

Human Services, Telecommunications Break Ground

A ground breaking ceremony for the new Human Services and Telecommunications Building was held on Aug. 27. It was the first ground breaking ceremony for the construction of a new instructional building on the campus since 1984, when work on the Liberal Arts North building began.

The construction will be funded through a portion of the proceeds of \$14.07 million in tuition revenue bonds authorized by the Texas Legislature. An additional \$2.2 million will be provided by the university.

"This building will allow us to offer additional and updated clinical facilities, research laboratories, and modern classrooms with technology for the 21st century," said Dr. Anna Bradfield, chair of the Department of Human Services.

Plans are for the building to be completed by the end of 2003, and Bradfield expects that classes will be taught in the building for the first time in the spring of 2004. The Department of Human Services includes majors in rehabilitation services, orientation and mobility, hearing impaired and speech language pathology.

In addition to the Human Services area, the building will house the university's telephone and telecommunications networking hub. This technology center is currently located in a building designed to house campus boilers in 1949.

"The explosion of technology since the mid-'80s has left SFA with a multi-million dollar technological investment in a building designed for a boiler plant," said Dr. Roland Smith, SFA vice president for business affairs. "This has not only put our telecommunications at risk, it has blocked further growth in networking capabilities."

The relocation of the telecommunication facilities will allow the university to provide Internet2 capability to additional appropriate locations.



Participating in the ground breaking ceremonies for the new Human Services/ Telecommunications Building were State Rep. Wayne Christian; Bill Wagner, director of university information technology; Anna Bradfield, human services chair, Dr. Tito Guerrero III, SFA president; Dr. Marlin Young, interim vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Patsy Hallman, College of Education dean; and SFA regents Fred Wulf, Mike Wilhite and Kenneth James.



SFA Regents Adopt Budget During Recent Meeting

A 3-percent merit pool for faculty members was included in the \$148.7 million budget adopted by the SFA board of regents in the July meeting. Also included was the greater of a 3-percent or \$65-per-month increase for non-faculty employees.

In an effort to make salaries for all university employees consistent with salaries paid at universities of equal size, regents approved a \$650,000 salary equity fund to be set aside in the budget. Dr. Tito Guerrero III, SFA president, has asked members of the salary equity committee appointed last October to continue in their positions as a standing committee.

EFL Associates was appointed to conduct searches for the positions of vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college of education.

Personnel appointments approved by Regents include Rose Marie Alexander, academic advisor; Vickie Poe, academic advisor; Ashley Bravenec, admissions counselor; Edgar Oviedo-Rondon, assistant professor, agriculture; Dr. James K. Langford, assistant professor, biology; Robert T. Spradley, lecturer, communication; Dr. Jeffrey S. Magers, assistant professor, criminal justice; Dr. Barbara Nykiel-Herbert, visiting

assistant professor, English; Terry A. Corbett, research technician, forestry; Andrew J. Morris, assistant professor, history; Dr. Philip E. Stetz, assistant professor, management, marketing, international business; Jacqueline R. Goforth, assistant professor, mathematics and statistics; Dr. Joyce Johnston, assistant professor, modern languages; Dr. John T. Gates, assistant professor, music; Janice S. Hensarling, clinical instructor, nursing; Dr. James D. Lowry, assistant professor, political science and geography; Bryan K. Saville, assistant professor, psychology; Tracy E. Zinn, assistant professor, psychology; Rose D. Brown, manager, controller's office; and Kyle Kettler, programmer/analyst, information technology services.

In other business, the board:

- Approved forwarding to the coordinating board suggestions for a master of arts in music education and master of music in accompanying degrees;
- Authorized a request for financing of renovations to the Homer Bryce Stadium pressbox;
- Approved the application of roof coating to the William R. Johnson Coliseum and Kennedy Auditorium;

- Approved purchase of a telecommunications switch to serve the administrative segment of the university;

- Approved the purchase of dishwashing equipment for the East College Cafeteria;

- Approved the appointment of a feasibility committee to study a possible addition to the University Center;

- Approved the last class day report and credit for seven underenrolled courses taught during Summer I;

- Approved revised requirements for the Academic Excellence Scholarship Program;

- Approved a recommendation to present an honorary doctorate degree to Bo Pilgrim;

- Approved revised university policies and procedures; minutes from the previous meeting; holiday schedule for 2002-2003; and the intercollegiate athletic policy and procedure manual.

Regents heard reports from the Faculty Senate, the Student Government Association, Kolar Advertising, the director of information technology services, the director of audit services on electronic security and Dr. Guerrero.

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Hallman and Rogers Leading SFA During Search Process

Two SFA administrators have stepped up to serve during the search process to fill the positions of vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College of Education at SFA.

Dr. Patsy Hallman has served as interim dean of the College of Education for the past two years while the university conducted a search for a permanent dean. The university has chosen to utilize the search firm EFL Associates to assist with the hiring process, and Dr. Hallman has agreed to serve as dean for a period of one year while the search continues.

"Because of Dr. Hallman's commitment to SFA, we are able to count on her to help the College of Education continue to make important strides in the achievement of high academic standards," said Dr. Tito Guerrero III, SFA president.

"The College of Education Leadership Team and I are looking forward to having an impact on the university's goals for recruitment, student success and maintaining our accreditations during this year," Hallman said.

