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Cheer up



Little Cheerleader Dreams, by SFA photographer Hardy Meredith, won an Excellence Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. Meredith also won an Achievement Award in the same category. The awards mark Meredith's 10th time to be recognized by the council for his work. The little cheerleader pictured is Jordan Vardeman, daughter of Melanie and Clay Vardeman, physical plant.

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Faculty members honored for teaching excellence

Seven faculty members were honored for outstanding achievement in education during a convocation April 14 in the University Center Twilight Ballroom. Dr. Alan Sowards, nominee from the College of Education, received the SFA Teaching Excellence Award.

Dr. Shirley Watterston, recipient of the 2002 University Teaching Excellence Award, was keynote speaker for the convocation and demonstrated her teaching skills by having the audience learn to sing a song in parts and performing it with help from SFA students.

Dr. Al Greule

College of Applied Arts and Sciences

An associate professor of communication, Greule has taught at SFA since 1989. He earned a bachelor's degree from State University of New York at Oswego and a master's from Ohio University with an emphasis in broadcast management. His doctorate is from Texas A&M.



Greule served as vice president of alumni and professional services for the National Broadcasting Society from 2001 through 2004 and served on the board of directors for the Texas Broadcast Education Foundation from 2001 to 2002. He served as president of the Texas Association of Broadcast Educators from 1998 to 2000.

In January 2000, Greule was one of 25 radio/television faculty members selected worldwide as a fellow of the National Association of Television Program Executives.

"Dr. Greule's current students steadily record excellent showings in productions, and his former students are a lineup of successful media professionals," said Dr. Robert Ramsey, chair of the SFA Department of Communication. "Many graduates credit Dr. Greule with making a significant contribution to their careers."

Dr. Marlene Kahla

Nelson Rusche College of Business

An assistant professor of marketing, Kahla has taught at SFA since 1979. She earned a bachelor's degree and master's in business administration from Sam Houston State University. Her doctorate is from Texas A&M.



Kahla has served as a reviewer for the International Academy for Case Studies business journal since 2002.

Kahla serves as adviser to SFA students competing in American Marketing Association international competitions, and her teams have been named finalists in each of the past five years, including third-place finishes in 2003 and 2004. A student group under her supervision designed the campaign for JackBucks, a student debit card program utilized by local businesses.

"Dr. Kahla believes that one important aspect of teaching marketing is learning by doing, and that the real world of marketing is fun, exciting and should be shared with our students," said Dr. Violet Rogers, SFA business dean. "Therefore, her classes are full of activities, plans, presentations and case studies. She delivers a complete understanding of not only marketing, but how marketing fits in with the rest of the business and with the success of a company or institution."

Dr. Alan Sowards

University Teaching Excellence Award
College of Education

An associate professor of elementary education, Sowards joined the SFA faculty in 1995. Sowards received a bachelor's degree from SFA in science, a master's degree in environmental science from the University of Texas at Dallas and his doctorate from Texas A&M University - Commerce.



In 2004, Sowards received the Sadie Ray Graff Award for Outstanding Contributions to Texas Environmental Education from Keep Texas Beautiful and an Alumni Ambassador Award from Texas A&M - Commerce. He received a state environmental award in 2002 from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

More than 12,000 Texas school students in the past six years have participated in Sowards' program, "Bugs, Butterflies and Blossoms," at the SFA Arboretum. Approximately 2,000 students during the past three years have participated in his "Water Works: A Wetland Adventure" program at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center near Athens, and through the program, a partnership between the center and SFA has been established for internships, scholarships and research. Each year, local third-graders learn about life in the past at the "Day of Adventure" organized by Sowards at Millard's Crossing Historic Village.

“For the college students, these special events not only teach science, but provide first-hand experiences with children as they are learning science,” said Dr. Janice Pattillo, chair of the Department of Elementary Education. “Dr. Sowards has demonstrated through his excellent student evaluations, many published professional articles, and work on numerous university, state and national committees that he is a valuable asset to the College of Education and SFA.”

Dr. Tim King

College of Fine Arts

A professor of music, King has served as director of choral programs at SFA for a total of 17 years, first from 1983 through 1989 and returning to the campus in 1994. He earned a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree from Texas Tech University and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Illinois.



King’s choirs have entertained East Texas residents for years with productions of the Messiah, the Madrigal Dinner and other concerts. His groups have been invited to sing for the American Choral Directors Association, the Texas Music Educators Association, the Music Educators National Conference and with the Manhattan Philharmonic Symphony at Lincoln Center’s Avery Fisher Hall in New York.

In 2003, King led SFA’s A Cappella Choir on a tour of Europe, singing in Vienna for its 1,000-year celebration, at the International Festival in Marostica, in Salzburg’s Cathedral and in the Basilica of San Marco in Venice. Dr. Richard Berry, dean of the SFA College of Fine Arts, traveled with the choir.

“It was fascinating to watch Dr. King guide the choir to remarkable performances in concert after concert,” Berry said. “To accomplish this using the basic repertoire day after day is no mean achievement. Dr. King has the gift of relating to students that enables him to do so.”

Dr. Hans Williams

Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture

Williams joined the faculty in 1993 and serves as the Kenneth Nelson Distinguished Professor of Forestry at SFA. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from Purdue University and a master’s degree from Clemson University. The emphasis for his doctorate from Auburn was forest ecophysiology and seedling quality.



In addition to serving as secretary-treasurer of the Texas Society of American Forestry, Williams serves as the faculty adviser of the SFA International Society of Arboriculture student chapter and is a member of the board of directors of the Texas Forestry Association.

Williams received the college’s teaching excellence award in 1998 and 2002, and was a finalist in 1998 for the Student Organization Faculty Adviser of the Year award and the SFA Faculty Foundation Achievement Award. He has co-authored 40 papers and made presentations at 57 professional meetings. Dr. Scott Beasley, dean of the college, said that Williams’ research has strengthened his classroom teaching.

“His students are assured of receiving ‘state-of-the-art’ science information in his courses, and many of

those students work part time on his research projects, which benefits them educationally and monetarily,” Beasley said. “Dr. Williams is a true professional who has committed, and continues to commit, his full-time attention, talents and energy to being the best teacher, researcher and ‘team member’ that he can possibly be.”

Dr. Joyce Ann Carlton Johnston

College of Liberal Arts

Johnston joined the SFA faculty in 2002 and is an assistant professor of French and Spanish. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Trinity University and a master’s degree and doctorate in French literature from Indiana University at Bloomington. She also taught at Bloomington, where she received teaching excellence awards in 1997 and 1998.



In addition to serving as faculty adviser for the SFA French Club, Johnston established and maintains the “French at SFA” Web site. She also established a French conversation group that includes SFA students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the Nacogdoches community, in weekly gatherings at a local coffee house.

Since her arrival at SFA, Johnston has written three articles accepted for publication and is working on a critical edition of the theatrical works of a significant 19th-century French female journalist and poet, Delphine Gay de Girardin.

