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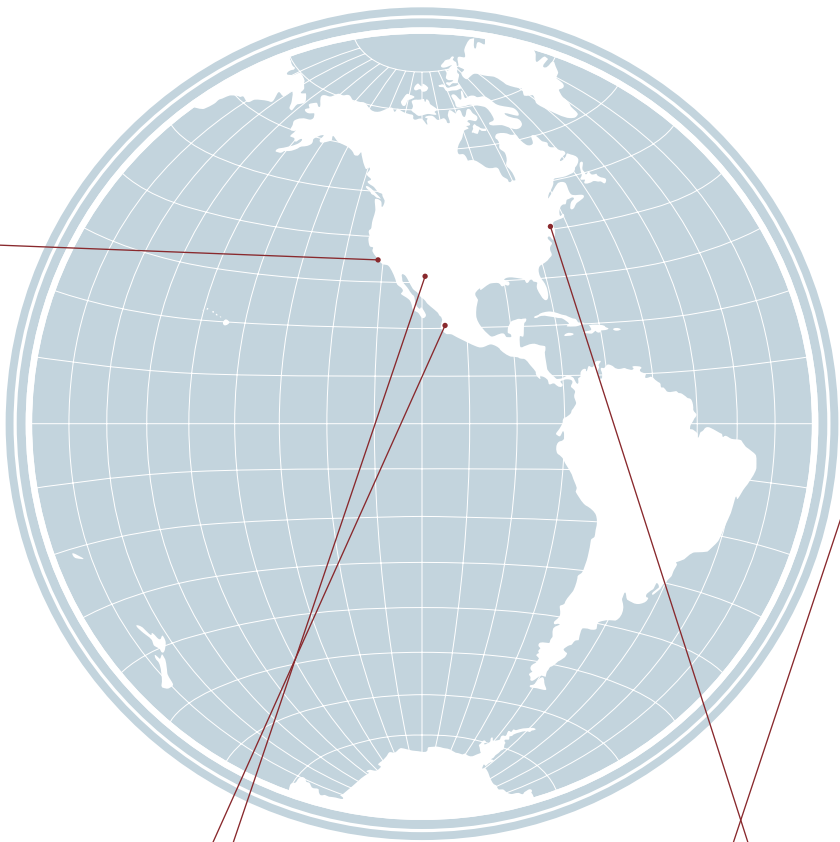
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Resolving an Education Crisis

by Donald Bobbitt

As we build momentum in another year full of opportunity, certain memories of 2010 remain vivid. Who could forget the live video feeds from remotely operated cameras that showed oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico for more than 100 days? Likewise, we can still visualize the lingering hurt of a national economic crisis in the eyes of friends and family members struggling to find work.

But the crisis foreshadowed when the College Board ranks America 12th worldwide in college graduation rates is harder to see, yet no less a threat. Nationally, only four in 10 adults ages 25 to 34 hold a college degree.

For Texas, the sirens are more intense. By 2020 more than 60 percent of jobs will require a college education, but only 31 percent of Texans in the young adult demographic have one. Texas now lays claim to one of the nation’s least-educated populations, ranking 40th in young adults with a degree.

UT Arlington is working diligently to reverse this trend. Our campus has experienced remarkable growth in recent years and now boasts more than 33,000 students. We’re also attracting a more academically accomplished group of scholars, as nearly 30 percent of first-time, full-time freshmen in fall 2010 ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class—up from 25 percent the previous year. As we nurture these talented and diverse Mavericks, we endeavor to improve the odds that each of them earns a UT Arlington diploma.

We have expanded our ranks of academic advisers and charged top academic leaders with improving services that first-year students need most: academic advising, tutoring, and counseling. Last fall we consolidated services critical to student success in our new University College housed in historic Ransom Hall. Updated with contemporary interiors and private tutorial and counseling space, University College is one of our most visual investments to date in the academic success of our students.

Already, this renewed focus on recruiting and retaining students and seeing them through to graduation is paying off: 73 percent

of last year’s freshmen returned for their sophomore year—up from 61 percent a few years ago. We know that students who return for their second year are much more likely to graduate.

We’re calling on students, professors, parents, and friends to raise expectations so that those enrolling in their first semester of college understand that their mission is to stick with it and earn their undergraduate degree in a reasonable amount of time. President Barack Obama recently underscored this critical goal, saying that education is “the economic issue of our time.”

Our collective challenge across America is to produce 8 million more college graduates by 2020. That challenge is immense. Almost 75 percent of UT Arlington students hold jobs while attending classes, and more than half say they are the first in their family to attend college.

To speed them along their path, Texas must continue to invest in adequate higher education funding and financial aid support. UT Arlington offered students more than \$322 million in scholarships, grants, and other forms of financial aid in 2010-11—up nearly 40 percent from the previous year. Such support allows students to forgo the lure of an hourly wage now for the promise of a better life later, a life that only a four-year degree affords.

Higher education is bigger than a future paycheck. Time invested in a comprehensive, four-year institution is time invested in learning how to think critically. College students who wrestle with complex problems that have affected humans over time learn how to analyze, dissect, and potentially resolve the crises of their own day—crises such as gushing oil wells and a struggling economy.

The coming education deficit is a crisis we can avert with an unwavering focus on helping more Texans go to college and, once they enroll, giving them the tools they need to succeed. For the sake of Texas and all of our futures, we can do better. At UT Arlington, we will.



As UT Arlington’s chief academic officer, Provost Donald Bobbitt oversees initiatives to enhance student success and boost retention.

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The defense industry has invested in microrobots being developed and manufactured by researchers at UT Arlington’s Texas Microfactory.



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DIANA AND NADIA MARTINEZ CEPEDA
Dancing is more than just movement for twins Diana, left, and Nadia Martinez Cepeda. It's telling ancient stories that amplify their culture. "We dance the Mexican folklore, which is characterized by its glad music and colorful clothes," Diana says. "Each state or region reflects its rich cultural heritage and unique characteristics through traditional music and dances." The industrial engineering Ph.D. students are from the state of Jalisco in central-western Mexico. They perform regularly at UT Arlington for cultural celebrations and always have an amazing time. "The key is to feel the music," Diana says. "It's a privilege to transmit the roots of our country through music and dance."

E-mail

MAVERICKS CALLING THE SHOTS IN PRO SPORTS

The story about the UTA alumni who are NFL and NBA referees (fall 2010) is very cool. It just goes to show how hard work and determination can get you far in this cynical world we live in. As a plus, it's also cool that we have Mavs in the world of professional sports.

JORDAN SILVER
Fort Worth, Texas

IMPRESSED BY SUCCESS OF YOUNG ALUMNI

I really enjoyed your latest magazine (fall 2010). I liked the light color rather than the

typical dark University colors. The article on referees was very interesting. To accomplish so much so young is impressive. It's interesting to learn about the successes of alumni in non-traditional enterprises rather than the more traditional academic areas of research.

JOHN PRIEST
Arlington, Texas

MAGAZINE REDESIGN IMPRESSIVE THROUGHOUT

I look forward to receiving each issue of your magazine! Being a UTA graduate, I love reading about my alma mater and seeing the latest

in campus activities. I read it from cover to cover—it is so well written. The articles are interesting and important, and I loved the new design of the fall 2010 issue. The great photography and your use of graphics help the pages flow. I'm a graphic designer, so I appreciate well-designed pieces. Your magazine is outstanding in all categories!

KRISTY LIBOTTE KEENER '71
Arlington, Texas

SHOWCASING STUDENT CREATIVITY

Thank you so much for highlighting the work of my students in the "Gallery" section of the fall 2010 issue of *UT Arlington Magazine*. It's a wonderful way to increase our awareness of the extraordinary creativity of our growing student body. I learn so much about the dedication, accomplishments, and research of our UTA community through your magazine. It is a

publication I always read with pride.

DARRYL LAUSTER
Arlington, Texas

DINOSAURS FOR KIDS

I teach first-grade science at the Hockaday School in Dallas. I was surfing the web and stumbled across the *UT Arlington Magazine* website. I was thrilled to read about the work you are doing at the Arlington Archosaur Site (winter 2010). The first grade began covering dinosaurs after the holiday break, and I will share this information with them. They'll be excited to know this is happening so close to home.

LARA GUERRA
Dallas, Texas

YOUR THOUGHTS?

Send letters to the editor to utamagazine@uta.edu, or comment on magazine content at uta.edu/utamagazine.

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IRONMAN REVEALS THE KEYS TO PERSEVERANCE

Baseball Hall-of-Famer Cal Ripken Jr., who played in a record 2,632 consecutive games for the Baltimore Orioles, spoke on campus this spring as part of the Maverick Speakers Series. Watch a video excerpt from his speech at youtube.com/utarlington.

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DYNAMICALLY ROUND

After seeing some of graphic design senior Tim Lautensack's high dynamic range photographs in the UT Arlington flickr group, we gave him an assignment: Scour the campus for rounded façades or architectural details and capture them using HDR imagery. For each photograph, Tim took three exposures of the same shot and merged them. This technique often results in images that look surreal because you can see the details in the shadows that you normally wouldn't. The results, clockwise from top left: the fountain east of the Cooper Street center bridge, the Planetarium, the entry to Kalpana Chawla Hall, and the Roundhouse.



Tweets

@Rick_Bayless A HUGE thanks to the students and faculty of UT Arlington! Warm welcome, fantastic discussion/questions, gr8 experience for me.

@lising Hope to see you at UT Arlington today!

@dallaswire UT Arlington aims to build on success with new engineering facility.

@Mike_Norwood I am finishing my degree this year at the age of 34 at UT Arlington ... Go Mavs!!!

@youthbasketball Injured U.S. soldiers learn from wheelchair basketball team @ UT Arlington.

@utalibarts Dan Cavanagh, UT Arlington's associate director of jazz studies, was profiled in a Minneapolis Star Tribune story.

@neerpatel Who's going to-night? RT @UTAMAVS: UTA vs. HBU tonight at 7 p.m. in Texas Hall! Buck 'em Mavericks!

@IrvingISD Read about 2009 MacArthur valedictorian Karen Cárdenas, currently featured on the UT Arlington website.

@wulin80 UT Arlington students, other Dallas-area groups unite on Sierra Leone aid project.

@UTAMAVS Mavs fans ... LaMarcus Reed's dunk at Kansas last night is No. 2 on SportsCenter Top 10.

@budkennedy The UT Arlington library will open a "history of Six Flags" exhibit Feb. 7. (Yes, with one of the Spelunkers.)

@BeazyDallas Congratulations! Ya' boy was accepted @ UT Arlington 4 the spring 2011 semester!

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Campus Buzz

UT ARLINGTON AND THE WORLD



A New Era of Discovery

Opening of Engineering Research Building brings engineers, scientists together

Collaboration and research form the foundation for the 234,000-square-foot Engineering Research Building (ERB), the last of three College of Engineering expansion projects and the centerpiece of the Research Quadrangle.

A March 4 ribbon cutting heralds completion of the ERB, which opened for classes and research in January 2011. The state-of-the-art structure houses laboratories, classrooms, and office space to accommodate many of the national research projects of the College of Engineering and the College of Science.

The Bioengineering Department and some College of Science faculty work together in the four-story east wing on research into medical imaging, tissue engineering, and other issues that impact health and daily living. The Computer Science and Engineering Department (CSE) occupies the six-story north wing. Researchers there delve into a range of database issues as well as human-centered computing for homes and hospitals, among other projects.

For Fillia Makedon, the ERB brings her department's family together under one roof.

"We can interact and collaborate more easily," says

Dr. Makedon, professor and chair of CSE, which previously was divided among several buildings. "Working more closely with researchers in the other departments in the ERB will most likely create new research projects."

Growth and competition built the ERB, too.

"The motivation behind the building was to enable UT Arlington to be more competitive for contracts and grants so that our research funding would continue to grow," College of Engineering Dean Bill Carroll says. "Our enrollment also has experienced strong growth."

The ERB is designed to meet requirements for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification. Its energy-saving features include green and light-reflecting roofs, window designs for improved use of available light, rain and condensate water capture and storage for landscaping, and use of recycled materials.

The building's exterior brick and limestone match the adjoining Nedderman Hall and the Engineering Lab Building, which share a common green space, or quadrangle. A pedestrian bridge connects the third floors of the ERB and the lab building.

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Aaron Resendez, Student Congress President **Talk**

Why seek such a demanding student position?

I wanted to make a difference and be able to connect with students. I remember coming to freshman orientation. The Student Congress president wore a suit, and I didn't want to go up and talk to him. So during orientation this year, I wore a Polo shirt and khakis, and I talked to a lot of students. I think it made me more approachable.

What's it like to swing the gavel during meetings?

Every time I use the gavel, it reminds me of the promises I've made to the more than 33,000 students to represent them in every way I can. When I was sworn in, I actually forgot to use the gavel to adjourn the meeting until the parliamentarian reminded me. The whole experience was exciting, and I guess it got the best of me.

What's the story on the broken board in your office?

It's from a leadership retreat. I had to write my biggest fear on it, and what was holding me back was the fear of failure. I broke that with my hand. Every time I look at that board, I keep going and push forward.

What do you like best about being in the Goolsby Leadership Academy?

Getting to meet chief executives is one of my favorite things. You learn that nobody's perfect. We've met executives who were part of a big company and it crumbled. You have your moral compass, and you continue forward and do what's right.

What are your plans after you graduate in December?

I want to get some field experience in management. Later on, I want to go back to school to learn culinary skills and then manage my own hotel and restaurant.

Do you cook?

I've always had a passion for cooking. My mom taught us to cook and sent us to classes. When I was in middle school or high school, everybody wanted me to bake for them because I bake from scratch. Give me a recipe, and I'll try it. If it doesn't work, then I'll try it again and see what went wrong.

You faced a big hurdle just a few years ago.

I had heart surgery in high school. It was a rough time. I had extra nerves in my heart. Everyone has them when they're born, but mine didn't die off like everyone else's. My beats would go up to 200, 300 per minute and cause me to faint. I had surgery in El Paso and later in Houston. They froze the extra nerves to make them die off. I'm fine now and meet with a cardiologist regularly.

Does it keep you from doing anything you want to do?

I loved roller coasters growing up. After I had my surgery, it took me a while to think I could do it again. This past summer my parents, my sister, and brother came to visit me, and we went to Six Flags. With my siblings, I was able to do it. Peer pressure.



Awards

J.-C. CHIAO

Electrical engineering Professor J.-C. Chiao has received an O'Donnell Award in Engineering from the Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas. Dr. Chiao was recognized for his pioneering achievements in developing wireless, implantable sensors that can help treat severe acid reflux disease.



CAROLYN CASON

A study by nursing Professor Carolyn Cason won the Best International Research Project award at the 2010 Design & Health International Academy Awards. The joint project with architectural firm HKS Inc. examined hospital rooms designed for right- or left-handed health care workers and the need for other room standardization.

RAMON LOPEZ

Physics Professor Ramon Lopez received the 2010 Distinguished Scientist Award from the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science. He is one of five honorees nationwide recognized for "exemplary scientific achievement, teaching, and mentorship of underrepresented minority students."

DARRYL LAUSTER

Art Assistant Professor Darryl Lauster has received a prestigious Joan Mitchell Foundation grant for painters and sculptors. He is one of 25 artists to receive the honor this year. Lauster's work often reflects his interest in American history and mythology.

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS MORE THAN DOUBLE

Philanthropic support reached record levels last year, accelerating the University's progress toward becoming a major national research institution. UT Arlington generated an unprecedented \$15.2 million in gifts and pledges in the 2009-10 fiscal year, up from \$5.9 million the previous year. The total includes the largest cash commitment in the University's history—\$5 million from Houston-based Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc. to support College Park Center, now under construction. UT Arlington President James D. Spaniolo credits alumni, individual, and corporate donors for strengthening the philanthropy portfolio. "Great universities, and great state universities more than ever, depend on the support of generous alumni and friends to enhance their academic and research profiles," Spaniolo says. "UT Arlington's star is rising in direct relation to increasing private support from our partners." A unique aspect of the University's philanthropy program is the Maverick Match, which leverages new endowments with royalties generated by the natural gas exploration partnership with Carrizo. The program matches gifts of \$25,000 or more paid out over five years. Last year brought 67 Maverick Match commitments valued at \$4.5 million. "A strong endowment undergirds strong academic programs and provides long-term financial stability for universities," says Jim Lewis, vice president for development. "These endowed gifts are building momentum and provide that margin of excellence." Lewis credits the 43-member Development Board chaired by Ralph Hawkins, chief executive officer of HKS Inc., with playing a major role in helping the University achieve record giving levels. Other 2009-10 highlights include 51 new endowments valued at a combined \$3.6 million and an increase from 5,000 to 6,500 donors.



DIGGING UP PROGRESS

The College Park residential and retail development is rising south of UTA Boulevard, between Pecan and Center streets. Breaking ground last fall were, from left, Dennis Wiles, senior pastor at First Baptist Church-Arlington; Robert Cluck, Arlington mayor; and UT Arlington President James D. Spaniolo. Expected to open in summer 2012, the \$80 million project includes an \$18 million commitment from the city toward a parking structure and 1.5 acres of land donated by the church. College Park will feature a residence hall wrapped around an 1,800-vehicle parking garage with street-level retail and office suites, as well as a campus welcome center, a satellite campus police station, and 81 apartments. It's part of the 20-acre College Park District, which includes the 6,500-seat College Park Center events venue now under construction and The Green at College Park, an urban oasis for campus and community members.



