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20 Places on Campus You Didn’t Know You Missed
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Digitizing Our Histories
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Editor's Letter

I can still remember the smell of the Central Library’s fourth floor, that wonderful old-book smell. I remember the seemingly endless rows of books and so many shelves wedged together that you had to turn a crank to widen the row and find the book you wanted. Most of all, I remember the suite tucked into a back corner of the fourth floor—the Writing Center.

I started working as a tutor at the Writing Center my sophomore year, and it very quickly became my favorite place on campus. For the first time, I was getting paid to work with words! Moreno, I was helping other students become better writers. I loved my coworkers and made lifelong friends. It’s even the place where I met my husband.

There are other places I remember fondly, of course. Lipscomb Hall, where I lived my freshman year and met my best friend. The Pizza Hut (long gone) next to Ransom Hall, where I took a volleyball class and I regularly ate lunch. The old P.E. Building, where I met my husband. The Fine Arts Building where my friends lived my freshman year and met my best friend. The Pizza Hut (long gone) next to Ransom Hall, where I took a volleyball class and I regularly ate lunch. The old P.E. Building, where I met my husband. The Fine Arts Building where my friends lived my freshman year and met my best friend. I hope you're ready for a year full of dancing, laughing and Maving Up! @KingDillianSLAY

feature “20 Places on Campus You Didn’t Know You Missed” will reacquaint you with the campus, give you a little window into what the campus looks like now, and offer a peek at what it will look like in the near future. It also provides you with lots of great information about how you can reconnect with UTA.

We hope the feature and the rest of this issue inspire you to visit your alma mater, either for an upcoming event or just to take a literal stroll down memory lane. You’ll find the University is always ready to welcome you back with open arms.

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It was a happy Labor Day after all visiting this little chipmunk of mine and seeing his world through his eyes. Sigh. What can I say? I’m a proud Maverick sibling! @akivalam_

Proud to be an alum & thrilled to be speaking there next week. #Represet @LOUDPHILLIPS

Greek BBQ with my favorite peeps! @VistaspKarbhar I hope you’re ready for a year full of dancing, laughing and Maving Up! @KingDillianSLAY

It was once told I wouldn’t graduate high school. Then it was feared I wouldn’t make it past my first year of college here. Here we are a day away from graduation. Life is about defying odds. What are you against. #UTArlington #insertLionKingQuoteHere

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from earlier today... just a little something to make y'all's night! #campuseats #fluffykitty #utarlington @linda_murat
Homecoming 2017 came to UTA this fall, bringing an abundance of Maverick spirit with it. The campus put on its blue-and-orange best—even our fountains got in on the fun! All that spirit seemed to do the trick: UTA women’s basketball beat Incarnate Word, and the UTA men’s team conquered Loyola Marymount in their respective Homecoming games. All together now: GO MAVS!
MAV ROUNDUP

Researcher examines the impact of the disease on the human body.

Malaria kills more than 400,000 people annually according to the World Health Organization. But most studies about fighting malaria focus on the mosquito-borne parasite that causes the illness while ignoring the impact of the disease on the body, says Marco Brotto, the George W. and Hazel M. Jay Professor at UTA’s College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Early in 2017, Dr. Brotto co-authored a study in the Malaria Journal that shows how the right amount of diet and exercise can help lessen damage to the heart and skeletal muscles for those afflicted by the disease. The study’s other co-author was Mauro Marrelli, an internationally renowned entomologist, parasitologist, and molecular biologist who was a visiting professor at the college in 2016.

Their study shows that people with moderate or high levels of malarial infection who maintain healthy diets and exercise regularly will be in a stronger position to vanquish the disease. They also will return to wellness sooner.

“People would not feel so tired and weak if they have targeted intervention,” Brotto says. “The better shape you’re in, the more prepared you are to fight infection.”

**BIG WINS**

**NATIONAL NO. 1s**

UTA teams earn top rankings

Last April was a big month for teams from The University of Texas at Arlington. First, UTA’s 17-member Maverick cheer squad took home top honors in the National Cheerleaders Association collegiate cheer competition. Then, a scrappy team of student gamers claimed the No. 1 spot in a competitive online battle arena video game. UTA was 29-0 during the tournament, ultimately defeating Louisiana State University in the finals in Las Vegas. The grand prize was free tuition for each team member’s remaining collegiate years.

“This is the best team I’ve ever been on,” says Morgan Rose, a sophomore nursing major and captain of the squad. “We have a great connection. I spend more time with them than my family, so they really are my family.”

UTA’s Esports Club was completing its heroes of the Dorm run at about the same time. The March Madness-style tournament featured 64 schools from across the United States and Canada playing Heroes of the Storm, a multiplayer online battle arena video game. UTA was 29-0 during the tournament, ultimately defeating Louisiana State University in the finals in Las Vegas. The grand prize was free tuition for each team member’s remaining collegiate years.

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**Finnish and Swedish**

WHO: Max Alves, Delgado, Melissa Brown, Rebekah Chojnacki, Ghishawn Finassier, Joslyn Kramer, and Richard Valencia, PhD students in educational leadership and policy studies

HOW: Through a spring 2017 study abroad course

WHY: “I had never traveled outside the country before. Having a university-planned trip with peers I trusted made it an easy trip with peers I really are my family.”

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“I was curious to see if the educational system in Finland was as great as everything I had heard that it was. Having some Scandinavian heritage also made the trip very special for me.”

“I really was interested in learning about how educational systems or interventions used for students with disabilities that could be used in our American schools.”

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Fascinating books by Maverick authors to fill your library

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**The Man in the High Castle and Philosophy: Subversive Reports From Another Reality**

Edited by Bruce Krajewski, Chair and Professor in the Department of English, and Joshua Heter

_The Man in the High Castle_, a novel by Philip K. Dick and a popular Amazon television show, tells an alternative present in which Germany and Japan won World War II. In this compilation by Drs. Krajewski and Heter, 22 professional thinkers take a deep dive into the philosophical issues raised by the story.

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**Every Pig Got a Saturday**

By Mike Farris

’77 BA, Political Science

While on their honeymoon, a couple crosses paths with an escaped killer, resulting in tragic consequences. What follows is a deadly game of cat and mouse that takes them from Barbados to Dallas and back again.

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_The Battleship Holiday: The Naval Treaties and Capital Ship Design_ by Robert C. Stern

’83 MS, Computer Science and Engineering

In _Battleship Holiday_, Robert C. Stern investigates the treaties curtailing and restricting battleship construction after World War I, including a look at technical developments and how well these modern ships stood the test of war.

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_Arredondo: Last Spanish Ruler of Texas and Northeastern New Spain_ by Bradley Folsom, Lecturer in The Department of History

Joaquín de Arredondo was one of the most influential and ruthless leaders in North American history. Bradley Folsom’s in-depth biography takes a lively look at his life.

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_Depression Desperado: The Chronicle of Raymond Hamilton_ by Sid Underwood

’71 BA, English

Part of the Barrow gang, Raymond Hamilton was born in a tent in Oklahoma and died in a Texas electric chair. In this book, Sid Underwood details the life and death of the notorious career criminal.

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*What Are You Reading?*

Are you reading a book by a UTA author? Did you write your own tale of wit and wonder? Let us know at utamagazine@uta.edu.
MAV ROUNDUP

MAVERICK ECOSYSTEM

STARTUP A RUNAWAY SUCCESS

Alumnus leverages Maverick network into successful entrepreneurship

Local Arlington resident Scott Parsinen ('94 BA, Business) started his company, Cadmus Dental, by participating in UTA’s StartUp Lounge, an innovation space that provides workshops and holds interactive discussions to help entrepreneurs move their business ideas or companies forward. Close to 400 students, faculty and community members have passed through the StartUp Lounge’s EpicMavs and EpicMavs Deep Dive entrepreneurship courses.

“Through EpicMavs, I was able to network with amazing fellow entrepreneurs and get the support I needed during the difficult startup process,” Parsinen says. Cadmus has seen great success, and now Parsinen is developing additional opportunities for Cadmus and UTA.

