In seeking to fulfill their calling to serve the community, Baylor volunteers are making an impact, while changing lives one step, one nail, one can of food, one delivered meal, one gift-wrapped present at a time.

By Vicki Marsh Kabat

Baylor ring in the canned food and lace up the sneakers. Baylor faculty, staff and administrators are showing they not only can talk the talk when it comes to community service, they can — quite literally — walk the walk.

Whether it’s donating canned goods for the local food bank or stepping out in a Saturday walk to raise funds for a national health organization, Baylor employees are joining students to show their commitment to service.

“Baylor has conveyed that ethic of service throughout the years, but we’re more intentional about it now,” said Dub Oliver, director of student activities, the office that coordinates campus community service opportunities.

That emphasis is stated in the University’s mission statement, which reads, in part: “Baylor seeks to fulfill its calling...in service to the community, both local and global.” And, that mission is apparent across campus. Last year, students and staff amassed 90,000 hours in volunteer service in Waco, compared to 60,000.

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President’s Perspective
Baylor responds to needs in the community

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everal years ago when then-President George Bush called for “1,000 points of light” to embody the American spirit of volunteerism, he hit a chord nationally that has long resonated at Baylor University. It rang true last year when Colin Powell held the first Presidents’ Summit for America’s Future in Philadelphia, calling for our nation’s young people to make a difference in their communities by becoming involved in volunteer opportunities.

Locally, the city of Waco joined the refrain and held its first Central Texas South Summit this past fall, with more than 1,200 youth and adults working together to brainstorm and implement ways to make our community a better place in which to live, to work and to dream. It is an effort that originated from that conference have found expression in exciting and encouraging ways.

Fulfilling its call
Baylor applauds this momentum and, as the University always has, commits itself to being a significant player in community service.

So important is this initiative that it is woven into the University’s mission statement. It reads, in part, “Baylor seeks to fulfill its calling through excellence in teaching and research, in scholarship and publication, and in service to the community, both near and global.”

How do we live out this call? The Staff Council, a body of 36 representative employees from throughout the institution that acts as a liaison to administration, is perhaps our most visible employee organization today.

Each month, the council sponsors two major campuswide service projects, benefiting such organizations as Central Texas Senior Service’s Meals on Wheels, the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Visually Impaired, and the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Visually Impaired.

Marlene Tyrrell, lecturer in computer science, biology, mathematics, chemistry and 12 hours of math, this is one of the more challenging majors offered at Baylor.

A major in bioinformatics also is an excellent choice for students wishing to pursue pre-medical studies, Tyrrell said. “This program provides students with a wide variety of career options. In addition to preparing them for medical school, graduates will have many career opportunities in the life sciences.”

Bioinformatics job opportunities will not disappear once the genome mapping is complete, said Dr. Ben Perier, professor of biology and associate dean for sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences. “Even when the genome is mapped, it will take many years to analyze the data. There also is genome sequencing of other organisms taking place. For those students and in his genetics class have expressed an interest in the new major, as have some of Tyrrell’s computer science students. Students who major in the new program do not necessarily need to go into bioinformatics.

“Bioinformatics blends biology, computer science, and mathematics. It is one of the fastest-growing and most lucrative fields in the world — bioinformatics. And, Baylor is one of the few universities in the world to offer an undergraduate program in this field.”

Baylor students now can receive a degree in bioinformatics, one of the most promising and highest-earning disciplines in this field.

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Staff Council Leads Way in Promoting Service Projects for University Family

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the previous year, said Melissa Prihoda, coordinator of community service at the campus.

One of the University’s most recent major service efforts was the "Hart for Heart" Walk held in mid-September to benefit the American Heart Association. Co-chairs for the event were Clyde Hart, associate athletic director and head track coach, and his wife, Dr. Maxine B. Hart, professor of information systems.

Despite a drizzling rain, more than 100 Baylor employees and students participated, with many more pledging money, raising more than $8,000 to help combat cardiovascular disease, said Marilyn Crone, vice president for human resources, who served as Baylor’s team captain. The business school raised more than $1,600 alone. Baylor also was “Roosie of the Year” and second in overall donations among participating institutions.

Overwhelming response

“It was overwhelming,” Crone said. “It was so encouraging to see the Baylor community respond to such a worthwhile cause in this way. Though the dollars were important because they do support such a valuable effort, I was impressed also with the enthusiasm and camaraderie of those who participated. It was tremendous.”

One of Baylor’s most recognized service programs, Steppin’ Out, is a biannual event during which volunteers work at neighborhood clean-ups, nursing homes, daycare centers and more. In its 13th year, Steppin’ Out was held Oct. 31 and will be held again on March 27, 1999.

“Steppin’ Out is our biggest student project, but we have faculty and staff who help with that, too,” Oliver said, “and we’d like to see more get involved.”

At last spring’s Steppin’ Out, Prihoda said 2,500 Baylor folks worked at 90 different job sites, with about 75 to 100 faculty and staff participating.

