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Commencement offers Baylor students a ceremony to remember for the rest of their lives.



Commencement a Time of Celebration, Surprise

Planners of graduation exercises have learned to expect the unexpected prior to and during the big event, work together to produce magic moment for students walking across the stage in front of family and friends.

By Julie Carlson

Baylor's annual spring commencement, like most things in life, comes with its fair share of surprises. Cindy Dougherty, assistant provost for academic services, realizes she may face the unexpected even though spring commencement has been planned down to the smallest detail. But she

meets such surprises with patience and good humor.

Dougherty remembers the May 1995 ceremony when Texas Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock was on stage receiving the Price Daniel Distinguished Service Award presented by the Baylor Alumni Association. The lieutenant governor had been

instructed to exit the stage through the opening in the back curtain after he had received his award.

That didn't happen. Bullock somehow became tangled in the curtain and knocked over a flag on the stage. The crowd didn't notice too

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Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas, Baylor University is the state's oldest continually operating institution of higher learning and is the largest Baptist university in the world. With more than 12,000 students and more than 600 full-time faculty, Baylor offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees through the College of Arts and Sciences, the Hankamer School of Business, the School of Education, the School of Music, the School of Nursing, the School of Engineering and Computer Science, the School of Law, the Graduate School and George W. Truett Theological Seminary. Baylor is consistently ranked among the top 50 college values in the country by such publications as *U.S. News and World Report* and *Money* magazine.

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President's Perspective

1997-98 academic year full of notable achievements

The 1997-98 academic year will soon draw to a close, and I believe the entire Baylor community can look back on the past 12 months with a genuine sense of accomplishment and satisfaction in light of the University's achievements. It has been a year of examination and evaluation as we challenged ourselves to find new ways to foster a more active learning environment and to raise Baylor's already high standards.

Setting the tone for the year was last July's Academic Summit, which brought together vice presidents, deans, department chairs and other campus leaders to examine Baylor's response to academe's trends and challenges. The exchange of ideas helped clarify the specific challenges Baylor faces and the academic priorities the University should pursue in response to those trends.

In many ways, the Academic Summit prepared the way for development of the Annual Strategic Action Plan (ASAP), which has incorporated a number of recommendations that emerged from the 1994-96 Self Study and other University planning efforts. Over the past several months academic and administrative departments across the campus have been hard at work identifying goals and strategies for achieving the priorities that have been established for Baylor in the upcoming fiscal year.

The Academic Summit also was helpful in raising issues related to important academic benchmarks: student and faculty quality, diversity objectives and funding needs. We are planning another Academic Summit for this summer to continue the dialogue that began last July and to help ensure that we maintain the momentum needed to reach our potential as an academic institution.

A number of other highlights from the 1997-98 academic year are worth mentioning.

Academic programs

Last December, the College of Arts and Sciences earned a unanimous vote for accreditation from the American Academy for Liberal Education (AALE), becoming one of the first programs in the country to earn this accreditation. The academy noted that Baylor's undergraduate curriculum and commitment to teaching met the highest standards of excellence.

Several programs underwent significant internal and external reviews this past year, including the core curriculum and the graduate program. Though still being processed, I believe the reviews will result in clearer directions for these programs and will help ensure that Baylor continues to meet the needs of its students.

Another important academic milestone for 1997-98 was adoption of the Statement on Scholarly Expectations. The University will continue to place increased emphasis on and provide support for scholarship, where discovery, synthesis, application, and teaching — including professional and artistic presentations — are, with due attention to individual differences, characteristic of our faculty. This more focused emphasis is justified because it will both improve our students' educational experiences and enrich the academic quality of Baylor's reputation as a major private university with global influence.

The breadth of Baylor's academic offerings was expanded this past year with the approval of several new degree programs and a number of new majors and minors. New degree programs include the B.A. in dietetics, the B.S. in applied mathematics, the M.S. in clinical psychology, the master of accountancy, the M.S. in information systems and the master's in social work. A new major in language and linguistics has also been added to the curriculum, as have new minors in African

I want to express my appreciation to all of Baylor's outstanding faculty and staff for the efforts that have helped make the 1997-98 academic year so successful. Baylor is well positioned to build on the accomplishments of this past year and ensure that our future is all that we dream it to be.



President
Robert B. Sloan Jr.

studies, recreation ministry, news-editorial, photojournalism, public relations, museum studies, Middle East studies and linguistics. Several other proposed majors and minors are currently under consideration, including the exciting field of bioinformatics.

Another indicator of Baylor's instructional strength is the new University Professor and Distinguished Professor program, described on page 8 of this issue of *BaylorNews*.

In recent days we have appointed a new dean of the Graduate School — Dr. Larry Lyon — and will soon name a new dean for the School of Education. This past year also has seen the appointment of new leadership for the departments of history (Dr. James SoRelle), journalism (Dr. Douglas Ferdon) and English (Dr. Maurice Hunt).

Enrollment

Not only did we have a record enrollment last fall, but we were fortunate to strengthen the academic quality of our entering freshman class. The mean SAT score for the Class of 2001 increased by 20 points over the previous entering freshman class — from 1130 to 1150. Our goal is to see that mean SAT score increase another 20 points next fall to 1170. We also saw a 23 percent increase in the number of freshman National Merit Finalists enrolled.

Recognition

Baylor continued to attract recognition for the quality of its academic programs and its exceptional value from such publications as *U.S. News and World Report* and *Money*. Baylor was the only private institution to make *U.S. News'* 10-member list of the most efficient universities in the United States, a testament to the hard work of our faculty and staff. Several academic programs — such as law, entrepreneurship, communication sciences and disorders, and nursing — also were identified by national publications as among the best in the country.

In recent days, *Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine ranked Baylor No. 22 in its list of "America's 100 Most Wired Colleges" — the only Texas institution in the top 25. The ranking was based on more than 20 measures of information technology on campuses, divided into general, academics, social life and computer statistics categories. The magazine evaluated the availability of services such as online registration, online course materials, an online student newspaper and public computers on campus.

Fund-raising

The 1997 fund-raising year was the most successful in the University's 152-year history with gifts of more than \$59 million. Even accounting for the one-time infusion of Baylor Health Care System funds, contributions by Baylor alumni and friends, churches, foundations, corporations, and

other organizations were very strong in 1997. The future looks bright in this arena. Through the first three months of 1998, gifts were ahead of the same period last year.

Facilities

Regents in February adopted an ambitious capital projects plan for the University. Including the Student Life Complex — scheduled for a May 8 groundbreaking — more than \$100 million in construction and renovation projects will get under way within the next five years. That figure is likely to grow in the coming months as other projects are added to the plan, including a proposed science building and the expansion of the Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Building.

Student accomplishments

I am very proud of our students, who over the past year have distinguished themselves and the University in many ways through individual and group accomplishments. For the second consecutive year, a Baylor student or recent graduate has been granted a prestigious Fulbright Award. Amy Mathis, a December 1997 graduate, will be studying in Hungary next year as a part of the Fulbright program. It is rare for an institution of Baylor's size to produce back-to-back Fulbright winners. Baylor had two recipients last year — Claire and Alison Hansen, who comprise one-half of the Hansen Quads.

Our Model U.N. team, led by professor Linda Adams in the political science department, won the prestigious Harvard University Model U.N. Tournament for an unprecedented third straight year. Law students had a very successful year in moot court and client counseling competitions, and our debate teams continued to excel. The quality of Baylor's student body continues to be demonstrated in so many ways.

Athletics

I believe we can also look back and feel good about a successful year in athletics. While our football team was in a rebuilding mode, many of our other sports teams have competed for conference and national tournament championships. We had our own version of March Madness on the Baylor campus when the Lady Bears recently hosted the Women's National Invitation Basketball Tournament. En route to the championship game against Penn State — which drew a record women's basketball crowd of over 10,000 at the Ferrell Center — Baylor knocked off Mississippi State, Oklahoma State and LSU. Coach Hogg's Lady Bears narrowly missed the WNIT title in a three-point loss to Penn State. The entire Waco community was energized by the success of the Lady Bears, who have an even brighter future ahead of them.

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Commencement Tests Teamwork, Ingenuity

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much, but the folks on stage were almost frozen in time for what seemed like a very long 5-10 seconds. One of the marshals uprighted the flag as the ceremony proceeded. After all, the show must go on!

Dougherty also will never forget the time an exuberant parent leaped over the Ferrell Center railing separating the seating area from the stage and then bounded onto the stage in order to take a photo of his graduating child.

Other commencements have required her to perform tasks ranging from a quick robe alteration for an undergraduate who had accidentally ordered master's regalia to last-minute phone calls to a dean's office to certify a graduate just before the processional began.

Be prepared

As this year's commencement approaches, Dougherty and the 200 plus staff and faculty members who are involved with graduation will plan for the unexpected, and when May 16 arrives they hope to be ready for the more than 1,200 Baylor students who will cross the stage.

"Graduation takes a lot of planning and is a tremendous project. I try to look at the big picture and then break it down to more manageable parts," Dougherty said.

One thing Dougherty usually doesn't worry about is who will deliver

We always have something unusual happen. We just don't know what it will be this time. But no matter what happens, graduation is the biggest party and the most fun we'll have all year.



Ceylon Hood

the charge to the graduates. "The practice at Baylor, dating back to the time of Abner McCall, is that the president usually delivers the charge," she said.

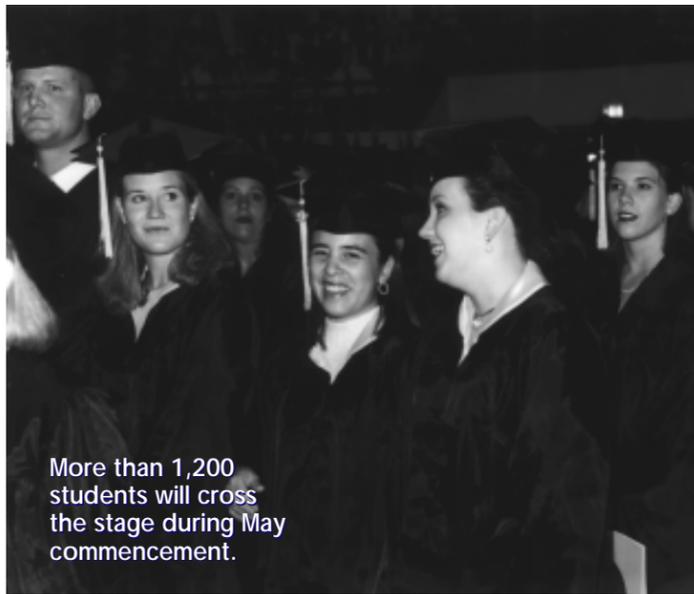
However, this year's exercises will feature two speakers. President Sloan will address morning graduates, while Texas Gov. George Bush will deliver the charge to those students participating in the afternoon ceremony.

The governor's visit means Dougherty is dealing with a new host of issues, ranging from technical requirements and security issues to arranging an area for the media.

Working together

Luckily, she doesn't need to worry about other areas of commencement arrangements thanks to various staff members' expertise in the graduation process.

"I do coordinate closely with each area to make sure it's going to happen — and in a good fashion," Dougherty



More than 1,200 students will cross the stage during May commencement.

said. "Commencement is truly a team effort."

Sue Herring, associate registrar and director of records, knows the graduation process can't get going without her office. She likes to say that the staff in academic records "runs the first leg of the graduation relay."

Herring and her staff begin the actual process during finals and the grading period. When faculty members finish grading final exams, they submit to Herring their completed grade rolls. Finals end on a Tuesday, and instructors must turn in their grade rolls by Wednesday.

Although grades are optically scanned into a

database, academic records staff members manually check the accuracy of each grade.

