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From the **President**

On Dec. 22, the Montagne Center will witness the smiles and cheers of family and friends as scores of LU seniors receive hardwon diplomas. Amid the well-deserved pomp and circumstance, these students will have a heightened sense of accomplishment as they celebrate this crowning achievement - despite the interrup-

tion of Hurricane Rita. They, like their university, have shown incredible resilience and tenacity.

The arena is also the epicenter of players' and fans' excitement as the Cardinals men's and women's basketball teams continue their seasons on the boards.

In the wake of Hurricane Rita's blow to Southeast Texas, some 800 Lamar students found the interruption in their college pursuit substantial enough to prevent their continuation with the fall semester. We are working hard to help these students return for the spring semester to get their college careers back on track.

One exciting development for all returning students will be the grand opening of the new dining hall. It is a beautiful, well-designed facility that promises to further enrich Lamar's campus experience.

Meanwhile, work continues on the greatly expanded, state-of-the-art Sports Recreation Center, the capstone of our recent university life enhancements.

The university could not take advantage of such enhancement opportunities without the support of Lamar's alumni and friends. You continue to make a real difference in the life of the university. Your support - time, talent and treasure - make special opportunities possible for today's students. I encourage you to participate in Lamar University's annual fund. I thank you for your generous continued support.

With Cardinal Pride,

James M. Simmons

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President Lamar University



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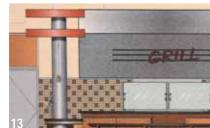
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The role of technology in the aftermath of a natural disaster and the various communication methods used by faculty and students was the subject of a paper presented in October at the E-LEARN 2005 World Conference in Vancouver, B.C.

Jenny Penland, who holds a joint appointment with the College of Education and Human Development and College of Arts and Sciences, and Des Rice, associate professor of educational leadership in the College of Education and Human Development, presented the paper, titled "A Canopy of Change for the 21st Century Educator."

Through blogs, e-mails and the news media, students and faculty kept each other informed, demonstrating society's dependency on technology as well as the crucial role that communication plays in daily life.

Riders test student-designed cycle prototype

Three mechanical engineering seniors watched in anticipation as Tom Rupakus took the prototype of their hand cycle out for a test ride on a November afternoon.

Rupakus, of Dickinson, and

Beaumont resident Todd Freeland are paraplegics. After Rupakus' test ride on campus, students A.J. Jackson and Seth Irwin of Sweeney and Chris Alexander of Pasadena listened as the two men shared

ideas on how to improve their prototype, a project in the works since January 2004.

Robert Yuan, chair of the civil engineering department, is overseeing the project, and Andrew Green '54, founder of Composite Technology Inc., is a volunteer consultant.

The project began with a

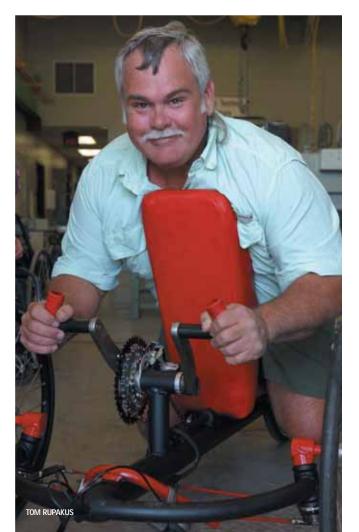
two-wheel hand-cycle, using two smaller wheels for balance Eventually, it evolved into a threewheel hand-cycle designed specifically for paraplegics.

"These are very talented, very

innovative students They design it. We just supervised them," Yuan said. "These students learned a lot." They used software to analyze their data and tools in the lab to test their prototypes, adapting their

design to best serve riders, he said.

The students are making modifications based on feedback from Rupakus and Freeland. Eventually, Yuan hopes the students will patent the cycle. After modifications are complete, a model cycle will be manufactured with composites, which will be very lightweight and very durable, Yuan said.



LU Center joins in five-year \$50-million EPA research grant

Lamar University's Gulf Coast Hazardous Substance Research Center joins with RTI International, Research Triangle Park, N.C., in announcing the award of a five-year U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Scientific, Technical, Research, Engineering, and Modeling Support (STREAMS) program grant worth up to \$50 million.

The Lamar center's involvement in the program is about 15 percent of the total grant, or about \$1.5 million per year, said center director T.C. Ho. The center will administer research portions of the grant, distributing the work among its nine university members.

"The majority of the EPA contract will be focused on remediation, and RTI is expert at that," Ho said, "but research support for the effort will fall to the universities who are members of the Gulf Coast Hazardous Substance Research Center."

Member institutions are Lamar University, Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, Rice University, Texas A&M University, University of Alabama, University of Central Florida, University of Houston and University of Texas at Austin.

"Researchers at these universities will do research to evaluate technologies for EPA Superfund cleanup," Ho said.

The program will support efforts to fight pollution and restore ecosystems. RTI International is one of five companies awarded the STREAMS contract by the U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development.

This five-year contract will allow RTI to provide support to the EPA Office of Research and Development as well as EPA program offices and other federal agencies. The program will be managed by EPA's National Risk Management Research Laboratory in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The contract will support the development and evaluation of technologies, processes and tools to prevent or reduce pollution of air, land and water, and to restore ecosystems.

Recruiting up at LU Career Center

Every college student approaching graduation knows that job one is finding one. The transition from student status to career presents many new challenges, but, thankfully for Lamar University students, the LU Career Center staff is ready to help.

The Career Center in the Galloway Building is a busy place. Already during the fall 2005 semester, recruiters from 79 companies have recruited students on campus. From AFLAC to Winter & Associates, the list includes media, government, education, technology, health, business, industry and more.

The recruiting business has been particularly brisk for engineering graduates, said Teresa Simpson, coordinator of recruiting, career development and placement at Lamar.

Since fall 2004, 72 companies have recruited engineering majors through the career center. Representative from eight companies have interviewed engineering students on campus this fall: BP, ExxonMobil, GE, Halliburton, Lyondell, MeadwestVaco, National Instruments and TOTAL Petrochemicals.

"We are seeing a lot more interest in our graduates, thanks in large part to the enthusiastic and aggressive promotion of Lamar and our students by the Career Center staff," said Jack Hopper, dean of the College of Engineering. "They work closely with Jim Thomas, who directs our co-op program, and our chairs and faculty get the word to our students. Then the company recruiters see a large turn-out of quality students when they interview."

At the podium

Mattress Mack shares business acumen

James "Mattress Mack" McIngvale, owner of Gallery Furniture in Houston, started the business in 1981 with "\$5,000 and a dream." He and his wife, Linda, parlayed that investment into the single most successful furniture store in the United States.

McIngvale addressed budding entrepreneurs on campus as part of the Entrepreneurship Executive Lecture Series Dec. 6, sharing how hard work, customer service, grassroots marketing quality and sound management philosophies grew the business.



Presidents Bush and Clinton asked the McIngvales to lead the Houston-area response to the tsunami relief effort. The couple reprised their role after the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina, focusing on raising funds for job placement, education and housing in the Houston area for displaced people from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.





Lamar University students Carolyn **Breedlove of Batson** and Wayne Jefferson of Nederland get acquainted with Sim Man, a high-tech teaching manneguin that helps simulate the clinical setting. It will be part of a clinical lab set up at the university for students obtaining an associate degree in nursing from LU, LSC-Port Arthur and LSC-Orange.

One hundred percent of Lamar University's associate degree in nursing (ADN) students who took the state licensing exam passed with flying colors.

"We are very pleased with all 36 students who took the boards," Eileen Curl, chair of the Department of Nursing, said. She attributes their outstanding performance to many factors, including a new curriculum that began in fall 2003, when the students were admitted into the nursing program.

"This also is a compliment to the faculty and students. The faculty spent a great deal of time providing a high-quality education for these students, and it's great to see this kind of outcome," she said.

The new curriculum puts more emphasis on critical care nursing, Curl said. In addition, the nursing students participated in hands-on education while using high-tech equipment, like Sim Man, a mannequin the department recently obtained to simulate the clinical setting, she said.

The life-sized model, purchased in part with a contribution from the family of Edna Horn Gay, makes realistic heart, lung and bowel sounds. Using a computer program and monitor, an instructor can change Sim Man's vital signs and other body functions to mirror the symptoms of a patient with a certain disease or medical condition.

Grant creates clinical nursing lab on campus

Lamar University has received a \$332,600 grant to create a nursing lab for associate degree nursing students at Lamar, Lamar State College-Orange and Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board awarded the grant to the university to create a state-of-the-art clinical learning lab. Faculty from the three schools developed 20 teaching modules for the students.

"We are developing an innovative way to provide the best education while increasing the number of nursing students we admit," Eileen Curl, chair of the Department of Nursing, said.

The program, Nursing Southeast Texas Regional Innovation Project on Effective Simulations, also known as Nursing STRIPES, seeks to meet the growing need for educated health care professionals. The project will have a centralized clinical lab that replicates the live clinical setting and will be housed at Lamar University. The grant, with

matching funds from the family of Edna Horn Gay, will increase learning time in the clinical lab setting and the number of associate-degreed nurses in the workforce. Each school will add 10 students to its nursing program.

The grant targets four areas in which many nursing students have limited clinical experience: obstetrics, pediatrics, critical care and mental health. Curl said.

The lab will include IV simulation as well as interactive male and female mannequins, which can simulate vital signs, medical conditions and childbirth.

"Students can monitor the contractions and actually hear the fetal heartbeat," Curl said. In addition, students can hear the heart and respiration rate of the model, she said.

Associate degree students from LSC-Port Arthur and LSC-Orange will access the clinical lab at Lamar in the afternoon and evening, she said. The project is funded for 21 months.

Students alternate clinical lab time with live clinical work at area hospitals

Students savor the thrill of victory



It was a week filled with maps, detours, roadblocks, pit stops and more, but it was not a typical road trip. The "I Have A Dream" Program's (IHAD) Amazing Race to College took students on a much more mem-

orable journey during the organization's annual Summer Institute. The event, which is designed to introduce young people to



college life, held particular significance this year as dreamers are entering their final year of high school and will soon be embarking on their own race after graduation. More than 40 students attended three days of classes on a variety of topics relevant to the collegiate experience, including making the transition from high school to college, choosing a major, emotional pitfalls and financial aid.

A highlight of the camp was an opportunity to hear from for-

mer dreamers who have already completed their degrees or are currently working toward that goal. Bryan Cooper '03, who earned a B.S. in psychology from Lamar, shared his experiences about balanc-



ing time between his academic, professional and social life while maintaining membership in a fraternity. He encouraged dreamers not to fear the transition to college but instead become involved on campus and always keep their studies as the main focus.

Sponsorships made the journey possible: Entergy, Lamar University, Beaumont Independent School District, Allstate and Sam's Club, as well as in-kind donations from Beaumont Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Domino's Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, Jake Mazzu Produce and Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits.

The "I Have A Dream" Program has mentored more than four hundred dreamers since its inception in 1988 and has enjoyed success. Of the 300 dreamer graduates from 1996 to 1999, 65 percent are pursuing higher education, and approximately 110 students are attending Lamar University. More than 85 dreamers have graduated from college or technical school through the assistance of an IHAD scholarship. More information about the program is available by calling (409) 832-1999.

Assessing the costs of Rita

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst was joined by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Steve Ogden and Senate Finance Committee members Senator Tommy Williams and Senator Kyle Janek on a visit to the Lamar University campus Nov. 15 where they were briefed by President James Simmons and key staff on the hurricane damage to Lamar and the on-going recovery.

The following day, the Senate Finance Committee

held a hearing on budget issues concerning Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the John Gray Center where they heard testimony from more than a dozen key state agency leaders on storm-related costs to state agencies as well as testimony from local government, industry and the public.



damage and restoration of the campus

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Senator Steve Ogden and Senator Tommy Williams observe restoration work at the library.

Engineering students gain a hand through Presidential Scholarships



Dan F. Smith '69 grew up in Port Arthur. As a Lamar chemical engineering student, his co-op assignment began with the former Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) refinery in

Port Arthur and culminated in permanent employment upon graduation. Piloting through numerous assignments in two of ARCO's divisions and corporate headquarters, Smith became a vice president of Lyondell in 1985. He was named chief financial officer and executive vice president of Lyondell when it became a public

company in 1989. Smith is now president and chief executive officer of Lyondell Chemical Co., one of the world's largest chemical producers, headquartered in Houston. From his own experience, Smith attests to the value of internships, summer jobs and co-op programs in understanding the real work world. This belief led him to establish the Dan F. Smith Presidential Scholarship in Engineering. Each year, Lamar has three or more interns at various Lyondell locations, and Lyondell usually hires three to five Lamar graduates. Smith also lends expertise to Lamar as a member of the College of Engineering Advisory Council, and he was named a distinguished alumnus in 2003.

Shipbuilder and Beaumont civic leader Ralph A. Leaf retired in 1977 as general manager of Bethlehem Steel Co.'s Beaumont Division shipyard, having managed the modernization of the shipyard following WWII to meet the demands of the off shore drilling industry. Leaf was named Knights of the Neches Man of the Year in 1973 and served as director of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. Leaf's widow, Kathleen (Betty) Leaf established the Ralph A. Leaf Presidential Scholarship in Engineering in memory of her husband. She serves on the board of the Lamar University Foundation.

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Students' needs recognized no matter their discipline

Barbara Warren, wife of Michael Warren, professor and chair of the Department of Biology, has established the Dr. Michael E. Warren **Endowed Scholarship in Biology.** She created it as a birthday gift in recognition of "his tremendous love for teaching, his extraordinary dedication to his students, his expertise in biolo-

him, the success of his students is his legacy.

gy, his service to Lamar University and his love for his family." The scholarship will be a lasting tribute to an educator who "places no limitations on the time and expertise he invests in his students." For

Ibby Morian has a life-long love of the arts and wishes to make a difference in the lives of young artists. She has established The Isabel Stafford Morian Art Award to help studio arts students to purchase art supplies. Morian attended the Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, Pa.; the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia; the Glassell School of Art in Houston; and Lamar University. She has long been involved with the Dishman Art Museum and is a past president of Friends of the Arts, a community organization that works to enhance programs in the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

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Jan Allred and daughters Patricia Moore and Brenda McMakin have created the Bruce Allred Memorial Scholarship in Entrepreneurial Studies. Early in life, Bruce Allred developed a work ethic that would produce a Dairy Queen empire. He owned

and operated 35 Southeast Texas restaurants that employed more than 500 people. A belief that people who work to attend school make the best employees led him to pay tuition and book costs for employees who pursued degrees at Lamar. Allred lived by the credo that you have to "put back into the community what you take from it." Besides being active in many civic organizations, he was a lifetime member of the Cardinal Club. The scholarship honors him and the principles by which he lived.

Former students, family, colleagues and alumni established the Dr. William C. "Bill" Nylin **Scholarship in Computer Science** in honor of his dedication and hard work in building an educational foundation marked by excellence for Lamar computer science students. The endowment's creation,

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unknown to Nylin '65, was revealed to him during a reception at the Dishman Art Museum in September. Nylin earned a degree in mathematics from Lamar in 1965 and a doctorate in computer sciences from Purdue in 1972. He was the first faculty member in computer sciences at Lamar to hold a doctorate and accepted a position in 1975 as associate professor of computer science in the mathematics department. Two years later, he became director of the newly created computer science program. He then advanced to several positions: executive vice president for finance and operations, vice chancellor for finance for the Lamar University System and deputy chancellor. After 20 years of service, he left Lamar to join Conn Appliances Inc., where he is president and chief operating officer.

A lesson in vision

rom Beaumont to Midland and Arkansas to Oklahoma, Lamar University's Superintendents Academy has shaped the future of school districts and state education for the better. The academy, launched in 1993, is an intensive training program aimed at creating better leaders and proactive educators. About 400 superintendents from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas have graduated from the program.

"We always talked about what was going on locally, statewide and nationally," said Shirley Neeley, Texas commissioner of education and a 1998 academy graduate.

Sometimes, educators get tunnel vision when viewing problems, Neeley said. The academy helps superintendents look beyond today. "We asked ourselves, 'What do you want your district to look like in 20 years? What is stopping you from reaching that goal?" said Neeley, a former superintendent. Under her leadership, Galena Park school district became an exemplary school district in 2004 - the only one among the 24 Harris County districts.

