Traveling the Globe

A growing range of summer study abroad programs provide students with opportunities for dynamic learning and growth, represent chance of a lifetime for students and give faculty members a break from routine.

By Julie Carlson

Imagine receiving academic credit for exploring the ruins of Pompeii, for scuba diving off a coral reef in the Caribbean, for watching the changing of the Palace Guard in London. That is exactly what 328 Baylor students are doing this summer as they participate in one of the University’s summer group study abroad programs.

While some Baylor students choose to study overseas for a semester or even a year; many others find that the summer programs, which typically last anywhere from two to six weeks, offer the perfect chance to experience another culture while taking classes taught by Baylor faculty members.

The University offers a variety of classes, from Medieval English Literature and Intermediate German to Palestinian Archaeology, during the 11 summer abroad programs in such exotic locations as Thailand, England, Turkey, Israel and the tiny Central American nation of Belize. While the programs in Germany, France and Spain require some proficiency in the host country’s
Dr. Homer D. C. Garcia, professor of sociology at Baylor, recently was selected to serve as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow for the 1998-1999 academic year.

The ACE Fellows program was established to identify and prepare promising university faculty and staff members for administrative positions in higher education. Dr. Garcia was among 35 fellows chosen out of thousands of applicants nationwide.

Fellows will spend an academic year at a sponsoring institution where they learn the skills of university administration. In addition to attending workshops and seminars, the ACE Fellows also will oversee an executive officer at one of the sponsoring institutions.

Dr. Garcia said, “It’s an honor to be selected, but it’s not just me. Everyone here has helped.”

In its recommendation report, the ACE team cited 11 program strengths.

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The Community Builder Award, which is given to non-Masons who demonstrate values that build communities, has never been awarded by the Baylor Lodge in its more than 60-year history.

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More Students Seek Distant Learning Opportunities

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language, some of the programs, such as Baylor in Great Britain, are open to students from all majors.

Each summer abroad program is led by a faculty member. Dr. William Pitts, professor of religion and director of Baylor in Great Britain, is on the job at spending part of the summer overseas. For 17 consecutive years, he has flung the blinding Texas heat for the cool weather in England. Dr. Pitts along with Dr. Andy Moore, professor of English and co-director of the summer program, and 10 other faculty members once again led a group of 121 students to Great Britain in July.

Faculty members who are participating in this summer’s Baylor in Great Britain come from a variety of departments, from the sciences to the liberal arts to the Hankamer School of Business. Dr. Pitts says that he tries to include faculty members who are new to the summer abroad program, but he likes to keep a core group of seasoned veterans who are experienced at navigating the streets of London.

More than classrooms

Students who participate in the program must register for one course and many take two courses. Dr. Pitts says the students know well before they leave what their class assignments will be, and they are encouraged to do as much as they can before they actually arrive in England. In addition to classes, the group participates in some activities that normally are not open to tourists, such as touring the inside of Parliament and climbing to the top of Big Ben. The Baylor group also will go on day trips to landmarks outside of the city, such as Oxford University, and will take overnight journeys to Scotland and Wales.

Baylor in Germany, the University’s newest international program, takes a different approach to studying abroad. For the first two weeks of the five-week program, the 12 students who are participating will be taught by Dr. Rasma Rietikans, assistant professor of German, as they travel to Cologne, Weimar, Berlin and Munich. During the final three weeks, the students will attend classes at the University of Freiburg and will be taught by members of that university’s faculty. They will live in dorms with other international students.

Upon arrival at Freiburg University, the Baylor students will take a placement test on their German proficiency. According to Dr. Pitts, this will ensure that students are placed in classes that are appropriate to their level of knowledge.

“We are trying to accommodate all students, from those who have had one year of German to those who have more experience with the language,” she says. Although the students will attend classes for five hours per day while at Freiburg, they will make several day trips on the weekends, such as taking excursions in the Black Forest. The Baylor program also offers students the added benefit of meeting German and other international students. Participating in one of the 11 summer study abroad programs is not the only way that students can travel overseas with a Baylor group. Other programs include 20 School of Education students going to the Netherlands, 10 nursing students studying in England, and 45 members of the Baylor Religious Hour Choir performing a series of concerts in Spain.

Whether or not an international trip is part of a summer abroad program, staff members in the Center for International Education can help faculty directors coordinate travel plans. The office also helps recruit students to participate in the summer abroad programs.

Recruiting too!

Students learn about international travel opportunities at Spring, Summer and Fall Premieres, those weekends that introduce high school recruits to the University and its programs. The international programs information meeting attracts a standing-room-only crowd of students and their parents. “We have found that having strong international programs is a powerful recruiting tool,” says Linda Klett, coordinator of international programs in the Center for International Education.

Baylor freshmen are given follow-up information on summer abroad opportunities during orientation, and a student’s academic advisor also plugs the programs. “The sooner students can see themselves participating in a summer study abroad program, the better,” Klett says. “Our goal is to make students aware of the opportunities that are available, and they need to make plans on personal, practical, financial and academic levels. They also need encouragement from family, friends and faculty. The Center for International Education can help students develop an expertise in languages and cultures that the U.S. has deemed critical to national security. Upon completion of their education, recipients of the scholarships agree to work for a federal government agency or in the field of higher education. — By Julie Carlson

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Academic Assignments: China, Russia, Korea and Japan

BU students land NSEP scholarships

For Baylor seniors who were selected as finalists for the 1998-99 National Security Education Program (NSEP), and will study at universities in the Far East and Russia during this coming academic year.

Mark Badham from Aliso Viejo, Calif., will study at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. Anthony Migura from Yorkshire, Texas, will study for three semesters in Tokyo at Waseda University. Nicholas Leman of Waco was selected as an NSEP alternate.

“I know that the NSEP is really hard to get, and I was speechless when I was notified. This is really big honor,” Migura said.