Signature Gift

Carrizo Oil & Gas contributes a record \$5 million toward construction of College Park Center

One of UT Arlington's most highly anticipated construction projects received a big boost last fall when Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc. pledged \$5 million to support College Park Center. The gift is the largest single cash commitment in the University's history.

The Houston-based energy company has been developing the University's natural gas resources for several years and in 2009 donated \$1 million to establish a graduate research fellowship to attract top scholars and researchers to UT Arlington. The natural gas partnership has generated more than \$6 million in royalties since campus wells went into production in late 2008.

UT Arlington learned in 2006 that the campus sits on a sweet spot within the Barnett Shale, one of the largest natural gas fields in the nation. Since then Carrizo has completed 22 wells at a single campus site.

"This commitment to College Park Center is transformational for UT Arlington," President James D. Spaniolo says. "We believe it signals many great things to come."

When completed in late 2011, the 6,500-seat College Park Center will give the UT Arlington basketball and volleyball teams a state-of-the-art home court and downtown Arlington a signature facility for world-class concerts, conferences, commencement ceremonies, and other community events. The \$78 million center is under construction east of Pecan Street, between Second and Fourth streets.

"College Park Center promises to have a dramatic impact on the campus and be a resource for the entire community," says S.P. "Chip" Johnson IV, Carrizo's president and chief executive officer. "We believe that a robust and vibrant campus is a key ingredient in attracting outstanding students and in helping more of them earn their degrees."

Gaming Studio Crash Course



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Not many classes feature a science fiction shoot-out in outer space or a fantasy-based action adventure. But these and other make-believe scenes play out in the Gaming Studio course offered by the Department of Art and Art History. Students learn the basics of how games are created, from concept to preproduction to prototype, then use a Unity 3D game engine to produce and test their ideas. Alumnus Jim Galis, who teaches the course, has credentials in video game development and animation. "My students experience and understand the building blocks and roles involved in creating games," he says. "They also form good communication skills among the artists, engineers, and designers on the development team. Team communication is an important issue in the industry." It's a lucrative field. According to the Entertainment Software Association, the video game business contributed \$5 billion to the U.S. economy in 2009.

Grants

SHIH-HO CHAO

The National Science Foundation has awarded a three-year, \$1 million grant to a College of Engineering research team to study earthquake survivability and make buildings more durable. Civil engineering Assistant Professor Shih-Ho “Simon” Chao is the principal investigator.



HANLI LIU

Bioengineering Professor Hanli Liu has received a three-year, \$958,000 National Institutes of Health grant to investigate a minimally invasive way to screen for and diagnose prostate cancer using a multichannel optical imaging system.

CHENGKAI LI, GAUTAM DAS

Two computer science engineering faculty members have landed a three-year, \$500,000 National Science Foundation grant to develop an Internet search engine that treats the Web more like a massive database. Chengkai Li and Gautam Das are exploring a system that allows searches involving multiple entities and assesses how the entities are related.

SUBHRANGSU MANDAL

The National Institutes of Health has awarded a three-year, \$444,000 grant to biochemistry Assistant Professor Subhrangsu Mandal to explore chemicals in the environment that interfere with hormone functions. Dr. Mandal is testing items like milk and water from various sources for endocrine-disrupting chemicals that can cause cancer and reproduction problems.

DETECTING SOLUTIONS TO NUCLEAR THREATS

UT Arlington researchers are working to keep the country safe from nuclear materials. Physics Assistant Professor Wei Chen, physics Professor Andrew Brandt, and their team received more than \$1.3 million from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to develop nanoparticles for radiation detection. Their research could lead to a new type of detector that would help reduce the threat of nuclear materials brought into the country illegally and used in terrorism. “The broader impact of this proposal is potentially enormous,” Dr. Chen says. “Development of more effective uranium detection devices could be of immeasurable benefit to society if it were to help deter or prevent a nuclear incident.” With Chen and Brandt as co-principal investigators, the team is developing polymer thin films embedded with luminescent nanoparticles that will glow with light when they encounter radiation sources, such as gamma rays. Chen says the new detection method is easier to build and more accurate than current luminescent devices. “The unique aspect of this proposal is that the nanoparticles are formed into hybrid ‘crystals’ that combine the high stopping power and excellent energy resolution of crystals with the potentially high quantum efficiency and short decay lifetimes associated with nanoparticles,” Dr. Brandt says. Once tested and demonstrated, the new detectors could cost about \$25 for a crystal that’s one centimeter wide and 10 centimeters long. The project includes an educational outreach component. Lectures, seminars, and an annual symposium are planned to spark student interest in research and promote the idea that nanotechnology, high-energy physics, and nuclear engineering can work in concert to improve homeland security.



SONG IN B UT Arlington biologists have discovered that songbirds carry around an unexpected virus in their genes—modern Hepatitis B. “And it’s been sitting there for at least 19 million years, far longer than anyone thought this family of viruses had existed,” Associate Professor Cédric Feschotte says. He and Clément Gilbert, a postdoctoral research associate, co-authored an article in *PLoS Biology* that marks the first time endogenous hepadnaviruses have been found in any organism. An endogenous virus deposits itself or fragments of itself in the chromosome of an organism, enabling it to be passed from generation to generation. The finding opens avenues for research that might help predict and prevent human viral pandemics originating in bird species.



What’s at Fault?

Professors co-author study disputing source of devastating 2010 Haiti earthquake

The cause of last year’s earthquake in Haiti may not be what scientists previously believed. If two UT Arlington professors are right, the region remains under seismic threat.

A study co-written by College of Science Dean Pamela Jansma, earth and environmental sciences Professor Glen Mattioli, and scientists at several other universities concludes that the previously unmapped Léogâne fault—not the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden fault, as first believed—caused the massive Jan. 12, 2010, temblor.

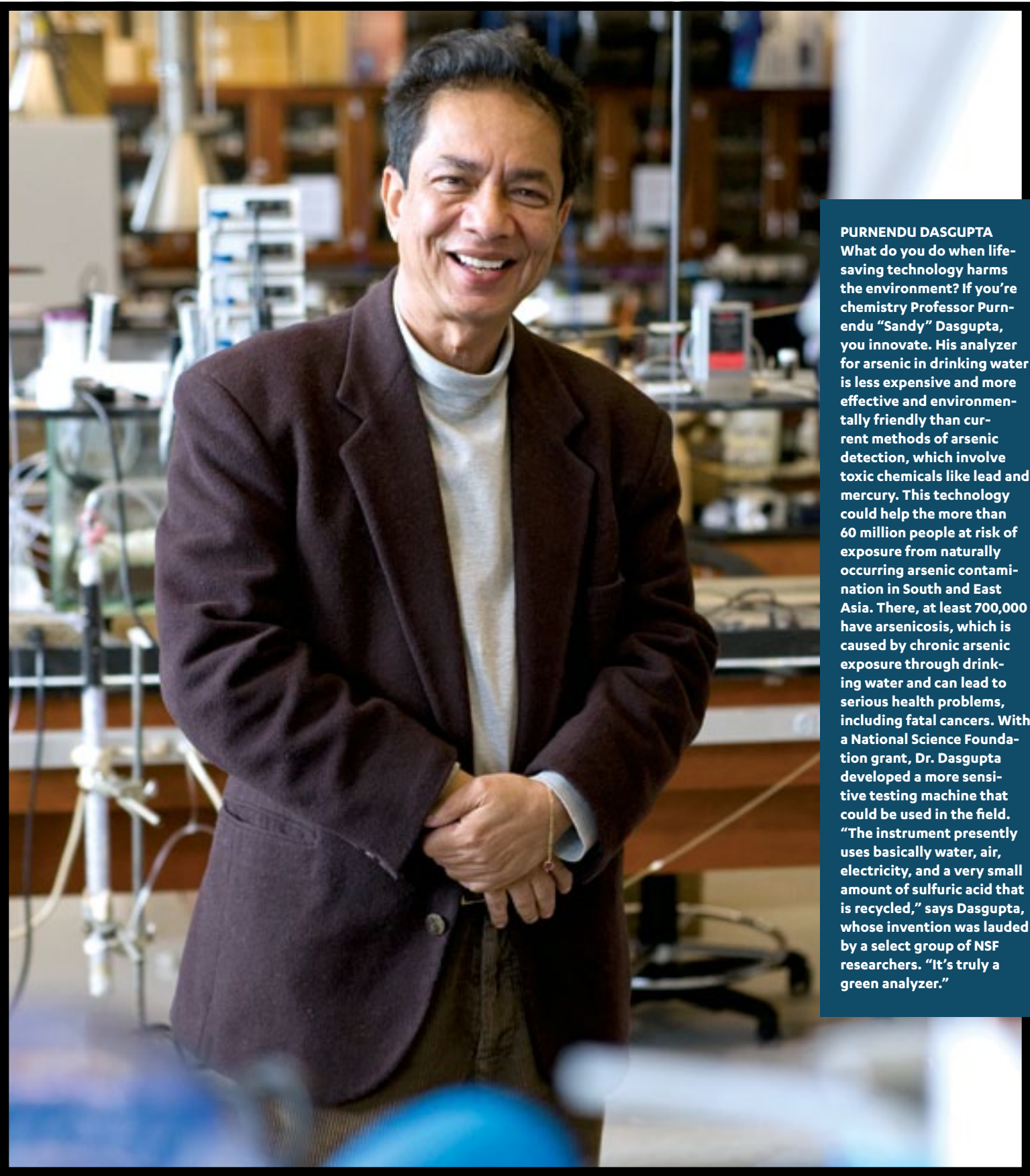
Eric Calais, Purdue University professor of earth and atmospheric sciences, led the research team, which included experts from the University of Miami and institutions in Saudi Arabia and Haiti. Drs. Calais, Jansma, and Mattioli have worked together since the mid-1990s and obtained some of their data from a joint 2004 National Science Foundation-funded study of surface deformation and seismic activity in Hispaniola.

The researchers found that instead of moving the ground east to west, as they believed a quake from the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden fault would, the 2010 earthquake actually moved the ground toward the fault and upward, causing shortening of the ground surface in the region near the quake. Those measurements, along with data about the location of the earthquake and its aftershocks, suggest that a rupture of the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden fault had not occurred, Mattioli explains.

And that means the Enriquillo still poses a risk. “Preliminary measurements indicate that the Enriquillo fault did not release any accumulated seismic energy and, therefore, remains a significant threat for Haiti, and Port-au-Prince in particular,” Calais says.

He adds that the “inexorable” earthquake risk in Haiti should spur measures to adapt to earthquake hazards and save lives.

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Faculty



PURNENDU DASGUPTA What do you do when life-saving technology harms the environment? If you’re chemistry Professor Purnendu “Sandy” Dasgupta, you innovate. His analyzer for arsenic in drinking water is less expensive and more effective and environmentally friendly than current methods of arsenic detection, which involve toxic chemicals like lead and mercury. This technology could help the more than 60 million people at risk of exposure from naturally occurring arsenic contamination in South and East Asia. There, at least 700,000 have arsenicosis, which is caused by chronic arsenic exposure through drinking water and can lead to serious health problems, including fatal cancers. With a National Science Foundation grant, Dr. Dasgupta developed a more sensitive testing machine that could be used in the field. “The instrument presently uses basically water, air, electricity, and a very small amount of sulfuric acid that is recycled,” says Dasgupta, whose invention was lauded by a select group of NSF researchers. “It’s truly a green analyzer.”

MARIO ROMERO-ORTEGA
A *New York Times* story highlighted bioengineering Associate Professor Mario Romero-Ortega’s research on how robotic arms can be more reliable and lifelike for amputees returning home from war. The article praised collaborative efforts in the new Engineering Research Building.

JAMES CAMPBELL QUICK
A Fortune.com story about company sabbaticals quoted James Campbell Quick, the John and Judy Goolsby Distinguished Professor in the College of Business. Dr. Quick, who co-wrote a study published in the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, says sabbaticals enable employees to acquire interpersonal and professional skills.

JOHN BRICOUT
An article on *Wired* magazine’s website quoted John Bricout, the School of Social Work’s associate dean for research and community outreach, about his study on robotic arms that aim to give paraplegics and quadriplegics greater freedom and mobility.



BETH MANCINI
Nursing Associate Dean Beth Mancini co-wrote a paper that raises questions about the effectiveness of in-hospital use of automated external defibrillators. Published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the report’s findings appeared in several national electronic and print media stories.



Volcanic Reaction

Anthropologist collaborates on new theory about why Neanderthals became extinct

Anthropologist Naomi Cleghorn and a team of Russian archaeologists believe they know what drove Neanderthals into extinction, and they’re gaining national recognition for their groundbreaking theory.

Dr. Cleghorn, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, worked in a research group led by Liubov Vitaliena Golovanova and Vladimir Borisovich Doronichev of the ANO Laboratory of Prehistory in St. Petersburg, Russia. She co-wrote a paper published in the October 2010 *Current Anthropology* that suggests climate change following massive volcanic eruptions helped lead to the Neanderthals’ extinction and cleared the way for modern humans to thrive in Europe and Asia. Stories about the research have appeared in *The New York Times* and on the *USA Today* and National Geographic News websites.

Evidence comes from the Mezmaiskaya cave in the Caucasus Mountains of southern Russia, a site rich in Neanderthal bones and artifacts. Recent excavations revealed two layers of volcanic ash that coincide with large-scale volcanic events that occurred around 40,000 years ago, the researchers say in their paper.

Geological layers containing the ashes also hold evidence of an abrupt and potentially devastating climate change. Sediment samples from the two layers reveal greatly reduced pollen concentrations compared to surrounding layers. That’s an indication of a dramatic shift to a cooler and drier climate, the researchers explain. Further, the second of the two eruptions seems to mark the end of Neanderthal presence at Mezmaiskaya. Numerous Neanderthal bones and stone tools have been found in the geological layers below the second ash deposit, but none are found above it.

The theory that climate change led to the Neanderthals’ extinction has been around for a while. The problem with it has always been that the Neanderthals had survived several oscillations in environmental conditions before. The research team believes that linking their extinction with a massive volcanic eruption makes more sense than tying it to a gradual climate change.

“A volcanic event has a very rapid impact on the landscape,” Cleghorn explains. “The environment literally crashed at that point.”

The ash layers the team studied correspond chronologically to the Campanian Ignimbrite super-eruption of 40,000 years ago in modern-day Italy and a smaller eruption thought to have occurred around the same time in the Caucasus Mountains. The researchers argue in their paper that these eruptions caused a “volcanic winter” as ash clouds obscured the sun, possibly for years. The climatic shift devastated the region’s ecosystems, “possibly resulting in the mass death of hominins and prey animals and the severe alteration of foraging zones.”

Anthropologists have long puzzled over the disappearance of the Neanderthals and the apparently concurrent rise of modern humans. This research suggests that the advantage may have been simple geographic location.

“Early moderns initially occupied the more southern parts of western Eurasia and Africa and thus avoided much of the direct impact of the ... eruptions,” they write.

While the researchers stress that more data from other areas in Eurasia are needed to fully test the hypothesis, they believe the Mezmaiskaya cave offers “important supporting evidence” for the idea of a volcanic extinction.

STUDY SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY OF LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS

The universe may soon get a little less lonely. Astronomers Manfred Cuntz and Jason Eberle recently published a paper in the American Astronomical Society’s *Astrophysical Journal Letters* that explores the possible existence of a planet in the v Octantis star system, 69 light years (400 trillion miles) from Earth. Previous observers have suggested that a planet may exist in v Octantis, a binary star system visible only from the southern half of the globe. The study by Dr. Cuntz, a physics associate professor, and Eberle, a recent doctoral graduate, indicates there’s a significant chance that it is in a retrograde orbit. Such planets orbit the primary star in a different direction than the orbit of the secondary star. A retrograde orbit is unheard of for a planet in an extrasolar planetary system but does occur for some moons in our solar system. If confirmed, the existence of such a planet would enhance the search for planets in multiple stellar systems, including those that could potentially support life. “If our theoretical studies turn out to be applicable to the v Octantis system, they will provide evidence for the first case of a planet in a retrograde orbit in a stellar binary system,” Cuntz says. Previously, retrograde planetary orbits have been detected for planets around single stars in regard to the stellar rotational axis. The research team’s findings likely will attract widespread attention, according to another expert in the field. “The results of Eberle and Cuntz are important for the big hot topic of astronomy, namely extrasolar planets, and especially interesting for the dynamics of planets in double stars,” says Rudolf Dvorak, a professor at the Institute for Astronomy at the University of Vienna. “Note that in the solar neighborhood, more than 60 percent of the stars are not single.” The UT Arlington researchers’ study finds a slim chance that the suggested planet is in a prograde orbit, traveling in the same direction as the primary star’s partner star. This is unlikely, however, since it would require detailed assumptions concerning the orbital parameters of the planet.



Dealing with serious burns is a challenging medical problem, but researchers at UT Arlington’s Automation and Robotics Research Institute (ARRI) are making progress treating the deep facial burns often suffered by soldiers. In collaboration with the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, the approach involves a “biomask.” ARRI research scientist Eileen Moss calls it a paradigm shift in treating facial injuries. “The biomask consists of layers of flexible, biocompatible polymers embedded with arrays of active electrical and mechanical components,” Dr. Moss explains. “The array configuration allows localized activation of treatment to be applied to different parts of the wound as needed.” Current treatment involves removing damaged areas followed by grafting. Sometimes the outcomes are good, but the procedure also may result

in deformities, speech problems, and scarring. “At this point we are far from any off-the-shelf composite tissue replacement that would mimic the suppleness and color of native facial skin,” Moss says, noting that there are additional problems with immunosuppression and with finding “like with like” donors. ARRI’s experimental biomask would utilize a network of microvalves and microfluidic channels to apply sub-atmospheric pressure to the facial surface. The mask would monitor the wound with assorted sensors and provide instant feedback. It also would adapt to the four basic stages of treatment: wound bed preparation, dermal replacement, epidermal overlay, and soft tissue augmentation. It’s a complex medical problem, but ARRI’s researchers believe the biomask will result in improved facial skin quality, fewer overall operations, and an earlier return to function or duty.