How did you first become interested in art? I’ve had an interest in art since I was young, and a big part of the reason was my artist parents. It is a blessing to have affectionate parents who always showed delicate and wise ways of self-expression.

What inspires you? I believe everyone can inspire me in many ways.

You attended the Yale University Norfolk Summer School of Art program. What was the selection process like?

The Yale program is highly competitive, and they only select all students each year internationally. That prestigious reputation was a big pressure during the application process.

How did you feel when you found out you were accepted?

Even though I was confident in my work, I could not believe I was selected to attend the program and receive the scholarship.

You’re originally from South Korea but came to Arlington to study abroad as a high school freshman. What was that adjustment like? Did Arlington surprise you?

Studying abroad in America alone was and is always hard. Encountering and overcoming the language barrier were the hardest since I did not learn English before I came to America, unlike many other international students. Arlington in particular did not surprise me, but America in general astounded me in cultural ways. It was and is a valuable experience to communicate with various different cultures in one country.

What’s next for you after you graduate? I am planning on going to graduate school.

How is UTA helping support your future plans? Faculty members are very supportive of me as a growing artist. Do you think creativity is exclusive to artists? In other words, can anyone be creative?

In my personal opinion, anyone can be creative, but not many can actually execute and use their creativity to change something typical to something new.

Just for fun, what’s your favorite color? I value every color that exists on this earth.

Miso Kim
Junior, Art/Painting
Home country: South Korea

ENGINEERING BLOOD VESSELS

Innovative approach to printing blood vessels offers hope for kids

Printing blood vessels isn’t quite as simple as opening a document and clicking “print,” but Yi Hong, bioengineering assistant professor, is working on improving the process.

Through a $211,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Hong is developing bioinks that can be used to create unique tissue-engineered blood vessels using a 3-D printer. These bioinks will allow doctors to create new blood vessels for children with vascular defects, which are difficult to treat with the methods used for adults. The more common artificial vascular grafts are not ideal because grafts do not grow at the same rate as a child’s body, making multiple surgeries necessary to match that growth.

While 3-D printed tissue-engineered blood vessels are being explored by other groups, Hong’s approach could allow researchers to create viable, patient-specific blood vessels that are less fragile than current tissue-engineered blood vessels.

“The development of new blood ves- sels has been a daunting challenge,” says Michael Cho, chair of the Department of Bioengineering. “Dr. Hong’s approach offers a feasible alternative to overcome the challenges involved.”
MAV ROUNDUP

PHOTOGRAPH BY ADAM VOORHES (BRAIN)

It’s hard not to feel a little creeped out in the Amphibian and Reptile Diversity Research Center (ARDRC). Filled with rows of jarred dead amphibians and reptiles floating in preservation fluid, the center could challenge even the most stoic scholar.

As an interior design student and mother to three children, Sanders has little free time. But she is thankful for a few mindless moments spent on Facebook in late 2016, when a post from actress Halle Berry caught her attention. The movie star had just announced a contest to redesign her Hallewood website. Sanders entered.

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BRUSH WITH FAME

Student wows Halle Berry website contest

Veronica Sanders has learned chances are worth taking.

Sanders was a teenage mom with few career opportunities. Her husband urged her to go back to school, and at the University of Texas at Arlington, she discovered a passion for design.

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TURTLE POWER

...and tortoise, too.

Above, a Spiny turtle shell and, at right, an impressed tortoise shell, both among many on display at the ARDRC.
Scene

INSIDE VIEW
Home to the largest herpetology collection in Texas, the ARDRC surpassed 200,000 specimens from about 90 different countries this year after an extensive donation from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. The center is closed to the public, so enjoy this special sneak peek inside.

Herp History

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The center is founded as a small natural history specimen collection by William Pyburn, UTA professor emeritus.

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Dr. Pyburn goes traveling to the jungles of Colombia. There, he collects unique specimens to bring back to the University that result in a number of scientific discoveries considered valuable in the field of herpetology to this day.

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LIVE FRIEND
The ARDRC is home to some live specimens, too. Pictured here is the center’s Texas indigo snake, native to Texas and Mexico.

BIG SAL
The Chinese giant salamander is the largest amphibian in the world. It can grow to more than 5 feet long and weigh over 100 pounds.

LEAPING LIZARD
The dusky gliding lizard, often called a flying lizard, is known for its ability to leap and glide long distances. This one was collected in Indonesia.

BABY BLUE
Known as a monkey tree frog, this small amphibi-an is found in the rainforests of Venezuela.

RATTLED
The Western diamondback rattlesnake is a venomous snake found throughout many southern states, California, and Mexico.

SNAKE IMPOSTER
Tricky, tricky! The legless lizard is found throughout the world in a variety of habitats. This specimen was collected in Colombia.

LIVING LARGE
The biggest frog on Earth is the goliath frog. It occupies a small area of Cameroon, where this specimen was collected, and Equatorial Guinea.

RUBBERNECKER
Another live friend at the ARDRC is this snake-necked turtle. The aquatic species is native to Australia and is known for its long, curving neck.

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LEADING EXCELLENCE

Renowned scholar, leader joins UTA

The Maverick family grew even stronger this summer with the addition of Tsik C. Lim. Dr. Lim joined UTA as provost and vice president for academic affairs. Lim previously served as dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Cincinnati. In his five years there, he helped guide the university through significant growth in enrollment, reputation, faculty size, cooperative partnerships, research funding, and endowments.

“I would like to thank the search committee for recruiting an exceptional scholar, researcher and advocate of collaboration and global engagement,” says President Vutapa Karbhari. In his role, Lim works closely with Dr. Karbhari to provide overall leadership for the campus. As provost and vice president for academic affairs, he oversees academic administration and student success programs.

“UTA’s aspiration to become the model 21st-century urban research university, an institution on the move, and the outstanding team President Karbhari has assembled are what attracted me to this position,” Lim says.

“The University already has all the necessary elements to achieve its ambition. I believe my experiences position me well to collaborate with the deans and faculty effectively and to support UTA’s commitment to access and excellence.”

CHEMICAL REACTIONS

THE SCIENCE GUYS AND GALS

Ambassadors inspire STEM learners

One part class session and three parts explosive reactions, UTA’s science ambassadors entertain and educate with experiments and the old “hand on fire” trick. As 200 elementary school students file into a UTA classroom, they eagerly await the show to come. Like a mad scientist’s laboratory, the scene is set with colored beakers and containers labeled “flammable” and “volatile”—two words that fairly accurately describe the show. You’ll hear the same disclaimers on an episode of MythBusters: “Don’t try this at home,” the ambassadors stress, progressing through exciting displays of chemical reactions, colored flames, and even some well-timed explosions.

Averaging about 110 shows each year, this program has engaged over 10,000 students, teachers, and parents through interactive learning since 2008. Not just some boring textbook, this program reveals how fun science can be.

“Our science ambassadors are student leaders from every background you can think of,” says Greg Hale, executive director and chief mad scientist. “We want our audience to not just be excited about the science, but to see themselves reflected in the ambassadors.”

DO TRY THIS AT HOME:

LUMINESCENCE

What you’ll need:

Two light sticks
Salt water
Two drinking glasses
Cold water
X-ray film
Paper towel

Observations:

Lights:

1. Turn out the lights in the classroom. Bend one stick and place it in the drinking glass containing salt water. Do the same with the other

2. Bend one light stick (activating the chemical process to make it glow) and place it in the drinking glass containing cold water. Do the same with the other.

3. Bend the second light stick and place it in the drinking glass containing salt water. Both sticks will make it glow

4. Place the X-ray film and paper towel in the drinking glass containing cold water. The film should turn white

The science ambassadors explain the science behind each experiment and educate with special effects such as fire, smoke, water, and X-ray film.

EXTRA CREDIT

Big Little House: Renovated Houses Designed by Architects, by Donna Kazmar, is the primary book McCorkle assigns to his students for the course. “It’s a great resource for smaller homes designed by architects,” he says. “It gives the reader some insight as to how the creative use of space, light, and detail can make a very small space seem much larger and more open, elevating the experience of the space. Some of the decisions students made in design and construction were based on some of the ideas in this book.”

