As we welcome students for the spring semester, we look forward to many exciting changes on our campus. Foremost is the opening of the magnificent Sheila Umphrey Recreation Sports Center. This state-of-the-art facility is destined to become a centerpiece of student life on campus, much as the venerable McDonald Gymnasium — now a part of the greatly expanded facility — played in Lamar’s past.

This February, we celebrate as the Mary and John Gray Library marks 50 years as a federal depository library, an important designation indicative of the breadth and depth of information available there.

You are encouraged to join us in celebrating the relationship between Lamar University and the communities of Southeast Texas in “Red, White & You” events throughout the week of Feb. 26 – March 4. Don’t forget to show your Cardinal pride and wear red on “Get Your Red On!” day Friday, March 2.

Red, White & You will be a great kick-off to Homecoming 2007, March 2-3, when Lamar’s music alumni, Earth and Space Science (Geology) alumni, Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni, and the Class of 1957 reunite on campus.

In December, the Beaumont Foundation of America announced a $1,150,000 grant to Lamar University, adding $250,000 to the judge [oj]. Fisher Lutece Series endowment and establishing nine Southeast Texas Legends Scholarships at the $100,000 level. These honors will be announced monthly. The much appreciated gift comes from the generous support of foundation directors Wayne Raaud and Gilbert “Buddy” Law and will benefit students from underserved populations.

The pages of this issue of Cardinal Cadence chronicle another manifestation of the relationship between Lamar University and their alma mater — their tangible support. These gifts, large and small, speak volumes about the faith, hope and trust given to Lamar University. Each gift enables us to bring new opportunities through education to the next generation. As always, thank you for your continued support!

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Westgate and Pittman share croc discovery

Geology professor Jim Westgate and lecturer Jeff Pittman traveled to Canada to present the recent discovery of a 40-foot long crocodile in Mexico to the world's leading researchers, professors and museum curators during the 66th annual meeting of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology in Ottawa. The pair's international research team discovered the first evidence in Mexico of the species Deinosuchus riograndensis, a contender for the title of Earth's supreme predator whose name means 'terror crocodile.' Teeth and bone armor of Deinosuchus have been discovered in desert exposures of sedimentary layers deposited on the coast of Chihuahua some 70 to 80 million years ago, as the shoreline slowly moved from near Ojinaga, Mexico, to the southernmost part of Big Bend National Park, the Rocky Mountains began to uplift. Westgate and the team plan another expedition to prospect outcrops freshly scoured by desert rains from 2006 Pacific hurricanes.

World history course commended in national study

In a national study of world history courses by the Center for Educational Policy Research, history professor Rebecca Boone's course, "Issues in World History," was identified as a top subject akin to atomic billiards. Department of Chemistry and Physics faculty members Wayne Rubalak, distinguished professor, and Bogdanka Bahrim, assistant professor, are studying the microscopic theory of ion- surface interactions. The grant is shared with the University of Houston. Semiconductors manufacturers use ion implantation to produce the semiconductors found in all modern computers. "The technology of ion implantation is widely used, but the actual physics of the process is one of the fundamental unsolved problems in surface chemistry and physics," said Rubalak. "Semiconductor manufacturers use a trial-and-error approach to manufacturing semiconductors. This is groundbreaking research not being performed anywhere else in the world," Boone said.

ExxonMobil provides hurricane relief funds

ExxonMobil Corp. gifts to Lamar University exceed $70,000 in 2006, including the corporation's most recent gift of $100,000 to the university in Rita relief funds directed toward recovering lost enrollment. "ExxonMobil is a major supporter of a wide array of programs at Lamar University," said Janie Tramell, director of development. "Their giving benefits the region greatly as these programs reach beyond the campus to touch the lives of Southeast Texans through education, science, the arts and more." ExxonMobil's Rita relief gift also included $100,000 to the Lamar Institute of Technology, and $50,000 each to the Lamar state colleges in Orange and Port Arthur. "This shows of support from industry for our schools is a vote of confidence," said Texas State University System board chairman Kent Adams.

Grants lead to advanced research

DDT funds hydrogen cell research . . . The fiscal year 2007 Department of Defense Appropriations bill includes $2.6 million secured by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, for hydrogen fuel cell research at Lamar. "Lamar University is a key institution in the development of practical hydrogen fuel cells," Hutchison said. "This funding will support research into clean and reliable energy sources for military and potentially civilian uses." The bill provides funding to develop lightweight, power-efficient and environmentally clean hydrogen cells to produce electric power for space and missile defense applications. • Atomic billiards anyone? . . . The National Science Foundation has granted $300,000 for research regarding a subject akin to atomic billiards. Semiconductors manufacturers use ion implantation to produce the semiconductors found in all modern computers. "The technology of ion implantation is widely used, but the actual physics of the process is one of the fundamental unsolved problems in surface chemistry and physics," said Rubalak. "Semiconductor manufacturers use a trial-and-error approach to manufacturing semiconductors. This is groundbreaking research not being performed anywhere else in the world." Lamar receives $3.15 million from DOE . . . Lamar will receive a $3.15 million federal Department of Education grant to help in the recovery from damages sustained from Hurricane Rita. Sen. John Cornyn's office said in a September release. "The university sustained damage to 96 buildings, including loss of more than 20 roofs, water damage, blown-out glass and debris strewn across campus, which forced the university to close for 24 days. Based on estimates from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Lamar's direct damages exceeded $25 million. The university estimated its total hurricane loss at more than $50 million, of which about $4.3 million was tuition and fees revenue lost when students did not return to campus after the hurricane. About $21 million was spent during the immediate recovery period, and the costs of completing long-term repairs to damaged buildings was estimated at more than $25.6 million. Of these expenses, about $22.4 million has been reimbursed by FEMA or other agencies, said Mike Ferguson, vice president for finance and operations. The grant funds will be used to reimburse Lamar its costs not covered by FEMA or other sources. • Major research instrumentation grant received . . . The College of Engineering has received a $169,270 grant from the National Science Foundation to acquire an Scanning Electron Microscopy-Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (SEM/EDX) system for education and research projects in the Colleges of Engineering and Science. The high-magnification microscope uses a focused scanned electron beam to produce both top-down and cross-section images of samples. "The university has received support from NSF for several major research instruments that have contributed significantly to enhancing our capabilities to perform advanced research as reflected in a substantial increase in our research funding in recent years," said T.C. Hu, University Professor, director of the Gulf Coast Hazardous Research Center and holder of the Aldredge Endowed Chair in Engineering.