“We like to tell people who volunteer ‘It’s not just a day, it’s a commitment,” Prihoda said. “It’s a springboard into a lifestyle.”

It’s a lifestyle that the University’s Staff Council, a 56-member group chosen by Baylor’s vice presidents as liaisons to the administration, has embraced wholeheartedly, according to Marilyn McKinney, office manager of the religion department and chair of this year’s council.

“I love doing this kind of thing and Baylor is so good to allow us time to be a part of this,” McKinney said.

The council sponsors a service project each semester, usually helping with Santa’s Workshop in the fall and different projects each spring. Recently, the council voted to add a third project, probably during the summer. Last fall, the council collected 500 toys and $900 for Santa’s Workshop, which brings an early — and sometimes only — Christmas to local preschoolers from economically disadvantaged homes. It is sponsored jointly by the council, the Athletic Department, student activities and Baylor Dining Services.

The spring 1997 project was a canned food drive that netted 709 pounds of canned goods and $794, which was split between Gattas and the Meals on Wheels senior nutrition program. This spring, the council collected $1,525 — about $1,900 more than the goal — toward renovating a child therapy room at the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children.

“There has been a tremendous response. So many people seemed so willing to help with it,” McKinney said of the project, in which some 150 to 200 staff participated.

Baylor also was involved in the Waco Independent School District’s Adopt-A-School program. Baylor’s official adopted school is University High, where Baylor faculty and staff are encouraged to lecture, tutor and sponsor clubs. Some departments on campus volunteer at other schools as well.

The Athletic Department is active in community service with its Bear Who Care program, which sends Baylor athletes to middle schools throughout McLennan County to talk about self-esteem and drug abstinence.

Also, Baylor was the first university in the nation to have a campus-based Habitat for Humanity chapter, which celebrated its 10th year in 1997 with a house-raising that it funded.

Match interests with needs

The key to a good volunteer experience is matching one’s interests to an individual’s or agency’s needs, Prihoda and Oliver said.

“A lot of times people have misconceptions about community service,” Prihoda said. “There are so many people with so many talents, and they can use these to find an area where they can volunteer.”

For example, an employee in the Information Technology Center could volunteer to set up a Web page or a graphic artist could design a newsletter.

“There are dozens of non-profit agencies who would be thrilled for someone to do that for them,” Oliver said. “It’s not just packing up trash and stacking food.”

Baylor’s commitment to serving others carves out its curriculum with the Civic Education and Community Service Courses (CSC), a program where faculty and students cooperate in service. CSC is an academic credit-granting program that is part of an expanding national movement to incorporate service learning into the classroom. Known as “experiential education,” it combines in-class academic pursuit with selected service activities in appropriate community agencies.

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Want to Get Involved?

• Check the Volunteer Board in the Bill Daniel Student Center.
• Visit the Community Service website at www.baylor.edu/Student_Activities/comsrv.html.
• Call Melissa Prihoda, community service coordinator, at ext. 9277.
• Encourage your supervisor to initiate a department project and volunteer to coordinate it.
• Contact your Staff Council representative to volunteer.

Let Baylor Know How You’re Helping!

Submit your community service activities (such as service on agency boards, volunteer projects, church or mission work, etc.) to Melissa Prihoda at PO. Box 97047 and help us know how you’re helping others.
Rogers Foundation gives $2.5 million to seminary

Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. announced a $2.5 million gift from the Robert M. Rogers Foundation of Tyler for construction of a 550-seat chapel at the new George W. Truett Theological Seminary campus. The announcement was made during the annual Baylor Philanthropy Weekend banquet Oct. 16 at the Ferrell Center.

The chapel, which is part of a 53,000-square-foot, $10 million seminary complex that was approved by Baylor’s Board of Regents in September, will be named for Paul W. Powell, a current member of the Baylor Board who serves as president and CEO of the foundation.

“We are not only grateful that this gift comes from the Rogers Foundation to fund construction of the chapel, but also that it honors their CEO, Paul Powell, one of our great leaders in Texas Baptist life,” Dr. Sloan said.

Powell, a 1956 Baylor graduate and a former chairman of the University’s Board of Regents, was pastor of Tyler’s Green Acres Baptist Church for more than 17 years before being named president and CEO of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1990. He has been serving as a consultant to the Dallas agency since his retirement last October.

The Rogers Foundation is a private, charitable foundation established by Robert M. Rogers for private education, religious purposes, and local philanthropy in Texas and Idaho. — BN

Thanksgiving meal set for international students

The Baylor Round Table will hold its annual Thanksgiving Dinner to honor international students and acquaint them with this American tradition at 6 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Biefeldt Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

President Robert B. Sloan Jr. will deliver a Thanksgiving message, and musical entertainment will be provided by the Heavenly Voices choir.

“Baylor University. Bridge to the World” is the theme of this year’s dinner. The drawing room will be decorated with international flags, and a roll call of the nations represented by students at the dinner will be held. Round Table members also provide favors for the dinner guests.