Dr. Violet Rogers, professor of accounting and associate dean of the Nelson Rusche College of Business, has accepted an appointment as interim dean of the college. Rogers will serve in the place of Dr. Marlin Young, who has temporarily vacated his post to serve as SFA interim vice president for academic affairs.

"Dr. Rogers is a tremendous asset to Stephen F. Austin State University and the Nelson Rusche College of Business, and we look forward to the



Dr. Patsy Hallman



Dr. Violet Rogers

excellence and excitement she will bring to the college in building a stronger foundation for continued excellence," Young said.

Rogers received a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree from SFA. Her doctorate degree is from the University of North Texas, where she served as a Teaching Fellow while completing her course work.

Rogers is a Certified Public Accountant and first joined the SFA faculty as a teaching assistant in 1984. She was named associate dean of business in 1999. She is the recipient of five grants during the past five years, the latest being a \$26,500 Faculty Research Grant.

Rogers was named "Woman of the Year" by the University Professional Women in 2001 and received the Distinguished Professor Award from the SFA Alumni Association in 1999.

Hallman received a bachelor's degree from East Texas State University at Commerce and a master's degree from SFA. Her doctorate is from Texas Woman's University in Denton.

Hallman joined the SFA Department of Home Economics faculty in 1970 and was named associate dean of the College of Education in 1992. She was named "Woman of the Year" by the University Professional Women in 1986, a Distinguished Professor in 1990, and "Woman of the Year" by the American Association of University Women in 1993. She was named the Outstanding Home Economics Teacher Educator in Texas in 1985 and that same year received the "Community Service Award" from the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce.

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SFA Launches New Office for International Studies and Programs

There's more than one way to teach geography. The traditional way – standing in front of a classroom with books and maps – is not the method Dr. Leon Hallman is using this fall at SFA.

Hallman will serve as director of the newly formed Office of International Studies and Programs and will teach SFA students about the cultures of people from faraway places by bringing students from those countries to study at SFA.

"We need to internationalize our students," Hallman said. "They need to be exposed to different languages and different cultures to be prepared to move out into a world that is more and more internationally based."

Former director of the SFA Division of Continuing Education and professor of geography, Hallman holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas, a master's degree from Southern Methodist University and a doctorate degree from the University of California at Los Angeles. His specialty in cultural geography fits well with his new role at SFA.

"I've been able to travel and have been exposed to different cultures and languages," he said. "The development of this department began with interest in the Department of Modern Languages to expose students to academic credit in foreign countries. A committee was formed, and people from various departments across the SFA campus became involved. Academic departments worked with officials from the admissions office, the registrar's office and the Multicultural Center to devise a plan."

With the arrival of SFA president Dr. Tito Guerrero III on campus, Hallman said the plan was strengthened.

"The University of Southern Colorado had an extensive department focused on international opportunities," Hallman explained. "There was a natural fusion with this committee when Dr. Guerrero arrived at SFA."

Although the international office is new to the university, international study efforts have been underway for years. The theatre department has exchange programs with Rose Bruford College in England and a new program with the Institut del Teatro in Barcelona, Spain.

"Even though things have been happening on our campus that are internationally based, this is a new direction for the university to have one office to coordinate those efforts," Hallman said. "Our efforts will be concentrated on faculty and student exchange programs and sister-university opportunities."

Catherine Siska will serve as coordinator of the American English Language Institute, a university-based English immersion program.

"This is an absolute necessity if we are going to recruit foreign students," Hallman said. "Many of these students rely on in-house immersion programs in order to qualify for enrollment. Since we haven't had a program, we haven't even been on the screen for a lot of students."

While foreign students who are proficient in English can enroll in regular classes, students who don't have a firm grasp on the language can enroll in the institute

exclusively, then move into regular classes once they have developed language skills, Hallman said.

"They even have the opportunity to enter graduate school," he said.

Dr. Jeana Paul-Urena, SFA assistant professor of modern languages, will work with the international office to coordinate student orientation programs for incoming international students.

"We will create a program to make sure the international students here are involved in the university culture, to provide a friendly environment and introduce them to student organizations," Hallman said. "If we are going to recruit those students, then we need to help integrate them."

In addition to integration, foreign students pose special housing needs.

"Foreign students arrive with a suitcase full of clothes, then walk



Dr. Leon Hallman

into an unfurnished apartment," he said. "They can't travel with furniture and blankets, and we are not going to just leave them on their own. We've always gone a step further for our students. It's got to be a little more personal."

Hallman said current SFA enrollment figures show that 0.5 percent of the student body is classified as international.

"That is extremely low," he said. "Our goal is 5 percent in three years, and maybe as high as 10 percent in five years."

That goal may be easier to reach with the arrival of students from Mexico's Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua. Leaders in the program will travel to Mexico this fall to

recruit and test students for the program.

The office will also facilitate visiting faculty members from foreign countries.

"We have two foreign faculty members on campus this semester through a special program of the United States Department of State," he said. "What this office needs to do is make sure our visiting professors have exposure in the community. When we get them here, we need to make full use of their expertise and be sure that they have the best possible experience."

In addition to international students and faculty members, the office will serve local SFA students

who want to broaden their horizons and their educational experience.

"Some students find study-abroad opportunities on their own," Hallman said. "We will help them set those courses up so that when they return to SFA, their credits will transfer back here and count toward their graduation plans."

Hallman hopes to create an inventory of internationally-based courses in which SFA students can enroll.