Professional testing service opens on campus

The Career Center has officially opened the Thomson Prometric testing lab, making Lamar the only site in this region. Now clients needn’t drive to Houston or Alexandria, La., for prescribed tests or certifications.

Thomson is one of the largest testing companies in the nation and offers many academic, professional, information technology certification and license exams, such as teaching certification, graduate record exams and certified public accountant licensing. Examinees register online with Thomson Prometric to schedule an appointment. To bring additional services to the region, Lamar’s Career Center has hired new staff to accommodate two additional national testing companies that will offer technical certification tests and the graduate management admission test. More information may be found at prometric.com or dept.lamar.edu/careercenter/testing.html.

Wright brings perspective on religion and violence

Sociology professor Stuart Wright was one of two dozen international researchers and scholars participating in "Dying for Faith: Religiously Motivated Violence in the Contemporary World," a scholarly conference at Kings College London, University of London, in September. A member of Lamar's faculty since 1985 and assistant director of the Office of Sponsored Programs Administration, Wright presented on "Myths and Martial Imagery: Exploring the Violent Link between Warfare Frames and Religious Violence." Wright sees the framing of conflict as war, elevating an otherwise temporal conflict to a spiritual plane creating an amplification that encourages violence.
Measuring gravity with precision

Accurately measuring changes in Earth’s gravity requires extreme precision and patience. Professors Jim Jordan and Joseph Kruger, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, have teamed with Daniel Winstead, a geodesist with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric National Geodetic Survey in Longmont, Colo., to establish an absolute gravity station in Beaumont.

By designating a specific location in the Geology Building for the station, Lamar is participating in a growing network of measurement sites that increase accuracy of elevation surveys in the region and provide a base station for other relative gravity measurements that help geophysicists determine the composition of the subsurface of Earth, which can help locate faults, mineral and petroleum resources and groundwater reserves.

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H ealth forum attracts students and medical professionals

More than 425 nursing students were part of an audience of nearly 850 health care professionals at the seventh annual Health Forum focusing on Smoking Cessation and Prevention at the Montagne Center Oct. 5. The forum, sponsored by the Julie Rogers “Gift of Life” program and the Jefferson County Medical Society in partnership with the Lamar University JoAnne Gay Dishman Department of Nursing, the Dauphin Cancer Screening & Prevention Center and The University of Texas at Tyler, sponsored the event.

The forum included a prestigious group of nursing leaders and a speaker panel of nurse practitioners who spoke on a variety of topics. In addition, nurses, presenting as a group, were recognized for their personal achievements.

The program’s keynote speaker was Brenda Nichols, dean, College of Arts and Sciences. “Nursing as a health care profession is one where they must stay to date. It gives the students an opportunity to see people who are doing cutting-edge research,” Nichols stated.

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Online courses offered

The Center for Distance Education offers courses for many disciplines online during fall and spring semesters as well as during mini-sessions and summer sessions to benefit students who are unable or choose not to attend classes on campus. Students may register for online courses at www.lamar.edu by clicking on the admissions icon. Interested students attend a special orientation prior to the start of the semester. Full technical support via e-mail, telephone and the web is available as well. Lamar’s first complete online degree program, the master of science degree in nursing, is now available with three more programs scheduled for delivery during summer 2007.

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Lamar invited exceptional high school juniors and seniors interested in an academic preview to the inaugural Fall Academic Open House Nov. 18. More than 100 students attended. “Lamar offers some unique advantages for strong students, including smaller class sizes, more opportunities to assume leadership roles and a growing tradition of undergraduate research and scholarship,” said Jim Rush, director of academic services. The Fall open house supplements Spring Open House scheduled March 3, 2007.

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Entergy Texas recently contributed $18,000 to several programs: $5,000 to Teaching Environmental Science; $7,500 to member-supported public radio KVLU-FM. $3,000 to Lamar’s Lamarrilert concert series; and $2,500 to Le Grand Bal. “Entergy has been consistently supportive of Lamar University,” said Janice Trammell, director of development. “Its contributions further science, communication and the arts in our region and directly benefit the next generation of citizens and leaders in Southeast Texas.”

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Richard Rubenstein, noted author and professor of conflict resolution and public affairs at George Mason University, ... humanities programs, including the Lamar Honor Program and the Center for Philosophical Studies. The lectures were sponsored by Humanities Texas, the Lamar Honor Program and the Center for Philosophical Studies.

The Lubbock, Texas, native, noted author Rubenstein visits the U.S. Constitution was adopted in 1787. Jeff Forret, assistant professor of history, spoke about “Debates Over the Adoption of the Constitution.”

Harvard Business Review. Students fund the Academic Lecture Series to bring noted lecturers and experts to campus each fall and spring. During a lecture Oct. 9, best-selling author Daniel Pink said it’s a good thing to be in your “right mind.” His current book, 'A Whole New Mind: Moving from the Information Age to the Conceptual Age,' deals with the evolving trend toward recruiting and hiring employees who bring a more creative, artistic mindset to the workplace. Pink is a contributing editor to Wired magazine and has written for The New York Times and "Forbes".

During a lecture, faculty colloquium and meeting with graduate business students. Neal joined McCoy's in 1997 and, during his nine years, the organization has implemented new systems addressing point of sale, accounting, imaging, financial reporting and commercial credit, [...] on point in technology and positioning it for future growth. At the October All College of Engineering Seminar, students gained insights on “Leadership: Unlocking the Potential Around You” from Lyondell president and chief executive officer Dan Smith ’89. Lyondell, North America’s third-largest, independent, publicly traded chemical company, is a global leader in the manufacture of chemicals and polymers, the building blocks of products used around the world every day. With headquarters in Houston, Lyondell operates on five continents and employs about 11,000 people worldwide. Revenue in 2005 was $24 billion. It was ranked first in growth in revenues and second in growth in profits on Fortune 500 Fastest Growing Companies 2006. Smith began his career with ARCO (Atlantic Richfield Co.) in 1968 as an engineer. He was elected CEO of Lyondell in 1996. He is a member of the College of Engineering Advisory Council.

