In the 2001 graduation report released by the NCAA, Baylor University posted a 67 percent graduation rate for its student-athletes. Not only was that percentage the highest at Baylor in recent years, but it also gave the University the best graduation rate for student-athletes in the Big 12 Conference (see chart on page 3).

Baylor officials say there are many reasons for the strong showing among peer institutions, but all relate to the University’s overriding philosophy toward students, which treats academics as the first priority.

“Our student-athletes are students first, then athletes,” said Don Riley, director of student-athlete services. “They have to put their studies first in order to be successful on the field.”

Riley said another important part of Baylor’s efforts to help student-athletes succeed is the care shown by faculty and staff.

“The Christian mission of Baylor is distinctive and is different from many other schools,” he said. “Our student-athletes understand our program and believe in it. We have daily contact with some of these students, and they know that they can come to us whenever they need it.”
Ramsower New Library Dean

Calls for expansion of research and scholarship resources

Dr. Reagan M. Ramsower was appointed Baylor’s new dean of libraries effective Oct. 1. He succeeds William B. Hier III, who was named acting dean of libraries following the resignation in May 2000 of former dean Mary Sharp, who continues to serve on the library faculty.

Dr. Ramsower, who was named Baylor’s associate vice president and chief information officer in November 2000, will continue to serve as CIO and provide leadership for the University’s information technology services in addition to serving as chief academic officer for the libraries.

The appointment of Dr. Ramsower as dean of libraries, along with his responsibilities as CIO, is a bold move, but more importantly it is the right move for Baylor at this time,” said Dr. Donald D. Schmeltekopf, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “Dr. Ramsower understands every aspect of the academic life of this University, and he is a leader. With the help of the library faculty and staff, he will advance our libraries in needed and important ways. Moreover, the process that has brought us to this conclusion has been open and conducted by those involved, and for that I am grateful.

Dr. Ramsower said he is honored that the faculty and staff of the Baylor libraries have asked him to serve as their chief academic officer and to represent them to the provost and president.

“Research and scholarship are fundamentally dependent on original texts and works of art, traditional journals and manuscripts, and access to ever-growing electronic databases,” he said. “The 2012 vision for Baylor will require an extraordinary investment in assets to support scholarship and research. In coming years, the libraries will grow dramatically as both physical places to support the cognitive formation and sharing of ideas, and as virtual portals to access intellectual resources from any place at any time.”

“These two directions are not contradictory but complementary to modern research and scholarship, and Baylor must acquire the financial resources to move in both directions simultaneously. I look forward to providing the Baylor faculty with the library facilities, resources, and services needed to secure our place among the top universities in the world.”

Dr. Ramsower continues to hold his appointment as professor of information systems in the Hankamer School of Business. He joined the Baylor faculty in 1978 after earning a BBA and a master’s degree in economics from the University. He also holds a PhD in management information systems from the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management.

The Ring of Honor Consists of Two Large Semicircular Wall Segments Made of Polished Green Granite, Forming the Outer Edges of a Walkway Featuring the Baylor Seal. A Circular Relief with the Likeness of John R. “Killer” Kane, Both Walls Contain a Similar Relief with the Likeness of John R. “Killer” Kane. Both Baylor Graduates were Given the Medal of Honor, the Nation’s Highest Award for Valor in Combat, for Service During World War II. Two Flags — One Each for the United States and Texas Flags — Are Part of the Memorial. For Almost 50 Years, the Ring of Honor Site was the Location of a Single Flagpole Rising from the Star in the Baylor Seal at Its Base. Both Were a Gift from the Class of 1952. Dr. Russell Dilday, former dean of libraries, told class members about plans to replace the older structure with the memorial, and the class responded by raising more than $10,000 to help pay for its construction. A plaque recognizing the class’ contribution and the history of the original 1952 gift eventually will be added to the site.

Kenneth L. Simons, associate vice president for information systems, said plans for a Ring of Honor are in place.

When the lights are installed, we will be able to move to an outdoor setting, Simons said. "We will need to relocate our flagpole from the Harris House to our facility in the old health center. Once we do that, we'll probably have daily flag ceremonies here. We want to keep that practice up for the students as well as the tradition.”
Baylor Student-Athletes Excel

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help, and for the most part they do.”

Dr. Charles S. Madden, vice
president for University relations, said
student-athletes benefit from
academic support efforts aimed at all
Baylor student-athletes.

“Student-athletes are like all of
our students,” he said. “We try to
challenge all of them to finish what
they set out to do — graduate. Like
all other students, student-athletes are
busy. Those who manage their
time will do better, and we have a
structure in place to help them do
that. The advantage Baylor has is
that our University will provide all
students with a good education that
they can rely on. Whether they
decide to focus on sports in their
future or not, that education will
always be there for them.”

While Baylor has always
provided academic assistance to its
student-athletes, its efforts were
given a boost in 1996 with the
reorganization of the University’s
academic development services
department. The reorganization led
to the creation of a learning center in
Neill Morris Hall for use by
student-athletes. The center is open
71 hours a week, and contains a
computer lab and space for students
to study or be tutored.

To help guide more than 400
student-athletes competing in 17
varsity sports, Riley said his
department uses three academic
advisors — Melanie Smith, Pat Sair
and Phyillis Gambie — as well as
academic counselor James Jarmion,
Neill Morris Learning Center
coordinator Bart Ford, and administrative
assistant Karen LaPoint and seven
graduate student counselors and
Learning Center assistants.

All Baylor freshmen are
required to receive academic
advisement to help them choose a
class schedule, and freshman
student-athletes also are
required to meet regularly
with counselors who make
sure the students are
adjusting to campus life.

“We monitor them on a
weekly basis to see how they’re
doing, and we talk to the coaches
and faculty daily,” Riley said.

A further reorganization came
during the 2000-2001 academic year
with the creation of the Baylor
Success Center, designed to
intensively and coordinate efforts to help all
Baylor students excel. The center, which includes student-athlete
services, academic advisement, academic support programs, the
Office of the Registrar, career services and the Office of Access
and Learning Accommodations, is under the supervision of Dr. Tricia Tolbert,
assistant vice president for academic development.

Through the Success Center,
student-athletes are encouraged to
take advantage of support services
offered to all Baylor students,
including advisement, tutoring and
academic counseling.

The results of Baylor’s efforts to
enhance student academic assistance
have been measurable. In the 1996–
1997 academic year — the year the
academic year

Baylor academic adviser Melanie Smith (L) looks over course offerings with student-athlete Melanie Hagewood. Both say they have developed a close working relationship as a result of discussing how to balance the demands of academic study and athletic competition.

During the 2000-2001 academic
year Baylor led the Big 12 in the
graduation rate for its men’s track
team, and was second in graduation
rates for football, men’s and
women’s basketball and for male
student-athletes.

One important key in making
sure that student-athletes take
advantage of the assistance available
to them has been the high priority
placed on academics by their
coaches.