By brainstorming and networking with other superintendents, she broadened her knowledge base. "It's one of the greatest experiences I've had in staff and professional development," Neeley said.

The academy has a great reputation statewide and nationally, said Neeley, who has also served as a guest speaker for the academy. And, with alumni in 15 states, word of its success is spreading.

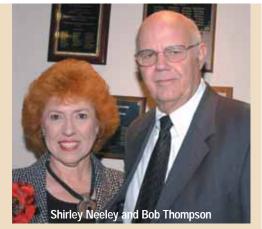
"The academy's original objective was to help superintendents become receptive to change and more aggressive change agents," said Bob Thompson, executive director of the Center for Educational Leadership, which oversees the academy. "One thing alumni tell us is they feel more comfortable with change."

A major focus of the academy is to give

school leaders insights into education beyond their experience through workshops and training with business leaders. Attendees participate in leadership training in San Antonio and at Columbia University in New York, where they tour an inner-city school.

In sessions at Lamar, students work in teams, discussing real-world solutions to educational problems and stay in contact via e-mail, developing a support system with their peers.

The academy, a component of Lamar's Center for Executive Leadership, takes a year



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— BOB THOMAS

to complete. Superintendents attend with a grant from the Texas Education Agency. Admission is competitive, with scholarships valued at \$10,000, covering books, fees, training and out-of-state travel associated with the academy. The center also spearheads the Principals Academy, developed for principals to hone their decision-making skills.

Ian Jukes, director of an international consulting group, is no stranger to conferences. He speaks about 200 times a year to

more than 300,000 people. In the past three years, his international speaking schedule has taken him to 32 countries.

"The Superintendents Academy was one of the very best (conferences) I have ever participated in. It's absolutely world class, in all aspects," Jukes said. It's unique for superintendents and their own board members to meet for an extended period of time, he said. This allows district leaders to find common ground.

Carrol Thomas, Beaumont superintendent, said the academy taught him to prepare for the future.

"Don't accept the status quo. We have a responsibility, as leaders, to prepare our kids for tomorrow," Thomas said.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville Superintendent Pauline Hargrove said the academy was the best staff development program she has ever participated in. By looking at issues as a team, synergy developed, and the group used critical thinking skills to tackle educational roadblocks, she

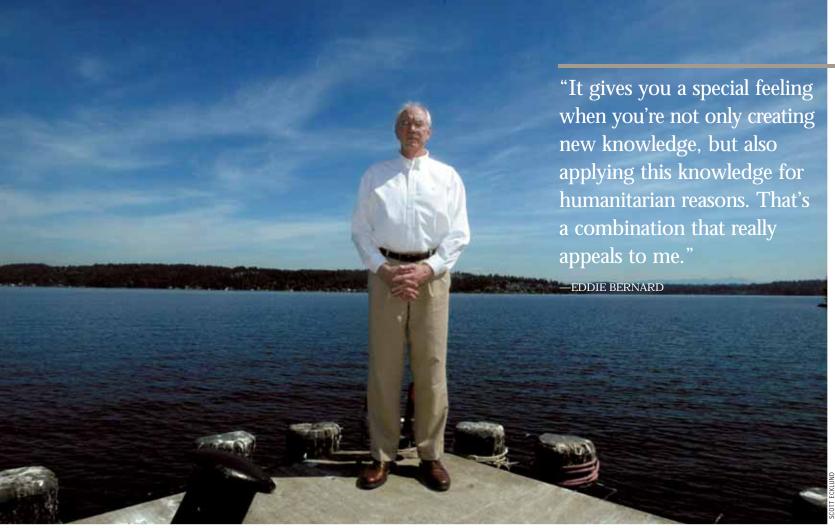
In addition, academy organizers work diligently to ensure the information they present is cutting edge, Hargrove said.

And possibly the most important lesson for superintendents was to stay focused on their ultimate goal: the success of their students. "The main thing is doing what is right for the students," Hargrove said.

Bob Nicks, superintendent for Midland school district, said leaders learned to look beyond their districts' resources. During one exercise, superintendents pondered how they would react if budget cuts left them with no additional funds for facilities. "Those mind-expanding, developmental activities were very thought provoking," he said. "I think it opened our thought process to what education might become."

Riding the waves

The many minor rumblings of the earth rarely penetrate our awareness until we are struck by their startling power. For Eddie Bernard '69, those subtle ebbs, flows and eruptions hold fascination because he, more than most, knows the life-saving value of prediction in reducing the untold devastation and human suffering that can result.



By Cynthia Hicks

ne of the world's leading experts on tsunamis learned to love the ocean – in all its glory and ferocity – as a boy on the beach of Bolivar Peninsula. Today, he is director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory (PMEL) in Seattle, Wash.

Eddie Bernard remembers the fishing trips he took with his father. "That's where I

Global reach of the December 26, 2004 Sumatra Tsunami

developed my fascination with waves and decided I would become an oceanographer," he said. He recalls a crabbing trip when he was seven and a lesson he learned from longtime fishermen. A hurricane had blown through. "There was just a gazillion crabs out there," he said. "I remember my father asking the oldtimers, 'What's the deal?' and they said after a hurricane and a full moon, there will always be lots of crabs. I learned a very good lesson that day the connection between environmental events and the natural response to it. Some

experiences in your life are like that. They stick with you."

Bernard wanted to explore the undercurrents beneath that link. That voyage took him from Lamar to Texas A&M, as a graduate student, to Hawaii, where he began his pioneering life's work in tsunami research, and eventually to Seattle, Wash., where he currently lives.

After graduation from Lamar, Bernard hunted for oil as a geophysicist with Pan American Petroleum Company – "I tried it for three months and was bored to death, quite frankly" – before beginning graduate

study at Texas A&M. "I wanted to get out and see the world, get on ships and travel," he said. In 1970, he received a commission with

NOAA Corps as an officer and spent the first three years aboard the

NOAA Research Vessel RESEARCHER.

After his tour with the National Ocean Survey, he applied for a research position with NOAA's Joint Tsunami Research Effort in Honolulu. He earned a doctorate in physical oceanography from Texas A&M in 1976, and 1977 saw him accept the directorship of the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. "Hawaii and tsunami was a good combination. I liked both of the subjects, and I was able to go scuba diving every weekend," he said. "It was a great tour. I met some really talented scientists who influenced my research."

In just 10 years after graduation from Lamar, Bernard was appointed deputy director of NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory in Seattle and began a deep ocean tsunami observational program.

He was on the fast track. "I guess that came about because of my interest in leadership," he said, "which definitely came about during my time at Lamar." Bernard was student body vice president and chose physics over math his junior year. "The mathematics track was just too theoretical," he said "Leavide," quite connect the

said. "I couldn't quite connect the knowledge with the world we live in, but physics did that."

Two people who had significant influence on his future aspirations were Lamar Professors Roy H. Biser and Joseph F. Pizzo, both of whom nurtured a love for the field of physics. During Bernard's senior year at South Park High School, Roy Biser gave an enthusiastic lecture on the virtues of physics as a career. That lecture prompted Bernard to take Biser's freshman physics class at Lamar. "I was fortunate to have classes with Joe Pizzo, who made physics exciting. He was such a great speaker, and then he would go out and drink a beer with us. That's how you really got to know about physics, was to talk with him after class."

His wasn't a college career of all work and no play. An optics class inspired the Sigma Phi Epsilon member to create a little social activity. "We had a fraternity party that we called the 'mattress and movie party.' We rented some sci-fi movies with big monsters killing everybody, and we used mirrors to project the movie onto the ceiling.

Everybody stretched out on mattresses, and we drank from straws. It certainly stimulated interest in mirrors and optics."

Eddie met Shirley Fielder '70 before a speech he was to give while campaigning for student body president. "I was standing outside the old gymnasium going over some notes. I was a little concerned because I was a Greek talking to independents about voting for me. Shirley, one of the independents, saw me as she approached the gym and said, 'Don't be nervous, we're all friends here.' That evening turned out to be a real challenge. Little did I know that she was my opponent's campaign manager who later orchestrated his victory. Since our marriage, I like to say, 'I lost the election, but I won the girl." Shirley later became a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education. The couple have one daughter, Beth, who graduated from the University of Washington in 2000. They recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.

In 1982 Bernard became director of PMEL, leading a staff of 175 scientists, engineers and technicians. During his 24-year tenure, he has created a spirit of camaraderie while leading purposeful research at PMEL. "My style has been to develop mutual respect among our people regardless of stature. This turns out to be practical because harmony is needed in the hostile environment of the ocean. We're asking people to leave their homes and, under adverse conditions, to do a lot of difficult things. We must make sure we let them know that we appreciate all the sacrifices they've made for research."

"All the projects we have here have a common goal. We're here to serve society and benefit the taxpayer," Bernard said. His motivational style has worked. Under his leadership, NOAA scientists developed the world's largest ocean observing system for the detection and forecast of El Niños; discovered the world's first deep ocean, underwater volcanic eruption; created the world's first fisheries forecast; developed science and technology to produce the world's first forecast of tsunami impacts; and pioneered the

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technology to disseminate real-time oceanographic data to the world via the internet.

Through more than 2,000 funded proposals during the past 24 years, Bernard has been responsible for the accountability of approximately \$650 million. His staff has spent more than 12,000 days at sea on oceanographic research vessels and published more than 2000 research articles.

The lab's suite of projects investigates ocean climate dynamics, fisheries oceanography, El Niño, tsunamis, and underwater volcanoes.

Bernard expects exciting discoveries from research into the microbial world around volcanic vents on the ocean floor. "It's just one of these fields that's emerging with huge implications for the pharmaceutical industry and, perhaps, the refining industry. The cycle of life on the seafloor has several implications for energy programs. Sulfuric acid is a bad actor here on land, but down on the seafloor sulfuric acid is a source of food. There are worms that live on the sulfur. We may find that these microbes have properties that can make the drugs of the future more effective." He likes the idea that this research combines the earth and the ocean interface - a theme throughout PMEL's research. Bernard sees physics and society meeting and blending in the effort to coexist with the environment. "We have one planet, and if we don't take care of it, and we don't understand it, then we could be inadvertently harming it."

He says that the biggest problem facing oceanography is the lack of data. "We have lots of models and lots of theories, but we have precious few measurements that can actually help us understand what's going on in the ocean." Bernard sees the lab's role as making measurements easier and cheaper so scientists can record data at a reasonable cost. "The basic premise, which goes back to Physics 101, is if you measure over time with great precision, then you can put together a theoretical framework to predict," he said.

Until the tragedy of Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami research was a low priority in the United States to the point of being targeted for termination. Bernard found it very difficult to obtain support for a deep ocean measurement system because everyone would ask the same question, "When was

the last time someone died from a tsunami in the United States?"

"It was a valid question to ask," he said, "but you just need to know that we're operating on geological time scales here, and we don't have the data to make those kinds of predictions." For Bernard, watching the slow deterioration of that effort was his greatest challenge as lab director during the last 24 years. "I was under pressure to redirect the tsunami research dollars to other activities. The most difficult thing I had to do was address the lack of appreciation for the nature of the tsunami hazard and try to convince people that this was a problem worth studying. It shouldn't be at the top of the list, but it should not be at zero either. I was watching some great research being starved

That all changed Dec. 26, 2004. Bernard had been expecting a big earthquake to generate a tsunami in Alaska, a repeat of the 1964 Alaska tsunami. "Never did I dream of anything the size of the Sumatra tsunami. It was such a powerful tsunami and had such a horrific impact that it validated globally the need for tsunami research."

At the behest of the U.S. State Department, Bernard recently led the U.S. delegations in Perth, Australia, and Hyderabad, India, to design and establish an Indian Ocean tsunami warning system. "The tsunami modeling and measurement standards that we have developed at PMEL will be used in other oceans." he said. An international consortium of nations is being formed to adopt the Pacific Ocean tsunami warning system that has been based on research conducted at PMEL during the past

Study continues. "The excitement in earthquake monitoring now," he said, "is GPS technology. Traditional seismic instruments can't sense the signature of slow earthquake phenomena, but GPS receivers are detecting these and other tectonic fluctuations. I think this technology will enable us to monitor the earth in ways we haven't in the past, and that's good for science."

PMEL scientists have also used pressure technology, which is the brains of the tsunami detection system, to measure the contraction of a volcanic caldera during a volcanic eruption on the seafloor. "When you see all

of that happen simultaneously two miles below the surface, that's a huge revelation," Bernard said. "I think the monitoring of underwater volcanoes using this technology is an important contribution that we have made - one of those serendipitous discoveries."

Discovery keeps Bernard coming back for more. He enjoys developing research that spans hundreds of investigative areas in the world's oceans and atmosphere. "People ask me, 'How do you prepare for the next day?' and I say, 'A good night's sleep.' I never know what's going to happen when I walk into my office, and that's what I love about the job. It's like going to school every day. Everybody's learning new things, sharing disciplines. And we're doing that in a constructive way. We're trying to save people's lives and understand the environment. It gives you a special feeling when you're not only creating new knowledge, but also applying this knowledge for humanitarian reasons. That's a combination that really appeals to me," he said.

Research ideas have their own cycle of life, and Bernard witnesses this every day in Seattle's lush climate as well as deep in the ocean. He hopes to participate in the cycle of knowledge, too. Another career goal is moti vating people through teaching. "I so admire people like Roy Biser and Joe Pizzo. It would be gratifying to devote more time to the educational aspects of tsunamis." His recent appointment as affiliate professor at the University of Washington may provide the opportunity.

During his 35-year federal career,

Bernard has received two Presidential Awards for distinguished service to the nation from Presidents William Clinton (1993) and George W. Bush (2002). In 2004, PMEL received a U.S. Department of Commerce Gold Medal recognizing the successful transfer from research to operations of the technology to detect tsunamis in the deep ocean. More recently, on Dec. 6, 2005, in Washington D.C., Eddie Bernard and six other scientists and engineers from PMEL were each awarded a U.S. Department of Commerce Gold Medal recognizing their research and development in creating a tsunami forecasting capability. Bernard continues to dedicate his efforts to applying science for the public good.

No kitsch in this kitchen



Even the futuristic and technologysavvy Jetsons would take a second look at these upscale interiors and time-saving, taste-enhancing gadgets.

In January 2006, a hip bistro ambience and the aroma of fresh-baked goods will greet students in a new space where college life meets haute cuisine. It is all part of the topnotch dining hall that caters to sophisticated palates even as it draws architectural inspiration from a visual palette of textures, patterns and furnishings. Lamar's dining options will expand three-fold.

Making this possible is "the best kitchen in Southeast Texas" - the machine behind the cuisine - said Tim Bautsch, project superintendent for Davis Brothers Construction, the facility's builder. "It can rival any kitchen on the I-10 corridor between Houston and Baton Rouge." Some have even called it Beaumont's five-star restaurant, he said.

"It is going to be state-of-the-art," said Jim Lahair, director of food services at Lamar for Chartwells Dining Services. While Bautsch's workers were completing construction on the \$6.2-million project in mid-November, Lahair looked forward to training staff to operate the new facility.

Lamar also has the recipe right when it comes to style. The 25,000-square-foot dining hall's design blends with the architectural style of adjacent Cardinal Village. Inside is 13,000 square feet of dining area.

Furnishings of booths, barstool seating, tables and a variety of mod chair styles will add atmosphere. In addition, a private dining area will provide seating for 40. Groups may reserve this area for special events or

There is no question that the venue was a long time coming, considering Lamar's current dining hall is 50 years old, said Mike Ferguson, vice president for finance and operations. Construction was about 90 percent complete in November, he said. Davis Brothers plans to hand over the keys to Lahair the day before Christmas, giving his

crew time to receive training before the spring semester begins Jan. 8.