"We need to be able to offer to high school students a program and tell them, 'Come to SFA and in your junior year, you can study in this foreign country.' SFA has a lot to offer, but we are not locked into Nacogdoches," Hallman said.

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SFA Names New Registrar

Sherry Wells of Cushing has been named Stephen F. Austin State University registrar. Wells has worked in the registrar's office since 1992.

"I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to be the registrar here at SFASU. I appreciate all of the support I have received from the administration, faculty, staff and students," Wells said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my 10 years at SFA and look forward to a long and successful future here."

Wells holds a bachelor of arts degree from Southwest Texas State University and a master's degree

from SFA. She replaces Dennis Jones who recently retired after serving in the SFA Registrar's Office for more than 30 years.

Wells is a member of the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and the North American Association of Commencement Officers. She serves as vice president of the Southern Association of Systems and Computer Technology Users.

On campus, Wells has been a member of the University Calendar Committee, the Campus Pipeline Advisory Team and the University Professional Women.

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Sherry Wells

Another 'Hidden Treasure' at SFA

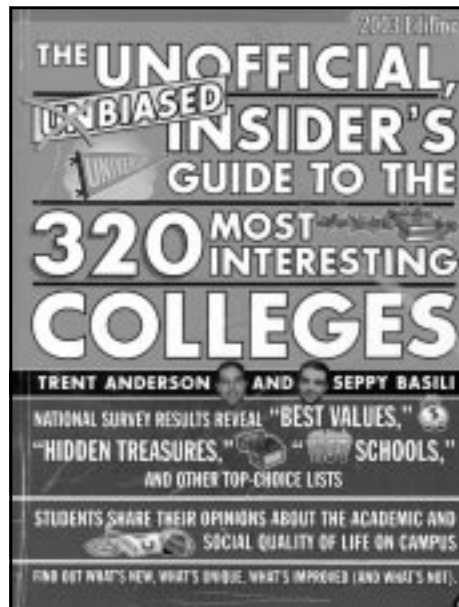
Stephen F. Austin State University was recently recognized as a "hidden treasure" and ranked sixth nationally for "best freshman housing" in Kaplan's 2002 National Survey of High School Guidance Counselors. Much of the credit in receiving this recognition goes to one of SFA's own hidden treasures Jamie Fain, director of the SFA Housing Department.

Fain has served in this position since 1989. She administers all aspects of university residence halls and apartments in a system with a housing capacity of 4,500 – 5,000 people. Her responsibilities entail the management of a \$5.5 million dollar budget and the daily operation of all divisions of the Housing Department including the housing office, the residence life division and the housing operations division. Fain supervises 69 full-time employees and between 200 to 350 part-time employees.

"Jamie is committed to SFA and the campus community, but more than that she is committed to making living in campus housing a true learning experience for resident students," said John Rulfs, director of the SFA Physical Plant.

Fain began working in the Housing Department in 1976 under the direction of Kenneth McFarland, who she states 'was a very good mentor.' Her first big task in the department was to computerize the office in the late '70s and early '80s. Prior to this technological advance everything was done by hand according to Fain, including registering over 5,000 students for dorms during the long semesters.

A major restructuring of the department took place in 1989. The Housing Department, which already encompassed operations (i.e. painters, plumbers and routine



SFA's freshman housing was ranked sixth among the 27 best at institutions of higher learning in an independent survey in Kaplan's 2002 National Survey of High School Guidance Counselors. SFA was also rated 12th among 30 institutions in the "Hidden Treasure" category, which was defined as small schools that deserve more national recognition. The survey results were released in Kaplan's publication, "The Official, Unbiased, Insider's Guide to the 320 Most Interesting Colleges."

maintenance people) then also merged with the Residence Life department. This merger had to be accomplished without hiring additional people.

"The department has never had anything but a general cost increase for utility rate increases, etc. So basically it is the same budget," Fain said. "I am proud of this accomplishment."

The mission of Housing and Residence Life is to provide a residential environment that is clean, well maintained, safe and comfortable while cultivating a community that stimulates student development through co-curricular

programs grounded in both human resource and student development theories. Fain's leadership has helped the department accomplish this goal.

Fain has many memories, but two in particular stand out.

"While it wasn't funny at the time, a male student in Todd Hall made a giant sling shot out of surgical tubing and surgical tape. He hurled water balloons out of the third floor window at students below," said Fain. "It was something to see."

Fain remembered fondly one year at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony which is organized by the Residence Hall Association. The Santa suit arrived without a beard.

"We didn't know until the last minute that there was no beard. I went out into the audience and found a man with a beard that looked like Santa's and convinced



Jamie Fain

him to play the part so the kids wouldn't be disappointed," Fain said.

When asked about the erratic hours involved in the job, Fain says, "I'd rather be phoned up than fouled up. I receive calls all hours of the night, but I want to know what is going on on campus. Anytime you deal with where people live, there will be problems after normal working hours. It is just part of the job."

"I am blessed with really good people working for me, and Jamie is one of those people," said Dr. Jack Nelson, director of the SFA University Center. "She is loyal, dedicated and very knowledgeable about the housing profession."

Fain says her greatest gratification over the years has been watching the young people she has worked with grow and develop into young professionals. Many former students that once worked in the Housing Department have returned to share their success stories.

