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Monthly News for the Baylor University Community

Life and Death

Student deaths rock the University community, but programs are in place to help faculty, staff and students.

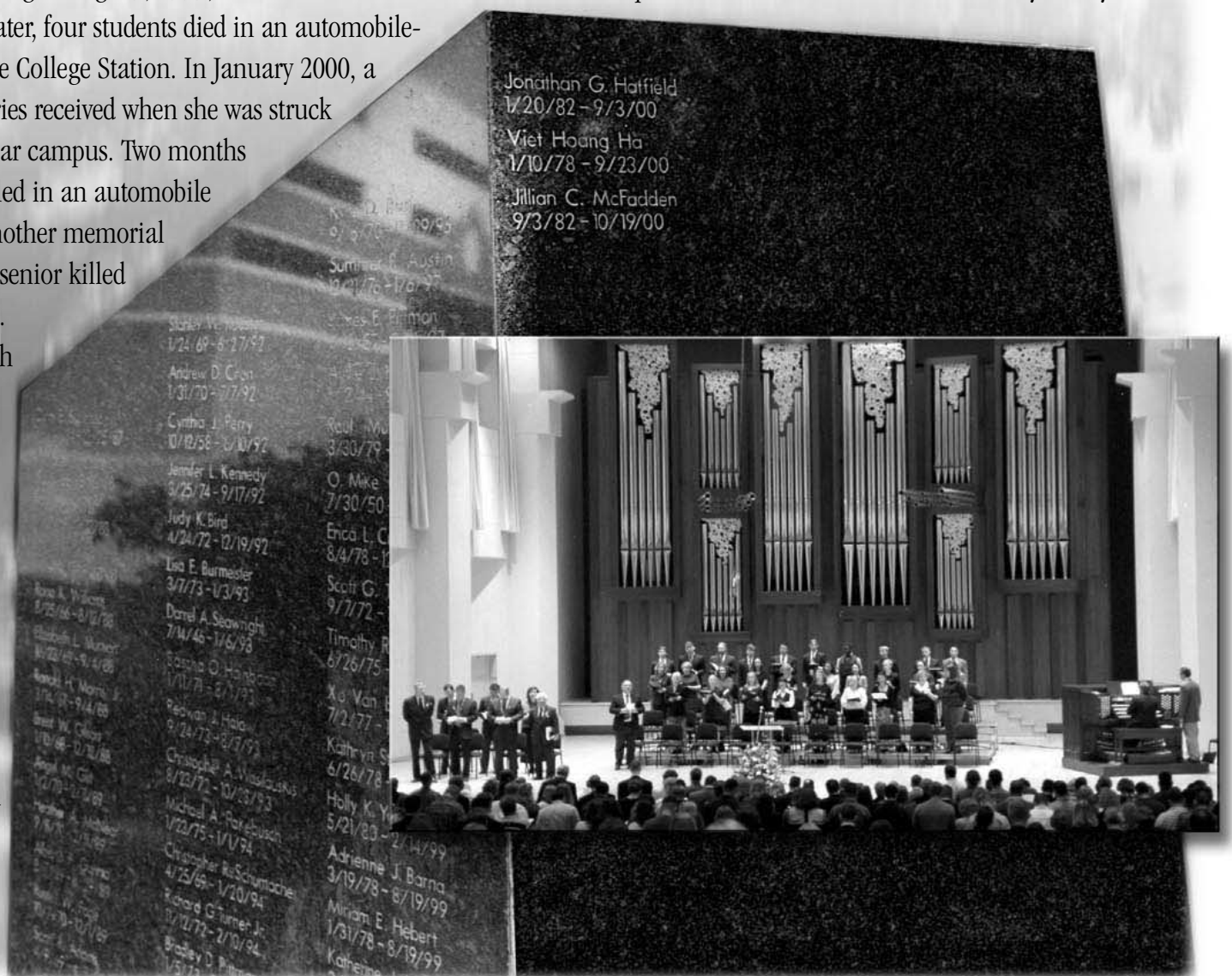
By Randy Fiedler

A college campus brims with young life. And yet, visit the Student Memorial Fountain and the long rows of student names etched on it remind us of how fragile life is. At the time the memorial fountain near the Baylor Bookstore was dedicated in November 1990, 14 Baylor students' names were etched into the stone. Since then, 53 more have been added; 15 of those students died between Aug. 19, 1999, and Nov. 19, 2000 — an average of one student per month. It has been a staggering period of loss — the great majority of the deaths from automobile and motorcycle accidents — that has deeply shaken the Baylor community.

This particularly hard period began Aug. 19, 1999, with the automobile accident and subsequent death of three co-eds on their way to Baylor for Welcome Week. Two months later, four students died in an automobile-related accident in October outside College Station. In January 2000, a freshman woman died from injuries received when she was struck by a car while crossing a street near campus. Two months later, a Baylor sophomore was killed in an automobile accident, and one month later, another memorial service was held on campus for a senior killed in an auto accident in Fort Worth.

Fall 2000 began no better, with another automobile accident death in August followed by two motorcycle-related deaths just weeks apart, in September. In October, a Baylor freshman died in an auto accident near Teague. And less than a month before the end of the fall semester, one of Baylor's students died after a battle with brain cancer.

Baylor administrators, faculty and staff have always stepped forward to comfort students who are grieving the loss of family or



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Etched names on the memorial fountain fill one panel and begin another. Superimposed is a photograph of the near-capacity campus memorial service held October 1999 in Jones Concert Hall.

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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 13,000 students and 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 Louise Herrington 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 college values in the country by such publications as *Fisk Guide to Colleges*, and *Princeton Review*.

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Making all things new



Construction on the permanent campus for George W. Truett Theological Seminary has been progressing throughout the fall. The \$18 million, 64,000-square-foot facility is expected to be completed in 2002 and will include classrooms, faculty and administration offices, a student life suite, a prayer room, community spaces, a Great Hall, the Robert B. Sloan Jr. Teaching Chapel and the 550-seat Paul Powell Chapel.

Pat Neff Time Capsule Reveals Baylor Circa 1938

A time capsule sealed in the cornerstone of Pat Neff Hall was opened by Baylor officials Dec. 7. The unsealing of the cornerstone came 62 years to the day from its ceremonial leveling, which was presided over by former Texas Gov. and Baylor President Pat Neff and observed by 4,000 Masons and Baylor faculty, staff, students and friends.

The cornerstone, located at the building's northeast corner, was disturbed as part of a restoration project to replace much of the administration building's limestone trim, which has been crumbling in recent years.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M., were on hand for the opening of the capsule, the contents of which were resealed in the cornerstone during a separate ceremony the following day.

Participants in that ceremony included recently installed Grand Master David B. Dibrell of Richardson and other officers of the Grand Lodge.

Although many of the items had deteriorated, some were still in good condition, including a Dec. 2 issue of the *Baylor Daily Lariat*, a Dec. 6 issue of the *Waco News-Tribune*, a student-faculty directory, a 1919 penny, and a gavel moulded from wood taken from the home of Anson Jones, last president of the Republic of Texas.

Among those witnessing the time capsule opening were Mary McCall, wife of the late Baylor President Abner McCall, and retired Baylor chaplain WJ Wimpee. Both were students at the time of the cornerstone laying and were in attendance at



James Ward, left, grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.M. & F.M., and Dr. Charles S. Madden, vice president for University relations, examine capsule contents.

the Dec. 7, 1938, ceremony.

