In 1981, a group of alumni who had been members of Baylor sororities hoped to build on the Baylor campus a central meeting spot for their Greek chapters. But their goal was little more than a pipe dream as fundraising stalled and more pressing issues faced the University.

Now — some 22 years later — that dream has finally become a reality. The Stacy Riddle Forum opened early in the spring 2003 semester, with formal dedication of the building scheduled for 2 p.m. Feb. 28.

“I can’t believe it is finally here,” said Stacy Riddle Baumgartner, for whom the building is named. “I think this facility will change the way the sororities operate, everything from how they socialize to how they handle recruitment. This will bring them together as one big group instead of nine separate groups.”

Raising funds

The Houston-based Riddle Foundation, of which Baumgartner is a board member, gave the lead gift of $1.5 million to the building project.

“It was actually my father’s idea to make the major donation,” Baumgartner said. “He knew how much Kappa (Kappa Kappa Gamma, Stacy’s sorority) meant to me. He knew it was my life when I was at Baylor.”

Cathy Pleitz, coordinator of the Riddle Forum campaign for University development, said that once Baylor broke ground on the
Baylor University President Robert B. Sloan Jr. has appointed Dr. Judy Wright Lott, associate professor of nursing, as dean of the Louise Herrington School of Nursing, effective immediately. Dr. Lott served as acting dean since June 15, 2002, following the retirement of Dr. Phyllis Karns who was nursing school dean for 15 years.

“It is a privilege for me to name Dr. Judy Lott as the new dean of the Louise Herrington School of Nursing,” President Sloan said. “She comes not only with the enthusiastic recommendation of her colleagues on the nursing school search committee but also a strong endorsement from the faculty of the nursing school. Dr. Lott brings outstanding credentials to this task. Her experience as our acting dean for the last several months has provided a solid base of administrative experience upon which to build. In addition, she brings an exemplary record of teaching and research and has demonstrated great administrative ability. I appreciate very much her capacity for strong leadership with regard to the integration of faith and learning.”

A nationally recognized expert in skin science and a veteran neonatal nurse, Dr. Lott earned nursing degrees from Valdosta State College and Troy State University. She received her doctor of science degree in nursing from the University of Alabama-Birmingham, where her dissertation research focused on the effects of blood sampling from umbilical artery catheters on cerebral blood flow velocity in pre-term infants. Before joining the Baylor nursing faculty in the summer of 2001, Dr. Lott directed the neonatal running program at the University of Cincinnati and taught at the University of Florida College of Nursing neonatal nursing program.

“This appointment is an honor to me, especially because it is a Baylor,” Dr. Lott said. “My academic plans had always included administration, but Baylor’s commitment to Christian scholarship has enabled me to see the more far-reaching contributions I could make as dean of the nursing school. I am also looking forward to working with the outstanding nursing school faculty, staff and students.”

Dr. Lott has accumulated more than 20 years of neonatal nursing experience. She served as a member of the Skin Science Project Team from 1999 until 2001 to oversee a national research project on newborn skin care practices for the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses and the National Association of Neonatal Nurses. She is an editor or author of several textbooks, including Comprehensive Neonatal Nursing and Neonatal Infusions: Assessment, Diagnosis and Management. She also serves as co-editor of the clinical journal Neonatal & Infant Nursing Reviews.

“I am absolutely delighted with the appointment of Judy Lott as the dean of the Louise Herrington School of Nursing,” said Dr. Donald D. Schmeltekopf, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “I have worked closely with Dr. Lott over the past six months in her capacity as acting dean. She already has made a real difference, and I anticipate the positive impact of her leadership for the School of Nursing for years to come.”

Dr. David Kyle Jeffrey, Distinguished Professor of International Education report. “Open Doors 2002” ranks Baylor second in the nation among doctoral universities for the number of students who participate in study abroad opportunities for 2000-2001. The report shows that 996 Baylor students took advantage of the University’s study abroad programs. Baylor had led for such institutions in the previous Open Doors 2001 rankings.

“We are extremely pleased that we are making great progress in our international programs,” said Dr. H. Stephen Gardner, professor of economics, The Herman Brown Chair of Economics and director of the McFaddin Center for International Business. “International travel adds breadth and depth to our students’ educational experience. They learn about the diversity of cultures, and they gain a new confidence from traveling in a foreign country. They often realize the growing importance of international economics. And for many, they gain a new appreciation for the United States and also a sense for what could be done to make this country better. International travel will provide them with rich memories and make them more interesting people.”

