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ON THE COVER

SMU students are applying their passions to what they learn outside the classroom – in their communities and throughout the world. Students who are involved with Engaged Learning projects are (from top left, clockwise) Lindsay Sockwell, Matt Gayer, Colby Kruger, Jaywin Singh Malhi, Michael McCarthy, and Meera Nair, who taught children with disabilities in India (at right). Story on page 20.

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President

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Memories, Milestones and Momentum

Preserving a legacy while pursuing aspirations

IT HAS BEEN A YEAR FOR CHERISHING MEMORIES AND CELEBRATING MILESTONES.

In the centennial year of SMU's founding, 2011, we honored our heritage. We gathered as a community to celebrate Founders' Day in April. We transformed the first floor of Hughes-Trigg Student Center into Centennial Hall, a multimedia, interactive display of our history, our present and our potential for even greater achievement.

We hosted Centennial reunions, expanded the Homecoming parade, and produced a stunning full-color picture book capturing SMU's grandeur as a place of learning and living. We invited SMU, Dallas and national experts to take part in our Centennial academic symposium, "The University and the City: Higher Education and the Common Good." Our web site at www.smu.edu/100 captures the many ways we are marking the Centennial period, 2011-2015, and welcoming your ongoing participation.

Most important of all, we honored the legacy of our founders by building on their dreams.

Once again, we welcomed the most academically gifted entering class in our history, with an average SAT score of 1268, up from 1243 last year, and moving closer to our goal of 1300. SMU's average SAT scores have risen 125 points in the past ten years, and applications have

more than doubled. It is clear that SMU is increasingly attractive to the best students, and we're determined to keep that momentum going.

A key way to accomplish that, of course, is to continue raising funds for merit scholarships, a major goal of our Second Century Campaign, which has reached another milestone: We have reached \$574.1 million toward the \$750 million goal, and we're still in full swing.

So, as we enter 2012, we have much to celebrate and anticipate. We will continue to mark the special milestones of our past through Founders' Day activities and other Centennial events. And we'll continue to commemorate ongoing progress. We will break ground on the new Residential Commons, implement a new University curriculum and proceed with upgrades to facilities such as Moody Coliseum. Most of all, we remain grateful for your unwavering support of the University's founding vision and enduring aspirations. Today's donors are the founders of our future, and we celebrate you.

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THE 4-1-1 ON CLASS OF 2015

TOTAL: 1,382

DEMOGRAPHICS: 51% female, 49% male
55% from outside Texas
26.6% diversity

TOP STATES: Texas, California, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Louisiana, Colorado, Connecticut, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia

AVERAGE SAT 1268, up from 1243 last year

AVERAGE ACT 28.4, up from 27.6 last year

AVERAGE GPA 3.44, up from 3.37 last year

PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARS: 45

HUNT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS: 27



INTERESTING FACTS

- 8 sets of twins and 2/3 of a set of triplets
- **MOST POPULAR MALE NAMES:** Christopher, William, Andrew, Michael, and John
- **MOST POPULAR FEMALE NAMES:** Katherine (spelled multiple ways), Lauren, Emily, Alexandra, and Sara
- **LONGEST FIRST NAME:** Oluwadamilade
- **SHORTEST FIRST NAME:** J
- They attended over 750 different high schools from Abilene, Texas, to Zhangjiagang, China. ●

SMU Names Dean Of Undergraduate Admission

WES K. WAGGONER, whose university admissions experience spans 20 years, has been named SMU's new dean of undergraduate admission and executive director of enrollment services. Chosen after a national search, Waggoner reports to Stephanie Dupaul, associate vice president for enrollment management.



Wes K. Waggoner

Waggoner previously served as associate dean and director of freshman admission at TCU. In addition, he held admissions roles at the University of Tulsa, Tulane University, Fort Worth Country Day School and The Episcopal School of Baton Rouge. He holds a Bachelor's degree in history from Tulane and an M.B.A. from the University of Dallas.

"Wes has demonstrated his skills in developing comprehensive recruiting plans, redesigning processes, and mentoring a professional team of admissions professionals," Dupaul says. "He is excited about the path the University is on as we implement a new curriculum, develop our residential commons,

and continue to expand our academic research."

Waggoner also is a nationally known leader in the admission profession, having served on committees for numerous organizations.

At SMU, Waggoner will oversee all activities of the Office of Admission, including admission for first-year, transfer and international applicants. He will work

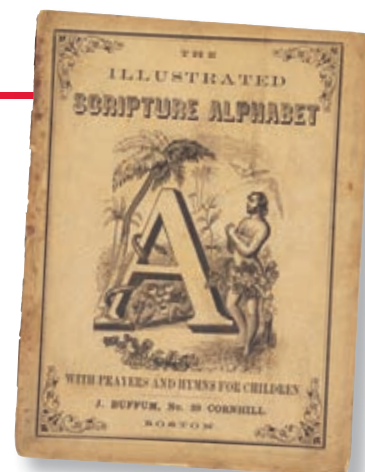
with recruitment staff from Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, the Lyle School of Engineering, the Meadows School of the Arts, the Cox School of Business and the Simmons School of Education and Human Development to recruit outstanding undergraduates to SMU.

"The Centennial is such an exciting time to become a part of the SMU community," Waggoner says. "I am most pleased that at the forefront of such momentum is a student's academic experience. That's what makes SMU a great university." ●

For more information: www.smu.edu/weswaggoner.

FAITH OF OUR CHILDREN

AN EXHIBITION, "FOUR CENTURIES OF RELIGIOUS BOOKS FOR CHILDREN," will be featured January 20-May 12, 2012, in The Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Galleries at Bridwell Library. The exhibition explores religious books specifically written for children that were printed in Europe and America from the 16th to the 19th centuries. Intended to both instruct and delight, these publications were the foundation for young people's future religious education and faith. An online version of the exhibition can be viewed at www.smu.edu/bridwell/exhibitions. ●



The Illustrated Scripture Alphabet with Prayers and Hymns for Children. Boston: J. Buffum, [1855-1857].

Engineers To Help Improve Refugee Camp Conditions

THE LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING is partnering with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to improve water quality in African and Asian refugee camps housing tens of thousands of people.

Supported by a \$270,000 grant from UNHCR and additional SMU funds, Civil and Environmental Engineering faculty member Andrew Quicksall and his graduate students are collecting water samples in UNHCR camps, which they will analyze at SMU. They also are training workers at the refugee camps to test water supplies. The group will integrate information from other sources to develop a database that will help UNHCR planners provide safer drinking water in existing and future refugee camps.

“They’ve asked us to build out a whole picture, truly worldwide, of what’s in the drinking water in refugee camps,” says Quicksall, the J. Lindsay Embrey Trustee Assistant Professor in the Lyle School of Engineering.

The database developed by Quicksall’s group will identify contaminants in drinking water and allow UNHCR officials to track water quality in the camps over time. Some water quality problems are indigenous to the regions where the camps are situated and some are the result of thousands of people



Engineering professor Andrew Quicksall (center) collects water samples with SMU graduate students and UNHCR partners.

congregating in unsuitable locations to escape war and famine faster than sanitary infrastructure can be built.

For example, the agreement with UNHCR commits Quicksall’s team to investigate critical water issues in Dadaab, Kenya – home to the largest refugee complex in the world. Nearly half a million people are concentrated in three camps there. Refugees pouring across the border to escape war and famine in Somalia continue to face shortages of food, water and shelter, in addition to sanitation hazards.

“The technical challenges of supporting refugee populations of this size will require that our teams stay engaged with the UNHCR for years to come,” says Geoffrey Orsak, dean of the Lyle School of Engineering. “Fortunately, our new Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity makes it possible to lead efforts of this magnitude nearly anywhere on the globe.”

Research results have revealed concentrations of iodide in drinking water at Dadaab and fluoride in Southern Uganda and Kakukma, Kenya. Some types of contaminants may not create problems short term, Quicksall explains, but create severe health issues for people over the long term. His study group will recommend and implement remediation methods for those problem water sources.

“To work with the science in the lab and see it applied internationally – I don’t think there is an opportunity like this anywhere else,” says graduate student Drew Aleto, a member of Quicksall’s study team.

UNHCR and the Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity at SMU have signed an agreement establishing a framework for increasing the role of engineering and innovation to improve refugee camp operations. ●

DEGOLYER LIBRARY TO HOUSE KOMEN ARCHIVES

SMU’s DeGolyer Library and Susan G. Komen for the Cure® have formed a partnership to preserve and chronicle the history of the international organization dedicated to fighting breast cancer. DeGolyer’s Archives of Women of the Southwest now houses correspondence, advertisements and news articles chronicling Susan G. Komen for the Cure’s 29-year history.

The collection tells the story of the organization from its start as a grassroots effort to its role as the global leader of breast cancer awareness and the fight to find a cure. Since its founding in 1982, the organization has invested more than \$2 billion to fight breast cancer.

A sister’s promise in 1980 led to creation of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. When Susan G. Komen died from breast cancer at age 36, her sister, Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker, promised to do everything she could to end breast cancer, culminating with the founding of the organization that now bears her sister’s name. Today Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists, working in 50 countries worldwide.

DeGolyer will preserve and catalog for researchers the personal papers, scrapbooks and photographs of Susan Goodman Komen as well as other documents and artifacts. ●

Sophomore To Serve As Composer-In-Residence

ENVISO (FORMERLY THE IRVING SYMPHONY) AND SMU'S DIVISION OF MUSIC have launched a partnership in which a music composition student will serve each year as a composer-in-residence with the area's only boutique professional symphony orchestra.

The initiative is named the William H. Lively SMU Student Composer-in-Residence Program in honor of alumnus Bill Lively '65, vice chancellor of strategic partnerships for the University of North Texas System. After earning a Bachelor's degree in music from Meadows School of the Arts, Lively returned to SMU in 1973 as the Mustang Band assistant director. He served SMU for 25 years, most recently as vice president for development and external affairs. He also served as president and CEO of the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation and as president and CEO of the North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee.

"The new program will support and celebrate young musicians who aspire to be among the next generation of American composers," Lively says.

"To our knowledge, this is the first such program of its kind between an orchestra and a university music department," says Tracy Boyd, president of ENVISO.

The first student selected for the residency is sophomore Vince Gover. ENVISO performed the world premiere of Gover's *Let Us Begin Anew...* (a quote from John F. Kennedy's inaugural speech) in November in a concert celebrating the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's presidential inauguration.



Vince Gover

Though an undergraduate, Gover already has received recognition for his compositions. Last January, his *Children's Suite* was performed at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., by the Saxony-Anhalt Brass Quintet. Gover's *Minute Fanfare* was performed by the Meadows Wind Ensemble at its October concert at SMU.

"Our composition students will have an opportunity to work with a professional orchestra and gain performance experience that will be invaluable to them in their careers," says Samuel Holland, director of the Meadows' Division of Music. ●

DEPARTMENTS COLLABORATE ON DRUG RESEARCH

SIXTEEN SCIENTISTS IN SMU'S BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENTS recently formed a biomedical collaboration to enhance the research endeavors of their faculty and students.

The Center for Drug Discovery, Design and Delivery (CD4) was launched with \$24,500 in seed money from Provost Paul Ludden and Dedman College Dean William Tsutsui. CD4's goal is to discover new drug therapies and delivery methods that can be developed into clinical applications. The center's active research includes targeted drug discovery, natural product discovery, and using drugs already approved for one purpose to fight other diseases, says Pia Vogel, CD4 director. ●



To commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11, SMU hosted a range of public events. The Meadows Museum created "Plaza Memorial: A Meditative Space" in its Sculpture Garden, featuring nearly 3,000 flags for each of the 9/11 victims and their families. Student Christina Rancke planted one of the flags in the plaza in memory of her father, who died in one of the World Trade Center towers on 9/11.



BRIGHT LIGHTS BIG CITIES

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THE 2011 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

recipients are (from left) Ike Griffin '57, president, Horizon Communities in Prison; Annette Caldwell Simmons '57, community leader and philanthropist; and David B. Miller '72, '73, co-founder and partner of EnCap Investments L.P.



THE 2011 EMERGING LEADER AWARD

recipient is Blake Mycoskie '99, founder of Toms Shoes.

PAST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

recipients were honored as History Makers as part of SMU's Centennial celebration. The 2011 honorees are (from left) Marshall Terry '53, '54, SMU professor emeritus and author; Ruth Collins Altshuler '48, philanthropist and first woman chair and longest-serving member of the SMU Board of Trustees; Mary Ellen Mitchell Jericho '46, civic leader and philanthropist; Jess T. Hay '53, '55, international business and civic leader; William King McElvaney '50, '51, '57, minister, SMU professor emeritus and author; Lila Mae Banks Cockrell '42, four-term mayor of San Antonio; Ruth I. Allen (Mewhinney) '37, Dallas pioneer in medicine; and Edwin L. Cox '42, business leader and Cox School benefactor. Also honored were Lee Cullum '61, journalist, writer and broadcaster; Nancy Ann Hunter Hunt '65, civic leader and philanthropist; and Ray L. Hunt '65, civic and business leader and philanthropist.

CROWNED THE 2011 HOMECOMING QUEEN

and king were Grace Roberts, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Seth Ramey, Beta Theta Pi.

ALUMNI AND

FRIENDS enjoyed catching up and sharing memories at mini-reunions and Centennial reunions for classes ending in '01 and '06.

— CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Marking A Milestone In History And Leadership

A PERMANENT REMINDER OF SMU'S MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

and a lasting tribute to University leadership was dedicated September 9.

The 1.5-acre R. Gerald Turner Centennial Quadrangle, located in the eastern quadrant of the campus, includes the Cooper Centennial Fountain, funded by Susan Smith Cooper '62 and William R. Cooper '58. Also located within the quadrangle is the Gail O. and R. Gerald Turner Pavilion.

The Centennial Quad is bounded by the Laura Lee Blanton Building; Collins Executive Education Center and Fincher Memorial Building, both part of the Cox School of Business; and Caruth Hall, part of the Lyle School of Engineering.

Upon seeing the final plans for the quad space, Bobby B. Lyle '67, trustee and chair of SMU's Buildings and Grounds Committee, approached the Board of Trustees with the idea of naming the quadrangle and pavilion as a permanent tribute to the Turners.

"We wanted not only to recognize the tremendous progress President Turner has achieved for SMU since 1995, but more importantly to celebrate his ongoing leadership for many years to come," says Caren H. Prothro, Board chair. "We also wanted to recognize the tremendous role that Gail Turner plays in the life and progress of the University."

Inside the 20-foot octagonal pavilion, the dome is covered by a re-creation of the night sky pattern an observer would have seen on the date of SMU's founding on April 17, 1911. A bronze SMU logo marks the center of the pavilion floor.



A gift from Susan Smith Cooper '62 and William R. Cooper '58 created the Cooper Centennial Fountain near Blanton Student Services Building.

"What pleases us most about this new quadrangle is that it will provide a peaceful and attractive gathering place for our students and others."

PRESIDENT R. GERALD TURNER

The Cooper Centennial Fountain is designed in the form of an architectural terrace overlooking the Quadrangle and Pavilion. The fountain features five arched niches that repeat the visual structure of the Blanton Building's classical colonnade. Night lighting of the fountain and uplighting of the Blanton façade integrate the building and landscape.

"Gail and I want to emphasize that SMU's tremendous progress has

been a team effort with the vision and support of a forward-looking board, generous donors and the commitment of the entire University community," Turner said. "What pleases us most about this new quadrangle is that it will provide a peaceful and attractive gathering place for our students and others, especially as we welcome growing numbers of visitors to campus during our Centennial celebration years. We are excited to be a part of SMU's ongoing

progress at this historic time."

The \$2.5 million Centennial Quadrangle project is fully funded by 100 percent of the current trustees and several former members of the Board who have served during Turner's presidency. The gift counts toward SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign, which to date has raised more than \$574.1 million in gifts and pledges toward its goal of \$750 million. ●



The 1.5-acre R. Gerald Turner Centennial Quadrangle is located in the eastern quadrant of the campus and includes the Gail O. and R. Gerald Turner Pavilion and Cooper Fountain.

Gift Supports New Living-Learning Residential Commons

ALUMNI ELISABETH MARTIN ARMSTRONG '82 AND WILLIAM D. ARMSTRONG '82, of Denver, have committed a \$5 million gift toward the construction of SMU's new Residential Commons complex.

The Residential Commons model represents a new direction in SMU student housing. The five Residential Commons will enable SMU to accommodate a sophomore residency requirement. First-year students are already required to live on campus.

Campus living beyond the first year has been linked to higher retention rates and the creation of a greater sense of camaraderie among students. Each Residential Commons will include faculty in residence, expanding opportunities for learning, informal interactions and mentoring, says Paul Ludden, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Construction of the Residential Commons will begin in early 2012. The complex will be located north of Mockingbird Lane near the Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports and Gerald J. Ford Stadium on the main campus. It is expected to open in fall 2014 and will provide housing for 1,250 students, as well as a dining facility. Each Commons building will include classrooms, seminar space and faculty accommodations.

The plan also calls for existing residence halls to be renovated to achieve the Residential Commons model by 2014.

"The Armstrong family's gift to SMU will help ensure that future students will benefit from a close-knit, living and learning community that will enhance their SMU experience," says SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "We are grateful to the Armstrongs for funding the first Residential Commons, and we are pleased to name it in their honor."

Supporting SMU is a family tradition for the Armstrongs, who are among three generations of family members to have attended SMU. The Armstrongs met

as first-year geology students in Dedman College and as students attended geology field camp in Taos.

They serve as co-chairs of the University's Second Century Campaign Steering Committee for Denver and served from 2008 through 2011 as chairs of the Parent Leadership Council.

In addition, they contributed to construction of the Armstrong Casita student residence at SMU-in-Taos.

Daughter Leigh graduated in May from Meadows School of the Arts, and in 2010 daughter Lindsey earned a Master's degree in education from the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development. ●



William D. Armstrong '82 and Elisabeth Martin Armstrong '82, of Denver, with daughters Leigh '11 and Lindsey '10.



