Magazine*, which is a national showcase for student creative work in advertising, design, illustration and photography. Last year two students made it to the finals of the international One Club Client Pitch, where only seven schools qualified to compete. In 2006, a 30-second TV spot created by an eight-student team won a contest sponsored by national restaurant chain Chipotle.

"These are not lightweight competitions," says Mike Sullivan, president of The Loomis Agency in Dallas, who has been a guest speaker at the Institute. "Patty and her team didn't take it up just one notch; they took it up five or six."

In preparing for the high-caliber contests, students experience the creative process – from concepting to storyboarding to post-production work – as if they were producing a national advertising campaign at a top agency. Senior advertising major Allie Edwards is part of a team of advertising and cinema-television students developing a TV spot for the One Show national student competition. She appreciates Alvey's critiques. "She looks at our work from the standpoint of a creative director who would be hiring us, so her feedback is important and helpful," Evans says.

Good advertising is "different, engaging, provocative and surprising," Alvey says. "Much of what I truly love isn't seen that much by the public in the U.S."

She likes the steamy spots by Bartle Bogle Hegarty for Axe men's body products and Levi's; the visually complex, whimsical work of Wieden & Kennedy for British Honda; and "a great deal of the work coming out of Amsterdam, São Paulo and Singapore."

Alvey also prizes advertising that serves the greater good. "An overarching goal of the Institute is to help students understand that the creativity and skills used to drive business also can be used for public service," she says.

A few months after she arrived, Alvey accepted a challenge from SMU's Center for Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Prevention for TAI to develop an alcohol awareness campaign targeted at students. Advertising students teamed up with faculty to produce a series of bold posters, visible across campus over the next four years, to send the message that irresponsible drinking was the exception, not the social norm. Most recently she led focus group research as a member of SMU's Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention.

Another significant project, the *World Citizens Guide*, reached more than 800 campuses across the country. Published in 2004, the passport-sized book serves a weighty purpose: to sensitize students to cultural differences, making them "worldly" travelers and effective ambassadors. To date, more than 120,000 copies have been distributed. A sister publication, tailored to business travelers, has been distributed to more than 40,000 individuals and businesses.

Alvey ticks off some of the Institute's current projects: "Right now, we're teaming up with the Division of Cinema-Television to produce spots for Doritos for The One Show National Student Competition. The TAI Ad Team is working on an AOL project for the American Advertising Federation's National Student Advertising Competition. Our research and campaigns classes are working with IDEARC, a recent spin-off of Verizon, as a corporate client. And the list is just for this semester."

To download a free PDF version of the *World Citizens Guide*, visit www.worldcitizensguide.com.

– Patricia Ward



Patricia Alvey



OBJECTS OF ART

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With Student Creations, It's Talent Over Matter

For SMU visual arts students, the act of creating is anything but neat. Paint drippings and inky blobs, pencil shavings, dried bits of clay, photo chemicals, metal chunks and plaster pieces – such are the substances that, in their hands and through their imaginations, become works of art. The Division of Art in Meadows School of the Arts offers study in six media: drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking, photography and sculpture. Faculty members, such as Professor of Printmaking Laurence Scholder (opposite page), are master artists who continue to create their own works. Students also can attend art classes at SMU-in-Taos or in Rome, Paris and London, among other European cities. Over the years, the SMU art program has produced nationally recognized artists such as John Alexander ('70), David Bates ('75, '78), John Nieto ('59), Dan Rizzie ('75) and Yvette Kaiser Smith ('90). The Meadows School hopes to build new facilities that will provide space for the interaction of traditional art with new digital and video media. For more information: www.smu.edu/meadows/art.



The Education Equation

From How Students Learn To Why They May Fail, New School Seeks
Answers For Education And Human Development

By Deborah Wormser

As a teenager Hector Rivera escaped the civil war in El Salvador and traveled alone to Los Angeles, where he lived a double life as a 10th-grader by day, full-time dishwasher by night.

Often he would get off work at 3 a.m., return to his grandmother's apartment and do his homework, then attend class at a public high school with students from 85 countries, including Cambodia, Laos and some in Africa. He admits to struggling sometimes to stay awake in class.

"My teachers were aware of the things I was going through, and they were supportive," says Rivera, now an SMU assistant professor of education, working to help educators ease the transition for a new generation of students.

Another assistant professor, Paige Daniel Ware, left her sheltered life on a farm in Kentucky for a high school cultural exchange trip to Japan, an experience that sparked her interest in languages and education. After college, she taught high school English in Burgstaedt, Germany, as a Fulbright scholar and taught English in Spain.

The U.S. Department of Education recently awarded five-year grants totaling \$3.9 million to Rivera and Ware to provide training for English

as a Second Language (ESL) certification to teachers in the Dallas, Grand Prairie and Irving school districts.

In their work, Rivera and Ware demonstrate a key strength of the new Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development at SMU: a commitment to provide practical solutions with an emphasis on language and literacy for the men and women who report daily to the front lines of education.

The School covers the full spectrum of education – from programs that help teachers develop young learners to those that offer lifelong learning to students of all ages. It offers graduate degrees and certificates to educators and strong research programs on how teachers can best help students learn and develop language skills. Specialized programs include literacy training, bilingual education, English as a Second Language, gifted student education and learning therapy.

Under human development, the School also offers Master's degrees in counseling, dispute resolution and liberal studies, along with wellness courses, professional and continuing studies, and non-credit enrichment classes that serve the Dallas-Fort Worth community.

David Chard, the Leon Simmons dean of the School, says it will continue the University's tradi-





tion of preparing leaders and innovators as it strengthens its commitment to research. In that way, SMU education alumni can provide “a voice of reason” when confronted with the shifting fads that plague the profession, he adds.

“We work in a desperate industry that’s looking for simple answers to complicated questions such as: What factors help children learn to read? Why is it that some children have all those factors in place and some don’t? Why do some children growing up in economically disadvantaged communities succeed when the odds are against them? Or scholars in SMU’s Department of Dispute Resolution and Counseling might ask questions such as: What are the best approaches to resolving international disputes that have a history of failed attempts?”

In fall 2007, Chard had been on the job only two weeks when he learned about the possibility of the \$20 million gift from Harold and Annette C. Simmons ('57) that endowed and renamed the School. Their endowment includes \$10 million toward the construction of a new education building, the Annette Caldwell Simmons Building, which Chard says should aid in recruitment of faculty and students. Other goals include opening a Family Counseling Center at SMU-in-Legacy in Plano to provide more opportunities for students to work with the community.

National searches are under way to recruit additional faculty who demonstrate leadership in the classroom, research expertise and the courage to seek answers to difficult questions. “Any good question in education and human development is a controversial one. Otherwise, no one would be asking it,” Chard says.

Interdisciplinary faculty members already on board are in the process of getting to know each other – a crucial step toward becoming the productive team Chard envisions.

“A linguist’s worldview differs from an anthropologist’s, which

differs from a cognitive psychologist’s, but all can contribute to research projects that cross discipline boundaries,” he says. “Education is not a discipline, it’s an interdisciplinary field.”

Although Chard will give the faculty leeway, there are basic tenets on which he is unbending. “We believe that you can measure growth in human beings quantitatively,” he says, adding that sound research is vital for educators and policymakers if they are to make evidence-based decisions rather than follow fads.

The School’s commitment to research is exemplified by a rigorous new doctor of philosophy degree program in education, better described as a doctorate in educational research. Three years of full-time coursework and research will prepare graduates to work in educational research settings.

Chard also plans to ensure that the School continues to provide solutions to special problems faced by educators statewide. For instance, under her new grant, Ware recently completed the first semester of training teachers for Project Connect, which will certify in ESL up to 25 teachers a year from the Irving and Grand Prairie school districts. “Rapidly changing demographics have dramatically increased the need for ESL teachers in those communities,” she says.

Unlike elementary schools, secondary schools have no bilingual classrooms. English-only is the rule and all secondary teachers encounter students of varying English proficiency in every class. Project Connect prepares educators to teach both ESL and native English speakers simultaneously. One strategy is to modify lessons

Above: Francesca Jones, research assistant professor in the Department of Literacy, Language and Learning, works with children at a Fort Worth elementary school.

by reducing the use of idioms so that everyone understands.

"For example, a writing prompt for a test that mentions a boy picking up a Louisville Slugger could be rewritten to say he picked up a baseball bat – a small change that greatly increases the level of understanding," she says.

Rivera, who has a developmental psychology background, is using his grant to train 25 Dallas ISD secondary teachers each year to serve students new to this country. At least half the educators in the program will receive scholarships to attend math and science enrichment classes – conducted in Spanish – in Cuernavaca, Mexico. His program also fosters community development by partnering with organizations working with the African-American, Asian and Hispanic communities, he says.

The Vocabulary Of Numbers

Chard's own background includes teaching both mathematics and reading, as well as time teaching in the Peace Corps in the Kingdom of Lesotho in southern Africa. He served as assistant director of the Texas Center for Reading and Language Arts at The University of Texas at Austin and most recently as associate dean in the College of Education at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Although it might seem unusual to have a background in both reading and mathematics, he says, the disciplines are intertwined because humans learn everything through language. "Mathematics is a more precise convention, but reading is where it starts."

The U.S. Department of Education recently awarded Chard and his colleagues a grant to study language-based strategies for teaching math concepts to kindergartners. The work is based on cognitive psychology research on human infants and primates that finds both have a rudimentary understanding of math, such as the ability to notice when the number of objects displayed on a video screen changes. "If primates and human infants share this skill, when do human beings launch into more complex mathematics?" he asks and then answers: "Research indicates it happens when human infants understand language."

Chard's research attempts to build fluency early by giving young learners a precise mathematical vocabulary rather than the proxy words that some teachers use because they assume 5- and 6-year-olds cannot understand the actual terms. For instance, children in the study group learn to use the words "addition" and "subtraction" rather than "plus" and "minus."

The first phase of Chard's project – a three-year feasibility study on 150 students in Oregon – demonstrated the method's effectiveness. The study found that students in the treatment group outperformed those in the control group by roughly 15 percent. The second phase of the study, to determine whether those gains persist long term, will be conducted in a larger, more diverse group including 600 students in the Dallas community.