“It’s important for our student-
athletes to reach for excellence in
everything they do, whether it’s on the
football field or in the
classroom,” said Kevin Steele,
head football coach. “They
take just as much pride in their
scholastic success as they
do their football
success.

Across the board in the
athletic department, our
students are expected
to excel in all facets of campus
life.”

Paul Bradshaw, associate
athletic director and director of
compliance, said Baylor coaches also
increase the chances that student
athletes do well in classes by actively
recruiting those determined to
achieve.

“Baylor does a wonderful job of
recruiting athletes who care about
getting an education and getting a
degree,” he said. “The student-
athletes know there is a system in
place not only to help them achieve
success on the field, but in the
classroom as well. Our coaches also
do a great job of reinforcing
academics, and we have wonderful
faculty and staff members here at
Baylor who support and work with
our athletes.

The amount of concern and
support shown by coaches, faculty
and staff has made a difference for
student-athletes such as Jon Erickson,
an accomplished student-athlete
at Baylor who support and work with

Baylor football team.

“Baylor is a great place to
focus on both athletics and
academics,” said Erickson. “I knew I
would be able to thrive here.

“Baylor offers a diverse
sports program, so there is
definitely something for everyone.

Student-athlete Graduation Rates
Source: 2001 NCAA Graduation Report

Baylor 67%
Texas 63%
Texas A&M 62%
Arizona State 61%
California 58%
Colorado 57%
Texas Tech 56%
Texas A&M 55%
Oregon State 49%
Ohio State 49%
Nebraska 48%
Missouri 47%
Oklahoma 46%

Note: A percentage is derived from the number of freshman in the 1994-95 incoming
class who earned their degree in six years. This data only includes student-athletes who
receive financial aid.
Four Receive Reynolds Award at Baylor Homecoming

The Herbert H. Reynolds Awards were presented Oct. 14 at Baylor’s Homecoming football game to J.D. Hudson Jr., Jane Dudgjon, Dr. Walter F. and Stu Margaret Hughes. The award honors distinguished individuals who have added to the heritage and tradition of Baylor through service and dedication to the university and its students. Hudson, a 1958 Baylor graduate and former Baylor trustee, is a former chairman of the board for Community Bank and Trust in Waco. Hudson has been an active member of the Waco community, serving as president of the WMACA, president and director of Richwood Country Club, director of the Baylor-Waco Foundation, director of the Baylor School Corporation and director of the Waco Chamber of Commerce and Texas Bankers Association. He also served on the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas from 1977-1979 and is a deacon at First Baptist Church of Waco. Dr. Dudgjon is a Baylor graduate active in the Waco community as a volunteer for organizations such as the Junior League of Waco and the Waco Cotton Palace Pageant. In 1990, Dudgjon and her late husband, Howard Dudgjon Jr., presented Baylor with a $1 million gift to create the Howard and Jane Dudgjon Museum Studies Interpretive Classroom and Learning Center in the Hinn and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center, the centerpiece of the Waymon M. Moore Museum Complex. The Dudgjon gift also funded the Jane and Howard Dudgjon Excellence Fund for the Armstrong Browning Library, which helped establish a fully-annotated Browning research database. (See story F)

Dr. Moody, a Regent emeritus, serves as director of Baylor’s Center for Minority Effectiveness as well as the W. Wrenn and Elizabeth Moore Visiting Distinguished Professor in Minority Guidance. He received his education at Lambeth College, Union University and George Peabody College, and holds an honorary doctor of divinity from Wayland Baptist University as well as an honorary doctor of laws from Baylor. For 30 years he served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Amherst, and is a former president and executive committee member of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Hughes earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Texas at Austin and then pursued master of library science and doctoral degrees from Texas Woman’s University. She came to Baylor in 1960 as the assistant in public services of the Waco Library and served as University Librarian from 1988-91. Hughes also is past president of the Waco branch of the American Association for University Women.

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Vice Provosts Named
Jeffrey, Charlton, Hyde fill new positions

Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. and Dr. Donald D. Schumback, provost and vice president for academic affairs, have announced the appointment of three individuals to new leadership positions in the Office of the Provost.

Dr. David Lyle Jeffrey, associate provost and Distinguished Professor of Literature and Humanities, has been named senior vice provost for administration; Dr. Thomas L. Charlton, vice provost for research and professor of history, has been appointed vice provost for research; and Dr. Todd W. Hyde II, associate professor and director of graduate studies in the physics department, has been named vice provost for research.

“The appointments of Drs. Jeffrey, Charlton and Hyde to their new positions are very important moves in the academic leadership of Baylor at this particular time,” Dr. Schumback said. “Nothing is more crucial for us now than the recruitment and outstanding faculty, our efforts to secure the Bush Presidential Library, and the enhancement of sponsored research, particularly in the sciences and technology. Drs. Jeffrey, Charlton and Hyde are well positioned by background and experience to help us move forward in these respective areas in the years ahead.”

In his new responsibilities as senior vice provost, Dr. Jeffrey will assist Dr. Schumback in the recruitment and interesing of prospective faculty. Dr. Jeffrey, a noted scholar in medieval studies and the Bible and literature, will continue to serve as Distinguished Professor of Literature. His vice provost for administration, Dr. Charlton will focus much of his time and energy on Baylor’s pursuit of the proposed George W. Bush Presidential Library Center. Dr. Charlton founded Baylor’s oral history program in 1970 and served as the first director of the Institute for Oral History.

Dr. Hyde, who also serves as director of the joint Baylor-W AC-State Technical College Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics and Engineering Research (CASPER), will give leadership to the University’s efforts to attract additional support for sponsored research, particularly scientific research.

Music of the Holidays
Baylor Christmas concerts are joyous, cherished traditions

Sleigh bells are not the only thing to be listening for this Christmas season. Students and faculty can catch the holiday spirit by participating in the traditional Baylor of School of Music Christmas concerts.

Richard Veit, concert and promotion manager for the School of Music, said these musical events are refreshing because they emphasize “the true meaning of Christmas” amid the popularized “Christmas countdown.”

“The music is carefully chosen and beautifully performed,” Veit said. “The birth of Christ is really proclaimed. A lot of people have a hunger for the traditional carols and sacred pieces.”

The Combined Choirs Christmas concert, conducted by Dr. Donald Bailey, director of choral activities, will showcase the A Cappella Choir, Concert Choir, Women’s Chorren and Men’s Chorus Club. The Combined Choir will perform at 8 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in Jones Concert Hall in the Glenn McCrory

Music Building. Veit said serious pieces are performed in a more traditional style, the Combined Choirs concert also allows audience members to participate by singing along with familiar carols.

The Chamber Singers concert in the McLean Foyer of Meditation at Armstrong Browning Library is among the most popular Baylor Christmas events. The 16-member group, directed by Dr. Bailey, will perform at 5 p.m. Dec. 2 and 8 and “Let’s said concerts by the

Chamber Singers are always sellout performances featuring emotional, sacred pieces that are meaningful to the audience. He said Armstrong Browning Library contributes to the event’s appeal because of the beautiful setting and acoustics.