If there is a problem with a student's grades, Herring notifies the appropriate dean. Problems can range from missing grades to a prospective graduate actually failing a class. Academic records continues to work with the deans' offices until the records are complete.

Contingency plan

Herring remembers one year when near disaster struck. Academic records was still housed in the basement of Pat Neff Hall. On the day when grade rolls were due, the electricity went off and Herring and her staff were plunged into a stygian darkness.

But did they let the incident throw them off schedule? Absolutely not. They all grabbed flashlights and continued working.

"After that happened, we developed a disaster plan," Herring

said. "We always want graduation to take place, no matter what happens, and we always want to put on a good show."

Barbara Gillum, manager of undergraduate advising and degree planning in the Hankamer School of Business, knows all about the problems that can arise.

She has had the distressing duty of notifying a student that he or she won't be graduating because of a failed course; she has dealt with other universities to expedite transcripts that show transfer credits; and she has tracked down professors whose grade rolls had not been received by Herring.

On the morning of graduation, she can be found at her desk on standby to resolve situations that will allow a student to receive his or her diploma at that day's ceremony.

Harder than it looks

Making sure each graduate receives a diploma is a logistical puzzle in itself.

"We order a diploma for everyone who has filed a graduation card with the dean's office," says Ceylon Hood, coordinator of administrative services in the registrar's office.

While the diplomas are ordered a few months in advance, there are always last-minute orders or corrections to be made.

The diplomas also must be arranged in the order of the procession of graduates, and one out-of-order diploma could throw off the whole presentation.

"We always have something unusual happen," Hood said. "We just don't know what it will be this time. But no matter what happens, graduation is the biggest party and the most fun we'll have all year."

Quick thinking

Sometimes, a change in the procession order takes place as the students are lining up for the ceremony. Students who said they would participate in commencement exercises are no-shows, or students who had no plans for taking part will

Honored Guest to Speak

Governor to speak at commencement, receive degree

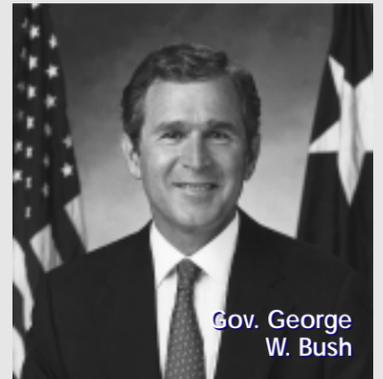
A new but familiar face will speak at Baylor's afternoon commencement exercise on May 16. Texas Gov. George W. Bush will deliver the charge to graduates at the 3 p.m. service. The governor also will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from Baylor.

President Sloan will deliver the charge to graduates at the morning ceremony.

Commencement exercises

for the College of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School arts and sciences programs will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Ferrell Center. The afternoon program will begin at 3 p.m. for graduates of the Hankamer School of Business, School of Music, School of Education, School of Engineering and Computer Science, and School of Nursing and Truett Seminary. More than 1,200 students will graduate at the May exercises.

The Baylor Alumni Association will present the George W. Truett Distinguished Church Service Award and the Price Daniel Distinguished Public Service Award at morning commencement. Dr. Tom Hanks, professor of English, will be honored as the 1998 Collins Professor. — *By Julie Carlson*



Gov. George W. Bush

suddenly appear.

It is up to chief marshal Dr. Elmer Duncan and his assistant marshals to arrange the students in the proper order and, using an electronic headset, to notify Hood, who waits on stage with the diplomas, of any subtractions or additions.

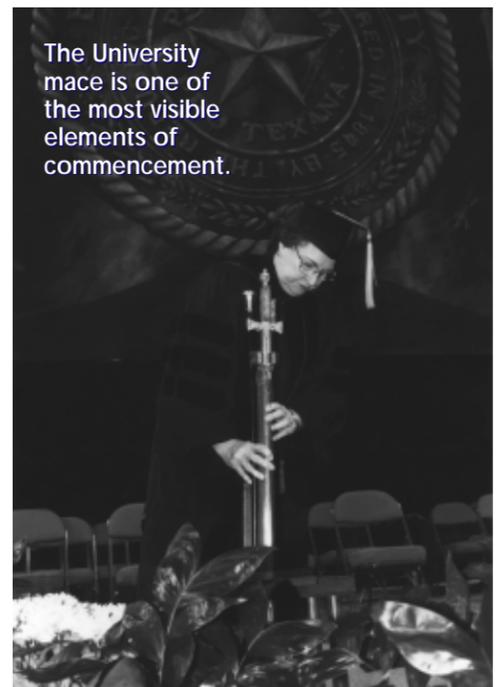
"We usually have about 30 students who don't show up," Hood said. "We also have students who get into the procession line without the marshals realizing it until the last minute. We have had students who

arrive at commencement without a robe or hat. Luckily, we always keep some spare regalia on hand."

Many hands

These are just a few of the many people from a range of offices and departments who will help arrange another successful commencement on May 16.

Other key players include Rob Seitz and his crew at the Ferrell Center who will work with staging, sound and lighting; Neal Rhoden and workers from Waco Construction who will actually arrange the seating; Janice Wessell at printing procurement who will design the program; Dr. Joyce Jones who will perform the music; Dr. G.W. Willis and his team of ushers; and other faculty and staff members and even a parent of a graduate.



The University mace is one of the most visible elements of commencement.

"We will select a pastor or a faculty or staff member who has a child graduating to offer the invocation and benediction," Dougherty said.

The difference

"Baylor graduation is unique," Dougherty added. "We're one of the few schools that certifies graduates before the event, which adds meaning for the students. They walk across the stage one by one, and our president is involved with each diploma presentation."

She also said the format of the ceremony is designed to raise emotions. "We use an image magnification system that allows audience members to see the expressions on the graduates' faces. We try to personalize the ceremony as much as we can. Graduation reflects who we are at Baylor." BN

Baylor family steps out into community

Baylor students and employees dedicated their time to community service on Saturday, March 28, as part of Steppin' Out.

More than 2,500 students participated in the four-hour event. Participants painted houses and churches, played with kids, helped the elderly, cleaned up neighborhoods and participated in numerous other activities.

More than 60 organizations such as honor societies, fraternities and sororities, student associations and residence halls participated. In addition, area youth groups and high school groups were paired with Baylor groups for Steppin' Out activities.

Steppin' Out is held once every semester and is currently in its 12th year. Since its inception in 1985, Steppin' Out has grown to be one of the largest university service programs in the nation and has served as a model for other universities' service projects.

"It's important because if you ask most Baylor students, they realize we're in a bubble," said Christina Massie, Steppin' Out public relations director. "It gives us a chance to branch out and promote Baylor to the community." — *By Alissa Mitchell*

Lyon Named Graduate Dean

Longtime Baylor faculty member appointed to direct graduate studies

Dr. J. Larry Lyon, professor of sociology and acting associate dean of the Graduate School at Baylor University, recently was named dean of the Graduate School by Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. The appointment is effective June 1.



Dr. Larry Lyon

"Larry brings outstanding leadership skills to the Graduate School at a critical point in its history," Dr. Sloan said. "His involvement with Baylor's Council of 150 and the 1994-96 self study, coupled with his experience as associate dean of the Graduate School, have prepared him well for this new role as the university seeks to strengthen its commitment to graduate education. I look forward to working with him."

"I am very enthusiastic about the appointment of Dr. Lyon," said Dr. Donald D. Schmeltekopf, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Baylor. "He has given a great deal of thought to the Graduate School, and he has a strong vision for the future. I have full confidence that he will do an excellent job."

A 1971 graduate of Baylor, Dr. Lyon earned his master's degree from the University of Houston and his doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin. He began teaching in Baylor's sociology department in 1975 and was awarded the Outstanding Tenured Professor Award in 1988 and Panhellenic Council's Outstanding Professor Award in 1994.

"I am very pleased and excited about the appointment," Dr. Lyon said. "I think the Graduate School can play an important role in enhancing the academic reputation of the University."

Dr. Lyon, who also serves as director of Baylor's Center for Community Research and Development, is the author of *The Community in Urban Society* and served as editor, along with Roland Warren, of *New Perspectives on the American Community*. His articles have appeared in such publications as *Social Science Quarterly*, *The Southern Baptist Educator* and *Christian Scholars Review*. His survey results on "Waco Opinions on Mt. Carmel: Waco Area Attitudes After the Fire" were presented on CNN and ABC and published in a variety of publications.

Dr. Lyon also has served as a consultant for numerous businesses and organizations including the cities of Waco, Tyler, Odessa and Dallas, the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, Central Power and Light, American Airlines, Southwestern Bell and the Red Cross. A past president of the Southwestern Sociological Association, he will become president-elect of the Southwestern Social Science Association in 1998-99. — *By Julie Carlson*

Social Work Degree Added

New graduate degree offers blend of social work and church life

Baylor's division of social work has recently developed a graduate degree in social work that represents the only program of its kind in Baptist and mainline Protestant institutions.

Getting Ready for the Summer

Summer programs form first step in recruitment process

A number of programs and camps are held on the Baylor campus every summer, and this year is no exception. These events, including the most recent addition *Baylor You*, keep Baylor busy and often form the starting point in the recruiting process for future students.

The Wiethorn Visitors Center, under the direction of newly named University Host Jeff Kilgore, facilitates the arrangements for both sponsored and hosted events. Kilgore and his staff currently are preparing for an estimated 14,000 summer visitors for athletic, Christian, music, academic, recreational and leadership camps and programs.

Kilgore's responsibilities include coordinating housing, catering, transportation, recreation and facility usage for these programs. Although this does require extra work for the faculty and staff, Kilgore said it is beneficial for both the campers and the University.

"The greatest value of the summer programs is not just space utilization and income, but the marketing exposure that is created," Kilgore said. "Summer camps can be considered the initial stage of the recruiting program. We want kids to say their first college experience was at Baylor University."

Baylor You is a first-year camp designed to provide a Christian growth environment for church youth groups in and around the state of Texas, said Dr. Don Mattingly, coordinator of youth programs. Campers will have Bible studies and creative fellowship with other youth, as well as experience college life.

This program also provides Baylor students interested in ministry an opportunity to grow, Dr. Mattingly said. "In addition, it builds bridges of understanding and appreciation between Baylor University and Texas Baptist youth groups and churches. For Baylor, it's beneficial because these are young people who might like to later attend the University. It lets Baylor show off our best side to them — a fun time and the Baylor students."

Although the camp is beginning its first year, the response has been positive. Between 400 and 500 youth are expected to attend three different sessions of *Baylor You*. In 1999, Dr. Mattingly hopes to expand to five sessions.

Along with young campers, adult groups attend a variety of summer programs on the Baylor campus. These groups, according to Kilgore, can also be a great recruiting tool because the attendees have children and friends with children who are potential Baylor students.

Kilgore has been a member of the Baylor staff since 1985. Upon graduating from Baylor with his bachelor's and master's degrees, he was hired as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator for the baseball team. After leaving the athletic program in 1995, Kilgore began work as the director of marketing and programs for the Baylor Alumni Association. He served there until mid-February when he was appointed University host and director of the Wiethorn Visitors Center.

"The history and knowledge of the campus and the Baylor family have been invaluable to me in my recent transition," Kilgore said. "I saw this as an opportunity to impact the future Baylor family." — *By Alissa Mitchell*



Jeff Kilgore

The University will launch its master's in social work (M.S.W.) program in 1999. The degree will emphasize church social work and produce social workers with specialized preparation for serving on church staffs, denominational agencies and professional social work settings. The program also will offer tracks in child and family services, gerontology, and international and cross-cultural practice.

Dr. Diana Garland, professor of social work and director of the program, said the church and the social work profession have recently collaborated more in serving the needs of children, the poor and other victims of social injustice. She said MSW students will learn new ways to integrate faith into the practice of social work.