Crash Course

ARCH 4556 Design Studio (Parallel Construction)

COLLEGE COURSES don’t typically make national news, but in late spring, a College of Architecture, Planning, and Public Affairs course was making headlines in newspapers from places as far-flung as California and Washington, D.C. Students in architecture Lecturer Brad McCorkle’s senior design/build program, Parallel Construction, spent the semester designing and building micro houses on a plot of land near campus.

Just how “micro” are these houses? One is only 360 square feet, while the other is 390 square feet. The two tiny houses use high-efficiency HVAC units and were sprayed with a high-rated insulation. The units also have metal skins that reflect a large amount of radiant heat. Metal roofs allow for rainwater harvesting and solar energy collection. McCorkle says the tiny houses have received some interest from nonprofit organizations and private individuals who have odd-sized residential lots.

Throughout the development of these tiny houses, students gained hands-on experience in all facets of the design/build process, from planning and budgeting to all of the factors that play into physical construction.

“Not only do our architecture students experience the complete process of taking a project from inception to completion, they also gain insights into these processes beyond what a paper studio can address,” McCorkle says.
The associate professor of art at Lamar University, who was born in Kuwait but became a naturalized U.S. citizen, often explores such cultural complexities in his art, primarily through photography, video, and drawing.

Thomas says his love of art was rekindled at UTA when he decided to minor in the subject at the end of his undergraduate career—he even stayed an extra year to earn the credits that he needed.

“My fellow students and I had such a passion and commitment to learning, making art, and being challenged by our professors and our peers,” he says. “I am grateful for this period in my life because it instilled in me a work ethic that I hold even now. Those introductory steps in the arts still hold a strong foundation for how I conduct myself as a professional while continuing my education and creative exploration.”
UTA professor earns top grant for research

Yi “Leaf” Zhang made history when she became the College of Education’s first National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) grant recipient. The assistant professor received the award for her proposal to help community college transfer students more easily and quickly attain degrees in STEM fields.

Dr. Zhang’s grant is expected to total $452,257 during the next five years. Hers is the only CAREER award for a Texas researcher funded by the NSF’s Division of Undergraduate Education.

“I hope to develop a community college transfer student typology or definition of distinct subgroups,” Zhang says. “From there, I’ll discover the relationships between reference group membership and transfer students’ STEM choice, performance, persistence, and STEM baccalaureate degree attainment.”

Last summer, Special Collections was awarded a $25,000 grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to continue digitizing film negatives documenting the transformation of Fort Worth during World War II. The images show young men in military recruiting stations, women selling war bonds, and more. “These images are a valuable aid to understanding how Texans responded to World War II,” says Rebecca Bichel, dean of libraries. “We appreciate the Texas State Library and Archives Commission’s support in helping us provide access to this unique collection.” Above, soldiers of the 142nd Infantry walk through a simulated gas attack at Camp Bowie in Brownwood, Texas, on April 7, 1941.

PLANE GAINS

Researchers help Boeing build better aircraft

The University of Texas at Arlington has received a $600,000 grant from Boeing to test composite components. The researchers involved hope to develop protocol for determining when those components might fail. Industry officials believe the research could lead to longer-lasing aircraft.

Andrew Makeev, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering and director of the Advanced Materials and Structures Lab, will lead the project. Endel Iarve, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering who works in the UTA Research Institute’s Institute for Predictive Performance Methodologies, is the co-principal investigator.

“At the end of the research, Boeing and the Air Force want to understand and have confidence that our analysis can be used to predict the remaining useful life of composite airframe structures,” Dr. Makeev says.

Composite aircraft began dominating the commercial aircraft market with the production of the Boeing 787 and Airbus A350, and they will continue to do so thanks to expected upgrades of legacy aircraft platforms. Looking forward, on the Department of Defense application side, Lockheed Martin has been ordered to produce more than 3,000 F-35 aircraft. Similarly, the U.S. Army and the helicopter industry are facing the challenge of replacing more than 6,300 military vertical lift aircraft.

Advanced polymeric composites are playing a major role in the design of high-performance and lightweight aircraft structures. However, the remaining useful life of these structures is uncertain due to the complexity of failure mechanisms and their susceptibility to manufacturing irregularities, which may be precursors to structural damage and impose risks that cannot be lessened exclusively by field testing.

“What Dr. Makeev is doing could have significant implications on aircraft design and certification,” says Erian Armanios, chair of the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. “Developing a capability to predict composite airframe strength and durability is bound to have industry-wide implications.”
MAV ROUNDUP

Student team conquers Brain Bowl

A UTA team won the 2017 Brain Bowl, outsmarting the defending champions from the University of Texas at Dallas. The trivia event was organized by the Center for Biomedical Neuroscience at UT Health San Antonio. The Brain Bowl, a premier event of Brain Awareness Week for the neuroscience community, includes three rounds of short-answer questions that increase in difficulty. The final round consists of a single complex challenge question, where teams wager points they have accumulated in previous rounds.

UTA’s team included Brandon Butler, who graduated in 2016 with a degree in anthropology and biology; Josimar Hernandez, a psychology major; J.C. Holt, a business and psychology major; and Ariel Elmore, a psychology graduate who became the first of its kind in what area of the brain?" Tare says. "My participation will give us a greater understanding of the neuroscience needs of airports and will open up new research collaboration and partnership opportunities."

UTA was recently recognized for earning the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System Silver rating. "Meghna’s work at UTA improving our sustainability has the ability to change the world for the better. It’s probably the biggest reason why he’s currently working on the establishment of the Hispanic Media Initiative (HMI), a program in the Department of Communication focusing on the advancement of Hispanic media, education, journalism, and research. HMI is the response of UTA News en Español’s unparalleled success; it addresses urgent needs found in the media industry and secures the continued development of world-class education at UTA.

What are you most looking forward to? I look forward to the future. This program will continue to propel our students to unmatched levels; advance media research in historically neglected areas; provide an environment in which public-private partnerships thrive, and substantially increase UTA’s national visibility while further enhancing the University’s ability to continue to lead the way in Hispanic media and education in America.
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UTA professor leads study on coral immunity

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MAVERICK SPEAKERS

Alumnus returns to headline annual lecture series

The Maverick Speakers Series got a little more Maverick this year, with a 2017-18 lineup that has featured two alumni—Lou Diamond Phillips (’85 BA, Fine Arts) and Roland Fryer (’98 BA, Economics). Phillips has enjoyed great success as an actor, director, writer and producer. The La Bamba and Stand and Deliver star returned to UTA in September to talk about his career.

After graduating from UTA, Dr. Fryer went on to earn his PhD in economics from Penn State University. He’s currently the Henry Lee Professor of Economics at Harvard University. His lecture covered his research into fixing education in America.

Local entrepreneur and privately funded space explorer Anousheh Ansari made her Maverick Speakers Series appearance in October. She detailed her journey to space—from her early life as an Iranian refugee to developing her own company, Prodea Systems, to reaching the International Space Station.

If you haven’t had a chance to enjoy a Maverick Speakers Series lecture this season, Michael Pollan, best-selling author and sustainable food advocate, will visit UTA in late February. In March, Gretchen Carlson—broadcast news anchor, journalist, and TV host—will close out the 2017-18 season. Learn more at uta.edu/maverickspeakers.

PHILANTHROPIC GAMING

Alumnus has raised nearly $1 million for charity

Don’t try to convince UTA Library employee and former student Britt LaRiviere that spending 72 hours playing a video game isn’t productive. His marathon gaming sessions bring in serious money, yet he keeps none of the profits for himself.

“At last check, we’ve raised more than $720,000,” he says. “It’s absolutely crazy. One million is within reach. I never thought it would be.”

In March 2008, LaRiviere, then a UTA journalism student, was tasked with blogging for a class. He chose to blog about gaming and was intrigued by a technology in its infancy at the time: online video streaming. With his brother and a few buddies, he hosted a 72-hour-long gaming marathon, streaming video while they played The Legend of Zelda.

They didn’t want their efforts to be a waste of time, so they organized the gaming marathon like a telethon. The number of players and viewers has steadily grown in the almost 10 years since their debut, when they raised $1,100 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. “TheSpeedGamers”—as they are called now—have quite a following and quite a future.