Support For Struggling Learners

An estimated 50 million Americans have dyslexia, a neurological condition characterized by difficulty decoding words. Because many with the disorder have average or above-average intelligence, until recently they often could not qualify for special services, which re-

quired performance below grade level, although dyslexics consistently failed to meet their potential without academic support, says Karen S. Vickery, director of the Learning Therapy Program.

Based at SMU-in-Legacy, Learning Therapy includes a diagnostic clinic for dyslexia and related learning differences. Diagnosis is the first step in getting a student the specialized learning plan now required under state law. Learning Therapy also provides advanced degrees and certificates to prepare educators to help dyslexic students using methods developed at Columbia University in New York and Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas, she says.

Classes are held on weekends and in short summer sessions in Dallas, San Antonio, the Rio Grande Valley and Shreveport to accommodate the needs of SMU students with full-time jobs and to help those in rural school districts across the state, Vickery adds.

In one of the Learning Therapy Program's first lectures, Jana Jones, coordinator of the learning therapist certificate program, shows photos from brain imagery studies comparing dyslexic readers to non-dyslexic readers. Those images show that dyslexics use less efficient brain pathways when they try to discriminate and analyze the sounds within words and then tie those sounds to the symbols (letters) used in written language.

The Dallas Branch of the International Dyslexia Association honored Jones with its 2008 Excellence in Education award at its annual conference. At the same meeting, educators packed a large



Above: Student teacher Peter Asher helps students at St. Thomas Aquinas School with their lessons. Left: Laps in the pool are counted toward credits in Wellness, also offered by the School.

seminar room to see a multimedia presentation by one of Jones' former students, Rene King ('05) of Texarkana's Pleasant Grove ISD. Originally a first-grade teacher, King came to the SMU program for training after her son, Curt, was diagnosed with dyslexia in third grade. At the time, Texarkana's Pleasant Grove ISD had no dyslexia therapists, she says, explaining how she herself ended up leading the district's dyslexia program for middle and high school students. At the conference, King presented a technology-based program she developed using computers and iPods that helps dyslexic high school students keep up with the heavy reading and writing load of advanced placement courses.

State Board of Education member Geraldine "Tincy" Miller ('56) is a veteran of battles fought to gain funding for learning disabilities programs in Texas public schools. Her son, Vance C. Miller Jr., was born in 1958 and had problems with reading long before most educators acknowledged the existence of dyslexia. Like many dyslexics, Vance was bright and verbal in class discussions, so teachers assumed that mere laziness was keeping him from achieving success in reading and writing, she recalls.

As a result, Vance never received the help he needed and dropped out of high school. Despite having only a general equivalency degree, he was admitted to SMU's Cox School of Business, where he excelled and graduated in 1982 with a B.B.A. degree. He went on to work for the family's real estate business until his death in a car accident at age 37.

Because of her son, Miller dedicated her life to education, obtaining dyslexia certification from Scottish Rite and East Texas State University (now Texas A&M-Commerce) and serving more than 20 years on the State Board of Education, including time as its chair. During her first term, in 1985, Miller helped push through legislation that made Texas one of the first two states to categorize dyslexia as a learning problem separate from special education. That meant students could qualify for help



Michael Colatrella teaches a dispute resolution class at SMU-in-Legacy in Plano.

with their disability even if they had not fallen behind in school.

Miller says she admires the dyslexia screening and teaching done by staff therapists at SMU, and is always impressed by the intellectual quality of the students she meets when she comes to campus to explain the history of the Texas law. "I look at SMU as a school that always has been open to innovation and not a status quo kind of place where people say, 'It's always been done this way.'"

Miller says she can imagine a day when the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development will have a reading laboratory, similar to Scottish Rite's, where education students can practice working with dyslexic students. And the gift from Harold and Annette Simmons holds particular significance for Miller. She and Annette were sorority sisters and have remained close friends. "When she made that gift with Harold, it just touched my heart," she says.

Among the School's priorities is strengthening SMU's ties with local school districts and community agencies. Toward that end, Chard has appointed Yolette Garcia ('83) as assistant dean for external affairs and outreach. She previously held positions for 25 years at KERA, the North Texas public broadcasting station.

"It's a privilege to work at SMU, where significant intellectual and cultural activities happen daily," Garcia says. "Our School and University already have made solid community connections, but what's exciting is to help figure out ways to deepen our impact."

Ultimately, Chard and his colleagues believe their local efforts will help inform the national debate about the needs in education.

"Further development of our programs will strengthen our important partnerships," he says, "and will make us increasingly competitive for external research funding with national implications for education and human development."

For more information: www.smu.edu/education

By The Numbers

- ✍ **4** Departments – Literacy, Language and Learning; Dispute Resolution and Counseling; Lifelong Learning; and Wellness
- ✍ **35** faculty members
- ✍ More than **900** full- and part-time credit students and **6,000** non-credit students
- ✍ **1** Ph.D. and **8** graduate degrees and **10** graduate certification programs offered
- ✍ Working with **numerous** school districts, agencies, city, state and federal governments on human service issues

Where We Are Growing

- ❖ Planning a **new building** on main campus
- ❖ Opening a **Family Counseling Center** at SMU-in-Legacy in Plano
- ❖ Renovating **three office areas** in Expressway Towers
- ❖ Developing **undergraduate program** in Sports and Fitness Management and Promotion
- ❖ Establishing **graduate program** in Educational Leadership, Policy and Management



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The Poetry Man



Putting Words To The Inner Life

By Susan White

POET JACK MYERS LOVES WORDS – long and short, complex and simple, lovely and lyrical, shabby and flabby.

Thus, his love of penning his thoughts in poetry – a medium that can capture life's profound themes in a compact space, says Myers, professor of English who has taught creative writing at SMU for more than 30 years. "Poetry addresses very intimate aspects and happenings within the personal self that you don't normally talk about in everyday life."

In his poetry workshops, Myers tells his students that the nature of poetry is all about the writing process, "shaping whatever we are trying to sculpt from inchoate fog that allows us to feel what it is to be human." And above all, he emphasizes writing in the vernacular of 21st-century young adults, and NO rhyming! To do other-

wise would negate their efforts to become contemporary poets, he says. SMU's Department of English aims to support these budding poets and other writers through recent establishment of the Laurence and Catherine Perrine endowed chair in creative writing and the Marshall Terry Scholarship in creative writing.

The 2003-04 Texas Poet Laureate, Myers is the author of 17 books of and about poetry and recipient of The Violet Crown Award, the Texas Institute of Letters Award and two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships. He is a National Poetry Series Open Competition winner and has been Distinguished Poet-in-Residence at several universities. Myers has served as vice president for the national organization Associated Writing Programs, and was a trustee of The Writer's Garret in Dallas.

To-Do List

Do nothing.

Be the dot in the center.

The hole without a thought.

Live warm and slowly
like the globules in a lava lamp.

Let others burn in the whiteout
of ideas, the blackout of action.

Let the vanishing point inhale
me and my consciousness,
the landslide behind my closed eyes.

Myers says he began writing poetry at age 12 – “that great transformative and troubling age – because it seemed the right vessel for carrying strong emotions contained within a small space (me). As I progressed in skill and understanding, and my thinking became more metaphorical and analogical, poetry became a sort of high-intensity beam I could shine on whatever intrigued, puzzled, deeply interested, eluded or moved me. Now, in my advancing years, it again has transformed itself for me into a vehicle for inner growth, spiritual quest, and self-discovery, all of which attests to the old saying: ‘Life is short, art is long.’ Aside from my loved ones, I can think of no better companion through the years.”

Myers generously has shared with *SMU Magazine* six unpublished poems, which will be included in his next book of poetry. For a longer interview with Myers, visit the online spring issue at www.smu.edu/smumagazine.

The Annesiac's Memoir

I no longer feel guilty about not being able to recall much at all, but have come to think of it as an honor I've earned on my way to perfecting my development.

If I rent the same movie day after day and don't realize I've seen it until I find myself lip-syncing with Clint Eastwood: “Deserve has nothing to do with it,” the lapse makes my senior moments seem more exotic, the way driving off and forgetting where I'm going, come to think of it, makes the world deliciously surreal. I remember when I was little, hearing the scary old ragman calling for clothes that would be stripped of their history to make the finest paper. Like them, I have chosen to ascend and join myself in forgetting everything I've ever been through in the hope that soon I will be blank and gleam and pour into the life-long white potential I sensed in my beginning, which ever since I've been pouring through.

Really Fast Chicken

In my dreams of flying
I lay out in the air
and glide by feeling I'd like to.

That's what I thought it'd be like
to be a poet when I was 12 — dumbstruck
by daydreams, my hand would write.

But real birds sweat when they fly.
In slo-mo it appears they're rowing
the longboat of their bodies

across vast tracts of invisible swells
with nothing to land on, except
the twig of a dream of being us.

Impossible adaptation, growing wings.
I picture a really fast chicken
launching himself into the blue

safety of nothing as if wanting itself
could buoy him up, as if faith in what
he didn't know would pull him forward,

as if saying would save his life, and dream-
ing arctic arias and flaunting jungle colors
would make it impossible to fall.



Art is a quality of attention, the way color says how light feels: yellow for the aerosol of happiness, black for the zero of what isn't; the way light, lined up right, can cut through steel. Anything is art if the mind's flawed right: how soup feels being stirred, how silence, broken open just so, releases its essence and graces the mind as a mint leaf in the air.

It's those who can't understand and are dumbfounded by the obvious, who thrive on dissonance and subverting the ordinary into the extraordinary who end up being artists. What good is that, you ask? No practical use as far as I can see. In fact, Archimedes could've been bragging about art's uselessness when he said “Give me a long enough lever, a place to stand, and I will lift the earth.”



Cirrus

I'd like to leave
a lighter imprint
on the world
than I'd formerly
meant. Just a scent,
not the thud of the thing
steaming on a plate.

Instead of “I told you so!”
let my epitaph be
the glance, the edge,
the mist. The delicately
attenuated swirl
of an innuendo
instead of the thunderhead.

The rain that fell
when I was ambitious
seemed conspiringly rushed
in my way. But the same rain
today tastes of here and now
because of where it's been.