The old dining hall seats 268 students, and the new facility will seat 600 Chartwells serves breakfast to 200 to 500 students daily, while 800 to 1,200 show up for lunch and the same number for dinner,

About 1,600 students have meal plans, but they don't all eat at the university. With the new dining hall, student participation is expected to increase significantly. The new facility is open to faculty, staff and members of the community as well. With designed-in efficiencies, he anticipates handling the increased demand by hiring between 15 and 20 new

Dining options will triple with an expanded salad bar, grill and bakery, along with pizza, stir fry, pasta, deli and Mexican food stations. In addition, the new food court-style floor plan will cut down on lines and increase quality. A built-in oven will be part of the pizza station, just feet away from the customers, providing a hotter, fresher

product, Lahair said.

"This is the big time," he said. He has anticipated working in the building since its groundbreaking, but his role in shaping the facility began with input into the design to ensure it was functional and user friendly.

Guests are greeted by a towering circular station with a futuristic design that reaches toward the vaulted ceiling beneath the cupola. Even the dishwashing area is first rate. Learning to use the high-tech machinery is "going to be the biggest challenge," Lahair said. "I don't think anyone has seen anything like this before."

With the open dining area, vaulted ceilings and first-rate sound system, Ferguson said, the dining hall is sure to attract students.

They've got the recipe right when it comes to style and substance.

Striking interiors, high-tech equipment and taste-satisfying food are the right ingredients for students - as well as other guests to find themselves too tempted to eat anywhere else but here.

Rail tales convey business bounty

ill Scott '70 and his brother, Dick '75, went into business with \$3,500 and a pickup truck in 1975. In April 2005, they sold about 65 percent of their business, Trans-Global Solutions Inc. to Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. for approximately \$245 million.

The seven bulk terminal operations the Scotts sold to Kinder Morgan were projected to handle about 10 million tons of petroleum coke in 2005. The sale of the operations in Jefferson County at the Port of Beaumont, ExxonMobil and Premcor, and in the Houston area at the Port of Houston and the TGS

Deepwater Terminal on the Houston Ship Channel, have, in a way, brought the hard-charging pair full circle.

Both brothers are former football players for Thomas Jefferson High School. "It was fun growing up in Port Arthur," Dick said. "It was amazing how the local plant folks would turn out to be the fathers of the kids we played football with. We had lots of good support from the community when we were getting started in business."

One of the fledgling company's first jobs was for Joe Brousard II at the Beaumont Rice Mill where Dick and Bill supervised the work force directly. It wasn't until their second year in business that they were able to hire supervisors.

"When I graduated from Harvard on the Neches (Lamar) in 1975, I was putting my accounting degree to good use writing payroll checks out of our pickup truck," Dick, who is president of the company, said. Their accounting professor at Lamar, Richmond Bennett, helped the two set up their first books.

Bill, who is chairman and chief executive officer of the

company, followed a different course at Lamar, his eyes set on law school. "In the 1960s (a degree in) government was a good vehicle (to get into law school), and there were a lot of people who studied political science and then went into law," he said.

During his college years, Bill worked for a railroad construction and engineering business associated with the Kansas City Southern Railroad, and Dick worked there summers while in high school. "We started out laying and spiking crossties in the railroad construction business, we maintained

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— DICK SCOTT

that business, and we still operate it today," Bill said.

"There are people other than the aficionados with model railroad sets who fall in love with the romance of the rails," Bill said. "Railroading and construction got into both our blood, and our thoughts of going back to law school and graduate school were replaced by plans for bigger and bigger projects."

Today, the brothers have ample opportunity to fulfill that passion since Trans-Global runs the Austin Area Terminal Railroad (AATR), a short-line headquartered in Round Rock. The 154-mile line runs from Austin to

Georgetown and from Llano to Giddings where it connects with Union Pacific Railroad. The shortline transports many products, primarily aggregates including crushed limestone and granite. This business accounts for 25 to 30 percent of the Scotts' remaining business. In addition, Trans-Global operates Austin Steam Trains, which run excursion trips on the line between Austin and Burnet. In 2004. Austin voters approved regular passenger service on the line to begin in 2007.

"I guess the pinnacle of being in the railroad business is to run your own railroad," Dick said.

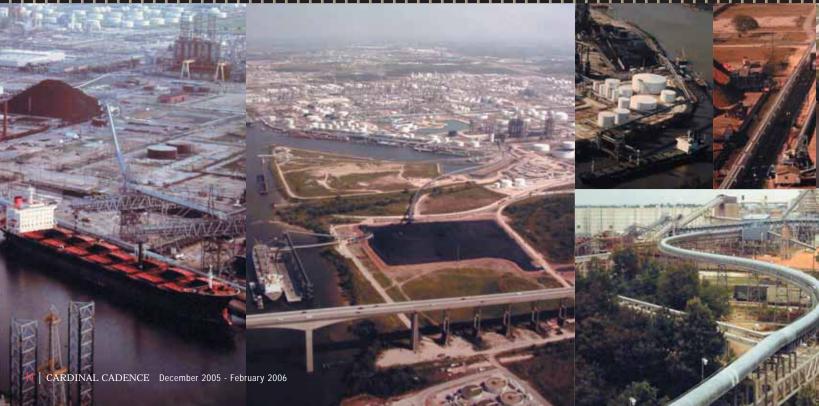
Railroading was a key element of their business from the outset. "We started out maintaining the tracks for local industries," Bill said. Today, Trans-Global operates 78 locomotives in switching operations for refineries for more than 30 refineries and chemical plants as well as the AATR.

While there is a certain romance to the rails, the reality is, "There is nothing easy about railroading. It's either hot, cold, or wet, and everything is heavy," Dick said.

> "You either like it or you hate it 'cause it's all hard work," Bill added.

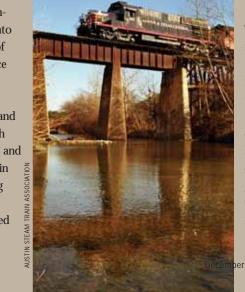
When Kinder Morgan bought Trans-Global's bulk handling business, it was the largest west of the Mississippi River and larger than any single business on the Mississippi in terms of total tonnage handled.

"Probably the best compliment we could have been paid by Kinder Morgan was that they kept virtually everyone on payroll and gave them good employment," Bill said. "It worked out well for all our employees." About 50 percent of the employees of



Moving mountains

DICK AND BILL SCOTT





Trans-Global made the move to Kinder Morgan.

"Even after we sold the bulk side of the business, we still have more than 400 employees. It's still a pretty good-sized business." Dick said.

And it has been a good business, but not without its seasons.

"Our business has had ups and downs," Dick said. "We had many trials and tribulations, as almost everybody does in a business without outside investment."

At first, just borrowing money was a hard sell. After being turned down for a loan by a bank they had patronized for years, First Security Bank in Beaumont came through with their first \$50,000 loan. Dick had worked there part time while a student at Lamar. "Ruth Lebourgeois said, 'Shoot, I'll help you,' and the rest is history. We did business with them for a long, long time," Dick said.

In that downturn, diversification proved invaluable. "We had parts of our business that went away, but we reorganized and branched out into different things."

The rail business has "always been a dependable cash flow" and helped pull them through that difficult time. But it was on the waterfront where Trans-Global went from bust to boom.

"We have made more money on waterfront real estate and operations than we have on land-based activities," Bill said. "The

waterfront is higher risk but has greater reward. The joint ventures we did with Mitsubishi and Cemex certainly taught us a lot and increased our credibility."

Through the '90s, Trans-Global's rail and bulk-handling business grew larger in Houston than in Jefferson County. In early 2000, a large project for Premcor Refining in Port Arthur helped balance out the business. In Jefferson County alone, the company was handling a million tons a year at the Port of Beaumont, a million tons of petcoke at ExxonMobil in Beaumont, and 1.8 million tons of petcoke for Premcor in Port Arthur.

In Houston, the company was handling 4 to 5 million tons of petcoke a year. Trans-Global operated the Houston Bulk Terminal for the Port of Houston from 1989 to 2004, handling petcoke for Conoco Phillips and Lyondell Citgo.

In 2003, the company built a bulk terminal facility, TGS Deepwater. This facility handled petcoke for Shell Oil on land Trans-Global owned on the Houston Ship Channel between the Deerepark refinery and the bridge on Beltway 8. Today, Kinder Morgan handles 2.4 million tons per year at the Deepwater facility, Dick said.

Trans-Global had become a vertically integrated transportation provider, furnishing in many cases a full range of services between the refinery producers and the overseas consumers. Trans-Global operated a fleet of trucks, rail cars, barges and a ship to

move these products from the refineries and producers to and from the port facilities.

"We had a fantastic work force." Bill said. "Engineering, plant operations, manufacturing and construction of the conveyor systems - there was no part of the bulk-handling business we operated that we didn't control."

Bo-Mac Contractors Ltd., a company owned by Lamar alumnus Jerry Reese '66, built the docks for the Scotts at ExxonMobil in Beaumont and Shell Oil at Deer Park. "Jerry and his team were always great to work with," Bill said. "We could depend on them to provide the dock structures on time and on budget."

Through the years, the brothers have invested heavily in waterfront real estate and now own more than 1.000 acres with over a mile of waterfront in Jefferson County alone. For recreation, Bill operates the Star S game ranch on the James River near Mason, and Dick heads to properties near the Hill Country-meccas of Wimberley and Dripping Springs.

Both brothers' wives are Lamar alumnae. Dick's wife, Rose (Modica) Scott, graduated with a history degree in 1972, and Bill's wife, Gay (Duckworth) Scott, graduated with a B.B.A. in accounting in 1980.

The Scotts have been a part of Southeast Texas since 1957, when they moved from Fort Worth just in time to experience Hurricane Audrey. "I think my mom and dad and everyone in the family was wondering what in the world we'd gotten into," Dick said.

The business was always a family affair, with their mother, Nita Scott, involved with the administration of the business from the start and their father, DeWitt, also becoming involved when "in the late '70s Mom and Dad purchased the first locomotives we leased to industry and formed their own company, Econo-Rail Corp. to provide plant switching services to the local petrochemical industry," Dick said. Now in her 80s, Nita "still takes a lot of pleasure from being involved in the business."

"It is our family's intention to stay involved in the community and to help others create success stories as well as give back to the community, which has been so good to us over the years," Bill said.





with stories

for Lamar students while she was an adjunct instructor.

It seems a little unfair that it would be her husband who made the spectacular finds, Dee Ann laughs. He too, is a little incredulous. After 25 years specializing in economic geology and igneous rocks, he has received considerable ribbing from his "hard-rock" colleagues over his "soft-rock" finds. He credits his good fortune to bringing a new set of experienced eyes to the research project.

Renowned paleontologist W. A. Cobban of the U.S. Geological Survey confirmed the significance of his find.

The couple visited Cobban in Colorado for five days in

September. With more than 56 years of experience at the USGS, Cobban curates an extensive collection of invertebrate fossils that fills several acres of storage in Colorado.

"Bill was extremely helpful to both of us and incredibly patient in answering my many questions," Roger said. "Both of us learned a tremendous amount.'

The significance of the squid finds were also confirmed by Kirk Johnson, chief curator and chair of the Department of Earth Sciences of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, and Neil Landman of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

Roger made another exciting fossil find in the same area: the second known discovery of the vertebrae of a elopid fish. The

fossil was identified by Ken Carpenter, chief preparer and curator of vertebrate paleontology of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The only other known specimens of this fossil fish were discovered in 1939 and 1941 in upper cretaceous rocks northeast of Dallas, some 500 miles away from the Coopers' find in the Trans-Pecos region.

Dee Ann, along with J.B. and Margaret Stevens, has been studying the Boquillas Formation since the early 1990s, researching

the strata for evidence of climatic changes. During these studies, she became interested in the fauna evident in the top of the lower portion of the formation. It is there that Roger made his recent discoveries.

"I was encouraged to go out and look at this area in 1979," Roger said, "but it wasn't until about three years ago that I made my first survey of the area and saw the potential to map the fossilbearing strata over great distances."

During the fall semester of 2004 and last summer, he worked to update the geologic maps of Big Bend National Park, a project

last undertaken in the 1960s.

New surveys made with modern tools such as Global Positioning Satellite technology will provide the National Park Service and geological survey with an improved geologic history and understanding of the park.

Together with the Stevenses, Roger Cooper has pursued the work in 2004 on development leave from the university. He received a Research **Enhancement Grant from Lamar** for 2005-2006 to help fund the research with other support from the park service and geological

The fossils remain in the couple's hands while they work on scientific papers for submission to the Journal of Paleontology and other scholarly publications. These papers will



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Dee Ann Cooper and W.A. Cobban

include descriptive articles on the two squid finds and the fish, as well as a paper on the faunal assemblage - or animal community which now numbers more than a dozen identified species.

The detail evident in the fossil is remarkable. "If you look closely, you can even see the squid's eye," Dee Ann said.

And you can bet that when the couple returns to Big Bend in the future, they will keep a sharp eye out for more remarkable stones with stories to tell.

Lamar University geology professor Roger Cooper and his wife and fellow geologist, Dee Ann '97, recently made the first find

of a Cretaceous Era fossil squid with preserved soft body parts in the United States.

Shortly after his first remarkable discovery, Roger found a second, larger fossil squid in the same Boquillas Formation in Big Bend National Park. The fossils are estimated to be 89 million years old.

"I remember the four of us standing there in the shade of the truck and someone saying 'We're about to become famous," Dee Ann said of the moment they and their research team members, retired Lamar University geology professors J.B. and Margaret S. Stevens, realized they had an exceptional fossil in their hands.

"The importance of soft body parts is that it helps us understand how the animal behaved and lived," Roger said. Preserved soft body parts are also extremely rare. For soft tissues to become fossilized, the animal must be covered rapidly by material that shields it from bacteria

Dee Ann, who fulfilled her master's thesis with guidance from J. B. Stevens, has made numerous research and teaching visits to the area since the mid-1990s. Her work included several mini-session field trips

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Special needs, special care

"America's present need is not heroics, but healing; not nostrums but normalcy; not revolution, but restoration."

By Amanda Rowell

hough quoted by Warren G. Harding in 1920, few other phrases could describe the current state of the country. And while showy heroics are rarely welcome, heroes always are. They are out there, healing, restoring and making negative situations seem much more positive.

Patti Moss, assistant professor nursing, and Robert Smith '76, assistant emergency management coordinator for the city of Beaumont, are such heroes. They recognize how extremely fragile the area's special-needs population is in the face of any power-sapping event, whether natural or man-made. In answer to the need for an organized, specialneeds response in an emergency - from confirming that individuals receive the care they require to transportation to hospitals or, in

some cases, evacuation - Moss and Smith, along with a project team, created the Disaster Planning for the Special Needs Population Project.

"This project began as a result of nursing research conducted after an extended power outage from an ice storm in January 1997," said Moss, "exposing our vulnerability in Southeast Texas."

She says the week-long power outage served as a catalyst in recognizing the lack of an adequate disaster plan for the specialneeds population, particularly the elderly and the sick. By January 2005, the project team began to build a database of the population. Moss says, the project becomes more "mobile." By using PDAS, hand-held personal digital assistants team members can go

door-to-door and collect data from residents so needs can be identified and recorded for access in an emergency.

The project has provided a model for how technology can aid in the exchange of crucial information between public safety and health agencies involved in disaster planning and individuals with special needs. These individuals may complete a form, available in an information packet and online, to provide their physical location and medical needs such as oxygen requirements, medications,

mobility

medical history. A software program imports the data into a mapping program. Mapping the data allows emergency personnel to view an area and see where special-needs individuals are located. The model developed is in the form of a CD with key links to websites, such as www.disaster-research.us, which provides the form for special-needs patients to complete for assistance.

The packets have been distributed by mail and to churches and area agencies, such as Meals on Wheels, Home Health and Area Agency on Aging.

In May 2005, the team initiated contacts with local church representatives who are interested in developing a model to help churches assist the special-needs members of their congregations.

"Plans include the development of a CD," said Moss, "as well as a community workshop for local pastors and church leaders to assist them in implementing this model."

The project was produced at a sixthgrade level, piloted and adjusted for comprehension level and readability for the

"The CD was created as a simple pointand-click interface and is designed to run on PC or Mac." she said.

The program was tested in Southeast Texas during the Hurricane Rita evacuation and restoration.

"We were able to use the program, but the problem was that we had very limited information in the files," said Smith. "Many of the 200 people we have in the database only needed evacuation information, such as routes and where they can get gas, and not actual evacuation assistance." Their task now is to ensure that special-needs individuals submit their information so that the database is up-to-date and includes reference for the people who need medical or other special evacuation assistance.