The surviving artifacts from the original time capsule were supplemented by some more recent items before it was resealed on Dec. 8. Newly added items include: dedication program for Cullen F. Thomas Carrillon, Feb. 1, 1940; dedication program for the McLane Carrillon, Nov. 4, 1988; a copy of the Texas state song; an admissions viewbook from 2000; Presidential inauguration medalion from Sept. 15, 1995; *Monitor* of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.; 50th anniversary medallion, Baylor Masonic Lodge; a 2000-2001 faculty directory; a letter from the Grand Lodge of Texas dated Dec. 8, 2000, describing the events of Dec. 7, 2000; October 1998 issue of Retired Professors/Administrators newsletter; fall 1999 and fall 2000 issues of the *Baylor Line*; press kit and photos from the Dec. 7 time capsule opening ceremony; a photograph of Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr.; and a 100th anniversary issue of *The Baylor Lariat*, Nov. 10, 2000.

Several items that were in the original time capsule but did not come out intact were replaced with replicas provided by the Texas Collection. These items included a program from the Dec. 7, 1938, Pat Neff Hall cornerstone laying ceremony; a copy of the January 1923 issue of the *Baylor Bear*; and a 1936 admissions viewbook. — BN

Lilly Awards \$2 Million Grant to BU

Baylor is one of 20 U.S. colleges and universities to receive a \$1 million-plus grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to begin or enhance programs that encourage young people to consider the ministry as a career or consider faith commitments in whatever career they choose.

Baylor received a \$2 million grant to establish a program called "Baylor Horizons: The Exploration of Vocation for a Life of Service." The program will implement a comprehensive set of 15 projects, ranging from new student orientation to internships in area churches.

"Baylor was founded to be of service to church and state. Therefore, we at Baylor are grateful to Lilly Endowment for the opportunity to be involved in their new initiative called 'Theological Vocational Exploration Programs,'" said Dr. Michael Beaty, director of the Institute for Faith and Learning and principal investigator for the grant.

"Our participation in this initiative gives all of us at Baylor the opportunity to take part in activities that reaffirm, deepen and expand Baylor's historic efforts to help our students see all of their lives as a vocation, a calling," Dr. Beaty said.

Three goals outlined

In the Horizons project, three main goals will be pursued, Dr. Beaty said. They include a comprehensive set of activities designed to encourage students to explore vocation, opportunities for key staff and faculty to reflect on the relevance of vocation for their own lives and work, and opportunities for faculty and staff to reflect on how best to communicate the language and culture of vocation to students and to one another.

The steering committee for the grant includes Dr. Jeter Basden, associate professor of religion; Dr. A.J. Conyers, professor of theology at George W. Truett Theological Seminary; and Dr. Todd Lake, dean of chapel and minister to the University community. Dr. Beaty will be the project director.

"These exciting grants directly address one of the major themes of the Endowment's grantmaking in religion, and that is to help identify, recruit, call and nurture into Christian ministry a new generation of talented pastors," said Craig Dykstra, vice president for religion at the Indianapolis-based Lilly foundation.

Grant selections

Totaling \$39.7 million, the 20 grants were selected from 31 schools that were awarded planning grants in May 1999. The Endowment's board of directors also approved a \$50 million commitment for a second round of grants in this invitational, competitive initiative for church-related schools.

"The caliber of proposals that we received in this initiative was absolutely outstanding," Dykstra said. "It is clear to us that these schools have thought deeply and productively about this issue of encouraging young people to consider questions of faith and commitment when they choose their careers."

Founded in 1937, Lilly Endowment is a private family foundation that supports its founders' wishes by supporting the causes of religion, community development and education.

— Lori Scott Fogleman

Processing Grief Provides Foundation for Closure

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friends, but as the student population has grown — and the frequency of student deaths has accelerated in recent years — the University has supplemented its traditional responses with new methods of helping students cope.

To deal with the aftermath of deaths such as these, the University has formed a crisis intervention team.

The team, which meets immediately after a student death to enable all parties to exchange information, includes Dr. Todd Lake, dean of chapel and minister to the University community; Dr. Steve Moore, vice president for student life; Dr. Eileen Hulme, assistant vice president for student life; James Broaddus, director of residence life; Larry Brumley, associate vice president for communications; Chief Jim Doak of the Baylor Department of Public Safety; Judy Maggard of Baylor Parents League; Dub Oliver, associate dean of student life and director of student activities; Dr. Martha Lou Scott, dean of campus life; Dr. Glenn Pack, director of counseling services; and student body president Jon Rolph (*see sidebar*).

Dr. Lake, as dean of chapel, is often the one who has the initial interaction with a victim's family. He shares this information with the crisis team so they can determine how the Baylor community can best comfort and assist the family. Once the crisis team has met, most interaction with parents and students is shared by Dr. Lake and trained counselors from the Baylor Counseling Center. Usually, though, it is Dr. Lake who breaks the news to the family.

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Crisis team

Crisis team members often rush to the scene of the accident in the case of a violent death. They are sometimes joined by other concerned University officials such as President Robert B. Sloan Jr., who was at the scene Jan. 19, 2000, offering assistance and comfort within minutes of learning a young woman had been struck by an automobile near campus.

After the accident scene is cleared and the investigation of the event is resolved, crisis team members are busy counseling and praying with friends and family members, attending funerals and meeting with student groups.

"We will bring together the students who are in the particular residence hall or student organization for a time of prayer and sharing memo-

ries," Dr. Lake said. "There's a lot of crying and a lot of laughter."

Dr. Lake and his staff are further responsible for helping parents deal with local authorities and funeral homes, arranging campus memorial services and addressing a number of logistical details.

While student deaths receive the most public notice, the majority of Baylor students who deal with grief do so not after the death of a classmate, but after the death of a parent, sibling or other family member.

"I think these are the students who sometimes find it tougher to cope," Dr. Lake said. "There's not a high level of awareness among their classmates as to what's going on unless they know them well. There's no article in the Lariat, there's not a campus memorial service, and these deaths are just as painful to the student as the higher profile ones."

Grieving students who are seeking help have a number of options on campus.

"If they want to pray or work through some of the spiritually related issues, they can come here to the dean of chapel's office," Dr. Lake said. "I also get occasional e-mail messages, and that's a new way of interacting with students who feel more comfortable talking that way. If they prefer one-on-one conversation in a more clinical setting, they can go to the Counseling Center."

Counseling Center

The Baylor Counseling Center, located in the McLane Student Life Center, is staffed by three Ph.D.-level psychologists, seven part-time graduate students and a part-time psychiatrist. Except for emergency situations, students must make an appointment, and the first nine counseling sessions are free to currently enrolled students. There are nominal charges for 10 or more sessions and for psychiatric services.

"Grief has been an issue we've always dealt with," said Dr. Pack. "Students come in all the time to talk about the loss of a parent or sibling. What usually happens is that a week or two after the funeral, as the numbness and shock wear off, the symptoms really hit people and we're more likely to see them."

Dr. Pack said that while actual clinical sessions at the Counseling Center are made available only to students, he and his colleagues are reaching out to University staff and faculty by advising those who find themselves in the position of trying to comfort a grieving or emotionally disturbed student.

"If a faculty or staff member is concerned about a student and doesn't know what to do, they can call us and we'll try to help suggest ways to deal with the situation," Dr. Pack said. "Very

frequently when the situation's fairly serious we recommend that the person walk the student over here themselves, especially if the student is in crisis."

That's advice Dr. James Moshinskie took to heart. The associate professor of information systems serves as faculty adviser for Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He became concerned about how much trouble some fraternity members were having coping with the death of fellow member Dolan "Trip" Wostal, one of four Baylor students who died Oct. 10, 1999, in a traffic accident outside College Station.