ILLUSTRATION BY STEPHENDOURKE

Gallery Blackbird Speaking

ANDREW ORTIZ

Inspiration comes in many forms and from the unlikely-est of places. For art Associate Professor Andrew Ortiz, the inspiration for his recent *Semana de Cultura* exhibit, *Blackbird Speaking*, sprang from a “conversation” with a murder of crows perched on telephone wires. “They complained loudly at me, so I, being strongly influenced by magical realism and the belief that they were speaking to me, answered back,” says the award-winning photographer. “The birds seemed to complain louder. I stopped and ‘spoke’ with them more, and they in turn answered me.” Though they didn’t understand each other, the conversation stayed with Ortiz for years. Over time, it came to mean something more symbolic. “I’m interested in the idea of visually conveying the frustration of struggling to communicate. In these images, the blackbirds represent me and are juxtaposed against symbols that metaphorically describe obstacles to communication.”



Clockwise from top: "La Puerta," "Containment," "Through the Door," and "They"

COLLEGES RECEIVE FUNDING FOR MATH, SCIENCE EDUCATION

Everything's bigger in Texas—except the supply of math and science teachers. To help support the certification of new educators in these fields, the National Science Foundation has awarded a \$1.45 million Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program grant to UT Arlington's College of Education and Health Professions and the College of Science. The two colleges are working with the Arlington, Dallas, Hurst-Euless-Bedford, and Fort Worth school districts on the five-year project, which places teacher candidates in early field experiences with mentor teachers. The grant complements a previous NSF Robert Noyce Grant for \$900,000. Together, the awards offer two-year, \$10,000 annual scholarships to selected undergraduate students seeking teacher certification in middle school science and mathematics and in high school earth science, biology, chemistry, and physics. The new grant further supports post-baccalaureate students seeking to switch careers and become secondary math or science teachers. These returning students may apply for a one-year, \$10,000 scholarship. The newly certified math and physical science teachers pledge to serve at least two years in a high-need school for each year of scholarship support. Professor Ann Cavallo, associate dean of the College of Education and Health Professions, is the principal investigator on both Robert Noyce grants. She is collaborating on the new NSF grant with co-principal investigators Greg Hale, assistant dean of science; Ramon Lopez, professor of physics; Theresa Jorgensen, assistant professor of mathematics; and Laura Mydlarz, assistant professor of biology. Hale, Lopez, and mathematics Associate Professor James Epperson were co-investigators on the previous grant.

OPEN MIND Journalist and author **Lisa Ling** encouraged a packed Texas Hall crowd to see the world and gain perspective from different cultures. Ling, who hosts *Explorer* on the National Geographic Channel, was part of the fall lineup for the 2010-11 Maverick Speakers Series. Others included award-winning documentary filmmaker Ken Burns and celebrity chef Rick Bayless. The spring 2011 semester kicked off with Major League Baseball Hall-of-Famer Cal Ripken Jr. and features scientist, educator, and innovator Bill Nye on March 23. All Maverick Speakers Series lectures are free but require a ticket, which can be obtained at utatickets.com. For more information and speaker videos, visit uta.edu/maverickspeakers.



Safe and Sound

New Smart Care center aims to make houses more livable for seniors and the disabled

Smarter homes and better care are the goals of one of UT Arlington's newest projects. At the Smart Care center, researchers from the College of Engineering and College of Nursing pursue technology to help senior citizens, people with disabilities, and injured veterans live healthier and longer in their own homes.

"I'm proud to see that UT Arlington is once again leading the way when it comes to high-tech medical care," says U.S. Rep. Joe Barton of Texas, who helped secure \$634,500 in funding for the project from the Health Resources and Services Administration. "The technologies developed will give more seniors a chance to spend their golden years at home. Plus, Smart Care will reduce costs while at the same time allowing nurses and doctors to be more efficient with their time."

Kathryn Daniel, a nursing assistant professor and director of UT Arlington's Adult and Gerontologic Nurse Practitioner Program, serves as program manager.

Researchers will work with business and industry partners to integrate advanced sensors, wireless communication, and other technologies into a simulated home environment. Technologies slated for evaluation include a bathroom with a health-monitoring toilet and electronic mat, an electronic medication delivery and reminder system integrated into a computer network, and a sleep center equipped with sensors to monitor sleep disturbances.

Smart Care researchers will use UT Arlington's Smart Hospital and lab space in the Social Work Complex to begin their work. They also plan to build relationships with area senior living centers where technology can be installed. Eventually, organizers foresee the Smart Care center being its own freestanding facility with a living environment and research stations.

Numbers

6,165

UT Arlington conferred 6,165 degrees in 2009-10, the most for one academic year in the University's history. Students earned 4,178 bachelor's degrees, 1,860 master's degrees, and 127 doctoral degrees.

33,788

Driven by improved recruiting and retention and the expansion of online degree programs, enrollment reached a record 33,788 in spring 2011. The number of continuing undergraduates in campus-based programs is up 6.8 percent from spring 2010, evidence that UT Arlington's student success initiatives are paying off.

322,800,000

Dramatic increases in financial aid awards helped spur record enrollment last fall and this spring. UT Arlington offered students \$322.8 million in scholarships, grants, and other forms of financial aid in 2010-11. About 3,700 students pay no tuition and fees through the Maverick Promise program. Eligible students must qualify for a federal Pell grant and have a household income of \$65,000 or less, among other criteria.

1,250

About 1,250 military veterans and their eligible dependents are enrolled at UT Arlington as a result of enhanced programs and the Post 9-11 GI Bill.

100,000

Of UT Arlington's more than 150,000 alumni, about 100,000 live in North Texas and help the University create an annual economic impact of more than \$1 billion in the region.

Champs

HIGH MARKS

UT Arlington student-athletes excelled in the classroom last fall. Six teams—volleyball, men’s tennis, women’s tennis, softball, baseball, and women’s track and field—posted cumulative GPAs of 3.0 or higher. Overall, nearly half of Maverick athletes made the Honor Roll, including 21 who recorded perfect 4.0 GPAs. The University also achieved its highest-ever NCAA Academic Progress Rate scores in 2009-10.



AMANDA AGUILERA

Junior outside hitter Amanda Aguilera earned first-team All-Southland Conference honors for the Maverick volleyball team. She finished fifth in kills per set in conference play (3.83) and led all non-defensive specialists in digs per game (3.52), ranking 10th in the SLC. Aguilera, who also made the first team as a freshman, helped UT Arlington post a 17-15 record.

ALICIA SHAFFER

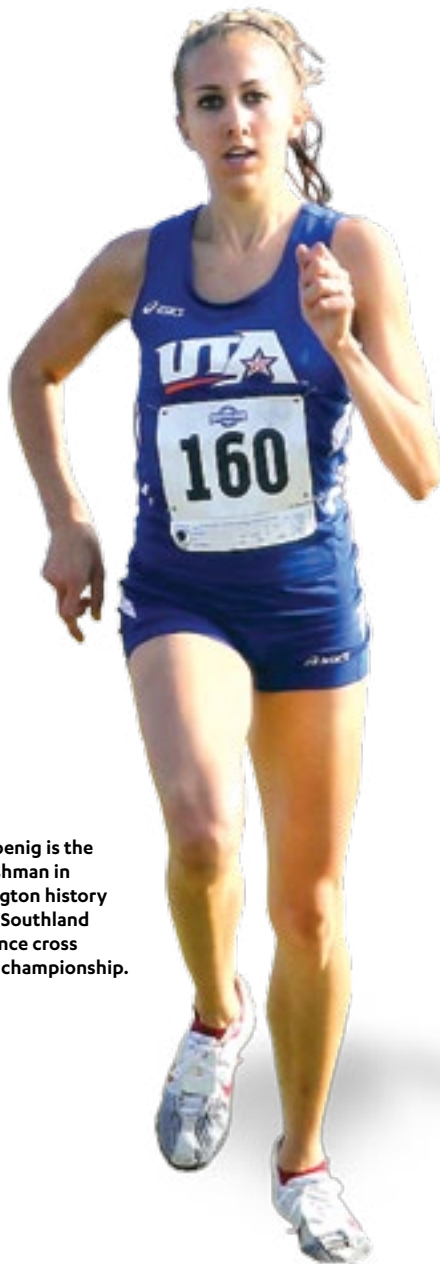
Junior libero Alicia Shaffer, the first volleyball player in program history to win three consecutive Defensive Player of the Week awards, finished as the runner-up in the SLC’s Libero of the Year voting. A second-team all-conference selection, Shaffer averaged 6.22 digs per set.

TREY HILLMAN

The Los Angeles Dodgers hired former baseball standout Trey Hillman as their bench coach. Hillman (’91) was most recently manager of the Kansas City Royals.

FRESHMAN MAKES HISTORY

Emily Koenig won the individual Southland Conference title in women’s cross country last fall, the first Maverick to do so in 15 years. She also became the first athlete in SLC women’s cross country history to be named Freshman of the Year and Athlete of the Year in the same season. Koenig completed the six-kilometer run in 21:30.30, eight seconds ahead of Stephen F. Austin sophomore Lauren Smith, leading the women’s team to a fourth-place finish. “It was one of the most incredible races that I’ve seen a freshman run,” coach John Sauerhage says. “No one has ever won a conference championship as a freshman here at UT Arlington.” A native of Temple, Koenig is the third Maverick runner and first since Frida Rosenberg in 1995 to win the individual medalist award at the SLC Cross Country Championships. She also was named to the 10-person SLC All-Conference team and finished 21st at the NCAA Cross Country Regionals in November. She was one of four SLC athletes to crack the top 25.



Emily Koenig is the first freshman in UT Arlington history to win a Southland Conference cross country championship.



Well Played

Christian Jaeger, Tracy Burr-Lemonia, and Jim Marcum inducted into Athletics Hall of Honor

The prestigious ranks of the Athletics Hall of Honor grew by three members and four championship teams last fall.

Christian Jaeger (1995-99) helped lead the men’s tennis team to three Southland Conference championships and was named SLC Player of the Year for a conference-record three consecutive years. He earned first-team all-conference honors in singles and doubles for the 1998-99 season and was one of only nine players in SLC history to take all-conference honors three times. Jaeger registered at least 21 wins in singles competition all four years at UT Arlington.

“The one thing I’m most proud of is not my achievements but the friends I made who shared their time with me,” Jaeger says. “Tennis is for four years and you’re done, but the friendships you make last a lifetime.”

Tracy Burr-Lemonia (1985-88) led the women’s basketball team in scoring all three years she played, averaging a school-record 19.6 points per game during the 1987-88 season. She scored at least 300 points each year and registered 530 as a senior, good for sixth on the University’s all-time scoring list. Burr finished her career with 1,316 points, ranking her fifth in school history.

Jim Marcum (1967-69) was a starting defensive back for the Arlington State College (now UT Arlington) football team and averaged four tackles per game. He led the team in interceptions both years he played. Following his senior season, he was voted first-team all-conference, was an All-Texas College selection, and earned honorable mention All-America honors. Coach Judd Ramsey considered Marcum one of the best defensive backs he ever coached.

The 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001 men’s SLC championship tennis teams dominated the sport like few before, winning four consecutive conference tournament championships and three regular-season titles, and earning 19 all-conference selections. Under the direction of seven-time SLC Coach of the Year Patric DuBois, the teams posted a 59-35 overall record and a 16-3 conference mark.

Wheelchair Basketball Sports



ANTHONY PONE

Basketball was second nature to 6-foot-9 Anthony Pone. The Philadelphia native played on a community college state championship team while serving in the Army until a car accident took his right leg in 2002. Five years later, his Veterans Administration counselor convinced him to give the sport another try. Soon, scholarship offers to play wheelchair basketball started pouring in. His third year with the Movin’ Mavs has the 37-year-old center still adapting. “The chair is your legs,” he says. “But it’s all basketball. Put the ball in the hoop.” Pone, who averages three to five blocked shots and six to eight rebounds a game, is an imposing figure. “Once I get that ball and I’m at that post, there’s no one who can stop me but myself,” he says. The Movin’ Mavs seek their eighth National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Association championship when they host the tournament March 10-12. The social work senior graduates in May with plans to earn his master’s degree. Pone’s career goal is to help fellow veterans, which he has already done through a Wounded Warriors Project tournament sponsored by the Movin’ Mavs in December. Web extra: Watch a video at uta.edu/utamagazine.

By 2030 Americans 65 or older will represent nearly 20 percent of the country's population. Novel UT Arlington initiatives exploring exercise, memory, high-tech homes, and caregiving are helping this growing demographic lead healthier, fuller lives. BY JUDY WILEY

Linked ^{to} Longevity

By 9 a.m. weekdays, the Maverick Activities Center buzzes with students coming and going. Studying in lounge areas and working at computers, they're a serious lot, focused on the day at hand.

The mood is markedly lighter back in the new Center for Healthy Living and Longevity, where 20 people older than 65, some of them strapped into weight vests, walk laps around the gym. An instructor calls them to rows of folding chairs, where they stand, sit, stretch, and lift their arms, performing chair exercises until it's time to walk again. In the next room, another group plays Wii games on a balance board and competes on a bowling computer game.

The smiles after any success are brilliant. These people have lived long enough to know it's a good idea to

enjoy the moment. The goal of the study: to determine if exercises and games can help prevent falls.

Across campus in various disciplines, UT Arlington researchers and instructors are studying ways to help the nation's growing elderly population enjoy more moments. Wisdom comes with age, but so can ailments, forgetfulness, and isolation.

More than one in eight Americans is older than 65. The 40 million people in that age group are expected to increase to 55 million in 2020.

High-tech UT Arlington discoveries may one day give caregivers ways to monitor whether someone has gotten up, taken medication, eaten, moved around, or fallen. Other studies and programs explore memory and exercise.

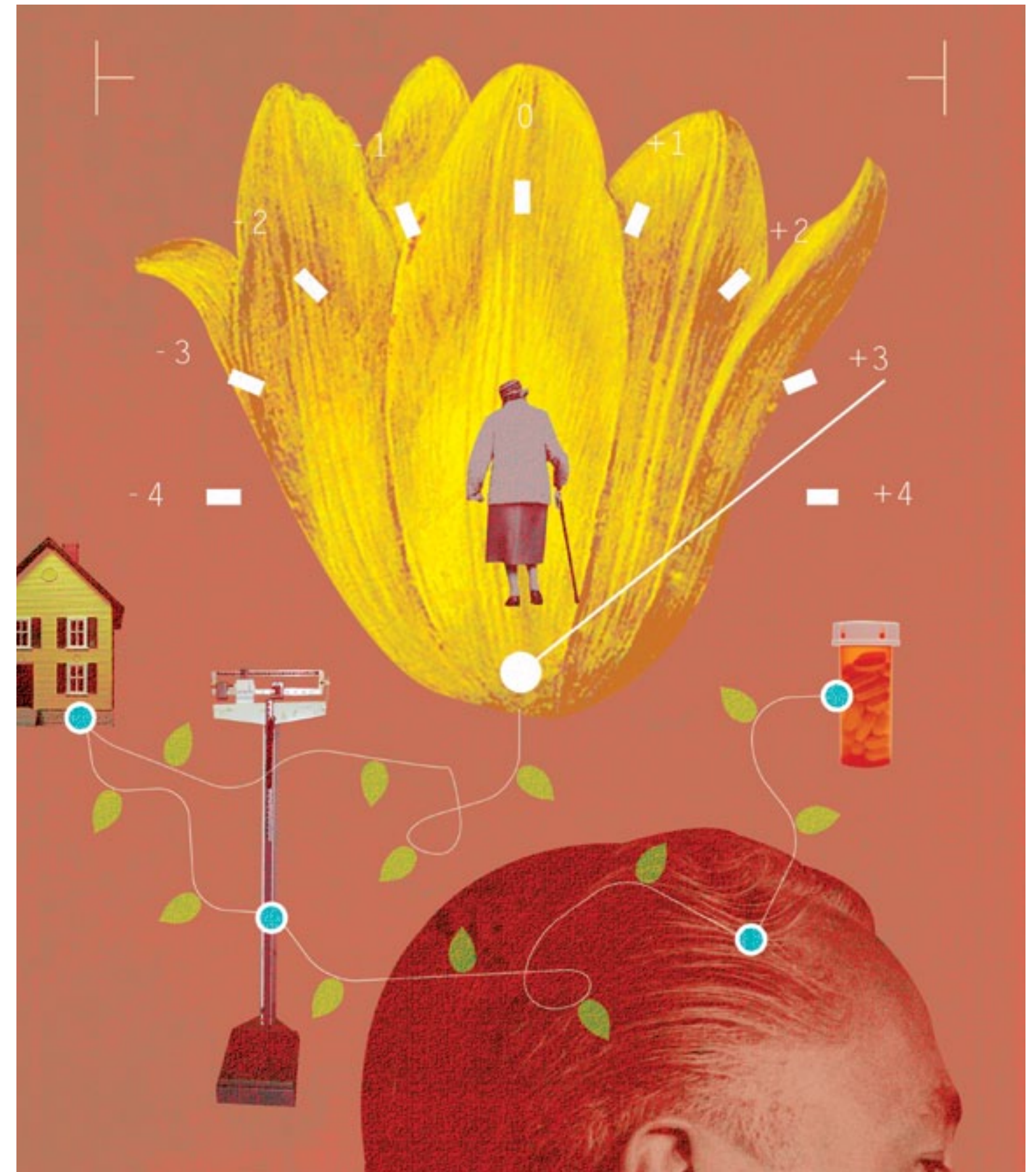


ILLUSTRATION BY STUART BRADFORD

“It’s important for computer scientists’ work to have personal appeal.”