Jamie Fain is a member of a family that has been a cornerstone in the Nacogdoches community. Her father-in-law, Victor Fain, was editor and publisher of the Daily Sentinel for 43 years. Mr. Fain not only wrote the town's history, his altruistic spirit and leadership made history. Much of the same can be said of the impact Jamie Fain has had on the tens of thousands of students that have called SFA housing home.

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Jill Still has been promoted to director of development for the University Advancement Office. Still has been employed with the office since 1994, most recently as associate director of development. She is a Nacogdoches native, and earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M and her master's degree from SFA.

SFA Receives Federal Funding for Master's Degree Program

Students seeking a master's degree in special education and willing to work with children with emotional disorders or autism are eligible for full scholarships at SFA, thanks to a federally funded grant awarded to the Department of Human Services.

Students accepted into the program will receive monthly stipends for tuition, books and living expenses.

The program will make participants eligible for teacher certification in special education and can be completed in one academic year, with students taking courses during the fall and spring semesters and two summer sessions.

To qualify, participants must hold a bachelor's degree in education or a related field, such as psychology,

sociology, kinesiology, rehabilitation, speech and language, history, science or math. Applicants must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 and a grade point average of 2.8 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. They must meet the requirement of the SFA graduate school and make a satisfactory score on the Graduate Record Examination. Admission and scholarship approval will be determined following an interview with the project director or project coordinator.

A commitment to teach special education for two years following graduation is required.

For more information, contact Dr. Glen McCuller or Barbara Shows in the SFA Department of Human Services at (936) 468-2906.

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Hutchison Named Interim Director of Continuing Education

Kent Hutchison has been named interim director of the Division of Continuing Education. Continuing education was created by the university to meet educational needs, outside the framework of traditional academic programs, through seminars, conferences and camps for personal and professional accrediting agencies.

"SFA is a dynamic, learning-centered university dedicated to enhancing student success," Hutchison said. "Vital community outreach programs, such as the offerings of the Division of Continuing Education, promote the advancement of knowledge and creativity."

Hutchison replaces Dr. Leon Hallman, who is the director of the newly formed Office of International Studies and Programs.

"I am honored to have Dr. Hallman as my mentor," Hutchison said. "He has set a very high standard for the division. With the help of our continuing education instructors and program coordinators, we hope to grow our

programs, continue offering quality programs, and become the community education and professional development leader in the state."

Hutchison graduated from SFA with a bachelor of arts degree in communication and is currently enrolled in the university's master of public administration degree program.

Hutchison was named associate director of the division in August 1996. He previously had served as a legislative director for the late Jerry K. Johnson, former member of the Texas House of Representatives.

Hutchison is president of the Fredonia Rotary Club and the Texas Association of Community Service and Continuing Education. He was the 2000 chair of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Rural Subdivisions of Nacogdoches County.

Hutchison served as keynote speaker for graduation ceremonies at Lamar State College in Orange, Texas, in August 2000.

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Kent Hutchison

SFA Offering Business Courses in Lufkin

The Nelson Rusche College of Business is making it more convenient for Angelina County residents to obtain a degree in business. This fall, five SFA business courses are being taught on the Angelina College campus.

The university offered two courses on the Angelina campus last spring and this fall offered Applied Statistical Analysis (ECO339.400), Business Environment (GBU 325.420), Management Principles

(MGT 370.400), Business Law (BLW 335.422) and Introduction to Financial Management (FIN 333.400). The courses meet at 6 p.m. once weekly, Monday through Thursday.

In order to register for these courses, a student must have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours. The courses are foundation requirements for students pursuing a bachelor of business administration degree.

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GIS Lab Hosts Open House

The Humanities Undergraduate Environmental Studies Geographic Information Systems (HUES GIS) Laboratory held its third annual open house on Aug. 29.

The event highlights the progress in the GIS conversion of the City of Nacogdoches infrastructure and the development of applications to provide better information and services for the community. In addition, the open house showcases other organizations that are involved in a professional development program affiliated with the lab. These groups include U.S. Corps of Engineers, Texas Parks and Wildlife Inland Fisheries Division, Elwyn M. Gipson Trust and family, Kurth Foundation, Pineywoods Foundations, Nacogdoches Economic Development Corporation and others.

The HUES GIS Lab is a component of the SFA geography program.

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Bo Pilgrim received an honorary doctorate degree during August commencement exercises.



(Left) New SFA faculty members.

SFA Debate Team Finishes Successful Year

The Stephen F. Austin State University Debate Team won first place in the International Public Debate Association National Championship Tournament. In addition to claiming the first place varsity award, the team was honored with 17 other awards.

In only its second year, the team won 102 trophies (individual and team awards combined) at 10 tournaments. This included six first-place team awards. The team won first place team at all four of the

tournaments they attended in the spring semester.

Stephen Jeffcoat, SFA communication faculty member and debate team director, has been named to the International Public Debate Association governing board, and SFA has been selected to host next year's national convention and championship tournament. Debate teams from across the country will travel to Nacogdoches to attend the event.



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Stephen Jeffcoat

Changes for Staff, Patrons at Library Info Desk

The first floor information desk, located at the entrance to the library, has been replaced with a desk more conducive to patron inquiries. As in the past, this desk is staffed during all open hours, but the students who staff it have received more extensive training to enable them to respond more effectively and to a wider range of user needs.