The living-learning communities will include faculty in residence and space for academic, social and cultural activities.

GRAND READING ROOM AND GREAT COFFEE

A MAJOR RENOVATION PLANNED FOR FONDREN LIBRARY CENTER will restore the Grand Reading Room (shown in rendering) for use by all, while also creating a Special Collections Reading Room and a gallery space for public programming. These rooms will be signature spaces for scholarly pursuit and will honor the architectural tradition of the campus, according to Gillian M. McCombs, dean and director of Central University Libraries (CUL). The project also incorporates several amenities for students, including a collaborative learning suite and a café/browsing area. While utilizing the existing footprint of the complex, the proposed renovation increases user

spaces, technology access, public programming capabilities and other improvements. Funds are now being raised to support the project. To make a contribution or for more information, contact Paulette Mulry '83, CUL director of development, 214-768-1741 or e-mail pmulry@smu.edu. ●



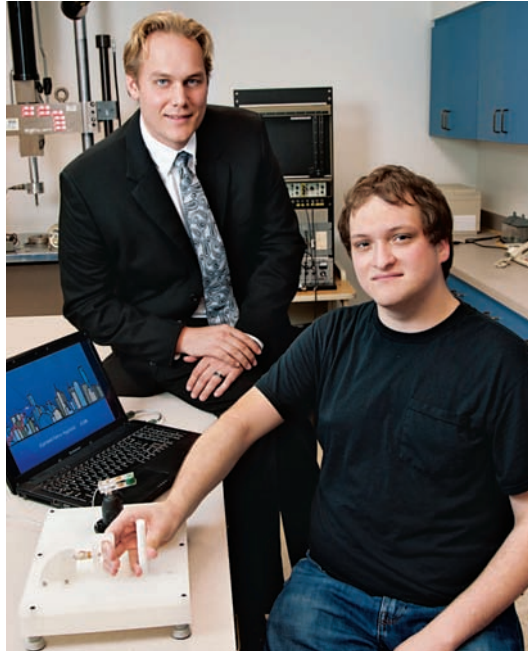
Lyle School Of Engineering Students Tackle Real-World Problems

BY DESIGN, STUDENTS IN SMU'S LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING get the opportunity to solve engineering problems for real customers during the course of earning an undergraduate degree. Yasmin Ara '11, a mechanical engineering major who graduated in May, says the hands-on opportunity reinforced what she learned in classes.

Ara and six other students majoring in computer science, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering worked as a team to design special equipment for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas. They developed a pinch-and-grip strength measurement system that assesses the hand function of young children. Dallas-based Tess P. White Foundation gave \$3,500 to SMU and Texas Scottish Rite for materials to design and build the project during spring 2011.

Texas Scottish Rite is a leading pediatric center for the treatment of musculoskeletal disorders. Surgeons at Scottish Rite knew that the hands of children under 5 years old were too small for adult-sized equipment that measures a hand's ability to pinch and grip, says Bill Pierce, senior biomedical engineer at Scottish Rite. The surgeons wanted testing equipment that would measure the grip of children ages 2 to 5 to evaluate the function of normal and abnormal hands, particularly thumbs that are reconstructed surgically.

"Our research department is resourceful at finding solutions to treat kids with really debilitating disorders. If we can't find an item off the shelf, we have to develop custom devices," Pierce says. "We're trying to find a way to quantify the effectiveness of surgery and physical therapy for children with a reconstructed thumb. Functionally, having opposable thumbs for humans is huge. The SMU measuring device



Lyle School senior design instructor Nathan Huntoon (left) with alumnus Colin Wood '11, a member of the student engineering team that helped design the pinch-and-grip strength measurement system at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

"Only by solving an actual problem and developing a solution that people will use can the transition from theory to practice be complete."

**NATHAN HUNTOON '09
SENIOR DESIGN INSTRUCTOR**

gives us some insight into the impact of our treatment."

Pierce showed the SMU student team how to use the machine shop and electronics equipment at the hospital so they could build the system they designed. "This collaboration allowed the hospital to share its needs and

capabilities with the engineering program at SMU," he says.

"I was certainly nervous that whatever we made would actually be used," says Ara, now an operations research graduate student in Lyle School's Engineering Management, Information and Systems Department. "I was happy that we were able to complete a real project; it makes your education feel validated."

The students delivered the device in May, complete with a user's manual and a presentation to the customer. Scottish Rite is fine-tuning the device, and the surgeons will use it to conduct a significant study.

Pierce says he was pleased with not only the results, but also the process. "This was very cost-effective. A commercial version of such a system sells for approximately \$40,000," he says. "As an engineer who's been practicing for more than 20 years, I was impressed with how the students worked together as a team composed of different disciplines. That gave me a greater appreciation for SMU's engineering program."

Lyle senior design instructor Nathan Huntoon '09 says the project fulfilled the purpose of engineering. "We spend a lot of time in class teaching students how to interact with customers and to extract what the customers' problems are," he says. "Only by solving an actual problem and developing a solution that people will use can the transition from theory to practice be complete."

Other students on the team were Tanya West, Ceena Hall, Will Laudun, Drew Petersen, Michael Rappaport, Samantha Watkins and Colin Wood, all 2011 graduates. ●

— Margaret Allen



Kimura studies tiny mice teeth under a microscope in the lab in Heroy Hall.

MAKING A BIG DISCOVERY WITH TINY FOSSILS

DINOSAUR BONES IN A MUSEUM sparked SMU graduate student Yuri Kimura's childhood fascination with fossils.

"I was given a piece of 100-million-year-old sedimentary rock," Kimura recalls of her visit to a museum in her native Japan. "I could not imagine how many stories this stone had experienced through 100 million years."

Today Kimura is earning her doctoral degree in paleontology from Dedman College's Roy M. Huffington Department of Earth Sciences. Instead of enormous dinosaurs, however, Kimura's focus is small mammals, whose fragile fossilized bones require a microscope to identify.

As a field assistant on an international expedition to a fossil site in Inner Mongolia, Kimura helped collect fossils smaller than a grain of rice. Guided by SMU Professor of Paleontology Louis Jacobs, Kimura identified the 17-million-year-old fossils as a new species of birch mouse, the earliest prehistoric ancestor of the modern-day birch mouse. Named *Sicista primus*, the new species connects two previously known fossils that are nine million years apart. ●

For more information:
tinyurl.com/3z9rk99

Documenting A Shifting Landscape

PHOTOGRAPHER DEBORA HUNTER'S RESEARCH explores the modern world's imprint on the iconic New Mexico landscape and the resulting social and environmental contradictions. Her latest study is "Land Marks: Photographs from Taos, New Mexico."

She says about the documentary project she started in 2004: "I make portraits of houses – houses alone, in clusters and in the landscape. Each house is a metaphor for its inhabitants whose hopes, values and histories are written in adobe, wood, paint and peel. I photograph houses under construction, newly finished, in their prime, maintained, modified, deteriorated, abandoned and finally eroded."



Untitled, 2004, Archival inkjet print on Hahnemuhle Rag Paper, 34 x 41 inches, edition of 7

Hunter, associate professor of photography in Meadows School of the Arts, has taught classes at SMU-in-Taos for the past 13 years.

Photographs from her "Land Marks" portfolio were exhibited recently at James Kelly Contemporary in Santa Fe, New Mexico. While a Meadows student, gallery owner James Kelly '79, '84 took photography classes from Hunter. Her

photographs also appear in an exhibit, "Contemplative Landscapes," at the New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe. Museum Director Frances Levine earned a Master's and a Ph.D. in anthropology from SMU. ●

For more information: www.deborahunter.com

CALLING FOR AN END TO CORPORAL PUNISHMENT



George Holden

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN THE UNITED STATES remains controversial. But for SMU Psychology Professor George Holden, there is no debate. Based on his own research and that of other parenting and child development experts, Holden wants to end spanking as a means of discipline. He spoke about the issue on Anderson Cooper's talk show in November.

His quest to teach parents alternatives to spanking prompted him to organize the Global Summit on Ending Corporal Punishment and Promoting Positive Discipline, held in June in Dallas. More than 140 researchers, attorneys, social activists and child advocates from 21 countries attended the conference. They unanimously adopted a proclamation calling for an end to all corporal punishment.

"Children who are spanked are more likely to be aggressive toward other children and adults," Holden says. "Over the long term they are at risk for a variety of mental health problems." In fact, the majority of physical child abuse cases begin as a disciplinary encounter, he adds. ●

For more information: tinyurl.com/5ssgtd8



★ ★ ★ CAMPAIGN 2012 ★ ★ ★ SMU'S EXPERTS WEIGH IN ON THE BIG ISSUES

THE BUMPY PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN SEASON WILL ONLY BECOME MORE TURBULENT AS THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012, ELECTION DRAWS CLOSER. THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS, USA TODAY, THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR AND THE WASHINGTON POST ARE AMONG THE MEDIA OUTLETS THAT RECENTLY HAVE CALLED ON SMU EXPERTS TO HELP UNRAVEL THE RHETORIC. BELOW, SMU MAGAZINE QUOTES FROM THE SCHOLARS WHO ARE DROWNING OUT THE POLITICAL NOISE AND AMPLIFYING THE SALIENT ISSUES:

TOM FOMBY

UNCERTAINTY AND HIGH ANXIETY

What would an economist's plan for the economy include, and what role does partisan politics play in voters' apprehension about the future? Tom Fomby, professor of economics in Dedman College, offers these insights:

"One of the biggest inhibitors of economic growth is uncertainty in the minds of consumers concerning their jobs, taxes and retirement. There are several ways we can reduce that degree of uncertainty: Reform the Social Security system so as to make it actuarially sound for the next 50 years, invest in our country's infrastructure as proposed in the bipartisan Kerry Hutchison Infrastructure Bank plan, and simplify the U.S. tax code to close special interest group tax loopholes.

"One of the greatest growth stimulators would be for Congress to move toward moderation and compromise in political views and away from purely ideological political stances."

Fomby, a research associate with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, is an expert on the Texas economy and its role in national and global economies. He also serves as a research associate in the surgery and epidemiology departments at UT Southwestern Medical Center, where he has applied time series and data mining techniques to medical research.

CAL JILLSON

'SLUMPED SHOULDERS AND HEAVY HEARTS'

Political Science Professor Cal Jillson in Dedman College describes the mood of the American electorate this way:

"Most voters seem unenthused with their 2012 choices. As the economy continues

to labor, voters must choose between Republican candidates and policies that many believe led to the economic collapse and Democratic candidates and policies that all see have not been able to resolve the difficulties. Voters will shuffle toward the polls with slumped shoulders and heavy hearts.”

Jillson is an author and frequent commentator on domestic and international politics. His next book, Lone Star Tarnished, which will be published early next year, is an analysis of the shortcomings of Texas public policy.

RITA KIRK

‘PERSONAL, RETAIL POLITICS AT ITS BEST’

The growing importance of social media and the impact of “ideological voters” have set the stage for a tempestuous election year, says communications expert Rita Kirk:

“Many people forget that the Obama campaign hired Chris Hughes, one of the Facebook founders, to create his 2008 social media campaign. It revolutionized modern campaigning because the voters were more engaged in the process; it was personal, retail politics at its best. The candidates in the 2012 primaries have not shown a similar interest in grassroots campaigning, but the Republican Party will have to assemble a top-notch team to compete.

“This has been a fascinating early campaign season. Ideological voters such as those who identify themselves with the Tea Party are much more aggressive in asserting their influence early in the campaign season as compared to similar groups in past elections. The result is that they have been able to set the agenda for the Republican debates.”

Kirk is director of SMU’s Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility and Altschuler Distinguished Teaching Professor of Communication Studies in Meadows School of the Arts. Kirk and Dan Schill, assistant professor conducted dial-testing focus groups for CNN.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE

SIN AND ‘SPINMEISTERS’

In a recent *Huffington Post* column, Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, president, Union of Reform Judaism, wrote that Americans “fear the language of sin.” Would it be better

if “sin” were part of the political vocabulary? Reporter Wayne Slater recently posed that question to theologian William B. Lawrence. Here is an excerpt from Lawrence’s answer, which was posted on *The Dallas Morning News’* Texas Faith blog on October 25:

“I am opposed to adding the word ‘sin’ to the political vocabulary. ... My opposition stems from my desire to prevent yet another theologically defined word from falling captive to the political classes and spinmeisters. We have already seen the word ‘evangelical’ become useless in its original theological context, because it has been so corrupted by political commentators and schemers that one can no longer utter it unless one intends to be understood as making a point about conservative political perspectives. Even the word ‘religion’ has lost its value in public discourse. ...”

Lawrence is dean and professor of American church history at Perkins School of Theology. His newest book, Ordained Ministry in The United Methodist Church, was published this fall.

LYNNE STOKES

SURVEYING THE POLLS

Polling has become an important strategic tool in politics, but Lynne Stokes, professor of statistical science in Dedman College, warns consumers to look at the polling organizations as closely as they look at the candidates:

“New communication technologies have made data collection so much faster now that public opinion can be monitored nearly in real time. News organizations love this, because they are always looking for a story, preferably for a competitive edge. Advances in survey methods have also improved polling accuracy.

“The organization that conducts the poll is an important indicator of its validity. The best-performing pollsters are usually non-partisan survey research companies or university research centers. Organizations that publish their methods, including sample sizes, margins of error and statements about how they limit nonresponse error, are usually more reliable.”

Stokes is an expert in surveys, polls and sampling, as well as in non-sampling survey errors, such as errors by interviewers and respondents. Her recent research for the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration has focused on the improvement of data collection and estimation of fish harvests.

BERNARD WEINSTEIN

FUELING THE ECONOMY

Independent voters will be drawn to a sound, economic recovery plan, according to economist Bernard L. Weinstein:

“Since we’re not likely to see much net job creation between now and election day, the dominant issue on the campaign trail will be the economy. The candidate who can put forward the most credible and affordable program for reviving the moribund economy should be able to attract the growing ranks of independent voters.”

Weinstein is associate director of the Maguire Energy Institute and an adjunct professor of business economics in the Cox School of Business.

MATT WILSON

POLITICS AND RELIGION

The presidential campaign may be as much about religion as it is about the economy, says political scientist Matt Wilson:

“Religion inevitably will be a major theme of the 2012 campaign, even if the economy is supposedly the central issue. As it has been for the past several electoral cycles, the partisan gap between regular church attenders and the nonreligious will be greater than that between rich and poor, men and women, the employed and the unemployed. Religious and secular Americans have simply come to see the world in very different ways and that has translated into their political preferences.

“If the Republican candidate is Mitt Romney, then we can expect a bevy of stories on Mormonism. We can also, unfortunately, expect a range of subtle and not-so-subtle anti-Mormon attacks, both in the primaries and the general election. ... We’ll have to see if America is ready to once again expand its definition of what constitutes an ‘acceptable’ president.”

Wilson, associate professor of political science in Dedman College, specializes in religion and politics, as well as public opinion, elections and political psychology.



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The Power of Partnership

As a student in 1991, Chris Lake '92, '95 began tutoring a 9-year-old boy living in the crime-riddled East Dallas neighborhood where he rented a house. Despite Lake's best efforts, his student usually dozed off during their sessions. Unable to sleep one night as he puzzled over the problem, the tutor took a 2 a.m. walk through the neighborhood and found an answer: He spotted the youngster helping his mother clean the local Laundromat.

"He told me, 'I could not have known the issues that my student faced had I not lived in the neighborhood.' It revolutionized his understanding, gave him a holistic sense of the lives of the young people he was coming into contact with that would not have been possible unless there was some kind of continuing connection, some kind of understanding of what their lives were like," explains James K. Hopkins, professor of history in Dedman College and Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor.

With like-minded students and faculty, Lake, now a Dallas attorney, laid the foundation for the 20-year-old Academic-Community Engagement (ACE) program and its ACE house in the low-income East Garrett Park neighborhood. Under the program, students enroll in urban studies courses, tutor and mentor the neighborhood children, and work with nonprofits serving the area. Some students live full-time in the ACE house to become neighbors as well as volunteers.

The ACE program heralded a renewed emphasis on learning opportunities that reach beyond campus boundaries. Academic courses with a community service aspect are now incorporated into the curriculum

of all seven of SMU's degree-granting schools. In addition, the University's new Quality Enhancement Plan, Engaged Learning, provides opportunities for SMU undergraduates to build on their classroom knowledge by participating in at least one extensive experiential learning activity before graduation.

The role of strong university-city alliances in addressing community challenges was explored in "The University and the City: Higher Education and the Common Good," SMU's inaugural Centennial Academic Symposium November 10-11. Panel discussions with national, local and SMU experts centered on topics such as educating tomorrow's workforce, the impact of growing diversity, technology's role in shaping the future and student perspectives on community engagement.

The symposium was a forerunner of an in-depth analysis and report on SMU's economic and community impact that will be released in January. Following, *SMU Magazine* cites some of the University's benefits to greater Dallas and offers a snapshot of SMU's human and intellectual capital that will be enumerated in the study.



Experiencing A New Day

Perkins School of Theology

Perkins School of Theology programs put faith into practice in the community through experiences that integrate classroom learning with hands-on ministry. One example – available to students taking “Theory and Practice of Evangelism” – is a four-week immersion opportunity with New Day, a network of missional micro-communities.

Developed in large measure by Elaine A. Heath, McCreless Associate Professor of Evangelism, New Day communities bring people together across racial, ethnic, educational and economic divides. They are located in the Vickery Meadow and West Dallas neighborhoods as well as in Garland.

About a dozen students participate each semester. As part of the program, they attend a weekly community meal and worship gathering, as well as monthly outreach activities that usually include a cookout, soccer, music and games. Students also assist with English for speakers of other languages classes and activities for newly arrived immigrants and refugees.

“This assignment is valuable because it introduces students to an alternative form of church, one that is grounded in at-risk neighborhoods and that uses a team leadership approach in all aspects of church life,” says Heath, who introduced the community-based experience in her evangelism class two years ago. “The New Day model is becoming widely known throughout The United Methodist Church, and judicatory leaders across the nation are taking an interest in the model as a way forward for the church to become more missional here in the United States.”

