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From the President

Whether the focus is on construction or instruction, summertime at Lamar University is a time of preparation for the approaching academic year. These months, you can find some Lamar faculty teaching summer courses, while others are engaged in scholarly activities, research or travel.

The sounds of construction continue from the west side of campus as the third phase of Cardinal Village nears completion. When the state-of-the-art facility opens in August, it will bring Lamar's residence hall capacity to 1,500 students. The new 25,000-square-foot dining hall will follow in the construction schedule. Particularly exciting is the prospect of the renovation of McDonald Gym into a comprehensive fitness facility that is sure to become a center of activity for students and alumni.

We welcome several new faces to the campus leadership team – and some familiar ones are assuming new roles. At the same time, we continue to add depth and breadth to our academic programs by attracting talented new scholars to our faculty to create the highest-quality programs possible.

These are great days at Lamar. With the help of alumni and friends, we are bringing the very best educational opportunity to our students. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

With Cardinal pride,

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Aug. 10-11
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Aug. 14
Commencement. 9:30 a.m.
Montagne Center.
(409) 880-8419

Aug. 21-24
Cardinal W.O.W. Week of Welcome. New students move in for Midnight BBQ, Dive-in Movie, workshops, seminars, campus tours and more. (409) 880-8443

Aug. 24
Fall registration.

Aug. 25
Fall classes begin.

Aug. 23 – Nov. 16
Lamar Department of Art Faculty Exhibit and Then and Now: Alumni Exhibition 1966-2004. Reception 7-9 p.m.
Sept. 10. Dishman Art Museum

Sept. 9
2004 Cardinal Smash Tennis Banquet. 6 p.m. Cardinal Club Room. Montagne Center.
Reservations (409) 880-2319

Sept. 13
Nationally syndicated columnist Leonard Pitts, 7 p.m. University Theatre. Hosted by the College of Fine Arts and Communication.
(409) 880-8137

Sept. 21
A Dinner and 12 Strangers. Lamar University Alumni host dinner to provide students networking opportunities with professionals in their field of study. alumni@lamar.edu or (409) 880-8921

Oct. 5
Lamar Wind Ensemble and Concert Band open 15th season of *Lamarissimo!* 7:30 p.m., Julie Rogers Theatre. Season tickets (409) 880-8144

Oct. 18
Distinguished Faculty lecture by Terri Davis. 7:30 p.m., University Theatre.
(409) 880-8419

Events open to the public without charge unless otherwise indicated.

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Rec Center Receives OK

In April, students approved a student fee to enable substantial renovations of McDonald Gym to build a state-of-the-art recreational center. The student body



approved the \$18 million project by a 90 percent margin. The next step will be to submit the project to The Texas State University System board of regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the approval to consult an architect and proceed with planning. The new complex will feature courts for all types of athletic and recreational sports, a 40-foot climbing wall,

an indoor track, table tennis, pool tables, game rooms and other similar activities. A structured gathering place, convenience store, health food café and juice bar are included in plans. The renovated facility will double the size of the present McDonald Gym, spanning the open field between the gym and the Setzer Student Center.

Construction on Cardinal Village III, a 500-bed residence hall, will soon be completed. The hall will be ready for occupancy beginning this fall.

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Jean ANDREWS

Andrews picked for Piper

Jean Andrews, professor of deaf studies/deaf education, recently joined an elite group of professors in Texas honored by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation in 2004. As a Piper Professor, Andrews receives a certificate of merit, a gold pin and a \$5,000 honorarium. Since 1958, awards have been given each year to recognize outstanding achievement in the teaching profession in Texas colleges and universities.

A nationally recognized authority on deaf children and literacy, Andrews has conducted literacy and language research in more than 10 schools for the deaf across the United States, as well as classes in deaf education in Mexico, the Gaza Strip and Jordan.

Andrews is the 11th Lamar professor to be honored in the program's 46-year history.

Nursing program commended

Lamar's 97.7 percent pass rate on the 2003 National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®) so impressed the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas that it gave Lamar a commendation along with continued accreditation for the baccalaureate nursing degree program. This is the second consecutive year that Lamar's nursing graduates have earned a pass rate above 97 percent.

Honors program celebrates student achievement

Faculty of the Lamar University Honors Council awarded certificates and plaques to 11 honors students for excellence in service, leadership and academic achievement at the McMaster Spring Awards Banquet. The council presented the 2004 Service Award to Janice Wilson and certificates of merit to Michelle Wolfe and Christine Cappel for their dedication to service projects.

The 2004 Leadership Award was presented to Beth Yelverton and certificates of merit to Josh Daspit, Jolie Franzen and Jenny Achilles for making admirable strides in leadership.

The Honors Council presented the 2004 Academic Achievement Award to Robbie Waters and certificates of merit to Lindsey Cauthen, Brandan Still

and Yelverton for their success in scholarly activities.

The students of the Honors Program recognized their choice for 2004 Honors Professor of the Year, Kevin Dodson, professor of philosophy. This year is also the program's 40th anniversary.

Information central

A program to increase first-year student retention – Foundations of Excellence in the First-Year Experience – gains another boost with a new information center in the lobby of the Mary and John Gray Library. Graduate students staff the clearinghouse, providing information essential to college successes for LU freshmen, as well as transfer and returning students. While specifically designed for students unfamiliar with the campus, its staff will be ready to answer anyone's questions. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays.

Luck o' the Cards

St. Patrick's Day was the kick-off day for Grad Fair '04. The new event takes the hassle out of pre-graduation planning, replacing a maze of minutiae and time-consuming cross-campus trips with one-stop shopping: Graduating seniors may sign up and pay for graduation; join the Lamar alumni organization; buy caps and gowns, invitations and class rings; and obtain information about financial aid exit interviews, job placement services, graduate school admissions policies and graduation photos



Senior biology major Jehan Ford, left, and job development specialist Ben Bythewood talk with psychology major Brandi Gee of Lumberton about services offered by Lamar's Career Center during Grad Fair.



ExxonMobil helps fund programs

ExxonMobil provided Lamar

University with resources totaling \$154,500 for fiscal 2003-2004. The contributions support a broad spectrum of programs: Cardinal Connection Mentor Reading Program in athletics; the Dynamic Simulation/Advanced Process Control, Women in Computer Science and Engineering Student Ambassador programs in engineering; and the Executive-in-Residence Program in business. Other programs that benefit include Lamar Advancement of Math and Reading Skills Program in education and human development; Le Grand Bal and the *Lamarissimo!* Concert Series in fine arts and communication; Teaching Environmental Science, Science for Educators and the Center for the Study of the Big Thicket in arts and sciences; and Databases for Chemical Engineering and Education in the Mary and John Gray Library.



A sluggish economy and loss of jobs is of most concern to Jefferson County voters, according to the first countywide survey conducted by the Lamar University Center for Public Policy Studies. In March, researchers asked 347 registered voters: "Considering the next three to five years, what are the critical issues facing people in your community?" The quality of education in this area is another significant concern, said the voters, who also cited affordable health care and drugs and crime in neighborhoods. James Vanderleuw, director of the policy center and professor of political science at Lamar, coordinated the project in collaboration with the Texas Agricultural

Dental hygiene freshman Amy Broussard, right, of Beaumont sees experience in action by shadowing Dr. Terri Allred German '83 at her Beaumont office. German opens her office to LU dental students to help them become comfortable in the clinical setting. During February and early March, German offered low-income families assistance through the Give Kids a Smile Program. February was Children's Dental Health Month.



Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System.

Swerdlow inducted into Hall of Fame

A crowd filled the main hallway of the Galloway Business Building to honor the unveiling of a plaque in memory of Robert Swerdlow, a man credited with leaving an indelible mark on Lamar University through a quarter-century of service in the College of Business.

Enrique "Henry" R. Venta, dean of the College of Business, said, "His life was a life of service. No better model can one find of a professor who always cared for his students."

The occasion also marked Swerdlow's induction into the college's Hall of Fame, which honors distinguished alumni who contribute to Lamar and the community and serve as role models for students. His induction is appropriate, Venta said, because Swerdlow conceived the Hall of Fame as a way to inspire students to high ideals.

Other 2004 honorees are C.W. Conn, founder and former majority owner of Conn's Appliances Inc.; Elvis Mason, retired banking and financial executive; and Jerry Reese, founder and president of Bo-Mac Contractors Ltd.

The College of Business has created the Dr. Robert A. Swerdlow Memorial Scholarship in Marketing to provide schol-

arship support for juniors and seniors in the major. More information is available by calling (409) 880-8422.

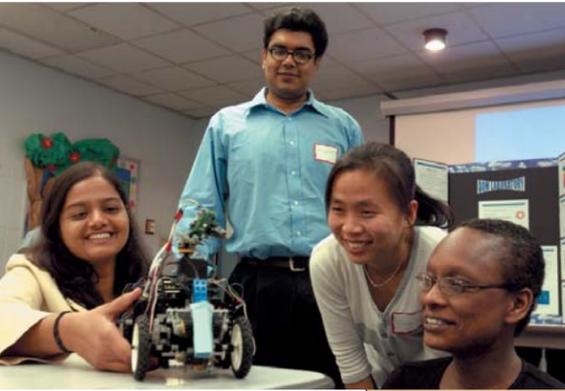
Outdoor learning center unveiled

A new outdoor learning and environmental complex unveiled in May will provide a gateway to about 1,200 acres of wetlands along the Neches River. It also seeks to unify an array of existing park, outdoor venue and agency programming and talent to expand environmental awareness.

The South East Texas Environmental Learning Center is a non-profit organization lead by the initial partnership of Lamar University, Texas A&M University, Lamar Institute of Technology, the Big Thicket Preserve (National Park Service) and the city of Beaumont. The center is designed to promote, conserve and preserve the region's natural resources and grow the economy by offering classes, field activities and seminars to provide structured outdoor experiences and learning programs that develop not only outdoor skills, but also appreciation of the environment, research opportunities and the beneficial use of educational technology.

The initial plans for the center include classrooms; docks and boats; research laboratories; education and reception facilities; trails; Geographic Information Systems Center; and an outdoor theater. Initial





Lamar students Divya Anantharaman, left, Amrit Mahtani, standing, Ling Wang and Rose Hogan admire their project at the fifth annual Student Research Conference. The team took the best overall research award. Their goal was to create an autonomous robot capable of navigating in an enclosed environment while successfully accomplishing designated tasks. The team designed a hybrid robot that could follow instructions and handle unforeseen circumstances. Using sensors, the robot had to identify its surroundings, detect an object and transport the object to a destination while avoiding obstacles in its path. More than 130 students displayed or presented work related to 100 presentations during the event.

development during an eight- to 10-year period will cost an estimated \$4.5 to \$5 million and result in a complex of buildings and outdoor facilities along the Neches River adjacent to Collier's Ferry Park in Beaumont.

The center plans to centralize resources to share and deliver programming for Jefferson, Orange, Chambers, Liberty, Hardin, Tyler, Jasper and Newton counties and the Bolivar Peninsula.



Honeywell VP visits

Hermann Ortega '67, '72, vice president with Honeywell in Morristown, N.J., spoke at the annual All-College of Engineering Seminar April 27 in the John Gray Center auditorium. Ortega is vice president of the Integrated Supply Chain for Honeywell International, Specialty Materials Division, a global leader in providing high-performance specialty materials. Ortega serves on the advisory board of the College of Engineering at Lamar.

Education research conference

The College of Education and Human Development took what campus leaders call a bold new step in developing a "research culture" by hosting its first Education Research Conference in March. The conference was one response to a challenge issued by Carl Westerfield, outgoing dean of the college, to boost research and scholarly activity in the college, which had about 1,800 students enrolled this spring. Other initiatives undertaken by the college's newly formed research committee include the development of an online student research journal, dept.lamar.edu/lustudentjnl.

Students get NASA nod

The kind words from NASA in response to the students' hard work were reward enough, but the real excitement comes in knowing that their senior project will soon be seen zipping around Johnson Space Center. After choosing to tackle a student design project sponsored by the Texas Space Grant Consortium for their senior capstone course in mechanical engineering, three Lamar University engineering seniors – Chris Johnson, Will Tawney and Scott Collins – developed a design to construct a solar energy array that will provide continual recharge to the batteries of an electric utility cart used by NASA to make deliveries around the sprawling Johnson Space Center facility.

Davis named lecturer

Lamar is honoring Terri Davis, assistant professor of political science, as the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer for 2004. Davis will present the lecture, "Politics and Dissent: The U.S. Constitution in Times of Crisis," at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18 in the University Theatre, with a reception afterward in the Dishman Art Museum. Entergy Texas is sponsoring the lecture, now in its 18th year.



Chauveaux keynotes commencement

Lamar University conferred about 670 degrees during spring commencement May 15 in the Montagne Center. Degree candidates numbered 655, with several of them earning multiple degrees. The graduates hailed from nine countries, 12 states outside of Texas and 88 cities and towns in Texas. The commencement speaker was Tony Chauveaux, the National Endowment for the Arts' deputy chairman for grants and awards. Formerly a corporate lawyer in Beaumont, Chauveaux is a longtime supporter of Lamar, including service as Friends of the Arts president.

Left to right, Will Tawney, Kendrick Aung, Chris Johnson



Scholarships provide much-needed funds

Five new scholarships have been established with the Lamar University Foundation.

Associated General Contractors of Jefferson County created a \$10,000 scholarship endowment for undergraduate students who are employees, employee spouses or employee children of an AGC member.

The Beaumont Music Commission has gifted a portion of its assets to establish a scholarship in music, which will benefit both undergraduate and graduate full-time music majors.

Piper and University Professor Hsing-wei Chu, a Lamar faculty member since 1979, has established a scholarship for full-time undergraduate industrial engineering majors.

The Dr. Edward J. and Patricia B. Hurwitz Scholarship, founded by the couple, benefits junior and senior full-time pre-medical and pre-nursing students. Dr. Hurwitz earned a B.S. in biology from Lamar in 1962 and is now a dermatologist in private practice in Houston and assistant clinical professor of dermatology at Baylor College of Medicine.

The Mary Ellen Barclay Memorial Scholarship benefits full-time nursing students pursuing associate's or bachelor's degrees and honors Barclay, a nurse who was involved in prison mentoring and support ministries, foster parenting and nursing and who personally funded and supported low-income, at-risk families throughout her adult life.

For information about contributing to or establishing scholarships at Lamar University, call University Advancement at (409) 880-8422.

Introducing . . .

Dean of education and human development



Hollis Lowery-MOORE

Hollis Lowery-Moore has accepted the position as dean of the College of Education and Human Development, beginning Aug. 16. She is currently associate dean of the College of

Education and Applied Science, NCATE coordinator and professor at Sam Houston State University. As associate dean, she was responsible for the accreditation, accountability, certification, educational partnerships, field experience, advisement and technology resource programs of the college's educator preparation program.

Dean of library services



Christina Baum

Christina Baum has assumed duties as dean of library services at Lamar, bringing almost 30 years of library experience to the post. Baum previously served as director of library services

at the University of Wisconsin-Falls River, as dean of library and learning resources at State University of New York, as adjunct professor at Palmer School of Library and Information Science at Long Island University and as director of library at the University of Kentucky's Maysville Community College.

Associate dean of College of Business



Brad Mayer

Brad Mayer, chair of the management and marketing department, moves this summer into the associate dean's office in

the College of Business. Mayer has been on the College of Business faculty since 1994.

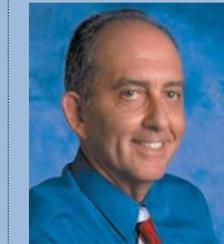
Chair of Department of Economics and Finance



Jimmy Moss

Jimmy Moss, professor of finance at Lamar and 18-year faculty member, will take the position of chair of the economics and finance department this fall.

Distinguished professor of chemistry



Wayne Rabalais

Lamar officials announced the appointment of Wayne Rabalais as Distinguished Professor of Chemistry. As Cullen Distinguished Professor of

Chemistry and Physics and chairman of the chemistry and physics department at the University of Houston, he has attracted more than \$9 million in research support.

Associate athletic director for development



Laurie Ritche

Laurie Ritche '85 began duties July 12 as associate athletic director for development after two decades in bank management. She will oversee athletic fund raising, marketing

and promotions for the Department of Athletics.

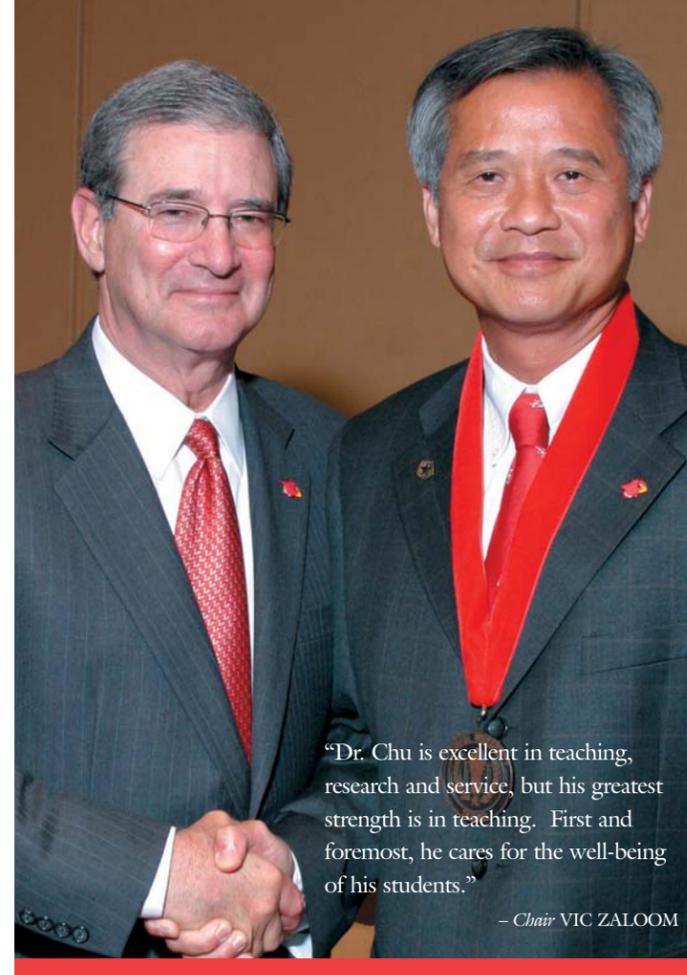
Now president of United Way of North Jefferson County, Ritche has served Lamar in various capacities, including president of the Cardinal Club (1997-98) and of the Alumni Association (2000).

Hsing-wei Chu Richard Harrel 2004 UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

Lamar University honored Hsing-wei Chu, professor of industrial engineering, and Richard Harrel, professor of biology, as 2004 University Professors. Between them, the two have served Lamar for 63 years – Harrel for 38 and Chu for 25.

The professorship, awarded for life to recognize a senior faculty member for distinguished teaching, is Lamar's most prestigious academic honor.