Dr. Moshinskie personally escorted a number of fraternity members to the Counseling Center to make sure they received grief counseling. He said that as the students continued to struggle with their emotions over the rest of the school year, the Baylor administration made sure they received the appropriate support.

Ongoing assistance

"The next semester [after the deaths] a lot of the kids' grades were affected," Dr. Moshinskie said. "Baylor was wonderful in working with the students — making sure they continued counseling and helping them academically all they could. Baylor was just fantastic with them. It was amazing the amount of help those students got."

The concern shown by faculty and staff for grieving students makes an impact off campus as well.

"Their caring means a world to the parents, who see that our faculty and staff are so involved in the lives of students that they are grieving the death of this child as well," Dr. Lake said.

'Death and Dying' course

Students who seek a deeper understanding of death and the grieving process can elect to sign up for a credit class on "Dying and Death" taught as part of the curriculum in both health education and sociology.

Loeen Irons, lecturer in health, human performance and recreation, said the class she has taught the past two years consists not only of health education majors who must take the class to graduate, but also of students who have enrolled because a family member is dying or because they want to overcome a fear of death.

"Kristin Day, the girl that just died of brain cancer, was in our (fall 2000) class," Irons said. "The first day of class when we had the students tell why they were there, Kristin said, 'I'm in here because I'm going to die young.' It was very sobering and real for the kids."

"In the class we try to get very comfortable with the idea that death is a part of life," Irons said, "because I think our American culture tends to see death as a failure — something we have to put off and postpone and dread and fear. In reality, even based on our faith, it's very much a part of our life."

A new way that Baylor is helping

Drowsy Driving

Student-led awareness campaign initiated

Within days after four Baylor students lost their lives near College Station Oct. 10, 1999, after being hit by a driver apparently asleep at the wheel, Baylor student government leaders took action.

They joined their counterparts at Texas A&M University in participating in the Lupe Medina Drowsy Driving Safety Program.

The program was initiated by Texas A&M student leaders after Medina, a former A&M Bonfire crew chief, died in a drowsy driving accident in April 1998. In the program, a number of Super 8 motels and Hampton Inns across Texas give room discounts to college students driving late at night to encourage them to stop and sleep instead of drive.

At the same time Baylor joined the Medina program, its student government began a campaign on campus to increase awareness of the dangers of driving while drowsy. In the 14 months since such efforts were begun, Baylor student body president Jon Rolph believes progress has been made.

"The campaign has been very effective," Rolph said. "Just hearing students talk, it's evident there's a general awareness on campus of the dangers of drowsy driving."

Rolph said the program to offer students discounted room rates now includes more than 60 Super 8 motels in Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin. Selected Hampton Inns in Texas also are participating.

In addition, a majority of Big XII Conference schools have joined colleges and universities in Utah, Michigan and other states in the Lupe Medina program.

Rolph said before each holiday break Baylor student government workers wear T-shirts warning of the dangers of drowsy driving and send e-mails to the student population urging them to drive safely on their way to and from campus. Also, Waco's Time-Warner Cable airs numerous television public service announcements concerning drowsy driving during these same times.

The 2000 Sleep in America Poll, conducted by the National Sleep Foundation, found that 51 percent of the nation's adults admit to driving while drowsy. Among 18 to 29 year olds, 24 percent report actually falling asleep at the wheel at some point in the past year.

According to several studies, sleep-related crashes are more common among younger people, with peak occurrence at age 20. — *Randy Fiedler*

grieving students is by offering a grief support group. The group, begun in October 2000 through a partnership between the Counseling Center and the Office of the Dean of Chapel, meets every Wednesday afternoon for 90 minutes. Sessions are presided over by Dr. Lake and Dr. James G. Marsh, staff psychologist with the Baylor Counseling Center. So far, the meetings have attracted a handful of students dealing with the deaths of family members.

Drs. Lake and Marsh said while not everyone is comfortable discussing their loss in a roomful of people, those students who attend the group sessions find that talking about their feelings is a positive experience.

Not the only ones

"It is supportive when students share with each other how they have dealt with things," Dr. Marsh said. "I think it's certainly comforting for a student to realize that they are not the only person going through the loss of a loved one, and that others are dealing with the exact same things."

"Our primary goal is to engage them in the process of talking about the death and the loss, and get them working through the feelings associated with that," Dr. Marsh said. "We want them to get to a place where they can begin to address all of the hurt and pain that goes with a death."

Drs. Marsh and Lake are making a special effort to publicize the grief support group to Baylor's 1,200 graduate and professional students, whom they say have not made use of the group yet although many of its features are ideal for them.

Graduate students

"Graduate students don't have the kind of intimate support that our undergrads have," Dr. Lake said. "They're not living in a community setting, they're often coming from another state while most undergrads are from Texas, and they just don't have the structures to support them during a tough time such as the death of a family member. We want to let them know we're here for them."

Dr. Marsh said no matter how Baylor students choose to address their grief, time spent in counseling can help provide a foundation for closure.

"Grieving doesn't end after a certain period," he said. "I think grieving is something where its intensity comes and goes over a lifetime, especially if you've lost a parent. But there is a point later on down the road where a person will begin to reinvest in relationships and put their energy into other things. So I encourage them to take some time and address this major event in their lives."

Women law grads reflect trend in legal profession

History was made at Baylor Law School nearly 20 years ago when women graduates outnumbered men in the graduating class. On Nov. 14, 1981, 11 women and 10 men received juris doctor degrees during commencement ceremonies in the Barfield Drawing Room.

The occasion prompted then-Dean Angus S. McSwain Jr. to term it “a notable first” in the history of the School. “Women already make up a significant portion of the legal profession,” he said. “Their presence brings a great deal of talent, ambition and energy to the profession — and I think that’s good.”

Today, graduating classes at the Law School frequently include more women than men. This will be the case at the next commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. Feb. 3, when 14 women and 11 men are scheduled to graduate during ceremonies at Miller Chapel.

Dean Brad Toben said this reflects the fact that more women are interested in a career in the legal profession. “Women have brought a vitality, enthusiasm and skill to the profession,” he said. “They have transformed it in so many positive ways.”

For more information about the February commencement, call Jerri Cunningham, Law School registrar, at ext. 4115. — *Alan Hunt*

Online registration STEPPS up efficiency

Staff now may register online for Baylor’s staff development luncheon program, STEPP (Striving to Enhance Personal Performance). Participants previously registered by mail, phone, fax or e-mail.

Beginning in January, the new service will be more efficient and enable staff to independently register and to order lunch, said Della Johnson, administrative associate in Personnel Services. It also will record attendance for staff toward professional development credit.

The STEPP program was implemented in September 1996 to equip and encourage Baylor staff in their efforts toward personal and professional development. Offered over the lunch hour in the Barfield Drawing Room, the STEPP programs are held monthly except August and December. The \$5.50 lunch can be charged through payroll deduction.

“Wellness ‘N’ Harmony” will be presented Jan. 16 by Cassie Findley, health, education and wellness director, and Andrea King, outreach coordinator in health, education and wellness.

To visit the new online registration, access the Faculty and Staff page from the Baylor homepage and click on the “STEPP Luncheon” link under Faculty/Staff Development. — *Haley Wright*

Distinguished Alumni for 2001 Named

Graduates to be honored for career, civic accomplishments at Jan. 19 banquet

What do a leader in Christian laity work, a career military officer, a physician renowned for his work in international public health and a literacy advocate have in common? All will be honored for their achievements at this year’s Distinguished Alumni Banquet at 7 p.m. Jan. 19 in the Barfield Drawing Room. The black-tie banquet is sponsored by the Baylor Alumni Association.