"Baylor will prepare social workers with a Christian world view," Dr. Garland said. "Social workers need to see people as spiritual as well as psychological, social and cultural beings."

The Baylor undergraduate social work program has graduated more than 1,000 students since its inception in 1969. Dr. Garland said 70 percent of Baylor social work undergraduates have pursued graduate degrees in social work at other institutions after graduating from Baylor. Future social work students will have the option of staying at Baylor for an advanced degree.

Dr. Garland offers many years of experience developing this type of program. She served as

dean of the Carver School of Church Social Work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and director of the Gheens Center for Christian Family Ministry at Southern before coming to Baylor in 1997. — *By Vincent Carpenter*

Hunt Named English Chair

Acting chair, Shakespeare scholar given three-year term as chair

Dr. Maurice A. Hunt, acting chair of Baylor's Department of English, recently was appointed to a three-year term as chair of the department. Hunt had served as acting chair since August 1996



Dr. Maurice Hunt

Dr. Wallace L. Daniel Jr., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said Dr. Hunt will lead the English department to the highest levels of excellence. "Dr. Hunt is superbly qualified to provide excellent leadership for Baylor's English department," Dr. Daniel said. "During the last two years, he has served extremely well in his capacity

as acting chair. He brings high teaching and scholarship credentials to the position, and he offers the kind of openness and commitment to excellence that the chair of the department will require. I am certain that he will set high standards for our faculty and students, and I am looking forward to working with him to strengthen the academic mission of the College and the University."

Dr. Hunt joined the Baylor faculty in 1981 as an assistant professor of English. He was promoted to associate professor in 1987 and professor in 1993. During his tenure at Baylor, Dr. Hunt also has served as director of freshman composition and director of the writing center. Before coming to Baylor, Hunt served as director of freshman English at Arizona State University. He also served on the faculties of Dominican and Marin colleges.

Shakespearean studies represent Hunt's major area of interest. He has written numerous books on Shakespeare including *Shakespeare's Labored Art* and *The Winter Tale: Critical Essays*, both in 1995. Professional memberships for Hunt include the Shakespeare Association of America, Texas Conference of College Teachers of English, the National Council of Teachers of English and The South-Central Renaissance Association.

Dr. Hunt earned a bachelor's degree with distinction and high honors in English from the University of Michigan and earned a master's and a doctorate in English from the University of California at Berkeley. — *By Vincent Carpenter*

Baylor Receives Yahoo! Ranking

Interent magazine tabs Baylor as one of nation's "most wired" colleges

Baylor has been ranked as one of the most "wired" college campuses in the nation by a leading Internet culture magazine.

In its May 1998 issue, *Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine ranked Baylor 22nd in its list of "America's 100 Most Wired Colleges."

A computer-age magazine covering all things Internet, *Yahoo! Internet Life* surveyed hundreds of colleges and universities across the nation to identify those institutions that offer the best access and exposure to the latest trends in information technology to their students. Baylor's ranking is the highest in Texas and the Big 12 Conference.

"Today, technology, the Web and the Internet are essential to almost every aspect of academic life," said Dr. Don Hardcastle, director of Baylor's Information Technology Center. Baylor has woven new technologies into everything from the application process through the educational experience to alumni relations.

"More and more faculty are using the Web for their course materials," he said. "Technology has become an integral part of our student life experience at Baylor."

Behind Dartmouth, the New Jersey Institute of Technology was ranked second, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was ranked third. Other Texas schools included in the Top 100 list were Texas A&M University (38), Rice University (74), Southern Methodist University (83) and the University of North Texas (92).

The rankings are based on 22 measures of information technology on campus, divided into general, academics, social life and computer statistics categories. Survey questions measured the availability of services such as online registration, online course materials, an online student newspaper and public computers on campus.

Other survey questions covered residence hall computer wiring, student dial-in access and

student accessibility, areas which Baylor has made a priority over the past three years. The magazine also noted the prevalence of computer kiosks on campus, which students can use to check their e-mail accounts regularly. — *By Colin Witt*

Education Class A Team Effort

New class in School of Education focuses on early intervention

Five instructors with diverse backgrounds are taking a whole new approach to teaching a class in the School of Education.

Bridging what is sometimes called the "tower trench gap" — the division between academia and actual experience — Janet Bagby, lecturer in educational psychology; Dr. Carole Hanks, assistant professor of nursing and director of the pre-nursing program at the Waco campus; and Dr. Kathy Whipple, professor and chair of communication sciences and disorders, are joined by two non-academic professionals, Pamela Marcum of the Klaras Center (a local MHMR facility) and Jill Hay of Region 12 education center, to team-teach "Early Childhood Intervention, An Interdisciplinary Approach."

Agencies that assist families with children who have developmental disabilities frequently rely on a team of specialists to provide interdisciplinary, early intervention services. A typical team could include a speech pathologist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, nurse or doctor, psychologist, dietitian and certified teacher. These professionals work together to decide the best treatment options for the child.

Therefore, it is inherently logical to teach an early intervention class using that same interdisciplinary approach, Bagby said. In this way, students will not only become familiar with the range of services a team can provide a family, but they also will discover how to work together as a team, a concept normally not found in a college class.

In a typical class session, the Baylor students and the five instructors called each other by their first names as they argued and discussed different issues. They talked about confidentiality agreements, discussed what would be the best approach to deal with a single mother whose child had Downs Syndrome and watched a video of an early intervention assessment. However, they also moved away from this early intervention subject matter to talk about teamwork, confrontation with peers and communication skills. Throughout the three-hour class period, student participation was excellent, with many questions asked and comments made.

"I'm a speech pathology major, and I really want to work with children," said Jennifer Jennings, a senior who is taking the course. "I like the way that the class is team taught. It is relaxed and you can say what you are feeling."

The 13 students enrolled in the Baylor course come from a wide range of majors, from education to speech pathology to psychology. During the spring semester, these classmates will discover why a child might develop disabilities and the various strategies for maintaining collaborative relationships with team members and with a child's family. Before the semester is complete, the students also will have gained field experience by participating in a home visit with an early intervention team.

"This is a trail-blazing class because typically we are not taught as individuals to be collaborative. We are teaching these students how to work together as a team and how to learn from each other," Bagby said. — *By Julie Carlson*

Ambassadors Visit Campus

Latin American Studies Conference gains diplomats' perspectives

Two diplomats recently visited the Baylor campus to participate in the Joseph F. Vélez Latin American Studies Conference held April 22 on the fifth floor of the Cashion Building in the Hankamer School of Business.

His Excellency Flavio Espinal, permanent representative from the Dominican Republic, and His Excellency Abelardo Valdez, former U.S. ambassador to Latin America, lectured on democratization in the Western Hemisphere and free trade.

Baylor professors Dr. James Vardaman, the Jo Murphy Chairholder in International Education; Dr. Joseph F. Vélez, professor of Spanish; Dr. Joseph McKinney, professor and the Ben H. Williams Professor of Economics; and Dr. Joan Supplee, director of the Latin American Studies program, also gave presentations.

Valdez currently serves as an international lawyer with the firm Squire, Sanders and Dempsey in Washington D.C. He advises U.S. corporations conducting business in Latin America, the Caribbean and Western Europe on international law.

He also has served as an assistant administrator for the U.S. Agency on International Development and as a military aide to President Johnson. A 1970 Baylor law graduate, Valdez currently serves the University as an adjunct professor of law.

Espinal serves as permanent ambassador to the Organization of American States (OAS). The OAS represents a cooperative association of all the countries of the Western Hemisphere. The group's purpose is to promote harmony within the hemisphere through promoting trade, democratization, human rights and the fight against drug trafficking. — *By Vincent Carpenter*

Arab Conference Largest in U.S.

Arab ambassador participates in Model Arab League Conference

The chief representative of the Arab League to the United States visited the Baylor campus from April 15-18 to take part in the Southwest Model Arab League Conference. A press conference for Dr. Khalid M. Khalid Abdalla, chief representative of the League of Arab States to the U.S., was held April 17 in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Also attending the press conference was Tarik Allagany of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Embassy in Washington, D.C.

The Model Arab League Conference, hosted by Baylor, simulated a meeting of the League of Arab States in Cairo, Egypt. With 250 participants from 18 universities, the conference was the largest Model Arab League in the nation. Simulation sessions were held from April 16-17. During the sessions, participants debated issues concerning economic, cultural, political and security affairs. An award ceremony was held April 18 in the

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Hanks Named Collins Professor

Senior class honors English professor for outstanding teaching

Dr. Tom Hanks, professor of English at Baylor, has been named by the senior class as the recipient of the Collins Outstanding Professor Award. As the Collins Professor, Dr. Hanks will be recognized at commencement ceremonies on May 16 and will receive a cash award of \$10,000. He also delivered a special lecture on the topic "What I've Learned from My Students" on April 16 in Carroll Science Hall.

"I still am having trouble believing that I've been elected the Collins Professor," Dr. Hanks said. "It's a very great honor. I've been calling my parents and my brothers to tell them. I'm grateful to the senior class."

Dr. Hanks, who has taught at Baylor since 1976, received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Washington University and his doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

An expert in medieval literature, Dr. Hanks has published two books and numerous articles on the works of Sir Thomas Malory and Geoffrey Chaucer as well as children's literature. He also has presented papers at conferences for such associations as the Southeastern Medieval Association, the Texas Medieval Association and the International Congress on Medieval Studies.

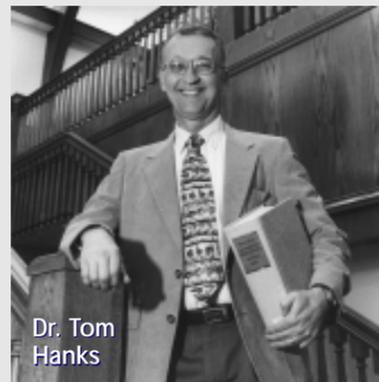
Dr. Hanks recently was selected to be Baylor's Centennial Professor for 1998-99, an honor that provides him with \$3,000 to pursue his research. He was named Outstanding Professor for 1993-94 by the Baylor chapter of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, and he was named Mortar Board's "Top Prof" for five consecutive years. He also was selected one of 10 distinguished professors at Baylor in 1983.

The Carr P. Collins Foundation endowed the Collins Outstanding Professor program, which was initiated to honor outstanding teachers at Baylor. A professor is elected annually by the senior class.

All full-time faculty members who have taught at least four years as full-time faculty members at Baylor prior to the fall term and have taught during the fall, winter or spring terms of the year of their election are eligible to receive the award.

The Baylor Centennial Class of 1945 established the Centennial Professor award to support faculty members' further development to academia. The award is given annually to fund research for a tenured professor. Dr. Hanks plans to use the \$3,000 award to travel to London's British Museum, where he will study the syntax of Sir Thomas Mallory's *Morte Darthur*.

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Dr. Tom Hanks

Dr. William D. Hillis through the years



Dr. Hillis' career has taken him around the world and has brought him international recognition as a leading hepatitis researcher, responsible for the development of the first experimental model used for the testing of the hepatitis vaccine.



Dr. Hillis was named executive vice president in 1985 and was appointed to his current post as vice president for student life in 1989.



Dr. Hillis often played Santa for the children attending the annual "Santa's Workshop," hosted on campus by Baylor's Staff Council.

Student Life VP Returning to First Love

Career of respected administrator comes full circle in resuming role as fulltime biology professor

Dr. William D. Hillis' decision to switch career plans came after a Baylor class session spent laboring over verb forms, past particles and all the other intricacies of the German language. It was a pivotal step that changed the course of his life.

The young Hillis, then a junior, was asked by his teacher, Dr. Patricia Drake, to stay after class.

"She asked me what I was going to do with my life," he recalled. "I told her I was going to be a research chemist. She looked very disappointed and said something like, 'That's a tragedy, because you need to be in a profession where you will have contact with people.'"