"The selection process had an unusual – and quite pleasing – outcome this year when the selection committee deadlocked, concluding two faculty members were worthy of this year's award," said Stephen Doblin, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "President Simmons concurred that both Chu and Harrel should be honored."



"Dr. Chu is excellent in teaching, research and service, but his greatest strength is in teaching. First and foremost, he cares for the well-being of his students."

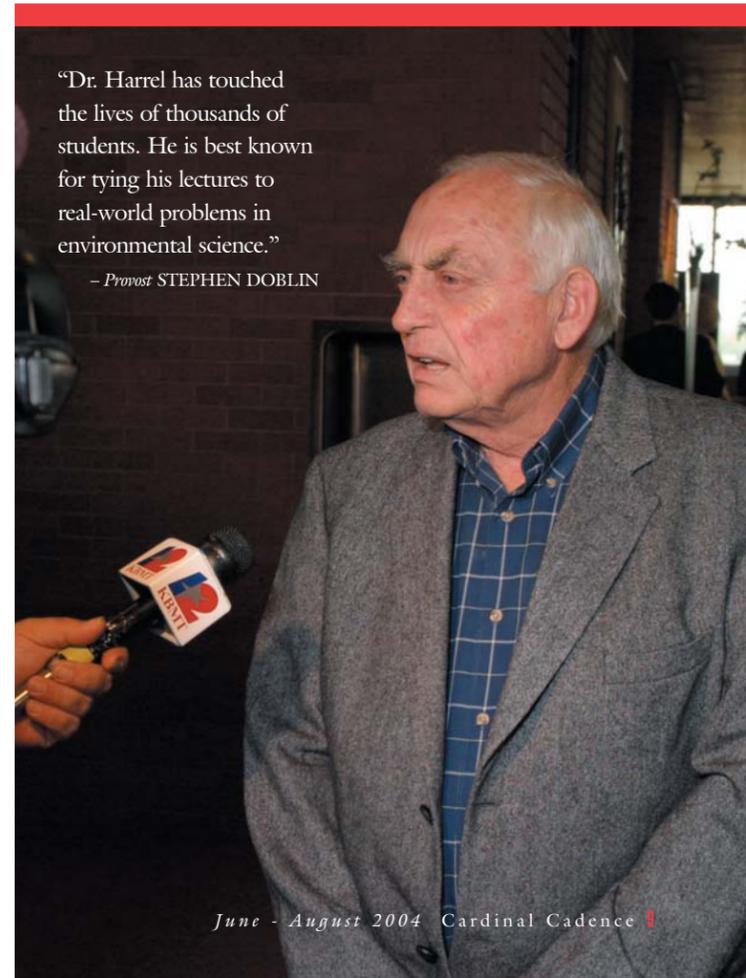
– Chair VIC ZALOOM

HSING-WEI CHU

Hsing-wei Chu came to Lamar University and found the career of a lifetime. "Teaching at Lamar was my first job and probably will be my last," Chu said. "I love Lamar. I've enjoyed teaching at Lamar for the past 25 years." Chu is known as a demanding teacher who employs a variety of instructional techniques and consistently receives high marks from his students. He is one of seven professors in Lamar history to earn the prestigious Piper Professorship for his classroom accomplishments, honored in 2002. He has earned seven other teaching excellence awards and recognitions. Chu has taught 10 undergraduate courses, nine graduate courses and two doctoral courses – essentially the entire industrial engineering curriculum. Lamar has one of the highest passing rates on the Texas Board of Professional Engineers' Engineering-in-Training Examination, and Chu has played a major role in this success. He is faculty advisor to Lamar's chapters of the Society of Women Engineers, Institute of Industrial Engineers, Alpha Pi Mu and Phi Beta Delta and several service organizations. Chu has received support for 18 funded projects totaling almost \$1.5 million, including grants from the Environmental Protection Agency, National Science Foundation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He has chaired Lamar's Athletics Council for 12 years and has been Lamar's faculty representative to the NCAA and Southland Conference.

RICHARD HARREL

When Richard Harrel accepted the medallion of University Professor, he joined an elite group of Lamar faculty members to earn the "triple crown" – the university's three top faculty honors. He was named University Scholar in 2002 and Distinguished Faculty Lecturer in 2004. Just four Lamar professors have been so honored. "Every year, you are supposed to list your goals," Harrel said. "I always say the same thing, and it's to continue being the best teacher, the best researcher and do the best service of any faculty member at Lamar." With 38 years of service, Harrel is one of Lamar's longest-tenured professors. He has served as advisor to hundreds of biology students and as chair of more than 35 graduate student committees. More than half of these graduate students received financial support from grants obtained by Harrel; a dozen of them continued their studies to earn doctorates. Harrel's honors also include the Regents' Merit Award, College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Research Award, Beta Beta Teacher of the Year Award and recognition from Sigma Xi and the Texas Academy of Sciences. He directs Lamar's environmental science program and serves as advisor to students in the field. Harrel has received 16 grants from sources such as the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of the Interior and Texas Parks and Wildlife. In the community, he has served on industrial, community and regional committees benefitting the environment, including Clean Air and Water Inc., of which he is longtime president.



"Dr. Harrel has touched the lives of thousands of students. He is best known for tying his lectures to real-world problems in environmental science."

– Provost STEPHEN DOBLIN

Merit Awards honor Lou, Tran and Maroonroge

Lamar honored Helen Lou, Quoc-Nam Tran and Sumalai Maroonroge with University Merit Awards. Selection is based primarily on classroom performance and interaction with students; scholarship and service to the university and community are other considerations.



HELEN LOU

Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering

Since November 2002, Helen Lou has received two National Science Foundation grants, a state ATP grant, an Environmental Protection Agency grant, two Gulf Coast Hazardous Substance Research Center grants, two Texas Air Research Center grants and two Lamar Research Enhancement Grants – for a total of more than \$600,000. Now completing her third year at Lamar, Lou has been active in professional associations – especially in the American Institute of Chemical Engineers – and has held a number of offices.

“What first catches the eye of anyone reading Dr. Lou’s resume is the amount and quality of research.”

– Provost STEPHEN DOBLIN

QUOC-NAM TRAN

Assistant professor of computer science

Quoc-Nam Tran has taught five years in the College of Engineering, where he has developed software and Web sites to enhance his effectiveness in the classroom and encourages his students to conduct independent research. Tran has coached and sponsored Lamar’s award-winning Association of Computing Machines teams. He will serve as general chair of the 10th International Conference on Applications of Computer Algebra, to be held in Beaumont. As a researcher, Tran has collected five research grants totaling more than \$300,000, including one from the National Science Foundation.

“In all of the courses he teaches, Dr. Tran is known for both depth of knowledge in the subject and the clarity of presentation.”

– Chair LARRY OSBORNE

SUMALAI MAROONROGE

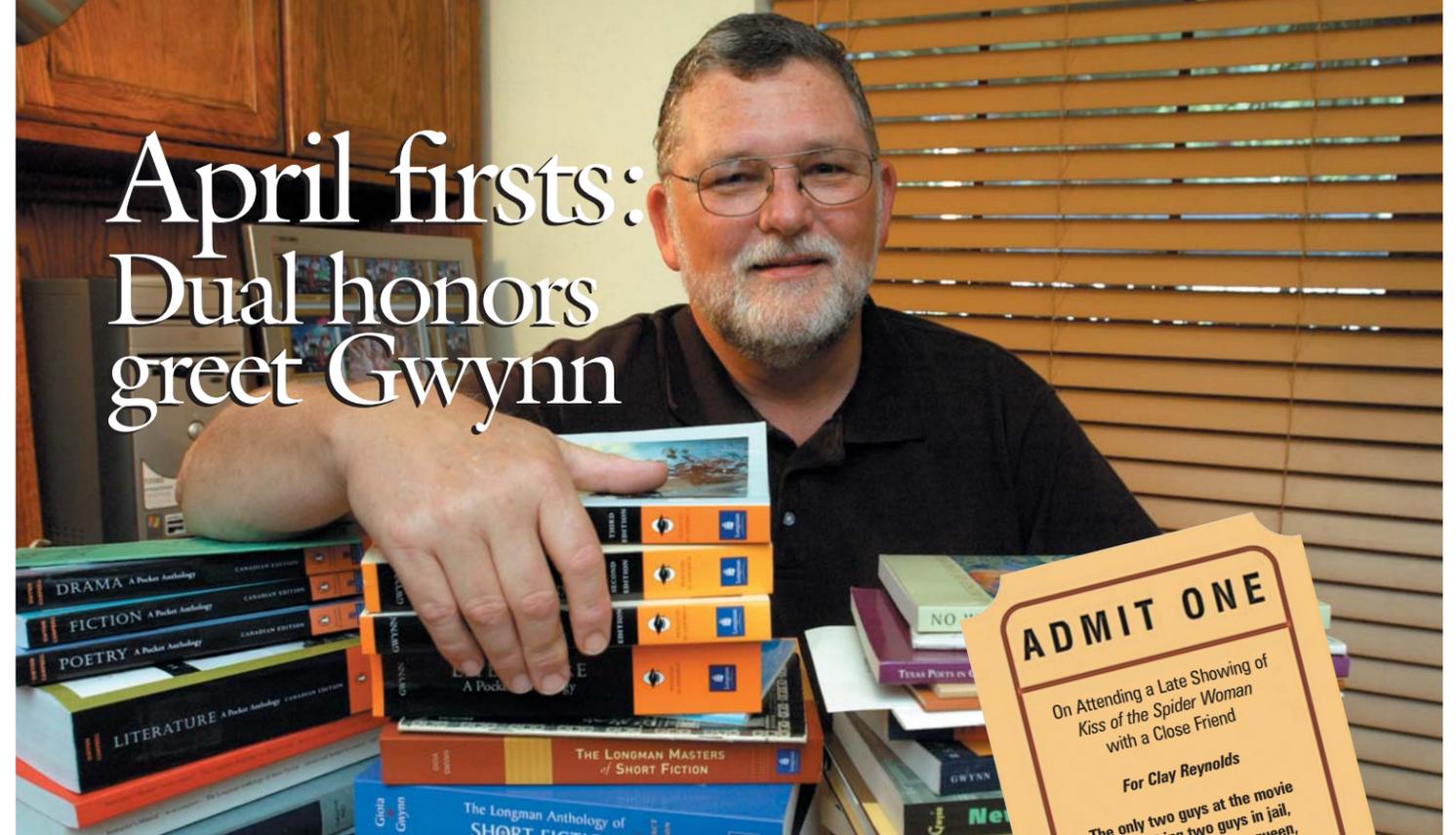
Assistant professor of communication disorders and deaf education

Sumalai Maroonroge is a driving force behind Lamar’s new doctorate in audiology program, which will begin in fall 2004. In six years at Lamar, Maroonroge has taught three undergraduate and 10 graduate courses, has directed four doctoral dissertation committees and has served as advisor to more than 50 graduate students. During recent summers, she has taught graduate courses in Taiwan and Thailand. She has presented papers and workshops all over the world – efforts that have earned her awards and recognition.

“Professor Maroonroge consistently provides learning activities that are appropriate, but, more than that, they are enriching and stimulating.”

– Chair TONY MARTIN

April firsts: Dual honors greet Gwynn



April proved enchanted for Lamar professor and poet R.S. “Sam” Gwynn.

Within less than a month, he became recipient of a prestigious national literary award and Lamar’s University Scholar award, the university’s top award recognizing research and creative activity. In being honored as University Scholar, Gwynn joined an elite group of just four Lamar faculty members to earn all three of the university’s top faculty honors. He was recognized as University Professor in 1997 and as Distinguished Faculty Lecturer in 2001.

On April 6, American Academy of Arts and Letters announced Gwynn would receive one of 19 2004 awards for literature – the Michael Braude Award for achievement in light verse. On April 29, Gwynn became Lamar’s seventh University Scholar at a reception hosted by the Office of Research.

“I’ve received two nice awards this spring, one from the American Academy of Arts and Letters for my poetry and this one from Lamar for my scholarship,” said Gwynn, who joined the Lamar faculty in 1976. “To my mind, they’re equal honors, for when I look back at the list of past winners of the University Scholar Award, I am

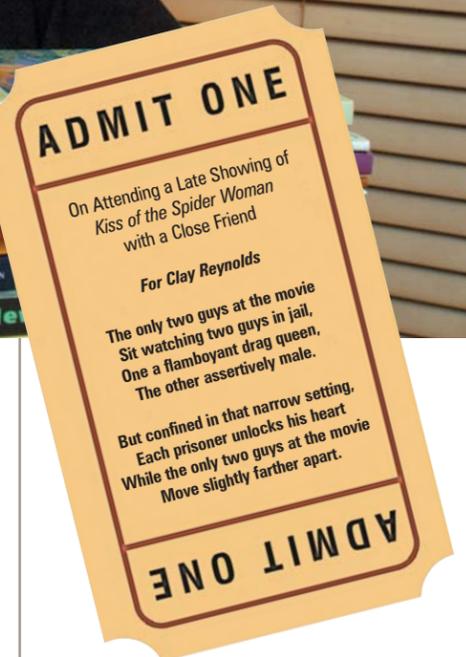
very proud to be numbered among such a distinguished group.”

Each award carries a \$5,000 cash prize. Gwynn said the University Scholar grant will enable him to work on a new collection of poems and translations, tentatively titled *Gravity*.

His most recent book of poetry, *No Word of Farewell: New and Selected Poems, 1970-2000*, was published in 2001. Other collections are *Bearing and Distance* (1977);

“Professor Gwynn is that rare individual who has achieved success in the creative realm (poetry), gained scholarly distinction as an anthologist and is universally admired for teaching. He is the embodiment of the scholar-teacher model that we in academe admire and strive to achieve in our professional lives. . . . Profoundly sensitive and wickedly humorous, Gwynn is among a handful of contemporary American poets whose work is consistently greeted with critical acclaim.”

– MICHAEL PEICH, *professor of English and director, West Chester University Poetry Conference.*



The Drive-In (1986), winner of the Breakthrough Award from the University of Missouri Press; *Body Bags in Texas Poets in Concert: A Quartet* (1990); and *The Area Code of God* (1994).

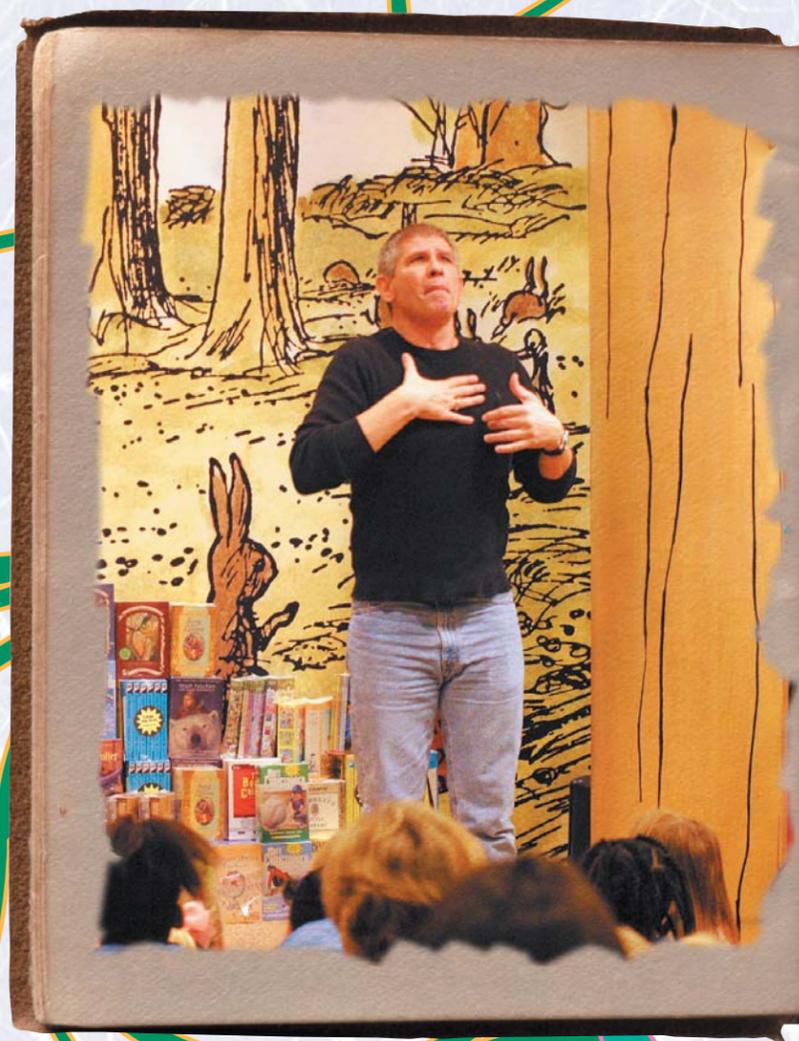
In the past year, Gwynn has edited or co-edited seven new editions of the Pocket Anthology Series for Longman/Penguin Academics and co-edited a new anthology of contemporary American Poetry.

Gwynn graduated from Davidson College in 1969 with a bachelor of arts in English and from the University of Arkansas with a master of arts in English in 1972 and master of fine arts in creative writing in 1973. At Davidson, Gwynn played football, won awards for his writing and was a member of the college’s championship team on the General Electric College Bowl.



Twice-told

tales



what will jack find at the top of the beanstalk? will belle find a way to help the beast? will hansel and gretel escape from the witch? everyone anticipates the outcome of a good story. as kids, we loved fairytales and stories of heroic feats. as adults, well, we still love them and seeing a story told can be as exciting as hearing it.



“It’s very interactive as the kids get involved, and they act out and sign the stories up on stage.”

— Dale Kennedy

Lamar’s deaf studies/deaf education department and Barnes & Noble Booksellers have teamed to bring such children’s stories to the area with ASL Storytimes, bringing the hearing and deaf communities together.

Storytimes is the brainchild of deaf graduate student Dale Kennedy, who says the readings, presented in English and American Sign Language, are good exposure for the hearing community because of the bilingual approach many students are interested in and that many parents want them to pick up.

“The bilingual approach has really had a big impact on us,” Kennedy said. “Through ASL, you can understand English better. There is a large number of students here who use ASL to meet the foreign language degree requirement, and, through that, they can get more practice with their receptive skills.”

The students apply bilingual theory as they translate these stories, Kennedy said, with the goal of teaching deaf children to read. “Deaf children get to see sign language connected with books, and they can visualize



and put it all together. It helps them improve not only their reading skills, but also their vocabulary expansion,” he said.

With the hearing children becoming familiar with sign language at a relatively young age, Kennedy said, Lamar students hope the children will have a desire to learn the language and possibly even want to interpret one day just as a lot of the graduate students in the department do for ASL. The students are able to sharpen their teaching skills by seeing how the children respond and react to the telling of the story.

Jean Andrews, professor of deaf studies/deaf education, said the monthly Storytimes have brought exposure not only to the department, but also to Lamar. “It’s a community service,” she said.