Receiving the 2001 award are Howard E. Butt Jr., president of the H.E. Butt Foundation; Col. Maria Cribbs, executive secretary to U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen; Ruth Parker Graves, president emerita of Reading Is Fundamental; and Dr. Lee Howard, retired from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

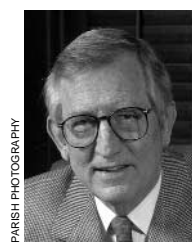
Howard E. Butt Jr.

Butt is well known for his work in Christian ministry — as a lay leader, conference and retreat organizer and author. The 1947 Baylor graduate, who also serves as vice chairman of the board for H.E. Butt Grocery Co., spent the years following college preaching at churches around the country while working for the H-E-B Food Stores chain.

Although he no longer holds a full-time position with H-E-B, Butt has continued his lay ministry work by authoring several books, working with Billy Graham to sponsor the Layman’s Leadership Institute, organizing the North America Congress of the Laity in 1978 and overseeing Laity Lodge, an adult ecumenical Christian retreat center in the Texas Hill Country built by his parents in 1961.

Col. Maria Cribbs

A native of Cleburne, Cribbs earned her bachelor’s degree in sociology from Baylor in 1975 before joining the U.S. Air Force. During her military service, she has been director of personnel and



Howard E. Butt



Col. Maria Cribbs



Ruth P. Graves



Dr. Lee Howard

deputy base commander of the electronic systems division at Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts, chief of executive services at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, deputy director of personnel and manpower at U.S. European Command headquarters in Germany, and commander of the Air Force Inspection Agency at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico. She became Cohen’s executive secretary in 1999 and is responsible for screening, reviewing and editing all the Secretary’s correspondence, planning his travel schedule and acting as a sounding board.

Ruth Parker Graves

Graves, from the class of 1956, participated in student government and community projects while a Baylor student. Upon graduation, she became more involved in politics, joining the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, where she directed the migrant workers section of the anti-poverty program.

Super Saturdays for Kids Offer Popular Classes

Super Saturdays, the popular educational programs designed by Baylor’s Center for Community Learning and Enrichment, will continue this spring for students in first through ninth grades.

The first classes of the new year begin Jan. 20 with the “wacky” art class “What a Mess!”; “Dreams, Designs and Dimensions 3-D: Puzzling Pets and Jupiter Juice Bugs,” in which students will

look at tessellation (or mosaic) shapes to make their own real or imaginary “tessie” pet; “The Art and Science of Food,” which includes a meal prepared by students, as well as instruction on the dining code of behavior; and “Claymation,” where students’ clay figures will come to life through the use of digital cameras, Spin Objects software and imagination.

On Feb. 3, students will create “Weird and

Wacky Musical Creations,” as well as learn about architecture in “Dreams, Designs and Dimensions IV: Skyscrapers and Your Special Place,” how to draw their own characters in “Cartooning” and explore making patterns, designs and detailed pictures in “Printmaking Potpourri.”

“Cartooning” and “Printmaking Potpourri” also will be held on March 24, in addition to an exploration of the world of insects in “What’s Bugging You?” and what it means to be a leader in “Leadership Basics 101.”

The final Super Saturday classes on April 28 include “Rockets!”, the musical production class “Lights, Camera, Action” and repeats of “Claymation” and “The Art and Science of Food.”

All classes are held at various locations throughout the Baylor campus and begin between 8:30 and 9 a.m., lasting approximately three hours. Classes are divided by school grades. Registration deadlines are one week before each class. The cost for each session is \$30, which includes lab, materials and facility fees.

For more information, call the Center for Community Learning and Enrichment at ext. 2171. — *Lori Scott Fogleman*

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With the March issue, look for *BaylorNews Online*, an enhanced, graphics-rich format available to those using Microsoft e-mail software Outlook 2000 or Entourage for Macintosh.

The March issue of the faculty/staff newsletter will be printed for campus mail distribution, but also will be available online through e-mail to campus employees and to subscribers of the Office of Public Relations’ eNews and News Flash news services.

The e-mail online version will offer more graphics, easy navigating and timelier distribution of the news and events of interest to the Baylor community. Future features of *BaylorNews Online* will include audio interviews and video clips you can access at a click of your mouse, for the stories behind the stories.

Reader feedback is being solicited. A convenient comment box will be incorporated into the new design so you can let us know what you think of *BaylorNews Online*. Based on reader response, the public relations office will consider discontinuing the printed version of *BaylorNews* to offer it exclusively online.



Beginning a New Millennium of Hope, Possibility

Baylor's Center can become locus of reconciliation in discussions involving two struggling peoples at an impasse

Dr. Marc H. Ellis,
University Professor of
American and Jewish Studies

In spring 1998, I flew from Washington, D.C., to Waco. My arrival at Baylor had come about through unusual circumstances. An alumnus of Baylor undergraduate and law had heard me speak some months earlier in Bethlehem, Palestine, at an international conference organized by Palestinian Christians on the Jubilee tradition in the Hebrew Bible. He, in turn, contacted people at Baylor and so began a chain of events that resulted in my being on a plane a few months later on my way to Waco.

I relate this story of my arrival at Baylor because it is important to the formation of the Center for American and Jewish Studies, the inauguration of which we celebrated this past November.

Integrity and vision

After one day at Baylor, I was taken by the integrity and vision I found here. Baylor was religious and had a vision. I am religious and have a vision, and I thought that these sensibilities would make an interesting, perhaps even a dynamic, combination. Integrity can bridge differences in religious and cultural outlook. That bridge can enhance life and faith; it can renew and deepen commitment.

The Center for American and Jewish Studies has commitments and a vision. First and foremost, the Center has a commitment to Baylor University. The Center's programs emerge from within Baylor's mission statement. The Center seeks to become, like other entities at Baylor, part of the University's tapestry, so that one day its special quality becomes part of Baylor's normal routine, a part of campus life.

Extend the experience

The Center also has aspirations and commitments that seek to extend the Baylor experience beyond our locality, to national and international venues. Our first two annual lecture series, The Gillian Rose Lectures in Jewish and Continental Philosophy (co-sponsored with the philosophy department) and The Martin Buber Lectures in Biblical Faith, the Holocaust and the Future of Jewish-Christian Relations (co-sponsored with the religion department), will be inaugurated in January and September of 2001, respectively. Both lectures will be given by nationally known Jewish scholars, the first by Professor Jay Bernstein of Vanderbilt University, the

second by Professor Alan Berger of Florida Atlantic University.

At our inaugural conference Nov. 1-3, "The Next Fifty Years: Beginning a Millennium of Hope and Possibility," we hosted nationally and internationally known speakers. Among them were Professors Richard Rubenstein of the University of Bridgeport, Rosemary Radford Ruether of Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, Mahmoud Ayoub of Temple University, and Lawrence Carter of Morehouse College. They speak on the national and international levels to their own Jewish, Christian and Islamic communities, and well beyond these communities as well. This is part of our hope and mission: to foster an ecumenical dialogue rooted in diverse faith traditions in dialogue with the Baptist tradition that Baylor embraces and renews.

International programs

On the international level, we hope to embark on a variety of programs. A proposed Jerusalem "think-tank" would seek to bring Jews and Palestinians together to consider their common future — an increasingly relevant issue in these times of rage and crisis. As an offshoot of the "think

tank," a proposed Baylor in Jerusalem program would bring Baylor students and faculty into this discussion, perhaps even lending a hand to these two struggling peoples in

hope of finding a way beyond this present impasse.