Making class count

On campus

Constitution Day commemorated

The Mary and John Gray Library hosted its annual Constitution Day program Sept. 18 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. The Mary and John Gray Library is the federal depository library serving the 2nd Congressional District of Texas.
The Aviation and Space Foundation of Texas has established the J. Neal Miller Aviation and Space Foundation Scholarship in the Department of Earth and Space Sciences to honor J. Neal Miller Jr. for his many contributions to aviation and space. Miller chairs the foundation, which formed in 2001 to receive proceeds from the sale of "Columbia Remembered" automobile license plates. Miller designed the plates to commemorate the lives of the seven astronauts who perished aboard the Columbia Space Shuttle and to promote aviation and space activities in Texas, as well as to provide scholarships.

Born in Orange, Miller earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M and a diploma in aeronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

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“Smile when you say that, pilgrim.” —JOHN WAYNE

Although John Wayne died in 1979, one Lamar alumnus has kept his name and his legendary status before hundreds of students for many years. Archie McDonald ‘58, professor of History at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA), began a mini-semester course in 1977 using the films of the legendary actor as the vehicle for teaching the history of the Old West. The class quickly became one of the most popular on campus.

Most people learn history from media and in my day that was motion pictures,” said McDonald. “Many of the ideas the average American has, especially about the last frontier west, is from western movies—and who better to depict that than John Wayne.”

The John Wayne course was created at the request of LU alumnus and current Texas state legislator Jim McReynolds ‘68, who at the time was the summer school coordinator at SFA. The mini-semester course requires three hours lecture every day for 15 class days. That’s a lot of lecturing every day, so McDonald decided to let the “Duke” carry most of the load.

“I used his films to illustrate different aspects of the west. I always started out with Stagecoach because that’s his first major picture,” he said. “With it, I gave a lecture that illustrated the history of the movie with which I wanted the students to make a connection. I wanted them to enjoy the film, but I was also able to expand on things such as modes of transportation and occupations associated with those modes of transportation.”

Some of his colleagues were skeptical about the course; however, after a few visits by fellow faculty members, word spread that the course was a legitimate learning experience.

Born in Beaumont, McDonald credits many Lamar instructors with having a decided influence on his life and career—in particular, lifelong friend Ralph Wood, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History who recently retired from the classroom after teaching at Lamar more than 50 years, but McDonald looks back and is most grateful for two courses that shaped his career: typing and speech.

“These two courses were probably the most important to me because I have spent so much time writing and public speaking. The late Arnold Anderson was my speech instructor and was probably the most influential instructor I had at Lamar,” he said. “He taught me to stand up in front of an audience without fear on my face. I also met my wife of 49 years, Judy Barrett, while we were on the debate team, so I have some fond memories of speech class.”

Today, the Texas historian has pared down his class load significantly and spends a good deal of his time writing and traveling throughout Texas and the nation on speaking engagements. In 1997, he added new facets to his speaking engagements, playing the guitar and singing songs from periods of history. A request from the Baton Rouge Civil War Round Table to perform songs from the period was the start of a program he has presented all over the country. Along with the Civil War tunes, he also sings vintage Texas music, political campaign songs and the music of World War II. History lovers can gain glimpses of Texana from McDonald in his syndicated weekly column “All Things Historical” in more than 80 newspapers. A prolific author with more than a dozen books under his belt, McDonald has edited more than 20 others. The most notable of these is Mike Royko's Rotten Apple: The Journal of Political Ethics, regarded as one of the 100 most important books on the Civil War. But, the book that perhaps garnered the most notoriety for the Texas historian is Helpful Hints for Househusbands of Uppity Women, a work that earned him a guest spot on “CBS This Morning.” The show’s producer chose the book because he liked the title and invited the author and his wife for an interview.

“We were apprehensive about the title because we were afraid it might offend some people,” McDonald said. “Judy and I were picked up at the hotel in a very nice limousine and driven to the studio. When we finished the interview, the car that picked us up was an old clunker with a huge crack in the windshield. So our fame was over, and the come-down was swift.”

McDonald has served in many positions of authority in community organizations, including executive director for the East Texas Historical Association, on the governing board of Nacogdoches Medical Center as a board member and on the advisory board for the National Public Radio station, Red River Radio, based in Shreveport, Louisiana. It was through this association that he began a weekly radio commentary program on topics from gardening to political science, giving each a distinct Southern flavor. The program airs Friday mornings. McDonald remembers well the special program he was asked to present live immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

“I want to refuse something I have heard often for two days: America, indeed, the world, will be changed forever,” he said in his commentary. “Of course, things will change; they always change. But this stands just like a rock: The idea of America, the real America, will remain a beacon for freedom in the world.”

McDonald has been teaching for 44 years and has been amply honored for his dedication and service to education. He was named a Distinguished Professor by the SFA Alumni Association in 1976; Regents’ Professor of History in 1985 and was the recipient of the SFA Foundation’s Faculty Achievement Award for Research. Among the many accolades and accomplishments garnered throughout a lifetime of learning, he still believes teaching is the highest priority for an instructor. Sharing his love of history through music, writing and commentary McDonald believes his most important responsibility is his freshman-level history course.

Standing next to the life-size cutout of John Wayne and the prized autographed photo, McDonald says he believes the Duke would have been proud to know he helped to keep the romance and mystique of the Old West alive and well while also contributing to the education of countless history students through the years.
Tapping the Unseen

Byron Dyer

The discovery of oil holds mystique for many people and calls up images of the grizzled wildcatter going with gut feeling, but, in reality, it comes down to hard-core analysis and experience. Is there oil in that pocket? It’s rarely anything you can see. "I visited Lamar, and Ed Eveland was head of the department there then. I chatted with Saul Aronow, Bill Matthews and a few other people, and they were helpful, rather than condescending. They were willing to let me take a couple of geology courses concurrently, and that let me graduate in two years," Dyer says. "Geology was his choice because he had grown up working in the summers in the oil field. "I liked the people, the engineers, and geologists I met, and the kind of work they did. I was dead set on being a subsurface geologist who could find oil and gas. That just seemed to be the fun part of it," he said.

Upon graduation, he applied with about 15 companies and earned a position as a junior geologist with Tidewater Oil Co., which later became Getty Oil Co. "The guy called me about 12:30 p.m. on Saturday night and said, 'I’ve got a job for you if you can be in Corpus Christi! Monday morning at 9 to 11 o’clock,'" Dyer recalls. He liberated his ’52 Chevrolet, earned with Army pay, from the parking lot across from where he had lived in West Hall on campus. "It was a wonderful time, and I enjoyed every minute of my professional career," Dyer says. "It’s very gratifying—to start a project from nothing and bring it all the way to producing and making money. A lot of people don’t have that kind of opportunity in their endeavors."