SOUND MIND AND BODY

Lucille Oltion, a blonde in a new pair of New Balance sneakers, perches on a folding chair at the Maverick Activities Center (MAC) and talks about her routine: two-mile run-walks three times a week, regular visits to Curves fitness centers, and three trips a week for hour-long sessions at the MAC.

Oltion is 90. Like 50 percent of women over 75 nationwide, she lives alone. Her husband, with whom she loved to go gambling, died two years ago. “I like to be fit,” the Arlington resident says, “and I like to be with people.”

That makes her perfect for kinesiology Assistant Professor Chris Ray’s trial. The Kinesiology Department is leading efforts by the newly formed Center for Healthy Living and Longevity.

In this study, Dr. Ray seeks ways to prevent falls. His project involves evaluating the subjects’ balance, as well as assessing their ability to use sensory information like vision. Because many falls take place when seniors are multitasking, that also is evaluated. The subjects are tested initially, during, and after the 15-week intervention.



BALANCING ACT

Offered through the Center for Healthy Living and Longevity, a study headed by kinesiologist Chris Ray, right, aims to keep Charles Clay and others 65 and older from falling.

Improvements are occurring in overall fitness—some weight loss and gains in walking distances—and in popularity of the trial. “Our numbers are exploding,” Ray says. He and his colleagues started with 35 subjects found through word-of-mouth referral. Now he has 90 participants, with another 70 on the waiting list.

What drives the participation? Ray says fear can be a great motivator. Says Oltion: “I had a bad fall. I stayed in the bed a lot. I didn’t know a fall could do that to you.”

Juanita Ornelas, 74, of Mansfield says she and her husband signed up because they “want to stay as healthy as possible so we won’t be a burden to our kids.” They already walked an hour and a half a day at the mall but wanted more.

The trial gives participants a bone density test, which was an eye-opener for Ornelas. “They gave me information about how much risk I had of breaking

a bone. That gave me an incentive to start taking calcium.”

“When I exercise, it makes me feel better,” Oltion adds. “I know it’s certainly better than sitting home playing games on the computer.”

Psychology Assistant Professor Timothy Odegard also has older people working out at the MAC, but for different reasons. Anyone who has ever forgotten why she walked from the bedroom to the kitchen will hope for success in this study on the effect of cardiovascular fitness on memory.

Dr. Odegard’s 12 subjects, 65-75 years old, first stay idle for three months and get baseline brain scans. Then they do cardio on a treadmill for another three months and repeat the scans. The idea is to gauge whether cardio reactivates regions of the brain that may have slowed or stopped functioning.

The interdisciplinary study includes psychology Ph.D. student and project leader Crystal Cooper, kinesiology faculty members Judy Wilson and Brad Hedkins, and researchers from UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and UT Dallas.

While it seems obvious with the push to exercise at any age, Odegard says that to his knowledge no one has ever scientifically studied the impact of cardiovascular exercise on memory. The bottom line, he says, could be a greater incentive to stay active.

“If we can get you to the gym and change the physiology of the brain, then you can remember to go to the dry cleaners.”

TECHNOLOGY TO THE RESCUE

Across campus, research at the Heracleia Human-Centered Computing Laboratory is leading to ways to monitor whether someone remembered to take medication or eat. Researchers in the project directed by Fillia Makedon, chair of the Computer Science and Engineering Department, aren’t using live subjects, but they’re looking at real situations, including falls and caregiver concerns.

Housed in the new Engineering Research Building, the lab is named after a city in antiquity where Hellenic culture thrived.

“We chose this name to symbolize an imaginative world where technologies are at the service of humans, with a focus on those who need special help, thus bringing out the human side of technology,” says Dr. Makedon, who organizes the international conference, Pervasive Technologies Related to Assistive Environments—in short, using technology to help the elderly or disabled.

The work could enable a son, daughter, physician, or other caregiver to monitor from afar whether an elderly person got out of bed, took medication, remained active through the day, watched TV, ate, went to bed, and slept restfully.

Sensors at a mock apartment at Heracleia transmit radio frequencies that can be monitored. They go on a bed (as pressure pads), at thresholds, on the TV, refrigerator, in a “smart drawer” where medication is stored. Users could deactivate the system if, for example, a group of people visited.

Eric Becker, who works with fall detection as well as other aspects of the research, says a robot might be



programmed to monitor an elderly person for a fall and alert caregivers using Skype. Robots also could detect emotions based on facial expressions and determine whether a senior adult is depressed.

About 31 percent of the elderly population, or 11.2 million people, live alone, so monitoring will become more important as the number swells.

Privacy is a key issue in this research—ensuring the data is secure and deciding who should see it. Another focus is keeping the equipment affordable and accessible. Makedon’s team also is compiling a library of inexpensive computer games that Alzheimer’s patients or people with disabilities can play at home to help with memory and other functions.

“It’s important for computer scientists’ work to have personal appeal,” she says.

PREPARED TO CARE

As we continue to live longer, the number of really elderly—those 85 and older—is growing. Americans in that age group should number roughly 5.7 million this year and grow by 15 percent to 6.6 million in 2020, according to the federal Administration on Aging. And with greater age, we often need more care.

That’s where Kathryn Daniel’s department steps in. Dr. Daniel directs the Adult and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner program in the College of Nursing.

She says the demand for more gerontological care is increasing primarily because of the increasing numbers of older Americans, but also because some older Americans may wait until their Medicare kicks in before consulting a doctor. The prevalence and incidence of many chronic diseases increase with age. Daniel’s graduates (baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses with a master’s degree in advanced practice) help fill the need by caring for such patients in primary

and specialty care practices, nursing homes, hospices, patients’ homes, and hospitals.

They are proficient in fields that specifically affect the elderly: managing chronic disease, preventive care, screening, and counseling. Nurse practitioners can help guide care for an elderly patient as they transition through the many sites where health care is delivered today.

Daniel is also the program manager for Smart Care, a discovery and demonstration center for technologies to help senior citizens, people with disabilities, and injured veterans live healthier and longer in their own homes. Using a \$634,500 grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, researchers work with business and industry partners to integrate advanced sensors, wireless communication, and other technologies into a simulated home environment.

If Ray, Odegard, Makedon, Daniel, and others at UT Arlington have their way, more older patients will lead healthier lives, with less fear.

Meanwhile, back at the Maverick Activities Center, the studies continue.

Raul Ramirez, research coordinator for Ray’s project, looks impatient. Oltion and Ornelas already have missed a computer session and are about to miss laps in the gym. Oltion has begun talking proudly about her late husband’s skill at the baccarat table.

Ramirez has everyone moving, gives weight vests to those who may need additional strength training, and generally keeps an eye on the program. As she heads back to the gym, it’s obvious that Oltion’s dedication to exercise and her bright, active mind at 90 are a testament to the possibilities.

“Walking helps me,” she says. “Walking—and praying, some days.” 📺 Web extra: Watch a video at uta.edu/utamagazine.

REMOTE CONTROL

Sensors at a mock apartment in the Heracleia Human-Centered Computing Lab could enable caregivers to monitor the daily activities of an elderly person.

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Shorthorn editors have graduated to careers in law, filmmaking, acting, business, academia, and, of course, journalism. Leading the student newspaper, they say, has shaped what they've become. BY DANNY WOODWARD

Fit to Print



In the E.H. Hereford University Center basement where UT Arlington's venerable student daily is produced—a newsroom since 1994 but before that a bar, two things that some may say really aren't so different—there's an office festooned with beanbag chairs, stacks of yellowing newsprint, and a commanding view of computers and cub reporters.

At various times, this office has been called, charmingly, the Fishbowl. That's mostly because it's dominated by glass windows. But it's also because, like an aquarium in a doctor's lobby, everybody watches what happens here. And what happens here matters.

Here is where the editor in chief of *The Shorthorn* sits. And so, here is where University news is born or buried, where ideas incubate, where young journalists are trained and summoned for accountability. Here is staged a juggling act of photos and copy and ads and headlines and bylines and deadlines.

In 92 years of publication, 135 individuals have served as *Shorthorn* editor in chief. I was No. 112, for one exigent semester, in fall 1997.

It's a learning process, and what editors learn is this: *Shorthorn* editor in chief is simultaneously the most intimidating and most exhilarating job you can imagine. You balance college energy with journalistic integrity, Bluto Blutarsky with Ben Bradlee. And whether you do it for one semester or for half your college life, you emerge forever changed.

"It prepared me for the 'big time'—whatever that is," says spring 1991 editor Glen Golightly, whose big time is producing films in Los Angeles. "Being editor in chief of *The Shorthorn* means being ready to do anything: write, edit, fix ancient computer terminals,

Linda Ponce Campbell,
1978 *Shorthorn* editor

deal with physical or verbal threats, pat someone on the back, or kick him in the butt."

Walt Stallings, editor in spring 1976, was to the point (and on point) when he said, "Actually, working on the paper was the fun part."

In the same way that the boat ride is the fun part of being lost at sea.

THE PATRIARCH AND HIS PAPER

The Shorthorn's first editor was a farm boy from Dallas named Nathaniel Killough. He was a member of the Wilsonian Literary Society, an organization focused on training cadets (UT Arlington was a military academy in those days) in debate, and he started a publication to promote the club. His journalism résumé was limited: He had paid his tuition by delivering the *Dallas Dispatch*.

Still, he and Herman Brautigam, who would succeed Killough at the editor's desk, assembled 20 of their peers and produced *The Grubonian* in February 1919. Their publication printed only once, on two 8 1/2 x 11 pages, and was remade as *The Shorthorn* two months later. Killough couldn't have imagined how his little flyer would take off.

The Shorthorn has been on campus longer than any building (Ransom Hall opened later in 1919). Among student organizations, only the ROTC is older. The paper is one of the few links shared by almost all alumni and nearly all incarnations of the University. For decades it has been rated one of America's top college papers, and it was a charter member of the College Media Hall of Fame.

Mark Bauer,
2010 *Shorthorn* editor



MAKING HEADLINES

Walt Stallings, *Shorthorn* editor in chief in spring 1976, is now senior deputy managing editor for *The Dallas Morning News*.



Not surprisingly, it has produced editors in chief who have earned acclaim in and out of journalism. Take Matt Stiles, editor in summer and fall 1999. He has won prestigious Katy and Houston Press Club awards, was the *Houston Chronicle's* reporter of the year in 2007, and was a founding staffer for the influential upstart *The Texas Tribune*.

Jon Weist (fall 1981, spring 1982) is vice president in charge of governmental relations for the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Lee Dunkelberg (fall 1974) is an award-winning voice actor, writer, and producer of documentaries and movies. Bob Dillard (spring 1975) is a former county judge and publisher of the *Jeff Davis Mountain Dispatch*, a weekly serving Texas' Big Bend area.

Stallings is senior deputy managing editor for *The Dallas Morning News*, placing him third in command in the newsroom at one of America's largest newspapers. He says that serving as *Shorthorn* editor meant you knew what you would encounter if you pursued a newspaper career. "The hands-on learning was invaluable, as was the great attention to the craft of journalism taught at UT Arlington by teachers and advisers."

Some education comes from the classroom. Some things take a newsroom. In the summer and fall of 1996, *The Shorthorn* editor was April Flanary Palmer, a ball of fire from Grand Prairie. Today she's a defense attorney in the Texas Panhandle. She credits her time editing *The Shorthorn* for, well, everything.

"It's pretty simple," she says. "If not for *The Shorthorn*, I would not have gone to law school. People think I'm crazy when I say that, because it seems I've drifted completely away from journalism. What I learned in the newsroom made me who I am as a woman, a mom, a wife, a friend, a business owner, an attorney, and a professional.

"I learned to handle the bullies; see through the crap; face down the fear of being the only person in the room who disagrees, strongly, with the system; and be proud that I am standing alone for the guilty. Everything I do today, I am able to do with a little more confidence because of *The Shorthorn*."

'THE HARDEST CALLS'

One pivotal story—usually accompanied by a thorny decision—seems to define the tenure of almost every editor.

In 1977 Phil Latham was caught in the middle of a public feud between a fraternity and a group of student-athletes. Other controversial stories have included Student Congress debates to legalize marijuana and provide on-campus abortions, the resignation of a University president, and the dropping of football.

"The hardest calls and most difficult stories were the stories and editorials that might have played a peripheral part in ending the University's football program," says Theo Carracino, editor in spring 1985.

(Some things never change: "As I'm sure a lot of editors have discovered, the football thing gets stirred up once every few years," says Jessica Freeman, editor 20 years later.)

Sometimes the editor in chief's biggest challenge isn't what to do with a bombshell story. It's what to do with a staff of college students focused on parties, late-night taco runs, and anything besides putting out a newspaper.

"We paid peanuts," recalls Linda Ponce Campbell, editor in spring 1978 and now an award-winning editorial writer for the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram*, "but you still expected people to meet deadlines and not disappear or just sit around. The first time I had to fire someone, I learned I was not cut out for management. I could never be that George Clooney character who fired other people's employees for a living."

Firing an employee—a friend who was your equal a semester ago—is never easy, especially when you're relying on a shoestring group of stringers.

"It always seemed like we were short-staffed," says Reese Dunklin, who was editor in fall 1995 and is now an investigative reporter for *The Dallas Morning News*. "We worked long hours because of that. But when we would break an important story or receive positive feedback from readers, our endurance was replenished, and the momentum continued."

"After a week or semester might end, we could look back with pride at what we did. The same holds true all these years later."

'I UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM'

Shorthorn editors graduate into all sorts of gigs. Some find UT Arlington a great fit. Donna Darovich, editor in 1968-1970 and 1971, became the University's chief spokeswoman for 23 years. Heather Clappitt Levy and Trá Clough both were editor in chief in the mid-1990s and returned as faculty in the English Department. I've worked in the President's Office here since 2004.

Darrell Dunn and Jason Wills aren't on campus, but their impact is. Dunn (spring 1980, spring 1981) works for Academic Partnerships, a company that helps the University develop and deliver distance education courses. Wills (fall 1992) is senior vice president for on-campus development at American Campus Communities, an Austin-based company that has proposed building a residential complex adjacent to the campus.

Then there's Beth Francesco. She was editor in summer and fall 2002 and spring 2003. Soon after, she became the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times'* youngest-ever city editor. In 2008 she returned to *The Shorthorn* as newsroom adviser.

Which makes her a former editor charged with training the current one.

"Being editor in chief can be intimidating, hard work, and it's thankless at a lot of points," she says. "It means the world to me to help—both hands on and hands off—someone who wants to be a leader. My job is to make sure the staff, any staffer, has the tools he or she needs to be as good as he or she wants to be. I don't think my career would have prepared me for this role had I not had the experiences I did as editor in chief."

Mark Bauer, editor for all three semesters of 2010, says having someone who has been there, done that was an asset.

Francesco's pride in the paper was evident, he says, and she expected the staff to keep the standards *The Shorthorn* is known for. "At the same time, having been a *Shorthorn* editor, she understood the time restraints student editors were under. That back-



ground allowed her to speak with authority when she would say, 'I understand where you're coming from.'"

Francesco has no say in appointing the editor (that responsibility goes to a committee that considers staff members' votes, among other things). She does, however, nurture the editor, and that's a role she relishes.

"Once they are named editor, they realize they don't know everything, and it can be nerve-racking—like the first day they came to work at *The Shorthorn*," she says. "It's an incredible feeling to get to remind the editors in chief that they were selected on their merit and to train them to get them comfortable with the new role. Then you get out of the way."

'NO TITLE EVER MEANT MORE'

Like many UT Arlington students, *Shorthorn* editors in chief often come from humble beginnings to achieve great successes. That's thanks, in part, to the education they receive while working on the paper and studying in the classroom.

"UT Arlington may not be as readily known as the powerhouse journalism programs at the University of Missouri, Northwestern University, and the University of California, Berkeley," says *The Dallas Morning News'* Dunklin, a recipient of the prestigious Livingston Award recognizing outstanding young journalists. "But those programs also don't guarantee that any student can learn better reporting and writing skills than those UT Arlington and *The Shorthorn* can teach its staff. I put our alumni up against the other leading journalism programs any day."

And it's many of these alums who will redefine journalism in 2011 and beyond. In fact, they've been doing it all along. *The Shorthorn* was among the first collegiate newspapers to go online, doing so in 1997. *The Shorthorn* was also ahead of other college papers (and some professional outfits) in pagination and digital photography.

What's next for *The Shorthorn* and journalism in general is a great unknown. But one thing's certain, says *The Dallas Morning News'* Stallings: "It's changing radically. But the basics of reporting and editing are still the foundation for everything. So the commitment to journalistic principles and public service needs to remain as strong as ever. Innovation and a broad range of skills will be required for anyone pursuing journalism going forward."

In other words, at the end of the day, "credible journalism still matters."

And so do credible journalists.

"People need good, accurate information to live their lives," says Camp-

bell, the *Star-Telegram* columnist. "You need to find ways to provide substance and credibility, not irrelevance. The future of the profession is yours to shape. Have fun."