Smith said they had to set up the system to pilot the database of individuals and do a survey of the needs of residents. The Rita evacuation illuminated the benefits of

> the database for the future in terms of quickly assessing the numbers and requirements of special-needs individuals in Beaumont.

"The database will facilitate a more rapid response and evacuation procedure for any city," he said.

Smith said had the database been fully operational, they would have been able to have buses, ambulances or emergency personnel go by each residence to check on individuals and to assist in the evacuation. "It will take support from the state to implement it statewide. Implementation will require communications and cooperation from each region," he said.



Iva Hall, assistant professor of nursing, worked on the special needs project with Moss, Smith and Rose Pinchinat, instructor in nursing. Hall is pictured with a special needs patient in a slide included on the main menu of the program.

Smith also says for the database to be manageable, the definition of special needs population should be clearly defined as "only those who are medically fragile, and/or physically or mentally challenged."

"We had people self-defining themselves as special needs due to the fact that they were out of gas or had no car," he said.

Moss and Smith say one of the most impressive things they accomplished during Rita was they were able to use military aircraft to move about 8,000 people from the Southeast Texas Regional Airport after the majority of Beaumont's emergency vehicles were in Houston, where the storm was originally expected to hit. "We also used Beaumont school district buses to evacuate people from our city who did not fall in the category of special needs," said Smith.

Under normal circumstances, the use of ambulances, wheelchair-accessible vans and air-conditioned buses would be used to

transport individuals by land.

Moss says a collaborative nursing approach was used in the development of the project outcomes. The project team joined with emergency and nursing units to plan their approach. Texas Nurses Association representatives became involved during the process to facilitate public-policy change regarding open records for special needs population.

As a result of this legislative initiative, Texas Government Code 418.75: Certain

Information Confidential was signed into legislation. After two years of trying to facilitate a change, the records are now closed to the public.

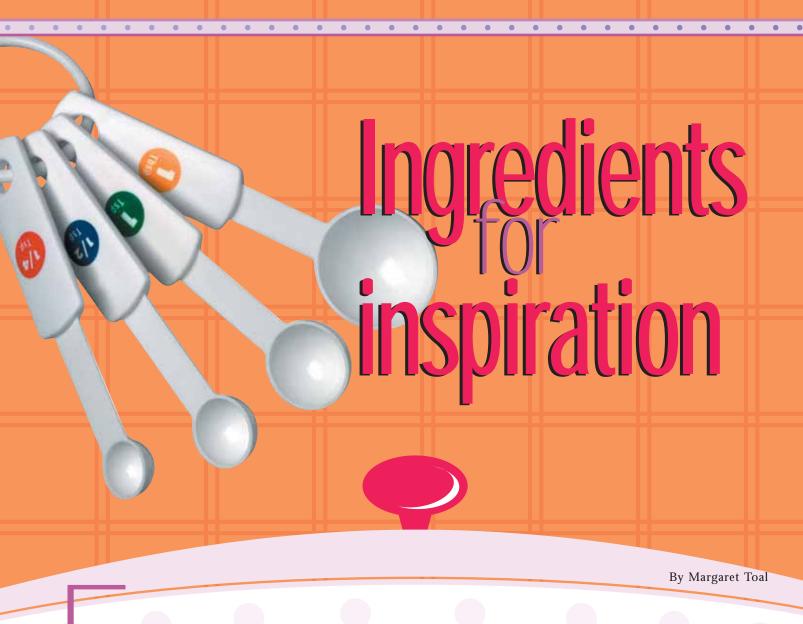
"The cost of the project for the last seven years has been approximately \$27, 400," said Moss. "Funding was provided by Lamar University, Entergy and Christus St. Mary Hospital."

Jordan Moskoff, assistant director of adult emergency services, said he worked with Moss in San Augustine, where she had created a medical clinic to aide evacuees and local residents. "I found Ms.

Moss to be not only the medical backbone of the region, but also the most knowledgeable leader regarding the needs of the community." Moskoff said. "In addition to caring for patients in the makeshift clinic, she also went out to survey the residents and evacuees in the community to determine need and tend to their well being."

The program has plans to respond to future natural disasters, and its project team is working hard to perfect it, implement it statewide and translate the program packets into Spanish.

"Those who care for special-needs populations now have access to a visionary community resource," said Moss. "Overall, the project has established a new standard of disaster preparedness that mandates the inclusion and consideration of specialneeds populations."



vie makes the oven-baked brown rice with soups, while Lizzie is partial to oven-fried eggplant. Deputy Donna makes the spicy apple cider, and Lisa Leann thinks no

one can resist her daffodil cake.

These ladies of the Potluck Club can cook a lot of dishes and dish a lot of talk.

They are the creation of Linda Evans Shepherd '79 and her co-author Eva Marie Everson. Their new novel, The Potluck Club, was released in August and has been selling in major stores like Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

"It's about women in the high country of Colorado who meet for food and goss-uh ... I mean prayer," Shepherd says.

Shepherd is a transplanted Beaumont native who also lives in the high country of Colorado, in Longmont. Her Christian faith is depicted in some of the characters, who attend Grace Church in the small town of Summit View, where the only thing worse

than someone from Texas is someone from California.

Like the people in any town of any size, the citizens of Summit View talk about each other. And the women of the

> Potluck Club pray for them in a way in which the prayers often share information about the problems.

Shepherd finds humor in the stories about everyday life and people trying to live a Christian life. And she knows in the end, everyone struggles and everyone can find hope in religious faith.

The Potluck Club isn't her first book, but it is her first novel. She has written 18 inspirational books and has become a popular speaker for women and church groups. In addition, she has a syndicated radio program, Right to the Heart, with segments of about three minutes. The segments are little stories with a laugh and a lesson.

Shepherd learned her lessons through tragedy and survival through her faith.



In 1986, Shepherd and her husband, Paul '78, along with 19-month-old Laura, spent the Christmas holidays in Beaumont with family. The day after Christmas, Shepherd and her mother took Laura with them to go shopping at

The ride home from the mall changed their lives. They collided, going almost 60 mph, with a minivan at the intersection of Texas 105 and Keith Road

"It was something I couldn't ever have imagined," Shepherd said.

Parkdale Mall.

When she regained consciousness, she was surprised to find herself still alive. Her mother was ok. But there was no crying from Laura in the baby seat in the back. The baby seat had been flung out of the car with Laura still strapped in.

Laura had a skull fracture and was taken to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, where she stayed in a coma for a couple of months. Then, the Shepherds flew her to a hospital in Colorado, closer to home. There, doctors later told her Laura was in a vegetative state and would never regain consciousness.

On the Webpage "lindaandlaura.com," Shepherd tells about considering disconnecting Laura's ventilator and then taking an overdose of pain pills to kill herself. But she didn't "because I had faith and hope," she said.

She learned it is difficult to distinguish a coma from a vegetative state, and she had faith Laura would one day return to her. In December 1988, Shepherd gave birth to son Jimmy.

Laura, Paul, Linda and Jimmy Shepherd



excitement surrounding her brother" brought Laura awake.

Shepherd said.

"It was a very slow process. There were long periods when her eyes were open like 24 hours, then she would close her eyes maybe two weeks," she said about her daughter.

Laura never recovered to become an average child or teenager, but she is the love of her family and friends.

"Laura is severely damaged, but she still enjoys life," Shepherd said. Though Laura is paralyzed and bedridden, she communicates with her tongue and participates in family life.

Her life with Laura strengthened the faith she had learned during her childhood days at First Baptist Church in Beaumont. Her parents are Leroy and Verna Evans, and her father served on the Beaumont City Council. Shepherd grew up in Beaumont's South Park area, and she is a graduate of South Park High School. Lamar University was a natural choice for her.

"I lived closer to my college than I did to my high school," she said.

While at Lamar, she met Paul Shepherd, whose father, Jim Shepherd was a physics professor. She graduated in 1979 with one of the first bachelor of fine arts degrees. Her degree focused on art, music and drama.

After they married, the Shepherds went to the University of North Texas, where she acquired a teaching certificate and he earned a graduate degree in engineering. He got a job in California, and she became a technical writer in 1981.

She worked as a volunteer with

young people at church, and, after Laura's accident, began writing about faith and hope.

"After I began writing, people asked me if I spoke," she said. "I have a drama background so I said 'ves.'"

So she became an inspirational speaker in

addition to a writer and is the founder of the Advanced Writers and Speakers Association.

The Potluck Club comes from a lifetime of observing people, attending church and trying to be a good Christian. "My dad and my mother are both wonderful story-tellers," Shepherd said. "We spend the dinner hour laughing at the events of the day."

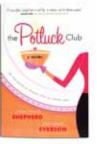
Humor helps people survive. "There's so much to cry about in life if we can't find the humor, we can't find the joy," she said.

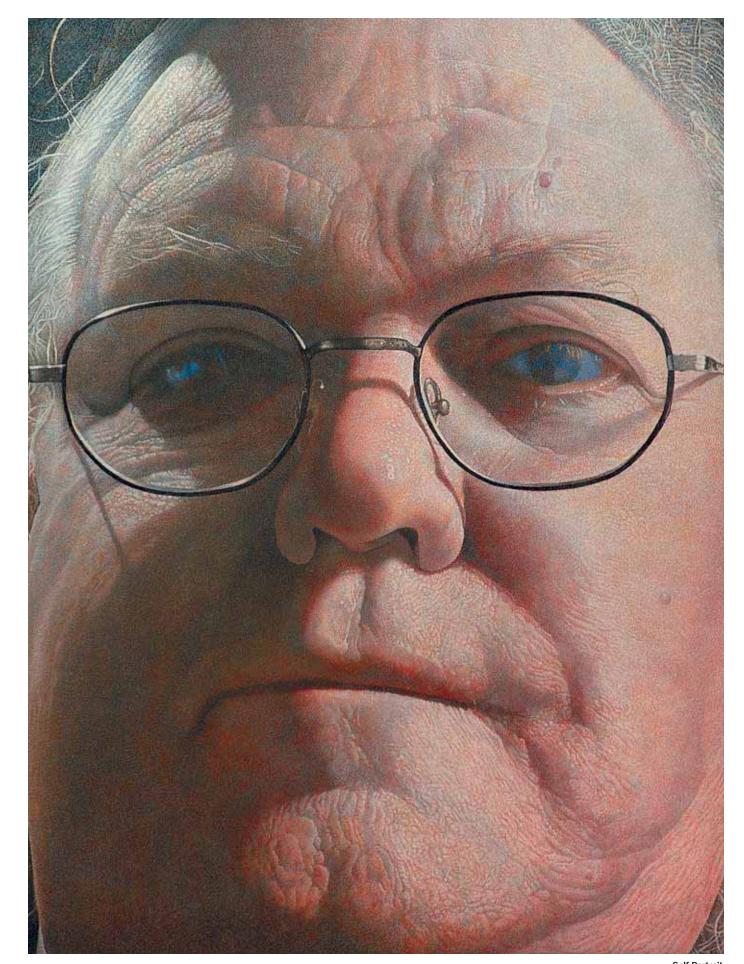
Even in her despair when she spent weeks in the hospital with Laura, she could manage to find humor. She looked forward to a doctor who would visit "and we would just stand there and laugh at the silliness of life in the hospital," she said.

That sense of observation has brought the small town of Summit View to life in the novel. Though the book has been out only a few months, readers are buying it, talking about it and forming their own Potluck Clubs. Shepherd and Everson have a Potluck Club Website (potluckclub.com), where fans can find study guides to help them understand the characters and the lessons they learn.

The book has a bonus. Besides offering humorous stories, it provides the recipes for Goldie's breakfast casserole, Lisa Leann's cinnamon rolls and other foods shared, in prayer, of course, by the Potluck Club.

And the adventures won't end. Another edition of the Potluck Club is set to be published in 2006, and Shepherd said she and Everson will soon begin writing the third installment for 2007.





Self Portrait

IMAGES OF MARVIN HAYES

By Louise Wood

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- JAMES DICKEY

The portrait of Marvin Hayes '63 is a creation of many colors.

The strokes on the canvass began with a small town in Mississippi, a World War II shipyard in Orange and a tiny house in Hamshire where, to the great benefit of the art world during the next 50 years, two people saw talent in the dirt-poor kid, the star of the six-man football team who could run the 100 yards in 10.2 seconds.

Thanks to a high school English teacher and an accountant with artistic talent, the sketch began of an extraordinary life and career. Hayes worked his way through Lamar University, hitchhiking 25 miles a day to do so. His talent earned him a scholarship to graduate school at Columbia University. He became a successful illustrator, whose work appeared in a veritable who's who of the magazine-publishing world before he went on to a career in fine art

and international fame in one-man exhibitions, museums and private collections.

Hayes' 1977 masterwork, God's Images, illustrates the Bible through 53 etchings, with text by poet-novelist James Dickey. The impressive volume sold more than 100,000 copies, attracting glowing reviews from the New York Times and The New Yorker and comparison to William Blake. In 1985, the Vatican Museums in Rome exhibited the works, which remain in the Vatican collection. A complete set of the etchings is a treasured part of the Dishman Art Museum's permanent collection.

For almost 43 years, Hayes has been affiliated with the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, where fortuitous circumstances led him soon after he arrived at Columbia. Today, he works in the education, drawings and prints, media, and objects conservation departments.

His friends, colleagues and collaborators span the art world from artist David Stern to musician Dave Brubeck and actors Eli Wallach and Anne Jackson. He helped celebrate Wallach's 90th birthday Dec. 7 by archiving the actor's photo collection and compiling a library of his 103 films.

Hayes has received dozens of humanitarian awards for endeavors ranging from the arts to health care. In 1983, Lamar honored him as a distinguished alumnus.

"I'm proud of the gift God gave me - to paint. That gives

me the most pleasure," Hayes says.

Though he spent his early years amid the bayous and rice fields of Southeast Texas, Hayes settled into the city. Manhattan inhabited him, even for the more than two decades he made Connecticut his home. Away from the city, he served as a caregiver and as a community activist.

Hayes was born in Canton, Miss., and, before he was 2, his family moved to Orange, where his father, Aubrey, was stationed with the Navy during World War II. Shortly after the war, he moved to Hamshire with his parents and older brother, Aubrey Jr. His mother, Myrtle, was a nurse, and he says, "I think she delivered all the babies in Hamshire."

There, the seeds of Hayes' art were planted. "There wasn't much art in Hamshire, but there was one artist - I always called him Mr. Bennett. He saw

that I was an artist. He was an accountant for the rice dryer there, but he was also a wonderful painter and taught me how to paint. I was poor as dirt, and he took me to the Beaumont Art League for drawing classes."

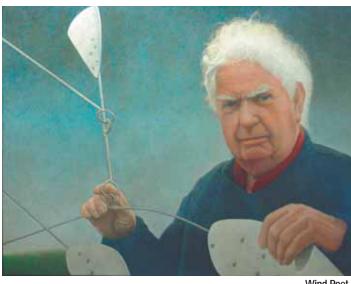
Another inspiration was Juanita Martin of Saratoga, his high-school English teacher. Hayes said. "I was not terrific in English - I was dyslexic - but she recognized I was a good artist, and she encouraged me in that," he said.

Hayes was athletic - big, tall and fast - and played all the positions - offensive and defensive - on Hamshire's six-man football team. His senior year, the team was undefeated and won in the top level of competition. He was named to the All-Region team.

Legendary coach Bear Bryant recruited him to play for Texas A&M, and he well remembers the day Bryant and an assistant paid a visit to the Hayes home.

"We had a very small house, and my mother made dinner for them: fried wild rabbit, cream gravy and hot biscuits. I remember they ate four dozen hot biscuits between them. There were only 200 or 300 people in Hamshire, and, when they went to leave, all of them were on our lawn."

Hayes received a scholarship to A&M, but, after one season on the football team, he saw his college athletic career cut short when his mother became ill. He returned home to care for his



Wind Poet

mother and become the family breadwinner.

"She had to have an operation, and, because she had diabetes, it took her more than a year to recuperate. And of course we had to pay for the operation too."