“The Chamber Singers are some of our finest singers,” Veit said. “Each one is a solo-caliber performer. When you put them all together, there is a grandeur to the moment.”

Tickets for both the Combined Choirs and Chamber Singers performances are $5 and can be purchased in advance in room 200 of Rossy Grove Hall or at the door.

The School of Music will also present the Baylor University Handbells concert at 6 p.m. Dec. 4 in Meadows Recital Hall of the McCrory Music Building. Admission to the concert is free.

Baylor Christmas concerts have contributed to the holiday experience for students, faculty and staff for many years, but Veit said that these concerts also extend into the Waco community and have become an integral part of many lives.

“The Christmas concerts are a tradition not only on the Baylor campus but in the Waco community at large,” Veit said. “For some people, attending the Combined Choirs and Chamber Singers concerts is the highlight of their Christmas.”

For more information, contact Veit at ext. 3991.

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Leading the Field
Baylor sport management program receives high marks

Baylor University’s master’s degree program in sport management has earned the coveted one of only two in Texas and 25 nationwide to be approved by the Sport Management Program Review Council. Dr. Todd W. Hyde, Jr., head council announced recently that the Baylor curriculum complies with its sport management program standards. The council’s review has taken five years to complete.

Baylor and the University of Texas at Austin are the only two institutions in the Lone Star State offering master’s programs approved by the council. The Sport Management Program Review Council (SMPRC) is a collaboration of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education and the North American Society for Sport Management, which together represent about 18,000 members nationwide involved in physical activity and sport and sport management programs.

Approval of a sport management program means it has met the standards of the review council committees’ guidelines on required and recommended course content areas that should exist within sport management degree programs.

“The purpose of these standards is to assure that students have a broad foundation of sport management coursework taught by appropriate professionals,” said Dr. Andy Pittman, associate professor of health, human performance and recreation. Dr. Pittman serves as coordinator of the Baylor program, which has an enrollment of nearly 90 students.

“They look for the quality and the quantity of the faculty teaching in the program,” he said. “And they also look at your curricular offerings. We had to meet exacting standards in both those areas. It is not an easy process. We are extremely pleased by this endorsement of our efforts. It somewhat guarantees that the students are going to get into a good quality program here at Baylor.”

Dr. Pittman said sport management is one of the fastest growing academic disciplines and career choices in the field of human performance.

Graduates of Baylor’s program have found employment in a variety of organizations including the National Football League, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Dallas Stars, the Professional Golf Association, the Senior PGA, the Houston Rockets, the Houston Aeros, Adidas and universities nationwide — among others.

For more information, contact Veit at ext. 3991.
Taking Baylor’s Vision into Account — Now

Baylor’s nature, initiatives support developing vision as a Christian university

Dr. Donald D. Schmeltekopf

At a year ago, you will recall that President Sloan placed a challenge before us to create a 10-year vision for Baylor University that would span the years 2002–2012. The faculty, administration, Board of Regents and others have been grappling with this challenge ever since, and while there is still finishing work to be done, we have made substantial progress.

The work on our vision has been profoundly important. Through our collective efforts, we are creating a vision that will give us all, in a corporate sense, a perspective account of who we are as a Christian university. It will also outline in a far-reaching way our direction for the future, both academically and as a community. While there will be quibbles with this or that part of the vision document, I can say that the response to the various drafts of the academic portion has been overwhelmingly positive, especially as revisions were made as a result of comments from you and others. Many of you have expressed appreciation for the process that has enabled everyone to respond forthrightly and to make changes where such were justified.

I believe that in the end we will produce a vision for Baylor, as given final shape by President Sloan, that will be exactly what a vision statement should be — an inspiring call to move forward.

As I noted today, however, I will not focus extensively on the specific content of the vision document currently being developed. Instead I hope to lead you to reflect on the nature of universities in general and on what ought to be the nature of Baylor University in particular. I also want to explore with you some important correlative issues that I hope, will both enlarge and deepen our understanding of Baylor’s developing vision as a Christian university. Finally, I want to suggest how four particular initiatives reflect our developing vision and how they can, if we deal with them successfully, move us significantly forward toward fully achieving that vision.

Universal knowledge

As we have been developing our vision for Baylor in 2012 and reflecting on what kind of university Baylor ought to be and become, I have been repeatedly reminded of one of the truly great texts on higher learning, *The Idea of a University* by John Henry Newman. And in preparing for this talk today, I have reread Newman’s work. First issued as a series of lectures in Dublin in the middle of the 19th century (seven years after the founding of Baylor), *The Idea of a University* was itself a visionary statement that was to guide the founding of a Catholic university in Ireland. The question Newman confronted was this: if you had the opportunity to start a university from scratch, how would you understand or conceive it? What would be its purpose? What kind of place would the university be? What pitfalls would it face?

Newman was not without considerable intellectual capacity or experience to tackle his assignment. He was educated at Oxford, after which he held the position of fellow at Oriel College, Oxford, and then became vicar of St. Mary’s, the Oxford University Anglican church. As one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement, he eventually left the Anglican Church and became a priest and ultimately a cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church. His opportunity to begin a Catholic university in Dublin was prompted, in part, by a Protestant hegemony in higher education in Britain that was becoming increasingly secularized. Religion, even in Protestant universities, was being marginalized in ways that would ultimately undercut a full and rich understanding of university education. The Protestant tendency to privatize religious experience and to make theology merely an articulation of such experience he recognized as deadly, in both theology and education. This was part of the context, then, for Newman’s important lectures in Dublin in 1852, lectures which established, perhaps once and for all, the basic framework and the necessary vocabulary for academic life in the university. They certainly maintained their currency among us at this time in the history of Baylor.

The first point I wish to make, drawing on Newman, is that the university is a place for the teaching and learning of universal knowledge. Newman put it this way: “In a word, Religious Truth is not only a portion, but a condition of general knowledge. To blot it out is nothing short . . . of undermining the web of University Teaching.” (57) Newman’s statement implies that the university must be well-formed theologically to give real understanding to the knowledge that we have, but it is true that some people do behave morally and religiously in their economic decisions. And so, in a university in which faith in the triune God prompts its thinking and doing, this fundamental truth about human motivation desired by rational-choice theorists should not be overlooked. To repeat what Newman said, “to blot out Religious Truth is nothing short . . . of undermining the web of University Teaching.”

The university proposed by Newman requires not only theological and moral understanding, but it also needs its members to possess a broad academicAgenda

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Donald D. Schmeltekopf, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Editor’s note: Provost Donald D. Schmeltekopf delivered the following speech at the annual fall faculty meeting in Jones Concert Hall Aug. 16.

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One guiding principle for realizing Baylor’s academic vision is the integration of the liberal and practical arts.