“Dr. Johnston’s use of materials from Africa and the Caribbean offers SFA students important insights into the variety of Francophone culture, introducing them not only to different kinds of French, but to different views

of the world," said Dr. Ann Doyle-Anderson, chair of the Department of Modern Languages. "Students from her advanced literature classes comment on the breadth and depth of her knowledge, as well as her enthusiasm."

Dr. James Stamey

College of Sciences and Mathematics

Stamey is an assistant professor of mathematics and statistics and joined the SFA faculty in 2001. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Northwestern State University.



He earned a Master of Business Administration degree and a doctorate in statistics from Baylor University. He was nominated for the Baylor ODK Young Men and Women of Merit award.

Since earning his doctorate, Stamey has completed 14 refereed publications. He has received research grants each year at SFA and was named a Mathematical Association of American Project Next (New Experiences in Teaching) fellow. He has served as a mentor to middle-school teachers participating in the math department's program funded by the National Science Foundation to enhance mathematics education.

"Students recognize Dr. Stamey's ability to motivate and inspire them to work extraordinarily hard to attain a high level of success in his courses," said Dr. Jasper Adams, chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. "They know that Dr. Stamey truly cares about them as individuals and is willing to invest his time and efforts on their behalf."

○ Focus

Taking stock of New York



During spring break, 14 SFA students enrolled in Marcus Cox's general business "Washington to Wall Street" course visited the nation's capital and New York. Cox, (far left), along with Marlin C. Young, associate provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Violet Rogers, dean of the Nelson Rusche College of Business, served as faculty supervisors. The group is standing in front of the statue located near Wall Street and the New York Stock Exchange.



Dr. Archie McDonald, professor of history, was honored in February with the naming of Alumni Drive as Archie McDonald Drive.

Naming of Alumni Drive for a year is one of the featured items in the SFA Alumni Association's annual Silent Auction at Homecoming. Ron Adkison of Henderson was this year's high bidder, and he chose to honor McDonald.

Former honorees include Ed and Gwen Cole, Ernestine Henry, Bob Sitton, the late Homer Bryce, the late Mart Crawford and the late Madge Stallings.

Did you know?

The Arthur Temple College of Forestry has been renamed the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture.

Sciences, mathematics dean named

Dr. Anthony Joseph Duben, chair of the computer science department at Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Mo., has been named dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics at SFA.

Duben is scheduled to start Sept. 1. He will replace Dr. Thomas Atchison, who will retire at the end of August after 26 years at SFA and 16 years as dean.

"Dr. Duben was an outstanding candidate for the position," said Dr. Mary Cullinan, SFA provost and vice president for academic affairs. "He brings strong leadership experience and a commitment to excellence in teaching and scholarship. I look forward very much to working with him."

Duben was one of four finalists interviewed in February and March. Others were Dr. Roger Byrne, biology department chair, State University of New York at Fredonia; Dr. Jerry Stinner, department chair and professor of biology, The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio; and Dr. Denise Battles, associate dean of faculty and research programs, Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga.

Duben earned a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Pennsylvania State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry with a minor in mathematics from Marquette University, where he graduated summa cum laude.

He has worked at Southeast Missouri since 1983 and has chaired the computer science department since 1999. He oversees eight full-time faculty in the department, which has more 200 students majoring in one of two Bachelor of

Science degrees: computer science and applied computer science.

Duben was associate dean of the College of Science and Technology from 1994-1999. He also has been a professor of computer science at the Missouri school since 1995, having previously been associate and assistant professor.

From 1992-1993, he was visiting associate professor at the Center for Molecular Design at Washington University, St. Louis.

Other academic institutions where he has taught or conducted research include South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago State University, Triton College, St. Olaf College and Rutgers University. He also has worked at Methode Electronics in Chicago, Ill., and at UOP Inc. in Des Plaines, Ill.

Among honors he has received are being named a National Academy of Sciences Exchange Scientist, National Science Foundation Small College Faculty Awardee, National Science Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellow and International Association of Machinists Scholar.

Atchison, who came to SFA in 1979 to chair the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, may teach part time in the department after he retires.



Dr. Anthony Joseph Duben

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The map titled "Debris Material Density from the Space Shuttle Columbia STS-107" is part of a display running through June 5 at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin.

The "Drawn from Experience" exhibit highlights the 500-year span of map making including the cutting-edge technology used in creating modern maps like the one pictured.

This map, along with other maps provided by SFA, was used to model Columbia's debris path. The GPS data was collected in the field by SFA search teams for allocating needed search and recovery resources during the first critical days of Columbia's recovery efforts.

Pictured from left, Jeff Williams, GIS systems administrator, and Dr. Darrel McDonald, professor of geography/coordinator Hues/GIS Laboratory.

Regents approve geospatial service center

A \$4.1 million appropriation from the federal government for a geospatial service center headquartered at SFA is causing geographic changes for two laboratories at the university. Regents voted during their April meeting to merge the two existing labs.

"It is in the best interest of the university to combine the teaching, research and service components of geographic information systems (GIS) into one college," said Dr. Mary Cullinan, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Such a union will greatly improve the coordination, funding, collaboration and effectiveness of GIS programs. It will eliminate the unnecessary costs associated with duplication of equipment and personnel and will concentrate the university's extraordinary GIS talent into a fully functional team."

Dr. Darrel McDonald will transfer from the Department of Political Science, Geography and Public Administration to the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture. The newly created Columbia Geospatial Service Center will be located on South Pecan Street, across the street from the Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau.

According to Dr. James Kroll, director of the lab at the Forest Resources Institute, the downtown location will be convenient for coordinating work with city and county officials.

"We will be within a block of the county and city government headquarters," Kroll said. "Dr. McDonald is a pioneer in the GIS field and has developed a close working relationship with the city. The Forest Resources Institute has developed a similar relationship with the county. As a result, Nacogdoches is much more technologically advanced than other cities our size and is one of only a few counties in the state with an approved hazard mitigation plan."

Other changes on the campus include new names for four areas of study. Regents changed the names from "department" to "school" in accordance with a university policy that bestows "school" status on subdivisions of colleges that provide education in specialized or professional fields that lead to a degree, certificate or licensure. Pending approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, areas with new names will be the School of Art, School of Music, School of Theatre and School of Nursing.

Regents endorsed the creation of a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in creative writing, a degree that serves as an appropriate undergraduate preparation for a variety of fields of graduate study, some professional schools, or employment in communications, education and entertainment fields.

"The study of creative writing as an academic discipline has become increasingly popular in colleges and universities across the United States,"

Cullinan said. "The bachelor's degree in creative writing will particularly appeal to students who wish to pursue further focused study of creative writing or journalism on the graduate level and will encourage students to produce a body of carefully crafted prose or poetry over the course of their undergraduate years."

Beginning in the fall, biotechnology and environmental science students at the University of Houston Downtown will be able to enroll in online classes offered by SFA's biotechnology graduate program.

"An overwhelming number of students from biotechnology and environmental science are interested in pursuing graduate studies at SFA; however, many of them are tied to the Houston area due to family and jobs," Cullinan said. "This would be a natural extension since both programs already are taught through interactive video, and the University of Houston Downtown has the capability to receive courses by video."