Hayes stayed out of school for a semester, then received a scholarship to Lamar and a job offer from Lamb Printing. "I had done some freelance work - menu covers - for the Beaumont Country Club. They saw them, and they asked me to come to work for them."

Hayes had a stellar collegiate career, serving as president of

Kappa Pi, the honor society for art students. Its advisor, Myrtle Kerr, edited the society's international magazine, and he was the student editor. "I was the art editor of everything," he says.

Nonetheless, Hayes says, "I remember being called 'trailer trash.' At the time, I had a friend who had bought

a really beautiful trailer, and I thought it was a compliment. That's how dumb I was. I was off the farm." Only years later did he realize the term was derogatory.

His good grades earned him a scholarship to Columbia - and a move to America's artistic epicenter. "I couldn't wait to get there," he says.

Columbia placed him in an 11th-floor apartment on Central Park. "It was 333 Central Park West at 93rd Street. I was so excited because I envisioned having a balcony overlooking the park," he says. "But it was on the other side, so I had a view of what looked like a set from West Side Story.

"I think it was the pantry to the original apartment, with one little window. It was probably about 9 feet by 6 feet, and I barely could get a bed and a little table in there."

When he arrived in New York, Hayes said, "I had a little box of paintings I had brought from Texas, thinking, 'I'll sell these to make money.' I had no idea how I was going to survive. I had maybe \$300, and it was \$60 a month for rent. So I had to find a way to get through the summer."

One day, on the elevator to his apartment, Hayes made the acquaintance of René d'Harnocourt, director of the Museum of



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"I'M PROUD OF THE GIFT

GOD GAVE ME . . . I HAVE A GREAT LIFE."

- MARVIN HAYES

End of Summer

ably the United States' most prominent art educator - and had no inkling I'd get an interview, much less get to work for him. Rousseau wrote me this terrific letter of introduction. Shapiro had already interviewed 60 or 80 people and

Modern Art, who later introduced Hayes to the

Theodore Rousseau, then head of European painting

who helped him secure an assistantship at Columbia.

"I had applied with Dr. Meyer Shapiro – prob-

and sculpture. He became friends with Rousseau,

Met's director, James J. Rorimer, as well as to

had 200 to 300 applicants, but he selected me. "For the next two years, I ran his slide show. He had a reputation for bombarding you with images. He had three projectors, and

you had to memorize which slide went when and where. I hooked up an electric Singer sewing machine pedal where I could control one of the projectors with my feet. I was the first

remote-control projector controller."

After graduating from Columbia, Hayes became an award-winning illustrator, with work in Esquire, McCall's,

Playboy, Redbook, Reader's Digest, Time and Good Housekeeping. Encouraged by Rousseau, he turned to fine art, working primarily in egg tempera and copperplate etchings. Eventually, Hayes' work would be featured in one-man shows in the United States, Europe and South America and as sought-after acquisitions in museums and private collections.

God's Images is Hayes' piéce de résistance, a monumental endeavor that, because of its biblical significance, is sure to endure as an important legacy. Its creation began when representatives of Oxmoor House Inc. of Birmingham, Ala., were in New York and saw Hayes' work. The publisher planned a new version of the Bible and contracted with Hayes to provide 12 illustrations.

"They liked them so much that they signed me up to do 38 more. I actually did 53 all together," Hayes said. "They realized that with the text of the Bible and the etchings, they would have to get hernia insurance to get it out of the stores. So they decided to do the book another way. James Dickey saw the etchings and said, 'I've always wanted to do a treatment of the Bible.'"

Hayes and Dickey, best known for his novel Deliverance, traveled all over the United States for interviews. The book sold more than 100,000 copies and can still be found via online booksellers.

By the time the etchings were exhibited at the Vatican in 1985,



Lady Elgin

Hayes had entered another phase of his life and was unable to attend the showing.

His mother became ill, and Hayes again became her caregiver. "I was the only one in the family who could do it. I didn't have a nursing home to put my mother in or my grandmother or my grandfather or my greatgrandfather. I did the cooking, the cleaning, the shopping. I nursed them, giving medicine and taking blood and blood pressure."

All the while, he said, "I was working as hard as I could to make slides as fast as I could and sell them as fast as I could to make a living for everyone. It was like putting your thumb in a dike. There was no end to it. I don't regret that I did that because I had to. There was no other choice."

His mother died in 1988, 15 years after his father's death in an auto accident.

Hayes approaches his own physical problems optimistically. Besides compensating for his dyslexia over the years, he copes with failing eyesight because of glaucoma, which threatened his artistic career in the early 1980s. He takes four kinds of medication six to eight times a day, so, he says, "It's fairly good right now."

He lived in Wilton, Conn., from 1965 to 1991, when he returned to New York City. Honored as a humanitarian in Connecticut and in New York, Hayes received the Nursing and Home Care Emissary Award for design work he did for Brubeck's annual concerts for nursing and care personnel. "He still sends me tickets to concerts he gives in New York," Hayes said.

Over the years, Hayes has sent more than 40 students to college with interest-free loans, and he supports artists in all fields with grants. (One, Steve Lutvak, will soon bring his first musical to Broadway.) He donates time and expertise to teaching people to use the computer and helping the unemployed write resumes. Those benefiting from that assistance number in the thousands. He uses his computer skills to teach and assist cancer researchers.

Hayes helped Norwalk Hospital raise more than \$50 million. He designed posters and programs for the Norwalk Symphony to help raise funds. Other honors include Wilton's Distinguished Citizen Award and the Partners in Caring Award for Connecticut.

Museums exhibiting his work include the Metropolitan,



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Boston, Smithsonian. National Portrait Gallery, Brooklyn, Bibliotheque Nationale and New York Public Library. Among his collectors have been Louis Auchincloss, Jacqueline Onassis, David Rockefeller, Barbara Walters and Anwar Sadat.

For the Metropolitan

Museum, Hayes produced a 360-degree, virtual-reality panorama of the Gubbio Studiolo, an 11-year restoration project, and assisted Carmen Bambach, curator of drawings and prints, in digitizing the 15th- to 18th-century Italian and Spanish drawing collection of more

than 8,000 objects - the Met's largest collection. He

worked on Leonardo da Vinci and Peter Paul Rubens drawings shows, among others. He tracks news of

the Met and preserves it on DVDs for the museum library and the staff members involved as a courtesy from the media departments.

Hayes has lectured and given seminars and workshops at Yale, Harvard and Columbia universities, the Rhode Island School of Design and Carnegie Institute, as well as the Met and Lamar. A member of the Microsoft Windows development team, he was an early proponent and innovator of digital imaging and an expert in scanning, color calibration and large-format printing.

His latest venture is recording lectures to DVD, beginning with a presentation by architect James Wines. He is videotaping the lectures every two weeks. "I had done other lectures for friends, but

Sound of Soft this was my first commercial job," he said. "My first Cecil. B. de Marvin production."

Hayes and his partner of 12 years, Frank Bara, live in a firstfloor apartment on West 67th Street, a historical landmark next door to ABC headquarters. "We are surrounded by ABC," he said. "But it's a lovely old building."

Hayes carries his zest for life into the kitchen, where cooking is a favorite pastime.

"We have a friend who works at ABC, and he comes here for lunch every day. I fix lunch, and it has turned into somewhat of a salon. A lot of people in the building have art-related jobs, and they show up regularly. Some are writers who read their offerings. It gets very exciting."

Hayes takes his culinary avocation seriously.

"I fix Cajun things, and, at the first of the year, I have hopping jack," Hayes says. "I don't let these Yankees get by with too much."

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

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Merlin C. Haney '58, B.S. geology, is retired and lives in Houston.

James LeBlanc '59 B.S. chemical engineering, retired in 2000 as vice president of manufacturing with with her husband, Don. Ameripol Synpol. He

and his wife, Betty, own and operate the Circle LT Ranch in Beaumont.

Ronald E. Platt '62, B.B.A. economics, is retired from Jefferson County Drainage District 6 and lives in Beaumont His wife, Annette, was a longtime associate professor of English and foreign languages at Lamar before her death in

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Elsie (Booz) Placette '63, B.S. elementary education, retired after 27 years of teaching seventh grade. She lives in

Larry L. Vacek '63, B.S. mechanical engineering, retired from G.E. Aircraft Engines in 2001 and lives in West Chester, Ohio, with his wife, Kathleen.

Marcus W. Walsh '63, B.S. geology, and his wife, Patricia, are both retired and live in Corpus Christi.

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Jerald D. Outlaw '64, B.A. government, is a retired scout executive for Boy Scouts of America and lives in Bethany, Okla., with his wife, Jeanna, who is also retired.

Patricia E. Spencer '65, B.S. elementary education, retired from Gallaudet University in 2004 and is a visiting professor at Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi in the Department of Educational Administration and Research. She lives in Rockport with her husband, Ronald, who is president of Ron Outen Associates

Marion V. Crampton '66, B.S. home economics, '75, M.Ed. special education, retired as a diagnostician. She and her husband, Harold, live in Spring.

Mary E. Posey '66, B.S. education, retired as a counselor with Port Arthur school district and lives in Lumberton.

Rouel Rothenberger '66, B.S. secondary education, is retired after 32 years as principal of both Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur and of Azle High in Azle, where he lives with his wife, Cheryl (Cook) '66, B.S. elementary education. Cheryl teaches kindergarten for Azle school district, where she is the department head and plans to retire in May 2006 with 30 years service.

Martha (Ener) Fazand '67, B.S. education, lives in Tyler with her husband Frank '67. B.A. history, who is executive vice president of Threlkeld and Co. Insurance.

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Merlaine Kruse '69, B.A. speech, is now director of community programs for the Rural Development-Alaska after having served as assistant director of community and business programs. She lives in Palmer Ala

William W. Plaisance '69, B.B.A. business management, is retired and lives in Lockhart with his wife. Conda.

Jerry W. Bradshaw '70, B.S. commercial art, is a teacher and coach at Woodlands Christian Academy and lives in Conroe with his wife. Debbie. In May, he was named The All-Greater Houston Assistant Football Coach of The Year by the Greater Houston Football Coaches Association

Ron Legnion '70, B.S. physical education, is a financial advisor for Raymond James Financial Services and was appointed to the firm's 2006 Chairman's Council, which is limited to the top 50 advisors across America. He lives in Beaumont with his wife. Susan (Blanco) '69, B.S. elementary education.

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Wayne C. Hairgrove '71, B.A. sociology, is retired and lives in Gordon with his wife. Lou Ann (Etheridge) '70, B.S. elementary education. She is a retired teacher.

Doreta (Smith) Keith '71, B.S. home economics, is a homemaker and lives in Victoria with her husband, Bob, who is retired but represents Victoria County on the South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee and is director of the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

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Karen (Kersey) Olson '71, B.S. education, is chief of police for Wichita Falls school district and lives there with her husband, Charles, who is a professor at Midwestern State University.

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Phyllis (King) Lee '72, B.S. health and physical education, teaches for Beaumont school district and lives in China with her husband, Robert, who is also a teacher for the district

David "Rick" Carter '73, B.S. health education, '74, M.S. health and physical education, earned his doctorate in exercise science physiologic psychology from Louisiana State University in 1978. He is chair and professor of the department of Exercise Sports Science at Texas Tech University. He lives in Wolfforth with his wife, Lynn (Phend) '75, B.S. elementary education, who is a

Randy Drewett '73, B.A. history, earned his law degree from South Texas State College of Law and has been a lawyer in Texas for 28 years. He is a partner with Drewett, Cragle, PLLC and lives in Beaumont with his wife, Kristyne (Rowe) '86, B.S. elementary education.

Michael J. Fox '73, A.A.S. diesel mechanics is director of Fleet Services in Williamson County and lives in Georgetown with his wife, Cheryl, who is a pharmacy technician for Georgetown Healthcare Systems.

Charles H. Van Metre '73. B.S. environmental science is a senior consultant at JD Consulting in Houston and lives in Lake Jackson with his wife, Carol.

Karen (Champagne) Miller '73, B.A. government, is retired from teaching after 30 years with Conroe school district. She lives in New Waverly with her husband,

John A. Pellerin '73, B.S. art, and his wife, Charlotte (Suire) '72, B.S. medical technology, live in Baton Rouge.

The Rev. David D. Placette '73, A.A.S. business data processing, was ordained a Catholic priest in 2004 and is a parochial vicar for St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Parish in Beaumont. He lives in Port Arthur.

Garry Ross '73, B.A. English, '75, M.A. history, earned a master's in history from Baylor in 1975 and his doctorate from Texas A&M in 1986. He is dean of academic and student affairs at Texas A&M University at Kingsville and has served as chief administrative officer of the system center since 2001. He lives in Dallas.

Anna (Sopchak) Babin '74, B.B.A. accounting, is president of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston/Houston. She lives in Houston with her husband Simon '74 BS communication disorders.

Michael I. Heather '74 B.S. chemical engineering, is retired from Dow Chemical and lives in Lake Jackson. His wife, Deborah (Havron) '75, B.S. medical technology, died in August 2004.

Bobby J. Meigs '74, M.Ed. counseling and development, is retired from the Texas Public School System and lives in Houston with his wife. Anna. who is also retired

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hygienist for Dr. William Wambaugh in The Woodlands. After practicing dental hygiene for 28 years, she recently made her first mission trip to Africa. She lives in Conroe with her husband, Jerry, who is a maintenance manager at Baker Oil Tool in Houston.

Class of 1956 Steering Committee members Shirley (Woodell) Coffman '56 and Colleen (McDonald) Marks '56 plan special group reunion events for fellow alumni returning to campus

for Homecoming 2006 weekend March 3-4.

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She and her husband. Tommy, live in Port Arthur with her husband, James, a Beaumont. They have two children, Erin sales manager for Kay Electronics in and Michael

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Mary (Bonnet) Latino '77, B.S. chemistry, '82. M.B.A. business administration, and is a human resource manager for Chevron in Pascagoula, Miss.

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Susan G. Kelly '84, B.S. chemical engineering, is a technical specialist for TCEQ in Beaumont and lives in Bridge City with her husband, John, a senior draftsman for Mark Whitely and Associates in Beaumont

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Anthony J. Durkin '85, B.S. physics, is an assistant professor at Beckman Laser Institute at the University of California in Irvine where he lives

Bonni (Allen) Haiber '85, B.B.A. marketing, works for GlaxoSmithKline in LaHabra, Calif., where she lives.

Kyle Spivey '85, B.B.A. general business,

and his wife, Candace (Read) '04, M.Ed. counseling and development, own Homestead Restaurant in Hillister, which Texas Highways magazine featured in its September 2005 issue.

Karen (Bass) Grant '86, certif. respiration technology, is a nurse manager at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco. She lives there with her husband, Gary, who is a firefighter for the Bellmead Fire Department.

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Stephanie (Gerac) Chiquette '88, B.S. speech communications, is marketing manager for Albert at Bay Suite Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario, where she and her husband. Benoit, live.

Leslie (Little) Brown '89, A.A.S. nursing, '00, B.S. nursing, '04, M.S.N. nursing, is a nursing instructor at Lamar University. She lives in Beaumont.

William L. Fontenot '89, B.S. biology, works for the Southwest Texas Bone and Joint Institute in Del Rio, where he lives with his wife Michella

Hamzah B. Kammapu '89, B.S. chemical engineering, owns Fresno Enterprises in Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia, where he

Matthew L. Puckett '89, B.S. physical education, B.S. kinesiology, '96, A.A.S. nursing, is nursing supervisor for the Austin Regional Clinic. He lives in Austin with his wife, Karen (Buenik) '91, B.B.A. marketing, who works for the Texas Department of Insurance in the Division of Worker's Compensation.

Hank P. Whitehead '89, B.S. mechanical engineering, is a project engineer for ExxonMobil in Beaumont, where he lives.

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Patricia (Brown) Whittle '90, B.S. criminal justice, is an assistant manager for Winthrop Management. She lives in Berkhamsted, United Kingdom, with her husband, Jon, who is an account manager for EMC.

Karen (Legnon) Gilman '91, B.S. communication, is director of communication for the Diocese of Beaumont and is editor of the East Texas Catholic. She lives in Beaumont.