SMU students volunteer with approximately 70 nonprofit organizations in the Dallas area.

Work In Progress

Over the past century, the “town” and “gown” have flourished together. With more than 40,000 alumni now living and working in the area, the University’s DNA runs through the economic, civic and cultural networks of greater Dallas.

“Universities bring intellectual capital to their regions. They bring young, talented students. They create new knowledge through faculty research, resulting in new corporations and business opportunities. They elevate civic dialogue and contribute to cultural vibrancy. They serve as a city’s conscience, and they set the standard for civic discourse and free expression,” Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said at SMU’s Centennial Academic Symposium.

“SMU has done all of this for Dallas. ... Dallas would not be the intellectual, business, cultural and philanthropic powerhouse that it is, were SMU not to have been founded 100 years ago.”

Forbes magazine ranked Dallas a top-10 city for businesses and entrepreneurs in June, calling it “one of the most resilient economies during the recession” and

forecasting the city “could add 190,000 jobs in the next three years.”

In cultivating human capital through more than 100 majors and 75 minors, SMU helps drive that growth. The worldwide reach of ExxonMobil, Texas Instruments and other leading employers based in the Metroplex demands educated problem-solvers with global perspectives.

“Upon graduation SMU students are well prepared to contribute in a meaningful way to the world of work and possess the initiative to become the leaders of the future global economy,” says Darin Ford, director of SMU’s Hegi Family Career Development Center. The center assists approximately 7,000 students and alumni each year through a campus recruiting and job-referral program, as well as career plan development and counseling.

From the beginning, SMU’s core mission has been to prepare graduates for successful futures as citizens and professionals, and in fulfilling that duty, SMU has remained nimble, helping to predict emerging needs and being ready to adapt to the shifting economic landscape.

STEM knowledge – science, technology,

engineering and math – is critical, according to symposium panelist William A. Blasé Jr., senior executive vice president, human resources, AT&T. Today’s students “are much more demanding,” he said. “They want the University to get them prepared.”

The most successful job candidates, however, must have an education balanced with coursework and experiences that develop a range of nontechnical “life skills,” said symposium keynote speaker Duy-Loan Le, senior fellow, Texas Instruments, and board of directors, National Instruments. The ideal employee, she said, has the ability to handle complex problems and think creatively; write and listen effectively; collaborate and work with people with different viewpoints, backgrounds and cultures; and possess a strong sense of ethics and integrity.

If two candidates have equally solid technical skills, but one has stronger life skills, “guess which one I would choose,” she said. Life-skills knowledge requires years of development, and the candidate with those qualities is more valuable, she explained.

The Art Of Urban Engagement

Meadows School of the Arts

At a symposium hosted by Meadows School of the Arts this spring, participants across the creative spectrum were challenged to rewrite the relationship between artists and activists in the city.

This fall, first-year Meadows Scholars put their talents to work on the Dallas Mexican American Historical League's ongoing oral history and photo archive project as part of the course "Artspace: Mapping Sites of Social Change." Janis Bergman-Carton, art history chair, led the team of art, art history, dance and theatre faculty teaching the class. The course is the first curricular piece produced by Creative Time, a New York-based public arts organization and a winner of the inaugural Meadows Prize arts residency in 2009.

The scholars assisted the DMAHL with its mission of documenting the history and contributions of Mexican Americans in Dallas. Students also delved into the impact of the Trinity River Corridor Project, specifically the construction of the Santiago Calatrava-designed bridge, and the Mexican-American community of West Dallas. Group projects allowed the Meadows Scholars to express their findings in artistic ways.

The culmination was "Las huellas: footsteps in West Dallas," a student art installation and mapping (dance) performance at the Bataan Center in West Dallas November 28 and at the Meadows School's Doolin Gallery December 1.

"Students became stakeholders and participants in the next phase of the Meadows initiative to define its own model of urban engagement and creativity in 21st-century Dallas," says Bergman-Carton.



Writing A New Chapter In Dallas History

Dedman College

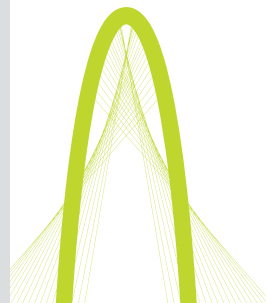
Dallas becomes a living laboratory for students in Dedman College courses like "Latino/Latina Religions," which blends classroom instruction with service in the community.

"I think students learn better when they can apply theories and historical frameworks that we discuss and read about in class to real-world situations," says Jill DeTemple, assistant professor of religious studies, who teaches the course. "They take a sense of ownership of course materials, and because they are working for a community organization, they are working for more than the grade."

In fall 2010 students spent hours sifting through the archives of St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral in East Dallas. Their mission was to document the rich past and explore the evolving present of the multiethnic congregation. Students uncovered some surprises – Jack Benage, a senior accounting major, unearthed the academic record of former first lady Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson, a graduate of St. Mary's College for Women, which was housed at the site until 1930. They also examined how a surge in Latino parishioners is changing the congregation.

At the end of the semester, the students presented a 57-page history of the cathedral and its programs to the congregation in English and Spanish.

"Students didn't just read about a subject, they produced knowledge based on their experiences with archival materials and interviews," DeTemple explains. "This gives them a window into how academic materials are produced, and why they are useful for the wider community."



Priceless Intellectual Capital

SMU has always played a leading role in Dallas' vibrant arts milieu, beginning with the Arden Club, the longtime student drama organization, and expanding in scope and scale as the University and the city matured.

Among the trove of SMU's rich cultural resources is the Meadows School of the Arts. In 2010, the school welcomed an estimated 9,500 audience members to 104 ticketed events that included dance, theatre, opera, symphony, wind symphony and faculty performances.

The Meadows Museum is one of the city's cultural landmarks, attracting about 60,000 visitors each year. Entrepreneur Algur H. Meadows, whose prized assemblage of Spanish art serves as the museum's core collection, envisioned a "Prado on the Prairie." That vision became further realized with the announcement of a three-year partnership between the museum and the Prado Museum in Madrid last year. The first of three major paintings to be loaned from the Prado was the focus of "The Prado at the Meadows: El Greco's *Pentecost* in a New Context," drawing 20,446 visitors.

In addition, the University's nine libraries house the largest private collection of research materials in the Southwest, valued by scholars from across the globe. The holdings include more than 3 million print volumes, as well as over 9,000 digitized items from the University's special collections.

Counted among SMU's one-of-a-kind collections is the archive of Academy Award-winning playwright Horton Foote. When North Texas arts organizations honored Foote with a two-month festival in the spring, Dallas theatre companies found their muse at DeGoyler Library.

"Hallie [Foote, the writer's actress



Legal Advocacy For The Underserved

Dedman School of Law

For more than six decades, SMU's Dedman School of Law Clinical Program has remained true to its core intent of public service by providing legal representation to low-income clients while providing skills training to legal students through seven clinics and projects:

CIVIL CLINIC

Represents low-income clients in civil matters such as housing disputes, elder advocacy and civil-rights litigation.

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC

Partners with the Dallas Public Defender's Office to provide students with felony trial experience.

FEDERAL TAXPAYERS CLINIC

Represents low-income taxpayers with tax issues. This clinic is the first tax clinic in the country with the authority to represent clients before the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Tax Court.

SMALL BUSINESS CLINIC

Represents small start-up companies and individuals developing private nonprofit entities.

W. W. CARUTH, JR. CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC

Is appointed by juvenile district court judges to serve as guardian/attorney ad litem to represent children who have been abused and neglected in Dallas County. Interdisciplinary lectures given by psychologists, forensic detectives, child development specialists and social workers are a significant component of this clinic.

CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROJECT

Assists the local Hispanic community with consumer complaints and focuses on informal advocacy, negotiation and mediation strategies, and community education.

DEATH PENALTY PROJECT

Gives students practical experience on death penalty cases.

daughter and frequent artistic collaborator] recalled that a recording of music used in the third act of the production directed by Horton Foote was in the archive. It was located, and we were able to use the original music. That was an amazing resource that we didn't even know existed," says Kimberly Richard, director of publications and communications for Theatre Three, which staged Foote's "The Roads to Home."

Defining The Future

While large cities like Dallas boast innumerable advantages, they also face complex problems that often endure for generations. Interdisciplinary student teams involved in SMU's Big iDeas program investigate some of those massive challenges, dissect them into smaller issues and design viable projects based on their research.

The Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs launched Big iDeas in 2008 and awards grants of up to \$5,000 to put students' plans into action. Eight teams received Big iDeas grants in April, and student researchers reported their findings at a symposium November 4.

Big iDeas provided a conduit to the community for senior Amrita Vir. She and fellow finance major Sean Zech '11 produced "Mustang Microfinance," a proposal to provide loans to fledgling entrepreneurs in underserved neighborhoods. Their group, which includes seniors Trigg Burrage, Seth Dennis and Christina Sanders and junior Weston Richter, has grown to 20 participants.

"Education has always been a passion, but I'm not a teacher. I wanted something empowering and uplifting that I could do as a finance major," says Vir, the 2011-12 Carl and Peggy Sewell President's Scholar and a 2010-11 Richter Research Fellow. "The more I learned about microfinance, the more I believed it could work here in Dallas."

While researching how to proceed, Vir and the team met Jeremy Gregg '01, executive director of The PLAN Fund, a Dallas-based nonprofit microfinance institution. Gregg discovered an affinity for the nonprofit sphere while he was an

SMU student serving as a White House intern in 1999.

"The opportunity exposed me to how the third sector can have a transformational impact on society, especially among populations that are underserved and often forgotten," says Gregg, who obtained his first post-graduation job, with Camp Fire USA, through the Hegi Center.

As a mentor Gregg guided the students through the candidate interview process and arranged for The PLAN Fund to provide infrastructure, including a direct-deposit system for the loans.

Working with candidates referred by CitySquare, a faith-based nonprofit in Dallas, the Mustang Microfinance team has approved six loans, ranging from \$200 to \$1,000. Students set up a loan repayment schedule with the recipients and are offering monthly finance classes to borrowers, as well as others who would like to attend.

Kris Sweckard, managing director of Dallas' Office of Environmental Quality, serves on the Big iDeas review committee. He sees the University's emphasis on student engagement in the community as a long-term investment that enriches the entire city.

"It's not just about the impact they have right now as students, it's about their future as the city's business leaders and philanthropists," says Sweckard. "The lessons they're learning now will have an impact on Dallas for the next 30, 40 and more years, perhaps forever."



Students, faculty and members of the local community built a "Living Village" on campus as part of Engineering & Humanity Week in April.



Transforming Communities Through Schools

Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education
and Human Development

The new Center on Community and Education (CCE) will bring research, documentation and evaluation capabilities to a West Dallas redevelopment strategy that focuses on school transformation as its core.

A partnership between the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development and the Dallas Faith Community Coalition (DFCC) created the CCE in October. The CCE assumes leadership of the education component of the University-wide commitment to provide intellectual resources and volunteer involvement that will have a positive impact on West Dallas.

Professor Reid Lyon, associate dean of the Simmons School, serves as CCE's faculty director. He will supervise research and faculty engagement. Regina Nippert is the executive director and will oversee operations and programs, including all nonfaculty staff.

"The center is focused on communities and how their systems interact," says Nippert. "One of its most important responsibilities is to support The School Zone, a community partnership that is committed to a healthy West Dallas educational ecosystem."

CCE will function as the backbone organization for The School Zone, a collaboration between 10 Dallas Independent School District campuses, three charter schools and 20 nonprofit agencies.

While the center's programs are still in development and details have not been finalized, its initial research partnerships are likely to focus on the effects of early intervention on children, schools and families, and interventions that support improved academic, social and language outcomes for English language learners and children in poverty, according to Nippert.

Supporting The Humanity Of Engineering

Lyle School of Engineering

The Hunter and Stephanie Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity in the Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering examines the complexities of poverty in an effort to create scalable, feasible solutions that can be applied in greater Dallas and around the globe.

In January a new Master of Arts in Sustainability and Development will be offered by the Lyle School and supported by the Hunt Institute. Like the Institute, the Master's program will focus on research, seminars, site-based internships and service learning opportunities in the local area. Coursework will concentrate on sustainability, environmental resources and urban development.

The Master's program contributes another dimension to the Hunt Institute's mission to identify and create innovative and affordable technology that, in combination with market forces, will help accelerate improvements for the poor everywhere. The Institute's efforts center on access to clean water; creating affordable shelter, including design justice for the marginalized; hygiene education and promotion; access to energy; and meeting basic infrastructure needs.

"To make basic technology available at a price the poorest of the poor can afford requires a radical rethinking of centuries of engineering practice," says Geoffrey Orsak, dean of the Lyle School.

The harshness of life for the billions of people who exist without these building blocks was brought home by the Hunt Institute during SMU's Engineering & Humanity Week in April. In the "Living Village" constructed on campus that week, participants cooked their meals, spent time and slept in temporary shelters designed to house those living in extreme poverty or displaced by war and natural disasters.

Jonathan L. Barger '11 was among the students who shared their thoughts on a blog devoted to the living-learning experience: "Like others, I jolted awake several times and only achieved light sleep – imagine having to spend the night like this for several months, surrounded by thousands of other people. Quite sobering."



Developing The Executive Edge

Cox School of Business

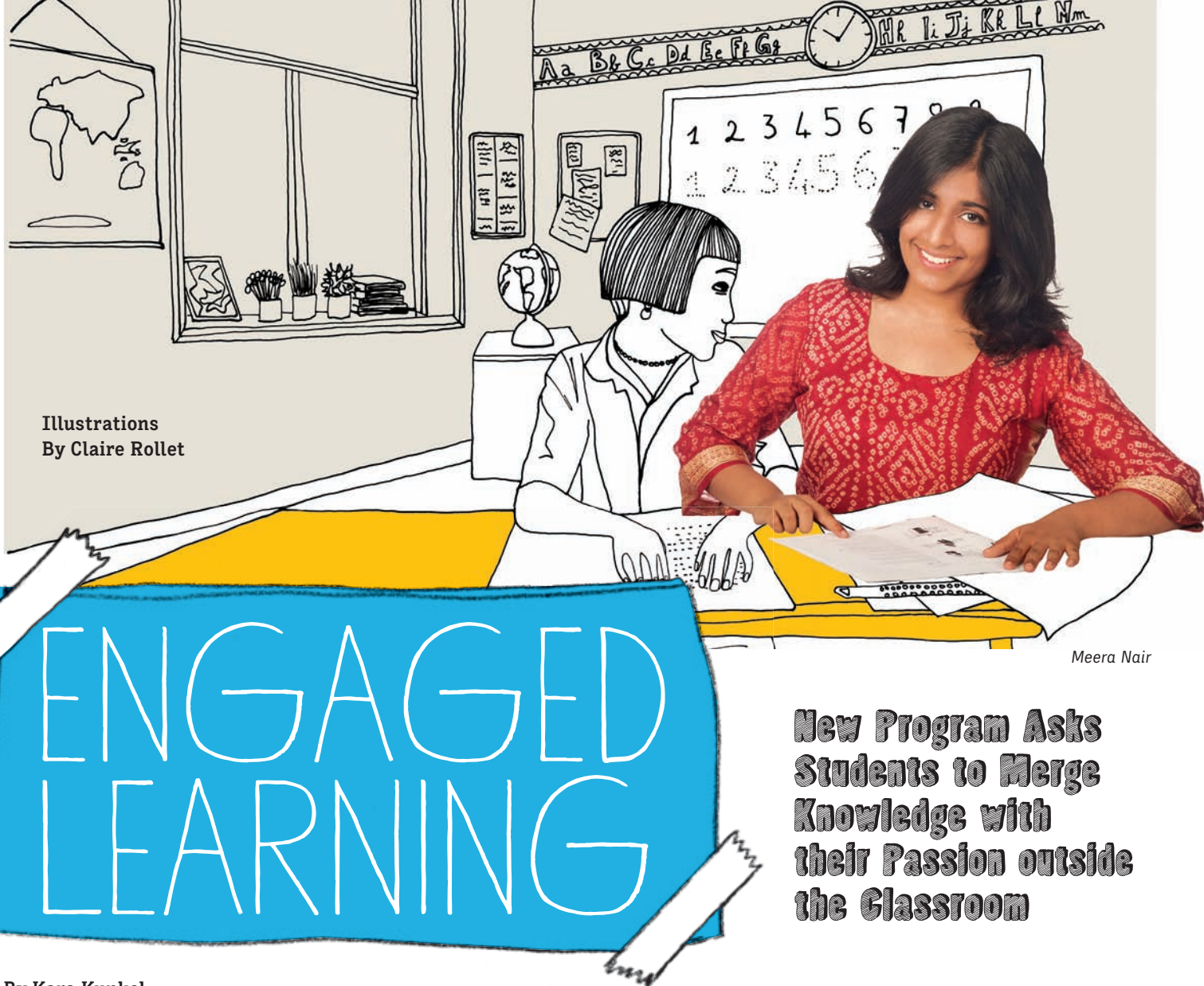
A university with strong executive education programs is a key advantage for any city trying to attract and retain major businesses, according to Henry S. Bienen, president emeritus of Northwestern University, speaking at the SMU Centennial Academic Symposium.

Cox School of Business offers numerous career development opportunities that provide individuals and organizations with a competitive edge through new knowledge and skills, as well as networking and collaboration.

Among them are two Master's programs ranked in the upper tier by *Bloomberg Businessweek* in November. The Executive MBA (EMBA) for senior-level professionals was named No. 7 in the world, and the Professional MBA (PMBA), which offers part-time classes for working professionals, was listed as No. 7 in the United States. A combined total of more than 500 students are currently enrolled in both programs.

For people who want to expand their skills and enhance their professional credentials, Cox offers graduate certificates in three concentrations: business intelligence, finance and marketing. Approximately 50 students are currently enrolled in each certification program.

