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A UNT education helps students rise to the top. Read about our alumni, such as longtime Dallas City Manager Mary Suhm ('74 M.S., '84 M.B.A.) (page 18) and those working in digital retailing (page 32).

Helping our students succeed and find their green light to greatness is what we're all about.

Sincerely,



V. Lane Rawlins
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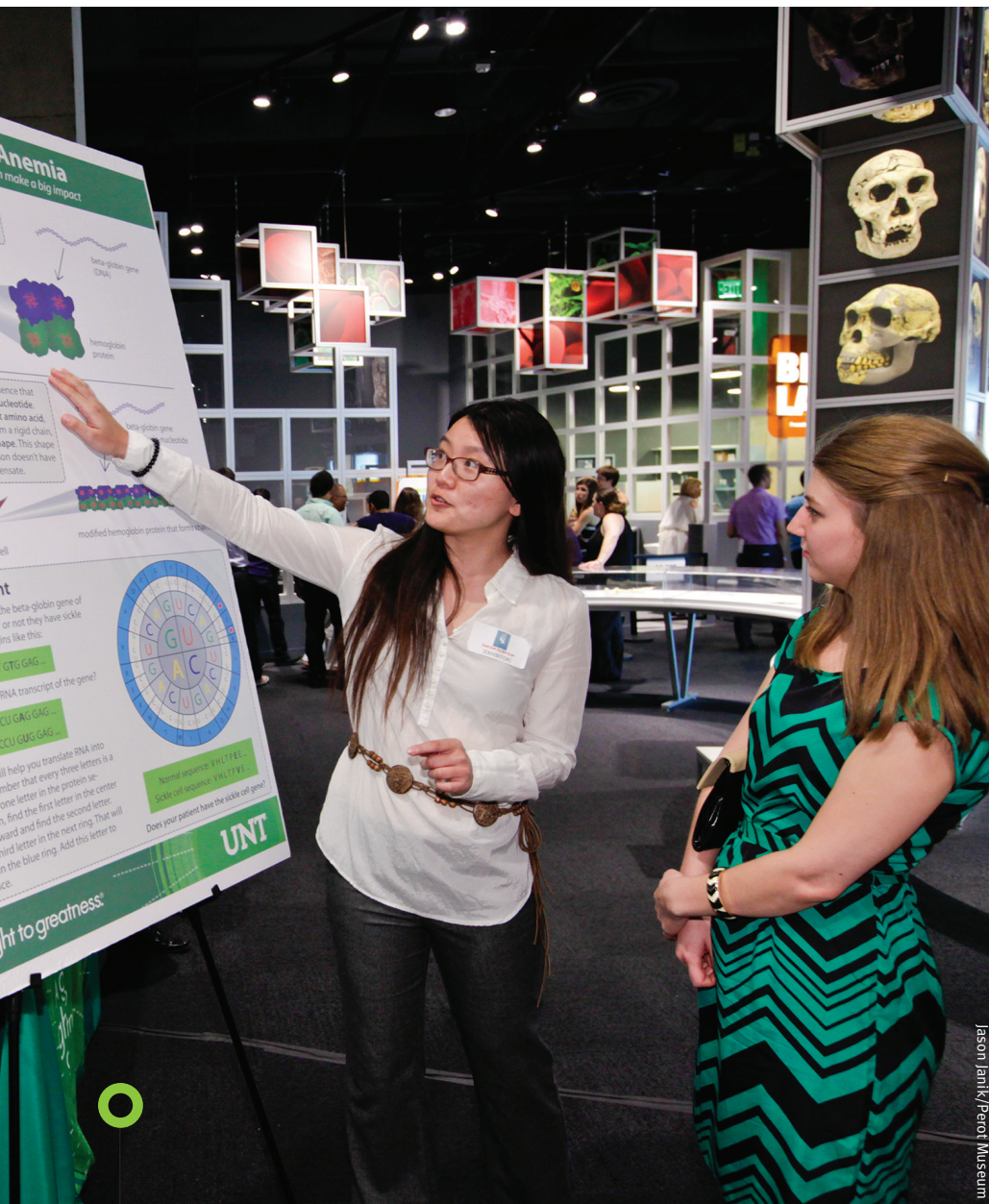
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VISITORS TO THE PEROT MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE IN DALLAS EXPERIENCED UNT RESEARCH UP CLOSE THIS SUMMER. SIX UNT EXHIBITIONS WERE ON DISPLAY DURING THE 'SOCIAL SCIENCE: RELATIONSHIPS' EVENT. SEE A FACEBOOK ALBUM OF PHOTOS.



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they showed as leaders of UNT during a period of significant growth.

W. Joe Calfee ('93)
Denton

I had the honor of taking Dr. Hurley for a course titled "Command and Commanders" in the UNT history department in 2006. I had apprehensions about the class since it was a one-night-a-week, four-hour class.

From the first class to the last class, I felt as if Dr. Hurley was simply leading a conversation about his vast experience as a member of the military. He would just get up and talk for the entire four-hour class.

It was by far the best class I had at UNT and I am grateful I had the opportunity to experience a small piece of what Dr. Hurley gave back to UNT and the country he loved.

God be with you, Dr. Hurley.

Josh See ('07)
Woodland Park, Colo.

As a political science doctoral student from Thailand who went to North Texas in 1981 and stayed until 1988, I had a lot of experience with the university, including Dr. Hurley. As the new president, he had promoted foreign students

A great leader



Editor's note: Below are excerpts from some of the comments we received online after the passing of UNT System Chancellor Emeritus and UNT President Emeritus Alfred F. Hurley June 8. See page 44 for more about his legacy and a campus service celebrating his life Sept. 28. If you would like to add your condolences or memories, visit northtexan.unt.edu/alfred-hurley.

I will miss the presence that Dr./Brig. Gen. Hurley had on campus during my enrollment.

He was there when I graduated in the spring of 1990 and also was at my Air Force commissioning

ceremony. My parents got to meet him and his wife and they were gracious as always.

Goodbye, sir, and I salute you one last time.

Bernie Wadsworth ('90)
Euless

As an undergrad and grad student at North Texas in the '80s, I remember Dr. Hurley as a kind, energetic gentleman who tirelessly led the university to its greatness. As a foreigner, I believe all the contributions by a great man like Dr. Hurley are what made America a great country.

Kamonchai Kesonpat ('85, '86 M.S.)
Fort Worth

Dr. Hurley was a teacher and scholar who was ever present during my time at UNT. As a history major, I had the chance to interact with him on a fairly regular basis and truly enjoyed his

company. His military history seminar is an event I look forward to attending every year.

But most of all, Dr. Hurley was one of my professors who wrote me a letter of recommendation for graduate school. I will forever be indebted to him for that service.

Greg Bognich ('03)
Lenexa, Kan.



I was a student leader at UNT during the Centennial year and have many fond memories of Dr. Hurley and his wife, Johanna.

As I have found myself thinking back to that time, I have appreciated the grace with which he led, his love for his wife and the devotion

Convertible days

I found this picture in my North Texas scrapbook. It was from a frat info booklet, taken in front of the Pi Kappa Alpha house in 1960 or 1961.

The girls in Mike Klepak's Impala convertible were my roomies. I know where Sandra Primeaux is, as we are Delta Gamma alums, but have lost touch with the others.

There was a concrete slab where we used to dance the "NT Push." I saw a note in my scrapbook from Tommy Miller, Bubba's little brother, saying "Meet me at the Slab for dancing."

Such fantastic memories! I remember when Abner Haynes came to the UB and taught us how to do the "Push." He said you have to hold onto your bedframe and listen to the music of Jimmy Reed.

Pictured from left are Gaines Alexander, Mike Klepak, Martha Hayden, Tony Fertitta, Linda Lou Montgomery,



Bubba Miller, Sondra McDonald and Sandra Primeaux. I'm not sure about the rest.

— Martha Hayden Larison ('63), Tyler

from all over the world to study at the university.

Around 1985, the Texas Legislature imposed budget cuts and asked all public universities in Texas to increase tuition sharply. Foreign students were among those affected most.

The Foreign Student Organization organized a protest and I, as one of the organizers, requested the university to help solve the problem as quickly as possible. After no action, the FSO issued the demand to see the president for discussion and promised to stay protesting at the lawn in front of Willis Library.

Dr. Hurley, who was so busy with the Legislature's immediate budget cuts, was kind enough to see our problem. He asked the FSO to hold the meeting at his

office and discussed the plan to help solve the problem in the short run. He promised to do his best to help us stay enrolled.

It was my deep impression that Dr. Hurley never overlooked us when he saw our difficulties. The university kept the promise and most foreign students stayed rather than transferring to another university as threatened.

To us, Dr. Hurley was the kind of person who indeed knows people in need. We miss you, really miss you, Dr. Hurley.

Chalernpol
Waitayangkoon ('88 Ph.D.)
Bangkok, Thailand

'50s fun



I attended a banquet at church this summer that had a '50s theme.

I couldn't find my North Texas cheerleader sweater and circular corduroy skirt to wear, so instead I wore my coveralls that the guys and the three female cheerleaders wore at the pep rallies my last two years of college. I could do flips from one end zone to the other.

I was a member of Delta Gamma sorority and a Home-

coming Queen runner-up. I had a wonderful four years.

Carolyn Bruce Gossett ('58)
Houston

An interesting list

Your mentioning of Roy Orbison, the Eli Young Band and other musicians in the spring issue of *The North Texan* reminded me of how many musicians and other entertainers are North Texas alumni and former students.

You should feature a list of all or many or most of them sometime. Not only would a lot of readers find it interesting, but it would be great PR!

T Diemer ('78 M.L.S.)
Kenner, La.

Editor's note: Thank you for the suggestion. We do have many amazing alumni.

Visit our new feature on northtexas.unt.edu for a list of some notable alums from the music and entertainment worlds as well as other fields like business, science, sports, art and politics.

Dog Days visitors



By coincidence, not only am I an employee of UNT, but I am also part of the Dog Days of Denton as well as Texas Great Pyrenees Rescue in Denton.

Our dog Solaris won the coveted Dog Days of Denton Spokes Dog 2014 so we created a Fourth of July Denton Parade entry and won first-place for the Best Unit Theme.

While we had many visitors, I have to say I was most tickled when the UNT cheerleaders took a break and had a snuggle or two or three with our Great Pyrenees!

Becky Petrusky,
administrative specialist,
Institute of Applied
Science

Still running



I'm a UNT graduate in kinesiology and was happy to see the letter in the spring issue from the former track and cross country members who are still running. I teach elementary P.E. in Garland and founded the Garland Ground-Breakers, a social walk and running club.

I was entered in the ING New York City Marathon last year to raise awareness and funds for community health

and wellness, especially in regard to childhood and family obesity, and received a Run For Something Better grant for my school. Last year's marathon was canceled due to Hurricane Sandy, but I plan to return this fall to continue with my mission. The ING NYC Marathon will be my eighth marathon.

I also ran with my daughter, Krisyla Gilmore, who's now a UNT student, in the North Texas Touchdown 5K at Apogee Stadium in April (above). It was incredible to have two generations of Eagles finishing the 5K together.

Marcie Adame ('97)
Garland

Share tips for student success and stories of faculty excellence



UNT has been dedicated to helping students succeed throughout its history (above, students from the '50s discover campus life and helpful faculty). This fall, the university launched a new *Succeed at UNT* campaign to help students find the help they need to be successful academically and to have a good college experience. The campaign's simple tips include "Show up," "Get involved" and "Be persistent." Share your own advice for success with new students. We'd also like to hear about excellent faculty members who helped you along your way. Share your stories with us at northtexas.unt.edu/letters or email us at northtexas@unt.edu.

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ROOM TO GROW

New University Union will build on UNT's legacy as an environmentally friendly campus and provide more space for the growing student body.



Learn more about the union's construction schedule at northtexas.unt.edu/room-to-grow.

UNT'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY can be seen through its growing number of state-of-the-art green facilities. And the campus community soon will have a new University Union to add to that list. This summer, work began on a two-year project to transform the old site into a new sustainable, technologically advanced center that meets today's student needs. When complete, the new University Union will serve as a home away from home for students. Its additional 100,000 square feet will provide ample studying, socializing, lounging, dining and meeting space, and interior displays will capture UNT's culture and history. The new union — approved by students in April 2012 — is slated to open in fall 2015.

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

- **SCRABBLE FOR LITERACY.** Word wizards gathered at UNT this spring to test their vocabulary prowess at the UNT Scrabble tournament supporting UNT’s Life Through Reading program, which promotes early childhood literacy. Every \$5 entry fee bought two books for the children’s reading program.
- **ORGANIC GARDENS A GROWING IDEA.** For centuries, artists have used dye gardens for their work. In October, UNT will open its very own on the west side of Bain Hall. UNT’s Natural Dye Garden will provide sustainable, natural dyes made from flower petals, plant leaves, roots and other organic materials to color up student projects and serve as a beautiful community space where visitors can walk, relax and enjoy art installations by Greenmeme Designs and UNT students.
- **BEAUTY QUEEN’S VOCAL TALENT.** Former UNT student Ivana Hall competes Sept. 15 for the Miss America title in Atlantic City after being crowned Miss Texas this summer. Hall won over Miss Texas judges with her vocal talent and pageant platform “HIV/AIDS Education and Resources: Each One, Reach Out to One.” Hall was the reigning Miss North Texas at the time she was crowned. Read more about other UNT beauty queen legacies at northtexan.unt.edu/beauty-queen.



Blindoor Studios

BRILLIANTLY GREEN



Graduate fellowship

In between pursuing a doctorate in learning technologies and working as a teaching fellow, Jenny Wakefield ('07, '10 M.S.) mentors students in

the Department of Learning Technologies’ new online accelerated master’s program. Her dedication has earned her a 2013 Joseph E. Pryor Graduate Fellowship from Alpha Chi National College Honor Society.

The fellowship recognizes academic excellence in college juniors, seniors and graduate students. When she’s not giving back, Wakefield researches social media, virtual worlds and games and their

use in formal higher education learning with her mentor Scott Warren, associate professor of learning technologies. She expects to earn her doctorate in December 2014 and plans to teach instructional design.

National arts scholarship

While studying at UNT, Jon Savage ('13) — a double major in English and history and double minor in French and Russian — stood out as a McNair Scholar and member

of UNT’s Honors College. Now he’s earning recognition for being one of 20 students in the nation to receive the 2013 Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Arts Award, which provides \$150,000 to students or recent alumni with artistic promise and financial need to earn a graduate degree in the arts or creative writing.

Savage will apply to graduate programs and begin his fellowship next year.



UNT has made 120 existing campus buildings more energy efficient and expects to save \$3 million annually in energy costs over the next two decades.



Pulitzer Prize-winning author and military historian Rick Atkinson served as a keynote speaker at the ninth annual Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference in July.

Mayborn conference

The final book in Rick Atkinson's World War II Liberation Trilogy, a narrative history series that took almost 15 years to complete, was released in May. By July, Atkinson was at work on an American Revolution trilogy.