There is more. Conferences to encourage a committed dialogue with philosophy and literature are to begin in April at Baylor (co-sponsored with the English department) then in successive years move on to Notre Dame, Jerusalem, London and Rome — again seeking insight and common ground among Jews, Christians and Muslims. With the modern languages department, a dialogue has begun on a series of conferences on the past, present and future of German-Jewish relations, to be held at Baylor, in Germany and in Jerusalem. An exchange with Harvard University and Morehouse College is being developed, expanding the vision of our students to histories and worlds that, upon reflection, are part of our conjoined future.

We hope also to broaden our horizons even more as we work with a new university in the process of being built, Soka University in California, that comes from the Buddhist tradition and



Dr. Marc H. Ellis

emphasizes building international bridges of peace. With Dr. Gaynor Yancey of our School of Social Work, we are developing an area of ecumenical faith-based community discussions on faith and public policy.

A joint future

In the initial announcement of our Center, I thought it reasonable to suggest that we might become a leader in Jewish studies among Christian-identified universities. And so I believe we will. But it also is true that we can become a leader in our field among universities in the Big XII. And I ask, why not beyond that? For our vision of a joint future for Jews and Palestinians, our envisioning of the next 50 years of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, our search for reconciliation, justice and peace at home and abroad, can place us in the forefront of university programs that are defensive and too often stay firmly in the past.

We will be open to diverse points of view, but will never bow to pressure to change our commitments and our vision. For this steadfastness, I want to thank Baylor University and especially President Robert Sloan. When I came to Baylor, the risks were high, for with vision is controversy, with steadfastness is a pressure to conformity. Arguments and disagreements within a university community, when conducted with civility and respect, can strengthen the bonds that originally brought that community together. President Sloan has stood by me and encouraged me, and I am grateful. I also want to thank Provost Donald Schmeltekopf and Dr.

life with them. As we share our faith and life, we share our witness. That witness is our testimony. In this way, we challenge the students to form, over time and with mentoring, their witness. This, in turn, will become their testimony to pass on to the next generation.

Next 50 years

In every historical moment hope and possibility are present. The next 50 years present a unique challenge to all of us, some say an incredibly difficult context in which to see hope and possibility. But isn't this always and everywhere the case: human life lived within contingency, fallibility and danger? A Jewish philosopher once wrote that the world is in perpetual danger, that danger is permanent and unrelenting; we only have to see our way through the danger rather than eliminate it. But here, too, lies the possibility, itself also permanent. We are called to muddle through and sometimes — and perhaps the next 50 years will be one of these times — when we do more, achieving an excellence in human relations, ecumenical fraternity and material security, the generation following will see the students we have taught and nurtured as an extraordinary model for service and commitment. Is this the reason for our presence at Baylor?

Life and universities are complex, as will be our students' lives and the next 50 years. As a Jew, I am grateful to God for bringing me to Baylor and for allowing me to contribute my small part to this overall enterprise. My hope is that the Center for American and Jewish Studies will bring another dimension to the overall mission of the University: in a difficult world where despair and injustice often threaten to overcome us, to witness to the possibility of life and goodness with each other and with God.

University Initiates New Center to Facilitate Student Success

A new Student Success Center, incorporating the Offices of Academic Development Services, Access and Learning Accommodation, Career Services and Registrar, was formed effective Jan. 2 to strengthen the University's efforts to improve student retention.

Designed as an extension of Admission Services and organizationally structured under Dr. Charles S. Madden, vice president for University relations, the Student Success Center proactively will seek to identify at-risk students and provide resources to ensure personal and academic success for these students. The strategic basis for the Center will be a cutting-edge statistical model currently under devel-

opment by Institutional Research and Testing that will identify risk factors and predict student success.

President Robert B. Sloan Jr. noted that "this alignment of areas critical to student retention is of importance to each student's success both here at the University and vocationally throughout life."

The objectives of the new center are to raise Baylor's freshman retention rate from 83 percent to 93 percent over the next three to five years and to provide students with additional support to ensure their success at the University, thereby impacting Baylor's graduation rate. — *BN*

Family Circle

With sympathy to

Dr. Ralph Lynn, professor emeritus of history, on the death of his wife, Barbara.

The family of **Steve Sanford**, aviation sciences, on his death.

Dr. Darrell S. Vodopich, biology, on the death of his father, Charles Vodopich.

Dr. Stephen M. Williams, engineering, on the death of his father, Richard Wayne Williams.

The family of Nell Hampton Morris, widow of **Neill Morris**, former staff adviser for plant operations, on her death.

Dr. Edward R. Dalglish, Macon Professor Emeritus of Religion, on the death of his wife, Margaret.

Robert Lugo and **Billie R. Peterson-Lugo**, Baylor Libraries, on the death of her father, Peter Peterson.

Congratulations to

Dr. Colbert C. Held, former Diplomat in Residence, and wife, Mildred, on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mike Hutcheson, Information Technology Center, and wife, Janet, on the birth of their son, Richard Barton.

Best wishes to

Dorothy McNeil, Baptist Student Ministries, who is recovering from surgery.

Dr. E. Bruce Thompson, former chair and professor emeritus of history, who is recovering from a mild stroke.

MLK holiday to be observed Jan. 15

Faculty and staff will observe the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Jan. 15, the first year to do so since it was adopted as an official University holiday in October 1999.

The change is a result of recommendations made by the University's calendar committee to President Robert B. Sloan Jr. Also approved was a Fall Break for students, which was observed Oct. 20. — *BN*

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"Spotlight" submissions
may be found at <http://pr.baylor.edu>
or at
<http://baylornews@baylor.edu>.

Presentations & Participations

Dr. Gayle R. Avant, associate professor of political science, presented "Religion in Your Classroom: What Courts Permit" Nov. 17 at the annual conference of the National Council for Social Studies in San Antonio.

Dr. Roger L. Brooks, professor emeritus of English and former director of Armstrong Browning Library, presented "Hosting Miss Porter" at a September ceremony presenting the Katherine Anne Porter Collection to the Center for the Study of the Southwest at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The address will be published in the forthcoming book *From Texas to the World and Back* by TCU Press.

Dr. Charles E. Davis, associate professor of accounting, presented "The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Core Competency Framework" Oct. 6 at the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants' annual seminar on accounting education in Austin.

Dr. William V. Davis, professor of English and Writer-in-Residence, gave a reading of his poetry Oct. 19 at Vanguard College Preparatory School in Waco.

Dr. Richard E. Duhrkopf, associate professor of biology and director of graduate studies, presented the co-authored papers "CDC Light Trap Data in a Dallas Area Tire Pile, Summer 2000," "Larval Surveys Associated with the Use of Methoprene in a Dallas Area Tire Pile" and "The Effect of a Monomolecular Surface Film (Agnique) on *Oviposition in Aedes aegypti*, *Ae. albopictus* and *Ae. epactius*" Oct. 11-12 at the annual meeting of the Texas Mosquito Control Association in Austin. Co-author of the first paper is Scott A. Sawlis, Dallas County Public Health. Co-authors of the second paper are Sawlis and Michelle Rapier, Texas Lutheran University student. Co-author of the third paper is **Thomas Kirk**, Baylor undergraduate. Dr. Duhrkopf presided over the meeting and was elected vice president of the association for 2001-2002.

Kathy R. Hillman, associate professor and acquisitions and collection development librarian, served as stage manager for the Texas Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting and co-produced the missions night program for the Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting, both Oct. 31 in Corpus Christi.

Dr. Maurice A. Hunt, chair and professor of English, gave a lecture Nov. 21 on the character of the ghost in *Hamlet* to the combined senior English classes at Midway High School in Hewitt.