I'd like to be gentle
with small, great things.
They are larger
than what we think
we came here for.
I'd like to be an eye of light
that opens the air
and burns beyond ambition,
like the sun that can't see us
and is beyond our reach,
yet is in us trillions of times over.

What it Takes

The smart ones think
they can climb
with their brains.

The talented ones
slide halfway up
without trying.

Those who merely feel
deeply drown
in their own syrup.

But the quiet girl
from Bangladesh
who fled here alone

reads her poem
about a tea party
she had as a child.

She fills each cup
with tiny white flowers
then re-paints her
imaginary guests'
chipped red fingernails
red.

TURN-AROUND MAN: NEW COACH BRINGS MOMENTUM TO MUSTANGS

new head football coach June Jones has built a successful 20-year career molding down-trodden teams into champions. He intends to make the SMU football team his next success.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity," he says. "I like turning teams around. My staff and I have done it before and we'll do it again."

No brag, just a statement of fact.

Jones accepted the Mustang head coach position in January after leading the undefeated Hawaii Warriors to the 2007 Sugar Bowl. When he took over the Hawaii football program in 1999, the Warriors had lost 18 straight games, the longest losing streak in the NCAA at the time. Sports pundits criticized Jones for taking the Hawaii job, particularly after turning down a five-year, multimillion-dollar contract to continue as head coach of the San Diego Chargers.

In Jones' first season at Hawaii, the team achieved a 9-4 record, the biggest single-season turnaround in NCAA football history.

"I knew we would be second-guessed by the media about leaving San Diego for Hawaii," he says. "Winners always are."

WHY SMU?

With only one winning season since 1989 and more than 20 years since its last bowl appearance, SMU football is ready for revival.

"It's easier to turn around these situations than it is going to a team that is 7-4 and already thinks it knows how to win," Jones says.

In a January 28, 2008, *Sports Illustrated* interview, Jones said he had been looking for a new opportunity for about three years. "I needed to be re-energized and SMU has done that for me. People here are very motivated to win. SMU has everything in place that I dreamed about when I was at Hawaii, such as facilities and support. Now it's my job to get it done on the field."

Jones brings to SMU the run-and-shoot offense, a fast-paced passing game, and assistant coaches who are experienced in teaching it. Seven of nine assistant coaches have worked with Jones before.

"Retraining the team in a new offense is going to be a challenge," Jones says. "We'll do a lot of teaching in the classroom and on the field."

The 41 returning letterwinners will be joined in the fall by 28 players recruited by Jones and his staff.

"It was amazing that in three weeks of recruiting we were able to attract the quality of kids that we did," he says. And Jones doesn't intend to redshirt many of those 28 new players. "If he is the best player, he'll play."

COACHING WITH WISDOM

When Jones arrived at Hawaii in 1999, Dan Robinson was his starting quarterback. "We were excited to have a coach with wisdom and a system," Robinson says. "We went 0-12 the previous year and ran a different offense each game."

Jones brought football insight, attention to detail and confidence to Hawaii's team, says Robinson, now a dentist in Louisville, Kentucky. "He allowed me to take advantage of my strengths. I'm not the greatest athlete, but he let me use my head and make reads. He taught me to make quick decisions.

"We never saw anything in a game that surprised us," Robinson adds. "June knew what to expect and prepared us. The practices were harder than the games."

The preparation paid off – Hawaii won the 1999 Western Athletic Conference championship and beat Oregon State 23-17 in the O'ahu Bowl. Hawaii wrapped up that season with the second-best offense in the nation.

"Buy into June's system and go with it,"

Robinson advises current SMU players. "It is a chance of a lifetime to play for him."

SECOND CHANCES

As a college student in 1975, Jones transferred from the University of Hawaii to Portland State University, his third university in five years.



June Jones works with players during the spring scrimmage.

"I played college football on three different teams and never got in a game," Jones says. "I was going to quit, but Mouse Davis, my coach at Portland State, gave me another chance."

Davis introduced Jones to the run-and-shoot offense that he popularized in the 1970s. "June was distraught about football when he came to us," says Davis, now offensive coordinator at Portland State after serving under Jones as an assistant coach at Hawaii. "I think he wanted me to talk him out of quitting college football. But I knew that he would fall in love with football again with our style of play."

Jones started as quarterback for the Portland State Vikings and finished the year with the Division II passing record of 3,518 yards. He went on to play professionally for the Atlanta Falcons (1977-1981) and the Toronto Argonauts (1982). He began his coaching career with Toronto, turning around a 2-14 team and sending it to the Canadian Football League championship in

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one year. Jones later became head coach of the Atlanta Falcons (1994-96), guiding them to a wild-card play-off berth in 1995, and the San Diego Chargers (1998).

Jones is quick to credit Davis as his coaching mentor. "When I played for him I saw another way to do things," he says.

"Every situation has made June a better coach," Davis says. "There is absolutely no question in my mind that he will turn the football program around. SMU has an excellent tradition, alumni and facilities. I think everyone will be enthralled with him."

For more information or the schedule for Mustang football, visit smumustangs.com.

— *Nancy Lowell George ('79)*

LEGENDS GATHER FOR CHARITY

Join Mustang football greats at a benefit for SMU's Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development, the Gridiron Heroes Spinal Cord Injury Foundation and the June Jones Foundation August 23 at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas. The June Jones Foundation provides grants, programming and support for families of children with life-threatening illnesses and for other charitable causes.

Discussing football lore will be honorary chairs Harvey Armstrong, Jerry Ball, Raymond Berry, Eric Dickerson, Reggie Dupard, Chuck Hixson, Craig James, Louie Kelcher, Jerry LeVias, Lance McIlhenny, Ron Meyer, Mike Richardson, Mike Romo and Ted Thompson.

For more information, visit MustangLegendsforCharity.com or contact Kevin Kaplan, director of the June Jones Foundation, at kkaplan1@aol.com.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOSSES OUT RECORD BOOK WITH STELLAR SEASON

Team statisticians wore out their pencils during the 2007-08 SMU women's basketball season, which shattered records in team, coaching and individual statistics.

For the first time since the 1999-2000 season, the Mustangs reached the NCAA Tournament. With her 300th win, Coach Rhonda Rompola became SMU's winningest basketball coach, and senior post Janelle Dodds became the first SMU women's basketball player to twice earn All-America honors.

"This is one of the most special groups I've led," Rompola says.

The Mustangs' 24-9 record, the most wins in program history, was capped by a 73-57 win against nationally ranked UTEP to cinch the Conference USA Tournament championship, the team's first since 1999. SMU lost 75-62 to Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"We managed to come back and tie the game numerous times, and I give our team credit for that," Dodds says. "The players that remain now know what it's like to get to the tournament, and I hope they use it to motivate them to get back to this spot next year."

Dodds established SMU records in points (1,861), rebounds (974) and free throws (478) and was named MVP of the C-USA tournament in Orlando. After earning a degree in markets and culture, Dodds ('07) is working on her Master's of Liberal Studies at SMU. Her academic achievements also earned her a spot on the C-USA women's basketball all-academic team.

"Janelle has been our go-to player for four years," Rompola says. "She created opportunities for other players because she was double- and triple-teamed so much."

The C-USA Defensive Player of the Year honor was awarded to senior forward Sharee Shepherd, the first SMU player to receive the award. She broke SMU's record for steals in a season with 101, including 14 in the C-USA Tournament.

Together with senior guard Katy Cobb, forward Katie Goss and post Brittany Barker, Dodds and Shepherd contributed 4,420 points during their careers and provided key leadership for the team. "These seniors can look at what they've done at SMU and be very proud," Rompola says.

After providing leadership in women's basketball for 17 years, Rompola reached her 300th win in January with an 85-72 victory over Southern Mississippi. Since becoming head coach in 1991, she has guided the Mustangs to nine postseason berths.

Rompola ('83), a former Mustang basketball player, is well-acquainted with a record that was not broken during the 2007-08 season – she holds SMU records for season scoring (total and average) as well as free throw percentage (.863).



Women's basketball celebrates the C-USA championship.

HONORING THE PAST, SHAPING THE FUTURE

Forging hopeful ideas into tangible results takes optimistic determination and selfless generosity, as demonstrated by the alumni highlighted on the following pages.

For Robert Edsel, an idea while crossing a medieval bridge in Florence, Italy, led to a book



Barbara Elias-Perciful

and documentary honoring the men and women of World War II for their rescue efforts of Europe's fine art treasures. For Barbara Elias-Perciful ('84), being appointed as a pro bono attorney opened her eyes to the vulnerability of children in the



Robert Edsel

legal system and led to the formation of a statewide advocacy group that is now a national model. For two intensive

days, TV and film star Lauren Graham ('91) shared her expertise and insights with SMU theatre students. Their stories follow on pages

41, 43 and 45. And featured in *Ones To Watch* below are the Rev. Michael Williams Waters ('02, '06) and his wife, Dedman Law



Lauren Graham

student Yulise Reaves Waters ('02). They convert a passion for social justice into guiding SMU students on civil rights pilgrimages and working tirelessly through their church to empower an impoverished Dallas community.

ONES TO WATCH: BRIDGING THE PAST AND FUTURE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

In March 1965 in Selma, Alabama, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders preached at Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church and launched marches across the nearby Edmund Pettus Bridge to Montgomery. Such actions caught the world's attention and helped to inspire passage of the Voting Rights Act later that summer.

Forty-one years later from the same pulpit, the Rev. Michael Williams Waters ('02, '06) delivered a sermon, "One More Bridge to Cross," to SMU students, faculty and staff during the Civil Rights Pilgrimage, a spring break trip to historic sites in the South.

During that moment in 2006, Waters said, "Although we have made many strides out of bondage – like the children of Israel who crossed the Red Sea out of Egypt – we still haven't reached the Promised Land. Poverty, homelessness, limited access to health care, school zones like war zones – these are all signs we have one more bridge to cross to achieve change."

Since delivering the sermon, Waters and his wife, Dedman School of Law student Yulise Reaves Waters ('02), have worked together to help others cross this bridge to social change, including at Greater Garth Chapel A.M.E. Church in Dallas, where they have served as senior pastor and first lady since November 2006. Michael Waters previously was senior pastor at Tyree Chapel A.M.E. Church in Blooming Grove, Texas, and at Greater Allen Temple A.M.E. Church in Grand Prairie, Texas.