"I'm relatively certain war is timeless," he said at UNT's ninth annual Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference, which is hosted by the Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism and has become one of the nation's pre-eminent gatherings of writers.

The three-time Pulitzer Prize-winner spoke of his calling as a narrative writer to "bring the dead to life."

"The first duty is to remember, whether you're a writer or not," he said.

Other keynote speakers were Susan Orlean, author of *The Orchid Thief*, who spoke about her latest book on dog hero Rin Tin Tin, and *Texas Monthly's* Skip Hollandsworth, who talked about writing the screenplay for the movie *Bernie*.

The film was based on an article he wrote about an assistant funeral director-turned-confessed killer who was so beloved in his East Texas town that a change of venue was granted to have a fair chance of a conviction.

"It was a story you don't get in the way of," Hollandsworth said.

Education research award

Jeanne Tunks, associate professor of teacher education and administration, earned the 2013 Claudia A. Balach Teacher Researcher Award for a reading achievement study.

The award was given to Tunks, former student teacher Codi Potter ('12) and her mentor Vanessa Arispe, a fifth-grade teacher at Wilson Elementary in Denton, for their collaborative research action study "Reading Nonfiction Books as an Influencing Factor in Reading Achievement."

The Balach award recognizes innovative research collaborations between school district teachers/administrators and university researchers.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURER

This summer, Lee Hughes, associate professor of biological sciences, was named an American Society for Microbiology Distinguished Lecturer, an honor bestowed on the nation's most acclaimed lecturers and researchers. Hughes will travel throughout the U.S. lecturing at the group's state meetings about his work studying the early research experiences of undergraduate biology majors to help improve student retention, as well as using innovative teaching strategies such as hybrid and online classes. Hughes also is director of UNT's Howard Hughes Medical Institute program, which provides research opportunities for undergraduates majoring in biology and biochemistry.



Gary Payne

Michael Clements



Regent appointments

Gov. Rick Perry appointed three new regents and a new student regent to the UNT System Board of Regents.

Perry's appointments were Milton Lee, second from left, a retired CEO of San Antonio-based CPS Energy and engineer; James R. "Rusty" Reid ('85), far right, certified insurance

counselor and CEO and chair of the board of Higginbotham & Associates; and Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley, far left, former co-founder of Whitley Penn CPAs and Professional Consultants.

UNT regents serve six-year terms. Gwyn Shea, former Texas Secretary of State and representative, was reappointed

to a new term. Her civic work includes serving as a member of the Baylor Health Care System Board of Trustees.

Rudy Reynoso, third from left, was among 10 Texas students Perry appointed to one-year terms on their system boards. A senior double-major in communications and Spanish, he addresses student issues at UNT's flagship campus in Denton, UNT Dallas and the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth.



As part of board changes, Regent G. Brint Ryan ('88, '88 M.S.)

was named board chair. Ryan, appointed to the board in 2009, is chair and chief executive officer of Ryan LLC, leading international tax services firm in Dallas. He has earned numerous UNT alumni awards for outstanding service to the university.



Regent Donald Potts ('63) was named the new vice chair. He

has served as a regent since 2011 and is founder of Capital Institutional Services and an institutional broker and dealer.

GREEN PRIDE

Wearing green is rewarding



UNT students, faculty and staff wear green every Friday to show their Mean Green Pride throughout the year, and now there's a way that alumni and friends of the university can take part, too. Here's how wearing green this fall can benefit you:

- **Win.** Take a photo of yourself dressed in Mean Green gear and upload it to Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #UNTPRIDE. Every week, three winners will be chosen to receive a \$50 gift card from a local Mean Green Pride discount partner. Those not living in the Denton area will receive a gift card to a major retailer.
- **Save.** Wearing your green on Friday also means you can save at local Denton restaurants and retailers. Select retailers will reward you just for showing your UNT pride so get some green on to get discounts every Friday.
- **Give.** Wearing your green on Friday also gives back to Denton. Half the proceeds of specially designed "Mean Green Pride – We're All In" gear supports the Big Event, UNT's annual day of service for the Denton community. Look for a larger selection of Mean Green gear in the new Barnes & Noble at UNT bookstore or online at unt.bncollege.com.



For more details and a list of participating businesses, visit meangreenpride.unt.edu.

VISITING MILITARY PROFESSOR

Distinguished military expert and historian Robert Citino, professor of history, will serve as a visiting professor at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., for the 2013-14 academic year. While there, Citino will assist in teaching courses in the college's Department of National Security and Strategy. He also will conduct college-wide lectures and presentations and lead faculty efforts to publish case studies. He is a fellow of UNT's Military History Center and vice president of the national Society for Military History. In 2007, he was ranked the No. 1 professor in the country for his excellence in teaching by the website Rate My Professors. His research interests include modern European history, German military history and U.S. military history.

GLOBAL CONNECTION

Pacific Islands graduates

Thirty-one of UNT's newest master's degree graduates live 7,000 miles away from Denton. For their graduation this summer, they wore traditional caps and gowns, but also donned leis to reflect their heritage.

These students from six U.S.-affiliated Pacific Island nations completed the UNT College of Information's online master's degree program in library science. In 2010, the college began the program — LEAP: Library Education for the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific — in partnership with the UNT Libraries and Pacific Resources for Education and Learning, a nonprofit that works with schools in U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands.

Funded by a nearly \$1 million grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Science's Laura Bush 21st Century Library Program, the goal of LEAP was to increase the number and diversity of library professionals for the

islands. An associate's degree is the highest offered in the field at any of the islands' colleges and universities, says Yvonne Chandler, UNT associate professor of library and information sciences and LEAP's co-director.

"The islands were in need of libraries with professionally trained staff who are native Pacific Islanders," she says.

The students started the program in 2011 by attending a web institute at the College of Micronesia led by UNT faculty members and librarians. Each student completed

online courses, attended workshops and was mentored long distance by a UNT librarian.

Chandler says she sees more similarities than differences in the LEAP students and other UNT students.

"The Pacific Islands community has tremendous pride in our program," she says. "A number of our students were promised and have received professional positions before they finished their degrees."



This summer, 31 students earned degrees from the UNT College of Information's online master's degree program in library science through LEAP: Library Education for the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific.

Karleen Manuel Samuel



Jonathan Reynolds

New VP of research

Thomas McCoy, former vice president for research, creativity and technology transfer at Montana State University, has been named UNT's new vice president for

research and economic development. McCoy joined UNT this summer.

McCoy is helping UNT build on its efforts to achieve Tier One research university status and ensure the continued attraction of research funding and top faculty and student researchers. He also is carrying out UNT's bold vision for research and economic development. UNT chose McCoy for his background as a distinguished plant scientist,

his leadership in helping Montana State University become a top research institution, and his experience in assisting economic development in areas including optics, biotechnology and information technology.

Leadership academy

Leslie Jimenez ('13 M.Ed.) knows that an education changes lives. She completed her master's degree in higher education this summer and

was chosen to share her story of being a first-generation college graduate in the national GEAR UP Alumni Leadership Academy. Jimenez will spend one year attending the leadership academy, a National Council for Community and Education Partnerships program. She will then return to her home state of California to speak to low-income students as a GEAR UP education advocate. She aspires to be a university professor.



Ask an Expert

How can you make tailgating easy and fun?

The fun begins before kickoff for alum David Anderson ('99), who has been an avid fan of UNT football since the second grade. He also is a devoted supporter of Mean Green athletics and a tailgating aficionado.

During football season, Anderson tailgates with passion and customized gear before settling into his club-level suite at Apogee Stadium, which he purchased as part of his long-term commitment to supporting the stadium and athletics program. On game days, you'll find him out early at Apogee Stadium with his custom grill, two tents, flat-screen TVs and a backup generator.

"When it comes to tailgating, I've set a high level of expectation for myself, but any student or alum can do it on a smaller scale," he says.

Here are Anderson's tips for making tailgating a rewarding experience for you, your family and friends:

Plan ahead

- ♦ Prepare enough food and drinks for your tailgating crowd. For 60 guests or more, Anderson cooks 60 pounds of ribs and 20 pounds of sausage.
- ♦ Bring games for fun and to keep your guests occupied. One of Anderson's favorites is the game cornhole, similar to horseshoes but with boards and beanbags.

- ♦ Have a backup plan for unexpected changes in the weather. Windscreens or tents are good for protection on windy or rainy gamedays.
- ♦ Show your pride by sporting your favorite Mean Green gear.

Get out early

- ♦ For a 6 p.m. kickoff, begin your day at Apogee Stadium at 9 a.m. For a 3 p.m. kickoff, start your day at 7 a.m.
- ♦ Find the best parking and a location to set up your tailgating spread.
- ♦ Calculate enough time to start grilling food, prepping beverages and setting up your tent.

Wrap it up

- ♦ Start wrapping up your tailgating activities 30 minutes before kickoff. Get friends to help.
- ♦ Pick up your tailgating area and use the trash and recycling bins around the stadium.
- ♦ Safely dispose of grilling materials such as charcoal by putting them in fire-safe containers.
- ♦ Get your game face on and head for the stadium.

— Adrienne Nettles



Michael Clements

911 SMARTPHONE RESEARCH

Researcher Ram Dantu, professor of computer science and engineering, is putting life-saving technology in the hands of 911 callers. Dantu's National Science Foundation-funded research uses smartphone technology to virtually place 911 operators at an emergency scene, helping them gather the most accurate information to assist victims and 911 callers trying to help them. Working with a team of researchers, Dantu developed smartphone software that can allow an operator to gauge a victim's breathing, heart rate and blood pressure remotely. The software also allows 911 operators to control smartphone cameras so they can view an emergency scene, as well as give instructions for administering CPR.

Estate gift

The life-long generosity of former state Rep. Alonzo Jamison ('39) soon will be making a big difference at UNT. This summer, the university received \$1.5 million from Jamison's estate to support the UNT President's Loyalty Fund.

The gift has created the Alonzo and Elizabeth Jamison Endowment Fund, which will be used by the president to fund scholarships, strengthen academic programs and support research. Jamison represented Denton County in the Texas House of Representatives for 14 years and served as a UNT faculty member briefly before his death in 2011 at the age of 93. Elizabeth, his wife of 62 years and a former English teacher, died in 2009.

Tropical cyclone research

The most intense tropical cyclone strikes occur on the Gulf of Thailand's coast where researchers from UNT and Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University hope to determine the interval at which the cyclones occur to help with better disaster planning. Led by Harry Williams, professor of geography, the research team is identifying and dating storm surge sediment beds in tidal marshes to establish long-term historical records of Thailand's tropical cyclones. Current records exist only for the past 50 to 60 years. ●



UNT Alumni Association

This football season, alumni can get in on the excitement of the Mean Green's first year as a member of Conference USA while socializing with fellow alumni at the UNT Alumni Association's pavilion at Apogee Stadium.

The pavilion is the perfect spot for gathering and enjoying pre-game activities such as cookouts, says alumnus David Ray ('05), who has been going to the pavilion since Apogee Stadium opened in 2011.

"The pavilion is a central location for meeting friends on gamedays and socializing," he says. "The best part about hanging out there is catching up with fellow alumni before going to watch the Mean Green win a football game."

The association's pavilion features a 3,200-square-foot patio that is open for fans to mingle with other alumni and enjoy games on high-definition TVs. Three hours before every home game, the pavilion opens to association members with free entry, and also to non-members who buy a \$10 one-day entry pass.

Throughout the season, alumni and friends can continue to support the association through its brick paver program by buying brick pavers on the adjoining exterior patio of the pavilion. They can have their names engraved on the pavers, leaving a lasting legacy for future UNT students and alumni to enjoy. Pavers can be purchased for as little as \$100 and are tax-deductible. To order, visit untalumni.com.



To join the association or learn more, visit untalumni.com, email alumni@unt.edu or call 940-565-2834.



Jonathan Reynolds

Sage Hall

To support students' success, UNT combines undergraduate academic services under one roof for convenience and collaboration.

One-stop shopping is nothing new to American consumers. But it's a novel concept for higher education academic services, making UNT a pioneer on this frontier.

Last year, UNT opened Sage Hall in the old Business Building, and it now houses just about every academic service undergraduate students need — all in one place.

"There are aspects of this model across the nation that include things like undeclared advising offices," says Celia Williamson, vice provost. "But our setting is unique because we also house the Learning Center, Honors College, Study Abroad and McNair Scholars programs and many others together. We took the concept of one-stop shopping and built it out to include more enriching pieces of the experience."

Williamson says that the goal for Sage Hall isn't entirely about convenience for students. It's mainly about their success.



Read more about how Sage Hall is helping students at northtexas.unt.edu/power-place-2013.



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GROUP LEARNING SPACES

Designed to facilitate group learning, the building includes eight classrooms, student work rooms and copy centers, and two learning commons areas where students can work together on projects, have group discussions or simply study with a partner or a handful of classmates.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

The building houses related undergraduate academic services on campus such as the Learning Center, the Office For Exploring Majors, Student Veteran Services and the Office of Disability Accommodation. Sage Hall also houses universal student units such as the Honors College, Emerald Eagle Scholars, Study Abroad, the Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships and the University Technology Information help desk. Their close proximity to one another permits students to find support from many different service providers without leaving the building.



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PARTNERSHIPS

Sage Hall lends itself to student partnerships, but it also facilitates teamwork among the units housed within to build stronger community support. Students with more than one academic need find services in proximity to one another. And if students go to one unit with an issue, the staff in that office can easily walk with them to the service that can best help them.



Jonathan Reynolds

Mary Suhm

by ERNESTINE BOUSQUET

Two degrees from UNT gave the recently retired Dallas city manager a strong foundation to transform one of the nation's largest cities into one of its most vibrant.



Outside of Mary Suhm's Dallas City Hall office, there is more than the cityscape of Dallas. There is her life's work.

To the right is the Dallas Public Library's downtown branch, where she worked as a librarian at the start of her city government career after earning the first of two master's degrees from UNT.

To the left is the Omni Dallas Hotel and Convention Center covered in LED lights, and in the distance, the sinewy Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, which connects west and downtown Dallas. Both are symbols of the new, edgy Dallas that Suhm ('74 M.S., '84 M.B.A.) helped shape in her eight years as city manager and 35 years working for the city of Dallas. Both are projects that Suhm helped broker as one of Dallas' most powerful city officials.

Suhm played an integral role in breathing fresh life into one of the nation's largest and most economically powerful cities while keeping Dallas focused on sound fiscal management and steering it safely through the national economic downturn. As city manager, she was responsible for the city's daily operations, managing a staff of about 13,000 employees and an annual budget of nearly \$3 billion.

"It's been exciting to work on things that change the face of the city and change how people feel about the city," says Suhm, who announced her retirement this summer.

Suhm's UNT degrees came at pivotal points in her career. Earning a master's in

library science helped her move from teaching to working in libraries, and an M.B.A. helped her make the leap from library management to city management. She says both programs were strong and challenging — giving her knowledge, skills and broad experience. Those qualities, with UNT's accessibility and value, made it possible for a single mom working full time to further her studies and her career.