Certain features about a geological prospect make it good, mediocre or bad. As time has passed, pulling the oil from the ground has become more and more expensive. "You have to know the type of play you’re looking at and how to see into it to determine if it’s large enough to have an impact on your company. You can’t act on a hunch," Dyer says. "You have to have the data, meaning seismic and subsurface data that tells you that there’s a really good possibility that there’s a structure there that can hold oil and gas, and, then, if you’re in the right trend and in the right area, you’ll be successful if you know what you’re doing and have a little geometric experience and that I monitor." He and Connie are longtime supporters and members of the Houston Museum of Natural Science. They see it as an asset to Houston and a catalyst for children’s dreams. "It’s a great teaching model," he said. "They see things that they would never see anywhere else. Things like that. That’s a big equalizer. It kind of humbles you every now and then. I’ve drilled wells that I just thought were dead but then realized the property existed, and it was a dry hole. And I’ve drilled things that just kept going and made wonderful discoveries. It was really fun. I enjoyed it and just couldn’t wait to get back up and work in the morning. I knew people that didn’t feel that way and I just really felt blessed that oil Ed and Bill and Saul cracked their whip." At the time of Dyer’s retirement in 1998, which coincided with the sale of the company, he had over 50 producing structures in the Gulf of Mexico, ranging from onshore carriers to platforms, as well as fields in Argentina and Guatemala. "We took a little company, basically a two-person company, and turned it into one that was operating over 50 structures offshore and several good-sized onshore. I was really proud of that," he said.

Does he miss it? ‘Yes, I really do, but there’s time that you need to back away from things," he said. For Dyer, though, backing away just leads him in another direction. Today Dyer keeps his hand in. He still invests in "a few little things. We’re compiling a gas well in Mississippi that I see has a lot of interest, applied our little geometric knowledge and have a good methodology to evaluate data that I was surprised about," he said with a chuckle. "You can’t see in the subsurface.

ON DISPLAY

As part of Homecoming 2007, the Department of Earth and Space Sciences is hosting a dedication of the newly renovated geology building. Mineral enthusiasts and those who just like to look at their interior beauty will stand in awe of the centerpieces of the celebration—the unveiling of a new mineral exhibit. March 3 on permanent loan from and installed by the Houston Museum of Natural Science (HMNS) in display cases located on both floors of the building.

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The Lamar specimens have been selected from extensive holdings of the HMNS and ensure that Lamar will have one the best exhibits second to the HMNS’s Cullen Exhibit, which holds some of the most outstanding mineral specimens in the world. This event is open to the public and will provide an opportunity for alumni and friends of the Department of Geology, now known as the Department of Earth and Space Sciences, to mingle and celebrate. The dedication ceremony and an opportunity to tour the newly renovated facilities will begin at 2 p.m. Bartsch will be among the honored guests.

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Mirabeau B. Lamar was a poet and a philosopher, a statesman and a purveyor. He was a hero of the Battle of San Jacinto, the president of the Republic of Texas and the “Father of Texas Education.”

And the namesake of Lamar University.

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“In September 2006, thanks to a gift from alumnus John Stevens Jr. ’74, who took office Jan. 4 as judge of the Jefferson County, it was possible for the University of Texas to publish a large and authoritative edition of the works of Mirabeau Lamar,” said John Stevens Jr., who graduated in 1974.

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The first 1,000 of this issue of the book were numbered, and Lamar University already has No. 441. Stevens said, “The first 300 were numbered and signed. You do not have a numbered and signed one until 431, it is my great honor to present No. 393.”

“The donation of The Papers of Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar offers our students a way to become better acquainted with our namesake,” said Christina Baum, dean of library services. “We have written editions will be preserved and identified as significant items in the Mary and John Gray Library Special Collections.”

FAMILY TIES

John Stevens Sr., as publisher in the 1900s

Lamar University, which Stevens founded, was a charter member of the Carnegie Foundation. It was a small liberal arts school in the middle of the 1900s. It was a member of the Texas Association of Colleges and Universities.

The Papers of Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar is also the namesake for a county, a city and scores of schools across the state. According to historians, Lamar had great personal charm, magnetic personality and impressive oratorical gifts. His friends were almost invariably devoted to him. He is referred to, in titles of his biographies, with such monikers as “troubadour and crusader” and “the poet president of Texas.”

The collection includes first editions of The Papers of Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar, Volumes 2 through 6, soft-bound editions published between 1921 and 1927, as well as a special hard-bound edition of Volume 1, published in 1968. Completing the collection is the Calendar of The Papers of Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar published in 1914 as an index, or chronology, of the papers. In 1988, the late publisher John Jenkins of Pemberton Press, compiled a list of 225 Texas history books every research library should have.

The Papers of Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar is regarded as Lamar’s most prominent work and a leading publication archiving Texas history.

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Mazzola, a native of Orange, enjoyed a stellar academic and athletic career at Lamar. He was one of the top 20 tennis players in the state as an athlete at Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School and earned a scholarship to play tennis for Lamar. As a collegiate student-athlete, he earned top honors as a member of the Sun Belt and Southland Conference All-Academic teams. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in business.

He began his career as a professional tennis coach at Willow Fork Country Club in Katy where he helped the Taylor High School tennis team win a district 5-A state championship. From there, his career path led him to Los Angeles where he was invited to play in a tennis exhibition featuring players who were physically challenged and/or wheelchair-bound. Inspired by the athletes’ amazing ability to overcome their physical and mental obstacles to compete, Watering Seeds was formed as a non-profit sports organization to assist individuals with physical disabilities. The name signifies the founders’ commitment to planting seeds of encouragement and continuously “watering” those seeds with positive interactions and a dedicated belief in helping people.

“I had never seen wheelchair tennis before and I was inspired by the courage and determination of those wheelchair athletes,” Mazzola said. “I think it says a lot about a person’s character to rise above such adversity. On the outside, they are physically knocked down, but on the inside they’re standing up, full of hope and fiery alive.”

Although he continues to teach tennis to a select clientele, creating the organization has thrust him into the role of executive producer of a documentary tentatively titled “Perseverant Spirit.” Watering Seeds co-founder and production partner Keith Bowden is an award-winning director and producer. The film project was originally created as a show for The Tennis Channel geared toward wheelchair tennis, but the scope of the project grew to encompass the multitude of sports for physically challenged athletes. The film is scheduled to be distributed in theaters in spring 2007 and will highlight the spirit, heart and character of these unsung heroes.