Michael and Yulise Waters with son, Michael Jeremiah, 1, at Greater Garth Chapel A.M.E. Church.

"Greater Garth is in the heart of an impoverished area that suffers from crime, addictions, HIV/AIDS and failing schools," says Michael, a fifth-generation ordained minister and native Texan. "Our prayer is that we can restore hope and empower this community to bring about needed change."

Waters and his wife, who met as first-year students in SMU's Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir, have led the congregation in developing new programs such as tutoring for youths, young adult and senior groups, and a partnership with Child Protective Services to help young parents resolve issues, along with the church's ministry to feed and clothe the homeless. They have seen membership grow from fewer than 140 to nearly 200 in the past year and say their congregants are increasingly drawn to service, in addition to worship and Bible study.

"We're creating new opportunities for ministry and fellowship," Waters says. "We want to serve as a lighthouse to the

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FOCUS ON THE ALUMNI BOARD: OUT OF TOWN, BUT NEVER OUT OF TOUCH

Although she lives 1,700 miles away from Dallas in San Francisco, Andrea Zafer Evans ('88, '06) stays connected to SMU through friends, serving on the Alumni Board

and chairing its Travel and Education Committee.

Evans, who holds a B.B.A. from Cox School of Business, is the founder of Philanthropy Consulting Group, a firm serving nonprofit, grant-making and intermediary organizations.

Like many long-distance alumni, she finds that an active alumni chapter and regular communications from SMU help bridge the miles to campus.



Andrea Zafer Evans

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"Katie Horgan ('06) heads up the Bay Area alumni group and does a great job of gathering local Ponies," she says. "I also read my *SMU Magazine*, *SMU Research* and *Cox Today* cover to cover."

From 2004-06, Evans returned to SMU during the summers to complete her Master of Liberal Arts degree. Alumni Board meetings also draw her back to Dallas.

"I obtained a great education and made lifelong friends at SMU," Evans says. "Twenty years later, it's my pleasure to serve alumni by finding ways for them to reconnect with SMU."

The Travel and Education Committee creates opportunities for alumni to continue learning from SMU's vast resources, both

ALUMNI BOARD

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on campus and off. Education events on campus have included a private tour of the Meadows Museum and a panel discussion on primary election politics with associate professors of political science Dennis Simon and J. Matthew Wilson.

"Off campus, the SMU-in-Taos Cultural Institute provides alumni with educational opportunities on diverse subjects," she says. "In the future, we hope to bring SMU to alumni in cities throughout the country by offering one-day courses with our professors who are nationally recognized authorities in their fields."

Also serving on the Travel and Education Committee are David Lively ('93), Charleen McCulloch ('70), Dennis Murphree ('69), Maria Sanchez ('06) and Tom Yenne ('74).

Other new Alumni Board committee chairs are Ken Malcomson ('74), Campus Outreach; Bill Vanderstraaten ('82), Regional Outreach; and Stewart Henderson ('81), Networking.

"Through our four committees, we are excited to be able to plan and present programs that will give alumni the opportunity to stay connected or re-engage with SMU in various ways," says 2007-09 Alumni Board Chair Connie Blass O'Neill ('77).

For more information on the SMU Alumni Board and how to become a member, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 214-768-2586 or smualum@smu.edu. Also visit the SMU online alumni community at smu.edu/alumni.



They Play It Again

More than 300 alumni from the Mustang Band freshman classes of 1958-72 and upper-classmen of the '58 band, along with current band members, converged in October at the San Antonio home of Mack Diltz '63 and Liza Williams. Band alumni came from 26 states, as well as Brazil, Canada and Guatemala. Many brought their instruments and performed "Varsity" and "Peruna." Organizing the event was Randy West, drum major from 1967-72 and assistant band director from 1969-72 and '75-77, who now lives in California. For more information, contact West at randytwest@cox.net.

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Norma Whittekin Allen is enjoying life in Palm Beach, FL.

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William E. (Bill) Sprowls and his wife, **Midge Williams Sprowls** ('49), celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on a cruise around the British Isles, ending in Paris.

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The Rev. **Norma Prince Swank Trump** (M.T.S. '86) is retired with her husband, Roger, in Hickory, NC.

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Herb Robertson (M.S. '59) has published his first book, *The ABCs of De: A Primer on Everett Lee DeGolyer, 1886-1956* (DeGolyer Library, 2007).

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Patsy Pittman Light has culminated 10 years of research and writing in her new book released April 1, *Capturing Nature: The Cement Sculpture of Dionicio Rodriguez* (Texas A&M University Press), which examines the artist's faux bois sculpture.

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Lowell (“Stretch”) Smith Jr. was special guest at a ceremony last September to rename the former Cleburne Middle School to Smith Middle School in his honor. He has been a longtime force in the Cleburne and Johnson County (TX) business and civic communities, promoting education as the driving force and major factor in success.

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Richard Deats led a retreat on the committed life at the Kirkridge Retreat Center in Pennsylvania and lectured on the nonviolent Jesus at the 100th anniversary of Union Theological Seminary. **Bill Diller** recently was elected president of the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs, comprised of 104 county fairs statewide.

HONORING DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

SMU recognized five alumni for their outstanding achievements at the Distinguished Alumni Award ceremony November 8. Recipients are (from left) Richard Herscher ('58), the Hon. Antonio “Tony” Garza ('83), James Gardner ('55) and Linda Pitts



Custard ('60, '99). Emerging Leader Award recipient is Nathan Allen ('00). The DAA is the highest honor SMU can bestow upon its alumni. The Emerging Leader Award recognizes outstanding alumni who have graduated within the past 15 years. The 2008 DAA ceremony will be held Nov. 6. Nominations for 2009 DAA recipients are open through Dec. 31, 2008. For more information, call 214-768-2586 or e-mail smualum@smu.edu.

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Gary Dean Jackson and his wife, **Gloria Ann Galouye Jackson** (M.A. '59, J.D. '78), celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last December in Lindale, TX. The accomplished lawyers have two sons and two granddaughters. He is a retired U.S. Army colonel. **Barbara Jensen Vernon** is newly retired as city administrator of Prairie Village, KS, a position she has held since 1978.

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Robert (Bob) LaFavre was a member of the 1954 SMU swim team that won the Southwest Conference Championship. Now at age 75, he has qualified in six events for the 2008 U.S. Masters Championship Meet. He won five gold medals at the U.S. Masters Zone Championship Meet and six golds at the 2007 Iowa Games. After retiring from business in Dallas, he returned to his hometown of Cedar Falls, IA.

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Martha Madden (M.A. '63) was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Northwestern State University of Louisiana at the fall commencement exercises Dec. 14, 2007. President of mMadden Associates LLC in New Orleans and Washington, DC, she is an executive consultant in governmental affairs, environmental management, health, education and economic development.

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Mary Earle Persons Russell has a private practice as a reading and learning specialist in Denver.

63 Reunion: November 8, 2008

Chairs: Harriet Hopkins Holleman, George W. Bramblett Jr.

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Mike Boone (J.D. '67) received the 2008 J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award February 12 at a luncheon at the Belo Mansion in Dallas. He is co-founder of the law firm Haynes and Boone LLP.

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Molly Porter Burke is retired from teaching. She lives in San Antonio where she is a volunteer counselor at Agape Ministry, a coalition of churches providing funds, food and clothing to those in financial need.

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Mary Ann Lee wrote a chapter in the recently published book *Crisis of Conscience: Arkansas Methodists and the Civil Rights Struggle*.

68 Reunion: November 8, 2008

Chairs: Johnetta Alexander Burke, Robert A. Massad, Gail Vosburgh Massad

Jerry C. Alexander (J.D. '72) has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Dallas Bar Association

for 2008 and was selected a *Texas Monthly* "Super Lawyer" for 2007. His firm is Passman & Jones PC. **Betty Roddy Bezemer** is the 2008 president of the Dover Club, Houston's entrepreneurial club of business professionals. She is a realtor with Keller Williams-Memorial. **Kathleen Gilmore** (Ph.D. '73) is an archaeologist who searched two decades for the lost fort of French explorer LaSalle, finally discovering it near the Texas Gulf Coast. Now age 92, she made a documentary last July at the site of Fort St. Louis. In December she visited Spain to study documents sent from early Texas missions, and she is writing a paper on Texas presidios.

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Albon O. Head Jr. (J.D. '71) is a Texas Super Lawyer, a "Top Attorney" in *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine and a leading U.S. attorney in *The Best Lawyers in America 2008*. He is a partner in the litigation section at Jackson Walker LLP and managing partner of the Fort Worth office. **Larry Van Smith** (J.D. '73) was named to *The Best Lawyers in America 2008* for banking law and real estate law. He is with the Dallas office of Jackson Walker LLP.

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John Alexander is a contemporary painter whose first full-scale examination of his three-decade career was celebrated at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, DC, Dec. 21, 2007, through March 16. The retrospective moved to Houston's Museum of Fine Arts April 13 to June 22. **Janie Bryan Loveless** (M.L.A. '74) is the communications manager at the national MADD office in Las Colinas (Irving, TX) and a freelance writer/editor and consultant. She and her husband, a television photographer, have a son, Bryan, 22.

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Robert C. Margo joined the National Arbitration Forum's panel of independent and neutral arbitrators and mediators based on experience in health care and contract and employment law. In 2006 and 2007 he was selected an Oklahoma Super Lawyer. He lives in Oklahoma City.

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William Frank Carroll joined the Dallas office of law firm Cox Smith Matthews Inc. He was elected to the councils of the State Bar of Texas and Dallas Bar Association in the antitrust, business litigation and trade regulations sections. **Terry Daniels** is retired in Ohio after 25 years as a private investigator in Texas. He is a former world heavyweight boxing contender. **Mike McCurley** was named in October 2007 to the *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Lawyers in America.



Keeping The SMU Spirit Alive In Houston

Jerry Levias ('69), center, visited with Nathaniel and Sylvia Broussard, parents of Ne'Andre' F. Broussard, a first-year student at SMU, at a gathering of Houston-area alumni, parents and friends before the kickoff of the SMU vs. University of Houston game in November. President R. Gerald Turner and Director of Athletics Steve Orsini spoke to alumni at the event.