The NSEP provides scholarships to undergraduate students for study abroad in world regions less commonly studied by Americans. The scholarship program, which was started in 1984 and is funded by the U.S. Department of Defense, helps students develop an expertise in languages and cultures that the U.S. has deemed critical to national security. Upon completion of their education, recipients of the scholarships agree to work for a federal government agency or in the field of higher education. — By Julie Carlson

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Vaught selected as first Distinguished Professor

Dr. Carl G. Vaught, professor of philosophy at Pennsylvania State University, has been named the first Distinguished Professor at Baylor University.

Baylor officials recently announced plans to add 20 high-profile scholars to the University’s faculty over the next seven years. Some of the scholars will be named University Professors with the rest being named Distinguished Professors. University Professors will teach various disciplines while Distinguished Professors will teach in a specific area.

Dr. Vaught has served on the Pennsylvania State faculty since 1967 and headed its philosophy department from 1982-92. He also has taught at Kansas State and Yale.

Books by Dr. Vaught include The Sermon on the Mount: A Theological Interpretation and The Quest for Wholeness. He will publish Augustine’s Confessions: The Language of God and the Soul in the near future.

He earned his undergraduate degree in philosophy from Baylor and has served as a consultant for the Baylor philosophy department on a number of occasions.

Dr. Ralph C. Wood, distinguished professor of religion at Samford University, was named the first University Professor at Baylor and will join the Baylor faculty with Vaught this fall. Dr. Donald D. Schmeltekopf, provost at Baylor, said the University will make three more appointments during the 1999-2000 academic year.

“Sceptics will be heightening the academic progress and enhance the intellectual conversation at Baylor,” Schmeltekopf said. “They also will enhance the academic reputation of Baylor as well as help secure our future as a Christian institution.”

Affiliation Benefits Art Students

Baylor University recently announced an affiliation with the Allbritton Art Institute, a non-profit educational institution established and endowed last May by Joe and Barbara Allbritton of Houston.

Beginning this fall, the Allbritton Art Institute will work with Baylor that focus on late 19th century works, with an emphasis on Impressionism and Post-Impressionism. Students taking Allbritton Art Institute courses will receive credit toward a Baylor degree.

Baylor University is most grateful to the Allbrittons for their vision in establishing the art institute and making possible this affiliation, which will have a significant positive impact on the quality of Baylor’s art department,” said President Robert B. Sloan Jr. “Their appreciation for art and for Baylor University, as represented in this new relationship, will be a tremendous benefit to our students.

The Allbritton Art Institute will develop and offer new courses related to 19th century art history and will bring distinguished artists and art experts to the Baylor campus through a series of guest lectures and workshops.

In addition, Baylor’s art department will have use of the Institute’s library and a state of the art “smart classrooms” equipped with the latest audio-visual and computer technology for instructional purposes, which the Institute will construct at Baylor’s expense.

“The Department of Art is thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Allbritton for making Baylor University the recipient of the Allbritton Art Institute,” said art department chair John D. McEwan. “Their vision and means will provide a remarkable opportunity for amplification of course offerings in the area of late 19th century art history, bringing the art history program at Baylor to a higher level.”

Allbritton, who earned a law degree from Baylor in 1949, is a member of the University’s board of regents and serves as chairman and chief executive officer of Rogos Bice, N.A., in Washington, D.C. He also owns nine network-affiliated television stations in the United States and is a former publisher of The Washington Star.

Affirmative member of Baylor’s board of trustees and executive committee, Allbritton received the University’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 1974 and was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1984. The Baylor president’s campus residence is named The Allbritton House.

Allbritton is currently a member of the Baylor Foundation board of directors and is a former chairman of the Baylor College of Medicine Board. He serves as a trustee of the National Geographic Society, The Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation in Austin, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation in Los Angeles, and the George Bush Presidential Foundation in College Station.

The Allbrittons have one son, Robert Lewis Allbritton, who also is an owner and operator of the Allbrittons’ nine television stations. 

Bice to Join BU as Senior Counsel

Well-respected, experienced attorney returns to campus

Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. has appointed Noley R. Bice Jr., a name partner and shareholder in the Waco law firm of Fulbright, Winniford, Bice & Mandale, as the University’s new senior counsel, effective Sept. 1. Senior counsel, Bice will manage Baylor’s Office of General Counsel and serve as the institution’s chief legal advisor.

Bice replaces William D. Underwood, who will return to his full-time teaching post in the Baylor Law School, effective Sept. 1. Underwood is a tenured professor in the Law School, where he has served on the faculty since 1989. Underwood will continue to work on special legal projects on behalf of the University, as he did prior to assuming the responsibilities of senior counsel.

“Bill Underwood has done an outstanding job as our counsel these past 10 months,” Dr. Sloan said. “He told me when he accepted this responsibility in January 1997 that he would serve in this capacity only until we found the right candidate to provide direction for the General Counsel’s Office on a permanent basis. We have accomplished that objective in the appointment of Noley Bice. He is a well-respected, highly experienced attorney who knows Baylor and who will provide excellent leadership for this important area.”

A native of Tyler, Bice attended the University of Texas and earned his J.D. from Baylor Law School in 1961. He has extensive experience in the areas of mediation and arbitration and is board certified in civil trial law and personal injury law. In addition to Texas state courts, he is admitted to practice before U.S. District Courts, Northern and Western Districts of Texas, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.

Bice served as president of the Waco-McLennan County Bar Association from 1976-77 and was president of the Waco-McLennan County Young Lawyers Association from 1966-67. He has been a director of the Texas Young Lawyers Association and has served as a former chair of the District II B Greenville Convention for the State Bar of Texas.

Bice is a member of the American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, the Texas Association of Defense Counsel and the Texas Association of Mediators. He is a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association, a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and master of the bench for the judge Abram V. McAllister Inn of Court. In 1997 he served as a faculty member and panelist for the American Bar Association Advanced Mediation Symposium.