Marcus D. Norman '92, B.S. political science, earned his law degree in 1998 and is a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch in Dallas. He lives in Sachse.

Patrick T. Abercrombie '93, B.B.A. marketing, is vice president of Merrill Lynch Commodities Inc. in Houston. He lives in Spring with his wife, Stephanie, and their children. Noah and Olivia.

Patricia (Acosta) Harris '93, B.A. English, '02, M.Ed. counseling and development, teaches journalism at Ozen High School in Beaumont and lives in Lumberton.

Karyn (Kupiec) Hawkins '93, B.B.A. marketing, '95, B.B.A. accounting, is finance director of United Way of Beaumont. She and her husband, Hugh, who is a senior vice president with Smith Barney, live in Beaumont.

Heather (Griffin) Kilgore '93, B.A.A.S. applied arts and sciences, was selected as the "2005 Citizen of Year" in Lumberton for her volunteer work with families in Hardin County. She lives in Lumberton with her husband, Jeff '92, A.A.S. real estate, who is councilman and mayor pro-tem for the city.

Donald J. McKinnon '93, B.A. history, B.A. Spanish, '00, M.Ed. counseling and development, is a counselor for Nederland school district, where he lives.

Thomas R. Reid '93, B.A.A.S. applied arts and sciences, '02, M.A. history, served as staff administrator for the Army Reserve before becoming a lecturer in the Lamar University history department. He lives in Woodville.

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Bobby H. Anderson '94, B.A.A.S. applied arts and sciences, is a traffic officer for the Beaumont Police Department. He and his wife, Tracy (Eubanks) '88, B.A. Spanish, who teaches in the Vidor school district, live in Beaumont

Keisha (Jones) Christian '94, B.S. nursing, is a registered nurse for Evadale school district. She lives in Silsbee.

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Nikki (Bowman) Brown '95, B.S. social work, lives in Collierville, Tenn., with her husband, Joseph, who is the area region manager for Kinder-Morgan in Memphis.

Rita (Hurt) Cullums '95, B.S. psychology, '99, M.Ed. counseling and development, has her own practice, Rita Hurt-Cullums MS LPCT, in Beaumont. She lives there with her husband, Robert, and she is pursuing a doctorate in psychology at a program in Colorado Springs.

Lauren LaFleur '95, B.A. English, is news and lifestyles editor at the Jacksonville Daily Progress, where she began as a reporter in April 2004. She lives in Jacksonville.

Mark Adams '95, B.A.A.S. applied arts and sciences, '96, B.S. earth science, is a payload safety engineer at NASA in Houston, where he trains astronauts to perform his and others' experiments while in space. He recently led the first integrated payload on a Russian spacecraft and teaches a weekly science course at Lamar.

Bruce A. Jagers '96, B.S. communication, is director of WPEC News 12 in West Palm Beach, Fla. He lives in North Palm

Derrick J. Sonnier '96, B.S. communication, is a company commander for the U.S. Army in Fort Riley, Kan. He is currently deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom and commands a 95-soldier combat engineer company.

Michelle A. White '96, B.M. music, '04, M.M. music, earned a master's degree in organization and management from Capella University in 2005. She is vice president of administration at GreenTree Administration in Beaumont, where she lives.

Lance A. Broussard '97, B.S. chemical engineering, is area manager for Nalco Co. and lives in Spring with his wife, Crystal (Ray) '97, B.S. chemistry, B.S. biology. She opened her medical practice in 2005 in The Woodlands and is part of the Sadler Clinic physicians group. They have a daughter, Brianna.

Travis Edwards '97, M.Ed. school administration, is superintendent of West school district. He lives in Waxahachie with his wife. Teresa.

James B. Neale '97, B.B.A. general business, '98, B.B.A. management information systems, is vice president of the Southeast Texas Baseball Academy. He lives in Beaumont with his wife. Tiffany.

Leo J. Nolan '97, B.A. sociology, is a teaching assistant for Beaumont school district, where he lives.

Michael P. Hyde '98, B.S. biology, is an optometrist and owns Lumberton & Orange Family Vision in Orange. He lives in Lumberton with his wife, Katherine, who is also an optometrist, and their 17-month-old son, Timmy.

Tara (Girndt) Johnston '98, M.S. audiology, earned her doctorate in audiology from the University of Pennsylvania and is an audiologist at Central Texas Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic. She is a member of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association and lives in Round Top.

Timothy E. Kimble '98, B.S. mechanical engineering, is a senior product engineer for Intier Automotive Seating System in Nove, Mich. He lives in Canton, Mich.

Andrew S. Tsang '98, M.E.M. engineering management, is a contact engineer for ExxonMobil in Mont Belvieu. He lives in Pearland.

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Elizabeth (Barton) Hayes '99, B.S. nursing, is a registered nurse at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital. She and her husband, Todd, live in Sulphur, La.

Donna G. Hypolite '99, B.B.A. accouting, is a senior internal auditor for the County of San Mateo, Calif. She lives in San Francisco. Richard B. Jackson '99, B.S. criminal justice, holds the rank of first lieutenant in the Marine Corps and lives in Montgomery, Ala., with his wife, Britainey (Cox) '00, B.S. interdisciplinary, and their new daughter, Scarlet Grace.

Richard A. Knox '99, B.S. criminal justice, is a builder for David Weekly Homes in Pearland, where he lives with his wife, Kelly, and sons, Kannon and Rhett.

Cheryl M. Munson '99, B.S. political science, earned a master's degree from the University of Texas in 2001 and is a program analyst for NASA in Houston. She lives in Bacliff.

Larry Robertson '99, B.S. political science, earned a law degree from Saint Mary's University School of Law and is a law clerk for Justice David Wellington Chew.

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Robert W. Arnold '00, B.S. general studies, is a loan officer at Centex Home Equity in Sugar Land. He lives in League City.

Jeremy B. Jackson '00, B.A. sociology, graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C., in March and lives in Orange.

Brady Mazzola '00, B.A. criminal justice, is a professional tennis player and runs Watering Seeds, an organization dedicated to enlarging the vision and developing the potential of physically challenged individuals through athletics. He lives in Woodland Hills, Calif.

Dana (Donnell) Babineaux '01, B.S. communication, is a sales representative for Johnson & Johnson and lives in Beaumont with her husband, Slate '94, B.B.A. marketing, who is vice president of Air Comfort Inc.

Kimberly (Johnson) Bidlingmyer '01, B.S. kinesiology, is an executive assistant for the Milwaukee Admirals hockey team. She lives in Milwaukee with her husband, Brian, who is the assistant men's basketball coach at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

April L. Colligan '01, B.S. communication disorders, '03, M.S. speech pathology, is the speech language pathologist for Humble school district. She lives in Kingwood

Yolanda L. Cruz '01, B.S. psychology, is a residence manager for Boston University. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Toby F. Nash '02, B.B.A. accounting, earned his law degree from Texas Tech University in 2005 and is an associate for Germer Gertz L.L.P. in Beaumont. He lives there with his wife, Kelli (Harlow) '03, B.S. family and consumer sciences, '05, M.S. family and consumer sciences, who is a clinical dietician at the Medical Center of Southeast Texas.

Anay P. Shukla '02, M.S. industrial engineering, works for TATA Motors and lives in Pune, India, with his wife, Shweta

Laura (Howell) Traylor '02, B.S. kinesiology, is a teacher and coach for Lumberton school district. She and her husband, Chris, wed in April 2005, live in Beaumont.

Willie J. Broussard '03, B.S. family and consumer sciences, is an employment recruiter for Harrah's Entertainment Inc. in Lake Charles, La. He is pursuing a master of business administration degree in human resources management and is serving as an adjunct instructor in family and consumer sciences at Lamar.

Katy (Potts) Hebert '03, B.S. general studies, lives in Port Arthur with her husband, Neil, and their son, Brennan, who was born in July 2005.

Judith A. Johnston '03, B.B.A. accounting, became a certified public auditor in May 2005 and is a C.P.A. for Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Houston, where she lives.

Heather (Ruff) McAdoo '03, B.S. dance, is owner and director of Sassafras Dance Co. and is a cheerleader for the Houston Texans. She lives in Austin with her husband, Justin.

Robert Reid '03, M.Ed. school administration, is principal of Bancroft Elementary in West Orange and lives in Port Arthur.

Shashider R. Velugati '03, M.S. civil engineering, is a staff engineer for French and Parrello Associates in Holmdel, N.J., and lives in Edison.

Jennifer (Lee) Vincent '03, B.S. family and consumer sciences, works for the Jefferson County Juvenile Probation Department and lives in Port Neches with her husband, Mark.

Christi (Hood) Wakefield '03, B.S. interdisciplinary studies, is a second-grade teacher with Beaumont school district. She and her husband, Charles, live in Lumberton. Concetta (Dwyer) Gernentz '04, B.S. family and consumer sciences, is employed by Citi Financial and lives in Groves with her husband, Kevin.

Cheryl (Cormier) Guidry '04, B.A.A.S. applied arts and sciences, lives in Beaumont and conducts an after-school theater arts and creativity program and a four-week summer program, Camp Bright Star. She lives in Beaumont with her husband, John.

Lacey (Withers) McGallions '04, B.S. family and consumer sciences, is a special education teacher for Lumberton school district. She lives in Silsbee with her husband, Deryl.

Jason R. McKey '04, B.S. kinesiology, is regional coordinator of university programs in Texas and Oklahoma for Ducks Unlimited. He oversees fund-raising and volunteer relations for all university programs in the two states. He lives in

Christina (Root) Mecom '04, B.B.A. accounting, is an accountant at FivePoint Credit Union and lives in Nederland with her husband, Joshua.

Jeremy P. Tomlin '04, B.S. political science, is a primary care sales representative for King Pharmaceuticals in McAllen, where he lives.

Jessica (Lynch) Whittington '04, B.S. interdisciplinary studies, works in the Vidor school district, where she and her husband, John, live.

Brent M. Monk '05, B.S. computer science, lives in Warren and works for a law firm in Port Arthur as a system administrator

Rachel E. Pitts '05, B.S. chemical engineering, is a production engineer for Total Petrochemicals and lives in Deer Park.

Rebecca A. Smith '05, M.E.S. chemical engineering, is a materials engineer for Anniston Army Dept. in Anniston, Ala. She lives in Oxford.

Brandi (Isadore) Zeno '05, B.S. chemical engineering, works for the U.S. Postal Service and lives in Beaumont with her husband, Damien.

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Beaumont and Mid-Jefferson

County Alumni

Red, White & You Celebration

Monday, February 27, 2006 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Poblano Grill 3350 Dowlen Road, Beaumont

Houston Area Alumni Party
Thursday, February 16, 2006
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
TwoRows
2400 University, Houston

Coaches and Players

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Meet the Cardinal Baseball Team

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A Dinner and Twelve Strangers

Is it a reality TV premise? Perhaps a newly discovered Agatha Christie whodunit? Well. no . . . but for these students, it can be just as exciting. Class time, lab time, research and internships are necessary and valuable to skill development, but the opportunity to have frank conversations with professionals who've "been there and done that" is golden.

A Dinner and Twelve Strangers seeks to provide just that opportunity. These dinner guests may sit down with strangers, but they get up from the table with friends who are more enlightened about the profession they've chosen and what it takes to succeed out of classroom and in the workf orce.

Engineering students visited with Joe Domino '75, president and chief executive officer of Entergy Texas. "We discussed issues such as career advancement, business ethics and the role of education in one's success." Domino said.

Students always enjoy a good meal, and the career tips provide even more nutrition. "The dinner was great, and the food was

excellent (Mrs. Beaulieu's chicken spaghetti)!," said Tina Richard, communication major. "I felt so comfortable talking with Larry and Nancy Beaulieu. They opened up their home to us. We were just sitting around in the living room talking about when we were going to gradu-

ate, what jobs we were looking to get and what we could expect. If you, as a student, have this opportunity to meet with someone who is in your field, sign up for A Dinner and 12 Strangers."

The Office of Alumni Affairs and the Career Center sponsor the program. Alumni volunteer to host dinners, and students who are pursuing a degrees in the career areas of



Larry '77 and Nancy Beaulieu, back row left, recently hosted A Dinner and Twelve Strangers for communication students: from left, Alma Polydore, Amanda Rowell, Dawn Stout, Kimberly Pulito and Tina Richard front row, and Burnie Cook Jr., Brian Sherman, Ryan Baker, Steve Collora, Ben Dubose.

the alumni, sign up to attend. Groups of 12 with 10 students, one faculty member and the host – allow conversation to flow without becoming too fragmented.

> The alumnus can determine the location and structure: A restaurateur catered dinner at his establishment to talk with business students about entrepreneurship; an executive and engineering alumnus hosted a dinner at a local restaurant; and, often, alumni choose to host the students

at home.

The staff of the Office of Alumni Affairs will help arrange the dinner and coordinate with the Career Center to recruit students and faculty.

First Lady Susan (Williams) Simmons '68, a real estate agent and education graduate, said, "The students were delightful, and we learned as much from them as they

learned from us. I would encourage anyone who is interested in helping our students to become involved in the program and invite 12 strangers to dinner."

The casual environment promotes a relaxed atmosphere outside of a restrictive time limit so that students and host feel comfortable talking about the pros and cons of a career, surprising opportunities, expectations, rewards and, yes, mistakes.

Frank '78 and Cathy (Bebeau) Zummo '78 hosted a poolside barbecue for nursing students. "The students' interest in their future careers was stimulating and exciting," said Cathy, a career nurse. "Their questions and concerns made us realize that this generation of young people will touch every avenue of today's health care field and really make a difference."

To host A Dinner and Twelve Strangers

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Alumni

Benjamin F. Wilkes '37, A.A.S. general studies, died July 27, 2005. He attended the Julliard School of Music where he earned his master of music degree and Columbia University where he earned a doctorate. He was a member of the Metropolitan Opera Association for many years and co-founded the Montclair College School of Fine and Performing Arts. He served as second lieutenant in the Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife. Helen.

Mary (Meyers) Axtell '59, B.S. elementary education, died Dec. 31, 2005. She retired from Texaco Inc. and was a longtime supporter of Lamar, especially through scholarships in the College of Engineering. Survivors include her daughter, Hattie McKinley.

Jack E. Treaster '59, B.B.A. business administration, died April 27, 2005. He was a longtime resident of Port Arthur and served as a sergeant in the Army during the Korean War. He was also a board member for the Municipal Utilities District in Port Arthur and a member of Procter Baptist Church. Survivors include his two sons, Steve and Scott, and his sister. Mavis Triebel.

Alban L. Neel '61, B.S. elementary education, died Aug. 27, 2005. He served in the Navy from 1949 until 1958 and later worked as a school teacher in Austin while pursuing his master's degree. He retired in 1988 after serving as principal of West Columbia Elementary and Charlie Brown Intermediate schools for many years. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Helen; son, Jon; and daughter, Patti Philips.

Stephen D. Sipes '61, B.B.A. management, died Sept. 3, 2005. He lived in Houston for 43 years after graduating from Lamar and was a retired data processing manager for Wing Corporation after 26 years of service. Survivors include his wife, Sharon; son, Scott; and daughter, Suzi Danton.

Nellie (Shuttlesworth) Horton '66. B.A. English, '72, M.A. English, died May 19, 2005. She also earned her master's degree in library science from Sam Houston State. She lived in Orange, taught English for many years at West Orange-Stark High School and was the librarian at Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School before retiring to serve as librarian of the Stark Museum for 18 years. Survivors include her husband, Jack; daughter, Charlotte McClain: and son, Jack.

Kenneth M. Ramke '66. B.S. electrical engineering, died Aug. 29, 2005. He retired from NASA where he was a security branch chief for 32 vears and lived in Houston. Survivors include his mother. Melba: wife. Wanda: daugher. Melissa: and son. Mike.

Margaret B. Barry '68, M.A. English, died Oct. 11, 2005. She began her teaching career during World War II in San Angelo before teaching English at Thomas Jefferson High School for many years. She retired in 1976 and moved to Georgetown and, later, to Austin, Survivors include her daughters, Cecelia, Clare and Peg.

Kathleen (Thomas) Bridges '69, B.A. English, died Aug. 29, 2005. She earned a master's degree in psychology from the University of Houston and taught high school English for 13 years before retiring in 2001. She was a member of The First Baptist Church of Deming, N.M., and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Survivors include her two brothers, James and George.