The university will seek coordinating board approval for the online offerings, as well as the bachelor's degree program in creative writing.

A pilot program was approved by regents to increase the Academic Excellence Scholarship to \$3,000 per year with the start of summer 2006. Currently, the scholarship is \$2,000 per year and is renewable for four years. In fall 2004, only 40 percent of students offered scholarships enrolled at SFA.

"By increasing the award from \$2,000 per year to \$3,000 per year, we would almost certainly increase the yield rate and attract more qualified students," Cullinan said.

After fall 2006, the acceptance rate of the scholarships will be reviewed to decide whether to continue to offer the scholarship at \$3,000.



The Board of Regents elected new officers during the April meeting. Fred Wulf of Center will continue to serve as chair. Dr. Margarita de la Garza-Graham of Tyler, at left, will serve as secretary, and Valerie Ertz of Dallas will serve as vice chair.

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Regents authorized a 3 percent increase in rates Aramark can charge for food and beverages sold on campus during 2005-2006. Under terms of the food service contract with Aramark, the company was entitled to a 2.2 percent increase based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index's food and beverage index for the past year. An additional 0.8 percent increase was requested to offset Aramark's decreased income after the University Center snack bar closed and Starbucks in the university bookstore opened.

Dr. Jack Nelson, director of auxiliary services, said the total contract is about \$5 million, with slightly more than \$4 million of that coming from meal plans purchased by students. Dr. Roland Smith, vice president for business affairs, said the 3 percent increase was included in meal plan rates previously approved by the board.

Students moving into Steen Hall and Hall 20 in the fall will find energy-efficient microwave-refrigerator combinations and carpeted rooms. Regents approved spending \$610,000 for the items. Smith said the university has funds to pay for the upgrades. Room and board rates the board recently adopted factored in these anticipated improvements, said Dr. Baker Pattillo, vice president for university affairs.

Regents also authorized the university to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 from WorkForce Solutions Deep East Texas. The grant would help offset an estimated \$22,182 in training and consulting costs to help reduce and control illegal drug and alcohol use in the workplace.

Regents voted to extend the contract of President Tito Guerrero through June 30, 2008. Guerrero began serving as

president July 1, 2001. They heard reports from Guerrero; Monique Cossich, executive director of enrollment management; and Gina Oglesbee, auditor.

Regents recognized Amanda Williams, outgoing president of the Student Government Association, and were introduced to Amber Lara, recently elected president of the group.

Dr. Gary Wurtz, chair of the Faculty Senate, presented information regarding faculty salaries and administrative costs, and introduced Dr. Brian Oswald, incoming Faculty Senate chair and professor of forestry.

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Heusner takes the reins of equestrian program

Leigh Heusner was handed the reins of building the Ladyjack equestrian program as she was named the program's first head coach.

"We're very pleased to have Leigh joining our department," said Steve McCarty, athletics director. "We are excited about the knowledge and experience she brings to SFA. Leigh is the perfect fit to build this program as we begin a new chapter in the history of Ladyjack athletics."

Heusner comes to Nacogdoches from Plainville, Ga., where she was an assistant trainer for New Beginnings Performance Horses. During that time she handled the instruction of riders from the beginner to the advanced level.

Heusner also was in charge of the training and well being of approximately 20 training horses and 40 pasture horses. Heusner has seven years of professional experience instructing riders and training horses and has served as a show judge on the collegiate level.

Heusner has a wealth of riding experience to draw on in her career. She was a letterwinner at the University of Georgia where she was named the 2002-03 Most Valuable Player for Georgia's Western team. She competed in both Intercollegiate Horse Show Association and NCAA shows during her time with the Lady Bulldogs, finishing 2003 as the reserve year end high-point scorer for her western team.



Leigh Heusner

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Personnel changes approved by regents

Regents made a variety of personnel decisions during a meeting held April 28, including the promotions of the following faculty members to Professor Emeritus: Dr. Camille Price, computer science; Dr. James Dinucci, kinesiology; Dr. Patsy Hallman, human sciences; Dr. David Jones, music; Dr. Leon Hallman, political science, geography and public administration; and Drs. Joseph Devine and Bobby Johnson, history.

Faculty members promoted to professor included Dr. Freddie Avant, social work; Dr. Michael Stroup, economics and finance; Dr. DawnElla Rust, kinesiology; Dr. Betty Alford, secondary education; Dr. Vi Cain Alexander, elementary education; and Dr. David Lawson, human services.

Drs. Sam Copeland and Sharon Templeman, social work; Dr. Parker Ballinger, economics and finance; Dr. Susan Jennings, general business; Drs. Jan Lacina and Alan Sowards, elementary education; Dr. Richard Jones, theatre; Dr. Mark E. Turner, music; Drs. Kenneth Collier and Michael Tkacik, political science, geography and public administration; Drs. Randi Cox and Troy Davis, history; and Dr. Dean Coble, forestry, were promoted to associate professor.

Dr. Kathleen Belanger was promoted to assistant professor in the School of Social Work, and Phillip Reynolds and Ann Ellis were promoted to Librarian III.

Tenure was awarded to the following faculty members: Drs. Sam Copeland and Sharon Templeman, social work; Dr. Parker Ballinger, economics and finance; Dr. Susan Jennings, general business; Dr. Jan Lacina, elementary education; Dr. Richard Jones, theatre; Drs. Stephen Lias and Mark E. Turner, music; Dr. Kenneth Collier, political science, geography and public administration; Drs. Randi Cox and Troy Davis, history; Dr. Marc Guidry, English and philosophy; Dr. Michael Tkacik, political science, geography and public administration; Drs. Dennis

Gravett and Alexander Karateyev, biology; Dr. Anthony Duben, chemistry; Dr. Dean Coble, forestry; and Shirley Dickerson and Rachel Galan, library.

The following faculty appointments were approved for the College of Liberal Arts: Dr. Theodore Joseph, assistant professor of psychology; Kseniya Alexandra Vinarov, assistant professor of modern languages; Drs. Anne Collins Smith and Jason T. McEntee, assistant professors of English and philosophy; Dr. Karol Chandler-Ezell, assistant professor of sociology; Jennifer Perky Beisel and Dr. Andrew C. Lannen, assistant professors of history; and Dr. Kwame Badu Antwi-Boasiako, assistant professor of public administration and political science.

The appointment of Dr. Anthony Duben as dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics and professor of chemistry was approved, as were the appointments of Dr. Russell J. Franks, assistant professor of chemistry, and Dr. Keith Hubbard, assistant professor of mathematics and statistics.

In the College of Education, Kim Archer and Dr. Gretchen Dawn Oliver, were appointed assistant professors of kinesiology and health science. Dr. Paige Renee Mask was appointed assistant professor of human services.

Appointments approved for the Nelson Rusche College of Business were Mark A. Scanlan and Stephen M. Kosovich, assistant professors of economics.

Staff appointments were approved as follows: Steve Sykes, assistant volleyball coach and instructor; Leigh Heusner, head equestrian coach; Hollie Gammel, orientation coordinator; John L. Chapman II, communications broadcast technical support specialist; Marie Davenport, education CERT-PREP project coordinator; Dr. Tiffany Evans, library director; and Kinnie M. Parker, Piney Woods Area Health Education Center coordinator.