“I’m still having a lot of fun,” LaRiviere says. “There’s no end in sight.”

BATTERS UP

MAVS TAKE THE PRO FIELD

UTA faces Baylor on March 6 at Globe Life Park

A new favorite spring tradition for UTA baseball fans is watching the Mavericks host a marquee opponent at Globe Life Park, home of the Texas Rangers.

On March 6, the Mavs will host powerhouse Baylor University in a 6:30 p.m. matchup. “It’s always a great opportunity for our student-athletes to compete at Globe Life Park,” says Coach Darin Thomas. “For years, our relationship with the Rangers and the Arlington community has been wonderful, and we are fortunate to have the chance to play at Globe Life. We have had some great crowds and have put on a tremendous product on the field since 2013.”

This makes the sixth consecutive year that the Mavs have played at the home of the Rangers, with UTA facing off against the best foes in the region, including University of Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, TCU, and Oklahoma.

Last year, UTA posted a 5-3 win over fourth-ranked Texas Tech in front of 4,259 fans. It marked UTA’s second win at Globe Life in the last three years, as the Mavs earned a walk-off win over Texas in 2015.

“It’s a great place to play,” Thomas says. “You don’t have to get your guys ready to play. We always bring in quality opponents, and it is always a great crowd. Any time you can do that, it’s a plus for your program.”

For ticket information, visit utamavs.com.

BRAIN BOWL QUIZ ANSWERS (see page 22)
1. Gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA)
2. Primary visual cortex, also known as V1
A total of 221 UTA student-athletes were honored recently by the Sun Belt Conference as members of the conference’s Commissioner’s List and Academic Honor Roll. The Commissioner’s List recognizes student-athletes who maintained a 3.5 or higher grade-point average during the 2016-17 academic year, while the Academic Honor Roll awards those student-athletes who maintained a GPA between 3.0 and 3.49.

“The commitment to academic success, earning a UTA degree, and being fully prepared for the next phase of life is a top priority for our athletics program,” says Jim Baker, director of athletics. “But our commitment to championships and major conference teams. The 2016-17 season was extremely successful overall. Not only did more than half of UTA’s student-athletes earn Sun Belt Academic honors, but the athletics unit also finished just four points away from winning the Sun Belt Cup, the Sun Belt Conference’s annual all-sports championship trophy—earning UTA a third-place finish out of all Sun Belt Conference teams.

“A highlight of the season for us was our performance in the Sun Belt Conference men’s cross country championship,” says coach Darin Thomas. “The team claimed the ‘triple crown’—winning the individual, team, and conference championships while the women’s squad placed eighth.”

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B-Ball Abroad

One special day included a visit to a local orphanage, where the team and its coaching staff were able to experience a day in the life of local kids while giving back to the community.

“It was really exciting to be able to experience the team in a different setting,” says senior Rebekah VanDijk. “We see each other every day in school and in the gym, but to see my teammates in that environment was really inspiring.”

After returning to Arlington, VanDijk has looked back at everything gained from the trip and knows that the team was able to grow together and set themselves up for a special 2017-18 season.

“The trip has already helped us—in practice, the intensity has been really high,” she says. “Being able to play other teams propelled everyone to be really excited for what’s to come.”

Lessons on the Mountain

On a leadership retreat to the glorious mountains of Colorado over the summer, eight UTA student-athletes from the baseball, softball, and track teams spent seven days whitewater rafting, hiking, and camping.

“This was a valuable life-skills experience for our student-athletes,” says Tim Kennedy, student-athlete development specialist. “I got to witness them get out of their comfort zones, make the needed adjustments, and press through their challenges.”

Some of those challenges included hiking up to high altitudes and climbing and camping in inclement weather.

“I learned there are better ways to handle adversities in your life,” says Tori Sheldon, a senior on the track team. “At the end of the day, you need to evaluate what you did and the possibilities of making it better the next time. I am just thankful that Tim took us on this trip so we could discover these things about ourselves.”

Fostering relationships was a tremendous byproduct of the leadership retreat, and those bonds are sure to live on well after their athletic careers conclude.

“You won’t look back at your ERA—you are going to remember the relationships you made,” says sophomore Logan Austin, a pitcher on the baseball team. “That is what I am going to remember the most. I went in not knowing anybody, and I made some friends that will be lifelong.”

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HIGHLIGHT REEL

Basketball—Men’s

The defending Sun Belt Conference (SBC) champion men’s basketball team was the overwhelming favorite in the preseason poll of SBC coaches. Sun Belt Conference Student-Athlete of the Year senior forward Kevin Hervey and senior Erick Neal, one of the nation’s top point guards, earned spots on NBC Sports’ 2017-18 Mid-Major All-America teams.

Basketball—Women’s

The Lady Mavs basketball team picked up votes in the USA Today Sports Coaches Poll, a first in program history in the preseason poll. Sun Belt Conference coaches picked the team as the preseason favorite for 2017-18.

Baseball

After winning the Sun Belt Conference Westers Division Championship, Darin Thomas was named Sun Belt Coach of the Year.

Softball

The Maverick softball team had 11 players named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association’s All-Academic team for the four consecutive year.

Golf

Women’s golf debuted with a team of six players, including standout freshman Ava Schwindt, who led the team in all five fall events.

Volleyball

Maverick volleyball wrapped up its fall season in November, the first with new coach J.T. Wenger.

Track and Field

The UTA men’s track and field team swept the SBC’s cross country, indoor, and outdoor titles in 2016-17, the second time since 2014 the country, indoor, and outdoor titles in 2016-17, the second time since 2014.

Service Champs

The UTA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee was honored for its volunteer work in the Arlington community, earning the Sun Belt Conference’s All-Sports Community Service Champion award for 2016-17.

HIGHLIGHT REEL

As we head into a new season, let’s take a look back at the achievements of our student-athletes.
The 2017 fall semester ushered in the biggest, most academically advanced class in UTA’s history. Read on to learn a little more about this new generation of students—and meet a few of them, too.

BY AMBER SCOTT
PHOTOGRAPHY BY TREVOR PAULHUS
UTA’s fall 2017 incoming freshman class also represents a major milestone for the University—it is the largest in our history, with 3,346 new students from across the United States and around the world. This constitutes a 12 percent increase over the 2016 fall semester.

The new class is also the most academically accomplished, with 65 percent of entering freshmen having graduated in the top 25 percent of their high school class. A record 261 new students were accepted to UTA’s Honors College, an increase of more than 60 percent over the year before. The average SAT score of incoming students also rose.

“UTA’s growing reputation as a leading academic university and a path to success has resulted in more high-achieving and highly motivated students choosing us,” says Troy Johnson, vice president for enrollment management. “The overall academic excellence of the entire freshman class is an important indicator that UTA is a rising star.”

So just who are the dynamic students who make up our record-breaking freshman class?

**MEET (SOME OF) UTA’s CLASS OF 2021.**

**COLE PERRINE**  
Undeclared Major

Born and raised in Arlington, Cole is a man with a camera and a mission to spread happiness. He got into making fun, quirky films in high school and is passionate about the medium now. “The world we live in needs all the joy it can get,” he says. “There’s a lot of discontent surrounding us, and I’ve always loved telling jokes and making the people around me laugh—so I figured, why not use film to spread any good I can outside my circle?”

Cole, who graduated in the top 20 percent of his class, says the decision to go to UTA was an easy one. Not only did his dad, aunt, and uncle graduate from UTA, but he also received a Presidential Scholarship that outshone offers from rival universities. He’s confident that UTA will provide him with a strong foundation for professional success—which he hopes one day will lead him to a career in the TV or film industry.

“Anything anyone can do to defy the norm is excellent in its own way, because it’s not about the result alone,” he says. “Nothing can get done without emotion and drive to make a change. I’ve seen excellence all around UTA in the students, the programs offered, and the growing campus as more students choose to be Mavericks.”
Isaac spent his childhood in a small community in the Sierra Madre Oriental mountain range, which runs through northeastern Mexico.