Fun's never been a problem. Ask any of us. Even on those days in the Fishbowl (in its numerous configurations, as *The Shorthorn* offices have moved six times) when exhilarating is no match for intimidating.

"I collected a lot of titles in a working life that has somehow navigated strange waters in 54 jobs, but no title ever meant more to me or made more of a difference than that of *Shorthorn* editor in chief," Carracino says. "I can't possibly be alone in that sentiment." ☘

Pioneers

FIRST EDITOR IN CHIEF
Nathaniel Killough
(1919)

FIRST TWO-TERM
Herman Brautigam
(1919-20)

FIRST WOMAN
Jewel Kingrea
(1920)

LONGEST SERVING
Donna Darovich
(1968-1970, 1971)

FIRST HISPANIC
Linda Ponce Campbell
(1978)

FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN
Michael Hines
(1998)

FIRST ASIAN-AMERICAN
David Ok
(2006)

FULL CIRCLE

Now *The Shorthorn's* newsroom adviser, former editor Beth Francesco, left, helps mold senior Sarah Lutz and other newspaper staffers into successful journalists.

"What I learned in the newsroom made me who I am as a woman, a mom, a wife, a friend, a business owner, an attorney, and a professional."

Robotics Revolution

With their surveillance, crowd-control, and intelligence-gathering skills, the tiny robots that UT Arlington researchers are inventing and mass-producing could transform the defense industry. BY O.K. CARTER

The slight creature scurrying through the leaves pauses. It darts left to avoid a fallen branch, flattens itself to crawl under yet another branch, then clambers over a pile of refuse before hesitating, as if testing the air. Or scouting an enemy. Or both.

As small as it is—smaller and lighter than a deck of cards with legs—it is transporting even smaller creatures that will soon power up and fan out, testing water and air, listening and watching, perhaps clinging to anything that moves and communicating its location. Maybe they'll be weapons, going where no person could safely go. They may see in the dark, hear in the silence.

Clearly these are not biological creatures, though they can emulate biological forms by walking and possibly swimming and flying. No, they're microrobots, essentially sensors of all kinds but with a handy capacity. They can move, take orders, communicate. They can function in harsh environments. Best of all, they're cheap and expendable, perhaps even self-destructing when their usefulness ends.

And their future is almost now at UT Arlington's Texas Microfactory, a component of the College of Engineering's Automation and Robotics Research Institute (ARRI) in Fort Worth. The Texas Microfactory is a global leader in developing microsystems, one component of which is tiny robotic devices that can be mass-manufactured.

Leading the interdisciplinary effort are half a dozen scientists and graduate students who combine forces

in robotics, microtechnology, and even chemistry to make what ARRI Director Harry Stephanou calls "flea-sized robots."

'FLEA' MARKET

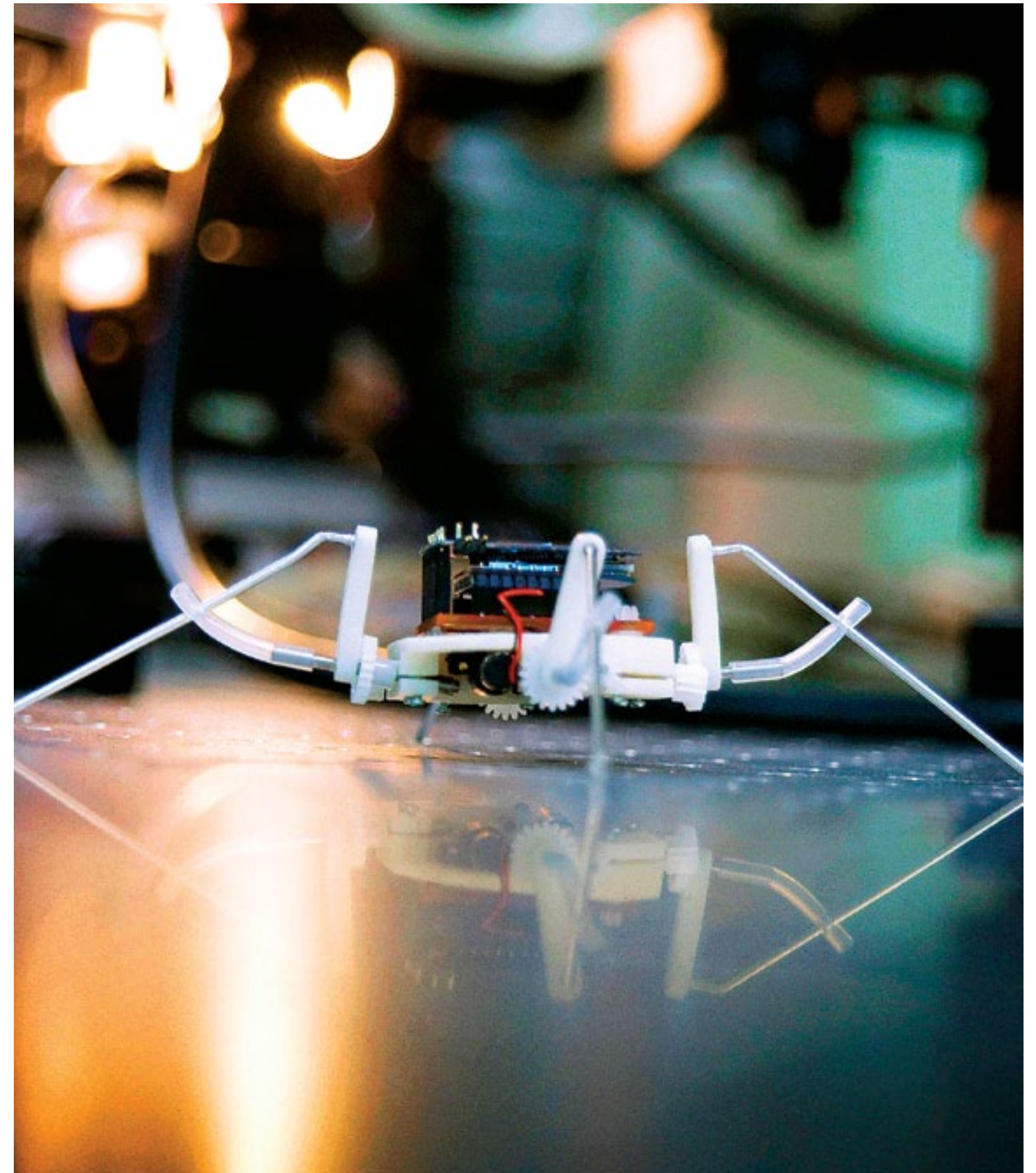
Dr. Stephanou believes microsystems will be a major U.S. industry, creating tens of thousands of jobs. The Defense Department has invested almost \$11 million in microsystems at ARRI, with more likely to come.

"Our defense-oriented work includes research and applications related to swarms of small robots," Stephanou says. "These can be used for surveillance, for crowd control and dispersal, intelligence gathering, or many other functions."

Microrobotics specialist Mohammad Mayyas, a faculty associate researcher at ARRI, says the microfactory has almost perfected the larger devices. "Now we're working on ways to make tinier and more flexible robots for real-world applications."

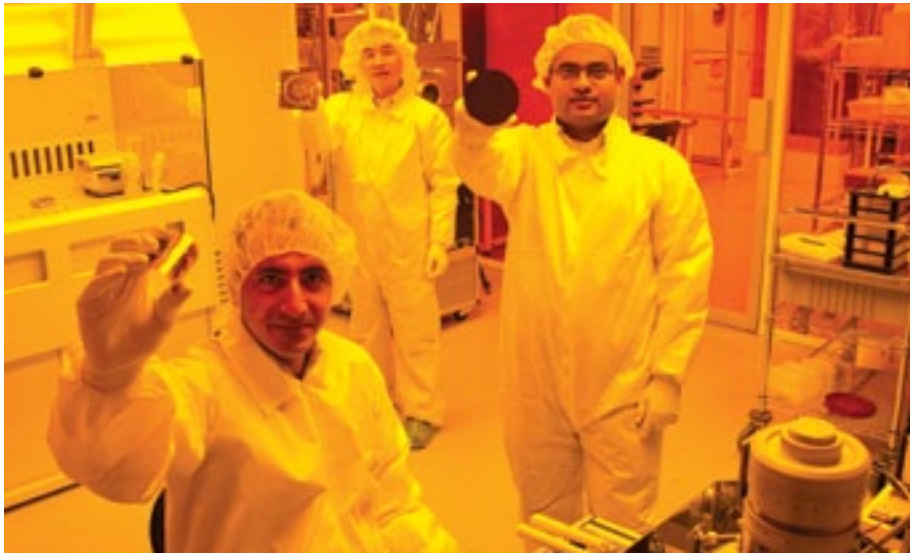
Here's a quick lesson in microrobotic basics. First, microrobots come with two mechanical styles, discrete and continuous. Discrete models tend to be "bigger"—a few centimeters long—with mechanical parts like legs or wheels, tiny motors, and batteries. Continuous models are usually smaller and manufactured in what appears to be a single piece, though in fact they are composite structures folded into techno-origamis. Their power may come from acoustic or radio waves since they're too small to carry batteries.

Second, think of microrobots in three sizes. The first



SMALL STEPS, BIG IMPACT

Called "Starbot," this microrobot's unique leg system allows it to maneuver around obstacles and return to an upright position if it flips over.



ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

Researchers in the Texas Microfactory manufacture tiny robots in large numbers under the direction of Harry Stephanou, below.

are measured in centimeters. The microfactory's two centimeter models are called "Starbot" and "Casper." Starbot walks with a unique leg system; Casper essentially rolls. Two microfactory devices in the second group are measured in millimeters and are made through molding, stamping, folding, and assembling. They look somewhat insect-like, which is why they're named "ARRIpede" and "Flea." The smallest devices are measured in micrometers—a human hair is about 150 micrometers—and the microfactory's two models have been labeled "μTags" and "Vibrobot."

"We think we're less than a year away from having manufacturable models of the centimeter size, two years or fewer from the millimeter size, and perhaps five years from the micrometer models," Stephanou says. "But extra funding could speed up that process."

For Stephanou and the microfactory team, manufacturable is a key word.

"So often there's a disconnect between academic research and the realities of manufacturing. Just because you can make something in a lab that works doesn't mean you can quickly and cheaply turn out 100 or 500 or 1,000 or more units. Our emphasis isn't just on researching microrobotics. We focus on how to make them and many other microsystems a viable industry."

BEYOND PROTOTYPES

Stephanou's technological Holy Grail is converting ARRI's specialized niche into a real-world economic development driver for Texas and the nation.

"We want to create jobs," he says. "The way to create jobs is to build the economy of the future. The microsystems industry is the way to create tens of thousands of jobs. Academic research and development is wonderful from a science standpoint, but it doesn't tell us what industry needs in the way of microrobotics."

What's needed, he says, is "very clear."

"They need to move from chips to working devices and from there to collections of devices, or systems. That first jump typically accounts for 85 percent of the cost of the devices."

In short, say ARRI team members Woo Ho Lee and Rakesh Murthy, industry wants actual manufacturing

processes—the ability to make the tiny robots on a kind of assembly line.

"Our goal is not only to create products but also the technology to create the products," Dr. Murthy says. "It's what's called concurrent engineering."

The laboratories at the Texas Microfactory are doing just that, producing micromachining modules operating in clean rooms that can turn out the little robots in big numbers. And sometimes very economically.

"Sometimes the tools and devices needed to do this don't exist in the marketplace," Murthy says. "So we have to either make them or modify existing products."

The idea is to create micromachining modules that become assembly lines utilizing as many existing components as possible. This ability to create commercially viable manufacturing systems is a critical distinction for ARRI and the microfactory.

"We differentiate ourselves because we have a chain from innovation to research and development, prototyping, and pilot production," Stephanou says. "There's no other university that I have ever seen—even in Germany where they're good at this sort of thing—that includes pilot production."

For example, a company might have developed a prototype in the lab and now wants to make batches of 100, or 1,000, or 10,000.

"They look around and say, 'Where do we buy the equipment for the actual manufacturing?'" Stephanou says. "For this kind of technology, the answer often is that the equipment does not exist. And they don't have a process to make it exist. We do. That's the value in what we're doing. We can make such projects viable."

Microfactory engineers are building machines—manufacturing modules—that can create microrobots at the nano, micron, and millimeter levels.

"The micron level seems to be the sweet spot with the greatest demand right now," Stephanou says. "Our specialty is that we can produce small runs of devices or products for private companies or government."

If a company wants to develop 500 units—or 2,000—the microfactory can develop the process and produce the device, such as tiny robots that can carry all kinds of payloads.

When thinking about microsystems, Stephanou believes that it's critical to remain "technologically agnostic."

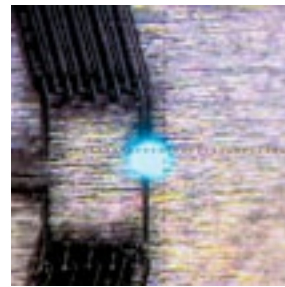
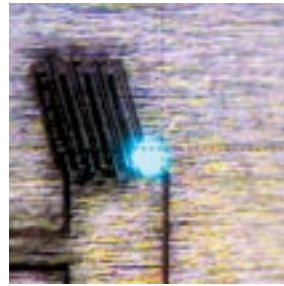
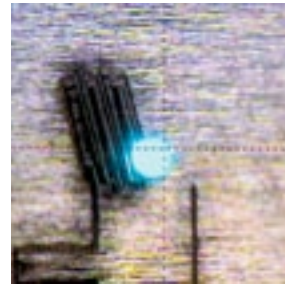
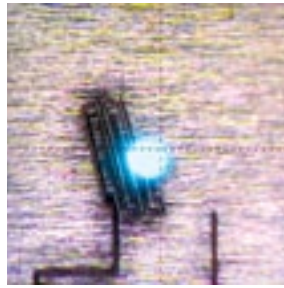
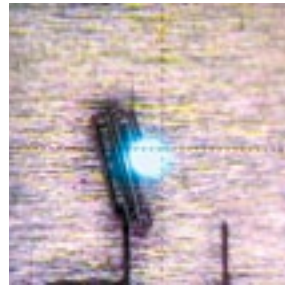
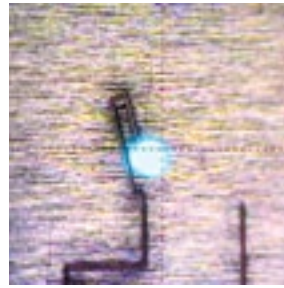
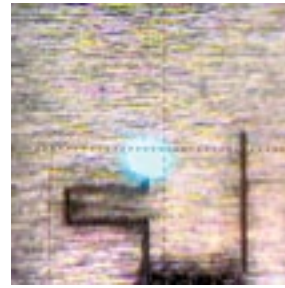
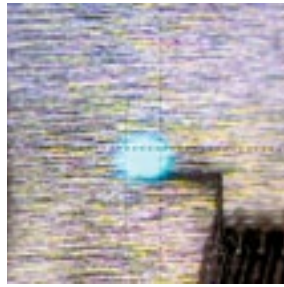
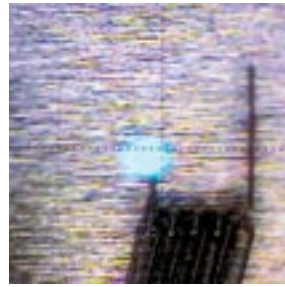
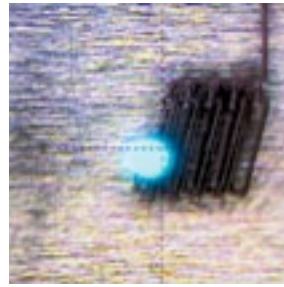
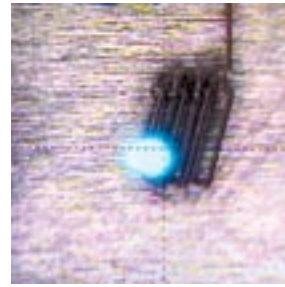
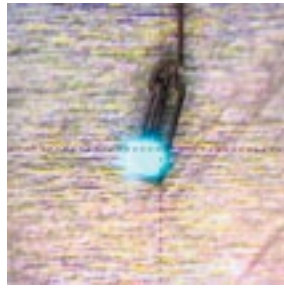
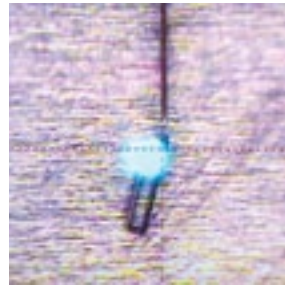
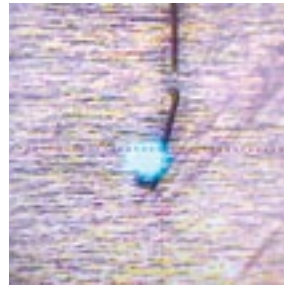
"All too often, scientists or researchers become fixated on one technology or material or another," he says. "We try to go with what works. If that means using silicon or glass or polymers or metals—molding, stamping,

and folding—that's what we'll do. There's no one-technology-fits-all when it comes to making tiny robots or other microsystems."



He believes UT Arlington is setting the pace.

"We're only just now scratching the surface of what has enormous economic potential. In my view, we aren't just one of the front-runners. We are the world university leader in manufacturable microsystems." ☺



PILOT PRODUCTION

This magnified look at the micromachining technology being perfected by UT Arlington engineers illustrates the ability to create microrobots the size of a flea and smaller.





