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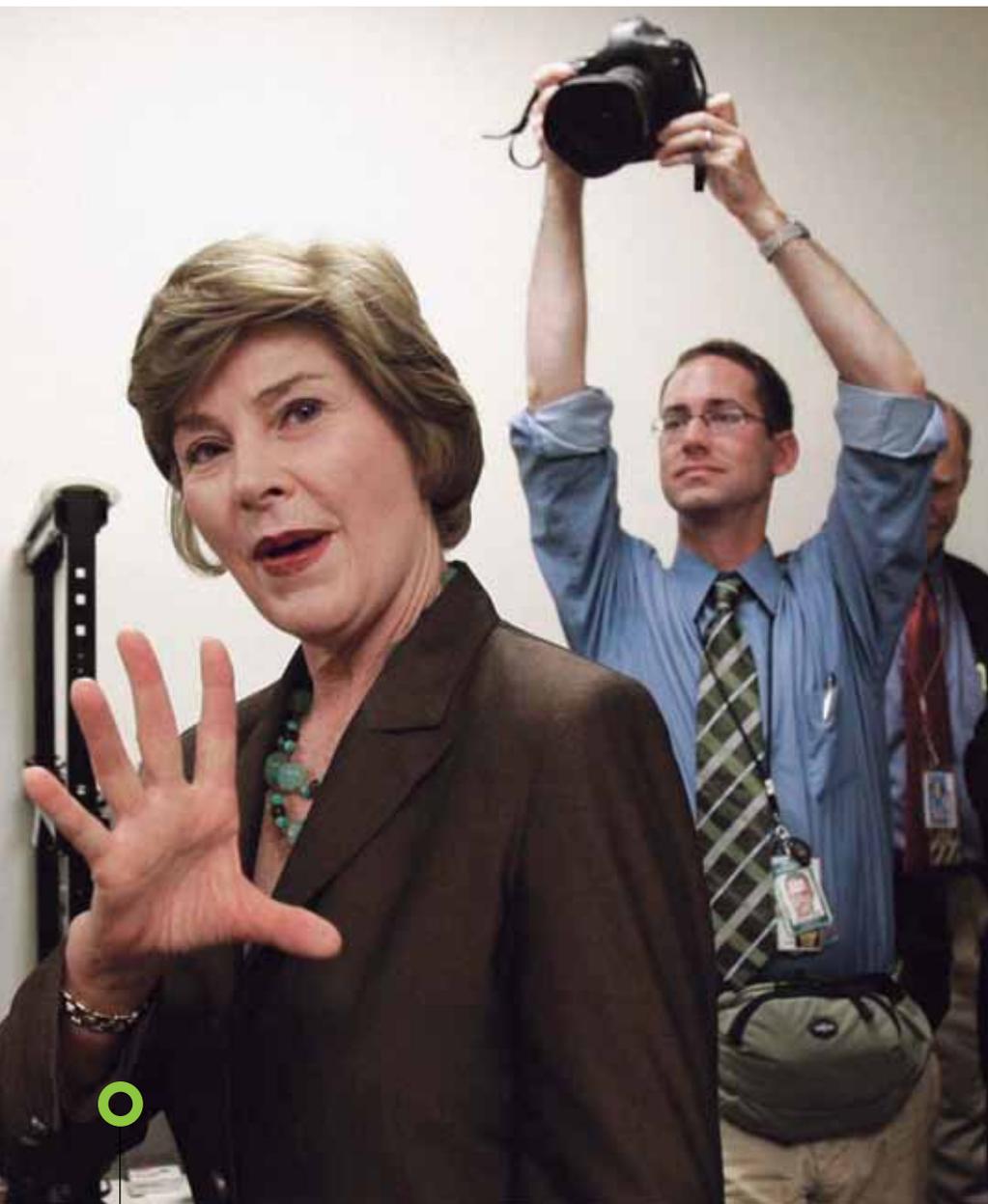
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Marching forward

UNT PLANS SEARCH FOR NEXT PRESIDENT

FOR 26 YEARS, I WATCHED UNT grow and improve while I served as a senior administrator. I've seen UNT transition through different leaders, each of whom brought new skills and priorities to the presidency.

When I retired two years ago, I never expected to have the opportunity to follow Gretchen M. Bataille as president. But it is a great privilege to serve our university in this way, even if it is for a short time.

As interim president, I will provide steady leadership so UNT can continue to make progress. Since 1890, when UNT was founded as a teachers college, our university has sought to serve the people of Texas and the nation. Through the years, we have expanded and progressed.

Today, we are a comprehensive, student-centered public research university. The two largest buildings in our history are under construction, and we are focused on achieving tier one status.

My goal is to keep UNT working together toward achieving its strategic agenda. Your continued support will be critical to our success.

UNT System Chancellor Lee Jackson and the UNT System Board of Regents are committed to continuing all of UNT's major priority projects. They will seek a new president who is equally committed to the university's goals (learn more on page 10). A longer-term interim president with proven experience in heading a major research university will be in place soon to lead UNT while a search for a permanent president is conducted.

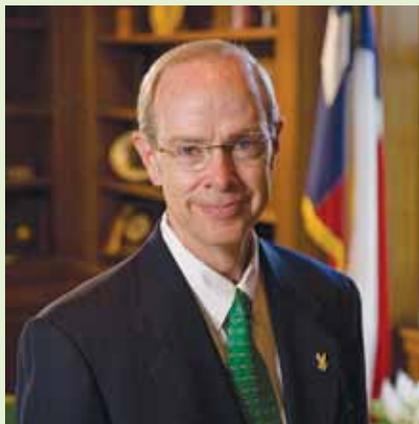
UNT's reputation will continue to grow as we teach and graduate increasing numbers of talented students. And UNT alumni will continue to make a difference in your communities, a longstanding UNT tradition.

Each member of our university community has reason to be proud of our past and hopeful for our future. My wife, Polly, and I hope to see you at an event this spring, and I thank you for the expressions of support I have received.

Best regards,



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Let us know what you think about news and topics covered in *The North Texan*. Letters may be edited for length and publication style.



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Editor's note: We heard from Capt. Carter that Deputy U.S. Marshal Paul Denton ('91), a fellow Sigma Chi member, also served at the headquarters in Afghanistan. Below, right, they proudly show their colors.

Old friends

I have produced publications like *The North Texan*, and know fully how much work is involved. So I want to thank you for keeping me up to date on old friends and my former department: Journalism.

The past issue mentioned friends and colleagues like Eldon Sonnenburg and his wife Ruth, Barbara Colegrove, Neal Tate and Bob Lynch.

My days at UNT began in the summer of 1946, as a junior transfer. Cecil Shuford was the head of journalism and worked our tails off.

I earned two degrees from North Texas, and after earning a Ph.D. from the

Eyewitness news

What a refreshing memory, *The North Texan's* photo of Barbara Colegrove. She was a remarkable young professor with some radical teaching techniques. In the mid '60s, I was in her History of Journalism class. I had a red goatee and a slightly radical look.

Toward the end of the semester, she asked me to show up at her news-writing class while she was lecturing. I was to barge in the door, berate her, threaten her and then leave. Outside, my roommate had agreed to fire off blanks in a pistol. Then, we disappeared.

Professor Colegrove's class must have been stunned. She then asked them to write an accurate description of what they had just seen. The results were hilarious: I had a black beard, I had only a moustache, I had no facial hair at all, I was over six feet tall, I was about five feet. It went on and on.

I don't know what the students learned that day, but I learned that most people aren't very observant and that the world is not always the way others describe it. I have recounted this story many times to my own news-writing and feature-writing students, hoping for some accuracy.

Professor Colegrove was an exciting professor; she was lively, with stories of her experience at *Time*, and she was open to the ideas of students. Thanks for updating us on her life.

Professor Clay Randolph ('67 M.A.), Oklahoma City Community College

Serving with pride



I am writing to you at the request of Air Force Capt.

Anthony Carter ('94). Anthony and I recently served together as mobilized reservists in Afghanistan, where we were both stationed at the headquarters of the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul. Anthony (right) asked that I send this photo, to let you see two UNT guys serving their country overseas with pride and honor.

Capt. Kevin Callahan, U.S. Navy, UNT associate professor of educational psychology



Inauguration reunion

The October inauguration of Richard S. Rafes as president of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine was a mini-reunion of UNT's higher education doctoral program. Pictured with delegates to his inauguration from other institutions of higher education, Dr. Rafes ('90 Ph.D.) is fourth from the right. Russell Porter ('04 Ed.D.) is on his right and I am on his left. Dr. Porter is dean of graduate studies and continuing education at Shepherd University in West Virginia, and I am vice president for Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine at Seton Hill. Dr. Rafes is the former senior vice president for administration at UNT.

Irv Freeman ('88 Ph.D.)
Pittsburgh, Pa.



University of Missouri, I joined the North Texas faculty in June 1964.

I served as director of news and publications for two years, then began full-time teaching. It was my privilege and pleasure to help set up the journalism graduate program and to direct that program before becoming department chair, a position I held for about 12 years. During that time, we were able to get the entire department nationally accredited, making UNT the only school in the state with a nationally accredited professional master's program (other universities had master's work more academic in nature, while we had both).

All told, my career has been full of hard work but also very rewarding. I still miss the students so much. Thank you again for keeping me in touch with my old school and precious friends.

Reg Westmoreland ('47, '56 M.A.), UNT Professor Emeritus

Blurry on the details

What a surprise to turn to page 40 of the fall issue and see a photo I took as a student photographer for the 1973 *Yucca* yearbook. Talk about a trip down memory lane. The back story on this was that Denton county was "dry" and the private club was the only

option available to those who wanted to end the day with a nice cold beer without driving to another county.

We (*Yucca* staff) decided to do a feature story on this situation and I drew the photo assignment. A few days and a few beers later, I happily completed the work — with slightly blurry eyes and a smile on my face!

Those were the days. A special thanks to all the great faculty members, especially Smitty Kiker and Don Schol, who gave me guidance and inspiration to succeed in my photography career. I am eternally grateful.

Tommy McGee ('73)
Lorena

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GOING DANCING

The Mean Green win the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, earning a bid to the 'Big Dance.'

THE MEAN GREEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM headed to the NCAA Tournament in March for its third trip in school history — and the second time in the last four seasons — after a record-breaking year. The team's 66-63 victory over Troy March 9 to win the Sun Belt Conference Tournament came down to the final seconds and was the team's 11th straight win in a season that saw a school record 24 victories.

"It's been a long journey, but the players had the mission, mindset and will to win," says Johnny Jones, head coach. "You could see it in their eyes."



GARY PAVANE

The Mean Green prevailed against the Troy Trojans to win the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. George Odufuwa is one of just four players in North Texas history with a 300-rebound season.

Championship title

Support ran high as students and alumni followed the Mean Green during the conference tournament March 6-9 in Hot Springs, Ark., through watch parties and in person as the team earned its NCAA bid.

Freshman Brad Ballard traveled on the Spirit Bus with other students to the final game against Troy.

“It was really cool feeling the huge rush of emotions, knowing that we were on our way to the NCAA,” he says of the win, adding that the stands were dominated by UNT fans. “I couldn’t be more proud of my university.”

The win was followed by a confetti-raining postgame celebration in Hot Springs and a pride-filled welcome home from fans on campus. The team faced Kansas State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. (Visit meangreensports.com for results.)

All-conference players

UNT had four players named All-Sun Belt Conference for the first time in the program’s 92-year history. George Odufuwa,

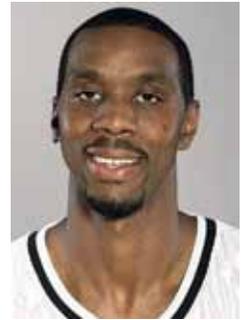
who ranks 12th in the NCAA in rebounding, was named to the All-Sun Belt second team, while Eric Tramiel, Josh White and Tristan Thompson earned third-team honors.

Odufuwa was one of just 22 players in the nation who averaged a double-double (11.5 points and 10.7 rebounds) on the season, and was the top rebounder in the league by more than two boards per game. One of just four players in school history with a 300-rebound season, the junior became just the ninth player in the NCAA since 2005-06 to get at least 24 rebounds in a single game, a feat he accomplished in the season opener.

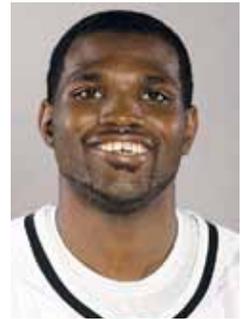
Tramiel was named the Most Outstanding Player for the conference tournament after leading the Mean Green with 20 points and 10 rebounds in the Troy win, his second double-double of the tournament. The lone senior in the starting lineup, he missed five games with an injury and averaged 13.8 points on 58.9 percent shooting after his return.

White was one of just three players in the conference to average at least 14.9 points and 3.6 assists per game, and his 231 career assists ranks 10th in school history. In the Troy game, the junior scored from near the free-throw line with 22 seconds remaining and hit a free throw with 2.9 seconds remaining to give the Mean Green the tournament win.

Thompson, also a junior, had some explosive scoring performances in league play. He was just one point shy of reaching double figures in all 18 conference games, and averaged 16.8 points on 46.2 percent shooting in Sun Belt contests. ●



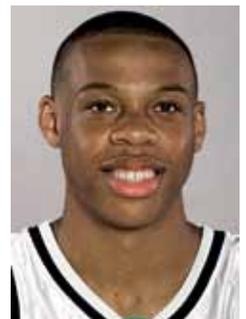
George Odufuwa



Eric Tramiel



Josh White



Tristan Thompson

Pass it on: Great things are happening at UNT. Learn about them here and share our successes with your family and friends.

- **GRADUATING GREEN.** Committing to sustainability, December graduates were the first to receive their diplomas with the choice of wearing biodegradable commencement gowns that decompose in soil in one year. The acetate fabric fiber of the gowns is made from natural wood sourced from renewable forests. The zippers are made from recycled products.
- **FIRST DOUBLE.** While UNT's One O'Clock Lab Band now has six Grammy nominations (learn more on page 18), this was the first year the band was in contention for **two** Grammy awards. The band attended the 52nd Grammy Awards in Hollywood representing its latest album, *Lab 2009*, which was up for Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album and Best Instrumental Composition for "Ice-Nine" by director Steve Wiest ('88 M.M.).
- **BEAUTIES AND BRAINS!** Two UNT students — Kristen Blair, Miss Texas, and Nicole Miner, Miss New Mexico — advanced to the top 10 finalists in the recent Miss America Pageant. Other UNT beauty queens are Lonice Bell ('08), Miss Dallas 2007, and Armaiti Shahidi-Fitzgerald ('06), Mrs. International 2009. Read about UNT beauty queen legacies at northtexan.unt.edu/online.