“It’s a beautiful place surrounded by nature,” he says. “However, there is a lack of health services, and education is scant. Children must migrate to other places—the U.S., most of the time—to start working to sustain themselves and their families who stay behind.”

Isaac immigrated to the U.S. with his father when he was just 15 and entered high school unable to speak English. But in three years, he not only taught himself the language, he also excelled in his studies, graduating No. 5 in a class of 426.

“My generation is going to change the world for the better,” he says. “Being constant and fearless were the key features that helped me learn the language and succeed in school.”

After graduation, Isaac plans to earn his master’s and PhD. After that, he wants to help students like him pursue degrees in higher education.

“I would like to give back to the Maverick community by funding scholarships,” he says. “I want to be able to take them away from the worries of college debt.”

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Elizabeth was salutatorian of her graduating class. She says that hard work and a dedication to her studies were instilled in her by the incredible work ethic of her parents. When one parent was finished with school, they would work to provide for the family while the other went to school, she says. “My family had to move from apartment to apartment out of convenience for the one job that supported us. I didn’t want my family to go through the same thing, so I am making a promise to be successful for not only myself, but for them as well.”

Deborah’s baby brother was sick, and her family’s normal doctor wasn’t available. But Deborah didn’t worry at all—a nurse practitioner was there to help them. Her skill and genuine care assured Deborah that her brother would be fine. And while she had always planned to go into the health care field, it was that day in the doctor’s office that Deborah’s dreams were fully clarified. “That nurse practitioner was so confident in her work and very kind and reassuring,” she says. “I realized I wanted to be like her, and I still do. I want to bring joy to children while helping them be healthy, too.”

As the No. 37 graduate in a class of about 420, Deborah had a lot of options when it came time to choose a college. She was leaning toward a rival university until she visited UTA. A campus tour convinced her that this was the place where she could learn to be the best in her field. “I could see that UTA had a positive community that keeps students involved and brings out the best in them,” she says. “Because of this, I feel like we as students have the opportunity to open up and find out who we really are.”

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Typically, you would relegate robotic and wireless technology to the realm of engineers and scientists. In most cases, you’d be correct. However, in the School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Arlington, groundbreaking and innovative interdisciplinary research has become a core part of the school’s identity. The key is collaboration, and social work professors—working closely with colleagues all over campus—have become pioneers in their creative approaches to addressing society’s pressing issues.

As UTA’s School of Social Work celebrates its 50th anniversary, faculty and students are spearheading a culture shift and forging new paths in research, learning, and social justice. By Antwan Williams

“Collaborations with other disciplines to address social needs are part of our multidisciplinary approach to research at UTA,” says Holli Slater, coordinator of research for the School of Social Work. “It’s cutting-edge, and it’s taking a holistic approach to improving health and the human condition.”

Multidisciplinary Research
Domestic violence is a pernicious issue that threatens the health and safety of one in four women and one in seven men in the U.S. every year. Researchers in
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Elsewhere, UTAs social workers are engaging with various and wide-ranging departments on campus to help support aging and underserved populations. Noelie Fields and Ling Xu, both assistant professors of the School of Social Work, are collaborating with Julienne Greer, assistant professor of theatre arts, and UTA Research Institute research scientist Krist Duschek. McGuire and Jeong Shin help to improve the psychological well-being of adults. They’re doing so with the help of a robot named NAO that performs Shakespearian sonnets, tells stories, dances, and answers questions. The researchers believe interacting with NAO will allow older adults—who often suffer higher rates of loneliness, anxiety and depression—to experience joy, activity, and social nectar, thereby lessening feelings of isolation and mitigating depression. Another project aims to help the Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas to assess the needs of the American Indian population in North Texas. Maria Scan- napse, professor of social work, Paul Conrad, assistant professor of history, Barbara Randonis, associate professor of nursing, and Kelly Yonak, associate Uni- versity librarian, will create and conduct a needs assessment of the urban-based American Indian population of North Texas, where there is a virtual absence of scholarship on their medical, social, and cultural situation, despite general aware- ness of an urban Indian health care crisis. Both the NAO project and the part- nership with the Urban Inter-Tribal Cen- ter of Texas received Interdisciplinary Re- search Program grants from UTA in 2016. The grants were awarded to proposals that reflected innovative ideas addressing high-priority issues in society. “All these awards represent important research innovations and could create a real impact in society,” says Duane Dimos, vice president for research. “By taking advantage of the multiple perspectives offered by interdisciplinary research, the winning teams have proposed new ways of attacking real-world problems, again demonstrating the commitment of our faculty to the highest level of scholarship.”

TEACHING OUTREACH

Each semester, the School of Social Work, through its Office of Field Education, places students with agencies and organizations with more than 600 agencies and organizations throughout Texas and across the country. This equates to more than 600,000 volun- teer hours annually.

As part of the requirement to complete their degree, our Bachelor of Social Work students must complete 480 hours of supervised field education training, while our Master of Social Work students, de- pending on their academic backgrounds, must complete 480 or 960 hours of super- vised field education training,” says Diane Mitschke, associate professor and MSW program director. “Our students don’t have to wait until they graduate to make a difference. Through their field intern- ships, they’re already making a difference in the communities and organizations they serve throughout Texas.”

Dr. Becky Mitschke is also a part of the effort to volunteer and give back to the community. Since July 2012, she has volun- teered every Sunday to manage a local food pantry. “Our that providing companionship to the elderly.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Do you know the School of Social Work was founded thanks in large part to a large community effort? For more on the history of the school, check out the expanded story online at uta.edu/mag.
If you haven’t visited UTA in a while, you’re missing out! The spaces you loved back then are still here—well, most of them, anyway—and campus growth has brought plenty of new places you may not have seen yet. Read on to revisit the campus, take a peek at future changes, and find ways you can engage with UTA today. Remember, our campus spans 420 acres, so we couldn’t possibly cover everything here! Come back for a visit soon and see it all for yourself.
THE PLANETARIUM

Best time to visit: Showtime!

One of the three largest in Texas, UTA’s Planetarium features a 60-foot dome projection surface and a fully digital projection system with advanced software that can project stars, planets, galaxies, and virtually anything else onto the dome as it looks in the real sky. The Planetarium is available for field trips and offers a variety of shows for the public, including pre-recorded programs, live presentations, and Q&As with Planetarium astronomers. Check out the schedule at uta.edu/planetarium.

PHOTO OF THE PLANETARIUM

COOPER STREET TRAFFIC?

“The best experiences I had at UTA were dodging traffic on Cooper Street. There were no bridges then!”
Larry Kemp (’80 BBA, Business Administration)

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Best time to visit: Finals week, so you can relish your post-college freedom.

There’s just something about getting lost in stacks of books. If you haven’t visited the Central Library in a while, you might be surprised at some of the changes. The entire first floor is now home to the FabLab and Einstein’s Bagel Co. On the sixth floor, Special Collections regularly hosts exhibitions that are open to the public. Alumni can visit the library between 7 a.m.-midnight, but an ID is required to gain entry.

PHONE HOME

“I have lots of memories at UTA, but one of the more out-of-the-ordinary ones was in the library phone booth. It was oddly gratifying to take a call during a study session and have an otherwise outdated piece of history still fulfill a purpose.”
Joseph Clark (’13 BBA, Accounting)

MEET CUTE

“The Writing Center holds many great memories for me. It was my first job. The atmosphere was very relaxed, yet I felt I helped out a lot of students. Best of all, I met my husband when he began working there as well. Fourteen years and three children later, I still think of it fondly.”
Umma Ali (’99 BA, Psychology)

THE MAC

Best time to visit: Before the spare tire appears.

The Maverick Activities Center is a state-of-the-art recreation facility that opened in 2007. As an alumnus, you can keep your Maverick fitness level high by purchasing a membership card and working out whenever the MAC is open. Learn more at uta.edu/campusrec.
COLLEGE PARK CENTER
Best time to visit: Basketball season.
College Park Center is UTA’s special events arena. It’s home to Maverick basketball and volleyball, and as of 2017, the WNBA Dallas Wings. If basketball’s not your thing, the center hosts events throughout the year. For the full schedule, visit uta.edu/collegepark.