Baylor sponsors 31 summer and semester study abroad programs, which are taught by Baylor faculty, and 26 exchange programs in which the student takes classes at a foreign university. Baylor in Great Britain, the oldest study abroad program, remains the most popular. New international opportunities include group programs to Ghana and Austria and an exchange program to Rhodes University in South Africa. There are plans to add an exchange program to a university in Turkey.

The University is striving for greater numbers of students who participate in a study-abroad experience at some point in their Baylor career. Imperative 11 of Baylor 2012, the University’s 10-year vision, focuses on global education and sets a goal to increase the participation of Baylor undergraduate students in a study-abroad experience to 10 percent.

“We have very strong programs in Western Europe, East Asia and some of Latin America,” Dr. Gardner said. “I would like to see more chances for international study or also some of the most important.” — Judy Jeffrey

Lott Named Nursing Dean

Baylor Scores High in Study Abroad

Report ranks University’s level of participation second nationally
Praise Pioneer

Jeff Walter has influenced a generation of Christian musicians.

Walter’s new single, “Hearts Follow,” is a tour de force of his impressive repertoire, a testament to his dedication to his craft. "Hearts Follow," with its catchy melody and uplifting lyrics, is a perfect example of Walter’s ability to inspire and uplift. The song is a beautiful reminder of the power of love and faith, and is sure to become a staple in the repertoire of Christian music listeners everywhere.

One of his most memorable experiences with Gabriel was the portion of their concert set aside for praise and worship. Most of these concerts were before “worship bands” became popular, and Walter said that it was touching to see that the praise songs were meaningful to the audience. "A few old Gabriel buffs call us 'pioneers,'” Walter said. “I think that people like Keith Green and Bill Gaither would laugh at that, but the fact that there are 'worship bands' now is a real blessing for us. If Gabriel had anything to do with inspiring one or two of them, nothing would thrill us more.”

The last Gabriel concert took place in 1996. Once the touring in a group member ended, Walter said he grew more appreciative of being home every night and attending his children’s activities. Though content most of the time to remain a musical spectator, he occasionally stops in church and recently sang a duet with his 18-year-old son, Logan.

Walter continued the love for missions work he nurtured while a member of Gabriel. The band was involved in mission efforts to Haiti, leading several mission trips to the island and working to raise awareness of the poverty and needs of the country. Walter and his daughter, Erin, a junior at Baylor recently returned to Haiti as part of a work team with Baylor’s Sigma Phi Lambda and Mission Wars.

The needs are as bad as ever over there, but we’ll help where we can,” Walter said. “Our heart may be broken by the things that break the heart of God, but it’ll be better for it, and so will the Haitians.”

— Nicole Anderson

Jeff Walter during his days as a member of the influential Christian music group Gabriel.
Faculty and Staff to Receive Work/Life Survey

Baylor and staff will receive a University work/life assessment in campus mail in mid-February. Tricia Loughridge, director of work-life programs, said:

"The Office of Work/Life Programs was created in July 2002 to support the goals of Baylor 2102, the University's 10-year vision.

"We support the achievement of Baylor 2002 in new ways: community, health of mind, body and spirit and recruitment and retention."

Loughridge said: "Our mission is to strengthen the whole, and (by) doing so help faculty and staff maximize their professional and personal growths."

Loughridge said the multi-page survey will take less than 15 minutes to complete, and will attempt to gauge faculty and staff responses to questions regarding work environments, the management of work and personal responsibilities, status of child and dependent adult care responsibilities and the availability of work-life programs now on campus. "The purpose is to gather information so that we can accurately develop work/life policies and programs for the next several years," she said.

"We want to have data so we know exactly what the needs of the faculty and staff are."

Respondents will have two weeks to complete the assessment and return it to a postage paid envelope to WFL Consulting, the company hired to help the University conduct and evaluate it. Later this spring, a faculty/staff advisory committee will decide how to publicly communicate the assessment results.

For more information on the Office of Work/Life Programs, visit www.baylor.edu/work_life

— Randy Fawcett

Wellbaum is Library Staffer of the Year

Kay Wellbaum, assistant to the associate dean of the Central Libraries, has been named the Baylor Libraries’ Staff Member of the Year for 2002. Wellbaum began working at Baylor in 1991 as an administrative assistant to Dr. Avery Sharp and later became assistant to the dean of libraries. She has served as assistant to Bill Blaire in his position as acting dean and associate dean. In her position, she supervises and coordinates all activities of the associate dean of libraries’ office. Wellbaum was twice elected as the librarians’ Staff Member of the Month — in May 1996 and 2002. The Staff Member of the Year is selected by the deans of libraries after staff voting names monthly staff member award recipients to three. — BN

Swiss Professor to Deliver Jonsson Lectures

Dr. J. John S. Matti, professor of mineralogy at the University of Bern in Switzerland, will deliver two addresses during Missions in the 21st Century, in Africa, the 2003 John N. Jonsson Peace and Justice Lecture Series at Baylor.