He is founding partner of McCurley Orsinger McCurley Nelson & Downing LLP, one of the largest firms in Texas specializing solely in family law.

73 Reunion: November 8, 2008

Chairs: Linda Gibson Stephens, Kay Barker Enoch

Dan Kremer (M.F.A. '75) appeared as Horace Vandergelder in the summer 2007 production of

The Matchmaker at the Utah Shakespearean Festival in Cedar City, UT.

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Gary Ingram has been selected one of *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine's "Top Attorneys" and was listed in the 2006 and 2008 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He heads the labor and employment section of Jackson Walker LLP. **Joe Pouncy** (M.L.A. '82) is president-elect of Rotary Carrollton-Farmers Branch (TX). He is principal of Newman Smith High School in Carrollton.

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Donnie Ray Albert sang the role of Trinity Moses in LA Opera's production of "Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny," which premiered in December 2007 on PBS. **James B. (Jim) Harris** is a partner in regulatory litigation and counseling, including environmental matters, in the law firm Thompson & Knight. He was named in September 2007 to a one-year term as chair of the board of Dallas Heritage Village, a living history museum that portrays life in North Texas from 1840 to 1910.

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Maxine Aaronson (J.D. '80) has been named a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel. She has offices in Dallas and Houston.

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Elizabeth (Beth) Mahaffey Anderson is chair of the governing board of the Texas Department of



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CAPTURING KATRINA

Nationally renowned artist David Bates ('75, '78) has produced a new series of paintings titled "David Bates: The Storm," recently exhibited at Dunn and Brown Contemporary in Dallas. "The Storm" recaptures the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans through oil paintings, watercolors and charcoal works on paper. To view more of Bates' works: www.dunnandbrown.com/exhibitions-art-bates.html

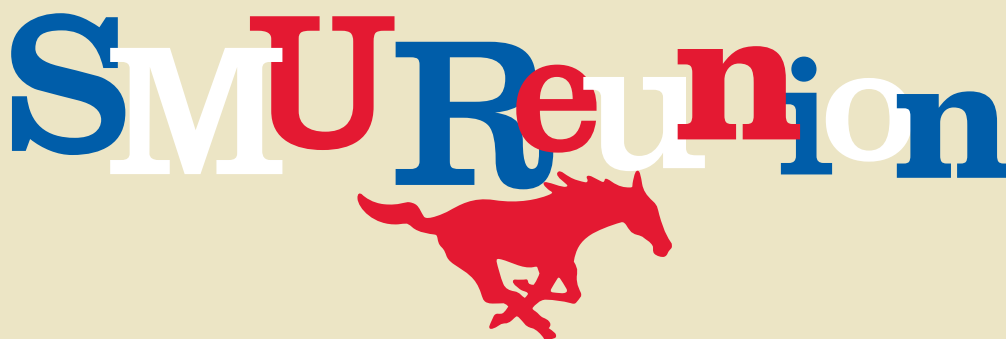
Housing and Community Affairs, the state's affordable housing finance agency. In November 2007 she was appointed a commissioner of the Texas Department of Public Safety by Gov. Rick Perry. **Mary Brooke Casad** was named executive secretary in September 2007 of the Connectional Table of The United Methodist Church based in Dallas and will provide administrative leadership to the group. She and her husband, the Rev. Victor Casad, have two sons and one grandson. **Brian Cobble** has received his fourth award in five years from the annual exhibition of the Pastel Society of America in New York. He received the 2007 National Arts Club Award for his pastel "Lexington Alley (Nebraska)." Dr. **Jeffrey Whitman** is a physician-ophthalmologist in Dallas at the Key-Whitman Eye Center. He is a pioneer in some of the most advanced eye-care technology to date. **Ken Yano** has joined the Kansas City office of Grant Thornton LLP as a state and local tax executive director. He has over 25 years of experience in multi-state income/franchise taxation, serving clients in the retail, financial, oil and gas and service industries.



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RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBIT IN HOUSTON HONORS ARTIST

Internationally renowned artist John Alexander ('70) calls the first major retrospective of his work "a triumph that was 30 years in the making." Alexander, in his New York studio, finishes "Ship of Fools" (2007), one of 61 oil paintings in the exhibit. On view through June 22 at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, the exhibit opened at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C. The installation, which also includes 36 works on paper, documents Alexander's career from the late 1970s through 2007. View his work at johnalexanderstudio.com. For more information about the Houston exhibit, visit www.mfah.org.



Homecoming & Reunion Weekend is November 7-8.

**Classes celebrating reunions this year are
'63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03**

Make plans to join us for your SMU reunion!

More information on your class activities will be sent to you this summer.

We look forward to seeing you back on the Hilltop!

Questions? Please contact SMU Reunion Programs at 1-800-766-4371 or smu.edu/alumni/reunion.

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Chairs: Karen Selbo Hunt, Reagan Brown

Steve Alter is associate professor of history at Gordon College in Wenham, MA. **Tom Aronson** helps manage the assets of Julius Schepps Corp. After a 13-year layoff, he concentrates on his Fender Stratocaster in his free time. **C. Wade Cooper** of Austin was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2008* for his work in bankruptcy and credit-debtor rights law. He is with the firm Jackson Walker LLP.

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Mina Brees taught dispute resolution seminars in Poland and Estonia in 2006-07. She is co-author of *Arbitration Road Map* (Texas Bar Books, 2007). **Peter Meza** was appointed counsel Jan. 1, 2008, by Hogan & Hartson LLP. His legal practice focuses on intellectual property matters for U.S. and international semiconductor and high technology electronics clients.

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J. D. Salazar was chosen one of Chicago's 45 finest business leaders and featured in Chicago United's 2007 *Business Leaders of Color*, released in November. He is managing principal for Champion Realty Advisors LLC, which under his leadership has become one of the most successful Hispanic-owned commercial/industrial real estate companies in the country. He is on the Board of Directors of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which annually distributes more than 45,000,000 pounds of food in Chicago and Cook County. He also is a director of the Rediehs Foundation, which supports Christian missions and missionaries around the world. **Karla K. Wigley** announces the adoption of her daughter, Larkin Faith MengFen, born Sept. 23, 2006, in The People's Republic of China. She and her brother spent three weeks in China in September 2007 finalizing the adoption.

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C. David Cush (M.B.A. '83) was named CEO of Virgin America airline in November 2007. He is former senior vice president of global sales at American Airlines.

83 Reunion: November 8, 2008

Chairs: Meaders Moore Ozarow, Sam J. Chantilis

Yollette Garcia is the new assistant dean for external affairs and outreach in the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development at SMU. She held positions for 25 years at KERA, the North Texas public broadcasting station, including executive producer for KERA-TV Channel 13 and assistant station manager and news director for KERA-FM 90.1. **Hector Guzman** received the Mozart Medal, Mexico's highest honor

for musical excellence, in a January 2008 ceremony at the Palace of Fine Arts in Mexico City. He is music director of three Texas symphony orchestras: Plano, Irving and San Angelo. He became a U.S. citizen in 2001 and now lives in Plano. **Phil Hubbard** took a comic turn as Sir Toby Belch in "Twelfth Night" and also appeared in "King Lear" and "Coriolanus" in the 2007 Utah Shakespearean Festival in Cedar City, UT.

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Gordon H. (Gordie) Hamilton III and his wife, Ann Marie, adopted their daughter, Dasha, 6, from a Russian orphanage in December 2006 through the Bridge of Hope summer program of the Cradle of Hope Adoption Center based in Maryland. She has three brothers: Gordie, John and Charlie. Dad Gordie, Cradle's new regional director, wants to bring the Bridge of Hope program to Kansas City-area families. He also is a financial adviser and planning specialist for Smith Barney. **Pamela L. Rundell** is a senior compliance analyst in the Ethics and Compliance Department at Tenet Healthcare in Dallas, where she coordinates legal issues for Tenet's U.S. facilities. She has a son, Reiny, 13.

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Teresa Weiss (Tisa) Hibbs plays the role of Annabel in the TV series "Friday Night Lights" on NBC. She is married to **Billy E. Hibbs Jr.** (M.B.A. '81). They live in Tyler, TX. **Lara Lowman** sailed September to December 2007 from Florida to Tahiti with her uncle and three others on a 43-ft. catamaran built by her uncle. **Mark Miller** has returned to *Newsweek* in New York City as assistant managing editor and chief of correspondents. **Christine Karol Roberts** has a California intellectual property law practice and has established GazetteWatch.com, a trademark watching service. She has written a novel, *The Jewel Collar*, and is working on a legal thriller to be entitled *License to Die For*. **Douglas S. (Doug)**



SMU archivist Joan Gosnell (left) accepted Mustang memorabilia for the SMU Archives from Elise Johnson Chapline ('83) and Robert Chapline ('82). The couple presented items from the 1982 SMU vs. Arkansas football game – photos of the pre-game bonfire and a sign from the game. SMU beat Arkansas to become the only undefeated Division I football team that year.

Rogers has been named chief investment officer of Seattle firm Laird Norton Tyee. He is a noted investment expert and author of *Tax-Aware Investment Management: The Essential Guide* (Bloomberg Press, 2006). He is a frequent conference speaker and contributor to industry journals. **Patty Sullivan** joined Texas Capital Bank as senior vice president of marketing and media after six years as director of public relations for Pizza Hut U.S. In September 2005 she adopted a baby from China, Catherine Mei Sullivan. **Elena Rohweder Turner** was named vice president of corporate marketing at Wachovia bank's central region in Addison, TX. **Melanie Wells** continues her string of Dylan Foster psychological thrillers with her third book, *My Soul to Keep* (Multnomah Books, February 2008). Her previous books are *When the Day of Evil Comes* (2005) and *The Soul Hunter* (2006).

GOOD TO SEE YOU!

The class of 1992 gathered for a 15-year reunion at a favorite SMU haunt from the past, the newly refurbished Trader Vic's. Among those catching up during Homecoming/Reunion weekend in November were (from left) Reed Smith ('92), Maura Maxfield-Smith ('93), Mary Terry-Benton ('93) and Chip Benton ('92). Alumni from the classes of '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '97 and '02 also returned to the Hilltop for reunions, drawing a total of 1,466 alumni, spouses and guests. The class with the highest attendance was 1987, with 231 alumni enjoying a party at the W Dallas-Victory hotel. After Texas, the three states achieving top attendance were California, 45; Colorado, 37; and Illinois, 33.