Deborah Sellman was promoted from bursar to coordinator of planning,

resources and accountability. Other status changes included Jaime E. Frias, from assistant soccer coach to head coach; Jill J. Heard, from accounting clerk to interim manager of residence life; Shirley Dickerson, from associate director to interim library director; and Dr. Shiyu Li from forestry research scientist to director of pharmaceutical crops and research professor.

The following retirements were Ronald W. Robinson, associate professor, criminal justice; Barbara J. Chaviers, health clinic; Charlotte Kennemer, lecturer of elementary education; Mary McCleary and John Daniel, professors of art; Dr. Joseph Devine, professor of history; Joseph Gaut, library program director; Betty K. Jacks, purchasing; and Dr. James Garrett, chemistry professor. Dr. Ronald Robinson, associate professor of criminal justice, will serve in his current position on a part-time basis beginning Sept. 1.

Faculty development leave was approved for Anita Powell, art, for the fall semester and for the following faculty members for the spring 2006 semester: Dr. Alan Nielsen, theatre; Charles Jones, art; Dr. Larry Chasteen, management, marketing and international business; and Dr. Leon Young, agriculture.

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SFA has earned the Texas State Risk Management Bronze Safety Award for fiscal year 2004. The award recognizes a 10 to 30 percent reduction in an agency's injury frequency rate during a fiscal year. According to Jeremy Higgins, director of SFA Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management, there were 37 injuries at SFA in 2004, an 18 percent reduction from 2003.

"We will continue to institute new safety programs, and I believe injury rates will even lower in the future," Higgins said.

Evans joins SFA as library director

Dr. Tiffany Evans took over duties as SFA's library director on April 18. Evans comes to SFA from Cleveland, Ohio, where she was employed by the Metropolitan Campus of Cuyahoga Community College.

Evans had been at Cuyahoga Community College since July 2000, serving as district director of library and learning resources and the Metropolitan Campus director of the library, learning resource center and technology learning center.

"I am so delighted that Dr. Evans has come to SFA," said Dr. Mary Cullinan, SFA provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"Under the direction of former library director, Mr. Al Cage, who retired in February, and his dedicated staff, the SFA library has become a model for a 21st century academic commons, a place that provides faculty and students with a dynamic environment supporting teaching and learning.

"Dr. Evans shares this vision for a library and has extensive experience in shaping such a vision. She will be a wonderful asset to the campus."

Evans received her Ph.D. in library and information science from the University of Pittsburg. She has a Master



Dr. Tiffany Evans

of Library Science from Kent State University, a master's degree in non-profit management and arts administration from the University of Akron and a Master of Arts in history and art history from Cleveland State University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from John Carroll University.

She has extensive experience in administering libraries and in integrating technology systems into library, classroom, administrative and community learning center environments. She has secured more than \$4 million in grants in recent years and has been a highly successful fund raiser for library priorities. Harvard University named the Technology and Information Literacy Initiative, created by Evans, among the five best community learning center programs in the nation for two consecutive years.

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New director for OISP to begin in September

Dr. Daniel P. Norton, director of international programs at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, has been named director of international studies and programs at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Dr. Norton, also an assistant professor of modern languages at Muskingum, is scheduled to begin Sept. 1, pending approval by the Board of Regents. He will replace Dr. Leon Hallman, who is retiring in August.

"Dr. Hallman has done an outstanding job as founding director of the Office of International Studies and Programs," said Dr. Mary Cullinan, SFA provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Dr. Norton's expertise will help move the office to the next level of success. I feel certain that he will make

University of South Florida, Tampa. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of South Florida, where he graduated magna cum laude.

He has been at Muskingum College since August 2002 and has expanded both the study abroad program and the recruitment of international students, Cullinan said.

From 1999-2002, Norton was assistant professor of English at

American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. He also has worked as a visiting English faculty member at Indiana University of Pennsylvania; an ESL faculty member at Northern Virginia Community College, program director and foreign student adviser for the English for International Students Program, Arlington, Va.; and an ESL and adjunct graduate faculty member at the University of South Florida.

Norton was among three finalists for the position. The other two were Greg Leonard of Beverly, Mass., who was vice president, marketing and public relations, and product manager with fsaATLAS (SEVIS software) Product Team in Cambridge, Mass., from September 2002-January 2005, and previously was director, International Students and Scholars Office, Boston University; and Dr. Alice Bier, executive director, Center for International Studies, Tulane University, New Orleans.

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Dr. Daniel P. Norton

Presentations

Larry Chasteen, management, marketing and international business, presented a paper titled "How Organizations Change to Meet Their Environment," chaired a session, and acted as discussant on two other papers at the National Student Case Competition held during the Society for Advancement of Management Convention in Las Vegas.

Cathy Henderson, management, marketing and international business, presented a workshop titled "Multi-Generations in the Classroom and Workplace" and acted as discussant on a paper at the National Student Case Competition held during the Society for Advancement of Management Convention in Las Vegas.

Treba Marsh, accounting, presented "A Comparison of the Readability of Governmental Annual Financial Reports: Popular Reports and Management Discussion and Analyses" at The American Academy of Accounting and Finance 2004 annual meeting, Dec. 9-11, in New Orleans.

Sharron Graves and **Treba Marsh**, accounting, presented "Reported Fraud in Governmental Entities in Texas" at The American Academy of Accounting and Finance 2004 annual meeting, Dec. 9-11, in New Orleans.

Aileen Smith, accounting, presented "The Link Between Extreme Response Style, Culture, and University Students' Ethical Responses" at The American Academy of Accounting and Finance 2004 annual meeting, Dec. 9-11, in New Orleans.

Sherry Wells, registrar, presented a session, "Effective Communication from the Registrar's Office," at the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Feb. 6-9.

Luis Ramirez, theatre, will teach a three-day workshop on "Design in a Digital Age," at the Christians in Theatre Arts National Conference in Greenville, S.C., June 29-July 2. The workshop will focus on computer applications in scenic and lighting design.

Dillard Tinsley and **Elton Scifres**, management, marketing and international business, presented their paper, "Shifting Thought Patterns of Graduating Business Majors" at the 2005 conference of the Southwest Academy of Management on March 4 in Dallas. Tinsley also presented his paper, "A Leadership Approach for Marketing Managers" at the 2005 conference of the Association of Collegiate Marketing Educators. Each paper appeared in the proceedings of their respective conferences.

Clint Richardson, mathematics and statistics, presented "Minimal Area Problem for Nonvanishing Functions" in the Complex Analysis Special Session on April 10 at the American Mathematical Society Regional Meeting in Lubbock.

Michael Stroup, economics, recently presented his paper, "Economic Freedom, Democracy, and the Quality of Life" on April 4 at the 30th annual conference of the Association for Private Enterprise Education, held in Orlando, Fla.

Larry O'Neal, management, marketing and international business, presented "The Development of New Products and Green Marketing Strategies," April 1 at the South West Business Symposium on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma. The paper was co-authored by **Marlene Kahla**, management, marketing and international business.