Michael Clements

BRILLIANTLY GREEN



Michael Clements

Community service

The UNT community gave big this semester to help those in need, globally and

locally. The Student Government Association coordinated a campuswide initiative, the UNT Big Give, aimed at raising funds toward a \$40,000 goal for Haiti relief. Several concerts were sponsored by the College of Music featuring the Symphony Orchestra and A Cappella

Choir. Funds raised at campus events including the concerts and men's home basketball games will be divided among the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and Doctors Without Borders.

The second campuswide CANstruction food collection and contest benefited the

Denton Community Food Center. The contest, which collected 7,050 pounds of non-perishable food, included faculty, staff and student groups who were judged on their sculptures built from canned food donations.



For the second consecutive year, the Arbor Day Foundation has honored UNT as a Tree Campus USA University for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship.



Gary Payne

The Texas Debates: The Race for Governor aired live from Winspear Hall in the Murchison Performing Arts Center in January.

Gubernatorial debate

UNT opened its campus in January to about 800 attendees and more than 100 members of the media for *The Texas Debates: The Race for Governor* at Winspear Hall in the Murchison Performing Arts Center. The event brought alumni working for the media back to campus and allowed UNT to showcase its faculty experts.

Integral to the production's success were four KERA staffers and alumni: Jeff Whittington ('92), senior producer of *Think* and host of *Anything You Ever Wanted to Know*; Therese Powell ('91), producer; B.J. Austin, a news reporter who attended UNT

from 1969 to 1971; and Meg Fullwood ('85), public relations manager.

Marc Moffitt ('01), recording secretary for the Denton County Republican Party, which helped organize the debate, says that UNT serving as host is proof of the university's dedication to excellence in serving Texas' educational needs.

Hosted by KERA and its partners, the program aired live to millions on television, radio and online. The debating candidates were U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, former Wharton County Republican Party chair Debra Medina and Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

Transfer students

A \$270,000 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will help community college students know which courses to take so they can successfully transfer to UNT and earn a degree more quickly. Part of the board's College Connection 2+2+2 Program, the grant allows UNT staff to be present at community college campuses, providing assistance to students regarding transfer college possibilities, course transferability, financial aid, and admissions and program requirements.

PRESIDENTIAL HONORS

Rada Mihalcea, associate professor of computer science and engineering, is among the 100 researchers nationwide to earn a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. It is the highest honor a beginning scientist or engineer can receive in the United States. Mihalcea attended a ceremony at the White House in January, where she met President Barack Obama. She is the only professor at any Dallas-Fort Worth university to earn the 2009 recognition and was recommended for the award by the National Science Foundation. She received the NSF's prestigious CAREER award in 2008.



Courtney Corley ('04, '06 M.S., '09 Ph.D.)

Texas Institute partnership

UNT has partnered with the Texas Institute, a new nonprofit organization that aims to make the North Texas region a leader in sustainable technology research, creating new jobs and businesses and spurring growth. By seeking new and large-scale funding sources, the institute will bring together area academic institutions, businesses and industry to address complex issues in sustainable technology. The institute will build on the region's energy, environment, water and

telecommunications technology expertise, coordinating the capabilities and leveraging the resources of businesses, governments and universities.

Researchers will work to provide clean energy alternatives and reliable electricity to meet the demands of the state's growing consumer base.

Among other academic partners are the University of Texas at Dallas, University of Texas at Arlington, Baylor University, Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University.

Programming competition

A UNT team competed in the *Battle of the Brains*, an elite international computer programming competition in China that challenges college students to solve complex, real-world problems under extreme deadlines. UNT placed 86th of 103 teams spanning six continents that competed at the Association for Computing Machinery's International Collegiate Programming Contest, the most prestigious competition of its kind. UNT outranked UT-Austin, which had the

only other Texas team.

The contest pits teams against eight or more problems with a five-hour deadline in a battle of logic, strategy and mental endurance. UNT team members are Robert Mitchell Burke, James Pascoe and Daniel Hooper. Coaches are Ryan Garlick, principal lecturer and advisor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, and Michael Mohler ('05, '07 M.S.), a computer science and engineering doctoral student. UNT last qualified for the world finals in 2007.

Former administrator appointed interim president, next president to be in place for fall 2011

Phil Diebel, who served UNT for 26 years and is a former vice president for finance and business affairs, was appointed by the UNT System Board of Regents to serve as interim president. He began his duties March 1 and is expected to lead UNT through this spring semester.

"I am very loyal to UNT, and I have such a high regard for the people who work here that it is a great honor for me to be able to help," Diebel says. "We have good momentum at UNT and my goal will be to make sure the university continues to make progress. UNT's success is important not just to our students, faculty, staff and alumni, but to the people of Texas."

A proven academic leader will be appointed to serve as UNT's longer-term interim president through the 2010-11 school year and the important legislative session in 2011. A search for a permanent president will begin later this spring and will last well into the coming academic year.

The search process will be approved by the board and will be led by Chancellor Lee Jackson. He will begin by asking key UNT constituent groups to identify the leadership skills and administrative experience the next president should possess.

"The needs of the university may have changed during the last five years. The insights of university stakeholders — students, faculty and staff members, alumni, Denton community members, donors and friends — are needed before the search for a new president is launched," Jackson says.

A broadly representative search committee will be named and will identify prospective candidates. The goal is to have a new president in place before fall 2011.

UNICEF CAMPUS CHALLENGE

The UNT UNICEF chapter began its contribution to the 2009-10 George Harrison Fund for UNICEF and ACUI Help Us Save Some Lives Campus Challenge with a donation from UNICEF ambassador Alyssa Milano. The actress visited campus in December to recognize the UNT chapter for its participation in the 2008-09 Campus Challenge. During the presentation, Milano, a UNICEF ambassador since 2003, said she was inspired that UNT students raised \$4,620 for last year's challenge — the most raised by any other college or university in the nation. She announced that she would match the amount, which already had been matched by the George Harrison Fund for UNICEF. So far, the chapter has raised more than \$21,000 in the last two years.

GLOBAL CONNECTION

University collaborations

UNT's collaborations around the world — already well established in Chile, Mexico, Turkey and Thailand — continue to increase. The university now is exploring research partnerships with major universities in Israel, Korea and additional Thailand campuses.

And UNT has signed agreements with leading institutions in China, such as Tsinghua University in Beijing, and two Indian institutes, the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore and the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Mumbai. The agreements will foster graduate, postdoctoral and faculty research exchange programs and joint research activities — expanding global collaborations in research.

“Global collaborations and partnerships in higher education and research have become critical for educating students and advancing new knowledge and technology in



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UNT delegation to China

the 21st century,” says Vish Prasad, vice president for research and economic development. “UNT is committed to partnering with top-tier institutions to enhance its academic and research profile for its students and faculty.”

In February, the UNT System Board of Regents authorized the university to move forward with a joint master's degree in sustainable tourism with CATIE, the Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza, of Costa Rica. This innovative new program is just the latest example of how UNT is

expanding its global reach through academic partnerships.

Other examples include UNT's work with the City of Knowledge in Monterrey, Mexico, which will allow scientists, innovators and entrepreneurs to work jointly in technology development and commercialization. And the university's strong partnership with the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México now includes an agreement to provide seed money to explore joint research and faculty and student exchange opportunities in science and engineering.



Mike Woodruff

Renowned activist and scholar

Cornel West, University of Princeton professor and civil rights activist, discussed social justice, activism and civil

rights as part of UNT's Distinguished Lecture Series in February.

The New York Times has praised West for his "ferocious moral vision." He burst onto the national scene in 1993 with his bestselling book, *Race Matters*, an analysis of racism in American democracy. The book has sold more than a half million copies to date. West has published an additional 20

books, including his autobiography, *Brother West: Living and Loving out Loud*.

The Distinguished Lecture Series brings world-class speakers to UNT several times throughout the year. Previous speakers include Suze Orman, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Bill Nye and Vicente Fox.

Alumni always are invited to participate in UNT's Distinguished Lecture Series

and other guest lectures. For more information about the Distinguished Lecture Series, contact Hope Dewberry, director of special projects, at 940-565-4373 or hope.dewberry@unt.edu.

To learn more about upcoming campus events and lectures, go to UNT's calendar at calendar.unt.edu.



Ask an Expert

What can you do to create a more sustainable landscape?

Just before the temperature jumps and plants begin to cringe, Texas homeowners thirst for sustainable landscaping ideas to maintain the blooming season. "The key to success is knowing that your landscape bed preparation can be even more important than the flowers you choose, and your irrigation system should be as efficient as it can be," says Lanse Fullinwider, UNT grounds manager.

He offers the following tips to sculpt a landscape that will beg for your neighbors' attention while saving water:

Bed preparation

- Spend more money on bed preparation and buy smaller plants. It's better to plant a \$5 plant in a \$1 million hole than a \$1 million plant in a \$5 hole.
- Amend clay soil with proper ingredients. Consider using the Earth-Kind rose bed creation program, which incorporates expanded shale to help retain moisture and pH balanced compost for a healthy root growing medium.
- Maintain 3 inches of composted shredded mulch on your beds to help keep a soil moisture balance and avoid erosion.

Planting

- Dig as big a hole as possible for the plant. Shallow roots make plants unhealthy as they cannot withstand long periods of dry weather.
- Use native and indigenous plants such as perennials (bluebonnets, lantana), shrubs (Earth-Kind roses, skullcap) and grasses. They can survive with minimal water after the first establishment year.

Watering

- Audit your irrigation system often, checking for misaligned, clogged or broken sprinkler heads, and adjust your controller for seasonal differences.
- Water less often but more deeply, with multiple, shorter cycles for deeper penetration into the soil. Avoid overwatering, which creates a soggy, root-suffocating mess and invites mosquito breeding.

—Khashan Poitier



Mike Woodruff

NEW AVIATION PROGRAM

UNT will be the first Texas public college or university to offer a bachelor of science in aviation logistics beginning this fall. The new program offered by the College of Business is designed to give students the interdisciplinary education and experience to pursue careers in all facets of the aviation industry. A combination of aviation and logistics will give UNT graduates a broader perspective than they would get from aviation programs offered at other universities. With DFW International, the fourth largest passenger airport in the country, and Dallas Love Field, Fort Worth Alliance airport, American Airlines, Bell Helicopter and Lockheed Martin, the program will benefit from nearby industry.

Cancer research

Jung Hwan Oh, assistant professor of computer science and engineering, is developing software to improve life saving colonoscopies for better polyp detection. Oh's work is in collaboration with researchers at the Mayo Clinic and Iowa State University. They previously developed a prototype that provides a recording of the procedure in addition to a live image, which is now in use in some hospitals, including the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

His research is funded by more than \$450,000 in grants, including a new \$184,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health.

TAMS Intel finalists

Peter Hu and Katheryn Shi, students at UNT's Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, are finalists in the prestigious 2010 Intel Science Talent Search — the first time the academy has had two finalists in one year.

Hu and Shi are two of 40 national finalists who were traveling to Washington, D.C., March 11-16 to compete for scholarships. The top winner receives \$100,000 from the Intel Foundation. Eight TAMS students were semifinalists. In the last eight years, 36 TAMS students have been named semifinalists. ●



A rendering by HKS Inc. Architects shows the alumni pavilion that will be built at the new football stadium.

UNT Alumni Association

Mean Green game day events will be bigger and better when the UNT Alumni Association opens its new alumni pavilion in 2011. Located at the northeast entrance of the new football stadium, the pavilion will serve as a memorable gathering place for food, fun and fellowship among alumni and friends.

Award-winning HKS Inc. Architects, which also designed Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, and Manhattan Construction will build the pavilion with bricks identical to those used in the new stadium.

The 1,900-square-foot pavilion will include space for 150 sports fans to enjoy big-screen TVs and a full kitchen, as well as stunning views of the stadium from a 1,000-square-foot outdoor deck.

"We are building the pavilion so that alumni, students and friends of UNT can have a great meeting place to connect, so they can be a stronger, more viable presence at the new stadium," says Derrick P. Morgan, the association's executive director. "The alumni pavilion will be a one-of-a-kind meeting place on game days and throughout the year for special events."

The pavilion will be a centerpiece for a variety of programs and activities the association offers to grow membership and expand benefits.

For more information on how you can play a part in the alumni association's pavilion project, call 940-565-2834 or visit www.untalumni.com.



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Putting UNT on the map

by ERNESTINE BOUSQUET

When Gretchen M. Bataille started at UNT as president in August 2006, she said she wanted to leverage UNT's strengths to put the university on a map bigger than the North Texas region.

Bataille stepped down as UNT president at the end of February with that goal accomplished, having led the university closer to its long-held vision. Now firmly committed to becoming a national research — or tier one — university with a greater national and international reach and a proven track record in opening the doors of opportunity to academically talented students, UNT has a higher profile than ever.

Last fall, *U.S. News & World Report* named UNT one of the top national universities “leading the pack” in innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus life, diversity and facilities. UNT was the only Texas public university to make the list.

“I told the UNT community when I came here that I would work with them to expand and elevate UNT's reputation. Together, we seized every opportunity to improve, innovate and evolve,” Bataille says. “The result of these shared accomplishments is that UNT has become even better in the eyes of our peers and stakeholders. And the road ahead for UNT leads to great things because of the faculty, staff and students who work every day to fulfill the mission.”

UNT also launched innovative student success initiatives such as the award-winning Emerald Eagle Scholars program and continued to make earning a college education a reality for students during Bataille's time as president.



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— Gretchen M. Bataille

MOVING CLOSER

UNT capitalized on its strength as a comprehensive university and deepened its commitment to great academics, arts and athletics, while making significant investments to move closer to tier one status during Bataille’s tenure.

Today, the university has a more robust research program, thanks in part to a university-funded collaborative research cluster initiative launched in fall 2008. With seven research groups exploring the intersection of science, engineering, art and culture, the university is capitalizing on its strength in collaboration. The clusters also are helping to attract prominent faculty and researchers who are drawn to a vibrant, growing university.

At the same time, UNT has been transforming its environment to create an even better infrastructure for research and scholarship. The university is seeing the benefit with increases in funded research awards and expenditures during the past two years and a double-digit increase in graduate enrollment this fall.