Dr. Ute S. Lahaie, assistant professor of German and language laboratory director, and **Janet B. Norden**, instructor of Spanish, co-presented "Explore VidViewer Annotation: Research Projects with Annotated Video" Nov. 3 at the fall Texas Foreign Language Association conference in Austin.

Dr. Eric C. Lai, assistant professor of music theory, presented "The Progress of a System: The Evolution of Chou Wen-chung's Variable Modes" Nov. 2 at Toronto 2000: Musical Intersections, a meeting of 14 professional music societies, in Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Linda P. Livingstone, associate professor of management and associate dean for graduate business programs, presented the keynote address, "Managing Conflict in the Workplace," Nov. 14 at a meeting of professional women at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas. She also conducted a training session at the meeting on dealing effectively with conflict.

Dr. Carlos E. Manzanares, professor of chemistry, presented "Spectroscopy of Vibrational Overtones:

Molecules, Solvated Ions and van der Waals Molecules" Nov. 20 at a meeting of the Venezuelan Association for the Advancement of Science in Caracas, Venezuela.

Joyce Miller, coordinator for academic advisement/academic development services, presented a concurrent session titled "The Old Woman in the Shoe: A 21st Century Version" Oct. 8 at the national Academic Advising Association annual conference in Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Lai Ling Elizabeth Ngan, associate professor of Christian scriptures at Truett Seminary, presented "The Role of the Bible in Teaching, Research and Life" Nov. 19 at the Christian Women Scholars in Nashville, Tenn. She participated in a panel discussion held by the Committee of the Underrepresented Racial-Ethnic Minorities in the Profession on "Bridging Academic Study and Ministry in the Congregation" Nov. 20 at the Society of Biblical Literature in Nashville, Tenn.

Patricia H. Nunley, associate professor of business law, presented "Current Legal Issues Challenging Public Pension Plan Governing Boards, Administrators and Trustees" Sept. 19 at the Texas Local Fire Fighters Retirement Association educational conference in Corpus Christi.

Dr. Roger E. Olson, professor of theology at Truett Seminary, taught a course on "Turning Points in Christian History" Aug. 30-Sept. 6 at First Baptist Church, Waco. He presented "Where Does Baylor Stand on the Future of Christianity?" Nov. 3 at the Center for American and Jewish Studies conference titled "The Next Fifty Years: Beginning a Millennium of Hope and Possibility" on the Baylor campus. He chaired a session on "Evangelical Contributions to Theodicy" Nov. 18 at a meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Manuel J. Ortuño, chair of modern foreign languages and professor of Spanish, presented "The Spanish Franciscans of 20th Century Texas and the Role of Mediterranean Culture in Their Work" Nov. 4 at the Academy of American Franciscan History conference in Oakland, Calif.

Patricia A. Pierce, lecturer in French, presented "Lexical Creativity in Adult L2 Learners of French" Nov. 11 at the South Central Modern Language Association convention in San Antonio.

Nancy J. Pfanner, lecturer in American Sign Language, presented "Anxiety in the American Sign Language Student" Oct. 21 at the Conference of Interpreter Trainers' national convention in Portland, Ore. The paper was published in the proceedings.

Publications

Dr. Tamarah L. Adair, lecturer in biology, and **Dr. Christopher M. Kearney**, assistant professor of biology, had a co-authored article titled "Recombination Between a 3-kilobase Tobacco Mosaic Virus Transgene and a Homologous Viral Construct in the Restoration of Viral and Nonviral Genes" published in *Archives of Virology* (Vol. 145, pp. 1867-1883, 2000).

Janet H. Bagby, senior lecturer in educational psychology, had a book titled *A Resource Guide for Planning and Operating After-school Programs* published by Southwest Educational Development Laboratory.

Sharon Johnson Bracken, managing editor of *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*, had an article titled "Concentrating on Oxygen" published in *Home Health Care Dealer/Provider* (Vol. 12, No. 6, July 2000).

Linda H. Cox, senior lecturer in curriculum and instruction, and **Jill Barrow**, director of the Ollie Mae

Dr. M. David Rudd, professor of psychology and neuroscience and director of the Psy.D. program, presented "The Course of Post-crisis Suicidal Symptoms: How and for Whom is Suicide Cathartic?" Nov. 18 at a meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy in New Orleans, La.

Dr. Ann E. Rushing, associate professor of biology, co-presented the posters "Evolutionary Relationships between *Ramalina celastri* and *Ramalina williei* as Determined by Meristem Initials and Branching Patterns," "The Ultrastructural Analysis of *Corynebacterium pseudodiphtheriticum* after Exposure to Sub-MICs of Vancomycin and Ciprofloxacin" and "Postantibiotic Effect and Ultrastructural Changes in *Corynebacterium pseudodiphtheriticum* Exposed to Vancomycin" Oct. 26-28 at the fall meeting of the Texas Society for Microscopy in Dallas. Co-presenter of the first poster was Valerie L. Jackson, Bethel College. Co-presenters of the second poster were **Hilary D. Clark**, Baylor graduate, and Dr. Sally W. Jackson, former associate professor of biology, Baylor. Co-presenters of the third poster were Dr. Jackson and **Heather D. O'Dell**, Baylor graduate student.

Dr. Charles M. Tolbert II, chair and professor of sociology and anthropology, presented "Local Capitalism and Civic Engagement in Small-town USA" Oct. 27 to a meeting of the Southern Demographic Association in New Orleans, La.

Dr. Randall L. Waller, senior lecturer in business communication, presented "The Rhetoric of Knowledge Creation in the Workplace: Theory and Application" Oct. 20 at the Association of Business Communication annual convention in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Richard E. Watts, associate professor of educational psychology, presented "Constructivist Interventions for Couple and Family Counseling" and "Helping Clients Open Space for Constructive Reflection" Nov. 8-11 at the Texas Counseling Association annual conference in Houston. At the conference, he chaired a meeting of the ethics committee and served as a senator during the executive board meeting.

Dr. Daniel E. Wivagg, professor of biology and director of undergraduate studies, chaired a meeting of the occasional publication subcommittee at the annual convention of the national Association of Biology Teachers Oct. 25-29 in Orlando, Fla. He also served on the publications committee and the assessment task force at the convention.

Moen Discovery Center, had a co-authored article titled "On Display: Preservice Teachers in the Museum" published in *Social Education* (October 2000).

Dr. John M. Davis, assistant professor of mathematics, had an article titled "Discrete Kiguradze Type Inequalities" published in the *Journal of Difference Equations and Applications* (Vol. 6, pp. 431-441, 2000). He had a co-authored article titled "General Lidstone Problems: Multiplicity and Symmetry of Solutions" published in the *Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications* (Vol. 251, pp. 524-548, 2000). Co-authors are Dr. J. Henderson, Auburn University, and Dr. P. Wong, National University of Singapore.

Dr. D. Thomas Hanks Jr., professor of English, had a co-edited book titled *Social and Literary Contexts of Malory's Morte D'Arthur* published by D.S. Brewer, Cambridge, England. Co-editor is **Jessica G. Brogdon**, Baylor graduate. Dr. Hanks contributed a chapter titled "Malory's Anti-Knights: Balin and Breunys" to the book.

Reliving Civil War

Bringing history to life is pastime of biology professor

Although an associate professor of biology, Dr. Mark Taylor's personal interests are definitely interdisciplinary. This scientist is quite a Civil War buff. He even participates in reenactments of the 1860s war that shaped the future of the United States.

"I think in today's busy society with its stresses of daily life, it's nice sometimes just to go back in history," Dr. Taylor said of his hobby. "I think if I could not be in science, I would have chosen history."