Foundation Gives $1.2 Million

Central Texas natural history focus of Discovery Theater

The Southwestern Bell Foundation recently provided a $1.2 million grant to Baylor’s Discovery Complex campaign for the Southwestern Bell Discovery Theater, a 200-seat, state-of-the-art facility with a 22-foot screen for video presentations focused on Central Texas natural history.

“We are particularly grateful to the Southwestern Bell Foundation,” said President Robert B. Sloan Jr. “This complex will become a focal point and will attract thousands of Central Texas children and other visitors each year. It also will serve as an important component in the effort by local government and private entities to develop further the Brazos River corridor into a beautiful and functional part of our city.”

The Discovery Theater is a focal point of the new Discovery Center at Baylor that will include exhibits in both natural history and cultural arts. Designed as an interactive and integrated family learning environment, the natural exhibits will be the only complex concentrating on the natural and cultural resources of the Central Brazos River Basin of Texas.

“This gift will enable us to create the most technologically-advanced theater system available today,” Calvin Smith, director of the Sudderix Museum Complex and chair of the Department of Museum Studies.

Integral components of the Complex include the Discovery Center, the Gov. Bill and Vera Daniel Historic Village, and the outdoor Environmental Experience. Combining these with the adjacent Texas Sports Hall of Fame and the Texas Ranch Hall of Fame will provide families and school groups excellent learning opportunities.

In addition to the theater, the 110,000-square-foot Discovery Center will contain the John K. Stroeder natural science collection, the pending Exhibitions Gallery, the Discovery Place for Children (the expanded Ollie Mae Moen Center), and the Department of Museum Studies.

Currently, the Discovery Complex campaign is in the major gift phase.

More than 75,000 people annually visit the current museums complex. This year alone, more than 50,000 children from throughout Central Texas have participated in activities at the Ollie Mae Moen Center. Baylor officials project that the Discovery Center will attract 200,000 visitors annually.

SBC Communications Inc., the parent company of Southwestern Bell, Pacific Bell, Nevada Bell and Cellular One, provided this grant through its philanthropic arm, the SBC Foundation.

— Julie Carlson

Regents set operating budget

Baylor regents in May adopted a $133.5 million operating budget for 1998-99 and approved a new strategic plan for the University. The new fiscal plan is a 9.7 percent increase over the current budget of $126.3 million.

The 1998-99 budget includes a $13.7 million increase in capital expenditures component that will fund a variety of construction and renovation projects, technology upgrades and parking and street repairs.

The strategic plan resulted from a yearlong effort by administrative and academic departments to provide a detailed blueprint for carrying out Baylor’s mission.
I have learned from my students.

Delivered as The Carr P. Collins Outstanding Professor Lecture, April 16, 1998

By Dr. Tom Hanks
Professor of English and The 1998 Carr P. Collins Outstanding Professor

I want to say something about Don and June Hankins — my parents.

Mom taught me to read during the summer after first grade. I don't know why, but I could seem to read in first grade. Her teaching me to read in the single greatest gift I can imagine, except the gift of life — which she and Dad gave me. Dad has loved me all my life, and still does, in spite of my having run into these three cars all at once a few weeks after I turned 6. He supported me through my B.A. at Washington University in St. Louis, and he always made my grades public — even though Middle English might as well be Sanskrit for him.

If you find anything of value in this talk today, I hope you will consider it dedicated to June and Don Hankins.

Next I want to say something about Mr. Carr P. Collins and his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Collins Altshuler.

Mrs. Altshuler, Mr. Carr P. Collins' daughter, liquidated the Carr P. Collins Foundation after Mr. Collins' death. About six years ago she gave to Baylor $2 million of the resulting funds. That money brings in $100,000 in interest each year; in accordance with Mr. Altshuler's wishes, Baylor annually uses about $90,000 of that money for 28 Carr P. Collins Scholarships, and $10,000 to the Carr P. Collins Professorship. Mrs. Altshuler states that she and her husband were friends of Mr. Collins, and that he had requested that this be done.

I don't want to say too much about Mr. Collins. I will say that he was born in 1892 and that he was the son of a storekeeper. He was educated at the local public schools and then at Yale. After teaching for a while, he entered the law school at Tulane University. He became a lawyer and joined the firm of Hebert & Collins. He was active in civic affairs, and he was involved in the founding of the Louisiana Bar Association.

In 1928, he married a woman named Dorothy Carter. They had three children: Mr. Collins, Mrs. Altshuler, and a daughter named Mary. Mr. Collins was a successful lawyer and a civic leader. He served as president of the Louisiana Bar Association and as a member of the Louisiana State Senate. He was also active in various charitable organizations.

Mr. Collins died in 1959, leaving a large estate to be distributed among his family members. His daughter, Mrs. Altshuler, inherited the largest share of the estate, and she used it to establish the Carr P. Collins Scholarships and Professorship at Baylor University. The scholarships are given to students who have demonstrated excellence in their academic work, and the professorship is awarded to a distinguished scholar in the field of English literature.

Mr. Collins' legacy lives on through the work of his daughter and the scholarships and professorship that bear his name. The Carr P. Collins Scholarships and Professorship continue to be a testament to Mr. Collins' love of learning and his commitment to excellence in education.

This first picture (above, left) is of those students' renditions of humans fettered in a cave, facing away from the light. They drew this picture as part of our discussion of Plato's Allegory of the Cave. You probably remember the allegory — certainly the figures created last semester by several students in the World Cultures course in the Interdisciplinary Core.

What I have learned from my students...
Sloan elected Big 12 treasurer

Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. recently was elected treasurer of the Big 12 Conference Board of Directors, which is composed of the chief executive officers of the conference’s member institutions. Dr. Sloan will serve on the executive committee with board chair Robert Hemmenway, who is chancellor of the University of Kansas, and vice chair James Moeser, the University of Nebraska’s chancellor. The executive committee currently is screening search firms to assist in the selection of the conference’s new commissioner.