And, with the help of new state programs that support the emerging research universities, UNT will be able

to succeed faster. This year, UNT has submitted about \$2.9 million in eligible gifts to the new Texas Research Incentive Program and has received about \$800,000 in matching funds. The program will ensure that gifts received in support of research go farther and do more to advance the university and state.

Bataille says these strides demonstrate that with the right infrastructure, investments and support for faculty and students, UNT can fulfill its promise of becoming a national research university.

“The dream existed before I came to UNT, and I made it my goal as president to give it shape,” Bataille says. “I know that in their quest for excellence, the faculty, staff, students and alumni will make that dream a reality.”

BECOMING GREENER

During Bataille’s time, UNT advanced nationally as a green institution, becoming the first large Texas public university to sign the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment.

“For decades, the UNT community has lived green, with faculty conducting environmentally minded research and staff



and students embracing green practices,” Bataille says. “I helped to signal that commitment from the top so that others could see how UNT has long led the way.”

The university’s progress in all areas of sustainability puts it in the top 17 percent of all colleges and universities nationwide. And, UNT leads four-year schools in Texas in efforts to create a carbon neutral campus, work that the new Office of Sustainability oversees.

In undertaking some of its largest campus construction projects to date, the university is meeting UNT System standards to build green. The Life Sciences Complex, Business Leadership Building and new football stadium are each being built under the system’s management to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

CLOSING MORE GAPS

Even while transforming itself as a public research university, UNT has remained committed to its mission of educating and graduating students.

The university’s three consecutive Texas Higher Education Star Awards illustrate that its commitment goes a

long way in helping the state close the gaps in education.

Nine years of record-breaking enrollment have made UNT bigger, with the university now third in the state for enrollment growth. UNT also ranks first in the state for the increased number of degrees awarded and is among the nation’s top 50 universities for the number of undergraduate degrees awarded to ethnic minority students.

These strides ensure that UNT remains a university of access and success, Bataille says. But it is initiatives such as the Emerald Eagle Scholars program that show others how innovation in education can lead to profound results.

Started with funds raised from Bataille’s inauguration ball in 2007, the program was founded on the fundamental principle that along with financial support, students need mentoring and engagement to succeed.

So far, more than 1,200 academically motivated students have been able to pursue a degree, a goal that might otherwise be unattainable because of economic hardships. Two-thirds of the students are ethnic minorities. Three out

of four are the first in their family to go to college. And Ivonne Pereira became both the first college graduate in her family and the first Emerald Eagle Scholar graduate last December after only two and a half years at UNT.

The program’s holistic approach is working. Early results show that more than 80 percent of the first class of scholars continued after the first year. This success, Bataille says, speaks to the dedication of many people, from faculty to staff to donors. And to the hard work of the students.

“I am proud of the rare opportunity I had to be a part of this program, because it shows more than anything how changing the lives of students can change the lives of everyone around them,” Bataille says. “Ultimately, that’s what education should do.”

Because of successes like this, UNT’s future remains bright.

“I was fortunate to lead UNT at a time when we could achieve so much,” Bataille says. “I know the work will continue, and I am confident that UNT will emerge as one of the great universities of the nation.” ●



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Willy Chen/The One O'Clock Documentary



UNT AT THE GRAMMYS

UNT's One O'Clock Lab Band earns two Grammy nominations, bringing its total to six.

AFTER GARNERING TWO GRAMMY AWARD nominations in one year for the first time in its history, the One O'Clock Lab Band celebrated along with other UNT alumni at the star-studded awards ceremony Jan. 31 in Los Angeles.

The band's *Lab 2009* earned Grammy nominations for Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album and for Best Instrumental Composition for "Ice-Nine" by band director Steve Wiest ('88 M.M.).

Current band members and former members who played on the album flew to California for the awards show, which coincided with an already-scheduled performance tour at the Folsom Jazz Festival and Catalina Jazz Club, among others.



Willy Chen/The One O'Clock Documentary

The One O'Clock Lab Band resumed its California tour after celebrating two Grammy nominations at the Jan. 31 awards ceremony in Los Angeles. At left, the band performs at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo.

Twitter updates

The band's two categories were announced in a pre-televised show available for viewing on the Grammy web site. Later that day, the band attended the televised portion at Los Angeles' Staples Center, where stars such as Beyoncé and Taylor Swift performed.

Band members posted Twitter updates — marveling at the backstage efforts of the crew putting on the enormous show — and kept their fans informed as awards were announced.

Book One by the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra earned the Grammy for Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album, and Michael Giacchino clinched the award for "Married Life" from the movie *Up* in the Best Instrumental Composition category. Wiest says the band was honored just to be in such company.

"To have the Recording Academy recognizing our students' efforts in this way puts them on the same level as the best pros in the nation," he says.

Past nominations

The band's albums have received four other nominations in the past — bringing the grand total to six. In the 1970s, the band received Grammy Award nominations for performance on *Lab '75* and *Lab '76*. In addition, Mike Bogle ('87, '89 M.M., '00 D.M.A.) earned a nomination for his arrangement of "Got a Match" on the band's *Lab '89* album. In the 1990s, former One O'Clock Lab Band Director Neil Slater's composition "Values" from *Lab '91* earned a nomination for Best Instrumental Arrangement. Slater, who had the composition "Another Other" on *Lab 2009*, joined his former band at the ceremony.

This was the band's first year to attend.

"I couldn't be more proud of the work that these students do, and to have their efforts honored at the ultimate professional level while still in school speaks volumes about their dedication and talent," Wiest says.

This was the second individual Grammy nomination for Wiest. Previously, he earned a nomination for Best Instrumental Arrangement for "Besame Mucho" from the CD *The One and Only Maynard Ferguson*.

Alumni represent

One O'Clock Lab Band members were in the company of famed alumni at the awards show. Jeff Coffin ('90) performed at the awards ceremony with the Dave Matthews Band. A saxophonist, Coffin was a featured artist on the Dave Matthews Band's *Big Whiskey and the Groogrux King*, nominated for album of the year. Taylor Swift's *Fearless* clinched the win.

Alumnus Dave Love, the founder and former president of Heads Up International, served as executive producer for several nominations from his former label: Joe Zawinul's *75* won the Grammy for Best Contemporary Jazz Album, and Mike Stern's *Big Neighborhood* earned a nomination in the same category. Spyro Gyra's *Down The Wire* and Hiroshima's *Legacy* earned nominations in the Best Pop Instrumental Album category.

Love is the U.S. manager for Omara Portuondo, whose *Gracias* was nominated for Best Tropical Latin Album and won a Latin Grammy in 2009. ●

UNT Showcase You can catch all nine UNT lab bands at the annual Lab Band Madness, which this year is moving outdoors to the Denton Arts & Jazz Festival at Quakertown Park. The lab bands will play from noon to 9 p.m. April 24 on the festival's new UNT Showcase Stage, which will feature UNT jazz groups and College of Music ensembles April 23-25. Visit www.dentonjazzfest.com for more information. 

Books

Arab art



Nada M. Shabout, associate professor of art history and a leading authority on contemporary Iraqi art, is co-editor of a new in-depth survey of the cutting edge of Arab art.

New Vision: Arab Contemporary Art in the 21st Century (Thames and Hudson Ltd.), co-edited with Hossein Amirsa-deghi of Transglobe Publishing and Salwa Mikdadi of JFK University, includes profiles of organizations, galleries and artists and more than 500 color

illustrations. Essays cover the topics of diaspora, globalization, identity, audience and the origins of the current interest in the Arab art world.

Shabout, who is working to digitally document modern Iraqi art lost in the war, was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services to create a publicly accessible archive of the missing art.

Jacobean nuptials



Kevin Curran, assistant professor of English, has produced the first full-length study of Jacobean nuptial

performance — spectacular masques and theatrical entertainments performed for high-profile weddings at the English court of James I.

In *Marriage, Performance and Politics at the Jacobean Court* (Ashgate), part of the “Studies in Performance and Early Modern Drama” series, Curran analyzes all six of the elite weddings celebrated at James’ court for some of the most significant political events of his English reign. The study examines how the performances, scripted by well-known writers such as Ben Jonson and Francis Beaumont, used the idea of union to convey the king’s political and cultural aspirations and promote a new Jacobean form of national identity.

Friends of Jawdat Haydar

Friends, family and scholars gathered in December at the Lebanese American University in Beirut for a tribute to the late Lebanese poet Jawdat Haydar (’28), who published his first poem as a student at North Texas. Scholars spoke about Haydar’s passion for the environment and examined his style and literary contributions.

The Friends of Jawdat Haydar, which co-organized the event with LAU, was formed to promote understanding of Lebanese poetry across cultural boundaries. In 2007, the group launched the annual Jawdat R. Haydar Literary Award to encourage university students to conduct a critical analysis of the poet’s work.

First Light



Yosemite National Park’s wilderness region was the summer studio for North Texas alums Scot Miller (’77) and Mike Osborne, two of five photographers on a five-year mission to capture the park’s beauty for the public. Their work has been collected in *First Light: Five Photographers Explore Yosemite’s Wilderness* (Heyday Books), with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Yosemite Fund.

Miller also produced a YouTube video trailer for the book. His previous work focused on Walden Pond, the Maine Woods and the Texas Hill Country, and he and his wife, Marilyn, own Sun to Moon Gallery in Dallas.

Osborne, who served on the North Texas student senate in 1964-65, went on to a 30-year career as a ranger at Yosemite. He says he took up photography “only after becoming enamored with wilderness and discovering the inadequacies of words.”

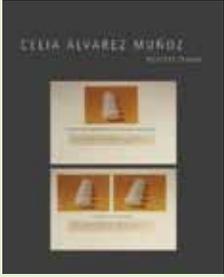
“I was genuinely shocked to discover I had some talent for expressing what I saw in nature on film,” he says.

Miller, who earned a marketing degree at North Texas, says he took photos during his college days courtesy of his father, Jack (’57, ’59 M.Ed.).

“I was using a 35mm camera he had purchased in Hong Kong while on leave during the Korean War,” he says. “I started photographing at an early age and have never stopped.”

Mirror Reflection, Ten Lakes, by Scot Miller.

See more photos at northtexan.unt.edu/culture.



Celia Alvarez Muñoz

The life, work and process of alumna and acclaimed Texas-based contextual artist Celia Alvarez Muñoz ('82 M.F.A.) is the subject of a book by Roberto Tejada, associate professor of art history at the University of Texas. *Celia Alvarez Muñoz* (University of Minnesota Press), part of a series on Latino and Latina artists for the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center, follows the artist's career from her earliest bookmaking project and installation pieces to more recent works of public art and digital photography.

Muñoz, who grew up on the Texas-Mexico border, examines issues of place, nation, culture and language through her art. She has exhibited internationally and was included in the prestigious Whitney Biennial in 1991. She says many of UNT's art faculty gave her invaluable feedback, but her major professor, Vernon Fisher, was "the icing on the cake."

"He liked and understood my voice and helped refine it," she says. "His professionalism and encouragement still serve me today."

Haydar published his last book of poetry in 2006 at the age of 101, shortly before his death.

Dance and Theatre

Dance concert



Marcelo Carlos

Guest choreographer Bebe Miller will give a free public lecture at UNT in conjunction with this year's Faculty Dance Concert, which is featuring a re-staging of one of her works. Sarah Gamblin, associate professor of dance at TWU and former member of the Bebe Miller Company, is in charge of the re-staging of Miller's

"Blessed." Miller will speak from noon to 1 p.m. April 23 in the Business Building, Room 116.

The annual concert also will include choreography from UNT dance faculty — and members of the Initiative for Advanced Research in Technology and the Arts research cluster — Mary Lynn Babcock ('75, '86 M.A.), Shelley Cushman and Ellie Leonhardt, artistic director (her work, "Migration," from last year's concert, is pictured).

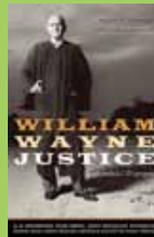
Performances are at 8 p.m. April 29-May 1 and at 2:30 p.m. May 2 in the University Theatre. Gamblin will speak following the April 30 performance.

For ticket information, call 940-565-2428 or visit danceandtheatre.unt.edu. Box office hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Upcoming Events

The annual **Voertman Student Art Competition** runs from April 13 to May 1 in the UNT Art Gallery, with awards ceremony and reception at noon April 20. Jeremy Strick, director of the Nasher Sculpture Center, is the juror for this year's competition. For information, visit gallery.unt.edu. Spring hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

College of Music spring performances include Britten's *Turn of the Screw* as the spring studio opera April 23 and 25; Kamen's Concerto for Saxophone from the Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band with faculty artist Brad Leali ('90) on sax April 29; and Bach's *Mass in B Minor* from the Baroque Orchestra and Collegium Singers May 1. For a complete list of music events, visit music.unt.edu/calendar.



The UNT Immigrant Research and Policy Center speaker series continues with **Frank Kemerer**, retired Regents Professor of education who is now professor-in-residence at the University of San Diego, speaking about Judge William Wayne Justice's impact on education and undocumented immigrant children. The free public lecture is from 6 to 8 p.m. April 14 in the Gateway Center, Room 52. Kemerer's award-winning 1991 biography of Justice recently was re-released in paperback. For more information, contact Idean Salehyan at idean@unt.edu.

Three of the country's top narrative writers — Mary Karr, author of two *New York Times* bestselling memoirs; Mark Bowden, writer of *Black Hawk Down*; and Gary Smith, senior writer at *Sports Illustrated* — will speak at the **Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference** July 23-25, presented by UNT's Frank W. Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism. For information, visit www.themayborn.unt.edu.



Visit calendar.unt.edu for more upcoming events.

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Wool winner

A wool evening dress designed by Li-Fen Anny Chang, assistant professor of fashion design, was the winner in the adult division of the Texas Make It With Wool competition and represented Texas in the National Make It With Wool contest, where Chang received honorable mention. The state competition was sponsored

by the Texas Women's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and Kerrville Wool and Mohair Inc.

Inspired by geometric shapes, Chang says she used draping to sculpt a body-conforming silhouette with wool rectangles and then used hand stitching to connect the rectangles with knots and tassels. She is a previous winner of the National Make It With Wool competition and has won fashion design awards from the International Textile and Apparel Association, the YWCA RAGS Guild, the American Heart Association, the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, and the Texas Food and Fibers Commission. Her designs have been exhibited at the Queen Sirikit Peacock Standards of Thai Silk Exhibition in Bangkok, Thailand, and across the U.S.