Social Thinkers

Students in UT Arlington's cohort programs say the group-learning method develops skills that benefit their careers through its team-based approach, networking opportunities, and quick pace. BY AMBER SCOTT

Two men and a woman huddle, talking in the affable way friends do. "He probably went home and cried into his \$30 million glove," one of the men says.

The other man, wearing a blue Texas Rangers baseball cap, concurs. "Yeah, and after that he probably curled up into his giant pile of money and got a good night's sleep."

The woman snickers. "No kidding," she says. "Unbelievable!"

The three are discussing high-priced New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez and his game-ending strikeout the night before that sent the Rangers to their first World Series.

But this conversation isn't at a local sports bar or a restaurant over lunch. Actually, it's in a classroom at 8:15 a.m. on a Saturday, just before a four-hour marketing course begins.

The 40 or so people convened this October morning are all divided into similar groups, chatting about weekend plans, upcoming class projects, and, yes, that baseball game.

"OK, let's get it out of the way," says the instructor, Larry Chonko. "Go Rangers!"

The class erupts into claps and cheers. Dr. Chonko, the Thomas McMahon Professor in Business Ethics in UT Arlington's College of Business, then segues into the day's lesson on marketing communications. The students focus on the projector or their laptops, where they've pulled notes from online.

FRIENDS AND SCHOLARS

Such camaraderie and cohesion among classmates reflects the format of the class. The students are enrolled in the Cohort Master of Business Administration program and will earn their MBA in just two years. They target one subject every five weeks, with two four-hour classes per week on weekends or after business hours. The non-traditional hours and fast pace make cohort programs attractive to working professionals seeking to boost their credentials.

It's an intensive process, one that naturally draws students together, Chonko says.

BUDDY SYSTEM

Cohort Master of Business Administration students work closely with each other throughout the intensive two-year program.



WELL SCHOOLED
At top, Tina Castillo '10 talks with cohort MBA students Marcus Myers, left, and Jordan Freitas in her role as assistant director of UT Arlington MBA programs. At right, David Tapia '99 is principal at Arlington's Hutcheson Junior High.

"Students really learn from each other as they develop relationships with others in the class. Many activities are team-focused. This provides opportunities to lead, manage, craft ideas, make decisions, reach conclusions, and defend actions—all essential skills that will benefit them greatly in their careers."

Melanie McGee, director of MBA programs in the College of Business, calls the interpersonal connection a major advantage to cohort learning. "It's about team-building. It's an enriching knowledge-gain experience where students feel freer to engage because they know each other."

Cohort MBA student Janet Cunningham couldn't agree more.

"I started with a group of classmates, have taken almost all my classes with them, and I will graduate with that same group," she says. "I have been especially fortunate to work with a fabulous group of intelligent, motivated women on numerous group projects. We call ourselves Girl Power, and each of us brings a different perspective and skill set to the group."

Girl Power worked with the Tarrant Area Food Bank on its signature Empty Bowls fundraiser. The group helped improve room layout and process workflow and presented recommendations to Susan Frye, the food bank's community events director. Frye was so impressed that she invited Cunningham and her pals to participate in the Empty Bowls planning for 2011.

"It continues to be an enriching experience," Cunningham says. "It's allowing me to learn more about nonprofit organizations, and it may provide me with contacts for career possibilities."

Darren Nelson, a manager with Dr Pepper



Snapple Group in Plano who recently graduated from the MBA cohort, says the program has had a huge impact on his career.

"My company benefits from my newfound vision every day, as I am able to apply it cross-functionally in projects and decision making. I now have a well-rounded view of the business and can take the viewpoints of other functional areas into consideration."

While the cohort structure can be demanding, most of the participants agree that it provides many advantages. It offers students the freedom to continue their careers, raise families, and generally address anything else that needs their attention.

"Being able to work while pursuing my education with night and weekend classes was so convenient," Nelson says, "and the lockstep program allowed me to focus intently on one subject at a time."

GROUP DYNAMICS

Cohort learning has been on the rise at UT Arlington and other institutions for more than a decade. In addition to the MBA cohort, the University offers cohort or modified cohort graduate degree programs in nine other areas, including health care administration, sustainability, criminology and criminal justice, principal certification, and public administration. The programs are housed at the UT Arlington Fort Worth Center in downtown Fort Worth.

The health care administration offering is the largest program of its kind in the United States. The sustainability cohort, which began in fall 2010, already has expanded to include a Dallas group.

Enrollment in the first cohort in 2000 was 86. That number has risen steadily as the University adds an average of one cohort program per year. Since 2006 when the programs moved to the Fort Worth Center, enrollment has more than doubled, from 774 to nearly 1,700.

"They're thriving for a lot of reasons," Dr. McGee says. "These classes have higher success and retention rates. There is a better sense of personal accountability, and students are privy to a great support system and professional networking. We call it networking on steroids."

Cohort learning is also on the rise because the programs are adaptable to most degree plans and can be integrated with online learning to create even more convenience. In 2009 UT Arlington launched its Academic Partnership Bachelor of Science in Nursing, which combines a media-enriched online format with extensive clinical experience.

The first cohort has 40 students, and participants will earn their degrees in 15 months. AP-BSN student Nicole Gould says having the same classmates throughout the program has been a big advantage.

"We get to know each other. We always have the same courses at the same time, and we also have nursing clinical together as a group. We have become kind of like a family, and we're there for one another, to help each other study and make sure we all succeed."

David Tapia, principal at Hutcheson Junior High in Arlington, earned his principal certification from the Educational Leadership UT Arlington (ELUTA)

cohort. The program was the prototype for the College of Education and Health Professions' current principal certification program. Tapia says the different perspectives his fellow classmates brought to each class were invaluable.

"The diverse nature of the students in my cohort provided exposure to many different types of school leaders and districts," says Tapia, now in his 13th year as an administrator and 10th as a principal. "I feel my success is due in part to the amazing foundation and practical experience I earned in ELUTA."

Chonko believes that dynamism is what ultimately defines a cohort.

"No one wants to listen to an instructor for four hours, so there is a greater demand to engage in dialogue with the students," he says. "How that occurs varies. In my classes, much of the learning occurs by engaging in active-learning exercises. My role is to provide some knowledge and thought foundation, but the students do all the work."

Ultimately, success in a cohort program largely depends on the students' ability to do just that: all the work. They must adjust to the fast pace, work collaboratively with classmates, and engage in every lesson. Those who succeed discover that the format has helped them with more than just earning their degrees and powering a career.



"You have to attack those classes," says Tina Castillo, assistant director of UT Arlington MBA programs and herself a recent cohort MBA graduate. "You really have to have a plan for your approach and success."

Now she goes at things more quickly.

"Sometimes I have to remind myself to slow down because not everyone has the same attitude that I do," she says with a laugh. "But it's definitely made me a more productive person." 📺 Web extra: Watch a video at uta.edu/utamagazine.

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APPETITE FOR LEARNING

Student Janet Cunningham has formed a close bond with a group of women in her MBA cohort. They call themselves Girl Power, and they work with the Tarrant Area Food Bank on its Empty Bowls fundraiser.



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We Are the World

International alumni are making an impact in all corners of the globe

The reach of UT Arlington alumni extends far beyond North Texas. With graduates finding success in 90 countries on six continents—from Mexico to Thailand to Australia—the University’s global reputation as a premier destination for higher education continues to soar.

In some cases that reputation approaches royal status. Nasser Ahmed Lozi, who earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering in 1979, serves as chief of the Royal Hashemite Court for Jordan’s King Abdullah II and has been called the second most powerful person in Jordan. Lozi received the University’s first Distinguished International Alumni Award at the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Gala in October.

“UT Arlington is fortunate to be enriched by diverse cultures spanning the world,” Alumni Association Executive Director Lora Malone says. “With his impressive credentials and strong desire to be an advocate for UT Arlington in Jordan, His Excellency Lozi was an ideal choice to receive this award.”

Alumnus Mustaque Ahmed believes so strongly in UT Arlington’s influence that he wants to make sure the University’s voice is heard worldwide. He recently endowed the Festival of Ideas Global Research Institute to explore cultural and intellectual issues. The institute integrates the scholarship and creativity of faculty and graduate students with insights from presentations by world-renowned experts who visit campus.

“My goal is to uplift the school’s image and to provide a way for the University community to contribute to the betterment of the world,” says Ahmed, a Bangladesh native who earned a bachelor’s degree in economics in 1981. “In time, I hope the institute helps the University continue to gain prominence nationally as well as globally.”

By all accounts, this vision is being realized. Nearly 300 UT Arlington alumni call China home. The University’s Asia Executive MBA program is one of the largest of any foreign university in China and boasts more than 1,500 alumni. Many graduates, and even current students, are high-ranking executives at some of the country’s largest corporations.

“UTA has a good brand reputation,” says Asia EMBA student Jiang Pan, senior director of operations for Walmart China. “I believe learning with UTA can help me better understand American culture and people.”

With recent visits to China, Jordan, Greece, and Italy, Provost Donald Bobbitt has seen firsthand the University’s impact abroad.

“Our expanding international alumni population is evidence of UT Arlington’s global perspective and influence,” Dr. Bobbitt says. “As our alumni assume leadership positions all over the world, the University’s reputation as a first-rate institution dedicated to educating tomorrow’s leaders will continue to grow.”

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ELITE EIGHT Since 1965 UT Arlington has recognized its most outstanding alumni with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Honored at the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Gala in October were, from left, Clifford Hahne ’82, Robert Irish Jr. ’66, James Ditto ’48-’51, Jean McSweeney ’83, Ignacio Nuñez ’75, Nasser Ahmed Lozi ’79, Thomas Rourke ’74, ’78, and Greg Barron ’91. Ditto received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award, and Lozi received the first Distinguished International Alumni Award. The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed by the University and Alumni Association, and the Distinguished Alumni Gala generates significant scholarship funds for students.

ALUMNI GIFT MATCHED TO ENDOW SCHOLARSHIPS



Ignacio Nuñez’s parents taught him the value of a good education long before he was a successful Arlington doctor or a UT Arlington Distinguished Alumnus. Now, Dr. Nuñez and his wife, Lynda, are honoring his mother with the Carmen Trujillo Nuñez Pre-Med Scholarship. The couple also have established a second scholarship named after Lynda Nuñez’s mother.

The endowment for both scholarships is \$50,000, a combination of a \$25,000 gift from the Nuñez family and \$25,000 from the University’s Maverick Match program. Ignacio Nuñez has practiced obstetrics/gynecology in Arlington for 27 years, and he served as president of the medical staff at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital from 2008 to 2010. He graduated from UT Arlington with a bachelor’s degree in biology in 1975 and went on to attend UT Southwestern Medical School at Dallas. “My mother was an avid reader who bestowed upon me several gifts that have served me well. First is a shared love of reading, second an insatiable curiosity, and third an adventurous life as a child traveling with my family to wherever my father was stationed,” Dr. Nuñez says. “My mother always told me that I was just as capable as anyone else, regardless of race or social standing. I believed her.” Through Maverick Match, the University uses natural gas royalties to leverage major gifts. Philanthropic partners who make endowments of \$25,000 or more see their contributions doubled. The endowment will provide a \$1,125 scholarship for a pre-med student and a \$1,125 scholarship for an English major. The second scholarship is called the Evelyn Anita Sawyer Ray Endowed Scholarship in English. Lynda Nuñez graduated from UT Arlington in 1991 with a bachelor’s degree in English.

Unifying Force

Alumnus organizes Native American chapter

Joseph Bohanon has a way of bringing people together.

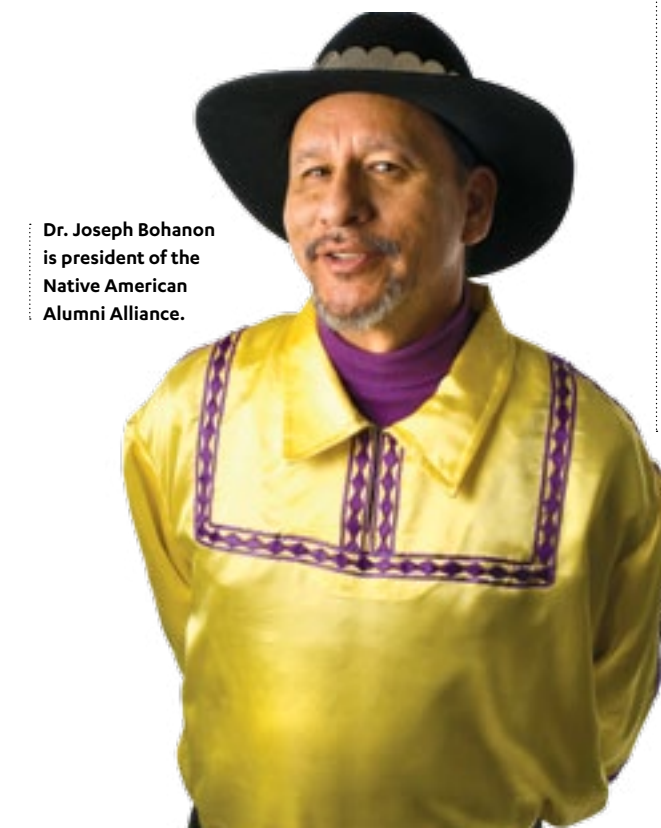
The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma tribe member formed the Native American Student Association (NASA) while a UT Arlington student in 1994. Later he established the Tribal Hands United to Network and Determine Educational Resolve (THUNDER), a coalition of Native American clubs at 12 North Texas colleges and universities. He also co-founded the American Indian Community Council in Dallas, which started a health clinic in Tarrant County.

“It was really exciting during that period of time in 1994 because students were interested in the American Indian culture,” Dr. Bohanon says. “Thankfully, we had a dedicated adviser, Dr. Kenneth Roemer.”

Bohanon’s latest creation is the Native American Alumni Alliance (NAAA), which is calling on former NASA members to join. The group not only keeps former Mavericks together but also supports NASA scholarships. “We’ll focus on North Texas first, then move into Oklahoma,” he says of NAAA’s membership plans.

He is an elder for NASA and a regular at its annual Pow Wow, which is set for March on the UT Arlington campus. NAAA plans a recruitment drive then, too. Bohanon ’96 BSW, ’97 MSW is an associate professor and chair of the Division of American Indian Studies at Bacone College, a small private institution in Muskogee, Okla., created for American Indians in the 1880s.

“We hope American Indian students will complete their academic goals wherever they enroll,” he says. “Students can then give back to our American Indian communities as future leaders and role models for their tribal nations.”



Dr. Joseph Bohanon is president of the Native American Alumni Alliance.

Snapshot



ALUMNI GALA

The Alumni Association hosted the 45th Annual Distinguished Alumni Gala in October at the E.H. Hereford University Center. Among those attending were, from left, Larry Stephens ’72, ’79, Shelia Salinas ’97, Adolfo Salinas, David Hunn ’78, ’80, ’92, and Kay Hunn.



Also enjoying the Alumni Gala festivities were, from left, Keith Weiss ’73, Bob Watson ’03, Carolyn Weiss, and engineering Dean Bill Carroll.



ARLINGTON MIXER

Saty Satyamurti ’07 and his son, Ravi, attended an Arlington alumni mixer hosted by the Alumni Association in November.



Also attending the mixer were, from left, Jennifer Cathcart ’99, Daniel Kauth ’84, Tommy Simmons ’72, and Chris Kujawa ’06.

Events

HOUSTON ALUMNI MIXER

Join fellow Mavericks in networking and celebrating UT Arlington from 6 to 8 p.m. **Monday, March 7**, at Champpps Uptown (1121 Uptown Park Blvd., Houston). RSVP and more details: uta.edu/alumni/alumnimixer

MAVERICK RING SALES

A Balfour representative answers questions and takes Official Maverick Ring orders 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **March 8-9** in the E.H. Hereford University Center. Rings may be purchased any time by visiting the Alumni Association at 841 W. Mitchell St. in Arlington. uta.edu/alumni/maverickring



BILL NYE

The popular scientist, educator, comedian, author, and TV host entertains and amazes as part of the Maverick Speakers Series at 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, March 23**, in Texas Hall. His *Bill Nye the Science Guy* TV show has won seven national Emmy Awards for writing, performing, and producing. uta.edu/maverick-speakers

AUSTIN ALUMNI MIXER

Wear your blue with a brighter shade of orange from 6 to 8 p.m. **Tuesday, March 29**, on the patio at Iron Cactus (10001 Stonelake in Austin) to network with fellow Mavericks. RSVP and more details: uta.edu/alumni/alumnimixer

ALUMNI PICNIC

Food and fun await at the Alumni Association's Annual Alumni Picnic in the Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturday, April 9**, in Doug Russell Park. uta.edu/alumni/alumnipicnic

HALL OF HONOR ADDS DISTINGUISHED CADETS



Col. Joe B. Swift, top, Brig. Gen. Ricky D. Gibbs, center, and Maj. John Gallatin Kearby are the 2011 inductees into the Military Science Hall of Honor. Swift earned a B.B.A. degree in 1963 as a distinguished military graduate. He was selected to shoot with the All-Army team and was placed in charge of rifle and pistol training activities while stationed in Korea and Japan. After receiving his flying license, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a reconnaissance pilot and on administrative flight missions. Upon receiving a master's degree in industrial psychology, he became an operations officer and later a helicopter battalion training officer. Swift retired from the Army in 1989 and later worked for Bell Helicopter as a logistics engineer. Gibbs received a B.A. degree in 1982. He also earned master's degrees from Troy State University and the U.S. Army War College. He served in Germany



prior to being named chief of personnel and training for the combat training center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He later served as chief of the Army Initiatives Group. Following two tours of duty in Iraq, he became chief of staff for the 1st Infantry Division in 2008. Among his awards are the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. Kearby received an associate degree in 1925 from North Texas Agricultural College (now UT Arlington). He later graduated from Southern Methodist University and became a teacher. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1943 and played a vital role in developing the high-altitude pressure suit. His work pioneered the spacesuits used by today's astronauts. Both John Kearby and his brother, Neel, were killed in separate incidents during World War II while on flying missions over the Pacific Ocean.