"UNT offers people in the metroplex access — both geographically and financially — to good, quality education," says Suhm, who was honored in 2008 as a Distinguished Alumna of UNT and in 2013 at UNT's Emerald Eagle Honors event for her continued accomplishments. "It opens doors for people."

At Mayor Mike Rawlings' request, Suhm is staying on with the city through January 2014 to help complete the budget and other projects.

She started as a school teacher in Carrollton and worked at a library in Allen before moving to the Dallas Public Library System in 1978 and getting her first taste of management. She returned to UNT to earn her M.B.A. and by January 1985, Suhm was working as assistant to then-mayor Starke Taylor.

She moved through the ranks serving as municipal court administrator, as top civilian administrator in the police department and the first woman in that role, as assistant city manager and first assistant city manager. Suhm persevered to become the city's top appointed official and the second female city manager in its history. She's worked with eight mayors, numerous city council members and thousands of employees — whom she considers partners in making Dallas "the city that works," as its slogan says.

"I like the way Dallas is going, but no single person can take credit for that," Suhm says. "It's just a good time to be in the city." ●



Michael Clements

**Mary Suhm ('74
M.S., '84 M.B.A.)**
Dallas



Degrees in:

Library science and business

Career advice for graduates:

Don't limit your options. It isn't imperative that you follow a

traditional path — not every career move has to be a promotion. Plan the next two steps, not the next 10 steps, and keep your options open. Disappointments, in retrospect, are frequently the best growth opportunity.

Best part about being Dallas city manager:

The wide variety of fascinating people I interacted with — city

employees, elected officials, Dallas residents — all committed, involved and energetic about striving to make Dallas a great place to live, work and play.

Importance of work ethic:

A strong work ethic, next to persistence, is the most critical element of success.

Favorite place in Denton:

The Square

Plans for the future:

Working in an arena that I enjoy and to which I am committed; traveling with family.

Visit northtexas.unt.edu/online to read more of Suhm's answers.



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Courtesy of Caitlin McConnell

BUSINESS WITH A BLING

Alum adds sparkle for celebrity clients and a cause dear to her heart.



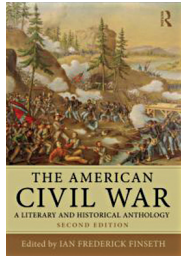
Read more about McConnell at northtexas.unt.edu/bling-business.

MANY SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS FRAME their first dollar earned. But Caitlin McConnell's ('10) memento of her business, Bling is the New Black, is a photo of Aerosmith singer Steven Tyler wearing a T-shirt she made donned with Swarovski crystals. As a senior at UNT, she began the niche business "blinging out" items for celebrities, which have since included guitars for Aerosmith's Joe Perry and country singer Miranda Lambert. She creates work for celebrity causes, but one charity has become a big part of her business — Autism Speaks.

"My brother is autistic," McConnell says. "The merchandise we sell brings awareness and helps the group raise money."

Books

Civil War anthology

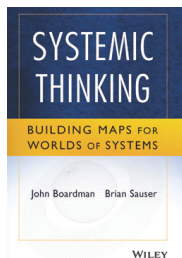


Ian Finseth, associate professor of English, edited the second edition of *The American Civil War: A Literary and Historical Anthology* (Routledge). The book brings together different genres of writing, along with annotations and historical commentary, from that era.

Finseth says he put together the first edition, which came out in 2006, when he couldn't find such a book for a course he was teaching on Civil War literature.

"One of the remarkable things about Civil War literature is how many different people wrote about the conflict, from so many different social perspectives," Finseth says. "And I wanted the anthology to reflect that."

Systemic thinking

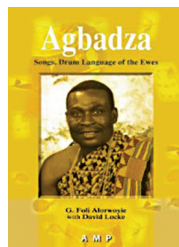


Brian Sauser, associate professor of complex logistics systems, explores how systemic thinking — whether for use in computers, military, business or other areas — can solve problems in *Systemic Thinking: Building Maps for Worlds of Systems* (Wiley).

He wrote the book with John Boardman as a follow-up to their 2008 book, *Systems Thinking: Coping with 21st Century Problems*.

"I have a passion for why things come together," Sauser says. "Systemic thinking is not only about the parts but what happens between the parts — togetherness. We wanted to write an educational book on this subject and offer tools to navigate the worlds of systems."

Cultural heritage



In his new book, *Agbadza: Songs, Drum Language of the Ewes* (African Music Publishers), music professor Gideon Foli Alorwoye explains the deeper meaning behind the music, lyrics and language of the drums that the Ewes in West Africa have developed for centuries.

The tradition, which began in the 17th and 18th centuries, is still used today in wakes, memorial services and important events. Yet, the cultural significance is being lost as that region of the world moves toward modernization.

"I want this to be my legacy," Alorwoye says. "I want the book to educate people to keep hold of their culture so that others can understand the meaning behind the music."

Upcoming Events

The Department of Dance and Theatre presents three plays this fall about young people struggling with their role in the world: the Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning *Proof*, Sept. 25-29 in the Studio Theater; *Women and Wallace*, Oct. 17-19 in Room 127 of the Radio, TV, Film and Performing Arts Building; *Marisol*, Oct. 31-Nov. 3 and Nov. 7-10 in the University Theater. Call 940-565-2428 or visit danceandtheatre.unt.edu.

Enjoy an afternoon of selections from opera and musical theater, featuring works by Bizet, Verdi, Gershwin, Puccini and others performed by the UNT Symphony Orchestra, student and faculty soloists and the University Singers at the **College of Music Gala: The Theatre of Debauchery, Deception and Delight** at 4 p.m. Oct. 13 at Winspear Performance Hall in the Murchison Performing Arts Center. Concert tickets are \$25. Concert tickets and a post-concert dinner are \$100, with proceeds going to scholarships. Visit music.unt.edu/mpac to purchase tickets.

A new edition of **Claudio Monteverdi's *Vespers of 1610*** prepared by 10 students and music history professor Hendrik Schulze premieres this fall. The *Vespers* — 14 movements for soloists, chorus and orchestra considered a master work that defines 17th century sacred music — will be performed by the UNT Collegium Singers and members of the Baroque Orchestra at 8 p.m. Oct. 25 at Cathedral Guadalupe in Dallas and at 8 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Murchison Performing Arts Center. Tickets range from \$10 to \$30 for the Dallas event and \$8 to \$10 for the Denton event. Learn more at music.unt.edu/mpac.



The annual **College of Visual Arts and Design Faculty and Staff Exhibition** will feature works from all media in collaboration with UNT on the Square. The exhibition will be at the UNT Art Gallery Nov. 19 to Dec. 14 and at UNT on the Square Dec. 5 to Jan. 9. A joint reception is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 5 at both locations.



Visit calendar.unt.edu for more upcoming events.

Dancing stars

The Dallas Cowboys 2013 Rhythm and Blue Dancers hip-hop team will sport a little green — a UNT student and three alumnae will perform with the squad before Cowboys games.

Sammi Paradise ('13), left, made the team for the first time. From second left, Kara Robinson ('13), junior dance student

Jessica Stewart and Kendra Dorsey ('12) will join the team as veterans. The high-energy hip-hop dance team, break crew and drum corps performs on the plazas of AT&T Stadium before games and on the west end zone platforms after the Cowboys score.

Paradise credits the strong modern-based dance program at UNT for helping her grow.

"This was my first experience auditioning for a professional team and it was nerve-wracking," she says. "I knew once I made it that being a part of this team is exactly what I should be doing. If you work hard and show your passion, it will ultimately pay off."



Jonathan Reynolds

Festival Brasileiro



The four-day Festival Brasileiro, Sept. 24-28, organized by College of Music faculty James Ryon, Kimberly Cole Luevano and Kathleen Reynolds, is an opportunity to hear classical and traditional Brazilian music played by faculty, students, the Symphonic Band and guest artists from Brazil. The festival is a collaboration with Brazilian universities Sala Cecilia Meireles in Rio de Janeiro, the University of Brasilia and the Federal University of Goiás.

The Charn Uswachoke International Development Fund is sponsoring the participation of Brazilian composer João Ripper, whose works will be featured. For information, visit music.unt.edu/calendar.

Music milestone



Jon Christopher Nelson

This fall, the College of Music's Center for Experimental Music and Intermedia marks its 50th anniversary with the CEMCircles festival. In 1963, faculty composer Merrill Ellis

established the Electronic Music Center, one of the first studios of its kind in the U.S.

Over the years, the music created at CEMI has evolved from analog synthesizers to interactive computer music with live performers and video.

Several events showcasing experimental music and intermedia works by CEMI alumni and friends will take place Oct. 4-6 at the College of Music, UNT's Sky Theater and the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas. Students, alumni and all past living directors of CEMI will meet for an artistic homecoming, says current director Andrew May.

"I'm looking forward to hearing their feedback on our current activities and listening to stories of their time here," May says.

For information, visit [cemircircles](http://music.unt.edu/cemircircles).

Anniversary concert

The A Cappella Choir will mark its 75th anniversary with a concert at 8 p.m. Nov. 19 at Winspear Performance Hall in the Murchison Performing Arts Center.

The choir will perform Howells' *Take Him, Earth, for Cherishing*, in honor of President John F. Kennedy 50 years after his death, and Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*, in honor of the composer's 100th birthday.

The choir was founded in 1938 by Wilfred Bain, who took the group on tour across the state and aired Sunday morning radio broadcasts. The

Music

Winning musician



Juan Cerda

Master's student and bassist Heran Yang knows it's tough for the bass to compete against other string instruments — but he won the grand prize in the American String Teachers Association national competition in New

York City this spring. He was only the fourth double bass player in the 35-year history of the biennial competition to take the top spot.

Yang hopes to graduate in May 2014 and then teach. He also is working on an ensemble project that he plans to perform in China next summer.

"Most people still have the misconception that the double bass cannot play well as a solo instrument," Yang says. "But in my opinion, there is no difference between the double bass and other instruments."

choir has had only six conductors since then and performs in festivals around the world.

Television and Film

Technical assistance



Brandon Simmons

The crew of the independent film *Technically Crazy* looks like a reunion of UNT alumni. The film was spearheaded by producer and cinematographer Michael B. Mullins ('92, '02

M.S.), who is a camera assistant on *Monk*, *Hidalgo* and *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, and producer and co-director Dan Riddle ('99), editor for the TV show *Raising Hope*. They met at UNT in the 1990s. Ten other alumni and three students worked on the film.

The movie, about a teenager with bipolar disorder who breaks into an ex-cop's house, won an Award of Excellence from Indiefest LA and has been shown at film festivals in Fort Myers, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., and Oaxaca, Mexico.

"Producing a film is the ultimate example of a collaborative model," Mullins

says. "UNT certainly deserves a great deal of credit for its educational contribution to this film, and its crest is firmly stamped on the production."

Visual Arts

Steel art



Evans Cagleage

Russ Connell plans to graduate in December, and his art is already grabbing attention for using emotional and

quirky themes in the industrial medium of steel and welding.

His work has been shown at several Dallas art galleries and has been featured in *The Dallas Morning News*. For one piece, he used a series of gunshots through an inflated steel heart. Other works feature wildlife, animals and his own imaginary creatures.

Connell, a metalsmithing and jewelry design major, eventually would like to create larger sculptures.

"I'd like to push the scale as far as I can," he says. "It's always exciting to make things larger than myself."

See his work at russconnell.com. ●

Five alumni and two faculty members from the College of Visual Arts and Design were recognized for their work by the Surface Design Association, an international textile, fiber art and design group, at its June conference in San Antonio.

Liyun "Alice" Chang ('13) won the biggest student prize — the 2013 Outstanding Student Award, which is based on artistic and technical merit, quality of design and professional presentation.

Others who received awards include Julie Shipman ('13), first place in the student show for her work "Dissection," in which she divided an old door into three parts and replaced sections with stacked fabric from recycled projects. Anny Chang, associate professor of design, took second place in the Fabricate Fashion Show, for her dress that uses cylindrical prisms — inspired by paper towel rolls — in conjunction with draping. And Janie Stidham, associate professor of design, won third place in the Fabricate Fashion Show, for her jacket "Snow Day," which is made of white linen and hand-embroidered with black cotton embroidery floss and black glass seed beads. Naomi Adams ('12 M.F.A.) was presented the Beyond the Boundaries Award in the Members Show for artistic innovation in fiber media. Chesley Williams ('13 M.F.A.), an artist and expert in fiber arts, also presented a talk about upcycling, in which items — for example, construction fencing, buttons and washers — are reused for different purposes such as fashion.

Leisa Rich ('07 M.F.A.) won the SDA Award of Excellence in the Fabricate Fashion Show for her white dress that symbolizes her mother's struggle with dementia.

"It is virginal white for the innocence that is the disease as it progresses, rendering the person incapable of functioning independently, like a child again," Rich says. "The birds are her thoughts fleeting. They have temporarily roosted, just as she does have moments of clarity. It is titled 'Birds of a Feather' because she is not the only one."

Winning designs



Leisa Rich

Leisa Rich's dress won the SDA Award of Excellence in the Fabricate Fashion Show.



LIVING HISTORY

by JESSICA DELEÓN

In remembrance of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas 50 years ago and the events that followed, alumni reflect on the parts they played to help shape history.

Secret Service Agent Mike Howard ('60) looked into the eyes of the possible killer of President John F. Kennedy.

Kennedy had been shot earlier that day — Nov. 22, 1963 — from the Texas School Book Depository while riding in a motorcade through downtown Dallas. Howard was interviewing a man who witnesses saw had a rifle with a scope in the backseat of his car as he got gas in Fort Worth.

The man refused to answer any questions.

Howard was tired and upset, having worked seven days and nights before the Kennedys arrived in Fort Worth.

He showed his Secret Service ID. The man laughed. Howard pulled out his gun and pressed it to the suspect's nose. "Young man," he told him. "I don't have time to mess with you." After that, Howard says, "this fellow began to talk as fast as he could."

The man explained he had just picked up his father's gun, which was being repaired in Dallas.

The true suspect in the shooting of Kennedy and Texas Gov. John B. Connally — Lee Harvey Oswald — was arrested at the Texas Theatre in Dallas and would soon be shot dead by bar owner Jack Ruby in the basement of the Dallas Police Headquarters.

Fifty years later, Howard still vividly remembers the horrifying day in American history that shook the world.

He is among many UNT alumni who were involved in the events of that day, from attending to Kennedy at Parkland Hospital to



Courtesy of Mike Howard

Mike Howard ('60), foreground, leaving a hotel in Fort Worth with President John F. Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and other government officials.

Howard could tell her what was going on.

"Yes, ma'am. Your husband has been shot," he told her.

For the next seven days, Howard, his colleagues and a Russian interpreter were holed up in that hotel to interview Marina.

"She never shed a tear," Howard says. "She never showed any emotion."