“Barnes & Noble was very enthusiastic,” Andrews said. “It’s been good for them, also. Now, they have tables set up with sign language books, so it’s been good publicity for them.”

The success of Storytimes has left many people wondering why it took so long for the community to adopt these ASL readings.

Kennedy, who began his work at Lamar last summer, said he saw many other cities incorporating ASL storytimes into their community agendas, so he thought why not bring it here to Beaumont? After asking Andrews and another graduate student, Adonia Smith, about taking on the project, he received encouragement and, with the help of Barnes & Noble, ASL Storytime was born.



Lamar deaf education students interpret the stories for the deaf audience. Aside from gaining practice translating the books, the students also practice teaching.

“All of the graduate students take turns interpreting for ASL Storytimes,” Kennedy said. “All of the students will probably be effective teachers because of the practical experience they gain in the process.”

Kennedy is learning how to teach deaf children through the classic story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, which also happens to be his favorite ASL story. “I am learning how to translate it from English to ASL, and all of the theoretical principles that go along with it,” he said.

Andrews and Kennedy said they have had no problems with communication between the hearing and deaf communities at the story times. Kennedy said he reads aloud to the children, asks them questions, and that they respond often.

“It’s very interactive as the kids get involved, and they act out and sign the stories up on stage,” Kennedy said.

Since beginning in October of last year, Storytimes has attracted more than 65 children, parents and students each month. And, just like Lamar’s communication disorders and deaf education department, it’s growing in numbers and acclaim.

Dreamers & Mentors

Hard work and the spark of ambition build brighter futures

At age 13, Selena Hills lost her father. Her mother was left to raise both her and her twin sister. This summer, Selena Hills ’04 begins her dream job in Houston, after obtaining a college diploma she couldn’t have ever afforded on her own.

“At that age, I didn’t understand what a scholarship was,” said Hills, who became involved in the I Have A Dream Program in middle school, said the program played a pivotal role in earning her degree.

Hills is one of 75 “dreamers” who are celebrating graduation from college or technical school, a goal realized with the help of their mentors and the financial assistance offered by the program. Each student is paired with a “dream” mentor and, upon completion of high school and enrollment in Lamar University, receives a \$3,000 scholarship. The program provides academically talented youth who face obstacles to completing their education with encouragement and support to graduate from high school and pursue higher education.

“Receiving a scholarship from the I Have A Dream Program has been a major impact for these youth because most of them come from financially strapped environments where it is often difficult to find the money for college,” said Kari Dolan, program director.

“Many of our students work while going to school, and the scholarship allows them to focus more on their studies and less on how to pay for their education,” she said.



Selena Hills

More than 400 young people have participated in the program since its inception in 1988 when Julie Rogers and her children established 75 \$2,000 college scholarships in honor of the 75th birthday of her husband, Ben. The scholarships served as a catalyst for support from people across the country who raised more than \$650,000 for the program. Though both Ben and Julie Rogers are now deceased, the organization continues under the leadership of their daughter, Regina Rogers.

In its 15-year history, about 65 percent of the “dreamer” graduates pursued higher education, and about 130 students attended Lamar University. The cooperative effort between the Rogers family, Lamar and Beaumont Independent School District currently has 75 active “dreamers” in the sixth grade. The students receive a variety of academic and personal enrichment services, including individual and group tutoring, individual and family counseling, career planning and positive life-choice training.

In middle school, Hills was an honors student, and participating in the program

meant attending a lot of fun activities, she said. “I wasn’t thinking about college at the time.” Later, as a high school student, the price of college became a reality, and scholarship programs like I Have A Dream became imperative, she said.

Hills applied, was accepted and made the most of the opportunity. She earned a dual bachelor’s degree from Lamar this May, majoring in both accounting and finance, and just received a congratulatory graduation card from her mentor, Ann Golias, owner of Helena Laboratories.

Golias and the program staff helped her reach another goal. Hills now works at Lamar, but in August, she begins her career with the accounting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Houston as an auditor. “They weren’t going to let me not follow my dream,” she said.

Hills is now a mentor to her own 5-year-old daughter. “She sees her mother studying, and I tell her how important it is to get an education,” she said, proud to see the lesson extending far beyond her own dream.

Additional information about I Have A Dream is available by contacting the program office at (409) 832-1999 or visiting the web at www.ihadbmt.org.



FROM CRADLE TO CUP



Chris Stroud

Men's golf enjoys a long tradition of excellence at Lamar University, turning out some outstanding professional players: Butch Baird, Ronnie Black, John Riegger, Kelly Gibson, Trevor Dodds, Philip Jonas.

Senior Chris Stroud is on the threshold of joining those Cardinal icons, perhaps surpassing them. He has achieved what no other golfer in the history of the Lamar program has: He won six of 12 tournaments this season — the most of any NCAA Division I golfer.

Stroud posted a sparkling 69.62 season scoring average, including shooting par or better in 30 of 34 rounds. He posted 15 rounds in the 60s, with a career-low 8-under par 64 at the Herb Wimberly Invitational hosted by New Mexico State.

"I've been very fortunate in that I've had good enough instruction to continue to succeed all the way through," Stroud said, a testament to Lamar coach Brad McMakin. "Not all players get this kind of opportunity; either their instruction runs out, or they lose interest in the game. All those things went right for me."

A native of Groves, Stroud has also been selected as a member of the 2004 U.S. Palmer Cup team, a Ryder Cup-style competition between the U.S. and Great Britain/Ireland Aug. 6-7 at Ballybunion Golf Club in County Kerry, Ireland.

"I originally turned down the opportunity to play in the Palmer Cup because I was planning on turning professional once the season was over," Stroud acknowledged. "I still have nine hours left to finish school, and I realized I wouldn't be able to get that done and play professionally, so I called them back and told them I wanted to play for the U.S. team. It's a really prestigious honor, and I get to meet Arnold Palmer. The ability to go abroad and see a different part of the world makes the experience that much better. Plus, the course is considered one of the top five in the world. It's going to be special."

It all started at an early age. "When I was just starting to walk, my parents got me a plastic set of golf clubs, and I used to just whack 'em back and forth across the house. They'd make fun of me just walking around with a diaper, my blanket in one hand and a golf club in the other."

"My goal was to make sure I finished college, no matter what, and get my degree, so I can look back and appreciate the hard work I put into school. That's really going to help me in life."

Stroud's golf game began in earnest when he was about 5 and would go to the golf course with his father, Jimmy, a professional Putt-Putt golfer. "He used to take me with him to the golf course and putt on the greens. I learned a lot about feel and touch in the house, down the hallways. "He started out having me make

10-footers, then I moved back a little more, and eventually I started chipping on the green. Before you knew it, I couldn't wait to get back to the golf course with him again because I was so excited to play."

It wasn't always easy for Stroud to find the opportunity to play. Courses weren't very receptive to 7-year-olds, fearing they would be a nuisance to the other players. As he improved, that changed.

"I think I was 10 when I played in my first tournament, and I came in second, losing in a playoff at the Pea Patch (Port Groves Golf Club). That gave good incentive and humbled me from the beginning,"

said Stroud, who recently lost in a playoff at the 2004 Southland Conference championships. "I've learned the hard way many times that if you can't accept defeat, you cannot play this game. It's just a game. It's not life. You have to learn to deal with the pressure and control yourself. The game has taught me so much.

"I really never knew how good I would become in college. I wanted to be the No. 1 player by the time I was a senior, and I wanted to be a good amateur player. Luckily, it's turned out that way.

"My goal was to make sure I finished college, no matter what, and get my degree, so I can look back and appreciate the hard work I put into school. That's really going to help me in life."

Now, his sights are set on becoming a professional on the PGA Tour. He has high expectations, but vows to remain grounded.

"Hopefully, I will be competing with Vijay (Singh) and Tiger (Woods) to be No. 1 in the world," Stroud said. "If I'm going to be the No. 1 player in golf one day, I also want to be the No. 1 person. I want people to appreciate who I am."

✦ Southland Conference player of the year honors all four years at Lamar

✦ Only golfer in Southland history to earn first-team all-conference honors four times

✦ One of five finalists for the prestigious 2004 Ben Hogan Award, presented annually to the top men's NCAA Division I, II, III or NAIA golfer

✦ Ping All-America first team in 2004





LASTING LEGACIES :

Generations build for the future

When J. W. Kinnear moved to Beaumont in the late 1800s to take a teaching position, he suggested building a home on the highest spot around. “Grandmother said, ‘No, that’s too far from the school house,’” said Robert C. “Bob” Kinnear Jr. ’66. “Of course, that hill was Spindletop.”

The elder Kinnear’s career continued from school teacher to tax assessor to Texas state representative (16th Legislative District, 1925-29) where he worked to pass legislation to facilitate state funding for junior colleges. That legislation paved the way for the creation of South Park Junior College – the predecessor to Lamar University – in 1923.

That bill benefitted aspiring students all across the state – and his own descendants. His son, Robert C. “Bob” Kinnear Sr. ’32 played football for Coach John Gray at South Park High School, and then worked for a

Sun Oil seismographic crew for a while, before he entered South Park Junior College and played football for Gray again on the college’s national-championship team. Grandson Bob Kinnear would later ply the books at then-Lamar State College of Technology, graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering.

With the example of his grandfather’s legacy alive in the university today, the grandson is creating a legacy of his own as chairman of the Town Center Improvement District in The Woodlands. Bob Kinnear has had a hand in many of the major projects around The Woodlands, but he quickly gives the credit to the planned development’s visionary founders, George and Cynthia Woods Mitchell, a “terrific staff” and the hard work of many.

After a career in the pipeline business that took him and his wife, Vivian (Young) Kinnear ’77, from coast to



coast – Pennsylvania and San Francisco – and then to Midland, the couple came to The Woodlands in 1992 when the company moved its pipeline headquarters for the southwest region there.

THE WOODLANDS

Nestled in 27,000 acres of forest, just north of Houston, The Woodlands is one of the original master-planned communities in the nation. From its inception in 1974, The Woodlands has held steadfast to its concept of blending nature with modern convenience and doing it with a sense of style.

The original development was founded by community builder George Mitchell in response to the problems besetting urban areas in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He and his wife, Cynthia Woods Mitchell, sought to create an idyllic hometown where people could live, work, play and learn in harmony with nature.

In 1997, Mitchell sold his interest in The Woodlands to what is now the Woodlands Operating Company, L.P., a limited partnership of Morgan Stanley and The Rouse Co.

occupancy tax. Special tax increment zones can also bring additional dollars for specific projects. Under Kinnear's hand, TCID continues to improve operations and public safety, create jobs, market and promote events, and promote economic development. The area is expected to reach \$800 million in sales in 2004.

While Kinnear took over the reins of the TCID last year from retiring chairman Michael Richmond, he had been working on major initiatives since 1996. Kinnear's savvy in strategic planning, construction and operations from a 32-year career in pipeline management quickly made him a contributor on boards, and his leadership was recognized. As a member of the operations and finance committee and chairman of the special projects committee, Kinnear helped with the construction of The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center – a \$51.2 million project that created 535 permanent jobs with an annual payroll of more than \$11 million. His influence helped realize the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion and numerous other projects.

One of the nation's premier planned communities, The Woodlands Town Center has grown from concept to a destination locale, boasting 20 million visits annually for entertainment, shopping, dining and business. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1993 as a local unit of government, TCID is funded by a 1 cent sales tax and 7 percent hotel

Several district projects are in the works, including the development of The Woodlands Waterway, a 1.5-mile "river walk" designed by Boone Powell, creator of San Antonio's River Walk and HemisFair Plaza. Well underway is The Woodlands Mall Expansion, including a river walk surrounded by fashionable restaurants and shops. On the planning board is The Woodlands Town Green, a city park between the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion and The South Montgomery County Library that will feature a sculpture garden, a great lawn and a children's garden with a storybook theme. An outdoor lifestyle shopping center called Market Street rounds out the list of major projects for the district, Kinnear said.

In addition to the 1,000 acres of the central business and retail district, TCID works in three other areas: College Park, a 70-acre retail zone at the intersection of Texas 242 and I-45; Research Forest, a 13-acre zone between College Park and Town Center; and The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center to the southwest. Altogether, the district encompasses more than 20 million square feet in office and retail space and is home to more than 900 businesses, including corporate headquarters for Anadarko, Lionstone Group, Transwestern Commercial, Chevron Phillips Chemical and more. Of the district's businesses, more than 400 are retail.

Both Bob and Vivian Kinnear have a gift for investment in the future, whether physical or spiritual. As active members of The Woodlands United Methodist Church, with a congregation 5,000 strong, the Kinnears contributed to the church's growth through their leadership and volunteer efforts. He has served as a men's ministry leader and chairman of the Mission Committee, which oversaw annual donations of \$1 million.

Vivian's lay ministry has taken on an expanded role. After an accounting career, she has closed the books to open a different set, this time as a Methodist minister. With credentials from Asbury and Garrett-Evangelical Theological seminaries and a commission by the bishop at the 2004 Texas Annual Conference, she began filling the pulpit of nearby 2,000-member Christ Church, a growing Methodist congregation, in June.



The future looks bright, Kinnear says with a hint of a smile, as he describes the development around him. While the summer sun glints from towering office buildings and splashes across sculptured green spaces, birdsong mixes with the cacophony of construction – aural indicators of the intentional, and artful, blending of forest and architecture in The Woodlands.



Kelly green

By mid-June, the film had topped last year's *Finding Nemo* to become the highest-grossing animated film of all time.

So, how does Asbury feel with several great animated films under his belt?

"Over the last 22 years, I've been privileged to work on some really great, popular animated movies – from *The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty and the Beast* to *Toy Story*, *The Prince of Egypt*, *Shrek* and *Spirit* – but having played a role in the direction of a hit like *Shrek 2* is a wonderful new emotion for me.

"I'm so full of pride, not only for myself, but for the community of artists I am so honored to have worked with in making the movie."

Shrek 2 wasn't a project developed overnight.

"Animated movies take a long time to create – *Shrek 2* took three years – and there's a real family atmosphere that occurs among the people working on it," said Asbury.

Between movies, Asbury writes children's books. He illustrated the book *Wild Witches' Ball*, written by poet Jack Prelutsky for release in August by Harper-Collins.

Asbury also is working on several movie concepts.

"I'm developing two live-action film projects I hope to write and direct. One is based on Clive Barker's best-selling children's novel *The Thief of Always*," he said. The other project, titled *Imaginary Children*, tell the story of a comic strip artist whose characters come to life," Asbury said.

"I'm talking to several studios about both of these films. There are a few other things too embryonic to mention – but stay tuned," he said.

Kelly Asbury's feet have barely touched the ground since he attended the Oscars this year for his animated feature film project *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron*.

Asbury -80, is "breathing a big sigh of relief" after years of work on a project that involves a character of another hue – *Shrek 2*.

"No one knows how a movie will be accepted," Asbury said. "It feels great to find out that all that hard work by all those creative artists and technicians – about 400 people – is being so well received."

In *Shrek 2*, the lead character takes on a dangerous mission: meeting Fiona's parents. The new *Shrek* film explores the "comic ramifications" of the marriage between Fiona and Shrek and how it impacts the natural balance in fairytale land, Asbury said during an online interview.

"In the first film, Fiona was locked in a tower expecting a handsome prince to rescue her, but an ugly green ogre came along and contaminated that ideal," he said. "What will her parents think when they meet their new son-in-law? How will they feel when they see that their beloved daughter is now a full-time ogre herself? And what about the handsome prince who was supposed to rescue Fiona?" This comedy of errors makes up *Shrek 2*, Asbury said.

Photo: Courtesy of DreamWorks Pictures



Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) nervously introduces her new husband Shrek (Mike Myers) to her parents, King Harold (John Cleese) and Queen Lillian (Julie Andrews), the rulers of Far Far Away, in DreamWorks Pictures' computer-animated comedy *Shrek 2*.



Other than standard



Shawn Bruno



Gary George

Winemakers Shawn Bruno and Gary George just wanted to make wine. They didn't bargain on petitioning the Texas legislature to repeal a state law. But they did. Because their *raison d'être* is for everybody to taste a little richly rounded raisin . . . or well-aged banana . . . or velvety blueberry . . .

When the Magnolia Hill peaches ripen to perfection and the strawberries reach their peak in Hammond, La., friends join Shawn Bruno '82 and Gary George '77 at their pecan-shaded winery in Sour Lake to prepare the fruit for its final destination, a bottle of Bruno & George aperitif or dessert wine.

That transformation requires premium fruit, the knowledge of a chemist, a little time and a little old-world magic. Bruno & George have the touch. In four years time, they've had three award winners — both the Candlelight Strawberry and Holiday Blueberry won silver at the Texas' Best wine competition. They're adding a blackberry wine to their "arsenal" of Havana Nights Banana, White Orchard Pear, Signature Peach, Raisin and Other Than Standard Raisin.

The partnership began as a friendship through the Tri-City Corvette Club, George said. "We would visit his Uncle Joe Bruno, and he taught us to make wine. We had talked about making it commercially for years. We had done some wine tastings. People loved it and wanted to buy it." But a few hurdles had to be overcome first.

Bruno worked as an actor for 25 years, performing in seven motion pictures — the critically acclaimed *Paris, Texas*, was one — 50 industrial films, about 100 stage shows and television, but something nagged him. Each time he looked for commercial raisin wine but never found it for sale, he wondered why.

A prohibition-era relic almost prevented Bruno & George from growing a Bruno family tradition into a thriving business. A 1920s Texas law prohibited the sale of wine made from dried fruit. Back then, Bruno said, "you could hide it from inspectors and it wouldn't rot. When the inspectors left, in the days of bootlegging, you could pull it out and make your wine." In contrast to grapes that could rot on the vines, dried fruit can be preserved.

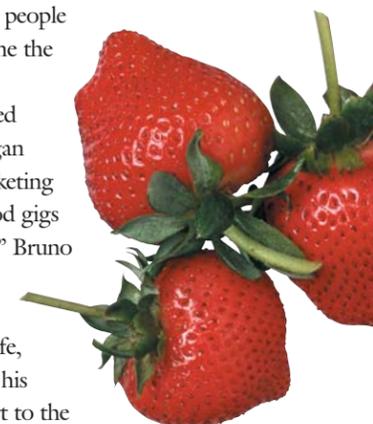
Bruno decided to change the antiquated law. He began by approaching the Beaumont representative of the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission and found he would have to lobby the TABC

in Austin. "I said, 'I might just do that,' and he said, 'Yea, yea, sure, Mr. Bruno.' He didn't know what I was willing to do," Bruno said. That was in 1997. A year and a half later, after calls, letters, e-mail to local legislators and TABC commissioners, as well as legwork by Bruno's brother, Rocky, in Austin, the law passed unanimously, and Bruno & George has the framed document to prove it.