This training is a collaborative effort of three library departments: the Academic Assistance and Resource Center (AARC), the Reference Department, and the Library Systems Department. AARC has an extensive training program in place for their tutors, including interpersonal communications training, and is now directly managing information desk staff. Library Systems and Reference developed an expert system to extend the range of questions information desk staff are able to answer. Reference librarians will work the information desk at the beginning of each semester to help ensure that information desk staff know how to use the catalog and general indexes effectively.

It is now the task of desk staff to answer the questions they can, to know about different services provided by the library and other facilities around campus, and to know the proper contacts for service campus-wide. Questions that cannot be answered on the spot are referred for immediate assistance or the question is recorded for follow-up as soon as possible. Desk staff will then

For information about university services campus-wide, call the Information Desk at 468-INFO.

attempt to locate the appropriate campus resource and initiate a follow-up from that resource to the user, so that users are not faced with the problem of contacting one department after another in an effort to find help. Users who provide an e-mail address when a follow-up referral is recorded are asked to assess whether the service they received was satisfactory and this information, in turn, will be used to improve service.

Except during busy periods, reference service at the second floor reference desk has been discontinued. Traditional reference service activity is steadily declining while the questions themselves are often becoming too complex to be answered adequately at a traditional reference desk. Reference librarians are still available to assist users, but now they are free to work from their offices or to move around the building as needed to provide assistance, and they have more time for the extensive consultations our increasingly complex information environment often requires. Faculty may continue to go directly to their subject librarians for help or inquire at the first-floor information desk as to who is available to assist them.

This new service is partially an outgrowth of a survey conducted in conjunction with the most recent SACS Self-Study, which found considerable user frustration in determining where to go for computing help, and partially the result of steadily declining activity at the second-floor Reference desk.

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The SFA Piney Woods Conservation Center recently received a \$13,070 grant from Temple Inland. The grant will be used for road repair, parking lot construction and drainage projects at the center, which is a retreat facility located in the Angelina National Forest on Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Pictured are, from left, David Treadaway, conservation center director; Dick Fisher, operations leader for the Applied Research and Development Department of Temple Inland Forest Products in Diboll; and Dr. R. Scott Beasley, dean of forestry. The conservation center is available to any university group or department, and to church groups and families. Each of 33 rooms can sleep up to 4 people, and a minimum group size of 20 people is preferred. The kitchen staff will serve three meals daily. Canoes and fishing are available in the private, stocked lake. There is a hiking path, nature trail, camp fire site and recreation room. Meeting space is available in two classrooms, the lecture hall and lodge. The rate schedule is based on room occupancy, and meal schedule and selection. For information about reserving the Piney Woods Conservation Center, contact David Treadaway at 409-584-2412, dtreadaway@sfasu.edu or pwcc@sfasu.edu.

SFA Professor's Book Reveals Hard Facts About Yellowstone

When Mark Barringer was a student working on a bachelor's degree at Eastern Montana College, he spent every spare moment fishing at Yellowstone National Park. Four days every week, he drove his pickup into the park and walked to the lake. When he got tired, he pitched a tent and slept.

During the course of his educational career, Barringer lost the privilege to do that. He couldn't camp without a reservation. The traffic increased and made navigating the park difficult. When Barringer left Montana to pursue a master's degree at Texas Christian University, he decided to find out more about the history of Yellowstone. He also found a way to get back to the park to fish.

"I was searching for a suitable dissertation topic, and stumbled on 208 boxes of management and financial records that no one had looked at – personal correspondence, financial records," he said. "They kept everything. There were telegrams and even carbon copies of the telegrams. It was a well-documented story."

Barringer, now a professor of history at SFA, spent the summers of 1994 and 1995 working in Yellowstone, arriving at the park each June when 10 feet of snow was still on the ground and some of the roads were still closed. He lived in a tent and spent his days studying records and researching. He spent his weekends with the fish.

"I didn't expect to find a very polished family empire in Yellowstone, but that's essentially what it was," he said. "But there is no villain in this story – all these people were doing what they thought was best for the park. Harry Child (park concessionaire) probably loved that place more than anybody on earth. Conrad Wirth (National Park Service director) was just doing what park service people had always done – making sure the most people possible had access to the park."

Barringer's book, "Selling Yellowstone," accomplished two of the author's goals.

"I wanted to show that commerce had a big part in how Yellowstone developed," he said. "It's a product of the people who managed it. They shaped, molded and promoted a product they thought people would buy. But I also wanted to suggest that this was not necessarily a bad thing."

Commercialization of the park brought many changes to the landscape. Roads were built to geysers and waterfalls; wolves were eliminated; and bison and snowmobiling were introduced. But Barringer's belief is that those changes in no way detract from the park.

"Some people say that crowds of people visiting the park were ruining it, but the park is still what it has always been," he said. "There are differences, but it is not ruined. The changes that happened because of the people who came to the park were as natural as the changes that take place in nature every day. There is no such thing as a static environment. Things change."

Although Yellowstone is not ruined, neither is it the perfect model of the taming of the wild, wild west.

"People hold up Yellowstone as the model of life on the Western frontier," he said. "We get into trouble when we base management policies on this belief. When we do that, we are headed the wrong way."

While Barringer describes himself as an environmental historian and not an environmental activist, the growth of environmentalism was probably one of the best things that happened to Yellowstone.