They also had to arrange for Oswald's funeral and keep their bosses updated three times a day. Meanwhile, some assistants picked up clean clothes from Howard's wife, Martha, at their home in Saginaw.

"When you're in the Secret Service, you go through all this training," he says. "We didn't think about anything else. We were there to do a job."

He and his Secret Service team released their tapes to the Warren Commission, which investigated Kennedy's death.

Howard then was assigned to protect the new first daughter, Lynda Bird Johnson, in Austin. He protected President Johnson's family until 1974, when he retired from the Secret Service and went to work in private security. He still keeps in touch with the family, and five White House Christmas cards hang on his living room wall.

Howard, a government and history

reporting on the events for the media.

Even younger alumni who were not alive then are preserving the legacy of that day as owners of the historic Texas Theatre, which now hosts movies and events, and as museum staff for The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, housed in the former Texas School Book Depository building.

The Secret Service agent

For Howard, the interrogation of the young suspect was just the beginning of what would be a long weekend.

Howard had been recruited to join the Secret Service on the recommendation of his North Texas government professor Sam B. McAlister.

After the Kennedys visited Fort Worth, they flew to Dallas.

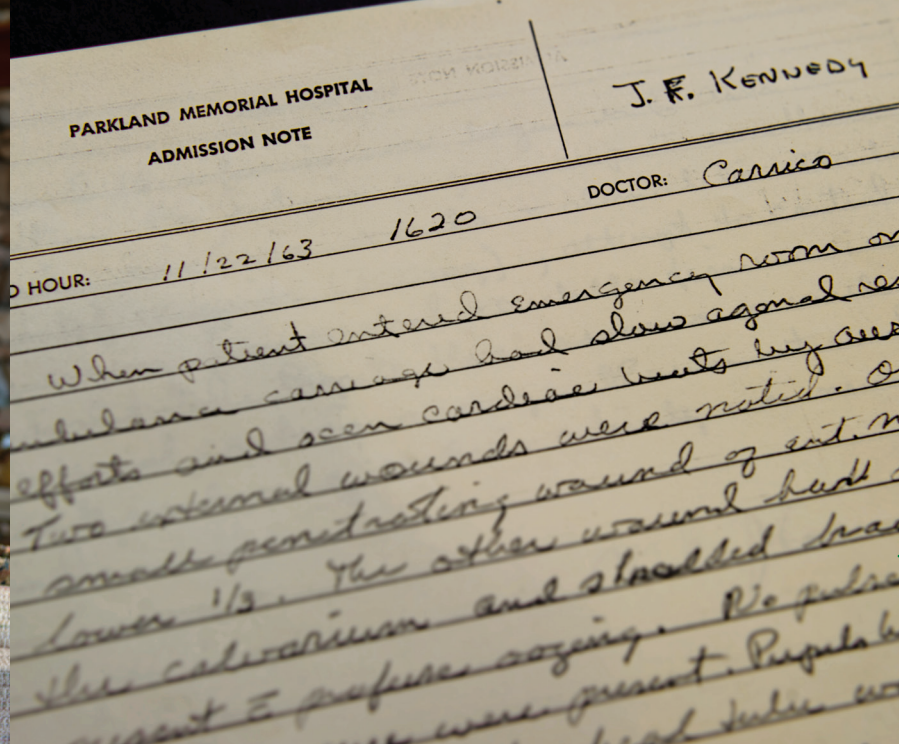
Howard and two other agents remained to check their hotel room for national security risks. But they rushed to Dallas when they saw TV reports that shots were fired.

After Howard and other agents checked out possible suspects, Lyndon B. Johnson, who had just been sworn in as president, ordered the Secret Service to look out for Oswald's family and appointed Howard to find and put them into protective custody.

Howard and another agent found the family — Oswald's wife, Marina, their two small children and his mother, Marguerite — at a hotel near Dallas Love Field and moved them to an Arlington hotel for their safety. On the drive, they heard a police radio report concerning Oswald. Marina, who couldn't speak English well, asked if

"When you're in the Secret Service, you go through all this training. We didn't think about anything else. We were there to do a job."

— Mike Howard ('60),
retired Secret Service agent



major, says, “It was a profession built for me. I loved every minute of the Secret Service.”

The doctor

Sue Carrico ('57) was at home in Irving, eating lunch and taking care of her small children when CBS newscaster Walter Cronkite interrupted *As the World Turns* with the breaking news that Kennedy had been shot.

She instantly tried to call her husband, the late Jim Carrico ('57), who was then a second-year surgery resident at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

The lines were busy. Eventually, one of his colleagues called her. Jim was the first surgeon to attend to Kennedy.

He didn't come home that night. The next day, when Sue picked him up, his dress shirt still had Kennedy's blood on it. They washed it in the bathtub, trying to erase the tragic event.

“He was extremely tired and did not talk a lot about it,” she says. “None of the doctors did, for years and years.”

Jim Carrico took notes about what he did in the trauma room, as required daily by the hospital, four hours after he saw Kennedy. He testified before the Warren Commission and many years later donated the notes to The Sixth Floor

Museum. But he didn't speak about it in detail until 30 years later — after time made it easier to talk about and his residents wanted to hear about it.

“That's the way the doctors were,” Sue says. “They didn't ask for any fame and they didn't think it was right to have recognition for something so tragic.”

The assassination was the first major event in Jim's career. A specialist in trauma surgery, he served as chair of the surgery departments at the University of Washington in Seattle and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He was active in the American College of Surgeons and was president-elect in 2002 when he died from colon cancer.

The Carricos met in California and began dating their freshman year as students at North Texas. Sue was an elementary education major, and Jim, whose father, James L. “Kit” Carrico ('27), was a longtime chemistry department chair, built the foundation for his medical career as a chemistry major. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1991 for his professional achievements.

Still, that November day looms large. Actor Zac Efron plays Jim Carrico in the movie *Parkland*, which will be released this fall. The Carricos later found out

that they lived near the same neighborhood in Irving as Oswald's wife and went to the same barber and grocery store as Oswald.

“There were so many little coincidences,” Sue says. “It does seem surreal.”

The journalists

Keith Shelton ('72 M.J.), then the political writer for the *Dallas Times Herald*, was sitting in the first press bus of the presidential motorcade when he heard three to four shots near the triple underpass where Elm, Commerce and Main streets converge.

Shelton at first hoped a car was backfiring, but he had served in the U.S. Army.

“Our challenge was to keep the reporters in the field calm enough to get the facts right and the people in the office calm enough to take the information.”

— Keith Shelton ('72 M.J.), former editor of the *Dallas Times Herald* and *Denton Record-Chronicle*

Left: Sue Carrico ('57) holding a photo of her late husband, Jim Carrico ('57), the first surgeon to attend to JFK at Parkland Hospital after the shooting. Right: Jim Carrico's trauma room notes.

Right, top from left: Former *Dallas Times Herald* editor Keith Shelton ('72 M.J.) and former Associated Press reporter Mike Cochran ('58). Bottom, from left: Shelton's press badge and notes and Cochran helping to carry Oswald's casket.

"I knew what rifle shots sounded like," he says.

Shelton, along with other journalists trained at North Texas, were about to cover the story of their lives. They had followed Kennedy as he spoke to enthusiastic crowds throughout Texas earlier that week, despite animosity toward him from some in the state.

Associated Press reporter Mike Cochran ('58) had just come back from Kennedy's departure at Carswell Air Force Base after his speech in Fort Worth that morning. When he returned to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* office, he passed the news desk and quipped, "Well, we got him out of town safely."

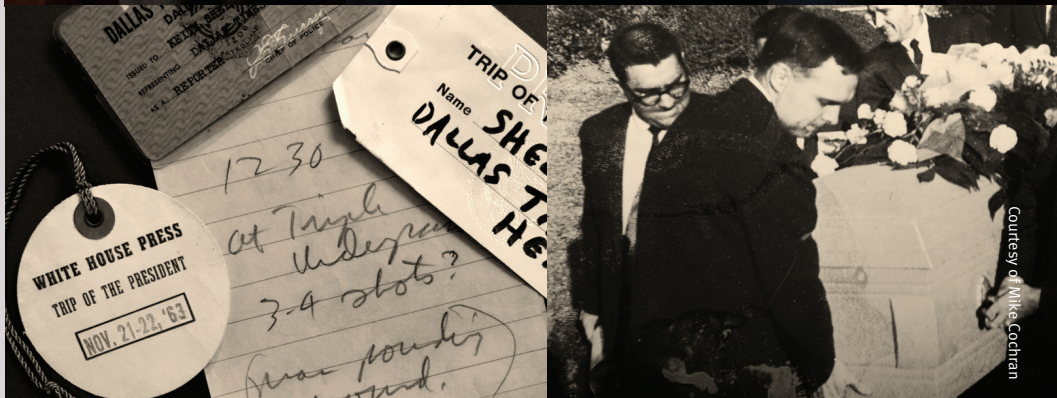
Several minutes later, the copy boy reading the news wire screamed that Kennedy had been shot.

Cochran hopped in a car with several staffers and headed to Parkland Hospital, not knowing Kennedy's fate. When he got there, Cochran says, "a wave of nurses came down the hall crying hysterically and suddenly we knew."

While Cochran spent the day at Parkland covering medical reports on the wounded Gov. Connally, Shelton was assigned to cover the reaction at the Trade Mart, where Kennedy was scheduled to speak. The mood was grim, as the tables had been ready with steaks and yellow roses. The presidential seal had been taken down. The guests, many of whom were weeping, slowly got up and left. Shelton began compiling



Gary Payne



Courtesy of Mike Cochran

firsthand accounts from witnesses.

"It was very emotional," says Shelton, who worked for the *Times Herald* until 1965, then worked as managing editor for the *Denton Record-Chronicle*. He later earned his master's degree and taught for 23 years at UNT.

"Our challenge was to keep the reporters in the field calm enough to get the facts right and the people in the office calm enough to take the information," he says.

But the shocking events would continue that weekend.

On Sunday, Associated Press reporter Peggy Simpson ('60) was assigned to watch the routine transfer of Oswald from the city jail to the county jail. She was 8 feet away when Ruby shot Oswald.

As the cops were wrestling with Ruby, she ran to a bank of telephones and called the bureau's office. She stayed

on the phone for 45 minutes describing the scene to her editors.

"You just put yourself on automatic pilot and don't think," says Simpson, who later covered Congress for the Associated Press, worked for the *Boston Herald* and *Ms.* magazine and now freelances in Washington, D.C. "You tell them everything you see and hear."

Oswald's funeral was in Fort Worth on Monday. When Cochran arrived, he realized no one was there but federal officers, the police, the media and Oswald's family. The scheduled minister didn't even show up.

"There was no one to carry the casket," he says. "So they recruited reporters. I was one of the first ones they asked. I told them not only 'no,' but 'hell no.'"

But when the United Press International reporter stepped up to carry the casket, Cochran quickly changed his mind and joined the others.

Later that evening, Cochran went home and watched reruns of Kennedy's funeral on TV.

"That's when everything about those four days in November hit me," says Cochran, who worked for the Associated Press most of his career and has written several books. "I finally had time to sit and think and shed a few tears."

Preserving the day

Also among the journalists writing the first draft of history that weekend were Bill Mercer ('66 M.A.) and Bob Huffaker ('69 M.A., '74 Ph.D.), reporting for Dallas' CBS affiliate. Future faculty member Mercer spoke with Oswald, and Huffaker relayed the

events of his shooting death live to the national television audience. They wrote about their experiences in the 2007 book *When the News Went Live: Dallas 1963*.

Other alumni also have been preserving accounts and artifacts. Will Pry ('11), mobile editor for *The Dallas Morning News*, compiled the recollections of the paper's staff writers for the iBook, *JFK Assassination: The Reporters' Notes*. And Jim Marrs ('66) has written about the conspiracy theories in his 1989 book *Crossfire: The Plot That Killed Kennedy*, which served as the basis for Oliver Stone's film *JFK*.

UNT's archives include The Kennedy Assassination Oral History Project, with interviews of journalists and other witnesses, as well as the papers of Judge Sarah T. Hughes, who swore in Johnson as president. And the UNT Portal to Texas History contains the Dallas Police Department photo collection, which has many images from the weekend's events.

Two alumni are safeguarding the history of the day in a unique way — they're preserving a building.

Philosophy alum Adam Donaghey ('02) and RTVF alum Barak Epstein ('01), with two other business partners, operate the Texas Theatre, which shows movies and hosts other events.

They also run a film production company, Aviation Cinemas Productions. Its films include a documentary and the upcoming *Casolaro*, based on a journalist's mysterious death.

While similar theaters have been razed, the Texas Theatre still stands and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2003. At least once a day, a visitor comes to see the spot where Dallas police captured Oswald. Visitors continue to be intrigued with the theater's history, and its owners have embraced it, even selling T-shirts bearing Oswald's face.

"The Oswald connection has been both the bane and savior of the theater," Donaghey says. "The T-shirts are us accepting history. Branding a shirt with

Top, from left: Barak Epstein ('01) and Adam Donaghey ('02) operate the Texas Theatre where Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested. Right: A Dallas police officer in the Texas Theatre interior.

Bottom, from left: Graduate student Krishna Shenoy and Katie Womack ('00), employees of The Sixth Floor Museum.

images of such significance seemed as natural as branding with our marquee."

Visitors also can get closer to history at The Sixth Floor Museum, which includes a 45,000-item collection of artifacts, documents and oral history interviews and 6,000 items in its library. Jim Carrico and Shelton contributed to the oral history project, which preserves personal accounts about the day Kennedy was shot.

Katie Womack ('00) works as collections manager, caring for and preserving the items in the museum's permanent collection. She is especially intrigued by the scrapbooks people put together about the events and have since donated.

"Many people cut things out of the newspaper and saved other related material," she says. "Seeing the things people collect is an interesting reminder of how this event touched so many."

Krishna Shenoy, the museum's librarian/archivist who is pursuing her master's in library science, manages the Reading Room, in which visitors can pour through books, publications and DVDs about Kennedy and the assassination. The room, on the first floor of the Texas School Book Depository building, faces Dealey Plaza where the motorcade passed.