Connected to the war through a paternal great-grandfather, Dr. Taylor is interested in both Rebs and Yanks and their lifestyles during the Civil War. He has invested in a Union and Confederate uniform, each made with fabric as authentic to the period as possible. Dr. Taylor also carries a replica Enfield rifle, a water canteen and other accessories.

Dr. Taylor's interest in the Civil War dates back to his childhood. When visiting grandparents in Alabama, he remembers driving through Vicksburg, Miss., and seeing the historical busts and markers and asking his mother questions. "Every year, I learned more about the history and significance of those places."

Six years ago, Dr. Taylor and his wife, Linda, traveled to historic sites in Arkansas and Tennessee, a trip that fueled his interest in the Civil War. He recalled stories his father had told about a grandfather involved in a violent battle at Shiloh. While studying his family's genealogy, Dr. Taylor learned that his father's



Dr. Mark Taylor has both a Union and Confederate uniform.

maternal grandfather, William Dunkerson, had fought for the Union as part of the 24th Kentucky Volunteers.

"It just made the stories more real," Dr. Taylor said of this ancestral connection to the Civil War. Afterward, he saw an ad about a Hillsboro group that reenacted various battle scenes.

Dr. Taylor is now part of the 30-member Company A, 7th Texas Infantry. The group consists of Central Texas men from all walks of life who reenact battle scenes at various Civil War events throughout

Texas. They also participate in graveside ceremonies and out-of-state functions that commemorate battles. Dr. Taylor has been involved in about 25 events. The group's next reenactment is scheduled for early spring.

Reenactments usually last a weekend. Although most actors in his group have ties to the South, everyone takes on whatever roles are necessary for a given scene.

In the future, Dr. Taylor hopes to do more individual assignments speaking to smaller groups, especially to younger school children. He gave a demonstration and talk at the 1999 Central Texas History Fair on campus and plans to participate in that again.

"My great-nephew in the fifth grade asked his teacher if I could come talk to his class about the Civil War," Dr. Taylor said. "The students started asking questions and before it was over, I had talked to them for more than an hour. I really enjoyed that."

— *LoAna Lopez*

Kathy R. Hillman, associate professor and acquisitions and collection development librarian, had the articles "The Unfinished Task: Dispelling the Darkness," "Texas Baptist Men: Dispensing Living Water" and "Sports Evangelism: Reaching the Lost" published in the Baptist General Convention of Texas periodical *Baptist Way: Brief Basics for Texas Baptists* (December-January-February 2000-2001).

Dr. Walter C. Holmes, professor of biology, had a co-authored article titled "Validation of the Name *Orobanche ludovicianum* subsp. *multiflorum* (*Orobanchaceae*)" accepted for publication in *Sida, Contributions to Botany*. Co-author is Heather L. White, University of Northern Colorado. Dr. Holmes had an article titled "*Notulae ad Floram paraquaiensem: Mikania guaco* H.&B. (*Compositae-Eupatorieae*): Una Nueva especie para la Flora del Paraguay" accepted for publication in *Candollea*.

Dr. Maurice A. Hunt, chair and professor of English, had an article titled "A Speculative Political Allegory in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*" accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of *Comparative Drama*.

Dr. David L. Jeffrey, Distinguished Professor of Literature and Humanities, had an article titled "MS Harley 2253: Authors and Anthologists" accepted for publication in *Studies in the Harley Manuscript*, edit-

ed by Susanna Fein, Medieval Institute Publications, Kalamazoo, 2001. He had an article titled "Naming the Father: The Teaching Authority of Jesus and Contemporary Debate" accepted for publication in *After Pentecost*, edited by Craig Bartholomew, Zondervan, 2001; an article titled "Authority and Interpretation" accepted for publication in the forthcoming *Interpretation in the Church*, edited by Keith Yandell; an article titled "Margery Kempe" accepted for publication in *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, JCG Mohr, Tübingen, 2002; an article titled "The Bible and English Literature" accepted for publication in *The Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, edited by Hans Hillerbrand, Routledge, 2001; an article titled "The Two Bathshebas: Rembrandt and Reubens" accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of *Christianity in the Visual Arts*; and an article titled "Logocentrism, Deconstruction and Biblical Tradition" translated into Chinese and accepted for publication in *Foreign Literature Studies* (Vol. 21, No. 1, 2001).

Dr. Christopher M. Kearney, assistant professor of biology, had a co-authored article titled "Mapping of Antisense Inhibition Sites in the Leader Region of Brome Mosaic Virus RNA 3'" published in *Texas Journal of Science* (Vol. 52, No. 3, pp. 213-222, 2000). Co-author is **Janel Schulte**, Baylor graduate.

Janet Ludgar, senior lecturer in nursing, had an article titled "Thank God for the Tree" accepted for pub-

lication in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Christian Nursing*.

Dr. Roger E. Olson, professor of theology at Truett Seminary, had a chapter titled "Reforming Evangelical Theology" published in *Evangelical Futures: A Conversation on Theological Method* by Baker Books. He had an article titled "The Triumphs and Tragedies of 20th Century Christian Theology" published in *Christian Scholar's Review* (Vol. 29, No. 4, summer 2000). He had an article titled "The Controversialist: Augustine's Five Most Distinctive Teachings Were Forged in the Heat of Theological Battles" published in *Christian History* (summer 2000).

Dr. William R. Reichenstein, professor of finance and The Pat and Thomas R. Powers Chair of Investment Management, had an article titled "Calculating the Asset Allocation" published in the *Journal of Wealth Management* (fall 2000).

Dr. M. David Rudd, professor of psychology and neuroscience and director of the Psy.D. program, had a co-authored article titled "Intensity and Duration of Suicidal Crises Vary as a Function of Previous Suicide Attempts and Negative Life Events" published in the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology* (Vol. 68, pp. 909-916). Co-author is Dr. Thomas E. Joiner, Florida State University.

Dr. Richard E. Watts, associate professor of educational psychology, had an article titled "Adlerian

Encouragement and the Therapeutic Process of Solution-focused Brief Therapy" published in *The Journal of Counseling and Development* (Vol. 78, pp. 442-447, 2000).

Dr. Joseph D. White, assistant professor of biology, had a co-authored article titled "Carbon and Nitrogen Distribution and Accumulation in a New Zealand Scrubland Ecosystem" published in *Canadian Journal of Forest Research* (Vol. 30, pp. 1-10, 2000). There are multiple co-authors.

Dr. Kenneth T. Wilkins, professor of biology and associate dean for graduate studies and research, had a co-authored article titled "Small Mammals of the Post Oak Savannah in East-central Texas" published in *Texas Journal of Science* (Vol. 53, No. 3, pp. 201-212, 2000). Co-author is **David R. Broussard**, Baylor graduate.

Dr. Ralph C. Wood, University Professor of Theology and Literature, had an article titled "G.K. Chesterton and the Many Roads Leading to Jerusalem" published in *Pro Ecclesia* (Vol. 9, No. 2, pp. 236-240, spring 2000). He had an article titled "Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise: The Witness of the Wesleys for Christian Life Today" published in *Christian Ethics Today* (Vol. 6, No. 3, pp. 4-9, May-June 2000) and an article titled "Deep Mysteries: The World of P.D. James" published in *Christian Century* (Vol. 117, No. 26, pp. 960-962, Sept. 27-Oct. 4, 2000).

Honors & Appointments

Dr. Roger L. Brooks, professor emeritus of English and former director of Armstrong Browning Library, was appointed to an eighth term on the admissions committee of the Grolier Club, a New York book collecting society.

Jerry Herring, Baylor Libraries, was selected the Libraries' "Staff Member of the Month" for November.