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certain processes of education, and essential to the education of our students, we
must strive to embody them ourselves — all of us — whether in the arts and sciences or in the professional schools. We are all aware that this view runs counter to the professionalization and specialization inherent in many contemporary disciplines, where narrowness of focus is often prized. A broad approach to learning might not be a priority even for some of you in the Baylor audience. But although there is much to be said for specialization, we are all nevertheless called to be good neighbors in our intellectual community, and for us to be good neighbors we must be able to communicate on common intellectual ground, a space made possible by minds that have been enlarged by integrative learning.

Interrelated knowledge

The final preliminary consideration I wish to discuss in the context of the Baylor vision has to do with our capacity as a university to embrace both the liberal arts and what I shall call useful knowledge or the practical arts, the knowledge and skills most associated with the professions. Newman argued that the purpose of the university was the study of three interrelated areas of knowledge: “God, Nature, and Man,” as he put it. (152) Knowledge of this kind is its own end. “Such is the constitution of the human mind,” Newman wrote, “that any kind of knowledge, if it really be such, is its own reward.” (78) As with a healthy body, a healthy intellect is a good thing, period. We need not ask the additional question, good for what? But in professional education — law, health care, business, engineering and computer science, music, education, social work, ministry, and the like — this is exactly the question we ask, good for what?

If the “idea” of a university is to maintain at Baylor, if our intellectual community is to cohere, we must be able to embrace both kinds of knowledge, that which

know already.” (98) This is the meaning of critical intelligence, surely a powerful form of knowledge valuable both for its own sake and for its usefulness in every area of life.

To summarize these preliminary considerations: I believe there are four notions we must keep firmly in place as guiding principles for the realization of Baylor’s academic vision: 1) the interconnectedness of all knowledge and learning within our university; 2) the centrality of the triune God and theological wisdom within our university; 3) the importance of a philosophical mind for everyone within our university; and 4) the integration of the liberal arts and the practical arts within our university. These principles are certainly supportive of and congruent with the core convictions that give form to our 10-year vision. But the point of these reflections is to locate our project at Baylor within a larger framework, a framework that reminds us what a university is, instructs us concerning our self-understanding as faculty members, invites us to build the useful arts onto the liberal arts and shows us that the word and works of God undergird and give meaning to our total enterprise.

Faculty implications

What are some implications of these four ideas for our work at Baylor during the years ahead, but especially this coming year, now? First, faculty recruitment. Faculty recruitment at any aspiring university is often a contested issue, but it is especially the case at a Christian university, given the necessary condition of a serious faith as demonstrated by a church commitment. It is not enough to be merely an expert. But neither is it enough to be a Christian and an expert. Yes, a prospective faculty member should be both of these, but in addition he or she needs to have a
broad intellect, exhibiting the capacity to take into account intellectual concepts and relationships outside their specialization. In addition, it is precisely these kinds of academics who, if they have a serious faith commitment to begin with, are the most likely to see their work as scholars in relation to the great claims of the Christian faith. It is imperative, therefore, in the screening and interviewing process, that search committees, department chairs and deans look for all these qualities in the faculty members we recruit.

On such commitments rests the future of Baylor as an eminent Christian university.

Next, faculty development. We have many important elements of a strong faculty development program in place: long and short-term sabbaticals, summer seminars, research opportunities, teaching institutes, study and travel abroad, a mentoring program and the like. We need to do a better job, however, in those areas of faculty development that provide for both a broader intellectual discourse and a deeper theological understanding. We do, of course, sponsor numerous symposia, conferences and special public lectures. And it is the mark of a vital university when the faculty are fully involved in such events. But in addition to these, we need to devise more opportunities for organized conversation surrounding intellectual issues, the university and the wider culture. Moreover, as Robert Biven has suggested in his recently published book Quality With Soul, “Christian colleges [and universities] ought to make opportunities available and attractive for faculty to take courses in Christian theology. If genuine engagement of faith and learning is to take place, non-theologians need to acquire at least a solid collegial exposure to Christianity, for colleges ought to make published book conversations surrounding intellectual issues, the faculty and the students. Fortunately, we have considerable experience in our core curriculum with reading great texts (in addition to religion and literature courses), and that is in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC), directed by Professor David Hendon. Works have been the foundation of this program in five-course World Cultures sequence from the outset six years ago, and beginning this fall the same will be true in our two-course Social World-sequence, led by Professor Dwight Allison. The intellectual benefits of a great text approach are clearly evident in BIC, as it is a strong sense of community among and between BIC students and faculty. I am pleased to say that progress has been made over the past year in creating a comprehensive program of reading great texts, a program that eventually will involve all undergraduate students. Indeed, beginning this semester, all entering students in the University Scholars program will be required to take a two-course sequence in great texts. Under the leadership of Professor Alden Smith, these courses were developed and then properly reviewed and endorsed by the appropriate university committees and by the administration. A similar sequence is being developed for students in the Honors Program, led by Dean Daniel and Betsy Vandaman, for implementation in fall 2002. This two-course sequence will be required of all freshmen in the honors program. A third great text course is being proposed for the University Scholars and Honors students, to be required of all in their junior year. This sequence of two texts major also will be proposed soon, but our most formidable challenge, suggested in our academic vision, will be a two-course sequence in great texts or master works required of all undergraduate students in their sophomore year. Excluding the students in BIC, University Scholars and the Honors Program, and assuming an annual enrollment of 5,000 sophomore students, this means that approximately 2,000 Baylor sophomores every year would be taking in common a two-course sequence in great texts, in sections of around 20 students each. The works in this sequence would be similar, of course, to those dealt with by the University Scholars and the Honors students in their freshman year. But across the board, whether in BIC, University Scholars, Honors or the sophomore classes, all parts of the great texts program will emphasize intensive reading, intensive writing and intensive speaking and discussion. Again, what better way to place before our students, as well as ourselves, the content and ideals of higher learning at a Christian university than through such study? The administration is aware of the huge commitment that such a program entails, and we are fully prepared to make that commitment possible we are able to achieve and secure the goals that I have suggested above and that are central to our vision. On such commitments rests the future of Baylor as a premier Christian university.

Honors College

Fourth and finally, an Honors College. Last year President Sloan had as one of his goals for the university that we engage in preliminary planning for an Honors College. The creation of an Honors College is also part of our 2012 vision document. We have done preliminary planning, and a number of you have been consulted regarding the purpose and constituent parts of such an administrative unit. The purpose of the Honors College would be to centralize advocacy and programming for our mostvisible undergraduate programs that operate largely independent of traditional departmental jurisdictions. These programs currently are University Scholars, the Honors Program and BIC. Certainly another constituent part that would fit well with an Honors College is the proposed great texts program. The director of such a program, along with the directors of University Scholars, Honors and BIC would all report to the dean of the Honors College. While the Honors College would not offer degrees, it certainly seems plausible that it could have a limited number of its own faculty individuals recruited to teach primarily in one or more of its various programs, but, in addition, a course per semester in a department that reflected his or her special area. If the Honors College had its own faculty tenure could be awarded in that unit provided, of course, that faculty met the necessary requirements, those comparable for others within the university. Most faculty members who would teach under the umbrella of the Honors College would initially be “borrowed” from existing departments, but to establish continuity and stability of program faculty for the future, it seems wise to think of a specific faculty for the Honors College. Other faculty, of course, would continue to be encouraged to participate in and be rewarded for teaching in these special interdisciplinary programs. We, on such commitments too rest the future of Baylor as a great Christian university.