The idea for athletic competition for the disabled athlete was born in 1948 when Sir Ludwig Gutmann organized a sports competition in England for World War II veterans who had suffered spinal cord injuries during the war. Four years later, the Netherlands joined the games and the international movement was born. Olympic style games for athletes with disabilities were first organized in 1960 in Rome and are now called the Paralympics. Winter and summer Paralympics games are held every four years and include such sports as fencing, rowing, power lifting, sailing, tennis, rugby and skiing, among others.

“We’re working with the military and, more specifically, veterans who have suffered amputations or disabling injuries to introduce them to adaptive sports as a means of rehabilitation and a vehicle to regain their independence,” he said. “We also work with children who are born with birth defects such as spina bifida, cerebral palsy and other spinal cord injuries to allow them to participate and enjoy the benefits of being an athlete. This helps improve their self-esteem and confidence and gives them an outlet to become active.”

The Watering Seeds Organization assists in this endeavor by providing adaptive sports equipment for physically challenged athletes. Sports wheelchairs can cost from $2,000 to as much as $6,000, and prosthetic running legs can cost as much as $45,000. Most insurance companies view specialized sports prosthetics and sports wheelchairs in the same way they view elective surgery, leaving the aspiring athlete to foot the bill. Watering Seeds provides financial assistance to athletes for the purchase of such equipment. It is the goal of the organization to show there is an opportunity for an athletic lifestyle after a physical disability.

The vision and dream of the founders is to build a 215,000 square foot state-of-the-art sports rehabilitation center. The center will include a sports arena for tennis, hockey, basketball and many of the sports espoused by the U.S. Paralympics Committee. The vision includes an Olympic-size swimming pool with a diving well and a rehabilitation clinic staffed by physical therapists. The center will offer guest quarters in which the families of the physically challenged can stay while their loved ones receive evaluation and physical therapy.

“From a young age, I saw first-hand the true meaning of southern hospitality,” Mazzola said. “As a student athlete, there were so many people at Lamar who helped me along the way. There were times when professors would make special allowances for me due to an often rigorous, tennis travel schedule. I fully realize that I couldn’t have made it where I am today without their help. Watering Seeds was founded on the same premise of helping people grow and achieve their full potential in life. Lamar University certainly helped me succeed and now I feel it’s my obligation to help others do the same.”

Learn more about Brady Mazzola and the Watering Seeds Organization at www.wateringseeds.org.
Brent Landry ’69 hangs up his captain’s hat March 9 after 30 years of flying for Southwest Airlines. A Port Arthur native, Landry had his eyes on the skies from an early age. When he was 8, he caught John Wayne’s The High and the Mighty at the Port Theater. “I remember when he was flying that airplane and saying—and I can really remember this—I’m going to be a pilot when I grow up,” Landry said. “That’s pretty much how I decided what I was going to do.”

When it came time to choose a career, only 40 earned their wings. ing class of 80 pilot candidates, 18 initial members, the airline dared to take on possession of a brand-new Piper Cherokee 140. Landry made the trip to Lake Charles, La., flying N393L to its new home at Jefferson County Airport in May 1966 (the airplane is still flying in the St. Louis area).

After graduating Lamar with a B.B.A. in management, Landry headed to Officer Training School in San Antonio, then, as a newly commissioned second lieutenant, began 52 weeks of rigorous pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas. "Vietnam was hot and heavy," Landry said. "I experienced an extreme panic attack, throwing things, screaming and shedding uncontrollable tears," wrote his mother in a letter to Landry. "I had ... mystrength to hold on to him for dear life because all he wanted to do was run … I was terrified that I would lose him."

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Recalling a conversation with two neighbors, one an attorney and one a doctor, Landry asked how many surgeries he might perform in a day—maybe four, he said—and how many a week—maybe six. After some quick calculations, Landry said that in a typical day, an airline pilot would be responsible for at least 1,000 lives. That responsibility comes with executing physical examinations every six months and "butch-cha and you lose your job" check rides in the aircraft and flight simulator twice a year as well. "It is a lot of pres-sure, but it has to be that way," Landry said.

At 60, airline pilots must retire. "I’ve had a great career," Landry said. "I’ve been blessed, made a good salary, met a lot of nice people. I’ve never hurt anybody or scratched an airplane in all the decisions I’ve made, so I’ve been very fortunate."

His near-term plans include building a small airplane hangar at the Port Arthur Regional Airport, and developing a new business. "I’ve had a great career," Landry said. "I’ve been blessed, made a good salary, met a lot of nice people. I’ve never hurt anybody or scratched an airplane in all the decisions I’ve made, so I’ve been very fortunate."

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"When the Vietnam War ended, Landry separated from the Air Force. Thousands of pilots left the service as well, and the airlines found themselves awash in highly qualified pilot applicants. "Great pilots were a dime a dozen," he said. "I was a continuing education for five years." During that time, Landry flew the Gulfstream I, L-1011, 747 or 727, then the BAC-1-11 for Teesc; Northwest Pipeline of Salt Lake City, Utah (during the building of the eastern pipeline system), and Beaumont’s Rogers brothers and Caspian Airlines in Las Vegas, taking executives to business concerns around the country and overseas.

"When I turned 30, I thought I’d better get on with the airlines," he said. "Back then, 30 was considered old." Landry applied with United, Braniff, Delta, Texas International and the Trans World Airlines and Southwest. "I got an offer with the airline and I went to San Antonio," Landry said. "I thought I’d stay on with this little ol’ airline for a while, and then I’ll get on with the big guys.”

When Landry joined Southwest, it had 12 airplanes in its livery and 190 pilots to fly them. Today Southwest services more than 70 cities with 475 aircraft, flown by some 5,000 pilots. From its initial base at Love Field in Dallas, the airline has grown to eight crew bases, including Houston, Dallas, Oakland, Phoenix, Chicago, Baltimore, Orlando, and, beginning next year, Las Vegas. Landry moved to the Houston base in 1984, putting him close to family.

"Everyone used to make fun of that ugly orange airplane," Landry said of his early days with the airline. "But Herb Kelleher (co-founder of Southwest Airlines with Texas businessman Rollin King) would always say ‘Yeah, but it turns green when it goes to the bank.’"