Kathy R. Hillman, associate professor and acquisitions and collection development librarian, was elected president of the Texas Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) at the group's annual meeting in November. As a result, she also will serve as a vice president of the national WMU and a member of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Dr. David L. Jeffrey, Distinguished Professor of Literature and Humanities, has been invited to serve as a regular member of the International Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar. He also has been invited to be a lecturer in the "Christian Scholars Lecture Series," in which he will speak about his current research at a

number of colleges and universities over the next three years.

Sharon Peregrine Johnson, Information Technology Center web site developer, was honored by Waco Mayor Linda Ethridge for providing volunteer assistance in helping the city redesign its web site.

Dr. M. David Rudd, professor of psychology and neuroscience and director of the Psy.D. program, and **Dr. Michael B. Frisch**, professor of psychology, have been selected as Founding Fellows in the Academy of Cognitive Psychotherapy.

Dr. Frances Strodtbeck, associate professor of nursing, was named an editor for *Newborn and Infant Nursing Reviews*.

Dr. (Maj.) Jessie L. Tucker, assistant professor of health care administration, received the Faculty Researcher of the Year Award from the Army-Baylor graduate program in health care administration.

Dr. Richard E. Watts, associate professor of educational psychology, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs for a three-year term.

Praying in the New Year

The President's Prayer Breakfast, a tradition at Baylor since the late 1980s, will be at 6:30 a.m. Jan. 19 in the Ferrell Center. The service begins at 7 a.m.

The message will be brought by Dr. Duane Brooks, pastor of Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, Baylor Regent and Baylor alumnus. Kim Scott, director of campus recreation, will share personal testimony about the power of prayer. Also, the Rev. Monsignor Mark Deering, recently retired pastor of St. Louis Catholic Church, will be recognized and will deliver the benediction. The Rev. Thomas Robbins Jr., pastor of Austin Avenue United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Randy Hughes, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, also will participate in the service.

Musical entertainment will be provided by "Sign of Jonah," a Baylor student group; vocalist Deborah Williamson, visiting assistant professor of voice; and Show Boat, a community musical group.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$10 with a reservation deadline of Jan. 12. For more information, contact Dr. Milton Cunningham, chaplain of Baylor athletics and assistant to the vice president of student life, at ext. 4592. — *BN*



Students line up to dip into Dr Pepper floats at the popular campus social hour.

So-Da Licious!

It's 3 p.m. Tuesday and time to float on over to BDSC

The recipe is simple. Take numerous gallons of Blue Bell vanilla ice cream, mix with gallons of Dr Pepper to make hundreds of ice cream floats and then serve to 300 to 500 students, staff and faculty each Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Bill Daniel Student Center's Barfield Drawing Room. The simplicity of the formula for what has become known as Dr Pepper Hour explains why this popular Baylor tradition has endured for almost half a century.

"The secret to the longevity of Dr Pepper Hour is its casualness and relaxed atmosphere, and the chance it offers the Baylor family to just mix and talk to one another," said Ruben Santos, director of the Bill Daniel Student Center. "And it doesn't go beyond that."

Dr Pepper Hour had its beginning in spring 1952. Marie Mathis, who just weeks earlier had begun work as the new assistant dean and social director of the Union Building, announced in the *Lariat* she had decided to inaugurate an informal weekly gathering "for relaxation and leisure" called "Coffee Hour." The first Coffee Hour was held on the afternoon of April 8, 1952, and featured both hot and frosted coffee. At some point during the following year Coffee Hour evolved into "Coke Hour."

As the decades went by the soft drink served to guests rotated each week between Coke and Dr Pepper, but by the late 1980s Coke had become the exclusive choice. That changed in 1997 when Baylor and the Dr Pepper Bottling Co. signed agreements making Dr Pepper the

University's official soft drink. The name "Coke Hour" was retired in favor of "Dr Pepper Hour."

The only other beverage that has ever made its way onto the weekly menu is hot chocolate, but an attempt to make that an exclusive cold weather offering failed.

"We quit doing Hot Chocolate Hour seven or eight years ago because it just never did get cold enough," Santos said. "We'd order the hot chocolate, and then it would be 70 degrees outside."

According to Santos, other attempts to vary the original recipe for the social hour have backfired as well, including the introduction of guest speakers.

"When we've attempted to have a program with a speaker it's turned into a fiasco," he said. "The students aren't paying attention and the speaker is ignored, or students decide to come in, get their drink and then leave. I've learned from experience that it's a mixer — leave it alone."

The popularity of Dr Pepper Hour was proven in spring 1998, when a budget reduction forced Santos to temporarily suspend the tradition once he no longer had funds to pay the then \$355 weekly cost for supplies.

"The story hit the *Lariat*, and the students began calling," Santos said. "I even got a call from a Regent who took part in Coke Hour as a student, and he wanted to see it continued. And we did get our budget supplemented to cover the remainder of the year." — *Randy Fiedler*



A Purr-fect Exhibit at Moody Library

An exhibit of items from the Howard-Larrabee Wanda Gág Collection is on display in the foyer of Baylor's Moody Library. The exhibit, which runs through Jan. 26, includes books, prints and original lithographs, as well as a family photograph and letter from Gág, who is credited as the author of the first children's picture book *Millions of Cats*.

A native of Minnesota, Gág was born in 1893 and published her first illustrations in 1908 in "Junior Journal," a Sunday supplement to the *Minneapolis Journal*. In 1928 when publisher Coward-McCann Inc. decided to establish a juvenile line, *Millions of Cats* was selected as one of the first six children's titles. In 1929, the book was named a Newbery Honor Book for best contribution to American children's literature. Gág died in 1946, but her book about an old man and woman looking for the prettiest cat remains in print today.

Baylor obtained the Gág materials from alumna Carol Spencer Howard, who received the items in 1964 from Harold R. Larrabee, a friend of the author.

For more information or to check on library hours, call ext. 2111. — *Julie Carlson*

Research Gazette

Grant Awards (December)

Dr. Susan Johnsen and **Dr. Larry Browning**, educational psychology; \$24,600; First Things First, Jump Start to Achieve Reading Success-Mexia ISD; Texas Education Agency

Dr. Susan Johnsen, educational psychology; \$211,961; Texas Beginning Education Support System (TxBEES); Educational Service Center (Region 12)

Dr. Michael W. Thompson, engineering; \$70,000; Data-based Performance Prediction Modeling of Mine Detection Sonar Systems; Office of Naval Research

Dr. Robert Kane, chemistry; \$84,810; Novel Photochemical Tissue-bonding Agents; Genzyme Corp.

Dr. Diana Garland, School of Social Work; \$664,661; Impact of Community Outreach Ministries on Congregational Life; Lilly Endowment Inc.

TOTAL AWARDS: \$1,056,032

Grant Proposals (December)

Dr. Susan Johnsen and **Dr. Larry Browning**, educational psychology; \$24,600; First Things First, Jump Start to Achieve Reading Success-Mexia ISD; Texas Education Agency

Dr. Owen T. Lind and **Laura Davalos-Lind**, biology; \$254,117; The Role of Suspended Clay on In-stream Processing of Dissolved Nutrients by Periphyton; U.S. Department of Agriculture

Drs. Jeff Donahoo, Greg Speegle and **David Sturgill**, computer science; \$47,541; Internet-wide Collaborative Filter; Unified Mind Inc.

Dr. Owen Lind and **Mikhail Umorin**, biology; \$8,800; Dissertation Research: Modeling Light-nutrient Interactions in Clay-rich Lakes; National Science Foundation

Dr. Robert B. Kane, chemistry; \$84,810; Novel Photochemical Tissue-bonding Agents; Genzyme Corp.

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