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John R. Bear (M.B.A. '89) has been named president and COO of Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator Inc., based near Indianapolis. It operates 93,600 miles of high voltage wholesale electric transmission lines over a 920,000 sq. mi. area touching 15 U.S. states and one Canadian province. **Craig Flournoy** has been recognized by the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Preparation at The University of Texas at Austin as one of eight Texans who improved the lives of those in their communities for his work as an investigative reporter at *The Dallas Morning News* and investigative projects by students he directed at SMU. He teaches advanced news writing, computer-assisted reporting, history of American journalism and investigative reporting. He has won more than 50 state and national journalism awards, including the 1986 Pulitzer Prize for national reporting, and was one of three finalists for the 1997 Pulitzer Prize for beat reporting. **Janie E. James** (J.D. '92) has been named a Texas Super Lawyer. She is senior counsel in the business transactions section of the Dallas office of Jackson Walker LLP.

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Karl L. Fava, CPA, is founder and president of Business Financial Consultants Inc., a national tax and financial advisory firm. He has been elected chair of the board of the Henry Ford Community College Foundation. **A. Joseph Shepard** has been appointed director of the Office of Investment at the U.S. Small Business Administration based on leadership skills and experience in investment banking and mezzanine and private-equity investing. He will oversee the Small Business Investment Company program which has invested about \$51.4 billion in more than 103,000 small U.S. businesses.

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Bringing Children Into The Light Of Justice

After nearly a decade as a successful attorney, Barbara Elias-Perciful ('84) discovered "an entire legal universe that I didn't even know existed."

In 1993 she was appointed by the court to serve as a pro bono attorney in a child protection case. That experience revealed to her a system that is overburdened with cases and starved for resources. In representing Sarah – a 12-year-old girl who had been sexually abused by her father for years – Elias-Perciful found that the county's budget provided few tools, such as expert medical and psychological consultants for case preparation, to assist attorneys and judges in making a "life-and-death decision" for the child. A case usually lasts a year, at the end of which the attorney recommends returning a child to his or her home or removing the child permanently.



Sarah's father's rights were terminated, and she eventually was reunited with her mother. During the case, however, Elias-Perciful decided that as an attorney she could not remain in her comfortable position working on business litigation with Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal. In 1994 she started a solo practice focusing on child protection issues.

A year later, Elias-Perciful founded a non-profit organization, Texas Loves Children Inc. (TLC). With co-sponsors such as the Dallas County Family and Juvenile Courts, TLC offers seminars by recognized experts on critical legal, medical and mental health issues for judges, attorneys and others working with cases involving child abuse and neglect.

Even with training, attorneys and judges, especially in smaller Texas counties, often are stymied by a lack of research tools, she says. In May 2004 TLC's scope expanded with the launch of Texas Lawyers for Children, a statewide collaborative effort offering free online access to crucial materials for attorneys and judges, as well as e-mail networks and a pro bono network that lists attorneys willing to provide free assistance.

"TLC's resources have helped legal professionals across the state, impacting the lives of thousands of children," says Elias-Perciful.

Texas Loves Children is wholly supported by private donations and grants. Volunteers also play a role in TLC's work. SMU law students, for example, have helped by conducting initial research for review by TLC's experienced attorneys, she says. Elias-Perciful teamed up with Fred Moss, associate professor in Dedman School of Law and her mock trial coach in law school, to establish an externship program, which enables students to earn law school credits for their work with TLC.

Thirty-one states have expressed interest in learning more about using TLC as a model, and TLC is working with California's Administrative Office of the Courts on a similar program.

For more information, visit the TLC Web site at www.texasloveschildren.org and the Texas Lawyers for Children online resource at www.texaslawyersforchildren.org.



Alumni Link To A Good Cause

Friends and fraternity brothers from across the country gathered during Homecoming weekend in November for the first Kutter Memorial Golf Tournament at Canyon Creek Country Club in Richardson. Among the 53 golfers were (from left) Jason Greer ('91), Neal Faulkner ('91), Greg Clift ('91) and Scott Jesmer ('91). Honoring Chris Kutter ('94), who died last year of metastatic melanoma, the event raised more than \$15,000 for a college fund for his two young daughters, as well as \$5,000 for a Melanoma Research Foundation grant. A 2008 tournament has been scheduled tentatively for Homecoming weekend. For more information, visit www.kuttertournament.com.

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Chairs: **Kathy McCoy Turner**, **Stephen L. Arata**

Mark W. Peters was elected secretary of World Services Group for 2007-08 at the annual meeting in Montreal. He is a member of the law firm Dykema, where he deals in mergers and acquisitions of public and private companies, subsidiaries and divisions. He lives in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

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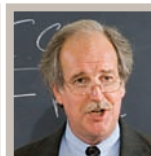
Rafael Anchía has been named a partner in the Financial Transactions Practice Group of Haynes and Boone LLP. In addition, Anchía has been twice elected Texas state representative for District 103, which includes parts of Dallas, Irving, Carrollton and Farmers Branch. **Craig Anderson** (J.D. '93) has joined the Dallas law firm DLA Piper LLP as a partner in the real estate section. **Greg Brown** (M.B.A. '02) is managing director of the AFI DALLAS International Film Festival, March 27 to April 6, 2008. He is responsible for the workings of the festival and year-round programming. **John Clanton** is a veteran Texas investment adviser and portfolio manager. He joined Wachovia Wealth Management as a vice president and investment strategist. Most

recently he served as portfolio manager for Northern Trust in Dallas. **Carolyn Herter** has some of her photos included in an exhibition at Montserrat Gallery in New York City from October 2007 to September 2008. **Katherine Staton** is president-elect of the International Aviation Women's Association, which brings together women of achievement in the aviation industry and promotes their advancement internationally through a worldwide network of aviation professional contacts. She is a partner in the litigation and aviation sections of Dallas law firm Jackson Walker LLP. **Johnson Samuel Subramanian** recently published the academic book *The Synoptic Gospels and the Psalms as Prophecy* (T&T Clark International).

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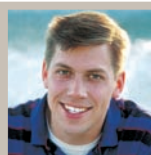
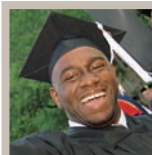
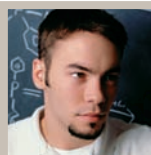
William R. Jenkins is one of *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine's "Top Attorneys." He is a partner in the litigation section of Jackson Walker LLP and a board member of the Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. **Bettye Anderson McLaughlin**, at age 78, leads an aerobics exercise class for older ladies at San Saba (TX) UMC. **Dawn McMahan** and her husband, Terrell Steketee, announce the birth of their second daughter, Madeline Dawn, Aug. 23, 2007.

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New Media Revolution

Drawing from its connections in the media and entertainment industries, Meadows School of the Arts hosted a conference, "Revolutions per Minute: Emerging and Converging Media Technologies," in November. Cyndi McClellan ('94), senior vice president of research and program strategy at E! Entertainment, moderated a panel discussion featuring (from left) Tom Kalahar, president and CEO of Camelot Communications; Drew Buckley ('93), general manager/vice president of Y! Originals for Yahoo! Entertainment; and Brian Jones, senior vice president and regional manager, Nexstar Broadcasting Group.

Ross Vick left his family business to write adult contemporary music. His album, released last October, contained the hit single "The Road." **Michele Wallis** is living in southern Florida's Treasure Coast. She has relaunched the Web site SisterDelirious.com.

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Chairs: **Neisha Strambler-Butler**, **Richie L. Butler**, **Bradley L. Adams**

Dan Davenport is a co-founder of RiseSmart, an online job search company that matches member profiles and résumés with job opportunities from online listings. **Gretchen Hoag Foster** and her husband, Charlie, announce the birth of their daughter, Kathleen Stewart, Aug. 14, 2007. **Kelly D. Hine** (J.D. '97) has been elected to the Fellows of the Texas Bar Association. He is a Dallas attorney with Fish & Richardson PC. **Jack Ingram** is enjoying a renewed career in mainstream country music after relocating to Austin from Dallas with his wife, Amy, and three children, Ava Adele, 5; Eli, 3; and Hudson, 2. He has a new record label, Nashville's Big Machine Records, and in March 2007 released the CD "This Is It." **Jeffrey John (Jeff) Kimbell** married Jessica Elizabeth Clement Sept. 29, 2007, at San José del Cabo, Baja California Sur, Mexico. He is

Rescuing da Vinci For Future Generations

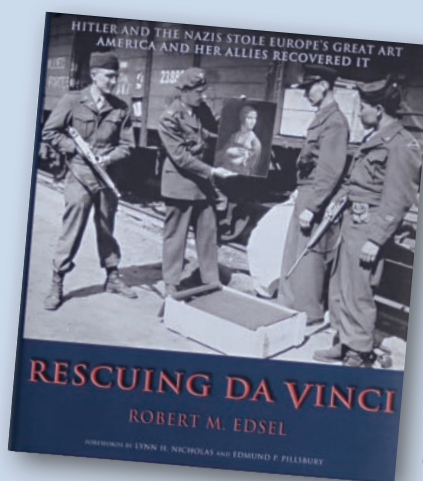
While soldiers fighting Nazi aggression in World War II sought to protect the values of their homelands, others worked secretly to preserve the valued symbols of their countries. They located and saved tens of thousands of art treasures from Nazi looting.

"Everyone loves a great story, and what these brave men and women did constitutes one of the greatest collections of stories ever assembled," says Robert M. Edsel ('79). He tells those stories in *Rescuing da Vinci*. The 2006 book recounts the activities of the U.S. War Department's section on Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives – about 350 men and women, curators, historians and other experts from 12 nations who saved Europe's artistic past. They were called, in the vernacular of the day, "Monuments Men."

"This was the first time an army attempted to fight a war even as it tried to mitigate damage to cultural monuments and other treasures – the first time a nation said, 'To the victors do not belong the spoils,'" Edsel says.

Edsel also co-produced "The Rape of Europa," a documentary based on Lynn Nicholas' 1994 book about Hitler's systematic pillaging of European art. The film was praised by *Variety* as "a mesmerizing morality play" and in 2008 was nominated for Best Documentary Screenplay by the Writers Guild of America.