Executive education also covers special courses tailored to the particular needs of individuals or companies. In 2010-11, more than 1,500 executives, managers and working professionals took part in more than 50 such programs, taught either on campus or at companies' offices.



Illustrations
By Claire Rollet

Meera Nair

New Program Asks Students to Merge Knowledge with their Passion outside the Classroom

By Kara Kunkel

Teaching mentally handicapped children in India this past summer, SMU sophomore Meera Nair used her ingenuity to handle situations that challenged her understanding of “classroom norms.” In doing so, she achieved success in small steps.

In one class, Nair taught 8-year-old students with cerebral palsy, who, because of a lack muscle control, found it difficult to copy simple words like “cat” and “dog.” Instead of relying on the written word to teach language skills, she structured two-minute conversations in English for them. “It was rewarding to know that for those three hours I worked with them, they were actively learning and applying their knowledge,” she says.

A public service internship from SMU’s Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility enabled Nair to spend her summer volunteering. She requested

and received a teaching position at Swasraya, a school for mentally handicapped children near her grandparents’ home in Kerala, India, where she spent summers as a girl and would play with the children during break time at the school. “The teachers knew me and the students became my friends,” says Nair, who is majoring in computer science in the Lyle School of Engineering.

Nair’s internship is a prime example of a learning experience that SMU increasingly seeks to offer its undergraduates out of the classroom. The University has initiated a new program, Engaged Learning, which encourages undergraduates to apply their knowledge in one of four categories – research, the arts, the community and the professions – to real-life situations in the Dallas community and the world.

“We ask the students, ‘What do you care

about?’” says Provost Paul Ludden, whose office piloted the program and last spring provided \$2,000 each to four undergraduates to support their projects. One goal of working on such projects is for students to gain an understanding of how the academic and real-world communities work together, he says. Other goals aim for students to design their experiences and to be directly involved in meeting needs in the community. “I call these experiences journeys of discovery,” Ludden adds.

Senior Lindsay Sockwell, one of the first Engaged Learning grant recipients, experienced her own “journey of discovery” this past summer while working with orphans in Zambia. She used her skills as a dance performance major with a psychology minor to inspire the children, most of whom lost their parents to the AIDS epidemic in Africa.



Lindsay Sockwell

"I had spent time in Africa last year and saw how the children's facial expressions changed in the presence of music and dance," Sockwell says, "and I became interested in how that could be therapeutic for orphaned kids in Zambia."

Sockwell divided her time in Zambia's capital of Lusaka between a summer camp and an orphanage, both operated by Family Legacy Missions International of Irving. She worked with a group of boys ages 4-16 for two weeks and helped lead dance sessions within large-group gatherings for another two weeks. Sockwell and other counselors taught the children songs through repetition and taught dance movements that used symbolic gesture because most of the children don't speak English. The youngsters reciprocated by teaching the Americans a few songs in their tribal language.

Sockwell advises other SMU students who develop an engagement project: "Prepare for your life to be changed. My experience has put hundreds of faces and names to the staggering statistics about life in Africa. This kind of knowledge changes things."

James Quick, SMU's associate vice president for research and dean of graduate studies, whose office oversees Engaged Learning, observes that students often ask, "Why are we learning this information in the classroom?" Through involvement in a community project, they find that what they've learned is useful. Engaged Learning programming will help students build on their classroom education and develop a

significant and sophisticated understanding of how the world community intersects with knowledge gained in their academic disciplines."

Senior and grant recipient Michael McCarthy, a double major in statistics and mathematics, is using his knowledge to analyze data for Veterans Affairs in Dallas while covering school expenses. Receiving the Engaged Learning grant enabled him to participate in the program by replacing the salary he otherwise would earn working part time, which he needs to do to cover school expenses. McCarthy is conducting database analysis that evaluates home care support the VA Spinal Cord Injury Center provides to injured veterans.

"My experience at the VA already has begun to shape my post-graduation and

"Today's student population hungers for engagement inside and outside the classroom."

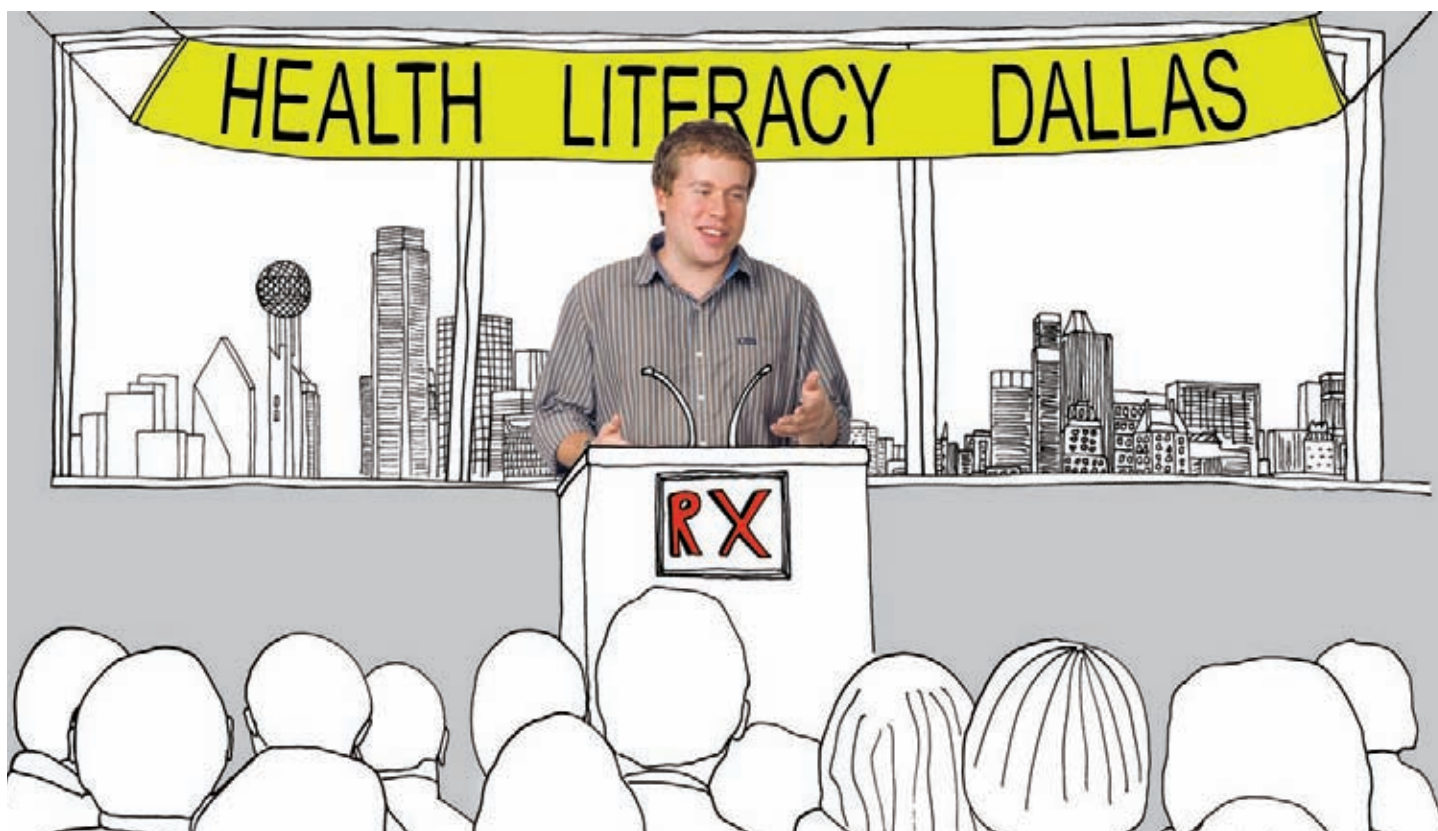
- PATRICIA ALVEY, DIRECTOR OF THE TEMERLIN ADVERTISING INSTITUTE

career plans," McCarthy says. "I'm now considering an applied statistics Master's program to further my ability to assist with these types of statistical projects and use data analysis techniques to answer important questions. I've also become interested in biostatistics and health care data analysis."

The Engaged Learning program resulted from work by the University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee, created in 2009 to develop a plan to help SMU enhance its educational mission and qualify for reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The Quality Enhancement Plan is a new requirement by SACS that presented a "great opportunity for SMU to coalesce around a strategic plan for



Michael McCarthy



Matt Gayer

improving student learning,” says committee chair Margaret Dunham, professor of computer science and engineering in the Lyle School of Engineering. QEP Committee members represented a cross section of the SMU community, from faculty and administrators to students and staff. “Engaged Learning was a concept the group embraced from the outset, with a goal of inspiring students to develop a lifelong desire to help others and their community,” Dunham adds.

The new program will build on elements of the new University Curriculum, which will debut in fall 2012. Starting then, students will be required to engage with local and global communities around issues of civic responsibility and cultural understanding either through coursework, volunteer opportunities, or study abroad. The Engaged Learning program takes students a step further: They can enhance their experiences through independently designed projects that require more depth and serious commitments of both time and effort. A major component of Engaged Learning requires the students to write reports about their projects, reflecting on their experiences. All students’ reports

will be published in an online journal organized by Central University Libraries.

As SMU’s first director of Engaged Learning, Susan Kress serves as a facilitator who will build on experiential learning programs that already exist at SMU under a variety of names. She previously served as SMU’s director of Education Abroad in the International Center. “I’m eager to help the University broaden opportunities for engaged learning and to get students excited about trying out what they are learning in the classroom through real-life work,” Kress says. “Engaged learners explore who they want to be, not just what they want to do.”

Senior Matt Gayer, who served on the QEP Committee, is a prime example of a student who has channeled his academic interests into community engagement. Majoring in public policy and political science with minors in economics, human rights and biology and a certificate in leadership, he has become an advocate of health literacy, which seeks to help local residents understand health issues and to improve communication between health professionals and patients. He first saw the need after helping with a health literacy

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- PROVOST PAUL LUDDEN

campaign in Jefferson County, Missouri, as a teenager. When he came to SMU, Gayer realized that Texas lacked health literacy leadership.

“Everyone, regardless of cultural or educational background, deserves an opportunity to understand their own



Colby Kruger

health and to take steps to ensure a basic quality of life for themselves and their families," Gayer says. A grant from SMU's Big iDeas program, sponsored by the Provost's office, enabled him to create the nonprofit organization, Health Literacy Dallas, in 2009.

Awarded a national Truman Scholarship, Gayer plans to earn a Master's degree in public administration with a focus on health policy and work in the field of social justice. "One thing I have learned during leadership experiences inside and outside of SMU is to focus on individuals who need my help, rather than becoming lost in impersonal administrative issues," he says.

"Today's student population hungers for engagement inside and outside the classroom," says Patricia Alvey, director of the Temerlin Advertising Institute in Meadows School of the Arts and chair of the search committee for a director of Engaged Learning. Universities across the nation are increasing opportunities for students to become involved with their communities, Alvey says. "SMU is not the first to emphasize this popular educational concept, and it won't be the last, but the University hopes its program will grow into one of the best examples," she adds.

Senior Colby Kruger wanted to expand her previous volunteer services for Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas. With her Engaged Learning grant, she is teaching photography to teens from low-income neighborhoods while encouraging them to develop a realistic understanding of beauty. The business marketing major, who has a double minor in photography

and art history, is working through a partnership with Girls Inc.

"I've had this idea for a workshop for about a year," says Kruger. But what she lacked was equipment. The SMU grant enabled her to buy 18 cameras to teach the girls photographic skills. "I was so excited to make this dream into a reality."

Grant recipient and sophomore Jaywin Malhi also praises the Engaged Learning program. Malhi is a political science and business management major who plans to attend law school and is considering a career in public service. Because he wants to learn firsthand how government works, he proposed and received a Congressional internship

for summer 2012. "Engaged Learning is so broad that you'll be surprised by what projects might be deemed applicable," Malhi says. "Pursue your interests, and, most likely, the program will be able to help you."

These are early examples of the enthusiasm that SMU administrators hope will grow in years to come. "Engaged learning is not a gimmick but an important concept that requires nurturing and focus," Ludden says. "After students learn to observe and listen to the needs of the world, they come up with strategies for making improvements. And if thousands of students from each class experience the power of engagement, SMU is convinced that each student can leave a positive mark on society."

After working with mentally handicapped children in India, Meera Nair foresees the reality of making an impact for herself. "The Maguire internship has been the perfect springboard for other projects I want to do at SMU during the next three years," she says. "I definitely encourage other students to take initiative and get involved with causes that mean something to them. One person can make a difference. Even if it is a small one, it is definitely better than doing nothing."

For more information:
www.smu.edu/engagedlearning.



Jaywin Malhi

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– MARTIN LUTHER –

16TH-CENTURY GERMAN PRIEST AND LEADER OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

In spring 2011, Greenland Hills United Methodist Church in Dallas celebrated the opening and consecration of a new fellowship hall. Under the guidance of Greenland Hills’ minister of music Chelsea Stern ’10, children proceeded into the sanctuary singing a Rwandan song of praise: *Munezero! Munezero kwa Jesu. Munezero Hallelujah!* (“Sing out gladly! Sing out gladly to Jesus. Sing out gladly Hallelujah!”). Though Stern had planned to ask the congregation to stand after the children finished singing, the people spontaneously leapt to their feet, clapping and singing along.

Stern recalls that the experience exceeded her expectations. “I’m always hopeful that

a song will take on meaning beyond my vision. We went immediately into ‘O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing’ – a great Wesley hymn. In those ‘holy’ moments, I am reminded that God is at work beyond our understanding or imagination.”

Stern’s ‘holy moment’ experience with her church community is what she trained for in SMU’s Master of Sacred Music program. The M.S.M., which recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the entering class of sacred music students in 1960, is one of SMU’s longest-running joint programs – between Perkins School of Theology and the Division of Music in Meadows School of the Arts. To honor its 50th anniversary in 2010, the M.S.M. program

set a goal to raise \$1 million by 2015 for an M.S.M. Alumni Scholarship Endowment.

The M.S.M. is one of the few graduate sacred music programs jointly accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the National Association of Schools of Music. Students specialize in either choral conducting or organ performance and also take theology courses. The program has produced more than 350 alumni, among them church musicians in most major Christian denominations, university professors, composers, performers, hymnal editors and authors.

Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music and director

of the M.S.M. program, attributes part of the program's success to location. "The influence of church music in the United States has shifted from the Northeast to the South, and the two largest buckles on that Bible Belt are Atlanta and Dallas, where vital, diverse church communities exist," Hawn says. "Innovation in church music is happening in Dallas – there is a lot of productivity and composition of sacred music works. We give equal attention in our teaching to the congregational song as well as choir song; it's part of the heritage of Perkins School and The United Methodist Church."

'In the end, we try to let every piece of music further the message or vision.'

– THE REV. MARTI SOPER

The Dallas area also provides numerous internship opportunities for sacred music students at churches and other agencies, where students hone their ministering skills as well as learn how to lead a congregation or choir. The Rev. Ashley Hood '99, minister of spiritual life at Presbyterian Village North in Dallas, sings the praises of the first sacred music student who interned at the retirement community last year. Jordan Stewart directed the residents' choir and oversaw other sacred music activities. She also helped organize Camp PVN, which brought together older adults with older elementary youth for fellowship and service during a week of day camp at the retirement community.

"This program has far exceeded our dreams, mainly because of Jordan's experiences in music, theology and ministry and her love for being with the people in this community. They loved her because she was genuine and gifted, faithful, theological and playful," Hood recalls.

SMU's sacred music program emphasizes musical training as much as theological education – potential students must audition to be accepted into the Meadows School, in addition to being admitted into the Perkins School. Meadows provides a major portion of the music education aspect of the Perkins degree, including applied instruction in organ and voice, as well as conducting, techniques courses, music

history, and performance opportunities, says Pamela Elrod, associate professor of music and director of choral activities in Meadows.

"The partnership is a natural one to begin with, since music is so integral to the worship process. The church was, for centuries, the most important arts patron in the world. So a huge portion of the greatest choral music ever composed is essentially church music – and thankfully, that legacy is still present in many churches today," Elrod adds.

Several M.S.M. alumni were recognized recently for their artistic success in the secular realm of music performance. Keith Weber '88 and Matthew Dirst '85 received a 2011 Grammy nomination for Best Opera Recording for Johann Adolf Hasse's *Marco Antonio e Cleopatra*, produced by Weber with Dirst conducting the Ars Lyrica Houston, a group of musicians who perform Baroque music using period instruments.



Minister of Music Chelsea Stern (left) and the Rev. Marti Soper have created a harmonious partnership at Greenland Hills United Methodist Church.

Perkins Associate Professor of Sacred Music Christopher Anderson '91 earned both the M.S.M. and Master of music degrees from SMU. He recognizes that many of his students are attracted to the interdisciplinary nature of the M.S.M. program, interested in developing their musical artistry as much as their theological skills. "The challenge is finding the right balance between the theological and musical sides of the curriculum, and defining exactly how these relate to each other," he says. "Church musicians have to be artists, but they also must be able to perceive and

manipulate the theological potential of their material, the music-historical context in which it sits, its place in effective worship. The challenge lies in the synthesis of these varied disciplines, which always ends up being a very personal solution for the student."

The Rev. Marti Soper '98, pastor at Greenland Hills UMC, says that she and her minister of music Stern have developed a collaborative relationship, sharing a common vision for their "eclectic congregation, so our music has to honor that. Our people are concerned about transforming the world, so our music has to inspire them to embrace their role in that transformation by singing global faith music. Additionally, our people do not respond well to hierarchical authority, so a strong congregational song component undergirds their sense of being drawn into using their own gifts to promote the reign of God.

"Chelsea is always taking into account the whole picture, as well as the particular needs of musicians and choir," Soper adds. "When Chelsea began to really understand the context, it was easy to give her the freedom to use musical resources that are not in the hymnal or supplement, but draw from a variety of sources. In the end, we try to let every piece of music further the message or vision."

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE M.S.M. ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT: Contact Todd Rasberry at trasberr@smu.edu or 214-768-2026.