Another unforeseen obstacle remained, however. When he applied to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to have his label federally approved, the ATF saw the 16.5 percent alcohol content exceeded the 14 percent maximum. They connected Bruno with a representative in Buffalo, N.Y., who interprets the law in the ATF code concerning the manufacture of alcohol in the United States. One paragraph allowed specific types of wine under specific conditions under certain rules and regulations, and the paragraph was called "other than standard wines." Bruno & George's Other Than Standard Raisin wine label was born. "She said," Bruno recalls, "If you don't like that, you're welcome to lobby the federal government to try to change that." So, he did, and, three years later, got the OK from the Feds to consider raisin wine a dessert wine. "Since then," however, Bruno says, "it's won an award and now people affectionately call it OTS. I think I'll frame the OK, but I think I'll keep it OTS."

As the Bruno & George name gained recognition and then acclaim, Bruno began devoting all his time to making and marketing the wine. "I turned down some very good gigs because the winery depends on me now," Bruno said. He is the only full-time employee but also helps his father with his business, Alamo Tires in Port Arthur. His wife, Misha, and his partner, Gary, along with his wife, Patty, all contribute hours and effort to the business in addition to their own full-time jobs. Misha





creates the labels and markets the wine in the Houston area where she is senior project engineer for Baylor College of Medicine. Gary is a contract administrator with Huntsman Petrochemical, and Patty is accountant for the winery and vice president of safety for Leaksealers Environmental. But when the fruit

comes in, they're all at the winery preparing the fruit for its three- to six-month transformation. The four of them, along with some friends, built the building that stands on three acres in Sour Lake.

George, a geology major, never thought when he was an offshore drilling consultant that 20 years later, he would be a winemaker. Both George and Bruno are active in Lamar's Cardinal Club and make their wines available at the receptions before Cardinal basketball games.

Vendors have bought out their strawberry and blueberry — and are clamoring for more. They have just finished making the raisin — ready in October — and strawberry — ready in August— and are in the midst of peach wine production for the year. Bruno and George is sold across Southeast Texas in liquor stores and can be found as far as Fayetteville near Austin and in a New Orleans group of grocers. Josephine's and Damian's restaurants in Houston offer it on their wine lists.

They would like to triple their output to meet demand. Now at 2,000 gallons of capability, Bruno says they would like to produce between 4,000 and 6,000.

"When you consider you're winning awards that no one in the whole state has won in 20 years, we know we're blending correctly. We micro-manage." They also like to use Texas produce whenever possible — blueberries from McKeehan Blueberry Farm near Silsbee and blackberries from Jasper's Magnolia Hill Peach Farm.

"It's really interesting when you learn how to balance the acidity with the sugar and how it softens it up," Bruno said. "At first, we were just doing all-purpose yeast and all-purpose enzymes. We're becoming better chemists, and we're shortening the process by adding definitive types of yeast and pectic enzymes for certain types of fruits. These are used to make the wine more velvety and improve the natural flavor of the fruit, helping it be released. I should have paid attention more in college, but that's OK. They're excellent, and they really represent their fruit. That's our whole goal."

Its heritage makes the raisin Bruno & George's flagship wine. "It put us on the map. Now, it's an award-winner, and, let me tell you what, the Italians across the world drink this up. You'll think you're

drinking a Frangelica or a tawny port. It's fermented unto itself; it's not fortified," Bruno said. He swears by it when paired with spaghetti and marinara sauce.

He keeps his grandfather Salvatore's picture on the wall overlooking the tasting counter. Salvatore's father, Rocco, was the source of the original recipe, handmade in the rolling hills of Salaparuta, Sicily in 1889. Though he never new him — he died when Bruno was 5 — "It's all due to my grandfather," Bruno said. "If he were alive today, I think he'd be amazed. We honor him on our labels."

His great-grandfather's immigration to the United States is a story unto itself. Two young brothers — Salvatore, 12 and Joseph, 14 — landed in turn-of-the-century New Orleans with their father and made their way to New Jersey with relatives. Their father returned to Italy to retrieve the rest of his family; however, their mother refused to leave Sicily. The boys never saw their parents again. They found work in the Pennsylvania coal mines and saw mills of Louisiana before following the promise of jobs at a new refinery in Southeast Texas, the Texas Company. Salvatore endured the loss of his wife, Mary Mondello, at 35 from breast cancer, raised nine children and retired from Texaco. "He spoke five languages — Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, French and English — and would interpret for merchant marine seamen when the ships would come in," Bruno said.

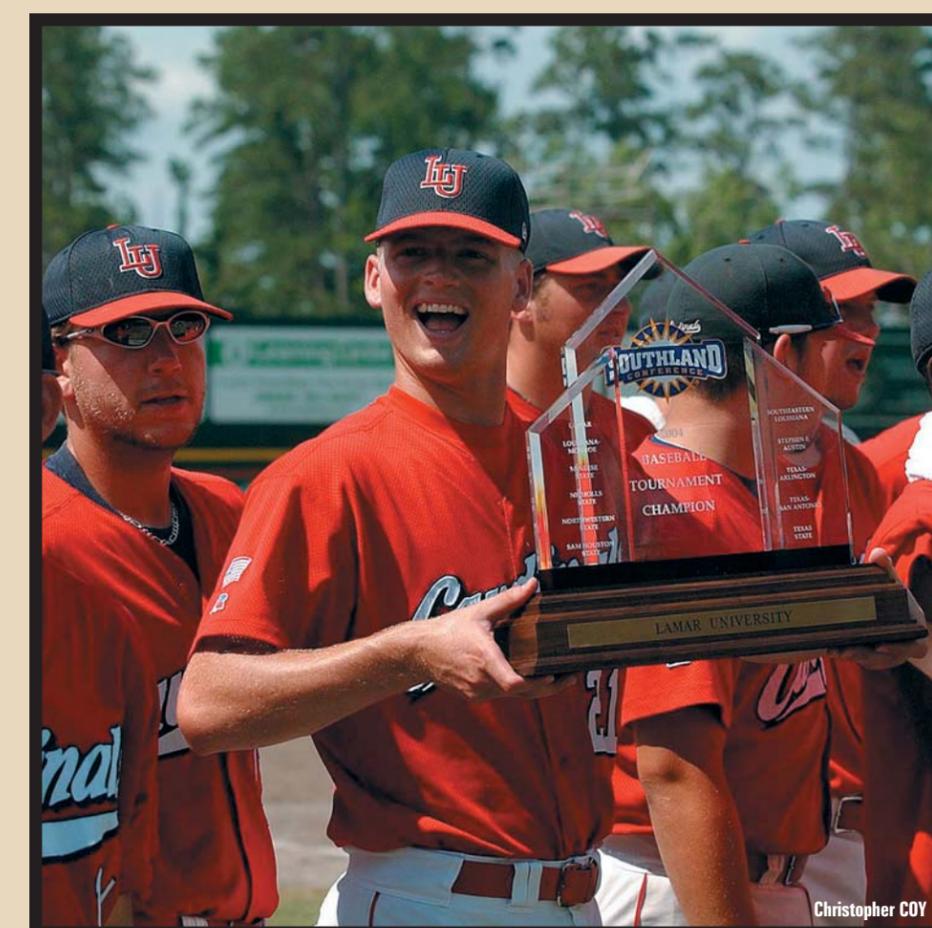
Bruno & George has come a long way. "It's exciting to see the growth," George said. "It's 180 degrees from what I do professionally. As we grow our market base in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana, we have to increase production." Adding room is the next step, and they plan to build a larger winery within a year or so, although this time, they'll leave the construction to others.

"We handmade all our wines. We cork, we capsule, we label everything by hand. But, when you've got a good wine, you have to start doing things on a larger scale," Bruno said.

He had to put his own production company — Fairway Productions, which performed regional theater across Texas — on hold last year because of the demands of the winery. Their product has been featured in Texas Foodlovers Magazine, Leisure Connection and Texas Highways, and the wine-making duo are often on the road to wine festivals throughout Texas such as South Shore in Kemah, Sienna Plantation, Grapevine and Fredericksburg. "They were good when we started, but comparing then to now, we're so much better," Bruno winks.

"We have the best time out here. Make no mistake, it's work. It's a lot of work, but it's rewarding. Even better," he says, "no one ever leaves the winery unhappy."

DOUBLE PLAY



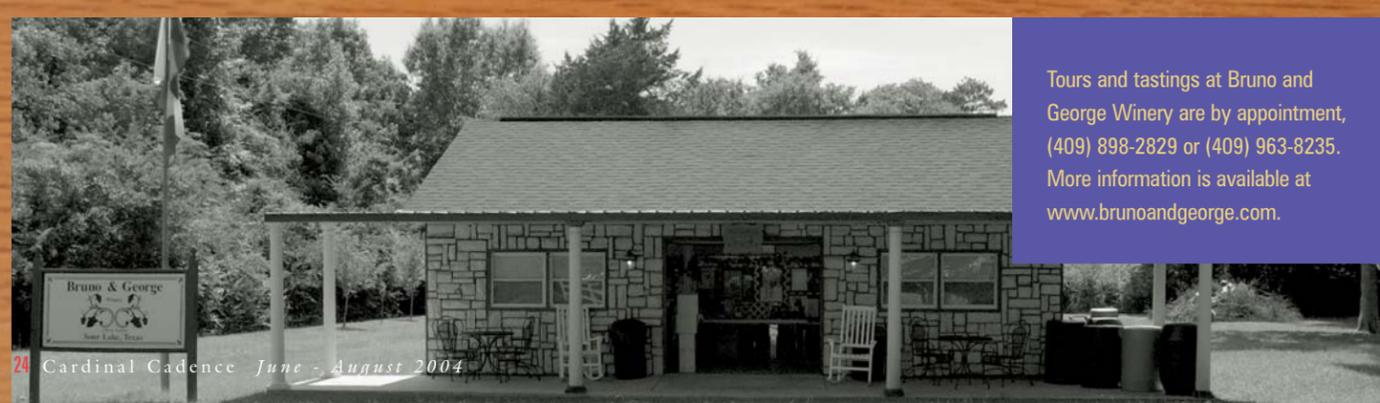
Lamar's baseball Cardinals captured both the Southland Conference regular-season championship and the SLC tournament, earning a trip to the NCAA regionals for the third year in a row. In bringing home the conference tournament trophy, Lamar became the first No.1 seed ever to win the Southland's post-season tourney.

Jordan Foster was the tournament's most valuable player and one of seven Cardinals to earn places on the all-tournament team. Joining him were fellow-outfielder Rocky Craigen, shortstop Chase Richards, designated hitter John Allen, catcher Michael Ambort and pitchers Kyle Stutes and Derrick Gordon.

The Cardinals closed out their schedule with a record of 41-16.

Jim Gilligan was named SLC Coach of the Year for the third straight year and fifth time overall. Among other highlights of a stellar season, the conference named Foster its 2004 Student-Athlete of the Year. Allen and first-baseman Ryan Finan joined Foster on the all-academic squad.

Christopher COY



Tours and tastings at Bruno and George Winery are by appointment, (409) 898-2829 or (409) 963-8235. More information is available at www.brunoandgeorge.com.



Kyle STUTES

Foster and Finan were also named to the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District VI first team, and Foster was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America second team.

Lamar took home three of the six specialty awards, and eight Cardinals earned All-Southland Conference honors, in voting by the league's head coaches. Stutes was named



Kyle STUTES



Derrick GORDON

Pitcher of the Year - Lamar's only first-team selection. He posted a 10-2 record with a 2.49 earned run average with three saves. Stutes finished his career ranked second in the school's all-time list in games pitched (86) and tied for fifth in strikeouts (206). He was drafted in the 22nd round of the 2004 Major League Baseball First-Year Draft by the San Diego Padres. Gordon was named SLC Freshman of the Year and earned second-team All-SLC honors. He posted a 7-3 record and led the SLC with a 1.92 ERA. He was named to the Louisville Slugger freshman all-America team. Lamar placed four players on the All-SLC second team. Joining Gordon were Jeremy Gray, second base; Foster, outfield; and Allen, designated hitter.

Foster led the team in batting (.363), runs (51), hits (78) and RBIs (44) and ranks as Lamar's all-time career leader in batting (.374), hits (256) and doubles (63). A second-team all-SLC pick in 2004, Foster holds



Jordan FOSTER

the school single-season records for batting (.417), hits (96) and doubles (29). The Detroit Tigers drafted him in the 24th round.

Finan, Adrian Cantu and William Delage earned third team All-SLC honors. Finan was drafted in the 22nd round by the Baltimore Orioles.

Craigien and Jon Hunton both earned honorable mention honors. Craigien was second in hitting with a .351 average. Hunton posted a 4-2 record with a 3.27 ERA and 10 saves - the best single-season total in school history. The Chicago Cubs drafted him in the 11th round.

Seven Lamar players were selected in the 2004 MLB First-Year Player Draft, the most since 1999 when four Cardinals were drafted. In addition to the previously mentioned players, Chris Buechner was selected in the 11th round by the Colorado Rockies, Ben Cox in the 19th round by the Montreal Expos and Josh Harris in the 42nd round by the Cleveland Indians.

School, conference honors athletes

Lamar senior golfers Chris Stroud and Tanya Niblett took home top honors as the male and female Athletes of the Year, and junior Casey Cain nabbed the Babe Zaharias/John Gray Award at the annual All-Sports Banquet May 3.

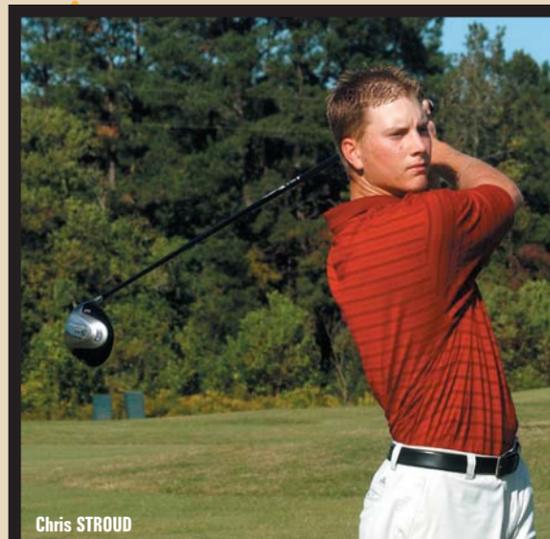
Stroud, a four-year letter-winner on the men's golf team, was unanimously voted 2004 Southland Conference golfer of the year, the fourth straight year he has won the award. He also became the first player in conference history to earn first-team All-SLC honors four times. He ranked No. 2 in the country in the Golfstat collegiate rankings and was one of five finalists for the 2004 Ben Hogan Award.

Junior Shawn Stefani of Baytown joined Stroud on the All-SLC first team.

Athlete of the Year Niblett helped Lamar capture its first SLC championship in 2003. After tying for 11th place individually,



Tanya NIBLETT



Chris STROUD



Katy FIELDER

the four-year letter-winner was named to the All-SLC second team. She posted a career-low round of 1-over 73 at the Arkansas Invitational, where she tied for fifth place.

A native of Kingwood, Niblett posted the team's third-best scoring average this season at 84.21. She tied for 16th at the Texas State Invitational, helping Lamar post a third-place finish.

Foster, Fielder earn Gray Award

Jordan Foster of the baseball team and Katy Fielder of the volleyball team were awarded the Mary and John Gray awards as the graduating seniors with the highest grade-point averages.



Jordan FOSTER

Foster, a four-year letter-winner from Arlington, was named first team All-Southland Conference last season after setting single-season school records for batting average (.417), hits (96) and doubles (29). He was also named first team CoSIDA Academic All-America and first team All-America by Collegiate Baseball and USA Today Sports Weekly.

Fielder, a two-year letter-winner from Pasadena, served as one of the Lady Cardinals' top defensive players after leading the team in digs this season with a career-best total of 395. Her 3.50 digs per game ranked among the top 10 in the SLC. She was named to the SLC All-Academic Team.



Casey CAIN

Cain bags two

Casey Cain, a junior and three-year letter-winner on the women's golf team, received the Zaharias Award, which Lamar gives annually to the top senior-to-be female student-athlete based on athletics, academics and leadership. Cain was also selected the Southland Conference's Student-Athlete of the Year for women's golf. The Lumberton native, one of two unanimous picks this year, made her second straight appearance on the academic all-conference team. She led the team and ranked fifth in the SLC with a 78.93 spring scoring average. She helped Lamar capture its first SLC title in 2003.



Lamar student-athletes hosted more than 2,000 first-graders representing 85 Beaumont classrooms for the Cardinal Connection April 5 in the Montagne Center. Cardinal Connection is a joint effort by Lamar, Beaumont Independent School District and ExxonMobil to promote the importance of learning and the development of reading skills. The student-athletes illustrate how being successful in reading, like athletics, requires hard work and practice, but can also be fun. Now in its seventh year, Cardinal Connection is a part of the Texas Reading Initiative.

Cardinal baseball player Jeremy Gray helps a young participant in the reading relay, one of many activities featured at the annual Cardinal Connection reading rally.

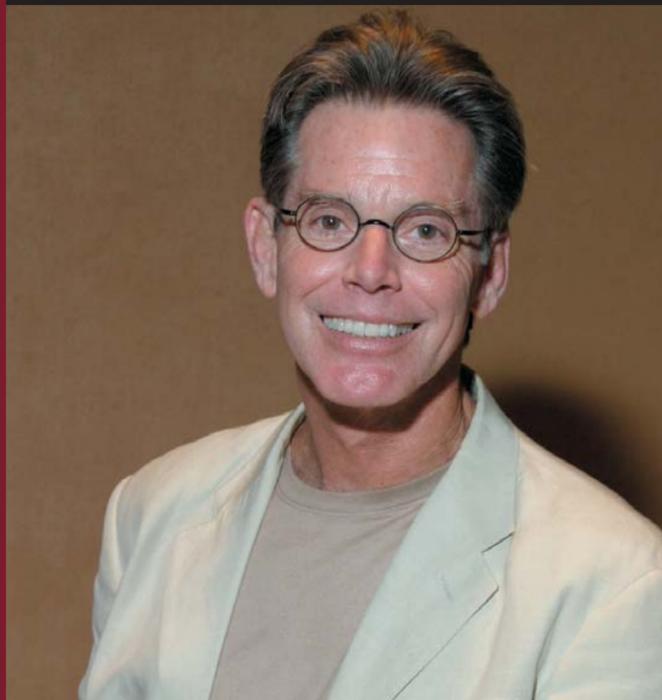
In the grand finale to the Cardinal Connection, Big Red reads to the thousands of first-graders attending the reading rally.



☀ **Dr. Tamerla Chavis**



☀ **Keith Carter**



☀ **Betty Ann Stead**



☀ **Billy Tubbs**



Closeup: 2004 Distinguished Alumni

"We're very fortunate she chose to come back to Beaumont . . . I recall reading in the newspaper several years ago about a shortage of medical people and neurosurgeons in this area, and there was a quote by a lady whose husband had been in a wreck. She was saying that Dr. Chavis had saved her husband's life with the surgery performed on him. I took great pride in the fact that I knew Tamerla and taught her early on."