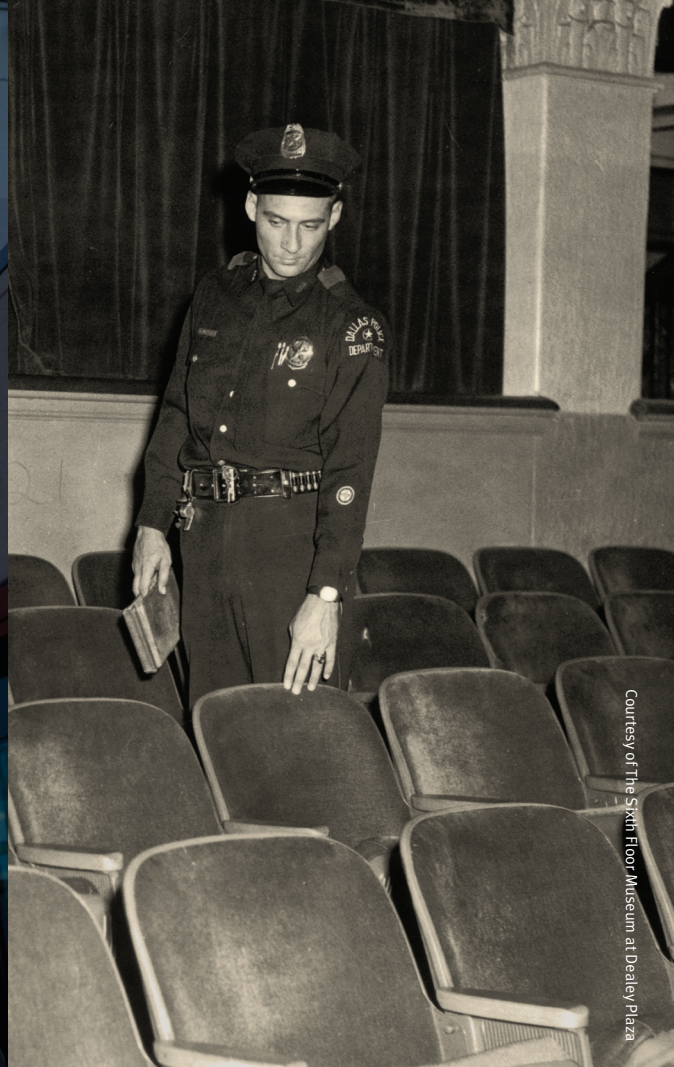
"You're sitting right where the tragedy happened," she says. "It can be an emotional experience for visitors. It's really remarkable how deeply people were affected." ●

Learn more about how alumni are documenting and preserving JFK's history and share your own stories of the event at northtexan.unt.edu/online.





Gary Payne



Courtesy of The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza



Gary Payne



Gary Payne

The Mean Green opened the season with a 40-6 win over Idaho at Apogee Stadium. The team's throw-back uniforms commemorate 100 years of football at UNT.

Inaugurating an era

Mean Green football kicks off first season in Conference USA and celebrates 100 years.

The 2013 football season is celebrating a new era in Mean Green athletics as a member of Conference USA — a move that elevates the Mean Green by bringing UNT national exposure, higher-level competition and better recruiting opportunities. The new roster of schools offers new excitement and the chance to re-establish local rivalries as the Mean Green now competes with three other Texas universities and three in bordering states.

Come out and celebrate each home game with tailgating activities around campus. Arrive early for fan-friendly, family-oriented festivities, including the Mean Green March. And join Scrapy in the spotlight at Homecoming with this year's theme, "Mean Green on the Big Screen" Nov. 9 against UT-El Paso (see inside back cover for details).



To order tickets and keep up with Mean Green scores and highlights, visit meangreensports.com.

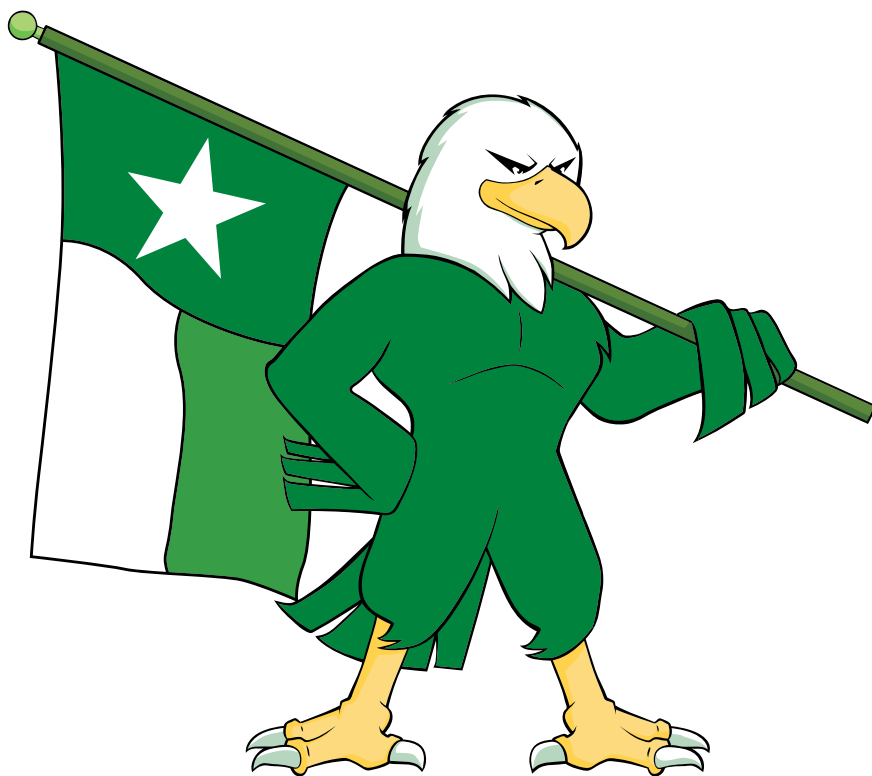
New Scrappy

This fall Scrappy gets a new look — “Meaner and Greener.” As UNT joins Conference USA, the time is right to give Scrappy that superhero quality on the outside that we all know he has on the inside.

This new addition to UNT’s trademarks and licensing program will be reflected on the playing field with a new mascot costume. The previous mascot costume has been in use since 2004.

Fans can now order apparel that more closely resembles UNT’s current diving eagle design. The more “aggressive” looking Scrappy also will have a friendly version for use in youth merchandise.

Watch for the new Scrappy apparel for adults and kids at Barnes & Noble at UNT, Mean Green Stadium Store, Voertman’s Bookstore, Barefoot Athletics and online at shop.meangreensports.com.



Scrappy gets a makeover with updated designs for apparel and mascot costume.

100 years of football

Mean Green football fans submitted more than 11,000 votes online and via paper ballot to pick the All-Century Football Team.

Leading was Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive lineman Joe Greene, chosen on 87 percent of the ballots. Not far behind was ground-breaking player Abner Haynes, who took two positions on the All-Century Team — running back and return specialist. Linebacker Byron Gross and defensive back Bill Brashier had the next highest totals, followed by defensive linemen Brandon Kennedy and Cedrick Hardman and receiver Ron Shanklin. Steve Ramsey garnered the most votes at quarterback.

The team was officially unveiled at the Green-White spring game in April. Visit northtexasallcentury.com for the full roster.

Academic honors

The NCAA’s annual Academic Progress Report reinforces the Mean Green’s continued commitment to excellence in the classroom.

Student-athletes in five sports posted perfect 1,000 single-year progress report scores (men’s and women’s golf, women’s cross country, softball and tennis), while football, men’s basketball and men’s golf achieved their all-time high multi-year report mark.

The Academic Progress Report is the NCAA’s measurement of academic success that aims to give a real-time snapshot of athlete retention and advancement over a four-year period. This year’s report measures the 2008-09 through 2011-12 academic years. ●

Mean Green Football home games ahead

Sept. 14: Ball State,
televised

Oct. 12: Middle Tennessee State,
Family Weekend

Oct. 31: Rice,
televised

Nov. 09: UT-El Paso,
Homecoming, televised

Nov. 23: UT-San Antonio,
televised

Melany Christensen ('94, '01 M.B.A.)

UNT's program, the first of its kind, is blazing the trail to create state-of-the-art shopping options for consumers.

Digital Retailing

by NANCY KOLSTI

It's the week before your vacation and you need a new pair of chinos. You go to the nearest department store to try on a style you've seen online. But when you're in the dressing room, you decide it's not a great look.

No worries. Just access the store's digital library on the dressing room's computer screen — which looks like a mirror, but isn't. By pointing to an item and waving at your image on the screen, you can "try" on another style or color without changing clothes again. Using the store's digital body scanner, you also can determine that a different size fits better and check the library to see if it's available in the store, without hunting through racks of pants. Learning that the size isn't there in the color you want, you access one of the store's iPad kiosks and place your order.

This shopping technology is beginning to appear in the industry. Melany Christensen ('94, '01 M.B.A.), senior digital product manager for J.C. Penney Co., is among the UNT alumni designing or redesigning websites and digital libraries to allow customers to more easily shop in-store and online with state-of-the-art technologies.


Christensen has worked in digital merchandising — the use of websites and other digital sources to promote and sell products and services — for 13 years. She's also an adjunct instructor for UNT's bachelor's degree program in digital retailing, offered through the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism, and is helping her students learn about consumer shopping behaviors.

"I love both the customer experience and the technology aspects of digital retail," she says. "The technology is constantly changing, but the customer must continue to come first."


Industry leaders

UNT was the first university in the U.S. to offer an undergraduate degree in the field when the program was established in 2002 as the electronic merchandising bachelor's degree. The college changed the name to digital retailing in 2010 based on a recommendation from Richard Last, then a member of the college's Merchandising Board of Governors and now the director of UNT's digital retailing program. *Shop.org*, the digital division of the National Retail Federation, was the first to replace "e-merchandising" and "e-commerce" with "digital retailing," says Last, who helped to launch *jcp.com* in 1994 and was the board chair of *Shop.org*.

Forester Research, a leading retail research firm, predicts that online sales will reach \$248.7 billion in the U.S., or about 8 percent of all retail sales, by 2014. To keep online sales profitable, retailers need employees with specialized training in merchandising, consumer behavior, marketing and social media as well as website creation skills, Last says.



Asbli White ('12)



Cody Sharp ('11)

“There has been a lack of entry-level talent in the field,” Last says. “UNT graduates bring something unique to companies because they are well rounded.”

Digital retailing is among the fastest growing majors at UNT, growing five-fold since 2010. Through the interdisciplinary program, UNT’s students take courses not only in the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism, but also in the Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism and the College of Business, learning how to apply merchandising, logistics and advertising practices of traditional brick and mortar stores to the web. They also learn about consumer behaviors and opportunities to drive in-store shopping experiences using digital retail techniques.

Customers’ needs

Christensen uses *jcp.com*’s website as a teaching tool with her students to explain that it is “the largest store in the company.” “Online stores are very different

businesses from traditional stores,” she says. “There’s unlimited room to display the merchandise, so more specialty sizes are available online, and the stores are open 24 hours and include advertising and more promotions. For that reason, you must understand how the customers use the website, and then respond to their needs.”

Many merchandising majors also take digital retailing courses, and students in both majors must complete at least 300 hours in an internship. Last says the requirement provides real-world experiences for the students and also has resulted in employers contacting the college directly to offer internships.

“It’s convenient for employers to have a source like UNT,” Last says.

Ashli White’s (’12) internship with the Allen office of PFSweb, which provides digital retailing and other services to more than 60 of the world’s leading brands such as Lucky Brand Jeans and L’Oreal, led to her being hired as an online merchandising analyst after graduation. She recently

joined *jcp.com* and says the courses she took for her merchandising degree, including Last’s introduction to digital retailing, “helped me to understand consumer behavior in the different shopping channels,” including smartphones, iPads and other mobile technology.

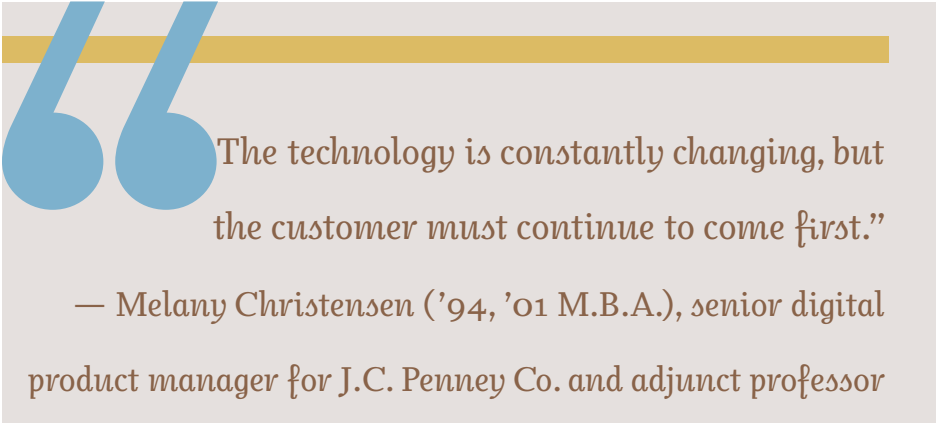
“I look at customer reviews and information about the products and the company branding,” says White. “And I evaluate customer behaviors, such as where customers click on a website, how much time they spend on each page and how they respond to online promotions even when they’re not buying anything.”

Science of buying

Like White, Cody Sharp (’11) was hired after completing an internship. Now as team lead for Globe Runner SEO in Lewisville, he provides search engine optimization and other digital retailing services for clients. He says organizing products in an online store isn’t much different than in a brick and mortar store — but getting the online stores in front of potential customers is a challenge.

“I research the number of hits for websites and how specific keywords can increase the ranking in search engine results,” Sharp says. “Digital retailing is still fairly new, and many companies don’t know how to establish their presence.”

Shannon Sneed’s (’13) connection as a UNT student also paid off. She recently was hired as an assistant digital merchandiser for Sheplers Western Wear after



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— Melany Christensen (’94, ’01 M.B.A.), senior digital product manager for J.C. Penney Co. and adjunct professor



Shannon Sneed ('13)

completing a two-semester internship there. In 2012, she created a multichannel marketing campaign to promote Sheplers' sponsorship of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo and managed other promotions. Recently, she developed boot size guides in several areas of Sheplers' website, keeping her customers top of mind.

"Our feedback from customers, including negative feedback," Sneed says, "helps to shape the website shopping experience."

Jayla Moore Grigsby ('12), a site merchant for the home division at *jcp.com*, notes that in the future, the gaps between online and brick and mortar stores will become increasingly blurred as retailers include more technology in their stores and customers rely more on mobile applications.

"Digital retail is portable, convenient and limitless," she says. "With mobile phones and iPads, you can pull up a website for the right size before you go to the store or check on online stock while you're in a physical store."

White calls digital retailing "surefire for retailers" because of the limitless options for the consumer through advancing technologies, and she says she loves the challenge of a growing industry.

"As long as we remember those who will use the technology — the customers — we can take risks and be innovative," she says.

Sharp agrees.

"I never imagined," he says, "that I'd make a career out of playing on the Internet." ●

GLOBAL DIGITAL RETAILING RESEARCH CENTER

This spring, the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism opened UNT's new Global Digital Retailing Research Center, the first interdisciplinary center in the U.S. with a complete focus on digital retailing as a research hub and resource for industry. Through its Digital Executive Education Program, or DEEP, the center has started workshops covering online consumer experiences, branding in digital retailing and other topics for executives of companies around the world. Bringing together industry professionals and academics, the center will offer competitive industry-financed grants for faculty and student research and testing of online stores, social media websites, smartphone applications and other technology. The center also hosts student educational events, such as the Executive + Scholar Lecture Series, launched in September.