Pat Spence, student publications, participated in a panel exploring the relationship between university administration and the student media at the recent spring conference of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association.

Christopher Ayer, music, presented a music program for grade one students at Raguet Elementary School on March 24. Ayer also directed the SFA Clarinet Choir as they presented two programs for beginning band students at Mike Moses Middle School.

Michael Dean, music, co-presented a workshop at the 2005 Texas Music Educators Conference in San Antonio this past February. "The Best Choral Music You've Never Sung at UIL," focused on lesser-known pieces of music that directors should consider using at large-group choir contests in Texas. Dean also was part of a panel discussion for graduating students, "College Graduation - Now What."

Brian Utley, music, performed at the Region 4 Conference of the North American Saxophone Alliance held at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro April 21-24. He performed the world premiere of "Hook, Line and Sinkers," a new piece for saxophone, clarinet and piano by William Price. Utley performed with **Christopher Ayer** and **Kae Hosoda-Ayer**, music.

Wanda Mouton, communication, chaired a session and presented a paper on "The Role of Affect and Reflection in Learning from Travel" at the annual national convention of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association March 25 in San Diego. Mouton also presented a paper on "Texas College Journalism in Crisis: Are Slashed Budgets Threatening Freedom of

the Press?" in the Freedom of Speech Division at the Southern States Communication Association 2005 annual convention March 31 in Baton Rouge.

Judith Lauter, human services, and **Lauren Scharff**, psychology, presented "Directed Attention Effects on the Auditory Brainstem Response" at the Southwestern Psychological Association Conference in Memphis, Tenn., on March 24.

Judith Lauter, human services, led two public information demonstrations at the Special Science Event of the Southwest and Rocky Mountain Regional Division American Association for Advancement of Science Conference in Tucson, Ariz. on April 14. As the university's first Regents' Speaker, Lauter also made a presentation about individual differences created by sex hormones called "How is your brain like a zebra?" on April 7 in the Math and Nursing Building.

Christy Sadler Gorman, kinesiology and health science, performed in "Dancing the Numbers" sponsored by the Danspace Project at St. Mark's Church in New York on Feb. 6. Gorman also served as a guest artist at St. John's School March 16-17 in Houston where she taught classes in modern dance.

Stan Bobo, kinesiology and health science, served as rehearsal director for "Free Up" presented at the American College Dance Festival, Edmond, Okla., March 10.

Elizabeth Rhodes, kinesiology and health science, presented a paper "Black Indians, Zulus and Congos; Transformation and Transference of Community Traditions in New Orleans and Panama" at the annual meeting of the Congress on Research in Dance in Tallahassee, Fla., on March 5. Rhodes also presented her choreographic work "Occupational Outlook" at the American College Dance Festival in Edmond, Okla., March 11.

Mary McCleary, art, will have a collage included in an exhibit titled "A Broken Beauty: Figuration, Narrative, and the Transcendent in North American Art," which will focus on the works of 15 Canadian and American artists who have a long-time commitment to a humanist portrayal of the figure as subject. The show is scheduled to travel in 2005 and 2006 to the Joseph D. Carrier Gallery, Toronto, Canada; Laguna Art Museum in Laguna Beach, Calif.; and the Art Museum of Southeast Texas in Beaumont. A color catalogue will be published and distributed by Wm. B. Eerdmans in summer 2005. McCleary also will be included in "Art and

Faith in the 21st Century," a 25-year survey show of artists whose work is influenced by the Bible. Organized by the Museum of Biblical Art in New York City, it will open in August 2005.

Gilbert Hanke, human services, co-presented "WHO's New Disability Definition- Impact on Children and Adult Intervention/Assessment," March 31 at the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention. Hanke also presented an all-day program April 9 at the University of Central Oklahoma on issues and topics in pediatric and adult dysphagia as part of the Inez Miller Conference on Communicative Sciences and Disorders. The presentation dealt with some of the new challenges facing speech-language pathologists who work with clients with swallowing disorders.

Timothy B. Neary, history, presented "Taking it to the Streets: Catholic Liberalism, Race and Sport in Twentieth-Century Urban America" to the American Catholic Studies Seminar at the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, Nov. 4. Neary also presented "Recreation Sites in Religious Settings" as part of a panel session on "Recreation Resources in Unlikely Places" at Preserve and Play: A National Conference sponsored by the U.S. National Park Service, in Chicago, May 6.

Scott Harris, music, presented "Expanding the Role of the Steel Drum Band" at the 2005 Texas Music Educators Association Convention Feb. 12 in San Antonio. The session included performances by the SFA Steel Band, under Harris' direction.

The Stone Fort Wind Quintet (**Diane Boyd-Schultz**, flute; **John W. Goodall**, oboe; **Christopher Ayer**, clarinet; **Kirsten Nelson**, bassoon; **Charles Gavin**, horn) and **Brian Utley**, saxophone, performed for several hundred music educators and students at the opening convocation for the annual conference of the Association of Texas Small School Bands on Feb. 9, in San Antonio.

Flutist **Diane Boyd-Schultz**, music, was invited to perform a concert and give a masterclass at Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colo., in March, as part of the Guest Artist Recital Series. One of the pieces she performed, "Sonata for Flute and Piano," was written for her in 2003 by **Stephen J. Lias**, music. Boyd-Schultz also presided over the 2005 Mid-South Flute Festival held in Memphis, Tenn., in March.

Jeff Schultz, music, traveled with 12 tuba and euphonium students to Lubbock to conduct an ensemble in a premier performance at the Texas Regional Tuba and Euphonium Conference. Schultz also led a

sectional for tuba, euphonium, and string bass students chosen for the All-State Concert Band at the Texas Music Educators Association convention in San Antonio. The Pineywoods Brass Quintet, of which Schultz is a member, performed for the opening ceremony of the Association of Texas Small School Bands, held concurrently with the music educator's convention.

Jennifer Dalmas and **Evgeni Raychev**, music, will host the Chamber Music Camp in the summer for string students, an event they founded at SFA in 2004. Dalmas and Raychev also organized the Piney Woods Youth Orchestra in SFA's Music Preparatory Division, and the orchestra recently performed a concert in collaboration with the SFA Charter School. Raychev and Dalmas performed, as Hachitori duo, works for solo cello and the "Duo" for violin and cello by Zoltan Kodaly. They performed an evening of piano quartets in March with Isidor Saslav, viola, and Linda Parr, piano. Dalmas performed solo in Wieniawski's "Legend" in March. Raychev performed Tchaikovsky's "Pezzo Capriccioso" solo at the Chamber Orchestra Tour, also held in March. During the Faculty Chamber Music Recital, Dalmas and Raychev performed in collaboration with **Brian Utley**, saxophone, and Dalmas performed at the Faculty Horn Recital in January with **Charles Gavin**, French horn.

Sandra Luna McCune, elementary education, and **E.D. McCune**, mathematics and statistics, presented "8th Grade Math Lessons That Work!" at the conference on the Teaching of Mathematics 6-12, at Sam Houston State University. Sandra McCune attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Anaheim, Calif., in April.