In addition, Edsel established the Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art to honor "the legacy of [their] unprecedented and heroic work" and raise public awareness "of the importance of protecting civilization's most important artistic and cultural treasures from armed conflict." In 2007, the Foundation received a National Humanities Medal, presented in a White House ceremony by President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush ('68) to Edsel and four of the 12 living Monuments Men.



At SMU Edsel was a general business major and nationally ranked tennis player. As a pioneer of horizontal-drilling techniques, he achieved success in the Dallas oil and gas industry that allowed him to sell his business and move to Italy in 1996. (He has since returned to Dallas.) While in Florence he read *The Rape of Europa* and realized, "I was embarrassed to think of the number of times I had visited the great museums, toured the great cathedrals, and never once wondered how all this survived the most destructive conflict in history," he says.

The more that people understand about the Monuments Men, Edsel says, "the better our chance to preserve our civilization for future generations. Learn from history – the Monuments Men got it right, and we as a nation got it right."

For more information, visit www.rescuingdavinci.com, www.therapeofeuropa.com, www.monumentsmenfoundation.org and www.robertedselblog.com.



president of Jeffrey J. Kimbell & Associates Inc., managing director of Jackalope Real Estate Inc. and president of Magnum Entertainment Group LLC. The couple has homes in Washington, DC, and Park City, UT.

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Mary Beth Wade Schad is the owner of Ellie & Ollie Cookies for Dinner and a recent finalist for the Martha Stewart Dreamers to Doers contest based on women turning their passions into businesses. Her cookies were featured in the November 2007 issue of *Martha Stewart Living* magazine.

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Anthony R. (Tony) Briley and his wife, Ana Pia, announce the birth of their daughter, Izabella Maria, Oct. 25, 2007. **W. Ross Forbes**, a partner in the litigation section of the Dallas office of Jackson Walker, has been elected a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. Fellows are selected for their outstanding professional achievements and their demonstrated commitment to the improvement of the justice system throughout Texas.

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Allison Martin Christie lives in rural England and owns/operates a restaurant and pub. Her daughter was born in August 2007. **Michelle Campbell Gilmartin** and her husband, Sean, announce the birth of identical twins, Timothy (Tim) Sean and Thomas Samuel (Sam), Aug. 4, 2007.



Mustangs Assemble In The Big Apple

New York City alumni, parents and friends gathered at the Yale Club March 6 for an SMU update from Associate Vice President of Development and Alumni Affairs Mark Petersen and Vice President for Student Affairs Lori S. White. Catching up on the latest news are (from left) Garrett Haake ('07), Elisha Hoffman ('06), Mary Spies, Vijay Mehra ('05), Molly Phillips ('07) and Jennifer Kesterson ('06).

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STANLEY MARCUS: REFLECTION OF A MAN

Legendary retailer and gifted amateur photographer Stanley Marcus was remembered by his granddaughter, professional photographer Allison V. Smith ('93) (center), and her mother, Jerrie Marcus Smith (right), both of Dallas, in an interview with CBS reporter Rita Braver. The "Sunday Morning" segment was taped in SMU's DeGolyer Library, which houses the Stanley Marcus Collection of memorabilia and printed materials.



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Chairs: Charles W. Wetzel, Julie Bordelon Wetzel, Alison Ream Griffin

Carmen Hazan-Cohen works in the International Outreach Program at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Mississippi. **Jennifer Clark Tobin** (J.D. '01) became a shareholder of Geary, Porter & Donovan PC Jan. 1, 2008.

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Dominique Eudaly married Jeff Jordan in 2002. They live in Tyler, TX, with their sons, Jeffrey, 3; Wells, 2; and Henry, 8 months. **Rosario (Chachy Segovia) Hepp** and **Hansjoerg Hepp** ('97) announce the birth of their daughter, Helena Maria del Socorro Brigitte, April 5, 2007, in New York City. The law school graduates have relocated to Dallas where he joined Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP as an associate in the corporate securities section.

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David Kelly has been appointed president and CEO of Bluefin Robotics, which manufactures and develops autonomous underwater vehicles, systems and technology for military applications, oil and gas exploration, sea floor mapping and archaeological purposes. He has more than 25 years of comprehensive, hands-on, high-tech experience. **Aaron Z. Tobin** has joined Dallas-based Anderson Jones PLLC as a partner in complex commercial trial, creditors' rights and appellate matters and will represent clients in business, bankruptcy, intellectual property and employment litigation matters. **James N. Zoys** became a shareholder with Geary, Porter & Donovan PC Jan. 1, 2008.

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Mary Elizabeth Ellis Day has been a recurring cast member for three seasons on "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" on Fox TV. **Carrie Warrick deMoor** and her husband announce the birth of their son, Christian, June 7, 2006. She is in her second year of emergency medicine residency at Thomasson Hospital in El Paso.

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Patricia A. (Tricia) Barnett is director of development for the School of Economics, Political and Policy Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas. She has served as director of communications for the Office of Private Sector Initiatives at the Reagan White House and director of public affairs for United Way of America.

03 Reunion: November 8, 2008

Chairs: Lizanne H. Garrett, Rogers B. Healy

Dr. Alonso N. Gutiérrez is a radiation oncology physicist with an appointment as assistant professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. **Ryan Long**, as the business operations lead for Boeing Simulator Services in Los Angeles, updates flight simulators around the world.

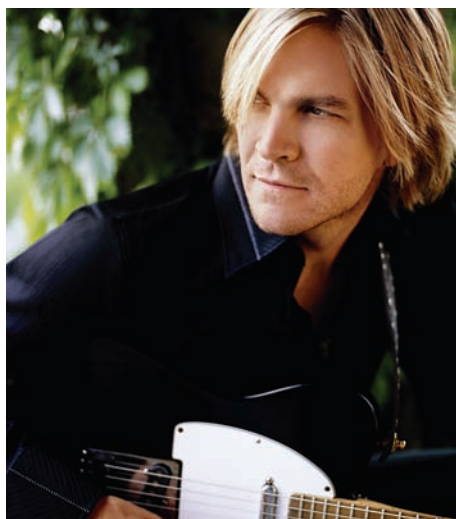
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Courtney Cooper St. Eve is a reporter at KSDK-TV in St. Louis. She won an Emmy at the 2007 mid-America regional Emmy ceremony last October for her story on a St. Louis museum that features dollhouse miniatures. In 2004 she had the AP story of the year and won a Telly award for her live coverage of a local plane crash. She married **Bryan St. Eve** in September 2007.

Luke Vahalik married **Mackenzie Britton** ('06) Aug. 25, 2007, in Ellsworth, KS. Both are employed at L-3 Integrated Systems in Greenville, TX, where he is an electrical engineer and she is a software engineer.

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Michael Whaley, a second-year Teach For America corps member who teaches fifth grade in Memphis, has been awarded a fellowship with the Building Excellent Schools (BES) organization. As a BES Fellow, Whaley will enter a yearlong training program in general charter school management. He will open a charter school in the area when he completes his fellowship in summer 2009.



Climbing The Charts

Singer-songwriter Jack Ingram ('93) is on a winning streak. His 2006 platinum-ranked album, "Live: Wherever You Are," launched two Billboard Top 40 country singles. One of them, "Wherever You Are," peaked at No. 1. The 2007 release "This Is It," his first studio album in six years, reached No. 4 on the country charts. Recently he has appeared with Toby Keith, Sheryl Crow and Martina McBride. Ingram got his start writing songs and performing in local bars while studying psychology in SMU's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences. "Music and psychology come from the same place," he says. "It's about studying why people tick."

Lauren Graham: Acting Is Being The Real You

As Lorelai Gilmore in "Gilmore Girls" for seven years, actress Lauren Graham ('91) typically worked 14-hour days. "To do anything else feels like I'm on vacation," says the M.F.A. theatre graduate.

So she was unfazed during two days of training SMU theatre students in February. Hustling back and forth from one conference to the next workshop held at Meadows School of the Arts, she barely took time to sip from a bottle of water.

Theatre Chair Cecil O'Neal says that Graham has been generous with her time, energy and expertise during visits to SMU. "It is absolutely wonderful for our students to have an opportunity to learn from someone as knowledgeable, experienced and successful as Lauren."

While on campus, Graham observed that the student experience has changed somewhat since she attended SMU. "They're so much more exposed to the business of the business than we were," she says. "My class wanted to be theatre professionals, mainly. We were kind of biased about what it meant to be an actor in film and television.

I don't think students have that bias so much now. They're more interested in working in a world where they can make a living. They seem really enthusiastic and very smart."

Although trained for the stage at SMU, Graham's experience in film and television comes into play when passing along insights about the business to students. M.F.A. candidate Lydia Mackay found the workshop beneficial and supportive. "She reminded us that to be ourselves, and to be confident in who we are and the choices we make in our art, is vital not only to our success but to our integrity," MacKay says. "Theatre students worry about being right or wrong, but Lauren really encouraged the belief that there is no right or wrong, there is only you. And people want to see the real you."

Graham realized she wanted to be an actor at an early age. Growing up in Virginia near Washington, D.C., she participated in the renowned Arena Stage program for children and young adults. When she graduated from Barnard College, however, it was with an English degree. "I'm from a pretty academic family, and when I called home talking about my acting studies, I was hearing, 'You're rolling around on the floor? That's a class?'"

Going to school in Manhattan exposed Graham to plenty of theatre and acting classes, and she was hoping for a career as a performer. "Then I got out of school and I was working retail during the day and cocktail waitressing at night, six days a week," she says. "I was in the city, but I had no access to the business."

After a long run of "Gilmore Girls" and Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild nominations for best actress, Graham is concentrating on movie roles; her next feature, "Flash of Genius," is set to debut in June. But she hopes to play a different role in her next TV show. "I'd really like to be an executive producer," she says. "I've learned a lot about how a show succeeds and the kind of world I like to create and be part of."