Samuel E. Carpenter, '72, died Oct. 17. 2005. He was an All-Lone Star Conference tailback on the Lamar University football team in the early 1950s, a four-year starter at tailback in Lamar's first four years as a university. He was included in the inaugural Cardinal Hall of Honor induction class in 1973 and is the all-time leading scorer with 33 touchdowns and 198 career points. He worked in the maintenance department at

DuPont Sabine River Works in Orange and was in the Marine Reserves. Survivors include his wife. Melissa: sons. Tommy Gordon. Frank Carpenter, Jay Carpenter and Sam Carpenter Jr.; and daughter, Shenna Carpenter.

Kathryan Dee (Ingmire) Buechel '74, M.Ed. elementary education, died Aug. 21, 2005. She retired after teaching in Houston and was a member of The Daughters of The American Revolution and of Grace Presbyterian Church, Survivors include her son. Jalil, and daughter. Carol Wells.

Rafael R. Orozco '77, B.B.A. accounting, died March 18, 2005. A retiree of Texaco with 39 years of service, he was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and served in the Air Force.

Steven K. Setliff '78. B.S. chemical engineering, died March 16, 2005. He was a 25-year employee of BP/Amoco and was vice president and general manager of BP pipelines. He was a member of Grace Point congregation in Naperville and lived in Mount Laurel, N.J. Survivors include his wife, Terri; sons, Jordan Kent and Austin Setliff: and parents, John and JoAnn Setliff.

Peggy (Wilson) Carlucci '85, B.A. studio art. died Nov. 8, 2005. She studied at The Glassell School of Art in Houston and the Anderson Ranch Summer Arts Center in Aspen, Colo. She also participated in several Lamar University summer art trips to Rome and London. She was a professional artist and photographer, won numerous awards and participated in several exhibitions. She was a lifetime member of the Art Museum of Southeast Texas. which she served as docent, teacher of docents, board member and president. Survivors include her husband, Joseph, retired from Lamar as a professor of music, and sons. Jackson and Allen Osborne.

Faculty, Staff and Friends

John A. Bruyere, 82, died Aug. 25, 2005. He retired in 1983 after serving as a professor of mechanical engineering with Lamar University for 29 years, the University of Texas at Austin for two years and Tulane University for one year. He was also an avid world traveler. He is survived by his wife. Priscilla.

Dock B. DeMent, 91, died July 23, 2005. He taught math for 20 years for Lamar University until he retired in 1977. He lived in Pea Ridge, Ala. Survivors include his wife, Frances; son, Crit DeMent; and four sisters.

Alice (Baxter) Vincent, 95, died Oct. 24, 2005. She worked in the Mary and John Gray Library until she retired in 1982. She was a charter member of Study Club for more than 50 years. She was married to her husband, Albert, longtime volunteer assistant coach at Lamar, for 65 years before his death in December 2000. Survivors include her daughter, Frances, and her son, Albert,

Robert F. Wolcott '59, B.S. secondary education, died Oct. 2, 2005. He worked for Lamar University in the public information office during the 1970s and as a journalist during World War II and the Korean War. He lived with his wife, Marilyn, in Beaumont for 40 years, and spent most of his professional career working at the Beaumont Enterprise. He was active in the Press Club of Southeast Texas. Survivors include his sons. James and John, and daughters, Jean Sensat, Susan Hanes and Mary Hall. Donations in his name may be made to the Press Club of Southeast Texas Memorial Scholarship, c/o Lamar University Foundation, P.O. Box 11500, Beaumont, Texas 77710.



The 2005 season ended on a bittersweet note for Head Coach Jim Gilligan and the Lamar Cardinals. With its 9-3 win over Southeastern Louisiana, Lamar advanced to the Southland Conference Tournament Championship game. It also gave Gilligan his 1,000th career-coaching win, making him the 32nd coach in NCAA history to reach the milestone.

The Cardinals lost, however, 4-1 to Texas-San Antonio in the championship game, giving the Roadrunners the league's automatic bid to an NCAA Regional. Lamar did not receive an at-large bid, which ended a streak of three straight post-season appearances.

Lamar posted a 38-23 record last season and finished second in the SLC standings with a 16-11 mark. It is the fifth straight season that the Cardinals have posted at least 37 wins.

Despite the disappointing end to last season, there is plenty for the Lamar faithful to be excited about for the 2006 season. Lamar returns 18 letterwinners, six position starters and five of its top seven pitchers from last year's squad.

Junior All-American catcher Michael Ambort headlines the list of returning players. He led the team in hitting with a .336 batting average and set a new single-season school record with 18 home runs. He also scored 57 runs; had 73 hits, 15 doubles and 65 runs batted in; and posted an outstanding .987 fielding percentage.

A native of Rockville Center, N.Y., Ambort was named SLC hitter of the year and was a first-team All-SLC selection. He was named

The seasoned return:

Cardinal baseball preview



second-team All-America by the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) and was invited to participate in the USA Baseball National Team Trials.

Also back for the Cardinals are shortstop Colt Crawford, designated hitter C.J. Ebarb and first baseman Will Henderson. Crawford, a senior from Alvin, was third on the team with a .330 batting average with 37 runs scored, 14 doubles, three home runs and 31 RBI.

Ebarb, a senior from Jasper, hit .295 with 17 runs scored, six doubles and 13 RBI. He also serves as Ambort's backup at catcher. Henderson, a senior from Beaumont, hit .231 with 14 doubles, four home runs and 27 RBI.

The Cardinals return two-thirds of their outfield in senior Matt Lambeth and sophomore Collin Delome. Lambeth, a native of Fernley, Nev., hit .267 with 35 runs scored, 11 doubles, three home runs and 28 RBI. He also led the team with 12 stolen bases.

Delome, a native of Buna, hit .307 with 35 runs scored, 11 doubles, four home runs and 37 RBI. He set a new single-season school record with nine triples. He batted .381 with six runs scored and six RBI to earn SLC all-tournament honors.

A pair of veteran left-handers highlights the returnees to the



mound for Lamar. Senior William Delage and junior Derrick Gordon have 59 starts between them.

Delage, a native of Nederland, was 6-5 with a 3.31 earned run average last season. He appeared in 18 games, starting 15, and struck out 66 and walked 32 in a team-best

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98 innings pitched. He limited opponents to a .238 batting average.

Gordon, a native of Beaumont, posted a 4-7 record with a 3.95 ERA in 20 appearances, making 14 starts. He struck out 102, which ranks as the seventh best single-season total in school history, with 43 walks in

91 1/3 innings pitched.

Junior Steve
Macfarland, a native of
Marlboro, N.Y., worked his
way into the starting rotation by the end of the season. He posted an 8-2
record with a 4.16 ERA and
three saves. He pitched in
26 games, earning seven
starts, with 59 strikeouts
and 46 walks in 67 IP, and
limited opponents to a .235
batting average. He was
named honorable mention
All-SLC.

Also back for the Cardinals are sophomores Tim Erickson, a native of Sour Lake, and Allen Harrington of Groves and senior Chuckie Platt of Santa Fe. Erickson was named to the Collegiate Baseball/ Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America Team.

In addition to all these returning players, the Cardinals coaching staff assembled another outstanding recruiting class that has Lamar poised for a run at the conference championship.



Sanches pursues Olympic play

Brian Sanches, who was a three-year letterwinner on Lamar's baseball team, was named to the USA Baseball Regional Olympic Qualifying Team Roster, announced USA Baseball.

The Nederland native played for Lamar from 1996 to 1998, joined the minors and, this past season, played for the Scranton-Wilkes Barre Red Barons, the Philadelphia Phillies Triple-A team. He posted a 5-3 record with a 3.69 earned run average. He pitched in 51 games, earning two starts, with 75 strikeouts and 27 walks in 83.0 innings pitched.

The 24-player roster represented the United States at the 2005 CONCEBE Regional Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 15-19. The roster was made up of professional, non 25-man roster players of the 30 Major League Baseball organizations. This is the sixth time USA Baseball has utilized Major League affiliated professional players for international competition, following the 1999 Pan Am Games, 2000 Olympic Games, 2001 World Cup, 2003 Olympic Qualifier, and 2005 World Cup.

The U.S.A. team posted a 5-0 record to win the CONCEBE Olympic Regional Qualifying Tournament and advanced, along with Canada, Nicaragua and Panama, to the COPABE Olympic America's Tournament in Havana, Cuba, in August 2006. In that event, the four teams representing CONCEBE will compete against the top four regional qualifiers from both the Caribbean and South American regions for two bids to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. The third and fourth place finishers in Cuba will advance to a secondary Olympic qualifying event to be held in 2007.

2006 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

	FEBRU	FEBRUARY							
	3-5	FriSun.	Texas-Pan American Classic	Edinburg					
	3	Fri.	vs. Gonzaga	Edinburg	3:00 p.m.				
	4	Sat.	vs. Northern Colorado	Edinburg	3:00 p.m.				
	5	Sun.	vs. Oklahoma	Edinburg	2:00 p.m.				
	10	Fri.	Texas-Pan American	Beaumont	4:00 p.m.				
	11	Sat.	Texas-Pan American	Beaumont	2:00 p.m.				
	12	Sun.	Texas-Pan American	Beaumont	1:00 p.m.				
	14	Tues.	Prairie View A&M (DH)	Beaumont	1:00 p.m.				
	17-19	FriSun.	Rice/Coca-Cola Classic	Houston					
	17	Fri.	vs. Long Beach State	Houston	1:00 p.m.				
	18	Sat.	vs. Oklahoma	Houston	4:30 p.m.				
	19	Sun.	at Rice	Houston	3:30 p.m.				
	24-26	FriSun.	Cardinal Classic	Beaumont					
	24	Fri.	Michigan State	Beaumont	6:30 p.m.				
	25	Sat.	Kentucky	Beaumont	3:00 p.m.				
	25	Sat.	Michigan State	Beaumont	7:00 p.m.				
	26	Sun.	Arkansas State	Beaumont	3:00 p.m.				
	28	Tues.	Houston	Beaumont	6:30 p.m.				
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	3-5	FriSun.	Lamar Classic	Beaumont					
	3	Fri.	Iona	Beaumont	6:30 p.m.				
	4	Sat.	Connecticut	Beaumont	5:00 p.m.				
	5	Sun.	New Orleans	Beaumont	3:00 p.m.				
	7	Tues.	at Houston	Houston	7:00 p.m.				
	10	Fri.	*at Southeastern Louisiana	Hammond, La.	6:30 p.m.				
	11	Sat.	*at Southeastern Louisiana	Hammond, La.	3:00 p.m.				
	12	Sun.	*at Southeastern Louisiana	Hammond, La.	1:00 p.m.				
	14	Tues.	at Louisiana Tech (DH)	Ruston, La.	3:00 p.m.				
	17	Fri.	*Texas-San Antonio	Beaumont	6:30 p.m.				
	18	Sat.	*Texas-San Antonio	Beaumont	2:00 p.m.				
	19	Sun.	*Texas-San Antonio	Beaumont	1:00 p.m.				
	21	Tues.	Louisiana-Lafayette	Beaumont	6:30 p.m.				
	24	Fri.	*Stephen F. Austin	Beaumont	6:30 p.m.				
	25	Sat.	*Stephen F. Austin	Beaumont	2:00 p.m.				
	26	Sun.	*Stephen F. Austin	Beaumont	1:00 p.m.				
	28	Tues.	Texas A&M	Beaumont	6:30 p.m.				
	31	Fri.	*at Nicholls State	Thibodaux, La.	6:30 p.m.				
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Building a Dynasty

A roster consisting of two freshmen, a sophomore, two juniors and two seniors wouldn't give a lot of coaches a great feeling heading into competition. But when your freshman and sophomores are just as good as your juniors and seniors, you don't tend to worry too much.

The Lady Cardinals cross country team posted the best finish in school history at the Southland Conference Championships this year, and a school-best fourth-place finish at the NCAA South Central Regional in Waco.

The team has just the right mix of upperclassmen and underclassmen to get head track coach Trey Clark and cross country coach Sita Waru fired up for competition—and excited about the future of their program.

"Anytime you have two freshman finish two and three, you have to be excited," Clark said. "Those two ran great."

The Lady Cardinals were powered by freshman Renee Graham who was Lamar's top finisher in every race she ran. The Hawera, New Zealand, native took second place at the conference meet and 15th place at the South Central Regional, earning a trip to the NCAA Championship meet.

"I had a positive attitude coming into this season because I knew how hard I had worked over the summer," Graham said. "I had some really good times in the races I ran in New

Zealand . . . I knew I was fit and ready for the season."

In the conference meet, Graham ran the 6,000-meter course in 21:55, and was followed by fellow freshman Stacey Monteau (Anahuac) who covered the course in a time of 22:15. Amanda King, a junior from Tauranga, New Zealand, was fourth; Jacqueline John, a senior from Iowa, La., sixth; and Natasha Williams, a senior from Nederland, placed 11th. Amber Prather, a sophomore from Houston, finished 31st and Clerc Koenck, a sophomore from Anacoco, La., 33rd.

Seniors John and Williams and juniors King and Prather played major roles in making sure the conference title stayed in Lamar's hands. John and King also earned all-region honors for their performance at the regional meet, finishing 17th and 18th respectively.

"The upperclassmen do a great job of pushing the team in the right direction," he said. "They are the ones who show the underclassmen what it takes to be successful."

The Lady Cardinals will replace John and Williams next year, and the young talent that has helped push Lamar to the front of the SLC pack will be a year older and wiser. Clark and Waru will add to the solid foundation they have built.



"As your kids perform better, you have to continue to challenge them," Clark said. "This year, we upgraded our schedule, and our worst result was a fourth-place finish at the regional meet. Every other meet we went to, we took first or second. The next challenge out there for them is to see if we can get to the national meet."

Both coaches will continue to push their runners to new heights.

"Last year, we won the conference meet and then ran our worst race of the season at regionals, because our girls couldn't see past a conference title," Waru said. "This year, we ran great at conference and at the regional meet because we knew we had more work to do."

With five runners returning to the team next year, and a strong recruiting class coming in, Lamar women's cross country will try to run down a third straight conference title in 2006. As the team continues to reach the goals set before them, the success they could have is immeasurable.

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Cardinal hoops

Lamar, which returns nine letterwinners and four starters from last year's 18-11 squad, was picked to finish second in the 2005-06 Southland Conference Preseason Coaches Poll. The Cardinals return more than 70 percent of their scoring and 83 percent of their rebounding from last year. They ranked seventh in the NCAA last season at 80.6 points per game and also ranked 38th in steals (8.8) and 40th in blocked shots (4.6). Headlining the list of returning players is senior forward Alan Daniels, who earned

first-team All-SLC honors last year after leading the conference in scoring at 19.9 ppg, which ranked 27th in the NCAA. He is the first Lamar player to lead the conference in scoring since All-American Don Bryson in 1965. Daniels was named to the Collegeinsider.com Preseason Mid-Major All-America Team.

2006 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

JANUARY								
4	Wed.	*McNeese State	Beaumont	7:00 p.m.				
7	Sat.	*at Texas State	San Marcos	7:00 p.m.				
12	Thurs.	*at Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches	7:00 p.m.				
14	Sat.	*Texas-Arlington	Beaumont	7:00 p.m.				
19	Thurs.	*Louisiana-Monroe	Beaumont	7:00 p.m.				
26	Thurs.	*at Nicholls State	Thibodaux, La.	6:00 p.m.				
28	Sat.	*Stephen F. Austin	Beaumont	7:00 p.m.				
FEBRUARY								
4	Sat.	*at McNeese State	Lake Charles	3:00 p.m.				
8	Wed.	*Texas State	Beaumont	7:00 p.m.				
11	Sat.	*at Texas-San Antonio	San Antonio	2:00 p.m.				
15	Wed.	*Sam Houston State	Beaumont	7:00 p.m.				
18	Sat.	*at Texas-Arlington	Arlington	2:05 p.m.				
23	Thurs.	*at Northwestern State	Natchitoches, La.	6:30 p.m.				
25	Sat.	*at Louisiana-Monroe	Monroe, La.	7:00 p.m.				
MAR	MARCH							
1	Wed.	*Nicholls State	Beaumont	7:00 p.m.				
3	Fri.	*Southeastern Louisiana	Beaumont	7:00 p.m.				
7-12	TuesSu	n. Southland Conference Tournament	Campus Sites					
* Sou	* Southland Conference Games							

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The Wright stuff

Meet Patrick Allen Wright: Calendar Poet.