At 9 a.m., all Baylor students are invited by the faculty to the annual Thanksgiving Worship Service at Miller Chapel in the Tidwell Bible Building. The Rev. Julie Pennington-Russell, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon.

Call ext. 6979 for more information about the worship service. — Elizabeth Harris

Texas Supreme Court ‘On the Road’ at Baylor Law School

Century-old tradition ends as judiciary meets outside Austin

To their goal of trying to “demystify” the judiciary, the nine justices of the Texas Supreme Court broke with tradition by convening at Baylor Law School on Sept. 28 — the first time the court has held proceedings outside Austin in more than a century.

Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips, a 1971 Baylor graduate, said the court’s decision to take to the road is essential in today’s climate of rising public mistrust of institutions.

“The judiciary, in particular, has to rethink its role of saying, ‘trust us, we wear black robes, what we do is going to be the right things,’” Chief Justice Phillips told Baylor law students.

The justices have to reach out to the public and to “consider ever more carefully” ways to show the process works, he said.

Amendment was first step

The first step in this campaign was the passage last year of a constitutional amendment allowing the justices to convene anywhere in Texas and giving the public more access to their deliberations.

Baylor’s selected selection as the first stop on the court’s road show came after Law School Dean Brad Wiles campaigned the justices even before the amendment was approved.

“The fact that Chief Justice Phillips and Justice Priscilla Owen (J. 1977) are both Baylor grads certainly didn’t hinder his request, Tobin said. “Racco’s proximity to Austin also helped, by eliminating additional cost to the taxpayers.”

The reach-ballyhoed visit by the court of last resort for civil cases attracted a multitude of media representatives from all over Texas. With the Supreme Court’s traditional restrictions on cameras and recording devices, however; many reporters had to rely on “pool” feeds supplied from the Law School’s Willard W. Narram Courtroom by still and video cameramen from Baylor’s public relations office.

Some of the still pictures were available for downloading from the public relations Web site. Live video feeds from the courtroom were relayed into large screens in two classrooms at the law school used as “overflow” areas for the growing crowd of students and members of the public.

More than 100 students arrived in two buses from the Fort Worth suburb of Westlake to listen to one of the three cases before the court. At issue was a controversial matter involving the order of the Westlake mayor. The Westlake residents occasionally applauded as they watched the case on the classroom screens.

The other two hearings involved MOJ Telecommunications Corp. v. Texas Utilities Electric Co. in a case dealing with right-of-way and third-party contract issues and American Home Assurance Co. v. Billy Curt Stephens in a case focusing on public policy issues, contract interpretation and ethical questions.

At midnight, the nine visiting justices were the guests of honor at a brunch in the Gregory Room at the Bill Daniel Student Center attended by a number of local judges and members of the judiciary.

Arrangements for the court’s daylong stay at Baylor were made by associate law school dean Leah Jackson and everything went “as smooth as silk,” according to Justice Paul A. Gonzales, who has served on the court since 1986. “It’s an historic day and I think it’s very exciting for the court to come to Baylor to give the lawyers, the students and the staff an opportunity to see the court in action,” Gonzales said.

“The historic visit of the state’s highest court was regarded as something of a “coup” by many law students. “It’s a real honor and good experience for all of us to be able to see what we study everyday in progress,” said Stephanie Wilson, a second-year law student from Hildreth.

“This is something all attorneys aim to do — to have a case so important that they can get past the trial court level, past the appellate court level and up to the Supreme Court level,” said third-year Temple law student Janey Secret. — Alene Hunt

Center to Strengthen Families through Church

Garland to oversee effort to nurture faith, aid congregations

Families in biblical times knew how to pass their faith from one generation to the next — they relied on the oral tradition. Today’s families, however, despite sophisticated communication tools, have a more difficult time doing the same. Helping churches develop family ministries to address this need is one of the most critical issues that faces churches today, said Dr. Diana R. Garland, professor of social work and newly named director of Baylor’s Center for Family and Community Ministries.

“People perceive that families have lost the sense of community they need,” Dr. Garland said. “The mission of the Baylor center will be to strengthen families and their communities and to increase their capacity to withstand future problems by leveraging resources at the trial court level, past the appellate court level and up to the Supreme Court level.”

The center will hire an associate director and a projects manager in the near future. It will also serve as the editorial office for the quarterly journal Family Ministry, a professional publication for congregations and church agencies that serve families.

Additionally, the Baylor center will sponsor an annual conference that explores various issues of family ministry. The inaugural conference, “Hand in Hand: Family, Church, Community,” is scheduled for May 2009 and will focus on leadership for family and community ministries.

In addition to presentations by key speakers, the conference will feature 10 workshops on topics such as congregations as community centers, marriage enrichment, the spiritual development of children and elder care. Cost for the two-day conference, which will be held on the Baylor campus, will be $120. It is for church leaders and the staff of denominational agencies who work with congregations and families.