"I saved my first officer’s life one time," Landry said. "It’s saved me not to an aerobatic maneuver, but to the H micrane. ‘We were in Las Vegas at Caesars Palace during a layover in 1999 when Dave Loder, a retired restaurant colonel who had played football for the University of Texas, began checking on a piece of steak.’"

While he takes great pride in his track record of safety in the air, he takes equal pride in working with the public. "In preparing for a flight shortly after 9/11, Landry noticed a young boy was greatly distressed and refusing to join his family on the airplane. The little boy battled out of the airplane and down the jetway until his older brother caught him and brought him back," Landy said.

"He was sure the plane was going to fly into a building. I assured him it was not going to happen." Landry then made young Myles an offer: Go on the flight, and he’d give him his captain’s hat. Wide-eyed, Myles agreed. "He experienced an extreme panic attack, throwing things, screaming and shedding uncontrollable tears," wrote his mother in a letter to Landry. "I had ... mystrength to hold on to him for dear life because all he wanted to do was run … I was terrified that I would lose him."

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"He scheduled a flight for the boys and their mother, then spent 10 minutes talking eye-to-eye with the little boy.

"He is my number one pilot," Landry said. "He’s my number one pilot, and he knows it."

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The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission awarded a commendation to Lamar’s master’s program in nursing for its excellent curriculum and community support. The master’s program was the first online degree in the history of the University. In addition, the Department of Nursing collaborates with the College of Business in a new health care administration track.

NURSING: THE NEED

Thanks to the endowment creating the JoAnne Gay Dishman Department of Nursing at Lamar, the university will be better able to attract and retain top faculty to address the need.

“This gift will transform Lamar’s nursing program and, ultimately, the quality of health services in the region,” President James Simmons said. “It will enable us to recruit top-quality faculty and students, provide research and scholarship assistance and enrich the university in many other ways. The bottom line is that it will allow the Department of Nursing to grow.”

Today, 60 to 80 percent of Lamar’s graduating classes in nursing are employed in local health-care agencies. And numerous graduates have pursued master’s degrees for roles as nurse practitioners, administrators and educators.

Enrollment of nursing majors has demonstrated an impressive increase over the past five years, said Stephen Doblin, provost and vice president for academic affairs. The number of students admitted into the department increased by 30 percent from 2001 to 2005, while the enrollment of pre-nursing majors has seen a dramatic increase of 195 percent during the same period. A recent survey of high school seniors in Jefferson County identified nursing and medical fields as the top majors they want to pursue at Lamar.

“Each year, we must turn away applicants,” Doblin said. “The Dishman endowment will go light-years toward changing that situation.”

“The shortage of nursing faculty in the region and throughout the United States is even more critical than the shortage of nurses in general, said Simmons.

“This endowment will produce flexibility and opportunities to facilitate faculty development, to provide an incentive to recruit and retain faculty, to provide graduate nursing fellowships, to support the monitoring of new faculty, to provide student scholarships and to purchase additional state-of-the-art equipment,” Simmons said.

“This gift is especially meaningful because it speaks not only to Lamar University, but also to the whole community of Southeast Texas,” said Camille Mouton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The Department of Nursing has student experiences in more than 100 agencies, organizations, hospitals and other sites, she said.

Doblin adds: “We are a resource whose importance cannot be overemphasized.”

Nursing education began at Lamar University in 1974 when the associate-degree program admitted its first class. Nursing majors at Lamar number more than 1,000, making the Department of Nursing the second largest at the university with General Studies being first. Nursing is one of six areas of Lamar University targeted for enhancement in the latest academic master plan.

Lamar nursing students Brandi Dotson of Beaumont and Lynnette Davis of Mauriceville show Amanda Woodard, a junior at Mauriceville High School, how to take a blood pressure while Leah Caskey of Beaumont looks on. Woodard was among 40 students who participated in this past summer’s “Nurse Career Camp,” an awareness project aimed at encouraging high school students to pursue careers in the health-care field. High school students were given an opportunity to participate in hands-on nursing demonstrations at the Edna Horn Gay Learning Center at the university. Davis and Caskey graduated from Lamar’s nursing program in December 2006.
I inspired by her mother and her favorite aunt, both nurses, JoAnne “Judy” Dishman developed a deep love and admiration for a profession whose practitioners have been called the “heartbeat of health care.”

Today Lamar University’s JoAnne Gay Dishman Department of Nursing stands as testament to that lifelong dedication to the live-saving field.

“Throughout her life, Judy has held a keen interest in the field of nursing,” President James Simmons said. “It was the chosen profession of her mother, Margaret Dishman, who was a nurse and enjoyed it throughout her entire career.

Judy Dishman has earned her master’s degree in education from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1964. She taught in the College Station area many years and now lives in Round Rock.

Judy has also been active in numerous community organizations, including the Women’s Auxiliary to the Texas Medical Center and the American Heart Association.

When she was a child, Judy loved to read and was an avid reader. She later graduated from Lamar University in 1962 with a B.S. degree in elementary education.

In 1964, Judy married George Dishman, and they have two children, Dan and Pam. The couple moved to Beaumont, where Judy worked as a teacher at Lamar Consolidated Independent School District.

In 1967, Judy received her master’s degree in education from Lamar University. She then went on to teach at Lamar University for 31 years before retiring.

JoAnne Gay Dishman is an enthusiastic volunteer, serving in the Junior League of Beaumont and Magnolia Garden Club, among other organizations. She is an award-winning gardener. She also served as a deacon for St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church. George Dishman is a third-generation Lamar University graduate.

The Dishmans are charter members of Lamar University’s Friends of the Arts, which honored them at Le Grand Bal in 2005 for their longtime support of the arts and Lamar University.

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Criteria for nomination for the Distinction Alumni Awards is March 1, 2007. Please send your nomination to:

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Installation of the Houston Museum of Natural Sciences in display cases located on both floors of the building. Joel Bartsch, director of the Department of Geology and Department of Earth and Space Sciences may take this opportunity to reminisce and celebrate.

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Heckler is chief executive officer of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA), a position he's held since 1982. During his 25-year tenure, Heckler has expanded the membership from 3,000 to 14,500 and has increased the annual income from $50,000 to $7 million . . . not bad for someone who wanted to be a physician.

“Getting a scholarship and coming to Lamar to play tennis was one of the greatest things to happen to me,” said Heckler, who has become a U.S. citizen. “I'm one of those foreigners who recognize how fantastic it is to be an American. I owe everything, except the love of my parents, to this country .”