Dr. Matti’s keynote address, titled “Emerging Images of Jesus Christ in African Christianity,” will begin Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. in Miller Chapel. He will deliver a second address titled “Healing and Caring in African Independent Churches” Feb. 26 in the sanctuary of Seventh and James Baptist Church.

A native of Kenya, Dr. Matti earned a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge and has taught at universities in Uganda, the United States and Switzerland. He also has written on a variety of subjects, served as a priest of the Church of England and worked with the World Council of Churches in Geneva as a professor and director of the Ecumenical Institute.

For information about the Jonsson Lecture Series, call Dr. Blake Burleson at ext. 5940.
Scholarship at Armstrong Browning Library

Lower volume of Browning letters is among the treats awaiting international researchers

W hen Queen Elizabeth II was presented with the first volume of the Letters of Elizabeth Barrett Browning by the British Library on June 25, 1998, Browning scholar Scott Lewis, a Baylor graduate, was among a select few of the regular British Library readers who were present at the Queen. Similarly honored were historian Lady Antonia Fraser, playwright Harold Pinter, mystery writer P.D. James and Booker Prize-winning novelist Penelope Lively.

What were the circumstances that led to this Baylor graduate finding himself in such distinguished company? It all began at the Armstrong Browning Library (ABL) where, from 1979 to 1981, Lewis was employed as a student assistant, cataloging the correspondence of Dr. Mrs. A.J. Armstrong, as well as sorting and transcribing letters and manuscripts of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and their contemporaries.

Dr. Lewis’s recent edition of The Letters of Elizabeth Barrett Browning to her Sister Arabella (2 vols., 1280 pages, WLU Press, 2002, ISBN 0-914149-29-1) has been heralded by The Times (London) as “a magnificent, definitive edition lavishly prepared by a scrupulous editor who has grazed his two large volumes not only with careful notes but with an array of illustrations of Barrett Browning’s family and friends.” Elizabeth’s closest relationship, other than with her husband, was with her sister Arabella, to whom she wrote more words than to any other person.

Thus, in these letters, Elizabeth reveals herself most fully on the issues that were of greatest importance to her, as she says, “treat[ing] of Heaven, earth, & the kitchen, in paragraphs mixed together.” She makes keen observations, not only on the domestic life of the 19th century’s most famous poetic couple, but also on 19th century poetry and poets, literary and artistic issues, contemporary social and political events and philosophical and religious controversies. To read these letters is to see the 19th century through the eyes of one of the most intimate and learned women of her time.

The scholarship in Dr. Lewis’s editing of these letters is at least partially the result of his work as co-editor on The Brownings’ Correspondence. This critically acclaimed series, published by WLU Press, has reached volume 14 of a projected 40 and will include every letter written by or addressed to either Elizabeth Barrett Browning or Robert Browning — more than 12,000 in number. Lewis has been involved with this undertaking since 1986 and has served as co-editor since the publication of volume 7 in 1989. Based in London because of its wealth of research facilities, Lewis is completing research for volume 15 of the edition. Simultaneously, editing of The Brownings’ Correspondence is being conducted at the ABL. The project is one of the most important examples of scholarship taking place at the library today. It involves the original of over 1,500 of the Browning letters that are housed in the ABL, along with over 350 manuscripts of poetry written by the two poets. In each volume of The Brownings’ Correspondence, when published, it adds to the reputation of the ABL and, by association, to that of the ABL and Baylor University.

Browning database

A second project currently underway at the library, assisted by WLU Press and funded by a gift from the late Waco physician Dr. Howard Dudgeon Jr. and his wife Jane, is an online Browning bibliographical database. This is the first phase of a larger database called The Brownings: A Research Guide, which will list all known Browning-related material in existence, estimated to be about 70,000 items. This database, officially launched last October during the Library’s golden jubilee, currently provides a checklist of Browning letters, supporting documents and contemporary reviews. When this first phase is completed, at the end of the year, the bibliographical database will also include references to all the Brownings’ literary manuscripts, all Harvard University, Yale University, Balliol College, the Rare Book Collection of the New York Public Library, the Huntington Library, the Pierpont Morgan Library and some 260 other public and private collections. The database is accessible via the Internet at www.browningguide.org and also through the ABL web site.