Churches and denominational agencies appear ready and able to develop congregational resources for family ministry, but they need resources, continuing education opportunities and access to research to develop effective family ministries, Dr. Garland said.

“Academic institutions whose mission is to support education and research in a Christian context and to provide support for the ministry of congregations need to step forward to address this need themselves and to partner with denominational agencies,” she said.

A grant of $490,000 from Lilly Endowment Inc., an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation, will help support the center. The Lilly Endowment also helps support the causes of religion, education and community development. It is the nation’s wealthiest foundation with $12.7 billion in assets. — Julie Garlbor
The Grand Theory of Everything in E.O. Wilson’s Consilience

Author extends not-quite-so-grand concept for sociobiology to account for all things, from ants to the arts

Dr. Larry Lyon
Dean of Graduate School and Professor of Sociology

One of the world’s most renowned naturalists, E.O. Wilson, has demonstrated the interdisciplinary nature of knowledge in his pioneering work on ants. Including research from biology, chemistry and mathematics, Dr. Wilson discovered that ants communicate largely through pheromones, scented chemicals that can communicate complex messages. Aunts, of course, do not learn to respond to these signals, it is part of their instinctual programming. Although this discovery of genetically based, chemically induced insect communication established Dr. Wilson’s reputation in entomology in the 1950s, two decades passed before his interdisciplinary approach to knowledge led to his more famous and controversial contributions.

With Sociobiology (1975) and On Human Nature (1978), Dr. Wilson extended genetically determined behavior beyond insects, developing a theory of the genetic origins of human behavior often called “sociobiology,” a term originally coined by Dr. Wilson. Sociologists defending their turf quickly attacked sociobiology, as did a chorus of leftist scholars who decried his work for resurrecting Social Darwinism.

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PAWS Makes Tracks with World-Class Effort

Dipole toward the World Sharing (PAWS) is a new initiative of the Office of International Programs and of Beths Walker, advisor for campus and community involvement, that brings international and American students and professors together. PAWS, which began this fall, has three components for building relationships: correspondence through a small group of students and professors, welcoming students upon arrival, and partnering American and international students once on campus, Walker said.

World Class, another aspect of the PAWS program, connects international students with professors to augment or complement classroom instruction, welcoming students upon arrival, and partnering American and international students once on campus, Walker said.

Dr. Wilson’s grander visions

Dr. Wilson has, over the years, moved from merely extending our appreciation of the genetic contribution to human behavior — much grander. Rather than a plea for more interdisciplinary research, he now envisions one grand discipline — a singular unified science that can explain everything. From the birth of the stars to the working of social institutions, “consilience” brings to me his most recent and most provocative book, Consilience (1998). I generally make it a rule not to read a book when I can’t understand the title, but given the relevance of Dr. Wilson’s ideas to my own discipline, the appearance of the book on numerous best-seller lists, and a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble, I bought a copy of Consilience. My first step was consulting my personal dictionary and finding no reference to consilience — a harbinger of what was to come. Step two led me to the graduate school’s master unabbreviated dictionary and the quint definition of “jumping together” with the references of the word in the last 100 years. All of which showed me that my original ingredient to my original rule concerning book titles. By this time, however, I had been asked to submit a book for continuing education’s “Dean’s Book Review” series, and I could not imagine anything that would make a new dean seem more erudite than reviewing a book with such an obscure title.

Consilience is subtitled The Unity of Knowledge (the various disciplines and types of knowledge “jump together” to form this new science). Unfortunately, the book is not distinguished by its unity, resembling more a collection of articles. Chapters do not naturally segue from one argument to the next. Instead, they reflect Dr. Wilson’s current thinking on whatever is most important to him, e.g., teaching, the relationship between religion and science or the threat of overpopulation to our ecosystem. Without exception, these essays are unified, but the book is disjointed enough because of its ambitious goal, the reader is hardly helped by such a disjointed series of chapters.

The first half of this frustrating book puts the ethics of the Enlightenment and the scientific method. Dr. Wilson tells the natural sciences as the best examples of Enlightenment thinking, showing that all these disciplines are reductionist. The initially bewildering array of the universe’s structures and movements can be reduced to mathematically elegant physical laws. In physics, the reduction goes down to the quantum, in evolutionary biology, down to the gene, and so on. Had other discipline followed this reductionist path, Dr. Wilson argues, their progress would have been greater. The social sciences and humanities all lag behind because of their unwillingness to acknowledge that what they study is “ultimately reducible, however long, and tortuous the sequences, to the laws of physics.”

Movement toward consilience

The second half sets about showing us how the social sciences and humanities might become reductionist and join the great movement toward consilience. For example, Dr. Wilson believes psychology has achieved the most progress with its growing emphasis on the inherent reduction of mental activity. In a chapter titled “The Mind,” we learn that “consciousness is the mass combined of . . . participating circuits.” Emotion is merely “the modification of neural activity that animates and focuses mental activity.” Furthermore, he suggests that emotional preparation of mental activity. And, as psychologists move away from neuropsychology — since, “to put it as kindly as possible.” Fensel “gares wrong” — and toward neuroscience, their discipline will continue to progress.