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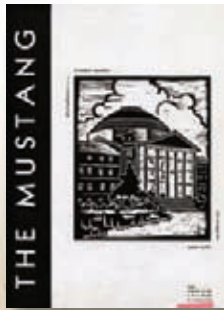
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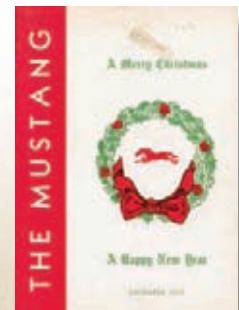
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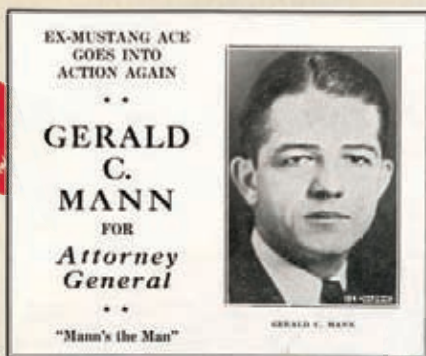


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GERALD C. MANN '28 ELECTED ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TX 1939



ENGINEERING SCHOOL 1937



The Engineering School

It was on August 31, 1925, in a wooden shack off Hillcrest Avenue, that the first class of the S. M. U. School of Engineering came into being. At that time the world and Texas were building, construction was flourishing and engineers were in demand. The course was to last five years. The students, following the unique cooperative system and aided by the Dallas Technical Club, were to alternate a month of study with a month of work in the field. It was an auspicious educational venture.

At the end of five years, it was 1930, and construction had ceased, with an attendant dwindling of jobs. The first graduating class of S. M. U. Engineers put their diplomas in the drawer and walked out to buck a depression.

In the face of adversity, the graduates have found a foothold in the engineering field. Of the entire list of men who have come through the school, only seven have departed the ranks of the profession.

The depression has left its marks on the face of the school. The students are earnest, intent men with a backyard full of work, a trimyard full of more work and no time to idle. The engineering graduates, recently organized into a strong alumni club, are writing the school's name in steel and cement throughout this section.

Organized to serve a purpose in good times, the S. M. U. School of Engineering fulfilled its function in times that were not so good, and well earned its present standing. And the purpose is still being served. The world and Texas are building again.

James Norl, '31



Ludi Mae Sensabaugh, Dallas, and Elizabeth Ike, Taylor, are being instructed by the Ex secretary, Mrs. Bruce Knickerbocker (Evelyn Mae Coffey) how to register in the Exes book at the Centennial in the S. M. U. booth.

SMU CELEBRATES TEXAS CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION 1936



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THE MUSTANG, SUMMER 1936

Do We See The 'Varsity'?

BY PRESIDENT CHARLES C. SELECMAN



When we take into consideration that Southern Methodist University during its brief span of twenty years has passed through the World War and the great depression, it is probably all the more remarkable that

it has been able to make such progress as is indicated in the following statistics:

Endowment, \$2,218,395

16 buildings with plant assets totaling \$3,702,000

More than \$400,000 available for the new Fondren Library

Net enrollment in all departments this session, 3,259; faculty of 130 men and women.

These statistics are but the beginning of a comprehensive plan of expansion, adopted by the Board of Trustees June 4, 1935:

Upon motion, the Executive Committee was authorized to proceed to make plans for a five-year program, culminating with the Twenty-fifth Anniversary in 1940, embracing the suggestion of the President for an Endowment of \$5,000,000, a Library Building, a Chemistry Building, a completed Administration Building, one hundred endowed scholarships, ten endowed fellowships, the payment of our debt, and the further beautification of our campus.

Do we – can we – see the 'Varsity' of the future? Can you visualize the Fondren Library, the Chemistry Building, the Student Union Building? Can you see the campus with its program of beautification carried on toward completion? Do you catch the significance of increased endowment, of a substantial number of scholarships that are given for merit to students who have shown unusual proficiency in some department of human learning? Do we see the faculty with better salaries, more convenient offices, more extensive library and laboratory equipment, more adequate stenographic help?

Perhaps, if the alumni can visualize the 'Varsity,' they will be, as they should be, the greatest single factor in helping Southern Methodist University to fulfill her destiny.



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Parents Make Football Games A Family Affair

THE SMU FOOTBALL TEAM'S BUSES AND AIRPLANES aren't the only vehicles racking up travel miles on cross-country journeys during the season. Arriving at the game site a couple of days early is a Yukon XL, ferrying some of the Mustangs' most passionate fans – the Beasley family from Canyon Lake, Texas.



Wide receiver Cole Beasley enjoys having his parents, Danette and Mike, attend his games.

When senior wide receiver Cole Beasley takes the field, three generations of his family often are in the stands. His mother, Danette Beasley, has not missed a game since Cole's freshman year. His father, Mike, a retired high school football coach, also is usually there with Cole's grandparents, brother, sister, and even aunts and uncles. The Beasley cheering section has been supporting Cole since he began playing football as a child.

"When you're a kid, you always want to be supported by your parents," Cole says. "They like coming to my games as much as I like them being there."

With about 400 Mustangs competing in 16 varsity sports, scores of parents and families root for their student-athletes each year. "Parental support means a lot to our student-athletes and to our program," says SMU Athletics Director Steve Orsini. "Parents and family create a special atmosphere for players and fans at our athletic events."

Beasley's parents retired after his first year at SMU so they could attend all of his games. To afford the weekly road trips from their home, about five hours south of Dallas, Mike and Danette picked up a summer job on the Guadalupe River, working as handymen and shuttle drivers at White-water Sports.

The extra money in their pockets enabled them to visit the East Coast last December, when the Mustangs played consecutive Conference USA games. They watched SMU beat East Carolina in Greenville, North Carolina, in the final

week of the 2010 season to clinch a berth in the title game. But instead of driving back to Texas, the Beasleys pointed the Yukon south and went to Florida for a week on the beach before attending the C-USA championship game in Orlando.

Not all parents, however, are able to make their student-athlete's games. But with the proliferation of web sites dedicated to college sports and the increasing use of social media, most parents do not need to leave their homes to know how their children are performing. The Internet has provided these families with the opportunity to feel as if they are in attendance at the sport. Such is the case for Freddy and Carmen Espericueta, parents of

women's golfer Felicia Espericueta.

The Espericuetas live in Edinburg, nestled in the Rio Grande Valley in south Texas. They traveled to all of Felicia's matches in high school, but regular attendance has not been possible for her college events because the women's golf team travels as far as Wisconsin, Alabama and Puerto Rico. The only tournament within driving distance this season was a late October contest in San Antonio.

The Espericuetas keep up with their daughter's performance on GolfStat.com, which places scorers every few holes at most Division I collegiate golf tournaments. Players report their tallies to officials who post them on a scoreboard. The web site posts scores on every hole and updates the tournament leaderboard for both teams and individuals.

"It really helps us as parents because we can't go," says Carmen, whose son, Freddy Jr., played collegiate golf at the University of North Texas 10 years ago. "We know where she had the bogey or where she had a birdie. I get so hooked when she's in a tournament that I don't want to leave the computer."

Other parents, such as Aleksandra Lesniak, whose daughter, Marta, is an SMU All-American tennis player, have embraced social media. Lesniak uses Twitter and SMU's varsity athletics web site, SMUMustangs.com, to obtain Marta's results from her home in Wroclaw, Poland. Marta, a senior, calls home only once or twice a month, which has motivated her mother to become tech savvy.

"I'm on Twitter also, but I think she is there more often than I am," says Marta. "Everything she knows about how I'm doing comes from Twitter, the SMU web site and other tennis web sites." ●

— Chris Dell '11

SPORTS SHORTS

Kraft Wins U.S. Amateur

SMU GOLFER KELLY

KRAFT '11 concluded a scorching summer on the links by taking the 111th U.S. Men's Amateur Championship in August, becoming the third SMU golfer since 1998 to accomplish



Kelly Kraft

the feat. Kraft defeated UCLA's Patrick Cantlay – the nation's No. 1-ranked amateur player – in the final round at Erin Hills Country Club in Wisconsin. Cantlay had knocked off SMU senior Max Buckley in the quarterfinals.

Kraft collected the Southern Golf Association's National Amateur of the Month award in August and earned automatic qualifications into the 2012 Masters, U.S. Open and British Open major championships, if he chooses to keep his amateur status. He follows Hank Kuehne (1998) and Colt Knost (2007) as past U.S. Amateur champions.

Golf Teams Appoint New Coaches

THE SMU MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF TEAMS have new coaches at the helm this season, both with impressive NCAA resumes.

SMU alumus **Josh Gregory '97** was named the men's head coach in June after guiding Augusta State to two consecutive NCAA Division I championships and



Josh Gregory

adding a second National Coach of the Year Award to his trophy case in July. The Mustangs were two strokes shy of qualifying for the 30-team NCAA Championships in May.

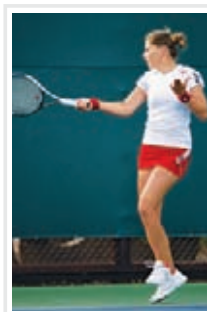
The women's team hired **Jeanne Sutherland** in June, bringing her back to the NCAA coaching ranks after three years as head professional at Vail (Colorado) Golf Club. Sutherland spent 15 years at Texas A&M, where she guided the Aggies to the postseason 13 times and earned four conference Coach of the Year honors. Texas A&M had not won a tournament in seven years before she arrived in 1992.



Jeanne Sutherland

Women's Tennis Soars

THE SMU WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM earned its best postseason finish in 23 years, advancing to the NCAA Championships' Round of 16 last May in Palo Alto, California. The Mustangs finished 23-6, earning their third consecutive NCAA Championship appearance before



Marta Lesniak

dropping to No. 5 Baylor. They advanced to the second round in the previous two years. Senior Marta Lesniak finished the 2010-11 season ranked No. 15 in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association after compiling a 42-7 record at No. 1 singles. She reached the first round of the NCAA Singles Championships for the third consecutive year. Ranked No. 10 in November, Lesniak won the USTA/ITA National Indoor Collegiate Championship with a 7-5, 6-1 victory against No. 26 Joanna Mather of Florida at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Lesniak is now 17-3 on the season and 102-18 (.850) for her career. She moves

her into third at SMU in career wins and ranks second in career winning percentage.

Ford Stadium Again Site Of Armed Forces Bowl

GERALD J. FORD STADIUM will serve as the site of a second bowl game when the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl returns on December 30. (To obtain more information about the bowl game activities, visit www.armedforcesbowl.com.)

Ford Stadium has served as the site of the bowl game the past two years because of ongoing renovations at TCU's Amon G. Carter Stadium, where the contest is normally held. Brigham Young, an NCAA Independent, will play against a Conference USA team in this year's game if the Cougars are bowl eligible. Last year, Army edged SMU 16-14 in front of a stadium-record crowd of 36,742 fans.

SMU announced in August that it had made stadium improvements of its own, totaling \$3 million in upgrades to the locker rooms, meeting rooms and playing surface at Ford Stadium.

Latest News Right Now

SMU ATHLETICS has introduced a new mobile application for Mustang fans with iPhone and Android devices. The mobile application offers iPhone and Android owners instant access to information from SMUMustangs.com, including the latest news, scores, live game play-by-play, stats, schedules, rosters and photo galleries. The application is free to download from the iPhone App Store or Android Market. Users also can purchase access to live audio broadcasts within the app.

See www.smumustangs.com for more information.

— ALUM NEWS

NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY: MUSTANGS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SMU ALUMNI IN 11 CHAPTERS from coast to coast put pony power to work for good causes during the first annual National Community Service Day October 29. A total of 245 participants helped nonprofits and other organizations in the following cities:



Alumni in the Chicago area helped with cleaning and maintenance at Onward Neighborhood House: from left, Tom Cooper '02, Jessica Cooper '02, John Gaines '04, Tim Moen '74, Steve Swanson '74 and John Simon '10.

- **ATLANTA:** Assisted the United Methodist Children's Home, a safe haven for abused and neglected children and youth.
- **CHICAGO:** Helped spruce up Onward Neighborhood House, which offers educational, recreational and social services programs. Afterward, alumni gathered for an SMU-Tulsa watch party.
- **DALLAS:** Black Alumni of SMU launched the project with a bread drive and were joined by other Mustangs at eXcuses eXtreme Café in Deep Ellum to make sandwiches. The food was distributed to the homeless through Random Acts of Kindness' SoupMobile.
- **HOUSTON:** Distributed books donated by Half Price Books and discussed the importance of reading with youngsters involved in the Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP) at Sharpstown College Prep School.



Alumni, family and friends made hundreds of sandwiches for the homeless in Dallas.

- **LOS ANGELES:** Worked with Heal the Bay's Nothing But Sand program to clean up Venice Beach.
- **NASHVILLE:** Sorted, stored and boxed food at Second Harvest Food Bank.
- **NEW YORK CITY:** Following a walking route, volunteers delivered meals to the homebound elderly.
- **ORLANDO:** Prepared meals for families served by Ronald McDonald House Charities and helped them design thank-you cards.
- **ST. LOUIS:** Pitched in at City Academy, which offers recreational and educational programs in an urban setting.
- **SALT LAKE CITY:** Sorted and distributed food to the needy at the Utah Food Bank.
- **WASHINGTON, D.C.:** Aided So Others May Eat (SOME), which provides food, clothing and health services to the poor and homeless. ●

GALLOP, MILITARY GROUPS ORGANIZE

TWO NEW AFFINITY GROUPS for SMU alumni with close connections beyond their alma mater became active this fall:

SMU GALLOP (Gay and Lesbian League of Persons)

GALLOP exists to encourage and foster an academic environment that supports the role of Mustangs – past, present and future – who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT), according to Brian Davis '00, chapter leader.

For more information, e-mail gallop@smualumni.smu.edu, call 214-768-4792, or visit the SMU GALLOP Facebook page or smu.edu/alumni.

SMU MILITARY ALUMNI

The SMU Military Alumni provides support for the deployed, as well as networking and mentoring opportunities for SMU students and alumni in the military.

Major Rob "Big Shot" Fowler serves as chapter leader. He organized a military flyby during Homecoming and prepared a slideshow featuring photographs of SMU military alumni that was shown during halftime at the SMU-Navy game November 12.

For more information, e-mail military@smualumni.smu.edu, join the SMU Military Alumni Facebook group or visit smu.edu/alumni. ●



SMU alumni distributed books donated by Half Price Books and discussed the importance of reading with children in Houston.

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

NEW MARRIAGE? NEW BABY? NEW JOB? Share your news in *SMU Magazine* by filling out the online form at smu.edu/smumagazine/classnotes or e-mailing information to smumag@smu.edu. Or use the "What's New with You" card in this magazine (please print legibly). Class Notes received after Sept. 23, 2011, will appear in the spring/summer printed issue of *SMU Magazine*.

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Max M. Morrison lives in El Paso, TX, and in January 2010 celebrated his 95th birthday, reports his daughter, **Monica Morrison** '98. He had a TV repair business following graduation from SMU and worked for 20 years as an engineer for Western Electric.

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Margaret Elizabeth Rodgers Pospichal is a retired teacher in the Fort Worth school district. For 47 years she was married to Lt. Col. Arnold B. Pospichal. She has two daughters and a son, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Celebrating her 92nd birthday Sept. 12, 2011, she enjoys driving and riding her stationary bike.

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Bennie H. Furlong was a teacher for 41 years and city council member for 20 years in Jacksonville Beach, FL, where the Bennie Furlong Senior Center is named in her honor. She celebrated her 90th birthday Sept. 30, 2011.

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Claude W. Ferebee Jr. owned a grocery store in Pecos, TX, an oilfield service in Midland, TX, and an oilfield storage and transportation company in Harvey, LA. He earned a law degree from Loyola University in 1971 and practiced in Louisiana and Texas until 1988. Now retired, he lives in Fort Worth. **Georgia Schenewerk Pitts** stays busy with volunteering and an interest in politics. She has 11 grandchildren.

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Earle Labor (M.A. '52), considered a leading authority on Jack London, was honored as "Jack London Man of the Year 2011" by the Jack London Foundation in Sonoma, CA. He has published eight books on the author, and his newest, *Jack London: An American Life in Letters* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux), is set for a 2012 release.

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J. Webster Feild participated in a remembrance of the invasion of Iwo Jima 66 years ago. **E.L. Gibson**, a retired aircraft designer, worked 33 years at General Dynamics in Fort Worth. **Dorothy Marion Arterburn McKinsey** has seen most of the world and

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Jerome M. (Jerry) Fullinwider received a 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Highland Park (TX) High School Alumni Association. In December 2010 the Jerome M. Fullinwider Endowed Centennial Chair in Economic Freedom at SMU's Cox School of Business was named in his honor.

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Murray T. Bass (M.A. '54) was recognized as a "Living Legend" by the Solano County (CA) Senior Coalition. He is founder and president of Tools of Learning for Children, helping preschoolers learn to read, and the Tools Citizenship Program, teaching students about American government. His "Plan to Live" column has appeared in the *Fairfield Daily Republic* newspaper for more than 25 years. **Carolyn Saunders Jones** began her sixth term last June as mayor of Winnsboro, TX. She volunteers as president of the Winnsboro Community Foundation, vice president of Enough Is Enough Drug Task Force and board member of Winnsboro Community Resource Center Food Bank.

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William A. Riedel recently traveled to Asia and toured South America and the Mediterranean with his wife, Bobbie.

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Julia Sanford Burgen, an environmental advocate, received the Shield Award from National Delta Gamma Fraternity in spring 2011. Her keystone accomplishment was the establishment in 2004 of Julia Burgen Park on the Johnson Creek Greenway, 70 acres of floodplain in the heart of Arlington, TX. **Donald D. Clayton**, 1993 SMU Distinguished Alumnus, was invited by the Victorian Endowment for Science, Knowledge and Innovation to deliver a public lecture in March at the Melbourne Museum. He presented "Astronomy with Radioactivity – What Is That!" and enjoyed two weeks in the Melbourne area with his wife, Nancy.