– JACK HOPPER, Dean, Lamar College of Engineering

"I met Dr. Richard Price, who is over minority recruitment for the engineering department, and he introduced me to Dr. Jack Hopper. At that time, I lived at home and thought, 'Wow, I'm graduating from high school. Maybe I should get out.' So I thought, 'Let's go to Rice University and live in the dorm and experience that life.' I talked to Dr. Price, and he said, 'Tamerla, if you come to Lamar, we'll take care of you.' I thought, 'Well, let's see. I can live in the dorm, or I can stay at home and have them take care of me.' I'm a pretty practical girl, so I decided I'd stay at home and have them take care of me. I did, and I can honestly say that everything they presented to me came through, at least tenfold."

– DR. TAMERLA CHAVIS

Dr. Tamerla Chavis . . . Class of 1983 . . . chemical engineering . . . only female neurosurgeon in Golden Triangle and one of few in United States . . . president-elect of Lamar Alumni Advisory Board . . . recruited to Lamar after graduating valedictorian from Hebert High School . . . Lamar homecoming queen, cheerleader, Student Supreme Court justice, recipient of McFaddin Spirit Award . . . completed fellowship in endovascular neurosurgery at State University of Buffalo.

"Keith Carter is a challenging and supportive colleague who prods us all to consider the deeper aspects of our own and our students' art. Keith Carter is also a wonderful teacher who not only imparts knowledge to his students but also strives to instill in them his own passion for his medium. Keith Carter is an internationally recognized photographer, educator and artist who has elected to create in his hometown, inspire talent at his local university and generously provide insightful leadership in his immediate art community and essentially bring the world to us."

– DONNA MEEKS, chair, Lamar University Department of Art

"The great Southern writer Flannery O'Connor said once after receiving an award: 'It seems to me the pleasure one gets from the award is in direct proportion to how close from home it comes.' I'd have to agree with her. A large part of my life revolves around this university . . . From the moment I came out here 16 years ago, I have thought teaching is a privilege. It's just a great way to spend time and talk about things you love – ideas, popular culture, culture period – with young people who are interested."

– KEITH CARTER

Keith Carter . . . Class of 1970 . . . bachelor of business administration . . . internationally renowned photographer and educator . . . holder of Walles Chair in Visual and Performing Arts at Lamar . . . has exhibited in 70 solo exhibitions in nine countries and works are part of major collections . . . published eight monographs of his photos . . . leader and mandolin player with band Book of Days.

"She is noted as the architect of the capital campaign proposal that resulted in the endowment for the C.T. Bauer College of Business (at the University of Houston) . . . Her teaching included the first electronics commerce course . . . Community service has always been a major focus in her life. She chaired the \$2 million renovation of Episcopal Christ Church Cathedral and chaired the \$4 million capital expansion of the Women's Home. Bette Stead's contributions to education, community, church and friends have touched many people and enriched our lives."

– ALICE CATER, instructor of management development, Lamar Institute of Technology

"I often tell people that when I was born, my family didn't say 'hello,' they said 'college.' . . . Little did my family nor I realize I would become a college professor. . . . Dr. Richard Setzer, my dean, had installed such a strong business administration curriculum that when I applied for the MBA program at the University of Texas, I was admitted with no additional course requirements . . . One of the many things I enjoyed at Lamar was working on the yearbook for Dr. David Bost . . . I became yearbook editor, and he doubled the number of pages; frankly, this 19-year-old was bug-eyed. . . . I'm proud to be your alumnus . . . No one ever had a better undergraduate experience."

– BETTE ANN STEAD

Bette Ann Stead . . . Class of 1957 . . . bachelor of business administration . . . 25-five year faculty member at the University of Houston, retiring in 2001 as professor of marketing . . . recipient of UH Distinguished Faculty Award . . . Houston community and civic leader, instrumental in successful fund-raising efforts . . . Endowed Lucy Ella Stead Memorial Scholarship in Lamar College of Business in honor of her aunt . . . Taught at Lamar and at Beaumont High, where she was yearbook sponsor . . . performed with Melody Maids.

"What can you say about Billy Tubbs? He's a landmark. He's a national treasure. He's a sports phenomenon. The sultan of swish. His highness of the hoops . . . Billy Tubbs has a tremendous history as a coach and as a leader, but the most important thing to us is that Billy Tubbs is one of ours. He's a former student athlete and coach who loves his alma mater enough to go into overtime as athletic director and, now, coach. Who believes in his alma mater enough to forgo a well-deserved retirement. Who has faith in the fine tradition of Lamar University athletics and wants to take them to the next level."

– Lamar President JAMES SIMMONS

"I am thankful to Lamar University for many reasons. Lamar has done a lot more for me than I have done for Lamar because it accorded me a scholarship to have an education. . . . It was a great time here, my college days . . . I loved college, and I thought I'd like to be in college forever. Basically, I have been, in one form or another . . . I figure I'll do this for three or four more years, and then I'll retire. Then when Jimmy retires, I'll probably get called back, and there's never been an athletic director-president. That's kind of one of my goals right now."

– BILLY TUBBS

Billy Tubbs . . . Class of 1958 . . . physical education . . . Lamar director of athletics and head basketball coach, with almost 20 years of service to Lamar . . . legendary coach at Lamar, Oklahoma and TCU . . . two-time National Coach of the Year . . . guided 1998 OU Sooners to national championship game . . . after returning to Lamar, became 28th coach in NCAA Division 1 to achieve 600 career wins . . . ranks in Top 40 in all-time wins in NCAA history.



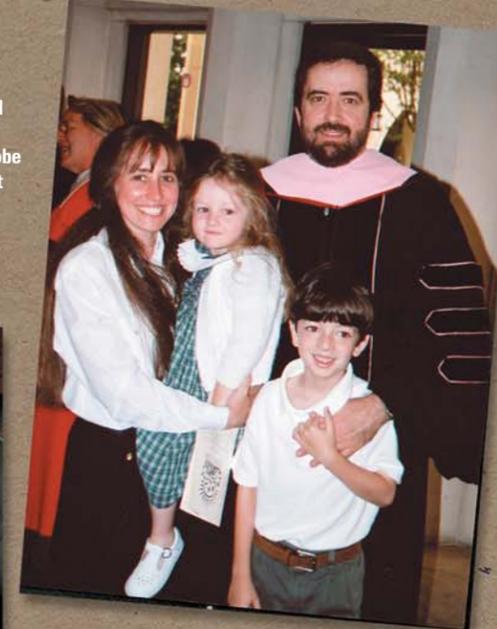
Pauline (Colburn) Hargrove '70 holds Flat Stanley as he endorses Red, White & You. Hargrove is superintendent of Little Cypress Mauriceville I.S.D. and a 2000 graduate of Lamar's Superintendents Academy. The Flat Stanley project is based on a series of children's books by Jeff Brown. In the story, Stanley Lambchop is a little boy who is squished flat by his bulletin board as he sleeps one night. Being flat allows Stanley to participate in a series of adventures as he is mailed (or emailed) all around the world. Here, he visits LU with, from left, Dean Carl Westerfield, Hargrove, Associate Professor Dorman Moore, Associate Professor Janiece Buck, Chair Carolyn Crawford and Professor Elvis Arterbury. He'll be returned to the students of Mrs. Sparks's second-grade class at Little Cypress Elementary School along with an updated journal, the contents of which they can share with classmates as they plot his travels on maps and consider where his next adventure should be.



Patricia Adams '70, named a distinguished alumnus in 2001, congratulates 2004 honoree Keith Carter '70, with whom she also graduated from high school. Joining them for the pre-awards-dinner reception is Adams' husband, Tom Granger.



1994 Distinguished Alumnus inductee Doug Matthews '74 traveled from Galveston with his wife, Janis (Frank) '77, to help honor the 2004 distinguished alumni.



Eduardo Garcia-Novelli, director of choral activities at Lamar, poses with his wife, Dr. Maria Fiocchi, and children Camila and Mateo, on Easter Sunday, April 11, after receiving a surprise gift of an academic robe and regalia from the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church of Beaumont. Garcia-Novelli is director of the choir.



Distinguished Young Alumna Dr. Tamerla Chavis '83 prepares to dine with her brother Iran B. Chavis '90, who was among a number of Chavis's special guests at the alumni program.



Juan Zabala, director of alumni affairs, and Linda LeBlanc '75, assistant director, compare notes with Wanda Fiorenza '52, seated right, who served as director of the Lamar Alumni Association from 1976 through 1995 – before the association became part of the university. The three were attending a campus reception.

The fountain in Lamar University's quadrangle cascades green water on St. Patrick's Day. Students also celebrated the birthday of President James Simmons in the Setzer Center by taking a bite out of some green and white cake.



Longtime friends Kathryn Chauveaux and First Lady Susan Simmons '68 get together before May commencement, joined by President James Simmons and Tony Chauveaux, Kathryn's husband and the keynote speaker at the event. Chauveaux serves the National Endowment for the Arts as deputy chairman for grants and awards.

Sallye Sheppard, chair of the Department of English and Modern Languages, congratulates 2004 University Scholar R.S. "Sam" Gwynn.



Alice Cater, left, a friend of distinguished alumna Bette Stead '57 since high school, enjoys a visit with the honoree at a reception preceding the awards dinner, where Cater made the presentation to Stead.



While the Grad Fair was conducted in the Setzer Center ballroom March 17, St. Patrick's Day was made complete with a jazz concert by students in the main center. Students grooved with the beat as performers belted out tunes from the past.

May honors graduates Beth Yelverton, Jenni Yelverton and Robbie Waters, from left, celebrate the successful completion of their years at Lamar. Jenni Yelverton earned the Plummer Award, with a 4.0 GPA, and Beth and Robbie joined her in graduating summa cum laude. Other Lamar honors included the Bess Gentry and Ann Shaw awards and Aaron Rose Award for Beth, the Shaw Award for Robbie and Ben J. Rogers Outstanding Business Student Award for Jenni.

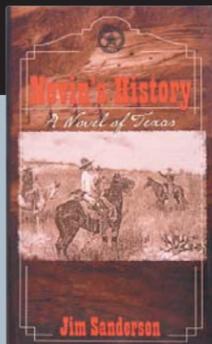




Sanderson's 'sweeping saga'

Childhood reading inspired historical novel

When Jim Sanderson was a lad, he'd haunt the bookmobile at the San Antonio Public Library, finding fascination in lesser Texas legends who would populate his first historical novel 40 years later. The result is Sanderson's sixth book – an epic historical novel of romance, violence and the struggle for civilization on the Texas frontier hailed as a "sweeping saga of South Texas."



The turbulent Lower Rio Grande Valley of the 1870s is the backdrop for *Nevin's History: A Novel of Texas*, published by Texas Tech University Press. Protagonist Andrew Nevin – newspaper reporter, Civil War draft-dodger, informer and self-professed coward – tells a story of three legendary figures: Texas Rangers John "Rip" Ford and Lee H. McNelly and the bandit mayor of Matamoros, Mexico, Juan Cortina.

"I've been writing *Nevin's History* for over 40 years," Sanderson says. "I first got interested in those mossy and mossback, former know-nothing Texas Rangers as well as their nemesis, Juan Cortina, when I first checked out Walter Prescott Webb's *The Texas Rangers* from the San Antonio Public Library's bookmobile. I think I was in the fourth grade.

"By the time I got to high school, I was wondering about the parts the historians left out or only speculated about. Since then, I've kept up with histories about these men and watched some really bad movies that used them as references."

A Lamar faculty member since 1989, Sanderson is the author of three other novels – *La Mordida*, *Safè Delivery* and *El Camino del Rio* – as well as a short story collection and a collection of essays on West Texas.

Sanderson's previous fiction works have also gained critical acclaim – and secured his reputation as one of Texas' leading writers of crime fiction. A story in *The Houston Chronicle's Texas* magazine recently included him on a short list of "top-shelf" crime novelists in the state, pointing to Sanderson and his "atmospheric mysteries."

"Texas Mexican conflict didn't end at San Jacinto . . . Jim Sanderson's novel offers an earthy and sometimes brutal account of border warfare in the turbulent 1870s. His three-dimensional portrayals of such pivotal figures as Leander McNelly, Rip Ford and Cheno Cortina graphically demonstrate that their triumphs were Texas-sized, and so were their mistakes."
— Elmer Kelton

Lamar hosts literary festival, writers workshop

Lamar hosted an Intensive Summer Creative Writing Workshop June 14-25 and a Summer Literary Festival June 21-24, giving aspiring authors the opportunity to learn first hand from professionals in the writing world.

The Department of English and Modern Languages sponsored the events, which featured headlining author Gordon Weaver and guest writers Laura Castoro Parker and Terry Dalrymple.

In addition, four Lamar faculty members read from their work: Jerry Bradley, associate vice president for research and dean of graduate studies; R. S. "Sam" Gwynn and Jim Sanderson, professors of English; and Renee Smith, lecturer in English.

Weaver, a master short story writer and novelist, is the author of four novels and nine short story collections. Weaver earned the O. Henry First Prize, the St. Lawrence Award for Fiction, two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships and other awards.

Parker is a best-selling author of 34 titles, with works that include *Notorious* and *Crossing the Line*. She has written in western, saga, romantic suspense, and nonfiction genres.

Dalrymple teaches literature and writing at Angelo State University, where he holds the Jon S. Cargile Professorship in English. Dalrymple's work includes the novel *Fishing for Trouble* and short-fiction collection *Salvation*. He is a member of the Texas Institute of Letters.

The workshop presented a comprehensive approach to creative craft – covering poetry, fiction, and non-fiction writing, as well as scripts and screenplays.



Vocalist Stacey Savino -86 shares a moment in the spotlight with Wayne Dyess, leader of the Wayne Dyess Orchestra, with Jeff Wisor's artistic creations as a dazzling backdrop at Le Grand Bal. The March 20 gala benefitted Lamar's College of Fine Arts and Communication.



Patti and Floyd McSpadden admire the works of art on display in the Dishman Art Gallery during the reception and silent auction at Le Grand Bal.



Show-biz sensations from the LU-laby of Broadway cast and crew donned costumes of their stage favorites for a kickoff party promoting the June 8 fund-raiser for Lamar theatre scholarships Gathered, from left, at the Poblano Grill are Jean Helms, Angela Phares, Catherine Armstrong, Ann Jones, Ruthie Williams '99, '80, Betty Greenberg, Rusty Hall and Wynnelle Guidry '67, '83.



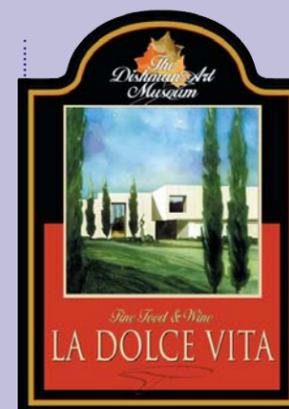
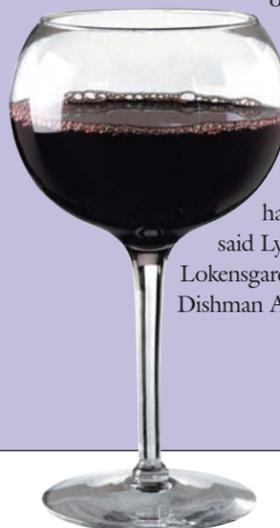
Le Grand Bal honoree Nell McCallum Morris arrives in the Cinderella-style coach of royalty, accompanied by her husband, Terry. The Bal, which attracted 630 guests to Lamar, is the major annual fund-raiser for the College of Fine Arts and Communication, hosted by Lamar's Friends of the Arts. Morris is a businesswoman, community leader and longtime supporter of the arts at Lamar.

La Dolce Vita: Divine weekend at Dishman

La Dolce Vita – an elegant weekend of fine wine and haute cuisine – will treat patrons to a taste of "the sweet life" and benefit Lamar's Dishman Art Museum Oct. 22-23.

"In the Greco-Roman tradition of cultural refinement and appreciation of fine art, wine and food, the Dishman Art Museum will sponsor two days of special and unique opportunities to taste some of the great wines produced in the world, complemented by haute cuisine,"

said Lynne Lokensgard, director of the Dishman Art Museum.



The first of three events is *Vino Magnifico*, a five-course dinner prepared by Master Chef Ernest Gruch, executive chef at the Dallas Country Club, and accompanied by som-

melier-selected wines. A silent auction with featured items will add to the evening, scheduled at 7 p.m. Oct. 22 in the Dishman Art Museum. Seating is limited.

The dinner will feature such unique culinary offerings as tequila salmon barquette, venison carpaccio, grilled axis deer chop, lamb loin with wild mushroom crust, beef tenderloin ragout and spinach mousse in a roma tomato. Italian meringue Napoleon and chocolate ganache highlight the dessert course.

Bella Cucina, a cooking seminar, and *Buona Sera*, a wine and food pairing, are the bill of fare for Saturday, Oct. 23, in the University Reception Center on the eighth floor of the Mary and John Gray Library.

Master Chef Gruch will present the *Bella Cucina* cooking seminar at 11 a.m. There, participants will have the opportunity to taste the prepared food with a buffet presentation.

Chef Charles Duit and Marvin Dunnam, owner of Kitchen Concepts, are coordinating the seminar.

Buona Sera, the final event of the weekend from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, will feature fine wines selected by the sommelier and paired with specially selected food prepared by area chefs. Coordinators are Linda and Gerald Patrizi and Charlotte and Tom Stirling.

For additional information, call (409) 880-8959 or 880-8141.



Travis Harris '90, guest artist and a judge for the 2004 Cardinal Jazz Festival, solos on trombone for a number called *Tiger of San Pedro*. Harris is active as a musician in the Dallas area and makes his home in Denton.



Scott Weiss, right, director of bands at Lamar, presents Sam Harris of Houston with the trophy honoring him as outstanding musician in the 2004 Cardinal Jazz Festival May 12 at Lamar. Harris plays trumpet in the Willowridge High School Jazz Band, which was honored as best band at the festival.

Cardinal Jazz Festival 2004 salutes top talent

The Willowridge High School Jazz Band from Houston took home the first-place trophy as the best band in Lamar's Cardinal Jazz Festival 2004. Sam Harris, who plays trumpet with the Willowridge band, was named outstanding musician of the festival.

The Willowridge band, under the direction of Ronald Thornton, was among several Southeast Texas jazz ensembles performing May 12. The festival also featured performances by Lamar Jazz Bands "A" and "B," directed by Wayne Dyess, also the festival director.

Two Lamar alumni – Grammy winner Don Rollins '83 of Nashville and Denton musician/music educator Travis Harris '90 – joined Houston trumpet virtuoso Dennis Dotson in judging the competition. The festival concluded with the Awards Concert by Jazz Band "A," directed by Dyess and featuring Rollins, saxophone; Harris, trombone; and Dotson as soloists.

Outstanding Musician trophies were presented to five performers judged the best on their respective instruments. Fifteen performers were awarded certificates as festival All-Stars.