Teaching and research

There are certainly other areas of our vision that we also must take into account now. For example, while I have said nothing about our growing graduate programs, few things were accomplished at Baylor last year that were more important than the creation of two new PhD programs in mathematics and philosophy. While I have said nothing about the recruitment of top graduate students, few initiatives would do more to enhance the reputation of our graduate school. While I have said virtually nothing about research, publications and grantmanship, few activities would do more to establish Baylor as an intellectual leader and enhance the national standing of our university. These and other areas will occasion speeches for another day. But I should make one point regarding these issues. Contra John Henry Newman, there need be no conflict between the goals of research and the teaching mission of the university. Newman saw the research/professor without students at all. It can come to that, of course, and sometimes does. But at the best universities, and certainly at Baylor, the “idea” of the university ought to be enhanced by research not only because research leads to new and deepened and broadened knowledge, but also because research helps us to connect our intellectual work with that of others, including our students...

References


Baptists on the Web

A new Baylor website promises to be the largest accumulation of data about Baptist life and thought ever assembled.

BaptistHeritage.com, launched Oct. 1, is managed by Baylor’s program in Baptist Studies. Dr. William H. Brackney, chair and professor of religion and director of the Baptist Studies program, believes the resources being made available through the website will serve a wide audience.

BaptistHeritage.com is intended to be a resource for anybody who at any level wondered about things Baptist,” he said. “An elementary school student could use the website to obtain a broad history of the Baptist, while graduate students would be provided with a set of suggestions on whom they could go to get resources on certain topics. For the scholar there will be a massive bibliography. Baylor is the logical place to develop this resource, and we are delighted to have the opportunity.”

The website, which is being developed in stages, will feature Baptist history, a roster of historical sites, a list of Baptist educational institutions, addresses of archives and historical collections, key historical texts, illustration materials and E.C. Starr’s A Baptist Bibliography, among other items. The website is owned by a committee of representatives of several Baptist organizations and institutions, and content is provided by the BaptistHeritage Council.

For more information about the website, contact Dr. Brackney at ext. 6998.

— Julie Carlson

Economists Predict a Rebound

Annual Baylor luncheon hopes for hopeful 2002 forecast

Economic growth will return — that was the clear message presented Oct. 11 by speakers at the 2002 Economic Forecast Conference presented by Baylor’s Hankamer School of Business and the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

A crowd of more than 300 Central Texas business and civic leaders heard economic predictions from speakers including Dr. Thomas N. Kelly, professor of economics and the director of the Center for Business and Economic Research; Dr. James M. Tipton, associate professor of the Center for Business and Economic Research; and research tools.

Dr. Kelly, who provided the Central Texas economic forecast, said there is potential for early recovery from an immediate recession and a lot of the pace of that economic recovery will hinge on consumer and investor confidence.

He said the strength of that confidence will depend on the words and success of President Bush and Congress in convincing an image of cohesive leadership.

“Economic growth will return,” he said.

“Too many were able to answer that question,” Mr. Weiner said. “Sometimes I heard that there was a fanatical, more important than the other fanatical one.”

“The question that no one can answer right now is what forms and in what magnitude this will return,” Dr. Kelly said.

He said personal views is that President Bush will achieve more success in his newly defined leadership role than he would otherwise have been able to demonstrate because he was not able to achieve initial success.

Paving both the national and state economic forecasts, Dr. Tipton predicted that although the present period of economic uncertainty will linger through 2001, the U.S. continues to implement counterterrorism strategies, consumer confidence will be restored and overall consumer spending will strengthen.

In the not too distant future, the U.S. will again demonstrate the enhanced quality of living that is the result of dynamic free enterprise and the free exchange of goods and services among civil societies and the remarkable innovation that markets spawn,” he said.

Dr. Kelly, who spoke on “Economic Growth Prospects for Texas,” said the challenges facing the United States in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will not hurt the Texas economy, which he predicted will continue to outpace the U.S. economy by 3.5 percentage points.

Dr. Tipton, who analyzed investment prospects for the coming years, urged care in deciding where to invest.

“This is a very different kind of war than most Americans envision,” he said. “Avoid using histories of past wars to make stock selections. Past history can be very misleading in this new type of warfare.” — Alan Hunt

Five Receive W.R. White Awards Oct. 26

Ten Baylor administrators are among the recipients of the 2001 W.R. White Meritorious Service Awards from the Baylor Alumni Association.

Five personnel were given the award during the Alumni Association’s annual meeting Oct. 26. Recipients are Dr. Kenneth Q. Carlile, vice chair of The Carlile Companies; Clyde Hart Jr., associate athletic director and head track coach; Kent Reynolds, president of Christian Mission Concerns and executive director of CGI (Christ Is Our Salvation) Inc.; Dr. William Sherman, a retired pastor, and Elizabeth A. Vardaman, assistant dean for administration in the College of Arts and Sciences, associate director of the Honors Program and senior lecturer.

The W.R. White awards, named for Dr. William Richmond White, who served as Baylor’s president from 1948 until 1964, honor individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the University. — BN

Dr. Kenneth Carlile

Clyde Hart Jr.

Kent Reynolds

Dr. Bill Sherman

Elizabeth Vardaman

Baylor team wins inaugural Psych Bowl

A Baylor team comprised of three doctoral psychology students won first place in the inaugural Psych Bowl competition held Oct. 5 at the annual Texas Psychological Association convention in Austin. TPA sponsored the collegiate contest to strengthen ties with universities throughout the state.

Team members include Koseil of Midway, we, Andy Menzer of Greenlee, S.C., and Sara Buckley of Lafayette, La., represented the University in the game show-style psychology trivia contest. The team triumphed over graduate students from the University of Houston, University of North Texas, Texas Tech and Southwest Texas State University.

Contestants were asked questions about psychology history, testing procedure and movie and media links. The first question posed to the team was “What is the name of Sigmund Freud’s wife?”