Music

Midlake's *Courage*



Following up on the success of its 2006 CD, *The Trials of Van Occupanther*, Midlake released *The Courage of Others* (Bella Union) in February. The former UNT music students, recording in their studio in Denton, have produced what NPR calls "one deep, dark, beautiful record" and the UK's

Guardian imagines as "the Romantic poets mourning climate change to a 1970s folk-rock soundtrack." The band — Paul Alexander, Eric Nichelson, Eric Pulido, McKenzie Smith and Tim Smith ('98) — performed at Denton's NX35 in March with the Flaming Lips before continuing a U.S. and European tour.

Mailman recordings

The works of the late Martin Mailman, composer-in-residence at UNT from 1966 to 2000, live on thanks to his son and the Oklahoma City University Wind Philharmonic. Matthew Mailman ('95 D.M.A.), OCU professor of music and conductor of the Wind Philharmonic,

headed up a project last fall to record several of his father's works for band, some of which had never been recorded.

"Some of the pieces are well-known, and some are pieces that I had never heard," says Mailman, who oversees his father's extensive music holdings. He says the project, produced and engineered by Lendell Black, was designed to teach students recording performance skills and studio techniques, while reviving interest in his father's works.

The recordings are posted at www.okcu.edu/music/multimedia and are available from Mailman at mhmailman1@aol.com.

Matthew's mother and Martin's wife also was on the UNT faculty. Mary Nan Mailman was a concert pianist and piano faculty member before retiring.

Verdi's *Requiem*

UNT's Symphony Orchestra and Grand Chorus will present Verdi's *Requiem* this spring in both Denton and Fort Worth, sponsored in part by the UNT Fine Arts Series. A 3 p.m. April 18 performance at the Murchison Performing Arts Center will be followed by an encore presentation at 8 p.m. April 19 at the Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth.

David Itkin will conduct the orchestra and Jerry McCoy will direct the chorus in the famous funeral mass. Soloists include Christina Major, soprano; Alissa Anderson ('03), mezzo-soprano; doctoral student Kwan Kyun Joo, tenor; and Stephen Morscheck, assistant professor of music, bass.

For more information and tickets for the Denton performance, call the Murchison box office at 940-369-7802 or visit www.thempac.com. For the Fort Worth performance, call 817-212-4200 or visit www.bassball.com.

If you can't make it to the Murchison, you can view the concert live online. The College of Music began streaming performances of its major ensembles last fall. Just go to recording.music.unt.edu/live and you'll see the broadcast begin automatically about 15 minutes before the start of the concert.

Television and Film

Film festival work

The third annual Thin Line Film Festival, organized by radio, television and film graduate Joshua Butler ('06) with help from other UNT alumni and students, brought filmmakers from around the world to Denton in February. The only documentary film festival in Texas, the event is a project of the Texas Filmmakers, formed from a UNT student group in 2004. The festival offers UNT students internships and volunteer positions and gives them access to professionals working in the film industry.

This year's festival included six world premieres, two U.S. premieres and 20 Texas premieres among its screenings, with three feature films and five shorts nominated for Oscars. A panel with Hollywood insider Bobette Buster and opening and

awards receptions were held at UNT on the Square, the home of UNT's new Institute for the Advancement of the Arts.

Visual Arts

Children's fashion



Joe Barentine

The first exhibition of children's clothing presented by the Texas Fashion Collection, considered one of the most important historic fashion collections in the nation, is on display through May 7 in Dallas.

"Child's Play: A Children's

Fashion Story," at Fashion on Main at the Universities Center at Dallas, explores the change in children's fashions from 1870 to 1950 — from restrictive dresses and fine fabrics to sturdier and more free-fitting ensembles.

"Play was really an important motivator for making changes in the clothing," says Dawn Figueroa, curator of the exhibition and collection manager of the Texas Fashion Collection.

"Prior to the late 1700s, children would be dressed as miniature adults. And as doctors began to notice that children's clothing was not allowing for movement, which was important to a child's development, dress makers began to shift how clothing was made and how children were dressed."

The exhibition is on display from noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays at 1901 Main St.

Bodies of art



Jonathan Reynolds

About 130 students in an introductory 3-D design course learned about the challenges of working on a large scale when they wrapped their bodies or friends' bodies in tape for their final project.

When they cut off the tape, they displayed the resulting castings in a temporary installation before making stop-motion

films of the figures that were screened in class.

The sticky undertaking was designed to teach the students how to tackle a large-scale project using "a playful, contemporary material," says James Thurman, the assistant professor of art who oversaw the project.

"Plus, this gets them thinking about basic postures and how that conveys basic ideas — like Rodin's *The Thinker*. There was a lot of planning and careful consideration that went into that exact posture." ●

Roy Orbison's Star on the Walk of Fame

Rock and roll legend Roy Orbison, who attended North Texas in 1954-55, was honored posthumously with the 2,400th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in January. His widow, Barbara Orbison, accepted the award, with special guests including Dan Aykroyd, Michelle Branch, Jeff Beck, Chris Isaak, Jeff Lynne, Jason Mraz, Joe Walsh, Dwight Yoakam and more.

Orbison, whose hits include "Oh, Pretty Woman," "Crying," "In Dreams," "Blue Bayou," "Only the Lonely" and "She," was part of The Traveling Wilburys and recorded with artists such as U2, k.d. lang and others.

In 1956, he came to the attention of Sam Phillips of Sun Records — who also gave Elvis Presley his first recording contract — thanks to "Ooby Dooby," a song written by Dick Penner ('58) and Wade Moore, fellow students at North Texas. Orbison is one of the very few artists to have been accepted by the world in most genres of music and to have won Grammys in pop, rock and roll, and country categories.

Orbison's star is at 1750 N. Vine St. in front of the historic Capitol Records Building and next to the stars of his great friend John Lennon and Traveling Wilburys brother George Harrison.



Rob Stanahan

Barbara Orbison at Roy's Walk of Fame star in front of the historic Capitol Records Building in Hollywood, surrounded by family and friends.

Listen to a December 2008 interview with Barbara Orbison on NPR's

All Things Considered on the 20th anniversary of Roy Orbison's death.

Visit northtexas.unt.edu/culture to find the link.

FOCUSING ON STUDENTS





Jonathan Reynolds

Faculty mentors pave the way for student success at UNT and beyond

At UNT, students are gaining the foundation they need to lead Fortune 500 companies, community organizations, classrooms, orchestras and laboratories. And today's students already are using their talents to make a difference in their local communities while reaching out to help others across the globe.

UNT's student-centered focus means students' individual strengths are recognized and nurtured by faculty members, who have an interest in helping students from all backgrounds excel and achieve their goals while using their knowledge about their specific fields of study.

"Our faculty and staff members are committed to guiding students along their path so that they leave UNT with the hands-on experience they need to be successful in their future careers," says Wendy K. Wilkins, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Often, it is the personalized relationships UNT students develop with mentors that bring their college experience to the next level — ensuring dreams become realities."

Across the disciplines in undergraduate and graduate classrooms, new discoveries are being made that launch budding careers. And faculty mentorships coupled with real-life experiences ensure students hone their talents and empower them to follow their passions.

Whether it's an international graduate student making music and medical discoveries, a nontraditional transfer student balancing a family with school and military obligations, or a first-generation student educating future generations, UNT is committed to the successes of each individual student.

ONLINE EXCLUSIVE

The individualized attention given to students from UNT mentors is not only jumpstarting careers, but growing dreams. Watch our videos and hear firsthand from students about how UNT's student-centered philosophy is making a difference.

Comment on this story and share your own story about a UNT mentor or experience that helped pave your way to success.



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“UNT is helping me to make a difference.”

— Marcelo Ostria, Honors College senior and human rights advocate

Marcelo Ostria saw the world as the son of a Bolivian diplomat. He also saw the horrors of poverty and oppression.

So, the Honors College senior got involved with the UNT UNICEF chapter. And with the help of faculty sponsor Emile Sahliyeh, professor of political science and director of international studies, Ostria spearheaded an effort that so far has raised more than \$21,000 in the last two years toward UNICEF’s Help Us Save Some Lives Campus Challenge to help oppressed children. It was the most raised by any university.

“UNT has provided me with the opportunities and resources to work and mobilize other students to bring about change,” Ostria says.

His volunteer efforts, which also include traveling to Nicaragua to help build a medical clinic, earned him two

back-to-back U.S. President’s Volunteer Service Awards, recognition as a Harry S. Truman Scholarship finalist and a spot on *USA Today’s* 2009 All-USA College Academic Third Team.

At the encouragement of James Duban, director of UNT’s Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships, he applied for and earned a \$25,000 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for a 2010-11 study abroad program in Chile, where he will continue his volunteer service and train for an Ironman Triathlon to raise money for Rotary projects while starting his master’s degree.

“My UNT mentors believe in me and my work,” he says, adding that Sahliyeh helped him realize his research could reflect his interests and make an impact.

In summer 2009, Ostria researched the activism of U.S. Congress members in Latin American issues at the Democracy

and World Politics Summer Research Program for Undergraduates at Oklahoma State University through a grant funded by the National Science Foundation. And as an NTDC intern in Washington, D.C., he saw firsthand how government can make a difference.

With a degree in international studies and political science, which he’ll earn this spring, Ostria plans to make his mark through public service — a goal that comes as no surprise to his mentors.

“Everything is possible as long as you set your mind to it,” Ostria says.

Marcelo Ostria, Honors College senior, with mentors Emile Sahliyeh (center), professor of political science, and James Duban, director of the Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships

“At UNT, everything you do feels like it means something.”

—Jacqueline Benscoter, future special education teacher

Jacqueline Benscoter started her first semester of student teaching last fall, nervous but ready. The hands-on skills she learned in her UNT courses and from working in Jenny Davis Gaddis' second-grade class at Chavez Elementary School in Little Elm gave her the confidence to manage a classroom and teach students struggling with reading.

“UNT's teaching program eases you into the classroom, so you feel prepared for the challenge,” says Benscoter, who already has passed her teacher certification exams.

Gaddis ('02) understands firsthand how important UNT's education program is for budding educators.

“How do you create a lesson plan unless you've actually used it in the classroom?” asks Gaddis, who has taken Benscoter under her wing.

UNT's year-long student teaching program requires students to take text-book theory and apply it in the classroom setting, says Kathryn Blanchard, senior lecturer in teacher education and administration who has mentored Benscoter.

“Students get a realistic idea of what the job of teaching really is,” Blanchard says. “Jacqui is an excellent student whose insight and passion for teaching shows.”

Since transferring from community college, Benscoter says she's flourished in the student-centered environment UNT offers. She's earned a near-perfect GPA and scholarships, while taking a full course load each semester and working part time. She already has passed her teacher certification exams.

Benscoter arrived at UNT with a passion for teaching because of her brother and adopted sister, who both had special

needs and struggled in school. With all she's learned at UNT, which prepares more than 900 teachers a year, she says she is ready to help even the most challenged elementary students get the education they deserve.

“I am grateful for the support I've received at UNT, because I will be the first in my family to graduate from college,” says Benscoter, whose parents earned their GEDs and have been supportive of her college career. “Getting my college education has been the most important thing.

“UNT turned out to be a perfect fit.”

Jacqueline Benscoter, an education major, with mentors Kathryn Blanchard (left), senior lecturer of teacher education and administration, and Jenny Davis Gaddis ('02), a second-grade teacher at Chavez Elementary School in Little Elm





“I want to help musicians stay healthy and play better, and I want to create awareness of performance-related injuries.”

—Eri Yoshimura, researcher and pianist

Eri Yoshimura’s petite hands are makers of music, but also a source of pain.

“Sometimes I have to stop practicing the piano because my hands hurt when I’m stretching for big chords,” she says. “I was interested in UNT’s unique music and medicine program, because I wanted to help other musicians struggling with this issue.”

In her research, Yoshimura (’00, ’03 M.M., ’09 D.M.A.) focuses on discovering ways to reduce pain for pianists, including the possible application of smaller keyboards for small-handed pianists.

After coming to UNT from Japan in 1998, Yoshimura earned degrees in piano performance with plans for teaching. During her doctoral studies, Kris Chesky, associate professor of music and director

of UNT’s Texas Center for Music and Medicine, encouraged her to tap into her personal experiences to yield even more meaningful discoveries.

“Eri has the ability to move purposefully to acquire knowledge and skills, and she has become extremely efficient in research data analysis and model building,” he says.

Yoshimura credits the program’s exceptional research tools — specialty cameras and sensors — with helping her achieve a more detailed analysis. And as a teaching assistant and fellow for 150 students in Chesky’s occupational health course, Yoshimura says she gained confidence as a speaker and presenter using English as her second language, skills she’ll use as a teacher one day.

“Dr. Chesky has encouraged my research and helped me get funding and opportunities to present at conferences,” adds Yoshimura, who has presented her research in the United States, Serbia and England and has been published in the *Medical Problems of Performing Artists* journal and *Music Teachers National Association* e-journal.

“At UNT, I get to play the piano and conduct research at the same time. It’s been an amazing experience.”

Eri Yoshimura, as a doctoral student, with mentor Kris Chesky, associate professor and director of UNT’s Texas Center for Music and Medicine

“There are so many materials waiting to be developed, and better materials make our military stronger.”

— Jeff Helstad, materials science senior, soldier and scientist

As an active Army National Guard soldier, Jeff Helstad understands firsthand the lifesaving impact of advanced materials. One of 11 materials science majors nationwide to earn the prestigious Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation scholarship from the U.S. Department of Defense, the senior is part of a research team developing new hybrid materials, titanium alloys and nickel-based superalloys for stronger, better-performing aircraft components.

With the support of faculty mentors Srinivasan Srivilliputhur and Thomas Scharf in UNT’s Institute for Science and Engineering Simulation, Helstad, a married father of four, is conducting research with the U.S. Air Force that will result in a longer-lasting, safer aircraft fleet.

“Dr. Scharf and Dr. Srivilliputhur

helped me to understand the fundamentals, and if I have a question, they are right down the hall and always more than willing to help,” Helstad says. “It makes a big difference.”

The low student-faculty ratios and excellent facilities in the College of Engineering have provided Helstad with numerous hands-on opportunities to apply his research.

“We have a lot of synergy that we pass on to our students,” Scharf says. “We want to give them a better understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of materials.”

Helstad sees his career in materials science as a natural fit for someone who likes to tinker and explore.