Lamar was also well represented among participating band directors: Traci Anderson '94 of Bridge City Junior High School, David Frazier '69 of Vidor High School and Trubie Smith '79, '86 of Vidor Junior High School.

Catch him if you can

Before director of bands Scott Weiss became Scott Weiss, Ed.D., this spring, he had to change hats several times and add quick-change artist to his resume.

On May 12, he was on the stage of the University Theatre to present at the 2004 Cardinal Jazz Festival. On Friday, May 14, his destination was the Jefferson Theatre, where he conducted the Beaumont Youth Wind Symphony in a concert with a high school band from Minneapolis, Minn., and hosted a reception for the visitors after the performance.

Come Saturday morning, May 15, Weiss was at the Montagne Center bright and early, again decked out in black tie and tails, to conduct the Lamar Band as graduates and guests gathered for commencement. By the time the processional began, however, Weiss was off and running to catch the first of three flights to get to Champaign, Ill., where he received his doctor of education in music education Sunday, May 16, from the University of Illinois.

Actors' showcase *Art* highlights spring theatre

Three friends clash over the definition of art and friendship in the Tony Award-winning play *Art*, presented April 21-27 by Lamar Theatre. Randall Wheatley directed the three-member cast: Cody Crawford and Rob Copeland of Vidor and David Armitage of Bridge City.

Art is the humorous tale of outspoken opinions about one expensive painting, Wheatley said. "With wit and humor, this painting quickly becomes a platform for a power struggle and symbol of social status."

Written by Yasmina Reza and translated by Christopher Hamilton, *Art* earned numerous honors, including Broadway's Tony Award as best play of 1998. "It's an actor's dream," wrote Jack Kroll of Newsweek.



Rob Copeland, standing right, co-starred with William Armitage and Cody Crawford, from left, in Lamar Theatre's spring production of *Art*.



Scott Gearhart '94, a member of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band in Washington, D.C., performs as trumpet soloist with Lamar's award-winning jazz band at the March 4 *Lamarissimo!* concert.

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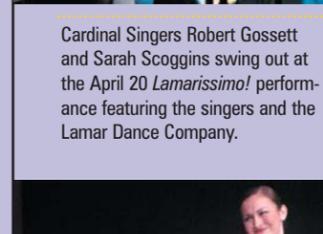
Festivities this fall will signal a milestone for Lamar public radio KVLU – the station's 30th anniversary. KVLU-FM went on the air April 23, 1974, ushering in a new era in Southeast Texas broadcasting. The KVLU staff is programming plans for the anniversary celebration. Stay tuned to 91.3 for details . . . *It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere*, co-written by Lamar alumnus Don Rollins '83, captured two Academy of Country Music awards May 26 in Las Vegas. The song earned honors as single record of the year and vocal event of the year for performers Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffett and its producers . . . Award-winning writer Tracy Daugherty read from his work Feb. 25 at Lamar. He is the author of four novels: *Desire Provoked*, *What Falls Away*, *The Boy Orator* and *The Axeman's Jazz*, as well as two short story collections and a volume of essays . . . On March 3, poet Timothy Murphy was on campus for a reading of his poetry. Murphy is the author of *The Deed of Gift*, *Set the Ploughshare Deep* and *Very Far North*, as well as the translator, with Alan Sullivan, of *Beowulf* . . . Five Lamar University students earned semifinalist status or higher in March competition hosted by the Greater Houston Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS). Lamar was well represented in the senior women's category, with Lauren Cox of Lumberton winning first place and Leslie Prihoda of Beaumont was a semifinalist. Loren Wilkerson of Vidor won first place in the sophomore men's division. Josh Leger of La Belle took second place in the senior



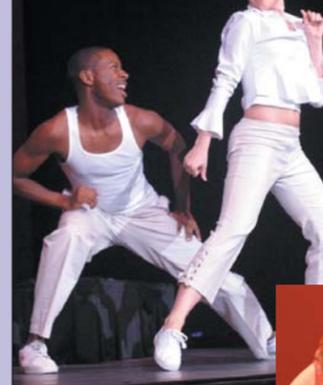
men's division, and Sarah Scoggins of Silsbee earned third place among freshman women . . . The Department of Art presented *La Revue*, a portfolio presentation and open critique, April 30 in the Dishman Art Museum. Advanced visual design students – all interested in careers in commercial art – presented their portfolios. Graphic design professionals then critiqued the student work . . . Lamar's Artist Common showcased members' work April 19-May 10 at The Dorm Room restaurant and coffeehouse adjacent to campus. Artist Common is a student organization within the Department of Art whose goal is to promote group activity and professional experiences for students . . . The Dishman Art Museum hosted an exhibition April 30-May 6 showcasing works by three May graduates in the Department of Art. Students presenting their undergraduate thesis projects were James Daron Franklin of Abilene, David Jacobs of Beaumont and Mark Ponder of Groves . . . The Dishman Master's Exhibition May 10-14 featured digital designs by Diana Jordan and Leon Simeon of Houston, both of whom earned graduate degrees in Art May 14 . . . Area elementary school pupils explored their creativity May 10-11 when Lamar hosted *Kidwrites*, a weekend in which the youngsters write plays and Lamar theatre students perform them.



Alumnus Dixon Shanks creates a mellow mood on the *Lamarissimo!* stage as he solos on saxophone with the Lamar Jazz Band. The versatile performer also provided vocals for the evening. Shanks grew up in Bridge City and now lives in Lufkin.



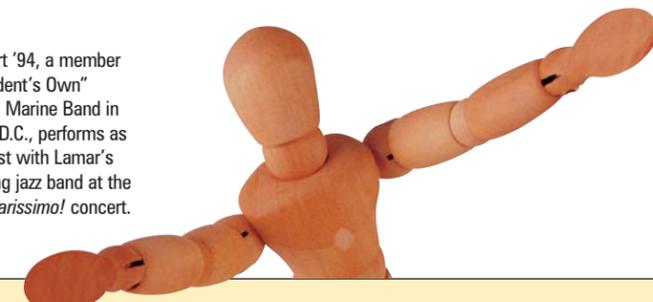
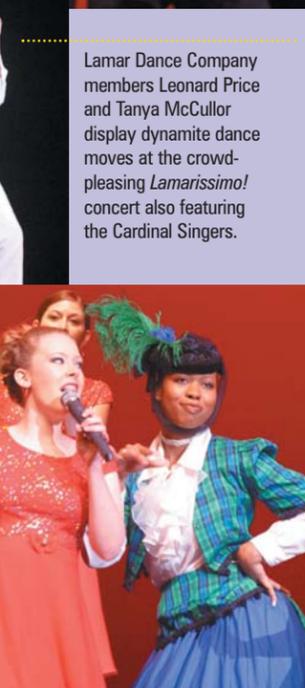
Cardinal Singers Robert Gossett and Sarah Scoggins swing out at the April 20 *Lamarissimo!* performance featuring the singers and the Lamar Dance Company.



Lamar Dance Company members Leonard Price and Tanya McCullor display dynamite dance moves at the crowd-pleasing *Lamarissimo!* concert also featuring the Cardinal Singers.



Lamar Dance Company member Dee Adams struts her stuff as the title character in the *Hello Dolly!* number in the *Lamarissimo!* concert, while Cardinal Singer Kayla Hicklin sings and swings in the show-stopper.



We hope you enjoy reading about former classmates. If you have news to share — a position announcement, milestone, achievement, wedding, baby — or know the whereabouts of a lost alumnus, we want to hear from you. Send us your news: Write to Cadence, P.O. Box 10011, Beaumont, TX 77710, email hickscl@hal.lamar.edu or call (409) 880-8421.

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Hubert A. Bass '57, B.B.A. business, retired in 1992 as director of admissions at Sam Houston State University. He and his wife, Ann, live in Huntsville.

Lester C. Brizendine Jr. '57, B.S. education, received his master's in education in '69 from Stephen F. Austin University. He is a retired teacher and lives in Lumberton.

Donald E. Cessna '57, B.S. industrial engineering, and his wife, Mary Jane, are retired and live in Livingston.

Bill D. Counts '57, B.S. industrial engineering, is the manufacturing manager for Vought Aircraft Ind. He and

his wife, Mary, live in Gladewater.

Richard W. Johnson '57, B.S. chemical engineering, is retired and lives in The Woodlands with his wife, Francis.

Barbara A. (Crowell) Bailey '58, B.B.A. secretarial science, is retired and lives in Houston.

Mary E. (Graham) Black '58, B.B.A. secretarial science, is retired and lives in Austin.

Wendell D. Martin '58, B.S. physical education, is retired and living in Dallas.

Leo "Dan" Andrews '59, B.S. secondary education, received his master's in '76 and is retired. He and his wife, Ilean (Miller) '61, B.S. elementary education, live in Rayville, La.

Rodney M. Barrier '59, B.S. civil engineering, is a registered professional engineer for the state of Alabama. He and his wife, Mary, live in Roswell, Ga.

Bedford D. Blevins '59, B.S. chemistry, received a B.S. in electrical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He also received a master's from U.S.C. in '77. He retired from the Air Force as colonel in '87 and from Lockheed Martin in '97. He and his wife, Ren-na, live in Nevada.

Billy G. Burks '59, B.B.A. management, lives in Stafford, Virg., with his wife, Patricia. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Hugh M. Flora '59, B.S. history, is retired and lives in Houston with his wife, Barbara.

Julian "Bud" Greer Jr. '59, B.S. government, received his master's in '68 and

lives in Athens, Texas, with his wife, Aida, who is a school teacher.

Mary F. (Waltrip) Llewellyn '59, B.S. elementary education, retired as a teacher from Round Rock I.S.D. She lives in Austin with her husband, Thomas, who is a retired field representative for Texas State Teacher Association. They have one grandson, William, who was born in 2000.

Nancy (Adams) Mathesen '59, B.S. music, is a professor of music at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Tenn., where she lives.

Peggy C. (Cable) Penrod '59, B.A. English, lives in New Braunfels with her husband, James, who is retired.

Peggy J. (Hamm) Ritchey '59, B.B.A. business, minored in secondary education and retired from Texas A&M as the assistant to the dean of education. She lives in College Station with her husband, Willis, who worked for Texas A&M as the assistant registrar.

Patsy R. (James) Williams '59, B.S. elementary education, lives with her husband, Marcus, in Richmond, Texas.

60s

Cecil C. Rousseau '60, B.S. engineering, earned a doctorate in '68 from Texas A&M. He is a professor at the University of Memphis, where he and his wife, Jane, live.

Mike W. Ford '61, B.S. chemistry, is the owner of V&M Catering in Silsbee, where he and his wife, Raelene, live.

John F. Irwin Sr. '61, B.B.A. management, and his wife, Ann '63, B.S. elementary education, are retired and live in Gilmer.

Phil Yeary '61, B.S. electrical engineering, and his wife, Frances, live in Stephens City, Va.

Reginald "Earl" Evans '62, B.S. electrical engineering, received his master's in industrial engineering in '64 from the University of Arkansas. He lives with his wife, Lovitta Faye, in Bixby, Okla.

Robert R. Creason '63, B.A., electrical engineering, is retired. He and his wife, Betty, live in Las Cruces, N.M.

Donald R. Wedgeworth '63, B.S. electrical engineering, is a retired project engineer for DuPont. He and his wife, Phyllis, live in Florence, S.C.

Lawrence R. Vidrine '65, B.S. biology, is the national director of inpatient services for TeamHealth. He and his wife, Rebecca, live in Tacoma, Wash.

Juanna (Ogden) Ward '65, B.A. English, teaches at Prince William County Schools. She lives with her husband, Robert, in Lake Ridge, Va.

Harold N. Baker '65, B.S. chemistry, graduated cum laude and is now a senior sci-

entist at Luminer Corp. in Austin, where he lives.

Sharon (Davis) Willis '65, B.S. elementary education, '70, B.S. speech, '74, M.S. audiology/speech-language pathology, is the administrator and founder of a child-placing agency for drug-abused and neglected children called "A World for Children" in Round Rock. It serves more than 500 children in 170 foster homes state-wide. She lives with her husband, Paul, in Elgin.

Frank Ball '66, B.A. speech, is works in television operations for Goldman, Sachs, & Co. He is married to **Faith (Gray) Ball '66**, B.S. speech, who is executive assistant to Beverly Sills, chairman of the board of The Metropolitan Opera in New York. They live in Mount Kisco, N.Y.

James Robson '66, B.B.A. marketing, is chief executive officer of the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. He lives in Middleton, Wis.

Walter E. Spell '66, B.S. chemistry, is a retired polypropylene/UHMU business director for Montell USA. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Center.

Gerald G. Pilaik '67, B.S. chemistry, is retired from Lubrizol Corp. He lives in Deer Park.

Kathy Young '67, B.A. English, teaches at the Florida State Prison in Raiford. She earned a M.Ed. in math education in 1985 from the University of Florida and lives in Gainesville.

Rev. Jennings B. Hamilton Jr. '68, B.S. secondary education, is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Bloomfield, N.M. He lives in Bloomfield with his wife, Cindy, who is a binder typist for San Juan Title.

David C. Bennett '69, B.B.A. management, is the IT manager for Union Oil of California Foundation in Kingwood. He is married to **Carolyn (Sandlin) '68**, B.B.A. office administration, who is library director at Second Baptist Church-North Campus. They live in Kingwood.

Eva Jo (Poindexter) Davis '69, B.S. elementary education, received her master's in '85. She is now retired and lives in Missouri City, Texas, with her husband, Jim, who works for Shell Oil.

Jose D. Espinosa '69, B.S. geology, is now retired. He lives with his wife, Laura, in Brownsville.

Hester "Bill" Evans Jr. '69, B.S. physical education, is retired. He and his wife, Zindi, live in Victoria.

Larry G. Fulcher '69, B.S. mechanical engineering, is currently vice president of marketing and sales for Boccard in Houston, where he lives.

Brenda (Allen) Hayden '69, B.S. medical technology, is the regional manager of transfusion services for Franciscan Health Systems. Her husband, **Tom '70**, B.S. civil engineering, is the facility manager for

Hexcel Corp. They live in Auburn, Wash.

Danny R. Joubert '69, B.B.A. business administration, is a certified nurse assistant for Kemp Care Center. He lives in Malakoff.

Paul P. Langley '69, B.A. government, graduated magna cum laude and received his master's in '71 from the University of Virginia. He was a human resource specialist but recently retired and lives in Broomfield, Colo.

James H. Larosa '69, B.S. engineering, is project engineer at Great Lakes Gas Trans in Troy, Mich.

Randall W. Louvier '69, B.S. chemistry, is the environmental manager for the United States Coast Guard ISC. He was selected Coast Guard Civilian of the Quarter and lives in Metairie, La.

Robert "Bo" McDaniel '69, B.B.A. general business, is city manager for Seabrook. His wife, **Peggy (Gore) '71**, B.S. elementary education, teaches kindergarten for La Porte I.S.D. They live in Seabrook.

Charles E. Roark '69, B.B.A. management, is executive director for Hospice of El Paso. He and his wife, **Marlene "Cookie" (Jones) '67**, B.A. English, live in El Paso.

Douglas K. Shannon '69, B.S. government, is the general manager for Northgate Forest Development Co. in Houston, where he lives with his wife, Cindy, a retired school teacher.

Jane A. Thompson '69, B.S. elementary education, lives in Friendswood with her husband, **Jim '70**, B.S. government, who is an State Farm Insurance agent.

Wayne E. Tritilli '69, B.S. government, received his doctorate in education in '82. He is a director at Dallas I.S.D. and lives in Garland with his wife, **Pamela (Ross) '72**, A.S. business. She is the operations specialist for Link Staffing in Houston.

Gerald W. West '69, B.B.A. general business, is a supervisor for Motiva Enterprises in Port Arthur. He lives in Beaumont with his wife, Pam, who is a bookkeeper for LG Balfour Co.

70s

Harvey Fishero '70, B.S. biology, received his master's in healthcare administration from Trinity University. He is CEO for the Medical Center of Plano, which was voted "Best Hospital" and "Best ER" in Collin County, 1997-2002. Prior to joining the center in 1996, he was president and CEO for the Navarro Regional Hospital in Corsicana. He was also named in the top "21 for the 21st Century" and was a Plano "Father of the Year" finalist.

Herman Hankamer '70, B.S. industrial engineering, '71, M.E. engineering, is vice president of resort development for Silverleaf Resorts Inc. in Dallas. He and



Eli Clark '04, Robert Charles '83 and Wayne Bahr '85 chat with Dean Jack Hopper during the Brazoria County Big Red Association Annual Spring Fling April 24 in Lake Jackson.

his wife, **Yvonne (Roush) '69**, B.S. home economics, live in Carrollton.

John M. Mitchell '70, B.S. geology, lives in Alto, N.M., with his wife, Sheri.

Shirley Ann Mitchell '70, B.S. home economics, graduated cum laude and is now retired. She lives in Houston with her husband, Neal, a retired senior research engineer at ExxonMobil.

Darlene (Lovett) Rounds '70, B.S. elementary education, received her master's from Prairie View A&M University. She is retired from Livingston I.S.D. and lives in Livingston with her husband, Dean.

Catherine (Cole) Stallings '70, B.B.A. accounting, retired as a certified public accountant and lives in Conroe with her husband, Troy.

Marlene (Rick) Santos '71, B.S. elementary education, teaches third grade at Austin I.S.D. She and her husband, Kenneth, live in Austin.

Joanette Smith '71, M.S. kinesiology, earned her B.S. in physical education from East Texas Baptist College in Marshall and is now a retired school counselor living in Orange.

Richard J. Thompson '71, B.B.A. accounting, is vice president of finance for Artesyn Technologies. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Boca Raton, Fla.

Tomball ISD has appointed **Darlene (Phillips) Blair '72**, B.S. elementary education, B.A. dance, as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. She had been principal of the district's Rosehill Elementary School. Blair has a doctorate in educational leadership from Sam Houston State University. Blair and her husband, David, have been married for 32 years, have two adult sons and live in Conroe.

James T. Buckley '72, B.S. chemistry, lives in Missouri City with his wife, **Barbara (Sanders) '68**, B.S. elementary education. She is the director of employee development at Brazosport College.

James R. Callas '72, B.S. education, is the owner of ABBA & Associates in Beaumont, where he lives.

Cynthia (Hair) Kinler '72, B.B.A. secretarial sciences, is a senior human resource associate for Shell Oil. She and her husband, Dave, live in Spring.

Joyce (Johnson) Scott '72, A.A.S. business data processing, was featured speaker at the 50,000-member WorldWit (an organization for women in technology) internation-

al conference May 22. She founded and has grown Superb Speakers and Consultants bureau to represent more than 60 expert consultant firms world-wide from headquarters in Austin. Joyce is interviewed nationally by top business and career magazines, newspapers and television shows on topics that include career management in difficult economies, balancing life and work and sales. She has signed to write her first book, *False Labor-Corporate Games This Mother Teaches You* about overcoming political games at work. Her husband, **Lavanne '72**, B.S. mathematics, '73, B.S. chemical engineering, works in investments for Edward Jones. The couple has two adult sons, both married, living and working in Texas.