By virtue of his position as treasurer, Dr. Sloan also will serve as chair of the board’s audit committee.

Baylor Athletic Director Tom Stanton also has been involved in conference leadership. He recently completed a one-year term as chair of the Big 12 Board of Athletic Directors and currently serves on the board’s committees for long-range planning, championships and awards, marketing and promotions, and television.

New center to map earth data

Baylor University has established a new research institute to operate its highly successful Geographic Information System (GIS) — the world’s fifth-largest — used by NASA and other government agencies to map the earth and provide data for weather monitoring and other government agencies to map the earth and provide data for weather monitoring and other government agencies.

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The primary function of the center will be the operation of the internationally recognized GIS that is called Geographic Resource Analysis Support System (GRASS). GRASS is a leading source of spatial data for many of the world’s top science and research institutions including NASA which uses the system for planetary mapping studies, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), which uses the system to map weather patterns to support its operations (NOAA), which uses the system for planetary mapping studies, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), which uses the system to map weather patterns to support its operations.

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My colleague makes a good point, I think — I mean, you might have me telling them that you will continue to pursue it all your days. And I'm skeptical of — I'll be lecturing, and dragging you, struggling, toward the light at the end of this tunnel. I would rather turn to conversation, and ask you to join me in the conversation, to join me in Dante’s and Tom Goforth’s model, as we, for a moment or two, discuss “the most effective way to turn”...

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[This point in the presentation I asked Kristen Nicely, who had given me permission to begin discussion with her, “Kristen, which of these models do you prefer — the ‘fill ‘er up’ model or the ‘conversation’ model?” She responded in favor of the conversation model.]

I then turned to Rebecca Neri, and asked, “Rebecca, why might a student actually prefer the ‘fill ‘er up’ model? Some students do, and have told me so.” Rebecca also responded, saying that the “fill ‘er up’ model provides security — one knows exactly what the teacher wants to get back on the test.”

From that point on, students and faculty willingly held part in the presentation; my function became simply to guide discussion, sometimes asking one person or another to respond to another’s comments, sometimes summarizing, sometimes suggesting a different approach. The discussion lasted for 15 minutes, and I felt that it illustrated my basic point: people learn more, and are distinctly more interested in a topic, if they are engaged in conversation about the topic.]

It’s time to close this conversation. Thank you for taking part, thank you for coming. I do hope you’ve found some intellectual stimulation here today — and I hope you’ll go forth from here asking yourself, “Okay, what is the best way of doing education — and if I’m not doing that, why not?” Or, alternatively, I hope you’ll learn “thinking.”

You can already tell, I have learned from my students about teaching at Baylor. Some years ago, before William Bennett began his tenure as Secretary of Education in Washington, he made a trip, he made a comment which closely related. Here, the teacher doesn’t drag on insights which fuel the conversation, as my students read the book for themselves, then come up with insights which fuel the conversation, as my students.

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Baylor Serves as Acting Dean

Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. has appointed Dr. Donald L. Bailey as an acting dean of the School of Music, effective July 1.

Dr. Bailey currently serves as professor of conducting, director of vocal studies, director of choral activities and The Mary Gibbs Jones Professor of Music. He also conducts the A Cappella Choir and Baylor Chamber Singers. The latter is a frequent guest conductor and clinician for choirs throughout the United States.

"Baylor and the School of Music are very fortunate to have an individual of Donald Bailey's caliber to fill this important leadership position in the music school," said President Sloan. "He not only has an accomplished musician, but an outstanding scholar and teacher who enjoys the respect of his colleagues. With Dr. Bailey serving as acting dean, I believe the School will continue to move forward in the coming months while we conduct a search for a permanent dean."

Dr. Bailey holds a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's in vocal performance from Eastern New Mexico University. He completed his doctorate in conducting at the University of Northern Colorado in 1976.

Before joining the Baylor music faculty in 1980, Dr. Bailey served as director of choirs at Arizona State University, professor of voice and director of choral activities at Texas Tech University, and director of the School of Music at Hamilton College in New York.

An ad hoc committee to assist in the selection of a permanent dean will be appointed soon, said Dr. Donald Schmeltekopf, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Baylor Teams Win Waco Challenge

Corporate competitions boost morale, fitness

Baylor faculty and staff teams took first place in the first Waco Corporate Challenge in May, sponsored by the Hillcrest Center For Sports Medicine and the Waco Family Y.

Baylor joined the family Y, Allergan, Texas Life Network, and Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in the four-day competition in which employees competed in three on three men’s basketball, three on three women’s basketball, co-ed volleyball, swim relays and various field events.

The Corporate Challenge team was composed of faculty and staff members who stood out during the Employee Sports Program (ESP) season. The team included Dr. Lynn Tatum, religion; Ted Mitchell, Ferrell Center; Jesa Kelly, biology; Richard Gerik, FTC; Larry Exeas, Computer Center; Kyle Kurt, residence life; Deb Kolo, campus recreation; Munsha Pullin, athletic ticket office; Kathleen Moly, institutional research and testing; Julie Bennett, athletic media relations; Suzanne Kron, accounts payable; Deb Johnston, health, human performance and recreation; and Daniel Early, student activities.

"It was a fun of a good way to get to know people that we wouldn’t ordinarily have the opportunity to socialize with," said Kolo, captain of Baylor’s Corporate Challenge team.

Competing with fellow employees outside the University has been foreign to Baylor faculty and staff, until ESP began last year under the direction of Jeff’s Hardrock, assistant director of personnel services.

"I saw the need for Baylor faculty and staff to get to know each other outside of the University setting," said Kolo. "Baylor faculty and staff lack the avenues for involvement with one another, and the ESP program provides those avenues."