“It’s a great opportunity to develop and create new technology that will advance the air and space industry,” he

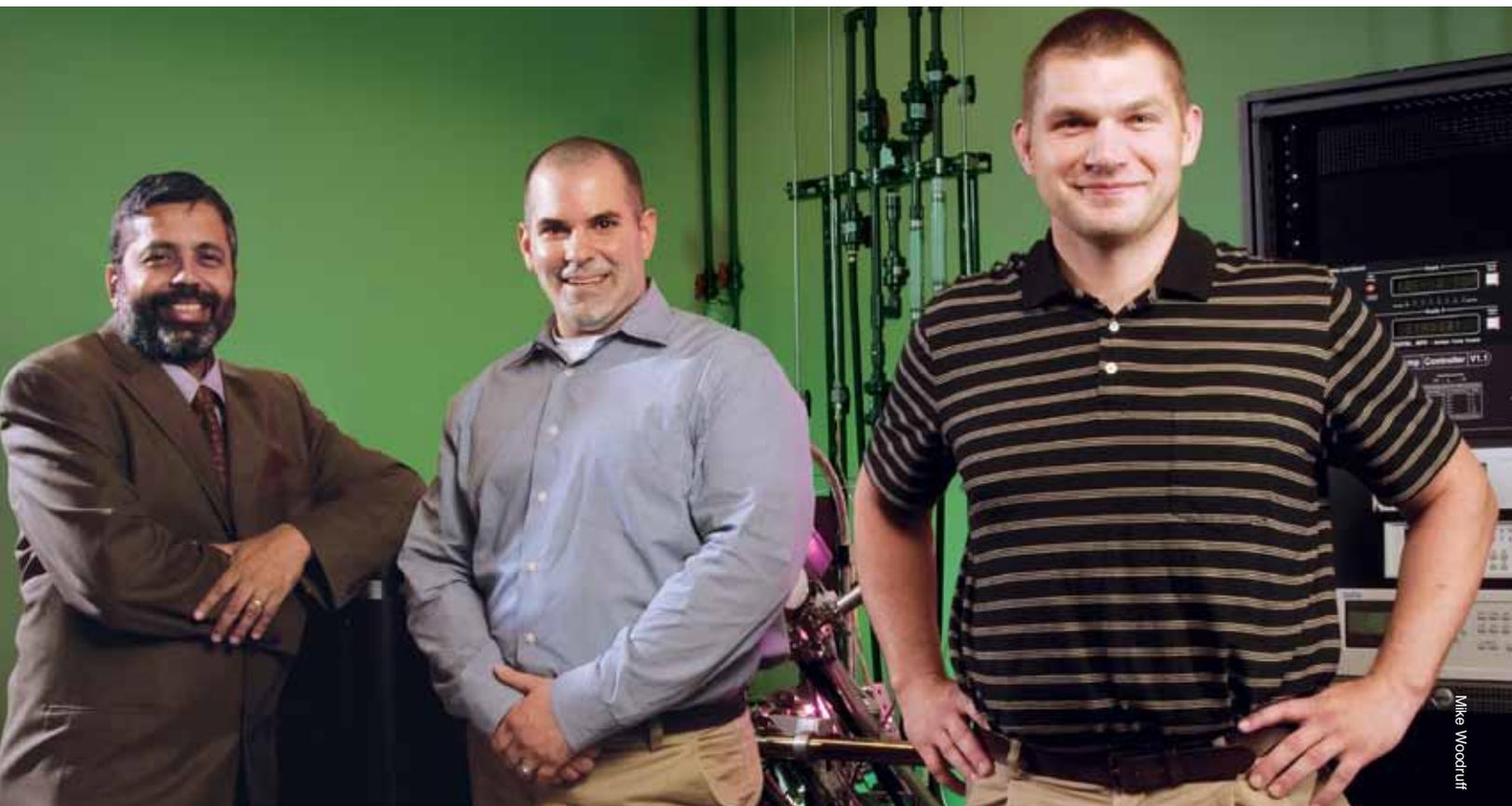
says. “We’ve got one of the best labs in the nation as far as materials science goes.”

At UNT, Helstad has access to world-class equipment, such as a local electrode atom probe to characterize 3-D objects on an atomic scale, knowledgeable professors and a unique program.

The senior is set to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan this fall and will come home to a job at the Air Force Research Laboratory, one of the country’s premier laboratories, thanks to his Department of Defense scholarship.

“For me, this research is just another way to serve my country,” he says.

Jeff Helstad, soldier and materials science senior, with mentors Srinivasan Srivilliputhur and Thomas Scharf, assistant professors of materials science and engineering



“You make a connection with so many people. College is a great experience.”

— Craig Robertson, athlete and role model

As a starting linebacker for the Mean Green, Craig Robertson is a leading tackler and leads the team in interceptions. His records earned him a Sun Belt Conference honorable mention in 2008 and 2009, as well as the Byron Gross Award for the team’s most outstanding linebacker in 2009. And he is ready to excel again in his final season with the Mean Green this fall.

But the student-athlete also makes an impact off the field. Robertson, who is majoring in recreation and leisure studies with an emphasis in sports management while preparing to pursue an M.B.A. at UNT next fall, works with young students at a local school, teaching them the importance of exercise and healthy eating habits. He began volunteering as a class

project, but the star athlete kept returning.

“I saw one of the kids in the store, and he asked me when I was coming back,” Robertson says. “I thought he recognized me from playing football, but he recognized me from my volunteering. It changed a lot in me.”

Jan Hodges, associate professor and coordinator of UNT’s recreation and leisure studies program, opened the door to volunteering for Robertson.

“Craig stood out to me because of his excitement, spirit and interest,” Hodges says. “He understands the discipline it takes to succeed — something that I think he has learned as an athlete — and then he transfers it into the classroom.”

She says one of the lessons her

students learn through volunteering is that “mentoring goes both ways — the mentee and the mentor gain so much.”

Robertson says when his turn came to be a mentor, he knew just where to look for a perfect example.

“Dr. Hodges really cares about her students,” he says. “If you don’t know something, she takes her time to explain it.

“She taught me, and now I’m teaching someone else.”

Craig Robertson, a star linebacker and senior set to graduate in 2010, with mentor Jan Hodges, coordinator of UNT’s recreation and leisure studies program





Gary Payne

“I chose UNT because I saw its focus as a research university.”

— Lawrence Chui, Ph.D. candidate and CPA turned behavioral accounting researcher

Lawrence Chui, a doctoral student in accounting, compares his research to police work. Auditors are like patrolmen as they monitor financial statements.

He’s trying to help them think more like detectives — or forensic accounting or fraud specialists — on the hunt for fraud and financial wrongdoing.

In a post-Enron era, Chui hopes his research will give companies and the public another layer of protection.

“If I can somehow help auditors think like forensic or fraud specialists, then they may identify problems sooner and stop fraud,” he says. “And that could save someone from losing their life savings.”

As a licensed CPA, Chui brings a working knowledge to his research and

already is passing that along to students in UNT’s undergraduate accounting courses.

“I want to become a better teacher and a researcher who makes an impact,” he says.

He has earned numerous awards, including the 2009 American Accounting Association/Deloitte/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium Fellow award and a 2008 Foundation for Applied Research grant from the Institute of Management Accountants.

He has honed his research through a mixture of psychology and accounting courses in a program known for exploring the human behavior that drives decisions. Faculty mentor Mary Curtis, an associate professor whose own auditing research focuses on judgment and decision-making,

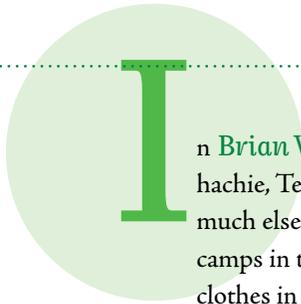
has guided Chui in his efforts to share his research with local companies.

“Lawrence’s willingness to work hard and take on projects results in his successes,” Curtis says.

Chui says he chose UNT for the superior faculty and research.

“UNT has a great reputation as a top national university, and the College of Business faculty have written tremendous publications,” he says. “I owe a lot to my professors.” ●

Lawrence Chui, a Ph.D. student in accounting, with mentor Mary Curtis, associate professor of accounting



In *Brian Waters'* hometown of Waxahachie, Texas, the kids who don't have much else know they will have sports camps in the summer and new school clothes in the fall. They know Santa will come through for them in the winter and there will be a party in the park in the spring. They know with hard work, they'll have a chance at college one day. And they know they have the newest Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year to thank.

Waters' work through the Brian Waters 54 Foundation is evident all over Waxahachie, and in northeast Texas' Sulphur Springs, in Dallas and in Kansas City, where the former UNT football standout is a four-time Pro Bowl guard with the Chiefs. He says winning the league's only recognition for community service and football excellence — named for the great Chicago Bears running back and philanthropist — is his biggest personal accomplishment so far.

"To be honored in the same breath as Walter Payton — it's hard to put into words," says Waters, who received the award before the Super Bowl kickoff and was also a finalist after the 2007 season. "It puts things in perspective. You want people to remember what kind of person you were, on and off the field."

Raised by his grandmother in Waxahachie, he says it was always a place

where people helped each other.

"Sometimes other people needed help, and sometimes we needed help," he says. "I think it's just human nature to try to do what you can."

When Waters came to UNT in 1995, he focused on courses in community service. With the football team, he worked with the Boys and Girls Clubs and volunteered on other projects. He also was a contributor on the field. After three years as a tight end, he played both tight end and defensive end his senior season.

"That was how I could contribute, and I wanted to help the team," Waters says. "I also wanted to show my versatility, since I had my eye on the pros."

The versatile Waters went to camp with the Dallas Cowboys as a rookie free agent in 1999, then played briefly in Europe before signing with the Chiefs and moving to the guard position where he would have so much success.

As his resources grew, his plans for helping more people also took shape. His foundation, which he created in 2005, now works with more than 20 agencies. Much of the work helps children and youth in need, and he has awarded more than 80 college scholarships.

"We tell kids if they're willing to put in the time and effort, they can do anything they want, but then we also give them the opportunity," he says. "We show them what's possible."

Waters is known as much for volunteering his time as his finances to the countless causes he supports. And as the new NFL Man of the Year, he hopes to pass a message along.

"Sometimes people don't realize how much they can help," he says. "You just have to have the passion and the want-to."

"And what's the reason for having success if you can't share with others?" ●

Brian Waters learned growing up there's always someone worse off who needs your help, and there's always something you can give. He took those lessons to heart, and now the four-time NFL Pro Bowler has a new award.

Brian Waters

by JILL KING



David J. Phillip

Brian Waters

1995-99, Waxahachie

Life philosophy:

Handle the things you can control, don't worry about the things you can't.

Most vivid UNT memory:

When we beat Texas Tech at Texas Tech with a last-minute touchdown. It was a six-hour drive home and we celebrated all the way back.

Favorite thing to do in Denton:

We used to hang out at a wings place on Fry Street. They had

25-cent wings on Tuesdays. And cheese fries.

Advice to young athletes who dream of the pros:

What's important is getting an education and staying out of trouble. You don't even get the opportunity for the dream without that.

Why UNT:

It had an unbelievable campus and they were giving me the opportunity to play. Plus, they were just going back to Division I-A — I believe in the underdog.

Visit northtexan.unt.edu to read more of Waters' answers.

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Information sleuths put their skills to work at government, corporate and museum libraries

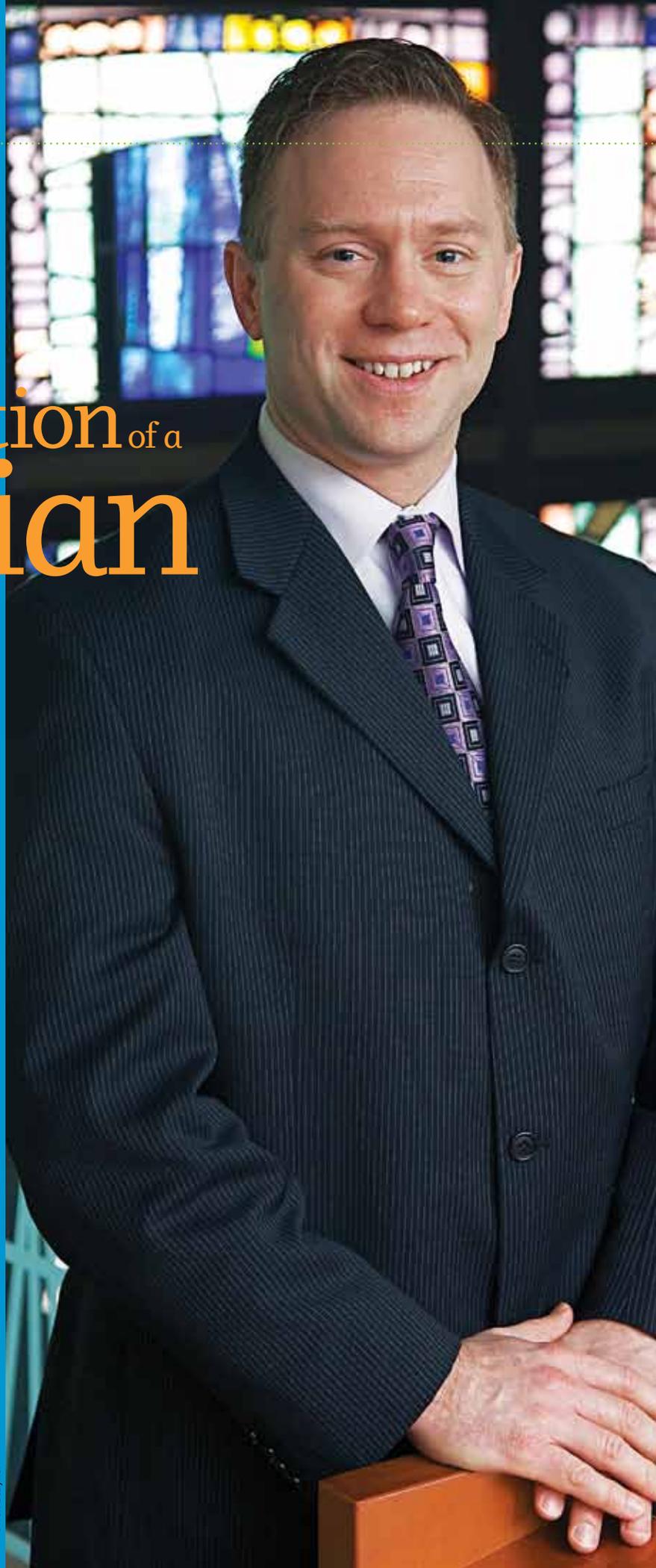
Evolution of a Librarian

by NANCY KOLSTI

DECREASES IN MORTALITY rates, adverse drug effects, surgical complications — the clinical informatics team at Ascension Health searched its databases for statistics, with assistance from Tim Stettheimer ('00 Ph.D.), Ascension's regional chief information officer.