“Freud’s daughter was Anna, but no one had ever heard his wife’s name. It’s Martha.” — Judy Long

— Judy Long

Tickets available for Nov. 24 football game

Reduced rate faculty and staff tickets are available for Baylor’s football game against Southern Illinois University at noon Nov. 24 at Floyd Casey Stadium. The game was added to the schedule after the cancellation of Baylor’s Sept. 15 game with the University of Minnesota in the wake of terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

Faculty and staff season ticket holders will be able to retain their same seats at the Nov. 24 game by paying $5 at the Baylor Ticket Office for each ticket they wish to retain. Faculty and staff not holding season tickets may also purchase $5 tickets. For more information, call ext. 1000. — BN

THE WAYS OF TIME

Turkey Trek

These Baylor students appear eager to finish loading the car for their trip home during the 1968 Thanksgiving holidays. Earlier that fall students had become accustomed to two campus developments — the opening of Moody Library and the introduction of female yell leaders.
**Historic Holidays**

Fall events at Village include "Harvest Bonfire, Christmas celebration"

Full events at Baylor's Gov. Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village will feature programs designed to let visitors experience how residents of an 1890s Texas town might have celebrated the holidays.

The Village's Harvest Bonfire celebration, held from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 6, will celebrate the time when cotton and corn crops were harvested and hogs were butchered for winter.

"Going to the Harvest Bonfire reminds me of being a kid on Halloweens," said Deirdre Smestrom, Village curator. "Even though it's not late it's really dark outside. The only light in the Village comes from lanterns, oil lamps and, of course, the bonfire. This darkness will jolt you back to the past because you can sense and then imagine what life was like."

In other Bonfire offerings, Dick Gimble and Friends will provide country frosting music and wagon rides will be available for all. There will be Shakespearean readings in a Victorian style as well as numerous games for children. Harvest foods such as beets and sausage will be mashed on a campfire, and other treats including popcorn balls, hot chocolate, cider and old-fashioned sodas will be offered for sale.

In addition, visitors can participate in square dancing around the bonfire while gentle ghost stories and folk tales will be told to children of all ages.

The Village will celebrate the Christmas season 5-8:30 p.m. Dec. 4 with "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." Carolers will walk the streets as visitors enjoy cider and cookies in the hotel or eggnog in the saloon. Santa Claus will give out candy cane and homemade decorations will brighten a Christmas tree in the church. Visitors will also be able to do some holiday shopping at the general merchandise store.

All's Byte With the World

A new computer database supports international Browning research

An online research tool launched during Baylor's Armstrong Browning Library Golden Jubilee celebration allows scholars from around the world to study poets Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning and their circle of associates.

The first phase of the Library's fully-annotated research database made its debut on the World Wide Web Oct. 13. Dr. Mairi C. Rennie, director of Armstrong Browning Library, visiting Professor of English and The Margaret Root Brown Chair in Robert Browning Studies, said the database is the increasing the Library's reach and influence by making its resources available instantly to Browning scholars worldwide.

"I am incredibly fortunate to be here at this historic moment in place of Dr. Armstrong," with the funds and staff already in place to begin this dream, and like Dr. J. I have faith that in the future — perhaps many years ahead — it will be accomplished," she said.

The first phase of the project lists 70,000 known Browning-related items held in Brownings collections worldwide. Dr. Rennie considers the fully-searchable resource the start of a comprehensive database which, when fully funded and completed over a 15-year period, will rank as one of the world's premier online literary databases. Funding for the project was provided by a major gift from the late Waco physician Dr. Howard Dudgeon and his wife, Jane, who Dr. Brenner counts as some of the Library's most loyal supporters.

The database is accessible through the Armstrong Browning website (www.browninglibrary.com), which was designed and developed by Baylor's Information Technology Center. The editorial and publishing firm of Wedgestone Press compiled the database entries, in consultation with Library staff. Wedgestone Press is responsible for editing and publishing a number of major works relating to the Brownings and their circle, including "The Brownings' Correspondence," a projected 40-volume fund drive on campus.

Baylor University and staff are being asked to raise $60,000 to support the annual United Way fund drive on campus.

In November, information packets will be mailed to all Baylor employees explaining the drive and asking for contributions. Organizers say this year's fundraising effort seeks to achieve over 50 percent participation by faculty and staff and surpass last year's $45,085 contribution total.

Donors may specify which agency or program they would like their contribution to benefit, or can allow donated funds to be spread among participating agencies.

The United Way of Waco-McLennan County is a nonprofit organization that raises funds to meet health and human service needs through local agencies. Last year, thousands of people were served by United Way's funded programs through participating agencies, including child care agencies, the Community Cancer Association, Camp Fire USA, Boys and Girls Club, the YWCA and Family YMCA. More than 20 local agencies will benefit from the proceeds of this year's fund drive.

Baylor co-chair of the 2001 United Way fund drive are Phyllis Gamble, academic advisor for advising and teacher certification, and Dr. Tillman Rodabough, professor of sociology. For more information, contact Gamble at ext. 3098 or Dr. Rodabough at ext. 3013.
Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Faculty/Staff Christmas Dinner
Monday, Dec. 10 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Ferrell Center

Please RSVP to Doris Kelly at ext. 3985.

Spotlight

Family Circle

Congratulations to Matthew House, KXMB-TV, on his marriage to Nicole Snyder.

Best wishes to Pearl Benedict, student activities who was hospitalized recently.

With sympathy to

Janette Davis, Baylor Libraries, on the death of her father, Price J. Reed.

This Month in Baylor History

Nov. 1, 1999 — Baylor wins its first Big 12 championship as the women’s soccer team defeats the No. 9-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers 1-0.

Nov. 8, 1990 — The first issue of a new student newspaper called The Varsity Cat is published at Baylor.

Nov. 19, 1984 — After hearing a sermon in Independence by Baylor President Rufus Burleson, Gen. Sam Houston is moved to give his heart to Christ. Later the same day, Burleson baptizes Houston in Rocky Creek.

Nov. 23, 1963 — As the campus mourns the death of President Kennedy the previous day, Baylor’s athletic council votes unanimously to integrate all University athletic teams.

Nov. 24-25, 1909 — Baylor celebrates its first Homecoming, Dr. L.L. Mcglasson serves as chief marshal of the first Homecoming parade, and Baylor beats TCU 6-3 in football.

Nov. 30, 1992 — With a 9-0 victory over Furman, Baylor clinches the inaugural Southwest Conference championship in football.

—Compiled by Randy Pedlar

Presentation & Participations

Martha C. Agee, lecturer in accounting, presented a lecture on strict product liability Aug. 31 to business law classes at A.J. Moore Academy in Waco.

Dr. Kendal W. Artz, assistant professor of management, and Dr. Patricia M. Norman, assistant professor of management, had a co-authored paper titled “Corporate Entrepreneurship: A Longitudinal Examination of Innovation Efficiency, Patents and Firm Performance” presented June 13-17 at the 2001 Babson College-Kaufman Foundation entrepreneurship research conference in Linkoping, Sweden. Presenter was Dr. Elizabeth J. Teal, assistant professor of management. Dr. Teal also served as a session chair and had a co-authored paper titled “An Examination of the Determinants of New Venture Performance Through a Starred-Top Sample of New Ventures in the Computer Industry” presented. Presenter and co-author was Dr. Charles W. Hofer, University of Georgia.

Dr. Dwight D. Allman, associate professor of political science, presented in a panel discussion titled “Patterns of Justice” Aug. 30-Sept. 2 at the American Political Science Association annual conference in San Francisco.


