PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It is a time of remarkable progress and momentum on the Hilltop.

The University community is profoundly energized as we begin the two-year countdown to the end of The Second Century Campaign, which runs through December 2015. Recent and generous gifts have raised our campaign total to a historic level.

Recent initiatives receiving support include the Moody Coliseum project, a new cyber security institute, a new campus center at SMU-in-Taos and a new legal center, all reported in this issue of Campaign Update. They demonstrate the campaign’s continuing impact on SMU and the breadth of University areas benefiting from the campaign’s success.

As we move ahead, we remain focused on achieving the campaign’s core goals: increasing the number of student scholarships, endowed faculty positions and new and enhanced facilities.

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Other events celebrating key achievements also will be on the calendar in 2014. The dedication of the new Residential Commons Complex this spring and the subsequent launch of our new campus center at SMU-in-Taos, both slated for 2014, also represent the groundbreaking for the new Dr. Bob Smith Health Center, both slated for 2014.

The dedication of a new Mustang Band Hall and August will mark the implementation of a new campus-wide Residential Commons initiative in spring and the subsequent launch of our new of the new Residential Commons Complex this will be on the calendar in 2014. The dedication and initiatives will take place throughout the year.

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I hope everyone who cares about the University’s achievement well into the future.

Sincerely,

R. GERALD TURNER
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The 167,000-square-foot complex and Dallas landmark is home to SMU men’s and women’s basketball, women’s volleyball and the pageantry of SMU academic ceremonies, as well as numerous community events such as concerts, cultural programs and high school graduations.

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Trustee David B. Miller ’72, ’73 and his wife, Carolyn, also committed $10 million toward the renovation project in 2011. The Miller Event Center, an addition on the north side of Moody Coliseum and named in their honor, includes the Miller Champions Club—a 5,000-square-foot furnished entertainment area on the concourse level—and suites with courtyard views, along with administrative areas to support student-athletes and coaches.

The Miller Champions Club is named in honor of David Miller by contributions of several friends. Early funding of a feasibility study and conceptual design for this significant construction project was provided by Sylvie P. Crum and Gary T. Crum ’69.

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Make Your Mark on Moody Coliseum

Moody Coliseum – an SMU tradition since 1958 – has been a central gathering place for the University as well as the spot of historic events for the broader community. Now you can add to Moody’s storied tradition by supporting the Coliseum expansion and renovation project.

Donors who make a commitment of $1,000 or more to the project will have their names added to the permanent project donor plaque.

This is your chance to help Complete the Coliseum!

To join your fellow Mustangs and support Moody Coliseum’s next 50 years, please contact Kurt Pottkotter, senior associate athletic director for development, at 214-768-3639 or kpottkotter@smu.edu.

Provost Paul W. Ludden said that it was appropriate that the Moody ribbon-cutting ceremony took place as part of the University’s December Commencement ceremony. “Our graduates and their families and friends helped us usher in a new era in this remarkable facility.”

Several days later, on January 4, the Mustang men’s basketball team played against then No. 17-ranked University of Connecticut and the women’s team squared off against the University of South Florida, playing in the first home games in the renovated facility before a capacity audience. A victory by the men’s team launched the Mustangs on a historic home-game winning streak that propelled them into the ranks of the top teams in the nation.

SMU continues to seek funding for the facility, with significant donor naming opportunities still available. 
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SECURING THE FUTURE

Leadership gift for cyber security institute, innovation gym

A $7.5 million gift from Darwin Deason, founder of Affiliated Computer Services, will launch the Darwin Deason Institute for Cyber Security and support the Deason Innovation Gym in SMU’s Lyle School of Engineering.

Deason’s gift provides a $5 million endowment, as well as $1.25 million in operational funding, for the new Institute, headed by renowned cyber security expert Frederick R. Chang. Formerly researcher director at the National Security Agency (NSA), Chang joined SMU in fall 2013 as the inaugural Bobby B. Lyle Endowed Centennial Distinguished Chair in Cyber Security with the goal of creating the Institute that now bears Deason’s name.