Forsyth, however, suggests that some cultural anthropologists lose their hegemony to biological anthropologists. While the biological anthropologists will continue to make important reductionist discoveries based on homology and evolution, the cultural anthropologists will “align their scholarship with the humanities” and go “so far as to adopt the extreme post-modernist view that science is just another way of ‘seeing’. . . .” Forsyth, the outlook is dourer since it “stands even farther apart from the natural sciences than anthropology.” Sociologists stubbornly insist that culture is “irreducible to items of biology and psychology” and is rather “the product of environment and historical antecedents.” Sociology, more than any other discipline, “turns the intuitively obvious sequence of causation upside down” with “the slighting or outright denial of a biologically based human nature.”

Economics appears scientific with its sophisticated mathematical models, but is “entirely a ‘real science’ often superficial.” Nobel laureate Gary Becker’s work is an example of unwaveringly accepting a rational choice model of human behavior. “Amazingly, despite overwhelming evidence against it, the great majority (of economists) still cling to the view that aside from meeting basic biological needs people in modern societies make choices, in Becker’s words, that depend on childhood, social interactions and cultural influences.”

Dismisses philosophy, religion

Dr. Wilson dismisses philosophy and religion. “Philosophy, the contemplation of the unknown, is a shrinking domain. We have the common goal of turning as much philosophy as possible into science. Similarly, religion is in decline. The eventual result of the competition between the two world views, I believe, will be the secularization of the human epic and of religion itself.” This is not a problem since “the true evolutionary epic, retold as poetry, is as intrinsically ennobling as any religious epic.”

For the arts, Dr. Wilson claims that our artistic appreciation will be enhanced when we understand that “the arts are steered by inborn rules of mental development” attempting to impose order on the confusion caused by intelligence. These inborn rules, Dr. Wilson speculates, are due to our “aesthetic instinct.” While the claims listed above border on absurd biological determinism, Dr. Wilson writes at two conflicting levels. One, as evidenced above, a student, impractical and ensures media coverage. The other, which often follows in the next paragraph, is more temperate, containing limitations and thus allowing his idea to be more really defended.

None of this, however, minimizes the importance of Dr. Wilson’s thesis: anyone who believes “this too will pass” need only remember how his earlier propositions about the biological basis for human behavior have taken hold in both the scientific community and the larger society. Consilience is an important book written by one of the finer minds of our time. It deserves close attention, if not always close adherence.

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Grant Awards (September)

Cassie Findley, Welch, Rosemary Townsend, Health Services, $30,000, Social Networking, Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Annette Lindsey, continuing education, $1,000, Scholarships for the Non-Profit Management Program, The Annual and Audie Baumgart Foundation

Michael R. Hudec, geology, $4,000, Field Work in the Field of the Salt Valley Diapir, Utah, Burlington Resources

Maxwell E. Shaw, aviation science, $490,000 addition to existing contract with the Texas Alternative Fuels Council, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

Peter M. Allen, geology, $15,000 addition to an existing cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Kyle G. Cole, journalism, $6,000, Maroon Scholar in Journalism, The Frank W. Mayborn Foundation

Archives

Grant Proposals (September)

Robert R. Adams, Plant Biotechnology Center, $50,000, Phase I: Conservation of Diversity of Moringa Company by the Use of DNA Fragmenting — Evaluation of Selected Genotypes in Tropical Pest Trial, Conservation, Food & Health Foundation Inc.

Claudia C. E. Farias, religion, Dr. Heidi Hornik-Pollars, $3,515, Interpreting Christianity: Art, Literacy Foundation

Laura Davalos-Lind, biology, $40,000, John and Alice Tyler Scholarships for the Chapala Biology Station, Alice J. Tyler Preservation Grant

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Dr. Michael B. Frisch, professor of psychology and neuroscience, had an article titled “Quality of Life Therapy and Assessment in Health Care” published in Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice.

Dr. Jelis K. Tucker III (CP), assistant professor of health care management, had an article titled “The Importance of Caring as a Determinant of Patient Satisfaction Among Active Duty Laureates” accepted for publication in the November issue of Military Medicine (Vol. 165). Dr. Tucker and Dr. George M. Munchin III, professor of management at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, also co-authored an article titled “Predictions of Quality Care” accepted for publication in the same edition.


Dr. Kristina M. DeNeve, assistant professor of psychology and director of undergraduate studies, has had a co-authored article titled “The Happy Personality: A Meta-Analysis of 173 Personality Traits and Subjective Well-Being” accepted for publication in the September issue of Psychological Bulletin.