Dr. Drake's advice had a profound effect on Dr. Hillis. "Her words stuck in my mind," he said. "She encouraged me to go on thinking about a career in the medical profession and gave me a book to read. It was the autobiography of Hans Zinsser, an American physician and teacher who developed the typhus vaccine."

Dr. Hillis said by the time he re-entered Baylor in the fall, he was "pretty convinced" that he ought to look into medicine. "Since Dr. Drake didn't know how to guide or steer me at this point, she encouraged me to see her friend, Dr. Cornelia Smith."

Dr. Smith's infectious enthusiasm for learning quickly influenced Dr. Hillis, an only child of divorced parents who was raised by his grandparents in Paris, Ark. After graduating at the top of his Baylor class in 1953, he took her advice and went on to earn his M.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1957.

Distinguished career

The rest, as they say, is history, reflected in a lifetime of achievement underscored by Dr. Hillis' election in 1990 to the prestigious Society of Scholars at Johns Hopkins. "It was one of the biggest honors I have ever received," he said.

Dr. Hillis, 64, has devoted the past 17 years to Baylor, having come from Johns Hopkins in 1981 to chair Baylor's Department of Biology. He was named executive vice president in 1985 and was appointed to his current post as vice president for student life in 1989. He also holds Baylor's Cornelia Marschall Smith Distinguished Professorship in Biology.

Now, after a distinguished career stretching nearly half a century, Dr. Hillis will return to his "first love," a full-time teaching position in the biology department next fall.

"Bill Hillis is one of the most outstanding graduates to come out of Baylor University," said President Robert B. Sloan Jr. "He has established a reputation as a renowned researcher, a great teacher and an outstanding administrator. And you will not find anyone more revered and loved by students than Bill Hillis. He truly is a Baylor legend."

Dr. Sloan said the University is conducting a national search for Dr. Hillis' replacement.

Around the world

Dr. Hillis' career has taken him all over the world and has brought him international recognition as a leading hepatitis researcher, responsible for the development of the first experimental model used for the testing of the hepatitis vaccine.

The discovery, regarded as a major breakthrough in the treatment of hepatitis, came during Dr. Hillis' service in the U.S. Air Force. He held a number of research positions with the Air

Force in the Republic of the Congo and at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, as well as with Johns Hopkins in Denmark, India and Baltimore. He remained active as a colonel in the Air Force Reserve until 1985, serving in a variety of clinical and hospital positions.

In 1965, he joined the faculty of Johns Hopkins as assistant professor of pathobiology, and from 1968-70 he served as a virologist and resident coordinator at the Johns Hopkins Center for Medical Research and Training in Calcutta, India. From 1972-78, he was an assistant professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins, and he served on staff



Dr. William Hillis speaks with Baylor student Barie Davis.

me." He added, "I think I have the distinguished lady for whom my professorship is named (Dr. Cornelia Smith) to thank for that. I also have Dr. Drake to thank. She saw me as a person who enjoyed being around people. If it hadn't been for her, I would not have seen Dr. Cornelia."

Record of service

His community activities include serving as president and as a member of the board of directors for the Waco Conference of Christians and Jews and as a member of the board of directors of the Waco Chamber of Commerce. He currently is chairman of the board of directors of Caritas of Waco. He also currently serves as president of the board of directors for Downtown Waco, Inc.

Dr. Hillis received Baylor's Outstanding Professor Award in 1985 and is a three-time recipient of Baylor Mortar Board's Distinguished Professor Award. Baylor Student Congress awarded him the organization's Outstanding University Administrator Award in 1994. Earlier this year the Baylor University Alumni Association named Hillis a recipient of its Distinguished Alumni Award, the association's highest honor.

He and his wife, Argye, are members of Seventh and James Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon and vice chairman of deacons and a member of the choir. — *By Alan Hunt*



Dr. William D. Hillis

It has been a wonderful experience to serve at the administrative level these past 13 years, but I believe I have reached the stage in my life where I would like to return to teaching.

at The Good Samaritan Hospital and the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore until 1982. He was director of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine outpatient clinical research center from 1973-82. In addition, he was appointed associate professor of medicine in 1978, holding that rank until 1982.

Dr. Hillis has been a consultant to the U.S. Air Force, the National Cancer Institute, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the Tropical Medicine Center of Johns Hopkins and the Pan American Health Organization.

Matters of the heart

The veteran teacher and administrator said he is looking forward to his return to teaching. "It has been a wonderful experience to serve at the administrative level these past 13 years," he said, "but I believe I have reached the stage in my life where I would like to return to teaching. It has been a pleasure to work with Dr. Sloan. I couldn't have been happier in this position than I have been these last three years. The same can be said of the 10 years that I worked with Dr. (Herbert) Reynolds when he served as president."

Dr. Hillis said he has always been "fascinated" with knowledge. "It's just always been captivating for

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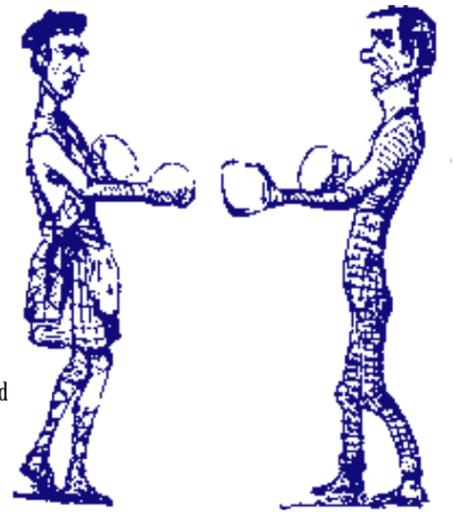
Our baseball team has held the top spot in the Big 12 Conference standings and has been nationally ranked most of the season. Coach Smith and his team appear poised for post-season play.

Coach Clyde Hart's men's and women's track teams also have been turning in spectacular performances, with the men's and women's 4x400-meter relay teams sweeping their events at the NCAA Indoor Championships and the Texas Relays.

The men's tennis team recently completed the Big 12 regular season in a three-way tie for second place, the team's best conference finish in 31 years.

The overall Baylor athletic program is currently ranked 43rd nationally in the Sears Directors' Cup Standings. The Sears Directors' Cup is an award given annually to the top overall athletic program in the country based on national finishes by every sport, men and women combined. Baylor is one of seven Big 12 schools ranked in the top 50.

I want to express my appreciation to all of Baylor's outstanding faculty and staff for the efforts that have helped make the 1997-98 academic year so successful. Baylor is well positioned to build on the accomplishments of this past year and ensure that our future is all that we dream it to be. BN



Squaring Off over the Good University

Recent book raises issues that prove useful in framing faith and learning debate

By Dr. Barry G. Hankins
Associate Director of the Institute
of Church-State Studies and
Assistant Professor of History

One of the most interesting experiences I have ever had as a professor came in a class discussion of the 17th-century scientist and religious philosopher Blaise Pascal. Not too long into the class period, a student suggested that in understanding the Bible there was no need to use reason, indeed no need for interpretation. Rather, with the help of the Holy Spirit a believer could know the meaning of the text directly without having its truth mediated through the human mind. Inadvertently, this student had led the class into a heavy epistemological issue.

I challenged the student's view, pointing out that classical Christian teaching held that the fall of humankind into sin distorted intellectual as well as spiritual capacities, making perfect knowledge of scripture or anything else impossible. I posed this question to the student: "What do you do when your interpretation of a text is in disagreement with the interpretation of another believer who is also under the influence of the Holy Spirit?" His answer, more or less, was that the other person was not authentically Christian.

Understandably, this statement perked up the ears of the rest of the class. Immediately, a fifth-generation Baylor student took umbrage at the notion that he was less Christian for having views and interpretations that might differ from someone else's. The first student tried to back off, but too late. A National Merit Scholar across the table (the student who started this discussion was himself National Merit) pointed out that the first student had in fact implied that all true Christians would agree with him.

The class ended with the first student shouting at me for not controlling my class, lambasting the other discussion participants, then getting up and storming out of the room, leaving the rest of the students bewildered and angry, one of them crying. Obviously, we had all violated a basic tenet of liberal education. We had ceased being detached, objective scholars and had engaged instead in an issue over which people really felt their notions of self were at stake.

Dangerous habits

I have recently been reflecting on this incident and on the whole Baylor project of higher education as I have read Robert Bellah's 1993 book *The Good Society*. This book is a sequel to the classic that Bellah and his team of associates published in the mid-1980s entitled *Habits of the Heart*. In the earlier book they argued that Americans had essentially lost the vocabulary needed to analyze the malaise of their lives. Steeped in individualism, they seemed capable of discussing cultural issues only from the perspective of how happy this or that

experience made them feel. The authors called such narrow self interest "expressive individualism."

In *The Good Society* these same five authors shift from individuals to institutions, but the argument builds on *Habits*. Americans view their institutions in two ways that are

debate about Baylor's identity because such a debate could well have weakened the united front against fundamentalism. When the outside threat disappeared, however, the discussion turned from the procedural to the substantive and now concerns the question of what kind of university

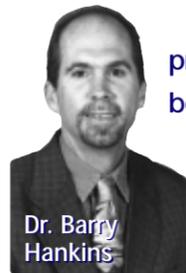
objectivity. The difference, of course, is that at Baylor the professors will be more caring and less likely to openly attack religion itself.

Value-rich inquiry

The paradigm sketched by Bellah and his associates is now crumbling. Communitarians are asking whether one can ever actually achieve the sort of scientific objectivity that was one of the Enlightenment's highest values and whether there is such a thing as value-free education. (Notice the irony.) This, it seems to me, opens the door for Christian universities to press the issue — to experiment, in effect, with forms of value-rich, as opposed to value-free, forms of inquiry. This can be done more boldly now than ever before because so few scholars have the temerity to stand up in a room of their peers and argue that the scientific paradigm can or should be applied in all disciplines.

This brings me back to my student and the discussion he precipitated in class. From the Rawlsian perspective of democratic liberalism, this incident proved the point that substantive discussions are dangerous indeed, even in a setting as relatively homogenous as a Baylor classroom. But this may

well have been the first time many of the students in that class had ever been in an argument where they saw clearly that there really was something at stake — where they were forced to evaluate to what extent, if at all, their own sense of identity has been shaped by the communities from which they came. If they go the next step and ask to what extent the community that is Baylor should further shape them, as opposed to merely train them, they might find themselves very close to an experience that would justify the cost of their tuition. I hope that in the future such discussions can take place without anyone storming out of the room (especially while disparaging me). I am convinced, however, that the days are gone when we can assume that certain procedures will produce educated students. We need a robust and substantive discussion over what the good university should look like and in what ways it might actually shape notions of a good society. **BN**



Dr. Barry Hankins

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problematic from the perspective of Bellah and his team. The first wrong notion is that the primary purpose of institutions is to serve as instruments of individual self-expression and fulfillment. Second, Americans too often take institutions for granted and therefore have little sense that they can actually be changed or molded into entities that serve a purpose greater than expressive individualism.

Bellah and his team have become significant voices in a robust debate in American intellectual life that breaks down along liberal/communitarian lines. Recent theorists of democratic liberalism such as John Rawls have argued since at least the early 1970s that proper democratic procedures for public discourse should exclude personal motivations such as religion because such are not readily accessible to all. Things like religion are, in short, private. For these liberals, many of whom would be classed as conservatives in economics, society is made up of autonomous individuals and is simply too pluralistic to engage in substantive conversation about what constitutes the good.

Communitarians reject the notion that individuals are autonomous, maintaining instead that one's self is formed at least in part by the communities from which one hails. That being the case, Bellah and his team want a more substantive discussion about what American institutions should look like and how they can be constructed in ways that will enhance a good society.