THE GREEN
Best time to visit: Lunchtime in spring.
The Green at College Park is a focal point of the City of Arlington’s Center Street pedestrian trail. An urban oasis and green space, The Green features a large lawn, seating, native grasses and adaptive plants, and a dry creek bed that helps manage rainwater runoff.

THE DRY GULCH
Best time to visit: 1983 (Fire up your time machine!)
Once upon a time, a portion of the University Center basement was dedicated to a bar, the Dry Gulch. In accordance with the legal drinking age at the time, the Dry Gulch served students 18 and older. The bar hosted musical and comedy acts as well as student performances and parties. The bar closed in 1992, and the space is now occupied by Shorthorn offices.

CAREER CENTER
Best time to visit: When you’re ready to take your career to the next level.
The new Lockheed Martin Career Development Center is a hub for students and alumni seeking jobs and the marketable skills today’s employers require in the workforce. Learn more at uta.edu/careers.

UNIVERSITY CENTER
Best time to visit: At the first stomach rumble.
The E.H. Hereford University Center is not only home to the Food Court Plaza, but also the Connection Café, Starbucks, and a small food market that’s changed names over the years. It’s also got a post office, a bank, a ballroom, and a ton more.
ARCHITECTURE COURTYARD

Best time to visit: Whenever you need a break.

The striking green tile entryway of the Architecture Courtyard opens onto an extended patch of vibrant grass, shaded, tree-lined benches, and a beautiful fountain. It’s no wonder this has been a favorite study spot for generations of Mavericks.

CAR TALK

“Welcome to Business Building parking lot may not be my favorite spot, but it was certainly where I spent the most time! I always had 8 a.m. classes, and I would arrive by 6 a.m. and sit in the car to study. I used a flashlight to see the books and cassette tapes for my language classes.”

Linda Dipert (’01 BA, Marketing)

LIBRARY MALL

Best time to visit: During the holidays.

Almost always bustling with activity, the Library Mall is one of the prettiest spots on campus. Come back for a visit in late November or throughout December to see the entire mall decked in its holiday best, with lights circling the trees and hanging from branches. Bring some hot chocolate and make it a fun family outing!

RANSOM HALL

Best time to visit: We don’t recommend popping in here. But next time you’re on campus, swing by for a photo op against some beautiful old architecture.

Constructed in 1919, W.A. Ransom Hall is the oldest building on campus. Back then, it was the administrative building for Grubbs Vocational College (one of UTA’s previous names). Today, Ransom Hall is home to University College, a one-stop shop for academic advising and many other services that foster student success. Next time you’re checking out a show at the Planetarium (a neighbor of Ransom Hall), be sure to have a look at this piece of UTA history.

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FUTURE FAVORITES

TEXAS HALL

Fun fact: The first performer ever to play Texas Hall was Louis Armstrong in 1965. Since then, it has hosted a number of legendary acts, like Neil Diamond, Aerosmith, Rihanna, and many, many more. Until 2012, before College Park Center opened, it even hosted Maverick basketball. Student-athletes called the stage home court and played their hearts out. Now, Texas Hall is back to its entertainment roots, and you can experience it by attending events like the Maverick Speakers Series.

UNIVERSITY HALL

This unassuming building looks out over the Library Mall and features a number of hidden gems, including a 30-foot-long snake skeleton, an assortment of other reptile specimens, and cozy couches perfect for students who want to catch a nap between classes or have a quick study session before a big exam.

SEIR BUILDING

If you’ve driven up Cooper lately, you’ve seen the steady progress of construction on the new Science and Engineering Innovation and Research Building, a $125 million development on the southern edge of UTA’s campus. Opening in 2018, the SEIR Building will be the signature facility for life and health science research at UTA. The new building will feature state-of-the-art technology and advance research by using the modern concept of research lab neighborhoods to drive cross-disciplinary collaboration. Each of the 12 research lab neighborhoods will accommodate multiple teams in a wide range of fields, from biology and bioengineering to computational research and nursing. From the outside, the building will provide a new, iconic southern entry to campus. To learn more about the SEIR Building and its development, visit uta.edu/seir.

NEW DIGS

UTA has seen a surge of enrollment over the years, so the campus is growing to encompass it all. Construction is underway on a new parking garage, residence hall, dining hall, and student center on the west side of campus, all to be unveiled in 2018.

TEXAS HALL

Best time to visit: The next Maverick Speakers Series

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The stories of generations of progress can disappear when those who experienced them die. At UTA, researchers are working to ensure those voices will never be lost so that future generations can continue to benefit from the historical record.

BY HILLARY GREEN    ILLUSTRATIONS BY PETER HORVATH
Look when he recalls fears over the Vietnam War draft. Has for his grandchildren. He remembers the first typewriter a child, sprawling Dallas suburbs were still rural communities. Alzheimer’s, but some memories remain untouched by the disease. His recollections give us a window into what his grandfather was like. When I was working at something research-oriented, I was excited to interview him. I realized I was preserving not only his past, but also the perspective of an entire generation.

In an admittedly much smaller way, I was working on something research-oriented involving oral history projects for Mr. Latham, an average citizen coming of age in post-WWII America. While interviewing him, I realized I was preserving not only his past, but also the perspective of an entire generation.

As Sarah Rose, associate professor of history and director of the minor in disability studies, points out, many people with disabilities don’t know the story of their own history. Enter the Texas Disability History Collection (TDHC), Preserving HERstory. Mapping Women’s History in Texas, and Maverick Veterans’ Voices: researchers, archivists are transcribing, and digitizing oral histories to preserve the traditional marginalized communities.

Archiving Accessible According to the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly one in five Americans has a working disability. As Sarah Rose, associate professor of history and director of the minor in disability studies, points out, many people with disabilities don’t know the story of their own history. Enter the Texas Disability History Collection.

UTA has been a leader in disability rights, adaptive sports, and accessibility for over 50 years, but Dr. Rose says a gap remains. “There is a serious disconnect between the experiences of people with disabilities and the experiences of Allied men and women. This disconnect is understandable.”

In addition to collecting and archiving the data, Watson and Rambay are planning a digital gaming component. “This will be a great way to enhance education of students at the K-12 level,” Watson says.

The current prototype will allow students to research current archives for the Preserving HERstory collection. As with other oral history projects, Watson and her team are utilizing the Special Collections Archive.

“Many of the recordings become digitized and available for students to use in their coursework,” Watson says. "Many people with disabilities have the right to live in the community rather than be trapped in nursing homes or institutions. They helped remake the world full of possibilities for future generations."

**Veteran Voices** UTA has always been committed to supporting the men and women who serve our country. A partnership between UT Arlington Libraries and the College of Liberal Arts is ensuring that the stories of UTA veterans are remembered.

"The University of Texas at Arlington’s Veteran Voices is to honor and preserve the experiences of the men and women of the UTA community who have served in any branch of the military. Oral histories and biographies have been collected from UTA alumni, faculty, staff, students, and family members.

Mr. Latham, an alumus of Arlington State College (one of UTA’s previous iterations) and an Army veteran, has played an influential role in identifying fellow Corps of Cadets alumni to interview. Latham served in the Dominican Republic, Vietnam, and Thailand from 1965-69. He was awarded the Silver Star medal for heroic actions and joined the Central Intelligence Agency after leaving the Army.

"This project is an important way to preserve the military or military-related personal experiences of the men and women of the UTA community," Latham says. "I hope my own shared military experiences and lessons learned will be useful—or at least entertaining." Since the project began, Digital Projects Librarian Jeff Downing and his team have interviewed at least three Corps of Cadets alumni each year during the UTA Military Science Hall of Honor ceremony using video equipment originally funded by the College of Liberal Arts. Many veterans have spoken about the mundanities of life aboard a ship or on a military base. Despite being halfway around the globe or in combat situations, daily life continued, just as it did at home. On some occasions, however, the Maverick veterans recalled their experiences in combat. In his own recorded history, Wendell Nodderman, sixth president of UTA, remembered seeing kamikaze pilots at two Jima and Okinawa when stationed in the Pacific during World War II.