ESP benefits faculty and staff through enhanced employee relations and morale, improved physical fitness, increased organizational and departmental pride, and the opportunity for personal and professional growth and development.

"This ESP has the potential to prove once people see what’s going on," said Kolo. "It is a good program that allows faculty and staff from different departments to integrate in a fun competitive atmosphere."

After expressing their willingness to participate in ESP, employees were assigned to teams. During the 1998 spring semester, as many as eight teams met on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to compete in various sports.

Journal Gives High Marks to BU

Programs in Top 100 for degrees to Hispanics

The national journal Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education has ranked several of Baylor University’s academic programs among the top producers of Hispanic graduates in the nation.

Baylor ranked among the top 100 schools in four of the categories published in the April edition of the Hispanic academic journal. Baylor ranked 31st nationally in the number of degrees conferred to Hispanics in biology, 42nd in Hebrew profusion degree, 75th in psychology degree and 99th in humanities and management degree. The University also ranked 13th in social science and history degrees.

In all five areas, Baylor ranked third or fourth among Big 12 institutions in the number of degrees granted to Hispanics.

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On the Road to Parking Improvements

Express shuttle to ease parking congestion

The current campus construction boom may have you feeling a bit blue, particularly if your favorite parking place no longer exists. Remember, the situation is temporary and it will lead to an improvement in parking.

How much of an improvement? While the previous parking lot at Speight Avenue and Fourth Street provided about 225 spaces, the new facility will offer almost 1,000 parking spaces.

During construction of the new Speight Avenue parking facility, students and employees are encouraged to take advantage of an additional express tram route from the campus parking lot of the Ferrell Center to the Bankamerica School of Business. A shuttle will be set up to provide shade from the sun and protection from the rain, as well as to ensure where the express trolley will stop.

Ken Simon, assistant vice president and business manager, said the additional shuttle will run every 10 minutes from the Ferrell Center beginning Aug. 24, starting at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

During this time, the regular Gold trolley route with an approximate 30-minute turnaround will continue service to the Ferrell Center and will stop closer to that building than the express shuttle.

He noted that 63 parking spaces in the behind Sill Richardson’s Science Building will be allocated an EYE shuttle to assist faculty and staff who must be in their offices past shuttle service times. The re-designated slots cover the 39 F/E spaces lost when construction began.

The parking facility is expected to be completed by April 1999, at which time the express shuttle service will be discontinued.

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IDEASnet Wins ACUTA Award

Network vision, leadership garner recognition

not a month after being named by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine as one of “America’s 100 Most Wired Colleges,” Baylor University received yet another national award for its cutting-edge technology — the 1998 Association of College and University Telecommunications Administrators (ACUTA) Award for Institutional Excellence in Telecommunications in the medium size institution category.

Baylor’s IDEASnet — which provides the latest distance learning technology for students and teachers while assisting with the academic and administrative operations of the University — is what caught the attention of ACUTA.

"ACUTA’s goal in presenting such awards for excellence is to recognize vision and technological leadership in the creative use of telecommunications to support teaching, research, decision making and the delivery of services," said Margaret L. Miles, ACUTA president. "Baylor’s leadership in planning and implementing the network underscores the University’s commitment to teaching and public service."

"It is very gratifying for Baylor to be recognized by its peers in support network for college and universities," said Tim Logan, associate director of instructional technology and president of the Texas Distance Learning Association. "The University committed its resources not just to buying the necessary equipment but applying it to the growing needs of students and faculty."

Rather than traditional distance learning where new student markets are targeted for video based instruction, Baylor and IDEASnet have focused on providing new educational experiences for traditional on campus and at off campus locations, including the School of Nursing in Dallas, K-12 distance learners in Waco, Kiliman and La Vega schools, and graduate programs in Conroe and San Antonio. IDEASnet also has been adapted to support the University’s administrative needs, including faculty committee meetings and career services outreach.

ACUTA is an international non-profit educational organization dedicated to the enhancement of teaching, learning, research and community service by providing leadership in the application of telecommunication technology for higher education. The association serves nearly 800 colleges and universities.

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BAW

Professor Adds Classical Touch

NASA patch receives Latin boost

A Baylor University classics professor was called on by NASA to add a “classical” touch to a patch to be worn by some shuttle flight controllers.

Dr. John E. Thorburn Jr., assistant professor of classics, translated the Booster Systems Group slogan, “In Thrust We Trust,” into the Latin phrase, “Confidimus Propulsu,” for the group’s patch.

“Since we have a rather unique function, we felt that a unique patch was in order,” said John T. Sims of Johnson Space Center in Houston. “Dr. Thorburn’s Latin translation added something classic to our otherwise modern patch.”

The Booster Systems Group is responsible for monitoring the shuttle space rocket boosters, main region, main propulsion system and external tank in the Mission Control Center during shuttle flights.

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Guides High Marks to BU

Programs in Top 100 for degrees to Hispanics

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Wilkins named graduate school associate dean

Dr. Kenneth T. Wilkins, professor of biology and director of graduate studies for the Department of Biology, has been named associate dean of the Graduate School by President Robert B. Sloan Jr. and Dr. Donald D. Schmeltekopf, provost and vice president for academic affairs. The appointment was effective June 1.

"I am looking forward to working with Dr. Wilkins," said Dr. Larry Lynn, dean of the Graduate School and professor of sociology. "Ken possesses an outstanding record of scholarship and administrative experience, and I plan for us to work as a team in strengthening Baylor's graduate programs."

Dr. Wilkins received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and his master's degree from Texas A&M University. He earned his doctorate in zoology from the University of Florida in 1982 and began teaching at Baylor in 1983.