Baylor as a case study

Not surprisingly, there are chapters on education and religion, the two entities that faculty here at Baylor are either trying to integrate or keep separate depending on where one stands in the faith-and-learning debate that has erupted since the charter change of 1990. It is my sense that prior to that event, faculty and administration were more or less united in the effort to maintain procedures that would keep fundamentalism from taking over Baylor. Given the exigencies of the time, it would have been dangerous to engage in

Baylor wants to be.

Bellah's scholars want just such a conversation about the very nature of higher education. They argue that in America in the past century universities have shifted from an effort to prepare students for citizenship in a republic to an emphasis on training students for individual success in a highly specialized American economy. In short, education has evolved substantially from the moral and holistic to the technical and individual. This move toward the technical has been bound up with a primary underlying assumption of the modern university, which is that the scientific paradigm is the only one acceptable for the advancement of real knowledge.

What strikes me is the degree to which Baylor and most other Christian universities have adopted wholesale the paradigm of the modern university, and it is understandable why this has happened. There has been tremendous pressure to prove that Christian or church-related universities could be real universities. The basic answer to the challenges posed by the higher education establishment has been, in effect, we educate our students just like secular universities do — we just require them to go to chapel also. Moreover, most professors at Christian universities were trained at secular schools where the scientific paradigm was the only game in town. The effect is that at Baylor, as well as at the University of Texas, a student is likely to be taught that the highest values of education are skepticism and scientific

Salvaging the Past from Ashes

Retired prof makes detailed model of historic house

In 1959 Dr. W.F. Shipp, a country doctor in Lorena, watched his turn-of-the-century home go up in flames. Almost 40 years later, the house remains a casualty of the past, nothing but its foundations left. But thanks to the creativity and diligence of Dr. James L. McAtee, emeritus professor of chemistry, the charm of the grand old house lives on in a detailed scale model.

The miniature home brings memories flooding back for Dr. McAtee's wife, Francis, the granddaughter of Dr. Shipp and his wife, Stella. As a little girl, she used to spend her summers at the Shipp home with her two brothers and her cousins.

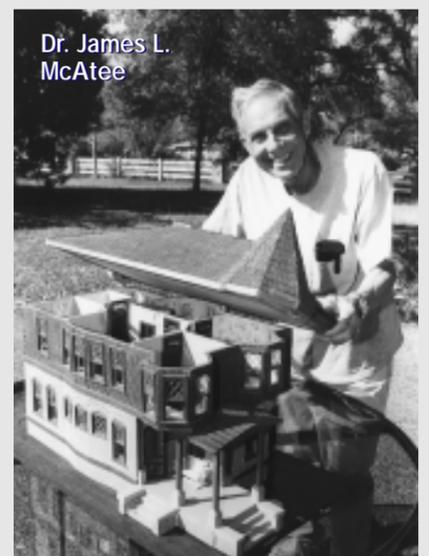
Photographs of the original two-story house were so scarce that Mrs.

McAtee had to provide from memory most of the details that her husband used in building the model, particularly the room layout, the impressive staircase and furnishings. She even found a piece of the original wallpaper for him to use in one of the rooms of the model, which is built on a scale of one-half inch to a foot.

Dr. McAtee, who retired in 1986 after serving as chair and professor of chemistry and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said he spent about two years constructing the model. "It all started when we visited the site of the home in Lorena one day," he recalled. "Francis shed a tear, and we felt it would be rather nice to create a model of the place that had provided her with so many happy childhood memories."

After measuring the foundations of the original home in order to build the model faithfully to scale, he built a cardboard model before starting work on the final plywood version of the house. It proved to be an exacting task. The tiny green shingles covering the second story had to be placed individually, and even the numerous windows were carefully made to open and close. Beautifully detailed red bricks cover the first story, complete with arches over the doorways.

Dr. McAtee said the Shipp home burned in 1959 because of a fault in the electrical wiring in the attic. Dr. Shipp, who died in 1962, was Lorena's doctor for some 65 years. His wife died in 1947. Their grandson, Dr. Ross Shipp, practices in Waco. — *By Alan Hunt*



Harvard physicist lectures at Baylor

Dr. Howard Georgi, a noted physicist from Harvard University and a member of the National Academy of Sciences, lectured on "Symmetry — From Kaleidoscopes to Theories of Everything and Nothing" on March 26 in the Marrs McLean Science Building on the Baylor campus. Dr. Georgi's speech was sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa as part of its Visiting Scholars program.

A Harvard faculty member since 1976, Dr. Georgi served as chair of the Department of Physics at Harvard from 1991-94 and is currently a Mallinckrodt Professor of Physics and a Senior Fellow in the Society of Fellows at the university.

Dr. Georgi is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Physical Society. In 1995, he received the Sakurai Prize from the American Physical Society for his work in particle physics. He has written three books and more than 200 research articles and is active in physics education, particularly the status of women and minorities in the field.

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest scholastic honor society and the first American society to have a Greek-letter name. The first chapter was founded on Dec. 5, 1776, at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

The Baylor chapter (Zeta of Texas) of Phi Beta Kappa was chartered in 1976 and is one of only eight chapters in the state. — *By Julie Carlson*

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Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. "This conference may have serious results since the resolutions were forwarded to the Arab League's meeting in Cairo," said Matthew Wright, a Baylor senior and secretary general for the Southwest Model Arab League conference. "The resolutions could influence actual policies."

The conference also hosted "Arabian Nights on the Brazos," an free performance of traditional Middle Eastern music by the Trans Arabian South band held on the Waco Suspension Bridge.

Dr. Abdalla began working for the Arab League in 1980 and has served as director of the League's Mission in Vienna, Austria, and as deputy assistant secretary general of the League's Palestinian Affairs. Prior to serving the Arab League, Abdalla worked in Poland with Warsaw's Planning Development Office. He holds a doctorate in economics from Warsaw's Central School of Planning and Statistics in Poland.

While on the Baylor campus, Dr. Abdalla also spoke on the topic "Current Developments in the Middle East, an Arab League Perspective" on April 16 as part of the Council for International Education's series titled "All the News That's Fit to Discuss!" — *By Julie Carlson*

Visitors Explore Treasure Trove

Baylor resources draw scholars from around the world

Word is beginning to spread about Baylor's outstanding research facilities. The Texas Collection, Armstrong Browning Library, and Baylor Collections of Political Materials are all rich resources that are accessible to virtually anyone and draw scholars from all over the world.

Kent Keeth, associate professor and director of The Texas Collection, said the majority of Texas Collection patrons are from surrounding areas, other parts of Texas and from around the country. While many Baylor students do not take advantage of the resources on campus, some people travel thousands of miles to use the materials.

People conducting research dealing with Central Texas, especially McLennan County and the surrounding counties, can find a wealth of information in The Texas Collection.

Many researchers access The Texas Collection for genealogical information. Although the library does not keep specific genealogical records, people can learn about their ancestors from historical records. Richardo Gomes came from New York City to find out about his family, one of his ancestors having been a barber in Waco many years ago. Helen Bailey came from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to discover her family history.

Some researchers come to find information on various historical subjects in Texas. Lester and Nancy Haines came from Austin to research a San Antonio short-line railroad for the magazine they publish.

Keeth, who has been at The Texas Collection for 25 years, knows about every facet of the library. He can direct a researcher to books, videos, periodicals and microfiche.

"We collect material in many different formats to document life in Texas, showing how it was lived, how it is being lived and how it most likely will be lived," said Keeth.

The collection contains personal papers, records of organizations and institutions, news scripts and film from KWTX-TV Channel 10, oral history memoirs, photographs, newspapers and state documents. The resources are boundless, and the collection continues to grow from individual

Bringing the Best to Baylor

New program recruits top-notch scholars to faculty

With the start of the 1998-99 academic year, Baylor is launching an unprecedented program designed to bring high-profile scholars to Baylor as permanent members of the faculty.

Under the plan, 20 positions will be added to Baylor's faculty over seven years, with four or five scholars designated as "University Professors" and the remaining appointees designated as "Distinguished Professors."

"The idea is to bring to Baylor senior faculty of great talent with national and international reputations," said Dr. Donald D. Schmeltekopf, provost and vice president for academic affairs, who formulated the proposal for the overall program that was approved unanimously by Baylor's academic deans and Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr.

"Making appointments of this kind is a new thing for us, and it will contribute to our ongoing goal of making Baylor a highly ranked, highly regarded university, particularly in terms of the scholarly activity of the faculty," Dr. Schmeltekopf said. "These scholars will bring to the University a breadth of intellectual inquiry and name recognition in their scholarly fields and at the same time help us secure our future as a premier Christian university."

Dr. Schmeltekopf described the new program as a crucial element of Baylor's strategic plan, both to strengthen the academic environment on campus and to add an identity as a center of scholarship to Baylor's reputation for teaching excellence. The hope is that by adding such stars of academia to its faculty, Baylor will shine more brightly across the nation and, indeed, the world.

Dr. Schmeltekopf emphasized the new appointments will further Baylor's unique mission. "These will be scholars whose work not only reflects high achievement but also reveals a commitment to issues or themes central to Baylor's mission," he said. "It is a remarkable fact that Baylor remains the only Protestant-affiliated, comprehensive, doctoral-granting institution in American higher education whose mission remains firmly rooted in its Christian heritage."

Dr. Ralph C. Wood, currently distinguished professor of religion at Samford University, will become Baylor's first University Professor this fall. A literary and theological scholar, Dr. Wood earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago and taught for 27 years at Wake Forest University before leaving for Samford last year. He serves as editor-at-large for *The Christian Century* and has published more than 130 reviews, articles, chapters and books including *The Comedy of Redemption: Christian Faith and Comic Vision in Four American Novelists*.

Dr. Wood described his appointment as "an answer to a dream," noting that Baylor's combination of Christian faith and serious academic inquiry gives the University a distinctive national presence.

University Professors, like Dr. Wood, will be scholars whose reputation and scholarship reflect interdisciplinary concerns and have multidisciplinary implications. Accordingly, they will teach classes across disciplinary boundaries rather than being based in particular departments, and they will report directly to the provost of the University.

Dr. Wood, for instance, will teach two classes during the fall 1998 semester, a graduate seminar in the Department of Religion titled "Karl Barth and Flannery O'Connor" and a senior-level class in the Department of English titled "Christian Literary Classics" that will cover writers ranging from St. Augustine to Gerard Manley Hopkins. Both blend the disciplines of religion and literature. In the future, he also will teach classes in Truett Seminary.

"A position like this breaks down many of the old and very often artificial barriers between disciplines," Dr. Wood said. "I think University Professors will stimulate an exchange across

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Dr. Ralph C. Wood

contributions. Some people donate their research findings to the collection.

The Armstrong Browning Library is another Baylor gem that attracts researchers from near and far. The library offers fellowships that are usually given to post-doctoral scholars, who submit proposals for a one- to two-month period of research. Michael Davis, assistant to the library's director, Dr. Mairi Rennie, said the library ideally takes only one scholar per month in order to ensure adequate materials will be available.

In March, Robert Renton visited from London, England. He was composing his doctoral thesis on Robert Browning. The scholars coming during the summer hail from locations as diverse as India, England and Japan.

This month there are two writers from Paris, France, doing research in the library. Adrienne Blue, a professional author, is researching the modes of transportation used by the Brownings during their European travels, while Dr. Anne Mejean is studying the reign of Napoleon III and Elizabeth Barrett Browning's views on French politics.

The library houses literary papers, letters, manuscripts and many editions of the works of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning in addition to its other holdings of 19th-century British and American literature

The Baylor Collections of Political Materials, housed in the W.R. Poage Legislative Library, includes the papers of nine former members of Congress, five Texas legislators and three judges. It also contains local information about Waco, a map collection, an enormous collection of editorial cartoons and a 5,000-volume book collection focusing on Congress, political history and areas of public policy.