The gift provides another $1.5 million to support the operation of the Deason Innovation Gym, also named in honor of the Deason family. The Innovation Gym is a facility in which students are immersed in a fast-paced environment to solve engineering problems.

“This support immediately positions the Lyle School to make significant contributions to the science of cyber security,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “Darwin Deason’s generous gift of operational funding, in addition to the endowment, allows the Institute to begin addressing critical cyber security issues from day one.”

“Darwin Deason’s gift will support important research and education across a broad spectrum of student involvement,” said Lyle School Dean Marc P. Chistensen. “The Institute will attract the best minds to address the threats of cyber crime and cyber terrorism. The Innovation Gym helps develop young minds, turning students loose to solve real-world problems under tight deadlines.”

Deason was born in Rogers, Arkansas. He and his wife, Katerina Panos Deason, divide their time between their home in Dallas and their other residences. Several members of Deason’s family have SMU connections: Deason’s son, Doug, is married to Holly, who is an alumnus. Doug’s son, Preston, and Holly’s daughter, Fallon, both currently attend SMU.

Darwin Deason Institute for Cyber Security

The Lyle School’s cyber security program has been one of the University’s centers of academic excellence for 15 years. The program, supported by a core of highly regarded faculty engaged in advanced research, has garnered attention from the NSA and the U.S. Department of Defense.

The Deason Institute will expand SMU’s work in this area, incorporating a broad, interdisciplinary approach to problem solving and building relationships ranging from campus-wide to worldwide.

Deason Innovation Gym

The Deason Innovation Gym in the Caruth Institute for Engineering Education is where engineering students, as well as those in other SMU disciplines, come together to work on immersion design projects and competitions.

Located on the ground floor of Caruth Hall, the large physical space incorporates computerized design equipment as well as access to traditional mechanical tools and 3-D fabrication equipment, allowing students to take a project from the idea stage to rapid prototyping in the same space.
A new legal center at SMU’s Dedman School of Law will provide services for the victims of domestic violence, sex trafficking and other crimes against women.

Ray L. ’65 and Nancy Ann Hunter Hunt ’65 have committed $5 million to provide a new resource for legal assistance to the community and opportunities for law students to gain practical experience. The gift will create the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women, named in honor of Mrs. Hunt’s father. The late Judge Hunter was a distinguished Missouri state and federal judge and longtime advocate of merit as the determining factor in the selection of judges.

“Ray and Nancy Ann have recognized the great need for free legal assistance to some of our community’s most vulnerable members,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “As is typical of the Hunts, they have acted with generosity and insight to fill the need, while also expanding educational opportunities for law students to make a difference in this important area of the law.”

Under the supervision of law faculty, Dedman Law students working in the Hunter Legal Center will provide legal services such as protective orders, divorce, custody and child support agreements, and assistance with credit and housing issues. Using a holistic approach, students will gain experience with the myriad needs and complexity of issues that victims encounter and will see the human faces behind related legal issues.

“We are honored to name this Legal Center after my father, whose main interest as a judge was the well-being of individuals through fair treatment and protection under the law,” said Nancy Ann Hunt. “As a result of this program, participating law students will enter the legal profession with a deeper understanding of the victims of exploitation, trafficking and abuse and what they need for their lives to be restored. Their suffering may be hidden from our sight and may be uncomfortable to acknowledge publicly. But through the availability of free legal services, we hope they will feel empowered to come forward and obtain help.”

The Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women will expand Dedman Law’s programs providing legal assistance to members of the community in several areas of the law. Existing programs include the W.W. Caruth Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic and clinics in civil law, criminal justice, federal tax representation, small business issues and consumer advocacy. Dedman Law was one of the first in the country to provide such services to the community, dating to 1947. Dedman Law also was among the first law schools to implement a public service requirement for graduation.