The work would help a Los Angeles-based company determine if its evidence-based health care protocols and research, which assist health care professionals in applying evidence to the care of individual patients, were leading to improvements in care and recovery. Stettheimer worked closely with the team in planning ways to integrate this knowledge into clinical systems at hospitals operated by Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic nonprofit health system, located in Birmingham, Ala.

"In medical informatics, the work you do makes a huge difference in others' lives because you're supporting advances in medicine and health care," says



Owen Stayner



Stettheimer, who became a student in UNT's interdisciplinary doctoral program in information science to combine his interests in health care and technology.

"There's an enormous amount of information being generated from medical research. It's impossible for physicians to fully keep up," Stettheimer says. "That's why we have a need for clinical informaticists and medical librarians to determine database search terms. In addition, there's a vast amount of medical information out there on the Internet — some of it inaccurate. The health care field needs people who are trusted sources of information."

No more 'Marian'

Stettheimer is one of many graduates of UNT's College of Information who are using their master's or doctoral degrees in library or information science in settings beyond public, school, college or university libraries.

"The new revolution is the information revolution," says Herman Totten, dean of the college. "Companies know that information is their most prized commodity, and almost every entity needs information specialists."

A recent report on "Best Careers" in *U.S. News & World Report* called graduates of library and information science academic programs "high-tech information sleuths, helping patrons plumb the oceans of information available in books and digital records, and often starting with a clever Google search but frequently going well beyond."

No longer fitting the stereotype of "Marian the Librarian" — the bookish and standoffish spinster who constantly shushes library patrons in *The Music Man* — today's librarians are technology-savvy, working more with computers and databases than card catalogs and paper records.

At UNT, the technology revolution resulted in the School of Library and Information Sciences — which was established out of a department in the College of Arts and Sciences — becoming the College of Information in fall 2008. In February 2009, the college's commitment to teaching students about the links among people, information and technology applications led to its designation as an iSchool, an emerging academic program in information management, by the iCaucus.

The iCaucus was originally started in 1988 by deans of three schools and colleges of information and grew in the 1990s to include deans at more schools and colleges. In 2003, they adopted the term "iSchool," or information school, to describe their institutions and "iCaucus" to describe themselves.

UNT is one of only two Texas colleges or universities represented among the 27 iSchools in Asia, Canada, Europe and the U.S. The iSchools promote interdisciplinary approaches to understanding information management and are committed to concepts such as universal access and user-centered organization of information.

Digitizing collections

As early as the 1970s, the then School of Library and Information Sciences curriculum included technology-based instruction, responding to needs from industries for librarians to manage computer databases and other information storehouses.

Tim Stettheimer

Gary Jennings

Gary Jennings ('74 M.L.S.) recalls using a card catalog to look up information when he was an undergraduate at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash., and working in the campus library.

"I'd been interested in computers and information technology, but it never entered my mind to use computers in libraries until I went to North Texas," says Jennings, now the librarian for the Botanical Research Institute of Texas in Fort Worth. "I took classes in library automation and learned new methods of looking at information."

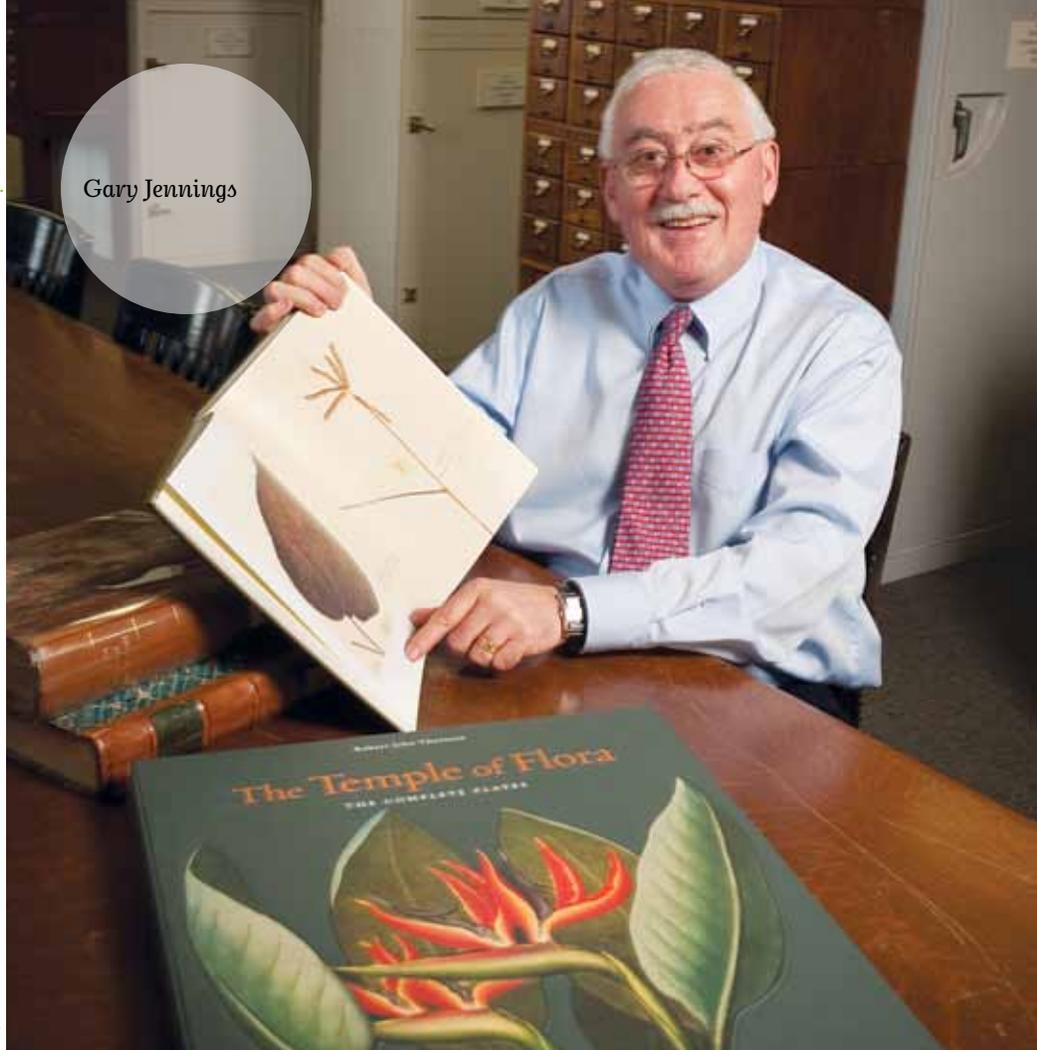
Today's students earning master's degrees in library science and information science choose one of 10 program emphases, including digital image management, distributed learning librarianship, health informatics and information systems. Cybersecurity was added last fall.

Regardless of their program emphasis, all students take three core courses focusing on information acquisition, organization, and access and retrieval. This knowledge "makes it possible for our students to work in any area of the field," Totten says.

Jana Hill ('00, '03 M.S.), associate registrar of collection information for Fort Worth's Amon Carter Museum, says the digital image management emphasis in the master's program combined her interests in art and technology while appealing to her love for organization. In her job, she catalogs and digitizes the museum's 250,000 permanent holdings as well as loans and special collections.

Hill says her clients include the museum's curators, other museums' registrars, educators and sometimes artists of the works.

"You'd be surprised to learn how many librarians do end up in museums, which need information professionals on their staffs," she says.



Angilee Wilkerson

Jana Hill



Courtesy of Amon Carter Museum

Space and beyond

David Bigwood ('93 M.S.) digitizes and catalogs tens of thousands of photographs as assistant manager of library services at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, a research institute funded by NASA.

"We make all imagery brought back by NASA missions available to the public and catalog and tag it for metadata. Anyone can come to the institute and look up information in one of our catalogs, but the size of the datasets and collections can be daunting. We often have 200 or 300 CDs from one mission," he says.

Like Hill, Bigwood majored in history for his bachelor's degree. Totten says many students in both the college's master's and doctoral programs have fine arts, humanities, mathematics, science and social science backgrounds.

He notes that while about 50 percent of College of Information students still intend to work in traditional library environments, the other 50 percent intend to work for government and corporate libraries and information agencies.

Other College of Information alumni switch from traditional to non-traditional environments. Jennings worked in general reference, the Dallas/Texas history archives and branch libraries for the Dallas Library system for 21 years before being hired by BRIT in 2001.

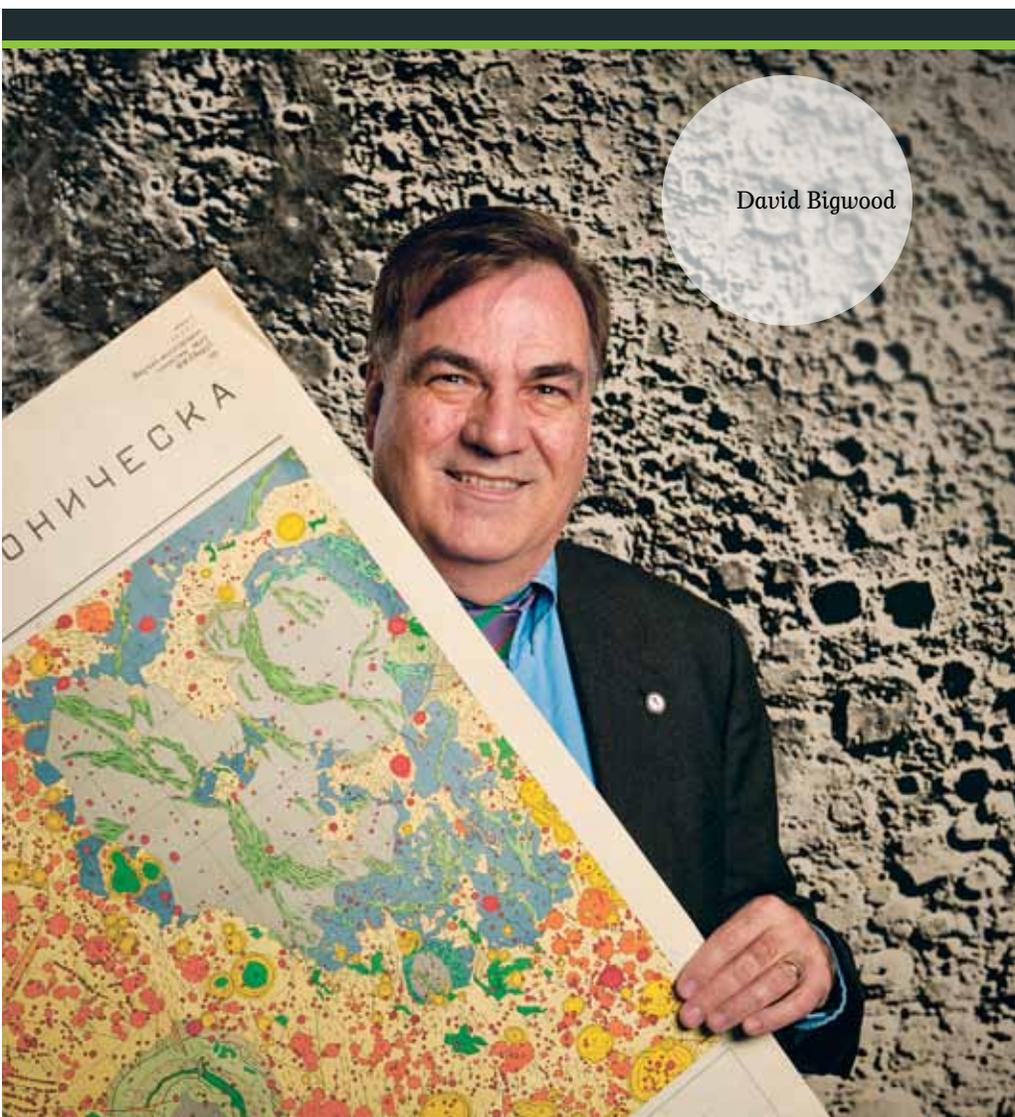
"We have not only inhouse researchers, but many visiting researchers who need to know what others have learned about a specific plant when they study it," says Jennings. He notes that special libraries like BRIT's have widened their audiences over the years, adding that he also assists gardeners, naturalists, teachers and high school students doing special projects.

"In her reference courses at North Texas, Margaret Nichols (now a Professor Emeritus) taught the importance of being

leaders in retrieval of information," Jennings says.

That's what Totten wants all graduates of the master's and doctoral programs in library and information science to become. He predicts the College of Information will become one of the leaders of the iCaucus by 2014.

"We've been highly responsive to the needs of industry and, despite the economy, our enrollment grew 7 percent this past fall," he says. "We are truly a pacesetter in a field that is almost recession proof." ●



Dave Einsele



Learn how Exxon/Mobil Corp.'s Lynette Jordan helps manage information for the global company at northtexan.unt.edu/online.

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Whether you are 7 or 70, at UNT you can tap into your creative side by building your own computer game, creating an animated movie, exploring the traditions of Hindustani music, experiencing the world of robotics or working a mock crime scene.

UNT's Emeritus College, which offers a variety of courses throughout the year, is designed for alumni and community members 50 and older who want to enjoy lectures and vibrant discussions in the classrooms. Classes are taught by emeritus faculty, Regents and other professors, a Fulbright scholar and the 2010 Texas Poet Laureate. Fall topics include an elder law boot camp, an introduction to Western philosophy and a review of plays by Tennessee Williams.

UNT's Grandparents University® brings grandparents and their grandchildren, ages 7-12, together in classes ranging from art to astronomy. Participants have the opportunity to spend the night in a UNT residence hall as part of this unique family-filled learning adventure June 24-25.

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THROUGH THE LENS

From the nation's capital to earthquake-ravaged Haiti, multi-award winning photojournalist Chip Somodevilla ('95) captures history through his images.

View some of Somodevilla's award-winning photographs and learn more about how he has adjusted to the evolving journalism profession at northtexan.unt.edu/online.



Chip Somodevilla ('95) HAS AN EYE FOR STORYTELLING. Armed with a digital camera and an innate sense of timing, the Getty Images staff photojournalist based in Washington, D.C., captures poignant moments that record history. Somodevilla, who discovered journalism was his calling at UNT, was named the 2010 White House News Photographers Association Photographer of the Year for his work covering President Barack Obama, Washington insiders and Capitol Hill.