"You think there’s a possibility that it someday may be you, but also maybe not," he said. "So I didn’t worry about it. I was in pretty good shape.”

Family members of military members also have been interviewed for the project. They reflect on another side of the military experience—those who remain at home while their loved ones face danger. The site also features an in memoriam section dedicated to the Mavericks who made the ultimate sacrifice defending their country.

Dawson speaks to the importance of Maverick Veterans’ Voices and other digital history projects at UTA when he points out that when people tell their stories, their stories go with them. “Recording their stories is important to the historical record of what actually happened,” he says. “The recordings become primary source material that can then be used not only by UTA faculty and students, but by researchers worldwide.”
UTA is a great university, and my master’s degree helped open doors throughout my life, including an executive position by age 30.

—BETH BARRETT

2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

The University of Texas at Arlington honors exemplary alumni who have represented the University through professional achievement, community engagement, and loyalty to their alma mater. Each year, these alumni are recognized at the Distinguished Alumni Awards banquet held on the UTA campus.

1969
Ralph M. Cox
(BS, Mechanical Engineering) retired as a senior principal from Tompkins International, a global supply chain consulting firm.

1976
Kelcie Warren
(BS, Civil Engineering) received the Blue Ribbon Medal of Excellence for Alumni Success from Kilgore College. He attended night classes at Kilgore while working his day job in the East Texas oilfields.

1979
Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner
(RBS, Nursing) is the director of the Nurses Christian Fellowship and editor-in-chief of the Journal of Christian Nursing.

1982
Jim Fant
(BBA, Business) has been named executive managing director of acquisitions for Westmount Realty Capital LLC in Dallas. Prior to joining Westmount, he spent 12 years as senior vice president at Addison-based Behringer.

1986
Debbie O’Brien
(BA, Music) won the 2017 Bayard H. Friedman HERO Award for most outstanding secondary school teacher in North Texas schools.

1984
Rhonda Harris
(BS, Civil Engineering) was awarded the Water Environment Association of Texas Lifetime Achievement Award. She is a member of UTA’s College of Engineering Board of Advisors and vice president of Tata and Howard.

1989
Dave Jackson
(BSN, Nursing) was included in the International Nurses Association’s Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare publication. She is a specialist ICU nurse, cardiac nurse, and a legal nurse consultant for Jackson & Associates.

1991
Brett Gottrell
(BA, Communication) has been named pastor of the London First Baptist Church in London, Arkansas.

1992
Bryant Wyatt
(MS, Applied Mathematics) provided the keynote talk for the Research Council on Mathematics Learning 2017 Conference in Fort Worth. He is a professor of mathematics at Tarleton State University.

1993
Steve Macdonald
(BA, Journalism) was honored with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his accomplishments as Future Operations...
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Tim Wadham
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PLAN TO MAKE AN IMPACT

Gifts to support UTA come in all shapes and sizes. Estate and planned gifts are as common to you as the individual donor and require keen attention to detail to get them right.

Fortunately, the University has hired a new senior director for gift and estate planning to help you think through certain types of gifts that benefit you and make a lasting difference at UTA.

Kurt Bartley, FCET ( Fellow in Charitable Estate Planning), joined the University this past spring from Www.FegansUniversity.com in Denver, Colorado, where he gained years of experience in the intricacies of estate gifts. His experience will help you get the most out of your assets.

Email Kurt at kurt.bartley@uta.edu to learn how you can start planning your legacy.

CARD-CARRYING MEMBERS

BY CYNTHIA WICKERSHAM

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As a first-generation American and college student, I can attest to the substantial upward mobility I experienced as a result of my UTA degree.

Maria Moreno Quinones (BSN, Nursing) serves as a member of the board of the Dallas chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.

Josh Rader (BS, Exercise Physiology) is offering the HSTEPS for Life exercise program for cancer patients at his fitness center in Abilene.

Stephanie Spahis (BSN, Nursing) is a cardiology nurse at Children’s Medical Center of Dallas. Previously, she worked in the neonatal ICU at Medical City Dallas.

2014

Amanda Baskett (MEd, Curriculum and Instruction) is the director of Rockdale Magnet Science and Technology in Conyers, Georgia.

Jeremiah Bentley (BS, University Studies) has been named vice president of marketing and customer engagement for Texas Mutual Insurance Co. in Gainesville, Texas. Bentley joined Texas Mutual in 1998 and has served in a variety of roles across the organization.

Lashonda Putman (BSN, Nursing) was recognized as a top nurse by the International Nurses Association. She serves patients at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta. The Shepherd Center specializes in spinal cord and brain injury rehabilitation along with medical research as the top rehabilitation hospital in the nation.

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James Clark (MEd, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies) was named principal of the Irving Independent School District’s Lady Bird Johnson Middle School. Previously, he was an assistant principal at Nimitz High School.

Brian Lumbar (MEd, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies) has been named the first African-American principal of Haveline High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Coretta Sigler (BSN, Nursing) received an Outstanding Nursing Graduate award from the Ethel Ransom Humanitarian and Cultural Club at the organization’s 50th anniversary gala.

2016

Leann Denney (BSN, Nursing) was profiled in the May issue of Oklahoma Nursing Times. She is a chemotherapy nurse navigator at the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Last Ferenga (PhD, Physics) described how UTA gave him the opportunity to conduct research at the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland in an article in Symmetry Magazine. He now works with the technology firm Digital Reasoning in Nashville, Tennessee.

Lori Hanke (BSN, Nursing) received the Northwest Texas Healthcare System’s Clinical Excellence Surgical Services Award.

2017

Priya Acharya (PhD, Strategic Management) has been elected associate by the board of directors of Wier & Associates Inc., an Arlington firm specializing in civil engineering and land surveying.

Kylie Culp (BSN, Nursing) earned the Northwest Texas Healthcare System’s Clinical Excellence Surgical Services Award. She has worked at Northwest for two years.

Austin Nguyen (BA, Broadcast Communication) has joined KAGS NBC in College Station as a multimedia journalist.

Wayne Smoll (MPA, Planning) has been hired as director of neighbor- and inspection services for the City of Lewisville.

IN MEMORIAM

Ronny Hurl Moore (96 BBA, Aerospace Engineering) 73, March 24, Austin. He worked for NASA.


Fenton Wayne Robnett (96, Biology) 73, Aug. 25, 2015, Garland. He taught in Dallas schools for 33 years. He established the Fenton Wayne Robnett Endowed Professorship in the College of Education.

Ron Arnold (66, Industrial Engineering) 74, May 17, San Diego. He was an industrial and defense attorney.

Jag Warner Jackson (56 BBA, Aerospace Engineering) 79, May 20, Bedford.

Billy Charles Pickard (46 BBA, Business) 76, Feb 20, Nixa, Arkansas. He was a self-employed building contractor.

Bill Stevens (60, Electrical Engineering) 92, Sept. 19, Dallas. He was a nuclear logistics facilities engineer and retired from Lockheed Martin as an industrial engineer.

Rose Mary Herrick (65, BBA, Mathematics) 95, Sept. 28, 2015, Fort Worth. She was a professor at the University of Dallas for 40 years.


Arnold Petsche 86, Sept. 27, Arlington. A longtime supporter of UTA and an honorary Distinguished Alumnus, Arnold Petsche was president of A.E. Petsche Company and the retired president and chairman of the board for the A.E. Petsche Co. He founded the A.E. Petsche Co., an aerospace wire and cable distribution business, in 1966. The business grew to encompass 20 branches worldwide with sales exceeding $200 million before it was sold in 2009. In 2012 Petsche donated $1 million to establish the Arnold E. Petsche Center for Automotive Engineering at UTA. His son, Alan, and daughter-in-law, Bonnie, are both Distinguished Alumni and ardent supporters of the University.

Andy Anderson 70, March 17, Arlington. A beloved filmmaker and instructor, Andy Anderson has been credited with developing UTA’s film and video program into a showcase degree. Anderson joined UTA in 1976 as a photography instructor. He was honored as the first Morgan Woodward Distinguished Professor and as a Minnie Stevens Piper Professor. He served as chair of the Department of Art and Art History from 1995-2005 and as a writer-in-residence. An active filmmaker, screenwriter, and director, Anderson was a professor emeritus when he retired in 2011.