Specializing in mammalogy, Dr. Wilkins has performed numerous research projects dealing with small and subterranean mammals such as rodents and bats. From 1992-95, the National Institutes of Health funded his research on the ear anatomy in below- and above-ground rodents, and he conducted an inventory of the small-mammal community on Klondike Ranch in Johnson County, Texas, in 1995-96. He also has performed research for the Texas Nature Conservancy and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Dr. Wilkins has written articles for such scholarly publications as the American Midland Naturalist, the Southwestern Naturalist, the Journal of Mammalogy and the Texas Journal of Science. Additionally, he has supervised theses and dissertation work for several graduate students in the biology department.

Dr. Robert Johnston Yinger, professor in the educational foundations program in the College of Education at the University of Cincinnati, has been appointed dean of Baylor University's School of Education by Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. The appointment, which follows a two-year nationwide search, is effective July 15.

"We are thrilled about the appointment of Dr. Yinger to lead the Baylor University School of Education," Dr. Sloan said. "He brings both a strong record of scholarship to this position, as well as intensive involvement in the practical, hands-on aspect of Pre-K through 12 education. Dr. Yinger is known for his ability both to provide innovative leadership as well as to build consensus among important constituencies such as faculty and local community leaders. We are fortunate to have attracted him to Baylor."

"We are very impressed by the work in educational reform that Dr. Yinger has done at the University of Cincinnati," said Dr. Donald D. Schmeltekopf, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "He is a teacher-scholar and a thoughtful person, and his educational background and experience reflect Baylor and Baylor's aspirations."

A graduate of Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., Dr. Yinger earned his doctorate from Michigan State University. He began his tenure at the University of Cincinnati in 1978 as an assistant professor in the department of educational foundations and was made a full professor in 1994. He was awarded the University Faculty Achievement Award in 1996.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to be at Baylor as dean of the School of Education. I took forward to developing the School of Education as a leader in education both regionally and nationally," Dr. Yinger said.

Dr. Yinger, who also is director of the School-University Partnership and executive director of the Cincinnati Holtzam Partnership, has served as a distinguished scholar at the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary, as visiting associate professor at Stanford University and as a noted scholar at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Yinger is currently a visiting scholar at the University of Hong Kong.

In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Yinger served in director of the Cincinnati Initiative for Teacher Education (CITE) from 1987-1996. The work performed under his leadership was recognized as exemplary in What Matters Most: Teaching for America’s Future, the 1996 report of the National Commission on Teaching and America’s Future, and recently was featured in Education Week, Time magazine, The New York Times and on NBC Nightly News.

A member of the editorial board for the Journal of Teacher Education, Dr. Yinger has written more than 40 scholarly articles and book chapters including "Teacher Planning" in the International Encyclopedia of Education and "Teachers' Practical Thinking and Working Knowledge" in the forthcoming Teachers and Teaching. Additionally, he is a frequent presenter at conferences for such groups as the American Educational Research Association and the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education. — By Julie Carlson

Yinger Named Education Dean
Appointment follows a two-year nationwide search

Student Life Center is on the way
Complex strengthens BU commitment to students

The $30 million, 60-acre Student Life Complex took another step forward last week with the groundbreaking on May 8.

The Student Life Center, which will be located at Third Street and Bagby Avenue next to Russell Gym, is the centerpiece of the project and represents the largest of five facilities that will comprise the complex. Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. said, "Baylor seeks to stimulate each student to think clearly, critically, and creatively, while developing the whole person spiritually, socially, and physically. The Student Life Complex will provide a place for all students to meet and form lasting friendships, a place to participate in recreational activities, a place where students can learn first-hand through individual and team fitness activities the value of goal setting, self-discipline and personal achievement."

The board has consistently reiterated our commitment to providing for students high quality education in a Christ-centered environment," said W. Fred Cameron, chair of the Baylor Board of Regents. "We derive a great deal of satisfaction knowing that this wonderful facility for all our students will soon be a reality."

The $150,000 square-foot Student Life Center will house a recreation center, fitness center, wellness center, student health center and a natatorium.

"The construction of the facility should take 15 months," said Ken Simons, assistant vice president and business manager at Baylor. "We hope to have the center completed by fall of 1999."

In addition to the Student Life Center, the new complex will include a marina pool building, tennis center, soccer field and intramural fields. Currently, intramural fields will be upgraded to include six lighted softball fields, which can be converted to flag football and soccer fields. Plans also include the development of a 1/2-mile Bear Trail jogging track around the perimeter of the fields, as well as the addition of an outdoor sand volleyball court.

For more pictures of the groundbreaking, go to pr.baylor.edu on the Baylor Public Relations web site. — By Lott Scott Foggeman

Groundbreaking Marks Growth
$5 million Nursing School expansion underway

Groundbreaking ceremonies on May 15 officially began a $5 million expansion of the Baylor University School of Nursing facilities and the renovation of the Harry W. Bass Memorial Educational Center.

The School of Nursing is located on the Baylor University Medical Center campus in Dallas. Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr., Baylor Chief Care System President and Chief Executive Officer Boone Powell Jr. and Nursing School Dean Phyllis Kautz led dignitaries in symbolically turning the first spade of soil to mark the start of the expansion.

"Dr. Sloan said the project will provide nursing students and faculty with the resources they need to maintain the School's leadership position in nursing education," Powell said. "Proposed will be an expansion of the School of Nursing come at a time of growing demand for nurses trained at advanced levels. Nearly 100 percent of Baylor nursing graduates who seek employment upon graduation find a position within one month of graduation. See "Nursing School" on page 12
Publications

Dr. Jean A. Boyd, associate professor of music literature, had an article titled "The Sounds of the Southwest: An Oral History of Western Swing" published by the University of Texas Press.

Dr. William V. Davis, professor of English and Writer-in-Residence, had a poem titled "The Roots" recently published in *The Bridge*.

Heidi Marcum, lecturer in environmental studies, had an article titled "Simulated Behavioral Ecosystem of Nesting American Robins: The Influence of Nesting Time, Intake Rate, and Flying Time on Weight Dynamics" published in the May issue of Ecological Modeling.