The majority of the collections' materials are accessed through e-mail and fax. Ben Rogers, collections manager, said people often will call to find out if the library has a specific document.

Baylor professors and their students may not realize the wealth of information that is right here on campus. Although the collections are used by scholars from all over the world, the resources are available to Baylor faculty, staff and students. — *By Keirsten Layne*



Publications

Dr. Michael Beaty, director of the Institute for Faith and Learning and associate professor of philosophy, co-authored with J. Todd Buras, a student at Yale Divinity School, and **Dr. Larry Lyon**, dean of the Graduate School and professor of sociology, an article titled "Faith and Knowledge in American Higher Education" that was published in the Winter/Spring issue of *Fides et Historia*.

Dr. Mark Britt, assistant professor of chemistry, had a paper titled "Evidence of a Low-Temperature Transition State Binding Preference in Bovine Adenosine Deaminase" published in a recent issue of *Biophysical Chemistry*.

Dr. Blake Burleson, lecturer in religion and acting director of the African Studies Program, published a book review of Robert Higgs' book titled *God in the Stadium: Sport and Religion in America* in a recent issue (Vol. 14, No. 2) of *Aethlon: The Journal of Sport Literature*.

Dr. Marianna Busch, professor and chair of chemistry, and **Dr. Kenneth Busch**, professor of chemistry, had a co-authored article titled "Cavity-Ringdown Spectroscopy: A New Technique for Trace Absorption Measurements" accepted for publication in the August 1998 issue of *American Chemical Society*.

Dr. Richard Chewning, professor of management and The Hazel and Harry Chavanne Professor of Christian Ethics in Business, had an article titled "Business Ethics In An Ethically Schizophrenic Society" published in the March/April issue of *Leader to Leader*.

Dr. A.J. (Chip) Conyers, professor of theology, had an essay titled "Beyond Walden Pond: Illusion and Reality in Thoreau's Idea of Simplicity" accepted for publication in *Touchstone: a Journal of Mere Christianity*.

Dr. Charles Davis, associate professor of accounting, and **Dr. Elizabeth Davis**, assistant professor of accounting, had an article titled "Audit Task and Audit Methodology as Determinants of Auditors' Elicitation of Alternative Knowledge Organizational Structures" accepted for publication in *Advances in Accounting Behavioral Research*.

Dr. William V. Davis, professor of English and Writer-in-Residence, had three poems titled "Late November in a Field," "A Few Days Together" and "A Visit to My Father in the Retirement Home" published in *The Texas Observer*. He also had a poem titled "Some Autumn Afternoon" published in *Tar River Poetry*.

Dr. Guillermo García-Corales, assistant professor of Spanish, had a book review titled "En tono mayor: Relatos de formación de protagonista femenina en Hispanoamérica" by María Inés Lagos" in the March issue (Vol. 81, No. 1) of *Hispania*.

Dr. Barry Hankins, associate director of The J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies and assistant professor of history, had an article titled

"The Evangelical Accommodationism of SBC Conservatives" published in the Winter 1998 issue (Vol. 33, No. 1) of *Baptist History and Heritage*.

Kathy Hillman, associate professor and acquisitions and collection development librarian, had six articles for the Week of Prayer for North American Missions accepted for publication in the March issue of *Missions Mosaic*.

Emily Ketcham, lecturer in information systems, contributed the appendix on Windows 98 to the seventh edition of *Computers and Information Processing* by Steven Mandell and Sachi Sakthivel recently published by South-Western Publishing Co.

Dr. Julia Kisacky, lecturer in Italian, had a book titled *Magic in Boiardo and Ariosto* accepted for publication by Peter Lang for *Studies in Italian Culture: Literature in History*.

Dr. Lynne Murphy, assistant professor of English, had an article titled "Defining People: Race and Ethnicity in South African English Dictionaries" published in the March issue of *International Journal of Lexicography*.

Dr. Lynn Tatum, lecturer in religion, had an article titled "Cisterns in Ancient Israel" published in the Summer 1998 issue of *Biblical Illustrator*.

Dr. Joseph Vélez, professor of Spanish, had an article titled "Paraiso o utopia?: *Santiago en el corazón*, de Fernando Ayala Poveda" published in a 1997 (Vol. 21, pp. 97-101) issue of *Káñina*.

Dr. Walter Wilcox, associate professor of physics, recently had an article titled "Lattice Investigation of the DMO Sum Rule" accepted for publication in *Physical Review D*.

John Wilson, associate professor and documents librarian of Moody Library, had an article titled "Essential U.S. Government Publications for Researching Native Americans" published in the December 1996 (Vol. 24, No. 4) issue of *Documents to the People*.

Presentations & Participants

Dr. Jesse Airaudi, lecturer in English, presented a paper titled "Daylight in Nightclub Inferno: Dali, Surrealism, and the Contemporary Eastern-European Literary Scene" at the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts Conference held March 18-21 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Richard Aslanian, lecturer in music and director of opera, directed the Baylor Opera Theatre's trio performance and mini-opera held April 3-4 in Roxy Grove Hall on the Baylor campus.

Jill Barrow, director of Ollie Mae Moen Discovery Center, and **Linda Cox**, lecturer in curriculum and instruction, gave a presentation titled "Community as the Classroom: What's New at the Ollie Mae Moen Discovery Center" at the Literacy for Life Long Learning 1998 Baylor Reading Conference sponsored by the Texas

Association for the Improvement of Reading held Feb. 20 on the Baylor campus.

Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, assistant professor of economics, presented a paper titled "Why the Apparent Rush to Market Reform in Developing Countries?" at the Missouri Valley Economic Association Meeting held in February in Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. Michael Beaty, director of the Institute for Faith and Learning and associate professor of philosophy, presented "What Does It Mean to Be a Baptist University?" at Mercer University in Macon, Ga. He also read a paper titled "Paideia: Moral Education in the University" at a meeting of the Midwestern Division of the Society of Christian Philosophers held April 16-18 in Lincoln, Neb. In addition, he participated in the Lilly Endowment-sponsored "Teaching Religion and the Role of Religion in Teaching" at the National Humanities Center in Raleigh-Durham, N.C., and participated in the Lilly Regional Conference recently held in San Antonio. He also served as external reviewer of the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The members of the Baylor String Quartet presented a concert held March 28 in the Armstrong Browning Library on the Baylor campus. Performers included **Bruce Berg**, associate professor of violin; **Jody Gatwood**, Brown University Visiting Professor of Violin; **Gary Hardie**, professor of cello and coordinator of strings; and **Kathryn Steely**, instructor of viola.

Dr. Blake Burleson, lecturer in religion and acting director of the African Studies Program, was invited to moderate break-out sessions at the First International Conference on Sports Ethics to be held May 20-22 at the University of South Florida in Tampa. The sessions are titled "Do Nice Guys Finished Fired?: An Inquiry Into the Moral Dilemmas of Coaches, Athletic Directors, and Sports Managers" and "Strong Minds/Strong Bodies? or Child Abuse: A Look at the Impact of Sport Training and Discipline and the Role of Parents, Coaches, and Others in Protecting Against 'Sport Abuse.'"

Dr. Richard Chewning, professor of management and The Hazel and Harry Chavanne Professor of Christian Ethics in Business, conducted the Church Stewardship Conference held Jan. 30 - Feb. 1 at Faith Community Church in Pearland and gave a winter commencement address titled "At the Heart of Business is the Business of the Heart" held Feb. 15 at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass. He also gave a speech titled "Business Ethics . . . God's Way: By Grace" at a banquet for the Westminster Theological Seminary's President's Council held March 9 and gave a presentation titled "The Schizophrenic Heart and Business Ethics" at the Contemporary Issues Conference held March 11 at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Penn.

Dr. Anita Comley, assistant professor in nursing, **Dr. Linda Haynes**, assistant professor of nursing, and **Dr. Pauline Johnson**, professor of nursing, served on the Exhibitor Sponsor Committee of the Southern Nursing Research Society Conference held Feb. 19-21 in Fort Worth.

Dr. William V. Davis, professor of English and Writer-in-Residence, attended the annual meeting of the Texas Institute of Letters held April 4 in Houston.

Dr. Richard Duhrkopf, assistant professor of biology, and **Dr. Keith Hartberg**, professor

and chair of biology, attended a scientific and educational conference sponsored by the American Mosquito Control Association held in Sparks, Nev.

Susan Dunkerly, assistant professor of photography, gave a presentation titled "Lessons in Context" for a panel titled "Visual Literacy in Photographic Education" at the National Conference of the Society for Photographic Education held March 25-28 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Cassie Findley, health education/wellness director, gave a presentation titled "Community Collaboration: Building Bridges" at the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities State Conference held Feb. 8-10 in Corpus Christi. She and **Rosemary Townsend**, director of business affairs and administration for health services, gave a presentation titled "Providing Healthy Alternatives Through Existing Assets and Innovative Partnerships" at the 1998 Communities in Schools National Conference held Feb. 14-17 in Washington, D.C.

The members of the Baylor Brass Quintet performed a concert held March 23 in Roxy Grove Hall on the Baylor campus. Performers included **Michael Fischer**, lecturer in low brass; **Barry Hopper**, associate professor of trumpet and coordinator of brass; **Margaret Robinson**, assistant professor of horn; and **Vern Sielert**, director of jazz ensembles.

Dr. Linda F. Garner, associate professor of nursing, and **Charles E. Kemp**, lecturer in nursing, served as faculty members for a conference titled "Asian Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Competency and Health Care Beliefs and Practices of Cambodians, Laotians and Vietnamese" held March 27 in Dallas.

Dr. Baudelio Garza, assistant professor of Spanish, presented a paper titled "A Paradigm of Reading in *Paula* of Isabel Allende" for Baylor's Annual Faculty Research Day held Feb. 18 on the Baylor campus.

Dr. L. Kent Gilbreath, professor of economics and The E.M. and Thelma Stevens Professor of Private Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, presented testimony as a forensic economist and expert witness in several court cases this spring.

Dr. Tom Goforth, chair and professor of geology and The W.M. Keck Professor of Geophysics, gave an invited presentation titled "Quantitative Aspects of a Large Introductory Geology Course" at a meeting of the Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America in Charleston, W. Va.

Kathy Hillman, associate professor and acquisitions and collection development librarian, led a conference on "Planning Meetings" at the Union Baptist Association's Leading Leaders Meeting in Houston. She also gave a presentation on "Organizing and Presenting Conference Materials" for the Texas Women's Missionary Union's Conference Leader Training.

Dr. Leta Horan, associate professor of piano, directed two presentations of the Baylor ShowTime! spring performance "It's ShowTime 1998" held

Family Circle

With sympathy to

Linda Hynan, psychology and neuroscience, on the death of her mother-in-law, **Mildred Hynan**, and the death of her uncle, **Ronald Camp**.

Diana Kohler, nursing, on the death of her mother.

Family and friends of **James Parson**, retired business, on his death.

Best wishes to

Adrian Vaughan, retired journalism, following recent hospitalization.

Congratulations to

Vincent Carpenter, public relations, and his wife, **Tonya**, on the birth of their daughter, **Michelle**, born March 26.

Lonnie Kelly, spouse of **Doris Kelly**, university marketing, upon his selection as "Outstanding Firefighter of the Year" by the Waco Fire Department. He was honored by the Waco City Council on April 21 and was presented a Certificate of Appreciation award by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Send "Family Circle" items by e-mail to baylornews@baylor.edu or by campus mail to P.O. Box 97024.

Staff Council Project Meets with Success

Baylor's Staff Council recently completed its annual spring service project, which this year was dedicated to helping the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children.

The group's original goal of collecting \$2,400 was surpassed, with a total of \$3,525 donated by members of Baylor's staff and faculty. The majority of the gift, \$3,254, will be used to renovate a Child Therapy Room, while the remaining \$271 will be used to purchase mini-blinds.