Mark Barringer

"The best thing probably happened in the 1960s when they realized there were tremendously different views about what people wanted the park to be," Barringer explained. "People stepped back to look at what they really wanted the park to be – 'Do we really need more roads?' 'Do we really need more hotels?'"

The changes that were occurring at the park while Barringer was an undergraduate student were the effects of cuts in the National Park Service budget.

"The park service had managed most of the park, but after the cuts, they turned the management of the camp sites over to private concessionaires who rely on Ticketmaster," Barringer said. "So if the camp sites are all reserved, those sites have to be left empty even if the people holding the reservations don't show up. It's frustrating to be in the park but not be able to stay overnight even though there are empty campsites."

Barringer's current project is a series of articles to appear in area newspapers about East Texas burial sites.

"There are some well known people who are buried here, but the grave sites are not maintained and people don't know they exist," he said. "Making sure that people know the burial sites are here will help ensure that the sites are well maintained."

Barringer's articles will include a biographical sketch, directions to the site and the party responsible for maintenance.

Both of Barringer's projects involve people being outdoors, whether it is to visit a historic gravesite or a national park.

"I think people like the idea of getting back to nature, but just because you can't make it to Yellowstone doesn't mean it can't be done," he said. "You can get out in your back yard and pitch a tent. Sometimes that can be nature at its best."

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The services of Ronnie Morrow, graphic artist for the Physical Plant sign shop, are available to departments and organizations on campus. Morrow has been with SFA for more than 17 years. He specializes in graphic signs, name tags, name plates, Braille signage, artwork on walls or floors, vinyl signs for automobiles, perpetual plaques, banners, pen sets, trophies, and indoor and outdoor signage. For more information, contact Morrow at 468-4043.



Faculty To Be Honored for University Service

Based on information made available to the University Faculty Service Awards Committee, the following faculty members have accumulated 40, 30, 20 or 10 years of university service and will be recognized at the awards luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Time worked on graduate assistantships and modified employment following retirement is not included in determining years of faculty service.

The following faculty members will be recognized:

40 years of service

William Wallace Gibson

30 years of service

Bobby Dale Bryant
Jarrell Craven Grout

20 years of service

Cydney Warren Adams
Terry M. Carlton
Joe Edwin Gotti
Richard Howard Langley
Edward J. Michaels Jr.
Sherry L. Rulfs
Carol Jean Scamman
Linda Feldmeier White

10 years of service

R. Scott Beasley
Robert O. Choate
David Eric Gundersen
Charlotte Kennemer
Gary Howard Mayer
Kandy J. Stahl
Josephine Taylor
Cecilia S. Tyler
Robert Jan Wiggers
Sherry L. Williford
Gary T. Wurtz

Any additions or corrections to this list should be called to the attention of Bob Szafran at 468-4405.

Achievements

Wanda Mouton, Communication, was selected to serve on the state-wide Journalism Standards Development Committee for the new Texas Examination of Educator Standards Journalism test. The standards will be incorporated into tests used to certify public school teachers under the proposed new certificate program. The committee met in Austin July 30 for the initial meeting and will meet again this fall.

Carolyn A. Spears, Stone Fort Museum, was appointed to the Texas Association of Museums' 2003 program committee and was elected vice chair of the American Association of Museums' small museums administrators' committee.

Michael Daley, Social Work, was elected co-chair of the west central coalition for the National Association of Social Workers triennial delegate assembly to be held in 2005. The assembly is the governing body for the association that deals with bylaws, the code of the ethics, goals, and professional policy statements for the association. Daley has been appointed as an alternate to the national committee on inquiry of the National Association of Social Workers. The committee reviews and adjudicates ethical complaints against members.

Frank Brister and Gil Hanke, Human Services, visited five schools for the deaf in Haiti. They were accompanied by a Lufkin audiologist and Ric Gautier, a recent Haitian graduate of the University of Florida audiology program. The team tested the hearing of 280 children and fitted 75 hearing aids.

Karen Embry Mayo, Secondary Education, was named chair of the Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education for 2002-2003 at the state planning retreat in May in Salado, Texas. In this capacity, Mayo will be working with 11 state organizations, the State Board for Educator Certification and the Texas Legislature. She

was recognized for service to Texas Teacher Educators at the annual meeting of the Association for Teacher Educators in Denver earlier this year. During her tenure as president, the state unit earned the national Outstanding Unit Award, and three achievement awards for programs and services, membership and articulation with the national unit.

Glen McCuller, Human Services, was awarded a grant by the U. S. Department of Education to prepare teachers of students with serious emotional disturbance and autism. This project is for \$800,000 for years 2002 - 2006.

Becky Conditt, Piney Woods AHEC, was elected president-elect for the Texas Rural Health Association. Conditt has served on the board since 2000.

Susan McKee, Piney Woods AHEC, was recently elected to a two-year term on the executive board of the Texas Association of Advisors of the Health Professions. The association is the state organization of pre-professional advisors, deans and recruiters for health professions programs.

Jeff Duguay, Forestry, received a \$50,000 research grant from Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to conduct research on inland alligators. Duguay and Keith Webb, a forestry graduate student, will investigate alligators' natural history and habitat requirements in East Texas.

Brian P. Oswald, Forestry, is the 2002 recipient of the national Carl A. Schenck Award, given by the Society of American Foresters in recognition of outstanding performance in the field of forestry education. Oswald will receive the award at the society's annual national convention in October.