Dr. Janet E. Adams, assistant professor of political science and assistant director of the International Studies Program, and Dr. Linda S. Adams, associate professor of political science, director of the Model United Nations Team and director of the International Studies Program, co-authored an article titled “Who Goes There — Friends or Foes? The Cold War and Its Implicatons: Locally, Nationally, and Internationally,” William H. Chambers, ed., Conference Proceedings: Los Alamos Historical Society and the University of New Mexico Los Alamos, August 1998. They also co-presented the paper at the annual conference of the University of New Mexico Los Alamos International History held Aug. 9-12 in Los Alamos, N.M.

Kressimira Jordan, professor of piano and Artist in Residence, has had several articles on historical studies of composers, analyses of their works, and instructional principles of piano teaching and instruction published in Clavier, the International Lizzi Society Journal, and the European Piano Teachers Association Journal of London. Another article will be published soon in the Texas Music Teachers Association Journal.

Dr. John N. Jonsson, professor of religion, had two books published, Incarnational Manifesto Twenty One and Wisdom: Incarnation Saltations.

Dr. Greg Garrett, associate professor of English, has had a short story titled “Strange of the Fathers” accepted for publication in the 1999 edition of Texas Short Stories.

Dr. James A. Roberts, associate professor of marketing, had author, and Courtepiedsand of ITESM, Monterrey, Mexico, had a co-authored article titled “Demographics and Social Norms: A Tintel of Yamada and TEMPLER’S (1982) Money Attitude Scale in Mexico” accepted for publication in Personality and Individual Differences, a psychology journal.

Dr. Elisabeth J. Teal, assistant professor of entrepreneurship, was the lead author of an article titled “Moral Reasoning Skills: An Entrepreneurs’ Different?” that has been accepted for publication in Journal of Business Ethics. Co-author is Archie B. Carroll of the University of Georgia.

Dr. Kevin J. Guttzwiler, associate professor of biology and environmental studies, and Marim Black, lecturer in environmental studies, and others had a co-authored article titled “Bird Tolerance to Human Intrusion in Wyoming” published in Guilder (Vol. 100, pp. 539-547). Dr. Guttzwiler and Marim, K.L. Clements, C.A. Wilkins and S.B. Anderson, also had a co-authored article titled “Local Distributions of Breeding-season Birds: Is Human Intrusion Influential?” published in the Widow’s Bulletin (Vol. 180, pp. 497-503).

Dr. William K. Hartberg, professor and chair of biology, Dr. Richard E. Duhrkopf, associate professor of biology, Kenneth G. Smiley and Jimmy K. Olson had a co-authored article titled “Organophosphate and Pyrethroid Susceptibilities of Culex annulirostris Adultes from Texas and New Jersey” accepted for publication in the December 1998 issue of the Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association (Vol. 14, p. 6).

Dr. John D. Martin, professor of finance and The Carr P. Collins Professor of Finance, had a co-authored article titled “An Analysis of the Product Liability Case Borne by Prescription Drug Manufacturers” accepted for publication in the summer 1999 issue of Research in Finance (Vol. 17). Co-authors are Daniel M. Case and Karen L. Rascovi.

Dr. Joseph D. White, assistant professor of biology, had a co-authored article titled “Assessing Simulium Ecosystem Processes for Climate Variability Research at Glacier National Park, Montana” published in Ecological Applications (Vol. 8, p. 3). 805-813

Kevin Cole, English teaching assistant, had an article titled “Smith’s Hebrews Letter in A Disguising Concerning Oracles” accepted for publication in The Explicator.

Presentations & Participants


Dr. Robert G. Colliver, emeritus distinguished professor of English, presented a paper titled “France Bacon, John Bunyan — and Delia Bacon” — — Holy War” at the second triennial conference held at Rice University in Houston. Dr. Colliver also attended the Rocky Mountain Church Conference held Oct. 1-4 in Bellingham, Wash.

Dr. Wendy Allman, lecturer in the Romance Languages and Literatures, held a co-authored paper titled “Experience: Reactions: Literary and Chronic Sources for Oldman’s Uprising” for the White Horse Society at the International Congress on Medieval Studies held in May in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dr. Roger E. Kirk, distinguished professor of psychology and statistics, director of the Institute of Graduate Studies and Master Teacher, co-authored a paper titled “Properties of the ANOVA F Test as Applied to Random Categorical Data. A Simulation-based Study” at the annual meeting of the American Statistical Association in Dallas.

Dr. Maribeth A. Busch, professor and chair of chemistry, attended a Project Kaleidoscope workshop on planning a biochemistry program Sept. 11-15 at Rice University in Houston. She also attended the Rocky Mountain Chemistry Chars conference held Oct. 1-4 in Bellingham, Wash.

Dr. Gary Toombs, professor of marketing, delivered papers at the New Chaucer Society Congress held in July in Paris, France. Dr. Toombs paper discussed Knight’s Tale and Dr. Toombs paper discussed “rough love” in the Greenbury Tales.