Dr. Andy Moore, associate professor of English, had an article titled "The Politics of Robert Frost" published in the spring issue of *The Journal of American and Canadian Studies*.

Melvin Schuetz, night/weekend professor of accounting, had a book titled *A Chesley Bonestell Space Art Chronology* accepted for publication by McFarland and Co. Inc.

Dr. John A. Wood, professor of religion, had a book titled *Perspectives on War* in the Bliss series recently published by Norton University Press in Minneapolis, Minn.

Dr. Daniel E. Wivagg, professor of biology and director of undergraduate studies, had a guest editorial "Nature's Disposables: A Perspective" published in the March 1998 issue of *The Southwestern Naturalist*.

Dr. C. William (Bill) Thomas, professor and Dean of the Hankamer College of Business, received the 2000 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Department of sport entrepreneurship.

Dr. Ken Wilkins, professor of biology and director of graduate studies, with former honors program student Matt Hancock, co-authored an article for the May 1998 issue of the Texas Journal of Science. The article is titled "Habitat Associations of the Small-mammal Community in the Grand Prairie of North Central Texas," written with former master's students Jeff Roberts and Craig Roorda and former distinguished visiting student.

Dr. Joseph E. Hawkins, professor of management, will have a poem titled "Nature's Disposables: A Perspective" published in the March 1998 issue of *The Southwestern Naturalist*.

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Thomas Odegard, lecturer in economics and assistant director of economics education programs, presented an economics education workshop for 15 middle school teachers in San Antonio in June. The workshop was sponsored jointly by the Texas Council on Economic Education and the Center for Private Enterprise.

Dr. Terry Maness, dean of the Hankamer College of Business and The Carr P. Collins Professor of Finance, attended the Global Forum on Management Education, the Botta Sigma Sigma Bimetal meeting, and the ACSI annual meeting in Chicago in June. He also attended the National Association of Credit Management's Graduate School of Credit and Financial Management at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and the Baylor Academic Summit meeting.

Dr. Charles S. Madden, vice president for University relations and The Ben H. Williams Professor of Marketing, was interviewed on the Market Watch show on CNBC. April 16. The name of the story was "Market's New Campaign." He also delivered the luncheon speech to the Birmingham, Ala., American Marketing Association (AMA) chapter on "Relationship Management in a Nonprofit Organization."

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Dr. Tim R. Kayworth, assistant professor of information systems, will present "Cutting Information Technologies Costs Through Corporate Standards: The Role of Enforcement" to the Association for Information Systems, Americas Chapter in Baltimore in August. In November, Dr. Kayworth and Dr. Gary Carlini, associate professor of management, will present "New Perspectives on the Creation of a Technology Adoption Strategy Among Top Management Team Members" to the Strategic Management Society in Orlando, Fla.

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Presentations & Participates

Dr. Nancy Chin, assistant professor of English, attended the 34th annual Willa Cather Spring Conference in Red Cloud, Neb. She chaired a session and read papers written by Baylor graduate students Monia Chocourai, Gaye Barton and Kirsten Escobar.

Dr. Sara Alexander, assistant professor of environmental studies and anthropology, presented a paper titled "Attitudes of Resident Peoples Towards a Local Conservation Area in Brazil" at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Puerto Rico. She also serves on the organization’s Human Rights and the Environment Subcommitteee.

Dr. Gayle R. Avant, assistant professor of political science, attended a workshop titled "How to Industrialize Thinking in Politics" sponsored by the Foundation for Critical Thinking in Dallas.

Dr. Larry Chonko, professor of marketing and The Frank M. and Rose Smith Hooloway Professor of Marketing, gave a presentation titled "The Direct Selling Education Foundation: A Fundation That Works" at a meeting of executives of the Mary Kay Corporation held March 24. He also gave a presentation titled "Change Management Initiatives: Moving Sales Organizations From Blindness to High Performance" and "Look for the Hidden Values from Research and Publication" to faculty and doctoral students at the University of Houston held March 27 in Houston.

Dr. Maxine Hart, professor of information systems, represented the American Heart Association and spoke on "Women and Heart Disease" for the 6 a.m. newscast on Fox 19's Channel 19. She also served as session chair at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Federation of Administrative Disciplines held in Dallas.

Dr. Linda Hyman, associate professor of psychology, presented a paper titled "Gender Effects on Group Performance: Assessing the Significance of Outcomes from Management Research Teams" at a Faculty Policy-Shaff Lunch sponsored by the Office of Continuing Education held April 29 on the Baylor campus. She has conducted research for the project with Dr. Les Pauch, associate professor of management.

Heidi Marcum, lecturer in environmental studies, presented a paper titled "Spatial Extent of Human Occupation Effects on Bird Distributions" at the 1998 North American Ornithological Conference held April 6-12 in St. Louis, Mo. She also co-authored a paper titled "Development of the Sternal Wound Infection Prediction Scale" at the Cardiovascular Health Confereence held in February in San Francisco, Calif. Her co-authored paper was accepted for publication in June and Iep.

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**Spotlight**

**A Chemist’s Whodunit**

Non-traditional approach develops chemical attraction

Dr. C. Alan Hassell, lecturer in chemistry, never expected to become a novelist. His publications have run along expected, traditional lines, focusing on the principles and applications of general chemistry. But recently, he found his pen taking a hard turn toward fiction, following the muses as they lead him in a new direction.

Hassell’s novel, titled "The Effect of Nutritional Status for Lead Tolerance on the Behavioral Response of Laboratory Mice," was published by Dame Publications Inc. in 1998. The book explores the relationship between nutrition and behavior, specifically in laboratory mice.

Hassell said the book is a useful supplement to the study of nutrition and its impact on various aspects of animal behavior. "It is a true page-turner, replete with love interests and criminal intrigue," he said.