CREATING A TAOS CAMPUS CENTER

A $2.5 million gift from trustee David B. Miller ’72, ’73 and Carolyn Miller will help fund a new $4 million campus center at SMU-in-Taos in New Mexico. The Center will feature a large, open gathering space for students and faculty, additional classrooms and a design that maximizes the campus’ mountain setting.

The Carolyn and David Miller Campus Center will be a valuable addition to the 423-acre SMU-in-Taos campus. Students may take classes in subjects including business, history, ethics, religious studies and art history. They may earn course credit during three summer terms and, new this year, a January term, at SMU-in-Taos. Courses ranging from archaeology to geology and painting take advantage of the natural setting and are complemented by outdoor activities, such as river rafting, hiking and fly-fishing.

This gift to SMU-in-Taos is the most recent example of David and Carolyn Miller’s generous support of SMU in areas across the University. It follows their 2011 gift supporting the expansion and renovation of Moody Coliseum and construction of the Miller Event Center (see story on page one) and other gifts to the University:

“SMU-in-Taos is a gem that offers SMU students a unique learning experience in a setting conducive to discovery. This generous gift from Carolyn and David Miller will enhance our students’ experiences by providing a central place to gather, learn and explore in a facility that embraces its natural setting,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. Funding opportunities remain.

To learn more, contact Pam Conlin at 214-768-3738 or pconlin@smu.edu.

ART HISTORY GIFTS BOOST FORT WORTH TOTAL

Alumni, parents and friends of SMU from the Fort Worth area have committed more than $9 million toward SMU’s Second Century Campaign, boosted by two leadership gifts for the Department of Art History in SMU’s Meadows School of the Arts. They include a new $1.5 million gift to establish an endowed chair in the Division of Art History from the Kleinhinz Family Endowment for the Arts and Education.

The Kleinhinz Family Endowment is a private charitable foundation supported through contributions from Marsha and John B. Kleinhinz of Fort Worth. Their daughter, Marguerite, graduated from Meadows School of the Arts in 2012 with a bachelor’s degree in art history.

In 2012 SMU received an estate gift from the late Karl Kleinhinz, II, an SMU professor who served 30 years in the Department of Art History, to establish an endowed chair in Hellenic Visual Culture.

SMU President R. Gerald Turner, University officials and members of the Campaign Steering Committee for Fort Worth acknowledged these and other donors from the area during a campaign celebration January 25.

“We are deeply grateful to the Kleinhinz family, to the estate of Karl Kleinhinz and to all of our generous friends and supporters in Fort Worth,” said President Turner. The gifts from the Kleinhinz Family Endowment and Kleinhinz estate support a major goal of SMU’s Second Century Campaign to endow 110 faculty positions.

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Cutting the Ribbon

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Miller Family Attends December 17 Celebration

Carolyn Lacy Miller and her husband, SMU Trustee David B. Miller ’72, ’73 (third and fourth from left), along with family members, attended the Leadership Donor Celebration for Moody Coliseum and the Miller Event Center on December 17.

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YEAR OF THE FACULTY
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Save the Date: Founders’ Day Weekend
Join us for the 2014 Founders’ Day Weekend, April 10–13, an opportunity to reconnect with professors, classmates and current students.

This year’s event occurs during the centennial Year of the Faculty and features many ways to engage with SMU’s outstanding scholars. Experience Inside SMU Powered by TEDxSMU – with esteemed faculty, alumni and students.

Get an insider’s perspective on the University’s remarkable progress from SMU President R. Gerald Turner. Join us for a historic Centennial Faculty Salute. Bring your family to enjoy the new exhibit, “The Art of Leadership: A President’s Personal Diplomacy,” at the George W. Bush Presidential Center and enjoy activities at its Native Texas Park. Visitors of all ages also will enjoy the multisensory activities and demonstrations at the open house at SMU’s Meadows Museum, which complement the featured exhibition, Sorolla and America, and incorporate movement, sound, touch and smell.

Make plans for all this and more.