Note the week of Jan. 15-21, 2006. Mark those dates. They're Wright's seven days of fame in the *Texas Poetry Calendar*. It's quite an honor for the Lamar lecturer in English – one that places him in an elite group of Texas poets selected for the annual publication from among hundreds who submitted entries.

"It's an honor because not that many people are represented," said Wright '80, '84.

The publisher, Dos Gatos Press of
Austin, selected Wright's *Delusions of a Modern Quixote* for inclusion in the 116page volume. There's a poem for every week
– a few of them have two short poems.

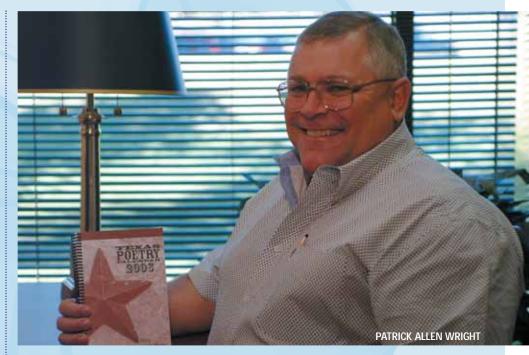
"The editors said they liked this poem a great deal. One of my friends calls it my signature piece. It's a first-person poem, and it does kind of capture my personality in a way," Wright says. "I've always referred to it as one of my several surrealistic poems because I take life experiences, and I turn them into animated scenarios."

Wright's appreciation for poetry began when he was a boy growing up in Nederland and Hardin County. "There were a lot of books in my family," he said. "I always liked the ones that had fairytales.

"As I grew older, I didn't know anything about my writing skills or abilities, but my senior English teacher at Hardin-Jefferson asked us to write an epigram as a little exercise. When we came back to school the next day, she had put my epigram on the bulletin board. That was a big kick for me."

After graduating from Hardin-Jefferson in 1971, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Lamar. His master's thesis made Lamar history, and Wright is proud of that landmark.

"I wrote the first creative thesis ever accepted at Lamar University," Wright said. Former department chair Robert Barnes chaired his thesis, and, like R.S. "Sam"



Gwynn, was a mentor. The thesis comprised 81 poems and an afterword explaining the writing process for several of the poems. "That really is important to me because a lot of people have done them since then," Wright said. "The argument against it was that a creative thesis wasn't significant enough, so Bob Barnes took me under his wing to prove that you can learn a lot from writing poetry."

Also during his Lamar career, Wright set what he believes is a record for the most publications in *Pulse*. The literary magazine published 45 of Wright's poems, also bestowing the Eleanor Poetry Award three times.

Wright, 52, is a Vietnam veteran, having served in the military between high school and Lamar. "During that time, I wrote," he said. "I wrote mostly bad poetry, but it was poetry nonetheless. When I got out of the Army, poetry became practically therapeutic for me. It was very cryptic – nobody but I could understand what I said. I was trying to hide the meaning."

During almost three years in Asia, he developed an interest in Oriental ideas. He

likes to write haiku and, he says, "My poetry sometimes has that flavor." He also has a black belt in martial arts.

Wright continued to write after leaving Lamar and earning secondary teaching certification from Texas A&M University and mid-management certification for administration from the University of Texas-Pan American. He was a teacher and administrator in Edinburg and McAllen in the Rio Grande Valley but returned to Southeast Texas in 1995 and joined the Lamar faculty in 2000. With Gwynn's encouragement, he got more serious about publishing his work.

Why poetry?

"I write to see how well I can put an image on the page. Sometimes it's an inspiration that wants to get onto the page. Other times, it's just something that I've thought about. Most of my poems, though – that are any good – came out on their own. It's almost as if a poem was inside waiting to happen, and I was ready with pen and paper in hand."

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A course toward equality



Fifty years before Tiger Woods won his 10th major tournament in the PGA. six amateur black golfers won a major victory of their own. Those golfers used the court system to fight for the right to play at Beaumont's municipal golf course, establishing legal precedent along the way. Robert Robertson '65, an adjunct instructor in

history at Lamar, tells their story in a new

book, Fair Ways: How Six Black Golfers Won Civil Rights in Beaumont, Texas, published by Texas A&M University Press. Using public case papers, public records, newspapers and oral histories, Robertson recreates the scene in Beaumont on the eve of desegregation.

In the summer of 1955, the golfers attacked the Jim Crow caste system when they filed a federal lawsuit for the right to play at Tyrrell Park. Their attorneys asked the judge to render a decision that would not only integrate the local golf course but also set precedent for desegregation of other public facilities.

Booker T. Fayson, Joseph P. Griffin, William Narcisse, Thomas A. Parker,

Johnnie R. Ware and Earl V. White had learned to play golf as youths working as caddies and waiters.

Denied the right to play at Tyrrell Park, they found two young, black lawyers to help them challenge the city. Theodore R. Johns and Elmo Willard III had recently graduated from law school and were passionate about civil rights reform. Their suit became part of a civil rights campaign being waged across Texas by the NAACP.

In Fair Ways, Robertson chronicles the parallel stories that converged - of the plaintiffs, their attorneys and the third player in the decision: U.S. District Judge Lamar J.R. Cecil, who had just been appointed to the bench by President

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- JOHN BOLES. William P. Hobby Professor of History, Rice University.

with detail and local color and personality, that sheds an illuminating ray of light on one aspect of the story of desegregation, showing how the most unlikely persons can have a major impact on the important events of our lives.'

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Jim Nantz of CBS Sports applauds Robertson's book as "a story that cuts to the core of sports and society. It reminds us how far we have come . . . in the last 50 years."

Robertson, who earned his master's in history from Lamar, is a Beaumont business executive and leader in area history organizations. He was a featured author at the

Texas Book Festival Oct. 29-30 in Austin, participating in a panel, "Remembering the Dream: Civil Rights in the '60s."

Lights! Camera! Action!



After the lights went out because of Hurricane Rita, Lamar's 16th annual Distinguished Faculty Lecture is back on the marquee, rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30, 2006, in the University Theatre. A reception is planned afterward in the theatre

Honoree Kenneth Rivers, professor of French, will speak on "The Meaning of the Movies: 100 Years of Cinema in the U.S. and Around the World." The lecture is sponsored by ExxonMobil.

As the music crescendos and the screen lights up, Rivers will lead a cinematic journey through a century of great filmmaking.

"From the ribbon-cutting in 1905 at that humble nickelodeon in Pittsburgh, which was featuring The Great Train *Robbery,* to the high-tech and high-stakes computer-generated epics of today, motion pictures have affected the lives of countless millions in America and throughout the world," Rivers said.

He will show clips from "classics and rarities," including The Great Train Robbery, The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, Rashomon, Horse Feathers, Casablanca and Vertigo.

"That should give everyone a good sampling of the different styles of U.S. and world cinema and some of the ways in which films have had meaning for different peoples in different eras," Rivers said. "The audience will see not only films they are familiar with, but also clips from 1902 and 1903 that blow you away with their creativity, unimaginable for such an early era."

The lecture is open to the public without charge.

ArtsNotes

Le Grand Bal 2006 - Toast to the Arts - will honor businessman Frank Messina for his contributions to Lamar. Messina is president of Messina's Liquor Inc. The Bal is scheduled March 25,



FRANK MESSINA

with an art auction and reception from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Dishman Art Museum and dining, dancing and entertainment from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Montagne Center. The annual gala benefits students in the College of Fine Arts and Communication. Call (409) 880-8137 for reservations . . . Despite Hurricane Rita, six students from the Lamar's NewDance Ensemble per-

TOAST ARTS

formed at the inaugural Fort Worth Dance Festival Oct. 21-23. They are Emily Lockard and Nicole Daigle of Beaumont; Katy King of Fannett; and Melanie Bohacek, Allison Fulton and Leslie Davis of Houston. Festival organizers had invited the

Lamar students to appear in all six performances over the two weekends, but, because of the evacuation and the closing of the university, they were unable to work with their choreographer and instructor, Alice Howes, for more than a month. That forced the students to miss the first weekend of performances at the festival. "The students put in long rehearsal hours," said Howes, "and they managed to prepare for the

performance in just two days so they could join the second weekend of performances" . . . The 45th issue or Lamar's literary magazine, Pulse, features the work of 20 student writers, five of whom received awards for their contributions. Ashlynn Ivy of Groves earned the Eleanor Poetry Award for best overall poem and the deSchweinitz Poetry Award for best poem in open form. **Matthew Crumpler** of Orange received the Barnes Poetry Award for best poem in traditional form, and Carrie Zoch of Beaumont received the Pulse Essay Award for best essay. Mike **Dunklin** of Bullard received both the Rowe Poetry Award and the Pulse Fiction Award for best short fiction. Kelly Tibbetts of Port Arthur received the *Pulse* Poetry Award, which is chosen by the staff of the literary magazine. The back cover honors Henry Rule, regents' professor of English, who died this year, with publication of his poem, *The Beat of My Mother's Heart*. Copies of Pulse are available from the Department of English and Modern Languages, (409) 880-8558.



FEB. 14

Lamarissimo! Faculty Artists and Chamber Music

> MARCH 7 Jazz Bands

MARCH 23

Wind Ensemble and Concert Band

APRIL 25

Cardinal Singers and Lamar Dance Company

Performances at 7:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Theatre Tickets: 880-8415

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

JAN. 15

Kim Ellis, clarinet, and Dwight Peirce, piano

MARCH 5

Nick Rissman, piano, and Galen Wixson, cello Art Museum of Southeast Texas Performances at 2 p.m.

FEB. 9

Lamar Wind Ensemble 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church

LAMAR THEATRE

FEB. 16-21

An Evening With Israel by Israel Horowitz Directed by students Michael Janssen, Andrea Garcia and Adam Conrad Studio Theatre

APRIL 20-25

Vieux Carre by Tennessee Williams Directed by Adonia Placette **University Theatre**

Performances at 8 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays Tickets: 880-2250

DANCE

FEB. 4

NewDance Ensemble 7:30 p.m., University Theatre

Rita energizes 'new' Lamarissimo! season

The Lamarissimo! concert series has been blowing and going to rave reviews for 15 years. And it wasn't about to let the inharmonious hand of

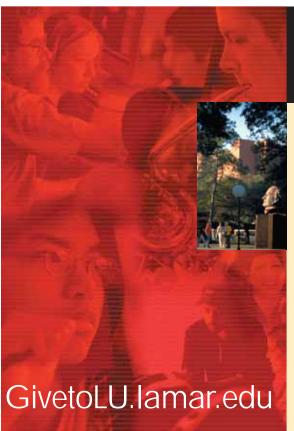
Hurricane Rita keep the acclaimed off-campus talent showcase from making beautiful music for Southeast Texans.

The revised lineup began with the holiday choir concert Dec. 13 and continues this spring with rescheduled and regular dates, moved from the Julie Rogers Theatre to the Jefferson Theatre. (See Marquee)

Since its inception in 1990-91, Lamarissimo! has represented a partnership between Lamar and the community, with the sponsorship of area businesses essential to the series' success. This season, two new underwriters join the "friends of Lamarissimo!" roster. J K Chevrolet sponsored the holiday concert, while American Valve and Hydrant will sponsor the artists/chamber performance on Valentine's Day. Three longtime sponsors return: Bo-Mac Contractors Ltd., ExxonMobil and Entergy Texas.



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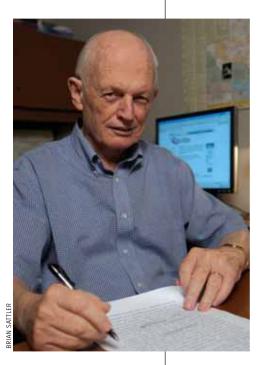
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We took each other sight unseen. No one at Lamar had ever seen me, and, although I grew up in Baytown only 70 miles away, I had never seen Lamar. Fifty years ago, I arrived in Beaumont to take a position as instructor of history at Lamar State College of Technology.

I had just completed two years of military service, 18 months of which were with the Historical Division of the United States Army in Germany. My employment at Lamar had been completed by mail while I was still overseas. I had another job offer at what is today the University of Central Arkansas at Conway but was encouraged by my

major professor at the University of Texas to accept the Lamar position. It's a decision I have never regretted.

At that time, Lamar Tech, as it was then called, had an enrollment of nearly 4,000 students, many of whom were attending class in the evening hours. As a new instructor, I was assigned two evening classes that first year and three classes in the afternoons.

Today, I cannot recall all the difficulties, and pleasures, of my early years at Lamar. Preston B. Williams was head of what was then the Department of History and Government. He guided me through the early days of teaching, and I owe much of my decision to stay at Lamar to him. Senior faculty members in the department, especially Merrill Rippy, were also encouraging mentors to an inexperienced, but eager, young instructor.

I do remember how hot the classrooms were for about seven months of the year. The offices of deans, department heads and some senior faculty had window units for air conditioning, but there were none in the classrooms. Temperatures were slightly cooler during the evening classes, but, with open windows, thousands of mosquitoes descended upon both instructor and students.

In spite of the heavy teaching load, the dress code – males wore ties and females wore dresses or skirts – the heat, the mosquitoes, and the low pay (\$3,600 for nine months for an instructor with a Ph.D.), I have fond memories of those early days at Lamar. The students (at least most of them) seemed eager to learn, and the instructors (at least most of them) seemed eager to introduce their students to their academic disciplines.

Several of my students in those days later had successful educational careers. Charles Alexander, Leland Bellot, Archie McDonald and John W. Storey all obtained their Ph.D.s and became award-winning university history professors and authors. Many others in my early classes, including Wanda Landrey, W.T. Block, Ellen Walker Rienstra, Judy Walker Linsley, William Seale, Wayne Cutler, Robert Robertson, Fred McKinley and Ronald Ellison, have all published historical monographs.

That first year, 1955-1956, convinced me that I wanted to spend my academic life at Lamar. I enjoyed working with my fellow faculty members and the students. Like myself, many of them came from hard-working, middle-class families that saw the value of learning. Lamar afforded us the opportunity to share our interests.

Oh, there would be frustrations along the way, and from time to time, many of us would become discouraged. But looking back 50 years, I regard my decision to accept the written offer from Dr. F.L. McDonald to join the history faculty at Lamar State College of Technology as one of the best decisions of my life.

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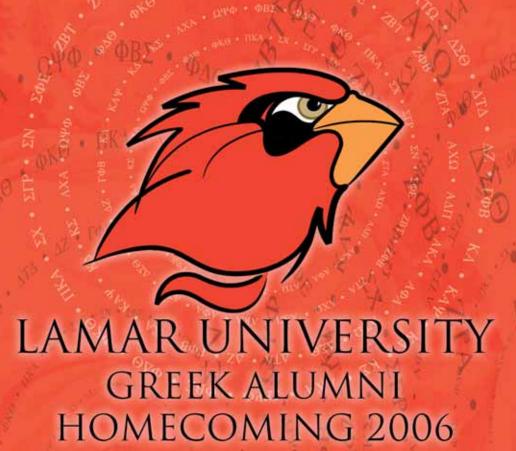
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Regents' Professor of History

Ralph Wooster celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a Lamar University faculty member Sept. 1, 2005.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

2:00 pm | Cardinals' Baseball Game - Vincent-Beck Stadium

6:00 pm | Tailgate Parties and Reception - Montagne Center

7:00 pm | Men's Basketball Game - Montagne Center

9:30 pm | Reunion Party. Band - "Mid-Life Crisis" - Quadrangle

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

9 - 11:00 am | Open House and Group Reunion Events - Campus Tours

11:30 am | Greek Alumni Reunion Lunch – (Tickets may be purchased at Homecoming)

| Class of 1956 Golden Anniversary Reunion Lunch

2:00 pm | Cardinals' Baseball Game – Vincent-Beck Stadium

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