Heckler left M.D. Anderson in 1968 for a job as research associate at the University of Texas at Austin. “Then, the tennis boom of the 1970s hit. I couldn't have timed it any better. The reality I predicted, which was a teaching revolution, was taking place and was the best times of my life.”

Heckler's efforts have not gone unnoticed. He was inducted into the USPTA International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2000 and received the International Tennis Hall of Fame Educational Merit Award in 2002. Most recently , in 2005, Heckler was inducted into the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame.

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Conference champions compete at NCAA nationals

By Drew Lacey

With three Southland Conference championships in the last three years, the Lamar University women’s cross-country team has come to expect greatness. Now, the men’s team has planted the championship seed and appears ready for their turn at the top of the Southland Conference.

The focus for the Lamar cross-country program is now expanding from winning conference titles to competing at the NCAA regional and national levels. The first step was taken this year when sophomore Renee Graham finished in third place in the women’s regional meet. Senior Amanda King and freshman Fredrick Kasagule finished fourth and fifth in the men’s regional race.

NCAA Nationals

The three advanced to nationals, where Kasagule earned All-American honors with a 29th-place finish. He ran the 10,000-meter course in a time of 31:34.9. Kasoglu ran to a 55th-place finish, posting a time of 32:01.0.

Graham, a native of Hawera, New Zealand, who was making her second-straight championship appearance, ran to a 126th-place finish in the women’s competition in a time of 22:20.7. The 126th-place finish was 28 spots better than her 154th-place finish at the 2005 championship.

As a program, we had a very successful season, and the NCAA Championship meet was icing on the cake,” head coach Trey Clark said. “This is the level we want our entire team to compete at, and we now have people that know exactly what it takes and can relate it to the entire team.”

NCAA Regionals

Heading into the NCAA South Central Regional meet, the Cardinals’ men’s team carried a No. 3 ranking in the region, while the women ranked fourth. The rankings proved to be accurate, as the men finished in third and the Lady Cardinals took fourth.

The Cardinal men were led by Kasagule who finished in fourth place, running the 10,000-meter course in a time of 29:54.1, while Kasagule finished just behind him in fifth place in a time of 29:54.1. Sophomore Frank Kwambale also turned in a solid performance, finishing in 14th place in a time of 30:40.4. Lamar’s top three finishers all earned All-South Central Region honors.

Junior Danny Shaw placed 32nd in a time of 31:44.4, and freshman Aaron Branden rounded out the Cardinals top 50 finishers with a 49th-place finish, running a 32:13.1. Freshman Randy Becker came in 109th running a 35:03.1, while sophomore Ewan Simpson turned in a time of 36:03.5 for a 116th-place finish.

On the women’s side, Graham turned in a third-place performance, running the 6,000-meter course in a time of 20:42.6, earning All-South Central Region honors. With her finish, she automatically qualified for the NCAA Championship.

Sophomore Stacy Montoya finished in 38th place in a time of 22:13.7, giving LU four runners in the top 50. Freshman Karenas Lethermon came in 47th place with a time of 23:16.4, while freshman Mary Johnson rounded out the Lady Cardinals runners with a 97th-place finish in a time of 24:29.4.

Southland Conference

Two weeks before the regional meet, both the men and women ran away with their respective Southland Conference titles in Nacogdoches, Texas. The women captured their third-straight crown with 46 points, while the men brought home the gold with a team total of 37 points.

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Junior Clerk Koenck and senior Amanda King also had strong runs for Lamar, both finishing in the top 20. Koenck narrowly missed all-region honors, finishing in 16th place in a time of 21:05.5, while King came in 18th place in a time of 21:12.9.

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—COACH TREY CLARK
A prestigious performance before the Texas Music Educators Association Feb. 15 in San Antonio awaited members of Lamar's A Cappella Choir under the direction of Edward Garcia-Novelli. “This is only the second time that Lamar has been invited to present a solo choir concert—and the first in almost 40 years,” Garcia-Novelli said. “Only two university choirs will be performing this year. Baylor University and Lamar.”

The last time a Lamar choir group performed at TMEA was Feb. 10, 1968, when the Lamar Tech Concert Choir, under the direction of Ray Moore, performed in the Ambassador Room of the Villa Capri in Austin. But Lamar’s choir will see its audience multiply this year. TMEA was Feb. 15, 1968, when the Lamar Tech Concert Choir, under the direction of Ray Moore, performed in the Ambassador Room of the Villa Capri in Austin. But this choir will see its audience multiply.

“The TMEA convention is the most important music education convention in the country. More than 20,000 people attend, either as performers, students, teachers, regular participants, directors, vendors or family members,” said Garcia-Novelli, director of choral activities at Lamar.

Dwight Peltzer, a longtime member of the music faculty, will serve as accompanist, and Renee Klotz, 78, choral director at Nederland High School, as guest accompanist. The performance will be at 4 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Lila Cockrell Theatre in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

Jazz Band takes talents to Texas Jazz Festival

Lamar University’s award-winning Jazz Band took its show on the road—to Corpus Christi and the prestigious Texas Jazz Festival. The 20-member band performed Oct. 20 in Heritage Park, with trombonist Joe Gallardo. Joining Gallardo was longtime Lamar music professor Raul Ornelas on bass.

“We’re very fortunate to have Joe Gallardo this year,” said band leader Wayne Dyess, Lamar’s director of jazz studies. “They have three stages and 12 hours of jazz every day, so that’s pretty cool. A lot of professionals perform and very few college bands.”

In addition to Simmons, soloists included Lamar senior vocal major Sarah Scoggins-Hicks of Silsbee and veteran trombonist Joe Gallardo. Joining Gallardo was longtime Lamar music professor Raul Ornelas on bass.

The festival served as a prelude to the Jazz Band’s opening performance in the Lamar Center on Nov. 7—a group’s first experience at bringing up the curtain on the season.

“I’m excited about this festival because the kids have a chance to hear professional groups all day long, and that’s a learning experience,” Dyess said in an interview before the trip. “Listening to a recording is nothing like listening and watching live, so our students will learn a lot from attending this festival.”

Lamar illinois!—M. W. "Mick" Harding, Lamar's director of jazz studies. "This is the premier jazz festival in Texas. It’s 46 years strong, and it keeps getting stronger every year,” said band leader Wayne Dyess, Lamar’s director of jazz studies.

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Stories of survival

The images on the screen are bold, vivid, often menacing. And reminiscent of the dark days when Hurricane Rita devastated Southeast Texas—and the Lamar University campus.