Balu Sulus '72, M.S. electrical engineering, is technical program manager for Verizon. His son will graduate from Vanderbilt Medical School, and his daughter soon returns from the UK Exchange Program. He and his wife, Gayathri, live in Plano.

Barbara E. (Litchfield) Wilmore '72, B.S. elementary education, earned a graduate degree in supervision in 1974 and a Ph.D. in educational administration, both from Texas A&M University. She is a professor at the University of Texas at Arlington and president of the Cleburne I.S.D. school board. She lives in Cleburne with her husband, **Thomas '72**, B.B.A. accounting, who is director of finance for the city of Cleburne. He received a graduate degree in public planning and administration from University of Texas-Tyler.

Steve A. Bayless '73, M.B.A. finance, earned a B.S. in chemical engineering, in



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After 17 years of practicing law, **Dallari Landry '77**, B.S. biology, has opened a day spa in New Braunfels. She and her husband, homebuilder Louis Kirchofer, worked on the project for 15 months to build the first upscale salon and day spa in the New Braunfels area. Friends joke about Dallari's office being the only one in town to carry both a law license and a cosmetology license. Her second novel, *Adored to Death*, was released in October. Dallari and Louis live with their son, Michael, on Lake McQueeney.

Thomas W. Taylor '77, B.S. physics, is an associate professor at Cleveland State University. He lives in Cleveland.

Michale B. Wheeler '77, B.S. mechanical engineering, lives in Deer Park and is currently the senior manager of works and engineering for Noltex LLC in La Porte.

James B. Lang '78, M.Ed. school administration, is executive director for Brazos Valley College Tech-Prep Partnership at Blinn College. He is the proud grandfather of the "Fab 6" and lives in Bryan.

Kathryn (Hopper) Mattox '79, B.S. elementary education, earned a master's in elementary education in 1995 from the University of North Texas. She teaches elementary school in Osceola County School District and has taught for 25 years. Her husband, **Martin '85**, B.S. electrical engineering, A.A.S. in drafting technology is an electrical engineer at Triton Network Systems. They live in Orlando, Fla.

U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont, discusses his work with Lamar University political science students as part of the alumni organization's project titled A Dinner with Twelve Strangers. The event offers LU students an opportunity to learn from the experience of an accomplished Lamar University graduate. Lampson met student at Cheddar's in Beaumont during a resident visit to Beaumont.



Leon and Dennis Moncla

Brothers stake claim in miniature

Adventure awaits the young and old alike at Colorado Canyon Ltd., a miniature golf center built and owned by Dennis '89, '94 and Leon Moncla Jr. '92.

The brothers named the complex, located in Beaumont, after one of their favorite places in Colorado: The center's two 18-hole courses are named for Durango and Silverton, two Colorado towns that anchor a narrow-gauge railroad line. Players will find other references to the gold-rush era and its terrain. The sounds of a 16-foot waterfall and two smaller falls with ponds and streams serenade players as they read the greens. Water rushes along an abandoned mine shaft as it circulates through the course.

The brothers had hoped for years to open such a complex because of its family appeal. "We both like miniature golf and have played on courses all over. We thought it would be a great thing for Beaumont, so we decided to just do it," Dennis said.

Both Dennis and Leon come from a long line of community-focused business owners —

their family has been catering throughout Southeast Texas since 1918 when the brothers' grandfather, Gaston Moncla, founded Moncla's Delicatessen in 1918. Family-oriented fun fits their background. Dennis says they were destined for that type of business. "My dad had us down there (then Moncla's Catering) when we were 7 or 8 years old," he said. His cousins run that business now.



Dennis and his wife, Jean, vice president and trust officer at Hibernia Bank in Beaumont, have two daughters, 6-year-old Michelle and 2-year-old Kelly. Leon and Kim (Dunson) Moncla '89, director of Ubi Caritas Project Welcome, have a 10-year-old son, Preston.

Visitors to the Canyon are not limited to golf. A large arcade inside features video games, redemption ticket-style games, two party rooms and a snack bar. The Monclas plan to expand and are considering go-carts, bumper boats and laser tag. Find out how to stake your own claim on summertime fun by surfing to www.coloradocanyonfun.com.

Linda (Evans) Shepherd '79, B.G.S. fine arts, is a syndicated radio host, the author of 16 books, including *Intimate Encounters with God* (Honor/Cook), and an international, inspirational speaker. She is president of Right to the Heart Ministries and the founding director of the Advanced Writers and Speakers Association. Her husband **Paul '78**, physics, works for Seagate. The couple and their teenage children, Laura and Jimmy, live in Longmont, Colo. Recently, Linda and Laura appeared on the front page of Denver's Rocky Mountain News, Oct. 25, 2003, explaining that even the disabled have a God-given purpose. Linda received the first bachelor of general studies in fine arts degree awarded by Lamar.

80s

Susan D. Youngblood '80, B.S. nursing, is a nurse at St. Mary Hospital and lives in San Marcos.

Mary Anne Battle '81, certificate child care technology, is a child care technician and lives in Beaumont.

Cliff Bolton '81, B.G.S. liberal arts, is a service support analyst for M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Michael M. McFarland '81, A.A.S. drafting technology, is regional sales manager for Culligan International in Northbrook. He lives in Beaumont with his wife, Sheila.

Lance E. Morgan '81, B.S. Government, is a real estate broker and owner of Morgan Company Real Estate and Lake Area Real Estate Inc. in Austin. He taught history and coached for three years in Port Arthur and for 16 years in Lake Travis I.S.D. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Lakeway with their daughter, Molly.

Douglas Farmer '82, B.S. mechanical engineering, earned a master's in mechanical engineering from Penn State in 1984. He is senior research associate for Invista Inc. and lives in Greensboro, N.C., with his wife, Jodi, who has a master's in education from Penn State.

Donna Rae (Fry) Mikeska '82, B.S. special education, is a vision teacher and orientation and mobility specialist for Brownwood I.S.D.

Jefferey E. Greene '83, A.A.S. drafting technology, is the manager of technical support for the SBC Foundation in San Antonio, where he lives.

Vickie (Hamilton) Smith '83, B.S. communication, is director of communications for Kansas University School of Fine Arts. She lives in Lawrence, Kan.

Kristeen (Nichols) Davis '84, B.S. elementary education, earned a graduate degree in special education and elementary education in 1990. She is campus coordinator for Northside I.S.D. She and her husband, John, live in San Antonio.

Colata "Jody" Harlan '84, M.A. English, is public information director for the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. She has earned six governor's commendations for promoting state department policies, executive initiatives and 25 programs for Oklahomans with disabilities. She lives in Yukon.

Lori D. (Swinney) Aten '85, B.S. chemistry, B.S. biology, teaches science in Lufkin I.S.D. She lives in Huntington with her husband, John, who also teaches science in the district.

Doneane Beckcom '86, B.M. music, has opened her own law practice, Beckcom Law Office, in Port Neches. She earned her law degree from South Texas College of Law.

Mary Ann (Hines) Briscoe '86, B.B.A. office administration/business education, works for St. Mary School Board in Baldwin, La., and plans to attend Nicholls State University to pursue graduate study in guidance counseling. In July 2002, she wed Michael Briscoe, who is a private investigator. They live in Baldwin.

The Mortgage Bankers Association awarded **David Cole '86**, B.B.A. finance, the Certified Mortgage Banker designation, the highest professional designation for the real estate finance industry. He is senior vice president of New South Federal Savings Bank. He lives in Trussville, Ala.

Brad Corley '86, A.A.S. fire protection technology, is a captain with the Groves Fire Department and a member and past president of the Groves Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Center.

Paul H. Guillotte Jr. '86, M.B.A. marketing, earned his law degree from Loyola University and is a prosecutor with a special prosecution unit in Tennessee Colony, Texas. He and his wife, Constance, live in Palestine.

Julie (Carson) Heimendinger '86, B.B.A. marketing, worked as a district sales manager for Continental Airlines from 1987 to 2002. She retired early after the 9/11 attacks when Continental downsized its sales force. She now is at-home mom to two children, Paige Catherine, born Aug. 31, 1997, and John Carl "Jack", born April 21, 2000. She and her husband, Gregg, live in Franklin, Tenn.

Susan B. Farris '87, A.S. nursing, is an injury claim trainer for State Farm Insurance in The Woodlands. She lives in Spring and has a daughter, Kendall, who was born in 1997.

Kathryn (Vaughn) Artlip '88, B.A. English, is a partner in Baker Botts LLP in Houston. She lives in Bellaire with her husband, Mark, principal attorney for Reliant Resources.

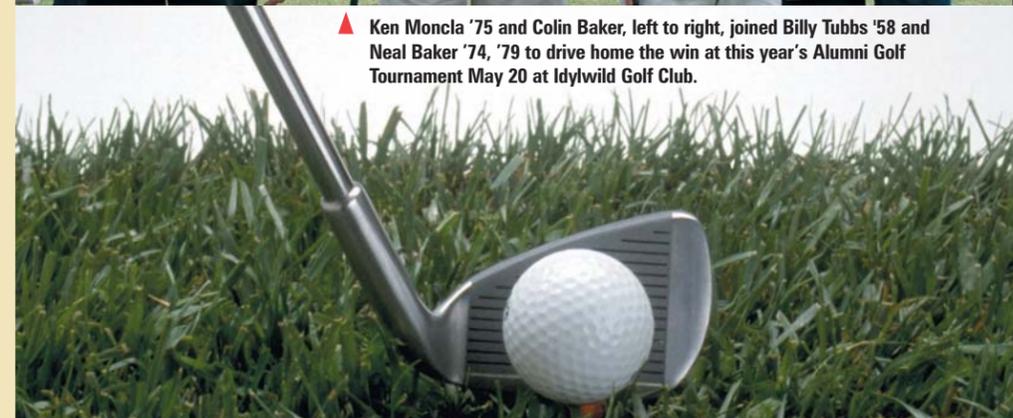
Vanessa (Hadnot) Moore '88, B.B.A. industrial engineering, received her master's degree and is now a sales analyst for 3M in Austin. She lives in Round Rock with her husband, Jimmy, who is a project manager for Dell Computer.



▲ Maury Meyers and Ed Loggins, from left, say hi to the gallery along with President James Simmons and Cal Hebert during the alumni tourney.



▲ Ken Moncla '75 and Colin Baker, left to right, joined Billy Tubbs '58 and Neal Baker '74, '79 to drive home the win at this year's Alumni Golf Tournament May 20 at Idylwild Golf Club.



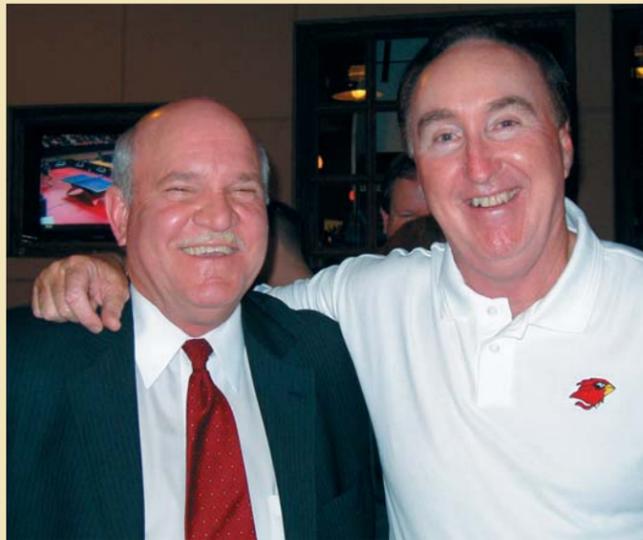
Class Notes

In February before Cardinals vs. Owls baseball, alumni and fans gathered at TwoRows Restaurant & Brewery in Houston before Rice game. The Cards were victorious and went on to win both the Southland Conference Championship and the tournament.

Lyndon Rojo '88, B.J. Littleton '00, Jim Geysler, Bill Geysler



▲ Parents of players and management majors Ryan Finan, first baseman, and Brett Winn, outfielder, cheer on the team: From left, Pat Finan, Janet Finan, Barbara Winn and Lance Winn.



▲ Virgil Hydes '75 congratulates Coach Jim Gilligan '69, '70 on an exciting season.

Jamie (Ivy) Oliphint '88, B.S.W. social work, wed Bryan Oliphint, who earned an A.A.S. in process operating technology from Lamar Institute of Technology in 1999. They live in Bridge City.

Christie A. (Miller) Bean '89, B.M. music education and B.M. in piano with honors, is minister of music for First Baptist Church. She and her husband, **Robert** '89, B.S. political science, live in Hampton, Ga.

After a year that included covering the forest fires in Southern California, specifically the Old Fire and the evacuation of the entire community of Big Bear Lake, **Kathy Portie** '89, '94, B.S. communication, M.A. visual arts, has been promoted to sports editor for Big Bear Grizzly Newspaper. She will continue to work as a news reporter, arts and entertainment reporter and chief photographer.



Travis C. Wilson '89, B.B.A. accounting, is the finance coordinator for Chevron Texaco. His wife, **Trudie (Downs)** '83, B.S. elementary education, is a teacher in Alief I.S.D. They live in Houston.

90s

Kristeen E. (Nichols) Davis '90, B.S. education, is the campus coordinator for Northside I.S.D. in San Antonio, where she lives with her husband, John.

Trent Devenzio '90, B.S. political science, earned a law degree in 1993 and is a trial attorney for Waldman and Smallwood. He is married to **Ronda (Darst)** '90, B.S. secondary education, who is a special education counselor for Nederland I.S.D. They live in Port Arthur with their two daughters.

Ronald G. Ward II '90, B.B.A. management, is vice president of New Century Financial in Denton, where he lives with his wife **Cindy Jo (Guidry)** '91, B.S. sociology.

Jerry D. Toups Jr. '90, B.S. health education, teaches in Dayton, where he lives with his wife, Mary Michelle, an office manager for T Neale Propane. He was selected as Woodrow Wilson Junior High Teacher of the Year in 2002. The couple is also opening a digital photo and video business called Toups Graphics.

Mike Hammond '91, B.B.A. finance, was promoted to senior vice president and regional credit officer for Sterling Bank in Houston. He lives in Katy.

Yin Mao '91, D.E. structural engineering, is senior engineer for BakerRisk in San Antonio.

John "Mike" Beck '92, B.S. theater, is artistic director for Steinbeck Presents, which he founded with his partner Craig Stein. The two married in February 2004 and live in San Francisco. Their theater company received rave reviews from critics for its production of David Sedaris' *Santaland Diaries*. Mike hopes to be able to provide Lamar theatre students with summer internships in the next two or three years.

Sabrina G. (Hanks) Freeland '94, master of music in music education, teaches in White Settlement I.S.D. She lives in Youngsville, N.C., with her husband, Brent.

Cassandra L. (Borbin) Romar '94, B.A.A.S., '02, M.E. supervision, is the director of Bright Minds Learning Center in Beaumont, where she lives with her husband, Gerald, who works for ExxonMobil Education Foundation.

Brandy L. (Copley) Gallagher '95, B.A. political science, received her law degree in '98. She is an attorney for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher in Houston and lives in Pearland with her husband, Henry, who graduated from Lamar Institute of Technology in 1993.

Amanda Hoffman '95, B.S. interdisciplinary studies, teaches in Port Arthur I.S.D. She and her husband, Chet, live in Nederland.

Lauren LaFleur '95, B.A. English, joined the Jacksonville Daily Progress as a reporter covering news and events in Jacksonville and at the county-wide level. She lives in Palestine.

Angela (Jones) Foster '96, B.A. accounting, is chief financial officer for Advanced Cardiovascular Specialists. She and her husband, Robert, live in Nederland with their children, Logan, 4, and Hanna, 4 months.

Ramona (Horn) LaGrone '96, B.B.A. management, lives in Laredo, though she and her family are stationed in Kuwait for this year and the next.

The Army Times Soldier of the Year, **Wheeler Manning** '96, B.B.A. economics, is a captain in the Army and has been stationed in South Korea for the past three years. His home is in Kountze. Manning joined the Army while participating in ROTC at Lamar and received his commission before graduating.

Shelly Polnick '96, B.S. psychology, is director of physical therapy for Matrix Orthopedic and Sports Therapy in Richardson. She lives in McKinney.

Timeca (Allen) Allen-Shaheed '97, B.B.A. business administration, is a customer service representative for inside sales for Regency Publishing Group, LLC-Galleria in Houston. She and her family, husband Fardan and son Travis, live in Missouri City.

Misty Beasley '97, B.S. sociology, is director of residence life at Marymount Manhattan College. While at Lamar, she was hall director at Campbell and Gray Halls and the Unit Studio Apartments. She lives in New York City.



From left, Jesse Doiron, Dennetta Starks, Alan Coleman, Ransom Jones and Pat Gilbert

Alumni exemplify service

From churches and schools to charitable organizations and civic clubs, these Cardinals enrich life across the community.

Each of the five 2004 Jefferson Award recipients are Lamar University alumni. This year, awards were also presented to five young people who were active in their communities, two of whom are Lamar University students.

The Jefferson Award is presented to individuals who do outstanding volunteer work benefitting local communities. It has been sponsored locally by the Beaumont Enterprise since 1990 and are sponsored nationally by the American Institute of Public Service.

The award began in 1972 when Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and former Sen. Robert Taft Jr. chose to recognize service just as the Nobel Prize recognizes achievement. The winners were selected by first being nominated by the public and then having a panel of local judges vote on the recipients.

The volunteers from Southeast Texas selected this year are Alan Coleman '80, Jesse Doiron '77, '81, Pat Gilbert '40, Ransom Jones '88, and Dennetta Starks '03. The two Lamar students selected are Amber Franklin and Ally Freer. All seven were honored April 12 at Lamar University.

Coleman, B.S. biology, is a Beaumont dentist who has volunteered with the United Way for more than 18 years and has also given much time to the Rotary Club, Lamar University Alumni Association and the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce.

Doiron, B.A. and M.A. English, is an instructor of English at Lamar University who works with many Southeast Texas organizations including The Art Studio Inc., Leadership Beaumont, St. Anne Catholic Church and six Lamar student organizations.

Gilbert, A.A. general studies, has assisted with the South Park Lions Club, Boy Scouts and the Jefferson County Historical Commission, among others.

Jones, A.S. law enforcement and B.S. criminal justice, has volunteered at hundreds of school events, as well as assisting the YMBL and Garth House.

Starks, B.S. chemical engineering, has worked with Some Other Place and the Julie Rogers Gift of Life program, where she made about 1,000 of the organization's "I Love You" bears.

Franklin, 18, of Orange is a student at Lamar's Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities, which combines the last two years of high school with the first two years of college. She has volunteered for



Ally Freer and Amber Franklin, from left

Orange Christian Services and the Lions Club Charity Carnival in Orange and assisted a fourth-grade math teacher at Field Elementary School in Beaumont.