Herbert Midgley, music, presented "The Happening" on April 1. A "Happening" occurs when a group of creative people join together and share their creative skills.

Rick Jones, theatre, presented "The American Theatre (Wing), World War II and the Question of Efficacy" at the Southeastern

Theatre Conference Symposium at Auburn University in April.

Deb Scott, music, performed concerts this spring with the Shreveport Symphony, the Longview Symphony, the Orchestra of the Pines, the Piney Woods Brass Quintet in San Antonio, and with the Acme Trombone Company at both the University of Central Arkansas and Texas Tech University. Scott also performed a solo at the Big 12 Area Trombone Conference at Texas Tech University and presented a masterclass in January. The SFA Trombone Choir also performed at the conference and was honored with an invitation to perform at the International Trombone Association Festival being held in New Orleans in May.

Violet Rogers, business, and **Jack Ethridge**, accounting, presented a paper titled "Integrating Audit Practice, Technology and Audit Theory in an Advanced Auditing Course" at the Effective Learning Strategies Forum - Poster Session during the American Accounting Association meeting in Orlando, Fla., in August 2004.

Lesla Beverly, mathematics and statistics, led a workshop titled "Ensuring Teacher Quality: Algebra I" at the October 2004 Preservice Conference held in Austin.

Sarah Stovall, **Jonathan Mitchell** and **Regina Adamo**, mathematics and statistics, gave presentations at the annual meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America held at the University of Texas-Arlington, in April. Stovall presented "Irreducible Polynomials in Finite Fields." Mitchell presented "The Best Way to Do Calculus Is Not to Do Calculus." Adamo presented "Fuzzy Sets."

James Stamey, mathematics and statistics, presented "Tests for Interaction in Quantal Response Data" and chaired the Survey Data Methods section at the Eastern North American Biometrics Meeting in March 2005.

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Achievements

Mel E. Finkenberg, kinesiology and health science, has been elected president-elect of the National Association of Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education (NAKPEHE). His term of office will conclude at the January 2007 conference to be held in Clearwater, Fla.

The interior design faculty worked with seniors of the ID program to host their "Senior Showcase." Twenty-two seniors exhibited work through vignettes of student projects created in the interior design and art courses while attending SFA. This year the downtown Art Center hosted the event. Through recruitment efforts more than 250 high school students in the area attended the exhibit with more than 500 people total viewing the exhibit.

Lynda Martin and **Becky Greer**, human sciences, hosted a Houston-area fashion merchandising alumni and student dinner on Feb. 14 and recruited fashion students at the Houston Fashion Group Foundation Career Day on Feb. 15. More than 250 Houston-area high school students with an interest in fashion as well as about 150 college students attended. Martin also received the award for Outstanding Paper Reviewer for 2004 from the Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Educators, an organization for educators and industry professionals involved in hospitality and tourism education.

Luis Ramirez, theatre, served as a reviewer of student and faculty design portfolios for the Lighting Commission at the U.S. Institute of Theatre Technology Annual Conference in Toronto, March 16-19. Concurrently, his design work was in the World Stage Design exhibit in Toronto, an international exhibit of scenic, costume, lighting and sound design.

SFA's Team Digby, under the guidance of **Phil Stetz**, management, marketing and international business, received top honors with a closing stock price of more than \$629 per share in a business simulation that involves the managing of a multimillion dollar manufacturing enterprise for eight years. With the ultimate purpose of creating value for stockholders, participants use the simulation to develop skills in setting and implementing business and corporate-level strategies by integrating their decisions across all functional areas of the firm within an industry that is charged with rivalry. More than 1,200 teams competed in the simulation during the fall 2004 semester.

Charlotte Allen, management, marketing and international business, and **Henry Dunn**, general business, were awarded "Best Paper in the Consumer Behavior

Track" at the Association of Collegiate Marketing Educator's conference held in Dallas. The title of the paper was "Rumors, Internet Hoaxes and Urban Legends."

Mary McCleary, art, was nominated for a new award sponsored by the Arthouse at the Jones Center in Austin. Nominees for the \$30,000 Arthouse Texas Prize were chosen by art-world professionals, and a jury of seven will decide the winner in November 2005.

Gilbert Hanke, human services, led a team of rehabilitation specialists to work in a school for special needs children in Liberia, Costa Rica, during spring break. The team evaluated and set up treatment programs for more than 60 children.

Stephen Lias, music, had a number of his compositions performed around the country recently. "Sonata for Flute and Piano" was performed by **Diane Boyd-Schultz** at Mesa State College in Colorado in March and at SFA in April with **James Pitts**, pianist. The piece also was performed by Keith Pettway at Delta State University in May. The SFA Percussion Ensemble premiered Lias' new work, "On the High Chisos," on April 19. Lias was invited to be a guest artist at Messiah College in Pennsylvania and participated in masterclasses, lectures and a campus-wide convocation on the transition from college life to professional life. He was interviewed for an NPR story on incidental music for Shakespearean plays.

Mitzi Perritt, human sciences, has been awarded the 2005 Presidential Citation by the Interior Design Educators Council for her work in securing a \$50,000 endowment for the council's foundation. The Norman and Elaine Polsky Family Supporting Foundation of Kansas City, Kan., provided the initial funds, which were matched by the group. Perritt served as the president of council during 2003.

Timothy B. Neary, history, accepted the 2004 award for best scholarly essay in a journal from the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada for "Crossing Parochial Boundaries: Interracialism in Chicago's Catholic Youth Organization, 1930-1954," *American Catholic Studies* 114.

Clarence W. Bahs, theatre, was elected chair of the Committee on Ethics for the National Association of Schools of Theatre. Bahs will serve through the end of the 2008 annual meeting.

Tom Segady, sociology, gerontology and anthropology, has received an award to study at the Dartmouth College Faculty Summer Institute. The topic will be "Teaching the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of the Human Genome

Project." The seminar, sponsored by the Institute, will be held at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Deb Scott, music, judged a solo and ensemble contest for Klein ISD in Houston. Jonathan Stoby, a student of Scott's placed as first alternate in a solo competition held by the International Trombone Association for the upcoming festival.

Pat Spence, student publications, has been elected vice president of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Advisers.

Kimberly Childs, mathematics and statistics, currently serves as chair-elect of the Texas Section of Mathematical Association of America. At the spring annual meeting of the Mathematical Association of America in Arlington, in April, she was elected to serve as chair of the organization for 2005-06.

Lesla Beverly and **Roy Joe Harris**, mathematics and statistics, are recipients of a 2005-2006 Teacher Quality Grant. The \$116,000 grant is funded by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board with "No Child Left Behind" legislation funds. The title of the grant is, "An In-Depth Exploration of Algebra." The grant provides professional development to Algebra I teachers in the East Texas area.

Pamela Roberson, mathematics and statistics, received the Distinguished Contribution to Students Award at the annual meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America. The award was given in recognition of years of service as a faculty sponsor of the SFA Student Chapter of the MAA and the Texas Delta Chapter of the Pi Mu Epsilon honor society.