Debra Bankston, Human Services, has been appointed councilor for member benefits of the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Presentations

Janice Hensarling and Tammy Robinson, Nursing, presented "Visible Messenger Model" at the 14th annual Texas Nurse Practitioners Conference in Fort Worth.

Mary McCleary, Art, showed collages in group shows this summer at Moody Gallery in Houston and Adair Margo Gallery in El Paso.

Angela Bacarisse, Theatre, presented her designs for "Hamlet" at the Design Expo held by the United States Institute for Theatre Technology in February in New Orleans.

Robert R. Fleet, Mathematics and Statistics, presented a paper he co-authored titled "Spatial Ecology of the Coachwhip, *Masticophis flagellum* (Squamata: Colubridae), in Eastern Texas" at the Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in July in Kansas City.

Freddie Avant and Michael Daley, Social Work, presented a paper titled "Children of Color in the School System: Implications for Rural Practice for School Social Workers" at the 27th National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas in July in Frostburg, Md.

Glen McCuller and Peggy Gill, Human Services, presented "Methods for Teaching Effective Instruction Procedures to Paraeducators" at the Texas Council for Exceptional Children Conference in June in San Antonio.

Karen Embry Mayo, Secondary Education, presented a Project WET workshop on interdisciplinary math and science instruction at the Conference on Teaching Mathematics K-12 in February at Sam Houston State University. Mayo and **Patrick M. Jenlink** presented a workshop on writing for publication in *Teacher Education and Practice*, the journal of the Texas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, at the annual meeting of the

COME ONE, COME ALL

The Purchasing Department cordially invites you to attend the Fall Vendor Fair, Thursday, Oct. 24, in the University Center Grand Ballroom. The exhibits will be open from 12:30 until 4 p.m. Come and meet our department personnel and visit with the vendors.

Holidays

Nov. 28 - 29

Dec. 23 - 27

Jan. 1

March 10 - 14

May 26

July 4

Note: Dec. 30 - 31
are not holidays.

Southwest Educational Research Association in February in Austin. Jenlink and Mayo currently serve as editor and associate editor, respectively, of the journal. Mayo presented "Teacher Leadership: The Master Teacher Model / Differentiated Staffing in Reading and Mathematics Instruction in K-12 Texas Public Schools," as an invited delegate to the Bilateral Symposium on Educational Leadership of the British Educational Leadership and Management Society and the Society for the Management of Education in Ireland in Manchester, England. She facilitated a roundtable on "Transitioning from ExCET to TexES" at the Texas Teacher Educators summer conference in June in Waco.

Meredith Stanford, Piney Woods AHEC, will present the health careers admission planning service program at the Texas Rural Health Association's annual conference in September in Lubbock. Stanford also will present at the 9th annual Minority Health Conference in November in Irving.

Judy Lauter, Human Services, attended the national meeting of the Acoustical Society of America in June in Pittsburg where she made two presentations and co-organized a session honoring the scientific legacy of speech and hearing scientist Ira Hirsh.

Rick Jones, Theatre, attended the annual conference of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education in July in San Diego. He presented a paper, "Of Rokujo and Rokudo: Noh, Shinto and the Pure Land," as part of the senior scholars in religion and theatre panel. Jones continues as chair and conference planner for the theatre history focus group.

Rachel Galan and **Linda Reynolds**, East Texas Research Center, presented a paper, "The African American Experience in Texas: Combining Culture and the Web," at the

Society of Southwest Archivists conference in May in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Luis Ramirez, Theatre, exhibited his lighting design work from SFA at "Design EXPO," during the annual conference of the U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology in February in New Orleans. He also participated in "River Road Plantations," a professional development workshop in Southern architecture, sponsored by the institute.

Gary Kronrad and **Ching-Hsun Huang**, Forestry, made presentations relating to carbon sequestration for: the First International Conference on Private Forestry in the 21st Century in Atlanta; the Society of American Foresters Spring Symposium in Gainesville, Fla.; the Florida Society of American Foresters annual meeting in Pensacola, Fla.; the International Workshop on Forests and the Carbon Cycle in Evora, Portugal; the Global Warming International Conference at Cambridge University, United Kingdom; the Southern Forest Science Conference, Atlanta; the 18th annual International Pittsburgh Coal Conference in Newcastle, Australia; and at the fifth Electric Utilities Environmental Conference in Tucson, Ariz.

Jerry Holbert, Advancement, presented the keynote address at the annual fundraising seminar for the Greater Baton Rouge chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals held in June in Baton Rouge, La. The title of the presentation was "The Art of Asking."

John Dahmus, History, presented a paper titled "Varieties of Preaching to Fifteenth-Century Germans: Nicholas of Cusa and Composers of Model Sermons" to the 37th International Congress on Medieval Studies in May in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Departmental Changes

Gabe Aguirre, Admissions, is the new Dallas/Fort Worth regional recruiter. He replaces Robert Jette. **Ashley Bravenec** replaces Aguirre as Admissions recruiter. **Cord Schuck** replaces Craig Turnag as Admissions recruiter. **Wanda Moore** is the new counseling coordinator. She replaces Katressa May.

Karen Migl was named assistant director of the Division of Nursing. There are four new faculty members joining the division this semester: **Janice Hensarling**, **Deborah Ellis**, **Toni McDonald** and **Linda Moore**.