IMMORTAL FLYING ACE

UT Arlington, city, and military officials unveiled a Texas historical marker and statue honoring alumnus Neel E. Kearby in November at the George W. Hawkes Central Library in downtown Arlington. A graduate of North Texas Agricultural College (now UT Arlington) and a member of the University's Military Science Hall of Honor, Col. Kearby was killed in action during World War II. He was a decorated fighter pilot who received numerous honors, including the Medal of Honor, which is displayed in College Hall.



Caring Heart

Alumna Sada Herrera restores hope in West Africa

Sada Herrera '06 is devoting her life to addressing Sierra Leone's overwhelming need for medical and dental care.

"It's hard to imagine that this country has six million people but only 75 registered physicians and only eight dentists," the nursing graduate says.

Herrera and her husband, Gabriel, a dentist, have spent more than a year and a half in the West African nation as part of the Global Connection Partnership Network (GCPN), an international nonprofit that links people with churches and other organizations.

In November GCPN and several partners, including UT Arlington, helped open the Hope Center near Freetown, the Sierra Leone capital. The 11,000-square-foot center, which serves families devastated by the country's 11-year civil war, features a dental and medical clinic, a conference room, male and female dormitories, classrooms, a computer lab, and a guest house.

UT Arlington participants included the Africa Program, College of Nursing, School of Social Work, College of Engineering, and Intercollegiate Athletics. Africa Program Director Alusine Jalloh coordinated the University's efforts. Engineering professors designed the center's electrical systems. Social work faculty contributed to the educational curriculum. Nursing professors consulted with medical personnel. Athletics donated sports equipment.

Herrera says she's proud to have earned her degree from a university that's restoring hope in the war-torn region.

"This gives me an opportunity to use my nursing skills to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people of Sierra Leone. I have the ability—and the duty—to pass on the same knowledge I learned at UT Arlington."

Copán Ruina, Honduras Alumni



GLOBAL IMPACT

Lo Daniels '05 understands the power of education to transform lives. Last year the interdisciplinary studies graduate began teaching first grade at the Mayatan Bilingual School (MBS) in the western highlands town of Copán Ruina, Honduras. Using foreign teachers to teach in English and Honduran teachers to teach in Spanish, MBS offers preschool through "colegio" classes to about 300 children. Honduras is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere, and these English-language skills offer important advantages. "Without Mayatan, many of our students would attend underfunded, overcrowded schools," Daniels says. "Even with MBS, some students struggle to balance family priorities—such as farm labor and the pressure to marry early—with the less immediate rewards of education." Indeed, nationwide only about 25 percent of Honduran students finish high school. "Our goal is to keep expanding our capacity so that more and more children can benefit from the untold—and too often unthinkable—privilege of a world-class education."

Class Notes

1956
Robert Paige (AA, Electrical Engineering) has retired from the Federal Aviation Administration after 38 years of service. He is now a volunteer and tour guide at the Old Red Museum of Dallas County History and Culture, plus he volunteers for the Dallas Historical Society at the Hall of State in Fair Park.



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1968
Robert Hale (BA, History) retired after 42 years of coaching basketball. He coached boys high school teams in Pampa, Everman, Azle, and Crowley, recording 753 career wins and a state championship at Pampa in 1996.

1969
C. Donald Babers (BA, History) is the southwest regional administrator for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He serves a five-state region, which includes Texas. **Tom Wood** ('69 BS, Aerospace Engineering; '72 MS, Mechan-

ical Engineering) was named the first senior technical fellow for flight technology and advanced design at Bell Helicopter.

1970
John Dycus (BBA, Accounting) received the Howard S. Dubin Outstanding Professional Member Award from the Society of Professional

1973
David Branton (BS, Electrical Engineering) is co-owner of Turbine Generator Maintenance in Cape Coral, Fla. TGM provides inspection, maintenance, and repair of steam and gas turbines.

1974
Charles Jenkins (BS, Mechanical Engineering) is senior vice president and chief operating officer at Oncor Electric Delivery Co. in Dallas. **James L. Richardson Jr.** (BA, Sociology) is development officer at Texas Voice Project for Parkinson's Disease in Richardson. **Sergio Salinas** (BA, History) is chief executive officer of the Texas-New Mexico Newspapers Partnership. He also is president and publisher of the *El Paso Times*.

1975
James Haley (BA, Political Science) has been hired to write the history of Burleson in conjunction with the city's centennial in 2012. He wrote *Passionate Nation*, which details Texas history through famous figures from Davy Crockett to Lyndon B. Johnson.

1976
Jim Sorrells (BS, Geology) is an advisory board member at Mogul Energy International, an oil and gas exploration company with headquarters in Houston, since 2002.

1977
Robert C. Hill (BA, Journalism) authored *Dead Men Don't Have Sex: A Guy's Guide to Surviving Prostate Cancer*, where he chronicles his experience through surgery, recovery, and rehabilitation.

1978
Edward Speyers (MA, Linguistics) is a Bible translator in Suriname, South America. **Manny Valdez** (BS, Civil Engineering) was re-elected

Tarrant County justice of the peace for Precinct 5. He was first elected in 1982. He has been a member of the UT Arlington College of Nursing advisory council since 1993.

1979
Lon Burnam (MCRP) was reelected state representative for Texas House District 90, which represents downtown Fort Worth and some of the surrounding area. He has served in the state House of Representatives since 1996. **Terry Robison** (BA, Physical Education) produced the documentary *100 Men to Juarez*, which was screened at the Phoenix International Christian Film Festival in August. He is producer/director of Scarlet Tye Films in The Woodlands, Texas.

1980
Michael Charles (BS, Biology) has joined the Department of Surgery at Washington University/Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. He is in the Division of Surgical Critical Care. He recently closed his surgical practice in Hillsboro, Texas.

1981
Brenda Pulis (BS, Electrical Engineering) is senior vice president for distribution at Oncor Electric Delivery Co. in Dallas. **Linda Watson** ('81 BA, Political Science; '82 MA, Urban Affairs) is chief executive officer for Capital Metro, the transit agency in Austin. She previously was CEO at the transit agency in Orlando, Fla.

1982
Jackie Fouse ('82 BA, '84 MA, Economics) was elected to the board of directors of Dick's Sporting Goods. She is chief financial officer for Celgene Corp., a global biopharmaceutical company. **Mike Guyton** (BS, Electrical Engineering) is vice president for customer operations at Oncor Electrical Delivery Co. in Fort Worth.

1983
G. Don Taylor ('83 BS, '85 MS, Industrial Engineering) has been selected as a fellow of the World Academy of Productivity Science. Dr. Taylor is head of the Department of Industrial Systems Engineering at Virginia Tech University.

1984
Todd Baldwin (BM) is a trombonist with the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," in Washington, D.C. **Richard Block** (BBA, Finance) is vice president, senior portfolio manager for Harris Private Bank in Rockford, Ill. **Kevin Greene** (BA, Physical Education) is athletic director for the Fort Worth Independent School District. **Jim Greer** (BS, Electrical Engineering) is senior vice president for asset management and engineering at Oncor Electric Delivery Co. in Fort Worth. **Lisa Lankes** (BBA, Systems Analysis) is vice president of communications for licensing and social media at Justin Brands, based in Fort Worth. She has been with the company 16 years, beginning as an advertising coordinator. The *Fort Worth Business Press* honored her as one of the Great Women of Texas in 2009. **Hamid Parsaei** (PhD, Industrial Engineering) is associate dean for academic affairs at Texas A&M University at Qatar in the Middle East—the No. 2 position in the university's administration. Previously, Dr. Parsaei was professor and chair of industrial engineering in the Cullen School of Engineering at the University of Houston. He previously held faculty positions at State University of New York at Utica and the University of Louisville. **Anne C. Thomas** ('84 BSN, '87 MSN) is dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Indianapolis. She has taught at UIndy since 1996, even while working as a research director at the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute of Nursing Research

in Bethesda, Md. More recently, she was coordinator of the Adult Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Michigan School of Nursing. **Brian Warthen** (BM) is music director at Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington. He also is a freelance bass player in the Fort Worth-Dallas area.

1985
Mike Cahill (MA, Linguistics) is editor in chief of the content portion of SIL (Summer Institute of Linguistics Inc.) International's academic publications. He previously was international linguistics coordinator at SIL International, based in Dallas. **Raul Gonzalez** (BBA, Management) was elected to the board of trustees for the Mansfield Independent School District. He is the director of administration for the Dallas law firm of Passman & Jones.

1986
Don McCormack (BBA, Accounting) is vice president and chief accounting officer for Concho Resources, based in Midland, Texas. **D. Mark Smith** (BBA, Marketing) was honored as outstanding regional adviser by Phi Gamma Delta. He has served as the fraternity's section chief since 2004. **Johnny Veal** ('86 BSN, '90 MSN) is vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer at Lexington Memorial Hospital in Lexington, N.C.

1988
Laura J. Tabor-Huerta (BFA, Art) is a filmmaker in Austin and has released *DFW Punk*, a documentary about North Texas' heyday as a haven for the angry and the unusual.

1989
Kimberly Blackwell ('89 BA, Sociology; '09 MEd) is an assistant principal at Carroll Peak Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Tom Lenoir** (BS, Criminal Justice) has hosted Spike TV's *Murder*, and several

of his high-profile cases have been featured on HBO's *Autopsy*, CBS's *Cold Case*, and A&E's *Forensic Files*. A 29-year veteran of the Arlington Police Department, he is a detective in the homicide division. **Randi Smith** ('89 BA, Exercise and Sport Studies; '95 MEd) is principal at Bryant Elementary School in Arlington.

1990
Rodney Anderson (BBA, Real Estate) was elected state representative for Texas House District 106 in Grand Prairie. **Blake Moorman** (BA, Interdisciplinary Studies) is national sales manager for the Fort Worth Convention Center.

1991
Jesse E. Collins (BBA, Accounting) is executive vice president and chief operating officer for Broadwind Energy in Naperville, Ill. **Jill Cumnock** (MSSW) is chief executive officer for the Ronald McDonald House in Dallas. She previously was executive director of the Frisco Family Services Center. **David M. Davis** (BBA, Accounting) is chief financial officer at Oncor Electric Delivery Co. in Dallas. **Paul Hightower** (BS, Physics) has published his fourth book, *The Father of Geometry: Euclid and His 3-D World*. **Trey Hillman** (BA, Exercise and Sport Studies) was named bench coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers. The 2008 UT Arlington Distinguished Alumnus was formerly manager of the Kansas City Royals and the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters, who he led to the 2006 Japan Series championship. **Roberto Santana** ('91 BA, Economics; '98 MEdT) is principal at Helbing Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Dean Tarpley** (BBA, Finance) is managing director and head of the retail industry practice at Alvarez & Marsal, a Dallas-based professional services firm specializing in performance improvement,

turnaround management, and business advisory services.

1992
Rama Nalla (MS, Computer Science Engineering) is director of technology for ExamSoft Worldwide, a developer of computer-based testing. He manages software development teams and is a primary architect of the ExamSoft code base. **Gloria Perez** ('92 BS, '95 MA, Criminal Justice) is a deputy chief in the Dallas Police Department.

1993
Robert Robinson (BA, History) received a three-year contract extension as women's basketball coach at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. He has been head coach since 2006, and his team posted a 24-11 record last season. At UT Arlington he was a men's basketball student assistant coach from 1994 to 1996 and a women's basketball assistant in 2001-02. **Lei Testa** (BBA, Accounting) is the 2010-11 president of the Fort Worth Chapter, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. She is a regional finance director for US Oncology.

1994
Jade Andrews ('94 BBA, Management; '08 MS, Health Care Administration) is chief financial officer at Methodist Hospital for Surgery in Addison. **Herbert Beckwith** (MS, Accounting) is senior vice president and chief financial officer for Justin Brands in Fort Worth. **Nancy Templin** (BBA, Accounting) is chief financial officer of All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. She previously held leadership positions at Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

1995
Katie Burford (MSSW) is city editor for *The Durango Herald* in Durango, Colo. She covers county government and has been features editor. **Jennifer Chamberlain** (BA, English)

is a Web editor/producer for business at dallasnews.com for *The Dallas Morning News*. **Paul Compton** (BM) received the Distinguished Music Professor Award at Oklahoma State University, where he is an associate professor of music. **Kim Goggans** (BA, Journalism) is director of marketing for US Youth Soccer, based in Frisco. **Ruel Macaraeg** ('95 BS, Biology; '97 BA, Psychology; '05 MA, Linguistics) passed the Texas bar exam and is now an attorney in Fort Worth. **Marc Puig** ('95 BS, Biology; '07 MEd) is assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the Luling (Texas) Independent School District. **Jason Sickles** (BA, Criminal Justice) is senior editor at dallasnews.com for *The Dallas Morning News*. He previously worked for *CBS Evening News*.

1996
Todd Dixon (BM) is director of bands at Wylie High School and is Texas Music Educators Association band chairman of Region 25. **David Scheffrahn** (BS, Mechanical Engineering) is business development director, consumer products at Motoman Robotics in Fort Worth. **Ellen Verreault** ('96 BA, Interdisciplinary Studies; '04 MEd) is principal at Diamond Hill Elementary School in Fort Worth.

1997
David Gutierrez ('97 BA, Spanish; '02 MEd) is principal at South Davis Elementary School in Arlington. **Chad Pope** ('97 BA, Journalism; '06 MEd) is an assistant principal at Witt Elementary School in Grand Prairie.

1998
Jose Alejandro (BSN) is president-elect of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. A past president of the NAHN Dallas chapter, he is on the faculty at El Centro College, director of care management at WebTPA, and a doctoral

Notable



FRANK MOSS
Moss ('73 MA, Urban Affairs) received the Living Legend Award for politics from the Renaissance Cultural Center in Fort Worth. He owns Moss Real Estate and Development Group of Fort Worth and is a member of the Fort Worth City Council. Moss received UT Arlington's Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 1997 and the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1999.

DAVID CORY
Cory ('78 MSSW) received the Texas Social Worker of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Workers at the organization's annual conference in Houston in October.



VIRGINIA MILAM CAMPBELL
Campbell ('95 BSN) has been appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to serve as a public member on the State Bar of Texas board of directors. She is a health care improvement coordinator for Baylor All Saints Medical Center at Fort Worth.

AMELIA POTE
Potee ('07 BS, Architecture) received the Associate Special Merit Award from the Texas Society of Architecture for developing a mentoring program to acquaint high school students with architecture.

student in human services at Capella University. **Pamela Henderson** (MEd) is principal at Davis Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Drew Lowen** ('98 BA, History; '04 MEd) is an assistant principal at Western Hills Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Nick Torres** ('98 BA, Political Science; '05 MEd) is principal at Clark Elementary School in Fort Worth.

1999

Beth Brunk-Chavez (PhD, English) is associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts at UT El Paso, where she is an associate professor of rhetoric and writing studies in the English Department. **Emma Davis** (MEd) is principal at Ellis Elementary School in Arlington. **Derrell Douglas** (MEd) is principal at Timberview High School in Mansfield. **Paige Murphy** (BS, Interior Design) is an associate for Corgan Associates, an architectural and interior design firm based in Dallas. **George Nnanna** ('99 MS; '02 PhD, Mechanical Engineering) has been promoted to full professor at Purdue University Calumet, where he is director of the Water Institute and coordinator of the engineering graduate program. **Matthew Opalach** (BS, Biology) is a doctor of osteopathy in the Visiting Physicians Association office in Fort Worth. **Monticee Williams** (BA, Broadcast Communication) is girls head basketball coach at Sherman High School. She played basketball at UT Arlington from 1995 to 1999.

2000

Tamara Caldwell (MEd) is an assistant principal at Young Junior High School in Arlington. **Jose Diaz** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Wilson Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Ginger Gee** (MArch) is an associate at Corgan Associates, a Dallas-based architectural and interior design firm. Since joining the firm in 2008, she has worked on projects at

several major airport terminals. **Ken Hada** (PhD, English) had three poems included on Garrison Keillor's American Public Media radio programs in October. Dr. Hada is an assistant professor of English at East Central University in Ada, Okla. **David Herda** ('00 BBA, '00 MS, '10 PhD, Accounting) is an assistant professor at North Dakota State University in Fargo. **Alicia Rodriguez** ('00 BA, English; '08 MEd) is interim principal at Thornton Elementary School in Arlington. **Paula Woods** (MEd) is principal at Forest Oak Middle School in Fort Worth.