A plaque will be mounted by the door of the Child Therapy Room that will read, "The door to this room was opened with generous donations by the staff and faculty of Baylor University."

March 27-28 in the Jesse H. Jones Theatre on the Baylor campus. **Jerry MacLaughlin**, part-time lecturer in theater arts, choreographed the performance.

Dr. Maurice A. Hunt, chair and professor of English, chaired the local arrangements committee for the 47th South Central Renaissance Conference, held April 2-4 in Waco. **Dr. Paula Woods**, lecturer in English, served on the same committee and chaired a session titled "Fashioning Renaissance Fictions: Identity and Shaping Conventions." **Dr. Robert Ray**, professor of English, chaired a session titled "Priestly Readers: The Secularization of Religious Authority."

Dr. Duane Ireland, professor of management, director of entrepreneurial studies, and The Curtis Hankamer Professor of Entrepreneurship, served as the academic judge at the 15th annual Rutgers University MBA Case Competition held April 5-8. He also made a presentation titled "Entrepreneurship Research: Today's Challenges, Tomorrow's Promise" at the Conference for University Entrepreneurship Centers held March 23 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Md.

Michael Jacobson, associate professor of saxophone, presented a clinic titled "Using Music Technology in the Classroom" at the annual convention of the Texas Computer Educators Association held Feb. 4 in Austin and conducted a clinic with sectional training for saxophonists of the All-State Symphonic Band at the annual conference of the Texas Music Educators Association held Feb. 11 in San Antonio. He also gave two presentations titled "FINALE, Is It Right for You?" and "Finding the Right Music Notation Software" at the Music Educators National Conference held April 16-18 in Phoenix, Ariz., and gave a presentation titled "Interpreting Bach's Cello Suites on a Wind Instrument" at the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors Conference held April 17 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Krassimira Jordan, professor of piano and Artist-in-Residence, performed a solo in the Baylor Symphony Orchestra's Russian program conducted by **Daniel Sternberg**, former conductor of the Waco Symphony Orchestra and dean of the School of Music, held April 7 in Jones Concert Hall on the Baylor campus.

Dr. Ute Lahaie, assistant professor of German, Russian and Japanese, read a paper on "Technology for the Technophobes" at the South Central Association for Language Learning Technology Conference held March 27-28 at Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

Larry Lehr, lecturer in environmental studies, made a presentation titled "Volunteer Monitoring for Watershed Assessment" to the Consortium for Belize Educational Cooperation held March 6 in San Ignacio, Belize, and was invited to attend a private meeting with the Belizean Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to discuss various roles involving the Department of Environmental Studies held in San Ignacio, Belize. He also made two presentations titled "The Role of Visual Assessment in Third World Development" and "Volunteer Monitoring in Belize: The Baylor Experience" at the Third World Conference held March 28 in Chicago, Ill.

Dr. J.R. LeMaster, professor of English and director of the American Studies Program, chaired a session of papers at the joint meeting of CCTE and CEA held April 2-4 in San Antonio.

Dr. Charles S. Madden, vice president for University marketing and The Ben H. Williams

Improving Tornado Warnings

Baylor prof helps take mystery out of tornadoes

Think of the lives that could be spared if weather experts could predict more accurately the location of a tornado's development with enough time for people to safely move out of its path. Research efforts are being made to do just that.

Dr. Don Greene, professor of geology and weekend meteorologist at KXXV-Channel 25 in Waco, has extensively researched the deadly tornado that struck the Central Texas town of Jarrell last year and confirms several factors that can help predict where a tornado may develop. Dr. Greene said that the combination of moisture content, lifting index and wind shear can possibly determine a tornado's location within a radius of a few counties hours before its development.

During the time of the Jarrell tornado, the highest area of moisture in the state was in Williamson County, where Jarrell is located. The highest lifting heat index occurred between Waco and Austin, and wind shear was highest between Austin and Brownsville.

These precursor elements were developed by Chuck Doswell, director of the National Severe Storms Lab at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Greene has conducted primary research that supports these findings.

Typical tornado warnings cover 60 to 70 counties, but more specific warning areas could save more lives, Dr. Greene said. "Most National Weather Service watch boxes cover such a large area that they might not have meaning for people," he said. "We've learned from the Jarrell tornado that information was available that would have narrowed the most likely spot for a tornado to the Interstate 35 corridor from Waco to Austin."

He said research has not proven the three precursor elements will predict tornado occurrence with 100 percent accuracy, but he hopes the risk area will be reduced over the next few years.

Dr. Greene has been involved in the development of a geographic information system at Baylor called Geographic Resources Analysis Support System (GRASS) that the University took over last year for the United States Army Corp of Engineers. GRASS instrumentation would effectively map moisture, lifting index and wind shear, he said.

Dr. Greene recently gave a talk on his research at the national meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Boston and the Texas Natural Conservation Commission in Austin. The local Cablevision weather channel aired his Boston talk throughout March and April. — *By Vincent Carpenter*



Professor of Marketing, delivered the keynote luncheon speech titled "An Era of Progress and Repositioning" at the American Marketing Association's National Chapter Leadership Summit, held April 30 in Chicago, Ill. He also delivered the keynote address titled "Marketing's Futures" at the 20th annual American Marketing Association International Collegiate Conference, held April 18 in Dallas. In addition, he participated on a panel on "Integrated Marketing Communication: Is It Our Future?" at the District IV conference of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), held March 30 in Austin.

Mary Massirer, lecturer in English, chaired a panel titled "How Organizations Shape Their Official Stories" at a meeting of CCCC held April 1-4 in Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Frank H. Mathis, professor of mathematics, read a paper titled "When Can an Optimization Problem Be Solved by Sorting?" at the annual meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America held March 26-26 at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Roger C. Mayer, assistant professor of management, gave a presentation titled "Exploring Trust in Organizations" for the Management Department Research Scholars Series held in March at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

Tom McCasland, administrative assistant in the Institute for Faith and Learning, read a paper titled "John Locke's Evidential Defense of Scripture" at a meeting of the Midwestern Division of the Society of Christian Philosophers held April 16-18 in Lincoln, Neb.

Paul McCoy, associate professor of art, presented a lecture on the "Development of Studio

Ceramics in Texas from the 1930s through the 1950s" at the annual conference of the National Council for Education in the Ceramic Arts held March 23-28 in Fort Worth. In conjunction with the conference, he curated an exhibition titled "Harding Black" held March 15 - April 3 in Haggard Gallery at the University of Dallas. He also had ceramic sculptures and vessels accepted into the following exhibits: "Arkansas Craft Biennial" held Feb. 22 - May 1 at the Arkansas Center for Arts in Little Rock, Ark.; "Small Works Exhibition" held March 21 - April 25 in the Lowell Collins Gallery in Houston; "Functional Ceramics '98" held March 23 - April 18 at Wayne Art Center in Wooster, Ohio; "Raised, Assembled, Constructed: Texas Artists and Ceramic Sculpture" held March 24 - April 25 in CRCA Gallery at the University of Texas at Arlington; "To Have and To Hold: Ceramic Vessel-Making in Texas" held March 25 - April 26 at the Irving Arts Center in Irving; and "Feats of Clay XI" held May 16 - June 7 in Gladding McBean Gallery in Lincoln, Calif.

Dr. Joseph McKinney, professor and The Ben H. Williams Professor of International Economics, presented a paper titled "Harmonization and Regional Trade: Some Preliminary Observations" at the First Academic Colloquium of the Americas held March 11-14 in San Jose, Costa Rica.

John McLean, assistant professor of choral activities, conducted the Baylor Men's Glee Club's spring concert held April 5 in Jones Concert Hall on the Baylor campus.

Dr. Lynne Murphy, assistant professor of English, gave two invited lectures titled "Psychosocial Constraints on Race and Sex Labels" and "The Sociolinguistic Situation in South Africa" held in March at the University of North Texas in Denton. She also presented a paper titled "When *Huge* isn't *Large*: Synonymy, Polysemy, and the Organization

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of the Mental Lexicon" at the Spring 1998 South Eastern Conference on Linguistics held March 26-29 in Lafayette, La.

Tom Odegaard, lecturer in economics and assistant director of economic education programs, gave several presentations to gifted and talented teachers at two economic education workshops sponsored by Region 12 Education Service Center held March 31 and April 1 in Temple. He also made a presentation to high school economic teachers at an economic education workshop held April 3 at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg.

Dr. Patrick L. Odell, professor of mathematics, read a paper titled "On Equity Inducing Transformations" at the annual meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America held March 26-28 at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Dr. Andy Pittman, associate professor of health, human performance and recreation, served as a president and conference program chair at the Society for the Study of the Legal Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity Conference in Tucson, Ariz., and was elected president of the organization for 1998-99. He also was a panel member at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance National Convention in Reno, Nev.

Dr. Robert Piziak, associate professor of mathematics, read a paper titled "Orthogonal Projections" at the annual meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America held March 26-28 at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Terry Price, lecturer in theater arts, served as technical director and designed lighting and sound for the Baylor theater department's production of "Macbeth" held in February and the Baylor Opera Theatre's production of "Die Fledermaus" held in January. He also is a member

of a U.S. Institute of Theatre Technology discussion panel that is exploring the use of computers for an upcoming convention.

Jeffrey T. Reeder, lecturer in Spanish, presented a paper titled "Acquiring a Second Language Sound System in an Instructed Setting: Evidence from English-Speaking Learners of Japanese and Spanish" at the Third Pacific Second Language Speech Processing Symposium.

Dr. Terrill Saxon, assistant professor of educational psychology, and **John T. Reilly**, an educational psychology doctoral candidate, gave a poster presentation titled "Joint Attention and Toddler Characteristics: Race, Sex and Socioeconomic Status" at the Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies held April 2-5 in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Mary Margaret Shoaf, associate professor of mathematics, presented a research paper titled "The Long-Term Effect of the Graphing Calculator on Female Students' Spatial Visualization and Cognitive Skills in Algebra and Graphing Concepts" at the annual meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America held March 26-28 at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She also presented an extended workshop titled "Who Says Data Analysis Starts in Pre-Calculus? Not Anymore!! Now We Have the Ti-80/82/83!!" at the Tenth Annual International Conference for Teachers Teaching With Technology held March 13-15 in Nashville, Tenn. Her paper that covered the workshop was published by the conference.

Vern Sielert, director of jazz ensembles, conducted a performance by Pete Petersen and the Collection Jazz Orchestra held April 3 at Jones Concert Hall on the Baylor campus.

Calvin Smith, associate professor and chair of museum studies and director of Strecker Museum Complex, gave a lecture and slide presentation at

the March meetings of the Brazos Club Rotary and the Lions Den Rotary Club.

Dr. Mary Ruth Smith, assistant professor of art education and fibers, conducted a workshop titled "Recontextualizing Mass Media Images," co-presented a workshop titled "A Multicultural, Interdisciplinary Intergenerational Approach to Art Using Folk Art Appliqué Quilts," and presented a paper titled "Don't Throw That Away!" at the annual convention of the National Art Education Association held April 1-5 in Chicago, Ill. She also was invited to write a forward on the use of nontraditional art materials for a curriculum unit on recycling for the Elementary Division of the National Art Education Association. She and **Dr. Sandra McCollister**, visiting assistant professor of art education, served on the selection committee for *Rising Star*, attended a forum titled "Cultures and Contexts: Perspectives for Learning in the Visual Arts" held Feb. 23 at the University of Texas in Austin, and attended the biannual conference of the Texas Federation of Fiber Artists held March 6-8 in Galveston.