Golden Opportunity

More than 250 alumni came together last summer to make a difference for several deserving UTA students. As part of the Graduates of the Last Decade (GLD) scholarship campaign, alumni from each class of the last 10 years competed against each other to raise as many as $1,000 scholarships as possible.

“I gave because I know the importance of paying for school while attending can be overwhelming,” says Amanda Jordan (’15 BA, Communi- nication). “It was my opportunity to help the next generation of Mavericks.” Ten UTA students were awarded GOLD scholarships for the fall semester.

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Shasteen

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Smith

Rainone

Garner

Garner

Jackson

Charles Klein

Pamela James-Hurley

Alfredo Vallen

Richard Emory McGarry

John Mitchell Hallum

Attending UTA on a full scholarship, Jenkins played with Fort Worth in two Super Bowl victories, and was a scout for the Seattle Seahawks for 22 years. The Seahawks team renamed its draft room for him.

Robert J. Chiore

Brandon Allen Smith

Steven Edward Garner

Douglas Benton Arrington

Betty Jean McKnight (’78 BA, Sociology) 69, Feb. 19, Carlislewood, Virginia. She was the first female computer technician with IBM in Austin.

Johnnie “Toby” Stewart Jr. (’71 AS, Electrical Engineering) 74, Jan. 19, Arlington. He worked in electrical engineering for TXU.

John M. Elliott (’72 BA, History) 76, Jan. 6, Arlington.

Gerald Patric Lillard (’72 BS, Geology) 67, Jan. 20, Austin.

66

Douglas Benton Arrington (’84 BS, Economics) 29, May 22, Fort Worth. He was a CPA.

Thelma Anne Jackson (’78 BA, Psychology) 68, May 18, Wimberley.

Charles Klein (’79 MBA) 59, Sept. 18, 2016, Dallas. He practiced commercial real estate law.

Richard Emory McGarry (’72 BS, Political Science) 65, Oct. 8, 2016. He was a litigation and products liability attorney.

Robert J. Chiore (’79 MBA, Business/44, Feb. 27, Bedford. He was a financial analyst for American Airlines.

Gregory S. Clute (’76 BS, Electrical Engineering) 65, May 9, Wausville.

Thomas C. Rainone (’76 BA, Television/Film) 56, Nov. 28, 2016, Arlington.

Lou Ann Mahan (’76 MS, ‘94 PhD, Mathematics) 56, July 19, Arlington.

Steven Edward Garner (’93 BS, Mathematics) 44, April 28, Hurst. He was a math teacher at L.B. Bell High School in Hurst.

Pamela James-Hurley (’79 BS, Journalism) 54, May 7, St. Paul, Texas.

Emily Jean Ruff Sassenhagen (’88 BSN, Nursing) 32, May 4, Collinville.

Don Caesar Harper (’10 BA, Philosophy) 30, May 19, Temple.

Cheryl Ann McGord (’11 BS, Interdisciplinary Studies) 58, May 16, Crowley.

Gregory Dean Monieson (’72 BS, Chemistry) 53, Nov. 29, 2016, Eufaula. He served seven years in the U.S. Navy, with four years as a surface ship nuclear propulsion plant operator at sea aboard the USS Ronald Reagan aircraft carrier. He was deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Amanda Henson (14 BS, Biology) 22, April 22, Fort Worth

Belinda Garcia Bonner (16 MEd, Education) 44, March 2, Arlington. She was a second-grade teacher at Johns Elementary in Arlington.

Stephen Craig Robb (’88 BS, Electrical Engineering) 31, May 22, San Diego, California. He was lead engineer for the sensor on the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft vehicle developed by Northrop Grumman. A scholarship was created in his name in the College of Engineering. Learn more about the Stephen Craig Robb Scholarship in Engineering at giving.uta.edu/stephenrobb-scholarship.

George Caldwell McDowell 103, April 22, Houston. McDowell studied engineering at Texas A&M from 2015-17.

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Kenneth Noble Craig

Kathleen A. Weemoet

John Phillips Shasteen

Nai Yuen Chen

Steven Edward Garner (’84 BS, Mathematics) 44, April 28, Hurst. He was a math teacher at L.B. Bell High School in Hurst.

James R. Lillard (’78 BS, Economics) 29, May 22, Fort Worth. He was a CPA.

Ralph Cole Kirby (’79 MS, ‘97 PhD, Mathematics) 70, Feb. 22, Fort Worth. He was a technical staff assistant in the Texas Workforce Commission and Easterseals.

Robert Reid Lynn (59, May 27, Collinville. A member of the College of Engineering Advisory Board, he retired in May 2011 as a senior vice president of research and engineering at Bell Helicopter.

Martha M. Battle (’65 BBA, Business) 72, Jan. 27, Lancaster. She was a senior secretary for the associate dean of engineering from 1973-87.

Corol Ann Gentry (26, Jan. 27, Lancaster. She was a research associate for the Department of Psychology from 2004-10.


Roger Dale Kirby (57 MS, ‘97 PhD, Mathematics) 70, March 22, Fort Worth. He taught mathematics at UTA from 1993-2016. A scholarship in his name supports the TexPREP Engineering Summer Program at UTA.

Evelyn Ray Briggs Martin 54, April 11, Arlington. The 1992 Employee of the Year was a secretary in the College of Engineering and the Physical Plant from 1972-97.

Edward Rhonnic 48, March 31, Grand Prairie. He was a technical staff assistant in the Geology Department from 1986-92.

Bettie Lou Stephens 48, March 12, Arlington. She was a secretary in the Department of Finance and Real Estate from 1978-82.
The Explainer

Costs of Sprawl

By Shima Hamidi
Director of the Institute of Urban Studies and Assistant Professor of Urban Planning

Across the nation, particularly in the field of urban planning, the debate over metropolitan sprawl and its impact rages on. A decade ago, Smart Growth America and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sought to raise the level of debate by sponsoring groundbreaking research to quantitatively measure sprawl and its impact on quality of life. Their findings have been widely used in urban research, particularly in public health. Along with Reid Ewing, professor of city and metropolitan planning at the University of Utah, I have looked at updating and refining these measures, developed measures for other geographies (urbanized areas and census tracts as well as metropolitan areas and counties), and explored the relationships between these measures and a host of other outcomes. We have found that urban sprawl is associated with lower walk and transit shares of commute trips, longer drive times, higher fatal vehicle crash rates, and higher incidence of obesity and certain chronic diseases.

Sprawl indices may be related to four topics of recent popular interest: life expectancy, housing and transportation costs, upward economic mobility, and food deserts.

In examining these indices through the lens of urban sprawl, we found that life expectancy is greater in compact areas, in part due to a lower prevalence of obesity and less vehicle miles traveled, which reduces traffic fatalities. Housing costs are higher in compact areas, but these increased costs are more than offset by lower transportation costs. The net effect is a slightly significant relationship between compactness and overall housing affordability. Upward social mobility is greater in compact areas, as measured by the probability that a child born into the lowest 20 percent on the income scale will rise to the top 20 percent by age 30. In an exploration of various causal mechanisms that may account for this phenomenon, we can conclude that it may be due to greater ease of access to employment in compact metropolitan areas. Food deserts are more prevalent in sprawling metropolitan areas, and sprawling census tracts within these metropolitan areas are more likely to be food deserts. This may be explained by income segregation within sprawling areas as well as declining downtowns and a shortage of customers within easy traveling distance in sprawling areas.

The main theme is that metropolitan sprawl has many more costs than previously recognized, and planners need to discourage sprawl in the interest of quality of life.

About the Author

Dr. Hamidi is a transportation planner and a smart growth advocate. Her research has been cited in more than 100 national newspapers and magazines, including The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post. Her book, Costs of Sprawl, was co-written and researched with Reid Ewing, professor of city and metropolitan planning at the University of Utah.
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MARCH 6

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MARCH 29

Maverick Speakers Series presents: Gretchen Carlson

APRIL 21

Jazz Brunch at Main St.
Fort Worth Arts Festival

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