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Ann Weaver McDonald was the designated spotlight artist for the 2011 Lubbock Arts Festival, the first photographer so honored. **Harry Donald Nicholson** introduces his new wife: Linda.

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Adelfa Botello Callejo was honored by Hispanic 100, an organization of Hispanic professional women, at its 2011 Latina Living Legend Awards September 14. As an attorney and civil rights activist, she has worked to break down racial barriers for Dallas Hispanic residents and improve equality in education. **Robert W. Cooper** (M.L.A. '74) teaches at Eastfield College near Dallas. He has been a professor of English for 20 years. **William B. (Bill) Moorer** and his wife, Helen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last August. When he was a student at Perkins School of Theology, she was secretary to SMU President Willis M. Tate. Dr. Moorer served 41 years as a minister in the Oklahoma Conference, retiring in 2000. He and Helen live in Muskogee, where he is a part-time V.A. chaplain.

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Dr. **Linda Hawkins Kay** was inducted into the Jacksboro High School Alumni Hall of

Fame in Texas. The spring/summer 2011 Class Notes mistakenly located the high school in Mississippi. *SMU Magazine* apologizes for the error. **Robert M. (Bob) Richardson** retired Jan. 1, 2011, after 25 years as chief judge of the State Court of Houston County in Georgia. He will serve as a senior judge in retirement and also continue his hobby of scuba diving for fossils.

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Mike Boone is the recipient of the 2011 Law Firm Distinguished Leader Award by *The American Lawyer* for his positive contributions to law and society. He is in the Junior Achievement Dallas Business Hall of Fame, and the Dallas Lawyers Auxiliary honored his long-standing dedication to volunteerism with the Justinian Award for Public Service. The Michael Mauldin Boone Leadership Scholarship, initiated by his friends, is awarded annually to a Highland Park High School senior who exemplifies Boone's commitment to community service and ethical leadership. He is co-founder and partner of Haynes and Boone law firm in Dallas. **F.R. (Buck) Files Jr.** (M.L.A. '74) was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association June 10, and on June 23 was sworn in as president-elect of the State Bar of Texas. **Paul Petersen** retired in 2006 from full-time teaching at Cleveland State University's Fenn College of Engineering. He lives in Bath, NC, where he enjoys fishing, sailing, teaching part-time at a community college and spoiling his grandson. **Brad Tibbitts** was honored at a reception April 28 on his retirement from Weatherford (TX) College after 38 years. Though serving in several capacities, he is most remembered as an instructor of American history.

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Gayle Outlan (M.A. '67) works part-time as a speech pathologist for Southwestern Medical Home Health and Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas Home Health.

A Memoir From A Master Storyteller



Marshall Terry '53, '54 shares a lighthearted moment with Charlotte Whaley '70, '76, editor emeritus of the *Southwest Review*, at a reception and book signing for his memoir, *Loving U*. Terry's book is described as "an affectionate and clear-eyed narrative" of his more than 50-year relationship with the University. The professor emeritus of English and architect of SMU's creative writing program, Terry offers his unique perspec-

tives on famous moments in Hilltop history – including poet T.S. Eliot's visit in 1958 – and beloved figures such as President Willis Tate (1954-72). Terry will receive the third annual Literati Award from the Friends of the SMU Libraries March 31, 2012. For more information, visit smu.edu/libraries/friends/toc.asp. *Loving U* may be purchased from DeGolyer Library – call 214-768-0829 for more information – and the SMU Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

Savoring Centennial Hall Exhibits

Darrell Lindsey and Anita Ray '54 toured the Centennial Hall exhibits during a reception and dinner for the Dallas Hall Society September 20. Located in the first floor of Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Centennial Hall includes a historical timeline, interactive features, videos, digitized copies of *Rotunda* yearbooks, tributes to communities associated with SMU, such as Dallas and the Park Cities, and an electronic guestbook, where visitors may add their reflections and hopes for SMU's future. The Dallas Hall Society recognizes alumni, parents and friends who have included SMU in their estate plans or made other planned gifts to the University. Chartered in 1996, the Society has 445 active households (as of May 31, 2011).



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Clark Hendley left retirement to return to academic administration as vice president for academic affairs at Hastings College in Nebraska. **Bill Lively** was appointed vice chancellor of strategic partnerships for the three campuses of the University of North Texas System effective Sept. 7, 2011. He will work with campus presidents in fundraising and strategic planning.

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King Bourland is a partner at the Dallas certified public accounting and consulting firm CF & Co. LLP. He was interviewed in the June 3-9 edition of *Dallas Business Journal*.

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Jack Moffatt is serving a two-year term as president of the Tularosa Basin – Don Root Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

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Kathy Bates plays Gertrude Stein in the Woody Allen movie "Midnight in Paris."

Eugene Taylor has won the 2011 Abraham Maslow Award for Lifetime Contributions to the Farther Reaches of the Human Spirit, conferred by the Society for Humanistic Psychology in the American Psychological Association. **J. Richard (Dick) White** serves on the SMU Presidential Commission on Substance Abuse Prevention, 2010-2012.

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Kyle T. Demler is a 33-year emergency department physician. **Bob Emrich** is co-founder of Tranzpal Inc., a company that develops speech-to-speech software for Apple, Android and Blackberry cell phones. With an initial application in the oil and gas industry and construction, it provides automatic translation of common phrases to increase safety and reduce injuries in the field. **David L. Nelson** has co-authored the book *David & Lee Roy, A Vietnam Story* (Texas Tech University Press, 2011), as a tribute to the life of his Lubbock, TX, childhood friend, Lee Roy Herron, killed in action in 1969. After law school and a stint in the JAG office and Okinawa, Nelson lost track of Herron. At a benefit in 1997, he heard a retired Marine colonel mention Lt. Lee Herron and his heroic actions on the front

lines. After uncovering the story of his death, Nelson set out on a 13-year mission to honor his friend. Along with writing the book, he spearheaded a scholarship in Herron's name at Texas Tech University. Nelson retired in 2005 from Houston Endowment, a private foundation, after 14 years as vice president and grant director.

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Valerie Brenner is working part-time. She has a daughter, Kristen Belle, and a granddaughter, Annabelle Louise, age 7. **Elizabeth (Betty) Underwood** has been appointed to the Alumni Advisory Council for Meadows School of the Arts at SMU.

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Molly Engelhardt has written her first book, *Dancing Out of Line* (Ohio University Press, 2009), and has published works on Jane Austen, the romantic ballerina Marie Taglioni, American cheerleaders and the 1970s popular press. She is a tenured professor of English at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, where she lives with her husband, Gary Goodwin. **Asher W. McDaniel** retired from the Missouri Annual Conference and moved to Lake of the Ozarks.

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Gregory S. (Greg) Davis (J.D. '77) is deputy first assistant district attorney in McLennan County, TX. **Kenneth Labowitz** was named a "Super Lawyer" in elder law for Virginia and Washington, D.C., and was chosen one of Washington's best lawyers in *Washingtonian* magazine. **Brian Lusk**, recently named corporate historian for Southwest Airlines, helped design a permanent exhibit at the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas that includes the first Boeing 737-300 to enter commercial service.

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Garrett W. Epp and his wife, Teresa Pruett-Epp, announce the birth of Oliver Dietrich Oct. 9, 2010, in Olathe, KS. **Michael H.**

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Norman (M.B.A. '76) practices law in Houston and around the state. **Wilma Norris Sonntag** taught public school for 49 years and will soon celebrate her 92nd birthday. **Sol Villasana** was the guest at a book signing and reception hosted by Preservation Dallas last August for *Dallas's Little Mexico* (Arcadia Publishing, 2011), which chronicles the neighborhood's growth, zenith, demise and renaissance.

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Todd Meier was elected mayor of Addison, TX, May 14, 2011. **Jon Mitovich** is president and CEO of Volcano Industries Inc., recently named by *Inc.* magazine as one of America's fastest growing privately held businesses. **Dianne Pingree** (M.L.A. '89) is a corporate etiquette and international protocol consultant, trained and certified by the Protocol School of Washington. She received a Ph.D. in sociology from Texas Woman's University,

where she taught in the Department of Sociology and Social Work. The Dallas native has lived in Austin since 1995.

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Frank Byrne has won several awards, including American Federation of Northeast Pennsylvania, Gold Winner, Business to Consumer website; ScrantonVocations.com, Gold Winner, Business to Consumer Poster Series; ScrantonVocations.com, A Different Kind of White Collar Worker Poster Series, Gold Winner, Business to Consumer Campaign; and ScrantonVocations.com, A Different Kind of White Collar Worker Advertising Campaign. **Madeline Dunklin** has left a 30-year career in advertising and public relations to work for Clarkson Davis, a Dallas-based consulting firm that looks to refocus and reinvent nonprofit organizations' strategies due to current economic challenges. The mother of two is involved in Highland Park United

Methodist Church and the Dallas Opera Women's Board. **Paul N. Gold** has been honored by the College of the State Bar with the 2010 Jim D. Bowmer Award for professional contributions to the Bar. He also received the 2010 Texas Bar Foundation Dan Rugeley Price Memorial Award for professionalism, the 2009 Texas Trial Lawyers Association John Howie Award for mentorship and the 2007 State Bar of Texas Gene Cavin Award for contributions to continuing legal education in Texas. He is a partner in the Houston trial firm of Aversano & Gold. **Jerome M. Sampson** has moved to Gainesville, FL.

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Susan Garbett Kendrick and her husband, Dick, welcomed two grandsons, Cole Evans Estrada in December 2010 and Brody Spencer Stark in January 2011. Susan retired after 30 years on staff at First Baptist Church of Dallas, and Dick works for IBM Corporation. They live in Frisco, TX. **Ellen Boling Zemke** and her husband, Douglas, moved to Cincinnati after he retired as president of Millikin University in Decatur, IL. She retired from Deloitte & Touche in 2004.

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Greg Carr is managing partner of Carr LLP, a Dallas-based intellectual property law firm named a Technology Advocate finalist by the Metroplex Technology Business Council at the 11th annual Tech Titans Awards gala Aug. 26, 2011. The firm actively supports emerging technology in the private and public sector. **John A. Cofield** re-entered active duty in the U.S. Army to serve with his two sons. Starting in August 2011, he is stationed in Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division. **Beverly B. Godbey**, a partner in the Dallas office of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was elected chair of the board of directors of the State Bar of Texas. She began her one-year term during the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting June 23-24, 2011, in San Antonio and will serve until June 2012. She is married to the Hon. David Godbey of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. **Kim DeWitt Quirk** is president of



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Service With A Smile

Judith Baner '69, '78 retired as director of Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports in September, but she may be best known as Peruna's unofficial godmother. Thanks to the creative blankets she has fashioned for him over the years, Peruna is, perhaps, one of the best-dressed mascots in the nation. Judith and her husband, Fred, met as first-year SMU students. She joined SMU in 1986 and served as Dedman Center director for 21 years. Fred, who also retired, returned to the Hilltop in 1997 and was a trades manager with the Office of Planning, Design and Construction. Their son, Corey, is a 1990 graduate.

the Richardson (TX) Independent School District board of trustees.

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Neil L. Abramson was promoted to director of customer service at F4W Inc. in Lake Mary, FL, in January 2011.

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Joe Coomer's 1992 novel, *The Loop*, is now a feature film. "A Bird of the Air" premiered in Dallas in October. **John D. Duncan** is vice president of development for The Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce. He and the former **Melanie Swanson** '84 have been married 25 years and have two daughters.

Paul Koning announces the opening of Koning Rubarts LLP and his concentration in professional liability defense and complex commercial litigation. He was with Hughes & Luce/K&L Gates for 29 years.

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Caralyn Wehlitz Bushey is an ESL instructor and student services coordinator at the Maryland English Institute at the University of Maryland.

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J. Alan Davis is a theatre producer in London's West End and last summer co-produced "Being Shakespeare." **Louis Murad** is the owner of Murad Auction Group in Richardson, TX, and a full-time professional, licensed auctioneer. He helps nonprofit organizations raise money by holding live and silent auctions and educates development directors and auction chairs on how to have a successful event. He and his wife, Claire, own a subsidiary company, Auction & Event Solutions, providing turnkey solutions for auctions. Col. **Mike Schwamm** retired from the U.S. Air Force after serving 26 years. Now a pilot for Southwest Airlines, he lives in Las Vegas.

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Tyrone Gordon is senior pastor of the 6,000-member St. Luke Community United Methodist Church, one of the oldest of Dallas' mega-churches. **Paulara Hawkins** has a new ebook available on Amazon, *Talk That Talk*, under the name P.R. Hawkins.

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Anthony Helm became head of digital media and library technologies at the Dartmouth College Library in March 2011. **ArLena Richardson** gave the graduate commencement address to the Class of 2011 at Western International University in Phoenix. **Elena Rohweder** is on the board of the Dallas International Association of Business Communicators and co-chairs the Quill Awards. **Patty Sullivan** joined MoneyGram

International in January 2011 as senior vice president of communications. **Rick Whittlesey** runs a nonprofit organization, Go Nigeria, that provides food, care and education to orphans, widows and others in need in Nigeria. As reported by **Carrie Slaughter-Whittlesey** '98, the organization held a fundraiser in Dallas last June to build a school for Nigerian orphans.

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Todd Boulanger is back in the U.S. after managing Alta Planning & Design's pedestrian safety action plan for the Abu Dhabi Department of Transportation. Now he works with small cities in Oregon on their streets and transportation plans and continues his longtime work as a board director of Bikestation, which provides and designs bicycle parking hubs throughout the U.S. He is celebrating his 23rd year without owning a car. **Dorree Remont Colson** and her husband, Michael, have two sons: Walker Rheed, born May 12, 2009, and Daniel, 7. The Colsons live in Houston. **Michael Hudak** is a private wealth advisor for Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in Phoenix, listed on "America's Top 1,000 Advisors" in the Feb. 21, 2011, issue of *Barron's* magazine. He ranked fourth among the 25 advisors in *Barron's* Arizona Top Advisor list. This is the third consecutive year he has been so recognized. **Amy Martin** is founder and creative director of Winter SolstiCelebration, a fusion of seasonal service, performing arts and musical theater. In her online newsletter Moonlady News, she reports on nonmainstream spirituality; environment; holistic, metaphysic mind-body movement; personal growth; and progressive causes in North Texas. **Jeffrey L. Weinstein** of Athens, TX, is a new member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, trial lawyers who have won million- and multimillion-dollar verdicts, awards and settlements. He represents victims of drunk driving, distracted driving and texting and cell phone usage.

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Brant Bernet is co-founder and managing director of Lincoln Rackhouse. On June 14,

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ALUMNUS RECALLS GRANDFATHER'S LEAP OF FAITH

CHARLIE WILKINSON HAD ONLY A SIXTH-GRADE EDUCATION, but the East Texas farmer shared the vision for a great new center of higher learning with academics Robert Stewart Hyer and Hiram Boaz. Wilkinson, who observed his 29th birthday April 15, 1911, was among those who provided financial support to help The United Methodist Church build SMU.

"My grandfather was a farmer whose only source of income was the sale of cotton," recalls grandson Fred Head '61, '63. "In a good year, he would make six bales, which would sell for a top price of \$25 per bale."

Wilkinson and his wife, Alva Lena Burton Wilkinson, were active members of Henry's Chapel Methodist Church, a small congregation in Cherokee County, Texas. Like Methodists across the state, the Wilkinsons

were encouraged to contribute what they could afford toward the proposed university.

Even though he had four children to support – Lou Ella, Emery, Pauline and Annelle – Wilkinson pledged \$25 to be paid over several years. It was a princely sum for a family that earned \$150 in a good year.

Head cherishes the documentation of his grandfather's contribution:

- An acknowledgement of Wilkinson's \$25 subscription to the "Million Dollar Fund" signed on April 27, 1913, by SMU President Robert Stewart Hyer, Vice President Hiram A. Boaz and Bursar Frances Reedy.
- A subscription note signed by his grandfather June 1, 1915.
- A receipt for the final payment of \$8.34 dated November 2, 1917, and a letter

acknowledging their pledge fulfillment dated November 17, 1917.

- A Dallas Hall medallion, sent in recognition of full payment.

"My grandfather believed it was one of the best investments he had ever made," Head says.

Although he did not realize it at the time, Wilkinson had planted family roots with SMU that would grow over generations. Fifty years after the filing of SMU's charter in 1911, grandson Fred earned a B.B.A. from the University. Two years later, he graduated from Dedman School of Law. Head established a successful practice in Athens, Texas, and represented Rusk and Smith counties in the Texas Legislature from 1967-81. One of Head's five children, Catherine Marsha Head Lenz, received a Bachelor's in communications from SMU in 1991.

"My grandfather, who died in 1970, never could have imagined that SMU would begin its Centennial celebration with Founders' Day on his birthday," Head says. "He was so proud that the fruits of his investment returned to his family and so many other families over the years." ●



The receipt for Charlie Wilkinson's final payment on his \$25 pledge, dated November 2, 1917.

TRACING A FAMILY'S DEEP HILLTOP ROOTS

I'M A GRADUATE OF SMU (1940) but the exciting part of the Centennial celebration is that my mother, Ilma Beaver, and her brother, Ralph, were both students the first year this wonderful university opened. Ilma was in what was, I suppose, the School of Music, and Ralph was a real Joe College. He pledged Alpha Tau Omega, was a cheerleader, and sang in glee club. In fact, the family joke says he had such a great first semester that Dr. [Robert S.] Hyer called my grandparents and asked them to come get Ralph, and when he was "big enough to wear long pants" he could return to SMU. (He must have been quite stylish wearing knickers.) He did return and met his future wife there and graduated. My mother only went a year or two but spoke often about how much she learned from her studies ... They lived in the small town of Garland at

that time, so both lived on campus during the school year.

I have many relatives and a sister and brother-in-law – Dr. and Mrs. Harold (Virginia Weir) Brown – who are graduates, as well as cousins. And my mother's cousin – Hatton W. Sumners – was a benefactor, so the memories of SMU are many. My sister and I both lived in Snider Hall, and I think my mother's dorm in 1915-16 was what became Curtis dorm.