Layard’s journals

An additional editorial project, currently in its initial stages at the ABL, is the preparation of an edition of the journals of Lady Layard, funded by Baylor graduates Robert and Anna Wright, on which I have been working over the past several months. From 1862 until her death 50 years later, Mary Endymion Layard, Lady Layard (née Guest, 1844–1912) recorded her observations of events and her encounters with many of the most important people of the time. Born into an aristocratic family, in 1869 she married Austen Layard, the amateur archaeologist who is credited with the discovery of the ruins of Nineveh. From 1869 to 1877, Layard served as the English minister to Spain and from 1877 to 1880 as the minister to Turkey. Lady Layard documented many of the social and political intrigues that were played out during her husband’s diplomatic service. In 1880, the Layards settled in Venice where they renewed and strengthened their friendship with Robert Browning and her sister Sarianna, frequent visitors to that city. The friendship was later extended to including Browning’s son Pen and his wife Fansee, who took up residence in Venice in 1888. Although the original manuscripts of Lady Layard’s journals are in the holdings of the British Library, the ABL, already acquired microfilm of the 20 journals with the intention of making them available to scholars via the Internet. When completed, this project will provide another rich source of valuable information for scholars of literature, archaeology, art and politics.

Many on campus appreciate the Armstrong Browning Library as an impressive venue for meetings and concerts, but the Library also is alive as a center of research.
This Month in Baylor History

Feb. 1, 1939 — During Founders Day ceremonies, a statue of University namesake Judge R.B. Baylor by sculptor Pompeo Coppini is unveiled from across Waco Hall. Coppini had previously created a statue of former president Rufus Burleson placed in Burleson Quadrangle.

Feb. 10, 1926 — An afternoon fire destroys the Baylor athletic building, which is part of the grandstand at Carroll Field. Coach Jim Cow and two students are trapped by the flames, but they manage to escape by breaking a window and crawling outside.


Feb. 23, 1994 — In a news conference, President Herbert H. Reynolds announces that Regents have approved a plan whereby Baylor and three other Southwest Conference universities will join schools in the Big Eight to form an athletic conference called the Big 12.

Feb. 27, 1885 — Baylor’s fourth president, William Carey Crane, dies at age 68 following a sudden attack of pneumonia. He is the first Baylor president to serve at least 30 years and the first to die in office.

Compiled by Randy Fechter


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Dr. William A. J. D. McDaniel, Distinguished Professor of Economics, “Rough Love: The Many Capital...
Building the Vision

As Baylor’s Stacy Riddle Forum opens, construction cranes remain a frequent sight on campus as significant progress continues to be made on the University’s most ambitious construction and facilities improvement campaign.

Among the projects now under construction are the Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center, the Baylor Sciences Building and the Dutton Avenue office/parking facility.

Research Gazette

Grant Awards (November)

- **Pat Salz**, student athlete services, $4,000; Preventing Underage Drinking: Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- **Dr. Ken Wilkins**, biology, $1,237; A Survey of Mammals and Reptiles and Amphibians at Cobb Creek Preserve; Cobb Creek Preserve
- **Kliff Kuehn**, $8,000; Support for National Public Radio; Baylor/Waco Foundation
- **Dr. Doug Henry**, Institute for Faith and Learning, $46,000; Lilly Fellows Program Undergraduate Conference Grant; Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts

**TOTAL AWARDS: $68,257**

Grant Proposals (November)

- **Dr. Elizabeth Farren** and **Dr. Melanie McEwen**, nursing, $24,944; Baylor University Public Health Nursing Enhancement; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources and Services Administration
- **Dr. Gerald Cleaver**, physics, $25,000; Parameter Space Investigations of Heterotic Strings; U.S. Department of Energy
- **Dr. Robert Doyle**, biology, $24,284; San Marcos River Restoration Year 2; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- **Dr. John Davis**, mathematics, and **Dr. Ian Gravagne**, engineering, $51,120; An Extension of Time Scales to Robotics and Control Applications; National Science Foundation
- **Dr. Don Parker**, geology, $5,460; Geologic and Paleontological Mapping of the Cerro Castellan 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, Big Bend National Park; U.S. Geologic Survey
- **Dr. Pauline Johnson**, nursing, $240,000; B.U. Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources and Services Administration

**TOTAL REQUESTED: $1,024,597**