Dr. Robert Straughan, assistant professor of marketing, served as track chair and participated in a special session titled "Managing the Dissertation Process" at the Southwestern Marketing Association Conference held in Dallas. He also was asked to serve as a special programs co-chair for next year's conference to be held in Houston. He and **Dr. Terry Loe**, assistant professor of marketing, attended the 1998 University of Nebraska Marketing Doctoral Symposium held April 9-11 in Lincoln.

Dr. Joan Supplee, associate professor of history and director of the Latin American Studies Program, spoke on "Revolutionary Cuba: Does Fidel Eat More than Your Father?" as part of the Council for International Education's series "All the News that's Fit to Discuss!" held March 26 in the W.R. Poage Legislative Library Center on the Baylor campus.

John Wilson, associate professor and documents librarian of Moody Library, gave two presentations titled "Puzzling Public Relations and Library Development: Making it Work" and "Donor Recognition/Stewardship: The Baylor Book Society" at the Academic Library Advancement and Development Network Conference held March 8-11 in Athens, Ga.

Honors and Appointments

Dr. Lewis Barker, professor of psychology and neuroscience, received the Florida State University psychology department's "Grad Made Good Award." In April, he gave an invited address at Florida State University and was recognized during their graduation ceremonies.

Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, assistant professor of economics, was awarded a fellowship to attend the 1998 Salzburg Seminar held April 23 - May 1 in Austria. He was also selected to be a discussant for the seminar titled "East Asian Industrialization and Its Implications for Developing Countries."

Dr. Michael Beaty, director of the Institute for Faith and Learning and associate professor of philosophy, was named philosophy editor of *Christian Scholar's Review* at the periodical's

trustee and editorial board meeting held April 18 in Chicago, Ill.

Leo Berndt, host/exit checker in Moody Library, was chosen as the libraries' "Staff Member of the Month" for April.

Dr. Ray Cannon, professor of mathematics, was appointed to the College Board Committee that oversees the Advanced Placement Program for Calculus.

Susan Dunkerly, assistant professor of photography, received purchase prizes for two of her three prints exhibited in the 72nd Annual International Juried Photography Competition sponsored by the Print Center in Philadelphia, Pa. Her winning prints will be added to the Print Center Collection of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Dr. L. Kent Gilbreath, professor of economics and The E.M. and Thelma Stevens Professor of Private Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, received the "Circle of Achievement Award" from Mortar Board, an academic excellence and leadership organization at Baylor.

Dr. Tom Hanks, professor of English, was selected Baylor's Centennial Professor for 1998-99. Hanks will use the award to support a two-to-three-week stay in London, where he will consult the manuscript of Sir. Thomas Mallory's *Morte Darthur* in the British Museum.

Joyce King, slide curator and supervisor of audio visual equipment, received the "Spirit Award" given by the Handweavers' Guild of Boulder for her fiber piece titled "One Word Project," and **Dr. Mary Ruth Smith**, assistant professor of art education and fibers, received a Merit Award for her embroidered artwork titled "Mbuti Connection." Their pieces were on display at an exhibit titled "Fiber Celebration '98" held March 6 - April 18 in Estes Park, Colo.

Dr. Kenneth Park, assistant professor of physics, facilitated the Baylor physics department's recent acquisition of a \$1 million surface analysis system from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Bill Poucher, professor of computer science, was selected as the 1998 recipient of the Upsilon Pi Epsilon Abacus Award.

Dr. Lynn Tatum, lecturer in religion, was elected state president of the Texas Conference of the American Association of University Professors.

Dr. Kay Toombs, associate professor of philosophy, was invited to become a member of the Board of Advisors for *Dimension Humana*, a journal published by the Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine in Madrid, Spain. Toombs also was asked to collaborate on a Humanitas Project designed by Unidad Docente de Medicina de Familia y Comunitaria "La Laguna - Tenerife Norte" at University Hospital in Canary Islands, Spain.

Dr. Nancy Upton, associate professor of management and The Ben H. Williams Professor of Entrepreneurship, was reappointed to the Waco Regional Airport Advisory Board, elected program chair of the entrepreneurship division of the Academy of Management and named guest editor for a special issue of the *Academy of Management Journal* titled "Managing in the New Millennium."

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the 780-page story of Camelot written in early modern English. "I'm interested in the syntax of the manuscript — the way words are put together to construct meaning. Since punctuation wasn't created until the late 1400s or early 1500s, there is no punctuation in the manuscript," Dr. Hanks explained. "Therefore, readers are more intimately involved with putting the text together. I'm studying how readers constructed meaning in Mallory's text and how it changes in the age of the printing press."

Starting in January 1999, Dr. Hanks will take an eight-month leave of absence from Baylor for his sabbatical project. His tentative plans are to stay in London for two to three weeks in May 1999. Last summer, Dr. Hanks worked with the manuscript for the first time during a three-day visit to the British Museum. The first stages of his research was compiled in an article he co-authored with Jennifer Pastoor, assistant director of the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, titled "Beside the Point: Medieval Meanings Versus Modern Impositions in Editing Mallory's *Morte Darthur*" published in the December 1997 issue of *Neuphilologische Mitteilungen*.

The tales of Camelot have fascinated Dr. Hanks for 13 years. In 1985, one of Dr. Hanks' colleagues asked him to co-lead a seminar on Mallory. After reading *Morte Darthur* and teaching the seminar, Dr. Hanks was hooked.

"I've been infatuated with Mallory ever since I read *Morte Darthur*," Dr. Hanks said. "I don't know of any literature except the Bible with greater influence on the English-speaking western civilization than *Morte Darthur*. The story of King Arthur is a major part of our folklore — it's hard to find someone who doesn't know something about Arthur, Guinevere or Merlin."

Since 1987, Dr. Hanks has taught graduate classes on Mallory. In the 1998 fall semester, he will teach the course at the undergraduate level. The class will read and discuss *Morte Darthur*, examining sources that influenced Mallory — such as the French prose romances — and critiquing modern films stemming from *Morte Darthur* like "Excalibur," "First Knight" and "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Dr. Hanks looks forward to incorporating his syntax research into the courses.

"I want to help my students and colleagues recapture the medieval reading experience because Mallory writes with better style than modern punctuated editors allow a reader to realize. He is the best prose writer of the Middle Ages," he said.

— *By Julie Carlson and Michelle Van Rysselberge*



Ring Out Ceremony Set for May 15

Annual event just one of many traditional activities preceding graduation

The time is at hand for Baylor students graduating on May 16 to prepare for such pre-graduation traditions as Ring Out. This annual ceremony of passing Baylor tradition from graduating seniors to incoming seniors will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, May 15, in the Burleson Quadrangle.

Started in 1927 by the dean of women, Irene Marschall King, the Ring Out ceremony includes passing an ivy chain from senior women to their junior partners. This event symbolizes the passing of leadership from seniors to the next graduating class of women and the ivy cable represents loyalty and steadfastness.

According to records in The Texas Collection, the ceremony centered around the old chapel bell that signaled the beginning of classes and chapel. The original ivy chain was made from leaves gathered from ivy-covered campus buildings, and senior women stood next to the bell with the ivy cable on their shoulders. After representatives from the senior and junior classes had spoken, the chain was passed down to the junior women.

Women have dominated this ceremony over the years, with seniors dressed in traditional graduation gowns and

junior women wearing white dresses. The participants form a circle near the Baylor bells in the Quadrangle. The smaller bell is from Baylor's first campus at Independence, while the larger bell is from the old Waco University where Baylor now stands.

According to an article written for the Baylor newspaper in 1927, the bells were chosen as the symbols of this ceremony because of an ancient idea that wherever bells rang, evil became impotent and good had the controlling influence. Thus the Baylor spirit rings out to her students to hold to the good and beautiful.

Since 1946, the men of the senior and junior classes have participated in Ring Out through the incorporation of the Passing of the Key ceremony. This was initiated in 1945 as a separate feature of the centennial program.

Senior men dress in graduation gowns, while junior men wear dark suits. A representative of the senior class, designated as "Custodian" of the key to the box of relics buried under the Centennial monument in the center of the Founders Mall, passes the key to a junior representative who becomes the "Custodian" for the next year. This key will be used during the Baylor's bicenten-



Senior women pass the traditional ivy chain to their junior partners.

nial celebration in 2045 to open the time capsule buried by the class of 1945.

The purpose of the ceremony is similar to that of the Ring Out — to bind the classes together in loyalty to the traditions of Baylor and to transfer guardianship of the Baylor spirit.

All graduating seniors and their chosen juniors are eligible to participate in this time-honored tradition.

"This event is such a personal part of graduation and a time of reflection," said Dr. Martha Lou Scott, dean for student life. — *By Heather Arrott*

University Professor

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departments in which we can explore points of commonality and conflict instead of staying in our neat little academic warrens."

Distinguished Professors will be equally distinguished scholars, but their roles on campus will be more narrowly defined than that of University Professors. They will be chosen for their achievements within a specialized discipline and consequently will serve as tenured members of particular departments.

Dr. Schmeltekopf said current plans call for a Distinguished Professor to be named soon for the 1998-99 academic year, joining the University Professor on Baylor's faculty. The remaining 18 professors will be added at a rate of approximately three per year.

Initial funding for the program will come directly from a combination of general University funds and external fundraising efforts, with no financial burdens placed on individual departments or schools. The further development of privately funded endowments will be pursued to help fund subsequent positions.

As Baylor professors, these scholars will continue to pursue their publishing and speaking activities, indirectly bringing Baylor national and international visibility, Dr. Schmeltekopf said.

"This program represents the commitment, direction, focus and energy that Baylor needs to enhance not only its place in the conventional scholarly rankings, such as those by the National Research Council and The Carnegie Foundation, but primarily its place in the nation's academic culture," he said. — *By Todd Copeland*

Research Gazette

Grant Awards (March)

Dr. Truell W. Hyde, physics; \$34,276; Summer Undergraduate Research Program; National Science Foundation

Dr. Carlos Manzanares, chemistry; Welch Foundation grant (renewal) for \$42,000 a year for three years for a total of \$126,000

Dr. Charles M. Garner, chemistry; Welch Foundation grant for \$42,000 a year for three years for a total of \$126,000

Dr. B. Mark Britt, chemistry; increase to existing Welch Foundation grant for \$5,000 for one year

Dr. Stephen L. Gipson, chemistry; increase to existing Welch Foundation grant for \$5,000 for one year

Dr. Robert R. Kane, chemistry; increase to existing Welch Foundation grant for \$5,000 for two years for a total of \$10,000

Dr. Kevin G. Pinney, chemistry; increase to existing Welch Foundation grant of \$5,000 for two years for a total of \$10,000

TOTAL AWARDS: \$ 316,276

Grant Proposals (March)

Dr. Max Shauck, aviation sciences; \$53,975; Ethanol as an Aviation Fuel: Demonstration and Implementation; Great Lakes Regional Biomass Energy Program

Dr. Walter M. Wilcox, physics; Computer Time; Hadron Structure and Lattice QCD; National Center for Supercomputing Applications

Dr. Bob Kane, chemistry; \$91,242; The Design and Synthesis of Cordycepin Derivatives Exhibiting Enhanced In Vivo Activity; OXiGENE, Inc.

Mary Abrahams, business; \$15,000; Premier FastTrac Program; The Waco Foundation

Dr. Phyllis Karns, nursing; \$25,000; Family Nurse Practitioner Program; Turner Charitable Foundation
TOTAL REQUESTED: \$185,217

Grant Inquiries (March)

John Wilson, libraries; Book Acquisitions; Schumacher Foundation

Institute for Oral History grants

Summer Research Fellows for the Institute for Oral History have been awarded to **Dr. Clark Baker**, assistant professor of journalism; **Judy Bowman**, lecturer in economics; **Dr. Barry Hankins**, associate director of The J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies and assistant professor of history; and **Dr. Michael Long**, director of the Slavic Studies Program and assistant professor of Russian.

Each recipient will receive \$2,000 and assistance in an oral history-related project.

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