Congratulations

Clint Richardson, mathematics and statistics, and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of their second child, London Julia Richardson, March 10.

Departmental Changes

Daphne Curl, admissions, was promoted to admissions counselor/NCAA and VA coordinator. She was the administrative assistant to the executive director of enrollment management.

Dr. Willie Braxton Scott

Dr. Willie Braxton Scott passed away in December 2004 in Corpus Christi. Scott was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Va.

Scott originally came to SFA in the 1980s to assist with the initial social work accreditation process. He returned in 1996 to serve as a professor of social work and helped with the reaccreditation of the program and the development of a master's program. He retired in 2002. While at SFA, Scott was the recipient of the Council on Social Work Education's 1999 Significant Lifetime Achievement in Social Work Education Award.



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The Department of Physics and Astronomy at SFA hosted the spring 2005 meeting of the Texas section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, the Texas section of the American Physical Society, and Zone 13 of the Society of Physics Students. More than 250 college teachers, high school teachers, industry physicists and college students attended the meeting. **Philip Blackburn** supplied technical support, **Don Bowen** chaired a session, and **Dan Bruton** was organizational chair and is serving as the immediate past president of the Texas Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers. **Tom Callaway** chaired a session and presented the paper "A Pre-service Teacher Preparation Program for Middle School Science," which he co-authored with **John Moore**, chemistry. **Harry Downing** gave the welcome, chaired a plenary session and was awarded the Robert N. Little Award for Outstanding Contributions to Physics Higher Education in Texas. **Robert Friedfeld** chaired a session, presented the paper "Possible Applications and Limitations of Multi-Walled Carbon Nanotubes to Solar Energy Conversion" and co-authored the paper "Modeling of Copper Indium/Gallium Diselenide Superlattices." **Robert Gruebel** chaired a poster session, and **Norman Markworth** chaired two sessions and served on the organizational committee. **Edward Michaels** chaired a session, and **Ali Piran** operated an exhibitor booth and served on the organizational committee. **Walter Trikosko** chaired a session, conducted a session on physics demonstrations, and conducted a workshop on animating physics principles. **Trina Benson-Menefee** and **Bennett Montes** made extremely important contributions to the success of the meeting. SFA students contributed 14 papers at the meeting.



Charissa Vasquez, senior double major in general business and political science and student assistant in the registrar's office, created theme bags for employees for Valentine's Day. Sherry Wells, registrar, reports that Vasquez went over and above in making the day special for everyone.

The interior design program hosted an interim accreditation visit by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER) on Feb. 4-6. Student design and art projects, faculty-teaching materials, supporting course syllabi, and revised curriculum plans were evaluated.

The visit was extremely successful with many acknowledgments of achievement. Strengths noted were the new art minor, faculty dedication, and student achievement in the use of three-dimensional space, craftsmanship and creativity. Dr. John Jacobson, dean of the College of Education, summarized the visit by stating that the interior design program is "a solid program that uses practical experiences in very creative and meaningful ways."

Instrumental in the success of the visit were the very positive interviews with the Department of Art faculty who teach courses for the newly required art minor.

The FIDER Accreditation Commission will issue its final vote regarding SFA accreditation at its biannual meeting in the fall.

FIDER's primary purpose is to ensure a high level of quality in interior design education to meet the needs of students, the interior design profession and society.

Conferences

Melinda Colby, associate registrar, attended the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Feb. 6-9.

Becky Greer, human sciences, attended a Fashion Group International of Dallas luncheon and program along with three SFA fashion merchandising students on Feb. 4 at Season's Gallery in the International Floral and Gift Center adjacent to the Dallas World Trade Center. The program was a DVD presentation of "The Trend Report: Spring/Summer 2005... New York, London, Paris, Milan, LA" narrated by Mary Lou Luther, former New York Times fashion writer.

Mitch Crocker, Cathy Henderson and Larry Chasteen, management, marketing and international business, accompanied four students representing the SFA chapter of SAM (Society for Advancement of Management) in the 21st annual National Student Case Competition held recently during the SAM convention in Las Vegas. This is the first team from SFA to compete in the event. Crocker acted as discussant on two papers at the convention.

Marlene Kahla and Barbara Bieber-Hamby, management, marketing and international business, attended the American Marketing Association International Collegiate Conference for faculty development, and three of the AMA students presented their marketing plan that made them finalists in the International Case Competition to industry representatives from Goodyear and Sullivan, April 14 - 15.

Marty Turnage and Lani Draper, library, attended the Texas Library Association Conference April 5-8 in Austin.

Susan Abbott, Debra Bankston, Gil Hanke, Mike McKaig, Anita Scoggins and Jan Ward, human services, attended the annual convention of the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association in Austin March 31-April 2. Hanke, who serves as president of the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation, was honored at the foundation awards dinner with a scholarship carrying his name and endowed by SFA alumni, students, faculty and friends.

Frank Brister, human services, attended the annual convention of the American Academy of Audiology March 31-April 2 in Washington, D.C.

Herbert Midgley, music, attended TMEA and presented a session called "Real Life Uses Of Music Technology For Music Educators" to more than 200 music educators on Feb. 10.

Jasper Adams, mathematics and statistics, attended the fall meeting of the Texas Association of Academic Administrators of Mathematical Science, Baylor University, October 2004. He serves as secretary/treasurer for the organization.

Kimberly Childs, mathematics and statistics, attended a National Science Foundation conference hosted by Utah State University in October 2004 held in Washington, D.C. The conference was designed to address program evaluation within NSF funded projects.

Kimberly Childs, Debbie Pace and Jasper Adams, mathematics and statistics, attended the annual conference for grantees under the Mathematics and Science Partnerships initiative of the National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C., January 2005. Childs, Pace and Adams are Co-PIs for the Texas Middle and Secondary Mathematics Project funded by NSF.

Sarah Stovall, Lesa Beverly, Kimberly Childs, Debbie Pace, Jill Dumesnil, Pam Roberson, Bob Feistel, Bill Clark, Roy Alston, Kenneth Price, Robert Payne and Jasper Adams, mathematics and statistics, and several graduate students attended the annual meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America held in Arlington, in April.

Debbie Pace, Kimberly Childs and Jasper Adams, mathematics and statistics, attended the joint meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America held in Atlanta, Ga., in January 2005. Childs is a member of the Committee for the Mathematical Education of Teachers. Adams is a member of the Committee on Teaching Undergraduate Mathematics.

Gregory Miller, Kelly Cunningham and Jasper Adams, mathematics and statistics, attended the annual conference of Texas Statisticians in Dallas during April.

Kelly Cunningham, mathematics and statistics, attended a short course on "Presenting Data and Information" presented by Edward Tufte in Dallas, in April. Tufte, professor emeritus at Yale University, is recognized nationally as an expert in statistical evidence, information design and interface design.

Publications

Larry O'Neal and Marlene Kahla, management, marketing and international business, had a paper "The Development of New Products and Green Marketing Strategies," published in the spring 2005 *South West Business Symposium Proceedings*.

Rick Jones, theatre, published the entry on Kan'ami, Zeami and Noh Drama in *Great Events from History: The Middle Ages, 477-1453* (Salem Press).