The center houses UNT's Consumer Experiences in Digital Environments research cluster, in which faculty members in different disciplines focus on digital knowledge and analytics, networked information and retrieval, international retailing, consumer behavior and other topics. Researchers will test websites, social media and other technology.

College Dean Judith Forney compares the evolution of digital retailing to the industrial revolution of the 19th century, and says that UNT is helping to lead the way.

"The difference in the digital revolution is its speed of change, global impact and the unprecedented economic and social power of consumers in the marketplace," she says. "Our industry partners seek out graduates of our digital retailing programs because they are unique in their analytical skills for online merchandising, understand the big picture of digital retailing and can identify problems and find solutions."



Learn more about digital retailing alumni at northtexas.unt.edu/online.

LEARNING TO LEAD



— KELSEY HODGES,
MEAN GREEN
SOCCER DEFENDER

UNT women's soccer captain Kelsey Hodges knows that to lead a team means committing to the same hard work you ask of your teammates. A two-time First Team All-Sun Belt selection, she has helped her team win back-to-back conference championships and make it to the first round of the 2012 NCAA Tournament.

As a senior marketing major, Hodges has made connections with encouraging professors who see her as a scholar and an athlete. Her preparation at UNT will help her navigate a career in sports marketing and build a pro athlete career after graduation.

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Jonathan Reynolds

EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

Jason Leap ('10), military veteran, started playing golf at age 9. Dreams of turning pro didn't pan out but turned into something better than he imagined.



Learn more about Leap at northtexas.unt.edu/exceeding-expectations.

ONE OF 13 SELECTED FROM THE U.S., JASON Leap ('10) will compete Sept. 23-25 in the second annual Simpson Cup, a Ryder Cup-styled golf tournament supporting injured service members and veterans from the U.S. and U.K.

After sustaining physical injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder while serving in the U.S. Air Force, he retired and came to UNT and earned criminal justice and sociology degrees. Now a security manager for Weiser, Leap serves as vice president for the North Texas Wounded Warriors Golf Association, using golf to help other veterans adjust to post-military life.

"Golf and the military are my passions," he says. "I get excited about combining them for my own recovery and helping others."

CONNECTING WITH Friends

Keep up with the latest developments in the UNT family and tell your peers what you've been up to since leaving the nest. Send your news to *The North Texan* (see contact information on page 7). Members of the UNT Alumni Association are designated with a ★.

Read more, share comments and connect with friends at northtexan.unt.edu.

1957

Bill Sloan, Dallas :: won a 2012 Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award this spring for his book *Undefeated: America's Heroic Fight for Bataan and Corregidor* (Simon & Schuster). The award recognizes outstanding achievement in writing on U.S. Army operational and battle history.

1963

John ('66 M.B.A.) and **Tim Lasseter Latta** ('66), Fort Worth :: returned to Texas after five years in Washington, D.C., and 18 years in the San Francisco Bay area. John's company, Orion Advisory Group LLC, and Tim's company, TL Design Group LLC, are busy with new clients. As President's Council life members, they are looking forward to attending UNT events again.

1966

Tom Cameron (M.A.), Bremerton, Wash. :: taught for three decades in Austin at McCallum High, the University of Texas and Austin Community College. He retired in 1998 and moved to Bremerton and Olympic College. After 13 years as a professor of English there, he retired again and is nearing the end of a term as board president of the Bremerton Symphony Association.

1968

Ron Müller, Aledo :: was named Don R. Daniel Principal of the Year in May at the Aledo ISD annual awards program sponsored by the Riley Family Foundation. He was a Geezle at North Texas.

Douglas Skinner ('73 M.M.Ed.), Austin :: was named Distinguished Professor Emeritus after teaching 38 years at Texas State University. His book, *The*

Saxophone Handbook: A Complete Guide to Tone, Technique, Performance & Maintenance, was published by Berklee Press in Boston.

1971

★ **Jack Mayo** (Ed.D.), Gainesville :: was named a distinguished alumnus by the Van ISD Education Foundation. He is a Van High School graduate and worked in the Van ISD as a science teacher, coach, counselor and curriculum director. He also was an award-winning consultant for the McGraw-Hill and Harcourt publishing companies.

1974

★ **Mike Simpson**, Bridgeport :: was named "Jaworski Fellow" Distinguished Instructor in Trial Advocacy at Baylor University School of Law last year.

1975

Henry O. Adkins (M.P.A.), Plano :: is minister for family and marriage enrichment at the Cedar Crest Church of Christ in Dallas. He worked for more than 35 years as a federal, city and college administrator. He also is completing a doctorate and celebrating 46 years of marriage.

Holiday ornament sales to fund scholarships



Celebrate your holidays with UNT and help students at the same time. The UNT Alumni Association's 2013 holiday ornament features the university seal. Finished in 24-carat gold, the ornament includes a custom gift box. A portion of the proceeds

benefits the association's scholarship fund.

"The ornament is a unique way to remember special moments on campus while helping raise money for a good cause," says Gina Lowe, director of marketing and membership for the association.

The cost is \$20 plus \$2.50 shipping, and tax for Texas residents. Supplies are limited.



To order, email alumni@unt.edu or call 940-565-2834.

Tom Brenner, Chicago, Ill. :: researcher and trainer in the Department of Aging, published the book *You Say Goodbye and We Say Hello: The Montessori Method for Positive Dementia Care*. He thanks professors like Herbert Shore for his present-day love for gerontology and the study of aging.



★ **Linda Schultz** (Ph.D.), Brownwood :: professor of chemistry at Tarleton State University, was a recipient of the 2013 Piper Professor Award. She also received a Texas A&M University System Award for Teaching Excellence in 2012.

Loren Smith, Houston :: has written two e-books since retiring from teaching biology at Jersey Village High School. *Professor Cuddfish Saves the Lagoon* is a children's book, and *My Second Period* is humor/satire from a classroom teacher's perspective.

1978

Charles L. 'Chuck' Yates, Talent, Ore. :: retired as an instrument repair technician from Cripple Creek Music Co. in Ashland, Ore., and remains active in the music scene. He worked at Hoops Machine Shop and as an industrial engineer at Victor Equipment and Jostens before moving to Oregon with his wife, **Bonnie** ('82 M.S.), in 1992.

1980

Louis Michalski (M.S.), Carefree, Ariz. :: published a historical novel, *The Gift*. The book is set in the Southwest and tells the story of a priest who confronts the dark side of the church and the only life he has known.

1983



Kim Fredrickson (M.S.), Roseville, Calif. :: released the

book *Building a Compassionate Relationship With Yourself*, which provides practical help and a biblical basis for relating to yourself positively.

1985

Brian Glenn, Argyle :: was selected as a member of the ShelterBox Response Team to deliver aid to survivors of disasters around the world. His intense training included a simulation in which the volunteers were detained by armed rebels. He is battalion chief of the Denton Fire Department.

1991

Mark James, Radcliff, Ky. :: retired as a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Army after serving 21 years. He obtained his first and second levels as a practitioner of Reiki and is a certified Akashic Records practitioner.



Wildcatting success

Gabriella Draney ('02) is living proof that successful people aren't afraid to take chances. As a co-founder and CEO of Tech Wildcatters, Draney helps connect Dallas technology startups to the resources they need to mobilize quickly and make it in the industry. Working with about 10 to 15 companies at a time, Tech Wildcatters — named as one of the Forbes Top 10 seed accelerators — invests \$25,000 into tech startups, followed with a 12-week program, and makes connections with mentors, investors, customers and strategic partners.

"Wildcatting is a whole lot like startups. You don't know at first if your idea will catch fire, produce oil, so you're basically digging a bunch of holes and hoping one hits," she says. "But with more knowledge, people have a better idea of where to drill."

Draney transferred to UNT her sophomore year as a finance major. She says she loved the diversity and creativity of the university and was given many opportunities to learn and gain practical experience in her field.

"I appreciated that every single one of my professors had real-world experience," says Draney. "My banking professor was a bank president."

By accident she realized her passion for startups. Draney's friend asked her to help with the financials for a business planning competition at UNT and got the bug. She went on to help develop an aircraft scheduling software company, as well as a specialty foods retail store before co-founding Tech Wildcatters in 2010.

Draney's dedication to helping entrepreneurs get their ideas off the ground will expand this fall to helping startups with a focus on healthcare in the Dallas community.

"My favorite part is seeing people realize that the idea that was in their imagination can actually happen," says Draney. "It's pretty exciting."

— Lauren Frock

1992

Larry Gentry (M.F.A.), Midlothian :: had a drawing included in Texas National 2013, an exhibition in Nacogdoches. The work of artists from 30 states was featured in the annual juried show.

1993

Payam Rafat, Yonkers, N.Y. :: was named a "Top Podiatrist" by HealthTap and is nationally ranked for expertise in foot care, foot and ankle injuries, education and foot ulcers. He is a podiatric surgeon in private practice and

works for Mount Vernon Hospital at outpatient clinics and training residents.

1994

Pete Buchwald, Denver, Colo. :: is a full-time instructor in recording arts at the University of Colorado at Denver in addition to being a successful songwriter and producer. He also is an adjunct instructor at Colorado Christian University.

1996

Sean O'Mahony, Plano :: accepted a position as the IBM

Alliance sales manager for Akamai Technologies. He lives in Plano with his wife and two daughters, 8 and 11.

1998

Laini Smith Giles, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada :: released her first novel, *Love Lies Bleeding*, in April. The historical fiction is set in the Finger Lakes of New York.

1999



Greg Rively (M.B.A.), Austin :: is a consultant for the Dallas

location of RBA, a technology consulting firm. He is a certified project management professional and previously worked at Catalyst Systems, Fujitsu Consulting and Immedient.

2000

James Lozada, Houston :: graduated from medical school and began an anesthesiology residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He previously worked as a TV reporter in Amarillo, San Antonio and Las Vegas.

2001

Rey Ramirez, Roquoson, Va. :: is the co-founder of Virginia nonprofit Soundscapes and was elected to the founding board of directors for the National Alliance of El Sistema Inspired Programs.

He and his wife, Cynthia, welcomed their second child, Amelia, in May 2012.

2002

Jason Lamers (M.P.A.), Fort Worth :: was named among 2013's "Forty Under Forty" by the *Fort Worth Business Press*. He serves as the chief of staff for Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price and the City Council.

Claudette Rushing, Keizer, Ore. :: passed the New York Bar exam in February. She is pending admission to the New York Bar and also is licensed to practice law in Maryland.

2003

Cheri Bohn, Fayetteville, Ark. :: was featured in Fayetteville's *Insiders Guide to Northwest Arkansas* as a local artist combining stained glass and tree roots to create unique art. Her work has been exhibited around the country.

2004

Cacey Narez (M.Ed.), Lewisville :: art educator at Lakeside Elementary, was named Coppell ISD's Elementary Teacher of the Year in May.



Matt Threadgill (M.B.A.), Parkville, Mo. ::

was promoted to president of BlueScope Steel Construction. He was a

Upcoming Alumni Gatherings

The fall semester is full of opportunities for alumni to reunite, network and celebrate UNT. Here are a few events on tap:

Mentor Denton: Registration is ongoing for this new initiative between UNT and community partners aimed at helping 10,000 at-risk Denton schoolchildren. In the first phase, organizers are looking for 1,000 volunteers to work one-on-one with a child in grades K-12 an hour a week for one school year. Mentors must clear a criminal background check and attend a one-hour training session. For information, visit mentordenton.org.

Family Weekend: The annual three-day event for students and their families, Oct. 11-13, is packed with activities, meals and the chance to cheer on the Mean Green against Middle Tennessee State. Visit transition.unt.edu, email parents@unt.edu or call 940-565-4198.

BDO USA LLP 2013 Leadership Luncheon: The annual luncheon benefiting UNT's Murphy Center for Entrepreneurship is set for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas. This year's featured speaker is Daymond John from ABC's *Shark Tank*. Proceeds from the luncheon are used for scholarships, student awards and programs. Visit murphycenter.unt.edu, call 940-565-2848 or email murphycenter@unt.edu for more information.

Homecoming 2013: Come home to UNT and enjoy the reunions, tailgating, football and other festivities. The parade gets an early start this year at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, and the Mean Green and UTEP face off at 2:30 p.m. in a televised game. The Golden Eagles also are gathering on Saturday this year, at 11:30 a.m. in the Gateway Center Ballroom (RSVP to abbie.lows@unt.edu or 940-565-4851). Check out more details inside the back cover, and visit homecoming.unt.edu for the latest information.

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

SCIENCE AND MATH ADD UP

Running through the genes of the Smith family is a love for science and math — and for UNT. Steven Smith ('07), his parents and grandparents all pursued professional careers that began with a solid math and science foundation at the university.

Steven's parents, George ('72, '76 M.S.) and Carol ('78 M.S.) Smith, met on campus in the mid 1970s when both were studying for master's degrees in biology.

A New York native, George was stationed in Mineral Wells after being deployed to Vietnam. After leaving the U.S. Army, he decided to stay in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and attend UNT.

"We both received extremely good educations at UNT, so that when we moved on to higher degrees, we were as well prepared as if not better prepared than anybody we went to school with," George says. "We were thrilled to see Steven go to UNT. He even was in classes with our biology professors Earl Zimmerman and Lloyd Fitzpatrick."

After marrying, George and Carol continued their science and medical educations. Carol earned a Ph.D. in molecular genetics at the University of Houston, and George earned his D.D.S. at the University of Texas dental branch in Houston. Together, the Smiths have run George's dental practice in Plano for more than 20 years.

Carol's parents, Donald ('48) and Jean Beal Richmond, met in a math course at



Courtesy of the Smith Family

From left, Steven Smith ('07) and his parents, Carol ('78 M.S.) and George ('72, '76 M.S.) Smith, studied science and math at UNT, along with his grandparents, Donald ('48) and Jean Beal Richmond.

UNT — Jean, a student at Texas Woman's University, was auditing the class — and both went on to earn Ph.D.s in mathematics. The Richmonds worked as code breakers for the National Security Agency during the Korean War, after which Jean became a mathematics professor at Southern Methodist University and Donald became a vice president at Texas Instruments.

Continuing the legacy of science and math studies at UNT, Steven earned a bachelor's degree in biology and is now a postdoctoral fellow attending medical school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He says his years at UNT brought his family's connection with the university full circle.

"My grandfather loved his time there, especially in the chemistry department," he says. "It was great taking chemistry lab classes in Masters Hall using the same

stone lab benches my grandfather had."

Steven says his parents' academic success helped him decide to turn math and science into a profession.

"The love they have for their careers in science and math was something I wanted to strive toward too — a way to make a difference in people's lives," he says.

Now considering pediatrics or orthopedic surgery as his specialties after medical school, Steven chose UNT for the family connection, but also because it offered art and culture in addition to challenging science and math programs.

"Science is tough and slow, fraught with failure and tiny victories," he says. "The hard work I did at UNT helped to prepare me for that reality, mentally and emotionally — to persevere."