On Oct. 17, 2006, one year after the reopening of campus, the Department of Communication marked the occasion with the premiere of a documentary capturing the destruction, as well as the view of those closest to the storm.

Surviving Rita: Looking Forward examines Rita’s impact on Southeast Texas—the storm, the aftermath and the long period of recovery that continues on campus and across the region. Communication students interviewed 16 community leaders, local and regional officials, meteorologists and emergency workers to find out what Southeast Texans learned from the hurricane and how prepared the region is for another storm.

An all-Lamar production crew created original music, wrote the script and tracked down historical video sources to bring the story to life. Students dedicated the production to those who helped Lamar reopen for the fall semester, enabling students to complete the semester on schedule and for December graduates to receive their diplomas.

The video project was produced with a grant from ExxonMobil.
The Friends of the Arts will honor Sheila and Walter Umphrey at Le Grand Bal 2007, scheduled March 24 in the Dishman Art Museum and Montagne Center. Appropriately, Treasure of the Gulf Coast is the theme of the event, Lamar’s major annual fund-raiser for the College of Fine Arts and Communication. “Sheila and Walter Umphrey have been tremendous supporters of Lamar University,” said Russ Schultz, dean of the college. “They are generous and caring members of the community who have recognized the importance that Lamar University plays in the growth and well-being of Beaumont and Southeast Texas. We are grateful for their support and welcome the opportunity to honor them at Le Grand Bal. Melody Parsons is Bal chair. For reservations, call (409) 880-8137. . . . The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival selected Lamar Theatre’s production of Sales, directed by Adonia Placette, to advance to the regional festival in Tulsa, Okla., in February. On campus, Siskel is stalking the fall theatre scene with An Evening With Vasily Afan. Spring offerings include The Texas State Bird Pageant, March 5-10; and A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, April 19-24. Lamar Puppet Theatre made its 15th appearance at Galveston’s Dickens on the Strand Dec. 2 and 3. About two dozen theater students participated. “This symposium gives students an opportunity to work in an industrial foundry and cast large-scale works,” Dyrhaug said. “They also have an opportunity to meet and work with faculty members from a variety of industries across the country for potential graduate study” . . . Four Lamar University voice students were honored as semi-finalists at regional auditions hosted by the National Association of Teachers of Singing. Offilia Adams of Beaumont, Lauren Williams of Groves and Phoebe Williams of Houston, all students of music professor Barbara Mathis, and Jovanny Ramirez of Baytown, a student of Debra Greschner, lecture in music. Auditions, conducted Nov. 2-4 at Baylor University in Waco, attracted about 700 students from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico . . . The Department of Music, Theatre & Dance presented the premiere performance of its newest ensemble, The Industrial Carillon, Nov. 14 in the dramatic atrium of Mobil Oil Federal Credit Union at Major and Drasas. Director Nick Rissman, assistant professor of music, described it as “a music experience unlike any other . . . . A Blue Man Group meets Steampunk meets the most modern percussion music has to offer in an exuberant celebration.” The Industrial Carillon specializes in modern and experimental music . . . Choreographer Golden Wright, the newest member of Lamar’s dance faculty, was featured with Lamar Dance Company at its fall concert Nov. 14 and 15 . . . The 2006-2007 Arts Series continued at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas. Fall offerings included solo and chamber music Oct. 8, the Lamar Dance Company Nov. 19 and Lamar Chamber Ensembles and Bel Canto Quartet Oct. 10 . . . Distiguished alumna Dwayne Moore ’63 will be in the audience at Grammy awards ceremonies Feb. 11 in Los Angeles to cheer on his wife, Robakah Preston Moore, a nominee in the category of Best Historical Album. She is composer-producer of Motown Record 98 PeatsRead Their Work (1988-2006).
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Regents honor Wooster as Distinguished Professor Emeritus

The Department of History and the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society hosted a reception in his honor Nov. 28. The history department conference room in the Archibald Building will be named in his honor, department chair John Storay announced at the event, which attracted dozens of students, former students, colleagues and friends. His wife of 29 years, Edna, joined him at the reception, as did his son, Robert, professor and chair of his history department. "He is a true gentleman," said Robert. "He is the type of professor who makes you want to learn."

"Dr. Wooster is a man who has taught us so much," said former student and fellow Lamar faculty member Carol Atmar. "He is a treasure and a Godsend."

In Memorium

Between September 1, 2005, and August 31, 2006, donations were received in memory of the following alumni and friends of Lamar University. If you would like to honor memory of someone in this special way, please send your donation to Lamar University, PO Box 10013, Beaumont, Texas 77710. We will notify families of your thoughtful generosity.

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### Class of 1957 Event Schedule

**Friday, March 2**
- 6:30 pm | Welcome reception and dinner
  University Reception Center — Gray Library, Eighth Floor
- 6:30 pm | Lamar Classic Baseball Tournament vs. UC Santa Barbara — Vincent-Beck Stadium

**Saturday, March 3**
- 9:00 am | Class of 1957 Tours
  Bus tour of campus with stops at points of interest
- 9:30 am | Lunch hosted by President Simmons
  Lamar Dining Hall
- 2:00 pm | Lamar Classic Baseball Tournament vs. Kansas State — Vincent-Beck Stadium
- 6:00 pm | Class of 1957 Pre-game Gathering
  Montagne Center
- 7:00 pm | Homecoming Basketball Game
  Cardinals vs. S.E. Louisiana

### Music Alumni Event Schedule

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### Tennis Alumni Reception
- March 3, 2007 | Cocktail Reception and Dinner
  MCM Elegante Hotel Ballroom
  Reservations: Don Burnett ’52 | pfstx@aol.com

### Earth and Space Sciences (Geology) Reunion
- March 3, 2007 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
  Dedication and Grand Reopening of the newly renovated geology building
  Mineral Exhibit Unveiling
  Installed by the Houston Museum of Natural Sciences (HMNS) in display cases located on both floors of the building. Joel Beck, president of the HMNS, will be among the honored guests. Alumni and friends of the Department of Geology and Department of Earth and Space Sciences may take this opportunity to reminisce and celebrate.

### Sigma Phi Epsilon 50th Anniversary Celebration
- March 3, 2007 | King’s Ball
  Cocktails 6:00 pm — Dinner 7:00 pm
  Black tie
  MCM Elegante Hotel Ballroom
  Reservations: Don Burnett ’52 | pfstx@aol.com

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