"I take my job seriously," he says. "I believe photojournalists working in Washington have to be watchdogs, just as aggressive or independent as we would be in Bangladesh, Pakistan or Port-au-Prince, because as part of the press corps, we're upholding the Fourth Estate."

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1941

Margaret Fulton Middleton, Austin :: is enjoying family get-togethers, concerts and keeping up with friends after moving to a senior-living place last year with her husband, Bob, whom she married in 1942. At North Texas, she was a member of the Green Jackets and Kappa Theta Pi. She would welcome hearing from other former Eagles at rhmiddleton@austin.rr.com.

1965

Grady W. Troute ('68 M.S.), Franklin, Ohio :: wrote his first book, *Glimpses of Communion* (Xulon), a handbook for communion speakers. He worked on airborne and earthbound computer systems and in management with General Motors and Electronic Data Systems. For his "retirement job," he was a realtor and real estate broker in Ohio.

1967



Robert Cowan ('70 M.S.), Carmel, Ind. :: says he

got his start in gymnastics at North Texas, which led him to a lifelong career in coaching, ultimately at the Olympic level. In December, he was inducted into the Birdville ISD's Athletic Hall of Honor. After coaching in the district, he was men's program director for the U.S. Gymnastics Federation. He also was an international judge and official, and served as the U.S. men's team leader for the 1984, 1988 and 1992 Olympics.

1972



★ **George Foster, Lafayette, La. ::** founder and president of Foster Marketing Communi-

cations, was presented with the Business Marketing Association Lifetime Achievement Award at the Lantern Awards of Texas for his 30 years of contributions to the marketing industry and involvement with the BMA.

1974

Clarke Straughan (M.P.A.), Austin :: wrote *Romancing the Impossible: Traveling the World Without Money* (Travel Treasure Books) about his epic adventures around the world. Now a motivational speaker, he is the former director of international protocol for the state of Texas.

1975

Melinda Richarz (Bailey) Lyons, Tyler :: published a new children's book, *Murder at the Oaklands Mansion*. She also has stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: True Love* and the Florida Writers Association compilation *From Our Family to Yours*.

1976



Cindi Asbury Sanchez, Edmond, Okla. :: com-

pleted the Rocky Mountain Avon two-day walk for breast cancer in July. She and 1,200 other participants walked a full marathon

(26.2 miles) on the first day and a half-marathon (13.1 miles) on the second day. Her next walk is in Boston this May.

1978



Russell L. Livingston, Mansfield :: retired from the Cedar

Hill ISD in June. He taught in the Fort Worth ISD for 16 years, and was an assistant principal and principal in the Arlington and Cedar Hill ISDs. He now does consulting work in parent education.

JD Miller, Dallas :: released his first book, *JD Miller: Reflectionist*, which tells of his journey as a contemporary artist. He co-owns Samuel Lynne Galleries in Dallas, which won the 2009 Gallery Excellence Award for Showroom Design Excellence from *Art Business News*.

1982



★ **Martin J. Noto Jr. ('83 M.B.A.), Arlington ::** is senior vice

president and commercial relationship banker for Community Trust Bank of Texas in Tarrant County. He previously was executive vice president and

corporate banking manager with BBVA Compass Bank.

1985

Ron Baber (M.M.Ed., '88 M.S.), West Monroe, La. :: released a solo CD, *Animal Dreams*, in the 1990s. In 2002, he founded *www.IdeaTree.us*, an online visual collaboration and concept mapping site. In October, version 6.8 of IdeaTree was released.

Scott Kelley, The Woodlands :: was named general manager of sales and marketing for GE Healthcare's USA Interventional Cardiology and Radiology business. He has been with GE Healthcare for 14 years.

1987

Kathleen 'Kat' McGill Hodges, Rowlett :: is the art specialist at Walnut Glen Academy, an elementary magnet school for gifted and talented students in Garland. She was awarded one of 11 2008-09 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Awards by Humanities Texas.

1988



Dionne Floyd Anglin, Fort Worth :: is a Fox 4 news reporter for KDFW-TV who has been covering news stories for 20 years. She worked in Tallahassee,

New Orleans, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Antonio before returning to the Dallas-Fort Worth area in 2005.

Greg Avera, Allen :: is the vice president of U.S. sales at Kensington Computer Products Group, a division of ACCO Brands Corp. He was previously the director of worldwide business development, outsourced sales and marketing at Everything Channel in New York.

Georgia Kemp Caraway (M.S., '95 Ph.D.), Denton :: co-wrote a historical photograph book, *Images of America: Denton* (Arcadia Publishing). She is the executive director of the Denton County Museums and has contracted with Arcadia for three more Denton County history books.

John Glenn Field ('91 M.S.), Powder Springs, Ga. :: married Lara Annette Dafler last March. They moved to Powder Springs from Dallas to be close to his sons, Presley Glynn, 8, and Luke Cole, 6. He earned his real estate license in Georgia and is working with Keller Williams in West Cobb.

1991



Therese Powell (M.A.), Dallas :: worked as a producer on a KERA-TV documentary series, *Nowhere But Texas 2*, with two segments that



Elmer Kretzschmar (center) with Michael Saylor, associate dean for academic affairs and research in the College of Education (left), and Jerry Thomas, dean of the College of Education (right)

Pursuit of education

In the mid '70s, **Elmer Kretzschmar** ('09 M.Ed.) began pursuing a degree in vocational education from North Texas. He flew through his course work but never completed his dissertation because of family obligations and a relocation. But in December 2009, some 35 years later, the 97-year-old San Antonio man received a long-awaited degree from UNT.

"To be my age and have this happen is really something," Kretzschmar says. "This was a thrill."

His son, John Kretzschmar, recently found papers and transcripts that showed his father had completed all of the courses for his degree. The family contacted UNT, which decided to award Kretzschmar a master's degree based on his lifetime contributions.

The former student served in high-level positions in the U.S. Air Force, but never wavered in his commitment to education. In the '50s, he offered night English courses to soldiers in Korea. He also taught in public schools and universities, serving as a dean at Texas Christian University and as an academic administrator at Plattsburgh State University of New York.

Kretzschmar shared a love of education and learning with his family. So it was only fitting that his granddaughter, Erin Pallares of Frisco, accepted the diploma in his honor at the December graduation ceremony. She is pursuing her own master's degree in education.

"My father taught all of us to value education and the importance of earning a degree," John Kretzschmar says.

— Sarah Bahari

won 2009 Lone Star Emmys. The awards are presented by the Lone Star chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

1992



David Crowder ('97 M.B.A.), Colleyville :: completed the Ironman Florida 2009. His daughter, Eleanor, son, Finn, and sports equipment manager and wife, **Leigh Ann Douglass Crowder** ('91), were in Panama City to cheer him on.

1993



Kelly Webb Ferebee (M.Ed., '01 Ph.D.), Irving ::

received the Nancy Guillory Award from the Texas Association for Play Therapy last year for contributions to the field. She co-founded and implemented a grief camp for families who have lost a child, serves in various roles with a Camp Fire USA grief camp and works in private practice. She also is releasing her first children's CD/songbook. Her father, the late **Cloys Webb** ('51, '58 M.M.Ed.), was an award-winning choral director.

Her mother, **Bettye Dutton Webb** ('50), now lives in New Braunfels.

★ **Pam Smith** (Ph.D.), Sycamore, Ill. :: professor of accountancy at Northern Illinois University, received the 2008 Outstanding Educator Award from the Illinois CPA Society and the 2009 American Accounting Association Innovation in Accounting Education Award. She was selected as the first to hold the title of KPMG Endowed Professor at NIU.

1995



Gini Mascorro, Dallas :: is the music coordinator

and morning host for KXT 91.7 FM in Dallas, KERA's new public radio music station. She began her radio career at KNTU.

2001

Matthew Hiller, Benbrook :: director of bands at Smith Middle School in Cleburne, received the Bayard H. Friedman Hero Award from Score a Goal in the Classroom for being the most outstanding instrumental music teacher in North Texas. He was honored at Bass Hall during a performance of the Fort Worth Symphony

2002

Michael Ortiz, Uvalde :: is an assistant professor of

mathematics at the Rio Grande College of Sul Ross State University in Uvalde, where he lives with his wife, **Rebecca** ('01), and their children, Victor and Cecilia. He earned his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Texas at Austin last May.

2004

Anila Quayyum Agha (M.F.A.), Indianapolis, Ind. :: an assistant professor of drawing at the Herron School of Art and Design at Indiana University-

Upcoming Alumni Gatherings

UNT alumni gather to learn more about each other, celebrate their green pride and network for their next career move. Here's a sampling of what's going on:



ALUMNI

UNT Career Fairs and Workshops: Career fairs offered by the UNT Career Center are free to alumni job seekers. Scheduled are the College of Education Career Fair, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 9 in the UNT Coliseum, and from the Alumni Career Workshop Series, "Navigating a Career Transition" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 21 in Chestnut Hall, Room 120A and B, and via interactive webinar. Contact janet.denny@unt.edu.

Alumni Awards Reception/Dinner: The event recognizing outstanding achievement, service and support among alumni and friends begins at 6:30 p.m. April 16 in the Gateway Center. For more information, contact Rob McKinney at robert.mckinney@unt.edu or 940-565-3162 or Karen Selby at karen.selby@unt.edu or 940-565-3480.

Official Ring Presentation Ceremony: Steeped in tradition, the official class ring and presentation ceremony reminds students of their college success. The spring ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. April 22 in the Gateway Center.



ALUMNI

Mediterranean Inspiration Luxury Cruise: The cruise sets sail for Italy, Monaco, Greece, Montenegro and Croatia Oct. 17-30. Make reservations now before the best staterooms are booked. The cruise is brought to you by the UNT Alumni Association and GoNext. For more information, visit www.gonext.com/unt.

For more information or to join the UNT Alumni Association, call 940-565-2834 or go online to www.untalumni.com.



ALUMNI

2010 Alumni Directory

Want to reconnect with former classmates? Soon, you'll be able to find college friends in the UNT Alumni Association's new alumni directory.

During the next few months, directory publishing partner Harris Connect will contact graduates by phone, e-mail and mail to verify and update personal and career information. Graduates also can update information online through a Harris Connect web site, vote for a favorite directory cover, submit personal photos and memories and purchase a directory of their own.

For more information and updates, visit www.untalumni.com/news.



Photo Gallery



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1 Thirty Emerald Eagle Scholars attended the Emerald “Super” Ball Feb. 27, thanks to the generosity of sponsors. Contributions from donors and annual ball proceeds have grown the program’s endowed scholarship fund to \$1.2 million.

2 Four alums who were Epsilon Mu sorority sisters at UNT visited with students and friends at the ball. From left are senior Latyna Caldwell, senior Emerald Eagle Scholar Vanessa Lewis, Dimakatso Hayes, Jacqueline Brown ('70), Evelyn Mitchell, Johnie Pearl Mitchell Qualls ('71), Shirley Levels ('71) and Alberta Rencher ('71).

3 Khompet Chatsupakul ('84 Ph.D.) addressed a group of about 220 alumni and friends at a dinner in December in Bangkok. UNT alumni in Thailand organized and underwrote the event, which marked the official start of a Thai alumni chapter.



..... IN THE // News

→ Vurgood Apps, a company formed by ★ **Kevin Hamilton** ('99) and graduate student **Vincent Guerin** along with ★ **Christie Jones** ('06) and **Stacy Lambert** ('07), is making news with its iPhone applications. In December, an app for managing prayer lists was mentioned in an NPR *All Tech Considered* post, and the Vancouver debut of "Steve Austin's Broken Skull Workout" made *US Magazine's* online celebrity news. The app they created for the wrestling legend and former UNT football player features his workout and diet tips. Last spring and summer, the iWrecked application, which assists in gathering information after an auto accident, got a *New York Times* mention and made top apps lists at CNET and in *Road & Track*, among others.

→ **Tom Brantley** ('99 M.M.) was featured in the October issue of the *Brass Herald*, the leading brass journal in the United Kingdom. An associate professor of music at the University of South Florida in Tampa, he manages the trombone studio and conducts the USF's top jazz band. His first solo CD, *Boneyard* (Summit Records), has received positive reviews, and he performed as the opening act on the 2009 Clearwater Jazz Holiday, which also included Al Jarreau and the Neville Brothers.

→ **Dave Tough** ('98) was in *Music Connection* magazine over the summer as producer and engineer for the Frog Eye Jug Band at Ocean Way Nashville. He won the John Lennon Songwriting Competition Grand Prize in the country division last fall for a song he co-wrote called "The Beatles Without John," and his song "Constantly Falling" was featured in the Seth Rogen film *Observe and Report*. He completed his doctorate in education and is an assistant professor at Belmont University in Nashville.



Joe Hendricks

Purdue University Indianapolis, received an Efroymson Contemporary Arts Fellowship for painting and mixed media. Her solo show, *My Forked Tongue*, ran at the school's Basile Gallery in December.

Alison Hearst, Fort Worth :: received an Oklahoma Art Writing and Curatorial Fellowship. She is a curatorial research assistant at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

Lindsay Echols Sheaffer and **Gavin Sheaffer** ('03, '06 M.S.), Mesquite :: had a baby girl, Laurel Ashleigh, in May at Baylor Garland.

2005



Christian Alvarado, San Antonio :: was welcomed as an associate

in the corporate section of Jackson Walker LLP in November. He received his J.D. degree from the University of Texas School of Law.

Lisa Cook Hernandez ('07 M.A.), Garland :: and her husband, Jeromy, welcomed Lorelei Magdalena Hernandez in June. Lisa teaches dual-enrollment Spanish at Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas.



Jason MacDonald, Las Colinas :: completed his

first Ironman triathlon in November in Florida and has signed up for his second in November 2010 in Arizona. His fiancée, **Natalie Wade** ('08), is pictured with him.

Bethany Pipes, Dallas :: married Eric Baumgart of Plano in June. She is at UT Southwestern Medical Center after earning her doctor of audiology degree from Missouri State University.

Mark Schectman, Dallas :: was named Best Radio DJ in Dallas by the *Dallas Observer*. He is the DJ of *The Local Edge Show* on Dallas-Fort Worth's 102.1 The Edge.

2007

Kyle Allison, Corinth, and **Shane Bell** ('06), Arlington :: co-host a radio talk show for CNN 1190 AM called *Cultural Distortion*. Both were DJs for KNTU and met during internships for Clear Channel Dallas. Shane is a master's student at UNT.