Dr. S. Kay Toombs, professor of philosophy, presented a paper titled “Women and Health lecture titled “Where Would She Like to Sit: The Personal and Societal Challenge of Chronic Illness and Disability” at Conquered University in Oklahoma. The paper was printed subsequently on the university’s Web site. While there, Dr. Toombs also met with classes in the Department of Physical Therapy, with faculty who had helped the book, The Meaning of Women, and with an invited interdisciplinary group of faculty to discuss work in phenomenology and medicine. She also gave an interne to the Omaha World Herald and a public radio station.

Susan L. Dunkerley, an assistant professor of photography, had five photographs included in an exhibition titled “Traditions Aside’” held Oct. 1-25 at Missouri State. Her work also was featured in the “Photographic Center Northwest,” held in Seattle, Wash.

Kressimira Jordan, professor of piano and Artist in Residence, had a performance at the Missouri State University’s annual scholarship benefit concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, in Waco Hall. The 300-member band — the largest ever at Baylor — will perform selections from a number of popular movies.

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Golden Wave Band Sets Scholarship Concert

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compact disc recording, The Legacy of Pancho Villa/ Hidalgo/ has been released by Albany Records.

- Dr. Chester R. Hastings, professor of educational administration, made a presentation titled "Scholam of Practive: A Unique Leadership Program for Working Professionals" to the annual National Innovations conference held June 30 in Dallas. He also made a presentation on "Historical Perspectives of the Junior/Community College" as part of Hill College's 75th anniversary symposium held April 24.

- Dr. R. Duane Ireland, professor of management, associate dean for scholarship and The Curtis Banker Professor of Entrepreneurship, served as a facilitator for a session on strategic planning at Baylor's continuing education program on "Excellence in Leadership and Management" held Sept. 17.

- Karl Umlauf, professor of economics, recently won a cash award for his work, "ION II," which was shown at an annual Assembly Exhibition held at the Fine Arts Exhibits Hall in Dallas. Umlauf's work also was included in an exhibit held at the Dallas Visual Arts Center called "Critics' Choice." Also, Umlauf had a solo exhibition Sept. 11-Oct. 4 at the University of North Texas, Arlington. The Harris Art Gallery in Houston. Presently, his works are in a curated exhibition titled "Texas Roots" at the Center for Visual Arts, Meadows Gallery, in Denton, and in a curated exhibition titled "Oil Patch Dreams" at the Museum of South East Texas in Beaumont.

- Dr. Steven L. Green, professor of economics, was the lead author on a co-authored article with Dr. J. Allen Seward, a professor of finance and insurance, titled "Frequency, Cycles and Industry in U.S. Earthquakes, 1848-1996." Green presented the paper at the 1998 joint statistical meetings of the American Statistical Association in August in Dallas. Dr. Green also presented a paper titled "Permanent Shocks and Transitory Innovations in Oil Price Granger" at the 1999 Conference of the International Economic Association held in July at Stateline, Nev.

- Dr. John N. Jonson, professor of religion, read a paper titled "Sectarian Turbulence within the Process of Democratization in South Africa" at the International Association of World Religion Presidents conference held Feb. 25 in Capetown, South Africa. He also took part in a global consultation on third epic Confratian humanism with scholars held March 20-22 in Brisbane, Australia. Also, Jonson read a paper and conducted workshops on "Central, East and Southeast Asian Mythology and Cosmology" at an Asian conference held March 20-22 in Brisbane, Australia. Also, Dr. Jonson also gave a presentation titled "Teaching Short-term Financial Management" at the Financial Management Association's meeting held Oct. 14-16 in Chicago.


- Dr. Nancy B. Upton, associate professor of management and The Ben H. Williams Professor of Entrepreneurship, made a presentation titled "Maintaining Competitve Advantage in Your Business" to the Family Business and Leadership Development Forum held Sept. 18 at the Market Alumni Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

- Dr. Diana R. Garland, professor of social work, spoke on "Church Social Work" at a consultation workshop on church social work and social ministry held Oct. 13-14 at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. Dr. Garland also spoke on "Congregations and Families as Partners in Nurturing the Faith" to the Child and Family Studies conference held Oct. 2-3 at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn. She also will present a paper titled "Faith as a Dimension of Family Life: Quantitative and Qualitative Study of Biverse Family Systems in Four Denominations" at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Nov. 8 in Montreal, Canada. On Nov. 15, Dr. Garland will present a paper titled "Faith and Families in a Congregational Context" at the National Council for Family Relations in Milwaukee, Wis.

- Dr. Charles M. Garner, associate professor of chemistry, and Dr. Kevin G. Pinney, assistant professor of chemistry, presented an invited paper titled "Experimental Assessment of Periphyton during Limiting Nutrient of 30 Lakes and Reservoirs of the World Climate" at the annual meeting of the Research Foundation held Oct 1 in Oglethorpe, Ga.