David Whitebread, Military Science, has left his position as recruiter/counselor for the department. He has moved on to his next post to fulfill his position. New Goldbar Recruiters are 2nd Lt. **Harold McDonald**, 2nd Lt. **Larinzol Davis** and 2nd Lt. **Glenn Medlock**. 2nd Lt. Stewart Brown has moved on to his next duty assignment.

Karen Embry Mayo, Secondary Education, was named graduate advisor for Secondary Education

Tina McDonald replaced **Shari Watson** as administrative assistant for the Housing Department. Shari transferred to General Business.

Piney Wood AHEC's Community-based Cancer Prevention and Control Program grant reached completion on Aug. 31. **Debra Warren**, coordinator, will begin working with Lake Country AHEC in Tyler. **Felicia Gates**, assistant coordinator, has returned to SFA to further her education. **Lurah Bryant**, assistant coordinator, will be devoting the majority of her time to her friends, family, faith and other business opportunities. **Robert Small** has left Piney Woods AHEC to pursue a career with Piney Woods Home Health in Lufkin.

Kyle Kettler, Information Technology Services, began work in May as a programmer/analyst I.

The College of Forestry welcomes **Warren C. Conway**, assistant professor of forest wildlife. A native of Rhode Island, Conway received his Ph.D. in wildlife science from Texas Tech.

Promotions to Professor

Dr. Thomas Segady, Sociology

Dr. John Moore, Chemistry

Dr. R. LaRell Nielson, Geology

Approved by Regents

April 30, 2002

Notice

Focus submissions regarding faculty and staff news (achievements, congratulations, conferences, departmental changes, publications and presentations) must be submitted via e-mail to sluna@sfasu.edu. Please place FOCUS in the subject line.

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Publications

Kelly Scott, Brian Oswald, Kenneth Farrish and Daniel Unger, Forestry, published "Fuel Loading Prediction Models Developed From Aerial Photographs of the Sangre de Cristo and Jemez Mountains of New Mexico, U.S.A" in the *International Journal of Wildland Fire*.

Mel E. Finkenberg, Kinesiology, had his article, "An Overview of Selected Online Learning Systems" published in the *Chronicle of Physical Education in Higher Education*.

Karen Embry Mayo, Secondary Education, authored a case study on professional development for teachers that has been accepted for a publication in *Constructivist Methods for Diverse Middle Level Classrooms*. The study is titled "Professional Learning Communities: A Constructivist Approach to Professional Development."

"Paradoxical Patterns in the Measurement of Hyperactivity," a thesis by graduate student Mitchalina Kenney, co-authored by **Chris Ninness, Robin Rumph and Anna Bradfield**, Human Services, will be published in the December 2002 issue of *Behavior and Social Issues*. In the same issue, "Small Group Statistics: A Monte Carlo Comparison of Parametric and Randomization Tests" co-authored by Ninness, Rumph, Bradfield and **Carol Harrison**, with graduate student Trey Vasquez, will be published.

Rick Jones, Theatre, reviewed Philip Freeman's "Ireland and the Classical World" for the *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*.

Gary Kronrad and Ching-Hsun Huang, Forestry, published "Carbon Sequestration in Loblolly Pine Plantations: Financial Compensation and Management Implications" in the 2002 edition of *Forest Policy and Economics*. They also published

"Financially Optimal Thinning and Final Harvest Schedules for Loblolly Pine Plantations on Nonindustrial Private Forestland" in the *Southern Journal of Applied Forestry*.

Conferences

Glen McCuller, Human Services, attended the Direct Instruction training conference in July in Eugene, Ore.

Kim Faris, Admissions, attended the ACT Enrollment Planners Conference in Chicago in July.

Carolyn A. Spears, Stone Fort Museum, attended the Texas Association of Museums' annual conference in April in Lubbock and the American Association of Museums' annual conference in Dallas.

Carol Scamman, Library, attended the Texas Library Association Conference in April in Dallas and was a reviewer for contributed papers submitted to the Texas Library Association Conference.

Michael Daley and Freddie Avant, Social Work, attended the 27th National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas in July in Frostburg, Md. Daley attended the National Associations of Social Workers triennial delegate assembly in August in Crystal City, Va. Daley co-chaired the West Central Coalition of the assembly that included delegates from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota.

Bill Wagner, Patsy Reeves and Sandy Turner, Information Technology Services, attended the Texas Connection Consortium

in Dallas. Wagner attended the Texas Association of State Systems for Computing and Communication conference in South Padre and a Wireless Networking Seminar in Austin. Turner attended an EDUCAUSE Conference in Minneapolis

Rich Barnhart and Joey Voss, Information Technology Services, attended the Raiser's Edge User's Group Meeting at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

Lani Hall, Library, attended the Texas Library Association Conference in April in Dallas.

Mike McKaig, Human Services, participated in a meeting of the Council for Clinical Certification of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in August in Rockville, Md.

Hardy Meredith, Public Affairs, attended the Texas School of Professional Photography held recently at Texas A&M.

Congratulations

Anna Bradfield, Human Services, has been named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Nacogdoches Rotary Club. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary International and the honor in his name is the highest recognition awarded by the association.

Shannon Bogues, Military Science, and his wife, Shantell, announce the birth of their son, Shamir Bogues.

Kathy and **Rich Barnhart**, Information Technology Services, announce the birth of their first grandchild, Trinity Elizabeth, on April 30.

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