Dr. Dawn S. Carlson, assistant professor of management, presented “A Study of the Impact of Mentoring Status on Gender Gender Comparisons on Perceptions of Role Stress” and “What is Wrong? The Impact of Internal Morality Dimensions on Ethical Decision Making” in August at an Academy of Management meeting in Denver.

Dr. Elizabeth B. Davis, associate professor and acting chair of accounting and business law, presented “Accounting in Most Communication” Sept. 7 to an accounting class at A.J. Moore Academy in Waco.

Dr. William V. Davis, professor of English and Witten in Residence, presented “Bread & God: Charles Wright’s Apostolic Pilgrimage” July 20-Aug. 5 at an International Association of University Professors of English jubilee conference in Bamberg, Germany.

Dr. Jeannette M. Denton, assistant professor of English, presented “The Regional, Social and Phonetic Foundations of Malory’s Dialect” Aug. 3-5 at a Texas Medieval Association conference at Trinity University in San Antonio.

Dr. Linda F. Garner, associate professor of nursing, presented “Spiritually: Providing Care to Clients in June at a spiritual care research conference at The Forum. Gafin. She presented “Spirituality Research for the Oncology Patient” July at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. She presented “Spiritual/Congregational Nursing” and “Spiritually: Providing Care to Clients” in July at a Texas Baptist Women’s leadership training conference in Waco.

Dr. Thomas Hanks Jr., professor of English, presented “Presenting Moliere’s Hostel” Aug. 31- Sept. 1 at a Texas Medieval Association conference at Trinity University in San Antonio.


Dr. Diana R. Garland, chair and professor of social work, presented a keynote address titled “From Editing to Journal: Recovering a Feminist Cult” at The Symposium on Collaborating Partners with Faith-based Programs in Milwaukee. She also presented a keynote address titled “Making a Difference for Children: Churches in the Catholic City” Sept. 12 at a conference sponsored by the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission and the San Antonio Baptist Association in San Antonio.

Dr. Linda P. Livingstone, associate professor of management and associate dean for graduate business programs, presented “Successfully Leading People’s F’s” a 12-month Skill” Sept. 21 at an Institute of Rural Estate Management regional conference in Oklahoma City.

Dr. John D. Martin, professor of finance and The Carr P. Collins Chair of Finance, participated in a roundtable discussion on how best to align performance management with shareholder value Aug. 21 in New York City. The discussion will be published in an upcoming issue of the journal of Applied Corporate Finance.


Emily McKinney, lecturer in nursing, co-presented a paper on the Baylor Healthcare System’s multi-hospital pharmaceutical internship in June at the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses national convention in Charlotte, N.C. Co-presenter was Lois Turner, Baylor University Medical Center. McKinney served on the program committee and presented “Writing for Publication” in August at an AAOHN meeting in Dallas.

Dr. Curtis E. Clements, assistant professor of accounting and KPMG Peat Marwick Research Fellow, was selected as information systems liaison for an American Accounting Association regional meeting March 6-9 in St. Louis.

Dr. Jeannette M. Denton, assistant professor of English, was elected to the executive committee of the Society for Germanic Linguistics.

Dr. Linda F. Garner, associate professor of nursing, was elected president of the Texas Baptist Nurses Fellowship.

Terry L. Price, lecturer in theater arts, presented “Rereading Time and Space in Theatrical Design: Virtual Environments and Their Effect on Storytelling” June 7-11 at the International Federation for Theater Research annual conference in Cracow, Poland. He presented “Virtual Environments: Their Effects on Storytelling in Performance, Film and Video” Aug. 2-5 at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education annual conference in Chicago.

Amy B. Roberts, lecturer in nursing, and Dr. Lisa Talley, lecturer in nursing, co-presented “The Synergy of Collaborative Faculty Practice” Sept. 24-26 at a Texas Nursing Practitioners meeting in Houston. Roberts also presented an overview of Baylor’s Family nurse practitioner program at the meeting.

Dr. Michael A. Robinson, professor of accounting, presented “Alternative Change/Systems for Shared Services at The Boeing Company: The Case of Voice Telecommunication Services” Jan. 18-20 at an American Accounting Association accounting conferences and case symposium in Savannah, Ga. She also presented, Dr. Robinson and Dr. Elizabeth B. Davis, associate professor and acting chair of accounting and business law, served as discussion for the classroom simulation/interactive learning case studies portion of the program. For more information contact “Corporate Source/Interactive Simulation”, and Dr. Charlene Speodee Budd, professor of accounting, and The Ensmon O. Hoke Chair in Accounting, presented a co-authored paper titled “Work Flow Cost: Linking Accounting, Marketing and Production in an Experiential Exercise” Co-authors are Dr. Andrea Cooper, professor of marketing, and Mrs. John Holt, Washington State University-Vancouver.

Dr. Elizabeth J. Teal, assistant professor of management, presented a co-authored paper titled “The Influence of the Type Management Team on the Performance of High Growth Entrepreneur Firms” Aug. 5 at the Academy of Management annual conference in Washington, D.C. Co-authors are Dr. Joe T. Felan III, assistant professor of management, and Dr. Nancy B. Upton, professor of management and The Ker-Williams Professor in Entrepreneurship.

Dr. C. William Thomas, professor of accounting and The J.E. Bush Professor of Accounting, presented “The Accounting Profession of the Future (or, Make That Today?)” Sept. 15 to a meeting of the Central Texas chapter of Certified Public Accountants in Waco.

Dr. Charles M. Tolbert II, chair and professor of sociology and anthropology, presented a co-authored paper titled “Do the Costs Outweigh the Benefits? The Effect of the Introduction of Large Baskets into Local Business Environments” Aug. 18 at the Rural Sociological Society annual meeting in Albuquerque, N.M. Co-authors were Zay C. Blanchard, Mississippi State University, Michael D. Irwin, Duquesne University, Thomas A. Lyon, Cornell University, and Alfon B. Stanciu, Bureau of the Census.

Donna Kennedy, senior analyst/programmer in information technology services, was named chair of the CCMF (Central College of Management Technology) Conference member participation committee.

Dr. Roger E. Kirk, director of the Institute of Statistics, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Statistics and Master Teacher, was elected a fellow of the Society for the Study of Psychology.

Dr. John R. Knue, lecturer in information systems, was elected to the board of directors of the Texas Association for Educational Technology.

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University Medical Center” published in ATUIC Proceedings (October 2001).


Emily McKinney, lecturer in nursing, had a co-authored book titled “Foundation of Nursing” published in a third edition by W.B. Saunders Co. Co-authors are Sharon Smith Murray and Truda Myers Greece.

Dr. Patricia M. Norman, assistant professor of management, had an article titled “You Never Know Knowledge: Strategic Partnerships” published in Business Horizons (November-December 2001).

Dr. Leslie E. Palich, associate professor of management, had a book titled “Strategic Planning in the Successful Company” published by HighMark, Inc. (2001).