Hassell’s novel was published in 1998 by Dame Publications Inc., and has been well-received by readers and reviewers alike. It is available on Amazon and other online retailers. The story is the first in a series that follows the adventures of a lead-tolerant laboratory mouse.

Hassell is known for his innovative approach to teaching chemistry, often incorporating real-world examples and engaging storytelling to make complex concepts more accessible to students. His latest novel is a testament to his continued dedication to making learning fun and interesting.

**Honors and Appointments**

The Baylor Alumni Association and Retired Professors Center recognized Dr. Ann Karaffa, emeritus professor of curriculum and instruction, and Dr. Bill Lamkin, emeritus professor of educational psychology, for their contributions to the Baylor community.

Dr. Hassell also helped compile the seventh edition of a book titled General Chemistry: Principles and Modern Applications. The book was published in 1997 by Prentice Hall, Inc.

In April, Dr. Hassell co-authored with Dr. Denise T. Magnuson, visiting assistant professor of chemistry, and Joseph Bartsch, a graduate student in chemistry, for the Berkeley Science and Technology. The book contains nearly 200 multiple choice questions over a range of topics typically covered in first-year college chemistry courses. In addition, Dr. Hassell, Marshall and John W. Hill co-authored the eighth edition of a textbook titled Chemical Investigations for Changing Times published in 1998 by Prentice Hall.

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Commencement Congratulations

Best wishes to the following Baylor employers and children of Baylor faculty and staff who graduated from the University in May.

Hankamer School of Business
Bachelor of Business Administration
Leigh Tucker Goforth — daughter of Dr. Thomas Goforth, geology
Darwin Martin Kercher — grandson of Dr. Janea Martin, German, Russian & Japanese, and Dr. Philip Martin, retired modern foreign languages
Joshua E. Kuligowski — son of Kathy Kuligowski, educational psychology
Robert Bryan Sloan III — son of Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr., president

College of Arts & Sciences
Bachelor of Arts
Krisa René Barrett — daughter of Dr. Elden Barrett, curatorship & instruction
Ryan Keith Cook — son of Abena Cook, chemistry
Landis Curry — daughter of Dr. Juma Curry, political science
Cinnamon Pinon Gilbreath — daughter of Dr. Doreen FIglin, economics
Wade Alan McClenon — son of Jackie McClenon, modern foreign languages
Laura Kristine Penney — daughter of Bobby Sammon, financial aid
Billie Jean Towns — Moody Library

Bachelor of Science
Yezebel A. Garcia-Gandulfo — daughter of Dr. Cemil Mohammed, computer science
Daniel Stephen Myer — son of Lee Myer, Institute of Oral History
David Marcus Weilbaum — son of Kay Weilbaum, libraries
Stephanie Daniel Mansfield — daughter of Dr. Michael Mansfield, political science
Allison Lynn Storms — daughter of Sharon Storms, institutional research & testing

School of Education
Bachelor of Science & Education
Heather Renee Brabham — daughter of Daniel Brabham, track
Kristie Ann Christensen — daughter of Renee Christensen, biology

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Melanie D’Ann Davis — daughter of Dr. Derek Davis, church-state studies
Heather Lee Nay — daughter of Kerla Lee, student life office
Kimberly Leans Schiemmer — daughter of Beverly Schiemmer, registrar

Bachelor of Engineering & Computer Science
Pete Daniel Powers — son of Dr. Doreen FIglin, economics
Patrick Shane Hyman — son of Dr. Linda Hyman, psychology & neuroscience

School of Music
Bachelor of Music
Noel Anthony Martin — son of Dr. Juma Martin, German, Russian & Japanese, and Dr. Philip Martin, retired modern foreign languages

Graduate School
Master of Arts
Kathleen Mildred Morley — institutional research & testing
JASON Douglass Ranton — Journalism, Lariat adviser

TOTAL AWARDS: $100,414

Submit “Spotlight” items by e-mail to Baylornews@baylor.edu or by campus mail to P.O. Box 97924, Waco, TX 76798, 10th of each month.

Grant Awards (May)
Dr. Michael R. Nudel, geology; $3,000; Conservation and Collections Management, HDI, III Corps and P. Hood, U.S. Army
Dr. K. Fred Curtis, Education; $5,500; 1998 Talent Excellence in Elementary Science Industry, Tandy Corp.
Dr. Joe Yelderman, geology; $9,600; Santa Cruz Studly, Santa Cruz County
Dr. Walter Wilcox, physics; $21,400; Hadron Structure and Lattice QCD, National Science Foundation

Grant Awards (June)
Dr. Lee C. Nord, geology; $30,000; Curriculum and Collections Management, HDI, III Corps and P. Hood, U.S. Army
Dr. William P. Boucher, computer science; $30,000; Research and Development of HW/ NW Board Software—Application Evaluation Systems, Association for Computing Machinery Inc.
Mary Abrahams, John F. Bough Center for Entrepreneurship, $7,500; Tandy Program, The Waco Fund

TOTAL AWARDS: $100,414

Grant Proposals (May)
Dr. Michael R. Nudel, geology; $4,000; Onsite Creek Salt Diapir, Utah, Exxon Production Research Co.
Dr. Owen T. Lind, biology; $411,299; Aquatic Community Acute and Chronic Responses to...
The Baylor Bears have some new home turf to call their own when North Carolina State comes calling on Sept. 19 at Floyd Casey Stadium. Work crews laid the 3,500 square feet of SportGrass — a combination of natural grass and synthetic turf — in July.

“This is the direction we need to go. Players like it. Studies have shown it’s safer than artificial turf, and it’s more economical,” said Jim Trego, Baylor associate athletic director.

SportGrass is used by professional teams like the Green Bay Packers and the Baltimore Ravens and college teams such as Louisville and Utah.