2008

Marshall Pridgen III, Dallas :: is the head equipment coordinator of athletics and physical education at Brookhaven College in Farmers Branch. He says for the better part of a decade he wandered the sidelines of UNT football games as a student equipment manager (sometimes with a Diet Coke). ●

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS

UNT's alumni, faculty, staff and students are the university's greatest legacy. When members of the Eagle family pass, they are remembered and their spirit lives on. Send information about deaths to *The North Texan* (see contact information on page 5).



Read more, write memorials and connect with friends at northtexan.unt.edu.

1930s

Joseph Benjamin Thompson ('37), Bentonville, Ark. :: He was a pharmacist's mate in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He owned a Western Auto Store and Thompson's Auto Supplies in Helena, Ark., for many years. He studied chemistry and economics at North Texas.

1940s

Margaret Nicholson Fry ('40), Arlington :: After receiving her bachelor's degree in biology, she earned a master of science in bacteriology from Texas Tech University. She was a biology teacher, retiring from the Arlington ISD.

Garland Matthews ('42), Pecos :: At North Texas, he was an All Conference tackle on the football team. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and coached football in Corsicana and Pecos. He retired from the Pecos ISD as principal in 1981 and ranched until 2001.

Robert 'Don' McLeod ('42), Lubbock :: He earned his pilot's license while at North Texas and worked as an air traffic controller for what is now the Federal Aviation Agency and for the U.S. Navy during World War II. With his wife, he owned a secretarial and radio paging service and was active in the radio common carrier industry.

Gladys Seelbach Renfro ('43), Austin :: She attended North Texas from 1922 to 1925 until the birth of her son,

Matty Barrett Renfro ('53). She returned to graduate with her bachelor's in history when her husband was serving in World War II. She taught in Gaston and Daingerfield before moving to Carrollton Elementary School, where she taught in the same third-grade classroom for 26 years. She was 102.

Murphy Martin, Dallas :: He was a news anchor in the 1960s and '70s for WFAA-TV in Dallas and ABC in New York. He attended North Texas from 1944 to 1946 on a partial scholarship, playing saxophone in the dance band, and was sports editor for the newspaper and football play-by-play man for the radio station. For more than two decades, he was the public address announcer for the Dallas Cowboys.

University Community

Frank L. Collins, Denton, professor of psychology since 2007 and director of training for the clinical health



psychology and behavioral medicine doctoral program, died Dec. 19. He previously worked at Oklahoma State University, Rush Medical Center and the University of West Virginia. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern Louisiana

State University and a doctorate from Auburn. Survivors include his wife, **Jennifer Callahan**, assistant professor of psychology. Memorials may be made to the Frank L. Collins Scholarship fund at UNT.

John Foster Curry,



Denton, Professor Emeritus of education who worked at North Texas from 1956 to 1984, died Nov. 25. He was the director of admission to

teacher education and later served as an assistant dean in the College of Education. He earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Indiana University and was a school principal in Indiana, Ohio and Alaska before joining North Texas. In World War II, he served in the 88th Division of the U.S. Army in North Africa and Italy, earning the Silver Star, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters.

Elisabeth McCullar Jamison, Denton, former instructor of English at North Texas, died Dec. 27. She earned bachelor's degrees from TWU and taught in Plainview and Hadley before joining North Texas. She later worked for the *Denton Record-Chronicle*. She was president of the Legislative Wives Club in Austin while her husband, **Alonzo W. Jamison Jr.** ('39), was a member of the Texas House.

Mary Aileen Tausch ('46 M.M.), Fayette, Mo. :: She was a concert pianist, piano teacher and professor of music for many years. She was a member of the Missouri State Education Association and Pi Kappa Lambda Music Society.

1950s

Jack Rumbley ('51, '52 M.M.Ed.), Dallas :: A legendary musician, he played in the symphony, marching band and lab band at North Texas and was the drummer for the Aces of Collegeland. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. After serving in the 4th Army Band, he was a school band director and taught at Mountain View College and Dallas Baptist University. For 40 years, he played with the pit orchestra at Casa Mañana and the Fort Worth Symphony. Survivors include his wife, **Rose-Mary Brau Rumbley** ('52, '53 M.Ed., '71 Ph.D.). Memorials

may be made to the Jack Rumbley Percussion Scholarship at UNT.

Ben Sage Jr. ('51), Dallas :: A U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, he had a long career in sales, retiring as national accounts manager for Ben E. Keith Foods. He was married for more than 58 years to his college sweetheart, **Eva Farnsworth** ('50). At North Texas, he was an active member of Pi Phi Pi.

Ernestine Martin Cox, Fort Worth :: "Ernie" attended North Texas from 1950 to 1952. She spent many hours in the journalism building, where she met her future husband of 57 years, **Jere Cox** ('53), as they worked on the *Campus Chat*.

Patricia Ruth Rushing January ('53), Dallas :: She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at North Texas and married her college sweetheart, **Donald R. January** ('53). She traveled extensively with her

husband while he competed on the PGA Tour.

Ronald C. 'Ron' Waranch ('54), Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. :: He had owned Villa Pacific Building Co. in southern California and was a lifetime member of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans. At North Texas, he was a member of the Trojans fraternity. He left to serve with a military police unit in Korea and Japan before returning to complete his degree. He later donated funds for UNT's Waranch Tennis Complex.

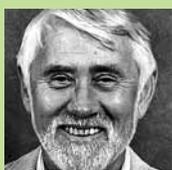
Arthur Dale 'A.D.' Griffin Jr., Plano :: He attended North Texas from 1952 to 1954 was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army as an intelligence analyst and held executive positions with Mobil Chemical, Phillip Morris Industries and Dixico Inc. He retired as owner of Griffin Packaging.

Wayne Baldwin ('58), Conroe :: He earned his degree in personnel management and worked for the Sleep-n-aire Mattress Co. in Houston for 35 years. Survivors include his wife, **Dorothy Gaskill Baldwin** ('60), and his twin brother, **Gwayne Baldwin** ('58).

Marion F. Hardin Jr. ('59), Graford :: He served in the Air Force reserve and worked as an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service before taking a job with the Tandy Corp. in Fort Worth. At North Texas, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Richard L. 'Dick' Hartman ('59), Fort Worth :: He was in the U.S. Air Force and a Korean War veteran. He was in the real estate business for more than 50 years in the River Oaks area and was a residential appraiser and property tax consultant. At North Texas, he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Kjell Mathias Johansen,



Richardson, assistant professor of foreign languages and literatures who worked at North Texas from 1964 to 2003, died Dec. 8. He moved to the U.S. from Norway in 1956 and studied English at the University of Texas at Austin for his bachelor's and master's degrees. He taught German at North Texas for more than 35 years, as an instructor, a

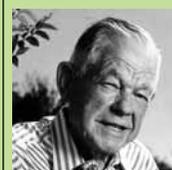
director in the language lab and an assistant professor. After retiring from UNT, he taught English as a second language at Brookhaven College and translated patents, medical trials and user guides from Norwegian and Swedish.

Harve D. King, Austin, one of UNT's pioneer African American administrators, who worked at North Texas from 1969 to 1986,



died Jan. 26. He came to North Texas as assistant dean of students and was appointed associate dean in 1983. Well known for his efforts to encourage students, he was affectionately called "Mean Dean King." He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in New Guinea and the Northern Solomon Islands. He earned a bachelor's degree from Texas College in Marshall and a master's from Prairie View A&M. In a 2001 *Dallas Morning News* profile, he said he'd like his epitaph to read, "Life has been good to me."

Walt E. Parker ('40), Denton,



retired UNT System vice chancellor of governmental affairs who worked at North Texas from 1979 to 2004, died Jan. 22. He played football as a student at North Texas and worked for 42 years as an AFL and NFL official and observer of officials. He was inducted into the UNT Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995. Parker was

1960s

JoAnn Elliott Bond ('61), Dallas :: At North Texas, she pledged Alpha Phi, earned her degree in interior design and met her husband of 45 years, **Charlie Bond** ('59). She worked for Braniff and Elliott's Hardware before becoming a tireless T-ball and soccer mom. She was active for many years in the Civic League, where she originated the annual Holiday Home Tour. Memorials may be made to the JoAnn Elliott Bond Scholarship fund at UNT.

1970s

Betty Pope ('70), Clinton, Miss. :: She was a former music librarian at UNT, and after retiring taught piano lessons at her home in Denton. She previously taught music at Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, Ga., and at Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe, La.

Paul Richard Randolph

('74), Raleigh, N.C. :: He was a professional engineer who worked in the aerospace and utilities industries. After earning his degree to teach secondary math and physics, he taught in Ingleside and McKinney. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, **Loretta Smith** ('74). After high school, he served four years of active duty in the U.S. Navy.

James R. Wood ('79 Ed.D.), McKinney :: He was a teacher, coach and principal in Oklahoma before moving to the Irving ISD. After earning his doctorate, he served as a superintendent in Brownsboro and Laredo and in Many, La.

1980s

Shelley Posey Marsh ('80 M.Ed.), Fort Worth :: She was an elementary teacher and special education diagnostician at the Mansfield ISD for more

than 20 years. She also taught English as a second language classes and led mission efforts in her church.

George G. Danielson, Dallas :: He was an audio-lighting designer working in Dallas. He attended North Texas from 1975 to 1981 and was a drama major who spent his time behind the scenes in set design and production, except for an unexpected role as King Lear.

Rodney Williams, Dallas :: He attended North Texas from 1981 to 1982, playing football as a starting nose guard. He was employed at Angelica Textiles and had worked for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons and U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

1990s

Patricia Marie Bell ('90, '94 M.Ed.), Denton :: She was a licensed professional counselor

for AIDS Services of North Texas, which her family says was her passion. Her daughter and son-in-law, **Jonith** ('05) and **Mark Wilkinson** ('04), also are graduates of UNT.

Gregory Blake Gunnarson ('90), Dallas :: He served two years in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. At UNT, he earned his degree in communication studies with a minor in business administration. He was an associate manager with Walmart Corp. and previously had been a general manager with Luby's Cafeteria.

Kevin Eugene Wheeler ('96, '03 M.A.), Dallas :: He was an instructor in the English and aquatics departments at Richland College. His family says he was fulfilling his dream to make a difference through teaching. ●

in the Army Air Corps during World War II and later served during the Korean War. He had been a teacher, coach, builder and rancher and served five consecutive terms as a Texas state representative. At UNT, he played a key role in securing funding for initiatives such as the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science. He was married to **Mildred Brock Parker** ('40, '70 M.A.), who died last year.

James W. Smith, Denton, food service manager in the University

Union from 1990 to 1997, died Oct. 12. He was known to earlier students as the owner of Jim's Diner on Fry Street, which opened in 1979.

Kevin Allan Yoder, Denton,



associate professor of sociology since 2003, died Dec. 11. His

areas of research included social statistics, research methods, and suicidality and mental illness

among homeless adolescents. He earned his bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College and earned two master's degrees and a doctorate from Iowa State University. He was a postdoctoral trainee at the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research at Rutgers University.

Memorials

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REMEMBERING LIFE'S LESSONS

by ADENE THOMPSON STEELE ('38)

AT 90 YEARS OF AGE, I STILL have fond memories of my time at North Texas — and I still live by one of the lessons I learned there.

When I enrolled at North Texas in 1935, it was during the Great Depression and times were hard. Attending college was a rare opportunity — only three of the 65 students in my Grand Saline High School class went on to college. My family really couldn't afford it, but my mother and father valued education and wanted their children to earn a college degree. We knew North Texas was the best teachers college, so that's where we went.

And although we were poor East Texas cotton farmers, four of us Thompsons — Bonnie ('38), Faye ('37), Joseph Benjamin ('37) and I — graduated from North Texas through hard work and sacrifice. After graduating, I taught high school for five years before joining the U.S. Women Marine Corps Reserve in 1944 to help with the wartime effort.

About 3,000 students attended North Texas in the late '30s. We lived in a boarding house on Hickory, and as a freshman, I watched Marquis Hall being built. When it opened as the first and only dorm on campus, I thought it was the prettiest place I had ever seen. The chandeliers were beautiful.

Our school days were spent studying, but I also remember walking where the present golf course is, hiking and



going on picnics — it was just an open pasture then. On Tuesday nights, a group of girls would ride the Goose to downtown for 10-cent movie night. And of course, we lived for the Saturday Night Stage Show with 'Fessor Graham.

During the summers, if we were home when the cotton was ready to be picked, we had to go to the fields to work. I found it easier to go to school. I told my parents that I wanted to go to summer school and that I could finish in three years. And I did.

It was in Olive M. Johnson's speech class that I learned one of life's lessons that has stuck with me throughout the years. Each class, she would write a quotation on the blackboard and ask us to think about it. She encouraged us to "impress it in your mind so it will guide you." My favorite was, "If you cannot forgive others, you burn the bridge you yourself must cross." Because of her, I always remembered that I should forgive others because I, too, need forgiveness.



I have enjoyed life and tried to help in civic services to my community and church. I've learned that attitude is everything. Being happy and being optimistic is the key.

Throughout the years, I have visited UNT several times, and I always am pleased to read about and see the continued improvements that are made at my North Texas. I am proud of the faculty, students and others who continue to bring honor to my university. Go Eagles, go Green and White! ●

Adene Thompson Steele ('38) was a school teacher, a Marine and a grocery store owner with her husband, George Steele, to whom she was married for 50 years before his death. She has two children, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and fondly remembers her days at North Texas.

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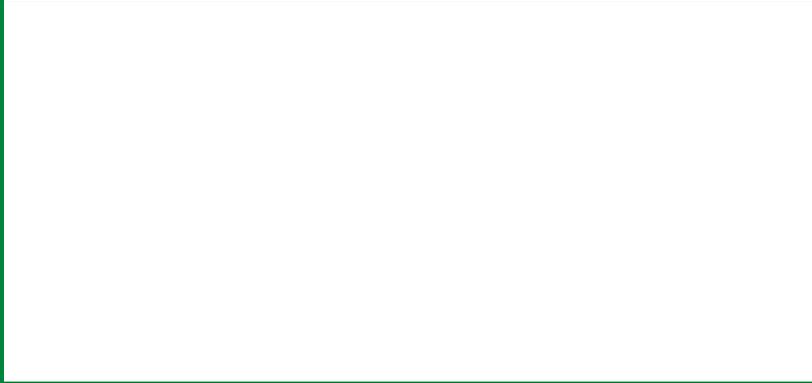
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