Amy B. Roberts, lecturer in nursing, and Charles E. Kemp Jr., senior lecturer in nursing, had the following co-authored articles published in the Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (Vol. 15, 2001): “Infectious Diseases in Refugees and Immigrants” (No. 1, pp. 7-8); “Necrotizing” (No. 2, pp. 55-56); “Meningitis: Listeria Monocytogenes” (No. 3, pp. 86-107); “Diarhea” (American Trypanosomiasis) (No. 4, pp. 152-153); “Dengue Fever” (No. 6, pp. 243-245); “Ebola and Typhomalarial Fever” (No. 3, pp. 106-107); “Chagas Disease (American Trypanosomiasis) (No. 4, pp. 546-547); and “Infectious Diseases: Filariasis–Echinococcosis (Hydatid Disease)” (No. 5, pp. 592-596). Roberts had a review of using Technology in Teaching and Learning with Patricia Hatton, LaNett Barnett, Andrew Warren and David Braunner accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of the Community College Journal of Research and Practice.

Dr. C. William Thomas, professor of accounting and The B.R. and Marylin Romo Professor of Accounting, had an article titled “ELECTIVE RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF GAIN ACCORDANCE” published in Zar. (Vol. 52, No. 9, August 2001).


Dr. William V. Davis, professor of English and Winona Road Residence, had an essay titled “This is What I Could Do: An Exercise in Eugenics — R. W. Bums’s Thompson, in Sources of Abolition” published in Religion and the arts (Vol. 4, No. 3, pp. 357-394, 2001).

Paul R. Erickson, professor of accounting and The R. and Marian Bentley Professor of Accounting, had an article titled “ELECTIVE RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF GAIN ACCORDANCE” published in Zar. (Vol. 52, No. 9, August 2001).


Deck the Mall

Annual Christmas tree lighting will feature music, nativity scene

The annual Baylor Christmas tree lighting celebration, sponsored by Kappa Omega Tau fraternity, will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 28 in Burleson Quadrangle. Christian singer Shane Bernard will open the program, and Dave Drusky, a former San Francisco Giants pitcher who lost his arm to cancer, will speak. The ceremony will close with a performance by country singer and KOT alumna Deryl Dodd followed by the tree lighting.

Baylor students celebrate the 1980 Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Fountain Mall.

Events added to this year’s celebration include a live nativity scene, a cultural fair demonstrating how Christmas is celebrated in other countries, and a children’s Christmas fair featuring food, craft and game booths. In addition, KOT is asking participants to bring new, wrapped toys which will be collected by the U.S. Marines Corp’s Toys for Tots program.

Dr. C. Alton Hassell, senior lecturer in chemistry and the KOT faculty advisor, said the tradition of a Baylor Christmas tree began in 1966. That year, Dr. Hassell was an undergraduate physics major and a KOT member.

“My friends and I noticed that while some students had their own tree or decorations, the campus itself wasn’t decorated for the holiday season,” he said. KOT members decided to chip in and purchase a 12-foot Christmas tree which they placed in Burleson Quadrangle. Dr. Hassell said after that first tree was decorated a few students gathered around it and held a brief ceremony that involved singing Christmas hymns, reciting the Lord’s Prayer and illuminating the tree. The following year KOT planted another tree in Burleson Quadrangle, and the annual tradition was moved to Fountain Mall before eventually returning to the Quadrangle.

According to Isaac Kadane, KOT Christmas tree chairman, the 55- to 60-foot tall tree is provided each year by a KOT alumna who donates a tree from his ranch near Corsicana. KOT members return early from Thanksgiving break and drive out to the ranch to select the tree. Kadane said members usually choose the biggest tree they can, then tie it onto a trailer and haul it to the annual tradition was moved to Fountain Mall before eventually returning to the Quadrangle.

Kadane said this year’s Christmas tree committee started planning the event in early June. Student Congress approved a $7,000 request from KOT to help defray the costs required for this year’s celebration.

--- Judy Long

Research Gazette

Grant Awards (September)

Dr. Charles M. Tolbert, sociology; $27,000; Delineation of U.S. Commuting Zones with 2000 Census Data; U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dr. James Curry, political science; $15,590; Pouage/Myhurn Washington Internship Program 2002; The Frank W. and Eugene Sue Myhurn Foundation
Dr. William Poucher and Dr. Jeff Donahou, computer sciences; $679,200; Baylor University Academic Content Infrastructure Fund; IBM
Dr. Doug Rogers, School of Education; $30,150; Knowledge Development for the Technology Integration Community; U.S. Department of Education through University of Missouri
Pat Saiz and Melanie Smith, student services; $5,000; Texans Standing Tall Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking; Texas Standing Tall Coalition

TOTAL AWARDS: $783,710

Grant Proposals (September)

Dr. H. Bradley Keele, psychology and neuroscience; $66,000; Amygdala Serotonin Receptors Involved in Aggression; Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Foundation
Dr. Trena Willkerson, School of Education; $196,960; Elevating, Enriching, and Enhancing Elementary Math Instruction and Understanding; National Science Foundation
Dr. Greg Garrett, English; $7,000; Art & Soul 2002; Texas Council for the Humanities
Dr. Doug Rogers, School of Education; $39,150; Knowledge Development for the Technology Integration Community; U.S. Department of Education through University of Missouri
Dr. William Poucher and Dr. Jeff Donahou, computer sciences; $679,200; Baylor University Academic Content Infrastructure Fund; IBM
Pat Saiz and Melanie Smith, student services; $5,000; Texans Standing Tall Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking; Texas Standing Tall Coalition

Dr. H. Bradley Keele, psychology and neuroscience; $92,751; Functional Role of Amygdala 5-HT Receptors in Aggression; National Institute of Health
Dr. Kevin G. Pinney and Dr. Robert R. Kane, chemistry and biochemistry; $381,111, RES’7! She focused on Interdisciplinary Research Within the Center for Drug Discovery at Baylor University; National Science Foundation
Sue Moore and Ruben Santos, Bill Daniel Student Center; $10,000; Barfield Drawing Room Renovation; Baylor/Waco Foundation
John Alexander, Habitat for Humanity; $75,000; Habitat for Humanity BestStore Retail Outlet; Baylor/Waco Foundation
Rosemary Townsend, business affairs and administration; $185,000; Eternal Ten Statue; Baylor/Waco Foundation
Acting Dean Bill Hair III, University Libraries; $136,000; Moody Library Reference Desk Renovations; Baylor/Waco Foundation
Don Bagby, facility planning, physical plant; $139,000; University Public Medium Landscaping; Baylor/Waco Foundation
Dean Paul Powell, George W. Truett Theological Seminary; $75,000; Truett Chapel Rose Window; Baylor/Waco Foundation

TOTAL REQUISITED: $2,732,881

Note: The grant awards and proposals included in the October 2003 issue of Research Gazette included totals for the month of August, not October as listed.