2001

Brandon E. Allen (BS, Architecture) received the Associate Special Merit Award from the Texas Society of Architecture for developing a mentoring program to familiarize high school students with architecture. **Heidi Browder** (BA, Criminal Justice) is a special agent for the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the southwest part of Texas. **Richard M. Brown** (MEd) is principal at Metro Opportunity School in Fort Worth. **Alice Buckley** (MEd) is principal at Ridglea Hills Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Christian Crowder** (MA, Anthropology) is a forensic anthropologist in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in New York City. He works on recovery and identification from the attack on the World Trade Center. **Robert Dodd** (MEd) is research associate for assessment in the Reich College of Education at Appalachian State University. **Lamar Goree** (MEd) is assistant superintendent for student services and support in the Mansfield Independent School District. **Shadi Khadivi** (BS, Architecture) is an architectural designer and owns shadiworks, an architecture and graphic design studio in Albany, N.Y. She is an adjunct professor in the Department

of Architecture at the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. **Christopher McAllister** (MEdT) received the Award of Excellence from the AWARE (Arlington Will Award and Recognize Excellence) Foundation. He teaches third grade at Hale Elementary School in Arlington. **Melyssa Prince** ('01 BA, Public Relations; '06 MA, Communication Speech) received two awards of excellence and one award of merit from the International Association of Business Communicators at the Dallas chapter's annual Quill awards ceremony for her marketing communication work at Calloway's Nursery. She also was named director of public relations for the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the American Marketing Association. She is a public relations lecturer in the UT Arlington Department of Communication. **Kenneth Sheets** (BA, Political Science) was elected state representative for Texas House District 107, which serves east Dallas.

2002

Jael Chac (BA, Communication Technology) experienced weightlessness as part of the Northrop Grumman Weightless Flights of Discovery program in McAllen. She is a bilingual teacher of second grade at Hanes Elementary School in Irving. **James Davis** (BM) teaches music at Triton College and gives private lessons in the Chicago area. **Kaci Hickox** (BSN) is working on dual master of nursing/master of public health degrees at Johns Hopkins University. **James Schmidt** (BA, Geology) is a senior geologist for Advanced Foundation Repair and ARCH Foundation Repair. He also is certified to teach physics, chemistry, geology and integrated physics and chemistry. **Bryan Shippey** (MEd) is principal at Barton Creek Elementary School in the Eanes Independent School District in West



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Lake Hills, part of the Austin metropolitan area.

2003

Candace Blair ('03 BS, Accounting; '05 MS, Taxation) is a senior tax associate for Sanford, Baumeister & Frazier, PLLC, an accounting firm in Fort Worth. **Walter Delashmit** (PhD, Electrical Engineering) has retired after 39 years in the aerospace industry, including 25 years at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. **Evan Heckman** (MEd) is principal at Palmer Middle School in Palmer, Texas. **Debbie Lewis** (MSN) is a family nurse practitioner at the Great Falls Clinic heart center in Great Falls, Mont.

2004

Nisheeth Mohan (MS, Electrical Engineering) is product manager for mobile test and measurement products at Keynote Systems, where he is responsible for the strategy and development of new mobile products. Keynote Systems is based in San Mateo, Calif. **Veerendra Mulay** ('03 MS, '09 PhD, Mechanical Engineering) is a thermal engineer with Facebook. He and

his associates recently were credited with modifications to Facebook's Santa Clara, Calif., data center that resulted in reducing the facility's annual energy bill by \$229,000 and earning a nearly \$295,000 rebate from its power supplier. **Jason Oliver** (MEd) is principal at Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth. **Ahmad Saidat** ('03 MA, '06 PhD, Linguistics) is vice dean of the College of Arts and director of the language center at Al-Hussein bin Talai University in Petra, Jordan. **David Young** (BS, Athletic Training) is assistant athletic trainer at DeSoto High School.

2005

Cindy Burkett (BA, Political Science) was elected state representative for Texas House District 101 in Mesquite. **Dinnah Escanilla** (MEd) is principal at North Dallas High School. **Ana Holland** ('04 BA, Interdisciplinary Education; '10 MEd) is an assistant principal at Rayburn Elementary School in Grand Prairie. **Saket Karajigkar** ('04 MS, '10 PhD, Mechanical Engineering)

is an applications engineer with Future Facilities, Inc., in San Jose, Calif. **Briana Rhodes** (MM) teaches private music lessons in the Indianapolis area. She was the first graduate teaching assistant in the UT Arlington jazz program. **Kristy Crocker Turner** (BA, Criminal Justice) was named the 2009-10 Legal Professional of the Year by the Texas Association of Legal Professionals. She is a legal assistant in the law offices of Tekell & Atkins LLP in Waco and an adjunct instructor in the paralegal program at McLennan Community College.

2005

Camilla Anderson (MEd) is an assistant principal at De Zavala Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Derek Hinton** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Ferguson Junior High School in Arlington. **Lesa Master** (MEd) is assistant athletic director for the Birdville Independent School District in Haltom City. **Alice Hammons Meridith** (MEd) is principal at Oakdale Elementary School in the Canyons School District in Sandy, Utah. **Britt Robinson** (MEd) is an assistant principal at The Oakridge School in Arlington. **Patty Steen** (MEd) is principal at Phillips Elementary School in Fort Worth.

2006

Jodie Crystal Adair (MEd) is an assistant principal at Pearce Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Patti Woodall Goforth** (BA, Interdisciplinary Education) chairs the science department at G.W. Carver Academy in Waco. **Morgan Kiani** ('06 MS, '09 PhD, Electrical Engineering) is an assistant professor in the Department of Engineering at Texas Christian University. **Hector Martinez** (MEd) is principal at De Zavala Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Holly McCanlies** (MEd) is principal at Cross Timbers Intermediate School in Mansfield. **Michael Reeser** (MBA, Business

Administration) is chancellor of the Texas State Technical College System in Waco. He previously was president of TSTC West Texas. **Paul Nicholas Shahwan** (BS, Biology) received a doctor of dental surgery degree from the Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry in May. He is in practice with his brother, Dr. Gabriel Shahwan ('04 BS, Biology), in Fort Worth. **Brittany Stricklin** (BS, Biology) is a gallery attendant at the Modern Art Museum in Fort Worth while pursuing her doctorate in biology at UT Arlington. **Ed Whitley** (MEd) is principal of the Lamar alternative education program in the Grand Prairie Independent School District.

2007

Briana Asher ('07 BM) teaches choir and music at Northpointe Intermediate School in Tomball and sings with the Texas Master Chorale. **Cheryl Neill** (MA, Linguistics) is a volunteer teacher and tutor for ESL citizenship and literacy at UT Arlington. **Yvonne Schnitzius** (MA, Linguistics) taught in the Summer Language Institute at LCC International University (formerly Lithuania Christian Fund College) in Klaipeda, Lithuania. She continues to teach German at Covenant Christian Academy in Colleyville, where she is lead teacher in modern languages. **Daniel Thomas** (BS, Chemistry and Physics) is a petroleum engineer for Halliburton in Kilgore, Texas. **Rodney White** (MEd) is principal at Glencrest 6th Grade School in Fort Worth. **Jacob Wilson** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Sam Houston High School in Arlington.

2008

Lester Dixon (MEd) is an assistant principal at Nichols Junior High School in Arlington. **Von Ensley** (MEd) is principal at Forest Lane Academy Elementary School in Richardson. **Valerie Hodges** ('08 BA, Po-

litical Science; '10 MA, Public Administration; '10 MA, Urban Affairs) is vice president for administration for the North Texas Commission in Irving. **Billy Laird** (BM) is assistant band director at South Grand Prairie High School.

2009

John Brunett (BS, Athletic Training) is assistant athletic trainer at Trinity High School in Euless. **Mary Cazzell** (PhD) is an assistant professor in the UT Arlington College of Nursing. **Michael Giannetti** (BBA, Finance) is an agent for New York Life Insurance Co. in the Fort Worth-Dallas area. **Maru Iabichela** (MBA) is a manager of hub operations at BNSF Railway Company in Fort Worth. **Emily Toman** (BA, Journalism) is editor of the Far North Dallas and Preston Hollow sections for Advocate Publishing, which compiles magazines and blogs about the Dallas area. **Cecil Touchon** (BFA, Art) is director of the FluxMuseum (fluxmuseum.org) in Fort Worth. **Erika Vega** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Wimbish Elementary School in Arlington. **Rosa Villarreal** (BA, Political Science) is manager of human resources for the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority.

2010

Amy Bishop (MEd) is an assistant principal at Leonard Middle School in Fort Worth. **Jacob Cortez** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Pearce High School in Richardson. **Toni Estell** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Richardson North Junior High School in Richardson. **Charlotte Ford** (PhD, Public and Urban Administration) is principal at Coble Middle School in Mansfield. **Emily Froese** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Austin Middle School in Irving. **Becky Garner** (MS, Exercise Physiology) is exercise science academic adviser in the Department of Kinesiol-

ogy at UT Arlington. **Gina Garza** (BA, Public Relations) is community director for the Fort Worth March of Dimes. Her duties include community relations, fundraising, and event planning. **Pennie Green** (BA, Mathematics) teaches math at Joshua High School. **Zoheb Hassanali** (BA, Broadcast Communication) is a news reporter for KTVO-TV in Kirksville, Mo. **Staceee Jones** (BSN) is a registered nurse at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital. **Richard Kastl** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Sunset High School in Dallas. **David Muñoz** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Stripling Middle School in Fort Worth. **Yvette Nguyen** (BBA, Marketing) is a sustaining engineer lab manager in the avionics systems division at NASA. She also is a member of the Rockets Power Dancers, who perform at Houston Rockets basketball games. **Lorena Perez** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Diamond Hill Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Nealie Perkins** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Morningside Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Angelina Ross** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Handley Middle School in Fort Worth. **Brandy Sachs** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Stripling Middle School in Fort Worth. **Jennifer Sanchez** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Daggett Elementary School in Fort Worth. **Niesha Small** (MEd) is dean of instruction at the Young Women's Leadership Academy, a middle school in Fort Worth. **James Statham** (BBA, Management) is a purchasing manager at Site Planning Site Development, a specialty landscape construction firm in Arlington. **Snehal Watharkar** (MS, Biomedical Engineering) is a research assistant in radiation oncology with the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. **Tanisha Williams** (MEd) is an assistant principal at Wallace Elementary School in Richardson.

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The Student Alumni Association helped aerospace engineering sophomore Mariah Bacchus survive finals last fall. Bacchus picked up one of the SAA's MavPack kits, which included study tips, snacks, school supplies, and other items to help students ace their final exams. A portion of the proceeds from kit sales benefits the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

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ANDREW BAUM

A member of the UT Arlington faculty since 2006, Andrew Baum died Nov. 22 in Keller. He was 62. Dr. Baum was the Jenkins Garrett Professor of Psychology in the College of Science and director of the Biosciences and Bioengineering Center at UT Arlington. He gained national recognition for his research on stress and its impact on health and illness. His work received 25 years of continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health.



JAMES KOPP

An associate professor of psychology, James Kopp died Nov. 19 in Arlington. He was 75. Dr. Kopp’s focus was in applied and experimental analysis of behavior. He was the first president and a founding member of the Texas Association for Behavior Analysis and was appointed to the Public Responsibility Committee of the Tarrant County Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. A UT Arlington faculty member since 1970, he received the College of Science Outstanding Teaching Award in 2006.

In Memoriam

1940s

Clyde Ashworth (’42 AS, General Studies), 87, March 28 in Arlington. Judge Ashworth had a law practice in Arlington for 15 years before being appointed judge of the 67th District Court in 1969. In 1982 he was elected a justice of the Second Court of Appeals in Fort Worth. He retired and took the status of senior judge in 1986 and served as a visiting judge on both trial and appellate courts. In 1996 the Tarrant County Bar Association presented him with its Silver Gavel Award for distinguished judicial service.

1950s

Charlene Davis Allen (’50 AA, General Studies), 78, May 19 in Arlington. Ms. Allen worked for Gulf Oil, LTV, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, Bell Helicopter, and Kinro Manufacturing. **Charles E. Marshall** (’54 AA, Physical Education), 77, April 8 in Arlington. Mr. Marshall was on the football team at Arlington State College (now UT Arlington). He worked his way from a sales representative to president at the Stratoflex Products Division of Parker Aerospace, retiring in 1996. **Jackie Lee Roberson** (’56 AA, History), 74, Oct. 14 in Fort Worth. Mr. Roberson retired as security supervisor at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth after 18 years of service.

1960s

Louis H. Flynt (’65 BBA, Business Administration), 69, April 7 in Arlington. Mr. Flynt flew hundreds of missions as a B-52D pilot in Vietnam. He was self-employed. **Norman Earl Corbitt** (’68 BS, Civil Engineering), 75, Nov. 4 in Arlington. Mr. Corbitt was an operations manager for Austin Bridge and Road of Dallas, retiring in 2001. While at UT Arlington, he was inducted into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. **Bryce D. Beyer** (’69 BS,

Biology), 64, Sept. 13 in Fort Worth. Dr. Beyer was medical director at Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas in Fort Worth from 1991 to 2004. He was a family practice physician from 1974 to 1991.

1970s

Robert Wayne Case (’70 BS, Mechanical Engineering), 63, Sept. 15 in Bowie. Mr. Case was an engineer for the Dallas Transit System and for Motorola. He owned and operated Case Photography in Grapevine for 25 years. **James Robert Clark Jr.** (’70 BBA, Business Administration), 65, June 17 in Bedford. Mr. Clark worked at First Baptist Church in Grapevine. **Barbara Burton “Babs” Smith** (’71 BA, English), 88, April 19 in Houston. Ms. Smith taught in Arlington schools and created her own pottery. **William Thomas Stokes** (’71 BS, Electrical Engineering), 74 MS, Industrial Engineering), 65, Feb. 22, 2010, in Forreaston, Texas. Mr. Stokes owned and operated Stokes Company Water Leak Services in Waxahachie. **Rick C. Cox** (’73 BBA, History), 61, March 18 in Dallas. Mr. Cox worked in field and sales management at Random House for 25 years. **Viralyn Patrick Huff** (’77 BA, English), 84, March 11 in Arlington. Ms. Huff was a librarian at UT Arlington from 1969 to 1993.

1980s

David Michael Hines (’80 BBA, Management), 53, Nov. 4 in Fort Worth. Mr. Hines was a project engineer at Motorola for many years. **Marvin Moore** (’80 BA, Physical Education), 84, April 2 in Fort Worth. Col. Moore retired from the Air Force in 1975 after 32 years in the military, then came to UT Arlington to earn his degree. **Cindy Cottrell** (’83 BSN), 50, April 24 in Arlington. Ms. Cottrell was the school nurse at Sam Houston High School in Arlington. **Richard Roy Penney** (’83 BBA, Management), 62,

March 10 in Haltom City. Mr. Penney worked for the City of Arlington before retiring in 2009. **George A. Linnstaedt** (’84 BBA, Finance), 53, March 19 in Arlington. Mr. Linnstaedt was an information technology manager for ASC Industries for 31 years. **Donald Frank Inman Jr.** (’85 BS, ’86 MS, Aerospace Engineering), 47, Aug. 21 in Keller. Mr. Inman was an aerospace engineer for Lockheed Martin. **William Sears Ward** (’87 BA, ’92 MA, Political Science), 56, Sept. 8 in North Richland Hills. Mr. Ward was a lecturer in the Department of Political Science at UT Arlington from 1993 to 2010. He was chair of the Government Department at Tarrant County College Northeast Campus and co-wrote several government textbooks. **Kathleen Anne Shelburne Swope** (’88, BS, Mechanical Engineering), 66, June 5 in Kerrville. Ms. Swope’s passion was quilting, which won her many awards. She was a member of the Hill Country Quilt Guild. **Anne Marie Whitcomb Sowers** (’89 BBA, Accounting), 50, May 27 in North Richland Hills. Ms. Sowers led Bible studies and cared for the sick and elderly at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Keller.

1990s

Kent Merrell Sheppard (’90 BA, Psychology), 56, June 6 in Azle. Mr. Sheppard worked at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics for 20 years. He later owned and operated Ray Sheppard Steel Enterprises. **Raymond L. Springston** (’91 MS, Computer Science Engineering), 63, Feb. 23, 2010, in Fort Worth. Mr. Springston was a lecturer and adviser in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at UT Arlington. **Willie Zapalac**, 89, May 18 in Austin. Mr. Zapalac was head football coach at Arlington State College (now UT Arlington) for one season, posting an 8-1-1 record in 1952.

the Year Award in 2007. **Larry W. Morris** (’94 BA, Broadcast Communication), 50, Aug. 23 in Fort Worth. Mr. Morris worked for AIDS Outreach for eight years.

2000s

Elizabeth Chappell Hope (’02 BA, Political Science), 30, May 21 in Arlington. She was a lab assistant at Tarrant County College Southeast Campus. **Chris Kuykendall** (’07 BA, English), 26, May 11 in Grapevine. Mr. Kuykendall was a manager at DFW Adventure Park in Roanoke.

Faculty and Staff

Donald Greenspan, 82, May 2 in Arlington. Dr. Greenspan was a professor of mathematics at UT Arlington from 1978 to 2000. He also taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and wrote 27 books. **Jim Henderson**, 74, Nov. 12 in Arlington. Dr. Henderson was an associate professor in the UT Arlington Department of Art and Art History from 1970 to 2005. He taught art education and art appreciation classes. He is recognized as the founding father of the Texas Art Education Association’s Visual Art Scholastic Event and served as its director from 1994 to 1999. **Louise M. Koehl**, 92, Nov. 10 in Arlington. Ms. Koehl worked for more than 20 years as an administrative assistant in the Division of Student Activities and the School of Architecture. She was named Retiree of the Year in 2004. **William T. Lowry**, 67, June 14 in Grand Prairie. Dr. Lowry was a lecturer in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at UT Arlington from 1992 to 2009. He also taught at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and Brookhaven College. **Willie Zapalac**, 89, May 18 in Austin. Mr. Zapalac was head football coach at Arlington State College (now UT Arlington) for one season, posting an 8-1-1 record in 1952.

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