— Claudia Taylor



Read about other UNT legacy families at northtexan.unt.edu/legacy-families and share the story of your own UNT legacy.

regional general manager for VP Buildings and has more than 17 years of experience in the industry.

2005

J. Kirby McDonough, Tampa, Fla. :: joined the Tampa office of Quarles & Brady LLP as an associate in the commercial litigation practice group. He was previously an attorney at Blank Rome LLP.

Erin Fleming Swain, Plano :: was named the Plano ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2013. She is a fourth-grade team leader at Bethany Elementary School, mentors new teachers and serves as a staff trainer.

2007



Dirk Ebel, Dallas :: director of aquatics for T Bar M Racquet Club, has served as the varsity swim coach at St. Mark's School of Texas since 2010 and spent a decade as the aquatics pro at Cooper Fitness Center. He regularly competes in triathlons and distance ocean swims.

Jay Lester (M.Ed.), Abilene :: was appointed director of fine arts for the Abilene ISD in 2012 after serving in the same capacity in the Victoria ISD. He oversees music, art, theatre, dance, speech and UIL academic contests in the district. He taught band and orchestra in Odessa, Abilene and Allen for 12 years.

2008



Jonathan C. Johnson, DeSoto :: is the author of the new book

A Fighting Chance, in which he talks about being born to a very young mother, being adopted and at 17 receiving a kidney transplant. He went on to graduate from UNT and earn an M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix. "I feel that my journey can not only help people in everyday life," he says, "but show people that you can go as far in life as you want to."

Matthew Orr, Little Rock, Ark. :: traveled to Pattaya, Thailand, this summer to develop a foreign language curriculum for the Mechai Pattana School that is modeled after a democratic approach to teaching. He is a student in the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service and previously served in the U.S. Peace Corps teaching English as a foreign language in Ukraine.



Chris Wall, Venice, Calif. :: was accepted into a Ph.D. program in marine biology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa

this fall, where he is researching the effects of ocean acidification and climate change on reef-building corals. He taught botany and marine biology as an adjunct faculty member at Santa Monica College.

2009

Lottie Fowler, Fort Worth :: opened an event planning and design firm, Grit+Gold, which specializes in weddings. UNT "gave me the knowledge for running my business while not smothering my creative spirit," she says.

★ **Jasmine Stewart** (M.B.A.), Atlanta, Ga. :: was promoted to assistant director of constituent programs at the Georgia State University Alumni Association. Previously, she was the assistant director of student and alumni programs at the University of Texas at Arlington Alumni Association.

2010

Landon Ellison and Vanessa Lewis ('11), Denton :: were married this summer in Denton. Landon earned his general studies degree and Vanessa earned a degree in journalism.

Cuong Mai, Richardson :: co-opened a food truck, The Pickled Carrot, serving made-to-order Vietnamese sandwiches in Denton locations such as Earthwise Produce and the Community Market. Tips go to the Denton food bank.

Joshua Wilkins, Dallas :: is starring in a horror film, *Altered*, that was scheduled to go into production this summer. After the original short film won an award at the Spread the Dead 48 Hour Film Competition, the team decided to expand it and launched an indiego campaign.

2011

Cherese Bassett, Plano :: co-founded Wible & Bassett, a company that manufactures and handcrafts all-natural skin care products. A portion of sales goes to a charity one week a month.

Norma Jones (M.S.), Kent, Ohio :: a doctoral student at Kent State University's College of Communication and Information, was awarded a David B. Smith Fellowship from the Division of Graduate Studies. Her research focuses on issues of identity, difference and power in popular culture, including the contexts of comic books and sports.

Jeff B. Woodmansee (M.S.), Sherwood, Ark. :: is a law librarian, legal research professor and faculty member at the UALR Bowen School of Law in Little Rock. His article "When Soldiers Go Social On Politics" was featured in the April 29 *National Law Journal*, and he was a presenter at the Conference on Legal Information in Seattle, Wash., this summer. ●

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 7).



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

1930s

Cecelia Cunningham Box ('39), Fort Worth :: She sang with the A Cappella Choir, performed in the chorus when Julia Smith's opera *Cynthia Ann Parker* premiered on campus and was a member of the Phoreffs. She taught music in public schools in Saint Jo and Sherman, then married and was active in Grapevine for 45 years before moving to Colleyville. She was a member of

UNT's Chilton Society, supporting a music scholarship established in her name.

1940s

Charles Thomas 'Tom' McIlvain ('46, '49 M.S.), Carlsbad, N.M. :: He returned to North Texas in the fall of 1945 after 39 missions as a top turret gunner on a B-25 over Italy to earn his degrees in industrial arts education. He worked in the

Carlsbad schools for 33 years, retiring as director of vocational education. He also taught engineering drafting at night at New Mexico State at Carlsbad for 25 years. He was married to **Martha Hudson** ('49).

Joe Gieb Jr. ('48), Midland :: He served in the U.S. Marines and the U.S. Navy during World War II, then resumed his education and football career at North Texas. He led the team in rushing and scoring in 1946, but a badly broken leg ended his career. He was an officer in the Talons. He worked in the oil and gas industry in Midland for 56 years, first with Magnolia Oil Co. and later as co-founder of Gieb and Whiteside.

1950s

Charles A Micek ('50), Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. ::

He earned his degree in mathematics and worked in aerospace engineering in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Utah and California. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, **Sarah M. Abel Micek** ('51).

Algene O'Daniel Barker ('51), Keller :: She earned her degree in home economics and was a member of Zeta Pi Gamma, the Green Jackets, the Senior Mary Ardens and the Panhandle Club on campus.

Betty Jo McConnell Lusk ('51), Fort Worth :: She taught fourth grade at D. McRae Elementary during the '50s and was later involved in PTA at E. Handley Elementary where she served as president. At North Texas, she was a member of Alpha Chi and Kappa Delta Pi.

University Community



Corinne Marie Zimmerly Marquis Freeman

('41, '59 M.Ed.), 93, died April 14 in DeQueen, Ark. She taught courses in art for elementary teachers, art appreciation, design and perspective drawing at North Texas in the 1960s and '70s and served as the sponsor of the Kappa Delta sorority. She was married to Robert L.

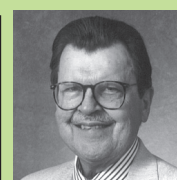
Marquis Jr. ('30, '33), son of President Robert L. Marquis Sr., from 1939 until his death in 1990. She also attended TWU and was active in the Denton community. Memorials may be made to the Marquis Memorial Scholarship.



Norman Harrison, 90, Professor Emeritus of business who

taught at UNT from 1949 to 1993, died May 28. He earned bach-

elor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma State University. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Military Police in North Africa. He joined the faculty in 1949, teaching marketing and business education, coordinating salesmanship courses, training teaching fellows and serving as the Small Business Institute director. He also worked as a sales and marketing consultant and was a longtime member of the Denton Optimist Club.

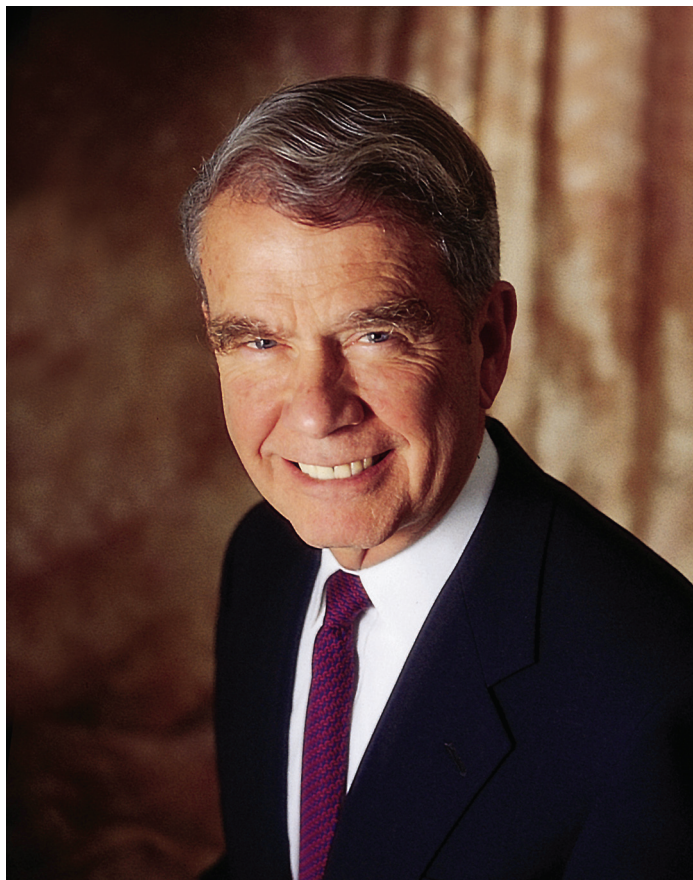


Harold Heiberg, 91, Professor Emeritus of music, died

June 17. He was a professor of voice and accompanying at UNT from 1971 to 2004. His career included performing at Lincoln Center and translating more than 250 choral and operatic works from German, Italian, Norwegian and French. He earned a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College, served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II

THE HURLEY LEGACY

Remembering Alfred F. Hurley, UNT's longest-serving president — by Ernestine Bousquet



Angilee Wilkerson

“President Hurley’s impact on UNT stems from his belief that UNT has all of the makings of a top-tier public research university.”

— President V. Lane Rawlins

The UNT community mourned the loss of Alfred F. Hurley, UNT System Chancellor Emeritus and UNT President Emeritus, who died June 8, 2013, at 84. Credited with the rise of both the UNT System and UNT, Hurley was the system’s first full-time chancellor and for 18 years was UNT’s 12th president, the longest-serving president to date.

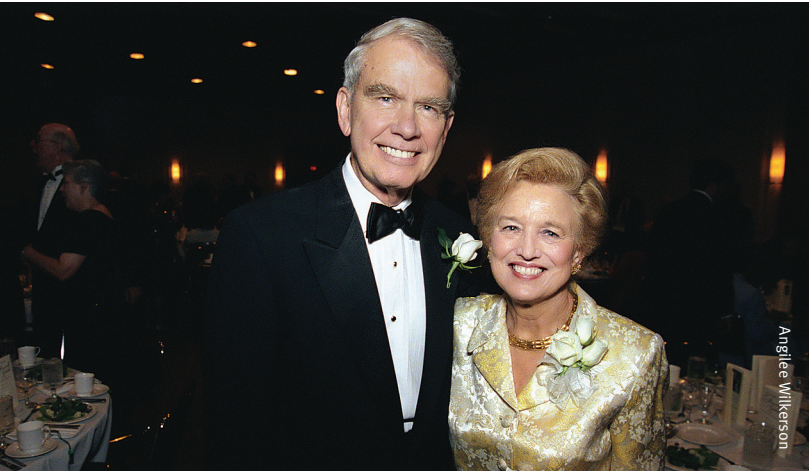
Hurley’s tenure spanned 22 years, from 1980 to 2002. A retired brigadier general with the U.S. Air Force, Hurley joined UNT in 1980 as vice president for administrative affairs. He became UNT president and chancellor of the informal UNT System in 1982 and the system’s first full-time chancellor in 2000 when the chancellor and president offices were separated.

Growth was the hallmark of Hurley’s tenure. The UNT System rose to educational leadership in the North Texas region and became a formal system, one of the state’s six higher education systems, while UNT substantially grew in size, prominence and impact. He also helped transform UNT into a public research university focused on becoming a top-tier public research university, and UNT experienced significant growth in construction, research funding and fundraising.

A champion for UNT and the UNT System

Hurley advocated for the state to designate UNT as one of its emerging research universities. He also elevated UNT’s academic standing through programs such as the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, a residential, research-oriented program for gifted high school students to attend college while finishing high school. And he established the Office of Postgraduate Fellowships in 1993 — now the Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships — to help students earn distinguished scholarships, fellowships, and research and study opportunities.

As chancellor, Hurley oversaw milestones for each campus. The Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine became the UNT



Left: Alfred F. Hurley and his wife, Johanna, at a gala in 2002. Right: Hurley congratulates a student at Commencement.

Health Science Center at Fort Worth in 1993. The UNT System Center at Dallas opened in 2000 — the first step in establishing UNT Dallas, the city of Dallas’ first public university.

“Al Hurley created the foundation for what the UNT System is today — a system committed to providing a high-quality college education to a diverse population and focused on advancing the knowledge and economic and social welfare of the North Texas region,” Chancellor Lee F. Jackson says. “He was a thoughtful and highly respected leader, on and off campus, and a person of high integrity who elevated our stature throughout his long, distinguished tenure.”

In a September 2000 editorial, *The Dallas Morning News* spotlighted Hurley as an “unsung hero of higher education.”

“While other universities in this area have struggled at times to establish their roles, the University of North Texas has charged full speed ahead,” the editorial said. “His willingness to take risks to expand the higher education choices for everyone will serve as his strongest legacy.”

A military man

Hurley, a Brooklyn, N.Y., native from a working-class background, also had a distinguished military career. After graduating summa cum laude from St. John’s University in Brooklyn, Hurley enlisted at the outbreak of the Korean War and went on to become an educator and administrator at the Air Force Academy. President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed him as permanent professor in 1966, and he served as head of the history department, chair of humanities and executive board member. His military decorations included the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Device, and Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars.

Hurley earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in history at Princeton University under Air Force sponsorship and received Guggenheim and Smithsonian fellowships. He remained an active history educator and military historian — best known for the book *Billy Mitchell: Crusader for Air Power*. At UNT, he also was a history professor, and he taught more courses upon retirement. He and his wife, Johanna, played a key role in organizing UNT’s annual military history seminar, which was endowed and named in their honor in 2006.

A dedicated leader

Hurley was a modest man who shared the credit for his leadership success with Johanna and many others. He noted at his retirement ceremony that his long stay and success could be attributed to many people who gave their best.

To mark the Hurleys’ dedication and service, UNT renamed its administration building the Alfred F. and Johanna H. Hurley Administration Building in 2002.

President V. Lane Rawlins says UNT wouldn’t be where it is today without Hurley demanding excellence.

“President Hurley’s impact on UNT stems from his belief that UNT has all of the makings of a top-tier public research university,” Rawlins says. “He championed our growth in quality, quantity, stature and impact — and those are still the same factors driving our progress today.” ●



Learn more about Hurley’s leadership at UNT and the UNT System at northtexan.unt.edu/hurley-legacy.

A celebration of Hurley’s life and service will be held at 3 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Murchison Performing Arts Center with a reception to follow at the Gateway Center Ballroom.

James N. Thompson Jr. ('51), **Hudson, Fla.** :: He served in World War II and the Korean War and taught in New Jersey schools for many years after earning his industrial arts degree. He also earned a master's degree from Rowan University in New Jersey. After retiring, he and his wife moved to Florida.