Freer, 18, moved from Deweyville two years ago. She has a weekly volunteer schedule that includes Girl Scouts, visiting residents at Hotel Beaumont, Family Services of Southeast Texas and the Humane Society of Southeast Texas.

Jones, a Beaumont fire department investigator and training officer, was selected in May as the Jefferson Award winner to represent Southeast Texas at the national awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in June. There, more than 60 U.S. senators presented the local winners with the Jefferson Award for public service.

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Fran Farinella Strait '73 and Linda Embs LeBlanc '75



The Office of Alumni Affairs hosted a crowd of alumni and fans in June at Houston's TwoRows Restaurant & Brewery before the first Cardinal matchup during the 2004 NCAA Regional Tournament.



Billy Tubbs '58, Frank Zummo '78, Cathy Bebeau Zummo '78

We will miss...

Robert B. Young Jr. '48, died April 9, 2004 in Houston where he and his wife had recently moved to be near their daughter. He earned an associate degree from Lamar before graduating from The University of Texas at Austin in '50 with a B.A. in microbiology. A lifelong resident of Groves and Port Arthur, he worked at U.S. Rubber Co. (Ameripol Synpol) for 30 years and retired from the firm in 1981. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Digiovanni; daughter, Janice; and sons, Kent, Don, Phillip and John. All five children attended Lamar University.

Darrell E. Davis Sr. '55, died in May 2003 in Harlingen, Texas. A faculty member in the Department of Geology from the fall of 1957 until he retired in 1983, he earned an undergraduate geology degree from Lamar in 1955 and a master's in geology from the University of Kansas in 1957. He served in the Army Air Corp, attaining the rank of captain during WWII in the South Pacific. Survivors include his children, Lois, Darrell and Keith, and five grandchildren.

Jack Morman '56, B.B.A. management, died Feb. 26, 2004. He was a native of Port Arthur and a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. Prior to attending Lamar, he served the Marine Corps. as senior drill instructor. He later worked as an insurance adjuster and member of the Nederland school board, serving one term as president. Survivors include his wife, Loretta; sons, Michael and Bradley; and daughter, Carol Hall.

Donald G. Pierce '56, B.S. civil engineering, died April 18, 2004. He grew up in Port Arthur and after graduating from Lamar, joined the Convair division of General Dynamics as a structural test engineer. Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Barbara; sons, Blake and Jefferey; and daughters, Tammy Wanzor and Allison Lee Nixon.

Blanche C. McGee '63, B.S. sociology, died March 19, 2004. She graduated from South Park Junior College in 1928 and then earned her bachelor's at Lamar. She taught at Davey Crockett Junior High, Deweyville High School and in Beaumont before she joined her husband as the co-owner in the John B. McGee Insurance Agency of Orange in 1957. Survivors include one son, John, and three grandchildren.

Nathaniel McCardell Jr. '03, B.S. kinesiology, is a coach and health teacher at South Park Middle School in Beaumont, where he lives with his wife, Terri '71, B.S. interdisciplinary studies.

Ananta K. Kasarapu '02, M.S. civil engineering, is an engineer interim for Shaw Coastal. He lives in Houma, La.

Kevin McCallister '02, M.S. engineering management, works at DuPont and is the convention chairman of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He lives in Beaumont.

Michael Adix '03, B.S. electrical engineering, is an electrical engineer with ICS Firestone in Orange. He is married to Marsha (Procell).

Daniel W. Brabham '03, B.S. chemical engineering, is a chemical engineer for Schmart Engineering in Beaumont. He lives in Buna with his wife, Barbara.

Ronie George '03, M.S. electrical engineering, is a RF Technician at AT&T and lives in Beaumont.

Paige L. (Blankenship) Grisanti '03, B.A.A.S. interdisciplinary studies, currently works for Health South Diagnostic Center in Beaumont, where she lives with her husband, Francis.

Leeza (Anders) Hood '03, B.S. mass communication, wed Jeremy '03, B.S. chemical engineering, who is a process engineering for Englobal Engineering. They live in Lumberton.

Chris Frederick '80, B.S. electrical engineering, has been named Fleet Captain B-737 for Delta Air Lines, Inc. He and his wife, Beverly (Sequeira) '80, B.S. elementary education, have two sons Christopher and Winston, and live in Atlanta, Ga.

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Elizabeth (Pousson) Burke '97, B.A. English, teaches for Port Neches Groves I.S.D. and lives in Groves.

John Duff '97, B.S. communication, is an associate director for ESPN in Bristol, Conn.

James Brimberry '98, B.A.A.S. applied science, is supply chain analyst for ExxonMobil in Fairfax, Va. He and his wife, Katherine, live in Gainesville, Va.

Jeffrey S. Collum '98, B.S. kinesiology, received his graduate degree in educational administration from Stephen E. Austin State University in 2003. He is head of school for East Texas Christian School and lives in Longview.

Jerald A. Donalson '98, B.A.A.S. applied arts and sciences, is general manager for Bandera Chevrolet in Bandera, where he lives.

Jestina R. (Williams) Franks '99, B.S. criminal justice, works for Houston I.S.D. She lives in Missouri City with her husband, Shomari '99, B.S. mass communication.

Celena (Champagne) Green '99, B.S. criminal justice, is a bookkeeper for U.S. Coin & Bullion Reserve and is also president of the Beaumont Alumnae Association of Alpha Delta Pi. She is married to Jason Green '97, B.S. general studies, co-owner of the company.

Amanda Jo (Hantz) Hoffman '99, B.S. interdisciplinary studies, teaches in Port Arthur I.S.D. She lives in Nederland with her husband, Chet Alan.

Richard A. Knox '99, B.S. criminal justice, is the construction manager for D R Horton Homes in The Woodlands. He lives in Pearland with his wife, Kelly.

Gongtao Wang '99, D.E. engineering, is an assistant professor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He lives in Flower Mound with his wife, Yuan Wei '99, M.E. mechanical engineering.

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Suresh Dharmaraj '00, M.E.S. industrial engineering, is a mechanical design engineer for Otis Elevator Co. He lives in Bloomington, Ind.

Yolanda L. Cruz '01, B.S. psychology, is residence director at Marymount Manhattan College and lives in New York City.

Michael Todd Garner '01, B.B.A. marketing, is employed by Carter & Company and lives in Beaumont with his wife, Jennifer (Carter) '93, B.S. interdisciplinary studies.

Diego F. Gomez '01, M.E. engineering, works as an equipment engineer for Foster Wheeler Corp. in Houston. He is married to Lilian (Mojica) '02, who received her M.E. in environmental engineering. She is an environmental engineer for Envirodyne Labs in Houston, where they live. The couple expect their first baby by the end of August.

Darcy "Corky" Rollins '01, B.A.A.S. sports medicine, is a trainer for the Beaumont Drillers. His wife, Wendy L. Smith, is the coordinator of Academic Advising for Lamar University.

Alex G. Wells '01, B.S. music education, is a band director for Nederland I.S.D. He is married to Crystal (Horton) '02, B.S. music education, a band director with Beaumont I.S.D. They live in Port Neches.

Jeff Coulter '02, B.A.A.S. applied arts and science, is a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War and has 15 years of enlisted and noncommissioned services. He lives in Lumberton with his wife, Victoria.

Daniel "Fuzz" Clark Jr. '64, master of education in elementary education, died Jan. 29, 2004. He served in the Army for two years, later moving to Beaumont and attending Lamar. He retired from Ameripol Synpol in Port Neches. Survivors include his wife, Gloria; son, Daniel Clark III; and daughters, Brenda Jones and Diane Clark.

Carolyn E. Daly '65, B.S. elementary education, died Feb. 29, 2004. A native of Haynesville, La., she taught for West-Orange-Cove I.S.D., but has lived in San Antonio for the past six years. Survivors include her daughters, Linda Wood, Mary Sibley, and B.K. Mezzetti.

Richard L. McElya '65, B.A. political science, died April 30, 2004. He graduated from the University of Houston School of Law in 1969. He represented landowners against condemning authorities and argued many such cases before the Texas Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal. Survivors include his wife, Michelle; son, Russell; and daughter, Judith.

Alan Stacy '65, B.S. engineering, died April 16, 2004. He was a registered professional engineer and he ended his career as the chief operating officer at Enogex, Inc. in Oklahoma City. Survivors include his wife, Ute; mother, Juanita Stacy of Devers; and son, Shawn of Woodland Park, Colo.

Paula Gayle Maedgen '66, B.S. engineering, died May 6, 2004. She was a Houston programmer and computer engineer who helped design NASA's Saturn V when women were a rarity in the aerospace industry. A Beaumont native, she graduated summa cum laude from Lamar before completing graduate studies at the University of Texas at Arlington and Southern Methodist University. She is survived by her parents, Clarence and Lillian Bourque; and sons, Mark Stringer, Ward Maedgen and Russell Maedgen.

Carol Debes Young '66, B.S. special education, died May 15, 2004. She was a lifelong resident of Beaumont and taught for five years at Fletcher Elementary, later joining her mother in operating the Record Rack. Survivors include her husband, Charles; son, Michael Besson; and mother, Vivian Parks.

Frank G. Sanders Sr. '67, B.A. business, died April 25, 2004, in Irving. He earned an M.B.A. at the University of North Texas and retired from the U.S. Department of Education after 31 years. Survivors include his mother, Edna Lee Wilson; his wife of 34 years, Lucinda; and son, Frank.

Ann Oszczakiewicz '68, certificate of completion in vocational nursing, died Feb. 17, 2004. She is a graduate of Beaumont High School and a former St. Elizabeth and Hotel Dieu employee. Survivors include

her husband, Thomas '69, B.S. electrical engineering; sons, Michael '79, B.S. biology, and Karl; and daughters, Suzanne Grable, Mary Lee, and Julie Cokinos.

Tom F. Carey Jr. '70, B.B.A. management, died April 8, 2004, in Texas City. He worked for Texas State Highway Patrol while earning his degree at Lamar. Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Louise; daughter, Berylyn Bazzoon; and grandson, Thomas.

Thomas "Jeff" Hobbs '70, B.S. history, died March 18, 2004, at his home in Belton. After attending Lamar, he graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University. Born in Huntsville, he lived in Silsbee most of his life working at Silsbee State Bank as vice president, as head cashier in the Silsbee Independent School District and as a sales representative for Don Ringle Toyota. Survivors include his wife, Janet; and daughter, Jennifer.

Thomas E. Kroutter Jr. '72, B.B.A. marketing, died Feb. 1, 2004. He taught history, government, economics and English and coached the golf team for Stephen E. Austin High School in Port Arthur. He was a member of the Texas Historical Commission. Survivors include his sons, Kelly and John.

Jo Ann (Ransnette) Williams '72, B.S. elementary education, died Feb. 27, 2004. A graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, she taught at All Saints Episcopal School in Beaumont. Survivors include her daughters, Rhonda Huffman and Debra Helffrich; and her son, Kyle.

Hazel "Polly" Houseman '73, M.A. history, died April 7, 2004. She taught history at Vidon Junior High for 27 years, before retiring and volunteering with the American Heart Association. She is survived by two sisters, Sue Wikelski and Barbara Willard; and her daughter, Susan Raines.

James F. Rutledge '73, M.B.A. business administration, died March 2, 2004. He served the Air Force as a helicopter pilot instructor, earning the rank of captain. He also worked as a chemical engineer for Texaco for 39 years before retiring. Survivors include his wife, Jean; his son, Ronnie; daughter, Kelly; and step-children, David Goldston, Bruce Goldston and Sharon Haney.

Mary (Dale) Glaze '81, B.S. speech, died March 14, 2004. A native of Groves, she was a teacher for Port Arthur I.S.D. for eight years and Round Rock I.S.D. for 10 years. She also attended Texas A&M and Stephen F. Austin universities before graduating from Lamar. Survivors include her mother, Frances, and brother, John.

Dana (Danzy) Echart '82, B.S. speech, died Feb. 13, 2004. She was born in Port Neches, but lived her life in Kirbyville, Nederland, Arlington and various other cities in the U.S. She was employed by St. Edward's Catholic School for seven years, and also worked for Abrams Publishing Co. and Klien I.S.D. Survivors include her husband, Mark; sons, Daryn and Daniel; and her mother, Ruby Danzy.

Carl Coleman '86, B.S. kinesiology, recently passed away. He was the head trainer for Marble Falls High School and lived in Dripping Springs.

Carolyn (Pelloat) Loehr '96, B.S. family and consumer sciences, died March 7, 2004. A native of San Antonio, she lived in Nederland and worked as a teacher at Ozen High School. Survivors include her husband, Timothy; her son, Stephen; her mother, Jenny; and her father, James.

Joyce M. Tolin, 33, died March 12, 2004. She was a graduate of West Brook High School and was pursuing a career in early childhood education at Lamar. Survivors include her children, Cassie and Brandon; and parents, David and Tresa.

Greg Thompson, a '00 graduate of Hardin High School, died in May 2004. He was attending Lamar and coached a Little Dribbler's basketball team.

Faculty, Staff and Friends

Stella Marie Burnett Cobb Baldwin, 63, died Jan. 16, 2004. She was a lifetime resident of Beaumont and a retired office administrator of the Lamar University Fire Training School. While working at Lamar, she met her husband, Lynn Baldwin, whom she married June 2, 1995. Survivors include her husband; her son, Gary; daughter, Colleen; and her stepchildren, Cory and Kim.

Charles E. Berly, died April 19, 2004, at the age of 100 in San Antonio. She was a retired professor of English at Lamar, where she taught for 23 years of a 47-year teaching career. In 1923, she received a B.A. degree from Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Va., and, in 1941, a master's in English from Southern Methodist University. She retired in 1969, but returned to Lamar for two years (1981-1983) to serve as the first curator of the Special Collections unit in Mary and John Gray Library. She was survived by her sister, Carroll Berly Gorham.

Gary A. Castille, 50, died on April 4, 2004. He was born in Port Arthur and worked in the reference section of the Mary and John Gray Library for 20 years. Survivors include his mother, Kathleen Castille of Port Arthur, and nine brothers and sisters.

Vincent "V.J." Coco, 79, died April 27, 2004. He was past president of the Cardinal Club, as well as the former owner of VJ's Foody Doody Grocery in Beaumont. He was a World War II veteran and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include his wife, Frances; son, Rusty '73, B.B.A. marketing; and daughter, Marian Broussard '77, B.A. sociology.

Evelyn McDonald, 96, died April 25, 2004 at Calder Woods. She was the wife of past Lamar University president, E.L. McDonald, until his death in '67. She loved and supported all the activities at the university, and their home was always open to the students and faculty. Survivors include her daughter, Sally House of Beaumont; daughter, Colleen Marks of Huntsville; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Contributions may be made to the E.L. McDonald Scholarship Fund at Lamar University, P.O. Box 10011, Beaumont, TX 77710.

Marvin L. McLaughlin, 89, died March 4, 2004. He was a retired professor and dean for Lamar. He is also a graduate of Sam Houston State University, The University of Texas and the University of Houston. He earned the ranks of corporal, sergeant and lieutenant, while serving in the Army. Survivors include his wife, Nelle; son, James; and grandsons, David, Michael and Cliff. Contributions can be made in Dr. M. L. McLaughlin's name to: Lamar University, P.O. Box 10011, Beaumont, TX 77710.

W. Preston Shaw, 64, died March 7, 2004. He was the first African-American to work as a park ranger for Yellowstone National Park. He served as principal for Lincoln Junior High, George Washington Carver High School, Charlton-Pollard High School and Central High School. He was promoted to assistant superintendent for Beaumont I.S.D. in 1992, while serving as an adjunct professor for Lamar. Survivors include his wife, Willie Mae; son, Tarus; and daughter, Yolanda Moore.

Walter A. Sutton, 70, professor of history at Lamar, died May 29, 2004. He received a B.A. from Rice University in 1956, an M.A. from the University of Texas in 1958 and a Ph.D. from UT in 1964. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Betty; son, Allan; and his grandsons, Cameron and Christopher.

Peace... Reform... Activism

Academy student relishes eye-opening opportunities



Elizabeth Chapman

Often, the study of humanities conjures vague images of social commentary, dry history and esoteric debate without up-close, relevant-to-today power. Elizabeth Chapman has found just the opposite during her studies at Lamar's Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities, and that discovery has been her inspiration.

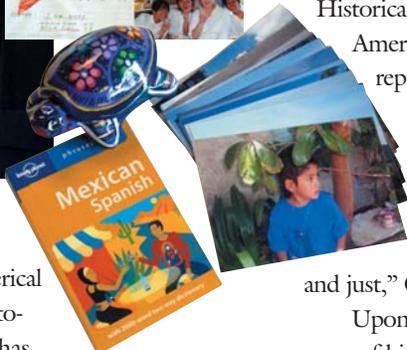
"I entered the academy with a very vague conception of what the humanities really entailed. What I found was that the study of the humanities was simpler than that: For all the critical articles and professional conferences swirling about, there was a single purpose that fueled academics – human beings . . . take something human and where you go from there is up to you," Chapman said.

Throughout her two years on campus, Chapman says, she has been afforded "incredible opportunities to study the humanities hands-on. Starting the academy's magazine, *Ethos*, was really my first exposure to approaching the world from a humanist perspective."

The first issue explored pressing Latin-American social issues. Four semesters later, Lamar awarded her a study-abroad grant, which she used to study for two weeks at the Cuernavaca Center for Intercultural Dialogue on Development. There, she visited villages and learned more about the indigenous rights movement in Mexico.

"I was able to see their struggle first hand," Chapman said. "It put a face – literally – to all of the news reports and charts and editorials I had sifted through."

Chapman attended a magnet intermediate school in Houston's Clear Creek school district. She hoped for challenge in high school but was skeptical of finding it. Her mother, a teacher, brought home information on the academy. "I thought it looked like an incredible program, and I was right," Chapman said.



She spent most of last summer in Okinawa, Japan, as a Peace Scholar through Youth for Understanding USA, celebrating her 18th birthday there, where she lived with a host family for six weeks. For a month of that time, she attended a technical school for cooking and interior design.

This past spring, an essay she wrote about Rep. Al Price and his family, at the suggestion of Mary Gagne, director of the academy, won the statewide Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Contest, named for the first African-American woman to serve in the Texas Senate and represent Texas in Congress.

"What started as a research paper with deadlines and page lengths turned into one of the most remarkable encounters I have ever had. Rep. Price explained to me that politics wasn't so much a job as it was a struggle for what is right and just," Chapman said.

Upon graduation, she will have completed her last two years of high school and have earned credits toward a university degree. Her brother plans to attend the academy, while Chapman is off to study in Prague for year before returning to claim a National Merit Scholarship from the University of Texas and major in political science. Her ambition is to serve with the Peace Corps in Africa. Much of her research as a student has focused on world health and the U.S. policy toward HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.

"When I think of the philosophy of this program, I think of Elizabeth Chapman," Gagne said. "Of all the students I have ever had, she epitomizes the scholar and has taken that even further. She will be learning all of her life."