John S. Boyd, criminal justice, co-authored "Differing Views on Racial Profiling: A Review" published in the *Law Enforcement Executive Forum Journal*, December 2004.

Treba Marsh, accounting, had an article published in the January 2005 issue of *The CPA Letter/Government* published by the American Institute of CPAs. The article is titled "The Great Pretender: Applying OCBOA in State and Local Government Financial Statements."

Sharron M. Graves and Treba Marsh, accounting, co-authored an article titled "Is Fraud a Problem in Governmental Entities?" published in the *Academy of Accounting and Financial Studies Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 1, 2004.

Marsh co-authored an article titled "How Readable Are Those Financial Reports?" in the *Journal of Government Financial Management*, spring 2005, Vol. 54, No. 1.

Dillard Tinsley, management, marketing and international business, published the article "Ethics Can Be Gauged by Three Key Rules" in two readings books published by Dushkin/Prentice-Hall: *Annual Editions: Marketing 05/06* and *Annual Editions: Business Ethics 05/06*.

Clint Richardson, mathematics and statistics, co-authored a paper, "Concentration of Area in Half-Planes" scheduled for publication in *Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society* Vol. 133 No. 7 on May 13, 2005.

Michael Stroup, economics, published an article titled "An Index for Measuring Tax Progressivity" in *Economic Letters*, Volume 86, 2005.

David E. Gundersen, management, marketing and international business, co-authored "Creativity and Critical Thinking: What is it? Who has it? How do we get more of it?" published in the *Ethics and Critical Thinking Journal* Volume 2005 Issue 1. Gundersen also had his co-authored article "Expectations of Executive MBAs" accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Executive Education*.

Mary McCleary, art, will be included in the book, *CIVA Silver/Embracing the Gift: 25 Years of Faith and Vision*, documenting the influence of the organization, Christians in

the Visual Arts, on the contemporary art world. It will be published and distributed by Wm. B. Eerdmans Press in 2005. McCleary also will have an essay on Christianity and craftsmanship included in the new edition of the book, *It Was Good: Making Art to the Glory of God*, published by Square Halo Books of Baltimore.

Robert Friedfeld, physics and astronomy, has written a review of "Essentials of Astronomy" 1st ed. by Arny and Schneider for McGraw-Hill.

An article by **Mitzi Perritt**, human sciences, **E.D. McCune**, mathematics and statistics, and **Sandra Luna McCune**, elementary education, "An Assessment of Seating Preferences in Persons with Alzheimer's Disease," has been accepted for publication in the 2005 issue of the *TAFCS Research Journal* published annually by the Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Sandra McCune also co-published *Cliffs Test Prep Florida Teacher Certification Examination Professional Education Test and General Knowledge Test*: Wiley, Hoboken, N.J.

Timothy B. Neary, history, had a paper, "Taking it to the Streets: Catholic Liberalism, Race, and Sport in Twentieth-Century Urban America," published in the *Working Paper Series*, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, ser. 36, No. 2 (fall 2004).

Bradley Bailey, art, recently contributed an essay on censorship to the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Twentieth-Century Photography* (New York: Routledge).

Steven A. Josephsen, elementary education, published "Being Nice..." in the February 2005 edition of *Teaching for Excellence*, Volume XXIV, #6.

Deborah Pace and **Jasper Adams**, mathematics and statistics, co-authored policy recommendations regarding tenure and promotion for mathematics faculty working in areas of outreach and mathematics education. The recommendations were published as a policy brief by the Charles A. Dana Foundation, University of Texas at Austin.

James Stamey, mathematics and statistics, co-authored the article, "A note on distribution-free tests for interaction in quantal response data" published in the *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*. He also co-authored the article "Bayesian Predictive Probability Functions for Count Data Subject to Misclassification" published in the *Biometrical Journal*.

Lesla Beverly, mathematics and statistics, co-authored a book titled "Ensuring Teacher Quality: Algebra I." The book was funded by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Teacher Quality Type A Grants program and was released in December 2004.

Downing

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"As I sat and listened to the speaker detail the professional contributions of this year's award recipient, tears came to my eyes," Downing said. "It was becoming apparent that she was describing me."

When the speaker announced his name, Downing approached the podium and accepted the Robert N. Little Award for Outstanding Contributions to Physics Higher Education in Texas as 230 of his colleagues and friends honored him with a standing ovation.

"After receiving my plaque, I told the story of my first encounter with Dr. Little," Downing said. "I reflected back some 30 years ago to a time when I was new in the teaching profession and remembered a man who, even though I had only talked with him briefly, had a profound effect on my teaching career and that of so many others. This is undoubtedly the most prestigious teaching award I have ever received."

As Downing departed the stage, his wife of 39 years, Carolyn, greeted him. "I guess the association notified my wife beforehand that I was to receive the award. I was completely overcome with happiness, and it was made even more special with my best friend there to share it with me," Downing said.

Downing is in his 30th year of teaching at SFA. He has been department chair for 17 years. He served as president of TSAAPT from 1996-97; president elect, 1995-96; and vice president, 1994-95. He has authored several papers and lab experiments and edited many locally produced lab manuals. He received SFA's College of Sciences and Mathematics Teaching Excellence Award, conducted 27 workshops in physical science, served on 31 Master of Science in natural science defenses, and several Jamison Bill committees, which serve to encourage mature people, who hold degrees from accredited institutions, to become teachers. Downing also was awarded the Outstanding Society of Physics Students Adviser in 1993.

Physics professor honored with award

Almost three decades ago, Dr. Harry Downing, now chair of the SFA Department of Physics and Astronomy, sat in a banquet hall at a meeting of the Texas Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers (TSAAPT). Downing was in his rookie year of teaching at SFA and eager to meet other teaching professionals in his field.

A University of Texas physics professor, who was Downing's senior by more than 30 years, sat next to him. The two men had a friendly conversation about the teaching profession as they awaited announcement of the teacher who would receive the first-ever TSAAPT Award for Outstanding Contributions to Physics Higher Education in Texas.

"As I sat listening to the speaker note all the wonderful accolades about the recipient, I got chill bumps," Downing said. "The honoree's name had not been announced beforehand, and we were all eager to learn whom these impressive credentials belonged to. What a thrill it was to be a junior faculty member

sitting in the same banquet hall with a physics teacher who was held in such high regard by his peers."

When the recipient's name was announced, the man sitting next to Downing rose and started toward the podium. That man, Dr. Robert N. Little, later would have the award named after him.

Little's impact on physics instruction was far reaching. He played a major role in establishing core physical science courses for middle and high school students. He was an experimental nuclear physicist and taught many workshops for physicists and physics teachers. Little conducted research and experiments in some of the top laboratories in the United States, including serving as chief of nuclear physics for General Dynamics in Fort Worth.

On the evening of March 4, 2005, Downing again sat in a banquet hall attending the annual meeting of TSAAPT. This year, the meeting was held at SFA.



Dr. Harry Downing, chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, recently received the Robert N. Little Award for Outstanding Contributions to Physics Higher Education in Texas.

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