Congratulations for the great progress the University has made. I wish I lived nearby to enjoy the many pleasures the University brings to the community. I do visit a daughter who lives in the area, so will look forward to seeing and hearing about the continuing celebration of the 100th anniversary.

Hortense Weir Smith '40, Leawood, Kansas

CELEBRATING WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

THE SIX-DECADE ROMANCE OF JAMES H. AND MICKEY CATES ABBOTT began like a Hollywood movie.

"I spotted her from across the rotunda in Dallas Hall," James says. "She had an art class on the east side, and I was walking from class on the west side. After that, I made sure to walk down the stairs on her side."

A few years later they would walk down the aisle together at Perkins Chapel, one of the first couples to be married in the church after it opened in 1951. Sixty years later to the day – June 16, 2011 – the Abbotts returned to the chapel for the first time since their wedding and spent the afternoon reminiscing.

It was a warm June day when family and friends gathered as James and Mickey repeated their vows. SMU President Umphrey Lee officiated.

Lee, a respected Methodist scholar, had a fan in the Abbott household. "My mother idolized Umphrey Lee," James says. "He was the most charming man, and we became friends, so I asked him if he would perform the ceremony."

Leading up to their marriage was a courtship that advanced from Dallas Hall to dates at Turtle Creek and drives through Oak Cliff in a Hudson with an inline-eight engine, which car buff James vividly recalls.

Having earned a Bachelor's in electrical engineering from the University of Colorado, James was pursuing a Master's in mathematics at SMU, which he received in 1949. Mickey's creative talents led her to art and theatre with a focus on costume design. She earned a Bachelor's and a Master's in 1949.



Mickey Cates Abbott and James H. Abbott

The couple remembers the influx of military veterans to campus after World War II – James served a stint in the Navy. Their paths crossed with fellow students Doak Walker, who won the Heisman Trophy in 1948, and Aaron Spelling, with whom Mickey worked on Arden Club productions.

After graduation, Mickey applied her fashion background as a buyer with the Titcher-Goettinger department store chain. James taught at Texas A&M before earning his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Illinois. He went on to teach there and at Purdue, the University of New Mexico and the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest at the University of Texas at Dallas.

In 1965 they moved to New Orleans, where James served as chair of the mathematics department at the University of New Orleans and is professor *emeritus* of mathematics.

Now retired, the Abbotts divide their time between New Orleans and the Dallas area. ●

2011, he posted a blog at realpoints.dmagazine.com on the maturation of the data center business. **Brad D'Amico** practices securities and oil and gas law at the Fort Worth and Dallas law firm Cantey Hanger LLP. **Kimberly Nelson-Olszewski** is a partner and branch manager of RPM Mortgage Inc. in Santa Monica, CA. The Rev. **Rita Sims** conducted her first service June 12, 2011, as pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale, TX. She is enrolled in the doctoral program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

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Rod Pipinich (D.Eng. '92) and his wife, Missy, celebrated the birth of a third daughter, Alexandra.

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The Rev. **Elaine Bussey** has been appointed pastor of Friendship United Methodist Church in Sherman, TX. She has two daughters and five grandchildren. **D'Ann Delp Mateer**, writing under the name Anne Mateer, has written a fifth novel, *Wings of a Dream* (Bethany House Publishers, 2011), and is working on a second historical novel. She and her husband, **Jeff Mateer** '90, have three children and live in Rockwall, TX.

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Texas State Representative **Rafael Anchia** received a 2011 Ohtli recognition award at a ceremony in San Antonio last June, the highest acknowledgement conferred by the Mexican government to honor members of the Mexican, Mexican-American and Latin communities abroad. He is a partner in the law firm Haynes and Boone LLP in Dallas. **Laura Claycomb**, an international opera star based in Italy, returned to Dallas in April 2011 to make her Dallas Opera debut as Gilda in "Rigoletto." Conducting was **Pietro Rizzo** '96, '97. **David Metzler** has been named managing shareholder of Cowles & Thompson law firm in Dallas.

If you would like to share your SMU memories, please e-mail your story to smumag@smu.edu or write to SMU Magazine, Southern Methodist University, P.O. Box 750174, Dallas, Texas 75275-0174. Please print legibly and include a daytime phone number. Deadline for submission is January 31, 2012. Due to space limitations, not all Mustang Memories will be printed.



Red (And Blue) Letter Weekend

More than 400 former athletes, their families and other supporters of Mustang sports attended the SMU Lettermen's Annual Reunion September 9-10. Pictured are: (front, left to right) Marshella Atkins, Tannel Atkins '78, Suzanne Johnston '70, and (back) Chris Rentzel '72, Bill Wright '71 and Jim Johnston '70, '71. All tennis teams and the 1976-79 football teams were honored this year. William L. Hutchison Sr. '54, '55 received the 2011 Honorary Letter Award from the Lettermen's Association board. Hutchison, a trustee *emeritus*, is also a 1990 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

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Jeffrey Scott Brewer is president, director and CEO of New York-based nonprofit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International Inc. Previously he was executive chair of Kickstart International, a nonprofit that helps poverty-stricken populations, mainly in Africa, become self-sufficient. In 1995 he co-founded CitySearch, the online city guide providing information about businesses in U.S. cities, and in 1998 co-founded GoTo.com, a successful "pay-per-click" and "pay-for-placement" search advertising system. **Jennifer Grant** is a journalist and mother of three whose book, *Love You More: The Divine Surprise of Adopting My Daughter* (Thomas Nelson, August 2011), tells of her family's decision to adopt, the strenuous search for their daughter, Mia, and adjustments to life as a multicultural family. Included are resources and tips for prospective adoptive parents. **Harrison Long** received the 2010-11 Distinguished Teaching Award from the College of the Arts at Georgia's Kennesaw State University, where he is associate professor of theatre and performance studies and coordinates the acting concentration. The National Endowment for the Arts accepted a grant proposal he co-authored to support the 2011-12 KSU production "Splittin' the Raft," a retelling of the Huck Finn story. **Stephanie M. Murdock** has been promoted to lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. A public affairs officer with 12 years of military service, she is assigned to Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

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Amy Chang has been an executive assistant for five years at Travelport, a travel technology company based in Parsippany, NJ. She lives in Bloomfield. **Lisa Gentry Decker** is celebrating 20 years with the executive search firm Lucas Group, where she is executive senior partner, placing accounting and finance professionals in Denver. She has been married 12 years to Ray Decker and has two children, ages 10 and 7. **Mindy Tucker Fletcher** announces the birth of Caleb Cash April 29, 2011, in San Diego. **Lisa Schilling Henry** (M.A. '96, Ph.D. '99) is chair of the Anthropology Department at the University of North Texas in Denton. She has been teaching at UNT since 2001, along with her husband, **Doug Henry** '96 (Ph.D. '00). They have two children: Riley, 5, and Will, 3.

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Capt. **David A. Alpar** (M.M. '96) has conducted the U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty to the 2010 Air Force Media Award for Outstanding Recording of a Single Work, "Gardens of Stone," and Outstanding Recording of an Original Work, "Symphony #1." Country music star **Jack Ingram** was last June's guest artist at the St. David's Round Rock (TX) Express Summer Concert Series presented by Dell. **Christy LeMire** enjoys national attention as co-host of the PBS series "Ebert Presents At the Movies." She is the film critic for The Associated Press based in Los Angeles and was listed

among the 100 Most Beautiful Faces of 2008 on the Annual Independent Critics List. **Leif Wennerstrom**, an SMU swimming star, is in remission from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma but still fights cancer. Using his swimming talent to raise money for cancer research, he was among 200 participants June 11, 2011, in the first Swim Across America event, held in Dallas at Lake Ray Hubbard to benefit the Baylor Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center. He and others formed Team Mustang to swim in honor of all SMU alumni who have battled cancer.

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Michael C. Sanders is one of the founding partners of Borrego Sanders Willyard LLP, a Houston law firm specializing in oil and gas litigation and transactions.

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Kate Haulman is assistant professor of history at American University in Washington, D.C. Her new book is *The Politics of Fashion in Eighteenth-Century America* (University of North Carolina Press, 2011). **Rob Johnson** was senior political adviser to Newt Gingrich as the former House Speaker explored whether to run for president. Rob managed Rick Perry's 2010 re-election campaign for Texas governor. **Amy Swanson** married Peter Sillan in December 2010 in Connecticut, where they live. She is vice president of marketing strategy for Time Warner Global Media Group in New York City. **Ellen Sharp**

Tuthill (M.A., M.B.A. '98) traveled with her husband to Ethiopia in March 2011 to serve orphans and HIV widows. **Gregory Dean Watts** has written a short comedy script, "Momfia," accepted into the 2011 Beverly Hills Film Festival. The script also won the short comedy category in the 2010 Woods Hole Film Festival and the 2010 Indie Gathering Film Festival in Cleveland.

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Carol Apelt joined CRAFT | Media/Digital last March, a multichannel communications consulting firm in Washington, D.C., as director of operations and business development. She also serves the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as administrative officer for the D.C. Disaster Medical Assistance Team, part of the nation's National Disaster Medical System. **Josh Gregory** captained the SMU men's golf team in 1996-97. Now he has returned to

SMU as men's golf coach after leading Augusta State University to two straight NCAA men's golf titles. **Elizabeth Tomek Hernandez** and her husband, Ruben, announce the birth of Zachary Allen, May 18, 2011; big brother is Aaron. Elizabeth is director of the Texas office of The Pivot Group, a political communications company. **Cooper Smith Koch** was named a top 40 Under Forty by *Dallas Business Journal* in June. As principal of the Cooper Smith Agency, he has led his company from its 2002 beginning to today's prominence in product placement, managing his clients' relationship with production companies for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," DIY Network and HGTV series and programs on the Food Network, A&E, TLC and PBS. His agency also works with national showcase homes, including Idea House in *Southern Living* and *Esquire* magazine's Ultimate Bachelor Pad.

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Tim W. Jackson established the Coral Reef Preservation Fund in April 2011 from his home in the Cayman Islands. He reports that we risk losing not only the reefs' beauty but also the food, jobs, medicines and other resources healthy reefs provide. He is donating to the fund a portion of the proceeds of all copies of his literary novel *Mangrove Underground* (The Chenault Publishing Group, December 2010) purchased through www.timwjackson.com. **Gabe Reed** was the master promoter of the Mötley Crüe South American tour in May 2011, part of the 30th anniversary world tour, with shows in Santiago, Chile; Sao Paulo, Brazil; and Buenos Aires, Argentina. **Czarina Reyes** (M.L.A. '01) announces the birth of daughter Sophia Czarina June 14, 2011.

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John Keehler is a *Dallas Business Journal* 40 Under Forty honoree in the June 24-30, 2011, edition. At Click Here, where he is principal, digital strategy, he leads a team setting the direction for their clients' brands in the digital space. They design websites, social media, online advertising and mobile experiences. Dr. **Maria Luby Prodanovic-Nutis** and her husband, Dr. Mario Nutis, welcomed son Nicolas in December 2010. They live in El Paso, where she practices pediatrics and volunteers with the Junior League. **Catherine Coates Walts** and her husband, Cameron, announce the birth of their first child, William Jack, Aug. 21, 2011, in Atlanta, GA.

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Lindsay Abbate Ballotta and her husband, Ray, announce a son, William Davis, born Dec. 17, 2010. Their daughter, Caroline Leigh, is 3. The Ballottas live in Dallas. **Nichole Briscoe Bentley** owns Bentley Business Consulting in Coppell, TX. After submitting a video to Verizon demonstrating the balance she strikes between caring for four sons, ages 9 to 15, and running her business, she was named "Hardest Working Small Biz Mom." She received \$5,000 and cleaning



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service for a year. **Glen Webb** was unanimously elected to a one-year term as president of the Texas Wildlife Association at the 2011 convention in San Antonio last July 8. He is a rancher as well as owner of Glen Webb PC, a law firm in Abilene, TX. **Jason White** married Kiley Crabb at Perkins Chapel Aug. 13, 2011. He is director of player personnel for the 2011 NBA champion Dallas Mavericks. Attending groomsmen were **Brad Bader**, **Mike Furr**, **Brian Kriete** and **Joe Zuercher**. **Lukas K. Womack** with business partner **Nadeem Lakhani** '98 has started a company online at www.FEELZY.net, which focuses on user privacy and anonymity. The technology captures how people feel about various web content and stores their opinions. Users can view any piece of FEELZY content, share their "feelz" and see how the rest of the world "feelz."

01

Myesa Nichole Knox Mahoney received a Ph.D. in criminology, law and society from the University of California, Irvine, in March 2011. She is an associate lecturer in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University in Queensland, Australia, where she and her husband live. **David Malcolm** married Gina Lisa Andrews April 9, 2011, in Butler Chapel on the campus of Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC, where he is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree. He serves as an Army chaplain at Fort Bragg, NC. **David Ninh** is bookings editor at *Seventeen* magazine in New York. **William J. Saunders** pursued his Master's degree in directing from Columbia University's School of the Arts Film Division. In 2009 he and five others formed Anywhere Films and made "Sweet Little Lies," which he directed; **Josh Ayers** '01 was executive producer. Saunders won an Emmy award for his sports documentary "Big Charlie's" on the NFL network. His short film "Dash Cunning" won the Audience Choice Award at the Columbia University Film Festival and received the 20th Century Fox/Farrelly Brothers Award for outstanding achievement in comedy. **Kristen Holland Shear** earned a Master of Arts degree in

Warming Up For The Iron Skillet

SMU trustee Bradley W. Brookshire '76 and Ann Warmack Brookshire '77, who serves on the SMU Libraries Executive Board, join Mark L. Meyer '76, a member of the SMU Athletic Forum board, and Judiann Reeves Meyer '76 for pre-game festivities in the SMU Alumni tent before the TCU game. The SMU-TCU rivalry dates to 1915, when the University's football team first traveled to Fort Worth for the season opener, according to Darwin Payne, professor *emeritus* of communications and author of a history of athletics at SMU, *In Honor of the Mustangs*. The Battle for the Iron Skillet was launched in 1946, according to newspaper reports of the day. This year, the Mustang football team won the 76th Iron Skillet in a 40-33 overtime victory against the 20th-ranked TCU Horned Frogs.



emerging media and communications at The University of Texas at Dallas. **Jessica Shapard Thuston** and **Dixon Thuston** '02 welcomed a daughter, Eve Amelia, Nov. 19, 2010. Their son, Tripp, is 3. Jessica is executive editor of *Southern Living* magazine, and Dixon is engineering manager at Cash Acme. The Thustons live in Birmingham, AL.

02

Sonya Cole-Hamilton and her husband, Gerald, announce the birth of their second daughter, London Corie, April 14, 2011. **Charles R. (Chuck) Constant** was named executive vice president of business development at the Dallas firm Capital Plan Inc., a business that enables advisers and clients to restore capitalism to insurance ownership. He was an officer and fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force, and his service and deployment to Kuwait and Afghanistan in 1999 and 2004 earned him five combat medals. Now a major in the U.S.A.F. Reserve, he works with Congress and the Air Force Academy as a Deputy Liaison Officer Director. **Gitanjali (Mishty) Deb** and **Raney LaSusa** '01 opened LaSusa & Deb PLLC, a general practice law firm in Carrollton, TX. **Erin**

Hendricks joined Parker McDonald PC, where she works on cases ranging from eminent domain to personal injury. Previously she was chief of the sexual assaults crimes section of the Dallas County Criminal District Attorney, trying more than 120 jury trials. **Ludwig Otto** is an entrepreneur, educator and evangelist who speaks to organizations and groups. He is chair and CEO of Franklin Education & Development, a worldwide nonprofit corporation. **Amber Aronson Parker** writes and publishes children's books through Reimann Books in North Carolina. After obtaining a second Master's degree in 2010, she works as a human resources director in local government. **Robert Sine** married Ashley Walton March 19, 2011. Peruna was at the reception. The Rev. **Michael W. Waters** (M.Div. '06) was invited to become a blogger for *The Huffington Post*. A recent posted article referenced Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. Church's partnership in fall 2010 with the SMU Office of Leadership and Community Involvement. Rev. Waters is the founder and senior pastor of Joy Tabernacle African Methodist Episcopal Church in Dallas and a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree from Perkins School of Theology.

03

Whitney C. Aronoff is a recruiter for Living-Social, a digital media/daily deal company based in Washington, D.C. **Dana Dieckman Cassell** and her husband, Dan, announce daughter Caroline Jo's birth May 3, 2011. **Dodee Crockett** was recognized for a second year on "America's Top 1,000 Advisors: State-by-State" list in the Feb. 21, 2011, issue of *Barron's* magazine. She is a managing director-investments and wealth management advisor and has been with Merrill Lynch for 29 years. **Ashley Hamilton** is youth activities manager with Disney Cruise Lines. **Rogers Healy**, owner/broker of Dallas-based Rogers Healy and Associates Real Estate, was recognized by the *Dallas Business Journal* in their 40 Under Forty list in the June 24-30, 2011, edition. He began his career while at SMU, helping students find off-campus housing. His latest endeavor is DingmanHealy.com, a residential relocation company focusing on the real estate needs of high-profile clients. **Nolan Joseph Laborde**, D.D.S., graduated in May 2011 from Harvard School of Dental Medicine with a post-doctoral in periodontics. He and his wife, Elizabeth Leddy Laborde, D.D.S., live in Dallas, where he is establishing his dental practice. **John Ley** has opened Two Corks and a Bottle, a Dallas winery/wine bar in Uptown. He previously worked in Development and External Affairs at SMU. **Chrissy Crawford Malone** has launched a tech/art venture in New York City called LittleCollector.com to create high-quality, limited edition prints of contemporary art for children. Since graduation she has worked for the Aspen Art Museum, received a Master's degree in international art business from Sotheby's Institute of Art in London, run her own art advisory company in New York and launched ArtStar.com and LittleCollector.com. **Katie Krenz Reedy** has pursued a career in the pharmaceutical industry since 2003. She and her husband welcomed their first child, Bryce, in September 2010. **Harry Joseph Smith III** and his wife, Stephanie, became parents to Harry Joseph Smith IV March 9, 2011. They celebrated five years of marriage June 3, 2011.