- Dr. Wendy E. Vera, assistant professor of biology, and doctoral student, Cathy Early, attended the annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists held June 7-10 at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va. Dr. Vera presented a paper with co-authors Sarah F. Brosnan, a recent Honors Program graduate, Tracy A. Carter, a master's student, and Amy J. Lybrand titled "Reproduction and Parental Care in Female-biased Groups of Prairie Voles, Microtus ochrogaster." Also, Dr. Vera served as a judge for student presentations at the meeting. Dr. Vera and Brosnan also presented a paper titled "Male Rearing Behavior in Female-biased Groups of the Prairie Vole, Microtus ochrogaster" at the annual meeting of the Texas Society of Mammalogists held Feb. 20-22 in Jackson. She also presented a paper with Carter titled "The Effects of Female Related- ness on Paternal Care and Reproduction in Vole Populations" at that same meeting.

- Dr. Darrell S. Vodopich, professor of biology, and Sharon A. Conry presented an invited paper titled "The Effect of Nutritional Status on Leaf Tolerance by Daphnia magna" to the Baylor University Summer Scholars Research Program held in July.
First and Goal to Good, Healthy Fun

Employees sense a good thing that program enhances morale

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Pam Wilder, Child Development Center, $118,062; Transforming Child Care for the New Millennium, Junior League of Waco

Dr. Charles M. Garner and Dr. Mariana A. Busch, chemistry, $157,427; Research Experiences for Undergraduates at Baylor University, National Science Foundation

Dr. Ann E. Rushing and Dr. Wendy E. Sera, biology, $113,250; Access to Science: The Summer Research Scholars Program in Biology at Baylor University, National Science Foundation

Dr. Michael Morgan, George W. Truett Seminary, $250,000; Theological Institute for Youth, Dare Days Family Charitable Foundation

Dr. Ute S. Lahitte, Russian Language, $100,000; Language Acquisition Laboratory, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Dr. Michael R. Hudec, geology, $25,000; Factors Controlling the Breaching of Relay Ramps — A Multivariate Approach, American Chemical Society, Petroleum Research Fund

Dr. Michael R. Hudec, geology, $4,000; Field Work over the Crest of the Salt Valley Diapir, Utah, Burlington Resources

Annette Lindsey, continuing education, $22,910; Certificate Program in Non-profit Management, The Cooper Foundation

Dr. Kyle V. Cole, journalism, $6,000; Mayborn Scholar in Journalism, The Frank W. Mayborn Foundation

CLF Mouser, Baptist Student Ministry, $250,000; Baptist Student Ministries Leadership Training and Summer Missions, Dare Days Family Charitable Foundation

Dr. Michael Long, Russian Language, $85,000; Dialogues on the 50th in Central and Eastern Europe: Tin Star After, The Trust for Mutual Understanding

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Dr. Walter Holmes, professor of biology, presented a seminar titled “The Genus Compositae: Tribe: Eupatorieae” for the Biology Department Sept. 23.

Honors and Appointments

Dr. Michael B. Frisch, associate professor of psychology/neuroscience and director of PsyD program in clinical psychology, has been invited to be a co-investigator in a study on post-traumatic stress disorder sponsored by the U.S. Veterans Affairs’ National Center on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder.

Dr. Chester R. Hastings, professor of educational administration, has been appointed to a three-year term to the visiting committee for the Department of Educational Leadership at Abilene Christian University.

Dr. Michael A. Robinson, professor of accounting, was named Alumni Adviser of the Year by the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at its annual leadership conference in Dallas. The Baylor chapter has received the Founders’ Award for Chapter Excellence the last two years.

Dr. David E. Pennington, professor of chemistry and Master Teacher, was recognized as a Baylor Alumni Alumnus of the Year by the Baylor Alumni Association Sept. 19.

Dr. John S. Believe, present emeritus and emeritus professor of chemistry, was honored in the Aug. 31 issue of E&E News as a 50-year member of the American Chemical Society.

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ESF scores with after-work athletes

Highlighting high fives and impressive victory dances aren’t the typical exchanges among coworkers, unless, of course, you’re part of Baylor’s Employee Sports Program.

ESP, which began last fall, gives faculty and staff members an opportunity to meet people from other departments, improve their physical fitness and have fun.

“Participation has been outstanding,” said Jaffus Hardrick, assistant director of personnel services. “Since the program started, we’ve had over 500 people participate.”

Hardrick was a member of the ESP organizing committee and has been active in coordinating the program.

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The program has attracted a diverse group of players from professors to administrators to staff members, new and longtime employees, Hardrick said.

“Last year was my first year at Baylor, and this is how I met people from other departments,” Dr. Bateman said. “It’s usually about the same group of people for all the sports, so we get to know each other.”

All the teams are co-ed, and they change for each sport. Teams are chosen at random by the Health, Human Performance and Recreation Department. A registration flier is sent to faculty and staff members before each sport begins.

“So far, the program has been meeting our goals, which were to improve fitness and morale and create teamwork, networking and departmental pride.” Hardrick said.

“Everyone is welcome to come out and help make the program a continued success.”

For more information, contact Hardrick at ext. 562.

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