Anne Louise Williamson-Bulls ('51 M.M.Ed.), **Lubbock** :: She studied music at North Texas and retired from South Plains College, where she was a founding faculty member. Her husband was the late **Harley B. Bulls** ('60 M.M.Ed.), who also was on the faculty there.

John Lynnwood Davis ('52), **Lometa** :: He was a rancher and a retired Texas teacher. At UNT, he was a member of the Student Senate and Sigma Phi Epsilon. He taught in the Carrollton ISD, worked in business in Dallas, and for 23 years taught high school history and geography in Lampasas.

Betty Mattiza Eubanks ('53), **Fort Worth** :: She taught third grade in the Fort Worth ISD, retiring after more than 40 years of teaching. She worked for Computer Curriculum Corp. and oversaw computer labs for the Fort Worth Catholic Diocese. She also served on the executive board of the Texas State Teachers Association. At North Texas, she was a member of Phi Gamma Kappa and the Green Jackets.

Louis W. Allgood ('56), **Dallas** :: He worked for 30 years as a social worker in the Texas Department of Human Resources and helped establish the Meals-on-Wheels program in Grand Prairie, delivering meals for 13 years in Grand Prairie and the Dallas area. As a student, he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Emory Estes ('56 M.A.), **Burleson** :: He was a Professor Emeritus at the University of Texas at Arlington, where he taught for 51 years, including

12 years as chair of the English department. He also had taught at the University of Malaysia and the University of London. He headed the UTA athletic department for four years and served as Southland Conference president. He was a decorated veteran of World War II, serving in intelligence under Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Mildred Hamby Lucas ('57), **Baytown** :: She earned her degree in education with speech and English as teaching fields and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi. She taught at Big Spring and in Baytown, was a substitute teacher and later worked with her husband in the family insurance company. She was a 51-year cancer survivor.

Thomas Ray Trietsch ('57, '68 M.Ed.), **Sanger** :: He earned his degrees in industrial arts education and still displayed the homemade ruler and straightened bridge spike required to join the Industrial Arts Club. He was stationed in Germany while serv-

ing in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1960. He taught at Gainesville ISD for 31 years, retiring in 1991, and received a Distinguished Educator award. He was a church youth director and photographer and was a charter member of the Texas Boys Choir. A lifetime farmer and rancher, he passed away while out watering his cows.

1960s

William Carl ('62, '64 M.S.), **Texarkana** :: He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy, then earned his degrees in chemistry and was a part-time instructor at North Texas. He worked as a chemist at Dupont and for 27 years at Dow Chemical Co., where he earned 28 patents for inventions in plastics, polymer research processes and polymer chemistry. He organized a Christian singing group, directed local access TV programs and performed in musicals. After retiring, he became a writer and published eight novels.

and then earned a master's from Columbia University. He continued advanced study in piano, organ and voice. As a piano recitalist, soloist, chamber musician and accompanist, he performed throughout Western Europe, the U.S., Puerto Rico, Canada and Taiwan. He served as adjudicator for the Metropolitan Opera and gave frequent master classes and workshops. For almost 40 summers, he taught German art song at the American Institute of Musical Studies in Germany and Austria. Heiberg received UNT's

Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education and the J.H. Shelton Excellence in Teaching Award. Memorials may be sent to the Harold Heiberg Vocal/ Accompanying Scholarship.



Edward R. 'Ed' Johnson, 72, of Angel Fire, N.M., died April 25.

Johnson was director of libraries at North Texas from 1979 to 1987 and an adjunct faculty member in

library and information sciences. He was a graduate of the University of Colorado and earned master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin. At North Texas, he was responsible for the libraries at a time when the card catalog was being computerized and the Rare Book Room opened. He also worked at the University of Colorado, the University of Iowa and Pennsylvania State University, and he retired from Oklahoma State University, where he was Doris Neustadt Professor and dean of

libraries. He served as president of the Oklahoma Library Association, which gave him its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.



David A. Kimbell Sr., 83, member of the Board of Regents from

1963 to 1969, died Feb. 23 in Wichita Falls. He earned a petroleum geology degree from the University of Oklahoma and established Alan Drilling Co. before joining Burk

Dolores Floyd Fulks ('62), Fort Worth :: She was a member of Alpha Phi. She taught elementary school at the Birdville ISD, Sulphur Springs and Terrell and owned travel agencies in Fredericksburg and Fort Worth before becoming a real estate agent.

Clarence Lyday ('62, '69 M.Ed.), Arlington :: He taught math and coached in Arlington before building a career as a computer programmer and analyst with defense contractors and banks. He retired from information technology with the city of Arlington. At North Texas, he was a member of the Geezles.

Robert Edwin McVey Jr. ('63 M.B.A.), Somerville :: He worked for many years in oilfields throughout Texas and also in Indonesia, China, Canada, Alaska, Colorado, Montana and New Mexico. He retired in 2006.

George B. Kimbrough ('64), Paris :: He was a long-time jour-

nalist who worked at the *Sherman Democrat* and the *Lamar County Echo* and as city and regional editor of *The Paris News*. He worked in public relations before retiring and returning to newspaper work for *The Roxton Progress*.

1970s

Ramond L. 'Butch' Parks ('70, '71 M.Ed., '75), Huntsville :: He was born and raised in Midland and earned his degrees in physical education and industrial arts at North Texas, where he was a member of the Geezles.

Sharon Irene Roberts ('71), Longview :: She earned a bachelor's degree in English and wrote and published fiction and poetry, including a collection of published poems, *The Eye of God*.

Donald Eugene 'Gene' Knutson ('78), Pottsboro :: He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and earned his degree in insurance. He was a Dal-

las Cowboys fanatic and an avid boater who loved traveling and taking cruises.

Janet Baker Whitehouse ('78 M.L.S.), San Antonio :: She was a librarian who had worked in the maps division of the Library of Congress and for the San Antonio ISD and the University of Texas at San Antonio. She had traveled around the world twice.

1980s

Margot A. Parlette ('87 M.M.), Tucson, Ariz. :: She studied music at UNT and went on to play viola for the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, teach general music and strings at a Montessori school, and teach violin and viola lessons at her home studio in Tucson. She also taught in Portland, Ore.

2000s

Brian Sean Peyton ('08), Denton :: He earned his degree in geography with a minor in

geology and was enrolled as a pre-biology major in fall 2012 with plans to become a dentist.

2010s

Jakob Murray Lange ('12), Fort Worth :: He earned his degree in criminal justice and loved music and other creative activities.

Jared Alan Luellen ('13), Mesquite :: He was president of the Men's Volleyball Club and graduated in May with a criminal justice degree.

Aaron Don Grooms, Denton :: He was a transfer student enrolled in the College of Business. He enjoyed motorcycle racing, among other sports.

Jonathan D. Huey, Grapevine :: He was a junior in general studies and a member of the Cycling Club as well as a student employee in computer services at UNT. ●

Royalty Co. He became president of Burk in 1962. Appointed a regent by Gov. John Connally, he was involved in the development of the UNT campus, working on the university master plan and chairing the committee that studied plans for the Coliseum. He also was president and chair of the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Wichita Falls. He managed and operated ranches in Texas and Oklahoma and managed a large cattle property in Queensland, Australia.



Nick Hampton Vaughan ('47, '48 M.S.), 90, Professor

Emeritus of mathematics, died May 18 in Sugar Land. As a student at North Texas, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in math, he was an officer in the Mathematics Club, played tennis and was a teaching fellow. He also studied at Purdue and later earned a doctorate at Louisiana State University. He joined the

North Texas faculty in 1958 and was named a Professor Emeritus in 2002. He served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II. In the 1950s, he worked as a mathematician at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Plant in Indianapolis studying aircraft fire control systems, as a research associate in aircraft vulnerability studies at Purdue's Statistical Lab, and as a senior aerophysics engineer at Convair in Fort Worth.

Memorials

Send memorials to honor UNT alumni and friends, made payable to the UNT Foundation, to University of North Texas, Division of Advancement, 1155 Union Circle #311250, Denton, Texas 76203-5017. Indicate on your check the fund or area you wish to support. Or make secure gifts online at development.unt.edu/givenow. For more information, email giving@unt.edu or call 940-565-2900.

A POSITIVE LIGHT

by PAT GUSEMAN

GROWING UP, I USED TO come to UNT's campus all the time.

My father, Ulys G. Knight ('25), was best friends with then-president J.C. Matthews ('25). They were education students together at North Texas. My father had great memories of his time here, starting as a freshman in 1921. He was on the basketball team that won the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship and was active in baseball, too, earning numerous good-natured nicknames such as "Mr. North Texas."

My mother, Vera McCurdy, who was younger than my father and attended nearly 10 years after he did, was valedictorian of her high school in Bridgeport. In that day, there was not any funding set aside for valedictorian scholarships. The grocer, the banker, even the undertaker, reached into their pockets and produced money for her to go to school. She felt that she was representing her entire community while she was at North Texas, so she made the most of her time.

She studied commercial bookkeeping and became a member of the original Green Jackets service club, and she had fond memories of the family-style boarding house where she lived. She would have graduated in 1934, but she overheard her father say how hard the Great Depression had hit their family, so she moved back home, married my father and worked to help make money. But she continued to keep in touch with the other girls in the boarding house.



Pat Guseman is pictured with a photo of her mother and father, Vera and Ulys G. Knight ('25), in front of the Hurley Administration Building.

Throughout their lives, my parents so benefited from the academic impact that North Texas had on them. They also never forgot the kindness of people like Miss Beulah Harriss, who worked in the physical education department, was an advisor for the Green Jackets and treated all of the students as her children since she had none of her own.

My father primarily worked as a school district superintendent. And when my parents moved to Wichita Falls, they started a North Texas alumni group that at its peak had about 200 members.

President Matthews was very appreciative — as were others — of all the work my parents did to form that group, and also another alumni group later on. Two years after my father's death in 1973, the Ulys G. Knight Spirit Award was started to honor those who made noteworthy efforts to sustain UNT's spirit.

The first time my mother went to the award ceremony, she was amazed by the number of people in attendance and how UNT had grown. In her later years, she would have me read her the latest issue of

The North Texan when it came in the mail. We were always so impressed with UNT's diversity of majors and specializations. After every reading, she said that she wanted to help the university in any way she could.

Mother died two years ago and now we're carrying on her desire to help the university by transitioning the Spirit Award into a new award — the Ulys and Vera Knight Faculty Mentor Award, which recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates sustained excellence in mentoring undergraduate students, graduate students and/or other faculty. My parents saw North Texas in such a positive light. I know they would have wanted to encourage professors to keep accomplishing more. ●



The first recipient of the Ulys and Vera Knight Faculty Mentor Award is Bertina Hildreth Combes, associate professor of educational psychology. She will be honored at UNT's Salute to Faculty Excellence event Sept. 27. For more information about the award, visit northtexas.unt.edu/mentor-award.

HOMECOMING 2013

Mean Green on the Big Screen

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

3 p.m.

Floyd Graham Society

Special musical program featuring bass-baritone Charles Nelson ('50, '51 M.Ed.), recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus and 1989 President's Citation awards, accompanied by Jeaneane Dowis, piano. Social hour, hors d'oeuvres following program. 915 W. Oak St. Reservations required, due by Nov. 5. RSVP: 940-565-0804, or gpr1@earthlink.net. Benefits Floyd Graham Memorial Scholarship Fund. Suggested donation at the door: \$40

5 p.m.

Mean Green Men's Basketball vs. Northwood Super Pit

For ticket information: ticketoffice@unt.edu, 800-868-2366 or visit meangreensports.com.

7 p.m.

Spirit March

Begins at Fraternity Row on Maple Street and proceeds to the bonfire site on the northwest side of Apogee Stadium.

7:30-10 p.m.

Black Alumni Network Reception

UNT Alumni Center, Gateway Center.

For information: steven_c_bradley@fanniema.com or 940-369-2834.

8 p.m.

Bonfire

Lighting of the bonfire will be on the northwest side of Apogee Stadium.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

7:15 a.m.

Fun Run

Free and open to everyone, the intramural 5K starts in front of the Pohl Recreation Center. Preregistration not required. Registration until 7:15 a.m.

For information: stuart.birdseye@unt.edu, 940-565-2275 or visit recsports.unt.edu.

9 a.m.

Homecoming Parade

Begins at Welch and Hickory Streets, travels around the Denton town square and up Oak Street. From

Oak to Welch, right on Hickory (going the wrong way on Hickory through campus), left on North Texas Boulevard to Highland Street.

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Kappa Alpha Order 60th Anniversary Celebration

Music and food at the Kappa Alpha Order House.
For information: 985-414-0166.

10 a.m.- noon

Baptist Student Ministry Alumni Reception

For information: stephanie@untbsm.com
or 940-387-6331.

11:30 a.m.

Golden Eagles Luncheon/Reunion — Class of '63

Gateway Center Ballroom. Reservations, \$20.
RSVP: abbie.lows@unt.edu or 940-565-4851.

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mean Green Village

Tailgating around campus starts early and ends 30 minutes before kick-off. Organizations, department and college tents at Apogee Stadium add to the Homecoming spirit along with live music, the Junior Mean Green Fun Zone, and the Mean Green March 2 .5 hours before kickoff featuring the cheerleaders, dancers, marching band, Head Coach Dan McCarney and the Mean Green football team.

For tent reservations: special.events@unt.edu.

Alumni Pavilion Party*

Join UNT Alumni Association members and friends for an open house three hours prior to kickoff at the alumni pavilion near Apogee Stadium.

For information: alumni@unt.edu or 940-565-2834.

College of Arts and Sciences*

For information: emily.boykin@unt.edu
or 940-565-2048.

College of Education*

Giveaways and special honors for alumni who were named 2013 Teachers of the Year by area school districts.
RSVP: royann.cox@unt.edu or 940-369-7805.

Department of Political Science*

RSVP: phil.paolino@unt.edu or 940-565-2276.

Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences*

Refreshments served.

RSVP: speechandhearing@unt.edu.

G-Force*

For information: andriettabaxter@my.unt.edu.

2:30 p.m.

Mean Green vs. UTEP

Apogee Stadium

Ticket options start at \$15.

For information: ticketoffice@unt.edu, 800-868-2366
or visit meangreensports.com.

**Events are part of Mean Green Village at Apogee Stadium.*

Events subject to change. Please visit homecoming.unt.edu for updated information.



Enter a drawing to win prizes, including Homecoming Family Fun Packs (tickets to the game and food for four) by emailing northtexan@unt.edu by Oct. 4 with "Homecoming" in the subject line. Include T-shirt size and mailing address. Also, share your photos from Homecoming on Twitter and Instagram — hashtags #UNTHOMECOMING and #UNTPRIDE — to win prizes.

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PARTING SHOT

UNT doctoral student Kristina Clemons works with the nanomanipulator developed by Guido Verbeck, associate professor of chemistry. Without destroying a piece of evidence — like a fingerprint — the device can detect and analyze chemicals present on the nanoscale. A small-scale version of the device was deployed to Afghanistan this summer, allowing military investigators in the field to identify chemical signatures.