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Elizabeth Nabholtz Allen is vice president of The Weitzman Group, offering a full range of commercial real estate services. She was recognized by the *Dallas Business Journal* in their 40 Under Forty list in the June 24-30, 2011, edition. **Phil Carlson** married **Christy Noel Osborne '09** at Trinity Church, Dallas, June 4, 2011. Both serve the SMU undergraduate population as campus ministers through the student organization and Christian campus ministry called PULSE, also known as Victory Campus Ministries. **Emily Johnson** has accepted a position as a graduate assistant hall director at Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX. **Keats Ellen Ryan Moeller** and her husband, Darren, celebrated the birth of their first child, Reagan Elizabeth, June 5, 2011. **Karthik Rangarajan** has been appointed vice president of marketing for the Irving (TX)-based EF Johnson Technologies Inc., a developer and manufacturer of communications technology for emergency responders. He has 15 years of experience in mobile technology. **Whitney Phelps-Brown Zolna** and her husband, **Aaron Zolna '01**, are moving to Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri, where Aaron will fly the B2 stealth bomber for the U.S. Air Force.

05

Carl Dorvil started Group Excellence, a tutoring and mentoring company, which provides academic services to schools and community organizations. The model uses college students and young professionals as mentors who bond with students in at-risk environments. He was recognized by the *Dallas Business Journal* in their 40 Under Forty list in the June 24-30, 2011, edition. **Sarah Robinson Evans** has started her own business in laser engraving called Sima Design in Grand Prairie, TX. Previously she was an electrical engineer at Lockheed Martin. **Margot Allen Goss** is a vice president at Union Bank, N.A., after serving as assistant vice president at Amegy Bank, N.A. **Jacky Niederstadt** received her M.D., graduating from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She

is completing her residency in pediatrics at the University of Colorado in Denver. **Barbara R. Vance** has written and illustrated *Suzie Bitner Was Afraid of the Drain*, a book of children's poetry, which won the Next Generation Indie Book Finalist Award, presented to her in New York City. The poems center on a wide range of things children have to deal with.

06

Desiree Dawn Brown was promoted in April 2011 to business analysis manager at Fannie Mae in Dallas. She had been a project lead since 2008. **Courtney L. Geiger** is a dentist at the newly opened Hillcrest Dental Associates in Dallas, which offers general dentistry, orofacial pain management and clinical oral and maxillofacial pathology. **Kirby Stuart** is a film and television producer who most recently worked on the VH1 reality show "Football Wives." She took a break to chair the spring 2011 fundraiser sale, Rummage Roundup, for the Junior League of Dallas.

07

Nick Aronoff works for Let's Powwow, a location-based social media company in Beijing, China, where he lives. **Jason Coosner** received the Choreography Recognition Award in March 2011 from Regional Dance America, placing him on the National Choreography Plan for his neoclassical ballet "Composition VII." **John Holiday Jr.** was an apprentice artist with Santa Fe Opera last summer, working with respected conductors, directors and singers from the classical world. He placed fifth in the 42nd Annual Palm Beach Opera competition and was a semifinalist for the 2011 Dallas Opera Guild vocal competition. **John Hunninghake** and his wife, Talia, welcomed daughter Jane Catherine June 17, 2011. **Eduardo Manzur** and **Amanda Cochran '08** were married in Los Angeles last July. **Michael Tarwater** married Julia Brewer in May 2011 in Charlotte, NC, where he is in his third year at Charlotte School of Law.

Dedman Research In The Spotlight

Dean William Tsutsui (left) offered a revealing look at Dedman College in his talk "Research: The Sexy Side of Dedman" at the Young Alumni Professional Breakfast September 13. Geothermal energy, childhood obesity and the origins of the universe are just a few of the complex topics studied by Dedman researchers. Upcoming speakers in the breakfast series include Hunter and Stephanie Hunt, founders of the Hunter and Stephanie Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity at SMU's Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering, February 16; and Kerry Briggs, director of education reform at the George W. Bush Institute, April 4. For more information visit smu.edu/alumni/ya. The dean is shown with senior Adriana Martinez, a President's Scholar and student member of the SMU Board of Trustees, and Jonathan Childers '02.



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Sydney Anne Bridges received her M.S.N. degree from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in August 2010. She is an acute care nurse practitioner at the DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center of The Methodist Hospital in Houston's Texas Medical Center. **Breanna Gribble** is a project manager/geologist at the New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation, while pursuing a career as a modern dancer and choreographer. She is the associate artistic director of Mari Meade Dance Collective and choreographs for festivals in NYC.

09

Erica Clemmensen and her mother, **Lexia Allen '77**, opened Muzzie's Dressy Dresses, a store in Dallas featuring accessories and prom, pageant, after-five, party, homecoming, work and other special occasion dresses. **Sadia Cooper** and **Keith Turner '08** were married in Houston June 25, 2011, honeymooned in Maui and returned to Houston. She works for KPMG in their advisory practice, and he is employed by Halliburton. **Emily Dawson** is a research analyst for Texas Capital Bank. But she also stays busy with a new Texas nonprofit corporation, Giverosity Inc., which she and a friend started to provide a quick, easy way to donate toys to underprivileged children during the busy holiday season. **Shayna Rebecca Luza** works for the Dallas Caruth Police Institute and is a volunteer for the Dallas Suicide Crisis Hotline. She married Devon Vincent Oct. 29, 2011. **Bryan Melton** is a mechanical engineer with Raytheon of Richardson, TX. **Ebonii Nelson** completed her Master of Education degree in college student affairs administration at the University of Georgia and now works in the Center for Student Development at Texas Woman's University in Denton. **Andrés Ruzo**, one of the recent "Faces of SMU" on the SMU website, reports from Peru that National Geographic will support his Ph.D. thesis, "The Geothermal Map of Peru," with a \$5,000 grant for field work. Because of the project's economic and scientific significance for

multiple industries, including oil and gas, mining, business and renewable energy sectors, he has been able to raise \$85,500 for his study. **Gary Suderman** works in Seattle as a cameraman/editor for "Penny Arcade: The Series," a documentary-style comedy revolving around Penny Arcade, one of the most popular and longest running webcomics online. He also produces short films and writes screenplays for feature productions. **Doug Wintermute** left his job as public information spokesman at Kilgore (TX) College several years ago to begin the journey toward becoming a preacher. He became an ordained minister in The United Methodist Church in spring 2011.

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Elisabeth Brubaker moved to New York City and joined the "Piers Morgan Tonight" team at CNN. **Jacqueline Conley** and **Brandon Allen** were married June 11, 2011, at Highland Park (TX) United Methodist Church. She is an attorney at Hayes, Berry, White & Vanzant LLP, and he is a financial analyst at Transwestern Commercial Services. **Bavand Karim** has been a producer for Mother Earth News Radio, a nationally syndicated radio program, and an associate producer of Dig in DFW, an organic lifestyle program for television. In July 2011 he was hired by Northern Kentucky University as a lecturer of electronic media and broadcasting in the College of Informatics. His keystone film, "Nation of Exiles," has been screened at more than a dozen festivals in four countries, and he plans to expand the film to encompass social movements throughout Europe, the Middle East and Asia. **Lauryn E. May** started law school last August at Columbia University. **Jonathan P. Miller** was an honor graduate from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. **Linh Nguyen** moved from her position at Perkins School of Theology in public affairs and academic services to assistant director of direct marketing communications in SMU's division of Development and External Affairs. She also will help manage the alumni website content and social media sites to promote events. **Robert**



We Fried The Frogs!

Matthew Adamic '01 and Katie Wright '07 flank human Peruna at the Young Alumni Fry The Frogs happy hour September 13. The Mustangs not only captured the Iron Skillet in the annual gridiron battle October 1, but SMU alumni "fried the frogs" by besting their TCU peers in an annual giving challenge. A total of 1,067 alumni donors made a gift in September to win the competition, while the Horned Frogs garnered 934 donors. Mustangs can still contribute to the SMU Scholarship Fund online at smu.edu/alumni/frythefrogs.

Nitsche is the new CEO at Insurance Network of Texas, one of the largest independent insurance agencies in the state. He grew up in the company, moving from the mailroom to COO and CFO to CEO. **Frank Sciuto** and **Bailey McGuire '07** started Trinity West Ventures and opened their first franchise restaurant, MOOYAH, in June 2010 in Burleson, TX, near Fort Worth. Running MOOYAH together is what prompted the brothers-in-law to reunite their families in Texas.

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Taylor Holden is working for ESPN in New York City.

— IN MEMORIAM



The late Bill Clements and Rita Clements in 2009 at SMU-in-Taos at the opening of new student housing they helped to provide.

Remembering A Legend

Former Texas Governor William P. Clements Jr., a longtime major supporter of SMU academic programs and trustee *emeritus*, died May 29, 2011, in Dallas. He was 94 years old.

His relationship with SMU began in the mid-1930s, when he was an engineering student. Through the years, Clements and his wife, Rita, have contributed more than \$21 million to the University, funding some of SMU's highest academic priorities, including support for his special interest in the Southwest.

"Bill Clements' generosity and guidance have made a significant impact on academic programs throughout SMU, with major gifts supporting engineering, theology, mathematics and history," said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "By endowing the Clements Department of History, including a new Ph.D. program, and the Clements Center for Southwest Studies, he enabled students to learn more about the history and cultures of this region. Bill and Rita Clements also made it possible for SMU to acquire, rebuild and offer academic programs at SMU-in-Taos, located on the site of historic Fort Burgwin in northern New Mexico."

Clements served multiple terms on SMU's Board of Trustees and twice served as chair of its former Board of Governors, from 1967-73 and from 1983-86. He was named trustee *emeritus* in 1991.

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Lewis R. Binford, professor *emeritus* of anthropology and one of SMU's three members of the National Academy of Sciences, 4/11/11

Nancy Hamon, noted philanthropist and arts visionary who was a major contributor to SMU's Meadows School of the Arts – the school's Nancy and Jake Hamon Arts Library is named for her and her late husband – and the Meadows Museum at SMU, 7/30/11

Kerry Liebrecht (J.D. '04), former staff member of Development and External Affairs and Legal Affairs, 04/18/11

Daniel W. Shuman, M.D. Anderson Foundation Endowed Professor of Health Law, 4/25/11

SMU's Forgotten Medical School

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM HOLDS THAT SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY opened the doors of Dallas Hall to its first students on September 22, 1915, welcoming 456 young men and women to their first classes in the College of Liberal Arts, the School of Theology and the Department of Music.

These schools, however, were not the first established by the University, and these students were not the first to attend. In fact, by 1915, SMU had already opened and closed its first school, a medical college; its first degree recipients were awarded medical diplomas in 1912. How SMU came to have a medical school and what happened to it by the time the University opened Dallas Hall in 1915 is a story almost forgotten by history.

With plans under way in 1911 to build SMU, an opportunity for the University soon developed. Southwestern University at Georgetown was struggling to operate a medical college based in Dallas. Opened in 1903, the Southwestern University Medical College was located at 1420 Hall Street, between Bryan and San Jacinto streets. The three-story, gray brick building was completed in 1905 at a cost of \$40,000.

However, inadequate resources resulted in a Class C designation for the school, not the Class A designation needed to be accepted by the American Medical Association. The commissioners of education of the Methodist Church, which included SMU President Robert Stewart Hyer, decided the medical college was better suited to the newly chartered SMU. The medical college, which included the medical and the pharmaceutical departments, thus became the University's first school, with the first class of students (including transfers from Southwestern) matriculating in October 1911, well before ground was

broken on Dallas Hall.

The building on Hall Street housed a dean's room, an office, several laboratories, a bookstore and a large assembly hall. An amphitheater held 125 students and was fitted with "opera chairs" and a "demonstrating table." A library/reading room was also used as a museum

for the many specimens at the college.

According to the 1911 catalog, there were 35 medical school faculty members. Areas of focus included anatomy, medicine, surgery and eye, ear, nose and throat.

In 1911, 66 students matriculated in the medical department and 27 in the pharmacy department. Most of the students came from Texas, with a few from Oklahoma. Tuition was \$100 per year for general instruction and another \$5 for lab fees. Admission requirements included graduation from a high school or normal school or possession of an entrance certificate to the freshman class of a recognized college or university, and completion of 14 units in "literary work," such as English, history, mathematics, sciences and foreign languages. Each student also needed a letter granting permission from the State Board of Medical Examiners certifying the above credentials.

At the medical college commencement on May 31, 1913, SMU awarded 14 medical degrees and 10 pharmaceutical degrees. By fall 1913, a record 120 students were expected, faculty numbers had increased to 44, and entrance requirements were raised to include a full year of chemistry, physics and biology at the college level.

The following spring, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners adopted a



The 1913 SMU medical diploma for John William Macune hangs on the second floor in the Laura Lee Blanton Building.

resolution declaring that SMU's Medical College was "doing a character of work equal to that of the very best medical colleges in the United States." This resolution prompted the AMA's Council on Medical Education to raise the Medical College's rating to Class A.

Despite its successes, however, in June 1915, SMU's Board of Trustees "temporarily suspended" both the medical and pharmaceutical departments, stating that "financial conditions are such that the great expense of such a department is not considered justifiable for the limited number of students, and the money can be spent to better advantage in the college of liberal arts." One week later, the trustees officially disbanded the medical faculty.

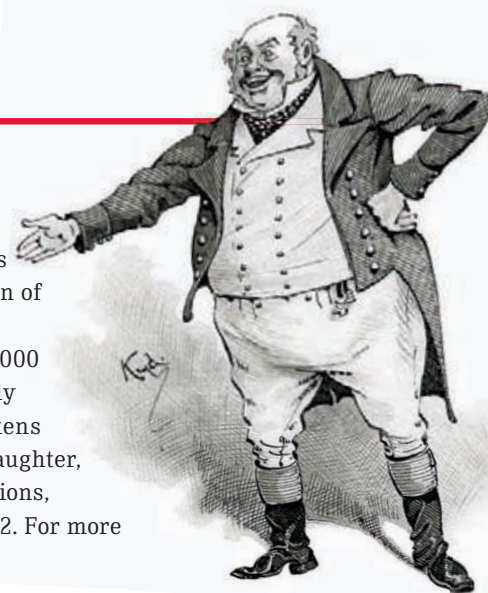
But SMU's impact on the medical profession is far from over. Today, the University offers strong programs for pre-medical and pre-health studies, and SMU students enjoy a high acceptance rate to the nation's top medical schools.

— Nancy Skochdopole

Excerpted from an article that appeared in Legacies: A History Journal for Dallas and North Texas and presented to the 11th annual Legacies Dallas History Conference, January 30, 2010.

A Dickens Of An Exhibit

DEGOLYER LIBRARY WILL CELEBRATE THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY of the birth of one of the world's most popular novelists with "Charles Dickens, 1811-2011: An Exhibition from the Collection of Steven Weeks," opening January 19, 2012. Steven Weeks, a member of the SMU Libraries Executive Board, began collecting books while in high school. Weeks' collection includes 1,000 volumes of Dickens' first novel, *The Pickwick Papers*. The novel was published originally as a 19-month serial beginning in March 1836. "In *The Pickwick Papers* you can see Dickens develop as an author," says Weeks, who lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Cyndi. Their daughter, Jennifer, is an SMU senior. Weeks' collection also contains 2,000 *Pickwick Papers* illustrations, including proof sets and hand-tinted works. The exhibit will continue through May 11, 2012. For more information: smu.edu/cul/degolyer. ●



Weaving A Tale of Conquest

THIS JUST IN FROM SPAIN: Four monumental tapestries are making their way to SMU's Meadows Museum to hang in an exhibit titled "The Invention of Glory: Afonso V and the Pastrana Tapestries" February 5-May 13, 2012. The Gothic works of art portray the conquests of two Moroccan cities by the king of Portugal, Afonso V, in 1471. Colorful knights, ships, and military images fill the enormous tapestries created by Flemish weavers. These tapestries were among the first to commemorate secular events, branching out from the usual renderings of religious themes. For more information: meadowsmuseumdallas.org. ●

Peruna Legacy Continues

PERUNA IX IS THE BIG STUD on campus now. The miniature black stallion took the reins from Peruna VIII at halftime of the football game against Central Florida October 15 in Ford Stadium. Also honored at the game were current and former Peruna handlers and the Culwell family. W.E. Culwell, owner of Culwell and Sons, donated Peruna II in 1932; since then the Culwell family has donated each pony that has served as the Mustang mascot. Four-year-old Peruna IX has been groomed for the job since his selection as a colt, attending summer band practices to become adjusted to game noise. However, 17-year-old Peruna VIII, who reigned from 1997-2011, is not being put out to pasture. In semiretirement, he will continue to make appearances on The Boulevard before home games and at other events. ●



Peruna IX sprints with his handlers, Ryan Gage (left) and Chris Manthey.



Landing at Asilah, (detail) 1475-1500, wool and silk, Collegiate Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Pastrana (Guadalajara).
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New Views Of The Hilltop

AS PART OF ITS SECOND CENTURY CELEBRATION, SMU has published a 160-page book, *SMU: Unbridled Vision*, which features more than 200 new color photographs, combined with selected historic images, showing the beauty and vitality of the campus experience. The Second Century Celebration extends from 2011, the 100th anniversary of the University's founding, to 2015, the centennial of its opening. The book also features an essay on the founding and an essay by SMU President R. Gerald Turner that focuses on current strengths. The book is available at the SMU Barnes & Noble Bookstore on Mockingbird Lane in Dallas; Gameday Cloth in Plano; Madison in Highland Park Village, Dallas; Suzanne Roberts in Snider Plaza, Dallas; and online at www.smu100book.com and Amazon.com. Cost is \$59.95 each. For information on other Second Century Celebration activities, see www.smu.edu/100. ●





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