- 00 (Kidd-Key College) Margaret Degan Thomas, 9/28/06.
- 28 Mack Garrison Moore, 12/21/05; Lucy Leigh Laney Morrison, 2/29/08.
- 29 Marion Tarbutton Odom, 9/8/06.
- 30 Virginia Layton Bryant, 2/5/08.
- 31 Hortenz Baker Bradshaw, 8/6/04; Lola Ruth King Cole, 10/16/07; Eleanor Adams English, 10/30/07; Gladys Huber Florer, 12/21/00; Leonora Hudgins Shannon, 3/11/01; Oscar M. Wren, 11/9/01.
- 32 Richard W. Blair Jr., 1/31/08; Mary Virginia Dupies, 10/22/07; Allison Ashley Henderson, 10/1/93; Glen Sneed McDaniel, 6/7/07; Frances Deaderick Stuart, 11/5/07.
- 33 Jane Heinen Bellamy, 1/4/06; Martha Ruth Burns Boren, 12/12/07; Mary Dupree Scovell, 12/27/07.
- 34 Helen Smith Fulton, 10/23/07; Mary Elizabeth Webb Hopkins, 10/28/98.
- 35 Allie Halbert Askew, 12/4/04; Margaret Scot-tino Fenton ('36), 10/25/07; Harriet McConnell Fitzgerald, 1/20/08; Frank Brock Hopkins, 3/27/05; Josephine Love Sears, 6/28/06; Lucy Frances Patrick Watson, 2/11/08.
- 36 Joe P. Colligan, 12/12/07; M. G. Gilbert, 2/14/08; Floellen Feild Morgan, 12/1/07; Maurice S. Orr, 10/28/07.
- 37 Mary Murphy Davis, 12/4/07; John C. Meyers, 12/16/01; Frankie Lou Couch Prichard, 12/11/07; Walter Verhalen II, 1/1/08.
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- 39 Gen. A. J. Beck, 7/2/06; Hugo P. Blackstone, 10/10/07; Irma Kilgore Cash, 1/3/97; Alvis Jackson Harwell, 12/22/01; Nina Jane Wilson Hooper, 1/13/08; Dr. Henry H. Johns Jr., 12/10/07; Alex C. Schumacher, 9/6/07; James C. Wilkie, 7/21/97.
- 40 W. Allen Brazell, 4/9/06; Henry C. Cortes Jr., 4/2/05; Sarah Alla Hawley Potter, 1/28/08; Cornelius O. Ryan, 10/17/07; Florence Rose Bender Tobolowsky ('41), 4/1/07.
- 41 Clyde L. Gleaves Jr., 1/6/08; Louis W. Mack Jr., 1/10/08; William M. Oliver, 11/15/02; Rufus Choate Porter, 11/9/07.
- 42 James Horace Boggess, 11/30/07; Robert F. Butcher, 3/24/98; Helena Bennett Clem-mons, 10/7/07; Doris Russell Dealey, 1/19/05; Robert M. Hughes, 6/23/07; Doris Prideaux Kline ('70), 1/12/08; Mary Jo Anderson Parsons, 1/22/08; Albert L. Ray, 10/31/03; Robert H. Singleton Sr., 6/28/06; Peggy Grindell Stafford, 1/30/08.
- 43 Marjorie Mullinix Bedard, 1/8/00; Grace A. Crockett, 9/30/07; Mary Jane Bennett Handley, 12/14/07; Walter W. Kirk, 10/29/05; Joe Bob Locker, 9/6/07; Mary Lynn Sinclair Morgan, 12/14/07; Jennie Davis Compton Morpew, 12/27/07; Robert F. Pool, 11/12/07; Dr. Roland Mason Shiflett Jr., 9/2/07; Benny Herring Singleton, 6/20/06; Imogene Babb Springfield, 1/14/08.
- 44 Dr. Richard C. Bush Jr. ('46), 2/28/08; Ruth Salling Chapman, 9/5/07; Daphne Scott Cook, 4/9/98; Roger L. Erickson, 11/14/06; Harry E. Gardner, 12/23/07; Jack I. Gronberg, 12/14/07; Pauline Adkerson Milligan, 9/30/07; Rev. Wayne G. Smith, 2/22/08.
- 45 Evelyn Ruth Fitch Searls, 1/22/06; Ethel Freemon Swanner, 6/21/07; M. Cullum Thompson, 10/5/07.
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community beyond these walls and show a better way."

The pastor holds a dual appointment in the African Methodist Episcopal Church as dean of chapel at Paul Quinn College in Dallas, where he also teaches as adjunct professor in the Department of Religion.

"I have the unique opportunity to address the entire campus in weekly chapel services, and in my teaching I hope to uplift students to address the challenges facing our world," says Waters, who earned his Master of Divinity with certificates in African American Church Studies and Urban Ministry at Perkins. A recipient of the Prothro Promise for Ministry Scholarship, Waters was the first student elected to two consecutive terms as Perkins student body president.

As an undergraduate, Waters, whose parents also attended SMU, earned degrees in political science and religious studies with a minor in history. He served as student body vice president and Student Senate chair, and among his honors was SMU's highest, the "M" Award, for service to the University.

In addition to her work at Greater Garth, where she coordinates the Sisterhood Ministry and sings in several choirs, Yulise Reaves Waters is in her third term as president of the North Texas Annual Conference Clergy Spouses. Along with her husband, she has served on the SMU Alumni Board and held leadership roles in the African American Alumni Associates. A Dallas native, she will earn her Juris Doctor from SMU in May 2008 and plans to pursue a career in family law. She has worked as a clerk for Dallas attorney Gay G. Cox ('78) and is a member of the family law organization Annette Stewart Inn of Court.

"Family is the core of society, and I feel called to help create a framework there

so problems can be solved," says Yulise, who earned degrees in business administration, Spanish and English. She received an upper-class President's Scholarship and SMU's Outstanding Senior Woman Award.

Yulise also acted as chaperone during the three Civil Rights Pilgrimages that her husband directed from 2005 to 2007. Michael Waters created the program while a student at Perkins School of Theology and working as chaplain's assistant in SMU's Office of the Chaplain during 2004, the 40th anniversary of Freedom Summer. "This history was fading for my generation, which takes for granted the right to eat at any restaurant, sit in an integrated classroom and walk into a voting booth," he says.

Associate History Professor Glenn Linden teamed up with Waters to develop a curriculum to accompany the pilgrimage, now offered as a joint history-political science course, "Civil Rights: Our Unfinished Revolution." The trip makes classroom lessons real for students, Waters says, by introducing them to people and places that played an important role during the civil rights movement. "We reconnect with the past so it can inform our future."

Waters adds that the experience became even more meaningful for him with the birth of his son, Michael Jeremiah, in 2006. "Each generation has its own bridge to cross, on the shoulders of those who came before."

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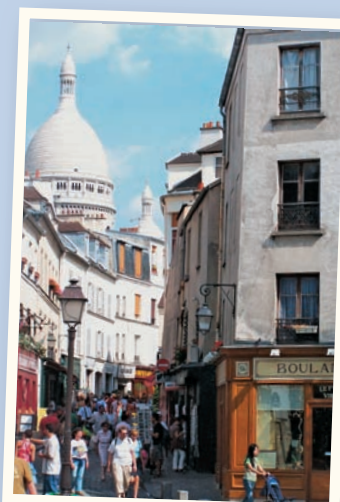
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A SPEECH FIT FOR A KING

On March 17, 1966, with policemen nearby, a standing-room-only audience filled SMU's McFarlin Auditorium to hear the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. deliver a moving speech about civil rights and "the destiny of America." King journeyed from Atlanta to Dallas at the invitation of the Academic Committee of SMU's Student Senate.

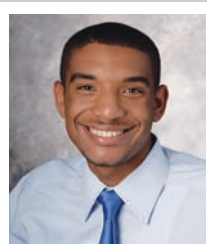
Gene Halaburt of Dallas recorded the speech on a handheld recorder and provided a copy to SMU. For the first time in 42 years, that speech is available on SMU's Web site. To listen to the speech or download it to an iPod, visit smu.edu/newsinfo/events/mlk-week-2008.asp. The site also has links to excerpts from the speech and a *Daily Campus* account of the event.

In his speech, King calls for "all people of goodwill ... to solve this problem [of racism] and get rid of this one huge wrong of our nation."



Martin Luther King Jr. talks to reporters at SMU in 1966.

A LEADER AMONG US



Warren Seay

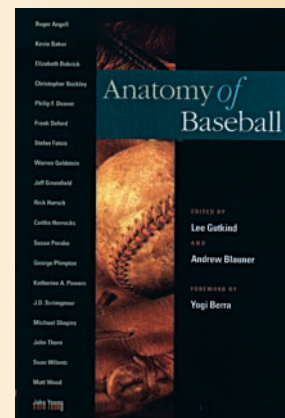
Sophomore Warren C. Seay Jr. is participating in The Institute for Responsible Citizenship's 2008-09 Washington Program, a two-summer leadership program in Washington, D.C. "With an internship in our nation's capital, the heart of political activism, I'll have the chance to put the knowledge and skills I have learned from SMU's Tower Center for Political Studies to work firsthand," Seay says.

A Hunt Leadership Scholar majoring in political science, Seay volunteers with organizations such as Big Brother Big Sisters of North Texas and the YMCA and serves as a mentor at Dallas Community Lifehouse.

During the two summers, Seay will live on the Georgetown University campus, attend classes, serve an internship with an Institute partner and meet with high-level government officials.

SMU PRESS SCORES WITH BASEBALL BOOK

America's pastime becomes a field of literary musings by some of the country's most noted writers in *Anatomy of Baseball*, a collection of personal essays about the sport. The legendary Yogi Berra, who provided the forward, *Wall Street Journal* reporter Stefan Fatsis and writer Susan Perabo, the first woman to play NCAA baseball, are among the 20 contributors. The book is part of the SMU Press' "Sports in American Life" series edited by Paul Rogers, an SMU law professor and baseball historian. *Anatomy of Baseball* can be ordered online at www.tamu.edu/upress or by calling toll-free 800-826-8911. The boys



of summer also are the focus of "The Old Ballgame: Baseball in American Life," an exhibit on display through June 30 at SMU's DeGolyer Library. Drawing on Rogers' collection of memorabilia and supplemented by materials from DeGolyer's collections, the exhibit illustrates the development of baseball in all its venues – from sandlots to the big leagues. For more information visit smu.edu/cul/lib/exhib.html.

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